



VIKINGS

Week 14 | Sunday, December 13, 2020 | Raymond James Stadium | Noon CT | FOX

2020 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON.....	6-6
NFC NORTH	3-1
HOME	3-4
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	W, 28-27
SUN	DEC 6	JAX	NOON	W, 27-24 OT
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: Joe Buck

Sideline: Erin Andrews

Analyst: Troy Aikman



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Play-by-Play: Paul Allen

Sideline: Greg Coleman & Ben Leber

Analyst: Pete Bercich

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GAME SUMMARY

The Minnesota Vikings (6-6) hit the road for the first time since Week 10 when they travel to face the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (7-5) in Week 14. The game is scheduled to kick off at noon CT at Raymond James Stadium.

The Vikings defeated the Jaguars, 27-24, in overtime, while the Buccaneers had a bye week in Week 13.

Vikings RB Dalvin Cook is in the midst of a career year, leading the the NFL in scrimmage yards with 1,564 yards and scrimmage touchdowns with 14, both of which are career highs. With 1,250 rushing yards, Cook is second in the NFL 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.

LB Eric Wilson and Eric Kendricks are tied for the league lead in interceptions among all LBs in 2020 with three each, a career high for both. S Harrison Smith has a team-high four interceptions in 2020, tied for most in the NFC this season.

WR Adam Thielen has set a new career high with 12 receiving touchdowns this season, passing his previous best of nine in 2018. 11 of Thielen's 12 receiving touchdowns have come in the red zone, the most in the NFL in 2020. WR Justin Jefferson's 1,039 receiving yards leads all rookies in 2020. His receiving yardage total is already the second-most for a rookie in Vikings history trailing Randy Moss's 1,313 yards in 1998.

STAT OF THE WEEK



QB Kirk Cousins has recorded 21 games with at least 300 passing yards and at least three passing touchdowns, trailing only Dan Marino (26) for the most by a player in their first nine seasons. Drew Brees and Tony Romo each had 20 such games, while Aaron Rodgers had 19, in their first nine seasons.

NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- Vikings WR **Adam Thielen** (380 career receptions) trails WR Sammy White (393 career receptions) by 13 receptions for eighth all-time in team history.
- S **Harrison Smith** has collected 27 career interceptions, including one in Week 13, 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 (32) and Marcus Peters (30) have more interceptions than Smith in that same span.
- The Vikings defense has held opponents to a 36.4% success rate on third downs in 2020, the sixth-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 75.0% red zone scoring rate, the Vikings offense ranks third in the NFL, trailing the Cardinals (75.61%) and Packers (75.56%).
- 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

8.07

The Vikings offense ranks second in the NFL in yards per pass play with a 8.07 average. The Texans are first with an 8.35 yards per pass play average in 2020. Kansas City is third with a 7.99 average.

85

According to SportRadar, the Vikings had 85 offensive plays in Week 13 vs. Jacksonville, the most by a Vikings team since they had 86 in Week 13 of the 2013 season vs. Chicago (12/1/13).



HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

NFL HEAD COACH: 7th Year

OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 27th Year

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 42nd Year

REGULAR SEASON: 63-44-1 (.588)

POSTSEASON: 2-3-0 (.400)

RECORD WITH MIN: 63-44-1 (.588)

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	6-6		24/17

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
 328.6 (3rd) 219.9 (3rd) 108.6 (14th) 281 (7th) 20.2 (3rd) 211 (2nd) 64 (2nd) 147 (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 BRUCE ARIANS

NFL HEAD COACH: 7th Year

OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 27th Year

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 44th Year

REGULAR SEASON: 63-44-1 (.588)

POSTSEASON: 1-2 (.333)

RECORD WITH TB: 14-14 (.500)

BRUCE ARIANS SUMMARY

1975-76	Virginia Tech	Graduate Assistant
1977	Virginia Tech	Running Backs
1978-80	Mississippi State	Running Backs/Wide Receivers
1981-82	Alabama	Running Backs
1983-88	Temple	Head Coach
1989-92	Kansas City Chiefs	Running Backs
1993-95	Mississippi State	Offensive Coordinator
1996	New Orleans Saints	Tight Ends
1997	Alabama	Offensive Coordinator
1998-2000	Indianapolis Colts	Quarterbacks
2001-03	Cleveland Browns	Offensive Coordinator
2004-06	Pittsburgh Steelers	Wide Receivers
2007-11	Pittsburgh Steelers	Offensive Coordinator
2012	Indianapolis Colts	Off. Coordinator/Interim Head Coach
2013-17	Arizona Cardinals	Head Coach
2019-	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Head Coach



VIKINGS-JAGUARS 2020 LEADERS

VIKINGS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring (No Ks)	Cook	90	1	1
Passing Yds	Cousins	3,073	7	13
Passing TDs	Cousins	26	4	6t
Passer Rating	Cousins	103.9	4	9
Completion Pct	Cousins	67.8	8	14
Rushing Att	Cook	251	1	2
Rushing Yds	Cook	1,250	1	2
Rushing TDs	Cook	13	1	1
Receptions	#Jefferson	61	12	21
Receiving Yds	#Jefferson	1,039	2	4
Receiving TDs	Thielen	12	2	3
Interceptions	Smith	4	1t	4t
Tackles*	Kendricks	107	4	5
Forced Fumbles	8 tied	1	32t	61t
Opp. FR	Wilson	2	1t	2t
Sacks	Odenigbo	3.5	34t	62t
FGs Made	Bailey	12	14t	28t
FG Pct	Bailey	80.0	10	21
Net Punting Avg	Colquitt	36.0	13	26
Punt Ret. Avg	#Osborn	3.9	DNQ	
KO Ret. Avg	#Osborn	21.6	DNQ	

*League Stats #Rookie

BUCCANEERS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring (No Ks)	Evans	66	5t	7t
Passing Yds	Brady	3,300	5	8
Passing TDs	Brady	28	3	4
Passer Rating	Brady	95.1	7	15
Completion Pct	Brady	64.8	12	24
Rushing Att	Jones	162	5	9
Rushing Yds	Jones	820	2	4
Rushing TDs	Jones	5	10t	17t
Receptions	Godwin	49	23t	38t
Receiving Yds	Evans	613	20	36
Receiving TDs	Evans	11	3	4
Interceptions	Davis	4	1t	4t
Tackles*	White	109	3	4
Forced Fum	Pierre-Paul	3	3t	5t
Opp. FR	David	2	1t	2t
Sacks	Pierre-Paul	8.5	4t	6t
FGs Made	Succop	22	4	8t
FG Pct	Succop	91.7	5	9t
Net Punting Avg	Pinion	41.3	6	13
Punt Ret. Avg	Mickens	6.6	4	12
KO Ret. Avg	Mickens	24.1	DNQ	

VIKINGS-BUCCANEERS CONNECTIONS

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

- Buccaneers WR Tyler Johnson starred at Minneapolis North, leading the Polars to an appearance in the Class A title game as a quarterback and defensive back. Johnson set numerous Gophers records in four seasons at the University of Minnesota, including career receiving yards (3,305) and touchdowns (33) before his selection in the fifth round.
- Tampa Bay T Joe Haeg is from Lake Shore, Minnesota, and attended Brainerd High School before playing at North Dakota State.

VIKINGS-BUCCANEERS CONNECTIONS

- Buccaneers rookie safety Antoine Winfield, Jr., is the son of Vikings Legend, Antoine Winfield, who locked down the nickel position for the Vikings from 2004-12 and earned three consecutive trips to the Pro Bowl (2008-10).
- Vikings receivers coach Andrew Janocko began his NFL coaching career as an offensive assistant with the Buccaneers (2012-13).
- Minnesota long snapper Andrew DePaola played his first three pro seasons (2014-16) for Tampa Bay.
- Buccaneers assistant coach Tom Moore was born in Owatonna and attended high school in Rochester. He worked two stints as Gophers offensive coordinator in the 1970s and was assistant head coach of the Vikings from 1990-93.
- Tampa Bay cornerbacks coach Kevin Ross guided the Vikings secondary from 2003-05.

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

- Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer overlapped in Dallas with Buccaneers Defensive Coordinator Todd Bowles and defensive line coach Kacy Rodgers.
- Bowles previously worked with Vikings tight ends coach Brian Pariani (49ers in 1991) and overlapped with Co-Defensive Coordinator Andre Patterson, Special Teams Coordinator Marwan Maalouf and running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu with the Browns a decade later.
- Rodgers played for the Steelers when Vikings Senior Defensive Assistant Dom Capers was with Pittsburgh. He overlapped as a coach in Dallas with Zimmer and in Miami with Maalouf.
- Maalouf and Vikings assistant defensive backs coach Roy Anderson worked with Tampa Bay Head Coach Bruce Arians and Assistant Head Coach/Run Game Coordinator Harold Goodwin in 2012 in Indianapolis.
- Maalouf and Anderson also worked with Buccaneers quarterbacks coach Clyde Christensen and offensive line coach Joe Gilbert while with the Colts. Maalouf and Christensen later worked together with Vikings defensive backs coach Daronte Jones while in Miami, overlapping with part of Bucs DT Ndamukong Suh's career. Suh was a teammate of Vikings QB Sean Mannion with the Rams in 2018.
- Capers and Tampa Bay Special Teams Coordinator Keith Armstrong worked together at the Dolphins.
- Polamalu's time with Jacksonville overlapped with part of Buccaneers Offensive Coordinator Byron Leftwich's career as a quarterback.
- Tampa Bay specialists coach Chris Boniol played for the Cowboys during Zimmer's first three seasons in Dallas. Boniol helped coach Vikings kicker Dan Bailey in his first three pro seasons in Dallas (2011-13).
- Buccaneers LB Shaquil Barrett was previously with the Broncos, along with Vikings Offensive Coordinator Gary Kubiak, Offensive Line Coach/Run Game Coordinator Rick Dennison, Pariani, quarterbacks coach Clint Kubiak and assistant offensive line coach Phil Rauscher.
- Dennison overlapped with Tampa Bay RB LeSean McCoy in Buffalo (2017) and DT Steve McLendon with the New York Jets (2018).
- Vikings WR Tajae Sharpe and Bucs K Ryan Succop teamed together with the Titans. Succop also overlapped with Vikings Co-Defensive Coordinator Adam Zimmer when they were with the Chiefs.

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

- Vikings DT Shamar Stephen and Bucs S Andrew Adams teamed at Connecticut.
- Minnesota RB Ameer Abdullah and Tampa Bay LB Lavonte David were at Nebraska together. Vikings CB Chris Jones and Bucs DL Khalil Davis are also former Huskers teammates.
- Vikings quarterbacks coach Clint Kubiak coached receivers at Texas A&M when Mike Evans played for the Aggies.
- Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins teamed with Tampa Bay DL William Gholston at Michigan State.
- Vikings WR Dan Chisena and Bucs WR Chris Godwin overlapped at Penn State.
- Minnesota DT Armon Watts and Tampa Bay DL Jeremiah Ledbetter were on the same d-line at Arkansas.
- Vikings TE Tyler Conklin and Bucs CB Sean Murphy-Bunting teamed at Central Michigan.
- Minnesota T Rashod Hill and Tampa Bay DL Rakeem Nunez-Roches played together at Southern Mississippi.
- Vikings WR Justin Jefferson and Bucs LB Devin White overlapped at LSU.
- Minnesota DT Jaleel Johnson and Tampa Bay DL Anthony Nelson teamed at Iowa.

VIKINGS-BUCCANEERS 2020 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	MIN (RK)	...TB (RK)Diff
Yards / Game	389.8 (4)	362.8 (18)	27
Yards / Play	6.26 (4)	5.67 (14)	0.59
Rushing Yards / Game	145.7 (6)	96.3 (27)	49.4
Rushing Yards / Play	4.87 (5)	4.17 (19)	0.7
Passing Yards / Game	244.2 (16)	266.4 (10)	-22.2
Passing Yards / Play	8.07 (2)	6.73 (19)	1.34
Interception Rate	3.31% (28)	2.32% (19)	0.99%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	6.89% (22)	3.37% (2)	3.52%
First Downs / Game	22.8 (2)	21.8 (16)	1
Punt Return Avg	2.8 (32)	6.3 (24)	-3.5
Kickoff Return Avg	20.9 (19)	21.4 (17)	-0.5
Field Goals Made	80.0% (22)	91.67% (9)	-11.67%
3rd Down Pct	43.61% (8)	42.95% (13)	0.66%
4th Down Pct	50.0% (21)	58.33% (16)	-8.33%
Red Zone Pct	75.0% (3)	71.11% (6)	3.89%
Goal to Go%	80.77% (9)	84.85% (4)	-4.08%
Avg Possession Time	29:20 (22)	28:55 (23)	25
Points / Game	26.6 (12)	28.7 (6)	-2.1

DEFENSE	MIN (RK)	...TB (RK)Diff
Yards / Game	382.7 (24)	329.9 (7)	52.8
Yards / Play	5.77 (22)	5.20 (7)	0.57
Rushing Yards / Game	121.0 (19)	74.2 (1)	46.8
Rushing Yards / Play	4.31 (15)	3.28 (1)	1.03
Passing Yards / Game	261.7 (26)	255.8 (22)	5.9
Passing Yards / Play	7.17 (24)	6.73 (13)	0.44
Interception Rate	2.51% (11)	3.07% (7)	-0.56%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	4.79% (25)	7.46% (9)	-2.67%
First Downs / Game	22.4 (20)	19.3 (5)	3.1
Punt Return Avg	10.3 (27)	7.7 (17)	2.6
Kickoff Return Avg	23.2 (21)	37.2 (32)	-14
3rd Down Pct	36.36% (6)	41.72% (16)	-5.36%
4th Down Pct	68.18% (29)	50.0% (12)	18.18%
Red Zone Pct	51.22% (3)	63.16% (18)	-11.94%
Goal to Go%	55.56% (2)	75.0% (12)	-19.44%
Points / Game	27.4 (26)	23.3 (11)	4.1

VIKINGS - BUCCANEERS GAME INFORMATION

VIKINGS-JAGUARS SERIES

VIKINGS VS. BUCCANEERS ALL-TIME

Won 33, Lost 22, Tie 0; Home 19-9, Away 14-13

YEAR	SITE	RESULT	YEAR	SITE	RESULT
1977	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 9-3	1992	Minnesota	Minnesota 26-20
1978	Minnesota	Tampa Bay 16-10		Tampa Bay	Minnesota 35-7
	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 24-7	1993	Minnesota	Minnesota 15-0
1979	Minnesota	Tampa Bay 12-10		Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 23-10
	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 23-22	1994	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 36-13
1980	Minnesota	Minnesota 38-30		Minnesota	Tampa Bay 20-17 (OT)
	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 21-10	1995	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 20-17 (OT)
1981	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 21-13		Minnesota	Minnesota 31-17
	Minnesota	Minnesota 25-10	1996	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 24-13
1982	Minnesota	Minnesota 17-10		Minnesota	Minnesota 21-10
1983	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 19-16 (OT)	1997	Minnesota	Tampa Bay 28-14
	Minnesota	Tampa Bay 17-12		Tampa Bay	Minnesota 10-6
1984	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 35-21	1998	Minnesota	Minnesota 31-7
	Minnesota	Minnesota 27-24		Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 27-24
1985	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 31-16	1999	Minnesota	Minnesota 21-14
	Minnesota	Minnesota 26-7		Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 24-17
1986	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 23-10	2000	Minnesota	Minnesota 30-23
	Minnesota	Minnesota 45-13		Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 41-13
1987	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 20-10	2001	Minnesota	Minnesota 20-16
	Minnesota	Minnesota 23-17		Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 41-14
1988	Minnesota	Minnesota 14-13	2002	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 38-24
	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 49-20	2005	Minnesota	Tampa Bay 24-13
1989	Minnesota	Minnesota 17-3	2008	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 19-13
	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 24-10	2011	Minnesota	Tampa Bay 24-20
1990	Minnesota	Tampa Bay 23-20	2012	Minnesota	Tampa Bay 36-17
	Tampa Bay	Tampa Bay 26-13	2014	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 19-13 (OT)
1991	Minnesota	Minnesota 28-13	2017	Minnesota	Minnesota 34-17
	Tampa Bay	Minnesota 26-24			

VIKINGS-JAGUARS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. Buccaneers	Vikings 32-22	Most Points, Vikings	49; Vikings 49, Buccaneers 20 (1988)
Last regular season game	Vikings 19, Buccaneers 13 (OT) (2014)	Most Points, Buccaneers	41; (Twice: 2000 & 2001)
Vikings largest winning margin	32; Vikings 45, Buccaneers 13 (1986)	Most Points, both teams	69; Vikings 49, Buccaneers 20 (1988)
Buccaneers largest winning margin	28; Buccaneers 41, Vikings 13 (2000)	Fewest Points, Vikings	9; Vikings 9, Buccaneers 3 (1977)
Current series streak	Vikings 1	Fewest Points, Buccaneers	0; Vikings 15, Buccaneers 0 (1993)
Vikings longest win streak	5, (3 Times, most recent: 1991-93)	Fewest Points, both teams	12; Vikings 9, Buccaneers 3 (1977)
Buccaneers longest win streak	6, (2001-2012)		

VIKINGS - BUCCANEERS GAME INFORMATION

TOP PERFORMERS VS. BUCCANEERS

DALVIN COOK

One game (one start), 27 rushing attempts, 97 rushing yards, one rushing touchdown, five receptions, 72 receiving yards

HARRISON SMITH

Three games (three starts), 23 tackles (league stats), one interception, one quarterback hurry

SHAMAR STEPHEN

Two games (zero starts), five tackles (league stats), 1.0 sack, one tackle for loss, one quarterback hurry

ADAM THIELEN

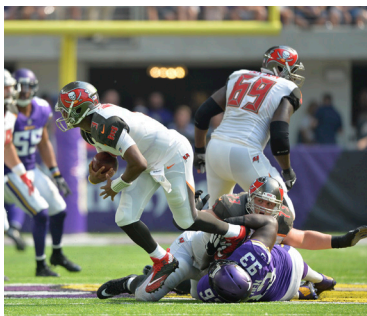
Two games (one start), five receptions, 98 receiving yards

VIKINGS-BUCCANEERS SERIES NOTES

- The Vikings and Buccaneers, who played in the same division from 1977-2001, have played 55 times overall with Minnesota holding a 33-22 series record. The franchises have never met in the postseason.
- Tony Dungy left the Vikings as their Defensive Coordinator in 1996 to become the Head Coach for the Bucs and start the most successful era in franchise history.
- The Buccaneers and Vikings played the 1st regular-season game at the Metrodome, a 17-10 Vikings victory on 9/12/1982.
- The Vikings and Buccaneers have played 4 OT games in their series history, with it being knotted at 2-2.

VIKINGS BIG DAYS VS. BUCCANEERS

- In his third career game, Vikings RB **Dalvin Cook** ▶ scored his first career touchdown in a game vs. Tampa Bay in Week 3 of the 2017 season. Cook totaled 169 scrimmage yards (97 rushing, 72 receiving) against the Buccaneers and scored on a 1-yard touchdown run.
- Vikings WR **Adam Thielen** caught five passes for 98 receiving yards, including a long of 45 yards, in his lone career start vs. Tampa Bay on September 24, 2017.
- DT **Shamar Stephen** sacked Buccaneers QB Jameis Winston in the last game between the two teams, his first career sack in the NFL. Stephen finished that contest with three tackles and 1.0 sack. ▶



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 straight game in Week 12, tying a franchise record for consecutive games with a rating above 100.0 (minimum 20 attempts) in a season. He completed 34 of 45 passes for 307 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 115.7 as he led the Vikings to a fourth-quarter comeback victory over Carolina. His 16 career games with 300-plus passing yards, three-plus touchdowns and 115.0 or better passer rating are the most in the first nine seasons of a quarterback's career in NFL history.

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	119.9
Russell Wilson, Seattle	118.5
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	118.2

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

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Russell Wilson, Seattle	36
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	35
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	30
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	27

2018-20 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	107
Russell Wilson, Seattle	98
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	87
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	82
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	81
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	79
Drew Brees, New Orleans	77
Deshaun Watson, Houston	76

NFL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Completions
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	2,248
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	2,173
Drew Brees, New Orleans	2,149
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	2,133
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	2,110



Player, Team	Yards
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	26,456
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	25,879
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	24,613
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	24,150
Drew Brees, New Orleans	23,579
Russell Wilson, Seattle	23,263

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
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	32
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	32

NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Drew Brees, New Orleans	52
Russell Wilson, Seattle	49
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	46
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	44
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	43
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	42

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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Since 2019, Kirk Cousins ranks fifth in the league with a passer rating of 105.8 and his 52 touchdowns are tied for fourth in the NFL.

124.3

Cousins led the NFL in the month of November with a passer rating of 124.3 through five games and was the only NFC quarterback to lead his team to four wins in the month.

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 93 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*	140
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	93
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	44
Hunter Henry, Los Angeles Chargers	23

RECEIVING TDs FROM 2016-20 AMONG ALL NFL TEs

Player, Team	TDs
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	35
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-	453
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-	4,488

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	37



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, 1/1/17	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, 1/1/17	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 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. His 832 scrimmage yards (641 rushing, 191 receiving) were also a league best as he became the fourth player in league history to record over 830 scrimmage yards in the month of November. His total of 832 (fourth-best in NFL history in November) is the highest recorded since the Tennessee Titans' Chris Johnson set the monthly record of 968 scrimmage yards in 2009.

2019-20 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	28
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	26
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	23
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	2,857
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	2,385
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	2,293
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,064
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders	1,932

2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	105.8
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	95.5
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	95.4
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	84.8
James Robinson, Jacksonville	80.7
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders	80.5

2019-20 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	3,218 (2,385, 833)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	3,165 (2,857, 308)
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	2,766 (1,612, 1,154)
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,740 (2,064, 676)
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	2,658 (1,470, 1,188)



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	13
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	13
Dalvin Cook, 2019	13
Terry Allen, 1992	13
Chuck Foreman, 1976	13
Chuck Foreman, 1975	13

VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (THROUGH WEEK 14)

Player, Season (Games Played)	Rushing touchdowns
Adrian Peterson, 2009 (13)	14
Dalvin Cook, 2020 (11)*	13
Dalvin Cook, 2019 (13)	13
Chuck Foreman, 1976 (14)	13
Chuck Foreman, 1975 (14)	13
*Through Week 13	

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Entering Week 14, Dalvin Cook leads the NFL with 1,564 scrimmage yards, 113.6 rushing yards per game and 13 rushing touchdowns. His 1,250 rushing yards rank second in the NFL behind only Tennessee's Derrick Henry.

641

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



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 12 receiving touchdowns through Week 13 rank third in the NFL and rank tied for eighth-most in a season in team history. Overall, Thielen's four games with two touchdowns in 2020 rank tied for third-most in a season in franchise history, behind only Cris Carter (seven in 1995) and Randy Moss (five in 2003).

2020 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Receiving touchdowns
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	13
Davante Adams, Green Bay	13
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	12
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	11

2017-20 NFL RECEPTIONS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receptions
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	410
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	400
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	393
Davante Adams, Green Bay	352
Julio Jones, Atlanta	351
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	330
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	319
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	303
Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	296
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	294
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	291

2017-20 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN

Player, Season	Receptions
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	113
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	95
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	93
Julio Jones, Atlanta	92
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	88
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	88

2017-20 NFL RECEIVING YARDS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receiving yards
Julio Jones, Atlanta	5,286
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	5,134
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	4,729
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	4,711
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	4,601
Davante Adams, Green Bay	4,297
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	4,295
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	4,037
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	3,898
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	3,813
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	3,788



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	37
Ahmad Rashad	34
Jake Reed	33

12 Adam Thielen is only the third player in franchise history with 12 or more receiving touchdowns in the first 12 games of a season, joining Cris Carter (2) and Randy Moss (3) who did so in multiple seasons.

6 Recording his 12th receiving touchdown of 2020 in Week 13, and 37th of his career, Thielen ranks sixth in franchise history in career receiving scores. He broke a tie with Ahmad Rashad (34) with two scores against Dallas in Week 11.



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 13, surpassing Hall of Famer Randy Moss (1,014) and Anquan Boldin (1,032) for the fourth-most receiving yards (1,039) by a rookie in NFL history through 12 games. His 1,039 yards entering Week 14 lead all rookies and rank fourth in the league. Overall, Jefferson's season totals set the Vikings rookie record for catches (61) and yards (1,039) through 12 games. He is the only rookie in Vikings history to have five 100-yard receiving games in a season, breaking Moss' record of four set in 1998.

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

Player, Team	Receiving Yards/Route
Davante Adams, Green Bay	3.1
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	3.0
George Kittle, San Francisco	2.9
Richard Rodgers, Philadelphia	2.9
Corey Davis, Tennessee	2.9

2020 RECEIVING YARDS

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
DK Metcalf, Seattle	1,119
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	1,114
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	1,079
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	1,039
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	1,037
Davante Adams, Green Bay	1,029
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	1,019
Terry McLaurin, Washington	977

2020 RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	1,039
Tee Higgins, Cincinnati	729
CeeDee Lamb, Dallas	650
Chase Claypool, Pittsburgh	649
Jerry Jeudy, Denver	594

RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES THROUGH FIRST 13 GAMES

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960	1,323
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	1,231
Anquan Boldin, Arizona, 2003	1,155
Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954	1,124
Randy Moss, Minnesota, 1998	1,120
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020*	1,039
Michael Clayton, Tampa Bay, 2004	988
Mike Ditka, Chicago, 1961	974
Bill Brooks, Baltimore, 1986	971
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay, 2014	935

*Through first 12 games



Vikings rookie WR Justin Jefferson became the fifth rookie in the Super Bowl era to record 1,000 receiving yards in a season and only the sixth rookie to total 1,000 or more yards in the first 12 games of a season in NFL history in Week 13.

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
JuJu Smith-Schuster at Detroit, 10/29/17	193
Randy Moss at Green Bay, 10/5/98	190
Justin Jefferson vs. Tennessee, 9/27/20	175
Antonio Bryant at Washington, 12/29/02	170
Dave Middleton vs. Chicago, 11/20/55	168
Justin Jefferson vs. Atlanta, 10/18/20	166

MOST RECEPTIONS BY VIKINGS ROOKIE

Player, Season	Receptions
Randy Moss, 1998	69
Justin Jefferson, 2020	61
Percy Harvin, 2009	60
Stefon Diggs, 2015	52

MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOKIE

Player, Season	Receiving Yards
Randy Moss, 1998	1,313
Justin Jefferson, 2020	1,039
Sammy White, 1976	906
Paul Flatley, 1963	867
Percy Harvin, 2009	790

MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROOKIE

Player, Season	100-Yard Games
Justin Jefferson, 2020	5
Randy Moss, 1998	4
Sammy White, 1976	3
Hassan Jones, 1986	3
Stefon Diggs, 2015	2
Ray Poage, 1963	2
Paul Flatley, 1963	2

(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.)

*According to NextGen Stats

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17.0

Justin Jefferson ranks fourth in the NFL among qualified receivers entering Week 14 with an average of 17.0 yards per reception (1.039/61).

86.6

Jefferson's 86.6 receiving yards per game rank fifth in the league while his 19 receptions of 20 or more yards lead the NFL.

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 27th career interception (fourth of the season) vs. Jacksonville in Week 13, 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.

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavier Howard, Miami	8
J.C. Jackson, New England	7
Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City	5
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	4
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	4
Darius Williams, Los Angeles Rams	4
Carlton Davis, Tampa Bay	4
Justin Simmons, Denver	4
Kendall Fuller, Washington	4
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Miami/Pittsburgh	4

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-	27
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-	13.5
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-	841
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

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Smith recorded his 27th career interception and team-leading fourth of 2020 in Week 13 vs. Jacksonville. Smith ranks seventh all-time on the Vikings career interceptions list.

13.5

Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (13.5) by a defensive back since 2010 behind Jamal Adams (19.5).

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. Entering Week 14, Kendricks ranks fifth in the NFL in total tackles (107) and his six passes defended are tied for fifth-most among linebackers. Overall, Kendricks' three interceptions are tied with teammate Eric Wilson for the most by an NFL linebacker this season.

2020 NFL TOTAL TACKLES

Player, Team	Tackles
Zach Cunningham, Houston	118
Blake Martinez, NY Giants	111
Roquan Smith, Chicago	110
Devin White, Tampa Bay	109
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	107
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	106
Joe Schobert, Jacksonville	105
Neville Hewitt, New York Jets	101
Jaylon Smith, Dallas	100

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	3
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
B.J. Goodson, Cleveland	2
Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	2
Fred Warner, San Francisco	2
Joe Schobert, Jacksonville	2
Logan Wilson, Cincinnati	2
Jason Pierre-Paul, Tampa Bay	2
Deion Jones, Atlanta	2

NFL TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2020 (LEAGUE STATS)

Player, Team	Total Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	817
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	667
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	639
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	629
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	619
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	617
Landon Collins, New York Giants/Washington	586
Tahir Whitehead, Detroit/Oakland/Carolina	573
K.J. Wright, Seattle	567
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.
K.J. Wright, Seattle	19
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	18
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	16
Demario Davis, New Orleans	16
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	14
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	13
Jaylon Smith, Dallas	13
Joe Schobert, Cleveland/Jacksonville	12
Darius Leonard, Indianapolis	12
Tremaine Edmunds, Buffalo	12
Jamie Collins, New England/Detroit	12
Fred Warner, San Francisco	12
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	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
Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present	38
Anthony Barr, 2014-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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89

Since 2014, linebackers Anthony Barr, Eric Kendricks and Eric Wilson have combined for 89 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. Entering Week 14, the fourth-year pro is tied for 11th 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 ranks tied for first among linebackers and his five passes defended are tied for 10th among other players at the position.

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavien Howard, Miami	8
J.C. Jackson, New England	7
Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City	5
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	4
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	4
Darius Williams, Los Angeles Rams	4
Carlton Davis, Tampa Bay	4
Justin Simmons, Denver	4
Kendall Fuller, Washington	4
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Miami/Pittsburgh	4
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	3
16 other players also tied	3

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	3
B.J. Goodson, Cleveland	2
Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	2
Fred Warner, San Francisco	2
Joe Schobert, Jacksonville	2
Logan Wilson, Cincinnati	2
Jason Pierre-Paul, Tampa Bay	2
Deion Jones, Atlanta	2

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	8.5
Deion Jones, Atlanta	2	3.5
Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans	2	2.0
Budda Baker, Arizona	2	2.0
Jordan Poyer, Buffalo	2	2.0
Jordan Whitehead, Tampa Bay	2	2.0
Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	2	2.0



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 PASSES DEFENSED BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	8
K.J. Wright, Seattle	8
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	7
Nicholas Morrow, Las Vegas	7
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	6
Harold Landry, Tennessee	6
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	6
Deion Jones, Atlanta	6
B.J. Goodson, Cleveland	6
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	5
Seven other players also tied	5

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	38
Anthony Barr, 2014-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

1

Kendricks and Wilson are the first linebacker duo in the league to record at least three interceptions apiece since Baltimore's C.J. Mosley (four) and Zach Orr (three) did so in 2016.

2

Minnesota last had two linebackers with at least three interceptions each in a season in 1988 when Jesse Solomon notched four picks and David Howard recorded three. It's only the fourth time in team history (also in 1969 and 1961) two linebackers have had at least three interceptions each.

ANTHONY HARRIS NOTES



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

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

2018-20 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavien Howard, Miami	16
J.C. Jackson, New England	15
Tre'Davious White, Buffalo	11
Kyle Fuller, Chicago	11
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Miami/Pittsburgh	11
Tyrann Mathieu, Houston/Kansas City	11
Marcus Peters, LA Rams, Baltimore	11
Justin Simmons, Denver	11
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	10
Quandre Diggs, Detroit/Seattle	10
Domantae Kazee, Atlanta	10
Donte Jackson, Carolina	10
Janoris Jenkins, New York Giants/New Orleans	10
Anthony Harris, Minnesota	9
Five 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 2014 at the University of Minnesota while U.S. Bank Stadium was under construction.

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.

THIELSEN 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

