



# VIKINGS

Week 17 | Sunday, January 2, 2022 | Lambeau Field | 7:20 p.m. CT | NBC

## 2021 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON.....	7-8
NFC NORTH .....	3-1
HOME .....	4-3
AWAY .....	3-5

## 2021 SCHEDULE

Week (Date)	Opponent	Time (CT)	TV
1) 9/12 (Sun.)	at Cincinnati	Noon	L, 27-24 OT
2) 9/19 (Sun.)	at Arizona	3:05 p.m.	L, 34-33
3) 9/26 (Sun.)	SEATTLE	3:25 p.m.	W, 30-17
4) 10/3 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	Noon	L, 14-7
5) 10/10 (Sun.)	DETROIT	Noon	W, 19-17
6) 10/17 (Sun.)	at Carolina	Noon	W, 34-28 OT
7) 10/24 (Sun.)	BYE WEEK		
8) 10/31 (Sun.)	DALLAS	7:20 p.m.	L, 20-16
9) 11/7 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	Noon	L, 34-31 OT
10) 11/14 (Sun.)	at LA Chargers	3:05 p.m.	W, 27-20
11) 11/21 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	Noon	W, 34-31
12) 11/28 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	3:25 p.m.	L, 34-26
13) 12/5 (Sun.)	at Detroit	Noon	L, 29-27
14) 12/9 (Thur.)	PITTSBURGH	7:20 p.m.	W, 36-28
15) 12/20 (Mon.)	at Chicago	7:15 p.m.	W, 17-9
16) 12/26 (Sun.)	LARams	Noon	L, 30-23
17) 1/2 (Sun.)	at Green Bay	7:20 p.m.	NBC
18) 1/9 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	Noon	FOX

## BROADCAST COVERAGE

- ▷ **NATIONAL TELEVISION: NBC**  
**Play-by-Play:** Mike Tirico  
**Analyst:** Chris Collinsworth  
**Sideline:** Kathryn Tappen
- ▷ **NATIONAL RADIO: WESTWOOD ONE**  
**Play-by-Play:** Ryan Radtke  
**Analyst:** Mike Golic
- ▷ **LOCAL RADIO: KFAN-FM 100.3-FM / KTLK 1130-AM**  
**Play-by-Play:** Paul Allen  
**Analyst:** Pete Bercich  
**Sideline:** Greg Coleman & Ben Leber  
**Pre-Game Show:** Mike Mussman - 5 p.m. CT  
 KFAN and KTLK serve as the flagship stations for the 72-station, 5-state Vikings Radio Network.

## GAME SUMMARY

The Minnesota Vikings (7-8) meet the Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field on Sunday, Jan. 2 at 7:20 p.m. (CT) for the second matchup this season.

In Week 16, Minnesota fell 30-23 to the Los Angeles Rams in a home contest, and Green Bay came out on top in a 24-22 victory over Cleveland on Christmas Day.

QB **Kirk Cousins** threw for over 300 yards for the sixth time this season last week vs. the Los Angeles Rams. Since becoming a starter in 2015, Cousins is only one of three quarterbacks to rank in the top five in both passing yards and passing touchdowns. His 29,313 passing yards since 2015 rank third, trailing only Matt Ryan (31,156, Atlanta) and Tom Brady (20,526, New England/Tampa Bay), while his 202 passing touchdowns are fourth behind Russell Wilson (213, Seattle), Aaron Rodgers (219, Green Bay) and Tom Brady (226, New England/Tampa Bay).

WR **Justin Jefferson** tallied his 13th 100-yard receiving game, moving him into second place all-time in the Super Bowl era for the most 100-yard receiving games in a player's first two seasons in the league, trailing only Bill Groman (16, Houston Oilers, 1960-61) and Odell Beckham (15, N.Y. Giants, 2014-15).

LB **Anthony Barr** recorded his first multi-interception game of his career, becoming the first Vikings linebacker to tally two picks in a single game since E.J. Henderson in Week 6 of 2010 against the Dallas Cowboys. With three interceptions on the season, Barr and S **Xavier Woods**, who also had a pick last week, are tied for the team-lead in interceptions this season.

## STAT OF THE WEEK

### MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A PLAYER'S FIRST TWO SEASONS

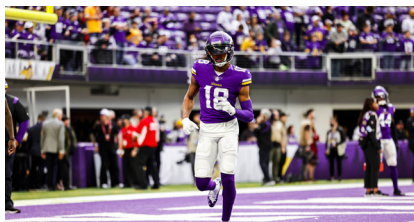
**Justin Jefferson, Minnesota - 2,851**

Odell Beckham, Jr., N.Y. Giants - 2,755

Randy Moss, Minnesota\* - 2,726

Jerry Rice, San Francisco\* - 2,497

\* denotes Hall of Famer



## WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

### Monday, December 27

12 p.m. - Select players available via Zoom

2 p.m. - Mike Zimmer available via Zoom

### Tuesday, December 28

No access

### Wednesday, December 29

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Media COVID-19 testing at TCO Performance Center

10:30 a.m. - Mike Zimmer available via Zoom

11 a.m. - Kirk Cousins and select players available via Zoom

12:45 p.m. - Andre Patterson available via Zoom

1:30 p.m. - Practice

### Thursday, December 30

11 a.m. - Practice

1 p.m. - Ryan Ficken, Clint Kubiak, Adam Zimmer and select players available via Zoom

### Friday, December 31

11 a.m. - 12 p.m. - Practice (Mike Zimmer available via Zoom at the completion of practice)

### Saturday, January 1

No access

### Sunday, January 2

7:20 p.m. CT - Minnesota Vikings at Green Bay Packers on NBC

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## NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- QB **Kirk Cousins** set the team record for most career 300-yard passing games.

1) 20 Kirk Cousins, 2018-21

2t) 19 Tommy Kramer, 1977-89

2t) 19 Daunte Culpepper, 1999-2005

- WR **Justin Jefferson** moved into second place all-time for most receiving yards in a single season in team history.

1) 1,632 Randy Moss, 2003

2) 1,451 Justin Jefferson, 2021

- Jefferson and Randy Moss are the only two receivers in Vikings history with consecutive 1,400 yard seasons.

- Most receiving yards in any two month stretch in Vikings history:

Randy Moss - 1,000 (Oct. '00 - Nov. '00)

Adam Thielen - 925 (Sept. '18 - Oct. '18)

Justin Jefferson - 888 (Nov. '21 - Dec. '21)

- RB **Alexander Mattison** set a new single-season career high in rushing touchdowns with three this season
- TE **Tyler Conklin** became the ninth tight end in team history to eclipse 500 receiving yards in a season. He currently has 540 on the year, the most since TE Kyle Rudolph's 634 receiving yards in 2018.
- K **Greg Joseph** is one of eight Vikings kickers to make 30 field goals in a single season after hitting three against the Rams.
- S **Xavier Woods** tallied an interception on Matthew Stafford. It was Woods' third pick this year, setting a new single-season career high.

BY THE  
NUMBERS

2,035

WR Justin Jefferson (1,451) and WR K.J. Osborn (584) have combined for 2,035 receiving yards. They are 396 receiving yards away from claiming the top spot for most receiving yards among second-year receivers from the same draft class. Allen Robinson (1,400) and Allen Hurns (1,031) hold the top spot with 2,431 combined receiving in 2015.

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The Vikings have a turnover margin of nine, which is the sixth-best in the NFL, trailing the Packers (16), Colts (14), Cowboys (14), Bills (10) and Cardinals (10).

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

### PLAYERS

Dan **Chisena**

Tashawn Bower

Andrew **DePaola**

Dakota **Dozier**

Danielle Hunter

Bisi Johnson

Kene Nwangwu

Janarius Robinson

Ihmir Smith-Marsette

Timon Parris

Chazz Surratt

Olisaemeka Udoh

Dede Westbrook

Kenny Willekes

Xavier Woods

### PRONUNCIATION

cha-SEN-a

tuh-SHAWN

dee-PAUL-uh

DOUGH-jher

duh-KNEEL

BEE-see

kuh-NAY WAHN-woo

juh-narr-iss

ah-MEER smith MARR-sett

tih-MOAN

suh-RATT

OH-lee-suh-MEE-kah OO-doe

DEE-dee

WILL-uh-KISS

ECK-zay-vee-er

### COACHING STAFF

Imarjaye Albury

Andrew Janocko

Klint Kubiak

Keenan McCardell

Brian Pariani

Sam Siefkes

im-MAR-jay AL-berry

juh-NO-coe

koo-bee-ack

mih-car-DELL

PEAR-ee-ah-nee

seef-kiss

## 2021 NEW FACES

### FREE AGENTS/TRADES/WAIVERS (17)

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

### DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (8)

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

## RETURNERS from 2020

**Starters Returning:** 15 (9 offense, 6 defense)

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

### Leading Returners (Total)

#### Passing Yards

Kirk Cousins (4,265)

#### Rushing Yards

Dalvin Cook (1,557)

#### Rushing TDs

Dalvin Cook (16)

#### Receiving Yards

Justin Jefferson (1,400)

#### Receiving TDs

Adam Thielen (14)

#### Tackles

Eric Kendricks (107)

#### Sacks

D.J. Wonnum (3.0)

#### Interceptions

Harrison Smith (5)

#### Punt Return Yards

K.J. Osborn (27)

#### Kick Return Yards

K.J. Osborn (303)

## ROSTER NOTES

### Oldest Viking Players

Andrew DePaola (34, born 7/28/87)

### Youngest Viking Players

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

### Most Seasons as a Viking

Harrison Smith (10)

### Most NFL Seasons

Patrick Peterson (11)

### College with the most Vikings

LSU (3)

### Home state with the most Vikings

Florida (7) and Texas (7)

### Conference with the most Vikings

ACC (10 players on roster)

### Largest Viking

Brian O'Neill (Height: 6-7)

Michael Pierce (Weight: 340 lbs)

### Smallest Viking

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

Dede Westbrook (Weight: 178 lbs)

### 1st Round Draft Picks (7)

[5] Patrick Peterson (2011)

[9] Anthony Barr (2014)

[13] Sheldon Richardson (2013)

[18] Garrett Bradbury (2019)

[22] Justin Jefferson (2020)

[23] Christian Darrisaw (2021)

[29] Harrison Smith (2012)

### Pro Bowlers (9)

Patrick Peterson-ARI (8x)

Harrison Smith (6x)

Anthony Barr (4x)

Dalvin Cook (3x)

Kirk Cousins (2x)

Adam Thielen (2x)

Danielle Hunter (2x)

Justin Jefferson (2x)

C.J. Ham (1x)

Eric Kendricks (1x)

Sheldon Richardson-NYJ (1x)



HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

NFL HEAD COACH: 8th Year      REGULAR SEASON: 71-55-1 (.563)  
OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 28th Year      POSTSEASON: 2-3-0 (.400)  
COACHING EXPERIENCE: 43nd Year      RECORD WITH MIN: 71-55-1 (.563)

COACHING BACKGROUND

Year.	Team	Position	W-L-T	Results	NFL Ranking Yds/Off Pts allowed
1979	Missouri	Asst. Coach	7-5	Hall of Fame Bowl (W)	
1980	Missouri	Asst. Coach	.8-4	Liberty Bowl (L)	
1981	Weber State	Asst. Coach	7-4		
1982	Weber State	Asst. Coach	4-7		
1983	Weber State	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1984	Weber State	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1985	Weber State	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1986	Weber State.	Def. Coord.	3-8		
1987	Weber State	Def. Coord.	10-3	FCS Playoffs - 2nd Round	
1988	Weber State	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1989	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1990	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	3-8		
199	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	4-7		
1992	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	9-3	Copper Bowl (L)	
1993	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1994	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, NFC Championship Game	
1995	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, Super Bowl XXX Champions	
1996	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Divisional	
1997	Dallas	DBs	6-10		
1998	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	
1999	Dallas	DBs	8-8	Wild Card	
2000	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		19/21
2001	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		4/19
2002	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		18/12
2003	Dallas	Def. Coord.	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	1/4
2004	Dallas	Def. Coord.	6-10		16/27
2005	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7		10/11
2006	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	13/21t
2007	Atlanta	Def. Coord.	4-12		9/25t
2008	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-11-1		12/1
2009	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	4/8t
2010	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-12		15/19
2011	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	7/9
2012	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	Wild Card	6/6
2013	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	11-5	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	3/4
2014	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9		14 /13
2015	Minnesota	Head Coach	11-5	NFC North Champs, Wild Card	13/9
2016	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-8		3/5
2017	Minnesota	Head Coach	13-3	NFC North Champs, NFC Championship Game	1/1
2018	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-7-1		4/4
2019	Minnesota	Head Coach	10-6	Divisional	14/8
2020	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9		22/29
2021	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-8		9/23

VIKINGS DEFENSIVE / TEAM RANKINGS SINCE 2014

Yards/game..... Pass yards/game ..... Rush yards/game..... Sacks .... Points allowed /game ... Scrimmage TDs allowed .. Rush TDs allowed... Pass TDs allowed... 3rd down rate  
337.6 (8th)..... 224.3 (5th) ..... 113.3 (19th) ... 327.0 (6th) ..... 21.22 (7th) ..... 268 (4th) ..... 89 (3rd) ..... 179 (6th) ..... 35.7% (1st)

## ZIMMER'S BACKGROUND



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



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
ASSISTANT COACH (1979-80)



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



WASHINGTON ST.  
DEF.COORDINATOR(1989-93)



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



ATLANTA  
DEF.COORDINATOR(2007)



CINCINNATI  
DEF.COORDINATOR(2008-13)



MINNESOTA  
HEAD COACH (2014-PRESENT)



### ANDRE PATTERSON

ASST. HEAD COACH/CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DL

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 39th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 18th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 10th Season



### ADAM ZIMMER

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 16th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 16th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 8th Season



### KLINT KUBIAK

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR (IN BOOTH)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 12th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 8th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 5th Season



### RYAN FICKEN

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 18th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 15th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 15th Season

## ASSISTANT COACHES

IMARJAYE ALBURY\*  
ROY ANDERSON\*  
RICK DENNISON  
PAUL GUENTHER\*  
ANDREW JANOCKO  
CHRISTIAN JONES\*  
KEENAN McCARDELL  
BRIAN PARIANI  
AC PATTERSON\*  
KENNEDY POLAMALU  
PHIL RAUSCHER  
KARL SCOTT  
SAM SIEFKES\*  
BEN STEELE\*  
ROBERT STEEPLES

Def. Quality Control/Assistant Defensive Line  
Assistant Defensive Backs  
Senior Offensive Advisor  
Senior Defensive Assistant  
Quarterbacks  
Off. Quality Control/Asst. Wide Receivers  
Wide Receivers  
Tight Ends  
Off. Quality Control/Assistant Running Backs  
Running Backs  
Offensive Line  
Defensive Backs  
Def. Quality Control/Linebackers  
Assistant Offensive Line  
Assistant Special Teams  
*\*In coaching booth during games*



## HEAD COACH MATT LAFLEUR

**NFL HEAD COACH:** 3rd Year

**OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE:** 13th Year

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 19th Year

**REGULAR SEASON:** 38-9 (.809)

**POSTSEASON:** 2-2 (.500)

**RECORD WITH GB:** 38-9 (.809)

### MATT LAFLEUR SUMMARY

#### COACHING HISTORY

<b>2019 -</b>	Green Bay Packers	Head Coach
<b>2018</b>	Tennessee Titans	Offensive Coordinator
<b>2017</b>	Los Angeles Rams	Offensive Coordinator
<b>2015-16</b>	Atlanta Falcons	Quarterbacks
<b>2014</b>	Univ. of Notre Dame	Quarterbacks
<b>2010-13</b>	Washington Football Team	Quarterbacks
<b>2008-09</b>	Houston Texans	Offensive Assistant
<b>2007</b>	Ashland Univ.	Offensive Coordinator
<b>2006</b>	Northern Mich. Univ.	Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers
<b>2004-05</b>	Central Mich. Univ.	Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers
<b>2003</b>	Saginaw Valley State Univ.	Offensive Assistant

Entering his 13th season in the National Football League, Matt LaFleur (la-flew-er) enters his third season in Green Bay after being named the Packers' 15th head coach on Jan. 8, 2019.

In his first two seasons leading the Packers, LaFleur has authored one of the greatest starts to a head-coaching career in NFL history. For the second consecutive season in 2020, he led Green Bay to a 13-3 record and captured the NFC North crown while also earning the No. 1 seed in the NFC for the first time since 2011. It was just the second time in team history that the Packers had won 13-plus games in back-to-back seasons (13-3 in 1996 and 1997). According to the Elias Sports Bureau, LaFleur was the sixth head coach since 1970 to lead his team to the conference championship game in both of his first two seasons as a head coach, joining Jim Harbaugh (2011-12), Rex Ryan (2009-10), Barry Switzer (1994-95), George Seifert (1989-90) and Don McCafferty (1970-71). LaFleur became just the second NFL head coach since the league went to a divisional format in 1967 to win 13-plus games and a division title in both of his first two seasons, joining Seifert (1989-90).

LaFleur has also taken his place atop the Packers' record book as his 26 regular-season wins are the most by a Packers head coach in his first two seasons (Mike Sherman and Mike McCarthy, 21 each), and the 13-win improvement over Green Bay's previous two seasons (13 wins in 2017-18) marked the biggest two-season win improvement by a head coach in franchise history from the two seasons prior to him taking over, eclipsing the previous mark held by Vince Lombardi (15 victories in 1959-60 after the Packers won four games in 1957-58). LaFleur's 26 victories are also the second-most wins in NFL history by a coach in his first two seasons behind only Seifert (28 in 1989-90).

Green Bay's success under LaFleur has been highlighted by its domination of the NFC North. While capturing two division titles, LaFleur is 11-1 against NFC

North opponents, a .917 winning percentage that is tied for the best two-season winning percentage in divisional games for the Packers dating back to 1967 (2011-12, 11-1, .917). His winning percentage against division opponents is also tied for the second best by a coach in his first two seasons, dating back to 1970 (Mike Tomlin, 11-1, .917 in 2007-08 / Steve Mariucci, 15-1, .938 in 1997-98). Additionally, Green Bay was undefeated in road division games in 2020, marking the second straight year it did not lose a road division game and just the eighth time since 1967.

Following a productive first season in 2019, Green Bay's offense exploded under LaFleur in 2020. The Packers led the NFL with 509 points, the second-highest total in team history (560 in 2011). Green Bay was the only team to rank in the top 10 in the NFL in all of the following categories: total yards per game (389.0, No. 5), yards per play (6.29, No. 3), passing yards per game (256.6, No. 9), passing yards per play (7.81, No. 2), rushing yards per game (132.4, No. 8) and rushing yards per carry (4.78, No. 7). Additionally, the Packers were the only NFL team to have three different players (WR Davante Adams-18, RB Aaron Jones-11, TE Robert Tonyan-11) with 10-plus TDs last season.

In their second season in LaFleur's offense in 2020, QB Aaron Rodgers and Adams turned in career-best performances. Rodgers was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player last season by The Associated Press and by the Pro Football Writers of America after leading the NFL with a 121.5 passer rating, the second-highest single-season mark by a quarterback in NFL history, behind only his 122.5 rating in 2011. In addition to leading the NFL in passer rating, Rodgers also led the league in passing TDs (team-record 48), completion percentage (team-record 70.7) and interception percentage (0.95), the first QB to lead the NFL in all four categories since Steve Young in 1992. Adams set the franchise record for receptions in a season with 115 and tied WR Sterling Sharpe (1994) for the most receiving TDs in a season with 18 (tied for No. 3 in NFL history). Adams became the first player in NFL history to have 18-plus TD receptions and 100-plus catches in a season. Additionally, he led the NFL in receiving TDs, receiving yards per game and receptions per game in 2020, the first NFL player to lead the league in all three categories since Sharpe in 1992.

Several players have enjoyed individual success in LaFleur's two years at the helm. Seven Packers have earned All-Pro or Pro Bowl honors the past two seasons. Adams, T David Bakhtiari, C Corey Linsley and Rodgers were named first-team All-Pro by AP while CB Jaire Alexander and LB Za'Darius Smith were named second-team All-Pro by AP in 2020. The Packers' four first-team selections were the most since 1967 (six). The Pro Bowl

roster featured Adams, Alexander, Bakhtiari, G. Elgton Jenkins, RB Aaron Jones, Rodgers and Smith. The Packers' seven selections tied for the most in the NFL in 2020 (Baltimore, Kansas City and Seattle), and were the most original selections for Green Bay since seven players were selected in 2011. Six of the players were named starters (all but Jones), giving Green Bay the most starter selections since it had eight in 1967.

Since his first day addressing the team, LaFleur has emphasized the importance of the ball, both protecting it on offense and taking it away on defense. After finishing No. 2 in the NFL in 2019 in giveaways with a franchise-record-tying 13, Green Bay set the team record and led the league in giveaways during the 2020 regular season with only 11. The Packers are 19-0 under LaFleur when winning the turnover margin, the most wins with no losses over a two-season span by an NFL team since the 2011-12 Packers (20-0). Green Bay finished the 2019 season tied for No. 3 in the NFL in turnover differential (plus-12) and tied for No. 7 in the league in 2020 (plus-7). The Packers' plus-19 turnover differential the last two seasons is No. 3 in the NFL over that span. On defense, the Packers were tied for No. 7 in the NFL with 25 takeaways and tied for No. 3 with 17 interceptions in 2019.

In LaFleur's first year leading the team in 2019, Green Bay finished the regular season with a 13-3 record on its way to an NFC North crown and the No. 2 seed in the NFC as he became just the fifth coach in league history to win 13-plus games in his first season as a head coach. He guided the Packers to their biggest one-year win improvement in club history (plus-seven wins) and became the first head coach to lead Green Bay to the playoffs in his first season. LaFleur joined McCarthy as the only head coaches in club annals to lead the team to the NFC Championship Game in their first playoff appearance, and he became the first NFL coach to do so since Harbaugh led the 49ers to the NFC title game in 2011.

LaFleur guided the Packers to a 6-0 record in NFC North games in 2019, just the second time that Green Bay had gone undefeated in the division (2011) since the league went to a divisional format in 1967. He joined Jim Caldwell (2011) and Mariucci (1997) as the only coaches in NFL history to post a perfect divisional record and 13-plus wins in the regular season in their first season as a head coach.

Led by LaFleur, the Packers recorded 20-plus points in 13 games during the 2019 regular season, good for No. 5 in the NFL. Green Bay was tied for No. 10 in the NFL in offensive TDs (44) and posted 18 rushing TDs (tied for No. 7 in the NFL), the most by the Packers since 2009 (20).

Green Bay's defense also took a step forward with LaFleur at the helm in 2019 as it allowed 19.6 points per game (No. 9 in the NFL). It marked the first time Green Bay had finished in the top 10 in the league in the category since 2010, which was also the last time the Packers allowed fewer than 20 points per game. The average of 19.6 points per game allowed was a 5.4-point decrease from 2018 (25.0 ppg.), the biggest one-year improvement in scoring defense for the Packers since 1996.

"We are very excited to welcome Matt as the next head coach of the Green Bay Packers," said Packers President and CEO Mark Murphy on the day of LaFleur's hiring. "We found a coach with the background and experience

that we think will get us back to playing winning football. We're also excited about the person – he is bright with a great work ethic and a perfect fit for Green Bay and the organization."

LaFleur came to Green Bay after spending two seasons as an offensive coordinator, first with the Los Angeles Rams in 2017 and then with the Tennessee Titans in 2018. He also coached quarterbacks for two seasons with the Atlanta Falcons (2015-16) and four seasons with the Washington Football Team (2010-13). LaFleur got his start in the NFL coaching ranks with the Houston Texans as an offensive assistant in 2008-09.

During his first 10 seasons in the league, LaFleur was a part of offensive staffs that helped their teams rank in the top 10 in the NFL in total yards seven times (2008-09, 2012-13, 2015-17). In three of those seasons, LaFleur was on a staff that helped its offense finish in the top five in the league in scoring, highlighted by No. 1 rankings in 2016 with the Falcons and in 2017 with the Rams.

In his lone season with the Titans, LaFleur guided the offense to a No. 7 league ranking in rushing (126.4 ypg) as Tennessee registered 11 games with 100-plus rushing yards, tied for No. 2 in the NFL in 2018. Tennessee's ground game was led by third-year RB Derrick Henry, who finished No. 7 in the NFL in rushing yards (1,059) and tied for No. 3 in rushing TDs (12), the most by a Titan since RB Chris Johnson's 14 rushing TDs in 2009. RB Dion Lewis added 517 rushing yards as Tennessee was one of only three teams in the league (Denver and Seattle) to feature both a 1,000-yard back and a 500-yard back in 2018.

Despite missing three full games and parts of others due to injuries, Titans QB Marcus Mariota set a single-season franchise record with a 68.9 completion percentage, good for No. 6 in the league in '18, and posted a career-high average of 7.64 yards per attempt, the top mark by a Titans QB (min. 200 att.) since Steve McNair in 2003 (8.04). In Week 12 at Houston, Mariota completed 22 of 23 passes for 303 yards and two TDs with no INTs, a 95.7 completion percentage that was the second-best single-game mark in NFL history (min. 20 att.) behind only Chargers QB Philip Rivers' 96.6 percentage recorded the previous day vs. Arizona.

Under LaFleur's direction, Tennessee's offense had one of its finest seasons in team history when it came to taking care of the football, finishing tied for No. 7 in the league with 18 giveaways, tied for the fourth fewest in a season in franchise annals. The Titans set a single-season team record with only six fumbles lost on the season, which was tied for No. 4 in the NFL in 2018. The offense also contributed to the Titans being called for only 82 penalties on the season, the fewest in the league in 2018 and the fewest in franchise history in a 16-game season (since 1978).

**For the full Matt LaFleur bio, visit [packers.com](https://packers.com).**

### Local Connections

- Packers T/G Billy Turner attended Mounds View High School in Arden Hills, Minnesota. Turner's father, Maurice Turner, was the 12th-round pick by the Vikings in the 1983 NFL Draft. He played 23 games for Minnesota from 1984-85 before finishing the '85 season with Green Bay.
- Packers LB De'Vondre Campbell attended the University of Minnesota.
- Packers General Manager Brian Gutekunst's father, John, served as the head coach of the University of Minnesota Golden Gophers from 1985-91. Brian Gutekunst prepped at Robbinsdale Armstrong High School in Plymouth, Minnesota, where he lettered all four years for the football team as a quarterback, defensive back and wide receiver.

### Vikings-Packers Connections

- Packers inside linebackers coach Kirk Olivadotti's father, Tom, was a defensive assistant coach for the Vikings from 1996-99.
- Vikings CB Parry Nickerson played for the Packers in 2020.

### Coaching Connections

- Vikings wide receivers coach Keenan McCardell worked with Packers head coach Matt LaFleur in Washington from 2010-11. McCardell also worked with Packers offensive coordinator Nathaniel Hackett in Jacksonville in 2017-18, with Hackett serving as OC and McCardell as the wide receivers coach.
- Vikings running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu and Packers defensive coordinator Joe Barry coached together at USC in 2010-11.
- Packers special teams coordinator Maurice Drayton coached Vikings assistant strength and conditioning coach Joshua Woods at South Carolina State in 2009.
- Packers defensive backs coach Jerry Gray held the same role with the Vikings from 2014-19.
- Vikings senior defensive assistant Paul Guenther coached with Packers inside linebackers coach Kirk Olivadotti in Washington during the 2002-03 seasons.

### Professional Connections

- Vikings QB Kirk Cousins (2012-17) teamed with Packers OLB Preston Smith (2015-18) in Washington. Cousins worked directly with LaFleur in Washington from 2012-13.
- Vikings backup QB Sean Mannion was with the Los Angeles Rams when LaFleur was the offensive coordinator in 2017.
- Vikings T Rashod Hill overlapped with Packers TE Mercedes Lewis in Jacksonville in 2016.
- Vikings LS Andrew DePaola played with Packers S Adrian Amos on the Bears in 2017.
- Vikings WR Dede Westbrook was teammates with TE Mercedes Lewis in Jacksonville in 2017.
- Vikings DT Michael Pierce played with Packers LB Za'Darius Smith in Baltimore from 2016-18.

### College Connections

- Vikings LB Anthony Barr and LB Eric Kendricks played with Packers NT Kenny Clark at UCLA; Vikings running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu was UCLA's running backs coach from 2014-15 and offensive coordinator in 2016.
- Vikings CB Cameron Dantzler played with Packers LG Elgton Jenkins at Mississippi State.
- Vikings LB Blake Lynch and DT James Lynch both played with Packers S Henry Black at Baylor from 2017-19.
- Packers LB Jonathan Garvin played with both TE Chris Herndon and WR K.J. Osborn at Miami. Herndon played with Garvin in 2017, while Osborn played with Garvin in 2019.
- Vikings C Mason Cole and Vikings S Josh Metellus played with Packers LB Rashan Gary and G Jon Runyan at Michigan.
- Vikings RB Kene Nwangwu, Packers WR Allen Lazard and Packers LS Steve Wirtel were teammates at Iowa State.
- Vikings rookie WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette and Packers rookie DL Jack Heflin played at Iowa together.
- Vikings LB Troy Dye and Packers C Jake Hanson were teammates at Oregon.
- Vikings T Christian Darrisaw played with T Yosh Nijman on the Virginia Tech offensive line.

### VIKINGS-PACKERS 2021 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	MIN (RK)	GNB (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	375.4 (9)	357.1 (15)	18.3
Yards / Play	5.72 (13)	5.75 (12)	-0.03
Rushing Yards / Game	119.9 (12)	106.9 (21)	13
Rushing Yards / Play	4.32 (17)	4.14 (23)	0.18
Passing Yards / Game	255.5 (9)	250.1 (11)	5.4
Passing Yards / Play	7.06 (10)	7.27 (7)	-0.21
Interception Rate	1.29% (2)	0.97% (1)	0.32%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	4.60% (4)	5.62% (11)	-1.02%
First Downs / Game	20.7 (14)	21.6 (8)	-0.9
Punt Return Avg	7.9 (21)	6.8 (29)	1.1
Kickoff Return Avg	26.9 (2)	17.3 (30)	9.6
Field Goals Made	86.11% (14)	70.00% (31)	16.11%
3rd Down Pct	36.45% (25)	41.71% (11)	-5.26%
4th Down Pct	61.11% (7)	63.16% (4)	-2.05%
Red Zone Pct	62.75% (5)	60.00% (14)	2.75%
Goal to Go%	71.88% (14)	71.88% (14)	0.00%
Avg Possession Time	29:48 (20)	32:16 (3)	
Points / Game	25.6 (12)	25.5 (13)	0.1

DEFENSE	MIN (RK)	GNB (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	379.0 (29)	331.3 (11)	47.7
Yards / Play	5.70 (26)	5.37 (14)	0.33
Rushing Yards / Game	130.5 (28)	115.3 (18)	15.2
Rushing Yards / Play	4.68 (28)	4.83 (31)	-0.15
Passing Yards / Game	248.5 (27)	216.0 (10)	32.5
Passing Yards / Play	6.95 (25)	6.09 (4)	0.86
Interception Rate	2.61% (13)	3.38% (4)	-0.77%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	8.21% (4)	6.77% (14)	1.44%
First Downs / Game	22.5 (28)	20.5 (20)	2
Punt Return Avg	8.1 (11)	12.8 (3)	-4.7
Kickoff Return Avg	22.0 (20)	25.5 (26)	-3.5
3rd Down Pct	35.48% (4)	45.00% (29)	-9.52%
4th Down Pct	60.87% (25)	46.15% (9)	14.72%
Red Zone Pct	60.00% (20)	68.18% (29)	-8.18%
Goal to Go%	80.77% (28)	76.67% (21)	4.10%
Points / Game	24.8 (18)	21.6 (10)	3.2



# VIKINGS - PACKERS GAME INFORMATION

## VIKINGS-PACKERS SERIES

### VIKINGS VS. PACKERS ALL-TIME

Won 56, Lost 63, Tie 3; Home 30-30, Away 26-33-3

#### YEAR SITE RESULT

### VIKINGS VS. PACKERS SINCE 2001

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

2001.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 35-13	2012.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 23-14
.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 13-24	.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 37-34
2002.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 31-21	.....	*Green Bay	Green Bay 24-10
.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 26-22	2013.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 44-31
2003.....	Green Bay	Minnesota 30-25	.....	Green Bay	Tie 26-26 (OT)
.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 30-27	2014.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 42-10
2004.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 34-31	.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 24-21
.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 34-31	2015.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 30-13
.....	*Green Bay	Minnesota 31-17	.....	Green Bay	Minnesota 20-13
2005.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 23-20	2016.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 17-14
.....	Green Bay	Minnesota 20-17	.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 38-25
2006.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 23-17	2017.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 23-10
.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 9-7	.....	Green Bay	Minnesota 16-0
2007.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 23-16	2018.....	Green Bay	Tie 29-29 (OT)
.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 34-0	.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-17
2008.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 24-19	2019.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 21-16
.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 28-27	.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 23-10
2009.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 30-23	2020.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 43-34
.....	Green Bay	Minnesota 38-26	.....	Green Bay	Minnesota 28-22
2010.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 28-24	2021.....	Minnesota	Minnesota 34-31
.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 31-3			
2011.....	Minnesota	Green Bay 33-27			
.....	Green Bay	Green Bay 45-7			

\*NFC Wild Card Game

## VIKINGS-PACKERS 2021 LEADERS

### VIKINGS

Category.....	Player.....	Total.....	NFC Rank...	NFL Rank
Scoring.....	Thielen.....	60.....	7t.....	12t
Passing Yds.....	Cousins.....	3,971.....	3.....	8
Passing TDs.....	Cousins.....	30.....	4.....	7t
Passer Rating.....	Cousins.....	101.3.....	3.....	4
Completion Pct.....	Cousins.....	66.4.....	9.....	17
Rushing Att.....	Cook.....	226.....	2.....	5
Rushing Yds.....	Cook.....	1,067.....	1.....	4
Rushing TDs.....	Cook.....	6.....	5t.....	14t
Receptions.....	Jefferson.....	97.....	4.....	5
Receiving Yds.....	Jefferson.....	1,451.....	2.....	2
Receiving TDs.....	Thielen.....	10.....	3t.....	3t
Interceptions.....	Barr/Woods.....	3.....	7t.....	17t
Tackles.....	Kendricks.....	134.....	6.....	8
Forced Fumbles.....	2 players.....	2.....	13t.....	26t
Opp. FR.....	Barr.....	2.....	3t.....	6t
Sacks.....	Hunter/Womum.....	6.0.....	21t.....	38t
FGs Made.....	Joseph.....	31.....	1t.....	3t
FG Pct.....	Joseph.....	86.1.....	15.....	24
Net Punting Avg.....	Berry.....	40.9.....	9.....	14
Punt Ret. Avg.....	Westbrook.....	8.3.....	21.....	36t
KO Ret. Avg.....	Nwangwu.....	35.0.....	2.....	2

### PACKERS

Category.....	Player.....	Total.....	NFC Rank...	NFL Rank
Scoring.....	Adams/Jones.....	60.....	7t.....	12t
Passing Yds.....	Rodgers.....	3,689.....	5.....	10
Passing TDs.....	Rodgers.....	33.....	3.....	4t
Passer Rating.....	Rodgers.....	110.8.....	1.....	1
Completion Pct.....	Rodgers.....	68.0.....	3.....	6
Rushing Att.....	Jones.....	163.....	10.....	22
Rushing Yds.....	Jones.....	723.....	9.....	20
Rushing TDs.....	Jones.....	4.....	11t.....	22t
Receptions.....	Adams.....	106.....	2.....	2
Receiving Yds.....	Adams.....	1,362.....	3.....	3
Receiving TDs.....	Adams.....	10.....	3t.....	3t
Interceptions.....	Douglas.....	5.....	3t.....	4t
Tackles.....	Campbell.....	137.....	5.....	7
Forced Fum.....	Campbell/Smith.....	2.....	13t.....	26t
Opp. FR.....	Smith.....	2.....	3t.....	6t
Sacks.....	Gary.....	8.5.....	11t.....	19t
FGs Made.....	Crosby.....	21.....	8t.....	17t
FG Pct.....	Crosby.....	70.0.....	23.....	44
Net Punting Avg.....	Bojorquez.....	40.8.....	10.....	15t
Punt Ret. Avg.....	Rodgers.....	7.5.....	27.....	46
KO Ret. Avg.....	Taylor.....	19.4.....	38t.....	75t

## VIKINGS - PACKERS GAME INFORMATION

### TOP PERFORMERS VS. PACKERS

#### KIRK COUSINS

Eight games (eight starts), 169-of-253 passing (66.8%), 2,254 passing yards, 18 passing touchdowns, five interceptions, 110.4 passer rating

#### DALVIN COOK

Six games (six starts), 104 carries, 520 rushing yards, seven rushing touchdowns, 15 receptions, 226 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns

#### ADAM THIELEN

15 games (11 starts), 74 receptions, 986 receiving yards, seven receiving touchdowns, four rushes, 73 rushing yards

#### JUSTIN JEFFERSON

Three games (two starts), 13 receptions, 221 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns

#### HARRISON SMITH

17 games (17 starts), 104 tackles (league stats), 3.0 sacks, eight tackles for loss, five interceptions, nine passes defended

#### ERIC KENDRICKS

13 games (13 starts), 107 tackles, 2.5 sacks, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries, seven tackles for loss, three passes defended

### VIKINGS-PACKERS SERIES NOTES

- Since 1961, when Minnesota entered the NFL, the Vikings and Packers have each won 21 Division titles and each qualified for the playoffs 31 times.
- Minnesota and Green Bay have met in the playoffs twice, with Minnesota winning the 2004 Wild Card matchup at Lambeau and Green Bay winning the 2012 Wild Card game.
- Hall of Fame coach Bud Grant began his Vikings career in 1967, starting the season 0-4 before getting his first career win against Vince Lombardi at Green Bay (10/15/67).
- Head coach Mike Zimmer is 7-7-1 in his tenure with the Vikings against Green Bay.
- RB Dalvin Cook's longest career run, a 75-yard TD, came at Green Bay on 9/8/19.
- Cordarrelle Patterson recorded the longest play in team history, a 109-yard KO return TD, vs. Green Bay (10/27/13).

### BIG DAYS VS. PACKERS

- WR **Justin Jefferson** had eight receptions for 169 receiving yards and two touchdowns in the last matchup against the Packers, his only multi-touchdown game this season.
- Jefferson then earned NFC Offensive Player of the Week in Week 11 for his performance against Green Bay (11/21/21).
- S **Harrison Smith** had two of the best games of his career in 2017 vs. Green Bay. Smith totaled five tackles, 1.5 sacks, one tackle for loss, two passes defended, two QB hits and a diving one-handed interception vs. Green Bay (10/15/17).
- In the second meeting of 2017, Smith helped power the defense to a shutout victory by grabbing a career-high two interceptions at Green Bay (12/23/17).
- RB **Dalvin Cook** tallied a career high 30 carries in the last game at Green Bay (11/1/20) for 163 yards. He matched that at Chicago two

weeks later before topping it with 32 against Jacksonville on Dec. 6, 2020.

- QB **Kirk Cousins** has five career games with at least 300 passing yards against the Packers, including 425 passing yards at Green Bay (9/16/18), his most in a single game as a member of the Minnesota Vikings.
  - 425 passing yards at Green Bay on Sept. 16, 2018
  - 375 passing yards vs. Green Bay on Nov. 20, 2016
  - 342 passing yards vs. Green Bay on Nov. 25, 2018
  - 329 passing yards vs. Green Bay on Jan. 10, 2016 (Wild Card game with Washington)
  - 341 passing yards vs. Green Bay on Nov. 21, 2021

### VIKINGS-PACKERS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. Packers.....	Packers lead 63-56-3	Most Points, Vikings.....	42 (1986)
Last regular season game.....	Vikings 34, Packers 31 (2021)	Most Points, Packers.....	48 (1962)
Vikings largest winning margin.....	35; Vikings 42, Packers 7 (1986)	Most Points, both teams.....	77, Packers 43, Vikings 34 (2020)
Packers largest winning margin.....	38; Packers 45, Vikings 7 (2011)	Fewest Points, Vikings.....	0 (2007)
Current series streak.....	Minnesota 2	Fewest Points, Packers.....	0 (1971, 2017)
Vikings longest win streak.....	7 (1975-78)	Fewest Points, both teams.....	3; Vikings 3, Packers 0 (1971)
Packers longest win streak.....	5, three times		

## VIKINGS NOTES

### 2021 REGULAR SEASON HONOR ROLL

#### 2022 PRO BOWL ROSTER

Harrison Smith (6x)

Dalvin Cook (3x)

Justin Jefferson (2x)

#### DALVIN COOK

Week 14 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week vs. Pittsburgh

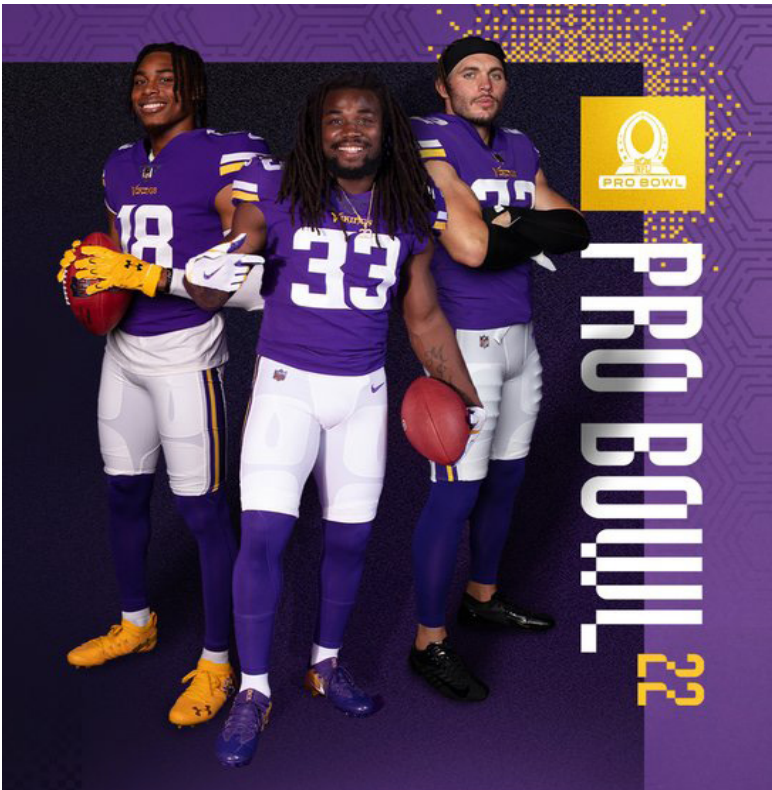
#### JUSTIN JEFFERSON

NFC Offensive Player of the Month - November

Week 11 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week vs. Green Bay

#### KENE NWANGWU

Week 9 - NFC Special Teams Player of the Week at Baltimore



# KIRK COUSINS NOTES



## QB KIRK COUSINS

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

In Week 16 vs. Los Angeles Rams, Cousins set the team record for most career 300-yard passing games with 20 (2018-21). He also set a franchise record for most seasons with 30 passing touchdowns in a career with three (2018, 2020-21), passing Daunte Culpepper who had two (2000, 2004). Cousins tied his 30 touchdown passes thrown in 2018, moving him into a tie for seventh all-time in passing touchdowns in a season in franchise history. In Week 15 at Chicago, Kirk Cousins became the only quarterback in franchise history to have three seasons as a 3,000-yard passer (Cousins) with a 1,000-yard rusher (Cook) and 1,000-yard receiver (Jefferson). He became the sixth player in NFL history to post at least two touchdowns in 10 consecutive road games. In Week 16 against the Rams, he threw a touchdown pass for the 29th consecutive game, extending his franchise record. Daunte Culpepper (24 games) held the previous mark. He has 25 career games with 300+ passing yards and three touchdown passes, surpassing Aaron Rodgers for the second-most all-time by a QB in their first 10 seasons. Only Dan Marino (26 games) has more.

### 2021 PASSER RATING

Player, Team	Passer Rating
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	110.8
Joe Burrow, Cincinnati	105.0
Matthew Stafford, Los Angeles Rams	104.0
<b>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</b>	<b>101.3</b>
Dak Prescott, Dallas	100.5
Kyler Murray, Arizona	100.5
Tom Brady, Tampa Bay	100.2

### VIKINGS 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES IN A SEASON (MIN. 20 ATTEMPTS)

Player, Year	Games
Brett Favre, 2009	10
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2020</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2021</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2021</b>	<b>8</b>
Randall, Cunningham, 1998	8
Daunte Culpepper, 2000	8
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	8
Sam Bradford, 2016	8
Case Keenum, 2017	8

### 2018-21 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	147
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	132
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	130
Russell Wilson, Seattle	124
<b>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</b>	<b>121</b>
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	106

### VIKINGS CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAMES

Player (W-L-T)	Games
<b>Kirk Cousins (12-7-1)</b>	<b>20</b>
Daunte Culpepper (11-8)	19
Tommy Kramer (9-10)	19

### VIKINGS CAREER 30+ PASSING TOUCHDOWN SEASONS

Player	Seasons
<b>Kirk Cousins</b>	<b>2018, 2020, 2021</b>
Daunte Culpepper	2000, 2004

### VIKINGS CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN PASS THROWN

Player, Season	Games
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2020-present</b>	<b>29</b>
Daunte Culpepper, 2000-01	24
Daunte Culpepper, 2003-04	21
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2018-19</b>	<b>19</b>
Fran Tarkenton, 1974-75	18



### NFL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015 (COUSINS' 1ST SEASON AS A STARTER)

Player, Team	Completions
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	2,701
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	2,649
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>2,571</b>
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	2,504
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	2,407

### NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	43
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	42
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>39</b>
Drew Brees, New Orleans	37
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	36
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	31
Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	31

### NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Yards
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	31,156
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	30,526
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>29,313</b>
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	27,989
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	27,734

### NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Russell Wilson, Seattle	57
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>56</b>
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	56
Drew Brees, New Orleans	53
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	51
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	50
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	50

### VIKINGS PASSING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

Player, Season	Touchdowns
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	39
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2020</b>	<b>35</b>
Randall Cunningham, 1998	34
Brett Favre, 2009/Daunte Culpepper, 2000/Warren Moon, 1995	33
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2021</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2018</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2019</b>	<b>26</b>

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NUMBERS

**1** In Week 15 at Chicago, Kirk Cousins became the only quarterback in franchise history to have three seasons as a 3,000-yard passer (Cousins) with a 1,000-yard rusher (Cook) and 1,000-yard receiver (Jefferson).

**20** Cousins set the team record for most career 300-yard passing games with 20 from 2018-21 in Week 16 vs. Los Angeles Rams.

# JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES



## WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/195

**COLLEGE:** LSU

**NFL SEASON:** 2

**VIKINGS SEASON:** 2

In Week 16 vs. Los Angeles Rams, Jefferson passed Odell Beckham, Jr. (2,755) to own the NFL record for most receiving yards in a player's first two seasons with 2,851 yards receiving. He tallied his 13th 100-yard receiving game, moving him into second for most 100-yard receiving games in a player's first two seasons in the NFL in the Super Bowl era. Jefferson tallied his 15th career touchdown in Week 15 at Chicago, moving him into third all-time in touchdown receptions among players in their first two seasons in the league, trailing Bill Groman (Houston Oilers, 16) and Odell Beckham, Jr. (N.Y. Giants, 15). Week 13 at Detroit marked career highs in receptions (11) and receiving yards (182) for Jefferson. Jefferson recorded his 12th career 100-yard receiving game in Week 13 at Detroit, passing Randy Moss (11) and Juju Smith-Schuster (11) for the second-most all-time for players within their first two seasons in the NFL. In Week 12 at San Francisco, Jefferson eclipsed the 1,000-yard receiving mark (1,027) on the year. Jefferson surpassed the 2,000 receiving mark (2,032) in Week 9 at Baltimore, making him the second-fastest player in NFL history to 2,000 receiving yards, doing so in only 24 games, trailing Odell Beckham, Jr., who did so in 21 games.

### PLAYERS TO REACH 2,000 CAREER RECEIVING YARDS IN THE FEWEST GAMES IN THE SUPER BOWL ERA

Player, Team	Games
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants	21
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>24</b>
Victor Cruz, New York Giants	25
Many tied	26

### RECEIVING YARDS IN FIRST TWO SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>2,851</b>
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants	2,755
Randy Moss, Minnesota*	2,726
Jerry Rice, San Francisco*	2,497
Josh Gordon, Cleveland	2,451
Torry Holt, LAC	2,423
A.J. Green, Cincinnati	2,407
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	2,382
Juju Smith-Schuster, Pittsburgh	2,343
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	2,257

\*denotes Hall of Famers

### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS PRIOR TO AGE 23

Player, Games played	Receiving Yards
<b>Justin Jefferson, 31</b>	<b>2,851</b>
Randy Moss, 32	2,726
Percy Harvin, 29	1,658
Stefon Diggs, 22	1,467

### 2020-21 MOST-100 YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player, Team	Games
Davante Adams, Green Bay	14
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	13
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>13</b>
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	9
Calvin Ridley, Atlanta	8
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	8

### 2020-21 RECEIVING YARDS

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>2,851</b>
Davante Adams, Green Bay	2,736
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	2,708
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	2,627
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	2,473
D.J. Moore, Carolina	2,234
DK Metcalf, Seattle	2,149
Tyler Lockett, Seattle	2,107
Brandin Cook, Houston	2,095

### ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS BY NFL ROOKIES

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



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

### MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY NFL ROOKIES

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

### MOST RECEPTIONS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

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

### MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

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

### MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

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

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

### VIKINGS 100-YARD GAMES IN FIRST TWO SEASONS

Player, Season	Games
Randy Moss, 1998-99	11
<b>Justin Jefferson, 2020 -</b>	<b>11</b>

### VIKINGS PASS CATCHERS WITH RECEPTIONS OF AT LEAST 50 YARDS IN THEIR FIRST TWO YEARS IN THE NFL

Player	Receptions
Kelly Campbell	4
<b>Justin Jefferson</b>	<b>4</b>
Nate Burleson	3
<b>K.J. Osborn</b>	<b>2</b>
Jarius Wright	2
Percy Harvin	2
Troy Williamson	2

# DALVIN COOK NOTES



## RB DALVIN COOK

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5-10/210

**COLLEGE:** Florida State

**NFL SEASON:** 5

**VIKINGS SEASON:** 5

Cook reached the 1,000-yard rushing mark in a season for the third consecutive time in his career in Week 15 at Chicago. In Week 14 against Pittsburgh, Cook set the Vikings first half rushing record by posting 153 yards on the ground. His 153 rushing yards are the most in the NFL in a half since Ronald Jones' (Tampa Bay) 170 in Week 10 of 2020. Cook recorded his second 200+ rushing yard game of his career, becoming the only running back other than Adrian Peterson to have multiple games of over 200 yards rushing in franchise history. Cook (4,639) passed Ted Brown (4,546) for fifth all-time in career rushing yards in Vikings history. Cook rushed for his fifth and six touchdowns of the season, his 35th since 2019, which ranks second in the NFL. In Week 9 at Baltimore, Cook tallied a 66-yard run, his fourth career rush of 60+ yards. He moved into third all-time for career 100-yard games rushing in team history with 18. Cook posted his 17th career 100-yard rushing game in Week 6 at Carolina. He has surpassed 4,000 career rushing yards in his career, making him the eighth player in Vikings history to accomplish this feat.

### 2021 NFL RUSHING YARDS, RUNNING BACKS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	1,626
Joe Mixon, Cincinnati	1,159
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	1,143
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>1,067</b>
Najee Harris, Pittsburgh	984
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	937
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	899
Antonio Gibson, Washington	891

### 2019-21 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	43
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>35</b>
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	29
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	28
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	28
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	28
Josh Jacobs, Las Vegas	26
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	25

### 2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS, RUNNING BACKS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	4,504
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>3,759</b>
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	3,704
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	3,235
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	2,911

### 2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	115.5
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>96.4</b>
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	92.6

### 2019-21 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	4,978 (4,504, 474)
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>4,860 (3,759, 1,101)</b>
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	4,304 (3,704, 600)
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	4,263 (3,235, 1,014)
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	4,101 (2,911, 1,190)
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	4,093 (2,449, 1,644)



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

### VIKINGS RUSHING YARDS IN A SEASON

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

### VIKINGS MOST CAREER RUSHING YARDS

Player, Seasons	Rushing yards
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	11,747
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	6,818
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	5,887
Bill Brown, 1962-74	5,757
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2017-</b>	<b>4,639</b>
Ted Brown, 1979-86	4,546
Dave Osborn, 1965-75	4,320
Darrin Nelson, 1982-89, 91-92	4,231

### VIKINGS MOST CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, Seasons	Games
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	49
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	29
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present</b>	<b>19</b>
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	17
Michael Bennett, 2001-05	9
Bill Brown, 1962-74	8

### VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

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

**205** Dalvin Cook posted 205 rushing yards against Pittsburgh, marking his second game of 200+ rushing yards. He and Adrian Peterson are the only running backs to post over 200 yards rushing in a game in franchise history.

**5th** Cook has moved into fifth all-time in Vikings career rushing yards with 4,728, passing Ted Brown (4,546) in Week 14 against Pittsburgh.

# ADAM THIELEN NOTES



## WR ADAM THIELEN

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/200  
**COLLEGE:** Minnesota State  
**NFL SEASON:** 8  
**VIKINGS SEASON:** 8

Adam Thielen recorded his eighth multi-touchdown game of his career in Week 12 at San Francisco, passing TE Kyle Rudolph for fifth in franchise history career receiving touchdowns (49). In Week 11 vs. Green Bay, Adam Thielen passed Rudolph (453) for fifth all-time in franchise career receptions with 464. Since 2020, Thielen has caught eight fourth-quarter touchdown passes, which ranks second in the NFL behind Tyreek Hill (9). He is one of four wide receivers in the NFL to record at least 20 touchdowns since the start of last season. Thielen put up his first 100+ receiving yard game of the 2021 season in Week 6 at Carolina. His 126 receiving yards in at Carolina rank as the eighth-most in his career and the most since Week 5 against the Giants in 2020 when he tallied 130 yards. In Week 5 vs. Detroit, Thielen moved into seventh all-time for career receiving yards (5,926) as a Viking.

### 2020-21 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Receiving touchdowns
Davante Adams, Green Bay	28
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>24</b>
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	24
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	24
DK Metcalf, Seattle	19

### TOTAL RECEPTIONS ON 3RD DOWNS SINCE 2017

Player, Team	Receptions
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	147
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	121
Davante Adams, Green Bay	118
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	115
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>108</b>
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	106
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Bufalo	105
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	101

### 2017-21 NFL MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player, Team	100+ Yard Games
Davante Adams, Green Bay	25
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	24
Julio Jones, Atlanta	24
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	21
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	20
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Bufalo	19
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	18
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	18
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>18</b>
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	18

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

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

### VIKINGS CAREER 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player	100+ Yard Games
Randy Moss	41
Cris Carter	40
Anthony Carter	22
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>21</b>
Jake Reed	18



### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	Receiving Touchdowns
Cris Carter	110
Randy Moss	92
Anthony Carter	52
Sammy White	50
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>49</b>
Kyle Rudolph	48
Ahmad Rashad	34
Jake Reed	33

### VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS

Player	Receptions
Cris Carter	1,004
Randy Moss	587
Steve Jordan	498
Anthony Carter	478
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>464</b>
Kyle Rudolph	453
Jake Reed	413

### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

Player	Receiving yards
Cris Carter	12,383
Randy Moss	9,316
Anthony Carter	7,636
Jake Reed	6,433
Sammy White	6,400
Steve Jordan	6,307
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>5,926</b>
Ahmad Rashad	5,489
Stefon Diggs	4,623

49

After recording his eighth career multi-touchdown game, Adam Thielen now ranks fifth in franchise history in all-time receiving touchdowns with 49.

464

Thielen passed TE Kyle Rudolph (453) on the Vikings career receptions in Week 11. He ranks fifth in franchise history in receptions.





# HARRISON SMITH NOTES



## S HARRISON SMITH

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

Smith matched his single-season career-high with his third sack of the season in Week 14 against Pittsburgh. He extended his franchise record of sacks among defensive backs to 16.5. In Week 12 at San Francisco, Smith tallied his 29th career interception, moving him into third all-time in career interceptions by an active defensive back since 2011. He also recorded 11 tackles on the day, ranking as the second-most of his career and the most since Dec. 2, 2012, against the Packers when he recorded 11. Smith extended his team record for most sacks by a DB to 15.5 with his full sack versus Green Bay in Week 11. Smith's 16.5 sacks are the second-most among defensive backs since entering the league in 2012, trailing only Seahawks 5 Jamal Adams (21.5).



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

### 2020-21 NFL INTERCEPTIONS, SAFETIES

Player, Team	Interceptions
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	10
Justin Simmons, Denver	10
Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City	9
Jordan Poyer, Buffalo	7
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>	<b>6</b>
Darnell Savage, Jr., Green Bay	6
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Pittsburgh	6
Adrian Phillips, New England	6
Micah Hyde, Buffalo	6
Kevin Byard, Tennessee	6
Xavier McKinney, New York Giants	6

### VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

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

### VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURNS OF 50+ YARDS

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

### SMITH'S INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

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

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

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

### VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

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

### VIKINGS SEASON SACKS BY A DB

Player, Season, Position	Sacks
Robert Griffith, 1999, S	4.0
Mackensie Alexander, 2018, CB	4.0
<b>Harrison Smith, 2021, S</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Harrison Smith, 2018, S</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Harrison Smith, 2014, S</b>	<b>3.0</b>
Brian Williams, 2003, CB	3.0
Joey Browner, 1990, S	3.0
Tommy Hannon, 1979, S	3.0

### VIKINGS CAREER SACKS BY A DB

Player, Seasons	Sacks
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>	<b>16.5</b>
Joey Browner, 1983-91	9.5

### VIKINGS CAREER TACKLES BY A DB

Player, Years	Tackles
Tommy Hannon, 1977-84	1,056
Joey Browner, 1983-91	987
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>	<b>967</b>
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

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**29** Smith recorded his 29th career interception in Week 12 at San Francisco. Smith is now tied for sixth all-time in franchise history for career interceptions by defensive backs.

**16.5** Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (16.5) by a defensive back since 2012 behind only Jamal Adams (21.5).



# ERIC KENDRICKS NOTES



## LB ERIC KENDRICKS

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-0/232  
**COLLEGE:** UCLA  
**NFL SEASON:** 7  
**VIKINGS SEASON:** 7

In Week 14 against Pittsburgh, Kendricks notched his fifth sack of the season, a new single-season career high. His 5.0 sacks are the fifth-most by a Vikings linebacker in a single season. Kendricks led the league in tackles with 43 during the month of November. He picked off Justin Herbert in Week 10 for his ninth career pick, moving him into ninth place for most interceptions by Vikings linebackers. In Week 9 at Baltimore, Kendricks tallied a new career high of 17 tackles in a game. At Carolina in Week 6, Kendricks recorded his second sack of the season and 11th in his career. In Week 4 vs. Cleveland, Kendricks moved into fourth place all-time for most games (36) with 10 or more tackles in a single game in franchise history. Kendricks' 15 tackles in Week 1 at Cincinnati marked the second-most in his career - his most since Week 13 in 2018 when he had 16 tackles against the New England Patriots. His Week 1 total is the most in a Week 1 game since Ed McDaniels in 2000 against the Bears.

### 15 OR MORE TACKLES IN A GAME IN 2021

Player, Team	Games
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	2
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>2</b>
Nick Vigil, Minnesota @-13 others	1

### 2021 TOTAL TACKLES IN THE NFL

Player, Team	Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	170
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	166
Jordyn Brooks, Seattle	155
Roquan Smith, Chicago	149
C.J. Mosley, NY Jets	142
Denzel Perryman, Las Vegas	138
De'Vondre Campbell, Green Bay	137
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>134</b>
Kyzir White, Los Angeles Chargers	126

### 2020-21 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Logan Wilson, Cincinnati	6
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>5</b>
Eric Wilson, Minnesota/Houston	4
Joe Schobert, Jacksonville/Pittsburgh	4
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	4
Many tied	3

### NFL REGULAR SEASON TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2021

Player, Team	Total Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	1,015
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	791
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>773</b>
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	758
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	680



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

### 2019-21 PASSES DEFENDED, NFL LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Pass. Def.
Demario Davis, New Orleans	23
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>22</b>
Darius Leonard, Indianapolis	21
K.J. Wright, Seattle/Las Vegas	21

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

Player, Years	Total Tackles for Loss
E.J. Henderson, 2003-11	67
Chad Greenway, 2006-16	62
<b>Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>Anthony Barr, 2014-Present</b>	<b>37</b>
Ed McDaniels, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Eric Wilson, 2017-2020	18
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12

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5.0

In Week 14 against Pittsburgh, Eric Kendricks notched his fifth sack of the season, marking a new single-season career high.

43

Kendricks led the NFL in tackles with 43 during the month of November.

# PATRICK PETERSON



## CB PATRICK PETERSON

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

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

### NFL LEADERS - INTERCEPTIONS (2011-21)

*On active Rosters only*

Player, Team	Interceptions
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco/Tampa Bay	36
Marcus Peters, Kansas City/Los Angeles Rams/Baltimore	31
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>	<b>28</b>
Stephon Gilmore, Buffalo/New England/Carolina	27
Janoris Jenkins, Rams/Giants/Saints/Titans	26

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

Player, Team	Games Started
Devin McCourty, New England	170
Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans	168
<b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>	<b>165</b>

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

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



CB Patrick Peterson hosted the 5th Annual Patrick Peterson Thanksgiving Giveaway and first in Minnesota. The Patrick Peterson Foundation for Success teamed up with The Open Door and Valley Natural Foods to help provide 200 families in need with Thanksgiving meals.

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

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

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165

Patrick Peterson ranks third in most games started by an active DB since 2011.

28

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

# SCHEDULE NOTES

**WK 1**  
9/12/21



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

After K Greg Joseph hit a career-high 53-yard field goal to send the game to overtime, the Bengals took advantage of a Vikings turnover to get them the Week 1 win. NT Michael Pierce had a career day for Minnesota, recording a career-high 2.0 sacks. LB Eric Kendricks tallied 15 tackles in the contest, which currently leads the NFL. QB Kirk Cousins had a solid day, becoming the first Vikings QB to start four straight season openers since Daunte Culpepper in 2002-05.

**WK 2**  
9/19/21



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

The Vikings lost their second game of the season on the road to the Arizona Cardinals. Kirk Cousins and the offense rebounded nicely from Week 1, throwing three touchdowns to three difference receivers. Cousins was only sacked one time in the game. Danielle Hunter posted a 3.0 sack game, his third game of at least three sacks in his career. Nick Vigil and Xavier Woods both recorded interceptions. Vigil took his to the house for the first Vikings pick-six since 2019.

**WK 3**  
9/26/21



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

Minnesota snapped a seven-game losing streak versus Seattle in a 30-17 win at home in U.S. Bank Stadium. QB Kirk Cousins started his 50th career game with the Vikings and became the first Vikings QB to throw for over 300 yards against Seattle. WR Justin Jefferson became the fastest Viking to reach 100 catches in team history, doing so in only 19 games. RB Alexander Mattison tied his career high of 112 rushing yards, while TE Tyler Conklin reached career high of seven receptions and 70 receiving yards.

**WK 4**  
10/3/21



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

The Vikings suffered a home loss for the first time this season, falling to the Cleveland Browns. It was the first matchup with the Browns at U.S. Bank Stadium and the first contest with former Vikings coaching staff member Kevin Stefanski as Cleveland's head coach. QB Kirk Cousins threw his 100th passing touchdown as a Viking to WR Justin Jefferson, which marked his 10th career receiving touchdown. WR Adam Thielen set a team record of most receiving yards in a game against Cleveland with 144.

**WK 5**  
10/10/21



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

Minnesota grasped a fifth consecutive victory over Detroit at U.S. Bank Stadium after dropping the first two contests between the teams at the venue that opened in 2016. WR Justin Jefferson recorded his ninth career 100-yard receiving game with 124. RB Alexander Mattison recorded his first receiving touchdown of the season, with three of his five touchdowns being against Detroit. DE Everson Griffen had his first multi-sack game with 2.0 sacks since Nov. 4, 2018 against Detroit.

**WK 6**  
10/17/21



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

The Vikings captured their second consecutive win of the season and first on the road in a 34-28 OT triumph. WR KJ Osborn's walk-off touchdown sealed the victory at Carolina. The Vikings offense totaled 571 yards, with QB Kirk Cousins grasping 373 of the yardage, which is his fourth largest output in his Vikings career. RB Dalvin Cook and WR Adam Thielen went for over 100 yards, marking the third time this season the Vikings have had 100+ rusher and receiver in a game. LB Eric Kendricks recorded his second sack of the season and 11th in his career.

**WK 8**  
10/31/21



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

Minnesota fell 20-16 to Dallas in a home contest in Week 8. QB Kirk Cousins set a team record for consecutive games with 20 completions (11/16/20 - 10/31/21). LB Eric Kendricks recorded his third sack of the season (12.0 in his career), moving him into a tie with Ben Leber in sacks by a Vikings linebacker. S Xavier Woods tallied his first career sack, a strip sack on Cooper Rush, causing his fifth career forced fumble. Woods also caught his second pick of the season, seventh in his career.

**WK 9**  
11/7/21



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

The Vikings recorded their third overtime game this season, the most overtime games in a season since 1995, falling 34-31 to Baltimore. QB Kirk Cousins tallied his first rushing touchdown of the season. He has now recorded at least one rushing touchdown in each of his four seasons with the team. WR Justin Jefferson surpassed 2,000 receiving yards, making him the second-fastest player behind Odell Beckham, Jr., who did it in 21 games, to reach 2,000 receiving yards in NFL history in only 24 games. RB Kene Nwagwu took it to the house with his 98-yard kick return for a touchdown. LB Eric Kendricks set a new career high of 17 tackles in a game.

WK 10  
11/14/21



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

Minnesota recorded its second road win and first at SoFi Stadium in a 27-20 triumph on the Los Angeles Chargers. QB Kirk Cousins tallied a league-leading fifth game this season with at least 275 passing yards, two passing touchdowns and zero interceptions. RB Dalvin Cook rushed for his third touchdown of the season, his 32nd since 2019, which ranks second in the NFL. WR Dede Westbrook's 45-yard punt return marks his longest punt return this season and is the second-longest punt return in the NFL this season, trailing Kalif Raymond's (Detroit) 48-yard punt return in Week 10. LB Eric Kendricks tied a single-season career high from his rookie season in 2015 with 4.0 sacks. His 13.0 career sacks passed Ben Leber for seventh all-time in sacks among Vikings linebackers.

WK 11  
11/21/21



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

For the fourth time this season, QB Kirk Cousins threw for more than 300 yards, at least three touchdowns and zero interceptions, which ties Rams QB Matthew Stafford for the league lead in Week 11. WR Justin Jefferson recorded his 11th career 100-yard receiving game, tying Randy Moss (11 games) and Juju Smith-Schuster (11 games) for the second-most all-time for players within their first two seasons in the NFL. Only Odell Beckham Jr. (15 games) has more. S Harrison Smith recorded a sack, bringing his career total to 15.5 and extending his franchise record set for career sacks by a DB. K Greg Joseph's 29-yard game-winning kick marks the third in his career, with his last coming earlier this season against the Detroit Lions, a time-expiring 54-yard kick.

WK 12  
11/28/21



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

WR Justin Jefferson tallied his second 1,000-yard receiving season, becoming the eighth player in Vikings history to record multiple 1,000-yard receiving seasons. WR Adam Thielen moved into fifth all-time in Vikings career receiving touchdowns with 49. He registered his second multi-touchdown game of the season, with both touchdowns coming in the first half. S Harrison Smith picked off QB Jimmy Garoppolo for his 29th career interception, which is tied with Carl Lee for sixth all-time in franchise history. With his 99-yard kickoff returned for a touchdown, RB Kene Nwangwu became the first Vikings rookie since Cordarelle Patterson in 2013 to have multiple kick off returns for a touchdown in a season with two.

WK 13  
12/5/21



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

QB Kirk Cousins continued his streak of most consecutive games with a touchdown pass thrown with two at Detroit and extends his record set to 26 consecutive games with a touchdown pass thrown in team history. WR Justin Jefferson reached career highs in receptions and receiving yards with 11 and 182, respectively. His 2,609 receiving yards passed Hall of Famer Jerry Rice (2,497) for third-most receiving yards in their first two seasons in NFL history, trailing on Randy Moss (2,726) and Odell Beckham, Jr. (2,755). LB Blake Lynch recorded his first career sack, a takedown of Jared Goff. On his second sack of the day, a career high, Lynch forced a fumble and recovered it, also firsts in his career. CB Cameron Dantzler picked off Jared Goff for his first interception of the season and third in his career.

WK 14  
12/9/21



Minneapolis  
9-9  
(4-2) H

In the team's first TNF matchup against Pittsburgh, RB Dalvin Cook set the franchise first half rushing record by posting 153 yards on the ground in the first half. His 153 rushing yards are the most in the NFL in a half since Ronald Jones' (Tampa Bay) 170 in Week 10 of 2020. Cook tallied his second 200+ rushing yard game of his career. His 205 rushing yards are the most in a single game in the NFL this season, passing Jonathan Taylor's (Indianapolis) 185 rushing yards against the Bills in Week 11. LB Eric Kendricks notched his fifth sack of the season, a new single-season career high. S Harrison Smith matched his career-high with his third sack of the season and extended his own career record for sacks by a DB to 16.5.

WK 15  
12/20/21



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

RB Dalvin Cook reached 1,000 yards rushing for the third consecutive time in his career. With Cook accomplishing this feat, QB Kirk Cousins became the third Vikings QB to have three seasons with a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard rusher (Dalvin Cook) and 1,000-yard receiver (Justin Jefferson). WR Justin Jefferson (2,735) passed Hall of Famer Randy Moss (2,726) for second in most receiving yards in a player's first two seasons in NFL history. DE D.J. Wonnum posted his first multi-sack game with 3.0 at Chicago last week, joining DEs Jared Allen, Everson Griffen, Danielle Hunter and Brian Robison to post at least 3.0 sacks in a single game in the last 10 years in franchise history.

WK 16  
12/26/21



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

In Week 16, QB Kirk Cousins threw for over 300 yards for the sixth time this season. Since becoming a starter in 2015, Cousins is only one of three quarterbacks to rank top five in both passing yards and passing touchdowns. WR Justin Jefferson set the NFL record for most receiving yards in a player's first two seasons in the league with 2,851 and counting. LB Anthony Barr recorded his first multi-interception game of his career, becoming the first Vikings linebacker to tally two picks in a single game since E.J. Henderson in Week 6 of 2010 against the Dallas Cowboys. With three interceptions on the season Barr and S Xavier Woods, who also had a pick last week, are tied for the team-lead in interceptions this season.

WK 17  
1/2/22



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

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

WK 18  
1/9/22



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

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

## MINNESOTA VIKINGS RING OF HONOR

### KEVIN WILLIAMS



The Ring of Honor recognizes Vikings Legends for their contributions to the success of the team on and off the field. Members of the Ring of Honor forever live in Vikings lore. Vikings' Legend Kevin Williams was inducted into the Vikings Ring of Honor on Sunday, October 3, when the Vikings hosted the Cleveland Browns.

Williams was the #9 overall draft pick in 2003 and went on to earn All-Rookie honors and set the team rookie record with 3.0 sacks in a game at Arizona. He went on to start every game he played for the Vikings over his 11 seasons, 177 games including playoffs. Williams played in 2014 with Seattle and 2015 with New Orleans, starting in Super Bowl XLIX for Seattle. For his NFL career, Williams started 202 of his 212 games, including playoffs.

Williams earned Associated Press 1st-Team All-Pro honors in five seasons (2004, 2006-09), was named to the NFL's Team of the Decade for the 2000s and had six Pro Bowl berths (2004, 2006-10). Williams and John Randle are tied for 2nd in team history for Pro Bowl berths by DTs (6) behind only Alan Page's 9 honors.

Williams' 60.0 sacks as a Viking rank behind only Randle and Page among DTs and he is tied for the franchise record with four defensive touchdowns (2 INTs, 2 FRs). As a cornerstone of the Vikings defense, Williams led a unit that ranked #1 in NFL run defense in three consecutive seasons (2006-08), the first time a defense achieved the feat since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.

The addition brings the Vikings Ring of Honor to 26 members. Current members include: Fran Tarkenton, Alan Page, Jim Finks, Bud Grant, Paul Krause, Fred Zamberletti, Jim Marshall, Ron Vary, Korey Stringer, Mick Tingelhoff, Carl Eller, Cris Carter, Bill Brown, Jerry Burns, Randall McDaniel, Chuck Foreman, John Randle, Scott Studwell, Chris Doleman, Matt Blair, Joey Browner, Ahmad Rashad, Randy Moss, Dennis Green and Steve Jordan.

#### VIKINGS ALL-TIME SACKS BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

John Randle..... 114.0

Alan Page..... 108.0

**Kevin Williams..... 60.0**

#### VIKINGS ALL-TIME PRO BOWL BERTHS BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Alan Page..... 9

John Randle..... 6

**Kevin Williams..... 6**

#### VIKINGS ALL-TIME 1ST-TEAM ASSOCIATED PRESS ALL-PRO BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Alan Page..... 6

John Randle..... 6

**Kevin Williams..... 5**



## PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER

### STEVE HUTCHINSON



In August of 2021, former guard Steve Hutchinson was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, as a member of the 2020 Hall of Fame Class. During the halftime ceremony in the *Sunday Night Football* matchup against the Dallas Cowboys on Oct. 31, he received his ring.

During Steve Hutchinson's 12-season career he blocked for a 100-yard rusher in 72 of his 177 career games (including playoffs), blocking for a 100-yard runner in 41% of his games. Hutchinson blocked for the NFL's leading rusher 2 times and for the No. 2 rusher 2 times. His RBs led the NFL in rushing TDs 3 times and ranked second in 3 more seasons.

In eight of his 12 seasons, Hutchinson's teams ranked in the NFL's top-10 in rushing yards and were top-5 in 4 of those seasons. Following his departure from Seattle as a free agent (2006), the team did not rank higher than 14th the next 6 seasons while the Vikings jumped from No. 27 in 2005 to No. 16 in 2006 with the addition of Hutchinson. In 2002 Seattle ranked 20th when Hutchinson missed the final 12 games of the season.

From 2003-09 when Hutchinson was playing at an All-Pro level, his teams suffered only 1 losing season in that 7-year span. Hutchinson's teams made 5 playoff appearances, highlighted by Seattle's 2005 NFC title. Hutchinson arrived in Seattle in 2001, and earned All-Rookie honors, joining a team that had not won a playoff game since 1984 and helped the Seahawks to the playoffs in 2003 and 2004 and in 2005 to Super Bowl XL.

#### ALL-PRO RBs BEHIND HUTCHINSON (1ST, 2ND TEAM)

Adrian Peterson.....	2007 (2), '08 (1), '09 (1), '10 (2)
Shaun Alexander.....	2004 (2), '05 (1)

#### OFFENSIVE HONOREES BEHIND HUTCHINSON

Adrian Peterson.....	2007 AP Offensive Rookie of the Year
Shaun Alexander.....	2005 AP NFL MVP
Shaun Alexander.....	2005 AP Offensive Player of the Year

#### 100+ RUSHERS BEHIND HUTCHINSON (\* W/PLAYOFFS)

Shaun Alexander, Seattle.....	32*
Adrian Peterson, Minnesota.....	26*
Chester Taylor, Minnesota.....	6
Chris Johnson, Tennessee.....	5
Artose Pinner, Minnesota.....	1
Maurice Morris, Seattle.....	1
Ricky Watters, Seattle.....	1

#### 200+ RUSHERS BEHIND HUTCHINSON

Adrian Peterson vs. SD, 11/4/07.....	296*
Shaun Alexander vs. Oak, 11/11/01.....	266^
Adrian Peterson vs. Chi, 10/14/07.....	224

\*NFL Record ^7th-best in NFL history

#### 2000's ALL-DECADE TEAM OFFENSIVE LINE (\* PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER)

G- **Steve Hutchinson**^, Larry Allen^, Will Shields^, Alan Faneca^  
 T- Walter Jones^, Jonathan Ogden^, Orlando Pace^, Willie Roaf^  
 C- Kevin Mawae^, Olin Krutz





# BE THE CHANGE

In June 2020, the Minnesota Vikings and the Wilf family announced a \$5 million donation to social justice causes throughout the United States. Following the announcement, the team's social justice committee held a series of meetings to determine how to actively engage the community through player involvement and financial donations during the 2020 season. **On September 8, the team announced nearly \$1 million will go toward the expansion or launch of multiple initiatives in one of three areas of focus: 1) voter education and registration; 2) educational curriculum on racism and Black history; and 3) law enforcement and criminal justice reform.**



## VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION AWARENESS

Working together with the Office of the Secretary of State, the Vikings are using the team's platform to encourage fans to register and safely participate in the electoral process. The Vikings will launch a series of player-led voting content and make it easy for fans to find voting information via [Vikings.com/bethechange](https://vikings.com/bethechange). The team will also help provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for polling workers throughout Minnesota. Additionally, the team has hosted voter educational sessions with the entire Vikings staff and players/coaches in conjunction with Rock the Vote and Secretary of State Steve Simon with the goal of having 100% of the organization registered to vote in the November election.

## ALL SQUARE

The Vikings will further expand the team's commitment to [All Square](#), a local nonprofit social enterprise that invests in the minds and lives of formerly incarcerated individuals. Centered on a craft grilled cheese restaurant, professional development institute, and forthcoming civil rights law firm, All Square's mission is to ensure that those impacted by the criminal justice system have the support and opportunities they deserve to become our country's future leaders, business owners, legal practitioners and entrepreneurs. The Vikings engagement will focus on All Square's Fellow & Fellow Alum Fund.

## GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In June, the Vikings created the George Floyd Legacy Scholarship with a \$125,000 endowment that will generate approximately \$5,000 annually to benefit African American graduating seniors in Minneapolis-St. Paul who are pursuing post-secondary education. The inaugural recipient, Mimi Kol-Balfour, was selected following her essay submission and was informed last week via videoconference by Vikings Owner/President Mark Wilf, General Manager Rick Spielman, running backs Alexander Mattison and Ameer Abdullah, and linebackers Anthony Barr and Eric Kendricks. Kol-Balfour is a graduate of Southwest High School who will be attending Barnard College this fall.

## CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

In partnership with [RISE \(Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality\)](#), the Vikings will host a series of Critical Conversation sessions with Minnesota High School athletic programs to help address issues of race and injustice. Vikings safety Anthony Harris and linebacker Anthony Barr spoke in August to a group of high school coaches to discuss the importance of having these conversations in a team environment. The program with RISE will further formalize the discussions and provide statewide access for Minnesota athletic programs to engage on these important issues.



## 306: BLACK HISTORY CURRICULUM EXPANSION

In 2016, with a focus on integrating Black history into mainstream U.S. history and developing courses devoted to the African American experience, the Vikings became the first NFL team to partner with Everfi in an effort to bring a [306 Black History](#) curriculum to Minnesota students. The interactive course informs and inspires today's students through history's most important stories of Black women and men who overcame obstacles through grit, strength, creativity and intellect. The digital curriculum incorporates videos from Vikings Legends, provides direct source materials and allows students to explore and reflect on key themes of Black history. Now in its fifth year, the program has since been replicated by the NFL in many markets. In 2020, the Vikings will expand the curriculum from 12 to 24 schools and reach thousands of students.

## PROJECT SUCCESS

In 2019, the Vikings partnered with [Project Success](#), a Minneapolis-based organization focused on helping kids develop life-skills, support and confidence so they are more successful and engaged during high school and more prepared for life after graduation. The two organizations took 50 students of color from Minneapolis, along with Vikings running backs CJ Ham and Ameer Abdullah and safety Anthony Harris, to Washington, DC, for a special experience that included a visit to the National Museum of African American History & Culture. The trip was to be replicated in 2020, but due to COVID-19, this year's plan will be a day-long virtual experience and the Vikings and Project Success plan to return to DC in 2021.



## FURTHER INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT

The Vikings are also increasing the team's investment in and involvement with the following groups:

- Hennepin County & Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Centers
- Jeremiah Program
- The Link
- Page Education Foundation
- People Serving People

## VIKINGS SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Minnesota Vikings Social Justice Committee consists loosely of 10 members and any player or coach is free to join the meetings. Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach Andre Patterson has been part of the group, meeting regularly with Eric Kendricks, Anthony Barr, Alexander Mattison, Kirk Cousins, Kyle Rudolph, Ameer Abdullah, Adam Thielen, Anthony Harris and Harrison Smith on social justice initiatives.

Throughout the year, player-driven efforts strive to create meaningful dialogue and change in the community on issues related to building unity, hope and positive community relationships. The Vikings approach includes spending time with young people at schools, community organizations and juvenile detention centers and dedicating financial resources to organizations that work for positive change.

Over the previous two seasons, the Wilf family has made a \$500,000 commitment to the Social Justice Committee (\$250,000 each year). Those dollars were directed toward scholarships for low-income students, school supplies, legal aid for disadvantaged and underrepresented populations and law enforcement relations.



# VIKINGS IN THE COMMUNITY



## COVID-19 RELIEF

As part of the State of Minnesota's COVID-19 Community Vaccination Program, the state partnered with the Minnesota Vikings on two community vaccination events at Twin Cities Orthopedics (TCO) Performance Center in Eagan. More than 16,000 Johnson & Johnson doses were administered at TCO Performance Center to health care workers and adults 65 years of age or older. Additionally, the State of Minnesota hosted a temporary community vaccination event at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, in which 10,000 COVID-19 vaccines were administered.

## VIKINGS PARTICIPATE IN TEAM SMILE

Vikings WR Justin Jefferson, LB Troy Dye, S Camryn Bynum and WR Ihmir-Smith Marsette participated in a TeamSmile event with Park Dental at U.S. Bank Stadium. The Delta Club at U.S. Bank Stadium was transformed into a dental office suitable for children to receive free dental care. Afterwards, players and children were able to take photos and play football on the field.



## VIKINGS PARTICIPATE IN HABITAT HOME BUILD

The Vikings and Sleep Number partnered to build a home for a Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity family. During the week-long project, current Vikings players CB Mackensie Alexander, FB C.J. Ham, WR K.J. Osborn and DE D.J. Wonnum, Vikings Legends LB Scott Studwell and LB Ben Leber, staff members volunteered to help build a home that fit the homeowner family's needs. The buyer of the Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity home was invited to U.S. Bank Stadium for a game day experience and surprised with Sleep Number 360® Smart Beds.

## VIKINGS AND MEDTRONIC STEM FIELD TRIP

Vikings DE Janarius Robinson, T Christian Darrisaw and K Greg Joseph participated in a STEM field trip at the Bakken Museum in partnership with Medtronic and the Medtronic Foundation. Students, players and employee volunteers participated in a Rube Goldberg activity to explore science while fostering teamwork and leadership skills.

## KENDRICKS AND HIPPY FEET

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

## JJETS FOUNDATION THANKSGIVING GIVEAWAY

Vikings WR Justin Jefferson partnered with Groveland Emergency Food Shelf to pass out Thanksgiving meals to those in need. The Jjets Foundation, Jefferson's foundation, donated 100 turkeys at the giveaway.

## THIELEN FOUNDATION STADIUM LIGHTS

Adam Thielen and his wife, Caitlin, through the Thielen Foundation, have committed to replacing the stadium lights at Brooklyn Center High School (BCHS). The school's stadium lights were red-tagged several years ago due to safety concerns. Following the safety concerns, athletes have not been able to play games under the lights. The impact of re-igniting the stadium lights will create a lasting impact on the students, staff and Brooklyn Center community.



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## HAVE A SEAT AT OUR FAMILY TABLE

In June 2019, The Minnesota Vikings Foundation and Xcel Energy introduced Vikings Table, a custom-built food truck serving free-healthy meals and nutritional education to youth across the Minneapolis-St. Paul community. To date, the program has provided over 22,000 free meals to those who need them most.

- The Winnebago truck is designed to eliminate stigmas associated with free meal programs to provide meals in a dignified and fun way. The truck features an experiential room where program participants can enjoy nutrition education videos along with an interactive photo booth.
- Thanks to Xcel Energy, Vikings Table is equipped for zero-waste food service, energy star rated appliances and built-in solar panels.
- Free-healthy meals are served from April to November in a variety of ways through in-person meal service and a delivery model.

Vikings Table supports schools, education programs, youth enrichment centers and other nonprofit partners where food insecurity is prevalent.

- Funds are raised by selling a separate full menu of entrees at local food truck festivals, Vikings home games, Training Camp and private catering opportunities.
- All proceeds support the mission of providing healthy meals to youth and families in the community.
- To find out where Vikings Table will be, follow @VikingsTable on Twitter. Event inquiries can be sent to [contact@vikingstable.com](mailto:contact@vikingstable.com).
- Vikings Table is maintained and operated by Canteen.

