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VIKINGS

Week 4 | Sunday, October 3, 2021 | U.S. Bank Stadium | Noon CT | CBS

2021 RECORD

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

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	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.)	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: Kevin Harlan
Analyst: Trent Green
Sideline: Melanie Collins
- ▷ **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 - 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 (1-2) play their second home game in a row against the Cleveland Browns (2-1) at noon on Sunday, October 3 at U.S. Bank Stadium. The last time Minnesota played Cleveland was in 2017 at Twickenham Stadium in London, England. Cleveland Head Coach Kevin Stefanski will coach his first game as an NFL head coach in U.S. Bank Stadium after spending 14 seasons with the Vikings.

Minnesota captured its first win of the season in a 30-17 home victory against Seattle. Cleveland also registered a Week 3 victory, a 26-6 home win over Chicago.

In Week 3, QB **Kirk Cousins** started his 50th career game with the Vikings. His 26 wins is the most in team history among all QBs in their first 50 career starts with the franchise. Against Seattle, WR **Justin Jefferson** became the fastest Vikings player to 100 catches - doing so in only 19 games. RB **Alexander Mattison** tied his career high of 112 rushing yards in a game, and TE **Tyler Conklin** set new career highs with 7 receptions and 70 receiving yards versus Seattle.

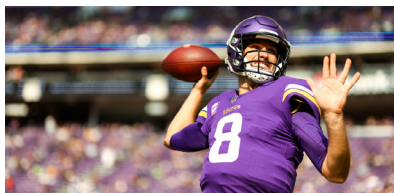
With his first sack in a Vikings uniform since 2019, DE **Everson Griffen** reached 75.5 career sacks as a Viking, becoming the seventh player to do so in team history. Griffen now has 81.5 sacks in his NFL career, ranking 12th among active defensive ends since 2010.

Former Vikings DT Kevin Williams will be inducted into the Vikings Ring of Honor during a halftime ceremony during Legends Weekend. Williams was a six-time Pro Bowler and five-time 1st-Team All-Pro.

STAT OF THE WEEK

QB Kirk Cousins in his past 10 games and where it ranks in the NFL:

- 3,036 passing yards - second
- 26 passing touchdowns - third
- 2 interceptions - tied-third
- 70.51 completion % - third



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 will be inducted into the Vikings Ring of Honor this coming weekend, 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, Corey Stringer, Mick Tingelhoff, Carl Eller, Cris Carter, Bill Brown, Jerry Burns, Randall McDaniel, Chuck Foreman, John Randle, Scott Studwell, Chris Doleman, Matt Blair, Joey Browner, Ahmad Rashad, Randy Moss, Dennis Green and Steve Jordan.

VIKINGS ALL-TIME SACKS BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

John Randle.....	114.0
Alan Page.....	108.0
Kevin Williams.....	60.0

VIKINGS ALL-TIME PRO BOWL BERTHS BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

Alan Page.....	9
John Randle.....	6
Kevin Williams.....	6

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

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



WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

Monday, September 27

12 p.m. – Select players available in the media center
2 p.m. – Mike Zimmer available in the media center

Tuesday, September 28

No access

Wednesday, September 29

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

Thursday, September 30

11:30 a.m. – Ryan Ficken, Clint 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

Friday, October 1

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

Saturday, October 2

No access

Sunday, October 3

Noon CT – Cleveland Browns at Minnesota Vikings on CBS

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NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- QB **Kirk Cousins** hasn't thrown an interception in 200 attempts, closing in on his previous record of 201 from 10/13/19 - 12/2/19.
- WR **Adam Thielen** (418) passed WR Jake Reed (413) and now has the sixth-most receptions in Vikings history.
- WR **Justin Jefferson's** 1,655 receiving yards rank behind only Odell Beckham's 1,829 for the most in NFL history through a player's first 19 career games.
- QB **Kirk Cousins'** eight passing touchdowns is the most in the opening three games of a season in franchise history.
- Since 2020, the Vikings are now tied with the Titans (11) for the most 100-yard rushing games recorded by a running back (RB **Dalvin Cook** - 9, RB **Alexander Mattison** 2). All 11 100-yard rushing games by the Titans have come from RB Derrick Henry.
- TE **Tyler Conklin**, with 13 receptions this season, ranks fifth in the NFC in receptions among all tight ends. Conklin trails T.J. Hockenson, Rob Gronkowski, George Kittle and Dalton Schultz.

BY THE NUMBERS

0 The Vikings defense held the Seahawks scoreless in the second half for the first time since Tampa Bay did so on November 27, 2016.

12 K Greg Joseph reached a career high of 12 points in a game.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS

Ameer Abdullah

Dan Chisena

Andrew DePaola

Dakota Dozier

Danielle Hunter

Bisi Johnson

Kene Nwangwu

Whop Philyor

Janarius Robinson

Ihmir Smith-Marsette

Chazz Surratt

Olisaemeka Udoh

Dede Westbrook

Xavier Woods

PRONUNCIATION

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cha-SEN-a

dee-PAUL-uh

DOUGH-jher

duh-KNEEL

BEE-see

kuh-NAY Wong-woo

PHIL-yer

juh-narr-iss

ah-MEER smith MARR-sett

suh-RATT

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

DEE-dee

ECK-zay-vee-er

COACHING STAFF

Imarjaye Albury

Andrew Janocko

Klint Kubiak

Keenan McCardell

Brian Pariani

Sam Siefkes

im-MAR-jay AL-berry

juh-NO-coe

koo-bee-ack

mih-car-DELL

PEAR-ee-ah-nee

seef-kiss

2021 NEW FACES

FREE AGENTS/TRADES/WAIVERS (16)

Player	Pos	Acq.
Mackensie Alexander	CB	Free Agent
Jordan Berry	P	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
Dalvin Tomlinson	DT	Free Agent
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	Texas A&M
3)	Chazz Surratt	LB	North Carolina
3)	Wyatt Davis	C	Ohio State
3)	Patrick Jones II	DE	Pittsburgh
4)	Kene Nwangwu (IR)	RB	Iowa State
4)	Camryn Bynum	S	California
4)	Janarius Robinson (IR)	DE	Florida State
5)	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	WR	Iowa

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 Return Yards

K.J. Osborn (27)

Kick Return Yards

Ameer Abdullah (352)

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

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 Alexander (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)

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: 43rd Year

REGULAR SEASON: 65-49-1 (.566)

POSTSEASON: 2-3-0 (.400)

RECORD WITH MIN: 65-49-1 (.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		
1991	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	4-7		
1992	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	9-3	Copper Bowl (L)	
1993	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1994	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, NFC Championship Game	
1995	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, Super Bowl XXX Champions	
1996	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Divisional	
1997	Dallas	DBs	6-10		
1998	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	
1999	Dallas	DBs	8-8	Wild Card	
2000	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		19/21
2001	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		4/19
2002	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		18/12
2003	Dallas	Def. Coord.	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	1/4
2004	Dallas	Def. Coord.	6-10		16/27
2005	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7		10/11
2006	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	13/21t
2007	Atlanta	Def. Coord.	4-12		9/25t
2008	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-11-1		12/1
2009	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	4/8t
2010	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-12		15/19
2011	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	7/9
2012	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	Wild Card	6/6
2013	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	11-5	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	3/4
2014	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9		14 /13
2015	Minnesota	Head Coach	11-5	NFC North Champs, Wild Card	13/9
2016	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-8		3/5
2017	Minnesota	Head Coach	13-3	NFC North Champs, NFC Championship Game	1/1
2018	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-7-1		4/4
2019	Minnesota	Head Coach	10-6	Divisional	14/8
2020	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9		22/29
2021	Minnesota	Head Coach	1-2		28/20

VIKINGS DEFENSIVE / TEAM RANKINGS SINCE 2014

Yards/game..... Pass yards/game Rush yards/game..... Sacks Points allowed/game ... ScrimmageTDs allowed .. Rush TDs allowed....Pass TDs allowed... 3rd down rate
 334.1 (6th) 222.8 (4th) 111.2 (18th) ... 293.0 (8th) 20.88 (5th) 238 (2nd) 79 (3rd) 159 (4th) 35.6% (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 M-CARDELL
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 KEVIN STEFANSKI

NFL HEAD COACH: 2nd Year	REGULAR SEASON: 13-6 (.684)
OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 17th Year	POSTSEASON: 1-1 (.500)
COACHING EXPERIENCE: 15th Year	RECORD WITH CLE: 13-6 (.684)

KEVIN STEFANSKI SUMMARY

COACHING HISTORY

2020 -	Cleveland Browns	Head Coach
2019	Minnesota Vikings	Offensive Coordinator
2017-18	Minnesota Vikings	Quarterbacks*
2016	Minnesota Vikings	Running Backs
2014-15	Minnesota Vikings	Tight Ends
2009-13	Minnesota Vikings	Asst. Quarterbacks
2006-08	Minnesota Vikings	Asst. to Head Coach
2005	Univ. of Pennsylvania	Football Operations

*Interim offensive coordinator (final three games)

Kevin Stefanski was named the 18th full-time head coach in Cleveland Browns history on January 13, 2020. He spent the previous 14 seasons with the Minnesota Vikings, where he moved up the coaching ladder from assistant to the head coach to offensive coordinator.

Stefanski joined the Vikings in 2006 as an assistant to the head coach and remained with the organization under three different head coaches. After serving as assistant quarterbacks coach from 2009-13, Stefanski spent two seasons (2014-15) coaching the tight ends and one season (2016) as running backs coach. From 2017-18, he coached the quarterbacks and added the role of interim offensive coordinator for the final three games before being named the team's offensive coordinator in 2019.

In 2019, the Vikings posted a 10-6 record and earned their first road playoff win since January 9, 2005, after defeating the Saints, 26-20, in New Orleans. Three offensive players were selected to the Pro Bowl as RB Dalvin Cook and FB C.J. Ham were each named to their first career Pro Bowl with Cook voted a starter. QB Kirk Cousins was also named to the Pro Bowl.

In his first full year under Stefanski, Cousins set a single-season career high for passer rating with a 107.4 mark, fourth best in the NFL in 2019. Cousins also finished with a career-low six interceptions, while adding 26 touchdowns and a 69.1 completion percentage, fourth in the NFL in 2019. He set a Vikings record for completions in a season with 425 and finished with the second-most passing yards (4,298) and passer rating (107.4) in Vikings history.

With 1,135 rushing yards, Cook became the eighth player in Vikings history to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season and the first since Adrian Peterson in 2015. Despite missing the final two games of the season, Cook finished fourth in the NFL with 13 rushing touchdowns and seventh in scrimmage yards with 1,654.

WR Stefon Diggs set a career high with 1,130 receiving yards, giving him back-to-back 1,000-receiving yard seasons for the first time in his career. Diggs finished fourth in the NFL with an average of 17.9 yards per reception in 2019.

Stefanski was elevated from quarterbacks coach to interim offensive coordinator in Week 15 of the 2018 season and promptly guided the unit to two of its

best showings of the season. In his first game calling plays, Minnesota scored a season-high 41 points and recorded 418 yards of offense en route to a 41-17 victory over the Dolphins.

As quarterbacks coach in 2017, the Vikings were forced to go to their backup, Case Keenum, early in the season after starter Sam Bradford went down with an injury. Keenum, who had completed 58 percent of his passes previously owned a 9-15 career record as a starter, went on to complete nearly 68 percent of his throws with 22 touchdowns and seven interceptions while leading the Vikings to a record of 11-3.

In his lone season coaching the running backs in 2016, the Vikings battled injuries along the offensive line and to RB Adrian Peterson that caused the runner to miss 13 games. The running game leaned on veterans Jerick McKinnon and Matt Asiata as the duo combined for 941 yards and eight rushing touchdowns.

As tight ends coach, Stefanski helped develop Pro Bowl TE Kyle Rudolph. In 2015, his unit helped clear the way for Adrian Peterson to lead the NFL in rushing with 1,485 yards.

Stefanski was elevated to assistant quarterbacks coach in 2009, where he had a hands-on role in one of the most successful offense seasons in Vikings history. Veteran QB Brett Favre signed with the team in mid-August and finished the season with 4,202 passing yards and 33 touchdowns. The Vikings finished the season 12-4 and won the NFC North.

Stefanski spent 2006-08 working directly with Head Coach Brad Childress on administrative duties and special projects. Stefanski first worked with Childress during Eagles training camp in 2005 as part of the team's operations department.

Stefanski spent the 2005 season at his alma mater, Pennsylvania, as assistant director of football operations, coordinating all aspects of the Quakers' day-to-day operations.

A team captain as a senior in 2003, Stefanski was part of one of the most successful stretches in the history of the Quaker football program. The team won three Ivy League titles (2000, 2002 and 2003), and went 10-0 in 2003 to become the first undefeated Penn team in a decade. During Stefanski's tenure, the squad posted a 42-7 overall record and a 32-3 mark in Ivy League play and he was twice honored as an Honorable Mention All-Ivy choice in 2002 and 2004.

Stefanski earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Pennsylvania and attended St. Joseph's Prep in Philadelphia.

The Stefanski family has made a name in athletics as Kevin's father, Ed, was a basketball standout at Penn and works in the front office of the Detroit Pistons. He has previously held executive positions with the NBA's New Jersey Nets, Philadelphia 76ers, Toronto Raptors and Memphis Grizzlies.

Stefanski and wife, Michelle, have a daughter and two sons.

Local Connections

- Minnesota RB A.J. Rose, Jr. is from Cleveland, Ohio.
- Minnesota Director of College Scouting Mike Sholiton is from Cleveland.
- Browns Player Development Coordinator Carson Walch is from Elgin, Minnesota.
- Browns Director, Scouting Research Mike Cetta went to the University of Minnesota.

Coaching Connections

List of Browns Coaches that have coached with the Vikings:

- Browns Head Coach Kevin Stefanski (2006-19)
- Browns Defensive Coordinator Joe Woods (2006-13)
- Browns Special Team Coordinator Mike Priefer (2011-18)
- Browns Pass Game Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach Jeff Howard (2013-19)
- Browns Pass Game Coordinator/Wide Receivers Coach Chad O’Shea (2006-08)
- Browns Defensive Quality Control Stephen Bravo-Brown (2018) - Coaching Fellowship
- Browns Assistant Defensive Backs Brandon Lynch (2013)
- Browns Tight Ends Coach Drew Petzing (2014-19)
- Browns Senior Offensive Assistant Kevin Rogers (2006-10)

List of Vikings Coaches that have coached with the Browns:

- Vikings Assistant Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator Andre Patterson (2003-04)
- Vikings Running Backs Coach Kennedy Polamalu (2004)
- Vikings Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach Derik Keyes (2013-16)

Vikings/Browns Connections

- K Greg Joseph played with the Browns in the 2018 season.
- DT Sheldon Richardson was a member of the Browns from 2019-20 and went to playoffs in the 2020 season.
- QB Case Keenum played with the Vikings in the 2017 season when the Vikings were NFC North Champions.
- Vikings Wide Receiver Coach Keenan McCardell played with the Browns from 1992-95.
- Browns Director of Football Administration Taylor Young spent three years with Vikings prior to joining the Browns in 2021.

Professional Connections

- DT Dalvin Tomlinson and WR Odell Beckham Jr. played on the New York Giants together in the 2017-18 seasons.
- LB Nick Vigil and DT Andrew Billings were on the Bengals together from 2017-19.
- DT Michael Pierce and RB Alex Collins were teammates in Baltimore from 2017-18.
- Vikings practice squad member CB Tye Smith and Browns T Jack Conklin were teammates on the Titans from 2017-19. Conklin was also teammates with K Greg Joseph in the 2019 season.
- Browns S Ronnie Harrison Jr., S John Johnson II and WR Dede Westbrook were teammates from 2018-19 on the Jaguars. Vikings practice squad member CB Parry Nickerson was also teammates with both Westbrook and Harrison Jr. during the 2019 season.
- LS Andrew DePaola and CB Troy Hill were teammates on the Las Vegas Raiders in 2018.
- CB Bashaud Breeland and RB Kareem Hunt were teammates on the Chiefs in 2018.
- S Xavier Woods and DE Joe Jackson both played for the Cowboys in the 2019 season.
- Tye Smith and Browns LB Malcolm Smith spent the 2016 offseason together on the Seahawks. Malcolm Smith and Xavier Woods were also teammates on the Cowboys in 2019.

College Connections

- While at Alabama, DT Dalvin Tomlinson was teammates with Browns S Ronnie Harrison Jr. and Browns LB Mack Wilson Sr.
- K Greg Joseph and Browns TE Harrison Bryant played together at Florida Atlantic.
- WR Justin Jefferson played with Browns S Grant Delpit and Browns CB Greedy Williams at LSU. Jefferson and Delpit were on the 2020 national championship team.
- TE Chris Herndon and Browns TE David Njoku were the tight ends for Miami in 2016.
- S Josh Metellus and Browns WR Donovan Peoples-Jones were teammates at Michigan in 2019.
- Browns FB Andy Janovich helped RB Ameer Abdullah to his third straight 1,000-yard rushing season in 2014.
- Former Ohio State Buckeyes C Wyatt Davis and Browns DT Tommy Togiai are both in their rookie seasons in the NFL.
- Browns QB Baker Mayfield was the quarterback for WR Dede Westbrook at Oklahoma. Mayfield won the Heisman Trophy while Westbrook placed fifth in the voting in 2017.
- DE Everson Griffen and Browns LB Malcolm Smith were teammates at USC in 2009.

VIKINGS-BROWNS 2021 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	MIN (RK)	CLE (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	425.0 (3)	410.0 (7)	15
Yards / Play	6.13 (10)	6.44 (7)	-0.31
Rushing Yards / Game	128.0 (6)	174.7 (2)	-46.7
Rushing Yards / Play	4.63 (8)	5.14 (3)	-0.51
Passing Yards / Game	297.0 (7)	235.3 (19)	61.7
Passing Yards / Play	7.43 (15)	8.83 (4)	-1.4
Interception Rate	0.0% (1t)	2.5% (21t)	2.5%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	4.17% (6)	11.25% (29)	7.08%
First Downs / Game	24.7 (4t)	24.0 (7t)	0.7
Punt Return Avg	5.3 (26)	11.7 (4)	-6.4
Kickoff Return Avg	20.8 (17)	18.0 (25t)	2.8
Field Goals Made	85.7% (14t)	100% (1t)	-14.3%
3rd Down Pct	42.5% (11t)	42.42% (14)	0.08%
4th Down Pct	100% (1t)	57.14% (10)	42.86%
Red Zone Pct	63.6% (14t)	63.6% (14t)	Even
Goal to Go%	83.3% (13t)	75.0% (18t)	8.3%
Avg Possession Time	31:19 (10)	33:57 (3)	-2:38
Points / Game	29.0 (8)	28.7 (10t)	0.3

DEFENSE	MIN (RK)	CLE (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	409.7 (28)	248.7 (3)	-161
Yards / Play	6.83 (31)	4.63 (5)	-2.2
Rushing Yards / Game	119.3 (20t)	67.0 (5)	-52.3
Rushing Yards / Play	4.77 (28)	3.14 (4)	-1.63
Passing Yards / Game	290.3 (27)	181.7 (5t)	-108.6
Passing Yards / Play	9.17 (31)	6.41 (11)	-2.76
Interception Rate	2.11% (16)	1.18% (21)	0.93%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	10.53% (5)	14.12% (2)	-3.59%
First Downs / Game	20.7 (16)	14.7 (4)	-6.0
Punt Return Avg	9.0 (20)	2.8 (3)	-6.2
Kickoff Return Avg	16.8 (7)	22.0 (23)	5.2
3rd Down Pct	29.0% (3)	47.37% (25)	18.37%
4th Down Pct	60.0% (26)	0.0% (1t)	60.0%
Red Zone Pct	75.0% (27)	62.5% (14t)	-12.5%
Goal to Go%	80.0% (16t)	100% (23t)	-20.0%
Points / Game	26.0 (20)	20.0 (7t)	-6

VIKINGS - BROWNS GAME INFORMATION

VIKINGS-BROWNS SERIES

VIKINGS VS. BROWNS ALL-TIME

Won 12, Lost 4; Tie: 0; Home 7-2 (includes 1-0 postseason), Away 4-2; Neutral 1-0

YEAR	SITE	RESULT
VIKINGS VS. BROWNS ALL-TIME		
1965	Cleveland	Minnesota 27-17
1967	Cleveland	Cleveland 14-10
1969	Minnesota	Minnesota 51-3
1969*	Minnesota	Minnesota 27-7
1973	Minnesota	Minnesota 26-3
1975	Cleveland	Minnesota 42-10
1980	Minnesota	Minnesota 28-23
1983	Cleveland	Minnesota 27-21
1986	Minnesota	Cleveland 23-20
1989	Cleveland	Cleveland 23-17 (OT)
1992	Minnesota	Minnesota 17-13
1995	Minnesota	Minnesota 27-11
2005	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-12
2009	Cleveland	Minnesota 34-20
2013	Minnesota	Cleveland 31-27
2017	London#	Minnesota 33-16

*NFL Championship Game

played at Twickenham Stadium in London

VIKINGS-BROWNS 2021 LEADERS

VIKINGS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Thielen	24	3t	4t
Passing Yds	Cousins	918	4	7
Passing TDs	Cousins	8	3	4
Passer Rating	Cousins	118.3	3	4
Completion Pct	Cousins	73.9	3	4
Rushing Att	Cook	42	6	12t
Rushing Yds	Cook	192	1	4
Rushing TDs	Cook	1	8t	15t
Receptions	Thielen	21	4	8t
Receiving Yds	Jefferson	254	4	11
Receiving TDs	Thielen	4	2t	2t
Interceptions	Vigil	1	4t	9t
Tackles	Kendricks	37	2	2
Forced Fumbles	Breeland	1	4t	7t
Opp. FR	None			
Sacks	Hunter	4.0	3t	4t
FGs Made	Joseph	6	2t	7t
FG Pct	Joseph	85.7	8t	16t
Net Punting Avg	Berry	43.7	3	4
Punt Ret. Avg	Westbrook	5.3	6	17
KO Ret. Avg	Smith-Marssette	20.8	8	13

BROWNS

Category	Player	Total	AFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Chubb	18	4t	8t
Passing Yds	Mayfield	780	7	16t
Passing TDs	Mayfield	2	13t	27t
Passer Rating	Mayfield	102.1	5	12
Completion Pct	Mayfield	73.8	2	5
Rushing Att	Chubb	48	3	5
Rushing Yds	Chubb	262	3	3
Rushing TDs	Chubb	3	1t	1t
Receptions	Hunt/Hooper	11	56t	108t
Receiving Yds	Hunt	104	47	92
Receiving TDs	Lockett	3	2t	2t
Interceptions	Smith	1	6t	9t
Tackles	Garrett	14	52t	111t
Forced Fum	Delpit	1	4t	7t
Opp. FR	None			
Sacks	Garrett	5.5	1	1
FGs Made	McLaughlin	5	8t	12t
FG Pct	McLaughlin	100.0	1t	1t
Net Punting Avg	Gillan	40.6	DNQ	DNQ
Punt Ret. Avg	Felton	11.7	3	3
KO Ret. Avg	Dallas	18.0	DNQ	DNQ

VIKINGS - BROWNS GAME INFORMATION

TOP PERFORMERS VS. BROWNS

KIRK COUSINS

2 games played with Washington (2 starts), 47 completed passes, 64 passing attempts, 512 passing yards, 5 passing touchdowns, 109.6 passer rating

HARRISON SMITH

2 games played, 12 tackles, 1 interception, 1 tackle for loss

ADAM THIELEN

1 game played, 5 receptions, 98 receiving yards, 5 receptions for a first down, 1 receiving touchdown

NICK VIGIL

7 games played, 17 solo tackles, 3 tackles for loss

BIG DAYS VS. BROWNS

- QB **Kirk Cousins** won both contests against the Browns while with Washington. Cousins threw for 183 passing yards and three touchdowns in the 2016 matchup against the Browns (10/2/16), compiling a 116.5 passer rating.
- S **Harrison Smith** caught his fifth career interception against the Browns on September 22, 2013. Smith also recorded five solo tackles that same game.
- LB **Nick Vigil** started in five games against the Browns while with Cincinnati. Vigil led the Bengals in tackles, recording 11 in a win over the Browns on October 1, 2017. His 1.0 sack in the game was his first NFL sack of his career.
- CB **Patrick Peterson** picked off QB Baker Mayfield in a 38-24 win over the Browns while with the Cardinals on December 15, 2019.

VIKINGS-BROWNS SERIES NOTES

- The Vikings host Cleveland at U.S. Bank Stadium for the 1st time in the history of the series
- Minnesota is 12-4 all-time against Cleveland and played the Browns in the 1969 NFL Championship game, winning 27-7 at Met Stadium on January 4, 1970 to advance to face Kansas City in Super Bowl IV. The game marked the last NFL title won before the merger of the NFL and AFL for the 1970 season. Cleveland finished the regular season 10-3-1 and won the NFL's Century Division of the Eastern Conference while the Vikings were 12-2 and Central Division champs in the Western Conference's Central Division.
- Minnesota is 7-2 in games during the series played in Minnesota.
- The last meeting of the clubs was in 2017 at London's Twickenham Stadium, a 33-16 Vikings win.
- The longest pass play in team playoff history is a 75-yard TD from Joe Kapp to Gene Washington in the 1969 NFL title game.



Browns Head Coach Kevin Stefanski pictured above from one of his 14 seasons coaching with the Vikings.

VIKINGS-BROWNS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. Browns	12-4	Most Points, Vikings	51 (1969)
Last regular season game	Vikings 33, Browns 16 (2017-UK)	Most Points, Browns	31 (2013)
Vikings largest winning margin	48; Vikings 51, Browns 3 (1969)	Most Points, both teams	58, Browns 31, Vikings 27 (1969)
Browns largest winning margin	6; Browns 23, Vikings 17 (1989-01)	Fewest Points, Vikings	10 (1967)
Current series streak	Vikings 2	Fewest Points, Browns	3, Twice (1969, 1973)
Vikings longest win streak	6 (1969-89)	Fewest Points, both teams	24; Browns 14, Vikings 10 (1967)
Browns longest win streak	2 (1986-89)		

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



QB KIRK COUSINS

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

Cousins started his 50th career game with the Vikings in Week 3 vs. Seattle. His 26 wins are the most in team history among all QBs in their first 50 career starts with the franchise. He has not thrown an interception in 200 attempts, closing in on his previous record of 201 set in 2019. Cousins has now thrown for at least three first-half touchdowns for the sixth time in his career after doing so in Week 3 vs. Seattle. 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 QB 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.



2021 PASSER RATING

Player, Team	Passer Rating
Russell Wilson, Seattle	133.6
Matthew Stafford, Los Angeles Rams	129.8
Tyrod Taylor, Houston	122.9
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	118.3
Teddy Bridgewater, Denver	116.4

VIKINGS CONSECUTIVE PASS ATTEMPTS WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION

Player	Attempts
Kirk Cousins, 10/13/19 - 12/2/19	201
Kirk Cousins, 12/25/20 - Current	200
Warren Moon, 10/22/95 - 11/23/95	193
Randall Cunningham, 12/21/97 - 10/25/98	162

2018-21 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	123
Russell Wilson, Seattle	113
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	105
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	103
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	99
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	91

QB'S WITH AT LEAST 115.0 PASSER RATING THROUGH FIRST 3 GAMES OF THE SEASON (MINIMUM 115 ATTEMPTS)

Player, Season	Season
Kirk Cousins, 2021	2021
Drew Brees	2018
Tom Brady	2015
Peyton Manning	2010, 2013*

*Denotes NFL MVP season

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

Player, Team	Completions
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	2,442
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	2,324
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	2,301
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	2,252
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	2,200

NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	40
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	37
Drew Brees, New Orleans	37
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	36
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	35

NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Yards
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	28,308
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	27,033
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	26,785
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	26,260
Russell Wilson, Seattle	24,891
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	24,829

NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Drew Brees, New Orleans	53
Russell Wilson, Seattle	53
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	51
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	50
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	46
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	44

BY THE
NUMBERS

8

Kirk Cousins' eight touchdowns is the most in the opening three games of the season in franchise history.

200

Cousins has not thrown an interception in 200 attempts, closing on his record set in 2019 of 201 attempts.

JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES



WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

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

Jefferson became the fastest Vikings WR to reach 100 receptions, doing so in only 19 games. He is now tied for second in games with 100 or more receiving yards from 2020-21. In Week 1 at Cincinnati, he was 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



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.

RECEIVING YARDS IN FIRST 20 CAREER GAMES

Player, Team, Season	Receiving Yards
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014-15	1,959
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020 -	1,654
Charlie Brown, Washington, 1982-83	1,622

**through 19 games*

VIKINGS CAREER GAMES TO REACH 100 RECEPTIONS

Player, Season	Games
Justin Jefferson, 2020 -	19
Stefon Diggs, 2015-16	20
Jermaine Wiggins, 2004-05	20
Rickey Young, 1978-79	21
Randy Moss, 1998-99	22

2020-21 MOST-100 YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player, Team	Games
Davante Adams, Green Bay	9
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	8
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	8
Calvin Ridley, Atlanta	8
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	7
DeAndre Hopkins	7
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	6

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

ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS BY NFL ROOKIES

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 ROOKIES

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

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

MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

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 ROOKIES

Player, Season	100-Yard Games
Justin Jefferson, 2020	7
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.)



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 yards 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.



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.

2019-21 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	36
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	30
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	27
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	23
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	21

2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	3,920
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	2,884
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	2,823
Lamar Jackson, Baltimore	2,462
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,440
Aaron Jones	2,346

2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	115.3
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	96.1
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	91.1
Christian McCaffrey, Arizona	82.4
Josh Jacobs, Las Vegas	77.6

2019-21 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	4,345 (3,920, 425)
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	3,824 (2,884, 940)
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	3,272 (2,823, 449)
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	3,257 (1,906, 1,351)
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	3,250 (2,346, 904)

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 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
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

VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

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

2 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.

6 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

2021 VIKINGS



WR ADAM THIELEN

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

In Week 3, Thielen passed WR Jake Reed for sixth-most receptions in Vikings history. 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 yards 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	19
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	18
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	16
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	15

2017-21 NFL RECEPTIONS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receptions
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	443
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	424
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	418
Davante Adams, Green Bay	408
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Bufallo	375
Julio Jones, Atlanta/Tennessee	363
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	354
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	333
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	329
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	326
Juju Smith-Schuster, Pittsburgh	321

2017-21 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN

Player, Season	Receptions
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	126
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	107
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	102
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	99
Davante Adams, Green Bay	97
Julio Jones, Atlanta	95
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	95
R. Woods, Los Angeles Rams/S. Diggs, Buffalo	93

2017-21 NFL RECEIVING YARDS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receiving yards
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	5,680
Julio Jones, Atlanta	5,490
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	5,065
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	5,038
Davante Adams, Green Bay	4,951
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	4,893
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	4,813
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Bufallo	4,726
Brandin Cooks, New England/LA Rams/Houston	4,341
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	4,194
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	4,173
Amari Cooper, Las Vegas/Dallas	4,151



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 NFL MOST 100+ YARD 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/Bufallo	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
Adam Thielen	43
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
Adam Thielen	418
Jake Reed	413

14

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).

418

Thielen passed Jake Reed in Vikings career receptions and has 418 after Week 3 vs. Seattle. He now ranks sixth all time in franchise receptions.





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	Interceptions TDs
Harrison Smith, 2012-	4
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
Harrison Smith, 2012-18	4 (56t, 81t, 52, 52)
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
Patrick Peterson, Minnesota	7
Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore	6
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco	5
Eric Weddle, San Diego/Baltimore/Los Angeles	5
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	5
Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New England/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	40
Joey Browner, 1983-91	37
Nate Wright, 1971-80	31
Carl Lee, 1983-93	29
Harrison Smith, 2012-	28
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
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
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
Harrison Smith, 2012-	888
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

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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.

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

2021 VIKINGS



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 Greenway (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 defended tied for ninth-most 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

Player, Team	Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	44
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	37
Denzel Perryman, Las Vegas	36
Cole Holcomb, Washington	31
Foyesade Oluokun, Atlanta	31

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 Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	893
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	720
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	688
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	686
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	676
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	619
Landon Collins, New York Giants/Washington	605
K.J. Wright, Seattle	595
Tahir Whitehead, Detroit/Oakland/Carolina	578



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2019-21 PASSES DEFENSED, NFL LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Pass. Def.
K.J. Wright, Seattle	21
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	18
Demario Davis, New Orleans	18
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	16
5 players	15
Jaylon Smith, Dallas	14
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	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 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

BY THE NUMBERS

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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.





DE DANIELLE HUNTER

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-5/252
COLLEGE: LSU
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.



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.

CAREER SACKS PRIOR TO TURNING 27

Player, Team	Sacks
J.J. Watt, Houston	74.5
Reggie White, Philadelphia*	70.0
Derrick Thomas, Kansas City*	66.0
Von Miller, Denver	60.0
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	58.5
Bruce Smith, Buffalo*	57.5
Jared Allen, Minnesota	57.5
Pat Swilling, New Orleans	56.5
Charles Haley, San Francisco*	56.5
Dwight Freeney, Indianapolis	56.5

2021 SACKS LEADERS

Player, Team	Sacks
Myles Garrett, Cleveland	5.5
Chandler Jones, Arizona	5.0
Haason Reddick, Carolina	4.5
Javon Hargrave, Philadelphia	4.0
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	4.0
Von Miller, Denver	4.0
Robert Quinn, Chicago	4.0
Matt Judon, New England	3.5

2019 NFL SACKS

Player, Team	Sacks
Shaquill Barrett, Tampa Bay	19.5
Chandler Jones, Arizona	19.0
Cameron Jordan, New Orleans	15.5
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	14.5
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	14.5
Za'Darius Smith, Green Bay	13.5
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	12.5
Preston Smith, Green Bay	12.0
Four Players	11.5

2018 NFL SACKS

Player, Team	Sacks
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	20.5
J.J. Watt, Houston	16.0
Chris Jones, Kansas City	15.5
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	14.5
Von Miller, Denver	14.5
Frank Clark, Seattle	14.0

2016-21 NFL SACKS

Player, Team	Sacks
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	67.5
Chandler Jones, Arizona	66.0
Cameron Jordan, New Orleans	55.5
Khali Mack, Oakland/Chicago	54.5
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	52.5
Joey Bosa, Los Angeles Chargers	49.0
Myles Garrett, Cleveland	48.0

VIKINGS MOST SACKS IN FIRST 4 SEASONS W/ TEAM (* JOINED VIKINGS AS ROOKIE)

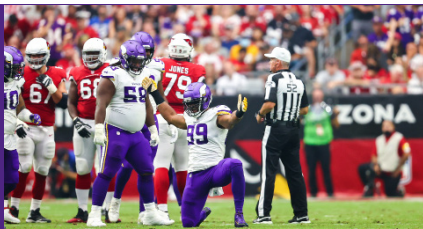
Player, Seasons	Sacks
Jared Allen, 2008-11	62.0
Danielle Hunter, 2015-18*	40.0
Alan Page, 1967-70*	39.0
Jim Marshall, 1961-64	37.0
John Randle, 1990-93*	34.5

VIKINGS SACKS IN A SEASON (NFL-LED NFL, NFL-LED NFC)

Player, Season	Sacks
Jared Allen, 2011, NFL	22.0
Chris Doleman, 1989, NFL	21.0
Keith Millard, 1989	18.0
Alan Page, 1976, NFL	18.0
John Randle, 1997, NFL	15.5
Carl Eller, 1977	15.0
Carl Eller, 1969	15.0
Danielle Hunter, 2019	14.5
Danielle Hunter, 2018	14.5
Jared Allen, 2009, NFC	14.5
Jared Allen, 2008	14.5
Chris Doleman, 1992	14.5

58.5

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



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
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	158
Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota	157
Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans/Philadelphia	157
Brandon Carr, Kansas City/Dallas/Baltimore	144
Eric Weddle, San Deigo/Baltimore/Los Angeles	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 Appearances
Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota	8
Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore	7
Eric Weddle, San Deigo/Baltimore/Los Angeles	6
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco	5
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	5
Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New England/Denver/Los Angeles	5



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

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157

Patrick Peterson is now tied for second in most games started by a 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
17-11
(6-7) A

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

WK 3
9/26/21



Minneapolis
5-13
(3-4) H

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

WK 4
10/3/21



Minneapolis
12-4
(7-2) H

The Vikings 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.

WK 5
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 *Thursday Night Football* 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.

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 *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.

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

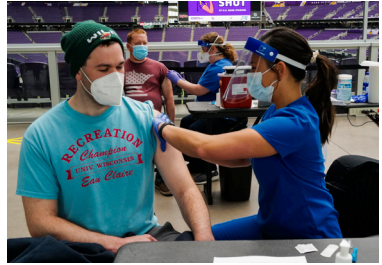
VIKINGS SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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.

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

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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 Stuedwell 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.





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HAVE A SEAT AT OUR FAMILY TABLE

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

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

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

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

