

## Week 15 | Monday, December 20, 2021 | Soldier Field | 7:15 p.m. CT | ESPN

# 2021 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON	6-7
NFC NORTH	2-1
НОМЕ	4-2
AWAY	2-5

# 2021 SCHEDULE

Week (Date)	Opponent	Time (CT)	TV
1) 9/12 (Sun.)	at Cincinnati	Noon	L, 27-24 OT
2) 9/19 (Sun.)	at Arizona	3:05 p.m.	L, 34-33
3) 9/26 (Sun.)	SEATTLE	3:25 p.m.	W, 30-17
4) 10/3 (Sun.)	CLEVELAND	Noon	L, 14-7
5) 10/10 (Sun.)	DETROIT	Noon	W, 19-17
6) 10/17 (Sun.)	at Carolina	Noon	W, 34-28 OT
7) 10/24 (Sun.)	BYE WEEK		
8) 10/31 (Sun.)	DALLAS	7:20 p.m.	L, 20-16
9) 11/7 (Sun.)	at Baltimore	Noon	L, 34-31 OT
10) 11/14 (Sun.)	at LA Chargers	3:05 p.m.	W, 27-20
11) 11/21 (Sun.)	GREEN BAY	Noon	W, 34-31
12) 11/28 (Sun.)	at San Francisco	3:25 p.m.	L, 34-26
13) 12/5 (Sun.)	at Detroit	Noon	L, 29-27
14) 12/9 (Thur.)	PITTSBURGH	7:20 p.m.	W, 36-28
15) 12/20 (Mon.)	at Chicago	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
16) 12/26 (Sun.)	LA Rams	Noon	FOX
17) 1/2 (Sun.)	at Green Bay	7:20 p.m.	NBC
18) 1/9 (Sun.)	CHICAGO	Noon	FOX

# BROADCAST COVERAGE

- NATIONAL TELEVISION: ESPN Play-by-Play: Steve Levy Analyst: Brian Griese & Louis Riddick Sideline: Lisa Salters
- NATIONAL RADIO: WESTWOOD ONE Play-by-Play: Kevin Harlan Analyst: Kurt Warner
- LOCAL RADIO: KFAN-FM 100.3-FM / KTLK 1130-AM Play-by-Play: Paul Allen Analyst: Pete Bercich Sideline: Greg Coleman & Ben Leber Pre-Game Show: Mike Mussman - 5 p.m. CT KFAN and KTLK serve as the flagship stations for the 72-station, 5-state Vikings Radio Network.

## **GAME SUMMARY**

The Minnesota Vikings (6-7) meet the Chicago Bears (4-9) at Soldier Field on Monday, Dec. 20, at 7:15 p.m. (CT) for their 16th *Monday Night Football* matchup in series history and the second consecutive season at Chicago on *MNF*.

In Week 14, Minnesota earned its sixth victory of the season and fourth at home in a 38-26 triumph over Pittsburgh. Chicago fell 45-30 at Lambeau Field against Green Bay last week.

In Week 14, RB **Dalvin Cook** set the franchise record for rushing yards in the first half with 153, breaking Adrian Peterson's record of 143 (at Seattle, 11/4/12). His 153 rushing yards are the most in the NFL in a half since Ronald Jones' (Tampa Bay) 170 in Week 10 of 2020. Cook tallied his second 200+ rushing yard game of his career, his first coming against Detroit in Week 9 of 2020 when he posted 206 rushing yards. His 205 rushing yards are the most in a single game in the NFL this season, passing Jonathan Taylor's (Indianapolis) 185 rushing yards against the Bills in Week 11. With his 52 catches in just 17 starts, TE **Tyler Conklin** ranks third for most catches by a TE in his first 17 starts in Vikings history, behind Byron Chamberlain (57) and Joe Senser (82).

LB **Eric Kendricks** notched his fifth sack of the season, a new single-season career high. With that sack, Kendricks moved into fifth place for most sacks by a linebacker in a single season with 5.0. S **Harrison Smith** matched his single-season career-high of 3.0 sacks and extended his own franchise career record for sacks by a DB to 16.5.

### STAT OF THE WEEK

Since 1987, LB Eric Kendricks is one of only two players with at least 120 tackles, 5.0 sacks and two interceptions through the first 13 games of a season.

#### 1) Eric Kendricks, Minnesota, 2021

2) Sam Cowert, Buffalo, 2000 (AP 2nd Team All-Pro)



#### WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

# Monday, December 13

No access

#### Tuesday, December 14

1 p.m. - Select players available via Zoom 2:45 p.m. - Mike Zimmer available via Zoom

#### Wednesday, December 15

7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Media COVID-19 testing at TCO Performance Center No access

#### Thursday, December 16

10:30 a.m. - Mike Zimmer available in the media center 11:30 a.m. - Kirk Cousins and select players available in the indoor practice facility 12:45 p.m. - Andre Patterson available in the media center 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Practice

#### Friday, December 17

11:05 a.m. – 1 p.m. – Practice 1 p.m. – Ryan Ficken, Klint Kubiak, Adam Zimmer and select players available in the media center

#### Saturday, December 18

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

#### Sunday, December 19

No access

#### Monday, December 20

7:15 p.m. CT - Minnesota Vikings at Chicago Bears on ESPN

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#### NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- WR Justin Jefferson hauled in a touchdown against Pittsburgh in Week 14, bringing his career total to 15, which is tied for fifth among Vikings players within their first two seasons in the NFL. Since 2020, Jefferson's 15 TDs are also tied for seventh in the league.
- Jefferson set the team record for most receiving yards in a five-game stretch.

#### 656 Justin Jefferson, 11/14/21 - 12/9/21

642 Sidney Rice, 10/18/09 - 11/22/09

642 Randy Moss, 11/19/01 - 12/16/01

Jefferson ranks second all-time in receiving yards after the first 13 games of a season.

1,372 Randy Moss, 2003

#### 1,288 Justin Jefferson, 2021

1,236 Adam Thielen, 2018

RB **Dalvin Cook** (4,639) passed Ted Brown (4,546) for fifth all-time in career rushing yards in Vikings history.

11,747 Adrian Peterson, 2007-16

6,818 Robert Smith, 1993-2000

5,879 Chuck Foreman, 1973-79

5,757 Bill Brown, 1962-74

4,639 Dalvin Cook, 2017 - present

4,546 Ted Brown, 1979-86

- WR K.J. Osborn recorded his second touchdown of at least 60 yards (62) on the year, his first since Week 2 at Arizona (64-yard TD), which is the Vikings longest play of the season.
- DT Michael Pierce set a new single-season career high of 3.0 sacks, doing so in only six games with the club.
- With his 5.0 sacks on the season, LB *Eric Kendricks* moves into fifth place for most sacks by a Vikings linebacker in a single season.
- CB **Bashaud Breeland** picked off his second pass of the season and 16th of his career.

by the NUMBERS



The Vikings defense has posted a league-leading 41 sacks on the season. The Steelers and Bengals trail with 37.

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The Vikings offense has allowed 18 sacks in 2021, the secondfewest in the league behind the Buccaneers with 17.

# PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS Dan Chisena Tachawn Bower Andrew **DePaola** Dakota **Dozier Danielle** Hunter Bisi lohnson Kene Nwangwu lanarius Robinson Ihmir Smith-Marsette Timon Parris Chazz Surratt Olisaemeka Udoh Dede Westbrook Kenny Willekes Xavier Woods

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#### **COACHING STAFF**

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

#### 2021 NEW FACES

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

Player		Aca.
Mackensie Alexander		
Jordan Berry	Ρ	Free Agent
Tashawn Bower	DE	Free Agent
Bashaud Breeland		
Mason Cole		
Ben Ellefson		
Wayne Gallman	RB	Waivers (Atlanta)
Everson Griffen	DE	Free Agent
Chris Herndon	TE	Trade (Jets)
Greg Joseph	К	Free Agent
Patrick Peterson		
Michael Pierce		
Sheldon Richardson		
Luke Stocker		
Dalvin Tomlinson		
Nick Vigil		
Dede Westbrook		
Xavier Woods	S	Free Agent

#### DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (8)

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

# **RETURNERS from 2020**

Starters Returning: 15 (9 offense, 6 defense) Starters Lost: 7 (Harris, Johnson, Odenigbo, Reiff, Rudolph, Stephen, Wilson) Leading Returners (Total) **Passing Yards** Kirk Cousins (4.265) **Rushing Yards** Dalvin Cook (1.557) **Rushing TDs** Dalvin Cook (16) **Receiving Yards** Justin Jefferson (1,400) **Receiving TDs** Adam Thielen (14) Tackles Eric Kendricks (107) Sacks D.J. Wonnum (3.0) Interceptions Harrison Smith (5) Punt Peturn Vards K.I. Osborn (27) **Kick Return Yards** K.J. Osborn (303)

# **ROSTER NOTES**

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

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

[5] Patrick Peterson (2011)
[9] Anthony Barr (2014)
[13] Sheldon Richardson (2013)
[18] Garrett Bradbury (2019)
[22] Justin Jefferson (2020)
[23] Christian Darrisaw (2021)
[29] Harrison Smith (2012)

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



# HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

NFL HEAD COACH: 8th Year OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 28th Year COACHING EXPERIENCE: 43nd Year

REGULAR SEASON: 70-54-1 (.564) POSTSEASON: 2-3-0 (.400) RECORD WITH MIN: 70-54-1 (.564)

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

# VIKINGS DEFENSIVE/TEAM RANKINGS SINCE 2014

# ZIMMER'S

# BACKGROUND



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



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI ASSISTANT COACH (1979-80)



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



WASHINGTON ST. DEF. COORDINATOR (1989-93)



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



ATLANTA DEF. COORDINATOR (*2007*)



CINCINNATI DEF. COORDINATOR (2008-13)



MINNESOTA HEAD COACH (2014–PRESENT)



# ANDRE PATTERSON

ASST. HEAD COACH/CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DL COACHING EXPERIENCE: 39th Season NFL EXPERIENCE: 18th Season VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 10th Season

ADAM ZIMMER

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB COACHING EXPERIENCE: 16th Season NFL EXPERIENCE: 16th Season VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 8th Season



KLINT KUBIAK

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR (IN BOOTH) COACHING EXPERIENCE: 12th Season NFL EXPERIENCE: 8th Season VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 5th Season

# RYAN FICKEN

# **SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR**

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

# ASSISTANT COACHES

IMARJAYE ALBURY\* ROY ANDERSON\* RICK DENNISON PAUL GUENTHER\* ANDREW JANOCKO CHRISTIAN JONES\* KEENAN McCARDELL BRIAN PARIANI AC PATTERSON\* KENNEDY POLAMALU PHIL RAUSCHER KARL SCOTT SAM SIEFKES\* BEN STEELE\* ROBERT STEEPLES Def. Quality Control/Assistant Defensive Line Assistant Defensive Backs Senior Offensive Advisor Senior Defensive Assistant Quarterbacks Off. Quality Control/Asst. Wide Receivers Wide Receivers Tight Ends Off. Quality Control/Assistant Running Backs Running Backs Offensive Line Defensive Backs Def. Quality Control/Linebackers Assistant Offensive Line Assistant Special Teams \*In coaching booth during games

# HEAD COACH MATT NAGY



NFL HEAD COACH: 4th Year OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 14th Year COACHING EXPERIENCE: 14th Year REGULAR SEASON: 32-29 (.525) POSTSEASON: 0-1 (.000) RECORD WITH CHI: 32-29 (.525)

# MATT NAGY SUMMARY

#### COACHING HISTORY

2018-	Chicago Bears	Head Coach
2017	Kansas City Chiefs	Offensive Coordinator
2016	Kansas City Chiefs	Co-Offensive Coordinator
2013-15	Kansas City Chiefs	Quarterbacks Coach
2011-12	Philadelphia Eagles	Offensive Quality Control
2010	Philadelphia Eagles	Coaching Assistant
2008-09	Philadelphia Eagles Tra	aining Camp Coaching Intern

Matt Nagy is in his fourth season with the Chicago Bears in 2021 after being named the 16th head coach in franchise history on January 8th, 2018.

Nagy, the 2018 Associated Press and PFWA Coach of the Year, has compiled a record of 28-20 in his first three seasons as the head coach in Chicago, with one division championship and two playoff appearances. Nagy also has enjoyed success within the division, going 11-7 against the NFC North, including a 10-2 mark against the Vikings and Lions.

The Bears finished the 2020 pandemic-stricken season 8-8 and clinched their second playoff berth in three seasons, falling to the No. 2-seed New Orleans Saints in the Wild Card round. The Bears started the season 5-1, their best start to a season since 2012, before hitting a six-game skid. Nagy and the Bears rebounded, however, and finished the season strong, winning three of their last four to clinch a playoff berth. Chicago's offense found its rhythm over the final six games, averaging 30.2 points per game, including a four-game stretch with 30-plus points for the first time since 1965.

The season saw its share of individual highlights with LB Khalil Mack and KR Cordarrelle Patterson being named to the Pro Bowl, bringing the total to 14 selections in his first three years as head coach. Wide receiver Allen Robinson II led all Bears receivers for the second straight season with 102 receptions, 1,213 yards and six touchdowns, eclipsing 100 receptions for the first time in his career. It marked the first 100-catch season by a Bears wide receiver since 2013. Running back David Montgomery tied for fifth in the NFL and ranked third in the NFC with 1,070 rushing yards and eight touchdowns. Over the last six weeks of the season, Montgomery rushed for 598 yards with seven rushing touchdowns and one receiving score. Linebacker Roquan Smith led the Bears with 139 combined tackles and finished the season as the only NFL defender to record over 100 tackles, 10 TFL and at least 2.0 sacks and two interceptions. Kicker Cairo Santos finished the season with a streak of 27 consecutive field goals made, breaking the Bears single-season and overall record for consecutive makes.

The Bears finished the 2019 season 8-8 in a year that saw Robinson become the first 1,000-yard receiver for the Bears since 2014. He finished the season with a career-high 98 receptions for 1,147 yards, becoming one of only three Bears in franchise history to haul in 95+ receptions and record over 1,100 yards in a season. He also led the team with seven TD receptions, the second most in his career.

QB Mitchell Trubisky finished the season with 3,138 passing yards, marking back-to-back 3,000yard seasons, a feat accomplished just twice before in franchise history.

The Bears also were a force on the defensive side of the ball once again under Nagy and first-year defensive coordinator Chuck Pagano, allowing 18.6 points per game, the fewest in the NFC and No. 4 overall in the NFL.

Four players were named to the Pro Bowl following the season in Mack, DB Eddie Jackson, Patterson and DB Kyle Fuller.

Nagy orchestrated a remarkable turnaround for the Bears in his first year in 2018, taking a 5-11 team in 2017 and transforming them into NFC North champions, capturing AP and PFWA Coach of the Year honors for his efforts. The Bears, who won nine of their last 10 that season, finished the regular season 12-4, the most wins since the 2006 NFC Championship season (13-3), and the most by a Bears head coach in their inaugural season in franchise history. In doing so, Chicago secured the NFC's No. 3 seed and hosted a playoff game for the first time since the 2010 NFC Championship game.

The Bears finished 5-1 vs. the NFC North in 2018, their best mark in division play since 2010, sweeping both the Lions and the Vikings, and finished the regular season 7-1 at home, their best home record since 2005. The Bears averaged 26.3 points per game,

# MATT NAGY SUMMARY (CONT'D)

fourth-best in the NFC. They scored 24 or more points 11 times, the most since 1995 and were the only team to hold a second-half lead in every regular-season game in 2018.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Bears ranked No. 1 in the NFL in takeaways (36), interceptions (27), INT returns for touchdowns (5), three-and-out percentage (.268), fewest first downs allowed (278/17.3 pg), fewest rushing yards allowed (80.0 pg) and fewest points allowed (17.7 ppg).

Eight players (Mack, Jackson, Fuller, DT Akiem Hicks, RS Tarik Cohen, Trubisky and OL Cody Whitehair and Charles Leno Jr.) were named to the 2019 Pro Bowl following the season while four (Mack, Jackson, Fuller, Cohen) also earned All-Pro honors.

In 2017, Nagy completed his fifth and final season in Kansas City and his first as offensive coordinator. He was promoted to OC following the 2016 season after serving as co-offensive coordinator with Brad Childress. Prior to that, Nagy spent three seasons as the Chiefs QBs coach.

In his first season as offensive coordinator in 2017, Nagy guided a Chiefs offense that ranked No. 5 in the NFL in total offense with 375.4 yards per game en route to a 10-6 record and an AFC West Division title. The Chiefs also finished sixth in the NFL in points per game (25.9), seventh in passing (256.5), ninth in rushing (118.9) and led the NFL with the fewest giveaways (8). The Chiefs also were one of the most explosive offenses in 2017, tying for fifth in the NFL with 69 plays from scrimmage of 20+ yards.

Quarterback Alex Smith finished the 2017 regular season fourth in the AFC in passing with 4.042 vards to go along with 26 touchdowns - both career highs and only five interceptions. Also under Nagy's tutelage, rookie running back Kareem Hunt led the NFL in rushing with 1,327 yards and eight touchdowns and tied for first in the NFL with 12 rushes of 20 or more vards, earning Pro Bowl honors in the process. Travis Kelce also earned Pro Bowl honors, leading all NFL tight ends with 83 receptions and finishing second among tight ends with 1,038 yards and eight touchdowns. Nine of his 83 grabs went for at least 25 yards, second most in the league behind only New England's Rob Gronkowski (11). Additionally, wide receiver Tyreek Hill ranked seventh in the NFL with 1,183 yards to go along with seven touchdowns and tied for third with 15 receptions of 25 or more yards - trailing only Pittsburgh's Antonio Brown (16) and Houston's DeAndre Hopkins (17).

In his five seasons with the Chiefs, Nagy worked closely with Smith, who owned a 65.1 completion percentage in the five seasons working with Nagy, ranking first among all Chiefs QBs with at least 700 passing attempts.

In 2016, Nagy helped the Chiefs to a 12-4 regular-

season record, the club's first AFC West title since 2010, the No. 2 overall seed in the AFC and a first-round bye. Overall, Nagy helped the Chiefs to the postseason four times in his five seasons with the club.

In his first year with the Chiefs, Nagy worked with Smith in a season that brought him five 100.0-plus quarterback ratings, one of which was a perfect rating of 158.3 at Oakland. Focusing on ball protection, he coached Smith to an AFC-low seven interceptions with a minimum of 300 attempts and a 1.4 interception percentage, also the lowest in the AFC. Smith also earned his first Pro Bowl selection following his first season with the Chiefs in 2013.

Before joining the Chiefs coaching staff, Nagy spent three years on the offensive staff of the Philadelphia Eagles, serving two seasons as the franchise's offensive quality control coach (2011-12). He was promoted to that role after he served as a coaching assistant during the 2010 campaign. His initial experience with the Eagles came in 2008 and 2009 when he served as a coaching intern during Eagles training camp.

A former quarterback for the Arena Football League, Nagy played six seasons for the New York Dragons (2002), Carolina Cobras (2004), Georgia Force (2005-06) and Columbus Destroyers (2007-08). During his career, Nagy completed 65.5 percent of his passes for 18,866 yards, 374 touchdowns and a quarterback rating of 115.1.

Nagy played collegiately at Delaware, setting more than 20 career passing records at the time, including career marks for passing yards (8,214) and touchdowns (58). He ranks second for most career attempts (895) and most career completions (502) behind former Delaware star Joe Flacco. Nagy earned All-America honors as a senior for the Blue Hens after setting single-season records in attempts (379), yards (3,436) and touchdowns (29).

After graduating from Delaware with a degree in health and physical education, Nagy gained coaching experience at several local high schools, as he served as an assistant coach at Manheim Central (2001), the quarterbacks coach at Cedar Crest (2002-03) and the offensive coordinator at Palmyra Area High School (2008-09).

He and his wife, Stacey, have four sons: Brayden, Tate, Jaxon and Jett.

# VIKINGS-BEARS CONNECTIONS

#### Local Connections

- Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer was born in Peoria, Illinois. He wrestled and played football and baseball at Lockport Township High School before attending Illinois State.
- Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins (Barrington) was born in Illinois.
- Vikings LB Tuf Borland grew up in Bolingbrook, Illinois.

#### **Coaching Connections**

Roy Anderson coached with Bears Senior Defensive Assistant Mike Pettine in Baltimore from 2005-08.

#### Vikings/Bears Connections

- Chicago quarterbacks coach John DeFilippo was Minnesota's offensive coordinator in 2018.
- Bears tight ends coach Clancy Barone held the same role for the Vikings in 2017 and coached Minnesota's offensive line in 2018 after Tony Sparano passed away.
- Vikings LS Andrew DePaola played for the Bears in 2017.

#### Professional Connections

- DT Dalvin Tomlinson and Bears DL Mario Edwards Jr. (2018) and LB Alec Ogletree (2019) played together with the New York Giants
- WR Dede Westbrook and Bears QB Nick Foles (2019), WR Allen Robinson II (2017), DB Tashaun Gipson (2017) and LB Cassius Marsh (2020) played together with the Jacksonville Jaguars.
- P Jordan Berry and Bears TE Jesse James (2015-18), DB Artie Burns (2016-19) and LB Cassius Marsh (2020) played together with the Pittsburgh Steelers.
- LS Andrew DePaola and DT Akiem Hicks (2017), K Cairo Santos (2017) and LB Christian Jones (2017) played together with the Chicago Bears.
- QB Sean Mannion, DB Marqui Christian (2016-18), LB Robert Quinn (2015-17), LB Alec Olgletree (2015-2017), QB Nick Foles (2015) and K Cairo Santos (2018) played together with the St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams
- CB Bashaud Breeland and RB Damien Williams (2019) played together with the Kansas City Chiefs.
- DE Tashawn Bower and WR Damiere Byrd (2020) played together with the New England Patriots.
- C Mason Cole, CB Patrick Peterson and WR Damiere Byrd (2019), Cassius Marsh Sr. (2019) and Angelo Blackson (2020) played together with the Arizona Cardinals.
- S Xavier Woods, LB Robert Quinn (2019), QB Andy Dalton (2020) played together with the Dallas Cowboys.
- LB Nick Vigil, Bears DL Margus Hunt (2016), QB Andy Dalton (2016-19) played together with the Cincinnati Bengals.
- CB Bashaud Breeland and TE Jimmy Graham (2018) played together with the Packers.
- TE Chris Herndon, LB Alec Ogletree (2020) and DB Marqui Christian (2020) played together with the New York Jets.
- DT Sheldon Richardson and TE Jimmy Graham (2017) played together with the Seattle Seahawks.

#### **College Connections**

- Vikings RB Dalvin Cook and Bears DE Mario Edwards, Jr., and DT Eddie Goldman teamed at Florida State.
- Vikings T Brian O'Neill and Bears TE J.P. Holtz played together at Pittsburgh.
- Minnesota TE Irv Smith, Jr. and DT Dalvin Tomlinson played with Chicago S Eddie Jackson at Alabama.
- Vikings RB Kene Nwangwu was the backup to Bears RB David Montgomery at Iowa State.
- Vikings TE Chris Herndon played with Bears CB Artie Burns and S Deon Bush at Miami in 2015.
- Vikings rookie G Wyatt Davis blocked for Bears rookie QB Justin Fields at Ohio State.
- Vikings T Blake Brandel played with Bears RB Ryan Nall at Oregon State from 2015-17.
- Vikings rookie T Christian Darrisaw played with Bears rookie RB Khalil Herbert at Virginia Tech.

#### VIKINGS-BEARS 2021 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	MIN (RK)CHI (RK) Diff
	390.5 (5) 302.5 (31)
	5.90 (6) 4.97 (29)
	123.2 (10) 126.0 (7)
Rushing Yards / Play	4.43 (14) 4.49 (11)0.06
Passing Yards / Game	267.4 (7) 176.5 (32) 90.9
Passing Yards / Play	7.23 (10) 5.98 (28)
Interception Rate	1.04% (1) 4.17% (32)3.13%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	3.74% (2) 10.94% (32)7.20%
First Downs / Game	21.4 (11)
Punt Return Avg	8.3 (15) 13.5 (3)5.2
	29.9 (1) 23.6 (11) 6.3
	84.38% (17) 86.36% (12)1.98%
	38.51% (19) 34.59% (29) 3.92%
4th Down Pct	62.50% (6t) 47.37% (21) 15.13%
Red Zone Pct	65.12% (6) 53.13% (27) 11.99%
	75.00% (10t) . 55.56% (32) 19.44%
Avg Possession Time	29:43 (18) 29:18 (23)
Points / Game	26.5 (9) 17.8 (23t)

DEFENSE	MIN (RK)CHI (RK) Diff
Yards / Game	381.5 (29) 336.5 (9t)
Yards / Play	5.78 (26) 5.52 (19)0.26
Rushing Yards / Game	129.5 (27) 120.0 (24)
Rushing Yards / Play	4.72 (31) 4.29 (15)
Passing Yards / Game	251.9 (25) 216.5 (8)
Passing Yards / Play	7.12 (25)
Interception Rate	2.39% (16) 1.27% (29) 1.12%
	8.91% (2) 9.16% (1)0.25%
First Downs / Game	22.5 (28t) 20.5 (15) 2
Punt Return Avg	6.6 (6) 11.7 (28)5.1
Kickoff Return Avg	20.7 (12) 21.5 (14)0.8
3rd Down Pct	35.63% (5) 40.63% (19)5.00%
4th Down Pct	64.71% (28) 57.14% (18)
Red Zone Pct	67.50% (25) 57.45% (14t) 10.05%
Goal to Go%	86.96% (30)61.76% (8)25.20%
Points / Game	25.6 (22) 25.5 (21)0.1

# **VIKINGS - BEARS GAME INFORMATION**

# VIKINGS-BEARS SERIES

# VIKINGS VS. BEARS ALL-TIME

Won 61, Lost 57, Tie 2; Home 37-24, Away 24-33-2

YEAR	SITE	RESULT		
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2000	Minnesota	Minnesota 30-27	2012 Chicago	Chicago 28-10
	Chicago	Minnesota 28-16	Minnesota	Minnesota 21-14
2001	Chicago	Chicago 17-10	2013 Chicago	Chicago 31-30
	Minnesota	Chicago 13-6	Minnesota	Minnesota 23-20 (OT)
2002	@Chicago	Chicago 27-23	2014 Chicago	Chicago 21-13
	Minnesota	Minnesota 25-7	#Minnesota	Minnesota 13-9
2003	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-13	2015 Chicago	Minnesota 23-20
	Chicago	Chicago 13-10	#Minnesota	Minnesota 38-17
2004	Minnesota	Minnesota 27-23	2016 Chicago	Chicago 20-10
	Chicago	Chicago 24-14	Minnesota	Minnesota 38-10
2005	Chicago	Chicago 28-3	2017 Chicago	Minnesota 20-17
	Minnesota	Minnesota 34-10	Minnesota	Minnesota 23-10
2006	Minnesota	Chicago 19-16	2018 Chicago	Chicago 25-20
	Chicago	Chicago 23-13	Minnesota	Chicago 24-10
2007	Chicago	Minnesota 34-31	2019 Chicago	Chicago 16-6
	Minnesota	Minnesota 20-13	Minnesota	Chicago 21-19
2008	Chicago	Chicago 48-41	2020 Chicago	Minnesota 19-13
	Minnesota	Minnesota 34-14	Minnesota	Chicago 33-27
2009	Minnesota	Minnesota 36-10	@ in Memorial Stadium at the U	niversity of Illinois
	Chicago	Chicago 36-30 (OT)	# in TCF Bank Stadium at the U	niversity of Minnesota
2010	Chicago	Chicago 27-13		
	#Minnesota	Chicago 40-14		
2011	Chicago	Chicago 39-10		
	Minnesota	Chicago 17-13		

# VIKINGS-BEARS 2021 LEADERS

BEARS

# Category Player Total NFC Rank NFL Rank Category Scoring Thielen 60 5t 9t Scoring Passing Vds Cousins 3,569 3 6 Passing Y Passing TDs Cousins 27 3t 5t Passing Rasser Rating Completion Pct Cousins 103.5 6 Passer Rating Completion Pct

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Category	.Player	. Total	. NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	. Mooney/Montgomery.	. 24	41t	. 80t
Passing Yds	. Fields	1,585	15	. 31
Passing TDs	. Fields	6	15	.30t
Passer Rating	. Fields	69.3	15	. 30
Completion Pct	. Fields	57.6	15	. 31
Rushing Att	. Montgomery	. 144		.18
Rushing Yds	. Montgomery	608	11	. 22
Rushing TDs	. Montgomery	4	10t	.20t
Receptions	. Mooney	. 52		.44t
Receiving Yds	. Mooney	740	14	. 29
Receiving TDs	. Mooney	3	33t	.58t
Interceptions	. 4 players	. 1	44	.83t
Tackles	. Smith	. 130	4	. 5
Forced Fum	. Quinn/Gipson .	. 2	10t	.23t
Opp. FR	. 3 players	. 1	15t	.34t
Sacks	. Quinn	. 14.0	1t	.3t
FGs Made	. Santos	. 19	8t	.17t
FG Pct	. Santos	. 86.4	12	. 21
Net Punting Avg	. O'Donnell	38.2	14	.26
Punt Ret. Avg	. Grant	. 16.3		. 3
KO Ret. Avg	. Herbert	24.6	13	. 27

# **VIKINGS - BEARS GAME INFORMATION**

#### TOP PERFORMERS VS. BEARS

#### **KIRK COUSINS**

Seven games (seven starts), 168-of-246 (68.3% completion), 1,760 passing yards, nine passing touchdowns, 92.5 passer rating

#### ADAM THIELEN

13 games (nine starts), 36 receptions, 374 receiving yards, four receiving touchdowns

#### JUSTIN JEFFERSON

Two games (two starts), 16 receptions, 239 receiving yards

#### DALVIN COOK

Five games (five starts), 88 carries, 314 rushing yards, two rushing touchdowns

#### HARRISON SMITH

15 games (15 starts), 73 tackles, five interceptions, 110 interception return yards, one fumble recovery, one defensive touchdown, nine passes defended

#### **BASHAUD BREELAND**

4 games (four starts - two with WAS, one with GB and one with KC), 10 tackles, four passes defended, two interceptions

#### VIKINGS-BEARS SERIES NOTES

- The two longest pass plays in Vikings history have come against the Bears - a 99-yard touchdown from QB Gus Frerotte to WR Bernard Berrian on Nov. 30, 2008, and an 89-yard touchdown from QB Fran Tarkenton to WR Charley Ferguson in Chicago on Nov. 11, 1962, at Wrigley Field.
- The Vikings have met the Bears in the playoffs only once ever - a 1994 Wild Card Playoff game in Minnesota that Chicago won 35-18.
- The Vikings and Bears have played five overtime games in series history, with Minnesota holding a 4-1 advantage in those games.

# BIG DAYS VS. BEARS

- S Harrison Smith scored his second NFL touchdown as he returned an interception 56 yards vs. Chicago (12/9/12).
- WR Adam Thielen scored his first career offensive touchdown on a 44-yard catch vs. Chicago (12/28/14) and finished with three receptions for 68 yards.
- DE D.J. Wonnum recorded his third career sack in the Week 10 of 2020 contest against the Bears.
- WR Justin Jefferson has recorded over 100 yards receiving in both games played against Chicago in the 2020 season.

- In his fourth career 100-yard receiving game at Chicago in the 2020 season (11/16/20), Jefferson finished with 135 yards on eight catches in the contest played on *Monday Night Football*.
- Jefferson's seventh 100-yard game came in the last contest against the Bears (12/20/20) where he had eight catches for 104 receiving yards.
- While with Washington, CB Bashaud Breeland set a single-game career-high in interceptions with two picks off of QB Matt Barkley, which he has only done once in his career (12/24/16).

# VIKINGS-BEARS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. BearsVikings 61-57-2	Most Points, Vikings48 (1998)
Last regular season gameBears 33, Vikings 27(2020)	Most Points, Bears
Vikings largest winning margin	Most Points, both teams
Bears largest winning margin31, Twice; (1984 & 1989)	Fewest Points, Vikings0, Twice; (1962 & 1986)
Current series streak Bears 1	Fewest Points, Bears0, 3x; (1969, 1970, 1974)
Vikings longest win streak8 (1972-76)	Fewest Points, both teams13; Bears 13, Vikings 0 (1962)
Bears longest win streak6, Twice; (1983-86) (2009-2012)	

# **VIKINGS NOTES**

# 2021 REGULAR SEASON HONOR ROLL

# JUSTIN JEFFERSON

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



# **KENE NWANGWU**

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



# **KIRK COUSINS NOTES**



QB KIRK COUSINS

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

After Week 14 against Pittsburgh, Cousins is three passing touchdowns away from tying his 30 touchdown passes thrown in 2018 and moving into a tie for seventh all-time in passing touchdowns in a season in franchise history. In Week 13 at Detroit, Cousins continued a record set in Week 12 at San Francisco for most consecutive games (26) with a touchdown pass thrown passing Daunte Culpepper (24) for the most all-time in franchise history. He has 25 career games with 300+ passing yards and three touchdown passes, surpassing Aaron Rodgers for the second-most all-time by a QB in their first 10 seasons. Only Dan Marino (26 games) has more. The Week 11 victory marked the fourth time this season that Cousins has thrown for more than 300 yards (341), at least three touchdowns and zero interceptions, which tied Rams QB Matthew Stafford for the league lead. In Week 10 at Los Angeles Chargers, Cousins posted a league-leading fifth game this season with at least 275 passing yards, two passing touchdowns and zero interceptions. In Week 9 at Baltimore, he tallied his first rushing touchdown of the season. He has now recorded a rushing touchdown in each of his four seasons with the team.

2021 PASSER RATING	
Player, Team	Passer Rating
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	108.8
Matthew Stafford, Los Angeles Rams	108.4
Kyler Murray, Arizona	106.0
Tom Brady, Tampa Bay	104.2
Russell Wilson, Seattle	103.7
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	103.5
Joe Burrow, Cincinnati	100.6
Justin Herbert, Los Angeles Chargers	100.3

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

Player, Year	Games
Brett Farve, 2009	10
Kirk Cousins, 2020	9
Kirk Cousins, 2019	9
Randall, Cunningham, 1998	8
Daunte Culpepper, 2000	8
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	8
Sam Bradford, 2016	8
Case Keenum, 2017	8
Kirk Cousins, 2021	8

### 2018-21 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	141
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	129
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	126
Russell Wilson, Seattle	122
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	118
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	104

# VIKINGS CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAMES

Player (W-L-T)	Games
Tommy Kramer (9-10)	19
Daunte Culpepper (11-8)	19
Kirk Cousins (12-6-1)	19

# VIKINGS CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN PASS THROWN Player, Season Games Kirk Cousins, 2020-21 27 Daunte Culpepper, 2000-01 24 Daunte Culpepper, 2003-04 21 Kirk Cousins, 2018-19 19 Fran Tarkenton, 1974-75 18



NFL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015 (COUSINS' 1ST SEASON AS A STARTER)		
Player, Team	Completions	
Matt Rvan, Atlanta	2.664	
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	2,605	
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	2,532	
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	2,459	
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	2,365	
Matthew Starlold, Betroit/E63 Angele3 Nam3	2,505	
NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015		
Player, Team	Games	
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	43	
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	41	
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	38	
Drew Brees, New Orleans	37	
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	36	
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	30	
Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh	30	
NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015		
Player, Team	Yards	
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	30,705	
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	30,080	
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	28.911	
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	27,552	
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	27,293	
NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015		
Player, Team	Games	
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	56	
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	56	
Russell Wilson, Seattle	56	
Drew Brees, New Orleans	53	
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	49	
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	49	
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	49	
VIKINGS PASSING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON		
Player, Season	Touchdowns	
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	39	
Kirk Cousins, 2020	35	
Randall Cunningham, 1998	35	
Brett Favre, 2009/Daunte Culpepper, 2000/Warren Moon, 1		
Kirk Cousins, 2018	30	
Kirk Cousins, 2021	27	
Kirk Cousins, 2019	26	

# by the NUMBERS



Kirk Cousins recorded his 56th game with a passer rating of 100-plus in Week 13 at Detroit. Cousins is tied for the league-lead in 100-plus passer rating games since 2015, when he became a full-time starter. Cousins set a team record for most consecutive games (27) with a touchdown pass thrown, passing Daunte Culpepper (24) for most alltime in franchise history in Week 12 at San Francisco.

# **JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES**



# WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

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

Following his game in Week 14 against Pittsburgh, Jefferson set the team record for most receiving yards in a five-game stretch with 656. He tallied his 15th career touchdown, moving him into a tie for fith among Vikings players in their first two seasons in the NFL. Week 13 at Detroit marked career highs in receptions (11) and receiving yards (182) for Jefferson. His 2,688 yards receiving ranks third all-time in most receiving yards in a player's first two seasons in their career in NFL history, passing Hall of Famer Jerry Rice (2,497). Jefferson trails only Randy Moss (2,726) and Odell Beckham, Jr. (2,755), who he is only 68 receiving yards shy of passing. Jefferson recorded his 12th career 100-yard receiving game in Week 13 at Detroit, passing Randy Moss (11) and Juiu Smith-Schuster (11) for the second-most all-time for players within their first two seasons in the NFL. Only Odell Beckham, Jr., (15) has more. In Week 12 at San Francisco, Jefferson eclipsed the 1,000-yard receiving mark (1,027) on the year As of Week 11 vs. Packers, Jefferson joined Earnest Gray (1979-80) and Louis Lipps (1984-85) as the only players in the Super Bowl era with at least 150 receiving yards and two receiving touchdowns in a game in each of their first two seasons. Jeffe surpassed the 2,000 receiving mark (2,032) in Week 9 at Baltimore, making him the second-fastest player in NFL history to 2,000 receiving yards, doing so in only 24 games, trailing Odell Beckham, Jr., who did so in 21 games.

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

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

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

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Odell Beckham Jr, New York Giants	2,755
Randy Moss, Minnesota*	2,726
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	2,688
Jerry Rice, San Francisco*	2,497
Josh Gordon, Cleveland	2,451
Torry Holt, LAC	2,423
A.J. Green, Cincinnati	2,407
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	2,382
JuJu Smith-Schuster, Pittsburgh	2,343
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	2,257
*denotes Hall of Famers	

#### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS PRIOR TO AGE 23 Player, Games played Receiving Yards Randy Moss, 32 2,726

2,688
1,658
1,467

# 2020-21 MOST-100 YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player, Team	Games
Davante Adams, Green Bay	13
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	12
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	11
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	9
Calvin Ridley, Atlanta	8
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	8
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	7

#### 2020-21 RECEIVING YARDS Player, Team **Receiving Yards** Justin Jefferson, Minnesota 2,688 Davante Adams, Green Bay 2.578 Stefon Diggs, Buffalo 2,507 Cooner Kunn, Los Angeles Rams 2463 Tyreek Hill, Kansas City 2,306 D.J. Moore, Carolina 2,131 2,077 Tyler Lockett, Seattle DK Metcalf, Seattle 2,056

#### ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS BY NFL ROOKIES Player, Team, Season **Receiving Yards** Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL) 1473 Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020 1.400 Anguan Boldin, Arizona, 2003 1.377 Randy Moss, Minnesota, 1998 1,313 Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014 1,305 Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952 1,231 Michael Clayton, Tampa Bay, 2004 1,193



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

MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY NFL ROOKIES	
Plaver. Team. Season	100-Yard Games
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)	9
Justin Jefferson, 2020	7
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014	7
Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954	7
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	6
MOST RECEPTIONS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES	
Player, Season	Receptions
Justin Jefferson, 2020	88
Randy Moss, 1998	69
Percy Harvin, 2009	60
Stefon Diggs, 2015	52
MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOK	IES
Player, Season	Receiving Yards
Justin Jefferson, 2020	1,400
Randy Moss, 1998	1,313
Sammy White, 1976	906
Paul Flatley, 1963	867
Percy Harvin, 2009	790
MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROOK	
Player, Season	100-Yard Games
Justin Jefferson, 2020	7
Randy Moss, 1998	4
Sammy White, 1976	3
Hassan Jones, 1986	3
(Note: Anthony Carter played his first season played his first true season of professional fo	
not count in the team's rookie records.)	otbairin the OSFE. This stats do
VIKINGS 100-YARD GAMES IN FIRST TWO S	EASONS
Plaver. Season	Games
Randy Moss, 1998-99	11
Justin Jefferson, 2020 -	11
VIKINGS PASS CATCHERS WITH RECEPTION	NS OF AT LEAST 50 YARDS IN
THEIR FIRST TWO YEARS IN THE NFL	
Player	Receptions
Kelly Campbell	4
Justin Jefferson	4
Nate Burleson	3

Kelly Campbell	4
Justin Jefferson	4
Nate Burleson	3
K.J. Osborn	2
Jarius Wright	2
Percy Harvin	2
Troy Williamson	2

# **DALVIN COOK NOTES**



RB DALVIN COOK

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

In Week 14 against Pittsburgh, Cook set the Vikings first half rushing record by posting 153 yards on the ground. His 153 rushing yards are the most in the NFL in a half since Ronaid Jones' (Tampa Bay) 70 in Week 10 of 2020. Cook recorded his second 2004 rushing yard game of his career, becoming the only running back other than Adrian Peterson to have multiple games of over 200 yards rushing in franchise history. Cook (4,639) passed Ted Brown (4,546) for fifth all-time in career rushing yards in Vikings history. Cook rushed for his fifth and six touchdowns of the season, his 35th since 2019, which ranks second in the NFL. In Week 9 at Baltimore, Cook tallied a 66-yard run, his fourth career rush of 60+ yards. He moved into third all-time for career 100-yard game sushing in team history with NE. Cook posted bits 17th career 100-yard rushing game in Week 6 at Carolina. He has surpassed 4,000 career rushing yards in his faret.

#### 2021 NFL RUSHING YARDS, RUNNING BACKS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	1,348
Joe Mixon, Cincinnati	1,036
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	978
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	937
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	926
Najee Harris, Pittsburgh	873
Antonio Gibson, Washington	836
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	810

2019-21 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	
Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	43
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	35
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	29
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	27
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	26
Josh Jacobs, Las Vegas	26
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	26
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	25

2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS, RUNNING BACKS	
Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	4,504
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	3,670
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	3,487
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	3,146
Aaron Iones, Green Bay	2.787

2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME	
Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	115.5
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	96.6
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	91.8
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	89.9

## 2019-21 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	4,978 (4,504, 474)
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	4,769 (3,670, 1,099)
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	4,149 (3,146, 989)
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	4,027 (3,487, 540)
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	4,003 (2,379, 1,624)

#### VIKINGS RUSHING YARDS IN A SEASON Player, Season

Adrian Peterson, 2012 Adrian Peterson, 2008 **Dalvin Cook, 2020** Robert Smith, 2000 Adrian Peterson, 2015 Adrian Peterson, 2009 Rushing yards 2,097 1,760 **1,557** 1,521 1,485 1,383



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

VIKINGS MOST CAREER RUSHING YARDS	
Player, Seasons	Rushing yards
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	11,747
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	6,818
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	5,887
Bill Brown, 1962-74	5,757
Dalvin Cook, 2017-	4,639
Ted Brown, 1979-86	4,546
Dave Osborn, 1965-75	4,320
Darrin Nelson, 1982-89, 91-92	4,231
VIKINGS MOST CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES	
Player, Seasons	Games
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	49
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	29
Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present	19
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	17
Michael Bennett, 2001-05	9

#### VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

Bill Brown 1962-74

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

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Dalvin Cook posted 205 rushing yards against Pittsburgh, marking his second game of 200+ rushing yards. He and Adrian Peterson are the only running backs to post over 200 yards rushing in a game in franchise history.

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Cook has moved into fifth all-time in Vikings career rushing yards with 4,639, passing Ted Brown (4,546) in Week 14 against Pittsburgh.

# ADAM THIELEN NOTES



WR ADAM THIELEN

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

VIKINGS SEASON: 8

Adam Thielen recorded his eighth multi-touchdown game of his career in Week 12 at San Francisco, passing TE Kyle Rudolph for fifth in franchise history career receiving touchdowns (49). In Week 11 vs. Green Bay, Adam Thielen passed Rudolph (453) for fifth all-time in franchise career receptions with 461. Since 2020, Thielen has caught eight fourth-quarter touchdown passes, which ranks second in the NFL to hend at least 20 touchdowns given the ast the NFL to record at least 20 touchdowns given gave and the 2021 season in Week 6 at Carolina. His 126 receiving yard game of the 2021 season in Week 6 at Carolina. His 126 receiving yard sine U carolina rank as the eighth-most in his career and the most since Week 5 against the Giants in 2020 when he tallied 130 yards. In Week 5 vs. Detroit, Thielen moved into seventh all-time for career receiving yards (5,926) as a Viking.

# 2020-21 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Pluyer, Teurri	Receiving touchdowns
Davante Adams, Green Bay	25
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	24
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	24
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	23
DK Metcalf, Seattle	18

# TOTAL RECEPTIONS ON 3RD DOWNS SINCE 2017 Player, Team Player, Team Receptions Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers 142 Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams 117 Davante Adams, Green Bay 114 DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona 112 Adam Thielen, Minnesota 107

Adam Thielen, Minnesota	107
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	103
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	101

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

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

#### MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES BY VIKING IN A SEASON Player, Season 100+ Yard Games Adam Thielen, 2018 9

VIKINGS CAREER 100+ YARD RECEIVING	GAMES
Player	100+ Yard Games
Randy Moss, 2003	8

Randy Moss	41
Cris Carter	40
Anthony Carter	22
Adam Thielen	21
Jake Reed	18



#### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOOCHDOWINS	
Player	Receiving Touchdowns
Cris Carter	110
Randy Moss	92
Anthony Carter	52
Sammy White	50
Adam Thielen	49
Kyle Rudolph	48
Ahmad Rashad	34
Jake Reed	33

#### VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS

Player	Receptions
Cris Carter	1,004
Randy Moss	587
Steve Jordan	498
Anthony Carter	478
Adam Thielen	461
Kyle Rudolph	453
Jake Reed	413

#### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS

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



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



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



# HARRISON SMITH NOTES

#### 2021 VIKINGS



S HARRISON SMITH

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

Smith matched his single-season career-high with his third sack of the season in Week 14 against Pittsburgh. He extended his franchise record of sacks among defensive backs to 16.5. In Week 12 at San Francisco, Smith tallied his 29th career interception, moving him into third all-time in career interceptions by an active defensive back since 2011. He also recorded 11 tackles on the day, ranking as the second-most of his career and the most since Dec. 2, 2012, against the Packers when he recorded 11. Smith extended his team record for most sacks by a DB to 15.5 with his full sack versus Green Bay in Week 11. Smith's 16.5 sacks are the second-most among defensive backs since entering the league in 2012, trailing only Seahawks S Jamal Adams (21.5).

2020-21 NFL INTERCEPTIONS, SAFETIES	
Player, Team	Interceptions
Justin Simmons, Denver	10
Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City	9
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	9
Jordan Poyer, Buffalo	7
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Pittsburgh	6
Adrian Phillips, New England	6
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	6
Kevin Byard, Tennessee	6
Xavier McKinney, New York Giants	6

#### 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+ Peturns

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

#### SMITH'S INTERCEPTION RETURN TDS Game

vs. Arizona, 10/21/12 vs. Chicago, 12/9/12 at St. Louis. 9/7/14 vs. NY Giants, 12/27/15

#### Plav

31t INT Return off John Skelton 56t INT Return off lav Cutler 81t INT Return off Austin Davis 35t INT Return off Eli Manning

NFL LEADERS - PRO BOWLS BY A DB SINCE 2012		
Player, Team Pro Bowl Appearance		
Patrick Peterson, Minnesota	7	
Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore	6	
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francis	co 5	
Eric Weddle, San Deigo/Baltimore/LAR	۶ ۶	
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	5	
Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New England/D	enver/LAR 5	



Harrison Smith and other teammates joined 25 children from Children's Minnesota for a holiday shopping event at DICK'S Sporting Goods hosted by the Mike Zimmer Foundation in 2019.

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTIONS	
Player, Seasons	Interceptions
Paul Krause, 1968-79	53
Bobby Bryant, 1968-80	51
Ed Sharockman, 1962-72	40
Joey Browner, 1983-91	37
Nate Wright, 1971-80	31
Carl Lee, 1983-93	29
Harrison Smith, 2012-	29
Orlando Thomas, 1995-2001	22
John Turner, 1978-83, '85, '87	22
VIKINGS SEASON SACKS BY A DB	
Player, Season, Position	Sacks
Robert Griffith, 1999, S	4.0
Mackensie Alexander, 2018, CB	4.0
Harrison Smith, 2021, S	3.0
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-	16.5
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-	950
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

# BY THE NUMBERS



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



Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (16.5) by a defensive back since 2012 behind only Jamal Adams (21.5).

# ERIC KENDRICKS NOTES



LB ERIC KENDRICKS

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

In Week 14 against Pittsburgh, Kendricks notched his fifth sack of the season, a new single-season career high. His 5.0 sacks are the fifth-most by a Vikings linebacker in a single season. Kendricks led the league in tackles with 43 during the month of November. He picked off Justin Herbert in Week 10 for his ninth career pick, moving him into ninth place for most interceptions by Vikings linebackers. In Week 9 at Baltimore, Kendricks tallied a new career high of 17 tackles in a game. At Carolina in Week 6, Kendricks recorded his second sack of the season and 11th in his career. In Week 4 vs. Cleveland, Kendricks moved into fourth place all-time for most games (36) with 10 or more tackles in a single game in franchise history. Kendricks' 15 tackles in Week 1 at Cincinnati marked the second-most in his career - his most since Week 13 in 2018 when he had 16 tackles against the New England Patriots. His Week 1 total is the most in a Week 1 game since Ed McDaniels in 2000 against the Bears.

Player, Team	Games
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	2
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	2
Nick Vigil, Minnesota & 13 others	1

# **2021 TOTAL TACKLES IN THE NFL**

Player, Team	Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	152
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	143
Jordyn Brooks, Seattle	134
Denzel Perryman, Las Vegas	133
Roquan Smith, Chicago	130
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	120
C.J. Mosley, NY Jets	118
De'Vondre Campbell, Green Bay	114
Devin White, Tampa Bay	110
Cole Holcomb, Washington	110

#### 2020-21 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

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

#### NFL REGULAR SEASON TOTAL TACKLES. 2015-2021 Player, Team Total Tackles Bobby Wagner, Seattle 997 Lavonte David, Tampa Bay 780 Eric Kendricks, Minnesota 759 Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans 751 Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants



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

2019-21 PASSES DEFENDED, NFL LINEBACKERS	
Player, Team	Pass. Def.
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	22
Demario Davis, New Orleans	22
K.J. Wright, Seattle/Las Vegas	21
Darius Leonard, Indianapolis	20
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	19

#### 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	45
Anthony Barr, 2014-Present	37
Ed McDaniel, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Eric Wilson, 2017-2020	18
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12

# NUMBERS 5.0

In Week 14 against Pittsburgh, single-season career high.

680



Kendricks led the NFL in tackles with

### 2021 VIKINGS

# PATRICK PETERSON

#### 2021 VIKINGS

# CB PATRICK PETERSON



HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/198 COLLEGE: LSU NEL SEASON: 11

VIKINGS SEASON: 1

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

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

On active Rosters only	
Player, Team Int	erceptions
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco/Tampa B	ay 36
Marcus Peters, Kansas City/Los Angeles Rams/Baltimo	re 31
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	29
Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota	28
Stephon Gilmore, Buffalo/New England/Carolina	27
Janoris Jenkins, Rams/Giants/Saints/Titans	26
NFL LEADERS - GAMES STARTED BY A DB SINCE	2011

#### Player, Team **Cames Started** Devin McCourty, New England 168 Malcolm lenkins. New Orleans 167 Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota 163

NFL LEADERS - PRO BOWLS BY A DB SINCE 2011	
Player, Team Pro Bowl Appearances	
Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota	8
Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore	7
Eric Weddle, San Deigo/Baltimore/Los Angeles Rams	6
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco	5
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	5
Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New England/Denver/Los Angeles	5



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

NFL 2010 ALL-DECADE TEAM MEMEBER (DEFENSE)		
Player	Position	
Calais Campbell	DE	
Cameron Jordan	DE	
Julius Peppers	DE	
J.J. Watt	DE	
Geno Atkins	DT	
Fletcher Cox	DT	
Aaron Donald	DT	
Ndamukong Suh	DT	
Chandler Jones	LB	
Luke Kuechly	LB	
Khalil Mack	LB	
Von Miller	LB	
Bobby Wagner	LB	
Patrick Willis	LB	
Patrick Peterson	CB	
Darrelle Revis	CB	
Richard Sherman	CB	
Eric Berry	S	
Earl Thomas	S	
Eric Weddle	S	
Chris Harris Jr.	DB	
Tyrann Mathieu	DB	

BY THE I BOD Patrick Peterson ranks third in most games started by an active DB since 2011.

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

# SCHEDULE NOTES

# 2021 VIKINGS

WK 1 9/12/21		at Cincinnatti 7-6 (1-6) A	After K Greg Joseph hit a career-high 53-yard field goal to send the game to overtime, the Bengals took advantage of a Vikings turnover to get them the Week 1 win. NT Michael Pierce had a career day for Minnesota, recording a career-high 2.0 sacks. LB Eric Kendricks tallied 15 tackles in the contest, which currently leads the NFL_0B Kirk Cousins had a solid day, becoming the first Vikings QB to start four straight season openers since Daunte Culpepper in 2002-05.
WK 2 9/19/21	P	at Arizona 17-11 (6-7) A	The Vikings lost their second game of the season on the road to the Arizona Cardinals. Kirk Cousins and the offense rebounded nicely from Week 1, throwing three touchdowns to three difference receivers. Cousins was only sacked one time in the game. Danielle Hunter posted a 3.0 sack game, his third game of at least three sacks in his career. Nick Vigil and Xavier Woods both recorded interceptions. Vigil took his to the house for the first Vikings pick-six since 2019.
WK 3 9/26/21		Minneapolis 5-13 (3-4) H	Minnesota snapped a seven-game losing streak versus Seattle in a 30-17 win at home in U.S. Bank Stadium. QB Kirk Cousins started his 50th career game with the Vikings and became the first Vikings QB to throw for over 300 yards against Seattle. WR Justin Jefferson became the fastest Viking to reach 100 catches in team history, doing so in only 19 games. RB Alexander Mattison tied his career high of 112 rushing yards, while TE Tyler Conklin reached carseer high of seven receptions and 70 receiving yards.
WK 4 10/3/21		Minneapolis 12-4 (7-2) H	The Vikings suffered a home loss for the first time this season, failing to the Cleveland Browns. It was the first matchup with the Browns at U.S. Bank Stadium and the first contest with former Vikings coaching staff member Kevin Stefanski as Cleveland's head coach. QB Kirk Cousins threw his 100th passing touchdown as a Viking to VR Justin Jefferson, which marked his 10th career receiving touchdown. WR Adam Thielen set a team record of most receiving yards in a game against Cleveland with 144.
WK 5 10/10/21	Ver	Minneapolis 78-39-2 (42-16-1) H	Minnesota grasped a fifth consecutive victory over Detroit at U.S. Bank Stadium after dropping the first two contests between the teams at the venue that opened in 2016. WR Justin Jefferson recorded his ninth career 100-yard receiving game with 124. RB Alexander Mattison recorded his first receiving touchdown of the season, with three of his five touchdowns being against Detroit. DE Everson Griffen had his first multi-sack game with 2.0 sacks since Nov. 4, 2018 against Detroit.
WK 6 10/17/21		at Carolina 9-6 (2-3) A	The Vikings captured their second consecutive win of the season and first on the road in a 34-28 OT triumph. WR KJ Osborn's walk-off touchdown sealed the victory at Carolina. The Vikings offense totaled 571 yards, with QB Kirk Cousins grasping 373 of the yardage, which is his fourth largest output in his Vikings career. RB Dalvin Cook and WR Adam Thielen went for over 100 yards, making the thirld time this season the Vikings have had 100-r usher and receiver in a game. LB Eric Kendricks recorded his second sack of the season and 11th in his career.
WK 8 10/31/21		Minneapolis 15-17 (7-11) H	Minnesota fell 20-16 to Dallas in a home contest in Week 8. QB Kirk Cousins set a team record for consecutive games with 20 completions (11/16/20 - 10/31/21). LB Fric Kendricks recorded his third sack of the season (12.0 in his career), mowing him intu a tie with Ben Leber in sacks by a Vikings linebacker. S Xavier Woods tallied his first career sack, a strip sack on Cooper Rush, causing his fifth career forced fumble. Woods also caught his second pick of the season, seventh in his career.
WK 9 11/7/21	B	at Baltimore 3-3 (1-3) A	The Vikings recorded their third overtime game this season, the most overtime games in a season since 1995, falling 34-31 to Baltimore. OB Kirk Cousins tailled his first rushing touchdown of the season. He has now recorded at least one rushing touchdown in each of his four seasons with the team. WR Justin Jefferson surpassed 2.000 receiving yards, making him the second-fastest player behind Odell Beckham, Jr., who did it in 21 games, to reach 2.000 receiving yards in NFL history in only 24 games. RB Kene Nwangwu took it to the house with his 98-yard kick return for a touchdown. LB Eric Kendricks set a new career high of 17 tackles in a game.

2021 VIKINGS		
WK 10 11/14/21	at Los Angeles 7-6 (2-3) A	Minnesota recorded its second road win and first at 5ch F Stadium in a 27-2d triumph on the Los Angeles Chargers, QB Kirk Cousins tallied a league-leading fifth game this season with at least 275 passing wards, two passing touchdowns and zero interceptions. RB Bahvin Cook rushed for his third touchdown of the season, his 32nd since 2019, which ranks second in the NEL. WR Dele Westhowk's 45-407 punt return marks his longest punt return this season and is the second-longest punt return in Week 10. LB Eric Kendricks tied a single-season career high rom his roake season in 2015 with A0 acids. His 13.0 career sacks passed Ben Leber for seventh all-time in sacks among Vikings linebackers.
WK 11 11/21/21	Minneapolis 55-63-3 (29-30) H	For the fourth time this season, QB Kirk Cousins threw for more than 300 yards, at least three touchdowns and zero interptions, which ties Rams QB Matthew Stafford for the league lead in Week 1. WR, Justin Jeffsson recorded his thit carer top-yard receiving game, tying Randy Moss (1) games) and Julu Smith-Schuster (11 games) for the second- most all-time for players within their first two seasons in the NFL. Only Odell Beckham [r. (15 games) has more. S Harrison Smith recorded a ack, bringing his career total to 15.5 and extending his franchise record set for career sacks by a DB. K Greg Joseph 29-yard game-winning lick marks the third in his larer, with his last coming earlier this season against the Detroit Lions, a time-expiring 54-yard kick.
WK 12 11/28/21	at San Francisco 23-24-1 (8-15-1) A	WR Justin Jefferson tallied his second 1.000-yard receiving season, becoming the eighth player in Vikings history to record multiple 1.000-yard receiving seasons. WR Adam Thielen moved into fifth all-time in Vikings career receiving touchdowns with 49. He registered his second multi-touchdown game of the season, with both touchdowns coming in the first half. 5 Harrison 5mith picked off 0B Jimmy Garappolo for his 29th career interception, which is teld with CarL Lee for sisth all-time in franchise history. With his 99-yard kickoff returned for a touchdown, RB Kene Nwangvu became the first Vikings rooke since Cordarelle Patterson in 2013 to have multiple kick off returns for a touchdown in a season with two.
WK 13 12/5/21	at Detroit 78-39-2 (36-23-1) A	OB Kirk Cousins continued his streak of most consecutive games with a touchdown pass thrown with two at Detroit and extends his record set to 25 consecutive games with a touchdown pass thrown in team history. WR Justin Differson rateAdd career highs in receptions and receiving vards with 11 and 182, respectively. His 2.609 receiving vards passed Halo Famer Jenry Rice (2407) for third-most receiving vards in their first two seasons in NFL history, trailing on Randy Moss (2.726) and Odell Beckham, Jr. (2.755). LB Blake Lynch recorded his first career sack, a takedown of Jard Goff. On his second sack of the day, a career high, Lynch forced a Tumbie and recovered H, tas firsts in his career. CB Cameron Bartzler picked off Jared Coff for his first interception of the season and third in his career.
WK 14 12/9/21	Minneapolis 9-9 (4-2) H	In the team's first TNF matchup against Pittsburgh, RB Dalvin Cook set the franchise first half rushing record by posting 153 yards on the ground in the first half. His 153 ushing yards are the most in the NHL in a half since Ronald Jones' (Tampa Bay) 170 in Week 10 of 2020. Cook tallied his second 200- rushing yard game of his caree. His 205 ushing yards are the most in a single game in the NFL this season, passing Jonathan Taylor's (Indianapolis) 185 rushing yards against the Bills in Week 11. LB Eric Kendricks nothed his fifth sack of the season, a new single-season career high. S Hartison Smitht matched his career- high with his third sack of the season and extended his own career record for sacks by a DB to 16.5.
WK 15 12/20/21	at Chicago 61-57-2 (24-33-2) A	Minnesota meets Chicago on Monday Night Football for the 16th time in franchise history, the most of any opponent, and leads the series 8-7. A victory in Week 15 would give the Vikings a win at Soldier Field and on Monday Night Football for the second straight season after defeating the Bears, 19-13, in Week 10 of the 2020 season. Overall, it's the fourth meeting on MNF between the two clubs in the past six seasons (2016-17, 2020-21).
WK 16 12/26/21	Minneapolis 27-17-2 (16-3-2) H	Minnesota and the Los Angeles Rams square off at U.S. Bank Stadium for the second time since the venue opened in 2016. Under Mike Zimmer, the Vikings own a 3-1 record against the Rams after falling to Los Angeles 38-31 in the 2018 matchup on the road and are 2-0 at home since 2014. The Vikings last battled two Los Angeles franchises in the same season in 1987 when Minnesota played at the L.A. Rams (9/20/87) and hosted the L.A. Raiders (11/8/87).
WK 17 1/2/22	at Green Bay 55-63-3 (26-33-3) A	Minnesota is looking to come away with consecutive wins on the road at Green Bay for the first time since the 2004-05 seasons after defeating the Packers 28-22 in the second meeting of 2020 in Week 8. In that game, RB Dalvin Cook became the first player to surpass 200 yards from scrimmage and score four touchdowns at Lambeau Field, giving the Vikings their first win in Green Bay since 2017.
WK 18 1/9/22	Minneapolis 61-57-2 (37-24) H	Minnesota has finished the regular season at home vs. Chicago five of the past six seasons (2016-19, 2021). The Jan. 9 game is the latest regular-season contest in team history. Previously, the latest game of the season fell on Jan. 7 after Week 2 games were postponed in 2001. The 17-game slate in 2021 marks the first expansion of the NFL regular-season structure since 1978.

# **MINNESOTA VIKINGS RING OF HONOR**

# **KEVIN WILLIAMS**



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

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

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

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

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

#### VIKINGS ALL-TIME SACKS BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

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

#### VIKINGS ALL-TIME PRO BOWL BERTHS BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

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

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



# **PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER**

# **STEVE HUTCHINSON**



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

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

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

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

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

#### **OFFENSIVE HONOREES BEHIND HUTCHINSON**

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

Shaun Alexander, Seattle	*
Adrian Peterson, Minnesota	*
Chester Taylor, Minnesota	
Chris Johnson, Tennessee5	
Artose Pinner, Minnesota1	
Maurice Morris, Seattle1	
Ricky Watters, Seattle1	

#### 200+ RUSHERS BEHIND HUTCHINSON

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

G- Steve Hutchinson<sup>\*</sup>, Larry Allen<sup>\*</sup>, Will Shields<sup>\*</sup>, Alan Fanca<sup>\*</sup> T- Walter Jones<sup>\*</sup>, Jonathan Ogden<sup>\*</sup>, Orlando Pace<sup>\*</sup>, Willie Roaf<sup>\*</sup> C- Kevin Mawae<sup>\*</sup>, Olin Kruetz





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



# VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION AWARENESS

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

# ALL SQUARE

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

# GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

# **CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS**

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



# **306: BLACK HISTORY CURRICULUM EXPANSION**

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

# **PROJECT SUCCESS**

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



# FURTHER INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT

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

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

#### VIKINGS SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

# VIKINGS IN THE COMMUNITY



# **COVID-19 RELIEF**

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

# VIKINGS PARTICIPATE IN TEAM SMILE

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



# VIKINGS PARTICIPATE IN HABITAT HOME BUILD

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

### VIKINGS AND MEDTRONIC STEM FIELD TRIP

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

# KENDRICKS AND HIPPY FEET

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

## JJETTS FOUNDATION THANKSGIVING GIVEAWAY

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

#### THIELEN FOUNDATION STADIUM LIGHTS

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



# HAVE A SEAT AT OUR FAMILY TABLE

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

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

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

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

