



VIKINGS

Week 12 | Sunday, November 29, 2020 | U.S. Bank Stadium | Noon CT | FOX

2020 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON.....	4-6
NFC NORTH	3-1
HOME	1-4
AWAY	3-2

2020 SCHEDULE

SUN	SEPT 13	GB	NOON	L, 43-34
SUN	SEPT 20	@ IND	NOON	L, 28-11
SUN	SEPT 27	TEN	NOON	L, 31-30
SUN	OCT 4	@ HOU	NOON	W, 31-23
SUN	OCT 11	@ SEA	7:20 PM	L, 27-26
SUN	OCT 18	ATL	NOON	L, 40-23
SUN	OCT 25	BYE		
SUN	NOV 1	@GB	NOON	W, 28-22
SUN	NOV 8	DET	NOON	W, 34-20
MON	NOV 16	@ CHI	7:15 PM	W, 19-13
SUN	NOV 22	DAL	3:25 PM	L, 31-28
SUN	NOV 29	CAR	NOON	FOX
SUN	DEC 6	JAX	NOON	CBS
SUN	DEC 13	@ TB	NOON*	FOX
SUN	DEC 20	CHI	NOON*	FOX
FRI	DEC 25	@ NO	3:30 PM	FOX/NFLN
SUN	JAN 3	@ DET	NOON*	FOX

Home games bold | *Game times are subject to change

BROADCAST COVERAGE

▷ NATIONAL TELEVISION: FOX

Play-by-Play: Kenny Albert

Sideline: Shannon Spake

Analyst: Jonathan Vilma



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

Play-by-Play: Paul Allen

Sideline: Greg Coleman & Ben Leber

Analyst: Pete Bercich

- ▷ Pre-Game Show: Mike Mussman - 10 a.m. CT
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GAME SUMMARY

The Minnesota Vikings (4-6) host the Carolina Panthers (4-7) with kickoff set for noon CT at U.S. Bank Stadium in what is the second of three consecutive home games for Minnesota.

The Vikings snapped a three-game win streak with a 31-28 loss vs. Dallas last week, while the Panthers snapped a five-game losing streak with a 20-0 win over Detroit in Week 11.

Vikings RB Dalvin Cook is coming off the most productive four-game stretch of his career, totaling 750 yards from scrimmage and seven total touchdowns over the last four weeks. Cook is second in the NFL rushing yards (1,069) and leads the NFL in rushing touchdowns (13) despite missing a game due to injury. Cook's 14 total touchdowns already tie him for 10th in a single season in team history and sets a new personal career high, passing his mark of 13 total touchdowns last season.

LB Eric Kendricks, who has led the team in tackles for five consecutive seasons, is currently tied for sixth in the NFL with 94 total tackles through Week 11. LB Eric Wilson is the only player in the NFL with at least three interceptions and more than 1.0 sack. Wilson currently has a career-high 3.0 sacks on the season.

WR Adam Thielen has set a new career high with 11 receiving touchdowns this season, passing his previous best of nine in 2018. Ten of Thielen's 11 receiving touchdowns have come in the red zone, the most in the NFL in 2020 and three behind the team record of 13, set in 1995 by Hall of Famer Cris Carter. WR Justin Jefferson's 848 receiving yards leads all rookies in 2020. His receiving yardage total is already the third-most for a rookie in Vikings history and is the most ever for a Vikings rookie through the team's first 10 games, topping Sammy White's 742 in 1976 and Randy Moss's 698 yards in 1998.

STAT OF THE WEEK



Justin Jefferson has the third-most receiving yards among all rookies in NFL history through their first 10 games.

Year	Player	Team	Receiving Yards
2003	Anquan Boldin	Arizona	876
2006	Marquez Colston	New Orleans	869
2020	Justin Jefferson	Minnesota	848
2014	Mike Evans	Tampa Bay	794

NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- Vikings DE **D.J. Wonnum** (3.0 sacks, 257 defensive snaps) trails only Washington Football Team DE and second-overall pick Chase Young (3.5, 423) in sacks and defensive snaps by a rookie DE in 2020.
- S **Harrison Smith** has collected 26 career interceptions, including picks in back-to-back games in Weeks 9 and 10, the seventh-most in team history and tied for the third-most in the NFL since he entered the NFL in 2012. No safety has more interceptions, and only Richard Sherman (31) and Marcus Peters (30) have more interceptions than Smith in that same span.
- The Vikings defense has held opponents to a 36.2% success rate on third downs in 2020, the fourth-best mark in the NFL. Since Zimmer took over in 2014, the Vikings have had the best third down defense in the NFL with an allowed conversion rate of 35.3%.
- With a 78.13% red zone scoring rate, the Vikings offense ranks first in the NFL, edging out the Seahawks (77.78%) and Cardinals (74.29%).
- WR **Adam Thielen** has four games with at least two receiving touchdowns this season, the most in the NFL. Packers WR Davante Adams is second with three such games. Hall of Fame WR Cris Carter holds the Vikings record with seven games with multiple receiving touchdowns in 1995.

2020 NEW FACES

FREE AGENTS/TRADES/WAIVERS (3)

Player	Pos	School
Ryan Connelly (W)	LB	Wisconsin
Tajae Sharpe (FA)	WR	Massachusetts

DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (9)

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

UNDRAFTED ROOKIES (1)

Player	Pos	School
Dan Chisena	WR	Penn State

RETURNERS

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

Leading ReturnersPlayer (Total)

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

ROSTER NOTES

Oldest Viking Player

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

Youngest Viking Player

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

Most Seasons as a Viking

Kyle Rudolph (10)

Most NFL Seasons

Britton Colquitt (11)

College with the most Vikings

Multiple colleges with two

Conference with the most Vikings

Big Ten (10 players on roster)

Largest Vikings

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

Smallest Vikings

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

1st Round Draft Picks (7) Pro Bowlers (10)

Anthony Barr	Anthony Barr
Garrett Bradbury	Dalvin Cook
Jeff Gladney	Kirk Cousins
Mike Hughes	C.J. Ham
Justin Jefferson	Danielle Hunter
Riley Reiff	Eric Kendricks
Harrison Smith	Kyle Rudolph
	Harrison Smith
	Adam Thielen

BY THE
NUMBERS

6.55

The Vikings offense ranks first in the NFL in yards per play with a 6.55 average. The Chiefs are second with a 6.34 yards per play average in 2020.

92

TE Kyle Rudolph is slated to make his 92 consecutive start on Sunday vs. Carolina, the 20th longest streak in team history. WR Randy Moss and CB Carl Lee are tied for 18th with 94.



HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

NFL HEAD COACH: 7th Year

REGULAR SEASON: 61-44-1 (.580)

OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 27th Year

POSTSEASON: 2-3-0 (.400)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 42nd Year

RECORD WITH MIN: 61-44-1 (.580)

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	4-6		22/24

VIKINGS DEFENSIVE/TEAM RANKINGS SINCE 2014

Yards/game..... Pass yards/game Rush yards/game..... Sacks Points allowed /game ... Scrimmage TDs allowed ... Rush TDs allowed... Pass TDs allowed... 3rd down rate
 327.6 (3rd) 219.1 (3rd) 108.5 (15th) ... 279 (T5th) 20.1 (3rd) 208 (2nd) 63 (2nd) 145 (3rd) 35.3% (1st)

**ZIMMER'S
BACKGROUND**



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



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ASSISTANT COACH (1979-80)



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



WASHINGTON ST.
DEF. COORDINATOR (1989-93)



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



ATLANTA
DEF. COORDINATOR (2007)



CINCINNATI
DEF. COORDINATOR (2008-13)



MINNESOTA
HEAD COACH(2014-PRESENT)



ANDRE PATTERSON

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DL

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



ADAM ZIMMER

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB

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



GARY KUBIAK

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

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



MARWAN MAALOUF

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

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

ASSISTANT COACHES

IMARJAYE ALBURY*

Def. Quality Control/Assistant Defensive Line

ROY ANDERSON*

Assistant Defensive Backs

DOM CAPERS*

Senior Defensive Assistant

RICK DENNISON

Offensive Line Coach/ Run Game Coordinator

RYAN FICKEN*

Assistant Special Teams

ANDREW JANOCKO

Wide Receivers

CHRISTIAN JONES*

Offensive Quality Control

DARONTE JONES

Defensive Backs

GARY KUBIAK*

Offensive Coordinator/Asst. Head Coach

KLINT KUBIAK

Quarterbacks

BRIAN PARIANI

Tight Ends

AC PATTERSON

Offensive Quality Control

ANDRE PATTERSON

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line

KENNEDY POLAMALU

Running Backs

NICK RALLIS*

Defensive Quality Control/Assistant Linebackers

PHIL RAUSCHER*

Assistant Offensive Line

ADAM ZIMMER

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

**In coaching booth during games*



HEAD COACH MATT RHULE

NFL HEAD COACH: 1st Year

OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 2nd Year

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 22nd Year

REGULAR SEASON: 4-7 (.364)

POSTSEASON: 0-0 (.000)

RECORD WITH CAR: 4-7 (.364)

MIKE MCCARTHY SUMMARY

1998	Albright College	Linebackers
1999-2000	University of Buffalo	Defensive Line
2001	UCLA	Defensive Line
2002	Western Carolina	Special Teams/Linebackers
2003-04	Western Carolina	Associate Head Coach/LBs/Special Teams
2005	Western Carolina	Associate Head Coach/Running Game Coord. / Special Teams/LBs
2006	Temple	Defensive Line
2007	Temple	Quarterbacks
2008-10	Temple	Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
2011	Temple	Offensive Coordinator/Tight Ends
2012	New York Giants	Assistant Offensive Line
2013-16	Temple	Head Coach
2017-19	Baylor	Head Coach
2020	Carolina Panthers	Head Coach



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VIKINGS-PANTHERS 2020 LEADERS

VIKINGS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring (No Ks)	Cook	90	1	1
Passing Yds	Cousins	2,461	9	16
Passing TDs	Cousins	20	4	9t
Passer Rating	Cousins	102.7	4	10
Completion Pct	Cousins	66.9	10	19
Rushing Att	Cook	201	1	2
Rushing Yds	Cook	1,069	1	2
Rushing TDs	Cook	13	1	1
Receptions	Thielen	49	11t	19t
Receiving Yds	#Jefferson	848	5	7
Receiving TDs	Thielen	11	1	1
Interceptions	Smith/Wilson	3	4t	8t
Tackles*	Kendricks	94	6	7
Forced Fumbles	6 tied	1	23t	45t
Opp. FR	Wilson	2	1t	2t
Sacks	Wilson/Wonnum	3.0	34t	61t
FGs Made	Bailey	8	15t	30t
FG Pct	Bailey	80.0	11	23
Net Punting Avg	Colquitt	33.9	14	28
Punt Ret. Avg	#Osborn	1.5	DNQ	
KO Ret. Avg	#Osborn	22.2	4	10

*League Stats #Rookie

PANTHERS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring (No Ks)	McCaffrey	36	15t	27t
Passing Yds	Bridgewater	2,552	8	14
Passing TDs	Bridgewater	13	11	21t
Passer Rating	Bridgewater	98.7	7	14
Completion Pct	Bridgewater	72.1	2	2
Rushing Att	Davis	111	10	20
Rushing Yds	Davis	449	13	24
Rushing TDs	McCaffrey	5	7t	11t
Receptions	Anderson	71	2	4
Receiving Yds	Anderson	818	7	10
Receiving TDs	Moore	4	13t	24t
Interceptions	Jackson	3	4t	8t
Tackles*	Thompson	84	7	9t
Forced Fum	Burns	3	1t	3t
Opp. FR	Boston/Haynes	2	1t	2t
Sacks	Burns	6.0	8t	15t
FGs Made	Slye	22	2	3t
FG Pct	Slye	81.5	10	22
Net Punting Avg	Charlton	42.3	DNQ	
Punt Ret. Avg	Cooper	5.8	DNQ	
KO Ret. Avg	Cooper	23.9	3	8

VIKINGS-PANTHERS CONNECTIONS

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

- Vikings C Garrett Bradbury (Charlotte) and T Ollisaemeka Udoh (Fayetteville) grew up in North Carolina. G Dakota Dozier is from West Columbia, South Carolina.
- Panthers WR Brandon Zylstra attended New London-Spicer High School before playing collegiately at Concordia-Moorhead.
- Panthers RB Rodney Smith played at the University of Minnesota.
- Vikings WR Adam Thielen teamed with Panthers G Chris Reed at Minnesota State University, Mankato.

VIKINGS-PANTHERS CONNECTIONS

- Carolina QB Teddy Bridgewater (2014-17), DE Stephen Weatherly (2016-19) [IR] and WR Brandon Zylstra (2018) played for Minnesota.
- Vikings Senior Defensive Assistant Dom Capers was the first head coach in Panthers history. Capers led Carolina from 1995-98.

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

- Vikings Senior Defensive Assistant Dom Capers coached Panthers Defensive Passing Game Coordinator Jason Simmons with the Texans and then worked with him in Green Bay. Capers' time with the Packers also overlapped for two seasons with Panthers tight ends coach Brian Angelichio.
- Minnesota Special Teams Coordinator Marwan Maalouf was in Cleveland during part of Carolina wide receivers coach Frisman Jackson's playing career. Maalouf also worked with Panthers Senior Offensive Assistant/RBs coach Jeff Nixon in Miami. Jackson also played in Cleveland when Minnesota running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu and Co-Defensive Coordinator Andre Patterson were with the Browns.
- Vikings QB Kirk Cousins overlapped with Panthers quarterbacks coach Jake Peetz for one season in Washington.
- Minnesota Offensive Coordinator Gary Kubiak, Run Game Coordinator/Offensive Line coach Rick Dennison, quarterbacks coach Clint Kubiak, tight ends coach Brian Pariani, assistant offensive line coach Phil Rauscher and punter Britton Colquitt overlapped with Carolina T Russell Okung, G Michael Schofield and C Matt Paradis in Denver.
- Colquitt and Panthers S Justin Burris teamed together for two seasons with the Browns.
- Vikings RB Ameer Abdullah and Panthers LB Tahir Whitehead were Lions teammates.
- Minnesota QB Sean Mannion and Carolina WR Pharoah Cooper are former Rams.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

- Panthers Head Coach Matt Rhule coached Vikings DT James Lynch (2017-19) and CB Harrison Hand (2017-18) at Baylor. Rhule, who was the head coach at Temple from 2013-16 and Baylor from 2017-19, built his staff with numerous assistant coaches from either or both schools. The list includes Defensive Coordinator Phil Snow, linebackers coach Mike Siravo, assistant special teams coach Ed Foley, cornerbacks coach Evan Cooper, assistant defensive line coach Frank Okam, Senior Offensive Assistant/RBs coach Jeff Nixon, receivers coach Frisman Jackson, assistant quarterbacks coach Matt Lombardi, coaching assistants Cedric Whitaker, E.J. Barthel and Grant Udinski, as well as assistant to the head coach Matthew Delgado.
- Vikings WR Justin Jefferson played at LSU with Panthers Offensive Coordinator Joe Brady serving as the Tigers passing game coordinator and with Carolina coaching assistant DJ Mangas as an offensive analyst in 2019.
- Minnesota LB Hardy Nickerson played one season at Illinois, overlapping with Carolina defensive line coach Mike Phair.
- Vikings TE Irv Smith, Jr., overlapped at Alabama with Panthers quarterbacks coach Jake Peetz in 2018.
- Minnesota Special Teams Coordinator Marwan Maalouf was at Rutgers when Barthel was a player. Maalouf also overlapped with Foley at Fordham.
- Vikings DE D.J. Wonnun at South Carolina with Panthers P Joseph Charlton and G Dennis Daley.
- Hand at Temple in 2019 with Carolina LB Sam Franklin and TE Colin Thompson.
- Vikings DT Jalyn Holmes and Panthers WR Curtis Samuel at Ohio State.
- Jefferson at LSU with Carolina CB Donte Jackson.
- Minnesota C Garrett Bradbury and Carolina S Justin Burris at N.C. State.
- Vikings RB Dalvin Cook and Panthers DE Brian Burns at Florida State.
- Minnesota LB Ryan Connelly and Carolina LB Chris Orr at Wisconsin.
- Vikings K Dan Bailey and Panthers T Russell Okung at Oklahoma State.
- Minnesota WR Dan Chisena and Carolina DE Yetur Gross-Matos at Penn State.

VIKINGS-PANTHERS 2020 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	MIN (RK)	CAR (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	387.1 (8)	353.1 (19)	34
Yards / Play	6.55 (1)	5.78 (11)	0.77
Rushing Yards / Game	150.7 (6)	106.4 (20)	44.3
Rushing Yards / Play	5.07 (2)	4.24 (15)	0.83
Passing Yards / Game	236.4 (19)	246.7 (17)	-10.3
Passing Yards / Play	8.60 (1)	7.26 (14)	1.34
Interception Rate	4.0% (31)	2.41% (19)	1.59%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	6.91% (20)	5.88% (14)	1.03%
First Downs / Game	21.8 (18)	21.5 (19)	0.3
Punt Return Avg	1.9 (32)	5.8 (26)	-3.9
Kickoff Return Avg	20.9 (18)	26.7 (5)	-5.8
Field Goals Made	80.0% (23)	81.48% (21)	-1.48%
3rd Down Pct	43.27% (14)	40.46% (21)	2.81%
4th Down Pct	45.45% (26)	56.25% (19)	-10.80%
Red Zone Pct	78.13% (1)	59.46% (19)	18.67%
Goal to Go%	90.0% (3)	61.9% (31)	28.10%
Avg Possession Time	28:44 (23)	31:00 (12)	
Points / Game	26.4 (13)	23.0 (21)	3.4

DEFENSE	MIN (RK)	CAR (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	382.8 (22)	362.3 (18)	20.5
Yards / Play	5.77 (20)	5.70 (17)	0.07
Rushing Yards / Game	122.1 (22)	116.8 (17)	5.3
Rushing Yards / Play	4.30 (12)	4.62 (24)	-0.32
Passing Yards / Game	260.7 (26)	245.5 (19)	15.2
Passing Yards / Play	7.24 (24)	6.67 (16)	0.57
Interception Rate	2.22% (15)	1.23% (29)	0.99%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	5.28% (22)	3.95% (26)	1.33%
First Downs / Game	22.8 (20)	22.8 (21)	0
Punt Return Avg	11.1 (26)	6.9 (14)	4.2
Kickoff Return Avg	24.1 (23)	23.4 (21)	0.7
3rd Down Pct	36.21% (4)	51.82% (31)	-15.61%
4th Down Pct	66.67% (25)	60.0% (21)	6.67%
Red Zone Pct	55.56% (7)	58.54% (9)	-2.98%
Goal to Go%	58.33% (2)	80.0% (18)	-21.67%
Points / Game	27.8 (27)	24.7 (15)	3.1

VIKINGS - PANTHERS GAME INFORMATION

VIKINGS-PANTHERS SERIES

VIKINGS VS. PANTHERS ALL-TIME

Won 8, Lost 6, Tie 0; Home 6-3, Away 2-3

YEAR	SITE	RESULT	YEAR	SITE	RESULT
1996	Minnesota	Minnesota 14-12			
1997	Minnesota	Minnesota 21-14			
2000	Minnesota	Minnesota 31-17			
2001	Minnesota	Carolina 24-13			
2002	Minnesota	Carolina 21-14			
2005	Carolina	Carolina 38-13			
2006	Minnesota	Minnesota 16-13 (OT)			
2008	Minnesota	Minnesota 20-10			
2009	Carolina	Carolina 26-7			
2011	Carolina	Minnesota 24-21			
2013	Minnesota	Carolina 35-10			
2014	Minnesota	Minnesota 31-13			
2016	Carolina	Minnesota 22-10			
2017	Carolina	Carolina 31-24			

VIKINGS-PANTHERS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. Panthers.....	Vikings 8-6	Most Points, Vikings.....	31, (2000, 2014)
Last regular season game	Panthers, 31-24 (2017)	Most Points, Panthers	38, (2005)
Vikings largest winning margin	18; Vikings 31, Panthers 13 (2014)	Most Points, both teams.....	55, Panthers 31, Vikings 24 (2017)
Panthers largest winning margin.....	25; Twice (2005, 2013)	Fewest Points, Vikings.....	7, (2009)
Current series streak	Panthers 1	Fewest Points, Panthers.....	3, (2006)
Vikings longest win streak	3, (1996-2000)	Fewest Points, both teams.....	26; Vikings 14, Panthers 12 (1996)
Panthers longest win streak	3, (2001-2005)		

VIKINGS - PANTHERS GAME INFORMATION

TOP PERFORMERS VS. PANTHERS

KYLE RUDOLPH

Five games (five starts), 23 receptions, 230 receiving yards, four receiving touchdowns

HARRISON SMITH

Four games (four starts), 19 tackles (league stats), 2.0 sacks

ADAM THIELEN

Three games (one start), 16 receptions, 134 receiving yards, one receiving touchdown, blocked punt, blocked punt return touchdown

VIKINGS-PANTHERS SERIES NOTES

- Minnesota welcomes Carolina for the first time at U.S. Bank Stadium on Sunday. It's the first time the Vikings have hosted the Panthers since a 31-13 win played at the University of Minnesota during the 2014 season.
- The Vikings and Panthers have met 14 times with Minnesota leading the series 8-6. The Vikings hold a record of 6-3 at home.
- Despite only playing Carolina five times since 2010, the Vikings rank tied for fourth in the league with 18.0 sacks against the Panthers.

VIKINGS BIG DAYS VS. PANTHERS

- Vikings TE *Kyle Rudolph* has caught a touchdown pass in four consecutive games against Carolina. Rudolph's 23 receptions and 230 receiving yards are the most against any non-division opponent in his career. His four career receiving touchdowns against Carolina are the second most against any opponent in his career, tied with his four touchdowns vs. Chicago and trailing his nine career receiving touchdowns against Detroit.
- Vikings S *Harrison Smith* has recorded a sack in two of the last three games against the Panthers.
- WR *Adam Thielen* blocked a punt and returned it 30 yards for his first career TD vs. Carolina (11/30/14). The 30-yard return on the blocked punt was the longest in franchise history until Everson Griffen returned a blocked punt 43 yards in the second quarter. The two blocked punt return touchdowns marked the fourth time since the 1970 merger and the first time since 9/30/90 (Kansas City Chiefs) that the feat has occurred.



KIRK COUSINS NOTES



QB KIRK COUSINS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-3/202
COLLEGE: Michigan State
NFL SEASON: 9
VIKINGS SEASON: 3

Cousins, who finished with a career-best 107.4 passer rating last season, posted a passer rating above 100.0 for the fourth consecutive week in Week 11. He completed 22 of 30 passes for 314 yards and three touchdowns en route to a 140.1 rating vs. Dallas. Since 2019, Cousins ranks fifth in the league in both passer rating (105.6) and completion percentage (68.3).



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

Player, Team	Passer rating
Drew Brees, New Orleans	125.0
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	119.4
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	118.6
Dak Prescott, Dallas	117.9
Russell Wilson, Seattle	117.6

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

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Russell Wilson, Seattle	35
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	33
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	28
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	26

2018-20 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	103
Russell Wilson, Seattle	96
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	80
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	78
Drew Brees, New Orleans	77
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	76
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	76
Deshaun Watson, Houston	72
Jared Goff, LA Rams	70

NFL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Completions
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	2,207
Drew Brees, New Orleans	2,149
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	2,122
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	2,106
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	2,048

NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Yards
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	25,998
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	25,299
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	24,268
Drew Brees, New Orleans	23,579
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	23,538
Russell Wilson, Seattle	22,770

NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	37
Drew Brees, New Orleans	36
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	36
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	31
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	30

NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Drew Brees, New Orleans	52
Russell Wilson, Seattle	48
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	45
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	44
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	43
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	41

VIKINGS PASSER RATING IN A SEASON

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

*According to NextGen Stats

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13.4

Kirk Cousins leads the NFL with 13.4 passing yards per completion (2,461/184) and 8.9 yards per attempt (2,461/275) entering Week 12.

7.7

Cousins is tied for the league lead in average completed air yards (the average air yards a passer throws on completions) with an average of 7.7 through 11 weeks according to Next Gen Stats.

KYLE RUDOLPH NOTES



TE KYLE RUDOLPH

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

Rudolph is in his 10th season in 2020 as the longest-tenured Viking on the offensive side of the ball and one of the top TEs in franchise history. The veteran is fifth on the Vikings all-time receptions list and has started 91 consecutive games, the longest active streak among all TEs in the NFL and the 20th-longest consecutive starts streak by a Vikings player at any position, passing Chad Greenway (90).

MOST GAMES WITH A SINGLE FRANCHISE AMONG ACTIVE TIGHT ENDS

Player, Team	Games Played
Jason Witten, Dallas	255
Mercedes Lewis, Jacksonville	170
Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota*	138
Greg Olsen, Carolina	126
Rob Gronkowski, New England	115

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

LONGEST ACTIVE START STREAKS AMONG ALL NFL TEs

Player, Team	Consecutive starts
Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota	91
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	42
Hunter Henry, Los Angeles Chargers	21

RECEIVING TDs FROM 2016-20 AMONG ALL NFL TEs

Player, Team	TDs
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	34
Zach Ertz, Philadelphia	27
Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota	26
Jimmy Graham, Seattle/Green Bay/Chicago	26
Cameron Brate, Tampa Bay	26

VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS

Player, Years	Receptions
Cris Carter, 1990-2001	1,004
Randy Moss, 1998-2004, 2010	587
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	498
Anthony Carter, 1985-93	478
Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	446
Jake Reed, 1991-2001	413
Ahmad Rashad, 1976-82	400

VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS AMONG TEs

Player, Years	Yards
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	6,307
Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	4,420

VIKINGS CAREER TD RECEPTIONS

Player	TDs
Cris Carter, WR	110
Randy Moss, WR	92
Anthony Carter, WR	52
Sammy White, WR	50
Kyle Rudolph, TE	48
Adam Thielen	36



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

VIKINGS SINGLE-SEASON TD RECEPTIONS BY TEs

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

VIKINGS SEASON RECEPTIONS BY TEs

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

VIKINGS SINGLE-GAME RECEPTIONS BY TEs

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

VIKINGS SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING YARDS BY TEs

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

DALVIN COOK NOTES



RB DALVIN COOK

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5-10/210
COLLEGE: Florida State
NFL SEASON: 4
VIKINGS SEASON: 4

Coming off a career year in 2019, rushing for 1,135 yards and 13 touchdowns, Cook signed an extension with the team the day before the Week 1 matchup with Green Bay. In Week 9, Cook rattled off 206 rushing yards, two touchdowns and had two receptions for 46 yards. With the performance, he became the third player in NFL history with 225+ scrimmage yards and two-plus touchdowns in consecutive games, joining Deuce McAllister (2003) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Brown (1963) as the only players to do so. Cook also became the sixth player in NFL history and first since Pro Football Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith in 1994 with a rushing score in each of his first seven games of a season.

2019-20 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	26
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	25
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	22
Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams/Atlanta	21
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	20
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	17

2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	2,619
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	2,204
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	2,069
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,032
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders	1,905

2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	104.8
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	95.8
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	94.0
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	84.8
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders	82.8

2019-20 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	2,957 (2,204, 753)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	2,911 (2,619, 292)
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	2,766 (1,612, 1,154)
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,701 (2,032, 669)
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	2,509 (1,328, 1,181)



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

VIKINGS MOST CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, Seasons	Games
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	49
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	29
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	17
Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present	12
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 (9)*	13
Dalvin Cook, 2019	13
Terry Allen, 1992	13
Chuck Foreman, 1976	13
Chuck Foreman, 1975	13

VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (THROUGH WEEK 11)

Player, Season (Games Played)	Rushing touchdowns
Dalvin Cook, 2020 (9)*	13
Adrian Peterson, 2009 (11)	12
Dalvin Cook, 2019 (11)	11
Chuck Foreman, 1976 (12)	11
Chuck Foreman, 1975 (12)	11
Bill Brown, 1968 (12)	11
Adrian Peterson, 2011 (10)	11
*Through Week 11	

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Entering Week 12, Dalvin Cook leads the NFL with 1,303 scrimmage yards, 13 rushing touchdowns, 118.8 rushing yards per game, 58 rushing first downs and 30 rushes of 10 or more yards. His 1,069 rushing yards ranks second in the NFL, only 10 yards behind Derrick Henry (1,079).

369

Cook's 369 yards rushing through two consecutive games (163 at Green Bay and 206 vs. Detroit) was a team record through two consecutive games. He surpassed Adrian Peterson's 366 rushing yards (12/9/12-12/16/12 and 10/28/07-11/4/07).

ADAM THIELEN NOTES



WR ADAM THIELEN

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

Thielen recorded his 20th career 100-yard receiving game in Week 11 vs. Dallas after catching eight passes for 123 yards and two scores. His 11 receiving touchdowns through Week 11 lead the NFL and his two touchdowns vs. Dallas tied a career high and marked the fourth time in 2020 he has two scores in a game. Overall, Thielen has matched his career high on six occasions - vs. Dallas (11/22/20), at Chicago (11/16/20), at Seattle (10/11/20), vs. Green Bay (9/13/20), at New York Giants (10/6/19) and at Green Bay (12/24/16).

2020 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Receiving touchdowns
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	11
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	10
Davante Adams, Green Bay	10
DK Metcalf, Seattle	9
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	9

2017-20 NFL RECEPTIONS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receptions
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	397
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	387
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	384
Julio Jones, Atlanta	345
Davante Adams, Green Bay	336
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	314
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	302
Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	296
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	286
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	283

2017-20 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN

Player, Season	Receptions
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	110
Julio Jones, Atlanta	90
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	90
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	90
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	86

2017-20 NFL RECEIVING YARDS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receiving yards
Julio Jones, Atlanta	5,192
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	5,027
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	4,623
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	4,574
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	4,274
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	4,245
Davante Adams, Green Bay	4,115
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	3,906
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	3,733
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	3,713



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

2017-20 NFL MOST 100+ YARDS RECEIVING GAMES

Player, Team	100+ Yard Games
Julio Jones, Atlanta	23
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	22
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	17
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	17
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	16

MOST 100+ YARDS RECEIVING GAMES BY VIKINGS IN A SEASON

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

VIKINGS CAREER 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player	100+ Yard Games
Randy Moss	41
Cris Carter	40
Anthony Carter	22
Adam Thielen	20
Jake Reed	18

VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	Receiving Touchdowns
Cris Carter	110
Randy Moss	92
Anthony Carter	52
Sammy White	50
Kyle Rudolph	48
Adam Thielen	36
Ahmad Rashad	34
Jake Reed	33

11 Adam Thielen is the only player in franchise history with 11 or more receiving touchdowns in the first 10 games of a season, surpassing Randy Moss' 10 receiving scores in 2003.

6 With his NFL-leading 11th receiving touchdown of 2020, and 36th of his career, Thielen ranks sixth in franchise history. He broke a tie with Ahmad Rashad (34) with two scores against Dallas.



JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES



WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

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

Jefferson continued his breakout campaign in Week 11, surpassing Mike Evans (794) for the sixth-most receiving yards in NFL history through the first 10 games of a season by a rookie. Jefferson also passed Percy Harvin's 2009 rookie season mark of 790 receiving yards to move into fourth all-time on the Vikings rookie receiving yards list. His 848 yards entering Week 12 lead all rookies and rank seventh in the league. Jefferson's season totals also set the Vikings rookie record for catches (45) and yards (848) through 10 games.

2020 RECEIVING YARDS PER ROUTE
(MINIMUM 100 ROUTES RAN)*

Player, Team	Receiving Yards/Route
<i>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</i>	3.2
Davante Adams, Green Bay	3.2
George Kittle, San Francisco	2.9
Richard Rodgers, Philadelphia	2.9
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	2.9

2020 RECEIVING YARDS

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	912
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	906
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	896
Terry McLaurin, Washington	871
DJ Moore, Carolina	863
DK Metcalf, Seattle	862
<i>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</i>	848

2020 RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
<i>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</i>	848
Tee Higgins, Cincinnati	629
CeeDee Lamb, Dallas	629
Jerry Jeudy, Denver	589
Chase Claypool, Pittsburgh	559

RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES THROUGH FIRST 11 GAMES

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Bill Groman, Tennessee, 1960	1,149
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	1,069
Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954	1,036
Anquan Boldin, Arizona, 2003	999
Marques Colston, New Orleans, 2006	869
Mike Ditka, Chicago, 1961	869
Amari Cooper, Las Vegas, 2015	851
Randy Moss, Minnesota, 1998	851
<i>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota*, 2020</i>	848
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay, 2014	841
Michael Clayton, Tampa Bay, 2004	828

*Through first 10 games



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

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

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

VIKINGS LONGEST CATCHES BY ROOKIES

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

MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOKIE IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES

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

MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROOKIE

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

*According to NextGen Stats

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18.8

Justin Jefferson ranks second in the NFL among qualified receivers entering Week 12 with an average of 18.8 yards per catch (848/45).

17

Jefferson leads the league with 17 receptions that gained 20 or more yards entering Week 12, according to Sportradar.

HARRISON SMITH NOTES



S HARRISON SMITH

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

Smith, a five-time Pro Bowler, recorded his 26th career interception at Chicago in Week 10, which ranks seventh-most in franchise history. Against the Los Angeles Chargers in 2019, he tallied six tackles to move ahead of Antoine Winfield for third-most tackles by a Vikings defensive back all-time.

2018-20 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
J.C. Jackson, New England	14
Xavier Howard, Miami	14
Kyle Fuller, Chicago	11
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Miami/Pittsburgh	11
Marcus Peters, LA Rams, Baltimore	11
Justin Simmons, Denver	11
Domantae Kazee, Atlanta	10
Donte Jackson, Carolina	10
Anthony Harris, Minnesota	9
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	9
Six other players	9

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

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

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURNS OF 50+ YARDS

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

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



Harrison Smith and other teammates joined 25 children from Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota for a holiday shopping event at DICK'S Sporting Goods hosted by the Mike Zimmer Foundation 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-	26
Orlando Thomas, 1995-2001	22
John Turner, 1978-83, '85, '87	22
Antoine Winfield, 2004-12	21

VIKINGS SEASON SACKS BY A DB

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

VIKINGS CAREER SACKS BY A DB

Player, Seasons	Sacks
Harrison Smith, 2012-	13.0
Joey Browner, 1983-91	9.5

VIKINGS CAREER TACKLES BY A DB

Player, Years	Tackles
Tommy Hannon, 1977-84	1,056
Joey Browner, 1983-91	987
Harrison Smith, 2012-	829
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

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26

Smith recorded his 26th career interception and third of 2020 in Week 10 at Chicago. Smith ranks seventh all-time on the Vikings career interceptions list.

13.0

Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (13.0) by a defensive back since 2010 behind Jamal Adams (17.5).

ERIC KENDRICKS NOTES



LB ERIC KENDRICKS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-0/232

COLLEGE: UCLA

NFL SEASON: 6

VIKINGS SEASON: 6

Following the 2019 season, Eric Kendricks was named to his first Pro Bowl and earned *Associated Press* First-Team All-Pro honors, becoming the first Vikings linebacker to be named All-Pro since Chad Greenway (Second Team) in 2012. Through Weeks 1-8 of the 2020 season, Kendricks led the Vikings in weekly tackles. He ranks seventh in the NFL in total tackles with 94 entering Week 12.

2020 NFL TOTAL TACKLES

Player, Team	Tackles
Zach Cunningham, Houston	100
Devin White, Tampa Bay	97
Roquan Smith, Chicago	96
Blake Martinez, NY Giants	96
Jaylon Smith, Dallas	96
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	96
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	94

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	2
B.J. Goodson, Cleveland	2
Fred Warner, San Francisco	2
Logan Wilson, Cincinnati	2
Jason Pierre-Paul, Tampa Bay	2

NFL TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2020 (LEAGUE STATS)

Player, Team	Total Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	807
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	659
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	626
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	619
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	610
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	602
Landon Collins, New York Giants/Washington	586
Tahir Whitehead, Detroit/Oakland/Carolina	572
K.J. Wright, Seattle	559
Benardrick McKinney, Houston	525



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

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

Player, Team	Pass. Def.
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	17
K.J. Wright, Seattle	17
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	16
Demario Davis, New Orleans	16
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	14
Fred Warner, San Francisco	12
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	12
Jaylon Smith, Dallas	12
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	12

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
Anthony Barr, 2014-Present	36
Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present	36
Ed McDaniel, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Eric Wilson, 2017-Present	15
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12

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87

Since 2014, linebackers Anthony Barr, Eric Kendricks and Eric Wilson have combined for 87 tackles for loss, with all three ranking in the top 10 for career TFLs by Vikings linebackers.

600

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

ERIC WILSON NOTES



LB ERIC WILSON

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/230
COLLEGE: Cincinnati
NFL SEASON: 4
VIKINGS SEASON: 4

Eric Wilson is having a breakout campaign as the Vikings everyday starter alongside Pro Bowler Eric Kendricks in 2020. Entering Week 12, the fourth-year pro is tied for eighth in the NFL with three interceptions and is the only player in the league with at least two sacks and three interceptions. His interception total also leads all linebackers this season and his four passes defended are tied for 12th among other players at the position.

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
J.C. Jackson, New England	6
Xavien Howard, Miami	6
Darius Williams, Los Angeles Rams	4
Carlton Davis, Tampa Bay	4
Justin Simmons, Denver	4
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Pittsburgh	4
Kendall Fuller, Washington	4
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	3
10 other players also tied	3

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	2
B.J. Goodson, Cleveland	2
Fred Warner, San Francisco	2
Logan Wilson, Cincinnati	2
Jason Pierre-Paul, Tampa Bay	2

2020 NFL PASSES DEFENSED BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	8
K.J. Wright, Seattle	6
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	6
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	5
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	5
Deion Jones, Atlanta	5
Nicholas Morrow, Las Vegas	5
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	5
Shaq Thompson, Carolina	5
Harold Landry, Tennessee	5
Roquan Smith, Chicago	5
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	4
Eight other players also tied	4



Eric Wilson is the first Vikings linebacker since Chad Greenway in 2013 to record at least three sacks and three interceptions in a single season. Wilson's three interceptions tie for the seventh-most by a Vikings linebacker in team history.

2020 NFL PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE INTERCEPTIONS AND SACKS (MINIMUM 2 OF EACH)

Player, Team	Interceptions	Sacks
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3	3.0
Jason Pierre-Paul, Tampa Bay	2	7.5
Budda Baker, Arizona	2	2.0
Jordan Poyer, Buffalo	2	2.0
Jordan Whitehead, Tampa Bay	2	2.0
Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans	2	2.0

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
Anthony Barr, 2014-Present	36
Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present	36
Ed McDaniel, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Eric Wilson, 2017-Present	15
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12

ANTHONY HARRIS NOTES



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

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

2018-20 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
J.C. Jackson, New England	14
Xavien Howard, Miami	14
Kyle Fuller, Chicago	11
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Miami/Pittsburgh	11
Marcus Peters, LA Rams, Baltimore	11
Justin Simmons, Denver	11
Domantae Kazee, Atlanta	10
Donte Jackson, Carolina	10
Anthony Harris, Minnesota	9
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	9
Six other players	9

HARRIS' MULTI-INTERCEPTION GAMES

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



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

2019 NFL SAFETY GRADE (PRO FOOTBALL FOCUS)

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

2019 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

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

SCHEDULE NOTES

WK 1
9/13/20



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

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

WK 2
9/20/20



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

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

WK 3
9/27/20



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

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

WK 4
10/4/20



at Houston
4-0
(2-0) A

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

WK 5
10/11/20



at Seattle
5-12
(2-7) A

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

WK 6
10/18/20



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

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

WK 8
11/1/20



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

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

WK 9
11/8/20



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

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

SCHEDULE NOTES

WK 10
11/16/20



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

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

WK 11
11/22/20



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

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

WK 12
11/29/20



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

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

WK 13
12/6/20



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

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

WK 14
12/13/20



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

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

WK 15
12/20/20



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

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

WK 16
12/25/20



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

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

WK 17
1/3/20



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

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

BE THE CHANGE

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



VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION AWARENESS

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

ALL SQUARE

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

GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

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



306: BLACK HISTORY CURRICULUM EXPANSION

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

PROJECT SUCCESS

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



FURTHER INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT

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

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

VIKINGS SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

VIKINGS IN THE COMMUNITY



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

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

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

JEFFERSON DONATES FACE MASKS

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

HUNTER, COOK DONATE MADDEN CHECKS

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

THIELN FOUNDATION DONATES \$25K

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

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

BARR PROVIDES EMERGENCY GRANTS

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

UDOH DELIVERS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

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

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

RUDOLPH LAUNCHES 'MEAL PLAN'

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

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

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

KENDRICKS DONATES PAINTING PROCEEDS

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

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

VIKINGS YOUTH FOOTBALL

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

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



VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES

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

2020 VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES OF THE WEEK

October 9 Robbinsdale Cooper 20, Waconia 13
October 16 Woodbury 45, Stillwater 0
October 23 Kasson-Mantorville 23, New Prague 20
October 30 .. Lakeville South 35, Lakeville North 15
November 6 Henry Sibley 21, Simley 20
November 11..... Spring Lake Park 14, Orono 0

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

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

2019

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

COACH OF THE WEEK PROGRAM

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

2020 Vikings Coach of the Week

Week 1 Dave Dahlstrom, Fole
Week 2 Jared Essler, St. Michael-Albertville
Week 3 Chauncey Williams-Barefield, Brooklyn Center
Week 4 Gene Teigland, North St. Paul
Week 5 Randy Kuechenmeister, Blue Earth Area
Week 6 Rex Metzger, Hills-Beaver Creek
Week 7 Marc Franz, Rogers



VIKINGS CELEBRATE 60TH SEASON IN 2020



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



CELEBRATING 60 SEASONS

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

MILLER LITE 60TH SEASON LIMITED EDITION CANS

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

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

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

VIKINGS MUSEUM OPENS SEASON OF FIRSTS EXHIBIT

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



HAVE A SEAT AT OUR FAMILY TABLE

In June 2019, the Minnesota Vikings Foundation, in partnership with Xcel Energy, introduced Vikings Table, a custom-built food truck with the mission of serving healthy meals and nutritional education to youth across the Minneapolis-St. Paul community.

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

