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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS (4-0) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-2)

WEEK 5, GAME 5
SUNDAY, OCT. 6
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

UP NEXT: WEEK 6, GAME 6
OCT. 13 AT BUFFALO

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: CBS broadcast with Greg Gumbel (play-by-play) and Dan Dierdorf (analyst). The game is a sellout and will air in the Bengals home market on WKRC-TV (Channel 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Channel 7) in Dayton and WKYT-TV (Channel 27) in Lexington, Ky.

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

Setting the scene: The good news for the Bengals is that they're not looking up at anyone in the AFC North Division.

The not-so-good news is that the North isn't garnering loads of league-wide respect at present. Cincinnati, Baltimore and Cleveland are all at 2-2, and Pittsburgh is 0-4. It's a division in search of a breakout team.

For sure, the Bengals have the opportunity this week to quiet critics and don that breakout look. They host the New England Patriots, who are 4-0 after a win at Atlanta last week in the Sunday Night Football spotlight.

"There's obviously an awful lot of football left, and nobody is running away from the pack (in the division)," said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "So now we've got a big game at home against a quality opponent. It's time for a good team to step up. We are good enough to do that."

But the Bengals surely were not good enough last week, when they lost 17-6 at underdog Cleveland. Cincinnati had a decidedly lackluster day offensively, and though the Browns weren't a lot better for much of the day, they made some plays when it counted most.

"I really can't think of anybody, players or coaches, who performed well enough in this one," Lewis said. "The only thing now is how we come out of it, how we set our jaw. That's what matters."

New England comes to town without a lot of dazzling statistics — ranked 11th in offensive yards and 16th on defense. QB Tom Brady has been not quite as sharp as in the past, ranking 15th in the NFL in passer rating. But the Patriots rank sixth in scoring defense (14.3) and are plus-four in turnover differential, an area where they have dominated the NFL for the past decade (detail in item on page 2). New England has had one relatively easy win, vs. winless Tampa Bay, and has prevailed in close encounters against Buffalo, the N.Y. Jets and Atlanta. One of the Patriots' early and surprising standouts has been rookie WR Kenbrell Thompson, a college free agent signee from the University of Cincinnati who has a 17.1-yard per-catch average (15-for-257) with three TDs. Thompson caught six-for-127 with a TD against Atlanta.

Lewis said the Bengals loss at Cleveland could be most quickly summed up by a look at third-down and fourth-down conversions. The Bengals were four-for-14 on third down, and their one-for-three on fourth downs included a failure to convert fourth-and-one at the Cleveland seven in the second quarter, when a TD could have given the Bengals a 10-7 lead. Cleveland, meanwhile, hit the 50 percent target on third down, converting nine-of-18 chances.

Bengals QB Andy Dalton, who has not often experienced two subpar games in a row, will be out to rebound against the Patriots. He was held to a 58.2 passer rating in the Cleveland game, barely more than half his score the previous week against Green Bay. Asked if the Browns game was "the most frustrating and disappointing" contest of his 36-game NFL career, Dalton said:

"It would have to be one of them for sure. Cleveland played well defensively, I give them credit, but we have too many good players on this offense to play a

whole game and not produce a touchdown. We expect better and we have to demand better of ourselves against New England. This was a bad game for us but we can't let it hurt us moving forward."

OT Andrew Whitworth said the offense owes the defense this week.

"We know it's a team game, but the fact is our defense has been the better unit both of the last two games," Whitworth said. "We turned the ball over four times against Green Bay and the defense got us the winning TD. Against Cleveland, we just got humbled. I would describe myself as embarrassed."

NT Domata Peko declined to exonerate the defense, however.

"When you don't play good on third down and you don't create any turnovers, you could never say you had a decent day," he said. "This team isn't down on itself — we still have a lot of ability and confidence — but we've got to go out and show that this week. We'll be counting on our fans to give us a lift, and we want to reward them with a great game. We'll forget this one and play a lot better."

The series: The Patriots lead 14-8, but the series is tied 6-6 with the Bengals as the home team.

New England, however, has won the last four meetings overall and seven of the last eight. The most recent game was a 38-24 win by the Patriots at New England in the 2010 season opener. In the last meeting at Cincinnati, in 2007, the Patriots won 34-13. The last Bengals win in the series was by 23-17 at Paul Brown Stadium in 2001.

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 suffering its first loss, 27-21 at New England.

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 188 of the 2013 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:** 7 (six times), most recently in a 7-2 loss at New England in 1993.

Patriots — MOST POINTS: 38 (twice), most recently in the last meeting, a 38-24 Patriots win at New England in 2010. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 25, in a 38-13 win in 2006. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 2, in a 7-2 victory at New England in 1993.

The last meetings: Summaries of the two most recent Bengals-Patriots — in 2007 in Cincinnati and in '10 at New England — are on page 12 of this news release.

Records vs. Patriots: The Patriots tagged Boomer Esiason for five interceptions on Oct. 16, 1988 at New England — the most INTs in a game by a Bengals passer.

Lee Johnson, who played for both Cincinnati and New England, launched a 76-yard punt for the Patriots on Sept. 9, 2001 — the longest opponent's punt in Bengals history.

Turnover kings come to town: During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank sixth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-34.

But good as that is, it pales along with 30 other NFL teams in comparison to New England. The Patriots are first by a stupendous margin in turnover differential since 2003, with a plus-125 reading — well more than twice as good as the next-best club, Indianapolis at plus-55.

“There are a lot of reasons they are successful,” said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis, “but that one would have to stand out against just about anything.”

Since '03, NFL teams with just a plus-one differential have won 69.3 percent of their games. At plus two the percentage has been 83.6. Teams with any plus from one to five have won 79.9 percent of the time.

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 six teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England	332	207	+125
Indianapolis	273	218	+55
Atlanta	287	241	+46
Baltimore	314	271	+43
Green Bay	295	259	+36
Cincinnati	304	270	+34

Since 2003, the Bengals rank fourth in the NFL in most takeaways (304) and fifth in points off turnovers (949).

BENGALS-PATRIOTS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	PATRIOTS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored	22nd (20.3)	20th (22.3)
Points allowed	10th (20.3)	6th (14.3)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	22nd (327.5)	11th (367.3)
Rushing	22nd (83.8)	11th (125.0)
Passing	15th (243.8)	17th (242.3)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	13th (334.0)	16th (346.0)
Rushing	T-11th (99.0)	14th (105.0)
Passing	13th (235.0)	17th (241.0)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-21st (minus-2)	T-7th (plus-4)

Bengal blowouts: Though the Patriots have won 14 of 22 previous meetings with Cincinnati, the Bengals lead by 31 in total points scored (471-440). Seven of the eight Bengals victories in the series have come by 10 points or more. Five of the eight wins have been by more than 20 points.

Bengals-Patriots connections: Bengals HB BenJarvus Green-Ellis played for the Patriots from 2008-11 ... Patriots WR Kenbrell Thompkins played at the University of Cincinnati ... Bengals WR Brandon Tate was drafted by the Patriots in 2009 (third round) and played for them from 2009-10 ... Patriots DB Nate Ebner played at Ohio State ... Bengals QB Zac Robinson (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform) was drafted by the Patriots in 2010 (seventh round) and was with New England in the '10 preseason ... Patriots DT Chris Jones played at Bowling Green ... Patriots OL Josh Kline (practice squad) is from Mason, Ohio (Mason HS) ... Patriots DB Justin Green (practice squad) is from Louisville, Ky. ... Patriots cornerbacks coach Josh Boyer is from Heath, Ohio and coached at Dayton in 2001.

Red zone reports: The Bengals didn't perform well offensively in the red zone last week. On their two opportunities, they first settled for one field goal and later lost the ball on downs. But through Week 4, Cincinnati still ranks tied for fifth in the NFL in offensive red-zone TD percentage at 66.7 (six-for-nine). The Bengals ranked second in the NFL entering last week's play.

The Patriots are tied for second in the NFL in most red-zone chances (16), but they have scored only six TDs and rank 29th in TD percentage (37.5). They are tied for fourth in defensive TD percentage at 33.3, with opponents scoring only four TDs in 12 chances.

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 9	Inside-20 poss.: 11
Total scores: 8 (88.9%)	Total scores: 10 (90.9%)
TDs: 6 (66.7%)	TDs: 8 (72.7%)
FGs: 2 (22.2%)	FGs: 2 (18.2%)
TD% rank: T-5th	TD% rank: 26th
No scores: 1 (0.0%)	No scores: 1 (9.1%)

PATRIOTS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 16	Inside-20 poss.: 12
Total scores: 12 (75.0%)	Total scores: 9 (75.0%)
TDs: 6 (37.5%)	TDs: 4 (33.3%)
FGs: 6 (37.5%)	FGs: 5 (41.7%)
TD% rank: 30th	TD% rank: T-4th
No scores: 4 (25.0%)	No scores: 3 (25.0%)

THE HEAD COACHES

Marvin Lewis in 2013 extends his Bengals record for head coaching tenure to 11 seasons. He has led the team to the postseason in three of the last four seasons, making the Bengals one of only seven teams to make three or more playoff trips in that span.

Lewis has 81 career victories, 17 more than any other Bengals head coach (Sam Wyche ranks second at 64).

The Bengals went 10-6 in the regular season in 2012, tying eventual Super Bowl champion Baltimore for best record in the AFC North. Cincinnati was a Wild Card playoff entry for the second straight year, rocketing into the playoffs with a 7-1 record in the season's second half. The resilient outfit stands as one of only nine of 131 teams since 1990 to rise to the playoffs after a 3-5 start.

Lewis was the consensus choice as NFL Coach of the Year in 2009, when the Bengals won the AFC North title while sweeping all six division games. Lewis also led Cincinnati to an AFC North title in 2005.

Lewis' record is 81-82-1 in regular season, and 81-86-1 including postseason.

Lewis has risen to second in the NFL for longest current head coaching tenure with one team, trailing only New England's Bill Belichick, who is in his 14th Patriots season in 2013. In the category of most seasons as head coach with any team, Lewis in '13 ranks seventh among active coaches.

Lewis was named the ninth head coach in Bengals history on Jan. 14, 2003. In 2002, he directed the NFL's fifth-ranked defense with Washington, serving as assistant head coach in addition to his role as defensive coordinator. Prior to his year with the Redskins, he was a record-setting defensive coordinator for the Baltimore Ravens. His six seasons (1996-2001) with the Ravens included a

Super Bowl victory following the '00 season. In the '00 regular season, Lewis' Baltimore defense set the NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game campaign (165), and the '00 Ravens are always included in discussions of the best single-season NFL defenses of all time.

Lewis entered the NFL as linebackers coach with Pittsburgh from 1993-95, guiding the careers of Pro Bowl selections Kevin Greene, Chad Brown, Levon Kirkland and Greg Lloyd.

Born Sept. 23, 1958, in McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh, Lewis played linebacker at Idaho State and earned All-Big Sky Conference honors in each of his three seasons ('78-80). He began his coaching career as an assistant at Idaho State University in 1981.

New England's Bill Belichick is in his 39th season as an NFL coach and is the only head coach in league history to win three Super Bowls in a four-year span. His Patriots teams 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 nine of the last 10 AFC East titles, including the last four.

Belichick is in his 14th season as Patriots head coach and has a 172-64 record, including 17-7 in postseason. His 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 209-109, including 18-8 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, 4-0.

Lewis vs. Belichick: Belichick leads, 4-0.

Belichick vs. Bengals: Belichick leads, 14-3, including 8-2 with Cleveland and 5-1 with New England.

BENGALS NOTES

Moving on, and (hopefully) up: One poor performance at Cleveland isn't causing the Bengals to stop believing they can put a championship-caliber offense on the field in weeks to come.

"We just have to coach them up better and stay positive with them," offensive coordinator Jay Gruden said as the team began preparation for unbeaten New England. "Honestly, I am going to be upbeat and positive. I am not going to yell and scream and hoot and holler, because I think the future is very, very bright for this offensive group. For us (coaches) to take one game and hammer them and try to bring them down a few notches, I don't think that's the way to go. I think be positive and bring them up, because I think there are great things to come for this group."

Sluggish as the passing game was at Cleveland, priority one for this week seems to be amping up the rushing game, which produced just 63 yards on 20 carries at Cleveland.

"We obviously have to be more effective running the football," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "Commit to running the football, and stay with it, and make positive plays, and not get spooked away from it. We want to be mixed, and you don't want to give a tendency of what you do. Running helps us to be able to create space and lanes in the passing game."

Gruden granted a reporter's point that four games into the season, an offense with some impressive new weapons still lacks "an identity."

"That's probably our biggest fault, that we're still trying to get one; we're working towards that," he said. "We have to be balanced in what we do. I don't know if there is any team in the NFL that can be just a running team. Teams are throwing it a hell of a lot more. We have to do both effectively. We have to come up with a running game we can feel comfortable with and keep working with it. We have some weapons that are tough to deal with, and to put them on the back burner and say we are going to run it 60 times a game is unrealistic."

Atkins in sack hunt: As a second-year player in 2011, Bengals DT Geno Atkins tied for the NFL lead in sacks by interior linemen (7.5). Last year he made the race a runaway, logging 12.5 when no other DTs or NTs had more than eight. This year, the race is much tighter through Week 4, but Atkins put himself back in it with 1.5 sacks (for 14 yards) at Cleveland.

Atkins' 2.5 sacks on the season are one behind the league's interior line leader, Dontari Poe of Kansas City (3.5). Three other interior linemen, however, are also ahead of Atkins at 3.0.

Bengals defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer says that after last season's All-Pro performance by Atkins, it was anticipated that opponents would devote some extra attention to slowing him down.

"They're helping a lot more against him," Zimmer says. "Centers are getting to him more. I don't think he's welcoming it, but he's a very unselfish player. He wants to do what he has to do for the team."

Presumably, the upside for the team from extra attention on Atkins will be less help available for offenses to contend with the Bengals' formidable young DEs, Carlos Dunlap and Michael Johnson. Dunlap joined Atkins in getting 1.5 sacks last week, and he leads the team for the season at 3.0. Johnson was held out of the sack column against the Browns, but he was arguably the defensive star of Cincinnati's Week 3 win over Green Bay. Against the Packers, he initiated the defense's game-winning play by forcing a fumble on a crucial fourth down, and he also had 1.5 sacks along with a fourth-down pass deflection that ended Green Bay's last comeback hope.

The Bengals now have 9.0 sacks for the season, and all nine have come from the defensive line. The team total is not up to the paces set in 2011 and 2012, when Cincinnati's two-year total of 96 was tops in the NFL, and like many parts of a 2-2 team, the line must step up its play to meet high 2013 expectations. It has been regarded as potentially one of the NFL's best for this season, and also as potentially the strongest in Bengals history. The fourth starting line member is NT Domata Peko, who has 1.5 sacks this season and who has led the line in tackles in four of the last five full seasons.

Without pegging a specific year, the best Bengals starting line group before this one was likely the one whose heyday was roughly 1979 through the early '80s, with Eddie Edwards, Ross Browner and Gary Burley manning the DE spots and Wilson Whitley holding down the NT. (For most of those years, the line had just three linemen on the field at the time, in a 3-4 scheme.) The 1976 line was

also formidable, with DE Coy Bacon logging a club-record 22.0 sacks, massive Bob Brown teaming with Ron Carpenter inside, and Burley at the other end.

"I'll leave the comparisons to the media," says Bengals defensive line coach Jay Hayes, "but we liked what our group did last year and we've got only the highest expectations for them this year. It's up to us as coaches to get the most out of them. There's a lot there to get."

He's still just Mike: DE Michael Johnson has come a ways since joining the Bengals in 2009 as a third-round draft choice with high potential but a somewhat inconsistent college resume from Georgia Tech. He has not missed a game and has improved his production every season. Last year he posted 11.5 sacks, second most by a Bengal since 1983, and copped an AFC Defensive Player of the Week award. This season he has 1.5 sacks, and his forced fumble in the fourth quarter started the winning play on Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay.

Johnson's original contract expired after last season, and the team for 2013 named him its "franchise player." As a result, he is playing this season on a one-year contract, and the franchise-player formula in the NFL's Collective Bargaining Agreement, based on top defensive end salaries across the league, has netted for him a salary upwards of \$11 million.

Although the franchise player designation is indeed a product of bargaining between the NFL and the players' union, more than a few players over the years have proclaimed the tag a mixed blessing at best, as it effectively keeps them out of the free agent market. But Johnson, always known to the team and fans as a bright and down-to-earth individual, has shown no signs of a personality change since earning his windfall and also not reaching agreement with the team on the option of signing a longer-term deal.

"That just isn't the way I was taught," said Johnson. "I was raised to believe that you show up for work, you go to work, and you do your best. You don't gripe about stuff that you don't have control over. I'm going to go out there, work, and then see how things play out. I pray on the situation — me and my family — that things will work out for the best, and obviously this is best for both sides."

"Man, I'm from Selma, Alabama. I didn't have everything that I wanted growing up, but I had everything that I needed. It taught me that you don't have to have the world to be happy and blessed. Sure, you want to get as much as you can out of this game, but I'm thankful for the opportunity, and I'm going to go out and do what I love to do and make the most of it. It's a nice sum for one year, and a whole lot of people don't see something like that in their whole lifetime. I'm going to continue to work my tail off."

Burfict rolls on, and expands: Last year was great for Bengals WLB Vontaze Burfict. The once nationally touted Arizona State star, whose NFL draft prospects disappeared due to labels of his being undisciplined and out of shape, was a huge rookie success after signing at the bottom of the heap — as a college free agent. Handed an opening due to an early injury to starter Thomas Howard, he went on to lead the team in tackles (174), logging the most starts (14) in Bengals history by a CFA in his rookie season.

And this year through four games, he again leads the team in tackles. He has 52 after logging 14 last week at Cleveland. But this year, that's not enough.

"There's more weighing on me now," Burfict says. "I feel like I need to make more plays than I did last year because I'm not a rookie any more. Plays that I missed last year, I need to improve, particularly in coverage and blitzing."

But there's more than just self-improvement at work. Head coach Marvin Lewis, who marvels at Burfict's natural football instincts as well as at his ability, has given Burfict a major role in making calls for the defense.

"I set the huddle and tell them the huddle call, and Rey (MLB Rey Mauluga) sets the front," Burfict says. "It's a team game. Me and Rey take full responsibility to whatever happens out there and the communication. I have to tell the safeties, the corner, the d-line what the play is."

Burfict is also a mentor of sorts this season. The Bengals had another CFA make the team this year at LB — Jayson DiManche of Southern Illinois.

"It was great to be able to tell him 'congratulations,'" Burfict says. "I watched on 'Hard Knocks,' when they had the camera with him and he got the call that he'd made the team. I was almost going to cry for him. Because I was in the same boat. When I got the call, I cried, but there weren't any cameras around. If there were cameras around, I wouldn't have cried."

Fumbles have to go: In each of their last two full seasons, in which they earned playoff berths, the Bengals had fewer fumbles and fewer lost fumbles than their opponents. Over 2011-12, Cincinnati fumbled only 36 times compared to its opponents' 52, and the Bengals lost only 18 compared to their foes' 28.

But over this year's 2-2 start, the Bengals have nine fumbles with five lost, and opponents are at only three with three lost.

"Any time you have the ball in your hands, you need to be accountable for your actions," said Jay Gruden, the team's offensive coordinator for the last three seasons. "You need to protect. There's been a lot of great players who never made it in the NFL because they had ball security issues. That's very important for coaches' careers, for seasons, for Super Bowl runs, playoff runs. They can end a season."

Only seven of this season's fumbles have been by the offense. There has been one fumble on special teams and one by the defense (after recovering a fumble). But all five of the lost fumbles have been by the offense.

Whit's back all the way: Pro Bowl LOT Andrew Whitworth has completed his comeback from offseason knee surgery. His condition was worrisome as he missed all four preseason games and the regular-season opener, but he has started the last three games. He was eased back into action in Game 2 vs. Pittsburgh, spelled by veteran reserve Anthony Collins, who had started for him in the opener. But Whitworth has played every snap the last two games and seems to again be the durable performer who had posted a team-long streak of 67 consecutive starts before missing this year's opener.

"I think for everybody in the building, we've known how much Whit has meant to this football team and the organization," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "He's been the face of the offense, and he's the pillar. When you're a veteran player, and you've been injured, and you're expecting to be in there playing, that's hard. I mean, he couldn't even go to preseason games. It's great to have him and it gives the team a lift. When you fight back from things, it's important. It's good."

'Not bad' not good enough for A.J.: At the quarter-mark of the 2013 season, WR A.J. Green's numbers are not bad. He has 26 catches for 300 yards and three TDs, totals that project to a full season of 104 catches, 1200 yards and 12 TDs.

But Green amassed more than half of his yards (162) in a loss, and that was the season opener. It's true that he's been accorded extra attention from opponents, presumably opening opportunities for other players, but no one in the Bengals camp is ready to accept an average of just 46.0 yards for Green over the last three games. He led the team with seven catches last week at Cleveland, but the stat sheet showed him targeted 15 times, eight without a reception. His yardage total was just 51.

It's not the kind of performance thus far that had Green rated entering this season as among the most coveted WRs in the NFL.

"Andy (QB Andy Dalton) and I have got to get back on a consistent basis, hitting some of these deep balls when the chance is there," Green said after the Cleveland game. "It's my part and his part."

Said Dalton:

"I've got to do a better job of giving him a chance to make plays. I think that's what he is so good at, when the ball's in the air making plays, when it's him and one other guy or him and a couple guys. When it comes down to it, we have to be better."

Green ranks tied for sixth in the AFC in receptions, and tied for 11th in the AFC in receiving yards.

Green's list of accomplishments entering this season included:

- His 162 career receptions over 2011-12 rank as second-most in NFL history for a player in his first two seasons. Only Marques Colston of New Orleans caught more (168). Green's 2407 receiving yards ranked sixth among NFL players in their first two seasons.

- In his first 20 games, running through Game 5 of last season, Green became the only player in NFL history to reach the triple benchmark of 100 receptions (he had 101), 1500 yards (he had 1550) and 10 TDs (he had 11).

- Green had a streak last season of nine straight games with at least one TD, a Bengals record for within one season and only the second nine-game single-season NFL streak in 48 years. The only other instance since 1964 was a league-record 12-gamer by Hall of Famer Jerry Rice in 1987.

Mo keeps grinding: Second-year WR Mohamed Sanu is steadily becoming a new fixture for the Bengals, working to establish himself as Pro

Bowler A.J. Green's counterpart in the base offense.

Sanu was held officially to three catches for 19 yards last week at Cleveland, but it was a relatively poor day for the offense overall, and it's certainly worth noting that Sanu drew a 40-yard pass interference penalty against the Browns after breaking free on a deep pattern in the second quarter. Also in the second quarter, Sanu broke tackles to convert a third-and-five situation with a seven-yard gain.

Sanu led the team in receiving yards (68) in Cincinnati's Sept. 22 victory over Green Bay. He's a 6-2, 210-pounder with great hands and strength, and for the season he is third on the team in both receptions (16) and receiving yards (146).

The ideal for the offense is to develop Sanu into a threat similar to what T.J. Houshmandzadeh became during the years when Chad Johnson was the team's most prominent wideout. Over eight seasons (2001-08), Houshmandzadeh rose to third all-time in Bengals career receptions (507), setting a team record with 112 in 2007, when he went to the Pro Bowl.

QB Andy Dalton has spoken repeatedly about how Sanu inspires a QB's confidence by running the right route, finding seams in coverage and winning contested balls. And offensive coordinator Jay Gruden says much the same:

"He finds the soft spots in zones," Gruden said. "There's nobody better at that than Mo. He played some quarterback (in college) and he was also a safety. He knows all the holes. Knows man-to-man. Knows how to beat coverage. He's got a size advantage and strength advantage."

Sanu scored four TDs in nine games last season. Sanu is also a triple threat, to the extent the offense wishes to employ him. Last year at Washington, he lined up as a Wildcat QB and threw what would be the longest Bengals completion of the year, a 73-yard TD to A.J. Green. The ball hit Green in stride after traveling about 50 yards in the air. Sanu also has strong potential as a rusher in spot situations, though he logged only 15 yards on five carries last season.

Sanu is not the only receiver being counted on for a strong 2013 contribution, however. Marvin Jones, a fellow 2012 draftee with Sanu, is more of a stylish and graceful receiver and has also gotten consistent praise from Dalton for always being at the right place with the right route. Jones had three catches for 38 yards and a TD vs. Green Bay and is seven-for-80 on the season. He did not have a reception at Cleveland, however.

Radar in the red zone: Since joining the Bengals in 2011, QB Andy Dalton has thrown for 37 TDs with no INTs on plays with snaps inside the red zone (inside an opponent's 20-yard line). His total includes two this season. Dalton's 37 are the most red-zone TD passes without throwing an INT among active quarterbacks.

"That's a great performance," says head coach Marvin Lewis, "but it's the kind of performance we've come to expect from Andy. He's not only a fine talent, but a smart player who is not going to hurt you with the big mistake. We've got a lot of confidence in Andy when we get the ball into scoring range, and that statistic bears that out."

Dalton has 15 more red-zone TD passes than the next-best active QB without an INT, Russell Wilson of Seattle at 22. Green Bay's Seneca Wallace has 18 without an INT.

The Bengals don't expect Dalton to go his entire career without getting picked in the red zone, of course, and two of the NFL's established elite QBs have career marks worthy of shooting for. Among active players besides Dalton, Wilson and Wallace, the best ratios of TD passes to INTs are held by Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers (38.7-to-1) and New England's Tom Brady (19.8-to-1). Rodgers has thrown for 116 red-zone TDs with three INTs, including one last week against the Bengals, and Brady has thrown for 237 scores with 12 INTs.

Third time would be a rare charm: If Andy Dalton can lead the Bengals back to the playoffs in 2013, he'll become only the fifth starting QB in NFL history to reach the playoffs in each of his first three seasons.

To date, the only starting QBs to achieve the feat have been Pat Haden of the Rams (1976-78), Dan Marino of the Dolphins (1983-85), Bernie Kosar of the Browns (1985-87) and Joe Flacco of the Ravens (2008-10). In Haden's case, the three seasons were not his first three seasons as a pro, because he played in the World Football League prior to joining the Rams.

More on Dalton and history: While shooting to become only the fifth starting QB to take his club to the playoffs in his first three seasons (see information in the previous item), Andy Dalton already has some brushes with history on record:

In 2011, he became the first NFL rookie QB to start as many as eight wins and throw for 20 or more TDs (started nine wins and had 20 TDs).

Also in 2011, he became the first rookie QB not drafted in the first round to start every game in a 16-game season.

He is one of just three QBs to throw 43 or more TD passes in his first two seasons. The No. 1 spot is held by Hall of Famer Dan Marino (68). No. 2 is future Hall of Fame Peyton Manning (52), and Dalton is third (47). In fourth place behind Dalton is Jeff Garcia at 42.

Now that's a plan: Plans don't always work out. Which makes it even better when they do.

The Bengals planned for 2013 to spice up an offense that had trended toward blandness near the end of '12. So they went in the draft for a tight end with rare pure receiver skills and a halfback who could catch and dart like crazy. And though the offense is coming off an overall downer of a day in last week's 17-6 loss at Cleveland, the rookie duo of HB Giovani Bernard and TE Tyler Eifert still looks like a winning combo at the quarter-pole of the season.

Bernard, the second-round pick from North Carolina, led the team in yards from scrimmage (75) for the second straight week in the Cleveland contest. He rushed 10-for-37 and caught six passes for 38 yards. He did not score a TD — no one did for Cincinnati — but he is tied with WR A.J. Green for the team lead in TDs with three. Bernard has taken over the team rushing lead for the season, with 147 yards on 32 carries for a healthy 4.6-yard average. As a receiver, he's 12-for-122, and his projected 16-game total of 488 yards would be the most by a Bengals RB since 1986, when James Brooks had 686 air yards.

Bernard's arguably most encouraging sign as a receiver has been his ability to take a short, easy-to-complete pass in the flat and use his acceleration to produce a long gain. He scored a 27-yard TD in that manner in Game 2 vs. Pittsburgh, and he had a 31-yarder for a key first down in the Green Bay game.

"You can just kick it out to him and let him run," says QB Andy Dalton. "That's what he's really good at."

In the Pittsburgh game, Bernard became the first Bengals rookie to score both a rushing TD and a receiving TD in a game since 1989.

Eifert, the first-round selection from Notre Dame, has started all four games, in a two-TE set that also includes two-time Pro Bowler Jermaine Gresham. Eifert has 12 receptions for 159 yards, including three-for-39 last week. He had a 29-yard gain against the Browns and his 61-yarder in Game 2 vs. Pittsburgh was the longest by a Bengals TE since 2004.

"We've got a lot of weapons, man," says WR A.J. Green. "Gio is so explosive. We put him at any spot on the field and get him the ball in space, and he makes things happen. Tyler is a great catcher and great blocker. He'll do a lot for us."

Dalton on the draft dandies: QB Andy Dalton, on rookies Tyler Eifert and Giovani Bernard:

"Giovani's done a really good job. We drafted him to be a guy that's versatile; a guy that we can move around, who can catch the ball out of the backfield and make big plays. That's exactly what we've gotten out of him. It's exciting to see him come out and play big in games like he has. Tyler, he's so versatile. He can move all around — outside, inside and line up at the regular tight end spot. We feel like we've got matchups with both of our tight ends. Those guys have done a lot of really good things for us. We're going to do all the things we can to get matchups with those guys."

Bengals are big at TE spot: Though some observers saw the first-round 2013 draft selection of TE Tyler Eifert as a less than promising sign for incumbent TE Jermaine Gresham, the season is playing out in a way that backs up the "no worries" message given consistently by Bengals' coaches.

Head coach Marvin Lewis said all along that Eifert would be much more a complement to Gresham than a competitor. That Eifert's exceptional receiving skills would blend with Gresham's more traditional TE talents to give the offense a new and difficult-to-defend look. And through Week 4, the Bengals rank tied for third in the NFL in receptions by TEs (30) and fifth in receiving yards at the position (340).

The TEs posted the Bengals' three longest scrimmage gains last week at Cleveland, as Eifert had a 29-yard reception while Gresham had gains of 26 and 24 yards.

For the season, Gresham is second on the team in both catches (18) and receiving yards (181). Eifert is tied for fourth in receptions (12) and third in receiving yards (159).

"I don't think a lot of people have two tight ends like we have," said offensive coordinator Jay Gruden. "We are just trying to make it hard for the poor coach on the other team to break us down (in game-planning). We're just scratching the

surface here, but I think we're throwing a lot at defensive coordinators and making them work a little bit."

Gresham, at 6-5 and 260 pounds, is a physical bruiser with good hands and the ability to gain yards after the catch.

"Jermaine is really good at that," said QB Andy Dalton. "Once the ball is in his hands, he makes guys miss and finds ways to get first downs. I'm really happy with him."

Gresham gets ready his way: By standard measures, Bengals TE Jermaine Gresham has had a very successful career since being drafted by Cincinnati in the first round in 2010. He is the only Bengals TE to record three seasons of 50 or more receptions, and he has played for the AFC in the last two Pro Bowls.

Gresham led the team in receiving yards (53) last week at Cleveland, with gains of 26 and 24 yards among his three receptions. He's second on the team for the season in both receptions (18) and receiving yards (181). He has led the team in receptions in one game and tied for the receptions lead in another contest.

But the 6-5, 260-pounder is not one to feel satisfied with his exploits. Gresham opened 2012 training camp by telling media he was disappointed in himself for not matching the receiving numbers of some other TEs drafted in 2010, most notably Rob Gronkowski of New England and Jimmy Graham of Miami. He didn't excuse himself even after head coach Marvin Lewis and offensive coordinator Jay Gruden noted that he was doing an apples-to-oranges comparison of offensive schemes, and that he was doing just fine with what the Bengals wanted him to do.

And this year, despite posting career highs of 64 catches and 737 yards last season, Gresham is self-motivating by pointedly confronting the memory of passes he dropped in last season's Wild Card playoff loss at Houston.

"My whole intent during the offseason was to make up for where I left off in the playoff game," Gresham said. "There's no doubt about it, I cost my team the game. My mindset since then has been about getting back to playing the position and catching passes on the field consistently, instead of looking not so healthy out there at times. I had to get my mind right."

Gresham trained in Texas during the offseason with four-time Olympic gold medal sprinter Michael Johnson, looking to improve his overall athleticism.

"It's all about me being a professional," he said. "I owe it to the fans and people who got me here to do better, because being a disappointment is not what I am. I'm just trying to make up for it. I'm another year wiser and know what's expected of me. I just have to do my job and not let my teammates down. It's sad that it has taken so long, but I'm really starting to figure some things out. Things will be different this year."

Polian plugs Eifert: Bill Polian, former Indianapolis Colts president and now an analyst for Sirius NFL Radio, sings the praises of TE Tyler Eifert, Cincinnati's first-round selection in the 2013 draft. Eifert had a 61-yard reception on Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh, longest by a Bengals TE since Matt Schobel had a 74-yarder in 2004, and he had the team's longest scrimmage gain (29 yards) last week at Cleveland.

Polian agrees with observers who have said that Eifert, a pass-catcher extraordinaire at Notre Dame, has the potential for a career like that of one of Polian's former Colts players, Pro Bowl TE Dallas Clark.

"Absolutely," Polian said. "(Eifert) was one of the few guys in this draft that I said is can't-miss, and I think he'll have a spectacular effect on this offense. Maybe not this year, maybe not early because it takes times for rookies. But once he gets his legs under him and understands the National Football League, he'll be a big factor in this offense."

The Bengals already have a two-time Pro Bowl TE in Jermaine Gresham (see previous item), but Eifert is envisioned as more of a complement to Gresham than a competitor, based mostly on those exceptional receiving skills.

"(Eifert) has excellent hands, an excellent feel for route-running," Polian said. "His speed is comparable to Dallas. The hands are in the same ballpark. He's more of a rebounder than Dallas in his style of catching. But he makes as many spectacular grabs."

By "rebounder," Polian means Eifert uses his body to win contested balls. "He'll go up and fight DBs for balls and out-jump them," Polian said. "He's got long arms and a long body. He's a good jumper and he can make catches in the air, which is hard for people to do. Dallas could do that, too. He can get off the ground and catch the ball exceptionally well. At the college level he won the vast majority of contested balls that were thrown to him. He's unique in that way."

Make way for Andre: LOT Andrew Whitworth deservedly garnered top honors on the Bengals' offensive line last season, becoming the first

Cincinnati offensive lineman in the Pro Bowl since OT Willie Anderson in 2006. This season, however, the team is more sure than ever that it has another Pro Bowl-worthy blocker in ROT Andre Smith, the fifth-year pro selected sixth overall by Cincinnati in the 2009 draft.

A consensus All-American at Alabama, rated among the most powerful run blockers in Southeastern Conference history, Smith did not enjoy instant success as a pro. He missed essentially all of his first preseason, due to protracted contract negotiations, and he suffered a foot fracture in his first week of practice. He had trouble controlling his weight as a young player, and he totaled only 13 games with five starts in his first two seasons.

But his maturing process — both mentally and physically — has moved steadily ahead since 2011. He played and started 30 of the 32 games in 2011-12, helping lead Cincinnati to a pair of postseason berths. This year, he resigned with Cincinnati as an unrestricted free agent.

“He looked in great shape right when he showed up,” said assistant head coach/offensive line coach Paul Alexander. “He looks light on his feet and he’s playing with intensity. You used to see it in spurts, but now you see it routinely. I used to use his tape sometimes (in meetings), but now I use it more consistently. I’ll say, ‘Watch Andre do this.’ It’s a nice sign. It’s all coming together for him.”

Bengals radio analyst Dave Lapham, a 10-year Bengals offensive lineman (1974-83), says:

“Andre seems pretty much at peace. He’s playing, not thinking too much. There’s no hesitation, no uncertainty. He’s playing at a really high level.”

And Smith confirms Lapham’s analysis.

“I’m just having fun, getting back to basics,” Smith said. “Just play football. Do what I’ve been doing since I was a little kid. Run around and have fun and dominate.”

Atkins signing tops a big 2013 list: The Bengals on Sept. 2 continued the most active signing period in franchise history, signing all-pro DT Geno Atkins to a five-year contract extension, running through 2018. Prior to the signing, Atkins was in the final season of the four-year contract he signed as a fourth-round Bengals draft choice in 2010. The signing marks the 14th veteran player from last year’s playoff team that the Bengals have either re-signed or extended this year.

Atkins (6-1, 303; Georgia) has risen from relatively humble beginnings to become one of the NFL’s elite interior defensive linemen. He was a first-team 2012 selection to the Associated Press All-Pro team, which covers both the American and National conferences, and he has been selected to two straight Pro Bowls, including this past season’s as a starter.

“Geno has been a wonderful player for us, and we are excited to be able to reward his high level of play and to secure his future here in Cincinnati,” said Katie Blackburn, Bengals executive vice-president. “Geno is a special asset — a great person as well as an exceptional player — and we want to continue investing in players that play at a high level and help us win.”

Atkins has been durable, playing in every game since joining the Bengals, and he has been a leader in the team reaching the playoffs each of the last two seasons. He led all NFL interior linemen last year in sacks (12.5), with no other interior player above 8.0. He also had four forced fumbles, and he led the team in coaches’ compilation of tackles-for-loss (15). In 2011, he tied for the NFL sacks lead among interior linemen (7.5), and he added two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries.

“Geno’s extension is exciting news,” said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. “It puts the issue of his future behind him and the club and allows his focus to be on football and on a great start to his season.”

The 14 veteran players the Bengals re-signed or extended this year all have been seen as key cogs in Cincinnati’s pursuit of a third straight postseason berth. Besides Atkins, the list includes DE Carlos Dunlap, DE Robert Geathers, DE Wallace Gilberry, LS Clark Harris, P Kevin Huber, DE Michael Johnson, CB Adam Jones, LB Rey Mauluga, CB Terence Newman, K Mike Nugent, HB Cedric Peerman, OT Andre Smith and WR Brandon Tate. The club also added LB James Harrison, a five-time Pro Bowler, among its veteran free agent signings.

The only player lost among the group so far has been veteran DE Geathers, who was lost for the season to an elbow injury suffered in Game 2 vs. Pittsburgh.

The Atkins signing put the Bengals among the top five NFL clubs in cash player spending for 2013. The Bengals have committed more than \$180 million in new veteran contracts thus far during the year.

Atkins makes eight: DT Geno Atkins is the eighth player drafted by the Bengals in the fourth round or later to be selected for the Pro Bowl. The 2012

season marked his second selection.

The eight, including Atkins, in descending order of draft selection:

- HB Rudi Johnson; fourth-round draft pick in 2001; Pro Bowl in ’04 season.
- DT Geno Atkins; fourth round in 2010; Pro Bowls in ’11-12.
- S/CB/KOR Tremain Mack; fourth round in 1997; Pro Bowl as KOR in ’99.
- P/WR Pat McInally; fifth round in 1975; Pro Bowl as P in ’81.
- G Max Montoya; seventh round in 1979; Pro Bowls in ’86 and ’88-89.
- WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh; seventh round in 2001; Pro Bowl in ’07.
- NT Tim Krumrie; 10th round in 1983; Pro Bowls in ’87-88.
- TE/WR Bob Trumpy; 12th round in 1968; Pro Bowls in ’70 and ’73, and AFL All-Star games in ’68-69.

Notes on the list include:

Atkins is the first of the eight to make the Pro Bowl as early as his second season, but Trumpy made it the first year he had a chance, as a third-year pro following two selections to the AFL All-Star game.

In 2001, the Bengals drafted two future Pro Bowlers in Round 4 or later. Johnson was selected in Round 4 and Houshmandzadeh in Round 7.

Trumpy, the latest-ever Bengals draftee to earn all-star status, was the 301st selection in the 1968 draft.

Who needs the draft? The Bengals were the NFL’s No. 6 defense last season. Expectations for the 2013 defense are even higher. And the linebacker corps obviously is expected to play a big role.

And the team isn’t at all worried that four of the five LBs on the roster are players who entered the NFL as college free agents, passed over in the draft. Two are running in No. 1 spots on the depth chart:

- SLB James Harrison, signed this year as a free agent, is widely known as a Pittsburgh Steelers standout who made five Pro Bowls and is a former NFL Defensive Player of the Year. But some may have forgotten, or never knew, that Harrison was undrafted out of Kent State in 2002. He played in only one game over 2002 and ’03. He spent much of those two years on the Pittsburgh practice squad, and he was not in the NFL at all in the second half of ’03, having been released from the Steelers practice squad in October. He was re-signed by the Steelers just before 2004 training camp, after having been signed and later cut by Baltimore in the offseason. He finally won the confidence of Steelers coaches in the ’04 camp and played in every regular-season game in ’04.

- WLB Vontaze Burfict was a Bengals college free agent signee last year and went on to lead the team in tackles (174). He beat a rap from his Arizona State career that said despite having great talent, he was too undisciplined and out of shape to be worthy of a draft selection. Burfict last year set a Bengals record for most starts (14) in a rookie season by a college free agent. He leads the team in tackles again this season, with 52 through four games, and he also has an INT.

Original college free agents in No. 2 spots are third-year player Vincent Rey (MLB) and rookie Jayson DiManche (SLB). The Bengals had another valued prospect who was a college free agent, Emmanuel Lamur, but he suffered a season-ending shoulder injury in the final preseason game. Yet another original college free agent is LB J.K. Schaffer, who’s currently on the practice squad but was on the roster earlier and his played in one game.

The only LB on the current roster who entered the NFL through the draft is starting MLB Rey Mauluga (second round, Bengals, 2009).

On-site inspiration: The success of former college free agents with the Bengals LB corps (see previous item) served as fuel for the successful bid of rookie college free agent Jayson DiManche of Southern Illinois. He was the only rookie CFA to make the opening 53-player roster.

“You see the guys who are established here, like James (Harrison) and Vontaze (Burfict),” DiManche says, “so it’s more than just saying you have a chance. It holds true from the people you are seeing.”

DiManche, 22, grew up watching the exploits of Harrison, 35, who has been to five Pro Bowls and was once named NFL Defensive Player of the Year.

“It’s crazy,” DiManche says. “For the longest time, he was one of my favorite linebackers ever to play the game. I’ve followed him since I started watching football. I try to model a lot of moves after him. The way he plays with that leverage. That power and speed around that edge. And the physical force he is. A lot of guys look up to him. It’s an honor to be on the team with him.”

DiManche has played in all four games and leads the special teams in tackles (three).

Huber runs the table: Bengals fifth-year P Kevin Huber opted not to test the unrestricted free agent market this past offseason, re-signing with Cincinnati just before the new league year began. It was great news for Cincinnati’s special teams.

Huber set Bengals season records last year for gross punting average (46.6 yards) and net average (42.0), and in so doing he qualified for the franchise's career leads in gross and net average.

In four games this season, Huber has averaged 44.7 yards gross and 41.1 net. He had season lows in both categories last week at Cleveland at 38.8 and 37.0, but he wasn't in position to fully punt for distance. He had three inside-20 kicks with no touchbacks, forcing the Browns to start drives at their five-, eight- and nine-yard lines. He has seven inside-20s and one touchback on the season.

"Kevin has punted well in opportunities," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "For the most part, he has put the ball where we needed it."

In addition to maintaining the all-time franchise leads in gross average (now at 44.1) and net average (now at 39.0), Huber holds the franchise's best career ratio of inside-20s to touchbacks. His ratio is 3.52-to-1 (116-33). Second in that category is Kyle Larson, who punted for Cincinnati from 2004-08 and finished with a ratio of 3.41-to-1 (109-32).

Second to Huber in Bengals annals for career gross average is Dave Lewis (1970-73) at 43.7. Lewis is also second to Huber in all-time net average, at 38.4.

Streaks and service leaders: NT Domata Peko claims the current roster's longest streak for consecutive Bengals starts (55). The current roster's longest streak of consecutive Bengals games played is 71, shared by DE Michael Johnson and P Kevin Huber.

The above streaks are also the longest on the roster for all NFL games.

Peko has the most total Bengals games played on the current roster (114), and OT Andrew Whitworth has the most Bengals starts (108). The player with the most total NFL games (158) and starts (156) is CB Terence Newman.

All streaks and totals above include regular-season and postseason games.

The Georgia connection: The Bengals opened this season with seven players — 13.2 percent of the 53-player roster — hailing from the University of Georgia. The number is now down to five — DE Robert Geathers is out for the season with an injury and OT Dennis Roland has been released — but it's believed the season-opening total of seven established a Bengals franchise-high for most players on the roster at one time from one school.

The five former Georgia players still on the roster are DT Geno Atkins, G Clint Boling, H-B Orson Charles, WR A.J. Green, and S Shawn Williams. The only other school with more than two former players on the current Bengals roster is Alabama, which claims three in DE Wallace Gilberry, CB Dre Kirkpatrick and OT Andre Smith.

When asked about the team's connection with Georgia, head coach Marvin Lewis said:

"I would just say that the coaching staff there, under Coach Mark Richt, has done a great job teaching their guys to play aggressive, attacking football. Whether it be offense or defense, they're all no-nonsense guys. So we really like their work ethic, how they handle and carry themselves as people, and that says a lot about the program. I think you guys (media) would agree that they're personable players. They're always approachable, they've been trained the right way, and the Georgia people just do a great job of that."

Georgia's pipeline to the Bengals has been a relatively recent connection. On the Bengals' Alumni List, Georgia ranks only tied for ninth among schools in most players to have made the Cincinnati all-time roster. The Bulldog total is 14. The runaway leader for producing Bengals is Ohio State, at 26 entering this season. The University of Florida is second at 18, and third place at 16 is shared by the University of Cincinnati, Michigan, Penn State and West Virginia.

100 yards good, 25 carries better: The Bengals are 35-2 under head coach Marvin Lewis when a rusher records 25 or more carries. That is a .946 winning percentage. HB BenJarvus Green-Ellis had four games of 25 or more carries in 2012.

Games under Lewis with a 25-carry rusher have been less frequent — and slightly more successful — than games with a 100-yard rusher. In the Lewis era (2003-present), the Bengals are 36-7 with a 100-yard rusher (.837 winning percentage). In Green-Ellis' case, the record in his 100-yard games matches the 4-0 the Bengals posted in his 25-carry games. Green-Ellis had one game last year in which he hit 25 carries but not 100 yards (26-for-82 in a win at Jacksonville) and one game in which he hit 100 yards without getting 25 carries (19-for-129 in a win vs. Oakland).

Lewis, however, notes that the overall numbers still favor the 25 carries over the more iconic 100 yards.

"It's not always the yardage total that's most important," says Lewis. "When your back is carrying 25 times, it means 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."

By player, the Bengals' won-lost totals under Lewis with a 25-carry rusher have been 18-1 with Rudi Johnson, 11-1 with Cedric Benson, 2-0 with Kenny Watson and 4-0 with Green-Ellis.

By player, Lewis' totals with a 100-yard rusher have been 15-4 with Rudi Johnson, 2-0 with Kenny Watson, 13-2 with Cedric Benson, 1-0 with Corey Dillon, 0-1 with Bernard Scott, 1-0 with Larry Johnson, and 4-0 with Green-Ellis.

Now that's fast: On Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay, the Bengals scored two TDs in 12 seconds of elapsed clock time. HB Giovani Bernard scored on a three-yard run with 9:20 left in the first quarter and BenJarvus Green-Ellis scored on a two-yarder at 9:08. A Packers lost fumble on a kickoff return separated the two scores.

The last time the Bengals had scored two TDs in as little as 0:12 was more than 40 years ago, on Dec. 17, 1972, in a 61-17 win at Houston (tied for most Bengals points in a game). With 14:19 left in the fourth quarter of that contest, Ken Anderson threw a 20-yard TD pass to Doug Dressler. And at 14:07, CB Lemar Parrish scored on a 25-yard INT return.

A stat that matters: For the Bengals term of coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), a plus-differential in turnovers reflects a big plus in the win column. And the reverse has gone for a minus.

The Bengals are 51-13-1 in the regular season under Lewis with a plus, for a .781 winning percentage.

In contrast, the Bengals are 11-53 under Lewis when posting a minus differential, including their minus-two reading in last week's loss at Cleveland.

When the differential has been even, the results have been not far from even, with the Bengals at 19-16 under Lewis.

"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 night."

The Bengals' experience with turnovers under Lewis is backed up by league numbers. Since the start of the 2003 season, 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	646-286-1	.693
Plus-2	506-99-0	.836
Plus-3	286-31-1	.901
Plus-4	162-4-0	.976
Plus-5 or more	81-3-0	.964

Teams with a plus-differential in turnovers were 10-0 in Week 4 NFL play. Since 2003, NFL teams with any plus have a combined winning percentage of .799. The combined W-L record is 1681-423-2.

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys and white pants in the New England game.

Since 2004, when the Bengals made their last significant uniform redesign, the team has had a number of color options for jerseys and pants. 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	11-5-0	.688
Black	Black	10-9-1	.525
White	Black	17-20-0	.459
Black	White	21-25-0	.457
White	White	11-19-0	.367

TV streak likely to hit 124: In each of the last 123 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 Cincinnati airwaves. They have been the top-rated show among all programming in the Cincinnati market.

The streak is likely to hit 124 when Cincinnati rankings are in for the week of Sept. 23-29. The Bengals' Sept. 29 game at Cleveland drew a local rating of 29.2, a figure few non-Bengals programs have approached in recent years.

The rating number indicates the percentage of market households tuned to the game — including those not watching TV at the time.

The streak began on Dec. 5, 2004, when a wild Bengals win at Baltimore outpooled all other programs. The highest local Bengals rating during the streak

has been 45.5 for a home playoff game vs. Pittsburgh on Jan. 8, 2006.

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.

Bengal bites: The Bengals rank tied for fifth in the NFL in fewest sacks allowed (seven) ... Cincinnati's defense ranks eighth in the NFL in fewest yards allowed per play (5.1) ... On Sept. 22 against Green Bay, Cincinnati overcame its biggest deficit in a game — 16 points at 30-14 — since rallying from 17 down (20-3) in a 27-26 win at Baltimore on Dec. 5, 2004 ... The 58-yard field goal kicked by Chicago's Robbie Gould against the Bengals on Sept. 8 is the longest in the NFL this season ... QB Andy Dalton posted a career-best completion

percentage on Sept. 8 at Chicago, completing 26-of-33 for a 78.7 percent reading. His previous high had been 78.1, on 25-of-32 on Oct. 16, 2011 vs. Indianapolis. ... Dalton on Sept. 8 led the offense on two TD drives of 90 or more yards (97 and 91), marking the first game in which the Bengals had two 90-yard TD drives since Boomer Esiason led two on Sept. 22, 1991 vs. Washington ... Former Bengals OT Willie Anderson is among 16 first-year eligibles on the first player ballot for the 2014 Hall of Fame class. Anderson played 12 Bengals seasons (1996-2007) and made the Pro Bowl in his last four campaigns ... The oldest Bengal on the 53-player roster is CB Terence Newman at 35 (born 9-4-78); the youngest Bengal is HB Giovanni Bernard at 21 (born 11-22-91) ... The tallest Bengal on the roster is rookie DE Margus Hunt, standing 6-8; the shortest is Bernard at 5-9 ... The heaviest Bengals on the roster are OTs Andre Smith and Andrew Whitworth, both at 335; the lightest Bengals are CBs Adam Jones and Chris Lewis-Harris, both at 180.

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Head coach Marvin Lewis, asked about the offense seeming "out of sync" at Cleveland:

"Well, you get out of sync when you don't convert third down. You have to convert third down to stay in sync. We had third downs that were both manageable and convertible. That leads to, at the end of the day, that you don't get enough opportunities to run it as much as you like, keep your offense on the field, defense off the field, and change field position. That's all a product of not converting those third downs."

Lewis, on criticism falling on the QB after a poor offensive effort in Cleveland:

"As is the case with most of our players, Andy (Dalton) can play better. I thought he made a lot of good throws. He stayed composed throughout the game. There are some things that he knows he can do better, and that he will do better. We also have to help him out and make sure we're in the right spots all the time for him, so it doesn't all fall on his shoulders—as goes the quarterback's job in the NFL."

WR A.J. Green, on the offense's recent struggles:

"It's very shocking, because I feel like we have all the pieces to be a great team. We are not playing consistently, even in the games we won. To be a great team, you've got to be able to come in week in and week out and play great. Even the Green Bay game (win on Sept. 22), we had all those turnovers (four). All that is going to catch up with you in the long run."

NT Domata Peko, on whether the defense, with its 17-point yield, needed more support from the offense at Cleveland:

"We can't control that. We can only control what we can control, and we just have to get better on defense, especially on third down. We had them on third and long a few times and they were able to get the first down. Plus we didn't force any turnovers. We have to look at the film and get better for next week."

OT Andrew Whitworth, on the loss at Cleveland:

"We have to figure out how to be a lot better than this. There's not a position on the offensive side of the football where we don't have the ability to be good. An outing like this is embarrassing, and we have to do something about it."

Lewis, when asked how he has 'restructured the attitude' of the team:

"The restructure comes from the people you have and the leadership you have through them, and I think it's very strong. They know what the ultimate goal is, and they keep people pointed in the right direction. You don't do it by talking about it, or reading about it, or allowing someone else to talk about you in that manner. You've got to go earn it."

Lewis, with more on Andy Dalton:

"He's in his third year, the cast around him gets nothing but better, and we all feel his leadership, spreading his wings. He's maturing. A lot was cast on him as a young guy, which was kind of the same thing he had in college, and like then, he's just kept growing into it and kept getting better and better. He knows there are certain things that are asked of him. We've all collectively got to do better, and I think he's excited to lead us in that direction."

Lewis, on the team's increasing featured use of two TEs (first-round draft picks Jermaine Gresham and Tyler Eifert):

"In Jermaine (drafted in 2010), we felt like we got the total package, which is why we picked him when we did. When we were able to select Tyler where we selected, we felt like we were gaining a guy that already had incredible receiving

skills that would grow into the physical part of playing tight end. Tyler came in and was better at that than I even expected. The game is not too big for him. He understands things. He's probably a little bit ahead of his time with the things that he's natural at. They've been a good complement to each other, and it's been great. In some ways, they both have learned things from each other."

ESPN NFL analyst and six-time NFL Executive of the Year Bill Polian, speaking on ESPN's "NFL Insiders":

"Marvin Lewis is one of the great developers of young people and the characters of young people in this game. He's in the mold of Tony Dungy. He's a terrific role model, as well as a terrific coach. ... This is the best team that nobody knows."

QB Andy Dalton, on whether the NFL is becoming a 'pass first' league:

"We want to be balanced as much as we can. If we can run the ball, it really opens up the passing game. It's hard to say, run first, pass first. We're trying to do whatever we can to win the game. Whatever we're doing well, that's probably what we'll stick with. It all depends on the game and the score and that stuff."

Offensive coordinator Jay Gruden, on 5-9, 208-pound HB Giovanni Bernard:

"He's not afraid. He may not run over people like Adrian Peterson, but he'll make some people miss. He's hard to find in there. Sometimes those smaller backs get in there and they get low, and linebackers and safeties can't find them. They pop out the back door. He's got great feet. He's short (5-9), but strong. He'll bounce around; make a lot of people miss. If he gets in the open field, he's dangerous. He catches the ball very fluidly."

HB Giovanni Bernard, on his productivity thus far:

"I want to be an every-down back. I don't want to be a guy that's just shifty or a guy that can just run outside or catch balls out of the backfield. I want to be able to be a guy who can do it all. That's the thing I bring to the table, as a person that's able to do it all. If I can add that to my game, it's going to be awesome. Benny (BenJarvus Green-Ellis) is going to be the same physical running back that he's been all his career, and we're just excited for this entire thing going on and seeing how it plays out."

HB BenJarvus Green-Ellis, on aiding QB Andy Dalton as a leader:

"I want to lead by example, and when guys ask questions, just answer them. Obviously, it's a quarterback-driven league, so Andy is going to be a natural leader, but we also have to have guys in place around him. As you know, if you build any company it all starts from the top, but you also have to have good managers to manage each and every group for things to go on."

Lewis, on DT Geno Atkins:

"He has such great quickness and inner strength in his core that allows him to separate and be explosive. He understands leverage and is a pass rusher. He's gotten nothing but better at that, and at understanding protections. At times he can singlehandedly take over a football game."

Lewis, on veteran players mentoring younger ones:

"Veteran guys want to win. They know the clock is running and you only have so many chances. And you only have so many players, so sooner or later those young guys are going to be called on. You want to make sure they are ready to go when they step in that huddle with you. The mentoring of the young guys, and creating mentoring depth on the football team is very, very important."

CB Adam Jones, on special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons:

"He's helped me a lot. About ball control and going up and making hard catches. Just believing in myself to make the play for the team. I'm not going to say I was lacking a little bit, but he's got tremendous confidence in me. His preparation for the opponent is unbelievable. If anyone is half-decent on special teams, Darrin knows about him. He does a good job breaking down film and making sure everyone understands what they need to do."

Lewis, on LB Vontaze Burfict:

"He's a natural leader on the field. He showed that from the first day he got here, out on the field working with the rookies. Does he still play with a chip on

his shoulder (after going undrafted last year)? I don't know. He just plays. He's a natural football player. He has instincts you can't teach."

Dalton, on CB Leon Hall:

"He's the best corner in the game. Lockdown. Leon Island."

Defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer, on LB Rey Mauluga:

"He's an extremely physical guy. He runs. He hits. One of the things I learned about him in the offseason is how much he cares about not only the Bengals and the city of Cincinnati, but also the people in this organization and the fans. This offseason he went out and worked out twice a day. It's important to him. I've always known that. But he's really made a committed effort to getting better."

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: After posting a season-high 105.5 passer rating on Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay, Andy Dalton dipped to a 58.2 reading at Cleveland. He threw 23-for-42 (54.7 percent) for 206 yards with no TDs, an INT and a lost fumble. He also rushed four-for-13, including a 10-yard scramble for the team's longest rush of the game, and he converted a fourth-and-one play with a two-yard sneak. Through the season's first four games, Dalton is 94-for-148 (63.5 percent) for 1003 yards, five TDs and four INTs, good for an 83.3 rating. Last season, Dalton became the first QB to lead the Bengals to playoff appearances in his first two seasons; and this season, he is looking to become only the fifth starting QB in NFL history to reach the playoffs in his first three seasons. No. 2 QB Josh Johnson has been active-DNP for the first four games. He posted an 83.3 passer rating for the preseason, on 27-for-49 for 275 yards, with three TDs and one INT. Johnson finished preseason with an 11.9-yard rushing average (12-for-143). He joined the Bengals for 2013 as an unrestricted free agent. He has 27 games of NFL experience with five starts, having seen most of his action with Tampa Bay.

Running backs: Rookie HB Giovanni Bernard led the team in yards from scrimmage (75) for the second straight week in the Cleveland game, rushing 10-for-37 while catching six passes for 38 yards. For the season, Bernard leads the Bengals in rushing yards, with 147 on 32 carries (4.6), and he has caught 12-for-122. His receiving yards total projects over 16 games to 488, which would be the most by a Bengals RB since 1986, when James Brooks had 686, the club record for an RB. Bernard has three TDs (two rushing and one receiving), tied for the team lead. Sixth-year pro BenJarvus Green-Ellis was limited to 13 rushing yards on six carries at Cleveland. For the season he has rushed 52-for-142 (2.7) with two TDs. Cedric Peerman is the No. 3 back. He has not had an offensive touch in the first four games, but continues to be a stalwart on special teams. Rookie Rex Burkhead has been inactive (coaches' decision) for each of the first four contests. He rushed 28-for-130 (4.6) with one TD and caught five passes for 39 yards in the preseason. H-back Orson Charles has played in three of the first four games. He has no offensive statistics, but he recorded a special teams tackle at Cleveland.

Wide receivers: Third-year pro A.J. Green led the team with seven receptions at Cleveland but struggled to break free for any big plays, limited to 51 yards. Green leads the team for the season in receptions 26, receiving yards (300) and scrimmage yards (also 300), and he's tied for the team lead in touchdowns (three). Green is tied for sixth in the AFC in receptions. Second-year pro Mohamed Sanu made his fourth straight start in the Cleveland game, continuing as Green's WR mate in the base offense. Sanu caught three-for-19 against the Browns, and he produced the offense's longest gain of the day — 40 yards by penalty — when he drew a pass interference call against the Browns. For the season Sanu has caught 16-for-146. Second-year pro Marvin Jones saw action for the fourth straight game in the Cleveland contest, and for the first time this season, he did not have a reception. Jones has caught seven-for-80 with a TD on the season, and also has a 14-yard rush. Brandon Tate played limited offensive snaps at Cleveland. He has no receptions on the season while serving as the team's primary kickoff and punt returner. Third-year pro Dane Sanzenbacher played his second game of the season in the Cleveland contest and had a six-yard reception. He was inactive (coaches' decision) for Games 1-2. Also playing his second game of the year in the Browns game was third-year pro Ryan Whalen, who saw action on special teams.

Tight ends: The tight ends had the three longest scrimmage gains of the game at Cleveland. Tyler Eifert had a 29-yard reception, and Jermaine Gresham had gains of 26 and 24. Gresham led the Bengals in receiving yards for the game with 53, on three receptions. His 24-yarder was a leaping grab to convert a third-and-13 early in the fourth quarter. For the season, Gresham has caught 18-for-181, both good for second on the team. Eifert caught three-for-39 at Cleveland, with his 29-yarder coming in the third quarter. Eifert has 12 catches

for 159 yards on the season. Ninth-year pro Alex Smith has appeared in all four games this season. He does not a reception, but he saw significant snaps on offense at Cleveland, including some in an H-back role.

Offensive linemen: The most established position in regard to starters on the current depth chart is OT, where 2012 season Pro Bowler Andrew Whitworth holds the No. 1 spot on the left side and re-signed free agent Andre Smith is No. 1 on the right. Whitworth has started the last three games at LOT, after missing all four preseason games and the season opener while rehabbing from offseason knee surgery. Whitworth has been a durable performer over his career, playing every game in six of his seven previous pro seasons. Smith was a major Bengals re-signing for 2013, allowing the team to concentrate on other positions early in the draft. He has started Games 1-4 at ROT. He's a solid pass protector and has the ability to gain recognition as one of the league's most powerful run-blockers. Cincinnati's interior line first-teamers have all started Games 1-4. Kevin Zeitler has started every game for the Bengals at RG since joining the team last season as a first-round draft choice. Zeitler left the Cleveland game in the second quarter with a foot injury but was able to return in the third quarter. The line did some shuffling in Zeitler's absence. Starting LG Clint Boling moved to RG, Whitworth moved from LOT to LG, and Anthony Collins entered the game to play LOT. Collins was inactive with a knee injury in Game 3 vs. Green Bay, but played in Games 1-2 with one start in Whitworth's absence. C Kyle Cook is back in a starting role to open a season after missing the first 12 games of last season with an ankle injury. Cook had entered '12 with a streak of 50 consecutive Bengals starts. Looking to build on a strong rookie season at C is second-year pro Trevor Robinson, who played 13 games with seven starts as a rookie. Robinson, from Notre Dame, proved a major pleasant surprise among the team's college free agent signees last year. Robinson has been active but has not played in the first four games. G Tanner Hawkinson, a rookie fifth-round draft pick from Kansas, has been active-DNP for Games 1 and 3 and inactive for Games 2 and 4. Mike Pollak, a sixth-year pro with 41 NFL starts, earned a roster spot at G but has been inactive the first four games with a knee injury. He may be cleared for New England. Pollak, in his first Bengals season, signed as an unrestricted free agent. OT Dennis Roland's contract was terminated on Sept. 25.

Defensive linemen: The Bengals defensive line became recognized last season as one of the NFL's best, and it returns largely intact for 2013, with potential new strength. The Bengals set a franchise record last season with 51 sacks, and 43 of those were contributed by the line. Following a four-sack performance against Green Bay, the line tallied three sacks of Brian Hoyer at Cleveland. The line is led by All-Pro DT Geno Atkins, whose 12.5 sacks total led all NFL interior linemen last season. Atkins logged 1.5 sacks at Cleveland: an eight yard shared sack in the third quarter, and a 10-yard sack on the first play of the fourth quarter. Atkins has 12 tackles, 2.5 sacks and seven QB pressures on the season. Cincinnati's other interior line starter is NT Domata Peko, a locker room leader who is back for his eighth season. Peko tallied seven tackles at Cleveland to lead the defensive line. On the season, Peko has 14 tackles and 1.5 sacks. He led the line last season in tackles (80), his fourth time to lead in the last five seasons. At DE, the Bengals present their greatest sack potential in many years, the ends have combined for five sacks through four games. Michael Johnson returns as the starting RDE after logging 11.5 sacks last season, second-most by a Bengal since 1983. He was designated as Cincinnati's franchise player for 2013. After a strong performance vs. Green Bay, which included forcing a fumble on the eventual game-winning play, Johnson was held in check at Cleveland. He recorded three tackles and a QB pressure. Johnson has a defensive-line leading 17 tackles, 1.5 sacks, a pass defended, a forced fumble and a team-high 13 QB pressures on the season. At LDE, fourth-year pro Carlos Dunlap hits 2013 on the heels of signing a five-year contract extension (through 2018). Dunlap recorded an eight-yard shared sack with

Atkins in the third quarter at Cleveland, as well as a four-yard sack in the fourth. He also had six tackles and two QB pressures. For the season, he has 16 tackles, three sacks, three passes defended, six QB pressures and a team-high four tackles-for-loss. Dunlap played in 14 games last year, with 6.0 sacks, and he led the team in combined fumbles forced and recovered (seven). Cincinnati's talent at DE goes still further, as sixth-year pro Wallace Gilberry returns after posting 6.5 sacks and three fumble recoveries last season. Gilberry was a major pleasant surprise last season after being picked up in September as a free agent. He recorded two tackles and a QB pressure at Cleveland. He has nine tackles, a shared sack and four QB pressures on the season. Seeing regular time in the interior line rotation are a pair of 2012 draft choices, Devon Still of Penn State and Brandon Thompson of Clemson. Thompson had three tackles at Cleveland and Still had one. Thompson has nine tackles for the year, and Still has two, plus a pass defended. Rookie DE Margus Hunt, from the northern European country of Estonia, has been inactive (coaches' decision) for the first four games of the season. Hunt never played football until finding the opportunity at Southern Methodist University, where he initially enrolled as a world-class track thrower. He blocked 17 kicks in his four-season SMU career, including an NCAA-record 10 field goals. Hunt played in all four preseason games.

Linebackers: WLB Vontaze Burfict tied for the team lead with 14 tackles at Cleveland, and he leads the team for the season with 52 stops. Burfict also logged his first QB pressure of the season at Cleveland. He had an interception on Sept. 8 at Chicago and has two passes defended on the season. Last year, he produced arguably the best rookie season in Bengals history by a college free agent, leading the team with 174 tackles. Burfict's 14-tackle effort at Cleveland was his second of the season, the highest game total by a Bengal this season, and MLB Rey Mauluga also had 14 tackles against the Browns. Mauluga re-signed with the Bengals for 2013 as an unrestricted free agent. He's second on the team in tackles for the season (46), and he was second on the team last season (152). The team has a major free agent addition in former Steeler James Harrison, a five-time Pro Bowl selection and former NFL Defensive Player of the Year. Harrison saw increased snaps at Cleveland and recorded four tackles, including one against RB Willis McGahee for a five-yard loss. Harrison has seven tackles on the season. Vincent Rey, a third-year pro in 2013, has played in Games 1-4 and has one tackle on defense and two special teams tackles. Rey played in every game last season and had 18 tackles on defense while ranking third in special teams tackles (12). One college free agent — Jayson DiManche of Northern Illinois — survived the roster cut to 53. DiManche has played in Games 1-4 and leads the special teams in tackles (three). DiManche had 16 preseason tackles, with one sack.

Defensive backs: The Bengals were down in numbers in the secondary for the Cleveland game, as starting CB Leon Hall, starting FS Reggie Nelson and reserve CB Dre Kirkpatrick all were inactive due to hamstring injuries. Their status for New England is uncertain. Adam Jones started in place of Hall at RCB and logged three tackles. Jones has played in all four games, including two additional starts as the third CB in a nickel formation, and he has 15 tackles, with a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Hall started the first three games and has 16 tackles with one INT and a team-leading six passes defended. Terence Newman started his fourth game in the Cleveland contest and tied for the secondary lead with six tackles. On the season, Newman leads the secondary in tackles (22, third on team) and has one INT with three total passes defended. Newman scored Cincinnati's winning TD on Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay, as he ran 58 yards in the fourth quarter with a ball originally recovered but subsequently fumbled by the Bengals. Now in his second season with the Bengals, Newman is the team's oldest player at age 35. He is tied for second on the team in passes defended (three). Kirkpatrick was inactive due to

the hamstring for the second straight game. He has played in two games, with one tackle on defense and one on special teams. Fourth-year CB Brandon Ghee saw his first action of the season in the Cleveland game, logging three tackles. Ghee had missed the first three games due to a concussion. First-year CB Chris Lewis-Harris, on the practice squad for Games 1-2, played in his second game in the Cleveland contest and had a special teams tackle. At FS, fourth-year pro Taylor Mays started in place of Nelson in the Cleveland game. Mays had four tackles, including a third-down stop of RB Chris Ogbonnaya that forced a punt. Mays has played in all four games and has 11 tackles. Nelson played in Games 1-3 before suffering his hamstring injury late in the Sept. 22 Green Bay game. Nelson has five tackles on the season, with one INT and one fumble recovery. Nelson had a hand in the winning TD play vs. Green Bay, recovering a Johnathan Franklin fumble at the Bengals 29 in the fourth quarter and returned six yards to the 35. Nelson then fumbled when hit by Packers TE Andrew Quarless, but Newman picked up Nelson's lost ball and raced 58 yards for a TD that put Cincinnati ahead by the final score of 34-30. Nelson's INT helped preserve the Game 2 victory over Pittsburgh. The top spot on the depth chart at SS is held by second-year pro George Iloka of Boise State, who had six tackles at Cleveland (tied for secondary lead) and two passes defended (led team). Iloka also made an alert play on special teams at Cleveland, covering an intentionally short Browns kickoff in the first quarter. Iloka has 16 tackles on the season, and he's tied for second on the team in passes defended. Also seeing action at S in the Cleveland game was 11th-year pro Chris Crocker, a former Bengal who was re-signed as a free agent on Sept. 25. Crocker had one tackle against the Browns. Rookie S Shawn Williams, a third-round draft pick from Georgia, has played in Games 1-4 on special teams and has one special teams tackle. Williams was a consistent producer over 54 career games at Georgia, where he was rated as one of the nation's elite secondary run-stuffers.

Special teams: The Bengals' specialist trio from last season returns. P Kevin Huber had a particularly outstanding 2012 campaign, setting club records for gross punting average (46.6 yards) and net average (42.0). The fifth-year pro also as qualified as the franchise career leader in gross (now 44.1) and net (now 39.0). Huber averaged only 38.8 yards on four punts at Cleveland, with a 37.0 net, but he had three inside-20 kicks and no touchbacks, forcing the Browns to start drives at their five, eight and nine-yard lines. For the season Huber is averaging 44.7 gross yards and 41.1 net, and he has seven inside-20s against one touchback. K Mike Nugent made both of his FG tries at Cleveland, from 25 and 43 yards. Nugent is four-for-five on FGs for the season, with his only miss coming from 52 yards. Nugent is nine-for-10 on PATs, having had a blocked PAT vs. Green Bay due to an apparent protection breakdown. In 2011, Nugent set club records for field goals (33) and points (132). He re-signed with Cincinnati this past offseason as an unrestricted free agent. On 18 kickoffs this season, Nugent has reached the end zone 15 times, with 10 going for touchbacks. LS Clark Harris has played in every Bengals game since joining the team in October of 2009, and he has had no unplayable snaps. His Bengals snap total through the Cleveland game is at 585 (316 punts and 269 placekicks). WR Brandon Tate averaged 20.0 yards on three kickoff returns at Cleveland. Tate is averaging 23.5 yards on eight returns for the season. SS George Iloka was credited with a kickoff return for no yards at Cleveland, as he covered a kickoff that was hit directly at him at the Bengals 47-yard line. Tate averaged 7.5 yards on two punt returns at Cleveland and is averaging 6.0 yards on six returns for the season. CB Adam Jones has two punt returns for an average of 9.5 yards. Jones' punt return duty has been limited due to the team's need for him to play on defense as well, but Jones has five career punt returns for TDs, including one last year for Cincinnati. Among active players, only Chicago's Devin Hester has more punt return TDs (12). On coverage teams, rookie LB Jayson DiManche was among five players with a tackle at Cleveland, and DiManche leads the special units for the year in tackles (three).

IMPORTANT DATES

2013		
Oct. 15	— Beginning the day after the conclusion of the sixth regular-season weekend and continuing through the day after the conclusion of the eleventh 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 until 4 p.m. Eastern, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period.	Nov. 29 — If such players remain unsigned, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2013.
Oct. 29	— All trading ends at 4 p.m. Eastern.	Nov. 29 — Deadline for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.
Oct. 30	— Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.	Dec. 27 — Deadline for waiver requests in 2013, except for “special waiver requests,” which have a 10-day claiming period, with termination or assignment delayed until after the Super Bowl.
Nov. 12	— Signing period ends at 4 p.m. Eastern, for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive Offer Sheets.	Dec. 30 — Clubs may begin signing free-agent players for the 2014 season.
Nov. 12	— Deadline for clubs to sign by 4 p.m. Eastern, 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 2013.	
Nov. 12	— Deadline for clubs to sign by 4 p.m. Eastern, their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom June 1 tender was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2013.	
Nov. 12	— Deadline for clubs to sign by 4 p.m. Eastern, their Restricted Free Agents to whom June 1 tender was made. If such players remain unsigned, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2013.	
Nov. 12	— Deadline for clubs to sign Drafted players by 4 p.m. Eastern.	
2014		
		Jan. 4-5 — Wild Card Playoff Games.
		Jan. 11-12 — Divisional Playoff Games.
		Jan. 19 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
		Jan. 26 — Pro Bowl, Honolulu, Hawaii.
		Feb. 2 — Super Bowl XLVIII, MetLife Stadium, New York-New Jersey.
2015		
		Feb. 1 — Super Bowl XLIX, University of Phoenix Stadium, Glendale, Arizona.
2016		
		Feb. 7* — Super Bowl L, Levi's Stadium, San Francisco.
2017		
		Feb. 5* — Super Bowl LI, Reliant Stadium, Houston.

* NOTE: Date is tentative.

MEDIA SCHEDULE

Tues., Oct. 1	— Players' off day; No media access.	3:15-4 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 2	— Conference call from New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick at 9:20 a.m.; Locker room open from 10:55 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 10:55 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Conference call from New England Patriots WR Julian Edelman at 12:30 p.m.; 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.	Tues., Oct. 8 — Players' off day; No media access.
Thurs., Oct. 3	— Locker room open from 11-11:45 a.m.; 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.	Wed., Oct. 9 — Locker room open from 10:55 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 10:55 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 Buffalo Bills TBD.
Fri., Oct. 4	— Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; Practice open to media from 11-11:30 a.m., but no video or still cameras; Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance.	Thurs., Oct. 10 — Locker room open from 11-11:45 a.m.; 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.
Sat., Oct. 5	— No media access.	Fri., Oct. 11 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; Practice open to media from 11-11:30 a.m., but no video or still cameras; Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance.
Sun., Oct. 6	— Game 5, Bengals vs. New England at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m.	Sat., Oct. 12 — No media access; Team travels to Cleveland.
Mon., Oct. 7	— Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open	Sun., Oct. 13 — Game 6, Bengals at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
		Mon., Oct. 14 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3-4:15 p.m.

THE LAST BENGALS-PATRIOTS MEETINGS

2007 SEASON

WEEK 4, GAME 4

New England Patriots 34, Cincinnati Bengals 13
Monday night, Oct. 1, 2007 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals dropped their third straight game after winning the season opener, falling to a New England juggernaut that rose to 4-0 on the season with an average winning margin of 25 points per game. The Bengals hung in through nearly three quarters, but the Patriots pulled away by dominating key plays. New England went seven-for-12 on third-down conversions while the Bengals were zero-for-7. The Bengals trailed 17-7 late in the second quarter and were driving to close the gap to 17-14, but the Patriots made a key stop when CB Asante Samuel intercepted a QB Carson Palmer pass intended for WR Chad Johnson at the New England two-yard line. Bengals WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh had double-figure catches (10) and triple-digit receiving yards (100) for the second straight week, and he emerged from Week 4 play as the NFL's receptions leader (39) for the second straight week.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
New England.....	10	7	7	10	—	34
Cincinnati.....	0	7	3	3	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 31 field goal.....	1-10:34
N.E. — M.Vrabel 1 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	1-0:51
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 1 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	2-10:59
N.E. — R.Moss 7 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	2-4:11
N.E. — S.Morris 7 run (S.Gostkowski kick).....	3-7:55
Cin. — S.Graham 40 field goal.....	3-4:10
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 36 field goal.....	4-13:03
Cin. — S.Graham 48 field goal.....	4-9:04
N.E. — R.Moss 14 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	4-3:18

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 66,113. Time: 2:52.

TEAM STATISTICS	N.E.	CIN.
First downs.....	25	17
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-12	0-7
Total net yards.....	404	283
Net yards rushing.....	173	57
Net yards passing.....	231	226
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	32-25-1	35-21-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	1-8
Punts-average.....	1-38.0	4-42.0
Punt returns-yards.....	2-16	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-103	6-129
Penalties-yards.....	3-20	8-65
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	37:24	22:36

RUSHING

N.E.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
S.Morris	21	117	49	1	K.Watson	13	55	16	0
W.Welker	1	27	27	0	J.Johnson	1	3	3	0
K.Faulk	3	22	14	0	T.Houshmandzadeh	1	-1	-1	0
K.Eckel	3	11	6	0					
H.Evans	2	1	1	0					
T.Brady	2	-2	-1	0					
M.Cassel	2	-3	-1	0					
TOTALS	34	173	49	1	TOTALS	15	57	16	0

PASSING

N.E.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
T.Brady	32	25	231	3-1	C.Palmer	35	21	234	1-2
TOTALS	32	25	231	3-1	TOTALS	35	21	234	1-2

RECEIVING

N.E.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
R.Moss	9	102	20	2	T.Houshmandzadeh	10	100	23	1
D.Stallworth	4	49	23	0	C.Johnson	3	53	21	0
K.Faulk	3	39	23	0	A.Chatman	3	28	12	0
W.Welker	3	22	11	0	R.Kelly	2	41	21	0
S.Morris	2	15	18	0	K.Watson	2	8	6	0
B.Watson	2	12	7	0	J.Johnson	1	4	4	0
M.Vrabel	1	1	1t	1					
L.Mankins	1	-9	-9	0					
TOTALS	25	231	23	3	TOTALS	21	234	23	1

DEFENSE

New England (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Thomas 3-2-5, A.Samuel 4-0-4, R.Gay 4-0-4, T.Warren 3-1-4, B.Meriweather 3-0-3, E.Wilson 3-0-3, J.Green 1-2-3, J.Seau 1-2-3, E.Hobbs 2-0-2, J.Sanders 2-0-2, R.Baker 2-0-2, M.Vrabel 1-1-2, M.Wright 1-0-1, T.Bruschi 0-1-1, V.Wilfork 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Green 0.5-4, A.Thomas 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: A.Samuel 1-1, R.Gay 1-0. PD: A.Samuel 2, T.Bruschi 1, R.Gay 1, E.Hobbs 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: M.Williams 8-1-9, J.Smith 6-2-8, L.Johnson 5-2-7, R.Geathers 4-3-7, J.Joseph 3-3-6, Dh.Jones 3-2-5, C.Ndukwe 4-0-4, D.Jackson 3-1-4, D.O'Neal 3-1-4, A.Schlegel 2-1-3, D.Peko 0-3-3, J.Thornton 0-3-3, L.Hall 1-1-2, H.Jones 1-1-2, B.Robinson 0-2-2, M.Myers 0-1-1, F.Rucker 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: L.Hall 1-2. PD: L.Hall 1, J.Joseph 1, J.Smith 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

2010 SEASON

WEEK 1, GAME 1

New England Patriots 38, Cincinnati Bengals 24
Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010 at Gillette Stadium

The Bengals racked up 428 net offensive yards, outgaining New England by more than 50 yards, but most of them came too late to affect the decision. The Patriots rolled to a 24-3 halftime lead and made it 31-3 on WR Brandon Tate's 97-yard kickoff return to open the second half. Bengals QB Carson Palmer passed for 345 yards, his most since Game 2 of 2007, but his TD passes to TE Jermaine Gresham and WR Chad Johnson were offset by a 59-yard INT return for a TD by New England LB Gary Guyton. With 53 receiving yards, Bengals WR Terrell Owens became the third receiver in NFL history to pass 15,000 yards. Johnson had 12 receptions (tying his career high) for 159 yards, and he became the first Bengal to pass the 10,000 mark in receiving yards.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	3	14	7	—	24
New England.....	10	14	7	7	—	38

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
N.E. — W.Welker 9 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	1-9:47
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 32 field goal.....	1:2-29
N.E. — W.Welker 4 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	2-8:58
N.E. — G.Guyton 59 interception return (S.Gostkowski kick).....	2-5:38
Cin. — M.Nugent 54 field goal.....	2-1:14
N.E. — B.Tate 97 kickoff return (S.Gostkowski kick).....	3-14:48
Cin. — J.Gresham 1 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick).....	3-7:54
Cin. — C.Johnson 28 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick).....	3-0:22
N.E. — R.Gronkowski 1 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	4-7:41
Cin. — C.Benson 1 run (M.Nugent kick).....	4-3:57

Missed FGs: S.Gostkowski (47WL, 56WR). Attendance: 68,756. Time: 3:06.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	N.E.
First downs.....	26	20
Third down conversions-attempts.....	8-15	9-13
Total net yards.....	428	376
Net yards rushing.....	87	118
Net yards passing.....	341	258
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	50-34-1	35-25-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-4	0-0
Punts-average.....	3-46.3	1-43.0
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	1-4
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-70	4-184
Penalties-yards.....	2-5	6-30
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	31:50	28:10

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	N.E.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	15	43	10	1	F.Taylor	14	71	24	0
B.Scott	6	35	9	0	K.Faulk	3	23	11	0
C.Palmer	4	9	7	0	B.Green-Ellis	5	22	7	0
					S.Morris	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	25	87	10	1	TOTALS	23	118	24	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	N.E.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	50	34	345	2-1	T.Brady	35	25	258	3-0
TOTALS	50	34	345	2-1	TOTALS	35	25	258	3-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	N.E.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Johnson	12	159	28t	1	W.Welker	8	64	12	2
T.Owens	7	53	14	0	R.Moss	5	59	32	0
J.Gresham	6	25	8	1	K.Faulk	4	47	21	0
J.Shiple	5	82	51	0	B.Tate	4	36	20	0
B.Scott	3	15	9	0	F.Taylor	2	6	7	0
C.Benson	1	11	11	0	A.Hernandez	1	45	45	0
					R.Gronkowski	1	1	1t	1
TOTALS	34	345	51	2	TOTALS	25	258	45	3

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Jones 8-5-13, K.Rivers 3-6-9, J.Joseph 7-0-7, D.Peko 5-1-6, R.Williams 4-1-5, A.Jones 4-0-4, C.Crocker 2-2-4, L.Hall 1-3-4, B.Johnson 2-1-3, R.Mauluga 2-1-3, J.Fanene 1-1-2, A.Odom 1-1-2, R.Geathers 0-2-2, F.Rucker 1-0-1, C.Ndukwe 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Crocker 1, L.Hall 1, K.Rivers 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

New England (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: P.Chung 12-4-16, J.Mayo 8-5-13, D.Butler 8-0-8, J.Wilhite 6-0-6, B.Meriweather 3-3-6, J.Sanders 4-1-5, D.McCourty 4-0-4, T.Banta-Cain 2-2-4, V.Wilfork 2-1-3, R.Ninkovich 1-2-3, B.Spikes 1-2-3, G.Guyton 1-1-2, M.Pryor 0-2-2, R.Brace 1-0-1, M.Murrell 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Banta-Cain 0.5-2, M.Pryor 0.5-2. INT.-YDS.: G.Guyton 1-59. PD: D.Butler 1, G.Guyton 1, D.McCourty 1, B.Spikes 1, V.Wilfork 1, J.Wilhite 1. FF: J.Sanders 1. FR-YDS.: R.Ninkovich 1-0.

2013 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Chicago Bears 24, Cincinnati Bengals 21 Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013 at Soldier Field

The Bengals were on the wrong end of the seesaw at the conclusion of their season opener. Cincinnati rose to a 21-10 third-quarter lead after trailing 7-0, but the Bears came back to get the last two scores on TD drives of 80 yards in the third quarter and 81 yards in the fourth. The Bengals lost after leading through three quarters for only the 13th time in 75 opponent opportunities under head coach Marvin Lewis. The Bengals were burdened by a minus-two turnover differential. Bengals WR A.J. Green had nine receptions for 162 yards and two TDs, and he also drew a 34-yard pass interference penalty. His yardage total was the highest in Bengals history for a receiver in a season opener. Bengals QB Andy Dalton posted a 97.2 passer rating, and would have topped 100 had one well-thrown ball not been deflected of Green's hands for a Chicago INT.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Chi. — M.Bennett 8 pass from J.Cutler (R.Gould kick).....	1-9:52
Cin. — A.Green 2 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	1-2:34
Cin. — A.Green 45 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	2-2:53
Chi. — R.Gould 58 field goal.....	2-0:11
Cin. — B.Green-Ellis 5 run (M.Nugent kick).....	3-7:52
Chi. — M.Forte 1 run (R.Gould kick).....	3-3:22
Chi. — B.Marshall 19 pass from J.Cutler (R.Gould kick).....	4-7:58

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 62,213. Time: 2:54.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CHI.
First downs.....	18	17
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-11	6-14
Total net yards.....	340	323
Net yards rushing.....	63	81
Net yards passing.....	277	242
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	33-26-2	33-21-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-5	0-0
Punts-average.....	4-48.3	5-46.4
Punt returns-yards.....	1-13	2-1
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	1-31
Penalties-yards.....	8-84	4-59
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	28:30	31:30

RUSHING									
CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CHI.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Green-Ellis	14	25	10	1	M.Forte	19	50	9	1
G.Bernard	4	22	7	0	J.Cutler	3	16	18	0
M.Jones	1	14	14	0	M.Bush	6	15	7	0
A.Dalton	2	2	3	0	TOTALS	28	81	18	1
TOTALS	21	63	14	1					

PASSING									
CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CHI.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	33	26	282	2-2	J.Cutler	33	21	242	2-1
TOTALS	33	26	282	2-2	TOTALS	33	21	242	2-1

RECEIVING									
CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CHI.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	9	162	45t	2	B.Marshall	8	104	38	1
T.Eifert	5	47	17	0	A.Jeffery	5	42	18	0
J.Gresham	5	35	12	0	M.Forte	4	41	24	0
M.Sanu	4	19	8	0	M.Bennett	3	49	30	1
G.Bernard	1	8	8	0	E.Bennett	1	6	5	0
M.Jones	1	7	7	0					
B.Green-Ellis	1	4	4	0	TOTALS	21	242	38	2
TOTALS	26	282	45t	2					

DEFENSE
Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Burfict 8-6-14, R.Mauluga 6-3-9, L.Hall 6-1-7, M.Johnson 2-3-5, G.Iloka 3-1-4, T.Newman 3-1-4, A.Jones 3-0-3, J.Harrison 2-1-3, T.Mays 2-1-3, G.Atkins 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, D.Peko 2-0-2, R.Nelson 1-0-1, B.Thompson 1-0-1, R.Geathers 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: V.Burfict 1-12. PD: L.Hall 2, V.Burfict 1, C.Dunlap 1, D.Still 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.
Chicago (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: T.Jennings 6-2-8, C.Tillman 5-2-7, L.Briggs 4-3-7, M.Wright 3-4-7, S.Paea 2-4-6, Ja.Anderson 3-2-5, I.Frey 3-1-4, S.McClellin 2-2-4, D.Williams 1-2-3, C.Wootton 0-2-2, C.Conte 1-0-1, N.Collins 0-1-1, H.Melton 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.McClellin 0.5-2.5, S.Paea 0.5-2.5. INT.-YDS.: C.Tillman 2-41. PD: Ja.Anderson 2, C.Tillman 2, L.Briggs 1. FF: T.Jennings 2. FR-YDS.: T.Jennings 1-0.

WEEK 2, GAME 2

Cincinnati Bengals 20, Pittsburgh Steelers 10 Monday, Sept. 16, 2013 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals emerged from an unsteady first half and rolled from a 10-10 intermission tie to a convincing win over the Steelers. During the third quarter and the early fourth quarter, while the Bengals were going from the 10-10 tie to their 20-10 lead, they gained 168 offensive yards while holding the Steelers to a net of minus-two. Rookie HB Giovani Bernard scored both Cincinnati TDs, on a seven-yard run in the first quarter and on a 27-yard reception in the third period. The Cincinnati defense, led by LBs Rey Mauluga (12 tackles) and Vontaze Burfict (11), held the Steelers to 44 rushing yards, Pittsburgh's lowest total against the Bengals since 26 on Sept. 19, 1982. The Bengals improved to 1-1, while the Steelers fell to 0-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh.....	3	7	0	0	—	10
Cincinnati.....	7	3	7	3	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — S.Suisham 44 field goal.....	1-10:42
Cin. — G.Bernard 7 run (M.Nugent kick).....	1-0:57
Cin. — M.Nugent 41 field goal.....	2-13:16
Pitt. — D.Moye 1 pass from B.Roethlisberger (S.Suisham kick).....	2-1:54
Cin. — G.Bernard 27 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-6:08
Cin. — M.Nugent 25 field goal.....	4-7:51

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 64,585. Time: 3:09.

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT.	CIN.
First downs.....	14	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-12	7-17
Total net yards.....	278	407
Net yards rushing.....	44	127
Net yards passing.....	234	280
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	37-20-1	45-25-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-17	0-0
Punts-average.....	7-46.6	7-46.6
Punt returns-yards.....	2-37	5-27
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-54	1-17
Penalties-yards.....	3-29	9-84
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	24:26	35:34

RUSHING									
PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
F.Jones	10	37	14	0	B.Green-Ellis	22	75	14	0
B.Roethlisberger	1	6	6	0	G.Bernard	8	38	8	1
I.Redman	3	4	2	0	A.Dalton	3	10	4	0
J.Dwyer	1	2	2	0	M.Sanu	1	4	4	0
J.Cotchery	1	-5	-5	0	TOTALS	34	127	14	1
TOTALS	16	44	14	0					

PASSING									
PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Roethlisberger	37	20	251	1-1	A.Dalton	45	25	280	1-0
TOTALS	37	20	251	1-1	TOTALS	45	25	280	1-0

RECEIVING									
PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Brown	6	57	18	0	J.Gresham	6	66	26	0
E.Sanders	5	78	43	0	A.Green	6	41	10	0
J.Cotchery	3	59	31	0	M.Sanu	5	40	14	0
D.Paulson	3	49	34	0	T.Eifert	3	66	61	0
I.Redman	2	7	6	0	M.Jones	3	35	16	0
D.Moye	1	1	1t	1	G.Bernard	1	27	27t	1
					B.Green-Ellis	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	20	251	43	1	TOTALS	25	280	61	1

DEFENSE
Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: T.Polamalu 4-5-9, L.Timmons 4-4-8, R.Clark 4-3-7, V.Williams 4-3-7, J.Jones 6-0-6, I.Taylor 6-0-6, E.Hood 4-2-6, W.Gay 4-1-5, S.Thomas 3-1-4, K.Wilson 2-2-4, L.Woodley 2-1-3, B.Keisel 1-2-3, S.McLendon 0-2-2, J.Worlids 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Heyward 2, B.Keisel 1, T.Polamalu 1, I.Taylor 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.
Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Mauluga 8-4-12, V.Burfict 5-6-11, T.Newman 5-1-6, A.Jones 5-0-5, L.Hall 2-3-5, W.Gilberry 1-2-3, G.Iloka 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 1-1-2, M.Johnson 1-1-2, T.Mays 1-1-2, D.Peko 1-1-2, B.Thompson 0-2-2. SKS.-YDS.: G.Atkins 1-11, C.Dunlap 0.5-3, D.Peko 0.5-3. INT.-YDS.: R.Nelson 1-0. PD: T.Newman 2, L.Hall 1, R.Nelson 1. FF: A.Jones 1. FR-YDS.: A.Jones 1-0.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

Cincinnati Bengals 34, Green Bay Packers 30 Sunday, Sept. 22, 2013 at Paul Brown Stadium

In one of the wilder games of the Bengals' 46-season annals, Cincinnati led 14-0, only to trail 30-14, only to come back for a four-point win. Cincinnati became the first NFL team since Dallas in 1999 (at Washington) to give up 30 or more unanswered points in a contest and win. The Packers appeared close to holding on for a victory near the four-minute mark of the fourth quarter, when they led 30-27 and gained an apparent first down at the Cincinnati 29-yard line. But Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis challenged the play, and a reversal put Green Bay facing fourth-and-one at the 30. On fourth-and-one, not only was RB Johnathan Franklin stopped for no gain by DE Michael Johnson, Johnson forced a fumble that S Reggie Nelson returned six yards to the 35. Then Nelson fumbled, hit by TE Andrew Quarless, but Bengals CB Terence Newman recovered at the Cincinnati 42 and ran 58 yards untouched to the end zone. The Packers drove to a first down at the Cincinnati 25 with 1:40 remaining, but Packers QB Aaron Rodgers managed only a five-yard completion and three incompletions on the next four plays. The Bengals improved to 2-1, while Green Bay fell to 1-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Green Bay 0, 16, 14, 0, 30. Cincinnati 14, 0, 7, 13, 34.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR., LEFT. Includes plays like G. Bernard 3 run, B. Green-Ellis 2 run, M. Crosby 41 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: M.Nugent (52WL). Attendance: 64,633. Time: 3:17.

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

RUSHING table with columns G.B., CIN. Includes J. Franklin, J. Starks, A. Rodgers, etc.

PASSING table with columns G.B., CIN. Includes A. Rodgers, etc.

RECEIVING table with columns G.B., CIN. Includes J. Nelson, R. Cobb, J. Jones, etc.

DEFENSE

Green Bay (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: B.Jones 9-2-11, A.Hawk 6-3-9, T.Williams 3-3-6, M.Jennings 3-1-4, S.Shields 3-1-4, N.Perry 2-1-3, C.Banjo 2-0-2, M.Daniels 2-0-2, C.Matthews 2-0-2, M.Hyde 1-1-2, D.House 1-0-1, J.Jolly 1-0-1, R.Pickett 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Williams 1-8, C.Matthews 1-5, M.Jennings 1-4, M.Daniels 1-3. INT.-YDS.: S.Shields 1-1. PD: J.McMillian 1, R.Pickett 1, S.Shields 1. FF: C.Matthews 2, B.Jones 1. FR-YDS.: M.Jennings 1-24, B.Jones 1-3, A.Hawk 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) - ST-AT-TT: V.Burfict 10-3-13, R.Mauluga 9-2-11, M.Johnson 5-2-7, T.Newman 6-0-6, C.Dunlap 5-0-5, A.Jones 4-0-4, L.Hall 3-1-4, W.Gilberry 2-2-4, D.Peko 3-0-3, G.Iloka 2-1-3, R.Nelson 1-2-3, G.Atkins 0-3-3, B.Thompson 0-3-3, T.Mays 2-0-2, D.Still 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Johnson 1.5-9, C.Dunlap 1-8, D.Peko 1-6, W.Gilberry 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: T.Newman 1-9, L.Hall 1-0. PD: L.Hall 3, C.Dunlap 2, G.Iloka 1, M.Johnson 1, T.Newman 1. FF: M.Johnson 1. FR-YDS.: R.Nelson 1-6.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

Cleveland Browns 17, Cincinnati Bengals 6 Sunday, Sept. 29, 2013 at FirstEnergy Stadium

The Bengals gave up a 12-play, 95-yard TD drive to the Browns in the first quarter and trailed the rest of the way. They failed to score a TD for the first time since Game 3 of 2011. Cincinnati appeared on the verge of taking a 10-7 lead with just over six minutes left in the second quarter, enjoying a first down at the Cleveland 16-yard line, but the Browns forced a fourth-down-and-one try from their seven and stuffed HB BenJarvus Green-Ellis for a two-yard loss. The play was emblematic of missed Bengals opportunities, as Cincinnati converted only one of three fourth-down tries and four of 14 on third down. The Browns were the team that made plays when it counted most, hitting a more than respectable 50 percent on third-down tries (nine-of-18) and outgaining Cincinnati 336-266 in net yards. The Browns, who had the usually crucial edge in turnover differential (plus-two), put the game on ice with a 91-yard TD drive in the fourth quarter. Both teams exited the contest, the 80th renewal of the "Battle of Ohio," with 2-2 records.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati 0, 3, 3, 0, 6. Cleveland 7, 0, 3, 7, 17.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR., LEFT. Includes plays like J.Cameron 2 pass from B.Hoyer, M.Nugent 25 field goal, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: . Time: .

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN., CLE. Includes First downs, Third down conversions-attempts, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., CLE. Includes G. Bernard, B. Green-Ellis, A. Dalton, etc.

PASSING table with columns CIN., CLE. Includes A. Dalton, B. Hoyer, etc.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., CLE. Includes A. Green, G. Bernard, J. Gresham, etc.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) - ST-AT-TT: V.Burfict 8-6-14, R.Mauluga 6-8-14, D.Peko 3-4-7, G.Iloka 5-1-6, C.Dunlap 4-2-6, T.Newman 4-2-6, G.Atkins 2-3-5, J.Harrison 3-1-4, T.Mays 3-1-4, B.Thompson 3-0-3, B.Ghee 2-1-3, A.Jones 1-2-3, M.Johnson 0-3-3, W.Gilberry 1-1-2, C.Crocker 1-0-1, V.Rey 1-0-1, D.Still 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: G.Atkins 1.5-14, C.Dunlap 1.5-8. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: G.Iloka 2, V.Burfict 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cleveland (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Jackson 7-3-10, C.Robertson 5-4-9, T.Gipson 3-3-6, T.Ward 4-1-5, J.Haden 4-0-4, A.Rubin 4-0-4, B.Mingo 3-1-4, D.Bryant 0-4-4, C.Owens 2-0-2, B.Skrine 2-0-2, P.Taylor 2-0-2, P.Kruger 0-2-2. SKS.-YDS.: C.Owens 1-2, B.Mingo 1-1. INT.-YDS.: B.Skrine 1-5. PD: T.Gipson 3, B.Skrine 3, J.Haden 2, D.Jackson 1, P.Kruger 1. FF: C.Owens 1. FR-YDS.: C.Owens 1-0.

THE BENGALS ARE:

IN 2013

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

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

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS (2003-PRESENT; REGULAR SEASON)

46-35-1 at home
35-47-0 on the road
54-27-1 when scoring first
27-55-0 when opponent scores first
15-16-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
41-39-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
54-22-1 when leading at halftime
9-2-0 when tied at halftime
18-58-0 when trailing at halftime
62-13-1 when leading after three quarters
6-4-0 when tied after three quarters
13-65-0 when trailing after three quarters
54-30-0 when rushing for 100 net yards

50-20-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
51-13-1 with plus turnover differential
19-16-0 with even turnover differential
11-53-0 with minus turnover differential
25-27-0 when passing for 250 net yards
21-28-1 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
64-31-0 when scoring 20 points or more
27-72-0 when opponent scores 20 points or more
78-76-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
3-6-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
32-28-0 on natural grass
49-54-1 on synthetic surface
43-43-1 with fewer penalty yards

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

75 — BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh
50 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay
38 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

22 — BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh
14 — BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Sept. 8 at Chicago
10 — (three times)

LONGEST RUSHES

17 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay
14 — Marvin Jones, Sept. 8 at Chicago
14 — BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh

RECEPTIONS

9 — A.J. Green, Sept. 8 at Chicago
7 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 at Cleveland
6 — (three times)

RECEIVING YARDS

162 — A.J. Green, Sept. 8 at Chicago
68 — Mohamed Sanu, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay
66 — (two times)

PASSING YARDS

282 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 8 at Chicago
280 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh
235 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay

PASS ATTEMPTS

45 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh
42 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 29 at Cleveland
33 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 8 at Chicago

PASS COMPLETIONS

26 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 8 at Chicago
25 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh
23 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 29 at Cleveland

LONGEST PASSES

61 — Andy Dalton to Tyler Eifert, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh
45 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Sept. 8 at Chicago (TD)
42 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Sept. 8 at Chicago

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

162 — A.J. Green, Sept. 8 at Chicago
99 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay
80 — BenJarvus Green-Ellis, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

32 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay
30 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay
27 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

14 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 16 vs. Pittsburgh
13 — Adam Jones, Sept. 8 at Chicago
10 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 29 at Cleveland

TOTAL TACKLES*

14 — Vontaze Burfict, Sept. 8 at Chicago
14 — Vontaze Burfict, Sept. 29 at Cleveland
14 — Rey Mauuluga, Sept. 29 at Cleveland

SOLO TACKLES*

10 — Vontaze Burfict, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay
9 — Rey Mauuluga, Sept. 22 vs. Green Bay
8 — (three times)

*NOTE: The defensive statistics above were compiled by Bengals coaches while reviewing game film and thus may differ from those listed in the statistics books produced at the games.

GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 8	at Chicago	340	21-63	277	26-33	2/2	1-5	18	7-11	2-1	28:30
Sept. 16	PITTSBURGH	407	34-127	280	25-45	1/0	0-0	22	7-17	0-0	35:34
Sept. 22	GREEN BAY	297	24-82	215	20-28	2/1	4-20	19	4-11	5-3	28:09
Sept. 29	at Cleveland	266	20-63	203	23-42	0/1	2-3	16	4-14	2-1	28:51
Oct. 6	NEW ENGLAND										
Oct. 13	at Buffalo										
Oct. 20	at Detroit										
Oct. 27	N.Y. JETS										
Oct. 31	at Miami										
Nov. 10	at Baltimore										
Nov. 17	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 24	— BYE —										
Dec. 1	at San Diego										
Dec. 8	INDIANAPOLIS										
Dec. 15	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 22	MINNESOTA										
Dec. 29	BALTIMORE										
2013 TOTALS		1310	99-335	975	94-148	5/4	7-28	75	22-53	9-5	30:16

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 8	at Chicago	323	28-81	242	21-33	2/1	0-0	17	6-14	0-0	31:30
Sept. 16	PITTSBURGH	278	16-44	234	20-37	1/1	2-17	14	3-12	1-1	24:26
Sept. 22	GREEN BAY	399	30-182	217	26-43	1/2	4-27	27	4-13	2-2	31:51
Sept. 29	at Cleveland	336	30-89	247	25-38	2/0	3-22	18	9-18	0-0	31:09
Oct. 6	NEW ENGLAND										
Oct. 13	at Buffalo										
Oct. 20	at Detroit										
Oct. 27	N.Y. JETS										
Oct. 31	at Miami										
Nov. 10	at Baltimore										
Nov. 17	CLEVELAND										
Nov. 24	— BYE —										
Dec. 1	at San Diego										
Dec. 8	INDIANAPOLIS										
Dec. 15	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 22	MINNESOTA										
Dec. 29	BALTIMORE										
2013 TOTALS		1336	104-396	940	92-151	6/4	9-66	76	22-57	3-3	29:44

TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS FROM 6-19-12 THROUGH 6-12-13 ARE IN BENGALS 2013 MEDIA GUIDE)

<p>June 12, 2013 — Waived S Robert Sands.</p> <p>July 10, 2013 — Terminated the contract of DE Jamaal Anderson.</p> <p>July 15, 2013 — Signed TE Tyler Eifert (D1).</p> <p>July 16, 2013 — Signed DE Carlos Dunlap* to a contract extension.</p> <p>July 22, 2013 — Terminated the contract of G Travelle Wharton.</p> <p>Aug. 1, 2013 — Signed WR Jheranie Boyd (FA); Acquired OT Jason Weaver on waivers from Tampa Bay.</p> <p>Aug. 2, 2013 — Signed DT Vaughn Meatoga (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 7, 2013 — Waived DT Larry Black (injured).</p> <p>Aug. 8, 2013 — DT Larry Black cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 10, 2013 — Signed G Otis Hudson (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 18, 2013 — Terminated the contract of LB Aaron Maybin; Waived WR Tyrone Goard and CB Troy Stoudermire.</p> <p>Aug. 25, 2013 — Terminated the contract of TE Richard Quinn; Waived WR Jheranie Boyd, CB Terrence Brown, LB Jordan Campbell, DT Vaughn Meatoga and K/P Quinn Sharp.</p> <p>Aug. 27, 2013 — Placed LB Sean Porter on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed FB Chris Pressley and QB Zac Robinson on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Waived G Otis Hudson, LB Brandon Joiner (injured) and OT Jason Weaver.</p> <p>Aug. 28, 2013 — LB Brandon Joiner cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2013 — Placed DE DeQuin Evans on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2013 — Placed HB Bernard Scott on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Placed LB Emmanuel Lamur on the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contract of OT Dennis Roland; Waived the following 18 players: FB John Conner, TE/LS Bryce Davis, S Tony Dye, OT Reid Fragel,</p>	<p>WR Cobi Hamilton, HB Daniel Herron, C T.J. Johnson, CB Chris Lewis-Harris, CB Oterio McCalebb, DE Dontay Moch, CB Shaun Prater, WR Taveon Rogers, WR Roy Roundtree, LB J.K. Schaffer, QB John Skelton, DT Terrence Stephens, G John Sullen and LB Bruce Taylor.</p> <p>Sept. 1, 2013 — Signed the following seven players to the practice squad: OT Reid Fragel, WR Cobi Hamilton, HB Daniel Herron, C T.J. Johnson, CB Chris Lewis-Harris, CB Oterio McCalebb and LB J.K. Schaffer.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2013 — Signed DT Geno Atkins* to a contract extension.</p> <p>Sept. 4, 2013 — Placed WR Andrew Hawkins on the Reserve/Injured list (designated for possible return); Re-signed OT Dennis Roland (FA); Signed QB Greg McElroy (FA) to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 16, 2013 — Signed LB J.K. Schaffer from the practice squad; Waived S Jeromy Miles.</p> <p>Sept. 17, 2013 — Terminated the contract of HB Bernard Scott (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list).</p> <p>Sept. 18, 2013 — Re-signed S Jeromy Miles (FA); Signed CB Curtis Marsh (FA); Placed DE Robert Geathers on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived LB J.K. Schaffer.</p> <p>Sept. 19, 2013 — Signed LB J.K. Schaffer to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 21, 2013 — Signed CB Chris Lewis-Harris from practice squad; Waived S Jeromy Miles.</p> <p>Sept. 24, 2013 — Signed S Tony Dye to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 25, 2013 — Signed S Chris Crocker; Terminated the contract of OT Dennis Roland.</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
 * — eligible to practice with a roster exemption
 ^ — reserve/injured player designated for return
 NWT — not with team

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @Chi.	2 PITT.	3 G.B.	4 @Cle.	5 N.E.	6 @Buff.	7 @Det.	8 NYJ	9 @Mia.	10 @Balt.	11 CLE.	12 @S.D.	13 IND.	14 @Pitt.	15 MINN.	16 BALT.
Atkins, Geno.....	4-4	DT	DT	DT	DT												
Bernard, Giovanni.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Black, Larry.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI												
Boling, Clint.....	4-4	LG	LG	LG	LG												
Burfict, Vontaze.....	4-4	WLB	LB	LB	WLB												
Burkhead, Rex.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL												
Charles, Orson.....	3-0	P	IL	P	P												
Collins, Anthony.....	3-1	LOT	P	IL	P												
Cook, Kyle.....	4-4	C	C	C	C												
Crocker, Chris.....	1-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	P												
Dalton, Andy.....	4-4	QB	QB	QB	QB												
DiManche, Jayson.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Dunlap, Carlos.....	4-4	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE												
Dye, Tony.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS												
Eifert, Tyler.....	4-4	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE												
Evans, DeQuin.....	0-0	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC												
Fragel, Reid.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS												
Geathers, Robert.....	2-0	P	P	RI	RI												
Ghee, Brandon.....	1-0	IL	IL	IL	P												
Gilberry, Wallace.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Green, A.J.....	4-4	WR	WR	WR	WR												
Green-Ellis, BenJarvus.....	4-4	HB	HB	HB	HB												
Gresham, Jermaine.....	4-4	TE	TE	TE	TE												
Hall, Leon.....	3-3	RCB	RCB	RCB	IL												
Hamilton, Cobi.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS												
Harris, Clark.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Harrison, James.....	4-2	SLB	P	P	SLB												
Hawkins, Andrew.....	0-0	RI^	RI^	RI^	RI^												
Hawkinson, Tanner.....	0-0	DNP	IL	DNP	IL												
Herron, Daniel.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS												
Huber, Kevin.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Hunt, Margus.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL												
Iloka, George.....	4-4	SS	SS	SS	SS												
Johnson, Josh.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP												
Johnson, Michael.....	4-4	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE												
Johnson, T.J.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS												
Joiner, Brandon.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI												
Jones, Adam.....	4-3	P	nkIDB	nkIDB	RCB												
Jones, Marvin.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	2-0	P	P	IL	IL												
Lamur, Emmanuel.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI												
Lewis-Harris, Chris.....	2-0	PS	PS	P	P												
Marsh, Curtis.....	2-0	NWT	NWT	P	P												
Maualuga, Rey.....	4-4	MLB	LB	LB	MLB												
Mays, Taylor.....	4-1	P	P	P	FS												
McCalebb, Onterio.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS												
McElroy, Greg.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS												
Miles, Jeromy.....	1-0	P	NWT	NWT	NWT												
Nelson, Reggie.....	3-3	FS	FS	FS	IL												
Newman, Terence.....	4-4	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB												
Nugent, Mike.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Peerman, Cedric.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Peko, Domata.....	4-4	NT	NT	NT	NT												
Pollak, Mike.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL												
Porter, Sean.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI												
Pressley, Chris.....	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP												
Rey, Vincent.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Robinson, Trevor.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP												
Robinson, Zac.....	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP												
Roland, Dennis.....	3-0	P	P	P	NWT												
Sanu, Mohamed.....	4-4	WR	WR	WR	WR												
Sanzenbacher, Dane.....	2-0	IL	IL	P	P												
Schaffer, J.K.....	1-0	PS	P	PS	PS												
Scott, Bernard.....	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	NWT	NWT												
Smith, Alex.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Smith, Andre.....	4-4	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT												
Still, Devon.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Tate, Brandon.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Thompson, Brandon.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Whalen, Ryan.....	2-0	IL	P	IL	P												
Whitworth, Andrew.....	3-3	IL	LOT	LOT	LOT												
Williams, Shawn.....	4-0	P	P	P	P												
Zeitler, Kevin.....	4-4	RG	RG	RG	RG												

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	QB	HB	H-B
Sept. 8	at Chicago	Sanu	Collins	Boling	Cook	Zeitler	An.Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Green-Ellis	Eifert(2ndTE)
Sept. 16	PITTSBURGH	Sanu	Whitworth	Boling	Cook	Zeitler	An.Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Green-Ellis	Eifert(2ndTE)
Sept. 22	GREEN BAY	Sanu	Whitworth	Boling	Cook	Zeitler	An.Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Green-Ellis	Eifert(2ndTE)
Sept. 29	at Cleveland	Sanu	Whitworth	Boling	Cook	Zeitler	An.Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Green-Ellis	Eifert(2ndTE)
Oct. 6	NEW ENGLAND											
Oct. 13	at Buffalo											
Oct. 20	at Detroit											
Oct. 27	N.Y. JETS											
Oct. 31	at Miami											
Nov. 10	at Baltimore											
Nov. 17	CLEVELAND											
Nov. 24	— BYE —											
Dec. 1	at San Diego											
Dec. 8	INDIANAPOLIS											
Dec. 15	at Pittsburgh											
Dec. 22	MINNESOTA											
Dec. 29	BALTIMORE											

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
Sept. 8	at Chicago	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Harrison	Mauluga	Burfict	Newman	Hall	Iloka	Nelson
Sept. 16	PITTSBURGH	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	A.Jones(nickel)	Mauluga(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Newman	Hall	Iloka	Nelson
Sept. 22	GREEN BAY	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	A.Jones(nickel)	Mauluga(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Newman	Hall	Iloka	Nelson
Sept. 29	at Cleveland	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Harrison	Mauluga	Burfict	Newman	A.Jones	Iloka	Mays
Oct. 6	NEW ENGLAND											
Oct. 13	at Buffalo											
Oct. 20	at Detroit											
Oct. 27	N.Y. JETS											
Oct. 31	at Miami											
Nov. 10	at Baltimore											
Nov. 17	CLEVELAND											
Nov. 24	— BYE —											
Dec. 1	at San Diego											
Dec. 8	INDIANAPOLIS											
Dec. 15	at Pittsburgh											
Dec. 22	MINNESOTA											
Dec. 29	BALTIMORE											

DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

WR	12	MOHAMED SANU	82	Marvin Jones	88	Ryan Whalen
LOT	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	73	Anthony Collins		
LG	65	CLINT BOLING	67	Mike Pollak		
C	64	KYLE COOK	66	Trevor Robinson		
RG	68	KEVIN ZEITLER	<u>72</u>	<u>Tanner Hawkinson</u>		
ROT	71	ANDRE SMITH	73	Anthony Collins		
TE	84	JERMAINE GRESHAM	<u>85</u>	<u>Tyler Eifert</u>	81	Alex Smith
WR	18	A.J. GREEN	19	Brandon Tate	11	Dane Sanzenbacher
QB	14	ANDY DALTON	8	Josh Johnson		
HB	42	BENJARVUS GREEN-ELLIS	<u>25</u>	<u>Giovani Bernard</u>	30	Cedric Peerman
					<u>33</u>	<u>Rex Burkhead</u>
H-B	80	ORSON CHARLES				

DEFENSE

LDE	96	CARLOS DUNLAP	99	Margus Hunt		
NT	94	DOMATA PEKO	98	Brandon Thompson		
DT	97	GENO ATKINS	75	Devon Still		
RDE	93	MICHAEL JOHNSON	95	Wallace Gilberry		
SLB	92	JAMES HARRISON	<u>51</u>	<u>Jayson DiManche</u>		
MLB	58	REY MAUALUGA	57	Vincent Rey		
WLB	55	VONTAZE BURFICT	57	Vincent Rey		
LCB	23	TERENCE NEWMAN	27	Dre Kirkpatrick	21	Brandon Ghee
					37	Chris Lewis-Harris
RCB	29	LEON HALL	24	Adam Jones	22	Curtis Marsh
SS	43	GEORGE ILOKA	26	Taylor Mays	32	Chris Crocker
FS	20	REGGIE NELSON	<u>40</u>	<u>Shawn Williams</u>		

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	2	Mike Nugent				
LS	46	Clark Harris				
H	10	Kevin Huber				
PR	24	Adam Jones	19	Brandon Tate	11	Dane Sanzenbacher
					<u>25</u>	<u>Giovani Bernard</u>
					82	Marvin Jones
KOR	19	Brandon Tate	24	Adam Jones	<u>25</u>	<u>Giovani Bernard</u>
					82	Marvin Jones

NOTE: Players whose names are CAPITALIZED are expected to start in the team's base units. Rookies are underlined. Players in (parentheses) are injured.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p><u>Geno Atkins</u> JEE-no</p> <p><u>Giovani Bernard</u> jee-o-VAHN-ee</p> <p><u>Vontaze Burfict</u> VONN-tez BER-fict(rhymes with "perfect")</p> <p><u>Jayson DiManche</u> dih-MAHNCH</p> <p><u>Tyler Eifert</u> IE(rhymes with "tie")-fert</p> <p><u>DeQuin Evans</u> (Reserve/Suspended list) deh-QUINN</p> <p><u>Reid Fragel</u> (practice squad) FRAY-guhl</p> <p><u>Robert Geathers</u> (pronounced as "gathers")</p> <p><u>Brandon Ghee</u> JEE</p> <p><u>Jermaine Gresham</u> jer-MAIN GRESH-em</p> <p><u>Paul Guenther</u> (linebackers coach) GUN-thur</p> <p><u>Cobi Hamilton</u> (practice squad) KO-bee</p> <p><u>Margus Hunt</u> MAR-guss</p>	<p><u>George Iloka</u> ie(rhymes with "tie")-LO-kuh</p> <p><u>Dre Kirkpatrick</u> DRAY</p> <p><u>Emmanuel Lamur</u> (Reserve/Injured list) luh-MER</p> <p><u>Rey Maualuga</u> RAY mow(rhymes with "now")-uh-LOO-guh</p> <p><u>Onterio McCalebb</u> (practice squad) mc-KAY-lebb</p> <p><u>Domata Peko</u> DOE-mah-tah PECK-o</p> <p><u>Vincent Rey</u> RAY</p> <p><u>Mohamed Sanu</u> suh-NOO</p> <p><u>Dane Sanzenbacher</u> SAHNZ-en-bock-er</p> <p><u>Devon Still</u> DEV-un</p> <p><u>Ken Zampese</u> (quarterbacks coach) zam-PEE-zee</p> <p><u>Kevin Zeitler</u> ZITE-ler</p>
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

OCT. 1, 2013

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	303	3-28-88	4	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	208	11-22-91	R	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
65	Boling, Clint	G	6-5	311	5-9-89	3	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
55	Burfict, Vontaze	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	2	Arizona State	Corona, Calif.	CFA'12
33	Burkhead, Rex	HB	5-10	218	7-2-90	R	Nebraska	Plano, Texas	D6a'13
80	Charles, Orson	H-B	6-3	245	1-27-91	2	Georgia	Tampa, Fla.	D4'12
73	Collins, Anthony	OT	6-5	315	11-2-85	6	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
64	Cook, Kyle	C	6-3	310	7-25-83	6	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
32	Crocker, Chris	S	5-11	197	3-9-80	11	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'13
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	3	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
51	DiManche, Jayson	LB	6-1	240	9-22-90	R	Southern Illinois	Hamilton, N.J.	CFA'13
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	4	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
85	Eifert, Tyler	TE	6-6	250	9-8-90	R	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
21	Ghee, Brandon	CB	6-0	200	6-6-87	4	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
95	Gilberry, Wallace	DE	6-2	275	12-5-84	6	Alabama	Bay Minette, Ala.	FA'12
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	207	7-31-88	3	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
42	Green-Ellis, BenJarvus	HB	5-11	220	7-2-85	6	Mississippi	New Orleans, La.	UFA(N.E.)'12
84	Gresham, Jermaine	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	4	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
29	Hall, Leon	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	7	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	245	7-10-84	5	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
92	Harrison, James	LB	6-0	275	5-4-78	10	Kent State	Akron, Ohio	FA'13
72	Hawkinson, Tanner	G	6-5	300	5-14-90	R	Kansas	McPherson, Kansas	D5'13
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	212	7-16-85	5	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
99	Hunt, Margus	DE	6-8	280	7-14-87	R	Southern Methodist	Karksi-Nuia (Estonia)	D2b'13
43	Iloka, George	S	6-4	217	6-20-90	2	Boise State	Houston, Texas	D5c'12
8	Johnson, Josh	QB	6-3	205	5-15-86	5	San Diego	Oakland, Calif.	UFA(Cle.)'13
93	Johnson, Michael	DE	6-7	270	2-7-87	5	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
24	Jones, Adam	CB	5-10	180	9-30-83	7	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
82	Jones, Marvin	WR	6-2	195	3-12-90	2	California	Fontana, Calif.	D5b'12
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre	CB	6-2	185	10-26-89	2	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
37	Lewis-Harris, Chris	CB	5-10	180	2-11-89	1	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Smyrna, Ga.	CFA'12
22	Marsh, Curtis	CB	6-1	197	3-1-88	3	Utah State	Simi Valley, Calif.	FA'13
58	Maulaluga, Rey	LB	6-2	255	1-20-87	5	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
26	Mays, Taylor	S	6-3	220	2-7-88	4	Southern California	Seattle, Wash.	T(S.F.)'11
20	Nelson, Reggie	S	5-11	210	9-21-83	7	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
23	Newman, Terence	CB	5-10	192	9-4-78	11	Kansas State	Salina, Kan.	FA'12
2	Nugent, Mike	K	5-10	190	3-2-82	9	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
30	Peerman, Cedric	HB	5-10	211	10-10-86	4	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	8	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
67	Pollak, Mike	G	6-3	300	2-16-85	6	Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	UFA(Car.)'13
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-2	250	9-6-87	3	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
66	Robinson, Trevor	C	6-5	300	5-16-90	2	Notre Dame	Elkhorn, Neb.	CFA'12
12	Sanu, Mohamed	WR	6-2	210	8-22-89	2	Rutgers	South Brunswick, N.J.	D3a'12
11	Sanzenbacher, Dane	WR	5-11	184	10-13-88	3	Ohio State	Toledo, Ohio	W(Chi.)'12
81	Smith, Alex	TE	6-4	250	5-22-82	9	Stanford	Denver, Colo.	UFA(Cle.)'13
71	Smith, Andre	OT	6-4	335	1-25-87	5	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
75	Still, Devon	DT	6-5	320	7-11-89	2	Penn State	Wilmington, Del.	D2'12
19	Tate, Brandon	WR	6-1	195	10-5-87	5	North Carolina	Burlington, N.C.	W(N.E.)'11
98	Thompson, Brandon	DT	6-2	325	10-19-89	2	Clemson	Thomasville, Ga.	D3b'12
88	Whalen, Ryan	WR	6-1	200	7-26-89	3	Stanford	Alamo, Calif.	D6'11
77	Whitworth, Andrew	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	8	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
40	Williams, Shawn	S	6-0	211	5-13-91	R	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
68	Zeitler, Kevin	G	6-4	315	3-8-90	2	Wisconsin	Waukesha, Wis.	D1b'12

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

44	Dye, Tony (9-24-13)	S	5-10	205	2-11-90	2	UCLA	Corona, Calif.	CFA'12
79	Fragel, Reid (9-1-13)	OT	6-8	305	2-22-91	R	Ohio State	Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.	D7a'13
87	Hamilton, Cobi (9-1-13)	WR	6-2	205	11-13-90	R	Arkansas	Texarkana, Texas	D6b'13
34	Herron, Daniel (9-1-13)	HB	5-10	212	3-21-89	1	Ohio State	Warren, Ohio	D6'12
60	Johnson, T.J. (9-1-13)	C	6-4	310	7-17-90	R	South Carolina	Aynor, S.C.	D7b'13
39	McCalebb, Onterio (9-1-13)	CB	5-10	170	8-10-89	R	Auburn	Fort Meade, Fla.	CFA'13
7	McElroy, Greg (9-4-13)	QB	6-2	225	5-10-88	3	Alabama	Southlake, Texas	FA'13
50	Schaffer, J.K. (9-19-13)	LB	6-0	232	6-10-90	1	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'12

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

36	Pressley, Chris (8-27-13; knee)	FB	5-11	260	8-8-86	5	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	FA'10
5	Robinson, Zac (8-27-13; elbow)	QB	6-3	208	9-29-86	2	Oklahoma State	Littleton, Colo.	FA'11

RESERVE/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned)

69	Evans, DeQuin (8-31-13)	DE	6-2	265	5-17-87	1	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'11
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RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

63	Black, Larry (8-8-13; leg/ankle)	DT	6-2	312	12-1-89	R	Indiana	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'13
91	Geathers, Robert (9-18-13; elbow)	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	10	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
16 +	Hawkins, Andrew (9-4-13; ankle)	WR	5-7	180	3-10-86	3	Toledo	Johnstown, Pa.	W(STL.)'11
49	Joiner, Brandon (8-28-13; knee)	LB	6-3	240	4-27-89	1	Arkansas State	Killeen, Texas	CFA'12
59	Lamur, Emmanuel (8-31-13; shoulder)	LB	6-4	240	6-8-89	2	Kansas State	West Palm Beach, Fla.	CFA'12
56	Porter, Sean (8-27-13; shoulder)	LB	6-1	237	1-12-91	R	Texas A&M	Schertz, Texas	D4'13

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

OCT. 1, 2013

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
2	Mike Nugent.....	K	5-10	190	3-2-82	9	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
8	Josh Johnson.....	QB	6-3	205	5-15-86	5	San Diego	Oakland, Calif.	UFA(Cle.)'13
10	Kevin Huber.....	P	6-1	212	7-16-85	5	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Dane Sanzenbacher.....	WR	5-11	184	10-13-88	3	Ohio State	Toledo, Ohio	W(Chi.)'12
12	Mohamed Sanu.....	WR	6-2	210	8-22-89	2	Rutgers	South Brunswick, N.J.	D3a'12
14	Andy Dalton.....	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	3	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
18	A.J. Green.....	WR	6-4	207	7-31-88	3	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
19	Brandon Tate.....	WR	6-1	195	10-5-87	5	North Carolina	Burlington, N.C.	W(N.E.)'11
20	Reggie Nelson.....	S	5-11	210	9-21-83	7	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
21	Brandon Ghee.....	CB	6-0	200	6-6-87	4	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
22	Curtis Marsh.....	CB	6-1	197	3-1-88	3	Utah State	Simi Valley, Calif.	FA'13
23	Terence Newman.....	CB	5-10	192	9-4-78	11	Kansas State	Salina, Kan.	FA'12
24	Adam Jones.....	CB	5-10	180	9-30-83	7	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
25	Giovani Bernard.....	HB	5-9	208	11-22-91	R	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
26	Taylor Mays.....	S	6-3	220	2-7-88	4	Southern California	Seattle, Wash.	T(S.F.)'11
27	Dre Kirkpatrick.....	CB	6-2	185	10-26-89	2	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
29	Leon Hall.....	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	7	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
30	Cedric Peerman.....	HB	5-10	211	10-10-86	4	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
32	Chris Crocker.....	S	5-11	197	3-9-80	11	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'13
33	Rex Burkhead.....	HB	5-10	218	7-2-90	R	Nebraska	Plano, Texas	D6a'13
37	Chris Lewis-Harris.....	CB	5-10	180	2-11-89	1	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Smyrna, Ga.	CFA'12
40	Shawn Williams.....	S	6-0	211	5-13-91	R	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
42	BenJarvus Green-Ellis.....	HB	5-11	220	7-2-85	6	Mississippi	New Orleans, La.	UFA(N.E.)'12
43	George Iloka.....	S	6-4	217	6-20-90	2	Boise State	Houston, Texas	D5c'12
46	Clark Harris.....	LS	6-5	245	7-10-84	5	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
51	Jayson DiManche.....	LB	6-1	240	9-22-90	R	Southern Illinois	Hamilton, N.J.	CFA'13
55	Vontaze Burfict.....	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	2	Arizona State	Corona, Calif.	CFA'12
57	Vincent Rey.....	LB	6-2	250	9-6-87	3	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
58	Rey Maulaluga.....	LB	6-2	255	1-20-87	5	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
64	Kyle Cook.....	C	6-3	310	7-25-83	6	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
65	Clint Boling.....	G	6-5	311	5-9-89	3	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
66	Trevor Robinson.....	C	6-5	300	5-16-90	2	Notre Dame	Elkhorn, Neb.	CFA'12
67	Mike Pollak.....	G	6-3	300	2-16-85	6	Arizona State	Tempe, Ariz.	UFA(Car.)'13
68	Kevin Zeitler.....	G	6-4	315	3-8-90	2	Wisconsin	Waukesha, Wis.	D1b'12
71	Andre Smith.....	OT	6-4	335	1-25-87	5	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
72	Tanner Hawkinson.....	G	6-5	300	5-14-90	R	Kansas	McPherson, Kansas	D5'13
73	Anthony Collins.....	OT	6-5	315	11-2-85	6	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
75	Devon Still.....	DT	6-5	320	7-11-89	2	Penn State	Wilmington, Del.	D2'12
77	Andrew Whitworth.....	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	8	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
80	Orson Charles.....	H-B	6-3	245	1-27-91	2	Georgia	Tampa, Fla.	D4'12
81	Alex Smith.....	TE	6-4	250	5-22-82	9	Stanford	Denver, Colo.	UFA(Cle.)'13
82	Marvin Jones.....	WR	6-2	195	3-12-90	2	California	Fontana, Calif.	D5b'12
84	Jermaine Gresham.....	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	4	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
85	Tyler Eifert.....	TE	6-6	250	9-8-90	R	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
88	Ryan Whalen.....	WR	6-1	200	7-26-89	3	Stanford	Alamo, Calif.	D6'11
92	James Harrison.....	LB	6-0	275	5-4-78	10	Kent State	Akron, Ohio	FA'13
93	Michael Johnson.....	DE	6-7	270	2-7-87	5	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
94	Domata Peko.....	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	8	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
95	Wallace Gilberry.....	DE	6-2	275	12-5-84	6	Alabama	Bay Minette, Ala.	FA'12
96	Carlos Dunlap.....	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	4	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins.....	DT	6-1	303	3-28-88	4	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
98	Brandon Thompson.....	DT	6-2	325	10-19-89	2	Clemson	Thomasville, Ga.	D3b'12
99	Margus Hunt.....	DE	6-8	280	7-14-87	R	Southern Methodist	Karksi-Nuia (Estonia)	D2b'13

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

7	Greg McElroy (9-4-13).....	QB	6-2	225	5-10-88	3	Alabama	Southlake, Texas	FA'13
34	Daniel Herron (9-1-13).....	HB	5-10	212	3-21-89	1	Ohio State	Warren, Ohio	D6'12
39	Onterio McCalebb (9-1-13).....	CB	5-10	170	8-10-89	R	Auburn	Fort Meade, Fla.	CFA'13
44	Tony Dye (9-24-13).....	S	5-10	205	2-11-90	2	UCLA	Corona, Calif.	CFA'12
50	J.K. Schaffer (9-19-13).....	LB	6-0	232	6-10-90	1	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'12
60	T.J. Johnson (9-1-13).....	C	6-4	310	7-17-90	R	South Carolina	Aynor, S.C.	D7b'13
79	Reid Fragel (9-1-13).....	OT	6-8	305	2-22-91	R	Ohio State	Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich.	D7a'13
87	Cobi Hamilton (9-1-13).....	WR	6-2	205	11-13-90	R	Arkansas	Texarkana, Texas	D6b'13

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

5	Zac Robinson (8-27-13; elbow).....	QB	6-3	208	9-29-86	2	Oklahoma State	Littleton, Colo.	FA'11
36	Chris Pressley (8-27-13; knee).....	FB	5-11	260	8-8-86	5	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	FA'10

RESERVE/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned)

69	DeQuin Evans (8-31-13).....	DE	6-2	265	5-17-87	1	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'11
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RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

16 +	Andrew Hawkins (9-4-13; ankle).....	WR	5-7	180	3-10-86	3	Toledo	Johnstown, Pa.	W(StL.)'11
49	Brandon Joiner (8-28-13; knee).....	LB	6-3	240	4-27-89	1	Arkansas State	Killeen, Texas	CFA'12
56	Sean Porter (8-27-13; shoulder).....	LB	6-1	237	1-12-91	R	Texas A&M	Schertz, Texas	D4'13
59	Emmanuel Lamur (8-31-13; shoulder).....	LB	6-4	240	6-8-89	2	Kansas State	West Palm Beach, Fla.	CFA'12
63	Larry Black (8-8-13; leg/ankle).....	DT	6-2	312	12-1-89	R	Indiana	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'13
91	Robert Geathers (9-18-13; elbow).....	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	10	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 2-2

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-8-13	L	21-24	at Chicago	62,213
9-16-13	W	20-10	PITTSBURGH	64,585
9-22-13	W	34-30	GREEN BAY	64,633
9-29-13	L	6-17	at Cleveland	71,481
10-6-13			NEW ENGLAND	
10-13-13			at Buffalo	
10-20-13			at Detroit	
10-27-13			N.Y. JETS	
10-31-13			at Miami	
11-10-13			at Baltimore	
11-17-13			CLEVELAND	
11-24-13			— BYE —	
12-1-13			at San Diego	
12-8-13			INDIANAPOLIS	
12-15-13			at Pittsburgh	
12-22-13			MINNESOTA	
12-29-13			BALTIMORE	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	75	76
Rushing	21	21
Passing	46	49
Penalty	8	6
3rd Down: Made-Att	22-53	22-57
3rd Down Pct.	41.5	38.6
4th Down: Made-Att	1-4	1-3
4th Down Pct.	25.0	33.3
POSSESSION AVG.	30:16	29:44
TOTAL NET YARDS	1310	1336
Avg. Per Game	327.5	334.0
Total Plays	254	264
Avg. Per Play	5.2	5.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	335	396
Avg. Per Game	83.8	99.0
Total Rushes	99	104
NET YARDS PASSING	975	940
Avg. Per Game	243.8	235.0
Sacked-Yards Lost	7-28	9-66
Gross Yards	1003	1006
Att.-Completions	148-94	151-92
Completion Pct.	63.5	60.9
Had Intercepted	4	4
PUNTS-AVG.	18-44.7	20-45.1
Net Punting Avg.	18-41.1	20-41.4
PENALTIES-YARDS	25-236	16-223
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	9-5	3-3
TOUCHDOWNS	10	9
Rushing	4	2
Passing	5	6
Returns	1	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	28	13	24	16	0	81
OPPONENTS	17	26	24	14	0	81

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	0	9-10	4-5	0	21
Giovani Bernard	3	2	1	0	—	—	0	18
A.J. Green	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	2	2	0	0	—	—	0	12
Marvin Jones	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Terence Newman	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	10	4	5	1	9-10	4-5	0	81
OPPONENTS	9	2	6	1	9-9	6-8	0	81

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

Sacks-yards: Carlos Dunlap 3-19, Geno Atkins 2.5-25, Michael Johnson 1.5-9, Domata Peko 1.5-9, Wallace Gilberry 0.5-4. BENGALS 9-66, OPPONENTS 7-28.

Fumbles-lost: Andy Dalton 3-2, BenJarvus Green-Ellis 1-1, Jermaine Gresham 1-1, Mohamed Sanu 1-1, A.J. Green 1-0, Reggie Nelson 1-0, Brandon Tate 1-0. BENGALS 7-4, OPPONENTS 3-3.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	148	94	1003	63.5	6.78	5	3.4	4	2.7	61	7-28	83.2
BENGALS	148	94	1003	63.5	6.78	5	3.4	4	2.7	61	7-28	83.2
OPPONENTS	151	92	1006	60.9	6.66	6	4.0	4	2.6	43	9-66	82.8

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Giovani Bernard	32	147	4.6	17	2
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	52	142	2.7	14	2
Andy Dalton	13	28	2.2	10	0
Marvin Jones	1	14	14.0	14	0
Mohamed Sanu	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	99	335	3.4	17	4
OPPONENTS	104	396	3.8	51	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	26	300	11.5	45t	3
Jermaine Gresham	18	181	10.1	26	0
Mohamed Sanu	16	146	9.1	32	0
Tyler Eifert	12	159	13.3	61	0
Giovani Bernard	12	122	10.2	31	1
Marvin Jones	7	80	11.4	22	1
BenJarvus Green-Ellis	2	9	4.5	5	0
Dane Sanzenbacher	1	6	6.0	6	0
BENGALS	94	1003	10.7	61	5
OPPONENTS	92	1006	10.9	43	6

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Vontaze Burfict	1	12	12.0	12	0
Terence Newman	1	9	9.0	9	0
Leon Hall	1	0	0.0	0	0
Reggie Nelson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Adam Jones	4	21	5.3	12	0
OPPONENTS	4	47	11.8	41	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	18	805	44.7	41.1	1	7	61	0
BENGALS	18	805	44.7	41.1	1	7	61	0
OPPONENTS	20	902	45.1	41.4	1	9	59	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	6	6	36	6.0	14	0
Adam Jones	2	0	19	9.5	13	0
BENGALS	8	6	55	6.9	14	0
OPPONENTS	5	7	45	9.0	40	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	8	188	23.5	32	0
George Iloka	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	9	188	20.9	32	0
OPPONENTS	7	166	23.7	34	0

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

Mike Nugent: (—), (41G, 25G), (52WL), (25G, 43G).

Opponents: (58G), (44G), (41G, 19G, 26G), (37WL, 49WR, 51G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Vontaze Burfict	31	21	52	0-0	1-12	2	0	0-0
Rey Mauluga	29	17	46	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Terence Newman	18	4	22	0-0	1-9	3	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	8	9	17	1.5-9	0-0	1	1	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	11	5	16	3-19	0-0	3	0	0-0
Leon Hall	11	5	16	0-0	1-0	6	0	0-0
George Iloka	11	5	16	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Adam Jones	13	2	15	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0
Domata Peko	9	5	14	1.5-9	0-0	0	0	0-0
Geno Atkins	4	8	12	2.5-25	0-0	0	0	0-0
Taylor Mays	8	3	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Wallace Gilberry	4	5	9	0.5-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Brandon Thompson	4	5	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
James Harrison	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Reggie Nelson	2	3	5	0-0	1-0	1	0	1-6
Brandon Ghee	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Devon Still	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Chris Crocker	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vincent Rey	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Robert Geathers	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Jayson DiManche	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Adam Jones	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Dre Kirkpatrick	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Chris Lewis-Harris	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Taylor Mays	1	0	1	0	1-0	0	0	0
Jerome Miles	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Reggie Nelson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ryan Whalen	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Orson Charles	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Shawn Williams	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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