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# Cincinnati Bengals (0-0) at New England Patriots (0-0)

*Regular-season opener  
Sunday, Sept. 12  
at Gillette Stadium*

*Next up:  
Week 2, Game 2  
Sept. 19 vs. Baltimore*

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## Game information

Kickoff: 1 p.m. EDT.

Television: CBS broadcast with Jim Nantz (play-by-play) and Phil Simms (analyst). The game will air in the Bengals' home market on CBS affiliates WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Ch. 7) in Dayton and WKYT-TV (Ch. 27) in Lexington, Ky.

Radio: Coverage on the 28-station Bengals Radio Network, including WCKY-AM (1530) "Homer" (all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Brad Johansen (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

Setting the scene: An opening game does not necessarily define a season, as the Bengals themselves proved in 2009, but this year's season opener provides Cincinnati with the opportunity to quickly make some skeptics think twice.

The Bengals have been forecast by most national NFL previews as the second or third-place finisher in the AFC North, left out of all but a few playoff scenarios. And Cincinnati starts this week with one of any campaign's tougher road tests, a date at New England. The Patriots have won six of the last seven AFC East titles, including last season, and were unbeaten at home in the regular season both last year and in 2007.

But the Bengals won their division as well last year — unbeaten (6-0) in AFC North games — and they suffered no major player losses in free agency. The defense and the rushing game were Cincinnati's strong points in '09, and while the passing game struggled, there are prominent new additions for the air game in veteran WR Terrell Owens, rookie TE Jermaine Gresham and rookie WR Jordan Shipley. The offensive line, unproven as 2009 began, got good reviews for last season and this year has all five starters back.

That ought to count for something, Bengals boosters would aver, and perhaps CBS-TV agrees. The network of the AFC has deemed the game as the conference headliner for this Sunday, assigning the No. 1 broadcast duo of Jim Nantz and Phil Simms.

As to how many others might be counted as believers, QB Carson Palmer shrugs it off.

"What counts is where you are at the end, not where they say you'll wind up when it's just beginning," Palmer said. "I don't worry about skeptics. I just want to get out there and play football with my guys. We'll fly under the radar as long as we can. That's just fine with me."

Palmer himself is a bit under the national radar for now. The two-time Pro Bowler has not posted big passing numbers since 2007. But he was injured for most of 2008 and did not have a deep receiving corps in 2009. He remains, inside the Bengals' halls, the cornerstone of the club.

Last week at Indianapolis, the Bengals finished preseason the preferred way — with a win (30-28), a winning record (3-2)

and no significant final-game injuries. Most if not all of the club's front-line players appear ready to take their starting roles against the Patriots.

"All the focus is on going to Foxboro, and that really has been the focus all summer," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "We've worked a long time to get ready for this. I'm telling our guys to do two things — under-promise and over-achieve. You know it's never going to be easy. The team that wins is going to be the team with just a little more gas in the tank at the end of 60 minutes than the other guys."

The Bengals lost their season opener last year, at home to Denver and in stunning, last-second fashion. Their successful 2009 season proved that losing the opener is no cause to lose hope. But for a defending division champion picked third out of four teams in many forecasts, a win in one of the NFL's toughest neighborhoods would be exceptionally satisfying.

Cincinnati also has a tough assignment in its home opener on Sept. 19, taking on Baltimore, the team that has garnered by far the greatest share of preseason acclaim as the AFC North favorite.

The series: The Patriots lead 13-8, including 8-2 as the home team.

New England has won its last three meetings with the Bengals, most recently by 34-13 at Cincinnati in 2007. The last Bengals win in the series was a 23-17 game at Cincinnati in 2001. The Bengals have lost their last four games at New England, with their last road win against the Patriots being a 31-7 decision in 1986 at Sullivan Stadium.

This week marks the Bengals' second visit to Gillette Stadium. They lost 35-28 at Gillette in 2004.

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 defeated the expansion Bengals, 33-14.

The complete Bengals-Patriots series listing is on page 164 of the 2010 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, in a 38-13 win at Cincinnati in 2006. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 25, in the 38-13 win in 2006. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 2, in a 7-2 victory at New England in 1993.

The last meetings: Complete summaries of the last two Bengals-Patriots meetings — in 2006 and '07, both at Paul Brown Stadium — are on page 14 of this news release.

An opener for the ages: Though the team came back to make the playoffs, last year's Bengals season opener was one for the books in terms of angst. On Sept. 13 at Paul Brown Stadium, Denver scored an 87-yard game-winning touchdown with 11 seconds to play — on a pass that was deflected by the Bengals defense to WR Brandon Stokley, who was not the intended receiver.

Final score: Broncos 12, Bengals 7.

"I have never seen anything like that," said Bengals QB Carson Palmer, and in truth, no one had. The Elias Sports Bureau confirmed it as NFL's longest-ever game-winning TD from scrimmage in the final minute of the fourth quarter.

The play was all the more dramatic given the atmosphere inside a sold-out Paul Brown Stadium. Fans were still celebrating an apparent Cincinnati comeback victory, as the Bengals had driven 91 yards for a touchdown and a 7-6 lead with only 38 seconds to play.

More on openers: Head coach Marvin Lewis is 3-4 in season openers, and 2-2 in season openers on the road. His clubs' road openers have included a 2004 loss at the Jets, a 2005 win at the Browns, a 2006 win at Kansas City and a 2008 loss at Baltimore.

The Bengals franchise has posted a 19-23 mark in season openers, including 6-12 on the road.

It seems to help: No one will be calling a season opener a "must-win" game. But in seven of their nine seasons of qualifying for postseason play, the Bengals did win the opener. Prior to last season's exception, their last six playoff teams had opened the regular season with a win.

Denver is the only team to win a season opener against a Bengals club that would go on to make the postseason. That happened in 1973 and again last year.

Here are the season opener results from Bengals playoff years:

YEAR	OPP.	RESULT	COMMENT
1970	OAKLAND	Cin., 31-21	Won AFC Central at 8-6
1973	@Denver	Den., 28-10	Won AFC Central at 10-4
1975	CLEVELAND	Cin., 24-17	11-3 for best-ever win pct. (.786)
1981	SEATTLE	Cin., 27-21	Went 12-4 and reached SB XVI
1982	HOUSTON	Cin., 27-6	7-2 in strike-shortened season
1988	PHOENIX	Cin., 21-14	Went 12-4 and reached SB XXIII
1990	NY JETS	Cin., 25-20	Central title at 9-7; went 1-1 in playoffs
2005	@Cleveland	Cin., 27-13	11-5 finish for AFC North crown
2009	DENVER	Den., 12-7	Won AFC North (10-6); swept division

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.

Individually vs. Patriots: QB Carson Palmer and WR Chad Ochocinco are the only Bengals skill position players who have participated in more than one game against the Patriots. Here are their overall totals against New England:

- Palmer: Three games; 59-of-94 passing (62.8 percent) for 681 yards, three TDs and three INTs.
- Ochocinco: Four games; 14-for-197 receiving (14.1) with

one TD; Ochocinco played but had no statistics against the Pats in the 2001 season opener.

Bengal blowouts: Though the Patriots have won 13 of 21 previous meetings with Cincinnati, the Bengals lead by 45 in total points scored (447-402). 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 2009 NFL rankings

	BENGALS	PATRIOTS
<b>SCORING (AVG. POINTS):</b>		
Points scored .....	22nd (19.1)	6th (26.7)
Points allowed .....	6th (18.2)	5th (17.8)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	24th (309.1)	3rd (397.3)
Rushing .....	9th (128.5)	12th (120.1)
Passing .....	26th (180.5)	3rd (277.3)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	4th (301.4)	11th (320.2)
Rushing .....	7th (98.3)	13th (110.5)
Passing .....	6th (203.1)	12th (209.7)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential .....	18th (even)	T-8th (plus-6)

Point differential leaders: The Patriots led the AFC last season in scoring differential at plus-142, outscoring foes 427-285. That's an average differential of 8.9 points per game.

New England ranked fourth in the NFL, behind New Orleans (plus-169), Green Bay (plus-164) and Minnesota (plus-158).

The Bengals played closer in winning the AFC North Division title with a 10-6 record. Cincinnati outscored its foes by only 14 points (305-291) on the season.

Red zone reports: The Bengals began 2009 in fine style in red-zone TD percentage. At midseason (after Weeks 7 and 8), they led the NFL. Entering the Nov. 15 Pittsburgh game, Cincinnati was tops at 69.2 percent, having scored TDs on 18 of 26 red-zone chances. But the Bengals cashed TDs on only seven of 24 red-zone chances the rest of the way, and for the full season they dropped to tied for 18th, at an even 50 percent (25-for-50).

The Patriots were second in the NFL last season in total red-zone offensive chances (65). Though they ranked 13th in offensive TD percentage (52.3), they tied for fifth in total red-zone TDs (34). They ranked only 21st in defensive TD percentage (55.0), but their total red-zone chances allowed (40) was tied for fourth-best in the NFL.

Bengals 2009 red-zone report

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 50	Inside-20 poss.: 40
Total scores: 43 (86.0%)	Total scores: 35 (87.5%)
TDs: 25 (50.0%)	TDs: 19 (47.5%)
FGs: 18 (36.0%)	FGs: 16 (40.0%)
TD% rank: T-18th	TD% rank: 11th
No scores: 7 (14.0%)	No scores: 5 (12.5%)

Patriots 2009 red-zone report

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 65	Inside-20 poss.: 40
Total scores: 54 (88.9%)	Total scores: 31 (77.5%)
TDs: 34 (52.3%)	TDs: 22 (55.0%)
FGs: 20 (36.6%)	FGs: 9 (22.5%)
TD% rank: 13th	TD% rank: 21st
No scores: 11 (11.1%)	No scores: 9 (22.5%)

More on the red zone: Red-zone touchdown percentage on offense coordinated strongly with overall success in the NFL in 2009. Five of the eight division champions were in the league's top 10 for TD efficiency on drives that reached inside the opponent's 20-yard line. The top three teams in red-zone TD

*(More on the red zone, continued)*

performance — Arizona, Indianapolis and Minnesota — were all division champs. Six of the top 10 clubs in red-zone TD percentage made the playoffs, and only one of the bottom 10 (Philadelphia at tied for 23rd) reached the postseason.

The correlation was not so strong last season in defensive red-zone TD percentage. Five of the top 10 made the playoffs, and three of the bottom 10 reached the postseason.

Bengals-Patriots connections: Patriots DL Mike Wright is a Cincinnati native (Purcell Marian HS), and he played at the University of Cincinnati ... Patriots OT Matt

Light is from Greenville, Ohio and played at Greenville High School ... Patriots DL Myron Pryor played at Kentucky and is from Louisville ... Patriots WR Taylor Price played at Ohio University ... Patriots DL Brandon Deadrick is from Elizabethtown, Ky. ... Bengals S Jeromy Miles (practice squad) played at the University of Massachusetts ... Bengals CBs coach Kevin Coyle played DB at the University of Massachusetts and coached at Holy Cross from 1982-90 ... Patriots defensive coordinator Dean Pees is from Dunkirk, Ohio, attended Bowling Green, and was a college coach at Findlay (1979-82), Miami-Ohio (1983-86), Toledo (1990-93) and Kent State (head coach, 1998-2003) ... Patriots defensive line coach Pepper Johnson played at Ohio State from 1982-85.

## The head coaches

Marvin Lewis is in his eighth season as Bengals head coach, tying the longest tenure in franchise history, and he takes on the challenge of 2010 as the returning NFL Coach of the Year.

Lewis led the Bengals to a 10-6 record and the AFC North Division championship in 2009. He earned the major share of Coach of the Year awards, winning the flagship Associated Press honor (given annually by a national media panel since 1957) while also getting nods from Sports Illustrated and Pro Football Weekly/Pro Football Writers Association. The Bengals were unbeaten in division play (6-0) for the first time in history.

Lewis' Bengals record is now 56-55-1 in the regular season, 0-2 in postseason and 56-57-1 overall. His record in preseason games is 16-16. He was named the ninth Bengals head coach 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 2000 season. In the 2000 regular season, Lewis' Baltimore defense set the NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game campaign (165).

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.

Bill Belichick is in his 36th 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 the league

titles in the 2001, '03 and '04 seasons. They also advanced to the Super Bowl in the 2007 season, losing to the N.Y. Giants. They have won six of the last seven AFC East titles, including last year.

He is in his 10th season as Patriots head coach and has a 126-52 record, including 14-4 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 163-97, including 15-5 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, 3-0.

Lewis vs. Belichick: Belichick leads, 3-0.

Belichick vs. Bengals: Belichick leads, 13-3, including 8-2 with Cleveland and 5-1 with New England.

Lewis needs nine: Lewis' Bengals win total of 56 ranks second in franchise history (regular season and postseason), behind Sam Wyche, who won 64 games during an eight-year tenure (1984-91). With nine wins in 2010, Lewis can pass Wyche into first place. Last season, Lewis passed Paul Brown (55 wins) into second place.

## Bengals information

Cut to 53: On Sept. 4, the Bengals made 22 roster moves in reaching the NFL limit of 53:

- First-year FB Fui Vakapuna was waived/injured and reverted Sept. 5 to the Bengals' Reserve/Injured list.

- Two veterans not subject to waivers — LB Abdul Hodge and WR Matt Jones — had their contracts terminated, releasing them to free agency.

- Seven players were waived and then re-signed Sept. 5 to the Bengals practice squad: TE Chase Coffman, G Otis Hudson, DT Clinton McDonald, S Jeromy Miles, S Rico Murray, LB Vincent Rey and FB Joe Tronzo.

- Twelve players were waived: WR Dezmon Briscoe, DT Orien Harris, S Kyries Hebert, TE Darius Hill, HB James Johnson, OT Gabriel Manns, WR Maurice Purify (injury settlement); K Dave Rayner, OT Chris Rodgers, CB Johnny Sears, G Isaac Sowell, S Marvin White.

Nelson bolsters safety corps: On Sept. 5, the Bengals acquired S Reggie Nelson in a trade with Jacksonville. The Jaguars acquired CB David Jones and a conditional draft choice.

Nelson (5-11, 206; Florida) is a fourth-year NFL player. He was a Jacksonville first-round selection in the 2007 draft (21st

overall). He has played 45 games with 42 starts over the last three seasons for the Jaguars, with seven interceptions. Last season, Nelson had 69 tackles and five passes defensed.

QB switch: The Bengals made two additional roster moves on Sept. 5. They acquired rookie QB Dan LeFevour on waivers from the Chicago Bears and released eighth-year QB J.T. O'Sullivan.

LeFevour (pronounced "le-FEE-ver") was a sixth-round Chicago selection (181st overall) in the 2010 draft. He played in all four of the Bears' 2010 preseason games and passed 19-for-41 for 204 yards with one TD and one INT. He also rushed for 38 yards on five carries. He was a prodigiously productive four-year starter at Central Michigan, the only player in NCAA major school (FBS) history with more than 12,000 career passing yards and 2500 career rushing yards. He had a hand in an FBS-record 150 touchdowns, passing for 102 while rushing for a school-record 47 and scoring one as a receiver. His Central Michigan career passing totals were 1171-of-1763 (66.4 percent) for 12,905 yards, 102 TDs and 35 INTs. He rushed for 2948 yards on 671 carries (4.3). His head coach for his last three seasons at Central Michigan was Butch Jones, now head coach at the University of Cincinnati.

Preseason standouts: The Bengals posted a number of superlatives during preseason:

- Working with his coverage team, P Kevin Huber led the AFC and finished second in the NFL in net punting avg. (41.2). The league leader was Seattle's Jon Ryan at 41.8.
- Rookie DT Geno Atkins of Georgia (fourth-round draft pick) led the NFL in sacks (4.5). Three players tied for second at 4.0.
- Rookie WR Jordan Shipley led the NFL in third-down receptions (seven). Only one player (St. Louis' Keenan Burton) was within one at six. Shipley was fourth in total receptions (14).
- HBs Bernard Scott (220) and Cedric Peerman (217) finished 3-4 in the AFC in yards from scrimmage.
- Peerman's 93-yard TD run at Indianapolis was the league's longest scrimmage play.
- Second-year CB Morgan Trent led the NFL in interceptions (three). Trent got them all in the second half of one game, Aug. 20 vs. Philadelphia. He picked Michael Vick once and rookie Mike Kafka twice. From 1995-2010 (in which Elias Sports Bureau has leaguewide preseason stats), the only other instance of a player with three INTs in a preseason game was on Aug. 17, 2001, when Tennessee's Dainon Sidney had three against St. Louis.

Competition — it's good: When WR Terrell Owens was signed by the Bengals, speculation turned quickly to the possibility that the offense — run-oriented in 2009 — might not provide enough reception chances to satisfy both T.O. and Chad Ochocinco.

But at least in part, the Bengals' 2009 run-consciousness was a product of not having enough proven targets for QB Carson Palmer. And in preseason, signs pointed to a positive effect on both Owens and Ochocinco.

Owens, 36, has said that daily exposure to Ochocinco's constant antics have made him feel young (see following item). And as for Ochocinco, key observers are noticing that Chad has noticed Terrell.

"Chad has stepped his game up," said QB Carson Palmer. "He looks as good now as he did in 2003, 2004, 2005, whenever he was leading the AFC (in yards). It makes sense. Chad is extremely competitive. He doesn't want to be outshone. He doesn't want to be second fiddle to anybody. Bringing Terrell in here has really catapulted his game to another level that not many receivers can get to. And that's what is exciting about Chad, the potential of the year he can have."

Offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski is also pleased with the dynamic of the self-proclaimed "Dynamic Duo."

"It's been good for both of them," Bratkowski said. "The first part is the competitiveness. Neither one of them wants to be shown up by the other. They both push each other physically. They both want to make sure they both look good on film when we practice things."

Chad keeps him young: WR Terrell Owens remains an impressive physical specimen as he joins the Bengals this season, but he concedes he's no youngster at age 36. A bonus to signing with Cincinnati, he says, is being around the ever-youthful example of Chad Ochocinco, who's 32 but proud to say he often acts as if 22.

"I can't keep up with Chad, trust me," Owens said. "This guy needs a leash. This guy is like a 12, 13 year-old kid. Honestly, it's a joy to be around him. I don't know where he gets the energy. I don't know what he does before he gets up in the morning. All I know is this guy's all over the field every day. It's a joy to see somebody enjoy what he's doing. I think that's what I need to do more of."

Owens says anticipating a season packed with more fun than any he's had in recent memory.

"Chad has put it in perspective for me going into my last years of playing," Owens said. "Just enjoy football. That's what I intend to do. I'm going to enjoy this year as much as I can. That's what being around Chad has really allowed me to do. Standing out there on the sidelines and seeing how charismatic and interactive he is with the fans. For me, it's to enjoy the game. I'm not going to play forever. I know I have only a small window left."

They've been there, done that: Will the Bengals have enough airborne footballs available to satisfy two receivers with combined career totals of 1690 receptions, 24,903 yards and 206 receiving touchdowns? Those are the combined NFL career numbers of WRs Terrell Owens and Chad Ochocinco.

The principals say there will be.

"It's not about that (number of catches)," said Ochocinco. "It's about winning the darn Super Bowl. Our offense is going to be unfair, but to other teams, not to us. T. (Owens) and I are best friends off the field, and we have the same goal in mind. I think I've done some great things for this team and this organization, but of course T. is No. 1. He's a Hall of Famer. I give that up out of respect for what he's done in his career."

Said Owens: "I didn't come to town to mess. We're looking to be in Dallas on Feb. 6 (for Super Bowl XLIV). I think this team is special. I feel there is something around the corner for this team."

Splitting up those combined numbers:

Owens has 1006 career receptions for 14,951 yards and 144 TDs. Ochocinco, four years younger at age 32, has Bengals records of 684 catches and 9952 yards, and he has 62 TDs.

Chad needs 48 for 10,000: Bengals WR Chad Ochocinco enters the New England game needing 48 receiving yards to become the 33rd NFL player to get 10,000 for a career. Ochocinco's total is 9952 yards.

Ochocinco has compiled all of his yardage in a Cincinnati uniform, and he is the team career leader by more than 2800 yards over second-place Isaac Curtis (7101).

If Ochocinco this season would hit his career receiving yards average — 1106 yards — he would finish the year with 11,058 career yards. That could move him inside the top 25.

Below is a list of the players ranked 25-33 in all-time receiving yards. With 1106 yards this season, Ochocinco would pass all of them except perhaps Joey Galloway (No. 26). Galloway is the only one in the group besides Ochocinco who is still active:

RANK	PLAYER	REC. YARDS
No. 25	Gary Clark .....	10,856
No. 26	Joey Galloway .....	10,777
No. 27	Stanley Morgan .....	10,716
No. 28	Keyshawn Johnson .....	10,571
No. 29	Harold Jackson.....	10,372
No. 30	Lance Alworth.....	10,266
No. 31	Andre Rison.....	10,205
No. 32	Shannon Sharpe .....	10,060
No. 33	Chad Ochocinco.....	9952

Ochocinco enters 2010 with a good lead over the active player who is closest behind him. Indianapolis' Reggie Wayne is the next-highest active player at No. 36, and he's 559 behind Ochocinco, with 9393 yards. The next-highest active player is Green Bay's Donald Driver at 9050, trailing Ochocinco by 902.

T.O. needs 49 for 15,000: With 49 receiving yards at New England, Bengals WR Terrell Owens would become the third player in NFL history to reach 15,000 career receiving yards.

Owens has 14,951 yards entering the season. He ranks third in league history, behind only Jerry Rice (22,895) and Isaac Bruce (15,208), both retired. Owens needs 258 yards to overtake Bruce for second place.

Gresham grinds it: With 12 preseason receptions for 131 yards and a touchdown, rookie TE Jermaine Gresham has shown encouraging flashes to Bengals fans. It's clear he has the potential to make the TE spot more of a weapon in the Cincinnati offense, and to open more opportunities for wide receivers and running backs as well.

But in ways not as noticeable to viewers on the outside, Gresham is convincing coaches and teammates that the Bengals have scored in selecting him in the first round of the 2010 draft.

"There is a learning curve for Jermaine in playing the position the way we need it played in the NFL," says head coach Marvin Lewis, "but the most important thing at this point is how he works at it. He does not do everything exactly right at this point, but he does everything at full speed. His technique is going to suffer at

times, but he's shown us he does not lack one bit in ability or 'want-to.'

Gresham displays a strong and intense personality at all times, and it's the 'want-to' part that has most impressed QB Carson Palmer.

"Some rookies might be a little content to have a learning year, to work into things, but that is not Jermaine," Palmer says. "He is confident in his ability, and he wants to be the best right now. Maybe sometimes it would help him to slow down a little, to step back and soak it in, but he's an impatient young guy, and I like that. It's a sense of urgency that everybody on this team needs to have."

Guessing game for Bengals foes? The 2010 preseason saw the Bengals display an unusually large and productive crop of prospective kickoff and punt returners. HB Bernard Scott, CB Adam Jones and WR Quan Cosby all are strong candidates for kickoff returns, while Jones, Cosby and WR Jordan Shipley could all be in the mix as punt returners.

And for competitive reasons, head coach Marvin Lewis is not inclined to spell it out any more clearly than that.

"We've been trying to find some guys that can make a difference returning the ball, and it's been great," Lewis said. "It's a great weapon to have. Sometimes I've been envious of teams that have a couple of guys like that. It really changes how the opposing special teams coach looks at the game. He looks and sees that this guy brings this, but this other guy may bring that. They are not sure who the returner is, and it can make a big difference."

Jones, a May free agent signee, averaged 34.0 yards on six kickoff returns and 15.0 on five punt returns in preseason. And if you haven't seen the video, you haven't seen that he earned many of the yards on his own, displaying the natural flair that made him a national college star at West Virginia and the sixth overall pick in the 2005 NFL Draft. Jones is attempting to jump start his career in 2010, after a number of off-field problems that left him eligible but unemployed in the 2009 NFL season.

But as noted above, Jones hardly was the whole story on the preseason returns front:

- At KOR, the incumbent from 2009 is Scott. He comes off a rookie campaign in which he averaged 31.5 yards on 16 attempts. He had a 96-yarder for the game's only TD in a crucial win at Pittsburgh. Had he taken over the role a bit sooner, he would have gotten the four additional attempts he lacked to qualify for the NFL rankings. Had he held his 31.5 average through 20 returns, he would have won the league title. In the 2010 preseason, he had only four returns (17.8 avg.), but he clearly could still be in the mix for the '10 regular season. Also at KOR, Quan Cosby averaged 29.4 yards on seven preseason attempts.

- At PR, Cosby had the job last season and finished third in the AFC with an 11.9 average. He handled all 40 Bengals returns. He did not have a lost fumble. He led the NFL in total PR yardage, with a Bengals-record 474. In preseason, Cosby averaged a strong 12.4 yards on eight returns. Also at PR, rookie WR Jordan Shipley was the preseason average leader, at 16.1 on eight returns. He had a 63-yarder in his NFL preseason debut vs. Dallas, and he had a 36-yarder in the preseason finale.

"Not that often," sums up Marvin Lewis, "will you have as many guys as we do who have the real ability and true desire to return kicks."

Nugent claims kicking job: Sixth-year NFL player Mike Nugent closed the preseason in strong fashion and claimed the club's place-kicking job. He missed time early in preseason with a groin strain, but came back to make a 54-yard FG on Aug. 28 at Buffalo and a 52-yarder on Sept. 2 at Indianapolis. He was three-for-four on FGs in preseason, and his miss was from 59 yards.

Nugent is an Ohio State product and native of the Dayton suburb of Centerville. He is a sixth-year player with two 100-point seasons on his resume, as a New York Jet in 2006 and '07. His fortunes dipped the last two seasons — he was injured for nearly all of 2008 and did not stick at either Tampa Bay or Arizona last

season — but the former second-round Jets draft choice speaks confidently of a career rebound in 2010, buoyed by his work with special teams coach Darrin Simmons since his April signing.

"Not to make too much of it before I've played a real game for the Bengals, but I really feel I've become a better kicker working with Darrin," Nugent said. "I didn't kick like I think I can last year, and I was open to some ideas, and Darrin and I have spent a lot of time working on things. I've made a few changes, and I really feel I'm hitting the ball as consistently as ever right now."

Nugent won a preseason competition with fourth-year pro Dave Rayner. He will also handle kickoffs.

Under the radar, for now: When the Bengals signed WR Terrell Owens just at the start of training camp, the media and fan focus on the team switched immediately to the irresistible duo of Owens and WR Chad Ochocinco.

Big stars. Big personalities. Entirely understandable.

But with preseason ended, another standout Bengals duo plans to prove soon worthy of some hype. The Bengals were a defense-led team during their 2009 division title season, and before the signing of Owens, standout CBs Leon Hall and Johnathan Joseph formed the club's most noted twosome.

They haven't gone anywhere during the Owens/Ocho preseason festival. Both are former Bengals first-round draft choices, Joseph in 2006 and Hall in 2007. Each had six interceptions last season, marking the first time in franchise history that two CBs reached six, and their overall play was consistently excellent. A Pro Bowl berth has thus far eluded them — perhaps because of splitting the voters last season — but secondary coach Kevin Coyle differs.

"I thought they both played at a Pro Bowl level last year," Coyle said. "These two guys played the most consistent at a high level of any corners we've had here, and we've had Pro Bowl corners. Both of them are becoming the complete package. They're not just run defenders and they don't just make interceptions, or just play physical or just run. They can do it all."

Coyle goes on:

"Leon has a quiet confidence. He's a very self-assured guy that knows he's a top level player, but he doesn't take anything for granted. He is a tremendous technician of the game. And Johnathan is a tremendous athlete who has become a better technician. The last year or two, he has more awareness of the field and his role in the defense."

Could 'D' stand for dominant? In 2007, the Bengals defense was not so good. In 2008, it was much better. And in 2009, it was among the NFL's best units.

This week, the defense begins answering the question of whether it can rise to the highest level in 2010.

Cincinnati ranked fourth in the NFL last season in fewest yards allowed (301.4) and sixth in points allowed (18.2). The yardage ranking was the best since a No. 1 in 1983, and the scoring ranking was second-best in club history.

Coordinator Mike Zimmer, hired after the defense ranked 27th in 2007, certainly has another step up in his plans.

"If things continue to go as I envision, we'll be a defense that can contend," Zimmer says. "We have to get better in some areas, but with the group we have coming back, I feel pretty good. They'll be better because we're not changing a bunch of things."

Looking ahead to a possible banner 2010, some Bengals fans have begun calling the unit the Bengals "Z-fense."

The argument could be made that a healthy Bengals defense could have supported a run through the playoffs last season. When the Bengals lost 24-14 to the New York Jets in the Wild Card round, the defense was missing top sacker Antwan Odom, starting S Roy Williams and starting LB Rey Mauluga. Playing at less than 100 percent were DT Domata Peko and S Chris Crocker, both starters.

One big returnee: Were the Bengals to single out one reason why their very good 2009 defense will be even better in 2010, that reason would probably have to be the return to full action of DE Antwan Odom.

Now in his seventh NFL season, Odom helped the defense get off to a great start last year. He set an NFL record for most

sacks in Games 1-2 of a season (7.0), and his 8.0 sacks through five games were tied for the NFL lead. But his season was cut short by an Achilles tendon rupture in Game 6.

Odom recovered from the injury, however, in time to participate in most of the team's 2010 offseason drills. He reported no problems in preseason with his surgically repaired Achilles.

"It's holding up, which is great," Odom said. "I feel real good. I'm not getting sore, and I've been able to explode off the foot a lot more."

Odom came to the Bengals as an unrestricted free agent in 2008, having played his first four seasons for Tennessee.

"He brings a presence that demands double teams," said Bengals DT Domata Peko. "We really could have used him toward the end of last year. He looks great right now. His hands are really great, and that's big for defensive ends, and he still has his great speed off the ball."

Odom's goal for 2010 is his first double-digit season in sacks.

"I've got this thing about proving people wrong," Odom said. "If somebody tells me I can't do something, then I'm going to everything I can to prove you wrong. to let you know I can do it. It's kind of like how my whole life has been, proving people wrong. So I'm used to that. It doesn't bother me. There's no pressure on me, because I've been through it so many times."

Starting early pays: This year marked the Bengals' third time in the Hall of Fame Game, and the first two appearances wound up as the start to successful seasons.

• On Aug. 2, 1975, Cincinnati lost 17-9 at Canton to the Washington Redskins, but went on to post an 11-3 record. The .786 winning percentage from that season still stands as the best in club history. The Bengals made the playoffs as a Wild Card team, finishing second behind 12-2 Pittsburgh in the AFC Central Division and fell 31-28 at Oakland in the first round of the playoffs.

• On July 30, 1988, the Bengals' 14-7 Hall of Fame win over the Los Angeles Rams was the kickoff to a 12-4 regular season. Cincinnati won the AFC Central Division championship and went on to capture the AFC title, moving on to Super Bowl XXIII.

Don't count out Carson: Bengals QB Carson Palmer has not posted the sort of statistics the last two seasons that he did over 2004-07. But in head coach Marvin Lewis' estimation, that's no reason for Palmer to no longer be mentioned among the elite QBs in the NFL.

In 2008, Palmer missed 12 games with an elbow injury. And last season, though he finished only 16th in the NFL in passer rating (83.6), he led the Bengals to a division championship.

Palmer's WR corps frankly was not what the club had hoped for heading into last season. Defenses were able to focus on Chad Ochocinco and avoid getting burned elsewhere. The club remains supremely confident in Palmer as the cornerstone of its plans to repeat as AFC North champs, and to go beyond last year's first-round playoff loss. And this season, Palmer has been provided with new weapons in veteran WR Terrell Owens, first-round rookie TE Jermaine Gresham and third-round rookie WR Jordan Shipley.

Also last season, Palmer excelled in ways not specifically tailored to a gaudy passer rating. He directed a remarkable early string of comebacks (four of the first five games), leading drives of 70 or more yards in the last two minutes to gain either a lead or a tie. He led the Bengals to a franchise-first unbeaten record in division play (6-0). He adjusted his game to accommodate a much-improved rushing attack, as Cincinnati finished ninth in the NFL in rushing (128.5 per game) with a club-record eight 100-yard games by individual rushers.

"The most important thing is to win the most games," says Lewis. "If we're putting winning drives together and winning football games, that's what counts in the end. That's what Carson did last year, even if his stats were not as good overall as some past years. So I don't concern myself with Carson's stats, as long as his interception totals are low, the fumble totals for the offense are low and we're converting third downs."

Palmer rates with greats: Bengals QB Carson Palmer stands tall in team passing records against Ken Anderson and Boomer Esiason, the Bengals' two Super Bowl quarterbacks.

Palmer owns the franchise's career records for passer rating and completion percentage, and he holds season marks for TD passes, rating, yards and completions. He also holds the game record for TD passes.

Here's how Anderson, Esiason and Palmer compare, with a chart of team records held by each player:

Career records (minimum 1000 passes)		
ANDERSON	ESIASON	PALMER
Attempts (4475)	Yds./att. (7.62)	Comp. pct (63.2)
Completions (2654)	300-yd. games (23)	Rating (87.9)
Yards (32,838)		TD/INT ratio (1.6/1)
TD passes (197)		
Season records (minimum 350 passes)		
ANDERSON	ESIASON	PALMER
Comp. pct. (70.6)	300-yd. games (5)*	Completions (373)
TD/INT ratio (2.9/1)		Yards (4131)
		TD passes (32)
		Rating (101.1)
		300-yd. games (5)*
* — Esiason and Palmer share record.		
Game records		
ANDERSON	ESIASON	PALMER
Completions (40)	Yards (490)	TD passes (6)
Comp. pct. (90.9)		
Longest pass (94)		

Benson's ratio is best: Bengals HB Cedric Benson has nine 100-yard rushing games in 23 Cincinnati starts. That's an average of one 100-yarder for every 2.6 starts, better than the ratios posted by Corey Dillon and Rudi Johnson, the players who rank 1-2 in most 100-yard rushing games for Cincinnati.

Dillon got his team-record 28 games of 100 rushing yards in 96 starts, an average of one every 3.4 starts. Rudi Johnson got his 19 games of 100 in 59 starts, one for every 3.1 starts.

Benson's nine-for-23 is for regular-season games only. He also had a 100-yard game in his only Cincinnati playoff appearance, last year against the N.Y. Jets. His 169 total for that game is a Bengals postseason record.

Here's a listing of the 22 players who have hit the 100-yard rushing mark in stripes, with their number of 100-yarders in parentheses:

- Ten or more games — Corey Dillon (28), Rudi Johnson (19), James Brooks (17), Pete Johnson (14).
- Five-to-nine games — Cedric Benson (nine), Harold Green (eight), Paul Robinson (six), Essex Johnson (five), Ickey Woods (five).
- One-to-four games — Larry Kinnebrew (four), Boobie Clark (three), Archie Griffin (three), Jess Phillips (three), Kenny Watson (two), Ki-Jana Carter (one), Virgil Carter (one), Doug Dressler (one), Larry Johnson (one), Marc Logan (one), Bernard Scott (one), Deacon Turner (one), Stanley Wilson (one).

Can Benson best Rudi? If HB Cedric Benson can match his average full-game rushing production of 2009 this season and avoid injury, he'll be a threat to Rudi Johnson's Bengals season record of 1458 yards, set in 2005.

Benson rushed for 1251 yards last year despite missing three and a half games. He missed 10 quarters of play with a hip strain suffered in the first half Nov. 15 at Pittsburgh. He sat out the second half and was inactive for the next two contests, which came against teams (Oakland and Cleveland) ranked low in rushing defense. He also sat out the regular-season finale against the Jets at New York, as coaches rested him for the playoffs.

But his rushing average for the 12 games he fully played was 102.4, which would project to 1639 yards over 16 games.

Benson set a Bengals record last season with six 100-yard rushing games. The previous record of five had been set eight times.

25 does the trick: The Bengals are 28-1 in 29 games under coach Marvin Lewis in which a rusher has carried 25 or more times. Cincinnati is 8-0 when HB Cedric Benson has turned the trick, including six times during the 2009 season.

Also during the Lewis era, Cincinnati was 18-1 when Rudi Johnson had 25 or more carries (over 2003-07), and the Bengals were 2-0 when Kenny Watson had a pair of 25-plus games (both in 2007).

"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."

Cincinnati's only loss under Lewis with a 25-carry rusher was Dec. 24, 2006 at Denver, when the Broncos overcame a 30-for-129 day by Johnson in a 24-23 win. Factors that contributed to the game being the lone exception to the 25-carry formula included a minus-two turnover differential for the Bengals and an aborted PAT in the closing seconds that kept Cincinnati from forcing overtime.

O-line optimism: The Bengals' offensive line play was an unexpected plus in helping the team to the AFC North Division title last year. With only one starter (RG Bobbie Williams) returning in the same position as 2008, the line put together a performance that fueled a No. 9 NFL rank in both rushing yards (128.5 per game) and fewest sacks allowed (29).

In 2010, all the starters are back. Besides Williams, Cincinnati is lining up with Andrew Whitworth at LOT, Nate Livings at LG, Kyle Cook at C and Dennis Roland at ROT. Evan Mathis is a veteran guard who started seven games last season, and the Bengals still are awaiting a full contribution from OT Andre Smith, their top pick in the 2009 draft. Smith got a late start last year due to extended contract negotiations, and he was slowed last season — and early this preseason — by a foot injury and subsequent rehab. But he played in the last three preseason games, and it's hoped he'll be ready to contribute significantly during the regular season.

On the line as a whole, line coach Paul Alexander says:

"I know this: I feel a lot better now than I did a year ago at this time. Every year is different, but this year the expectations are different. Last year at this point was a wait-and-see situation, and they did a hell of a job. This year we're just looking to get even better."

Hello, Cincinnati: WR Terrell Owens made an unusual response to the intense fan interest in his signing by the Bengals. He worked with the Cincinnati Enquirer for publication of an "open letter" from himself to the fans.

Highlights of the letter, published Aug. 20 with the salutation "Dear Bengals Nation," include:

- "Feb. 6, 2011 (date of Super Bowl XLV) is now marked on my calendar with a big orange circle."
- "I'm certain nothing in life is guaranteed, but for us to win the Super Bowl, it will take a total team effort ... I'm promising you that focus will be stronger than you've ever seen it."
- "The Bengals are now my extended family, and I look forward to learning more about your city, teammates, coaches and you all."
- "Let's make The Jungle roar this season."

T.O. is tops: With the retirement of Isaac Bruce after the 2009 season, Bengals WR Terrell Owens enters 2010 as the NFL's active leader in career receptions (1006) and receiving yards (14,951).

Owens will need a good pace to stay there in receptions, as Atlanta TE Tony Gonzalez is only seven behind.

In receiving yards, Owens has more of a cushion. He's 486 yards ahead of New England WR Randy Moss.

The NFL's active top five in career receptions:

PLAYER	POS.	TEAM	REC.
Terrell Owens.....	WR	Bengals	1006
Tony Gonzalez.....	TE	Falcons	999
Randy Moss.....	WR	Patriots	926
Torry Holt.....	WR	Patriots	920
Hines Ward.....	WR	Steelers	895

And the league's active top five in career receiving yards:

PLAYER	POS.	TEAM	REC. YDS.
Terrell Owens.....	WR	Bengals	14,951
Randy Moss.....	WR	Patriots	14,465
Torry Holt.....	WR	Patriots	13,382
Tony Gonzalez.....	TE	Falcons	11,807
Derrick Mason.....	WR	Ravens	11,089

Owens second in a two-man race: Bengals WR Terrell Owens ranks second among active NFL players in career TD receptions, and he could make a run at first-place Randy Moss with a big scoring season in 2010.

For certain, Moss and Owens will not be challenged for the 1-2 spots. The next-closest player, Atlanta TE Tony Gonzalez, is a whopping 62 TDs behind T.O.

The NFL's active top five in career TD receptions:

PLAYER	POS.	TEAM	TD
Randy Moss.....	WR	Patriots	148
Terrell Owens.....	WR	Bengals	144
Tony Gonzalez.....	TE	Falcons	82
Hines Ward.....	WR	Steelers	78
Joey Galloway.....	WR	Redskins	77

Eliminating one headache: Having played most of his career in the NFC, WR Terrell Owens did not have considerable experience against the Bengals in his 14 previous seasons. But in four games, he averaged 108.3 receiving yards, his fifth-highest per-game norm against any NFL team. He averaged 18.8 yards on 23 catches and scored three TDs.

In his last outing against Cincinnati, playing in 2008 for Dallas, his 57-yard TD reception in the second half was the game-breaking play in a 31-22 Cowboys win.

"When you add his kind of deep threat to your passing game, defenses have to account for it," says head coach Marvin Lewis. "We've witnessed it as a defense playing against him. We've been through the process of trying to prevent it. I'm glad we're on the other side this year."

Football time for Chad: WR Chad Ochocinco, far and away the Bengals' all-time leader in receptions (684) and receiving yards (9952), is back for a 10th season in stripes, with no thoughts of slowing down. He is 32 years old for the 2010 season. He raised his national profile considerably this past offseason, featured on ABC's "Dancing With the Stars" and a dating show on VH1, but it's not as if he wasn't already known in the NFL. He went to his sixth Pro Bowl last season.

"Now it's about maintaining myself as one of the best," Ochocinco said. "The only difference now is I'm no surprise. I'm no secret. Being able to play at a high level becomes more difficult when teams are focused on you. When I'm able to overcome those obstacles and still be successful, I guess that says a lot."

Ochocinco has added boxing to his off-season regimen the last two years in an attempt to stay tough physically.

"The hits I take in the boxing ring allow me to have more of an edge when I play; it's not as big a deal to be constantly getting hit," he said. "It sort of gives me an 'I don't care' type feeling during the game. The footwork (in boxing) coincides with football also. No false steps. It all goes hand-in-hand with everything I'm doing. It all works together once the season starts."

And "Dancing With the Stars," he says, was good training to

stay tough mentally.

"It's very disciplining," he said. "It's a 'You-can't-mess-up, you have one shot' type of deal. "When you're live in front of 20 million you've got to be on point. I think it can help the discipline in the things I do. Route-running. Just being on point in that one shot I have. It's just being on point every time that ball snaps."

Chad's numbers: WR Chad Ochocinco enters the 2010 regular season needing 48 receiving yards to become the 33rd NFL player to get 10,000 for a career. Ochocinco's total is 9952 yards. Ochocinco has had 87 receiving yards in two playoff games, but postseason results do not count in the all-time yardage rankings.

Ochocinco has compiled all of his yardage in a Cincinnati uniform, and he is the team career leader by more than 2800 yards over second-place Isaac Curtis (7101).

In career receptions, Ochocinco finished last season at a franchise-record total of 684. He now is 154 ahead of the second-place player, Carl Pickens, who caught 530.

"By the time he's through," says QB Carson Palmer, "these records aren't going to just be broken. They'll be shattered."

The current top five for all-time Bengals receptions:

PLAYERS	YEARS	SEASONS	REC.
Chad Ochocinco.....	9	2001-09	684
Carl Pickens.....	8	1992-99	530
T.J. Houshmandzadeh.....	8	2001-08	507
Cris Collinsworth.....	8	1981-88	417
Isaac Curtis.....	12	1973-84	416

And the current top five for all-time Bengals receiving yards:

PLAYERS	YEARS	SEASONS	REC. YDS.
Chad Ochocinco.....	9	2001-09	9952
Isaac Curtis.....	12	1973-84	7101
Carl Pickens.....	8	1992-99	6887
Cris Collinsworth.....	8	1981-88	6698
Eddie Brown.....	7	1985-91	6134

Chad one short of TD mark: WR Chad Ochocinco has 62 career TD receptions for the Bengals, and his next one will tie him with Carl Pickens (63) for most receiving TDs in Bengals history.

Ochocinco had a team-leading nine TDs (all receiving) last season, his most since 2005, when he also had nine. He fell one TD catch short of tying his career high of 10, posted in 2003.

Ochocinco holds fourth place in total Bengals TDs (62). The record is 70 by FB Pete Johnson, while Pickens shares second place with RB James Brooks at 64 each. In addition to his 63 receiving TDs, Pickens had one on a punt return as a rookie.

For the record: Here's current list of the Bengals records held by WR Chad Ochocinco:

- Receptions, career: 684.
- Receiving yards, career: 9952.
- Receiving yards, season: 1440 in 2007.
- Receiving yards, game: 260 on 11-12-06 vs. San Diego.
- 100-yard games, career: 29.
- 100-yard games, season: Five (tied for record).
- Consecutive games with reception, career: 120.

Only Chad predates Marvin: WR Chad Ochocinco is the only player on the Bengals roster whose Cincinnati tenure predates the 2003 arrival of Marvin Lewis as head coach. Ochocinco opened in 2001 under head coach Dick LeBeau, as a second-round draft choice (36th overall). Ochocinco became the lone player in this category on Oct. 13, 2009, when the Bengals released LS Brad St. Louis, a 10th-year vet. St. Louis had joined the Bengals in 2000, under head coach Bruce Coslet.

It's a tough one: Based on opponents' aggregate 2009 records, the Bengals' 2010 schedule ranks as the NFL's fourth-toughest. Cincinnati's foes played to a combined 138-118

record last season, for a winning percentage of .539. The only clubs whose foes did better are Houston (140-116), Tennessee (140-116) and Dallas (139-117).

No team plays more 2010 foes who finished at .500 or better. Cincinnati's total of 11 is tied for the league high.

Pittsburgh (126-130) has the weakest opponents' record of the AFC North Division teams. Cleveland's foes played to a 132-124 mark last season, and Baltimore's were 130-126.

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

In 2004, when the Bengals' uniforms were redesigned, a number of different color options became available. Below is the team record since 2004 (regular season and postseason) in the different combinations of jerseys and pants:

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L	PCT.
Orange	Black.....	3-0-0	1.000
Orange	White.....	7-2-0	.777
Black	Black.....	8-5-1	.607
White	Black.....	11-12-0	.478
Black	White.....	13-17	.433
White	White.....	6-13-0	.316

Lucky 13? In the New England game, the Bengals will be shooting for a 13th consecutive week to hold at least a share of the AFC North Division lead. They had at least a share for the last 12 weeks of 2009, and for eight of those weeks, including the last seven, they were alone in first place.

After losing their 2009 season opener in stunning fashion to Denver, the Bengals grabbed their first share of the lead on Oct. 4, when they won at Cleveland while Baltimore was losing at New England. Both teams were 3-1. The Bengals took sole possession of first place on Oct. 11, when they won at Baltimore to go 4-1. On Oct. 18, when the Bengals lost to Houston, Pittsburgh pulled into a first-place tie at 4-2 by beating Cleveland for its third straight win. The Bengals and Steelers remained tied until Nov. 15, when the Bengals moved ahead to stay with a win at Heinz Field.

The Bengals wound up winning the division by one game over Baltimore and Pittsburgh, as the Ravens and Steelers each finished 9-7 to Cincinnati's 10-6. The Ravens earned a Wild Card playoff berth, and the Steelers were eliminated from the postseason via tiebreakers.

Silver anniversary for "Lap": In 2010, former Bengals offensive lineman Dave Lapham is in his 25th year as the analyst on the Bengals Radio Network. Colorful, conversational and above all knowledgeable, Lapham stepped into the analyst role in 1986. He has worked alongside all five of the radio play-by-play voices in Bengals history — Phil Samp, Ken Broo, Paul Keels, Pete Arbogast and current voice Brad Johansen.

"This job has been a great way for me to stay involved with the Bengals all these years, and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity," Lapham said. "I really can't think of any assignment I would rather have had. Mike Brown (now Bengals president) was the one who first tipped me off that the job might be open. I went to the radio flagship (then WKRC-AM in Cincinnati), and pretty shortly after that I was hired."

Lapham also claims membership in the Bengals' "Double Digit Club," comprised of 23 players who have played 10 or more seasons for Cincinnati. He was a third-round Bengals draft choice out of Syracuse in 1974 and played until 1983. He was the Bengals' starting LG in Super Bowl XVI.

TV streak at 85: In each of the last 85 TV ratings weeks that have included a Bengals regular-season or postseason game — a period dating back to 2004 — the Bengals have ruled the Cincinnati airwaves. They have been the top-rated show among all programming in the Cincinnati market, and usually by a wide margin.

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

The rating number indicates the percentage of market households tuned to the game — including those not watching TV at the time. The highest Bengals rating during the streak has been



*(TV streak at 85, continued)*

45.5 for the Pittsburgh playoff game 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.

Turnover tables turned under Lewis: Over Marvin Lewis' tenure as Bengals head coach (2003-09), the Bengals rank fourth in the NFL in turnover differential at plus-40. Cincinnati, however, was only even in turnover differential for '09.

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

Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
Indianapolis	212	135	+77
New England	211	160	+51
San Diego	198	153	+45
Cincinnati	219	179	+40
Carolina	220	189	+31

In Lewis' tenure, the Bengals rank fourth in the NFL in takeaways (219). Baltimore is first at 230, and Carolina and Chicago are tied for second, just one ahead of the Bengals at 220. The Bengals have reached 219 with 134 INTs and 85 FRs.

In points off turnovers since 2003, Elias Sports Bureau reports that the Ravens lead the NFL with 743, and the Bengals are fourth at 657.

A stat that matters: Under head coach Marvin Lewis, the Bengals show a 37-6-1 record when posting a plus in turnover differential. That's a winning percentage of .852.

With a minus differential, however, the record under Lewis has been almost a mirror image, at 7-35 (.167).

When the differential has been even, the results have been about even, with the Bengals at 12-14 (.462) under Lewis.

The Bengals' experience with turnovers under Lewis is backed up by overall league numbers. Since the start of the 2000 season, here are the records of NFL teams with varying turnover differentials (minus differentials are not included because they are the exact reverse of the plus figure for the same numbers):

DIFFERENTIAL	W-L	PCT.
Plus-1	596-272-1	.686
Plus-2	500-100-0	.833
Plus-3	306-41-1	.881
Plus-4	161-8-0	.953
Plus-5 or more	79-2-0	.975

Overall, combining the five differential levels listed above, NFL teams with any plus have a winning percentage of .795 since 2000. The combined W-L record is 1643-423-2.

For the 2009 season, teams with a plus posted a 165-46 record, a winning percentage of .782.

Bengal bites: Five players have been voted by the team as permanent team captains for 2010: QB Carson Palmer and G Bobbie Williams on offense, LB Dhani Jones and DT Domata Peko on defense and LB Brandon Johnson on special teams ... MLB Dhani Jones is shooting in 2010 for his third straight team tackling title. His 142 tackles last season led the team by 41, and his 165 tackles in 2008 led by 53 ... Bengals offensive linemen tooled around training camp on Segway people movers, Christmas gifts from QB Carson Palmer ... The Bengals have gone two straight regular seasons without allowing a two-point conversion. Cincinnati foes were zero-for-three in 2008 and zero-for-two in 2009 ... The Bengals have won a franchise-record seven straight games in division play, breaking a mark of six set twice previously. The streak includes a 2008 victory over Cleveland and last season's 6-0 division mark ... The Bengals' three-game lead (38-35) in their "Battle of Ohio" series against Cleveland is their largest since the end of the 1992 season, when they led 24-21.

## Bengals quotes

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on whether the Bengals had the most competitive preseason roster battle in his eight years on the job:

"People say it is, I guess. I think we have some depth in some spots. We had a lot of competition, and that's a good thing. But last season, we didn't get beyond our first goal (winning a division championship). There is a lot more for us to accomplish this season."

QB Carson Palmer, on the no-huddle offense:

"We've got some good stuff in the no-huddle, but we've also got good stuff in our schemes. But it's a good change of pace. It makes the defense prepare a little bit more. It puts more pressure on the defense and gets them tired. It gets us tired, too, but it's a good asset to have. We'll use it some weeks, and some weeks we won't."

WR Terrell Owens, on his NFL longevity:

"You would never think that I'm 36. I think that's cost me money, the stigma that guys in their 30s are in their decline. We'll see what they have to say at the end of this year. I attribute a lot of it to eating healthy. I don't drink during the season. I have guys here asking how I do it. I attribute it to the way that I take care of my body. Look at what I've done over my career. It hasn't been one year here or there."

LB Keith Rivers, on his goal of making more impact plays in 2010:

"Hopefully I'll get that chance to turn the corner this year and make the plays that I've always envisioned making. It's about being more relentless and non-stop on a more consistent basis."

I'm keeping my focus on that. You don't have to play outside yourself to make plays. You just have to do what the coaches ask. They're going to put you in position to make plays, so you have to make them when they come."

Lewis, on rookie WR Jordan Shipley:

"He's doing everything we're asking of him. Nothing has been too big for him. When you ask him to take another step, you find you're satisfied with what he gets done. He is a real football player, and he looks like a guy who's going to be on the field for us on Sundays."

Palmer, looking to the 2010 regular season:

"We've got some poise. We've been to the playoffs. We've done it before. We're more mature now. The thing we have to do now is win the games we're supposed to win. Win the games where we're the better team. We can't lose a game like last year at Oakland. It was a down year for them but we let them find a way to beat us at their place. I'm excited. I don't think it's a question of talent. It's being professional and having the right guys, and this may be our best mix of that."

HB Cedric Benson, on his relationship with Bengals management after a troubled NFL start with Chicago:

"Mike Brown has shown me he's got my back. The Bengals have taken the time to look into the facts of situations. They've showed they're invested in me as a person, not just a football player. You can't ask for more than that. It makes you feel at home. It makes you feel good about what you're doing here, working in this town, working for an owner like Mike. It brings out the best in you, truly."

NBC analyst and former Bengals WR Cris Collinsworth, on the Bengals:

"I think people are going to start looking at the Bengals as a pretty legitimate Super Bowl contender. You have to say this is one of the best defensive teams they've had in awhile. It's one of the best running games they've had in a long time, and the only thing sort of missing from the equation a season ago was the passing game. I find it very difficult to believe with the receivers they have assembled here, the quarterback they have and now signing Jermaine Gresham that they're not going to take a pretty good jump in the passing game. Would they have beaten the Jets (in last season's playoffs) with that type of passing game? I can make a pretty strong case."

Collinsworth, on WR Terrell Owens:

"I think Terrell is bit of a freak, and in football terms, that's a compliment. Physically, he's just superior to a lot of guys. He's a first-ballot Hall of Famer. Jerry Rice played until he was 40. Some guys can make it last a little longer. The thing I like about him, even if he's a step slower than he's been, you still have to tackle the guy. That's a big man (6-3, 225) to try and put down. When the Cowboys and 49ers were using him, there were a lot of short, quick balls. Get it in his hands and see if someone can tackle him. You don't always have to go over the top with him."

Palmer, on a side benefit to the signing of WR Terrell Owens:

"It used to be that the media would come in to the locker room and see me and Chad (Ochocinco). Now they come in to see Chad and Terrell, and I get more time to eat or watch film."

G Bobbie Williams, on the team's offseason moves:

"It just shows we are building this team to go all the way this year; that's all you can ask the organization to do. They're getting the players that are in demand. We certainly feel like this is the year. They're showing more signs to get more top name players in to help give us a better chance. ... Hey, they even brought me back (as an unrestricted free agent)."

Lewis, on Michael Johnson's switch from DE to LB:

"We've been very pleased with what we've seen, but I knew he could play linebacker when I switched him there (during offseason workouts). We saw glimpses of it in practice last year. He's the most talented guy I've had as far as making that switch."

LB Rey Maualuga, looking to 2010 after a good but not great rookie year:

"I'm the same person. Same guy. But a different attitude. My mind is a lot sharper. I'm a football player. It's a business. I don't want to make excuses. Last year, I went out (partying) all the time. It's just excuses. I'm just a lot more focused."

Maualuga, on fulfilling the big-play reputation he brought from his college days:

"Turnovers are key. I didn't do anything last year. Study your opponent. Know the places where they like to run. Be at the spot before they get there. I studied somewhat (last season). But mostly it was, 'See the ball, get the ball.' I knew what I was doing out there. If I wasn't, then I wouldn't have been playing. But this year I'll be a lot quicker to the ball. I'll be a lot smarter."

Owens, on possibly making the Hall of Fame one day:

"I don't overwhelm myself with that. My numbers speak for themselves. The only thing I don't have as an accolade is the Super Bowl trophy. That's pretty much my reason for coming here, knowing that we have something special here and we're on the cusp of doing something great."

Owens, on his relatively modest receiving numbers in Buffalo last season:

"People fail to mention I had three different quarterbacks, two different head coaches and a new offensive coordinator right at the beginning of the year. We had a rash of injuries. We probably had the most guys on injured reserve. So all those factors hurt the team production. Not just myself. They don't want to talk about that. They want to say, 'He's declining.'"

S Chris Crocker, on CB Leon Hall:

"People know Leon is a great player, but I think he's sometimes underestimated as an athlete. When we played softball (as part of June team outing), I made him my first pick in the draft. I was the captain of that team, and we rode Leon to the finals. He was everywhere. He was our shortstop, outfield. Everything."

Palmer, on facing the Bengals defense in practice:

"If we get to the end of the season and we've been going against the No. 1 defense in the league all year, I won't be surprised. They've got a chance to be. Why not? We don't look a mess out there, but they make it difficult for us. We have to work hard for every yard and first down we get. It's good for us. We play in a very tough defensive division."

Palmer, on CB Adam Jones and his return to the NFL after missing 2009:

"He's all over the field and he's a competitive guy. He's fast. Extremely quick. He reminds me of Troy Polamalu. He can be in a back pedal, come out of his back pedal and in his first three steps he's running his full speed, 4.2 or 4.3. He's really great on comebacks and digs and if someone tries to run by him on a (fly pattern) he can go from a back pedal to opening up and sprinting as fast as anyone I've seen. I haven't noticed any rust."

Lewis, on QB Carson Palmer:

"Carson wants to win very badly. During the offseason, Carson will message me once a week about something. He wants to know what's going on. He's invested in the team. In 2003, when he visited here, I told him he was going to be our pick and that he and I were going to be joined at the hip, and he took that seriously. He knew what that meant. A lot of people would think that was idle conversation, but he knew right then and there what that meant. I value his opinion, and he understands when things don't break his way. Sometimes the player doesn't see the whole picture. I try and involve him in that. I tell him, 'Sometimes I'm going to make a decision that you're not going to feel good about, but don't ever let that preclude you from coming to me.'"

Palmer, on first-round draft pick Jermaine Gresham:

"I don't know if there's anything that any tight end in this league does that he can't potentially do. Not that he's mastered anything yet. Not that he's got everything down. But I don't see a weakness. If he had to play in Pittsburgh's offense and block a guy every single time and run little quick seam routes, out routes, he could do that. If he played in Denver's offense and got to run a lot of routes, he could do that."

Lewis, on team restrictions regarding players' use of social media:

"Our restrictions go beyond the league's restrictions. But I think the social part for them is different now. Things have changed. It's what they like to do, it is how they communicate. I don't think you can sit there and act like it doesn't go on, because it does. Again, it is how they communicate. But, no, when they are here to do work in the meetings and so forth, that is our time here. You have time when you are not here to do what you need to do, and obviously their day here has some free time as well."

## Position-by-position roundup

**Quarterbacks:** Carson Palmer closed out the preseason at Indianapolis with one series of action, completing four of five passes for 28 yards on a field goal drive. He started all five preseason games and finished at 42-for-59 passing (71.2 percent) for 415 yards with two TDs

and two INTs. Palmer is the holder of multiple club passing records and provides the Bengals with an offensive leader that few clubs can match. A two-time Pro Bowl selection, Palmer led Cincinnati to a division title last season, starting every game. Palmer led the Bengals to a strong

start last season, directing a remarkable early string of comebacks, as in four of the first five games, he led drives of 70 or more yards to gain either a lead or a tie in the last two minutes. Palmer stands as the fifth-fastest passer in NFL history to reach 100 TDs, hitting the century mark in 2007 in his 59th game played, and he opens 2010 with 128 career TDs. Third-year pro Jordan Palmer posted a 135.1 passer rating for the Colts game. Entering on the second possession of the third quarter, he threw two TD passes as the Bengals moved from a 6-6 tie to their 30-28 win. He completed 10-of-14 for 114 yards, and his TD passes were 17 yards to WR Jerome Simpson and 50 yards to WR Dezmon Briscoe. For the preseason, he was 29-of-52 passing (55.8 percent) for 345 yards with three TDs and three INTs. Palmer was in uniform for every game last season as the designated third QB, but did not see regular-season game action. On Sept. 5, the Bengals obtained rookie Dan LeFevour on waivers from Chicago. LeFevour, from Central Michigan, was a sixth-round choice by the Bears in the 2010 draft. He played in all four Bears preseason games (19-41 for 204-1-1). A prodigious passer and rusher in the Mid-American Conference, LeFevour started 51 career games and posted numerous national and school superlatives. He is the only player in NCAA major school (FBS) history with more than 12,000 career passing yards and more than 2500 career rushing yards. On Sept. 5, the Bengals released eighth-year player J.T. O'Sullivan, who had played in all five preseason games.

**Running backs:** The lineup is led by sixth-year HB Cedric Benson. Though he played fully in only 12 games last season, Benson rushed for 1251 yards and tacked on a club postseason record of 169 yards in the playoff game against the N.Y. Jets. He averaged 102.4 rushing yards in his 12 full games, and he set a club record for 100-yard games (six). Benson started all five preseason games and finished with 123 rushing yards on 32 carries (3.8), plus five receptions for 29 yards. He had one preseason rushing TD. Back for his second pro season is quick and elusive HB Bernard Scott, and the NCAA Division II product (Abilene Christian) is continuing to show his ability. He played in all five preseason games and led the team in yards from scrimmage (220), rushing 29-for-117 with a TD and adding six receptions for 103 yards. A bargain from the sixth round of the 2009 draft, Scott rushed for 321 yards last season with a 4.3 average. In his first game last season as a primary rusher, filling in for the injured Benson on Nov. 22 at Oakland, he logged 119 rushing yards and the team's second-most yards from scrimmage (151) on the season. He also made a late-season move into the No. 1 KOR role last season. Resourceful fourth-year HB Brian Leonard led the RBs in receptions (30) last season and proved a clutch performer on third down, but Leonard was sidelined with a foot sprain in the Aug. 8 Dallas game and did not play in the remaining preseason games. He has an early listing of questionable for New England. With Leonard down, first-year HB Cedric Peerman stepped in during preseason to at least temporarily seize the No. 3 spot. He capped his preseason in the Indianapolis game by outrunning the Colts defense on a 93-yard third-quarter TD run that gave the Bengals a 13-6 lead. For the Indy game, he was six-for-100 rushing and caught four passes for 14 yards. Peerman played in the last four preseason games and was second on the team in yards from scrimmage (217), rushing 31-for-201 (6.5) with two TDs. Peerman was also impressive Aug. 20 vs. Philadelphia, scoring two fourth-quarter touchdowns. The first came on a 22-yard run on which he showed breakaway speed after eluding tackles at the line on a third-and-one play. First-year HB James Johnson was waived on Sept. 4. The Bengals will open 2010 without a player listed exclusively at the FB spot. Brian Leonard could see some FB play, as could TE Daniel Coats. Second-year pro Fui Vakapuna opened in the No. 1 FB spot on the depth chart, but he missed all the preseason games with a shoulder injury. He was waived/injured on Sept. 4, and upon clearing waivers Sept. 5, he reverted to Cincinnati's Reserve/Injured list. College free agent Joe Tronzo of Louisville was waived Sept. 4 and signed Sept. 5 to the Bengals practice squad. Tronzo played in all five preseason games and had two receptions for 20 yards and two rushes for two yards.

**Wide receivers:** The Bengals are looking to improve their overall WR production in 2010, and the ingredients seem to be in place. The returning leader is Chad Ochocinco, now in his 10th Bengals and NFL season. Ochocinco last year garnered his sixth career Pro Bowl selection, leading the team by wide margins in catches (72), receiving yards (1047) and TDs (nine). He is the Bengals leader by wide margins in career receptions (684) and receiving yards (9952), and he needs 48 receiving yards to become the 33rd NFL player to hit the 10,000 mark. He played in all five preseason games, seeing limited action, and had seven catches for 74 yards with a TD. The Bengals' highest-profile new addition is of course Terrell Owens, signed as an unrestricted free agent on July 29. In 14 previous NFL seasons — with San Francisco, Dallas, Philadelphia and Buffalo — Owens has career accomplishments that include 14,951 receiving yards (third in NFL history), 144 TD receptions (third) and 1006 receptions (sixth). He has received six Pro Bowl

selections and six All-Pro selections. Owens saw brief action in all five preseason games and had 12 catches for 143 yards. Jordan Shipley, a third-round 2010 draft choice, has shown himself as a potentially significant contributor. He led the team in preseason catches (14) and gained 118 yards. He also had punt returns of 63 and 21 yards. Shipley left Texas as the school's all-time receptions leader (248), and he ranks second in receiving yards (3191) and TD catches (33). Second-year pro Quan Cosby, a former college teammate of Shipley, played in every preseason game and performed well as a receiver and as a kick returner. He had seven receptions for 104 yards (14.9) while averaging 12.4 yards on eight punt returns and 29.4 yards on seven kickoff returns. Cosby handled all 40 Bengals punt returns last season, ranking third in the AFC with an 11.9-yard average. Andre Caldwell ranked second on the team last year in receptions (51) and was third in receiving yards (432). His three TD catches included two game-winners with less than a minute to play. Caldwell played in four preseason games, with three catches for 24 yards. Jerome Simpson played in every preseason game and showed improvement as the schedule went on. He led the team at Indianapolis in catches (six) and receiving yards (68), with a 17-yard TD catch from Jordan Palmer, and he led the team in preseason receiving yards with 149 while tying for second in catches (12). An explosive college star at the FCS level (Coastal Carolina), Simpson is back for his third season after two years in a learning mode. First-year pro Maurice Purify played in the first two preseason games before suffering a knee injury. He was waived Sept. 4 with an injury settlement. Sixth-round draft pick Dezmon Briscoe was waived on Sept. 4 and then signed to Tampa Bay's practice squad after clearing waivers. Veteran free agent signee Matt Jones was released to free agency on Sept. 4.

**Tight ends:** The Bengals look for a big upgrade at TE in 2010. Seeking to boost the offensive explosiveness from the position, the club used its top 2010 draft pick (21st overall) on tough and talented Jermaine Gresham of Oklahoma. The former first-team All-American showed flashes throughout preseason while catching 12 passes for 131 yards and a TD. He ranked tied for second on the team in catches and third in receiving yards. Gresham scored 25 TDs in his last 28 college games and has all the tools to be both a top receiver and blocker. Another big plus compared to last season will be the return of Reggie Kelly, a punishing blocker and a team leader who missed all '09 due to a training camp Achilles tendon rupture. Kelly has 152 career NFL games with 133 starts, and he played in all five preseason games. Daniel Coats is back for his fourth NFL season (all with Cincinnati). He has 30 career catches and missed only one game over his first three seasons. Coats played in all five preseason games and had three catches for 23 yards. A good blocker, Coats also may see some action in a FB spot. Clark Harris works with the tight end group, but his primary role is as a long snapper. Second-year pro Chase Coffman was waived Sept. 4 and signed Sept. 5 to the Bengals practice squad. He played in all five preseason games, with two catches for 32 yards. First-year pro Darius Hill was waived on Sept. 4.

**Offensive linemen:** The Bengals got a solid line performance last year from a unit that featured only one starting player in the same position as 2008. All the top hands are back, so a year's work together figures to pay dividends this season. The 2009 line helped Cincinnati finish ninth in the NFL in rushing (128.5 yards per game) and in fewest sacks allowed (29). A club record was posted with eight games by individual backs of 100 or more yards. C Kyle Cook was the only player among the starters to miss a preseason game, sitting out the Indianapolis contest to rest a foot strain, but he has an early listing of probable for New England. Cook started every game in 2009 and brought improved power to the center of the line, and was praised for his command of line calls. LOT Andrew Whitworth is in his fifth Bengals season and has been a key player on the line since his rookie campaign. His 54 career starts include 29 at OT and 25 at G. He was voted a team captain last year. He started every game last season, and so did RG Bobbie Williams, who is now in his 11th season. Since joining the Bengals in 2004 as an unrestricted free agent, Williams has not missed a start for any football-related injury. His only missed time was caused by an emergency appendectomy in 2006, and he returned from the operation after missing just three games. The LG position has been claimed by third-year pro Nate Livings, who started nine games at the spot last season. Livings is a 332-pounder with good agility, and has progressed considerably since joining the Bengals as a college free agent in 2006. Sixth-year vet Evan Mathis started seven games at LG last season and is the swing reserve on the line. He started a preseason game at center as an injury replacement. Also contending for playing time at C and G is rookie Reggie Stephens of Iowa State, a seventh-round draft choice. Dennis Roland, a third-year player in 2010, returns in the ROT spot after starting the last 11 games and the Wild Card playoff there last year. At 6-9 and 320 pounds, Roland has great reach and arm strength. Looking to mount a challenge at ROT is Andre Smith, Cincinnati's top pick in the 2009 draft. Smith played in the last three preseason games after missing the first two due to a foot injury. OT

Anthony Collins has 23 games played with 13 starts as he heads into his third season. He suffered a foot injury in the second preseason game and missed the last three, but he may be ready for New England. He started Games 1-5 at ROT last season. Rookie Otis Hudson, a sixth-round Bengals draft choice, was waived Sept. 4 and signed Sept. 5 to Cincinnati's practice squad. Also waived Sept. 4 were fourth-year G Isaac Sowell and two rookies, college free agent OTs Gabriel Manns and Chris Rodgers.

**Defensive linemen:** The Bengals retain all the major performers from a line that helped lead Cincinnati to a No. 4 NFL defensive ranking in 2009. The most significant "addition" to the line figures to be DE Antwan Odom, who was with Cincinnati last season but played only five full games, felled early in Game 6 by an Achilles tendon rupture. Odom's eight sacks were tied for the league lead through five games, and he also had a blocked field goal. Odom returned from the injury in time for some of the team's offseason drills, and he started four preseason games. Odom and DE Robert Geathers both figure to be in their career primes, as seventh-year players. Geathers has twice led the Bengals in sacks, including a 10.5 total in 2006 that stands as the most by a Bengal since 1983. Last season, Geathers led the line in tackles (56) and led the team in QB pressures (13). Geathers missed the last four preseason games with a foot injury, but he's projected to be ready for the regular-season opener. Opening preseason in the No. 3 DE spot is sixth-year pro Jonathan Fanene, but Fanene was rested in the preseason finale with a hamstring strain. He may play at New England. Fanene started three preseason games in place of Geathers. Fanene proved himself a starting-quality player while stepping in for the injured Odom last year. DE Frostee Rucker is a fifth-year player who has been productive in spots throughout his Bengals career. He missed the last two preseason games with a hamstring strain, but he may be ready for New England. He played in the first three preseason games and started once, in place of Odom. He had seven tackles in his three games. At DT, the Bengals welcome back the three players who saw most of last year's playing time. Domata Peko and Tank Johnson are the starters, and third-year pro Pat Sims has seen plenty of action as well. Peko and Sims have each played in all five preseason games, and Johnson played and started four, including the finale. Peko figures to contribute more in 2010 than in 2009, as he weathered the first injury problems of his career last season, missing five games and less than 100 percent for several others. He led the line with 108 tackles in 2008. Johnson brought a veteran brand of toughness and competitiveness to the line when he signed as an unrestricted free agent for 2009, and he re-signed with Cincinnati as a UFA this past offseason. Sims played in every game last year and made eight starts as an injury replacement. He has eight tackles in preseason, including two sacks in the finale. With established veterans playing only part-time in preseason, fourth-round draft pick Geno Atkins made the most of his preseason opportunities. He led the NFL in sacks (4.5) and led Cincinnati in total tackles (21). Including the sacks, eight of his 21 stops were for losses. Adding to the club's high potential at DE is second-round draft choice Carlos Dunlap, a top playmaker the last two seasons in the elite Florida program. Dunlap had one sack in preseason. He suffered a knee strain at Buffalo and missed the preseason finale, but he may be ready for New England. First-year DT Clinton McDonald was waived Sept. 4 and signed Sept. 5 to the Bengals practice squad. McDonald played in all five preseason games and was second on the line in tackles (13). Third-year DT Orien Harris was waived Sept. 4.

**Linebackers:** The Bengals welcome back all three of their starting LBs from 2009 and should have excellent depth as well. Starting MLB Dhani Jones has led the team in tackles in each of the last two seasons, and by wide margins. He is in his 11th NFL season and his fourth with the Bengals. He has been voted a team captain in each of his four Cincinnati seasons. He saw brief action in each of the five preseason games, and he had five tackles and a forced fumble (Bengals recovered). The starting WLB is Keith Rivers, Cincinnati's No. 1 draft pick in 2008. Though he missed three games last season with a calf injury, Rivers finished second on the team in tackles, with 101. He started all five preseason games, with seven tackles. Starting SLB Rey Mualuga had two tackles at Indianapolis, playing for the fourth straight game after missing the preseason opener with a hamstring strain. He had 12 tackles and two QB pressures on the preseason. As a rookie second-round draft choice last season, Mualuga ranked fifth on the team in tackles (80) and led the club with three forced fumbles. Second-year pro Michael Johnson, a playmaker of considerable promise, made his presence felt throughout the preseason. He had three sacks among his 14 tackles (third on team in tackles). He also had two passes defended. Johnson moves to an outside LB position this season after being listed at DE last year. Johnson has exceptional athletic talent for his size (6-7, 268). In limited action last year he led the line in passes defended (five). Adding to the Bengals' excellent depth at LB is fifth-year

pro Brandon Johnson, who has performed like a starter the last two years when called upon. He played in every game last season and started three, finishing seventh on the team with 67 tackles. In 2008, he started nine games and finished second in tackles (112). He played in all five preseason games, and finished tied for third on the team in tackles (15). He had one sack. OLB Dan Skuta is a second-year pro who showed promise last year as a college free agent. He played in three preseason games, missing games three and four with an ankle strain. He had two tackles in the preseason finale. MLB Roddrick Muckelroy, a Cincinnati fourth-round draft pick in 2010, closed the preseason productively. After missing game three with a hamstring strain, he came back to post a team-leading five tackles on Aug. 28 at Buffalo. And in the finale at Indianapolis, his three tackles included a sack and an additional tackle-for-loss. Vincent Rey, college free agent from Duke, was waived Sept. 4 and signed Sept. 5 to the Cincinnati practice squad. Rey had 15 tackles in preseason, tied for third on the team. Fifth-year pro Abdul Hodge was released to free agency on Sept. 4. Another fifth-year pro, Rashad Jeanty, was released in the "failed physical" category on Aug. 30.

**Cornerbacks:** Two recent Bengals first-round draft picks — Leon Hall (2007) and Johnathan Joseph (2006) — are in their NFL primes and back to man the starting positions in 2010. Hall started all five preseason games, and Joseph started the last four after missing the opener with a quad strain. They were crucial contributors in the defense's rise last season to a No. 4 NFL ranking. Hall, entering his fourth season, leads the team in INTs (14) and passes defended (64) over the past three seasons. Joseph tied Hall last season for the club INT lead with six, and was able to display his talents in a 16-start season for the first time in his career, fulfilling a pledge to stay injury-free. Adam Jones, a fourth-year pro, earned a roster spot with strong play in the first four preseason games. He was rested in the preseason finale due to a neck strain but has an early listing of probable for New England. Jones was chosen as the starter in Joseph's place in the preseason opener against Dallas. Jones was signed by Cincinnati in May as a free agent and is looking to re-start his career after not playing in 2009. He was the sixth overall pick (by Tennessee) in the 2005 NFL draft. He was impressive on kick returns in preseason, averaging 34.0 yards on six kickoff returns and 15.0 yards on five punt returns. Morgan Trent was a significant rookie contributor last year, playing in every game and logging 25 tackles while leading the secondary in QB pressures. He played in the first three preseason games, and against Philadelphia, he became only the second NFL player since 1995 to intercept three passes in a preseason game (please see "Preseason standouts" on page 4). He was out for the last two preseason games with an ankle strain but could be ready to play at New England. A top new talent joining the club for 2010 is third-round draft pick Brandon Ghee, but he played in only two preseason games. He missed games two and three with a quad strain, and in game four at Buffalo, he was sidelined due to a hit to the head sustained while making a tackle on a rushing play. He did not play at Indianapolis but could be cleared for the New England game. Ghee was rated among the most physically impressive prospects of the 2009 college crop. He was clocked in 4.39 seconds in the 40-yard dash at the 2010 Scouting Combine. College free agent Johnny Sears was waived Sept. 4. Fourth-year pro David Jones was traded Sept. 4 to Jacksonville, along with a conditional draft choice, in exchange for S Reggie Nelson.

**Safeties:** The Bengals look for a full season of production in 2010 from SS Roy Williams, a five-time Pro Bowl selection while playing for Dallas. Williams opened his first Bengals season as the starter last year, but wound up being limited to four games due to a forearm injury. He missed preseason games three and four with an ankle strain, but he was back in the starting lineup for the preseason finale, seeing brief action. The No. 1 free safety is eighth-year pro Chris Crocker. He started four preseason games, including the finale, seeing limited action. He had 56 tackles and two INTs last year and ranked third on the team in passes defended (11). Challenging for playing time at both spots will be fourth-year pro Chinedum Ndukwe, a late seventh-round Bengals draft selection in 2007 who has been a significant contributor and playmaker over his first three seasons. He took over for Williams at SS last season and finished third on the team in tackles (91). He had seven tackles over the first three preseason games. He missed the last two preseason games with a foot injury but is projected to be ready at New England. New to the mix for the New England game is fourth-year pro Reggie Nelson, obtained Sept. 4 in a trade with Jacksonville, as the Bengals parted with CB David Jones and a conditional draft choice. Nelson was a Jaguars first-round draft choice in 2007 (Florida), and he started 42 games over the last three seasons, with seven INTs. Second-year pro Tom Nelson did not see action in preseason due to rehab from a knee injury. He was placed Aug. 30 on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list and will have a chance to gain roster activation after Week 6 of the regular season. First-year pro Rico Murray and college free agent Jeremy Miles both were waived on Sept. 4 and signed Sept. 5 to

the Cincinnati practice squad. Murray played in all five preseason games and had 11 tackles with a pass defended. Miles played in all five preseason games and had six tackles. Fourth-year pro Marvin White and third-year pro Kyries Hebert were waived on Sept. 4. The safety corps suffered a loss in the Aug. 20 Philadelphia game when seventh-year vet Gibril Wilson went down with a serious knee injury. Wilson was placed Aug. 29 on the Reserve/Injured list. A 2010 free agent signee, Wilson had 80 career starts for three previous NFL clubs.

**Special teams:** Sixth-year pro Mike Nugent closed the preseason in strong fashion and claimed the club's place-kicking job. He missed time early in preseason with a groin strain, but came back to make a 54-yard FG on Aug. 28 at Buffalo and a 52-yarder on Sept. 2 at Indianapolis. He was three-for-four on FGs in preseason, and his miss was from 59 yards. Nugent is Ohio State product and native of the Dayton suburb of Centerville. He is a sixth-year NFL player with two 100-point seasons on his resume (as a New York Jet). He saw brief action

last season with Tampa Bay and Arizona. Nugent won a competition with fourth-year pro Dave Rayner, who kicked in all five preseason games (six-for-eight on FGs) and was waived on Sept. 4. The Bengals have shown excellent kick return potential in the preseason (for full details, please see "Guessing game for Bengals foes?" on page 5 of this release). Second-year pro Clark Harris is the team's long snapper. He played in all five preseason games without an unplayable snap. Harris handled the Bengals duty for the last 11 games of 2009 and did not have an unplayable snap. At punter, the Bengals have high hopes for the second season of Kevin Huber, who was the first kicking specialist chosen in the 2009 draft. On 28 preseason punts, Huber posted a 41.2-yard net average, second in the NFL and first in the AFC. Huber averaged 43.9 gross yards in preseason, with nine inside-20 punts against two touchbacks. Huber played in every game last season, and his 43.2-yard average tied the Bengals' second-best figure since 1999. He had 24 inside-20 kicks and only 10 touchbacks. On coverage teams, the Bengals held preseason opponents to an averages of 2.8 yards on 13 returns and 22.1 yards on 24 kickoff returns.

## Media schedule

Tues., Sept. 7	— No media access.	Mon., Sept. 13	— Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.
Wed., Sept. 8	— Locker room open from 11 a.m.-noon; Carson Palmer news conference at 11:10 a.m.; Conference call with New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick at 11:30 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 interviews after practice must have been requested 24 hours in advance; Conference call with New England Patriots QB Tom Brady TBD.	Tues., Sept. 14	— No media access.
Thurs., Sept. 9	— 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 interviews after practice must have been requested 24 hours in advance.	Wed., Sept. 15	— Locker room open from 11 a.m.-noon; Carson Palmer news conference at 11:10 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 interviews after practice must have been requested 24 hours in advance; Conference calls from Baltimore Ravens TBD.
Fri., Sept. 10	— Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 11 a.m.-12:40 p.m. (practice open to media from 11-11:30 a.m., but no cameras).	Thurs., Sept. 16	— 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 interviews after practice must have been requested 24 hours in advance.
Sat., Sept. 11	— No media access.	Fri., Sept. 17	— Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 11 a.m.-12:40 p.m. (practice open to media from 11-11:30 a.m., but no cameras).
Sun., Sept. 12	— Game 1, Bengals at New England Patriots, 1 p.m. EDT.	Sat., Sept. 18	— No media access.
		Sun., Sept. 19	— Game 2, Bengals vs. Baltimore Ravens at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m. EDT.

# The last Bengals-Patriots meetings

2006 SEASON  
WEEK 4, GAME 4  
Patriots 38, Bengals 13  
Sunday, Oct. 1, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals had the best of things in the first quarter, outgaining New England 117-49, but Cincinnati had to settle for two FGs and a 6-0 lead. It was all New England after that. The Patriots rushed for 236 yards, including 125 on 15 carries by rookie RB Laurence Maroney, who scored two TDs. New England QB Tom Brady passed for two TDs. The Bengals posted a minus in turnover differential (minus-one) for the first time on the season, and fell to a 3-1 record. New England improved to 3-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
New England .....	0	14	7	17	—	38
Cincinnati .....	6	0	7	0	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — S.Graham 40 field goal .....	1-9:17
Cin. — S.Graham 45 field goal .....	1-2:49
N.E. — L.Maroney 11 run (S.Gostkowski kick) .....	2-8:38
N.E. — D.Gabriel 25 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick) .....	2-1:54
Cin. — R.Johnson 2 run (S.Graham kick) .....	3-7:03
N.E. — L.Maroney 25 run (S.Gostkowski kick) .....	3-4:27
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 24 field goal .....	4-14:45
N.E. — C.Dillon 1 run (S.Gostkowski kick) .....	4-11:15
N.E. — D.Graham 3 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick) .....	4-7:55

Missed FGs: S.Gostkowski (48WR). Attendance: 66,035.  
Time: 3:00.

TEAM STATISTICS	N.E.	CIN.
First downs .....	26	17
Third down conversions-attempts .....	6-13	2-11
Total net yards .....	424	279
Net yards rushing .....	236	71
Net yards passing .....	188	208
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions .....	26-15-1	35-20-0
Sacks against-yards lost .....	0-0	4-37
Punts-average .....	3-41.7	6-44.5
Punt returns-yards .....	3-55	1-7
Kickoff returns-yards .....	4-78	3-73
Penalties-yards .....	7-61	9-74
Fumbles-lost .....	0-0	2-2
Time of possession .....	33:56	26:04

## Rushing

N.E.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
L.Maroney	15	125	41	2	R.Johnson	14	65	13	1
C.Dillon	17	67	12	1	K.Watson	1	4	4	0
T.Brady	2	21	22	0	Q.Wilson	2	2	5	0
H.Evans	5	12	3	0					
C.Jackson	1	10	10	0					
K.Faulk	1	1	1	0					
TOTALS	41	236	41	3	TOTALS	17	71	13	1

## Passing

N.E.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
T.Brady	26	15	188	2-1	C.Palmer	35	20	245	0-0
TOTALS	26	15	188	2-1	TOTALS	35	20	245	0-0

## Receiving

N.E.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Gabriel	4	57	25t	1	C.Ochocinco	6	64	16	0
D.Graham	4	34	15	1	T.Houshmandzadeh				
R.Caldwell	2	20	14	0		4	95	33	0
C.Jackson	2	9	7	0	K.Washington	3	28	11	0
B.Watson	1	35	35	0	R.Johnson	3	26	18	0
K.Faulk	1	18	18	0	T.Stewart	2	10	7	0
L.Maroney	1	15	15	0	K.Watson	1	16	16	0
					J.Johnson	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	15	188	35	2	TOTALS	20	245	33	0

## Defense

New England (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: T.Bruschi 3-4-7, C.Scott 5-1-6, A.Samuel 5-1-6, R.Harrison 4-1-5, A.Hawkins 2-3-5, J.Green 4-0-4, M.Vrabel 3-1-4, M.Wright 1-2-3, T.Banta-Cain 2-0-2, T.Warren 1-1-2, H.Poteat 1-1-2, R.Colvin 1-0-1, V.Wilfork 1-0-1, J.Seau 0-1-1, SKS.-YDS.: J.Green 3-30, T.Warren 1-7. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: R.Colvin 1, H.Poteat 1, C.Scott 1, R.Seymour 1. FF: J.Green 1, T.Warren 1. FR-YDS.: J.Green 1-0, T.Warren 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Miller 9-6-15, J.Smith 5-6-11, B.Simmons 3-6-9, L.Johnson 5-3-8, K.Kaesviharn 5-1-6, M.Williams 5-1-6, T.James 4-2-6, S.Smith 2-2-4, J.Thornton 2-2-4, A.Brooks 3-0-3, D.Peko 1-2-3, J.Joseph 2-0-2, D.O'Neal 1-1-2, B.Robinson 1-1-2, K.Ratliff 1-0-1, H.Jones 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: T.James 1-2. PD: T.James 2, K.Kaesviharn 1, C.Miller 1, M.Williams 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

2007 SEASON  
WEEK 4, GAME 4  
Patriots 34, Bengals 13  
Monday night, Oct. 1, 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-seven. 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 Ochocinco 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				
K.Eckel	3	11	6	0		1	-1	-1	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				
D.Stallworth	4	49	23	0		10	100	23	1
K.Faulk	3	39	23	0	C.Ochocinco	3	53	21	0
W.Welker	3	22	11	0	A.Chatman	3	28	12	0
S.Morris	2	15	18	0	R.Kelly	2	41	21	0
B.Watson	2	12	7	0	K.Watson	2	8	6	0
M.Vrabel	1	1	1t	1	J.Johnson	1	4	4	0
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.

# 2009-10 transactions

*(Transactions prior to June 25 can be found on pages 144-145 of the Bengals' 2010 media guide.)*

June 25	— Signed WR Dezmon Briscoe (D6).		
July 7	— Signed G Otis Hudson (D5).		
July 16	— Signed DT Geno Atkins (D4a).		
July 20	— Waived G Jason Shirley (non-football injury).		
July 21	— Signed C Reggie Stephens (D7); G Jason Shirley cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list.		
July 22	— Waived C Dan Santucci.		
July 23	— Signed CB Brandon Ghee (D3b).		
July 27	— Signed LB Roddrick Muckelroy (D4b).		
July 28	— Signed DE Carlos Dunlap (D2) and WR Jordan Shipley (D3a).		
July 29	— Signed WR Terrell Owens (UFA'10); Waived WR Freddie Brown.		
Aug. 3	— Signed TE Jermaine Gresham (D1); Waived DE Rahim Alem.		
Aug. 10	— Waived HB Cordera Eason (injured); Signed HB James Johnson (FA).		
Aug. 11	— HB Cordera Eason cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.		
Aug. 17	— Waived C Jonathan Luigs.		
Aug. 23	— Signed S Marvin White (FA); Signed G/T Chris Rodgers (CFA); Waived OT Andrew Mitchell (injured).		
Aug. 24	— OT Andrew Mitchell cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.		
Aug. 29	— Terminated the contract of WR Antonio Bryant; Placed S Gibril Wilson on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived LS Mike Windt.		
Aug. 30	— Placed S Tom Nelson on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Terminated the contract of LB Rashad Jeanty (failed physical).	Sept. 4	— Traded CB David Jones and a conditional draft choice to Jacksonville for S Reggie Nelson; Terminated the contracts of LB Abdul Hodge and WR Matt Jones; Waived the following 18 players: WR Dezmon Briscoe, TE Chase Coffman, DT Orien Harris, S Kyries Hebert, TE Darius Hill, G Otis Hudson, HB James Johnson, OT Gabriel Manns, DT Clinton McDonald, S Jeromy Miles, S Rico Murray, K David Rayner, LB Vincent Rey, OT Chris Rodgers, CB Johnny Sears, G Isaac Sowell, FB Joe Tronzo, S Marvin White; Waived WR Maurice Purify and HB Cordera Eason (Reserve/Injured list) with injury settlements; Waived FB Fui Vakapuna (injured).
		Sept. 5	— Acquired QB Dan LeFevour on waivers from Chicago; Terminated the contract of QB J. T. O'Sullivan; FB Fui Vakapuna cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list; Signed the following seven players to the practice squad: TE Chase Coffman, G Otis Hudson, DT Clinton McDonald, S Jeromy Miles, S Rico Murray, FB Joe Tronzo and LB Vincent Rey.

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\* NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.

# 2010 preseason participation chart

## Legend

(position abbreviation indicates start)

P — played as a substitute	RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list	REX — roster exemption
DNP — did not play	RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list	# — unsigned draft pick
RI — reserve/injured list	NWT — not with team	

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 vs.Dall.	2 DEN.	3 PHIL.	4 @Buff.	5 @Ind.
Atkins, Geno.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Benson, Cedric.....	5-5	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB
Briscoe, Dezmon.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Bryant, Antonio.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	NWT
Caldwell, Andre.....	4-0	P	P	P	DNP	P
Coats, Daniel.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Coffman, Chase.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Collins, Anthony.....	2-0	P	P	DNP	DNP	DNP
Cook, Kyle.....	4-4	C	C	C	C	DNP
Cosby, Quan.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Crocker, Chris.....	4-4	FS	DNP	FS	FS	FS
Dunlap, Carlos.....	3-0	DNP	P	P	P	DNP
Eason, Cordera.....	1-0	P	RI	RI	RI	RI
Fanene, Jonathan.....	4-3	P	LDE	LDE	LDE	DNP
Geathers, Robert.....	1-1	LDE	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Ghee, Brandon.....	2-0	P	DNP	DNP	P	DNP
Gresham, Jermaine.....	5-4	TE	TE	TE	TE	P
Hall, Leon.....	5-5	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB
Harris, Clark.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Harris, Orien.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Hebert, Kyries.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Hill, Darius.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Hodge, Abdul.....	4-0	P	P	DNP	P	P
Huber, Kevin.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Hudson, Otis.....	4-0	P	DNP	P	P	P
Jeanty, Rashad.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	NWT
Johnson, Brandon.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Johnson, James.....	4-0	NWT	P	P	P	P
Johnson, Michael.....	5-2	SLB	P	P	P	LDE
Johnson, Tank.....	4-4	DT	DT	DT	DNP	DT
Jones, Adam.....	4-1	LCB	P	P	P	DNP
Jones, David.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Jones, Dhani.....	5-5	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB
Jones, Matt.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Joseph, Johnathan.....	4-4	DNP	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB
Kelly, Reggie.....	5-3	P	2ndTE	2ndTE	P	TE
Leonard, Brian.....	1-0	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Living, Nate.....	5-5	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG
Luigs, Jonathan.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	NWT	NWT	NWT
Manns, Gabriel.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Mathis, Evan.....	5-1	P	P	P	P	C
Mauluga, Rey.....	4-4	DNP	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB
McDonald, Clinton.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Miles, Jeremy.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Mitchell, Andrew.....	2-0	P	P	DNP	RI	RI
Muckelroy, Roddrick.....	4-0	P	P	DNP	P	P
Murray, Rico.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Ndukwe, Chinedum.....	3-1	P	FS	P	DNP	DNP
Nelson, Tom.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	RPUP
Nugent, Mike.....	4-0	DNP	P	P	P	P
Ochocinco, Chad.....	5-5	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Odom, Antwan.....	4-4	RDE	RDE	DNP	RDE	RDE
O'Sullivan, J.T.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Owens, Terrell.....	5-5	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Palmer, Carson.....	5-5	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB
Palmer, Jordan.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Peerman, Cedric.....	4-0	DNP	P	P	P	P
Peko, Domata.....	5-5	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Purify, Maurice.....	1-0	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Rayner, Dave.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Rey, Vincent.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Rivers, Keith.....	5-5	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB
Rodgers, Chris.....	1-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	DNP	P
Roland, Dennis.....	5-5	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT
Rucker, Frostee.....	3-1	P	P	RDE	DNP	DNP
Scott, Bernard.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Sears, Johnny.....	4-0	P	P	P	DNP	P
Shibley, Jordan.....	5-2	P	P	P	3rdWR	3rdWR
Shirley, Jason.....	0-0	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI
Simpson, Jerome.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Sims, Pat.....	5-1	P	P	P	DT	P
Skuta, Dan.....	3-0	P	P	DNP	DNP	P
Smith, Andre.....	3-0	DNP	DNP	P	P	P
Sowells, Isaac.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Stephens, Reggie.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	P
Trent, Morgan.....	3-0	P	P	P	DNP	DNP
Tronzo, Joe.....	5-1	FB	P	P	P	P
Vakapuna, Fui.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
White, Marvin.....	2-1	NWT	NWT	NWT	SS	P
Whitworth, Andrew.....	5-5	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT
Williams, Bobbie.....	5-5	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG
Williams, Roy.....	4-4	SS	SS	SS	DNP	SS
Wilson, Gibril.....	3-0	P	P	P	DNP	RI
Windt, Mike.....	4-0	P	P	P	P	NWT



# Depth chart

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## OFFENSE

WR	85	CHAD OCHOCINCO	89	Jerome Simpson	12	Quan Cosby
LOT	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	73	Anthony Collins		
LG	62	NATE LIVINGS	66	Evan Mathis		
C	64	KYLE COOK	<u>61</u>	<u>Reggie Stephens</u>		
RG	63	BOBBIE WILLIAMS	71	Andre Smith		
ROT	74	DENNIS ROLAND	71	Andre Smith		
TE	<u>84</u>	<u>JERMAINE GRESHAM</u>	82	Reggie Kelly	86	Daniel Coats
					46	Clark Harris
WR	81	TERRELL OWENS	87	Andre Caldwell	<u>11</u>	<u>Jordan Shipley</u>
QB	9	CARSON PALMER	5	Jordan Palmer	<u>8</u>	<u>Dan LeFevour</u>
HB	32	CEDRIC BENSON	28	Bernard Scott	40	Brian Leonard
					<u>30</u>	<u>Cedric Peerman</u>
FB	40	BRIAN LEONARD				

## DEFENSE

LDE	91	ROBERT GEATHERS	68	Jonathan Fanene		
NT	94	DOMATA PEKO	<u>97</u>	<u>Geno Atkins</u>		
DT	99	TANK JOHNSON	90	Pat Sims		
RDE	98	ANTWAN ODOM	92	Frostee Rucker	<u>96</u>	<u>Carlos Dunlap</u>
SLB	58	REY MAUALUGA	93	Michael Johnson	51	Dan Skuta
MLB	57	DHANI JONES	<u>56</u>	<u>Roddrick Muckelroy</u>		
WLB	55	KEITH RIVERS	59	Brandon Johnson		
LCB	22	JOHNATHAN JOSEPH	24	Adam Jones	<u>21</u>	<u>Brandon Ghee</u>
RCB	29	LEON HALL	25	Morgan Trent		
SS	31	ROY WILLIAMS	41	Chinedum Ndukwe		
FS	42	CHRIS CROCKER	20	Reggie Nelson		

## SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	2	Mike Nugent				
KO	2	Mike Nugent				
H	10	Kevin Huber	<u>11</u>	<u>Jordan Shipley</u>	4	J.T. O'Sullivan
LS	46	Clark Harris	51	Dan Skuta		
PR	24	Adam Jones	12	Quan Cosby	<u>11</u>	<u>Jordan Shipley</u>
KOR	28	Bernard Scott	24	Adam Jones	87	Andre Caldwell
					12	Quan Cosby

NOTE: Players whose names are CAPITALIZED are anticipated starters. Rookies and first-year players are underlined.

## Pronunciation guide

<u>Geno Atkins</u> .....	JEE-no	<u>Rey Maualuga</u> .....	RAY mow(rhymes w/ "now")-uh-LOO-guh
Bob <u>Bratkowski</u> (offensive coordinator).....	brat-COW-skee	<u>Chinedum Ndukwe</u> .....	CHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Louie <u>Cioffi</u> (assistant defensive backs coach).....	CHO-fee	<u>Chad Ochocinco</u> .....	o-cho-SEEN-ko
<u>Quan Cosby</u> .....	KWAHN	<u>Antwan Odom</u> .....	AN-twahn O-duhm
Jonathan <u>Fanene</u> .....	fuh-NAY-nay	<u>Terrell Owens</u> .....	TAIR-el (rhymes with "Darrell")
Robert <u>Geathers</u> .....	(pronounced as "gathers")	<u>Domata Peko</u> .....	DOE-mah-tah PECK-o
Brandon <u>Ghee</u> .....	JEE	Vincent <u>Rey</u> (practice squad).....	RAY
<u>Jermaine Gresham</u> .....	jer-MAIN GRESH-em	Dan <u>Skuta</u> .....	SKOO-tuh
Paul <u>Guenther</u> (asst. special teams/asst. LBs coach).....	GUN-thur	<u>Fui Vakapuna</u> (Reserve/Injured list).....	FOO-ee vah-kuh-POO-nuh
<u>Dhani Jones</u> .....	duh-HAH-nee	<u>Gibril Wilson</u> (Reserve/Injured list).....	jih-BRILL
Dan <u>LeFevour</u> .....	le-FEE-ver	Ken <u>Zampese</u> (quarterbacks coach).....	zam-PEE-zee

# Alphabetical roster

Sept. 7, 2010

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	290	3-28-88	R	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
32	Benson, Cedric	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	6	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
87	Caldwell, Andre	WR	6-0	195	4-15-85	3	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
86	Coats, Daniel	TE	6-3	264	4-16-84	4	Brigham Young	Layton, Utah	CFA'07
73	Collins, Anthony	OT	6-5	324	11-2-85	3	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
64	Cook, Kyle	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	3	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
12	Cosby, Quan	WR	5-9	190	12-23-82	2	Texas	Mart, Texas	CFA'09
42	Crocker, Chris	S	5-11	202	3-9-80	8	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	R	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE	6-4	292	3-19-82	6	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
91	Geathers, Robert	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	7	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
21	Ghee, Brandon	CB	6-0	190	6-6-87	R	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
84	Gresham, Jermaine	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	R	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
29	Hall, Leon	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	4	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
46	Harris, Clark	LS/TE	6-5	260	7-10-84	2	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
59	Johnson, Brandon	LB	6-5	240	4-5-83	5	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
93	Johnson, Michael	LB	6-7	268	2-7-87	2	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
99	Johnson, Tank	DT	6-3	315	12-7-81	7	Washington	Tempe, Ariz.	UFA(Dall.)'09
24	Jones, Adam	CB	5-10	188	9-30-83	4	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
57	Jones, Dhani	LB	6-1	236	2-22-78	11	Michigan	Potomac, Md.	FA'07
22	Joseph, Johnathan	CB	5-11	190	4-16-84	5	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
82	Kelly, Reggie	TE	6-4	257	2-22-77	12	Mississippi State	Aberdeen, Miss.	UFA(Atl.)'03
8	LeFevour, Dan	QB	6-3	230	3-19-87	R	Central Michigan	Downers Grove, Ill.	W(Chi.)'10
40	Leonard, Brian	HB/FB	6-1	225	2-3-84	4	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(StL.)'09
62	Livingston, Nate	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	3	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
66	Mathis, Evan	G	6-5	302	11-1-81	6	Alabama	Homewood, Ala.	FA'08
58	Mauluga, Rey	LB	6-2	255	1-20-87	2	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
56	Muckelroy, Rodrick	LB	6-2	240	10-27-86	R	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
41	Ndukwe, Chinedum	S	6-2	224	3-4-85	4	Notre Dame	Powell, Ohio	D7b'07
20	Nelson, Reggie	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	4	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
2	Nugent, Mike	K	5-10	186	3-2-82	6	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
85	Ochocinco, Chad	WR	6-1	192	1-9-78	10	Oregon State	Miami, Fla.	D2'01
98	Odom, Antwan	DE	6-5	275	9-24-81	7	Alabama	Bayou La Batre, Ala.	UFA(Tenn.)'08
81	Owens, Terrell	WR	6-3	224	12-7-73	15	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Alexander City, Ala.	UFA(Buff.)'10
9	Palmer, Carson	QB	6-5	236	12-27-79	8	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
5	Palmer, Jordan	QB	6-5	232	5-30-84	3	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
30	Peerman, Cedric	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	1	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	320	11-27-84	5	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
55	Rivers, Keith	LB	6-2	242	5-5-86	3	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
74	Roland, Dennis	OT	6-9	320	3-10-83	3	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
92	Rucker, Frostee	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	5	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
28	Scott, Bernard	HB	5-10	197	2-10-84	2	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
11	Shiple, Jordan	WR	6-0	190	12-23-85	R	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10
89	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	195	2-4-86	3	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	325	11-29-85	3	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
51	Skuta, Dan	LB	6-2	252	4-21-86	2	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
71	Smith, Andre	OT/G	6-4	345	1-25-87	2	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
61	Stephens, Reggie	C	6-3	320	8-28-87	R	Iowa State	Rowlett, Texas	D7'10
25	Trent, Morgan	CB	6-1	193	12-14-85	2	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
77	Whitworth, Andrew	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	5	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
63	Williams, Bobbie	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	11	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
31	Williams, Roy	S	6-0	222	8-14-80	9	Oklahoma	Union City, Calif.	FA'09

## Practice Squad

NO.	NAME (DATE)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
80	Coffman, Chase (Sept. 5)	TE	6-6	250	11-10-86	2	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09
60	Hudson, Otis (Sept. 5)	G	6-5	320	7-19-86	R	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
69	McDonald, Clinton (Sept. 5)	DT	6-2	297	1-6-87	1	Memphis	Jacksonville, Ark.	D7b'09
45	Miles, Jeromy (Sept. 5)	S	6-2	215	7-20-87	R	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
44	Murray, Rico (Sept. 5)	S	5-11	200	8-21-87	1	Kent State	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'09
53	Rey, Vincent (Sept. 5)	LB	6-2	244	9-6-87	R	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
38	Tronzo, Joe (Sept. 5)	FB	5-11	240	6-10-87	R	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	CFA'10

## Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
43	Nelson, Tom (Aug. 30; knee)	S	5-11	200	12-4-86	2	Illinois State	Arlington Heights, Ill.	CFA'09

## Reserve/Injured

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
76	Mitchell, Andrew (Aug. 24; knee)	OT	6-5	311	6-12-85	R	Oklahoma State	Choctaw, Okla.	CFA'10
37	Vakapuna, Fui (Sept. 5; shoulder)	FB	6-0	257	3-9-84	2	Brigham Young	Glendale, Utah	PS(Ariz.)'09
27	Wilson, Gibril (Aug. 29; knee)	S	6-0	210	11-12-81	7	Tennessee	San Jose, Calif.	FA'10

## Reserve/Non-Football Injury

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
70	Shirley, Jason (July 21; Achilles)	G	6-5	345	9-30-85	2	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
2	Mike Nugent	K	5-10	186	3-2-82	6	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
5	Jordan Palmer	QB	6-5	232	5-30-84	3	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
8	Dan LeFevour	QB	6-3	230	3-19-87	R	Central Michigan	Downers Grove, Ill.	W(Chi.)'10
9	Carson Palmer	QB	6-5	236	12-27-79	8	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Jordan Shipley	WR	6-0	190	12-23-85	R	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10
12	Quan Cosby	WR	5-9	190	12-23-82	2	Texas	Mart, Texas	CFA'09
20	Reggie Nelson	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	4	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
21	Brandon Ghee	CB	6-0	190	6-6-87	R	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
22	Johnathan Joseph	CB	5-11	190	4-16-84	5	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
24	Adam Jones	CB	5-10	188	9-30-83	4	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
25	Morgan Trent	CB	6-1	193	12-14-85	2	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
28	Bernard Scott	HB	5-10	197	2-10-84	2	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
29	Leon Hall	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	4	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
30	Cedric Peerman	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	1	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
31	Roy Williams	S	6-0	222	8-14-80	9	Oklahoma	Union City, Calif.	FA'09
32	Cedric Benson	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	6	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
40	Brian Leonard	HB/FB	6-1	225	2-3-84	4	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(StL.)'09
41	Chinedum Ndukwe	S	6-2	224	3-4-85	4	Notre Dame	Powell, Ohio	D7b'07
42	Chris Crocker	S	5-11	202	3-9-80	8	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
46	Clark Harris	LS/TE	6-5	260	7-10-84	2	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
51	Dan Skuta	LB	6-2	252	4-21-86	2	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
55	Keith Rivers	LB	6-2	242	5-5-86	3	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
56	Rodrick Muckelroy	LB	6-2	240	10-27-86	R	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
57	Dhani Jones	LB	6-1	236	2-22-78	11	Michigan	Potomac, Md.	FA'07
58	Rey Mauluga	LB	6-2	255	1-20-87	2	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
59	Brandon Johnson	LB	6-5	240	4-5-83	5	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
61	Reggie Stephens	C	6-3	320	8-28-87	R	Iowa State	Rowlett, Texas	D7'10
62	Nate Livings	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	3	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
63	Bobbie Williams	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	11	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
64	Kyle Cook	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	3	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
66	Evan Mathis	G	6-5	302	11-1-81	6	Alabama	Homewood, Ala.	FA'08
68	Jonathan Fanene	DE	6-4	292	3-19-82	6	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
71	Andre Smith	OT/G	6-4	345	1-25-87	2	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
73	Anthony Collins	OT	6-5	324	11-2-85	3	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
74	Dennis Roland	OT	6-9	320	3-10-83	3	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
77	Andrew Whitworth	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	5	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
81	Terrell Owens	WR	6-3	224	12-7-73	15	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Alexander City, Ala.	UFA(Buff.)'10
82	Reggie Kelly	TE	6-4	257	2-22-77	12	Mississippi State	Aberdeen, Miss.	UFA(Atl.)'03
84	Jermaine Gresham	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	R	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
85	Chad Ochocinco	WR	6-1	192	1-9-78	10	Oregon State	Miami, Fla.	D2'01
86	Daniel Coats	TE	6-3	264	4-16-84	4	Brigham Young	Layton, Utah	CFA'07
87	Andre Caldwell	WR	6-0	195	4-15-85	3	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
89	Jerome Simpson	WR	6-2	195	2-4-86	3	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Pat Sims	DT	6-2	325	11-29-85	3	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
91	Robert Geathers	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	7	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
92	Frostee Rucker	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	5	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
93	Michael Johnson	LB	6-7	268	2-7-87	2	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
94	Domata Peko	DT	6-3	320	11-27-84	5	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
96	Carlos Dunlap	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	R	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins	DT	6-1	290	3-28-88	R	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
98	Antwan Odom	DE	6-5	275	9-24-81	7	Alabama	Bayou La Batre, Ala.	UFA(Tenn.)'08
99	Tank Johnson	DT	6-3	315	12-7-81	7	Washington	Tempe, Ariz.	UFA(Dall.)'09

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38	Joe Tronzo (Sept. 5)	FB	5-11	240	6-10-87	R	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	CFA'10
44	Rico Murray (Sept. 5)	S	5-11	200	8-21-87	1	Kent State	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'09
45	Jeromy Miles (Sept. 5)	S	6-2	215	7-20-87	R	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
53	Vincent Rey (Sept. 5)	LB	6-2	244	9-6-87	R	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
60	Otis Hudson (Sept. 5)	G	6-5	320	7-19-86	R	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
69	Clinton McDonald (Sept. 5)	DT	6-2	297	1-6-87	1	Memphis	Jacksonville, Ark.	D7b'09
80	Chase Coffman (Sept. 5)	TE	6-6	250	11-10-86	2	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09

## Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

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43	Tom Nelson (Aug. 30; knee)	S	5-11	200	12-4-86	2	Illinois State	Arlington Heights, Ill.	CFA'09

## Reserve/Injured

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
27	Gibril Wilson (Aug. 29; knee)	S	6-0	210	11-12-81	7	Tennessee	San Jose, Calif.	FA'10
37	Fui Vakapuna (Sept. 5; shoulder)	FB	6-0	257	3-9-84	2	Brigham Young	Glendale, Utah	PS(Ariz.)'09
76	Andrew Mitchell (Aug. 24; knee)	OT	6-5	311	6-12-85	R	Oklahoma State	Choctaw, Okla.	CFA'10

## Reserve/Non-Football Injury

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
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# 2010 preseason game-by-game team statistics

## Bengals

GAME	YDS.	RUSH-YDS.	PASS YDS.	COMP.-ATT.	TD-P/INT.	SKD.-YDS.	1D	3D-CONV.	F-FL	POSS.
8-8 Dall.	179	17-43	136	16-36	1/3	4-17	10	2-13	1-1	23:49
8-15 DEN.	409	40-191	218	20-33	0/0	2-10	21	9-18	0-0	38:41
8-20 PHIL.	345	32-106	239	22-35	0/3	1-4	20	5-13	2-0	34:43
8-28 @Buff.	395	24-119	276	25-36	2/1	3-12	22	3-11	1-1	33:34
9-2 @Ind.	394	24-158	236	23-31	2/0	1-8	11	3-13	1-1	31:13
TOTALS	1722	137-617	1105	106-171	5/7	11-51	84	22-68	5-3	32:24

## Opponents

GAME	YDS	RUSH-YDS.	PASS YDS.	COMP.-ATT.	TD-P/INT.	SKD.-YDS.	1D	3D-CONV.	F-FL	POSS.
8-8 Dall.	297	29-85	212	23-41	0/0	5-28	17	5-17	2-1	36:11
8-15 DEN.	287	15-36	251	22-42	2/1	2-6	17	3-11	3-1	21:19
8-20 PHIL.	270	23-125	145	16-34	0/4	3-16	13	2-15	2-1	25:17
8-28 @Buff.	349	30-132	217	19-27	2/0	2-13	24	3-10	0-0	26:26
9-2 @Ind.	370	28-91	279	19-38	3/0	3-13	20	4-16	1-0	28:47
TOTALS	1573	125-469	1104	99-182	7/5	15-76	91	17-69	8-3	27:36

# 2010 preseason defensive statistics

(The following statistics were compiled using play-by-play reports produced at the games.)

## Defense

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
1. Geno Atkins.....	14	7	21	4.5-26	0-0	1	0	0-0
2. Kyries Hebert .....	13	4	17	0-0	1-2	2	0	0-0
3. Brandon Johnson .....	11	4	15	1-1	0-0	1	0	0-0
Vincent Rey .....	8	7	15	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
5. Michael Johnson .....	11	3	14	3-20	0-0	2	0	0-0
6. David Jones .....	10	3	13	0-0	1-24	3	0	0-0
Clinton McDonald.....	7	6	13	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0-0
8. Rey Maualuga .....	9	3	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
9. Rico Murray.....	10	1	11	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
10. Adam Jones .....	8	2	10	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Orien Harris.....	6	4	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
12. Roddrick Muckelroy.....	8	1	9	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
13. Johnny Sears .....	7	1	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Pat Sims.....	7	1	8	2-9	0-0	0	0	0-0
Gibril Wilson.....	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
Keith Rivers.....	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
17. Frostee Rucker.....	6	1	7	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Chinedum Ndukwe.....	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
19. Jeromy Miles.....	6	0	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Johnathan Joseph.....	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	1	1	0-0
Morgan Trent.....	5	1	6	0-0	3-21	5	0	0-0
Brandon Ghee.....	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Marvin White.....	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
24. Leon Hall.....	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Antwan Odom .....	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Abdul Hodge .....	4	1	5	1-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
Carlos Dunlap .....	3	2	5	1-7	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dhani Jones .....	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
29. Roy Williams .....	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
30. Dan Skuta .....	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jonathan Fanene.....	1	2	3	1-7	0-0	0	1	1-0
32. Domata Peko .....	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tank Johnson.....	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

## Special teams

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
1. Johnny Sears .....	4	2	6	0	0-0	0	0	0
2. David Jones.....	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey .....	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Rico Murray.....	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
5. Chase Coffman .....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Leon Hall .....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darius Hill.....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Johnson .....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Quan Cosby .....	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
James Johnson .....	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Keith Rivers.....	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
12. Cedric Benson.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Carlos Dunlap.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kyries Hebert.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Adam Jones .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jeromy Miles .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Roddrick Muckelroy.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cedric Peerman .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Maurice Purify .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jerome Simpson .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Joe Tronzo .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Marvin White .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Geno Atkins.....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clark Harris .....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Rey Maualuga .....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mike Windt.....	0	1	1	0	1-0	0	0	0

# 2010 preseason team statistics

Record: 3-2

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
8-8	L	7-16	vs. Dallas (Canton, Ohio)	22,364
8-15	W	33-24	DENVER	51,278
8-20	W	22-9	PHILADELPHIA	55,702
8-28	L	20-35	at Buffalo	57,867
9-2	W	30-28	at Indianapolis	65,622

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	84	91
Rushing	25	28
Passing	53	53
Penalty	6	10
3rd Down: Made-Att	22-68	17-69
3rd Down Pct.	32.4	24.6
4th Down: Made-Att	1-5	3-4
4th Down Pct.	20.0	75.0
POSSESSION AVG.	32:24	27:36
TOTAL NET YARDS	1722	1573
Avg. Per Game	344.4	314.6
Total Plays	319	322
Avg. Per Play	5.4	4.9
NET YARDS RUSHING	617	469
Avg. Per Game	123.4	93.8
Total Rushes	137	125
NET YARDS PASSING	1105	1104
Avg. Per Game	221.0	220.8
Sacked-Yards Lost	11-51	15-76
Gross Yards	1156	1180
Att.-Completions	171-106	182-99
Completion Pct.	62.0	54.4
Had Intercepted	7	5
PUNTS-AVG.	28-43.9	35-44.7
Net Punting Avg.	28-41.2	35-34.9
PENALTIES-YARDS	52-490	24-218
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	5-3	8-3
TOUCHDOWNS	12	12
Rushing	6	3
Passing	5	7
Returns	1	2

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
BENGALS	13	31	26	42	0	112
OPPONENTS	24	32	20	36	0	112

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt.	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS.
Dave Rayner	0	0	0	0	5-5	6-8	0	23
Cedric Peerman	3	3	0	0	—	—	0	20
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	0	6-6	3-4	0	15
Cedric Benson	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Dezmon Briscoe	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Jermaine Gresham	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Darius Hill	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
James Johnson	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
David Jones	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Chad Ochocinco	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Bernard Scott	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Jerome Simpson	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	12	6	5	1	11-11	9-12	0	112
OPPONENTS	12	3	7	2	11-11	9-10	0	112

Two-point conversions: Cedric Peerman 1 (1 R, 0P). BENGALS 1-1 (1-1 R, 0-0 P), OPPONENTS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P).

Sacks-yards: Geno Atkins 4.5-26, Michael Johnson 3-20, Pat Sims 2-9, Carlos Dunlap 1-7, Jonathan Fanene 1-7, Roddrick Muckelroy 1-4, Brandon Johnson 1-1, Abdul Hodge 1-0, Clinton McDonald 0.5-2. BENGALS 15-76, OPPONENTS 11-51.

Fumbles-lost: Jerome Simpson 2-1, Quan Cosby 1-1, Cordera Eason 1-1, Adam Jones 1-0. BENGALS 5-3, OPPONENTS 8-3.

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Cedric Peerman	31	201	6.5	93t	3
James Johnson	28	127	4.5	19	1
Cedric Benson	32	123	3.8	21	1
Bernard Scott	29	117	4.0	48	1
Jordan Palmer	6	22	3.7	11	0
Cordera Eason	6	15	2.5	5	0
J.T. O'Sullivan	2	9	4.5	6	0
Joe Tronzo	2	2	1.0	3	0
Terrell Owens	1	1	1.0	1	0
BENGALS	137	617	4.5	93t	6
OPPONENTS	125	469	3.8	24	3

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Jordan Shipley	14	118	8.4	17	0
Jerome Simpson	12	149	12.4	22	1
Terrell Owens	12	143	11.9	43	0
Jermaine Gresham	12	131	10.9	19	1
Quan Cosby	7	104	14.9	44	0
Chad Ochocinco	7	74	10.6	17	1
Bernard Scott	6	103	17.2	46	0
Cedric Benson	5	29	5.8	13	0
Cedric Peerman	5	16	3.2	13	0
Dezmon Briscoe	4	89	22.3	50t	1
Matt Jones	4	54	13.5	28	0
Daniel Coats	3	29	9.7	16	0
Andre Caldwell	3	24	8.0	13	0
James Johnson	3	15	5.0	6	0
Darius Hill	3	14	4.7	8	1
Chase Coffman	2	32	16.0	21	0
Joe Tronzo	2	20	10.0	12	0
Brian Leonard	1	8	8.0	8	0
Reggie Kelly	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	106	1156	10.9	50t	5
OPPONENTS	99	1180	11.9	52	7

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Morgan Trent	3	21	7.0	14	0
David Jones	1	24	24.0	24t	1
Kyries Hebert	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	5	47	9.4	24t	1
OPPONENTS	7	98	14.0	36	2

PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	NET	TB	IN-20	LG.	BLK.
Kevin Huber	28	1229	43.9	41.2	2	9	67	0
BENGALS	28	1229	43.9	41.2	2	9	67	0
OPPONENTS	35	1563	44.7	34.9	2	7	60	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	FC	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Quan Cosby	8	4	99	12.4	43	0
Jordan Shipley	8	2	129	16.1	63	0
Adam Jones	5	1	75	15.0	28	0
Jerome Simpson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	22	7	303	13.8	63	0
OPPONENTS	13	5	36	2.8	13	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Quan Cosby	7	206	29.4	41	0
Adam Jones	6	204	34.0	51	0
Bernard Scott	4	71	17.8	24	0
Cedric Peerman	2	70	35.0	50	0
Jordan Shipley	2	35	17.5	22	0
Andre Caldwell	1	26	26.0	26	0
BENGALS	22	612	27.8	51	0
OPPONENTS	24	530	22.1	38	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Dave Rayner	0-0	2-2	4-5	0-1	0-0
Mike Nugent	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-3
BENGALS	0-0	2-2	5-6	0-1	2-3
OPPONENTS	0-0	5-5	2-2	2-3	0-0

Mike Nugent: (—), (—), (59SH), (54G), (52G, 34G).

Dave Rayner: (—), (44WL, 36G, 27G, 31G, 26G), (34WL), (32G), (39G).

Bengals: (—), (44WL, 36G, 27G, 31G, 26G), (59SH, 34WL), (54G, 32G), (52G, 39G, 34G).

Opponents: (20G, 34G, 49WL, 23G), (28G), (40G, 25G, 48G), (—), (23G, 36G).

PASSING	ATT.	CMP.	YDS.	CMP.%	YDS./ATT.	TD	TD%	INT.	INT.%	LG	SKD.-YDS.	RAT.
J.T. O'Sullivan	60	35	396	58.3	6.60	0	0.0	2	3.3	46	5-25	64.3
Carson Palmer	59	42	415	71.2	7.03	2	3.4	2	3.4	43	1-1	87.9
Jordan Palmer	52	29	345	55.8	6.63	3	5.8	3	5.8	50t	5-25	71.4
BENGALS	171	106	1156	62.0	6.76	5	2.9	7	4.1	50t	11-51	74.6
OPPONENTS	182	99	1180	54.4	6.48	7	3.8	5	2.7	52	15-76	75.8