



# VIKINGS

Week 9 | Sunday, November 8, 2020 | U.S. Bank Stadium | Noon CT | CBS

## 2020 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON.....	2-5
NFC NORTH .....	1-1
HOME .....	0-3
AWAY .....	2-2

## 2020 SCHEDULE

SUN	SEPT 13	GB	NOON	L, 43-34
SUN	SEPT 20	@ IND	NOON	L, 28-11
SUN	SEPT 27	TEN	NOON	L, 31-30
SUN	OCT 4	@ HOU	NOON	W, 31-23
SUN	OCT 11	@ SEA	7:20 PM	L, 27-26
SUN	OCT 18	ATL	NOON	L, 40-23
SUN	OCT 25	BYE		
SUN	NOV 1	@ GB	NOON	W, 28-22
SUN	NOV 8	DET	NOON	CBS
MON	NOV 16	@ CHI	7:15 PM	ESPN
SUN	NOV 22	DAL	3:25 PM*	FOX
SUN	NOV 29	CAR	NOON*	FOX
SUN	DEC 6	JAX	NOON*	CBS
SUN	DEC 13	@ TB	NOON*	FOX
SUN	DEC 20	CHI	NOON*	FOX
FRI	DEC 25	@ NO	3:30 PM	FOX/NFLN
SUN	JAN 3	@ DET	NOON*	FOX

Home games bold | \*Game times are subject to change

## BROADCAST COVERAGE

### ▷ NATIONAL TELEVISION: CBS

Play-by-Play: Kevin Harlan

Sideline: Melanie Collins

Analyst: Trent Green



### ▷ LOCAL RADIO: KFAN 100.3-FM / KTLK 1130-AM

Play-by-Play: Paul Allen

Sideline: Greg Coleman & Ben Leber

Analyst: Pete Bercich

Pre-Game Show: Mike Mussman - 10 a.m. CT  
KFAN and KTLK serve as the flagship stations for the 72-station, 5-state Vikings Radio Network



## GAME SUMMARY

The Minnesota Vikings (2-5) play the Detroit Lions (3-4) for the first time in 2020 with kickoff set for noon CT at U.S. Bank Stadium, where the Vikings are still in search of their first home win of the season.

The Vikings are coming off their first NFC North victory this season with a 28-22 road win at Green Bay. The Lions lost to the Colts at home 41-21.

Vikings RB Dalvin Cook ranks second in the NFL rushing yards (652) and leads the NFL in rushing touchdowns (10) despite missing a game due to injury. Cook totaled 226 scrimmage yards against the Packers last week, a career high and only the second time in his career he surpassed the 200-scrimmage yard mark (218 at New York Giants, 10/6/19). Cook's 11 touchdowns from scrimmage tie a team record through the first seven games of a season, matching Chuck Foreman's mark in 1974.

LB Eric Kendricks, who has led the team in tackles for five consecutive seasons, is currently third in the NFL with 78 total tackles through Week 8.

WR Adam Thielen's seven receiving touchdowns are tied for the NFL lead, and Jefferson's 563 receiving yards lead all rookies in 2020. His receiving yardage total is already the sixth most for a rookie in Vikings history and is the most ever for a Vikings rookie through the team's first seven games, edging out Randy Moss's 541 yards in 1998.

## STAT OF THE WEEK



Vikings rookie CBs have combined for 756 defensive snaps in 2020, the highest mark for the Vikings in any full season since Mike Zimmer was hired as Head Coach in 2014 (*snaps counts according to Pro Football Reference*).

### Season Total Def. Snaps for Rookie CBs

2020	756 (Gladney 415, Dantzler 275, Hand 66)
2018	617 (Holton Hill 374, Mike Hughes 243)
2015	195 (Trae Waynes)
2019	107 (Kris Boyd 96, Nate Meadors 11)
2016	68 (Mackensie Alexander)
2014	46 (Jabari Price)
2017	0

## NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- **RB Dalvin Cook** has scored at least one rushing touchdown in six consecutive games in which he's played, the longest streak active in the NFL. Tennessee RB Derrick Henry is second, having scored a rushing touchdown in five straight games.
- The Vikings rookie class has combined for 3.0 sacks on the season (DE D.J. Wonnum 2.0, DT James Lynch 1.0), tied with the Chiefs for most sacks among rookies.
- **S Harrison Smith** has collected 24 career interceptions, including one vs. Tennessee in Week 3, tied for the fifth-most in the NFL since he entered the NFL in 2012. Only Reggie Nelson has more interceptions (25) than Smith among all safeties in that same span (Free agent S Earl Thomas is third among safeties with 23).
- The Vikings defense has held opponents to a 35.4% success rate on third downs in 2020, the fifth-best mark in the NFL. Since Zimmer took over in 2014, the Vikings have had the best third down defense in the NFL with an allowed conversion rate of 35.2%.
- With a 77.27% red zone scoring rate, the Vikings offense ranks fourth in the NFL, trailing the Seahawks (88.0%), Titans (79.31%) and Buccaneers (77.42%).

## 2020 NEW FACES

## FREE AGENTS/TRADES/WAIVERS (3)

Player	Pos	School
Ryan Connelly (W)	LB	Wisconsin
Yannick Ngakoue (T)	DE	Maryland
Tajae Sharpe (FA)	WR	Massachusetts

## DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (9)

Round) Player	Pos	School
1) Justin Jefferson	WR	LSU
1) Jeff Gladney	CB	TCU
3) Cameron Dantzler	CB	Mississippi State
4) Troy Dye	LB	Oregon
4) James Lynch	DT	Baylor
4) D.J. Wonnum	DE	South Carolina
5) Harrison Hand	CB	Temple
5) K.J. Osborn	WR	Miami
6) Josh Metellus	S	Michigan

## UNDRAFTED ROOKIES (1)

Player	Pos	School
Dan Chisena	WR	Penn State

## RETURNERS

Starters Returning	16 (9 offense, 7 defense)
Starters Lost	6 (Diggs, Griffen, Joseph, Kline, Rhodes, Waynes)

## Leading Returners .....Player (Total)

Passing Yards	Kirk Cousins (3,603)
Rushing Yards	Dalvin Cook (1,135)
Rushing TDs	Dalvin Cook (13)
Receiving Yards	Dalvin Cook (519)
Receiving TDs	Rudolph/Thielen (6)
Tackles	Eric Kendricks (110)
Sacks	Danielle Hunter (14.5)
Interceptions	Anthony Harris (6)
Punt Return Yards	Mike Hughes (104)
Kick Return Yards	Ameer Abdullah (325)

## ROSTER NOTES

## Oldest Viking Player

Britton Colquitt (35, born 3/20/85)

## Youngest Viking Player

Justin Jefferson (21, born 6/16/99)

## Most Seasons as a Viking

Kyle Rudolph (10)

## Most NFL Seasons

Britton Colquitt (11)

## College with the most Vikings

Multiple colleges with two

## Conference with the most Vikings

Big Ten (10 players on roster)

## Largest Vikings

Brian O'Neill (Height: 6-7)  
Oli Udoh (Weight: 325 lbs)

## Smallest Vikings

Ameer Abdullah (Height: 5-9)  
Chad Beebe (Weight: 183 lbs)

## 1st Round Draft Picks (7)

Anthony Barr  
Garrett Bradbury  
Jeff Gladney  
Mike Hughes  
Justin Jefferson  
Riley Reiff  
Harrison Smith

## Pro Bowlers (10)

Anthony Barr  
Dalvin Cook  
Kirk Cousins  
C.J. Ham  
Danielle Hunter  
Eric Kendricks  
Yannick Ngakoue  
Kyle Rudolph  
Harrison Smith  
Adam Thielen

BY THE  
NUMBERS

6.34

The Vikings offense ranks second in the NFL in yards per play with a 6.34 average. The Seahawks lead the NFL with a 6.43 yards per play average in 2020.

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TE Kyle Rudolph is slated to make his 89th consecutive start on Sunday vs. Detroit, the 21st longest streak in team history. LB Chad Greenway is 20th with 90 consecutive starts and WR Randy Moss and CB Carl Lee are tied for 18th with 94.



## HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

**NFL HEAD COACH:** 7th Year

**REGULAR SEASON:** 59-43-1 (.578)

**OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE:** 27th Year

**POSTSEASON:** 2-3-0 (.400)

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 42nd Year

**RECORD WITH MIN:** 59-43-1 (.578)

### 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		
1991	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	2-5		29/26t

### 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  
 327.9 (3rd) ..... 219.7 (3rd) ..... 108.3 (14th) ..... 274 (4th) ..... 20.0 (3rd) ..... 202 (2nd) ..... 62 (2nd) ..... 140 (3rd) ..... 35.2% (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**

**CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DL**

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 38th Season  
**NFL EXPERIENCE:** 17th Season  
**VIKINGS EXPERIENCE:** 9th Season



**ADAM ZIMMER**

**CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB**

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 15th Season  
**NFL EXPERIENCE:** 15th Season  
**VIKINGS EXPERIENCE:** 7th Season



**GARY KUBIAK**

**OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR**

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 29th Season  
**NFL EXPERIENCE:** 36th Season  
**VIKINGS EXPERIENCE:** 2nd Season



**MARWAN MAALOUF**

**SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR**

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 21st Season  
**NFL EXPERIENCE:** 16th Season  
**VIKINGS EXPERIENCE:** 2nd Season

**ASSISTANT COACHES**

**IMARJAYE ALBURY\***

Def. Quality Control/Assistant Defensive Line

**ROY ANDERSON\***

Assistant Defensive Backs

**DOM CAPERS\***

Senior Defensive Assistant

**RICK DENNISON**

Offensive Line Coach/ Run Game Coordinator

**RYAN FICKEN\***

Assistant Special Teams

**ANDREW JANOCKO**

Wide Receivers

**CHRISTIAN JONES\***

Offensive Quality Control

**DARONTE JONES**

Defensive Backs

**GARY KUBIAK\***

Offensive Coordinator/Asst. Head Coach

**KLINT KUBIAK**

Quarterbacks

**BRIAN PARIANI**

Tight Ends

**AC PATTERSON**

Offensive Quality Control

**ANDRE PATTERSON**

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line

**KENNEDY POLAMALU**

Running Backs

**NICK RALLIS\***

Defensive Quality Control/Assistant Linebackers

**PHIL RAUSCHER\***

Assistant Offensive Line

**ADAM ZIMMER**

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

*\*In coaching booth during games*



## HEAD COACH MATT PATRICIA

NFL HEAD COACH: 3rd Year

OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 17th Year

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 22nd Year

REGULAR SEASON: 12-26-1 (.321)

POSTSEASON: 0-0 (.000)

RECORD WITH DET: 12-26-1 (.321)

## MATT PATRICIA SUMMARY

2018-	Detroit Lions	Head Coach
2012-17	New England Patriots	Defensive Coordinator
2011	New England Patriots	Safeties
2006-10	New England Patriots	Linebackers
2005	New England Patriots	Assistant Offensive Line
2004	New England Patriots	Coaching Assistant
2001-03	Syracuse	Graduate Assistant
1999-2000	Amherst	Defensive Line
1996	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute	Graduate Assistant



## VIKINGS-LIONS 2020 LEADERS

## VIKINGS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring (No Ks)	Cook	72	1	1
Passing Yds	Cousins	1,635	13	22
Passing TDs	Cousins	12	8t	17t
Passer Rating	Cousins	91.9	12	23
Completion Pct	Cousins	65.6	10	22
Rushing Att	Cook	122	3	5
Rushing Yds	Cook	652	1	2
Rushing TDs	Cook	10	1	1
Receptions	Thielen	35	17	24t
Receiving Yds	#Jefferson	563	11	14
Receiving TDs	Thielen	7	1t	1t
Interceptions	Wilson	2	5t	8t
Tackles*	Kendricks	78	3	3
Forced Fumbles	4 tied	1	17t	29t
Opp. FR	Wilson	2	1t	1t
Sacks	Odenigbo	2.5	28t	52t
FGs Made	Bailey	6	15	30
FG Pct	Bailey	75.0	11	23t
Net Punting Avg	Colquitt	37.9	15	25
Punt Ret. Avg	Beebe	2.3	DNQ	
KO Ret. Avg	#Osborn	23.3	6	12

## LIONS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring (No Ks)	#Swift	30	15t	22t
Passing Yds	Stafford	1,916	7	11
Passing TDs	Stafford	13	4t	12t
Passer Rating	Stafford	94.8	8	17
Completion Pct	Stafford	61.4	14	27
Rushing Att	Peterson	85	9	22
Rushing Yds	Peterson	321	15	20
Rushing TDs	#Swift	4	6t	10t
Receptions	Hockenson	29	28t	44t
Receiving Yds	Golladay	338	28	51
Receiving TDs	Hockenson	4	9t	16t
Interceptions	Harmon	2	5t	8t
Tackles*	Walker	47	23t	42t
Forced Fum	Davis/Flowers	2	5t	7t
Opp. FR	Flowers/R. Okwara	1	4t	12t
Sacks	R. Okwara	5.0	7t	13t
FGs Made	Prater	12	8	16t
FG Pct	Prater	70.6	13	27
Net Punting Avg	Fox	47.6	1	1
Punt Ret. Avg	Agnew	8.6	DNQ	
KO Ret. Avg	Agnew	26.7	2	5

\*League Stats #Rookie

VIKINGS-LIONS CONNECTIONS

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

- Vikings LB Eric Wilson (Redford), TE Tyler Conklin (Chesterfield) and return specialist K.J. Osborn (Ypsilanti) are Michigan natives.
- Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins grew up in Holland, Michigan, before playing collegiately at Michigan State.
- Lions C Frank Ragnow is from Victoria, Minnesota, and starred at Chanhassen High School.
- Detroit assistant special teams coach Marquice Williams started his coaching career at Winona State in 2010.

VIKINGS-LIONS CONNECTIONS

- Minnesota T Riley Reiff was selected by Detroit in the first round of the 2012 NFL Draft. He started 69 of the 77 games he played for the Lions and joined the Vikings in 2017.
- Vikings RB Ameer Abdullah was drafted by the Lions in the second round of the 2015 NFL Draft. He played in 35 games for Detroit before joining Minnesota in November 2018.
- Minnesota CB Chris Jones played for Detroit in Week 3 earlier this season.
- Lions RB Adrian Peterson is the Vikings franchise leader in numerous records, including career rushing yards (11,747) and touchdowns (97).
- Detroit DE Everson Griffen recorded 74.5 sacks in 10 seasons (2010-19) with Minnesota.
- Lions S Jayron Kearse was drafted by the Vikings in the seventh round of the 2016 NFL Draft and played in 62 games for Minnesota from 2016-19.
- Lions CB Justin Coleman spent the 2015 offseason with the Vikings after signing as an undrafted free agent.
- Detroit Offensive Coordinator Darrell Bevell (2006-10) and assistant strength and conditioning coach Tom Kanavy (2006-13) held the same role with Minnesota.
- Lions offensive line coach Hank Fraleigh was the assistant offensive line coach for the Vikings from 2014-16, overlapping with Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer. Co-Defensive Coordinators Andre Patterson and Adam Zimmer, assistant special teams coach Ryan Ficken, receivers coach Andrew Janocko, quarterbacks coach Clint Kubiak and assistant strength and conditioning coach Chaz Mahle.

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

- Vikings C Brett Jones and Lions DE Romeo Okwara teamed together on the Giants from 2016-17.
- Minnesota DT Shamar Stephen and Detroit CB Justin Coleman were teammates in Seattle in 2018.
- Vikings Special Teams Coordinator Marwan Maalouf worked with Lions Defensive Coordinator Cory Undlin with the Browns and with Lions tight ends coach Ben Johnson with the Dolphins. Undlin, who was born in St. Cloud, Minnesota, overlapped with Vikings running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu in Jacksonville. Johnson worked with Minnesota defensive backs coach Daronte Jones with the Dolphins.
- Lions Special Teams Coordinator Brayden Coombs and running backs coach Kyle Caskey worked with Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer. Co-Defensive Coordinator Adam Zimmer and Jones in Cincinnati. Detroit receiver Marvin Jones, Jr., played for Cincinnati when Mike Zimmer and Adam Zimmer were with the Bengals.
- Detroit receivers coach Robert Prince worked with Polamalu and Mahle in Jacksonville.
- Lions defensive line coach Bo Davis worked with Vikings assistant defensive backs coach Roy Anderson at LSU and senior defensive assistant Dom Capers with the Dolphins.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

- Vikings S Anthony Harris and Lions OL Oday Aboushi at Virginia
- Minnesota WR Dan Chisena at Penn State with Detroit LB Jason Cabinda and CB Amani Oluwariye
- Vikings LB Ryan Connelly and Lions WR Quintez Cephus at Wisconsin
- Minnesota LB Troy Dye and Detroit T Tyrell Crosby at Oregon
- Vikings RG Pat Elflein and DE Jalyn Holmes at Ohio State with Lions T Taylor Decker; Holmes with Lions CB Jeff Okudah for one season
- Minnesota WR Chad Beebe and Detroit WR Kenny Golladay at Northern Illinois
- Vikings TE Irv Smith, Jr., and Lions DT Da'Shawn Hand at Alabama
- Minnesota DT Armon Watts and Detroit C Frank Ragnow at Arkansas

VIKINGS-LIONS 2020 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	MIN (RK)	DET (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	367.0 (16)	350.1 (22)	16.9
Yards / Play	6.34 (2)	5.61 (20)	0.73
Rushing Yards / Game	144.0 (6)	97.1 (29)	46.9
Rushing Yards / Play	5.01 (6)	3.95 (24)	1.06
Passing Yards / Game	223.0 (23)	253.0 (15)	-30
Passing Yards / Play	8.26 (1)	7.20 (16)	1.06
Interception Rate	5.29% (31)	2.03% (15)	3.26%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	7.94% (22)	7.72% (21)	0.22%
First Downs / Game	21.9 (18)	21.4 (21)	0.5
Punt Return Avg.	3.3 (32)	8.6 (16)	-5.3
Kickoff Return Avg.	21.3 (18)	26.7 (4)	-5.4
Field Goals Made	75.0% (24)	70.59% (27)	4.41%
3rd Down Pct.	39.13% (27)	40.0% (24)	-0.87%
4th Down Pct.	55.56% (20)	66.67% (12)	-11.11%
Red Zone Pct.	77.27% (4)	62.07% (15)	15.20%
Goal to Go%	86.67% (6)	84.62% (11)	2.05%
Avg Possession Time	27:30 (30)	28:31 (24)	.....
Points / Game	26.1 (13)	25.3 (18)	0.8

DEFENSE	MIN (RK)	DET (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	411.7 (29)	378.4 (22)	33.3
Yards / Play	6.07 (24)	5.65 (19)	0.42
Rushing Yards / Game	124.4 (19)	130.0 (23)	-5.6
Rushing Yards / Play	4.17 (11)	4.27 (13)	-0.1
Passing Yards / Game	287.3 (30)	248.4 (19)	38.9
Passing Yards / Play	7.98 (29)	7.07 (21)	0.91
Interception Rate	1.19% (28)	2.03% (17)	-0.84%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	5.56% (20)	4.07% (25)	1.49%
First Downs / Game	23.4 (25)	25.3 (30)	-1.9
Punt Return Avg.	8.5 (20)	7.3 (16)	1.2
Kickoff Return Avg.	22.7 (19)	21.2 (13)	1.5
3rd Down Pct.	35.37% (5)	48.86% (28)	-13.49%
4th Down Pct.	75.0% (25)	60.0% (18)	15.00%
Red Zone Pct.	57.69% (8)	71.43% (26)	-13.74%
Goal to Go%	62.5% (3)	100.0% (31)	-37.50%
Points / Game	30.6 (29)	29.4 (26)	1.2

# VIKINGS - LIONS GAME INFORMATION

## VIKINGS-DETROIT SERIES

### VIKINGS VS. LIONS ALL-TIME

Won 76, Lost 39, Tie 2; Home 41-16-1, Away 34-23-1

YEAR	SITE	RESULT	YEAR	SITE	RESULT
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### VIKINGS VS. LIONS SINCE 2000

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

2000.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 31-24	2010.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 24-10
.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 24-17	.....	Detroit.....	Detroit 20-13
2001.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 31-26	2011.....	Minnesota.....	Detroit 26-23 (OT)
.....	Detroit.....	Detroit 27-24	.....	Detroit.....	Detroit 34-28
2002.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 31-24	2012.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 20-13
.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 38-36	.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 34-24
2003.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 23-13	2013.....	Detroit.....	Detroit 34-24
.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 24-14	.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 14-13
2004.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 22-19	2014.....	Minnesota.....	Detroit 17-3
.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 28-27	.....	Detroit.....	Detroit 16-14
2005.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 27-14	2015.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 26-16
.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 21-16	.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 28-19
2006.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 26-17	2016.....	Minnesota.....	Detroit 22-16 (OT)
.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 30-20	.....	Detroit.....	Detroit 16-13
2007.....	Detroit.....	Detroit 20-17 (OT)	2017.....	Minnesota.....	Detroit 14-7
.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 42-10	.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 30-23
2008.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 12-10	2018.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 24-9
.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 20-16	.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 27-9
2009.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 27-13	2019.....	Detroit.....	Minnesota 42-30
.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 27-10	.....	Minnesota.....	Minnesota 20-7

\$ denotes game played on Thanksgiving

### VIKINGS-LIONS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. Lions.....	Vikings 76-39-2	Most Points, Vikings.....	44 (1988)
Last regular season game.....	Vikings 20, Lions 7 (2019)	Most Points, Lions.....	45; Twice (1978 & 1981)
Vikings largest winning margin.....	34; Vikings 34, Lions 0 (1980)	Most Points, both teams.....	82; Lions 44, Vikings 38 (1995)
Lions largest winning margin.....	38; Lions 45, Vikings 7 (1981)	Fewest Points, Vikings.....	2; Lions 13, Vikings 2 (1983)
Current series streak.....	Vikings 5	Fewest Points, Lions.....	0; 4 Times (1969, 1980, 1988, 1993)
Vikings longest win streak.....	13 (1968-74)	Fewest Points, both teams.....	13; Twice (1974, 1993)
Lions longest win streak.....	5 (1961-63)		

## VIKINGS - LIONS GAME INFORMATION

### TOP PERFORMERS VS. LIONS

#### DALVIN COOK

Five games (four starts), 82 rushes, 432 rushing yards, 5.27 rushing average, four rushing touchdowns, 70-yard run, 11 receptions, 83 receiving yards

#### KIRK COUSINS

Five games (five starts), 4-1 record, 117-of-153 passing (76.5%), 1,298 passing yards, 10 passing touchdowns, one interception, 120.2 passer rating, 11 rushes, 15 rushing yards, one rushing touchdown

#### KYLE RUDOLPH

16 games (15 starts), 63 receptions, 628 receiving yards, nine receiving touchdowns

#### ADAM THIELEN

11 games (seven starts), 36 receptions, 426 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns, two rushes, eight rushing yards

### VIKINGS-LIONS SERIES NOTES

- In 1985, Vikings LB Scott Studwell established a team-record 24 total tackles in a 41-21 Vikings loss in Detroit.
- The Vikings set a team record for most sacks in a single game by taking down Lions QB Matthew Stafford 10 times vs. Detroit (11/4/18).
- Vikings WR Cris Carter caught his 1,000th career pass against Detroit on November 30, 2000, a four-yard touchdown pass from QB Daunte Culpepper. He became only the second player in NFL history to catch 1,000 passes with the reception.
- Vikings WR Sammy White set the team record for receiving yards in a game with 210 vs. Detroit on November 7, 1976, en route to being named NFL Rookie of the Year

### VIKINGS BIG DAYS VS. LIONS

- QB **Kirk Cousins**' highest passer rating as a member of the Vikings came in 2019 at Detroit (10/20/19). Cousins threw for 333 yards, four touchdowns and zero interceptions, totaling a 141.5 passer rating. In 2018, Cousins threw for 253 yards and three touchdowns on 21-of-28 passing (75.0%), recording a 137.9 passer rating that game, the fourth-highest rating as a member of the Vikings (minimum 20 attempts).
- TE **Kyle Rudolph** has eight receiving touchdowns in the last 10 games against the Lions, including a career-high-tying two in the contest at Detroit on 12/23/18, where he also set a career high with 122 receiving yards.
- LB **Eric Kendricks** had his first career game with multiple sacks (2.0) at Detroit (10/25/15). Kendricks went on to finish as the NFC Defensive Rookie of the Month for October 2015.
- RB **Dalvin Cook** has surpassed 100 scrimmage yards in three of his five career games vs. Detroit. Cook recorded a then-career-long run of 70 yards vs. Detroit (11/4/18).
- TE **Irv Smith Jr.** set a career-high with five receptions and had the second-highest yardage total in his career with 60 yards at Detroit (10/20/19).
- DT **Jaleel Johnson** had one of his 4.5 career sacks in the last game vs. Detroit (12/8/19).

## KIRK COUSINS NOTES



## QB KIRK COUSINS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-3/202

COLLEGE: Michigan State

NFL SEASON: 9

VIKINGS SEASON: 3

Cousins, who finished with a career-best 107.4 passer rating last season, posted a 138.1 passer rating in Week 8 at Green Bay as the Vikings upset the Packers 28-22. Cousins completed 11 of 14 passes for 160 yards with a 50-yard touchdown pass to Dalvin Cook. Per Next Gen Stats, Cousins' aggressive percentage in 2020 (percent of attempts into tight windows over all passing attempts) is 19.6, the fifth-highest in the NFL.

2018-20 PASSER RATING, DEEP ATTEMPTS  
(20+ AIR YARDS - Min. 50 DEEP ATTEMPTS)\*

Player, Team	Passer rating
Drew Brees, New Orleans	124.7
Russell Wilson, Seattle	122.6
Dak Prescott, Dallas	117.9
<b>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</b>	<b>116.5</b>
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	112.7

2018-20 PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, DEEP ATTEMPTS  
(20+ AIR YARDS)\*

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Russell Wilson, Seattle	33
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	31
<b>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</b>	<b>24</b>
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	24

## 2018-20 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	97
Russell Wilson, Seattle	92
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	73
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	73
Drew Brees, New Orleans	72
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	71
<b>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</b>	<b>68</b>
Deshaun Watson, Houston	67
Jared Goff, LA Rams	67

## NFL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Completions
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	2,163
Drew Brees, New Orleans	2,115
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	2,044
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	2,030
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>1,988</b>



## NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Yards
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	25,482
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	24,476
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	23,502
Drew Brees, New Orleans	23,281
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>22,712</b>
Russell Wilson, Seattle	21,935

## NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	37
Drew Brees, New Orleans	36
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	35
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	30
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>29</b>

## NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Drew Brees, New Orleans	50
Russell Wilson, Seattle	47
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>42</b>
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	42
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	42
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	39

## VIKINGS PASSER RATING IN A SEASON

Player, Year	Passer rating
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	110.9
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2019</b>	<b>107.4</b>
Brett Favre, 2009	107.2

\*According to NextGen Stats

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13.2

Kirk Cousins leads the NFL with 13.2 passing yards per completion (1,635/124) and ranks second in the league with an average of 8.7 passing yards per attempt (1,635/189) entering Week 9.

100

Cousins played in his 100th career game (95th start) in Week 8 at Green Bay to become the 16th quarterback on an active roster this season with 100 or more career games played.

KYLE RUDOLPH NOTES



TE KYLE RUDOLPH

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-6/265  
**COLLEGE:** Notre Dame  
**NFL SEASON:** 10  
**VIKINGS SEASON:** 10

Rudolph is in his 10th season in 2020 as the longest-tenured Viking on the offensive side of the ball and one of the top TEs in franchise history. The veteran is fifth on the Vikings all-time receptions list and has started 88 consecutive games, the longest active streak among all TEs in the NFL and the 21st-longest consecutive starts streak by a Vikings player at any position, tying T Bryant McKinnie and WR Ahmad Rashad.

MOST GAMES WITH A SINGLE FRANCHISE AMONG ACTIVE TIGHT ENDS

Player, Team	Games Played
Jason Witten, Dallas	255
Mercedes Lewis, Jacksonville	170
<b>Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota*</b>	<b>135</b>
Greg Olsen, Carolina	126
Rob Gronkowski, New England	115

\*Kyle Rudolph is the only player still with the same franchise.

LONGEST ACTIVE START STREAKS AMONG ALL NFL TEs

Player, Team	Consecutive starts
<b>Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota</b>	<b>88</b>
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	40
Nick Boyle, Baltimore	20

RECEIVING TDs FROM 2016-20 AMONG ALL NFL TEs

Player, Team	TDs
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	33
Zach Ertz, Philadelphia	27
<b>Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota</b>	<b>26</b>
Cameron Brate, Tampa Bay	25
Jimmy Graham, Seattle/Green Bay/Chicago	25

VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS

Player, Years	Receptions
Cris Carter, 1990-2001	1,004
Randy Moss, 1998-2004, 2010	587
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	498
Anthony Carter, 1985-93	478
<b>Kyle Rudolph, 2011-</b>	<b>436</b>
Jake Reed, 1991-2001	413
Ahmad Rashad, 1976-82	400

VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS AMONG TEs

Player, Years	Yards
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	6,307
<b>Kyle Rudolph, 2011-</b>	<b>4,285</b>

VIKINGS CAREER TD RECEPTIONS

Player	TDs
Cris Carter, WR	110
Randy Moss, WR	92
Anthony Carter, WR	52
Sammy White, WR	50
<b>Kyle Rudolph, TE</b>	<b>48</b>
Ahmad Rashad, WR	34



From his End Zone project and holiday-themed Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas parties at U of M Masonic Children's Hospital to football camps for kids and countless other charities, Kyle Rudolph has stood tall as the Vikings' Community Man of the Year for three consecutive seasons (2017-19).

VIKINGS SINGLE-SEASON TD RECEPTIONS BY TEs

Player	TDs
Visanthe Shiancoe, 2009	11
<b>Kyle Rudolph, 2012</b>	<b>9</b>
Joe Senser, 1981	8
<b>Kyle Rudolph, 2017</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Kyle Rudolph, 2016</b>	<b>7</b>
Visanthe Shiancoe, 2008	7
Joe Senser, 1980	7

VIKINGS SEASON RECEPTIONS BY TEs

Player	Receptions
<b>Kyle Rudolph, 2016</b>	<b>83</b>
Joe Senser, 1981	79
Jermaine Wiggins, 2004	71
Jermaine Wiggins, 2005	69
Steve Jordan, 1985	68
<b>Kyle Rudolph, 2018</b>	<b>64</b>

VIKINGS SINGLE-GAME RECEPTIONS BY TEs

Player, Game	Rec
<b>Kyle Rudolph, vs. Chicago, 1/1/17</b>	<b>11</b>
Joe Senser, vs. Green Bay, 11/29/81	11
Joe Senser, vs. NY Jets, 12/26/82	10
Jim Kleinsasser, at St. Louis, 11/30/03	10
Jermaine Wiggins, at Chicago, 10/16/05	10
<b>Kyle Rudolph, at Detroit, 12/23/18</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Kyle Rudolph, at Detroit, 11/24/16</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Kyle Rudolph, vs. Carolina, 10/13/13</b>	<b>9</b>
Andrew Glover, vs. New Orleans, 11/8/98	9

VIKINGS SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING YARDS BY TEs

Player, Game	Yards
Steve Jordan, at Washington, 11/2/86	179
Visanthe Shiancoe, vs. Atlanta, 12/21/08	136
Gordon Smith, at San Francisco, 11/26/61	123
<b>Kyle Rudolph, at Detroit, 12/23/18</b>	<b>122</b>
<b>Kyle Rudolph, vs. Chicago, 1/1/17</b>	<b>117</b>
Joe Senser, vs. NY Jets, 12/26/82	115
Steve Jordan, vs. Green Bay, 9/28/86	112
<b>Kyle Rudolph, vs. Green Bay, 11/22/15</b>	<b>106</b>

## DALVIN COOK NOTES



## RB DALVIN COOK

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5-10/210

COLLEGE: Florida State

NFL SEASON: 4

VIKINGS SEASON: 4

Coming off a career year in 2019 rushing for 1,135 yards and 13 touchdowns, Cook signed an extension with the team the day before the Week 1 matchup with Green Bay. In Week 8, Cook became the first Viking to score four touchdowns (three rushing, one receiving) in a game since WR Ahmad Rashad (four receiving) did so vs. San Francisco on 9/2/79. Cook joined Rashad and Chuck Foreman (two rushing and two receiving at Buffalo on 12/20/75) as the only players in franchise history to score four touchdowns in a game. With the performance, he became only the fifth player in the NFL with 200+ scrimmage yards (226), 3+ rushing touchdowns (3) and a receiving touchdown (1) in a single game in the Super Bowl era.

## 2019-20 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	24
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>23</b>
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	21
Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams/Atlanta	20
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	19
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	17

## 2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	2,315
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	1,878
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	1,829
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>1,787</b>
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders	1,672

## 2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	105.2
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	91.5
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>89.4</b>
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	85.7
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders	83.6

## 2019-20 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	2,615 (1,543, 1,072)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	2,602 (2,315, 287)
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,518 (1,878, 640)
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>2,433 (1,787, 646)</b>
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	2,317 (1,228, 1,089)



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 MOST CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, Seasons	Games
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	49
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	29
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	17
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present</b>	<b>10</b>
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, 2019</b>	<b>13</b>
Terry Allen, 1992	13
Chuck Foreman, 1976	13
Chuck Foreman, 1975	13

## VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (THROUGH WEEK 9)

Player, Season (Games Played)	Rushing touchdowns
Chuck Foreman, 1976 (9)	11
Bill Brown, 1968 (9)	11
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2020 (6)*</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2019 (9)</b>	<b>9</b>
Adrian Peterson, 2011 (8)	9
Adrian Peterson, 2009 (8)	9

\*Through Week 8

108.7

Dalvin Cook's 108.7 rushing yards per game entering Week 9 ranks second in the NFL this season behind Derrick Henry's 110.7 yards per game. Cook is leads the league with 40 rushing first downs and 10 rushing touchdowns. His 18 rushes of 10-plus yards rank tied for second in the league.

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With 10 rushing touchdowns in the first seven games, Cook set a Vikings record for the most rushing touchdowns through the opening seven games of a season. His 10 rushing scores also rank as the most by a Viking through Week 8 of any season.

ADAM THIELEN NOTES



WR ADAM THIELEN

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/200  
**COLLEGE:** Minnesota State  
**NFL SEASON:** 7  
**VIKINGS SEASON:** 7

Thielen recorded his 19th career 100-yard receiving game in Week 4 at Houston after catching eight passes for 114 yards and one score. His seven receiving touchdowns through Week 7 are tied for the most in the NFL. In Week 5 and for the second time in 2020, he had two scores at Seattle, tying a career high he has set on three other occasions - vs. Green Bay (9/13/20), at New York Giants (10/6/19) and at Green Bay (12/24/16).

2020 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Receiving touchdowns
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>7</b>
Tyler Lockett, Seattle	7
Davante Adams, Green Bay	7
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	7
DK Metcalf, Seattle	7
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	7

2017-20 NFL RECEPTIONS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receptions
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	381
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	372
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	356
Julio Jones, Atlanta	338
Davante Adams, Green Bay	311
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	309
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	283
Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	282
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>269</b>
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	269

2017-20 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN

Player, Season	Receptions
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	103
Julio Jones, Atlanta	90
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	87
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	87
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>82</b>
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	82

2017-20 NFL RECEIVING YARDS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receiving yards
Julio Jones, Atlanta	5,099
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	4,819
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	4,392
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	4,336
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	4,059
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	4,055
Davante Adams, Green Bay	3,770
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	3,695
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	3,570
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	3,556
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>3,509</b>



In September of 2018, Adam and his wife Caitlin announced the launch of The Thielen Foundation, which aims to create programs that serve, educate and inspire individuals so they're equipped and empowered to reach their full potential.

2017-20 NFL MOST 100+ YARDS RECEIVING GAMES

Player, Team	100+ Yard Games
Julio Jones, Atlanta	23
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	21
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>16</b>
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	16
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	14
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	14

MOST 100+ YARDS RECEIVING GAMES BY VIKINGS 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>19</b>
Jake Reed	18

VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	Receiving Touchdowns
Cris Carter	110
Randy Moss	92
Anthony Carter	52
Sammy White	50
<b>Kyle Rudolph</b>	<b>48</b>
Ahmad Rashad	34
Jake Reed	33
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>32</b>

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With his NFL-leading seventh receiving touchdown in Week 6, Adam Thielen is one score away from tying Jake Reed for the seventh-most receiving touchdowns in Vikings history (33).



## JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES



## WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/202  
**COLLEGE:** LSU  
**NFL SEASON:** R  
**VIKINGS SEASON:** R

Jefferson continued his breakout campaign in Week 6, totaling 166 yards on nine receptions vs. Atlanta. The rookie's 537 yards through seven weeks lead all rookies and rank 10th in the league overall. Jefferson's three 100-yard games in 2020 are tied for the second-most in Vikings history by a rookie behind only Randy Moss (4) and his 563 receiving yards after the opening seven games of the season rank first in Vikings history among rookies, edging out Moss' 541 yards in 1998.

2020 RECEIVING YARDS PER ROUTE  
(MINIMUM 25 TARGETS)\*

Player, Team	Receiving Yards/Route
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	3.1
Julio Jones, Atlanta	3.0
Davante Adams, Green Bay	2.9
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	2.9
George Kittle, San Francisco	2.9

## 2020 RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>563</b>
CeeDee Lamb, Dallas	524
Tee Higgins, Cincinnati	488
Chase Claypool, Pittsburgh	375
Brandon Aiyuk, San Francisco	371

## RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES THROUGH FIRST SEVEN GAMES

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954	685
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	667
Anquan Boldin, Arizona, 2003	621
Marques Colston, New Orleans, 2006	577
Amari Cooper, Las Vegas, 2015	565
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>563</b>
Earl McCullouch, Detroit, 1968	554
Bill Groman, Tennessee, 1960	553
Randy Moss, Minnesota, 1998	541

MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN AN NFL GAME AMONG PLAYERS  
21 AND YOUNGER

Player, Opponent, Date	Receiving Yards
Jerry Butler vs. NY Jets, 9/23/79	255
Mike Evans at Washington, 11/16/14	209
Juliu Smith-Schuster at Detroit, 10/29/17	193
Randy Moss at Green Bay, 10/5/98	190
<b>Justin Jefferson vs. Tennessee, 9/27/20</b>	<b>175</b>
Antonio Bryant at Washington, 12/29/02	170
Dave Middleton vs. Chicago, 11/20/55	168
<b>Justin Jefferson vs. Atlanta, 10/18/20</b>	<b>166</b>



Vikings rookie WR Justin Jefferson's 28 receptions after six games to start the season set a Vikings record, surpassing Randy Moss and Paul Flatley who each recorded 27 catches in the opening six games of the 1998 and 1963 seasons, respectively.

## VIKINGS LONGEST CATCHES BY ROOKIES

Player, Opponent, Date	Yards
Gene Washington vs. St. Louis, 10/8/67	85t
Michael Bennett at Pittsburgh, 12/2/01	80t
Cordarrelle Patterson at Baltimore, 12/8/13	79t
<b>Justin Jefferson vs. Tennessee, 9/27/20</b>	<b>71t</b>
Gordon Smith at San Francisco, 11/26/61	71t

MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOKIE IN  
CONSECUTIVE GAMES

Player, Dates	Receiving Yards
Paul Flatley, 11/17/63-11/24/63	330
Randy Moss, 11/22/98-11/26/98	316
Sammy White, 11/7/76-11/14/76	295
<b>Justin Jefferson, 9/27/20-10/4/20</b>	<b>278</b>

## MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROOKIE

Player, Season	100-Yard Games
Randy Moss, 1998	4
<b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b>	<b>3</b>
Sammy White, 1976	3
Hassan Jones, 1986	3
Stefon Diggs, 2015	2
Ray Poage, 1963	2
Paul Flatley, 1963	2

\*According to NextGen Stats

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18.2

Justin Jefferson ranks fourth in the NFL among qualified receivers entering Week 9 with an average of 18.2 yards per catch (563/31).

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Jefferson ranks tied for fourth in the league with 10 receptions that went for 20 or more yards entering Week 9, according to Radar360.

HARRISON SMITH NOTES



S HARRISON SMITH

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-2/214  
COLLEGE: Notre Dame  
NFL SEASON: 9  
VIKINGS SEASON: 9

Smith, a five-time Pro Bowler, recorded his 24th career interception vs. Tennessee in Week 3, which ranks seventh-most in franchise history. Against the Los Angeles Chargers in 2019, he tallied six tackles to move ahead of Antoine Winfield for third-most tackles by a Vikings DB all-time.

VIKINGS SEASON SACKS BY A DB

Player, Season, Position	Sacks
Robert Griffith, 1999, S	4.0
Mackensie Alexander, 2018, CB	4.0
Harrison Smith, 2018, S	3.0
Harrison Smith, 2014, S	3.0
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
Harrison Smith, 2012-	13.0
Joey Browner, 1983-91	9.5

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

Player, Seasons	Interceptions TDs
Harrison Smith, 2012-	4
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
Harrison Smith, 2012-18	4 (56t, 81t, 52, 52)
Charlie West, 1968-73	3 (89, 54, 50)



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

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

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
Harrison Smith, 2012-	24
Orlando Thomas, 1995-2001	22
John Turner, 1978-83, '85, '87	22
Antoine Winfield, 2004-12	21

VIKINGS CAREER TACKLES BY A DB

Player, Years	Tackles
Tommy Hannon, 1977-84	1,056
Joey Browner, 1983-91	987
Harrison Smith, 2012-	811
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

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24

Smith recorded his 24th career interception and first of 2020 in Week 3 vs. Tennessee. Smith ranks seventh all-time on the Vikings career interceptions list.

13.0

Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (13.0) by a defensive back since 2010 behind Jamal Adams (14.0).

## ERIC KENDRICKS NOTES



## LB ERIC KENDRICKS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-0/232

COLLEGE: UCLA

NFL SEASON: 6

VIKINGS SEASON: 6

Following the 2019 season, Eric Kendricks was named to his first Pro Bowl and earned *Associated Press* First-Team All-Pro honors, becoming the first Vikings linebacker to be named All-Pro since Chad Greenway (Second Team) in 2012. Through the first eight weeks of the 2020 season, Kendricks ranks third in the NFL in total tackles with 78.

## NFL TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2020 (LEAGUE STATS)

Player, Team	Total Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	785
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	637
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	619
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>610</b>
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	588
Landon Collins, New York Giants/Washington	586
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	586
Tahir Whitehead, Detroit/Oakland/Carolina	566
K.J. Wright, Seattle	545
Benardrick McKinney, Houston	525

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>Anthony Barr, 2014-Present</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present</b>	<b>36</b>
Ed McDaniel, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
<b>Eric Wilson, 2017-Present</b>	<b>14</b>
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12



Advocates for social change and members of the Vikings Social Justice Committee, Kendricks and Ameer Abdullah visited with representatives of All Square in 2019 and will continue to build the relationship the team has with the organization in 2020.

## 2020 NFL TOTAL TACKLES

Player, Team	Tackles
Jaylon Smith, Dallas	82
Blake Martinez, NY Giants	82
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>78</b>
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	74
Zach Cunningham, Houston	71
Roquan Smith, Chicago	71

2019-20 PASSES DEFENSED, NFL LINEBACKERS  
(LEAGUE STATS)

Player, Team	Pass. Def.
K.J. Wright, Seattle	17
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>14</b>
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	14
Demario Davis, New Orleans	13
Fred Warner, San Francisco	12
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	12

BY THE  
NUMBERS

86

Since 2014, linebackers Anthony Barr, Eric Kendricks and Eric Wilson have combined for 86 tackles for loss, with all three ranking in the top 10 for career TFLs by Vikings linebackers.

600

With 12 tackles at Green Bay, Kendricks surpassed 600 career tackles to become the 24th player in the league since 1970 to record 600 or more tackles in 81 or fewer career games (according to Sports Reference).

ANTHONY HARRIS NOTES



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HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/202  
COLLEGE: Virginia  
NFL SEASON: 6  
VIKINGS SEASON: 6

Harris entered 2019 as the full-time starter alongside Harrison Smith for the first time in his career and went on to tie for the NFL lead in interceptions with six during the regular season. In the Vikings Wild Card victory over New Orleans, Harris picked off Saints QB Drew Brees in the second quarter and returned it 30 yards.

2018-20 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavien Howard, Miami	12
J.C. Jackson, New England	12
Kyle Fuller, Chicago	11
Domantae Kazee, Atlanta	10
Marcus Peters, LA Rams, Baltimore	10
Donte Jackson, Carolina	10
Anthony Harris, Minnesota	9
Stephon Gilmore, New England	9
Kevin Byard, Tennessee	9
Justin Simmons, Denver	9
10 Players	8

HARRIS' MULTI-INTERCEPTION GAMES

Game	Interceptions
at Chicago, 11/18/18	2
vs. Atlanta, 9/8/19	2



A member of the Vikings Social Justice Committee, Harris addressed media members on social justice causes after Minnesota's August 28th practice at U.S. Bank Stadium.

2019 NFL SAFETY GRADE (PRO FOOTBALL FOCUS)

Player, Team	Overall Grade
Justin Simmons, Denver	90.8
Anthony Harris, Minnesota	90.5
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	89.8
Jamal Adams, New York Jets	88.1
Adrian Phillips, Los Angeles Chargers	87.4
Marcus Williams, New Orleans	87.3
Jimmie Ward, San Francisco	84.2
Derwin James, Los Angeles Chargers	82.5
Kareem Jackson, Denver	82.3

2019 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Anthony Harris, Minnesota	6
Stephon Gilmore, New England	6
Tre'Davious White, Buffalo	6
Seven other players	5

## SCHEDULE NOTES

**WK 1**  
9/13/20



**vs. Green Bay**  
**54-62-3**  
**(29-29) H**

Minnesota will play the season opener at home for the fourth consecutive season, marking the first time in franchise history the Vikings have hosted the Packers to open the schedule. Minnesota is 6-1 in season-opening games during the Mike Zimmer era (2014-present) and is 4-0 in season openers since the 2016 season.

**WK 2**  
9/20/20



**at Indianapolis**  
**7-17-1**  
**(0-11) A**

The Vikings look to break an 11-game road losing streak against the Colts franchise in Week 2, the only active team in the NFL that Minnesota has not defeated in a regular-season road game. The contest will be the Vikings fourth trip to play in Indianapolis after not playing the Colts on the road from 1969-2000.

**WK 3**  
9/27/20



**vs. Tennessee**  
**9-4**  
**(7-1) H**

Minnesota meets Tennessee for the first time since Week 1 of the 2016 season, a 25-16 road win in which two current Vikings, Eric Kendricks and Danielle Hunter, scored the first defensive touchdowns of their careers. The contest will feature two top-10 rushers from the 2019 season, with the Titans Derrick Henry (1,540 rushing yards) and the Vikings Dalvin Cook (1,135 rushing yards).

**WK 4**  
10/4/20



**at Houston**  
**4-0**  
**(2-0) A**

The Vikings travel to Houston in Week 4 for the team's third consecutive game against an AFC South opponent. Minnesota enters the contest a perfect 4-0 against Houston, the only active team in the NFL the Vikings are undefeated against. The Vikings have averaged 4.25 sacks per game against the Texans, more than any other active opponent in the NFL.

**WK 5**  
10/11/20



**at Seattle**  
**5-12**  
**(2-7) A**

Week 5 marks the first time the Vikings will play the same non-divisional opponent for a regular-season road game in three consecutive years since traveling to Washington each season from 2010-12. The game will mark the Vikings 40th appearance on Sunday Night Football and the third consecutive season meeting with the Seahawks in a nationally-televised game (MNF, 2018-19).

**WK 6**  
10/18/20



**vs. Atlanta**  
**20-11**  
**(12-4) H**

The Vikings welcome the Falcons to U.S. Bank Stadium for the second consecutive season, having defeated Atlanta 28-12 in the 2019 season opener. Minnesota is a perfect 4-0 against Atlanta under Head Coach Mike Zimmer, thanks to an average of two takeaways per game in those contests.

**WK 8**  
11/1/20



**at Green Bay**  
**54-62-3**  
**(25-33-3) A**

Minnesota finishes its regular-season slate against Green Bay in Week 8, marking just the sixth time in franchise history the division rivals will meet twice in the first half of a regular season. The Vikings look for their first victory at Lambeau Field since their 16-0 win in Week 16 of the 2017 season.

**WK 9**  
11/8/20



**vs. Detroit**  
**76-39-2**  
**(41-16-1) H**

Minnesota chases a third consecutive victory over Detroit at U.S. Bank Stadium after dropping the first two contests between the teams since the venue opened in 2016. In the Week 13 home victory over Detroit in 2019, Vikings DE Danielle Hunter became the youngest player (25 years and 40 days old) to eclipse 50 career sacks since sacks became an official stat in 1982.

## SCHEDULE NOTES

**WK 10**  
11/16/20



at Chicago  
60-56-2  
(23-33-2) A

Minnesota meets Chicago on Monday Night Football for the 15th time in franchise history, having split the series 7-7. A victory in Week 10 would give the Vikings a win at Soldier Field and on Monday Night Football for the first time since defeating the Bears, 20-17, in Week 5 of the 2017 season.

**WK 11**  
11/22/20



vs. Dallas  
15-16  
(7-10) H

The Vikings play the Cowboys for the second consecutive season after defeating Dallas, 28-24, on SNF on Nov. 10, 2019. Minnesota last hosted Dallas in Week 13 of the 2016 season, a 17-15 Cowboys victory on TNF. Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer previously spent 13 seasons on the Cowboys coaching staff, serving as a DBs coach (1994-99) and defensive coordinator (2000-06).

**WK 12**  
11/29/20



vs. Carolina  
8-6  
(6-3) H

Minnesota hosts Carolina for the first time since a 31-13 Vikings win played at the University of Minnesota during the 2014 season. The game saw Vikings WR Adam Thielen record his first NFL touchdown by blocking and returning a punt 30 yards for a score. Former Vikings and current Panthers QB Teddy Bridgewater is poised to make his first start at U.S. Bank Stadium since the 2016 preseason.

**WK 13**  
12/6/20



vs. Jacksonville  
5-1  
(3-1) H

Minnesota and Jacksonville meet for their seventh regular-season matchup in Week 13. The Vikings seek their fifth consecutive victory over the Jaguars, and their first since a 25-16 win at Jacksonville in Week 14 of the 2016 season. Minnesota will complete a three-game home stand for the first time since opening U.S. Bank Stadium in 2016.

**WK 14**  
12/13/20



at Tampa Bay  
33-22  
(14-13) A

Minnesota travels to Tampa Bay for the first time since Week 8 of the 2014 season, a game won in overtime by a 27-yard fumble recovery return for a touchdown by then-rookie LB Anthony Barr. Minnesota makes its fourth trip to Tampa Bay since the two teams moved to separate divisions in 2002.

**WK 15**  
12/20/20



vs. Chicago  
60-56-2  
(37-23) H

The Vikings enter Week 15 having lost two consecutive home games to the Bears after previously defeating Chicago in six straight home contests from 2012-17. During the Mike Zimmer era (2014-present) Minnesota has allowed an average of 15.2 points per game at home against Chicago.

**WK 16**  
12/25/20



at New Orleans  
23-12  
(9-8) A

Minnesota and New Orleans square off for the first time since the Vikings 26-20 overtime victory at New Orleans in the 2019 Wild Card Round. The contest marks the franchise's fourth game played on a Friday (first since 2004) and the fourth overall matchup scheduled on Christmas Day (first since 2005), including a postseason loss to the Cowboys on Dec. 25, 1971.

**WK 17**  
1/3/20



at Detroit  
76-39-2  
(35-23-1) A

The Vikings close out regular-season play on the road at Detroit for the first time since the 2010 season and the fifth overall time in franchise history, with the season-ending series split at 2-2. Minnesota's 42 points on the road against the Lions in Week 7 of the 2019 season marked the most at Detroit in franchise history.

# 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



## WILF FAMILY SURPASSES \$5 MILLION IN DONATIONS TO COVID-19 CAUSES

The Wilf family, owners of the Minnesota Vikings, have surpassed \$5 million in donations to COVID-19-related causes after their \$1 million contribution to United Way Worldwide, one of six national charitable organizations recommended by the NFL as part of its Draft-A-Thon fundraising campaign tied to this year's NFL Draft.

Through the Wilf Family Foundations and the Minnesota Vikings, the \$5 million in donations and commitments since the pandemic arose have been contributed in New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, across the United States and in Israel. These donations have supported health care workers, the elderly, food banks, social service organizations and Jewish philanthropic causes.

## JEFFERSON DONATES FACE MASKS

Justin Jefferson teamed with Genies and Bella + Canvas to donate 10,000 masks to Children's Minnesota in June.

## HUNTER, COOK DONATE MADDEN CHECKS

Danielle Hunter and Dalvin Cook announced in April that they each would donate their royalty checks from EA Sports for appearing in "Madden 20" to North Memorial Health Foundation so that doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers could purchase personal protective equipment.

## THIELN FOUNDATION DONATES \$25K

Adam Thielen and his wife, Caitlin, through the Thielen Foundation, donated \$25,000 to Second Harvest Heartland to help ensure that young people in local communities have the nutrition they need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Thielen Foundation also partnered with KFAN 100.3-FM and iHeart Radio-Minneapolis in April for a Minnesota Covid Relief Virtual Radiothon that ran from 6 in the morning to 6:30 in the evening, raising more than \$280,000 for The Salvation Army, Second Harvest Heartland, M Health Fairview and MN Disaster Recovery Fund for Coronavirus.

## BARR PROVIDES EMERGENCY GRANTS

Through his Raise The Barr foundation (which focuses on helping single parents complete their postsecondary education), the Anthony Barr offered \$500 emergency grants to any current or former Raise The Barr scholarship recipients. In March, all 34 recipients who applied received the grant for a commitment of \$17,000 from the foundation.

## UDOH DELIVERS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

In May, Olisaemeka Udoh donated and delivered 500 meals to workers at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in his hometown of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

He also made a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank to help families in North Carolina.

## RUDOLPH LAUNCHES 'MEAL PLAN'

Kyle Rudolph and his wife Jordan made a personal donation to Second Harvest Heartland in March that provided 82,000 meals to Minnesotans who are being hit hardest by repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic and school cancellations.

Rudolph also set a goal of raising \$200,000 for Second Harvest Heartland, which will provide 600,000 meals for local families. He set up the Rudy's Meal Plan campaign and encouraged whoever is able to join them in supporting the nonprofit.

Throughout the offseason, the tight end organized food drives for communities hardest hit by the pandemic and store closings in Minneapolis.

## KENDRICKS DONATES PAINTING PROCEEDS

In March, Eric Kendricks announced that he would create paintings and sell them on Instagram, with the proceeds going to food banks in the city of the person who bought the painting.

Kendricks listed each painting at \$1,000, and then matched that price, with a total of \$2,000 going to each food bank.

# VIKINGS YOUTH FOOTBALL

The Vikings Youth Football mission statement is to grow, support and promote youth football through fair play, health/safety and academics. Innovative programs reach youngsters through the High School Player Development 7-on-7 Tournament, Youth Football Camps, USA Football Coaching School, equipment and field grants, the Vikings All-State Football Team, Minnesota Mr. Football, the High School Coach of the Week Program and the High School Coach of the Year. In 2018 the Vikings started hosting high school games at TCO Stadium in the Vikings Prep Spotlight series, playing 5 regular season games and 3 state quarterfinal playoff contests since.

The Vikings connect with youth football programs across the state through clinics, camps and encouraging participation and safety. Teaching youth coaches proper techniques and how to play the game safely gives players the best chance for success and a positive experience. Head Coach Mike Zimmer has hosted an annual camp for youth, hosting over 500 youngsters at TCO Performance Center in spring 2019. Growing our great game at the grass roots level has been an emphasis for the organization, resulting in expanded programs, recognition for top players and coaches and building strong community bonds in youth football.



VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES

The Minnesota Vikings and Twin Cities Orthopedics are dedicated to supporting high school football in our community. In partnership with School Space Media, we are excited to announce this year's Vikings Prep Spotlight series. Each week, we will highlight one high school football matchup by providing a FREE livestream for fans to enjoy.

2020 VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES OF THE WEEK

- October 9 ..... Robbinsdale Cooper 20, Waconia 13
- October 16 ..... Woodbury 45, Stillwater 0
- October 23 ..... Kasson-Mantorville 23, New Prague 20
- October 30 .. Lakeville South 35, Lakeville North 15
- November 6 ..... Simley at Henry Sibley
- November 13 ..... DeLaSalle at Orono

PAST PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES AT TCO STADIUM  
2018 (\*state quarterfinal playoffs)

- September 28 ..... Farmington 41, Eagan 28
- October 12 ..... Lakeville North 38, Prior Lake 3
- November 9\* ...Lakeville North 35, St. Michael/Albertville 8
- November 10\* ..... Owatonna 42, Chaska 27
- November 10\* ..... Elk River 23, Spring Lake Park 21

2019

- September 20 ..... Eden Prairie 14, Shakopee 6
- September 27 ..... Chaska 21, Apple Valley 0
- September 28 ..... Mankato West 58, Rochester Mayo 21

COACH OF THE WEEK PROGRAM

The Vikings continue in 2020 to recognize outstanding high school coaches from across the state in the Coach of the Week program. Weekly winners will receive \$1,000 for their high school football programs and will be eligible to earn the High School Coach of the Year.

2020 Vikings Coach of the Week

- Week 1 ..... Dave Dahlstrom, Fole
- Week 2 ..... Jared Essler, St. Michael-Albertville
- Week 3 .... Chauncey Williams-Barefield, Brooklyn Center
- Week 4 ..... Gene Teigland, North St. Paul
- Week 5 .....
- Week 6 .....



## VIKINGS CELEBRATE 60TH SEASON IN 2020



The Minnesota Vikings will commemorate the organization's 60th season in 2020. The NFL franchise was granted to the state during a league owners meeting on January 28, 1960, and the club kicked off its first season on September 17, 1961 against Chicago.



### CELEBRATING 60 SEASONS

In commemoration of the 60 seasons, the Vikings are set to celebrate in various ways ranging from limited edition 60th season Miller Lite cans to the Season of Firsts exhibit at the Vikings Museum to honoring the 60 Greatest Fans of All Time presented by U.S. Bank.

#### MILLER LITE 60TH SEASON LIMITED EDITION CANS

Launched in August, Miller Lite created a limited edition can to commemorate the Vikings 60th season. The can, which utilizes new designs to celebrate the historic season, will be available in bars, restaurants and liquor stores through the end of 2020.

#### 60 GREATEST FANS OF ALL TIME PRESENTED BY U.S. BANK

Throughout the 2020 season, the Vikings will honor the top 60 fans in team history. In order to celebrate the fans who have made Minnesota great over the course of 60 years, individuals across the world are able to nominate themselves or someone else to be one of the 60 Greatest Fans of All Time. To start the nomination process, fans may visit [Vikings.com/60Fans](https://Vikings.com/60Fans) to answer a few questions about their fandom and tell the Vikings why they deserve to be one of the 60 Greatest Fans of All Time. Fans will also have the opportunity to upload photos and videos to support the nominations.

#### VIKINGS MUSEUM OPENS SEASON OF FIRSTS EXHIBIT

In August, the Vikings debuted the Season of Firsts exhibit at the Vikings Museum. The exhibit features a series of memorable firsts, beginning with a shocking inaugural upset victory and ending with the selection of the team's first two Pro Bowlers. The museum will be open for visitors to tour throughout the 2020 season. For hours, ticket and general information about the Vikings Museum, visit [Vikings.com/Fans/Vikings-Museum](https://Vikings.com/Fans/Vikings-Museum).



## HAVE A SEAT AT OUR FAMILY TABLE

In June 2019, 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.

- The 38-foot, Winnebago truck is a zero-waste vehicle with energy star rated appliances and built-in solar panels.
- The kitchen is designed to hold 10 food preparation professionals, while the rear portion of the vehicle features an experiential room showcasing an 80-inch monitor that can display educational videos and nutritional information.
- Meals are served from June to December on a biweekly basis at schools, summer education programs, youth enrichment centers and other locations where childhood food insecurity is prevalent.
- Funds are raised by selling a separate full menu of food truck entrees twice a week at local food truck festivals, Vikings home games, training camp and other team events, as well as to the lunch crowd in downtown Minneapolis; 100 percent of the profits go back to distributing healthy meals to youth.
- A full schedule can be found online at the Minnesota Vikings Foundation website or via the Twitter handle @VikingsTable.
- Viking Table is maintained and operated by Tony and Haley Fritz

