



# VIKINGS

Week 13 | Sunday, December 5, 2021 | Ford Field | Noon CT | CBS

## 2021 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON.....	5-6
NFC NORTH .....	2-0
HOME .....	3-2
AWAY .....	2-4

## 2021 SCHEDULE

Week (Date)	Opponent	Time (CT)	TV
1) 9/12 (Sun.)	at Cincinnati	Noon	L, 27-24 OT
2) 9/19 (Sun.)	at Arizona	3:05 p.m.	L, 34-33
3) 9/26 (Sun.)	SEATTLE	3:25 p.m.	W, 30-17
4) 10/3 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	Noon	L, 14-7
5) 10/10 (Sun.)	DETROIT	Noon	W, 19-17
6) 10/17 (Sun.)	at Carolina	Noon	W, 34-28 OT
7) 10/24 (Sun.)	BYE WEEK		
8) 10/31 (Sun.)	DALLAS	7:20 p.m.	L, 20-16
9) 11/7 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	Noon	L, 34-31 OT
10) 11/14 (Sun.)	at LA Chargers	3:05 p.m.	W, 27-20
11) 11/21 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	Noon	W, 34-31
12) 11/28 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	3:25 p.m.	L, 34-26
13) 12/5 (Sun.)	at Detroit	Noon	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.)	LARams	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: CBS**  
Play-by-Play: Spero Dedes  
Analyst: Jay Feely
- ▷ **LOCAL RADIO: KFAN-FM 100.3-FM / KTLK 1130-AM**  
Play-by-Play: Paul Allen  
Analyst: Pete Berich  
Sideline: Greg Coleman & Ben Leber  
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 (5-6) travel to Ford Field for their second consecutive road game and second matchup against the Detroit Lions (0-10-1) this season at noon (CT) on Sunday, Dec. 5.

In Week 12, Minnesota fell 34-26 to San Francisco, and Detroit lost 16-14 in an NFC North home matchup against Chicago last Thursday afternoon on Thanksgiving.

With two touchdowns at San Francisco, QB **Kirk Cousins** set a team record for most consecutive games (25) with a touchdown pass thrown, passing Daunte Culpepper (24) for most all-time in franchise history, which also marks the longest active streak in the NFL. WR **Justin Jefferson** eclipsed the 1,000-yard receiving mark (1,027) on the year, becoming the eighth player in Vikings history to record multiple 1,000-yard receiving seasons. Reaching 1,000 receiving yards in 11 games is tied for the third-fewest games to reach that benchmark in franchise history, trailing only Adam Thielen (10, 2018) and Randy Moss (10, 2003). Jefferson also became the second player to tally over 1,000 receiving yards in his first two seasons in team history, joining Moss in 1998 and 1999.

WR **Adam Thielen** moved into fifth all-time in Vikings career receiving touchdowns with 49. He registered his eighth career multi-touchdown game and second this season, with both of his touchdowns coming in the first half at San Francisco. Thielen now leads the NFL in touchdown receptions since the start of last season with 24.

S **Harrison Smith** picked off QB Jimmy Garoppolo for his 29th career interception, which is tied with Carl Lee for sixth all-time in franchise history. He now ranks first in the NFL for career interceptions by a safety since entering the league in 2012.

With his 99-yard kickoff return for a touchdown at San Francisco, RB **Kene Nwangwu** became the first Vikings rookie since Cordarrelle Patterson in 2013 to have multiple kickoff returns for a touchdown in a season with two. Nwangwu, Patterson (2013) and Percy Harvin (2009) are the only rookies in franchise history to have multiple kickoff returns for a touchdown.

## STAT OF THE WEEK

Fastest to two kickoff return touchdowns in the NFL since 1970:

### RB Kene Nwangwu - 5 games (MIN)

WR Jerome Mathis - 6 games (HOU)  
WR Brandon Tate - 6 games (NE)  
WR Cordarrelle Patterson - 7 games (MIN)  
WR Percy Harvin - 7 games (MIN)  
DB Darrick Vaughn - 7 games (ATL)



## WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

**Monday, November 29**

1 p.m. - Select players available via Zoom

4 p.m. - Mike Zimmer available via Zoom

**Tuesday, November 30**

No access

**Wednesday, December 1**

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.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 indoor practice field12:45 p.m. - Andre Patterson available in the media center  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Practice**Thursday, December 2**

11:05 a.m. - 1 p.m. - Practice

1 p.m. - Ryan Ficken, Klint Kubiak, Adam Zimmer and select players available in the media center

**Friday, December 3**

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Practice (Mike Zimmer available in the media center at the completion of practice)

**Saturday, December 4**

No access

**Sunday, December 5**

Noon CT - Minnesota Vikings at Detroit Lions on CBS

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## NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- With his pass completion to RB Dalvin Cook, WR **Justin Jefferson** has three pass attempts on the year, which is tied for the second-most passes thrown in a single season by a player other than a quarterback in Vikings history. Non-QB pass attempts in franchise history:  
7 Alfred Anderson, RB, 1984  
3 Jerry Reichow, WR, 1961  
3 Randy Moss, WR, 2002  
**3 Justin Jefferson, WR, 2021**
- Jefferson tallied 464 receiving yards in the month of November, which is the third-most in franchise history and the most since Randy Moss (510) in 2000. Jefferson and Moss are the only two players in Vikings history to record over 450 receiving yards in the month of November.  
510 Randy Moss, 2000  
473 Randy Moss, 1998  
**464 Justin Jefferson, WR, 2021**
- WR **Adam Thielen** recorded his eighth career multi-touchdown game of his career, tying Sammy White for third-most in franchise history.
- Thielen passed TE Kyle Rudolph for fifth all-time in career receiving touchdowns in franchise history. If he gets two more, he will pass Sammy White and move into fourth in franchise history:  
110 Kris Carter, 1990-2001  
92 Randy Moss, 1998-04, 2010  
52 Anthony Carter, 1985-93  
50 Sammy White, 1976-86  
**49 Adam Thielen, present**
- Thielen, who has 10 touchdown receptions this season and had 14 touchdown catches in 2020, is the fourth undrafted player to record at least 10 touchdown receptions in multiple seasons, joining Antonio Gates (four), Stephone Paige (two) and Rod Smith (two).
- S Harrison Smith** moved into second place for most games played in a career by a safety.  
171 Paul Krause, 1968-79  
**139 Harrison Smith, 2012-2021**  
138 Joey Browner, 1983-91
- Smith had 11 tackles at San Francisco in Week 12, ranking as the second-most of his career and the most since Dec. 2, 2012, against Green Bay when he posted 11.

BY THE  
NUMBERS

500

With the win over the Packers in Week 11, the Vikings became the 15th team in league history to reach 500 regular season wins.

11

TE Tyler Conklin has caught at least two passes in 11-straight games, tying Travis Kelce (KC), Mark Andrews (BAL) and Kyle Pitts (ATL) for the league lead.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

### PLAYERS

Dan **Chisena**

Tashawn Bower

Andrew **DePaola**

Dakota **Dozier**

Danielle Hunter

Bisi Johnson

Kene Nwangwu

Janarius Robinson

Ihmir Smith-Marsette

Timon Parris

Chazz **Surratt**

Olisaemeka Uдох

Dede Westbrook

Kenny **Willekes**

Xavier Woods

Eddie **Yarbrough**

### PRONUNCIATION

cha-SEN-a

tuh-SHAWN

dee-PAUL-uh

DOUGH-jher

duh-KNEEL

BEE-see

kuh-NAY WAHN-goo

juh-narr-iss

ah-MEER smith MARR-sett

tih-MOAN

suh-RATT

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

DEE-dee

WILL-uh-KISS

ECK-zay-vee-er

YAHR-bro

### COACHING STAFF

Imarjaye Albury

Andrew Janocko

Klint Kubiak

Keenan McCardell

Brian Pariani

Sam Siefkes

im-MAR-jay AL-berry

juh-NO-coe

koo-bee-ack

mih-car-DELL

PEAR-ee-ah-nee

seef-kiss

## 2021 NEW FACES

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

Player	Pos	Acq.
Mackensie Alexander	CB	Free Agent
Jordan Berry	P	Free Agent
Tashawn Bower	DE	Free Agent
Bashaud Breeland	CB	Free Agent
Mason Cole	C	Trade (Arizona)
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
Luke Stocker	TE	Free Agent
Dalvin Tomlinson	DT	Free Agent
Nick Vigil	LB	Free Agent
Dede Westbrook	WR	Free Agent
Xavier Woods	S	Free Agent
Eddie Yarbrough	DE	Free Agent

### DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (8)

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

## RETURNERS from 2020

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

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

### Leading Returners (Total)

#### Passing Yards

Kirk Cousins (4,265)

#### Rushing Yards

Dalvin Cook (1,557)

#### Rushing TDs

Dalvin Cook (16)

#### Receiving Yards

Justin Jefferson (1,400)

#### Receiving TDs

Adam Thielen (14)

#### Tackles

Eric Kendricks (107)

#### Sacks

D.J. Wonnum (3.0)

#### Interceptions

Harrison Smith (5)

#### Punt Return Yards

K.J. Osborn (27)

#### Kick Return Yards

K.J. Osborn (303)

## ROSTER NOTES

### Oldest Viking Players

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

### Youngest Viking Players

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

### Most Seasons as a Viking

Harrison Smith (10)

### Most NFL Seasons

Patrick Peterson (11)

### College with the most Vikings

LSU (3)

### Home state with the most Vikings

Florida (7) and Texas (7)

### Conference with the most Vikings

ACC (10 players on roster)

### Largest Viking

Brian O'Neill (Height: 6-7)

Michael Pierce (Weight: 340 lbs)

### Smallest Viking

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

Dede Westbrook (Weight: 178 lbs)

### 1st Round Draft Picks (7)

[5] Patrick Peterson (2011)

[9] Anthony Barr (2014)

[13] Sheldon Richardson (2013)

[18] Garrett Bradbury (2019)

[22] Justin Jefferson (2020)

[23] Christian Darrisaw (2021)

[29] Harrison Smith (2012)

### Pro Bowlers (9)

Patrick Peterson-ARI (8x)

Harrison Smith (5x)

Anthony Barr (4x)

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:** 69-53-1 (.565)

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

**RECORD WITH MIN:** 69-53-1 (.565)

COACHING BACKGROUND

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

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  
336.6 (7th) ..... 223.5 (5th) ..... 113.1 (20th) ... 316.0 (6th) ..... 21.13 (7th) ..... 258 (3rd) ..... 87 (3rd)..... 171 (3rd)..... 35.9% (1st)

## ZIMMER'S BACKGROUND



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



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
ASSISTANT COACH (1979-80)



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



WASHINGTON ST.  
DEF. COORDINATOR (1989-93)



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



ATLANTA  
DEF. COORDINATOR (2007)



CINCINNATI  
DEF. COORDINATOR (2008-13)



MINNESOTA  
HEAD COACH (2014-PRESENT)



### ANDRE PATTERSON

ASST. HEAD COACH/CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DL

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 39th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 18th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 10th Season



### ADAM ZIMMER

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 16th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 16th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 8th Season



### KLINT KUBIAK

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR (IN BOOTH)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 12th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 8th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 5th Season



### RYAN FICKEN

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 18th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 15th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 15th Season

## ASSISTANT COACHES

IMARJAYE ALBURY\*

ROY ANDERSON\*

RICK DENNISON

PAUL GUENTHER\*

ANDREW JANOCKO

CHRISTIAN JONES\*

KEENAN McCARDELL

BRIAN PARIANI

AC PATTERSON\*

KENNEDY POLAMALU

PHIL RAUSCHER

KARL SCOTT

SAM SIEFKES\*

BEN STEELE\*

ROBERT STEEPLES

Def. Quality Control/Assistant Defensive Line

Assistant Defensive Backs

Senior Offensive Advisor

Senior Defensive Assistant

Quarterbacks

Off. Quality Control/Asst. Wide Receivers

Wide Receivers

Tight Ends

Off. Quality Control/Assistant Running Backs

Running Backs

Offensive Line

Defensive Backs

Def. Quality Control/Linebackers

Assistant Offensive Line

Assistant Special Teams

\*In coaching booth during games



## HEAD COACH DAN CAMPBELL

**NFL HEAD COACH:** 1st Year

**OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE:** 22th Year

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 12th Year

**REGULAR SEASON:** 0-10-1 (.045)

**POSTSEASON:** 0-0 (.000)

**RECORD WITH DET:** 0-10-1 (.045)

### DAN CAMPBELL SUMMARY

#### COACHING HISTORY

<b>2021 -</b>	Detroit Lions	Head Coach
<b>2016-20</b>	New Orleans Saints	Asst. Head Coach/Tight Ends
<b>2015</b>	Miami Dolphins	Interim Head Coach
<b>2011-15</b>	Miami Dolphins	Tight Ends
<b>2010</b>	Miami Dolphins	Coaching Intern

On Jan. 20, 2021 the Detroit Lions named Dan Campbell the franchise's new head coach.

Campbell brings 22 years of NFL experience to the Lions, including 11 years as a coach and 11 as a player. He most recently served as the assistant head coach/tight ends coach for the New Orleans Saints from 2016 – 2020.

During the span of his five-year coaching tenure with New Orleans, the club captured four NFC South division titles, ranked first in the NFL in points scored (2,361), touchdowns (277), net yardage (31,147) and posted the third-most wins (56) in the League. In 2019, Campbell helped coach TE Jared Cook to a Pro Bowl berth in Cook's first season with the Saints. Cook established a career-high average for yards per reception (16.4) that season under Campbell, while fellow TE Josh Hill posted a career-high 25 receptions for 226 yards and three touchdowns.

In 2018, Campbell coached TE Benjamin Watson, who helped the Saints by recording 35 receptions for 400 receiving yards and two touchdowns. Hill added 16 receptions for 185 yards and a touchdown under Campbell's tutelage, while the unit's blocking helped pave the way for the NFL's sixth-ranked rushing offense that season. During the 2017 season, Campbell's group saw three different players make starts at tight end, while still helping produce the NFL's fifth-best rushing offense.

In 2015, Campbell became the Miami Dolphins' interim head coach following organizational changes, where he took over a 1-3 team that had lost three consecutive contests and immediately helped the team win its first two games under his leadership. The Dolphins finished 5-7 under Campbell that

season, including a 20-10 win over the New England Patriots in the season finale. Under Campbell, Miami improved eight spots in the NFL's rushing yards per game rankings and saw five Dolphins selected to the Pro Bowl in 2015. Additionally, QB Ryan Tannehill became the first Dolphins signal-caller to pass for at least 4,000 yards in consecutive seasons since Dan Marino (1984-86).

Prior to taking over interim duties with the Dolphins, Campbell was responsible for mentoring Miami's tight ends unit dating back to 2011, after initially joining the Dolphins in 2010 as a coaching intern. In 2014, TE Charles Clay helped pace Campbell's unit with 58 receptions, 605 yards and three touchdowns, while the unit collectively helped pave the way for RB Lamar Miller's first 1,000-yard season.

Campbell entered the NFL coaching ranks following an 11-year playing career with the New York Giants (1999-2002), Dallas Cowboys (2003-05), Detroit Lions (2006-08) and New Orleans Saints (2009). A thirdround selection by the Giants in the 1999 NFL Draft, the former tight end appeared in 114 total career games (76 starts) and caught 91 passes for 934 yards and 11 touchdowns. He was a member of the Giants team that appeared in Super Bowl XXXV following the 2001 season. In his first year as a player with the Lions in 2006, Campbell posted career-highs in receiving yards (308), yards per reception (14.7) and touchdowns (four).

As the 28th head coach in franchise history, Campbell is also the fifth former Lions player to be named full-time head coach for the team and the first since Joe Schmidt, who played for Detroit from 1953-65 and served as head coach from 1967-72.

A Clifton, Texas native, Campbell attended Texas A&M, where he was a four-year letterman for the Aggies and majored in agricultural development. Campbell and his wife, Holly, have a son, Cody, and a daughter, Piper.

## Local Connections

- Detroit TE Shane Zylstra is from Spicer, Minnesota.
- Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins played high school football in Holland, Michigan.
- Minnesota WR K.J. Osborn is from Ypsilanti, Michigan.
- Minnesota WR Trishton Jackson is from West Bloomfield, Michigan.
- Minnesota DE Kenny Willekes is from Rockford, Michigan.
- Minnesota TE Tyler Conklin is from Chesterfield, Michigan and attended Central Michigan.

## Coaching Connections

- Lions Head Coach Dan Campbell and Lions Defensive Coordinator Aaron Glenn played for the Cowboys while Mike Zimmer was the defensive coordinator. Lions Offensive Coordinator Anthony Lynn also coached in Dallas with Zimmer.
- Lions Senior Defensive Assistant Dom Capers served as Senior Defensive Assistant for the Vikings in 2020.
- Lions offensive line coach Hank Fraley was the assistant offensive line coach for the Vikings from 2014-16.
- Lions quarterbacks coach Mark Brunell and Vikings wide receivers coach Keenan McCardell were teammates in Jacksonville from 1996-2001.

## Vikings/Lions Connections

- Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman is brothers with Lions Special Assistant to Chairman and President & CEO Chris Spielman. The Spielman brothers spent the 1988 training camp as Lions linebackers. While Chris went on to play with Detroit, Rick got his start as a college scout for the Lions from 1990-96.
- Detroit TE Shane Zylstra spent the 2021 training camp with the Minnesota Vikings.

## Professional Connections

- Vikings CB Bashaud Breeland played with Lions WR Geronimo Allison in Green Bay during the 2017 season.
- Vikings LB Ryan Connelly and Lions C Evan Brown were teammates on the Giants in 2019.
- Vikings DT Sheldon Richardson and Lions C Evan Brown were teammates on the Browns in 2020.
- Vikings CB Bashaud Breeland and Lions P Jack Fox were teammates in Kansas City in 2019.
- Vikings DT Sheldon Richardson, G Dakota Dozier and Lions WR Kalif Raymond were teammates on the Jets in the 2017 season before Raymond went to the Giants and became teammates with Vikings DT Dalvin Tomlinson.
- Vikings CB Tye Smith and Lions WR Kalif Raymond were teammates at Tennessee from 2018-20. Vikings K Greg Joseph was also teammates with Smith and Raymond in the 2019 season at Tennessee.
- Vikings CB Bashaud Breeland and Lions RB Jamaal Williams played together at Green Bay in the 2018 season. CB Parry Nickerson and Williams also were teammates at Green Bay in the 2020 season.

## College Connections

- Patrick Peterson played with Michael Brockers at LSU in 2010.
- Ihmir Smith-Marsette played with T.J. Hockenson at Iowa, 2017-2019.
- Troy Dye played with Penel Sewell at Oregon, 2018-2019.

## VIKINGS-LIONS 2021 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	MIN (RK)	DET (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	381.2 (9)	305.4 (29)	75.8
Yards / Play	5.81 (9)	4.98 (28)	0.83
Rushing Yards / Game	114.5 (15)	110.7 (20)	3.8
Rushing Yards / Play	4.22 (17)	4.61 (6)	-0.39
Passing Yards / Game	266.7 (8)	194.6 (29)	72.1
Passing Yards / Play	7.17 (10)	5.59 (32)	1.58
Interception Rate	0.73% (1)	2.09% (12)	-1.36%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	3.67% (2)	7.31% (22)	-3.64%
First Downs / Game	20.9 (15)	19.0 (26t)	1.9
Punt Return Avg	8.0 (17)	11.6 (5)	-3.6
Kickoff Return Avg	29.7 (1)	23.6 (11)	6.1
Field Goals Made	84.00% (16)	81.25% (19)	2.75%
3rd Down Pct	38.10% (21)	32.61% (31)	5.49%
4th Down Pct	64.29% (5)	43.48% (24)	20.81%
Red Zone Pct	67.65% (6)	50.00% (28t)	17.65%
Goal to Go%	78.26% (7t)	73.33% (15)	4.93%
Avg Possession Time	29:21 (20t)	28:34 (28)	.....
Points / Game	25.5 (8t)	15.8 (25)	9.7

DEFENSE	MIN (RK)	DET (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	382.9 (30)	376.8 (28)	6.1
Yards / Play	5.87 (26)	5.91 (28)	-0.04
Rushing Yards / Game	134.4 (30)	133.9 (29)	0.5
Rushing Yards / Play	4.83 (32)	4.27 (14)	0.56
Passing Yards / Game	248.5 (22)	242.9 (16)	5.6
Passing Yards / Play	7.21 (23)	7.86 (32)	-0.65
Interception Rate	2.37% (15)	2.35% (16)	0.02%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	8.71% (3)	4.71% (29)	4.00%
First Downs / Game	22.5 (27t)	21.2 (20t)	1.3
Punt Return Avg	6.8 (7)	8.9 (21)	-2.1
Kickoff Return Avg	19.7 (7)	19.3 (6)	0.4
3rd Down Pct	37.50% (9)	41.54% (23)	-4.04%
4th Down Pct	66.67% (26t)	80.00% (31t)	-13.33%
Red Zone Pct	68.75% (27)	75.00% (31)	-6.25%
Goal to Go%	86.36% (30)	84.21% (28)	2.15%
Points / Game	25.1 (21)	26.3 (24)	-1.2

## VIKINGS - LIONS GAME INFORMATION

## VIKINGS-LIONS SERIES

## VIKINGS VS. LIONS SINCE 2000

\*Vikings-Lions all-time matchups are available on the back of the release

Won 79, Lost 39, Tie 2; Home 43-16-1, Away 36-23-1

YEAR	SITE	RESULT	YEAR	SITE	RESULT
VIKINGS VS. LIONS SINCE 2000					
2000	Detroit	Minnesota 31-24		Detroit	Detroit 34-28
	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-17	2012	Detroit	Minnesota 20-13
2001	Minnesota	Minnesota 31-26		Minnesota	Minnesota 34-24
	Detroit	Detroit 27-24	2013	Detroit	Detroit 34-24
2002	Minnesota	Minnesota 31-24		Minnesota	Minnesota 14-13
	Detroit	Minnesota 38-36	2014	Minnesota	Detroit 17-3
2003	Detroit	Minnesota 23-13		Detroit	Detroit 16-14
	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-14	2015	Minnesota	Minnesota 26-16
2004	Minnesota	Minnesota 22-19		Detroit	Minnesota 28-19
	Detroit	Minnesota 28-27	2016	Minnesota	Detroit 22-16 (OT)
2005	Minnesota	Minnesota 27-14		Detroit	Detroit 16-13
	Detroit	Minnesota 21-16	2017	Minnesota	Detroit 14-7
2006	Minnesota	Minnesota 26-17		Detroit	Minnesota 30-23
	Detroit	Minnesota 30-20	2018	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-9
2007	Detroit	Detroit 20-17 (OT)		Detroit	Minnesota 27-9
	Minnesota	Minnesota 42-10	2019	Detroit	Minnesota 42-30
2008	Minnesota	Minnesota 12-10		Minnesota	Minnesota 20-7
	Detroit	Minnesota 20-16	2020	Minnesota	Minnesota 34-20
2009	Detroit	Minnesota 27-13		Detroit	Minnesota 37-35
	Minnesota	Minnesota 27-10	2021	Minnesota	Minnesota 19-17
2010	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-10			\$ denotes game played on Thanksgiving
	Detroit	Detroit 20-13			
2011	Minnesota	Detroit 26-23 (OT)			

## VIKINGS-LIONS 2021 LEADERS

## VIKINGS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Thielen	60	3t	7t
Passing Yds.	Cousins	3,013	3	7
Passing TDs	Cousins	23	3t	6t
Passer Rating	Cousins	105.3	3	3
Completion Pct.	Cousins	67.7	3	7
Rushing Att.	Cook	171	2	6
Rushing Yds.	Cook	773	1	5
Rushing TDs	Cook	4	7t	18t
Receptions	Jefferson	67	3t	7t
Receiving Yds.	Jefferson	1,027	3	3
Receiving TDs	Thielen	10	1t	1t
Interceptions	Kendricks/Woods	2	12t	26t
Tackles	Kendricks	109	5	6
Forced Fumbles	Woods/Watts	2	7t	18t
Opp. FR	4 players	1	13t	28t
Sacks	Hunter	6.0	12t	24t
FGs Made	Joseph	21	2	6
FG Pct.	Joseph	84.0	14	25
Net Punting Avg.	Berry	42.2	5t	8t
Punt Ret. Avg.	Westbrook	8.1	19	34
KO Ret. Avg.	Nwangwu	41.3	2	2

## LIONS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Swift	36	16t	32t
Passing Yds.	Goff	2,280	11	24
Passing TDs	Goff	10	13t	25t
Passer Rating	Goff	87.1	12	24
Completion Pct.	Goff	67.3	6	10
Rushing Att.	Swift	140	8	14
Rushing Yds.	Swift	555	9t	20t
Rushing TDs	Swift	4	7t	18t
Receptions	Hockenson	57	7	21
Receiving Yds.	Hockenson	534	2	45
Receiving TDs	Hockenson	3	26t	3t
Interceptions	Oruwariye	5	5	22t
Tackles	Anzalone	73	20t	33t
Forced Fum.	5 players	1	27t	55t
Opp. FR	3 players	1	13t	28t
Sacks	Harris	4.0	23t	47t
FGs Made	Seibert	10	13t	26t
FG Pct.	Seibert	83.3	15t	26t
Net Punting Avg.	Fox	42.0	7t	10t
Punt Ret. Avg.	Raymond	12.3	2	8
KO Ret. Avg.	Igwuebulike	23.9	16	33t



## VIKINGS - LIONS GAME INFORMATION

### TOP PERFORMERS VS. LIONS

#### KIRK COUSINS

Eight games (eight starts), 183-of-247 passing (74.1%), 2,198 passing yards, 17 passing touchdowns, two interceptions, 120.5 passer rating

#### DALVIN COOK

Six games (five starts), 104 carries, 638 rushing yards, six rushing touchdowns, 13 receptions, 129 receiving yards

#### HARRISON SMITH

19 games (19 starts), 125 tackles, 1.0 sack, three interceptions, one forced fumble

#### ERIC KENDRICKS

10 games (eight starts), 65 tackles, 3.0 sacks, two interceptions returned for 22 total yards

#### ADAM THIELEN

14 games (10 starts), 44 receptions, 561 receiving yards, two touchdown receptions

#### ALEXANDER MATTISON

Five games (two starts), 79 rushes, 341 rushing yards, one rushing touchdown, 12 receptions, 108 receiving yards, two receiving touchdowns

### 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 Nov. 30, 2000, a 4-yard touchdown pass from QB Daunte Culpepper. He became only the second player in NFL history to catch 1,000 passes.
- Vikings WR Sammy White set the team record for receiving yards in a game with 210 vs. Detroit on Nov. 7, 1976, en route to being named NFL Rookie of the Year.

### BIG DAYS VS. LIONS

- WR **Justin Jefferson** recorded his ninth career 100-yard receiving game against Detroit in Week 5 of this season with 124 yards receiving (10/10/21).
- RB **Alexander Mattison** recorded his first receiving touchdown of the 2021 season versus Detroit (10/10/21), the four of his six career total touchdowns have occurred against Detroit.
- K **Greg Joseph's** 55-yard field goal against the Lions was the longest of his career and longest at U.S. Bank Stadium. His 54-yard game-winner as the time expired marked his first of the 2021 season to secure the 19-17 victory at home (10/10/21).
- QB **Kirk Cousins'** two highest passer ratings as a member of the Vikings came against Detroit. In the first meeting of the 2020 season, Cousins totaled a 141.7 rating, throwing for 220 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions on 13-of-20 passing. In 2019 at Detroit (10/20/19), Cousins threw for 333 yards, four touchdowns and zero interceptions, totaling a 141.5 passer rating.
- At Detroit (1/3/21), Cousins recorded his sixth career game of 400+ passing yards in a 37-35 win over the Lions. Cousins went 28-for-40 (70.0%) with three touchdowns and zero interceptions, registering a 127.6 passer rating.
- 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** set a career high in rushing on 11/8/20 against Detroit, totaling 206 yards and two touchdowns on 22 carries. He added 46 yards on two receptions.

### VIKINGS-LIONS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. Lions.....	Vikings 79-39-2	Most Points, Vikings.....	44 (1988)
Last regular season game.....	Vikings 19, Lions 17 (2021)	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 8	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 NOTES

2021 VIKINGS

2021 REGULAR SEASON HONOR ROLL

### JUSTIN JEFFERSON

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



### KENE NWANGWU

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





## QB KIRK COUSINS

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

In Week 12 at San Francisco, Cousins set a team record for most consecutive games (25) with a touchdown pass thrown, passing Daunte Culpepper (24) for the most all-time in franchise history. As of Week 11 vs. the Packers, Cousins has thrown 20 touchdown passes in seven straight seasons, trailing only Tom Brady (13) for the longest active streak in the NFL. He has 25 career games with 300+ passing yards and three touchdown passes, surpassing Aaron Rodgers for the second-most all-time by a QB in their first 10 seasons. Only Dan Marino (26 games) has more. The Week 11 victory marked the fourth time this season that Cousins has thrown for more than 300 yards (341), at least three touchdowns and zero interceptions, which tied Rams QB Matthew Stafford for the league lead. In Week 10 at Los Angeles Chargers, Cousins posted a league-leading fifth game this season with at least 275 passing yards, two passing touchdowns and zero interceptions. In Week 9 at Baltimore, he tallied his first rushing touchdown of the season. He has now recorded a rushing touchdown in each of his four seasons with the team.

## 2021 PASSER RATING

Player, Team	Passer Rating
Kyler Murray, Arizona	110.4
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	105.5
<b>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</b>	<b>105.3</b>
Matthew Stafford, Los Angeles Rams	105.2
Dak Prescott, Dallas	104.2
Tom Brady, Tampa Bay	103.1
James Winston, New Orleans	102.8
Russell Wilson, Seattle	102.5
Joe Burrow, Cincinnati	101.6

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

Player, Year	Games
Brett Favre, 2009	10
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2020</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2019</b>	<b>9</b>
Randall, Cunningham, 1998	8
Daunte Culpepper, 2000	8
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	8
Sam Bradford, 2016	8
Case Keenum, 2017	8
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2021</b>	<b>7</b>

## 2018-21 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	139
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	1234
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	122
Russell Wilson, Seattle	118
<b>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</b>	<b>114</b>
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	103

## VIKINGS CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAMES

Player (W-L-T)	Games
Tommy Kramer (9-10)	19
Daunte Culpepper (11-8)	19
<b>Kirk Cousins (12-5-1)</b>	<b>18</b>

## VIKINGS CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN PASS THROWN

Player, Season	Games
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2020-21</b>	<b>25</b>
Daunte Culpepper, 2000-01	24
Daunte Culpepper, 2003-04	21
<b>Kirk Cousins, 2018-19</b>	<b>19</b>
Fran Tarkenton, 1974-75	18



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

Player, Team	Completions
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	2,615
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	2,536
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>2,488</b>
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	2,398
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	2,316

## NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	43
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	40
Drew Brees, New Orleans	37
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>37</b>
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	36
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	30
Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	30

## NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Yards
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	30,218
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	29,349
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>28,355</b>
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	27,040
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	26,785
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	26,711

## NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
<b>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</b>	<b>55</b>
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	54
Russell Wilson, Seattle	54
Drew Brees, New Orleans	53
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	49
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	48
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	47

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341

Week 11 vs. the Packers marked the fourth time this season that Kirk Cousins has thrown for over 300 yards (341), at least three touchdowns and zero interceptions this season, which ties Rams QB Matthew Stafford for the league lead.

25

Cousins set a team record for most consecutive games (25) with a touchdown pass thrown, passing Daunte Culpepper (24) for most all-time in franchise history in Week 12 at San Francisco.

# JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES

## 2021 VIKINGS



### WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

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

**COLLEGE:** LSU

**NFL SEASON:** 2

**VIKINGS SEASON:** 2

In Week 12 at San Francisco, Jefferson eclipsed the 1,000-yard receiving mark (1,027) on the year. His 1,000 yards receiving in 11 games is tied for the third-fewest games to reach that mark in franchise history. Jefferson recorded his 11th career 100-yard receiving game in Week 11 vs. Green Bay, tying Randy Moss (11) and Juju Smith-Schuster (11) for the second-most all-time for players within their first two seasons in the NFL. Only Odell Beckham, Jr., (15) has more. Jefferson posted the second-most receiving yards (169) of his career. His 104 receiving yards in the first quarter of Week 11 is the fourth-best in team history, trailing Randy Moss (107, 108) and Hassan Jones (118). Jefferson is only 328 receiving yards shy of the most of any player in the first years of their career in NFL history. As of Week 11 vs. Packers, Jefferson joined Earnest Gray (1979-80) and Louis Lipps (1984-85) as the only players in the Super Bowl era with at least 150 receiving yards and two receiving touchdowns in a game in each of their first two seasons. Jefferson surpassed the 2,000 receiving mark (2,032) in Week 9 at Baltimore, making him the second-fastest player in NFL history to 2,000 receiving yards, doing so in only 24 games, trailing Odell Beckham, Jr., who did so in 21 games.

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

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

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

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants	2,755
Randy Moss, Minnesota*	2,726
Jerry Rice, San Francisco*	2,497
Josh Gordon, Cleveland	2,451
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>2,427</b>
Torry Holt, LAC	2,423
A.J. Green, Cincinnati	2,407
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	2,382
Juju Smith-Schuster, Pittsburgh	2,343
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	2,257
*denotes Hall of Famers	

#### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS PRIOR TO AGE 23

Player, Games	Receiving Yards
Randy Moss, 32	2,726
<b>Justin Jefferson, 22</b>	<b>2,427</b>
Percy Harvin, 29	1,658
Stefon Diggs, 22	1,467

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

Player, Team	Games
Davante Adams, Green Bay	12
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>11</b>
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	9
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	9
Calvin Ridley, Atlanta	8
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	8
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	7

#### 2020 RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>1,400</b>
CeeDee Lamb, Dallas	935
Tee Higgins, Cincinnati	908
Chase Claypool, Pittsburgh	873

#### ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS BY NFL ROOKIES

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



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

#### MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY NFL ROOKIES

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

#### MOST RECEPTIONS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

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

#### MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

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

#### MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

Player, Season	100-Yard Games
<b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b>	<b>7</b>
Randy Moss, 1998	4
Sammy White, 1976	3
Hassan Jones, 1986	3
(Note: Anthony Carter played his first season with the Vikings in 1985, but played his first true season of professional football in the USFL. His stats do not count in the team's rookie records.)	

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

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

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

Player	Receptions
Kelly Campbell	4
<b>Justin Jefferson</b>	<b>3</b>
Nate Burleson	3



## RB DALVIN COOK

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

In Week 11 vs. Packers, Cook moved into sixth place all-time in Vikings career rushing yards and now has 4,434. Cook rushed for this fourth touchdown of the season, his 33rd since 2019, which ranks second in the NFL. In Week 9 at Baltimore, Cook tallied a 66-yard run, his fourth career rush of 60+ yards. He moved into third all-time for career 100-yard games rushing in team history with 18. Cook posted his 17th career 100-yard rushing game in Week 6 at Carolina. He has surpassed 4,000 career rushing yards in his career, making him the eighth player in Vikings history to accomplish this feat.

## 2021 NFL RUSHING YARDS, RUNNING BACKS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	1,205
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	937
Joe Mixon, Cincinnati	924
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	867
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>773</b>
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	720
Najee Harris, Pittsburgh	708

## 2019-21 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	43
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>33</b>
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	28
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	26
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	26
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	25
Josh Jacobs, Las Vegas	25
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	24

## 2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS, RUNNING BACKS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	4,504
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>3,465</b>
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	3,428
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	3,056
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	2,752

## 2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	115.5
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>93.6</b>
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	92.6
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	87.9

## 2019-21 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	4,978 (4,504, 474)
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>4,547 (3,465, 1,082)</b>
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	4,042 (3,428, 972)
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	3,962 (3,412, 534)
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	3,858 (2,259, 1,599)

## VIKINGS RUSHING YARDS IN A SEASON

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



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 RUSHING YARDS

Player, Seasons	Rushing yards
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	11,747
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	6,818
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	5,887
Bill Brown, 1962-74	5,757
Ted Brown, 1979-86	4,546
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2017-</b>	<b>4,434</b>
Dave Osborn, 1965-75	4,320
Darrin Nelson, 1982-89, 91-92	4,231

## VIKINGS MOST CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, Seasons	Games
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	49
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	29
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present</b>	<b>18</b>
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	17
Michael Bennett, 2001-05	9
Bill Brown, 1962-74	8

## VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

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

**18** Dalvin Cook posted his 18th career 100-yard rushing game against Baltimore, passing Chuck Foreman for third in Vikings career 100-yard rushing games.

**6th** Cook has moved into sixth all-time in Vikings career rushing yards with 4,434, passing Dave Osborn (4,320).



# ADAM THIELEN NOTES

## 2021 VIKINGS



### WR ADAM THIELEN

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

Adam Thielen recorded his eighth multi-touchdown game of his career in Week 12 at San Francisco, passing TE Kyle Rudolph for fifth all-time career receiving touchdowns (49) in franchise history. In Week 11 vs. Green Bay, Adam Thielen passed Rudolph (453) for fifth all-time in career receptions in franchise history with 460. Since 2020, Thielen has caught eight fourth-quarter touchdown passes, which ranks second in the NFL behind Tyreek Hill (9). He is one of four wide receivers in the NFL to record at least 20 touchdowns since the start of last season. Thielen put up his first 100+ receiving yard game of the 2021 season in Week 6 at Carolina. His 126 receiving yards in at Carolina rank as the eighth-most in his career and the most since Week 5 against the Giants in 2020 when he tallied 130 yards. In Week 5 vs. Detroit, Thielen moved into seventh all-time for career receiving yards (5,926) as a Viking.

### 2020-21 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Receiving touchdowns
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>24</b>
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	23
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	23
Davante Adams, Green Bay	23
DK Metcalf, Seattle	18

### TOTAL RECEPTIONS ON 3RD DOWNS SINCE 2017

Player, Team	Receptions
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	140
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	112
Davante Adams, Green Bay	111
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	111
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>106</b>
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	102
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	101

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

Player, Team	100+ Yard Games
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	24
Julio Jones, Atlanta	24
Davante Adams, Green Bay	22
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	20
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	19
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	18
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>18</b>
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	18
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	17
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	17

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

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

### VIKINGS CAREER 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

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



### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

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

### VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS

Player	Receptions
Cris Carter	1,004
Randy Moss	587
Steve Jordan	498
Anthony Carter	478
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>460</b>
Kyle Rudolph	453
Jake Reed	413

### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

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

49

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

460

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





## S HARRISON SMITH

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-2/214

**COLLEGE:** Notre Dame

**NFL SEASON:** 10

**VIKINGS SEASON:** 10

In Week 12 at San Francisco, Smith tallied his 29th career interception, moving him into third all-time in career interceptions by an active defensive back since 2011. He also recorded 11 tackles on the day, ranking as the second-most of his career and the most since Dec. 2, 2012, against the Packers when he recorded 11. Smith extended his team record for most sacks by a DB to 15.5 with his full sack versus Green Bay in Week 11. Smith's 15.5 sacks are the second-most among defensive backs since entering the league in 2012, trailing only Seahawks 5 Jamal Adams (21.5). 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 929 tackles are the third-most by a Vikings defensive back in team history.

### 2020-21 NFL INTERCEPTIONS, SAFETIES

Player, Team	Interceptions
Justin Simmons, Denver	9
Tyann Mathieu, Kansas City	8
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	8
Jordan Poyer, Buffalo	7
Adrian Phillips, New England	6
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>	<b>6</b>
Kevin Byard, Tennessee	6
Xavier McKinney, New York Giants	6

### VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

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

### VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURNS OF 50+ YARDS

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

### SMITH'S INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

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

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

Player, Team	Pro Bowl Appearances
<b>Patrick Peterson, Minnesota</b>	<b>7</b>
Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore	6
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco	5
Eric Weddle, San Diego/Baltimore/LAR	5
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>	<b>5</b>
Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New England/Denver/LAR	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	40
Joey Browner, 1983-91	37
Nate Wright, 1971-80	31
Carl Lee, 1983-93	29
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>	<b>29</b>
Orlando Thomas, 1995-2001	22
John Turner, 1978-83, '85, '87	22

### VIKINGS SEASON SACKS BY A DB

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

### VIKINGS CAREER SACKS BY A DB

Player, Seasons	Sacks
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>	<b>15.5</b>
Joey Browner, 1983-91	9.5

### VIKINGS CAREER TACKLES BY A DB

Player, Years	Tackles
Tommy Hannon, 1977-84	1,056
Joey Browner, 1983-91	987
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>	<b>940</b>
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

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

15.5

Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (15.5) by a defensive back since 2012 behind only Jamal Adams (21.5).

## 2021 VIKINGS



## LB ERIC KENDRICKS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-0/232

COLLEGE: UCLA

NFL SEASON: 7

VIKINGS SEASON: 7

Kendricks led the league in tackles with 43 during the month of November. In Week 10 at Los Angeles Chargers, Kendricks tied a single-season career high from his rookie season in 2015 with 4.0 sacks. He intercepted a pass from Justin Herbert in Week 10 for his ninth career pick, moving him into ninth place for most interceptions by Vikings linebackers. In Week 9 at Baltimore, Kendricks tallied a new career high of 17 tackles in a game. At Carolina in Week 6, Kendricks recorded his second sack of the season and 11th in his career. In Week 4 vs. Cleveland, Kendricks moved into fourth place all-time for most games (36) with 10 or more tackles in a single game in franchise history. Kendricks' 15 tackles in Week 1 at Cincinnati marked the second-most in his career - his most since Week 13 in 2018 when he had 16 tackles against the New England Patriots. His Week 1 total is the most in a Week 1 game since Ed McDaniels in 2000 against the Bears.

## 15 OR MORE TACKLES IN A GAME IN 2021

Player, Team	Games
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>2</b>
Jordan Brooks, Seattle	1
Roquan Smith, Chicago	1
Quincy Williams, New York Jets	1
Devin White, Tampa Bay	1
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	1
Deion Jones, Atlanta	1
Nick Bolton, Kansas City	1
Alex Singleton, Philadelphia	1
Derwin James, Los Angeles Chargers	1
Cole Holcomb, Washington	1
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	1

## 2021 TOTAL TACKLES IN THE NFL

Player, Team	Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	128
Denzel Perryman, Las Vegas	121
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	119
Roquan Smith, Chicago	113
Jordyn Brooks, Seattle	112
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>109</b>
Bobby Okereke, Indianapolis	100
De'Vondre Campbell, Green Bay	98
Alex Singleton, Philadelphia	96

## 2020-21 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Logan Wilson, Cincinnati	6
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>5</b>
Eric Wilson, Minnesota/Houston	4
Christian Kirksey, Green Bay/Houston	3
Malcolm Smith, Cleveland	3
Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	3
Roquan Smith, Chicago	3
Joe Schobert, Jacksonville/Pittsburgh	3
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	3



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.

## NFL REGULAR SEASON TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2021

Player, Team	Total Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	973
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	765
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>748</b>
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	739
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	680

## 2019-21 PASSES DEFENDED, NFL LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Pass. Def.
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>22</b>
Demario Davis, New Orleans	21
K.J. Wright, Seattle/Las Vegas	21
Darius Leonard, Indianapolis	20
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	19
Fred Warner, San Francisco	18

## VIKINGS LB CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

## (LEAGUE STATS SINCE 1999)

Player, Years	Total Tackles for Loss
E.J. Henderson, 2003-11	67
Chad Greenway, 2006-16	62
<b>Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Anthony Barr, 2014-Present</b>	<b>38</b>
Ed McDaniels, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Eric Wilson, 2017-2020	18
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12

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17

In Week 9 at Baltimore, Eric Kendricks recorded 17 tackles, marking a new career high for most tackles in a single game.

43

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



# PATRICK PETERSON

2021 VIKINGS



## CB PATRICK PETERSON

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

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

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

On active Rosters only

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

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

Player, Team	Games Started
Devin McCourty, New England	167
Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans	165
<b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>	<b>162</b>

### NFL LEADERS - FUMBLE RECOVERIES BY AN ACTIVE DB SINCE 2011

Player, Team	Fumble Recoveries
<b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>	<b>12</b>
Vonn Bell, New Orleans/Cincinnati	10
T.J. Carrie, Oakland/Cleveland/Indianapolis	9
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota/5 players</b>	<b>8</b>

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

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



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

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

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

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162

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

28

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

WK 1

9/12/21



at Cincinnati

7-6  
(1-6) A

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

WK 2

9/19/21



at Arizona

(6-7) A

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

WK 3

9/26/21



Minneapolis

5-13  
(3-4) H

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

WK 4

10/3/21



Minneapolis

12-4  
(7-2) H

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

WK 5

10/10/21



Minneapolis

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

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

WK 6

10/17/21



at Carolina

9-6  
(2-3) A

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

WK 8

10/31/21



Minneapolis

15-17  
(7-11) H

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

WK 9

11/7/21



at Baltimore

3-3  
(1-3) A

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

**WK 10**  
11/14/21



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

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

**WK 11**  
11/21/21



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

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

**WK 12**  
11/28/21



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

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

**WK 13**  
12/5/21



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

The Vikings own a four-game winning streak on the road at Detroit and have beaten the Lions in the previous eight games, dating back to Week 12 of the 2017 season. In the last outing between the clubs in Detroit (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 *Thursday Night Football*. The Vikings are 7-11 in Thursday night contests, and the franchises are meeting on *TNF* 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.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS RING OF HONOR

KEVIN WILLIAMS



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

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

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

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

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

VIKINGS ALL-TIME SACKS BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

John Randle.....	114.0
Alan Page.....	108.0
<i>Kevin Williams.....</i>	<i>60.0</i>

VIKINGS ALL-TIME PRO BOWL BERTHS BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Alan Page.....	9
John Randle.....	6
<i>Kevin Williams.....</i>	<i>6</i>

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

Alan Page.....	6
John Randle.....	6
<i>Kevin Williams.....</i>	<i>5</i>



PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER

STEVE HUTCHINSON



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

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

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

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

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

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

OFFENSIVE HONOREES BEHIND HUTCHINSON

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

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

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

200+ RUSHERS BEHIND HUTCHINSON

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

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

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

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



# BE THE CHANGE

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



## VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION AWARENESS

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

## ALL SQUARE

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

## GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

## CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

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





### 306: BLACK HISTORY CURRICULUM EXPANSION

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

### PROJECT SUCCESS

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



### FURTHER INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT

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

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

### VIKINGS SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

# VIKINGS IN THE COMMUNITY



## COVID-19 RELIEF

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

## VIKINGS PARTICIPATE IN TEAM SMILE

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



## VIKINGS PARTICIPATE IN HABITAT HOME BUILD

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

## VIKINGS AND MEDTRONIC STEM FIELD TRIP

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

## KENDRICKS AND HIPPY FEET

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

## JJETS FOUNDATION THANKSGIVING GIVEAWAY

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

## THIELEN FOUNDATION STADIUM LIGHTS

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





## HAVE A SEAT AT OUR FAMILY TABLE

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

- The Winnebago truck is designed to eliminate stigmas associated with free meal programs to provide meals in a dignified and fun way. The truck features an experiential room where program participants can enjoy nutrition education videos along with an interactive photo booth.
  - Thanks to Xcel Energy, Vikings Table is equipped for zero-waste food service, energy star rated appliances and built-in solar panels.
  - Free-healthy meals are served from April to November in a variety of ways through in-person meal service and a delivery model.
- Vikings Table supports schools, education programs, youth enrichment centers and other nonprofit partners where food insecurity is prevalent.
- Funds are raised by selling a separate full menu of entrees at local food truck festivals, Vikings home games, Training Camp and private catering opportunities.
  - All proceeds support the mission of providing healthy meals to youth and families in the community.
  - To find out where Vikings Table will be, follow @VikingsTable on Twitter. Event inquiries can be sent to [contact@vikingstable.com](mailto:contact@vikingstable.com).
  - Vikings Table is maintained and operated by Canteen.

