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2021 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON	0-2
NFC NORTH	0-0
НОМЕ	0-0
AWAY	0-2

2021 SCHEDULE

Week (Date)	Opponent	Time (CT)	ти
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.	FOX
4) 10/3 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	Noon	CBS
5) 10/10 (Sun.)	DETROIT	Noon	FOX
6) 10/17 (Sun.)	at Carolina	Noon	FOX
7) 10/24 (Sun.)	BYE WEEK		
8) 10/31 (Sun.)	DALLAS	7:20 p.m.	NBC
9) 11/7 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	Noon	FOX
10) 11/14 (Sun.)	at LA Chargers	3:05 p.m.	FOX
11) 11/21 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	Noon	FOX
12) 11/28 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	3:25 p.m.	FOX
13) 12/5 (Sun.)	at Detroit	Noon	CBS
14) 12/9 (Thur.)	PITTSBURGH	7:20 p.m.	FOX/NFLN
15) 12/20 (Mon.)	at Chicago	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
16) 12/26 (Sun.)	LA Rams	Noon	FOX
17) 1/2 (Sun.)	at Green Bay	7:20 p.m.	NBC
18) 1/9 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	Noon	FOX

BROADCAST COVERAGE

- NATIONAL TELEVISION: FOX Play-by-Play: Kevin Kugler Analyst: Mark Sanchez Sideline: Laura Okmin
- NATIONAL RADIO: ESPN RADIO Play-by-Play: Jorge Sedano Analyst: Kelly Stouffer
- 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 - 1:30 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 (0-2) return to Minneapolis for their home opener against the Seattle Seahawks (1-1) with the game set for 3:25 p.m. CT at U.S. Bank Stadium. The contest marks the first time since the 2015 season that the Vikings will play the Seahawks at home after the two clubs have met in Seattle each of the last three seasons.

Seattle is coming off of a 33-30 overtime home loss at Tennessee. Minnesota returns home after beginning the season with two road losses by a combined four points.

At Arizona in Week 2, QB **Kirk Cousins'** touchdown pass to WR **K.J. Osborn** - first NFL touchdown of Osborn's career - is the 14th touchdown of at least 60 yards in Cousins' career. RB **Dalvin Cook** rushed for more than 100 yards against the Cardinals, making it his 16th time in his career doing so. He is now one game short of tying former RB Chuck Foreman for third in Vikings Career 100-plus yard rushing games.

DE **Danielle Hunter**, who missed all of 2020 with an injury, currently ranks second in the NFL in total sacks with 4.0, sitting behind Arizona Cardinals DE Chandler Jones (5.0).

After posting back-to-back double-digit tackle games to start the season, LB **Eric Kendricks** ranks second in the NFL in total tackles with 26, only trailing Seattle's Bobby Wagner.

STAT OF THE WEEK



QB Kirk Cousins has moved into second all-time in consecutive games with a passer rating of 90.0 or higher.

Full List: Peyton Manning: 23 games (9/30/12 - 11/17/13) Kirk Cousins: 16 games (9/27/20 - current)

Peyton Manning: 15 games (9/9/04 - 12/26/04) Steve Young: 15 games (10/9/94 - 9/25/95)

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WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

Monday, September 20

12:30 p.m. – Select players available via Zoom 4 p.m. – Mike Zimmer available via Zoom

Tuesday, September 21

No access

Wednesday, September 22

7 a.m. – 12 p.m. – Media COVID-19 testing at TCO Performance Center 10:30 a.m. – Mike Zimmer available in the media center 11:30 a.m. – Kirk Cousins and select players available in the media center

12:45 p.m. – Andre Patterson available in the media center 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Practice (Select players available after practice in the media center)

Thursday, September 23

11:30 a.m. – Ryan Ficken, Klint Kubiak and select player(s) available in the media center

12:45 p.m. – Adam Zimmer available in the media center 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. – Practice (Select players available in the media center after practice)

Friday, September 24

11 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. – Practice (Mike Zimmer and select players available at the outdoor press conference set up)

Saturday, September 25

No access

Sunday, September 26

3:25 p.m. CT – Seattle Seahawks at Minnesota Vikings on FOX

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NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- WR K.J. Osborn recorded his first career TD for 64 yards. Osborn's touchdown was the seventh-longest first career touchdown reception in team history.
- DE Danielle Hunter had his first three-sack game since 12/8/19 vs. Detroit (3.0). Hunter has 58.5 sacks in his career, which is 11th in Vikings history.
- LB Nick Vigil's pick-six marked his third career interception and first touchdown. Vigil's picksix marked the 10th interception taken back to the house in the Mike Zimmer era.
- K Greg Joseph's two field goals of 50+ yards against the Cardinals are tied for secondmost in a game in team history.
- The Vikings are the only team in the NFL who have three players with at least 10 receptions, 130 receiving yards and one touchdown through the first two weeks of the sesaon. - WR Adam Thielen, WR K.J.
 Osborn and WR Justin Jefferson.



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DE Danielle Hunter tied a team record in most QB sacks (4.0) after the first two games of a season. QB Kirk Cousins threw three first-half touchdown passes at Arizona for the fifth time in his career, the first since Week 17 of the 2020 season at Detroit.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS	PRONUNCIATION
Ameer Abdullah	uh-meer ab-dool-uh
Dan Chisena	cha-SEN-a
Andrew DePaola	dee-PAUL-uh
Dakota Dozier	DOUGH-jher
Danielle Hunter	duh-KNEEL
Bisi Johnson	BEE-see
Kene Nwangwu	kuh-NAY Wong-woo
Whop Philyor	PHIL-yer
Janarius Robinson	juh-narr-iss
Ihmir Smith-Marsette	ah-MEER smith MARR-sett
Chazz Surratt	suh-RATT
Olisaemeka Udoh	OH-lee-suh-MEE-kah 00-doe
Dede Westbrook	DEE-dee
Xavier Woods	ECK-zay-vee-er

	COACHING STAFF
im-MAR-jay AL-berry	Imarjaye Albury
juh-NO-coe	Andrew Janocko
koo-bee-ack	Klint Kubiak
mih-car-DELL	Keenan McCardell
PEAR-ee-ah-nee	Brian Pariani
seef-kiss	Sam Siefkes

2021 NEW FACES

FREE AGENTS/TRADES/WAIVERS (16)

Player	.Pos	Acq.
Mackensie Alexander		
Jordan Berry	. P	Free Agent
Bashaud Breeland	. CB	Free Agent
Mason Cole		
Ben Ellefson	. TE	Waivers (Jacksonville)
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
Dalvin Tomlinson		
Nick Vigil	. LB	Free Agent
Stephen Weatherly	. DE	Free Agent
Dede Westbrook	. WR	Free Agent
Xavier Woods	. S	Free Agent

DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (9)

Round) Player	Pos	School
1) Christian Darrisaw	T	Virginia Tech
3) Kellen Mond	QB	
3) Chazz Surratt	LB	North Carolina
3) Wyatt Davis	G	Ohio State
3) Patrick Jones II	DE	Pittsburgh
4) Kene Nwangwu (IR)	RB	lowa State
4) Camryn Bynum	S	California
4) Janarius Robinson (IR)	DE	Florida State
5) Imhir Smith-Marsette	WR	lowa

RETURNERS

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 Peturn Vards K.I. Osborn (27) **Kick Return Yards** Ameer Abdullah (352)

ROSTER NOTES

Oldest Viking Plavers Everson Griffen (34. born 7/28/87) Youngest Viking Players Ihmir Smith-Marsette (22, born 8/29/99) Most Seasons as a Viking Everson Griffen (11) Most NFL Seasons Everson Griffen (12) **College with the most Vikings** LSU (3) Home state with the most Vikings Florida (7) and Texas (7) **Conference with the most Vikings** SEC (11 players on roster) Largest Viking Blake Brandel and Brian O'Neill (Height: 6-7) Michael Pierce (Weight: 340 lbs) Smallest Viking Dalvin Cook and Mackensie Alexadner (Height: 5-10) Dede Westbrook (Weight: 178 lbs)

1st Round Draft Picks (7) Pro Bowlers (9)

[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)

Patrick Peterson-ARI (8x) Anthony Barr (4x) Harrison Smith (5x) Dalvin Cook (2x) Kirk Cousins (2x) Adam Thielen (2x) Danielle Hunter (2x) C.J. Ham (1x) Justin Jefferson (1x) Eric Kendricks (1x) Sheldon Richardson-NYJ (1x)



HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

NFL HEAD COACH: 8th Year OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 28th Year COACHING EXPERIENCE: 43nd Year REGULAR SEASON: 64-49-1 (.566) POSTSEASON: 2-3-0 (.400) RECORD WITH MIN: 64-49-1 (.566)

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 Gan	ne
1995	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, Super Bowl XXX Champi	ons
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 Ga	me 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		
2021	Minnesota	Head Coach	0-2		

VIKINGS DEFENSIVE/TEAM RANKINGS SINCE 2014

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)

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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 SPECIA

RYAN FICKEN

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 18th Season NFL EXPERIENCE: 15th Season VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 15th Season

ASSISTANT COACHES

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HEAD COACH PETE CARROLL

NFL HEAD COACH: 16th Year OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 28th Year COACHING EXPERIENCE: 47th Year REGULAR SEASON: 146-95-1 (.605) POSTSEASON: 11-10 (.524) RECORD WITH SEA: 113-64-1 (.678)

PETE CARROLL SUMMARY

COACHING HISTORY

2010 -	Seattle Seahawks	Executive V.P./Head Coach		
2001-09	USC	Head Coach		
1997-99	New England Patriot	s Head Coach		
1995-96	San Francisco 49ers	Defensive Coordinator		
1994	New York Jets	Head Coach		
1990-93	New York Jets	Defensive Coordinator		
1985-89	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive Backs		
1984	Buffalo Bills	Defensive Backs		
1983	Univ. of the Pacific	Asst. Head Coach/Off. Coordinator		
1980-82	N.C. State De	f. Coordinator/Secondary		
1979	Ohio State Second			
1978	lowa State	Secondary		
1977	Univ. of Arkansas	Graduate Assistant		
1974-76	Univ. of the Pacific	Graduate Assistant		

Named head coach on January 11, 2010, Pete Carroll became the eighth head coach in Seahawks history after one of the most successful runs in USC history in the college ranks. He brings 26 years of NFL experience and 19 years of collegiate experience to Seattle.

Carroll's overall head coaching record is 146-95-1 in the regular season and 11-10 in the postseason in his 15-plus years of NFL head coaching. In 2016, he became the 39th head coach in NFL history with 100 wins in the regular season.

In his 12th season as head coach in Seattle, Carroll and Executive VP/General Manager John Schneider have constructed the best teams in Seahawks history over the past eight seasons with an 96-45-1 record, back-to-back Super Bowl appearances in 2013-14, posted 10-plus wins in five consecutive seasons (2012-16) for the first time in franchise history, including seven of the last nine seasons, and won four NFC West Division titles.

Seattle has advanced to the divisional round in seven of Carroll's 11 seasons as coach, winning two NFC Championships and one Super Bowl, while claiming the No. 1 seed in the NFC twice, and for the third time in franchise history (2005 under Mike Holmgren, 2013-14).

Seattle led the NFL in scoring defense for fourconsecutive seasons from 2012-15, becoming the first defense in the Super Bowl era to accomplish the feat. Cleveland led the league in scoring defense for a record five-straight seasons from 1953-57 in 12-game seasons.

Carroll continues to grow the team through his strong philosophy of preaching competition and taking care of the football.

Helping that cause, 30 draft choices since 2017

remain with the team to build a strong foundation of continuity, combining the young talent of RB Chris Carson, TE Will Dissly, CB Tre Flowers, CB Shaquill Griffin, WR DK Metcalf and RB Rashaad Penny with veterans including All-Pro T Duane Brown, LB Bruce Irvin, All-Pro RS Tyler Lockett, Pro Bowl TE Greg Olsen, DT Jarran Reed, All-Pro LB Bobby Wagner, All-Pro QB Russell Wilson and Pro Bowl LB K.J. Wright.

Carroll's 2019 team held a 10-2 record through the first three quarters of the season but went an uncharacteristic 1-3 to finish the year and slipped to the no. 5 seed in the NFC playoffs, winning the Wild Card Game and advancing to the Divisional Round for the seventh time in the last 10 seasons, while appearing in the postseason for the eighth time. Posting a franchise-best 7-1 road record, Seattle reached 10 wins for the seventh time in the last eight seasons, something accomplished only five times in franchise history from 1976-2011. The Seahawks became the second team in NFL history to win 10 one-score games in a single season, joining the 1978 Oilers (10-6 record) and Carroll earned his 100th regular season win in franchise history, extending his own franchise record.

The 2018 Seahawks exceeded everyone's expectations but their own as they won 10 games for the sixth time in the last seven seasons and advancing to the Wild Card playoffs. After a 4-5 start to the season, Seattle became the 28th team with a losing record after nine games to advance to the postseason, scoring the second-most points in franchise history (428) and leading the NFL with a rushing attack that accumulated 2,560 yards, the third-most in franchise history, marking the top-three rushing seasons all under Carroll (2012, 2014, 2018).

Seattle concluded the 2017 season with a 9-7 record and a second-place finish in the NFC West. Despite injuries on the defensive side of the ball to DE Cliff Avril, S Kam Chancellor, CB Richard Sherman and missing its top-two running backs in Carson and C.J. Prosise, Seattle entered the final-quarter of the season with an 8-4 record and remained in the hunt for an NFC West title and a shot at winning 10 games for the sixth-consecutive season.

The Seahawks won their 10th division title in franchise history in 2016 with a 10-5-1 record. Seattle's defense finished in the top-5 for the fifth-consecutive season (2012-16), an impressive feat during an era of unprecedented scoring and yardage numbers in NFL history. Seattle's NFL-record streak of not losing by more than 10 points in 85 regular season games (95 games including playoffs) ended at Green Bay (12/11/16), and its NFL-record streak of 88 regular season games (98 games including playoffs) where it has led or been within one score in the fourth quarter came to an end at Tampa Bay (11/27/16).

After beginning the 2015 season 0-2, 2-4 and 4-5, the Seahawks became the 22nd team with a losing record after nine games to advance to the postseason, winning six of their last seven games to post a 10-6 record and finishing in the top-10 in defense for a franchise-record fifth-consecutive season (2011-15). Seattle defeated the Vikings in Minnesota in the Wild Card round but dropped a 31-24 decision at Carolina in the divisional round.

Seattle's defense finished 2015 ranked second (291.8 ypg) while the offense ranked fourth in the NFL (378.6 ypg), setting the franchise-record with 6,058 yards. It was the fourth time in franchise history, first since 2005, with a top-five offense.

The team won its ninth division title in club history in 2014, third under Carroll, after winning the NFC West with a 12-4 record. Seattle fell to New England, 28-24, in Super Bowl XLIX in Glendale,Ariz., in a season that saw it begin 3-3 but finish the season with a 9-1 record and the No. 1 seed in the NFC for the second consecutive season.

The Seahawks also became the fourth team in NFL history to lead the league in fewest points and yards allowed in back-to-back seasons (2013-14), and first since the 1985-86 Chicago Bears. The Seahawks led the league in defense for the second straight year while the offense had the No. 1-ranked rushing attack with a franchise-record 2,762 yards and ranked in the top-10 in offense (ninth overall) for the first time since the 2007 season.

Carroll led Seattle to its first Super Bowl title in franchise history with a 43-8 victory over the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XLVIII in New York/ New Jersey on February 2, 2014, after a franchisebest 13-3 regular season record, and joined Jimmy Johnson and Barry Switzer as the only coaches to win a college football national title and a Super Bowl in their career.

Carroll and Schneider constructed one of the best defenses in the last 12 years at the time, leading them to the NFL title. The Seahawks defense ranked first overall in the NFL in total defense (273.6 ypg), passing defense (172.0 ypg), points allowed (14.4 ppg), takeaways (39), interceptions (28), turnover differential (+20) and opponent quarterback rating (63.4).

The youngest Super Bowl-winning roster in NFL history (26 years, 162 days) was led by secondyear QB Wilson, who became the third-youngest quarterback to win the title game (25 years, 65 days).

In 2012, Carroll led Seattle to the NFC Divisional Playoff posting the fourth-best record in franchise history (11-5). Seattle won its first postseason road game since 1983 with a Wild Card Game victory at Washington.

One of the youngest teams in the NFL to end the season for the second-consecutive year (second overall, third-youngest defensive starters, fourthyoungest offensive starters), Seattle started 4-4 but went on to finish the season 7-1 led by rookie Wilson and the league's fourth-ranked defense, that also led the league allowing 245 points (15.3 ppg).

Carroll's 2011 squad also ranked as one of the youngest in the NFL; beginning the season with the second-youngest roster in Week 1, once having the third-youngest offensive line during the season and ending the year with the second-youngest starting defensive unit in the league.

He saw his 2011 defense improve weekly, ending the season ranked ninth in the league in total defense, just the sixth time Seattle had boasted a top-10 defense and first since 1997. His offense switched gears from a quick-strike, no-huddle group to a grind-it-out ground game led by RB Marshawn Lynch over the last half of the season. That offensive mentality helped Seattle rank fifth in the NFL with 1,212 rush yards over the last nine games of the season.

Always competing, the Seahawks jumped out to a 4-2 record to begin the 2010 season and parlayed that in to the club's fifth NFC West title in the past seven seasons, punctuating the season with a 41-36 victory over the defending Super Bowl Champion New Orleans Saints at CenturyLink Field in the Wild Card Game.

Carroll returned to the NFL after spending nine years (2001-09) as head coach at USC, where he won seven consecutive Pac-10 titles (2002-08), two national championships (2003-04) and led the Trojans to a 97-19 record. He reached a bowl in each of his nine seasons and won seven. His 88 victories from 2001 to 2008 tied Bob Pruett of Marshall for most by a Division I coach in their first eight seasons since 1900 (Penn's George Woodruff - 102). He reached 50 career USC wins faster than any head coach in Trojans history. From 2002-08, his teams appeared in an NCAA-record seven consecutive BCS bowls, recorded at least 11 victories seven times (an NCAA record) and finished ranked in the AP Top 4. USC was the AP's No. 1 team for a national-record 33 straight polls (including two preseason polls) and was ranked in the AP Top 10 for a school-record 63 consecutive games. His teams were ranked in the AP Top 25 for 102 consecutive games, a school record. In 2009, he was named Coach of the Decade by Lindy's.

Also under Carroll, USC was the first school to have three Heisman Trophy winners in a four-year span (Carson Palmer, Matt Leinart, Reggie Bush). He also coached winners of the Walter Camp, Chuck Bednarik, Johnny Unitas, Doak Walker and John Mackey Awards. Carroll produced 34 All-American first-teamers and 53 NFL draft picks (including 14 first-rounders, with a No. 1 selection in Carson Palmer and a No. 2 in Reggie Bush). His USC program had the nation's most draftees in 2006, 2008 and 2009.

USC posted a 12-1 record in 2008 and advanced to its fourth-consecutive Rose Bowl, defeating Penn State, 38-24, to become the first team to win three straight Rose Bowls. In the polls, the Trojans finished ranked second by USA Today and third by AP. USC finished first in scoring defense (9.8 ppg, its finest in 41 years), surrendering just 14 touchdowns in 2008.

In 2007, USC went 11-2 and finished second in the USA Today poll and third in the AP poll, for its sixth AP Top 4 ranking in a row. Its 49-17 win over Illinois in the Rose Bowl equaled the most points ever in the bowl game. Five players were named All-American first-teamers. USC posted an 11-2 mark in 2006, finished No. 4 in the final polls and shared the Pac-10 title at 7-2 to capture an unprecedented fifth straight conference crown. Five Trojans were All-American first teamers and Carroll was named the 2006 Pac-10 Coach of the Year (for the third time).

His Trojans held AP's No. 1 ranking for the entire regular season in 2005. USC went 12-1 overall to advance to the BCS Championship Game in the Rose Bowl. The Trojans, who finished second in both polls, boasted a school-record six All-American firstteamers, including Heisman Trophy-winning tailback Reggie Bush. He was the 2005 Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year, as well as the American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Region 5 Coach of the Year.

In 2004, he guided No. 1-ranked USC to its second consecutive national championship with a convincing win over Oklahoma in the BCS Championship Game in the Orange Bowl. USC became only the second team ever to hold its AP preseason No. 1 ranking all the way through a season. It was only the 10th time that a team won back-to-back AP crowns. His team was 13-0 (a school-record for wins) and went 8-0 in the Pac-10. A school-record six Trojans were named All-American first teamers.

The Trojans won the AP national championship, its first national crown since 1978, and entered the Rose Bowl also ranked No. 1 in the USA Today/ESPN poll, in 2003. USC was 12-1 overall and finished the season ranked second. USC's 534 points was a Pac-10 record. Five Trojans were first-team All-Americans. For this, Carroll was named the 2003 American Football Coaches Association Division I-A Coach of the Year, Home Depot National Coach of the Year, Maxwell Club College Coach of the Year, ESPN.com National Coach of the Year, Pigskin Club of Washington D.C. Coach of the Year and All-American Football Foundation Frank Leahy Co-Coach of the Year. He also was the Pac-10 Co-Coach of the Year.

In 2002, USC posted its first 11-win season since 1979 and its highest ranking (No. 4) since 1988. Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Carson Palmer and safety Troy Polamalu were first team All-Americans.

Carroll was named USC's head football coach on December 15, 2000, and in his first season, led the Trojans to the Las Vegas Bowl and a 6-6 record.

He began his NFL career as defensive backs coach for Buffalo (1984) and Minnesota (1985-89) before becoming the N.Y. Jets defensive coordinator (1990-93) and head coach (1994). He spent two years as San Francisco's defensive coordinator (1995-96), leading the league in total defense in 1995, before leading New England to a 27-21 record and two playoff appearances as head coach (1997-99).

Carroll spent the 2000 season as a consultant for pro and college teams, doing charitable work for the NFL and writing a column on pro football for CNNSI. com.

He began his coaching career at the collegiate level, serving as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Pacific, for three years (1974-76), working with the wide receivers and secondary. He then spent a season as a graduate assistant working with the secondary at Arkansas (1977) under Lou Holtz as the Razorbacks won the 1978 Orange Bowl, and then a season each as an assistant in charge of the secondary at lowa State (1978) and at Ohio State (1979). He next spent three seasons (1980-82) as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at North Carolina State, before returning to Pacific in 1983 as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator.

Carroll was a two-time (1971-72) All-Pacific Coast Conference free safety at Pacific and earned his bachelor's degree in 1973 in business administration. He received his secondary teaching credential and a master's degree in physical education from Pacific in 1976. He was inducted into the Pacific Athletic Hall of Fame in 1995.

He was a three-sport (football, basketball and baseball) standout at Redwood High in Larkspur, Calif., earning the school's Athlete of the Year award as a senior. He played quarterback, wide receiver and defensive back. He was inducted into the inaugural Redwood High Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009. He then played football at Marin Junior College in Kentfield, Calif., from 1969-70 before transferring to Pacific.

In 2003, he helped develop "A Better L.A.," a non-profit group consisting of a consortium of local agencies and organizations working to reduce gang violence by empowering change in individuals and communities. In the spring of 2009, he received the Crystal Heart Award from the USC School of Social Work for his involvement with "A Better L.A.," and the Pete Carroll Scholarship was established for students pursuing graduate study in the school. He received the Courageous Leadership Award from Women Against Gun Violence in 2005. In the fall of 2008, he helped organize "L.A. LivePeace 08," a march and rally at the Coliseum to promote gang intervention and nonviolence in Los Angeles. He has taken this model and created "A Better Seattle," in partnership with the YMCA of Greater Seattle and the Seattle Youth Violence Prevention Initiative to prevent violence in Seattle and South King County. It was launched on September 15, 2011.

Carroll also spearheaded the efforts to bring "We Day," a star-studded pep rally event to inspire children to make an impact to the world, to the United States for the first time when it came to Seattle in March 2013. The day-long event filled KeyArena with more than 15,000 high school students and included celebrity speakers and performers including Magic Johnson, Martin Luther King III, Macklemore, Jennifer Hudson, Martin Sheen and more. The one-of-akind event, which has been in eight Canadian cities since 2008, has expanded to six U.S. cities and in to England, returns annually to Seattle.

Carroll is also the co-founder of Compete to Create, formerly WinForever, a consulting firm and digital platform dedicated to helping people be their best. The firm works with a limited portfolio of Fortune 500 companies and leaders to develop culture and guide individuals through high performance mindset training and coaching.

Carroll was born on September 15 in San Francisco. He and his wife, Clena, who played volleyball at Pacific, have three children, sons Brennan, married to Amber, who played tight end at Delaware and Pittsburgh, Nate, married to Anna, and daughter Jaime, married to Mike, who played on the Women of Troy's volleyball team that competed in the 2000 NCAA Final Four. The couple also has seven grandchildren.

VIKINGS-SEAHAWKS CONNECTIONS

Local Connections

- Minnesota OL Ezra Cleveland is from Spanaway, Washington.
- Seattle receivers coach Nate Carroll was born in Edina, Minnesota.
- Seattle LB Nick Bellore is from St. Paul, Minnesota.

Coaching Connections

- Vikings Ring of Honor and recent NFL Hall of Fame inductee Steve Hutchinson is a Football Consultant for the Seahawks.
- Vikings Co-Defensive Coordinator Andre Patterson and Seahawks Head Coach Pete Carroll and Associate Head Coach Carl Smith overlapped with the New England Patriots in 1997.
- Smith and Vikings running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu both were on the Jaguars staff from 2005-06.
- Polamalu was on Pete Carroll's staff at USC from 2001-03.
- Seahawks tight ends coach Pat McPherson worked with Vikings tight ends coach Brian Pariani (1998-2004) and Co-Defensive Coordinator Andre Patterson (2005-06) with the Broncos.

Vikings/Seahawks Connections

- DT Sheldon Richardson played with the Seahawks in 2017, starting in 15 games and recording a sack with two fumble recoveries.
- Vikings practice squad member CB Ty Smith played with Seattle in 2015.
- QB Sean Mannion spent the 2021 training camp on Seattle's roster.

Professional Connections

- Vikings practice squad members G Dakota Dozier and CB Parry Nickerson were on the Jets while S Jamal Adams was there.
- RB Ameer Abdullah spent time with Seahawks FS Quandre Diggs, DE Kerry Hyder Jr., and LB Nick Bellore on the Lions.
- DT Michael Pierce and RB Alex Collins were teammates in Baltimore from 2017-18.
- LB Nick Vigil and CB Mackensie Alexander were teammates with Seahawks DE Carlos Dunlap in Cincinnati. (Vigil form 2016-19, Alexander in 2020).
- LS Andrew DePaola and Seahawks G Gabe Jackson were teammates on the Raiders in 2018.
- Dede Westbrook and K Jason Myers were teammates in Jacksonville in 2017.
- Vikings DE Everson Griffen and Seahawks DE Aldon Smith both played for the Cowboys in 2020.
- Sheldon Richardson and Seahawks QB Geno Smith were both part of the 2013 New York Jets draft class.

College Connections

- Vikings S Camryn Bynum and Seahawks T Jake Curhan were teammates at Cal and are both in their rookie season in the NFL.
- The Vikings and Seahawks both have three former LSU Tigers on their teams. Each team has at least one player who played
- with an opposing team's player at LSU.
 - o Danielle Hunter and Jamal Adams (2014)
 - o Justin Jefferson and Damien Lewis (2018-19)
 - o Patrick Peterson and Al Woods (2008-09)
- Vikings TE Chris Herndon and Seahawks RB DeeJay Dallas and RB Travis Homer were all teammates at Miami in 2017. Due to Vikings WR K.J. Osborn playing one year at Miami, Osborn and Dallas were teammates at Miami in 2019.

VIKINGS-SEAHAWKS 2021 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

- Vikings C Mason Cole and S Josh Metellus and Seahawks DL Bryan Mone played together at Michigan in 2015.
- Seahawks S Ugo Amadi and Vikings LB Troy Dye both played big roles on the Oregon defense in 2017-18.
- Vikings T Blake Brandel blocked Seahawks QB Jake Luton's blindside at Oregon State.
- Vikings S Kris Boyd and Seahawks DT Poona Ford and P Michael Dickson all played at Texas together.
- Seahawks Head Coach Pete Carroll coached Vikings DE Everson Griffen at USC from 2007-09.

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DEFENSE	MIN (RK)SEA (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	420.0 (28) 434.0 (30)	
Yards / Play	6.56 (26) 5.64 (15)	0.92
Rushing Yards / Game	126.0 (21t) 162.5 (31)	36.5
Rushing Yards / Play	4.42 (18) 4.64 (23)	0.22
Passing Yards / Game	294.0 (26) 271.5 (22)	
	9.33 (28) 6.96 (15)	
	3.2% (10) 0.0% (26t)	
	12.7% (2) 7.7% (10)	
	20.5 (14t) 28.0 (32)	
Punt Return Avg	9.0 (16t) 9.8 (20)	0.8
	15.3 (6) 17.6 (10)	
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3rd Down Pct	26.1% (2) 40.7% (17)	-14.65%
	75% (26) 0.0% (1t)	
	71.4% (20t) 40% (6t)	
	75% (15t) 66.7% (12t)	
Points / Game	30.5 (27) 24.5 (16)	6

VIKINGS - SEAHAWKS GAME INFORMATION

VIKINGS-SEAHAWKS SERIES

VIKINGS VS. SEAHAWKS ALL-TIME

Won 5, Lost 13; Tie: 0; Home 3-2, Away 2-8

YEAR			

RESULT

VIKINGS VS. SEAHAWKS ALL-TIME

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1976	Minnesota	Minnesota 27-21
1978	Seattle	Seattle 29-28
1984	Minnesota	Seattle 20-12
1987	Seattle	Seattle 28-17
1990	Seattle	Minnesota 24-21
1996	Seattle	Seattle 42-23
2002	Seattle	Seattle 48-23
2003	Minnesota	Minnesota 34-7
2004	Minnesota	Seattle 27-23
2006	Seattle	Minnesota 31-13
2009	Minnesota	Minnesota 35-9
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2013	Seattle	
2015	Minnesota*	
2015	Minnesota*#	Seattle 10-9
2018	Seattle	Seattle 21-7
2019	Seattle	Seattle 37-30
2020	Seattle	Seattle 27-26

*played at TCF Bank Stadium # NFC Wild Card Game

VIKINGS-SEAHAWKS 2021 LEADERS

VIKINGS					SEAHAWKS				
Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank	Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Thielen	18	3t	9t	Scoring	Lockett	18	3t	9t
Passing Yds	Cousins	595	6	9	Passing Yds	Wilson	597	5	8
Passing TDs	Cousins	5	4t	5t	Passing TDs	Wilson	6	3	3t
Passer Rating	Cousins	112.9	5	8	Passer Rating	Wilson	146.9	1	1
Completion Pct	Cousins	71.6	6	10	Completion Pct	Wilson	74.1	2	5
Rushing Att	Cook	42	2	4	Rushing Att	Carson	29	6t	11t
Rushing Yds	Cook	192	1	4	Rushing Yds	Carson	122	10t	19t
Rushing TDs	Cook	1	4t	8t	Rushing TDs	Carson	2	1t	3t
Receptions	Thielen	15	5t	5t	Receptions	Lockett	12	13t	21t
Receiving Yds	Osborn	167	9t	17t	Receiving Yds	Lockett	278	2	2
Receiving TDs	Thielen	3	2t	2t	Receiving TDs	Lockett	3	2t	2t
Interceptions	Vigil	1	3t	6t	Interceptions	None			
Tackles	Kendricks	26	2	2	Tackles	Wagner	33	1	1
Forced Fumbles.	Breeland	1	2t	4t	Forced Furn	Robinson	1	2t	4t
Opp. FR	Kendricks	0	15t	26t	Opp. FR	Reed/Hyder	1	1t	1t
Sacks	Hunter	4.0	2	2	Sacks	Robinson	1.0	27t	1
FGs Made	Joseph	3	5t	12t	FGs Made	Myers	1	14t	27t
FG Pct	Joseph	75.0	5t	17t	FG Pct	Myers	100.0	DNQ	DNQ
Net Punting Avg					Net Punting Avg.	Dickenson	37.8	12	24
Punt Ret. Avg					Punt Ret. Avg				
KO Ret. Avg					KO Ret. Avg				

VIKINGS - SEAHAWKS GAME INFORMATION

TOP PERFORMERS VS. SEAHAWKS

DALVIN COOK

3 games played (3 starts), 39 rushes, 149 rushing yards, 2 rushing touchdowns, 13 receptions, 87 receiving yards, 3 receiving touchdowns.

KIRK COUSINS

5 games played (5 starts), 1,263 passing yards, 111 completed passes, 7 passing touchdowns.

ADAM THIELEN

3 games played, 14 receptions, 150 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns.

BIG DAYS VS. SEAHAWKS

- QB Kirk Cousins won his first game started at Seattle (11/5/17) as a member of the Redskins. Cousins finished the game 21-of-31 passing for 247 yards and led a game-winning, four-play, 70-yard drive that was capped by a touchdown with 59 seconds remaining, giving Washington a 17-14 victory.
- RB Dalvin Cook caught his second career touchdown reception at Seattle on December 10, 2018. Cook caught a 6-yard pass for a score from Cousins.
- WR Adam Thielen led the team in receptions (9) and receiving yards (80) at Seattle on October 11, 2020. Thielen's two receiving touchdowns were the only Vikings receiving touchdowns recorded in that game.

VIKINGS-SEAHAWKS SERIES NOTES

- The Vikings host Seattle at U.S. Bank Stadium for the 1st time in the history of the series.
- The Vikings and Seahawks met in the thirdcoldest game in NFL history on January 10, 2016, a Wild Card matchup that measured at -6 degrees Fahrenheit. The game was played outdoors at TCF Bank Stadium on the campus of the University of Minnesota. The Seahawks won 10-9 in the only playoff game between the two franchises.
- Seattle's first head coach in franchise history was former Vikings defensive line coach Jack Patera. Patera coached for the Vikings from 1969-75 and for the Seahawks from 1976-82.
- The first-ever game played in the Metrodome was a 1982 preseason matchup with Seattle.
- Pete Carroll coached for the Vikings from 1985-89.



VIKINGS-SEAHAWKS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. Seahawks	
Last regular season game	Seahawks 27, Vikings 26 (2020)
Vikings largest winning margin	
Seahawks largest winning margin	31; Seahawks 38, Vikings 7 (2015)
Current series streak	Seahawks 6
Vikings longest win streak	2 (2006-09)
Seahawks longest win streak	

Most Points, Vikings	
Most Points, Seahawks	
Most Points, both teams	
Fewest Points, Vikings	
Fewest Points, Seahawks	
Fewest Points, both teams	19; Seahawks 10, Vikings 9 (2015)

VIKINGS NOTES

2020 REGULAR SEASON HONOR ROLL

DALVIN COOK

First Team All-Pro (PFWA, SN) First Team All-NFC (PFWA) Second Team All-Pro (PFF) Pro Bowl Participant (2nd) November - NFC Offensive Player of the Month Week 3 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week vs. Tennessee Week 8 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week at Green Bay Week 8 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week at Green Bay Week 9 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week vs. Detroit Week 9 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week vs. Detroit

KIRK COUSINS

Week 12 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week vs. Carolina Week 17 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week at Detroit

CAMERON DANTZLER

All-Rookie Team (PFWA)

JUSTIN JEFFERSON

Rookie of the Year (SN, PFF) Offensive Rookie of the Year (PFF) All-Rookie Team (PFWA) Second Team All-Pro (AP, PFF) Pro Bowl Participant (1st) Week 6 - Pepsi Zero Sugar Rookie of the Week vs. Atlanta



KIRK COUSINS NOTES



OB KIRK COUSINS

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

Cousins has now thrown for at least three first-half touchdowns for the fifth time in his career after doing so Week 2 at Arizona. His 64-yard touchdown pass to WR K.J. Osborn at Arizona was the 14th touchdown pass of at least 60 yards in his career. In Week 1 at Cincinnati, Cousins became the first Vikings OB to start four straight season openers since Daunte Culpepper (2002-05). Cousins' 73.5 completion percentage was a team record for a season opener with a minimum of 50 attempts. Cousins finished eighth in the NFL with a 105.0 passer rating in 2020 while setting the Vikings record for highest career passer rating with a minimum of 1,500 attempts. Since joining the team in 2018, Cousins has completed 1,139 of 1,647 attempts en route to a 104.1 passer rating. The veteran guarterback became the second player in team history to throw 35 or more touchdowns in a season and set a franchise record with eight games of three-plus passing touchdowns in 2020. His 17 career games with 300-plus passing yards, three-plus touchdowns and 115.0 or better passer rating are the most in the first nine seasons of a quarterback's career in NFL history

VIKINGS CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT	AN
Player	Attempts
Kirk Cousins, 10/13/19 - 12/2/19	201
Warren Moon, 10/22/95 - 11/23/95	193
Randall Cunningham, 12/21/97 - 10/25/98	162
Kirk Cousins, 12/25/20 - Current	162
2020 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	
Player, Team Passing to	ouchdowns
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	48
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	40
Russell Wilson, Seattle	40
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	38
Josh Allen, Buffalo	38
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	35
2018-21 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	
Player, Team Passing to	ouchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	120
Russell Wilson, Seattle	112
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	103
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	102
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	96
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	89
Deshaun Watson, Houston	85
Drew Brees, New Orleans	83
NFL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015	
	ompletions
	ompletions 2,415
Player, Team Co	
Player, Team Co Matt Ryan, Atlanta	2,415



NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	40
Drew Brees, New Orleans	37
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	36
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	36
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	34

NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Yards
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	28,065
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	26,785
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	26,601
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	25,937
Russell Wilson, Seattle	24,593
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	24,443

NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Drew Brees, New Orleans	53
Russell Wilson, Seattle	52
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	50
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	49
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	45
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	44

NEL COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (MINIMUM 1.500 ATTEMPTS)

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Player, Team Completion	Perce	ntage
Deshaun Watson, Houston		67.9
Drew Brees, San Diego/New Orleans		67.7
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota		67.1
Teddy Bridgewater, Minnesota/New Orleans/Carol	lina	66.9
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City		66.4
Dak Prescott, Dallas		66.4

VIKINGS PASSER RATING IN A SEASON

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

BY THE NUMBERS

Drew Brees, New Orleans



Kirk Cousins' touchdown pass to K.J. Osborn at Arizona was is the 14th touchdown of at least 60 yards in his career.

2.205



Cousins is slated to start his 50th game as a member of the Minnesota Vikings against the Seahawks in Week 3.

JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES



WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/195 COLLEGE: LSU NFL SEASON: 2 VIKINGS SEASON: 2

Jefferson became the first Vikings WR to complete a pass in a game in Week 1 at Cincinnati since Sidney Rice vs. Oakland, 11/18/2007. He also became the first to attempt a pass since Stefon Diggs vs. Green Bay, 12/23/2019. Jefferson put together arguably the best season by a rookie receiver in the Super Bowl era in 2020, breaking an 18-year-old rookie receiving record as he finished the year with 1,400 yards en route to Pro Bowl and All-Pro honors. He became just the second player since the AFL-NFL merger to post seven 100-yard receiving games as a rookie, and his 87.5 receiving yards per game rank second-most by a rookie in the history of the league. The fifth receiver drafted in 2020, Jefferson set Vikings rookie records for receiving yards (1,400), receptions (88) and 100-yard games (7), passing the marks established by Hall of Famer Randy Moss during his 1998 Offensive Rookie of the Year campaign.

VIKINGS CAREER GAMES TO REACH 1 Player, Season	00 RECEPTIONS Games
Justin Jefferson, 2020 -	18*
Stefon Diggs, 2015-16	20
Jermaine Wiggings, 2004-05	20
Rickey Young, 1978-79	21
Randy Moss, 1998-99	22
*at 99 catches in 18 career games	
2020 RECEIVING YARDS	
Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	1,535
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	1,416
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	1,407
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	1,400
Calvin Ridley, Atlanta	1,374
Davante Adams, Green Bay	1,374
DK Metcalf, Seattle	1,303
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	1,276
2020 RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES	
Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	1,400
CeeDee Lamb, Dallas	935
Tee Higgins, Cincinnati	908
Chase Claypool, Pittsburgh	873
Jerry Jeudy, Denver	856
2020 RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME	
Player, Team	Receiving Yards/Game
Davante Adams, Green Bay	98.1
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	95.9
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	94.4
Calvin Ridley, Atlanta	91.6
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	87.9
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	87.5
Julio Jones, Atlanta	85.7
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	85.1



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.

ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS BY NFL ROOKI	S
Player, Team, Season	Receiving Yards
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)	1,473
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020	1,400
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
MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY NFL ROOKIE	s
Player, Team, Season	100-Yard Games
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)	9
Justin Jefferson, 2020	7
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014	7
Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954	7
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	6
MOST RECEPTIONS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES	1
Player, Season	Receptions
Justin Jefferson, 2020	88
Randy Moss, 1998	69
Percy Harvin, 2009	60
Stefon Diggs, 2015	52
MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROO	DKIES
Player, Season	Receiving Yards
Justin Jefferson, 2020	1,400
Randy Moss, 1998	1,313
Sammy White, 1976	906
Paul Flatley, 1963	867
Percy Harvin, 2009	790
MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROO	DKIES
Player, Season	100-Yard Games
Justin Jefferson, 2020	7
Randy Moss, 1998	4
Sammy White, 1976	3
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(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

Hassan lones, 1986

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DALVIN COOK NOTES



RB DALVIN COOK

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5-10/210 **COLLEGE:** Florida State NFL SEASON: 5 VIKINGS SEASON: 5

In Week 2 at Arizona, Dalvin Cook rushed for over 100 vards for the 16th time in his career. Cook, who signed an extension with the Vikings the day before the Week 1 matchup with Green Bay went on to post a career year in 2020, earning his second consecutive Pro Bowl selection. Cook became the third Viking in team history to rush for over 1,500 yards in a season and passed Robert Smith's 2000 season total (1,521) to move into third place in franchise history with 1,557 rushing yards. Cook's 108 points scored also tied Adrian Peterson's 2009 mark for the second-most points by a Vikings position player in team history (Chuck Foreman, 132 in 1975). In November, Cook led the NFL with 641 rushing yards on 127 attempts and an average of 128.2 rushing yards per game through five contests en route to being named NFC Offensive Player of the Month.

2019-21 NEL BUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	33
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	30
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	25
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	22
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	21
2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS	
Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	3,807
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	2,884
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	2,739
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,440
Lamar Jackson, Baltimore	2,404
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas	2,249
2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER G	AME
Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game

Derrick Henry, Tennessee	115.4
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	96.1
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	91.3
Christian McCaffrey, Arizona	84.9
Josh Jacobs, Las Vegas	77.6

2019-21 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
4,201 (3,807, 394)
3,824 (2,884, 940)
3,230 (2,440, 790)
3,188 (2,739, 449)
3,139 (1,817, 1,322)



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
Dalvin Cook, 2020	1,557
Robert Smith, 2000	1,521
Adrian Peterson, 2015	1,485
Adrian Peterson, 2009	1,383

VIKINGS MOST CAREER RUSHING VARDS

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
Ted Brown, 1979-86	4,546
Dave Osborn, 1965-75	4,320
Darrin Nelson, 1982-89, 91-92	4,231
Dalvin Cook, 2017-	3,722

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
Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present	16
Michael Bennett, 2001-05	9
Bill Brown, 1962-74	8

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

Dalvin Cook finished second in the NFL in 2020 with 1,918 scrimmage yards, 1,557 rushing yards and 111.2 rushing yards per game. He tied for second in the league with 16 rushing touchdowns.

Cook's 641 yards were the seventh-most rushing yards recorded in the month of November in NFL history, and the total set a team record for the month of November. His 128.2 rushing yards per game and 166.4 scrimmage yards per game also ranked third in Vikings history for the month.

ADAM THIELEN NOTES

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WR ADAM THIELEN

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

In Week 1 at Cincinnati. Thielen recorded his 40th and 41st touchdown reception of his career. He also went for over 400 catches in his career. Thielen finished the season with 925 vards on 74 receptions and set a career record with 14 receiving touchdowns in 2020. His 14 receiving scores rank fifth in team history for a single season. Overall, Thielen's 14 receiving touchdowns ranked third in the NFL, and his four games with two touchdowns tied for the third-most in a season in franchise history, behind only Cris Carter (seven in 1995) and Hall of Famer Randy Moss (five in 2003).

2020-21 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Receiving touchdowns
Davante Adams, Green Bay	18
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	17
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	16
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	15

2017-21 NFL RECEPTIONS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receptions
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	440
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	418
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	416
Davante Adams, Green Bay	388
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	369
Julio Jones, Atlanta/Tennessee	360
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	354
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	330
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	323
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	321
JuJu Smith-Schuster, Pittsburgh	318

2017-21 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN Player, Season Receptions Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers

DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	107
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	100
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	99
Julio Jones, Atlanta	95
Davante Adams, Green Bay	92
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	92
R. Woods, Los Angeles Rams/S. Diggs, Buffalo	91

2017-21 NFL RECEIVING YARDS. WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team Re	ceiving yards
DeÁndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	5,659
Julio Jones, Átlanta	5,443
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	5,204
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	5,009
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	4,988
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	4,813
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	4,787
Davante Adams, Green Bay	4,698
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	4,664
Brandin Cooks, New England/LA Rams/Housto	n 4,229
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	4,161
Amari Cooper, Las Vegas/Dallas	4,151
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	4,123



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.

2017-21 NEL MOST 100+ VARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player, Team 100+ Yard	Games	
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	24	
Julio Jones, Atlanta	24	
D. Adams, GB/M. Thomas, NOR/T. Kelce, KAN/K. Allen, LAC	18	
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	17	
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	17	
MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES BY VIKING IN A SEASON Player, Season 100+ Yard Games		
Adam Thielen, 2018	9	
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
Adam Thielen	20
Jake Reed	18

VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	Receiving Touchdowns
Cris Carter	110
Randy Moss	92
Anthony Carter	52
Sammy White	50
Kyle Rudolph	48
Adam Thielen	42
Ahmad Rashad	34
Jake Reed	33

VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS

Player	Receptions
Cris Carter	1,004
Randy Moss	587
Steve Jordan	498
Anthony Carter	478
Kyle Rudolph	446
Jake Reed	413
Adam Thielen	412

Adam Thielen is only the third player in franchise history with 14 or more receiving touchdowns in a season, joining Cris Carter (1995) and Randy Moss (1998, 2000, 2003).

Recording his 14th receiving touchdown of the season in Week 17 and 39th of his career, Thielen ranks sixth in franchise history in career receiving scores. He broke a tie with Ahmad Rashad (34) with two scores against Dallas in Week 11 of the 2020 season.



HARRISON SMITH NOTES



S HARRISON SMITH

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

Smith extended his team record for most sacks by a DB to 14.5 with 1.0 at Cincinnati. Joey Browner ranks second with 9.5. Smith, who recently signed a contract extension, finished the 2020 season with 89 tackles and tied a career high with five interceptions. The five-time Pro Bowler has 28 career interceptions, which ranks seventh-most in franchise history while his 859 tackles are the third-most by a Vikings defensive back in team history.

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS	
Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavien Howard, Miami	10
J.C. Jackson, New England	9
Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City	6
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	5
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	5
Justin Simmons, Denver	5

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDS Player, Seasons Intercentions TDs

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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)

numson siniui, 2012-10	
Charlie West, 1968-73	

SMITH'S INTERCEPTION RETURN TDS

 Game
 Play

 vs. Arizana, 10/21/12
 31t INT Return off John Skelton

 vs. Chicago, 12/9/12
 56t INT Return off Jay Cutler

 at 5t. 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 Appearar		
Patrick Peterson, Minnesota	7	
Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore	6	
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Fran	icisco 5	
Eric Weddle, San Deigo/Baltimore/	Los Angeles 5	
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	5	
Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New Englan	d/Denver/Los Angeles 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.

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTIONS Player, Seasons Interceptions Paul Krause, 1968-79 53 Bobby Bryant, 1968-80 51 Ed Sharockman, 1962-72 4N Joey Browner, 1983-91 37 Nate Wright, 1971-80 31 Carl Lee. 1983-93 29 Harrison Smith, 2012-28 Orlando Thomas, 1995-2001 John Turner, 1978-83, '85, '87 77 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, 2012-14.5 loev Browner, 1983-91 95 VIKINGS CAREER TACKLES BY A DB Player, Years Tackles Tommy Hannon, 1977-84 1.056 Joey Browner, 1983-91 987 Harrison Smith. 2012-882 Antoine Winfield, 2005-12 769 Robert Griffith, 1994-01 714 Carl Lee. 1983-93 702

BY THE NUMBERS



Smith recorded his 28th career interception and team-leading fifth of 2020 in the season finale at Detroit. Smith ranks seventh all-time on the Vikings career interceptions list.

3 (89, 54, 50)

14.5

Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (14.5) by a defensive back since 2012 behind only Jamal Adams (21.5).

ERIC KENDRICKS NOTES

Tackler



LB ERIC KENDRICKS

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

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 Greenvay (Second Team) in 2012. In 2020, Kendricks tallied 107 tackles and three interceptions through 11 games before suffering a calf injury. Despite missing five games, he finished tied for first in the league in interceptions among linebackers and his six passes defensed tied for ninthmost by players at the position. Eric Kendricks' 15 tackles marks 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.

2021 TOTAL TACKLES IN THE NFL

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Bobby Wagner, Seattle	33
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	26
Denzel Perryman, Las Vegas	22
Blake Martinez, New York Giants	21
Jordyn Brooks, Seattle	20
2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS	

Player, Team	Interceptions
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	3
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	3
Joe Schobert, Jacksonville	3
Eight players tied	2

NFL TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2021

Player, Team Total 1	ackles 🛛
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	882
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	714
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	684
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	680
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	665
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	619
Landon Collins, New York Giants/Washington	605
K.J. Wright, Seattle	595
Tahir Whitehead, Detroit/Oakland/Carolina	578



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 DEFENSED, NFL LINEBACKERS

Pass. Def.
21
18
18
16
15
14
14

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
Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present	39
Anthony Barr, 2014-Present	36
Ed McDaniel, 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

NUMBERS 15

Fric Kendricks' 15 tackles marks the second-most in his career - his most since Week 13 in 2018 when he had 16 tackles against the New England Patriots.



DANIELLE HUNTER NOTES



DE DANIELLE HUNTER

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-5/252 COLLEGE: 1 SU NFL SEASON: 7 VIKINGS SEASON: 7

Danielle Hunter returned to his 2019 form, posting 4.0 sacks through the first two games of the year. Hunter became just the third player in Vikings history to record at least 4.0 sacks through the first two games of the season, joining Mark Mullaney (1978) and Carl Eller (1974). The seven-year NFL veteran passed Bruce Smith and Jared Allen for the fifth-most career sacks in NFL history before the age of 27 after recording 3.0 sacks against the Cardinals in Week 2 of the 2021 season. Hunter's 3.0 sacks against Arizona marked just the third time he has tallied at least 3.0 sacks in a single game during his career. Hunter has recorded more than 1.0 sacks in a single game 11 times in his career, with one of his most notable performances coming in the 2019 Wild Card game when he sacked Drew Brees 1.5 times to help the Vikings beat the Saints in New Orleans.

CAREER SACKS PRIOR TO TURNING 27 Player, Team J.J. Watt, Houston Reggie White, Philidelphia* Derrick Thomas, Kansas City* Von Miller, Denver Danielle Hunter, Minnesota Bruce Smith, Buffalo* Jared Allen, Minnesota Pat Swilling, New Orleans Charles Haley, San Francisco* Dwight Freeney, Indianapolis *Hall of Famers	Sacks 74.5 70.0 66.0 60.0 58.5 57.5 56.5 56.5 56.5 56.5
2021 SACKS LEADERS Player, Team Chandler Jones, Arizona Danielle Hunter, Minnesota Jonathan Allen, Washington Nick Bosa, San Francisco Von Miller, Denver Haason Reddick, Carolina Josh Uche, New England T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	Sacks 5.0 4.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0 3.0
2019 NFL SACKS Player, Team Shaquil Barrett, Tampa Bay Chandler Jones, Arizona Cameron Jordan, New Orleans Danielle Hunter, Minnesota T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh Za'Darius Smith, Green Bay Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams Preston Smith, Green Bay Four Players	Sacks 19.5 19.0 15.5 14.5 14.5 13.5 12.5 12.0 11.5
2018 NFL SACKS Player, Team Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams JJ. Watt, Houston Chris Jones, Kansas City Danielle Hunter, Minnesota Von Miller, Denver Frank Clark, Seattle	<i>Sacks</i> 20.5 16.0 15.5 14.5 14.5 14.0



Danielle Hunter recently participated in a People Serving People event, supplying children, through Scheels, with new clothes and school supplies as they prepare to start the school year.

2016-21 NFL SACKS Player, Team Aaron Donaid, Los Angeles Rams Chandler Jones, Arizona Cameron Jordan, New Orleans Danielle Hunter, Minnesota Khalil Mack, Oakland/Chicago T.J. Watt, Pittburgh Von Miller, Denver Joey Bosa, Los Angeles Chargers	Sacks 66.5 66.0 55.5 52.5 52.5 52.5 49.0 48.5
VIKINGS MOST SACKS IN FIRST 4 SEASONS W/ TEX (* JOINED VIKINGS AS ROOKIE) Player, Seasons Jared Allen, 2008-11 Danielle Hunter, 2015-18* Alan Page, 1967-70* Jim Marshall, 1961-64 John Randle, 1990-93*	Sacks 62.0 40.0 39.0 37.0 34.5
VIKINGS SACKS IN A SEASON (NFL-LED NFL, NFC-L Player, Season Jared Allen, 2011, NFL Chris Doleman, 1989, NFL Keith Millard, 1989 Alan Page, 1976, NFL John Randle, 1997, NFL Carl Eller, 1969 Carl Eller, 1969	ED NFC) Sacks 22.0 21.0 18.0 18.0 15.5 15.0 15.0

Danielle Hunter, 2019 14.5 Danielle Hunter, 2018 14.5 14.5 Jared Allen, 2009, NFC Jared Allen, 2008 14.5 Chris Doleman, 1992 14.5

58.5

Danielle Hunter has recorded 58.5 sacks since 2015, which ranks sixth among active NFL players.



PATRICK PETERSON



CB PATRICK PETERSON

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/198 COLLEGE: 1 SU 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
Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota	28
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	28
Janoris Jenkins, Rams/Giants/Saints/Titans	26
Tied with three other players	25

NFL LEADERS - GAMES STARTED BY A DB SINCE 2011

Player, Team	Games Started
Devin McCourty, New England	157
Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota	156
Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans/Philadeplia	156
Brandon Carr, Kansas City/Dallas/Baltimore	144
Eric Weddle, San Deigo/Baltimore/Los Angel	es 141

NFL LEADERS - FUMBLE RECOVERIES BY AN ACTIVE DB SINCE 2011

Player, Team	Fumble Recoveries
Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota	12
Vonn Bell, New Orleans/Cincinnati	9
Harrison Smith, Minnesota/5 players	8

NFL LEADERS - PRO BOWLS BY A DB SINCE 2011

Player, Team Pro Bowl Appearanc	
Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota 8	;
Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore 7	!
Eric Weddle, San Deigo/Baltimore/Los Angeles 6	j
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco 5	j
Harrison Smith, Minnesota 5	i
Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New England/Denver/Los Angeles 5	j



Patrick's Corner is a program that provides at-risk students access to books and a fun reading environment through placing libraries in Title I schools and inner-city community centers. Eleven schools have received Patrick's Corners since the program's development.

NFL 2010 ALL-DECADE TEAM MEMEBER (DEFENSE)

Player, Team	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
Patrick Peterson	CB
Darrelle Revis	CB
Richard Sherman	CB
Eric Berry	S
Earl Thomas	S
Eric Weddle	S
Chris Harris Jr.	DB

BY THE **156** Patrick Peterson now ranks second in most games started by a DB since 2011.

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

SCHEDULE NOTES		
WK1 9/12/21	at Cincinnatti 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 hosts Seattle in the home-opener at U.S. Bank Stadium in Week 3, marking the first time since the 2015 season the Vikings will play the Seahawks at home after the two clubs have met in Seattle each of the last three seasons. The Vikings look to pick up their first win against the Seahawks since a 35-9 victory at home in 2009, which would snap a seven-game losing streak versus Seattle.
WK 4 10/3/21	Minneapolis 12-4 (7-2) H	The Vikings welcome Cleveland in Week 4 for the teams' first meeting since playing in London at Twickenham Stadium in 2017. It also marks the first matchup between Head Coaches Mike Zimmer and Kevin Stefanski, who served on the Vikings coaching staff for 14 seasons before becoming the Browns head coach in 2020.
WK5 10/10/21	Minneapolis 78-39-2 (42-16-1) H	Minnesota chases a fourth 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. In the Week 9 home victory over Detroit in 2020, Vikings RB Dalvin Cook had his first career 200-yard outing and scored two touchdowns to become the sixth player in league history with a rushing touchdown in each of his first seven games of a season.
WK 6 10/17/21	at Carolina 9-6 (2-3) A	The Vikings head to Charlotte, North Carolina, to take on the Panthers in Week 6 for the first time since 2017. Last season, Minnesota beat Carolina 28-27 at home in Week 12. In the contest, WR Chad Beebe caught a 10-yard pass from QB Kirk Cousins with 46 seconds left to cap a comeback win after trailing 24-13 in the fourth quarter.
WK 8 10/31/21	Minneapolis 15-17 (7-11) H	The Vikings play the Cowboys for the third consecutive season and third in prime time since facing Dallas on <i>Thursday Night Football</i> on Dec. 1, 2016. Minnesota last hosted Dallas on a Sunday night in Week 3 of the 1995 season, a 23-17 Cowboys OT victory, Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer previously spent 13 seasons on the Cowboys coaching staff, serving as a defensive backs coach (1994-99) and defensive coordinator (2000-06).
WK 9 11/7/21	at Baltimore 3-3 (1-3) A	Minnesota looks to record its first victory on the road at Baltimore since the teams' first meeting in 1998 when the Vikings came away with a 38-28 win. A back-and-forth fourth quarter in Minnesota's last game at Baltimore in Week 14 of the 2013 season saw six lead changes with the Vikings scoring a 79-yard touchdown with 45 seconds to play before the Ravens took a 29-26 lead with four seconds to go in the game. Week 9 marks NT Michael Pierce's first game against his former team since signing with the Vikings as a free agent in 2020.
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WK 10 11/14/21	at Los Angeles 7-6 (2-3) A	Minnesota is set to play the Los Angeles Chargers at SoFI Stadium for the first time since its opening. The Vikings have won the previous two contests against the Chargers, most recently claiming a 39-10 victory on the road in 2019. In that game, Minnesota scored 30 unanswered points in the game's final 35 minutes. Overall, Week 10 will feature two of the best offensive rookies of 2020 in Vikings WR Justin Jefferson and Chargers QB Justin Herbert.
WK 11 11/21/21	Minneapolis 55-63-3 (29-30) H	In the first game with Green Bay of the season, the Vikings look to even their home series record against the Packers after dropping the 2020 home opener 43-34. In the last outing at U.S. Bank Stadium between the clubs, WR Adam Thielen tied a career high with two receiving touchdowns and RB Dalvin Cook had two rushing scores.
WK 12 11/28/21	at San Francisco 23-24-1 (8-15-1) A	Minnesota visits San Francisco for a regular season game for the first time since a 2015 contest saw the 49ers take a 20-3 victory. The Vikings own a 1-1 record against the 49ers under Mike Zimmer in the regular season and last met in the 2019 NFC Divisional Playoff game that was held in San Francisco.
WK 13 12/5/21	at Detroit 78-39-2 (36-23-1) A	The Vikings own a four-game winning streak on the road at Detroit and have beaten the Lions in the previous seven games, dating back to Week 12 of the 2017 season. In the last outing between the clubs (in the 2020 season finale), Vikings WR Justin Jefferson recorded 133 receiving yards to set the Super Bowl-era rookie record for most receiving yards (1,400) and set multiple Vikings records.
WK 14 12/9/21	Minneapolis 9-9 (4-2) H	Minnesota welcomes Pittsburgh to U.S. Bank Stadium for the first time since the venue opened in 2016 as the teams will square off on <i>Thursday Night Football</i> . The Vikings are 7-11 in Thursday night contests, and the franchises are meeting on <i>TNF</i> for the first time. The Vikings last played Pittsburgh at home in 2005 and the Week 14 game will be Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin's first game back in Minnesota since serving as the Vikings defensive coordinator in 2006.
WK 15 12/20/21	at Chicago 61-57-2 (24-33-2) A	Minnesota meets Chicago on Monday Night Football for the 16th time in franchise history, the most of any opponent, and leads the series 8-7. A victory in Week 15 would give the Vikings a win at Soldier Field and on Monday Night Football for the second straight season after defeating the Bears, 19-13, in Week 10 of the 2020 season. Overall, it's the fourth meeting on MNF between the two clubs in the last six seasons (2016-17, 2020-21).
WK 16 12/26/21	Minneapolis 27-17-2 (16-3-2) H	Minnesota and the Los Angeles Rams square off at U.S. Bank Stadium for the second time since the venue opened in 2016. Under Mike Zimmer, the Vikings own a 3-1 record against the Rams after falling to Los Angeles 38-31 in the 2018 matchup on the road and are 2-0 at home since 2014. The Vikings last battled two Los Angeles franchises in the same season in 1987 when Minnesota played at the L.A. Rams (9/20/87) and hosted the L.A. Raiders (11/8/87).
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.



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. 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 <u>All Square</u>, 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 <u>RISE (Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality)</u>, 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 <u>306 Black History</u> 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 react thousands of students.

PROJECT SUCCESS

In 2019, the Vikings partnered with <u>Project Success</u>, 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 reguarly with Eric Kendricks, Anthony Barr, Alexander Mattison, Kirk Cousins, Kyle Rudolph, Ameer Abdullah, Adam Thielen, Anthony Harris and Harrison Smith on social justice intiatives.

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 (TCD) 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.

JEFFERSON HOSTS BACKPACK EVENT

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.



VIKINGS PLAYERS SURPRISE YOUTH

Vikings LB Eric Kendricks, WR Justin Jefferson and DE Danielle Hunter surprised youth currently residing at People Serving People with a back-to-school event hosted by the Vikings and SCHEELS.

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.

HURRICANE IDA RELIEF

Category four Hurricane Ida made landfall in the southeastern Louisiana coast on Sunday, August 29 and caused devastation in Louisiana and across the Gulf Coast. In efforts to help provide relief for those in need, several Vikings players, coaches and ownership came together to donate over \$100,000 to the American Red Cross and their disaster relief efforts.

KENDRICKS AND HIPPY FEET

Vikings LB Eric Kendricks, tearned 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.

VIKINGS ROOKIES HOST ALL-ABILITIES CAMP

Vikings Rookies S Camryn Bynum, LB Chazz Surratt, WR Ihmir Smith-Marsette and DE Patrick Jones II helped to host an all-ability PLAY 60 clinic for a group of Shriner's Children's Hospital patients. Participants ranged from ages three to 19 and had mobility restrictions or orthopedic conditions. The rookies ran through modified drills to give the patients a chance to have "day in the life" of a Vikings player.



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. This year, Vikings' Legend Kevin Williams will be inducted into the Vikings Ring of Honor during the weekend of October 3, when the Vikings host 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 Yary, 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

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

Alan Page...... 6 John Randle...... 6 *Kevin Williams...... 5*





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 meal 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 sand 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.
- Vikings Table is maintained and operated by Canteen.



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