Week 1 | Sunday, September 13, 2020 | U.S. Bank Stadium | Noon CT | FOX

## 2020 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON	0-0
NFC NORTH	0-0
HOME	0-0
AWAY	0-0

## 2020 SCHEDULE

SUN	SEPT 13	GB	NOON	FOX
SUN	SEPT 20	@ IND	NOON	FOX
SUN	SEPT 27	TEN	NOON	CBS
SUN	OCT 4	@ HOU	NOON	FOX
SUN	OCT 11	@ SEA	7:20 PM	NBC
SUN	OCT 18	ATL	NOON	FOX
SUN	OCT 25	BYE		
SUN	NOV 1	@GB	NOON*	FOX
SUN	NOV 8	DET	NOON*	CBS
MON	NOV 16	@ CHI	7:15 PM*	ESPN
SUN	NOV 22	DAL	3:25 PM*	FOX
SUN	NOV 29	CAR	NOON*	FOX
SUN	DEC 6	JAX	NOON*	CBS
SUN	DEC 13	@ TB	NOON*	FOX
SUN	DEC 20	CHI	NOON*	FOX
FRI	DEC 25	@ NO	3:30 PM	FOX/NFLN
SUN	JAN 3	@ DET	NOON*	FOX

Home games **bold** | \*Game times are subject to change

## BROADCAST COVERAGE

NATIONAL TELEVISION: FOX Play-by-Play: Chris Myers

Sideline: Jen Hale

Analysts: Greg Jennings, Brock Huard

▶ NATIONAL RADIO: ESPN RADIO

Play-by-Play: Sean Kelley Analyst: Ben Hartsock

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

Play-by-Play: Paul Allen

Sideline: Greg Coleman & Ben Leber

Analyst: Pete Bercich

**Pre-Game Show:** Mike Mussman - 10:00 a.m. CT KFAN and KTLK serve as the flagship stations for the 72-station, 5-state Vikings Radio Network

## **GAME SUMMARY**

The Minnesota Vikings (10-6 in 2019) open the 2020 regular season against the defending NFC North Champion Green Bay Packers (13-3 in 2019) with kickoff set for noon CT at U.S. Bank Stadium. The Week 1 home contest against Green Bay marks the first time in the 120-game series history they've met in Minnesota on the opening weekend.

2020 is the seventh season with Mike Zimmer as the head coach of the Vikings. Since 2014, Zimmer has recorded 57 wins, the seventh-most wins in the NFL in that span. Minnesota is 6-1 in Week 1 contests under Zimmer, and his defenses have produced four touchdowns (three interception returns and one fumble return) in those games, the most in the NFL on Kickoff Weekend since 2014.

The Vikings offense will keep a similar look in 2020, returning nine of 11 starters from an offense that ranked sixth in rushing (133.3 rushing yards/game) and eighth in scoring (25.4 points/game). Gary Kubiak, who served as the team's Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Advisor in 2019, will call his first game as Offensive Coordinator for the Vikings in Week 1.

For the first time since Daunte Culpepper from 2000-05, the Vikings will open the season with the same quarterback for the third straight season with QB Kirk Cousins. The 2019 Pro Bowl selection is slated to make his 32nd career start as a Viking and has registered a 103.0 passer rating over the last two seasons since signing with Minnesota, the sixth-best mark in the NFL in that span.

## STAT OF THE WEEK



Since 2014 when Mike Zimmer was hired, the Vikings have allowed only 14.8 points per game in Week 1 contests, the 4th-fewest in the NFL in that span among all teams. The Vikings have also forced 13 turnovers in opening week contests since 2014, tied for the 3rd most in the NFL.

## NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

LB Eric Wilson blocked a punt in last season's opening game vs. Atlanta, leading to the Vikings first touchdown of the season, a 23yard touchdown pass from Kirk Cousins to Adam Thielen



- RB Dalvin Cook leads the NFL in rushing yards in Week 1 games since he entered the league in 2017 with 278 yards. Cook has games of 127 rushing yards (2017 vs. New Orleans), 40 (2018 vs. San Francisco) and 111 (2019 vs. Atlanta).
- Since 2016, the Vikings defense has forced 10 Kickoff Weekend turnovers, second most in the NFL during that span (Jets 11).
- TE Kyle Rudolph enters his 10th season in the NFL, all with Minnesota, ranking fifth in franchise history in receptions (425) and 10th in receiving yards (4,154).

## 2020 NEW FACES

FRE	E AGEN	ITS/T	RADES/	WAIVERS	(3)

Player	Pos	School
Ryan Connelly (W)		
Yannick Ngakoue (T)	DE	Maryland
Tajae Sharpé (FA)	WR	. Massachusetts

## DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (8)

Round) Player	Pos	School
1) Justin Jefferson		
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		
5) Harrison Hand	CB	Temple
5) K.J. Osborn	WR	Miami

## UNDRRAFTED ROOKIES (1)

Player	Pos	School
Dan Chisena	WR	Penn State

## RETURNERS

Starters Lost	6
(Diggs, Griffen, Joseph,	Kline, Rhodes, Waynes)
Leading Returners	Player (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)

Starters Returning......16 (9 offense, 7 defense)

## **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

8 schools with 2 Vikings (Boise State. Cincinnati, Iowa, LSU, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Texas, UCLA)

## 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)

## 0)

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	Yannick Ngakoue
	Kyle Rudolnh

Harrison Smith Adam Thielen



## **HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER**

NFL HEAD COACH: 7th Year REGULAR SEASON: 57-38-1 (.593)

**OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE:** 27th Year **POSTSEASON:** 2-3-0 (.400)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 42nd Year RECORD WITH MIN: 59-41-1 (.590)

			COAC	HING BACKGROUND	
Year.	Team	Position	W-L-T	Results	NFL Ranking Yds/Off Pts allowe
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 Ga	ime
1995	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, Super Bowl XXX Champ	pions
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 G	ame 1/1
2018	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-7-1		4/4
2019	Minnesota	Head Coach	10-6	Divisional	14/8

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)
DEE 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: 20th Season
NFL EXPERIENCE: 15th Season
VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 1st Season

## ASSISTANT COACHES

IMARJAYE ALBURY\*
ROY ANDERSON\*
DOM CAPERS\*
RICK DENNISON
RYAN FICKEN\*
ANDREW JANOCKO
CHRISTIAN JONES\*
DARONTE JONES
GARY KUBIAK\*
KLINT KUBIAK
BRIAN PARIANI
AC PATTERSON
ANDRE PATTERSON
KENNEDY POLAMALU

**NICK RALLIS\*** 

**PHIL RAUSCHER\*** 

ADAM ZIMMER

Def. Quality Control/Assistant Defensive Line
Assistant Defensive Backs
Senior Defensive Assistant

Offensive Line Coach/ Run Game Coordinator Assistant Special Teams

Wide Receivers
Offensive Quality Control
Defensive Backs

Offensive Coordinator/Asst. Head Coach

Quarterbacks Tight Ends

Offensive Quality Control

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line

Running Backs
Defensive Quality Control/Assistant Linebackers

Assistant Offensive Line
Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

\*In coaching booth during games



## **HEAD COACH MATT LAFLEUR**

NFL HEAD COACH: 2nd Year REGULAR SEASON: 13-3 (.813)

OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 12th Year POSTSEASON: 1-1 (.500)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 26th Year RECORD WITH GB: 14-4 (.778)

## MATT LAFIFUR SUMMARY

2019-	Green Bay Packers	Head Coach
2018	Tennessee Titans	Offensive Coordinator
2017	Los Angeles Rams	Offensive Coordinator
2015-16	Atlanta Falcons	Quarterbacks
2014	Univ. of Notre Dame	Quarterbacks
2010-13	Washington Redskins	Quarterbacks
2008-09	Houston Texans	Offensive Assistant
2007	Ashland Univ.	Offensive Coordinator
2006	Northern Michigan Univ. 0	Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers
2004-05	Central Michigan Univ.	Graduate Assistant
2003	Saginaw Valley State U	niv. Offensive Assistant

Entering his 12th season in the National Football League, Matt LaFleur (la-flew-er) enters his second season in Green Bay after being named the Packers' 15th head coach on Ian. 8. 2019.

In LaFleur's first year leading the team in 2019, Green Bay finished the regular season with a 13-3 record on its way to an NFC North crown and the No. 2 seed in the NFC as he became just the fifth coach in league history to win 13-plus games in his first season as a head coach. He guided the Packers to their biggest one-year win improvement in club history (plus-seven wins) and became the first head coach to lead Green Bay to the playoffs in his first season. LaFleur joined Mike McCarthy as the only head coaches in club annals to lead the team to the NFC Championship Game in their first playoff appearance and he became the first NFL coach to do so since Jim Harbaugh led the 49ers to the NFC title game in 2011.

LaFleur guided the Packers to a 6-0 record in NFC North games in 2019, just the second time that Green Bay went undefeated in the division (2011) since the league went to a divisional format in 1967. He joined Jim Caldwell (2011) and Steve Mariucci (1997) as the only coaches in NFL history to post a perfect divisional record and 13-plus wins in the regular season in their first season as a head coach.

Since his first day addressing the team, LaFleur has emphasized the importance of the ball, both protecting it on offense and taking it away on defense. His emphasis translated into on-field success as the Packers posted a plus-12 turnover differential, tied for No. 3 in the NFL last season and the team's best mark since 2014 (plus-14). Green Bay was No. 2 in the NFL in giveaways with a franchise-record-tying 13, while also leading the league with a team-record nine zero-turnover games in 2019. On defense, the Packers were tied for No. 7 in the NFL with 25 takeaways and tied for No. 3 with 17 interceptions.

Led by LaFleur, the Packers recorded 20-plus points in 13 games during the 2019 regular season, good for No. 5 in the NFL. Green Bay was tied for No. 10 in the NFL in offensive TDs (44) and posted 18 rushing TDs (tied for No. 7 in the NFL), the most by the Packers since 2009 (20).

Green Bay's defense also took a step forward with LaFleur at the helm in 2019 as it allowed 19.6 points per game (No. 9 in the NFL). It marked the first time Green Bay had finished in the top 10 in the league in the category since 2010, which was also the last time the Packers allowed fewer than 20 points per game. The average of 19.6 points per game allowed was a 5.4-point decrease from 2018 (25.0 ppg.), the biggest one-year improvement in scoring defense for the Packers since 1996.

In his lone season with the Titans in 2018, LaFleur guided the offense to a No. 7 league ranking in rushing (126.4 ypg) as Tennessee registered 11 games with 100-plus rushing yards, tied for No. 2 in the NFL. Tennessee's ground game was led by third-year RB Derrick Henry, who finished No. 7 in the NFL with a career-high 1,059 rushing yards and tied for No. 3 with a career-best 12 rushing touchdowns, the most by a Titan since RB Chris Johnson's 14 rushing TDs in 2009. RB Dion Lewis added 517 rushing yards as Tennessee was one of only three teams in the league (Denver and Seattle) to feature both a 1,000-yard back and a 500-yard hark in 2018.

Despite missing three full games and parts of others due to injuries, QB Marcus Mariota set a single-season franchise record with a 68.9 completion percentage, good for No. 6 in the league in '18, and posted a career-high average of 7.64 yards per attempt, the top mark by a Titans QB (min. 200 att.) since Steve McNair in 2003 (8.04). In Week 12 at Houston, Mariota completed 22 of 23 passes for 303 yards and two TDs with no INTs, a 95.7 completion percentage that was the second-best single-game mark in NFL history (min. 20 att.) behind only Chargers QB Philip Rivers' 96.6 percentage recorded the previous day vs. Arizona.

Under LaFleur's direction, Tennessee's offense had one of its finest seasons in team history when it came to taking care of the football, finishing tied for No. 7 in the league with 18 giveaways, tied for the second fewest in a season in franchise annals (17 in 2008). The Titans set a single-season team record with only six fumbles lost on the season, which was tied for No. 4 in the NFL in '18. The offense also contributed to the Titans being called for only 82 penalties on the season, the fewest in the league in 2018 and the fewest in franchise history in a 16-game season (since 1978).

Tennessee's offense suffered a significant blow when TE Delanie Walker, who earned Pro Bowl honors in three consecutive seasons (2015-17), sustained a season-ending ankle injury in Week 1 at Miami. The Titans' other tight ends (Jonnu Smith, Anthony Firkser, Luke Stocker, MyCole Pruitt) went on to combine for 750 yards and seven TDs on 63 receptions (11.9 avg.).

As offensive coordinator for the Rams in 2017, LaFleur was part of a staff that helped the team improve its win total by seven games (4-12 to 11-5) as Los Angeles took home the NFC West crown for the first time since 2003. The Rams led the league in scoring with an average of 29.9 points per game, more than doubling their average from 2016 (14.0 ppg) as they became the first team in the Super Bowl era (since 1966) to go from last to first in the NFL in scoring in one season. The Rams also finished in the top 10 in the league in total offense (No. 10, 361.5 ypg), rushing offense (No. 8, 122.1 ypg), passing offense (No. 10, 239.4 ypg) and third-down percentage (No. 9, 41.1).

Rams RB Todd Gurley was named Offensive Player of the Year by The Associated Press after leading the league in yards from scrimmage (2,093) and rushing TDs (13) and ranking No. 2 in the NFL with a career-high 1,305 rushing yards. QB Jared Goff finished in the top 10 in the league in passer rating (No. 5, 100.5), passing yards (No. 10, 3,804), passing TDs (t-No. 5, 28) and interception percentage (No. 5, 147). The Rams threw only seven interceptions on the season, the fewest in the NFL in 2017 and tied for the fewest in a season in franchise history (1969).

LaFleur joined the Rams after serving as the quarterbacks coach for the Atlanta Falcons in 2015-16. In 2016, he was a member of an offensive staff that helped the Falcons win the NFC title and set franchise records for total yards per game (415.8), points scored (540), net passing yards per game (295.3) and yards per play (6.7). LaFleur tutored QB Matt Ryan as he set single-season franchise marks for passing yards (4,944), completion percentage (69.9) and TD passes (38) along with an average of 9.26 yards per attempt that ranked No. 1 in league history among QBs with 500-plus attempts. Ryan led the league with a 117.1 passer rating, the fifth highest in a season in NFL history, on his way to being named NFL Most Valuable Player and Offensive Player of the Year by AP.

LaFleur spent the 2014 season coaching quarterbacks at the University of Notre Dame, where he helped QB Everett Golson throw for 3,445 yards and 29 TDs, both good for No. 3 in single-season school annals. Golson completed a school-record 25 consecutive passes in a game vs. Syracuse, eclipsing the previous mark of 14 straight held by three different quarterbacks.

From 2010-13, LaFleur served as quarterbacks coach for the Washington Redskins. In 2012, he tutored rookie Robert Griffin III, who became the first QB in team history to win AP Offensive Rookie of the Year and the first rookie QB in franchise annals to be selected to the Pro Bowl. The Redskins finished 10-6 on the season, taking home their first NFC East crown in 13 years. Griffin completed 258 of 393 passes (65.6 percent) for 3,200 yards and 20 TDs with just five INTS, and set NFL rookie records for passer rating (102.4), interception percentage (1.27) and rushing yards by a QB (815). The Redskins ranked No. 4 in the league in 2012 in scoring (27.3 ppg), the second-best average in team history (2.77 in 1999), and led the NFL with a

franchise-low 14 giveaways on the season.

In 2011, veteran QB Rex Grossman started 13 games and posted career highs for completions (265) and passing yards per game (242.4) under LaFleur's direction. In his first season in Washington, LaFleur helped the Redskins finish No. 8 in the league in passing offense (244.6 ypg), the team's best average since 1999 (245.4 ypg). Veteran QB Donovan McNabb started 13 contests in 2010 and ranked No. 8 in the league with an average of 259.8 passing yards per game.

LaFleur's first NFL coaching experience came with Houston as an offensive assistant in 2008-09, where he was part of a staff that helped the Texans rank in the ton five in the league in total offense and passing offense in both of those seasons. In 2009, LaFleur assisted offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach Kyle Shanahan with the QBs as the Texans ranked No. 4 in the league in total offense (383.1 ypg), highlighted by a passing game that ranked No. 1 in the NFL (franchiserecord average of 290.9 ypg) as QB Matt Schaub led the league and set single-season team records for passing vards (4.770) and completions (396). In 2008, LaFleur assisted wide receivers coach Larry Kirksey as Houston ranked No. 3 in the league in total offense (382.1 ypg) and No. 4 in passing offense (266.7 ypg), with WR Andre Johnson leading the NFL in receptions (teamrecord 115) and receiving yards (1,575).

In 2007, LaFleur served as the offensive coordinator at Ashland (Ohio) University, where he helped the Eagles score a then-school-record 440 points and average 528.2 yards of offense per game on the way to an NCAA Division II postseason appearance, the team's first since 1997.

LaFleur began his coaching career as an offensive assistant at Saginaw Valley State in 2003 before working as a graduate assistant at Central Michigan in 2004-05. He also coached quarterbacks and wide receivers at Northern Michigan in 2006.

Born Nov. 3, 1979, in Mount Pleasant, Mich., LaFleur played quarterback at Saginaw Valley State (2000-02), where he guided the Cardinals to three straight NCAA Division II playoff appearances and earned second-team All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference honors in all three seasons. LaFleur ranks No. 2 in school history in passing yards (7,699) and No. 3 in completions (560) and passing TDs (67). He began his college career as a wide receiver at Western Michigan (1998-99) before transferring to SVSU.

Following his college career, LaFleur played in the National Indoor Football League for the Omaha Beef in 2003 and the Billings Outlaws in 2004.

LaFleur's younger brother, Mike, is currently the passing game coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers. Their father, Dennis, was a starting linebacker on Central Michigan's 1974 national champion team and went on to be a defensive assistant coach for the Chippewas for 22 seasons (1976-97). Following his time at CMU, Dennis also served as the head coach for four seasons and as an assistant coach for 13 seasons at Mount Pleasant (Mich.) High School.

## **VIKINGS IN WEEK ONE**

## VIKINGS OPENING DAY RECORDS

Rushing Attempts	
Player, Year	Rushes
1) Chester Taylor, 20	0631
2) Adrian Peterson,	
3t) Dave Osborn, 198	
3t) Chuck Foreman,	
3t) Chuck Foreman,	
3t) Robert Smith, 19	
3t) Moe Williams, 2	
3t) Dalvin Cook, 20	
9t) Dalvin Cook, 20	
9t) Adrian Peterson	
9t) Tommy Mason	21
Rushing Yards	
Player, Year	Yards
1) Adrian Peterson, 2	2009 180
2) Robert Smith, 199	
3) Terry Allen, 1992.	
4) Tommy Mason, 19	
5) Dalvin Cook, 201	
6) Chuck Foreman, 1	
7) Dalvin Cook, 201	
8) Robert Smith, 199	
9) Robert Smith, 20	
10t) Bill Brown, 1964	
10t) Adrian Peterson	
10t) Adrian Petersor	1, 2008103
Rushing Touchdown	
Player, Year	
1t) Adrian Peterson,	
1t) Daunte Culpeppe	
3t) Dalvin Cook, 20	
3t) Adrian Peterson	, 2013 2
3t) Adrian Peterson	, 2012 2
3t) Bill Brown, 1968	2
3t) Chuck Foreman,	19762
3t) Brent McClanaha	an, 1976 2
3t) Ted Brown, 1983	2
3t) Rick Fenney, 198	9 2
Longest Rush	
Player, Year	Long
1t) Adrian Peterson,	
1t) Robert Smith, 19	
3) Dave Osborn, 196	
4) Cordarrelle Patters	
5) Adrian Peterson,	
6) Robert Smith, 20	
7t) Tommy Mason, 1	
7t) Terry Allen, 1992	
9) Adrian Peterson,	
10) Clinton longs 19	68 43

Passing Attempts         Player, Year       Attempt         1) Steve Dils, 1981       6         2) Fran Tarkenton, 1978       4         3) Rich Gannon, 1992       4         4) Tommy Kramer, 1980       4         5t) Tommy Kramer, 1985       3         5t) Daunte Culpepper, 2001       3         7) Warren Moon, 1994       3         8t) Many players       3	2 9 4 2 8 7
Completions           Player, Year         Completion           1) Steve Dils, 1981         3           2) Tommy Kramer, 1980         31           3) Fran Tarkenton, 1978         22           4) Sam Bradford, 2017         2           5) Warren Moon, 1995         2           6) Teddy Bridgewater, 2015         2           7t) Tommy Kramer, 1983         2           7t) Randall Cunningham, 1999         2           7t) Daunte Culpepper, 2001         2           7t) Daunte Culpepper, 2005         2	70876322
Passing Yards Player, Year	5 1 6 7 2 0 6 2 5
Passing Touchdowns Player, Year	5 4 4 4 3 3 3 3

Receptions           Player, Year         Receptions           It) Ricky Young, 1978		
Player, Year	Player, Year	
Player, Year	Player, Vear	0 160 7 157 1969 152 79 150 13 140 134 126 9 123
1) Wilson-A. Carter, 1987	Player, Vear	TDs 32 9022222
	1) Wilson-A. Carter, 198 2) Culpepper-Moss, 20 3) Culpepper-O. Smith 4) Culpepper-Chamber 5) Jackson-Peterson, 2 6) Cramer-Rashad, 197 7) Cuozzo-Washington 8t) Tarkenton-Reichov 8t) Tarkenton-Brown,	3773t 0066 , 200463t lain, '0261 00860t 952t , 196950 v, 1961 48t

## **VIKINGS IN WEEK ONE**

## VIKINGS OPENING DAY RECORDS

Longest Field Goal	Most Punt Returns
Player, YearYards	Player, YearReturns
1) Blair Walsh, 201255	1) Eddie Payton, 1981
2) Paul Edinger, 2005 53	2t) Charlie West, 1969 5
3t) Blair Walsh, 2014 52	2t) David Palmer, 1994 5
3t) Blair Walsh, 2013 52	2t) Nate Jacquet, 2001 5
3t) Jan Stenerud, 1984 52	2t) Keenan Howry, 2005 5
6t) Fuad Reveiz, 199250	6t) Charlie West, 19684
6t) Blair Walsh, 201650	6t) Leonard Willis, 19764
8) Ryan Longwell, 200749	6t) Rufus Bess, 19834
9t) Blair Walsh, 201446	6t) Leo Lewis, 19884
9t) Aaron Elling, 200346	6t) Leo Lewis, 19894
Most Field Coals	Longost Dunt Dotum
Most Field Goals	Longest Punt Return
Player, YearFGs	Player, YearReturn
1t) Blair Walsh, 2012	1) Darius Reynaud, 2009 36
1t) Blair Walsh, 2016	2) Leonard Willis, 197629
3t) Fred Cox, 1965	3t) Hugh McElhenny, 196120
3t) Fred Cox, 1969	3t) Mewelde Moore, 200620
3t) Fred Cox, 1971	5t) Bob Reed, 196219
3t) Fuad Reveiz, 1992	5t) Bob Grim, 197019
3t) Gary Anderson, 2000 3	5t) Keenan Howry, 200519
3t) Doug Brien, 20023	8t) Eddie Payton, 198118
3t) Kai Forbath, 2017 3	8t) Leo Lewis, 198918
10t) Many players2	10) Charlie West, 196917
Most Points	Most Kickoff Returns
Player, YearPoints	Player, YearReturns
1) Ahmad Rashad, 1979 24	1t) Bob Reed, 1962 5
2t) Adrian Peterson, 201318	1t) Lance Rentzel, 1965 5
2t) Adrian Peterson, 200918	1t) Eddie Payton, 19805
2t) Bill Brown, 196818	1t) Tyrone Carter, 20005
2t) Ted Brown, 198318	1t) Nate Jacquet, 20015
2t) Daunte Culpepper, 200018	
7) Blair Walsh, 201214	Longest Kickoff Return
8) Blair Walsh, 201613	Player, YearReturn
9t) Many players (last D. Cook, 2019) 12	1) Percy Harvin, 2011103t
	2) Clinton Jones, 196971
Longest Punt	3) Cordarrelle Patterson, 2016 61
Player, YearPunt	4) David Palmer, 199951
1) Mike Mercer, 196277	5) Charlie West, 197049
2) Randall Cunningham, 1997 65	6t) Clinton Jones, 197248
3) Chris Kluwe, 2005 62	6t) Qadry Ismail, 199448
4t) Bobby Walden, 196660	8) Troy Williamson, 200644
4t) Harry Newsome, 199160	9t) Percy Harvin, 200941
6t) Mike Mercer, 196159	9t) Jimmy Edwards, 197941
6t) Chris Kluwe, 201259	, , , ,
8) Greg Coleman, 1985 58	Most Interceptions
9t) Greg Coleman, 1980 57	Player, YearINTs
9t) Britton Colquitt, 201957	1t) Anthony Harris, 2019 2
	1t) Corey Chavous, 20032
	1t) Jeff Brady, 19962
	1t) Paul Krause, 19722
	1t) Jeff Siemon, 19722
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Longest Interception Return	<u>1</u>
Player, YearINT F	Return
1) Darren Sharper, 2005	88t
2) Harrison Smith, 2014	81t
3t) Brian Williams, 2003	77
3t) Eric Kendricks, 2016	77t
5) Kevin Williams, 2007	54t
6) Paul Krause, 1970	40
7) Jimmy Hitchcock, 1998	38
8) Ed Sharockman, 1967	37
Tackles	
Player, Year	ackles
1) Ed McDaniel, 1994	21
2t) Jeff Siemon, 1978	
2t) Husain Abdullah, 2011	
Sacks	
Player, Year	Sarks
1) Keith Millard, 1989	
2t) John Randle, 1997	
2t) Brian Robison, 2007	
2t) Everson Griffen, 2014	
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1t) Larry Vargo, 1965.....2

## VIKINGS-PACKERS CONNECTIONS

## LOCAL CONNECTIONS

- Packers T/G Billy Turner attended Mounds View High School in Arden Hills, Minnesota. He played for Vikings Offensive
  Coordinator Gary Kubiak, Offensive Line Coach/Run Game Coordinator Rick Dennison and assistant offensive line coach Phil
  Rauscher in 2016 when Kubiak (head coach), Dennison (offensive coordinator) and Rauscher (offensive coaching assistant)
  were with the Broncos. Turner's father, Maurice Turner, ws a 12th-round pick by the Vikings in the 1983 NFL Draft. He played
  23 games for Minnesota from 1984-85 before finishing that season with Green Bay.
- Vikings LB Ryan Connelly, who attended Eden Prairie High School, played collegiately at Wisconsin.

## VIKINGS-PACKERS CONNECTIONS

- Packers inside linebackers coach Kirk Olivadotti's father, Tom, was a defensive assistant coach for Minnesota from 1996-99.
- Packers defensive backs coach Jerry Gray held the same role with the Vikings from 2014-19.
- Vikings Senior Defensive Assistant Dom Capers was defensive coordinator with the Packers from 2009-17.

## COACHING CONNECTIONS

Minnesota offensive coordinator Gary Kubiak was the head coach of the Texans while Packers head coach Matt LaFleur was
an offensive assistant in 2008-09.

## COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

- Vikings DT Shamar Stephen and Green Bay QB Tim Boyle played the 2013 season together at Connecticut.
- Minnesota TE Irv Smith Ir. starred at Alabama with Packers P JK Scott for two seasons (2016-17).
- Vikings T Riley Reiff and Packers LB Christian Kirksey were teammates at lowa. Minnesota DT Jaleel Johnson played with Green Bay CB Josh Jackson at lowa for three seasons (2014-16).
- Vikings LB Anthony Barr (2010-13) and LB Eric Kendricks (2010-14) played together at UCLA with Green Bay DL Kenny Clark (2013-15). Minnesota running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu also served as UCLA's running backs and offensive coordinator during the 2014-16 seasons.
- Vikings assistant special teams coach Ryan Ficken spent time at UCLA while Packers TE Marcedes Lewis was on the squad (2003-05).
- Vikings DE Ifeadi Odenigbo (2012-16) and LB Eric Wilson (2012) spent time on Northwestern's roster with Packers DL Tyler Lancaster (2013-17) and DL Dean Lowry (2012-15). Minnesota offensive quality control coach Christian Jones also played wide receiver for Northwestern from 2011-15.
- Minnesota C Pat Elflein played with Packers C Corey Linsley for two seasons at Ohio State.
- · Vikings K Dan Bailey and Packers G Lane Taylor palyed at Oklahoma State together.
- Minnesota CB Cameron Dantzler and Packers LG Elgton Jenkins were teammates at Mississippi State.
- Vikings CB Jeff Gladney played at TCU with Packers LB Ty Summers and S Vernon Scott.
- Minnesota DE Yannick Ngakoue and Packers S Darnell Savage played together at Maryland.
- Vikings PR/KR K.J. Osborn and Packers LB Jonathan Garvin starred on Miami's roster.
- Vikings DT Armon Watts and Packers LB Randy Ramsey played at Arkansas together.

## PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

- Vikings QB Kirk Cousins (2012-17) teamed with Packers OLB Preston Smith (2015-18) in Washington. Cousins worked directly
  with Packers Head Coach Matt LaFleur in Washington from 2012-13.
- · Vikings backup QB Sean Mannion was with the Los Angeles Rams when LaFleur as the offensive coordinator in 2017.
- Vikings T Rashod Hill overlapped with Packers TE Marcedes Lewis in Jacksonville in 2016.

## VIKINGS-PACKERS 2019 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	.MIN (RK).	GB (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	. 353.5 (16)	345.5 (18)	8
Yards / Play	. 5.83 (10)	5.42 (18)	0.41
Rushing Yards / Game			
Rushing Yards / Play	. 4.48 (12)	4.37 (16)	0.11
Passing Yards / Game	. 220.2 (23)	233.3 (17)	13.1
Passing Yards / Play	. 7.56 (6)	6.51 (17)	1.05
Interception Rate	. 1.72% (9)	0.70% (1)1	.02%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	. 6.01% (8)	6.28% (12)	1.27%
First Downs / Game	. 19.6 (20t)	20.0 (16)	0.4
Punt Return Avg	. 6.8 (21)	4.9 (31)	1.9
Kickoff Return Avg	. 22.4 (16)	20.8 (25)	1.6
Field Goals Made	. 93.10% (4)	91.67% (5)1	1.43%
3rd Down Pct	. 42.78% (9)	35.96% (23)6	.82%
4th Down Pct	. 53.33% (10).	50.00% (13t) 3	.33%
Red Zone Pct	. 60.71% (10) .	64.00% (8)3	.29%
Goal to Go%	. 77.14% (8)	72.41% (15t) 4	1.73%
Avg Possession Time	. 28:50 (26)	31:28 (5)	
Points / Game	25.4 (8)	23 5 (15)	19

DEFENSE	MIN (RK).	GB (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	341.6 (14)	352.6 (18)	11
Yards / Play	5.19 (10)	5.65 (19)	0.46
Rushing Yards / Game	108.0 (13)	120.1 (23)	12.1
Rushing Yards / Play	4.28 (19)	4.67 (24)	0.39
Passing Yards / Game	233.6 (15)	232.6 (14)	1
Passing Yards / Play	6.22 (7)	6.82 (18)	0.6
Interception Rate	2.83% (4)	3.11% (3)	0.28%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	7.99% (9)	7.51% (13)	0.48%
First Downs / Game	20.3 (14t)	19.4 (11)	0.9
Punt Return Avg	6.9 (12)	9.0 (25)	2.1
Kickoff Return Avg	25.1 (27)	24.2 (22)	0.9
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3rd Down Pct	39.72% (19)	38.07% (15)	1.65%
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3rd Down Pct	39.72% (19)	. 38.07% (	(15)	1.65%
4th Down Pct	55.17% (21)	.44.44% (	(12) 11	0.73%
Red Zone Pct	43.75% (2)	.50.00%	(6t)	5.25%
Goal to Go%	54.55% (2)	.59.26% (	4)	4.71%

## **VIKINGS - PACKERS GAME INFORMATION**

## VIKINGS-PACKERS SERIES

## **VIKINGS VS. PACKERS ALL-TIME**

Won 54, Lost 62, Tie 3; Home 29-29, Away 25-33-3

YEAR	SITE	RESULT	YEAR	SITE	RESULT
		VIKINGS VS. PAC	KERS SI	NCE 2000	
	(complete	list of Vikings and Packers matchup	os available ir	the history and records	section)
2001	Minnesota	Minnesota 35-13	2011	Minnesota	Green Bay 33-27
	Green Bay	Green Bay 13-24		Green Bay	Green Bay 45-7
2002	Minnesota	Minnesota 31-21	2012	Green Bay	Green Bay 23-14
	Green Bay	Green Bay 26-22		Minnesota	Minnesota 37-34
2003	Green Bay	Minnesota 30-25		#Green Bay	Green Bay 24-10
	Minnesota	Green Bay 30-27	2013	Minnesota	Green Bay 44-31
2004	Green Bay	Green Bay 34-31		Green Bay	Tie 26-26 (OT)
	Minnesota	Green Bay 34-31	2014	Green Bay	Green Bay 42-10
	#Green Bay	Minnesota 31-17		Minnesota	Green Bay 24-21
2005	Minnesota	Minnesota 23-20	2015	Minnesota	Green Bay 30-13
	Green Bay	Minnesota 20-17		Green Bay	Minnesota 20-13
2006	Minnesota	Green Bay 23-17	2016	Minnesota	Minnesota 17-14
	Green Bay	Green Bay 9-7		Green Bay	Green Bay 38-25
2007	Minnesota	Green Bay 23-16	2017	Minnesota	Minnesota 23-10
	Green Bay	Green Bay 34-0		Green Bay	Minnesota 16-0
2008	Green Bay	Green Bay 24-19	2018	Green Bay	Tie 29-29 (OT)
	Minnesota	Minnesota 28-27		Minnesota	Minnesota 24-17
2009	Minnesota	Minnesota 30-23	2019	Green Bay	Green Bay 21-16
	Green Bay	Minnesota 38-26		Minnesota	Green Bay 23-10
2010	Green Bay	Green Bay 28-24	*NFC Wild	d Card Game	
	Minnesota	Green Bay 31-3			

VIKINGS	PACKERS
CategoryPlayer Total NFC Rank NFL Rank	CategoryPlayer Total NFC Rank NFL Rank
Scoring Bailey 121 6	Scoring Jones 114 9t 14t
Passing Yds Cousins 3,6031016	Passing Yds Rodgers 4,0027
Passing TDs Cousins 267t8t	Passing TDs Rodgers 267t8t
Passer Rating Cousins 107.42	Passer Rating Rodgers 95.4712
Completion Pct Cousins 69.1	Completion Pct Rodgers 62.01321
Rushing Att Cook 2504	Rushing Att Jones 236 15
Rushing YdsCook1,135410	Rushing YdsJones1,084512
Rushing TDs Cook 13	Rushing TDs Jones 16 1t
Receptions Diggs 6323t43t	Receptions
Receiving Yds Diggs 1,13017	Receiving Yds Adams 9971630
Receiving TDs Diggs/Rudolph/Thielen 615t24t	Receiving TDs Adams/Williams 524
Interceptions Harris 611t	Interceptions King 5 4t
Tackles* Kendricks 110 15t	Tackles* Martinez 155
Forced Fumbles Hunter/Smith 39t16t	Forced Fum #Savage 2
Opp. FRKendricks/Odenigbo/Smith 27t12t	Opp. FR Williams 27t12t
Sacks4t	Sacks Z. Smith 13.55
FGs Made Bailey	FGs Made21t
FG Pct Bailey	FG Pct5
Net Punting Avg Colquitt 42.63	Net Punting Avg Scott 39.912
Punt Ret. Avg Hughes 7.4DNQ	Punt Ret. Avg Ervin 9.6DNQ
KO Ret. Avg Abdullah 250DNQ	KO Ret. Avg T. Smith 23.3DNQ
*League Stats #Rookie	

## VIKINGS - PACKERS GAME INFORMATION

## TOP PERFORMERS VS. PACKERS

## DALVIN COOK

Three games, 40 carries, 221 rushing yards, one rushing touchdown, nine receptions, 136 receiving yards, one receiving touchdown

KIRK CUUSINS
Six games (one postseason), 144-of-225 passing (64.0%), 1,823 passing yards, 13 passing touchdowns, four interceptions, 101.0 passer rating, 16 carries 45 rushing yards, one rushing touchdown

17 games (one postseason), 60 receptions, 645 receiving yards, three receiving touchdowns

## ΤΔΙΔΕ SHARPÉ

one game, three receptions, 68 receiving yards, one receiving touchdowns (33 yards)

## HARRISON SMITH

14 games (one postseason), 90 tackles (league stats), two sacks, eight tackles for loss, five interceptions, nine passes defensed

12 games, 57 receptions, 767 receiving yards, four receiving touchdowns, three carries, 71 rushing yards

## VIKINGS-PACKERS SERIES NOTES

- From 2008-19 the Vikings (4) and Packers (6) have combined for 10 of the 12 NFC North titlac
- The Vikings-Packers rivalry is the mostplayed in Vikings history. This contest will be the 120th meeting, including a pair of Wild Card playoff games - both at Lambeau - that the teams have split.
- Under Zimmer ,the Vikings are 5-6-1 vs. Green Bay, including a 3-2 mark at home.
- Minnesota will host Green Bay at home for a season opener for the first time in franchise history on Sunday, September 13. The teams have played six season openers at Green Bay, with the series tied at 3-3 in those contests.

## VIKINGS BIG DAYS VS. PACKERS

- WR Adam Thielen has had some of the hest games of his career against Green Bay and twice has set the team record for most receptions against the Packers with 12.
  - 12 receptions, 202 receiving yards, two touchdowns at Green Bay on Dec. 24, 2016
  - 12 recentions, 131 receiving yards, one touchdown at Green Bay on Sept. 16.
- RB Dalvin Cook had a career-high rushing vards at Green Bay (9/15/19) totaling 154 on 20 carries, including a career-long 75-vard touchdown run.
- S Harrison Smith had two of the best games of his career in 2017 vs. Green Bay. Smith totaled five tackles, 1.5 sacks, one tackle for loss, two passes defensed, two OB hits and a diving one-handed interception vs. Green

- Bay (10/15/17). In the second meeting of 2017. Smith helped power the defense to a shutout victory by grabbing a career-high two interceptions at Green Bay (12/23/17).
- OB Kirk Cousins has four career games with at least 300 passing yards against the Packers, including 425 passing yards at Green Bay (9/16/18), his most in a single game as a member of the Minnesota Vikings.
  - 425 passing yards at Green Bay on Sept. 16, 2018
  - 375 passing yards vs. Green Bay on Nov. 20. 2016
  - 342 passing yards vs. Green Bay on Nov. 25, 2018
  - 329 passing yards vs. Green Bay on Jan. 10, 2016 (Wild Card game)

## VIKINGS-PACKERS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. PackersPackers lead 62	-54-3
Last regular season gamePackers 23, Vikings 10 (	2019)
Vikings largest winning margin 35; Vikings 42, Packers 7 (	1986)
Packers largest winning margin38; Packers 45, Vikings 7	(2011)
Current series streakPac	kers 2
Vikings longest win streak7 (197	5-78)
Packers longest win streak	times

Most Points, Vikings	42 (1986)
Most Points, Packers	48 (1962)
Most Points, both teams	75, Packers 44, Vikings 31 (2013)
Fewest Points, Vikings	0 (2007)
Fewest Points, Packers	0 (1971, 2017)
Fewest Points, both teams	3; Vikings 3, Packers 0 (1971)

## **VIKINGS NOTES**

## 2019 REGULAR SEASON HONOR ROLL

Dan Bailey - Week 5 - NFC Special Teams Player of the Week at New York Giants (10/6)

- Went a perfect four of four on field goals (38, 48, 32, 45) and two of two on extra points
- Scored 14 total points, his most as a Viking and tied most in the NFL among all kickers in Week 5

Dan Bailey - Week 8 - NFC Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Washington (10/24)

- A perfect 4-for-4 on field goals and 1-for-1 on extra points against Washington, leading the NFL in both made field goals and total kicking points (13) in Week 8
- His 50-yard field goal in the first quarter tied his longest make as a member of the Minnesota Vikings and also added field goals from 29, 27 and 40 yards

Dan Bailey - Week 15 - NFC Special Teams Player of the Week at Los Angeles Chargers (12/15)

- Perfect on all four field goal attempts, tying for his most in a single game as a Viking as he connected on kicks from 26, 44, 38 and 27 yards.
- Scored a season-high 15 points

Dalvin Cook - Week 2 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week at Green Bay (9/5)

- Ran for a career-high 154 yards on 20 rushing attempts (7.7 avg)
- Scored on a 75-yard run, the longest if his career.

Dalvin Cook - Week 7 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week at Detroit (10/20)

- Ran for 142 yards on 25 rushing attempts (5.7 avg)
- · Scored two touchdowns on eight and four-yard runs

Dalvin Cook - Week 10 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week at Dallas (11/10)

- Had 26 rushes for 97 yards and one touchdown
- Caught a season-high seven passes for season-high-tying 86 yards

Kirk Cousins - Week 6 - FedEx Air Player of the Week vs. Philadelphia (10/13)

- Threw for a season-best 333 passing yards on 22-for-29 (75.9%), connecting on four touchdowns and totaling a 138.4 passer rating
- Became the first Viking OB to throw two 50-plus yard touchdown passes since Brett Favre in 2009

Kirk Cousins - October - NFC Offensive Player of the Month

- Over four games in October, Cousins completed 91 of 116 passes (78.4 percent) for 1,261 yards with 10 touchdowns and one interception. His passer rating in October was 137.1
- Cousins has been the NFC Offensive Player of the Month three times in his career. He also earned the honor in November of 2016 and December of 2015 while with Washington

Anthony Harris - Week 1 - NFC Defensive Player of the Week vs. Atlanta (9/8)

- Recorded three takeaways by intercepting two Matt Ryan passes and recovering a fumble forced by Trae Waynes
- Also had five tackles and three passes defensed

Danielle Hunter - Week 14 - NFC Defensive Player of the Week vs. Detroit (12/8)

- Tallied 3.0 sacks, including his 50th career sack, making him the youngest in NFL history to reach that milestone
- Also had eight total tackles

BY THE NUMBERS 5 Anthony Harris
picked off Falcons
QB Mat Ryan twice in
last season's Week
1 contest, tying the
team record for most
interceptions in a
Kickoff Weekend game.

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WR Adam Thielen totaled 302 receiving yards over the last three seasons in Week 1 contests, trailing only Michael Thomas (348) and Tyreek Hill (318).

## KIRK COUSINS NOTES



## OB KIRK COUSINS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-3/202 **COLLEGE:** Michigan State NFL SEASON: 8 VIKINGS SEASON: 2

Cousins finished fourth in the NFL with a 107.4 passer rating in the 2019 regular season, the second-highest mark in franchise history behind only Daunte Culpepper's 110.9 rating in 2004. Cousins set a career-low with six total interceptions in 2019. Cousins led the Vikings to a Wild Card victory in overtime at New Orleans on 1/5/20, connecting with TE Kyle Rudolph for the winning score. It marked the first postseason win of his career.

2019 NFL PASSER RATING (PASSING QUALIFIERS)		
Player, Team	Passer rating	
Ryan Tannehill, Tennessee	117.5	
Drew Brees, New Orleans	116.3	
Lamar Jackson, Baltimore	113.3	
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	107.4	

## 2019 PASSER RATING, DEEP ATTEMPTS (20+ AIR YARDS -Min. 10 DEEP ATTEMPTS)

Player, Team	Passer rating
Gardner Minshew, Jacksonville	123.3
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	121.5
Russell Wilson, Seattle	119.2
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	119.0

2019 PASSING TOUCHDOWNS, DEEP ATTEMPTS (20+ AIR YARDS)	
Player, Team	Passer touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	12
Russell Wilson, Seattle	11
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	10
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	9

## 2010-10 NEL DASSING TOLICUDOWNS

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	76
Russell Wilson, Seattle	66
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	61
Drew Brees, New Orleans	59
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	56

## VIKINGS PASSER RATING IN A SEASON

Player, Year	Passer rating
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	110.9
Kirk Cousins, 2018	107.4
Brett Favre, 2009	107.2

## VIKINGS COMPLETIONS IN A SEASON

Player, Year	Completions
Kirk Cousins, 2018	425
Sam Bradford, 2016	395
VIKINGS PASSING YARDS IN A SEASON	

Player, Year	yaras
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	4,717
Kirk Cousins, 2018	4,298
Warren Moon, 1994	4,264



NEL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015	
Player, Team	Completions
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	1,922
Drew Brees, New Orleans	1,911
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	1,864

## NEL COMPLETION DEDCENTAGE SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Completion %
Drew Brees, New Orleans	71.4%
Sam Bradford, Philadelphia/Minnesota/Arizon	a 68.2%
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	68.1%
limmy Garoppolo, New England/San Francisco	67.4%

NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015	
Player, Team	Yards
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	23,020
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers	22,616
Drew Brees, New Orleans	21,383
Tom Brady, New England	21,213
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	21,077

NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015	
Player, Team	Games
Drew Brees, New Orleans	34
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	34
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers	33
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	28
Tom Brady New England	78

## NEL 100 - DACCED DATING CAMES SINCE 2015

NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015	
Player, Team	Games
Drew Brees, New Orleans	45
Russell Wilson, Seattle	41
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	39
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	39
Tom Brady, New England	38

## NFL RUSHING TDs BY QBS SINCE 2015

PLAYER, TEAM	RUSHING TDs
Cam Newton, Carolina	25
Dak Prescott, Dallas	21
Josh Allen, Buffalo	17
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	15
Tvrod Taylor, Buffalo/Cleveland	15

BY THE **NUMBERS**  Cousins posted a passer rating of 100.0 or higher in nine games in 2019, tying four other quarterbacks for most in the NFL.

Cousins had five games with an 80.0 completion percentage or better in 2019 (min. 10 passing attempts), a single-season NFL record.

## **KYLE RUDOLPH NOTES**



## TE KYLE RUDOLPH

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-6/265 COLLEGE: Notre Dame NFL SEASON: 9 VIKINGS SEASON: 9

Rudolph is in his 10th season in 2020 as the longest-tenured Viking on the offensive side of the ball. The veteran passed Jake Reed for fifth on the Vikings all-time receptions list in the regular season and caught the game-winning touchdown in overtime in Minnesota's Wild Card victory at New Orleans on 1/5/20.

LONGEST ACTIVE START STREAKS AMONG ALL NFL TES		
Player, Team	Consecutive starts	
Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota	81	
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	32	
C.J. Uzomah, CIN	27	

# RECEIVING TDs FROM 2016-19 AMONG ALL NFL TES Player, Team TDs Travis Kelce, Kansas City 27 Zach Ertz, Philadelphia 26 Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota 25 Cameron Brate, Tampa Bay 24 Eric Ebron, Detroit/Indianapolis 21 Jimmy Graham, Seattle/Green Bay 21

## VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS

Steve Jordan, 1982-94

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-	425
Jake Reed, 1991-2001	413
Ahmad Rashad, 1976-82	400

Vards

6,307

## VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS AMONG TES

Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	4,154
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	47
Ahmad Rashad, WR	34

## 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



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 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

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 NEL SEASON: 3 VIKINGS SEASON: 3

With 1,135 rushing yards in 2019, Cook became the eighth player in Vikings history to rush for 1,000 yards in a single season, and the first since Adrian Peterson did so in 2015. Cook is also just the fourth player in franchise history to score 13 or more rushing touchdowns in a single season. In the Vikings Wild Card victory at New Orleans on 1/5/20, Cook became the fourth Viking in franchise history to record two or more rushing touchdowns in a postseason game and the first player to do so since Adrian Peterson tallied three touchdowns at New Orleans on 1/24/10.

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Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	2,392 (1,387, 1,005)
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	1,777 (1,357, 420)
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	1,772 (1,494, 278)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	1,746 (1,540, 206)
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	1,725 (-9, 1,716)
Leonard Fournette, Jacksonville	1,674 (1,152, 522)
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	1,654 (1,135, 519)

## 2019 NEL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	16
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	16
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	15
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	13

## 2019 NFL RUSHES OF 20-PLUS YARDS

Player, Team	20-plus runs
Lamar Jackson, Baltimore	11
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	11
Marlon Mack, Indianapolis	9
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	9
Carlos Hyde, Houston	8
Josh Jacobs, Oakland	8
Chris Carson, Seattle	8
Saguon Barkley, New York Giants	8
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	7
Four others	7

## COOKS' CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES (7)

Opponent, date, week	Rushing yards
vs. New Orleans, 9/11/17, Week 1	127
vs. Miami, 12/16/18, Week 15	136
vs. Atlanta, 9/8/19, Week 1	111
at Green Bay, 9/15/19, Week 2	154
vs. Oakland, 9/22/19, Week 3	110
at New York Giants, 10/6/19, Week 5	132
at Detroit, 10/20/19, Week 7	142



With the help and support from Dalvin Cook, the Minnesota Vikings Foundation, in partnership with Xcel Energy, introduced Vikinas 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 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

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

## VIKINGS SCRIMMAGE VARRS IN FIRST 14 CAMES

VIKINGS SCRIMMAGE TARBS IN TIRST 14 GAMES	
Player, Season	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Adrian Peterson, 2012	2,023 (1,812, 211)
Robert Smith, 2000	1,787 (1,458, 329)
Adrian Peterson, 2008	1,690 (1,581, 109)
Dalvin Cook, 2019	1,654 (1,135, 519)
Adrian Peterson, 2009	1,627 (1,235, 392)

## YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE SINCE 2018 WEEK 15 (STEFANSKI CALLING PLAYS)

scillillinge yarus (rusii, rec.)
2,730 (1,559, 1,171)
2,114 (1,887, 227)
2,014 (1,529, 485)
2,007 (1,730, 277)
1,985 (1,383, 602)

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS SINCE 2018 WEEK 15	
Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	19
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	16
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	15
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	15
Todd Gurley, LA Rams	14

In Week 13 at Seattle in 2019, Cook reached 2,015 career rushing yards, surpassing the 2,000 career rushing yard milestone in his 27th career game. Adrian Peterson is the only Viking to do it in fewer games (21 career games).

Dalvin Cook's 13 rushing touchdowns in 2019 tied for the second-highest single-season total in franchise history. Adrian Peterson had 18 in 2009.

BY THE **NUMBERS** 

## **ADAM THIELEN NOTES**



## WR ADAM THIELEN

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

Thielen recorded the first 100-yard playoff game of his career and his second such game of the 2019 season in the Vikings Wild Card victory over New Orleans on 1/5/20. His 129 yards receiving in the game rank seventh-most by a Viking in a playoff game and are the most since WR Stefon Diggs tallied 137 yards against New Orleans on 1/14/18.

## 2019 PASSER RTG WHEN TARGETED ON DEEP PASSING ATTEMPTS (20+ AIR YARDS, MIN 10 DEEP TARGETS)

Player, Team	Passer Rating When Targeted
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	138.6
Amari Cooper, Dallas	133.5
DeVante Parker, Miami	131.9
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	130.8
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	129.9
Terry McLaurin, Washington	129.5
Phillip Dorsett, New England	128.5
Marguise Brown, Baltimore	127.1
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota	125.8

## 2017-19 NFL RECEPTIONS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receptions
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	378
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston	315
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	303
Julio Jones, Atlanta	300
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	276
Devante Adams, Green Bay	268
Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	253
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	234
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	232
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota	229

## 2017-19 NFL RECEIVING YARDS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receiving yards
Julio Jones, Atlanta	4,515
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	4,375
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston	4,115
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	3,788
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	3,682
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	3,522
Devante Adams, Green Bay	3,268
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	3,137
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	3,134
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	3,067
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota	3,000

## 2017-19 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN

Player, Season	Receptions
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	87
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	85
Julio Jones, Atlanta	84
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston	76
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	74



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.

## 2017-19 NFL MOST 100+ YARDS RECEIVING GAMES

2017-15 NFL MOST 100+ TARDS RECEIVING GAMES	
Player, Season	100+ Yard Games
Julio Jones, Atlanta	20
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston	17
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	16
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	14
Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh	13

## VIKINGS SEASON RECEPTIONS LEADER

Receptions
122
122
113
111
106
102
96
96
91

## VIKINGS SEASON RECEIVING YARDAGE LEADER

VIKINGS SEASON RECEIVING YARDAGE LEADERS	
Player, Season	Yards
Randy Moss, 2003	1,632
Randy Moss, 2000	1,437
Randy Moss, 1999	1,413
Adam Thielen, 2018	1,373
Cris Carter, 1995	1,371
Randy Moss, 2002	1,347
Jake Reed, 1996	1,320
Randy Moss, 1998	1,313
Sidney Rice, 2009	1,312
Adam Thielen, 2017	1,276

## 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 RECEPTIONS BY A DUO IN A SEASON

Players, Receptions	Total Receptions, Season
Adam Thielen, 113; Stefon Diggs,	
Cris Carter 122: Jake Reed 85	207 1994

Adam Thielen's seven total touchdowns (six receiving, one rushing) tied for 13th among NFL wide receivers in 2019, despite Thielen not playing in six games.



## **ALEXANDER MATTISON NOTES**



## RB ALEXANDER MATTISON

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5-11/220 COLLEGE: Boise State NFL SEASON: R VIKINGS SEASON: R

Mattison, a third-round pick in the 2019 NFL Draft, proved to be a good complement to Dalvin Cook during his rookie campaign, rushing for 462 yards on 100 carries (4.62 avg), including four runs of over 20 yards. In the Vikings Wild Card victory at New Orleans, Mattison tallied five carries for 20 yards.

VIKINGS RUSHING AVERAGE BY ROOKIES (RUSHING QUALIFIERS)	
Player, Season	Rushing average
Adrian Peterson, 2007	5.63
Onterrio Smith, 2003	5.41
Jerick McKinnon, 2014	4.76
Alexander Mattison, 2019	4.62

## VIKINGS RUSHING YARDS BY ROOKIE

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Player, Season	Rushing yards/Games started
Adrian Peterson, 200	7 1,341/9
Chuck Foreman, 1973	801/10
Alfred Anderson, 198	4 773/14
Michael Bennett, 200	01 682/13
Onterrio Smith, 2003	579/3
Ted Brown, 1979	551/9
Jerick McKinnon, 2014	1 538/6
Alexander Mattison,	2019 462/0
Robert Smith, 1993	399/2



Vikings RBs Mike Boone (left) and Alexander Mattison (right) at the team's annual Taste of the Vikings event benefitting the Minnesota Vikings Foundation's effort to fight hunger by providing meals and nutritional information through the recently launched Vikings Table and other efforts.

## 2019 NFL RUSHING AVG. AMONG QUALIFYING ROOKIE RBs Player, Team, Pick No. Rush Avg. Devin Singletary, Buffalo, 74th 5.13 Josh Jacobs, Oakland, 24th 4.75 Alexander Mattison, Minnesota, 102nd 4.62 Miles Sanders, Philadelphia, 53rd 4.57

## 2019 NFL 20-PLUS YARD RUNS AMONG ROOKIE RBs

2015 NFL 20-FLOS TARD RONS AMONG ROOKIE RBS	
Player, Team	20-plus runs
Josh Jacobs, Oakland	8
Devin Singletary, Buffalo	7
Miles Sanders, Philadelphia	5
Alexander Mattison, Minnesota	4
Tony Pollard, Dallas	4

## **VIKINGS OFFENSE**

VIKINGS TOTAL OFFE	NSIVE POINTS (SINCE 1991)	2019 NFL RUSHING TOUC	HDOWNS
Season	Total Offensive Points	Team	Rushing Touchdowns
1998	518	San Francisco	23
2009	447	Baltimore	21
2000	397	Tennessee	21
2019	391	LA Rams	20
		Carolina	20
2019 YARDS PER PLA	Y (NFC)	Minnesota	19
Team	Yards per play		
Dallas	6.46	2019 NFL RUSHES OF 20-	PLUS YARDS
San Francisco	6.02	Team	20-plus runs
New Orleans	5.92	Baltimore	23
Tampa Bay	5.86	San Francisco	16
Minnesota	5.83	Arizona	16
		Minnesota	15
<b>2019 NET YARDS PER</b>	PASSING ATTEMPT (NFC)	Tennessee	14
Team	Net passing yards per attempt	Seattle	14
Dallas	7.7	Indianapolis	14
San Francisco	7.4	Buffalo	13
Tampa Bay	7.2	Houston	13
Minnesota	7.1	New York Giants	13
New Orleans	7.0		

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14

Vikings RBs combined for 14 rushes of at least 20 yards, most in the NFL among all RB groups in 2019.

The Vikings joined the Baltimore Ravens, San Francisco 49ers and Tennessee Titans as the only three NFL teams with at least 19 rushing and 25 passing touchdowns in 2019

## **HARRISON SMITH NOTES**



## S HARRISON SMITH

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-2/214 COLLEGE: Notre Dame NFL SEASON: 8 VIKINGS SEASON: 8

Smith, a five-time Pro Bowler, recorded his 23rd career interception against the Los Angeles Chargers, the seventhmost in franchise history. In the same game, he tallied six tackles to move ahead of Antoine Winfield for third-most tackles by a Vikings DB. Smith led Minnesota in its Wild Card victory over New Orleans with 11 tackles and sits tied for third-most tackles in the postseason entering the divisional round.



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.

## 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
Devin McCourty, New England	80.7

## VIKINGS CAREER TACKLES BY A DB

Player, Years	Tackles
Tommy Hannon, 1977-84	1,056
Joey Browner, 1983-91	987
Harrison Smith, 2012-	778
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

## 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
larrison Smith, 2012-	13.0
oey Browner, 1983-91	9.5

## VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDS

Player, Seasons	Interceptions TDs
Harrison Smith, 2012-	4
Darren Sharper, 2005-08	3
Jimmy Hitchcock, 1998-99	3
Dewayne Washington, 1994-97	3
Audray 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
rs. Arizona, 10/21/12	31t INT Return off John Skelton
rs. Chicago, 12/9/12	56t INT Return off Jay Cutler
nt St. Louis, 9/7/14	81t INT Return off Austin Davis
s. NY Giants, 12/27/15	35t INT Return off Eli Manning

## VIKINGS CADEED INTEDCEDTIONS

VININGS 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-	23
Orlando Thomas, 1995-2001	22
John Turner, 1978-83, '85, '87	22
Antoine Winfield, 2004-12	21

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23

Smith recorded his 23rd career interception against the Chargers in 2019 to claim sole possession of seventh-most in team history.

13.0

Smith has notched 13.0 sacks since entering the NFL. Since 2010, no NFL defensive back has recorded more sacks.

## **DANIELLE HUNTER NOTES**



## DE DANIELLE HUNTER

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-5/252 COLLEGE: LSU NFL SEASON: 5 VIKINGS SEASON: 5

With 14.5 sacks in 2019, Danielle Hunter has the third-most sacks (48.5) in the NFL since the start of the 2016 season. Hunter recorded 4.8.0 sacks prior to turning 25 years of age, an NFL record since sacks became an official stat in 1982, and became the youngest player (25 years and 40 days) to eclipse 50.0 career sacks, doing so against Detroit on 12/8/19. In the Vikings Wild Card victory over New Orleans, Hunter sacked Brees 1.5 times to tie for fourth-most in the postseason entering the divisional rounds and set a postseason careerhigh.

2019 NFL TACKLES FOR LOSS	
Player, Team	Tackles for loss
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	20
Shaquil Barrett, Tampa Bay	19
Joey Bosa, Los Angeles Chargers	18
Za'Darius Smith, Green Bay	17
Bud Dupree, Pittsburgh	16
Nick Bosa, San Francisco	16
Dante Fowler, Los Angeles Rams	16
Maxx Crosby, Oakland	16
Dante Fowler, Los Angeles Rams	16
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	15
Two other players	15

2019 NFL SACKS	
Player, Team	Sacks
Shaquil Barrett, Tampa Bay	19.5
Chandler Jones, Arizona	19.0
Cameron Jordan, New Orleans	15.5
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	14.5
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	14.5
Za'Darius Smith, Green Bay	13.5
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	12.5
Preston Smith, Green Bay	12.0
Four Players	11.5

CAREER SACKS PRIOR TO TURNING 25	
Player, Team	Sacks
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	48.0
Robert Quinn, Saint Louis	45.0
Derrick Thomas, Kansas City	43.5
2018 NFL SACKS	
Player, Team	Sacks
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	20.5
Adion bondia, 200 Angeles Nams	20.5
J.J. Watt, Houston	16.0
J.J. Watt, Houston	16.0
J.J. Watt, Houston Chris Jones, Kansas City	16.0 15.5



Danielle Hunter, who represented the Boys and Girls Club on hist cleats for the NFL's "My Cause My Cleats" compaign visited the AI Lenzmeir West Side Boys and Girls Club to take part in after school programs and activities and interact with the students.

2016-19 NFL SACKS	
Player, Team	Sacks
Chandler Jones, Arizona	60.0
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	52.0
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	48.5
Cameron Jordon, New Orleans	48.0
Von Miller, Denver	46.0
Ryan Kerrigan, Washington	42.5
Khalil Mack, Oakland/Chicago	42.5

# VIKINGS MOST SACKS IN FIRST 4 SEASONS W/ TEAM (\* JOINED VIKINGS AS ROOKIE) Sacks Player, Seasons 5acks Jared Allen, 2008-11 62.0 Danielle Hunter, 2015-18\* 40.0 Alan Page, 1967-70\* 39.0 Jim Marshall, 1961-64 37.0 John Randle, 1990-93\* 34.5

VIKINGS SACKS IN A SEASON (NFL-LED NFL, NFC-L Player, Season	.ED NFC) Sacks
Jared Allen, 2011, NFL	22.0
Chris Doleman, 1989, NFL	21.0
Keith Millard, 1989	18.0
Alan Page, 1976, NFL	18.0
John Randle, 1997, NFL	15.5
Carl Eller, 1977	15.0
Carl Eller, 1969	15.0
Danielle Hunter, 2019	14.5
Danielle Hunter, 2018	14.5
Jared Allen, 2009, NFC	14.5
Jared Allen, 2008	14.5
Chris Doleman, 1992	14.5

48

Danielle Hunter has started 48 consecutive games, the third-longest active streak among all DEs in the NFL.



## **ERIC KENDRICKS NOTES**



## LB ERIC KENDRICKS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-0/232 COLLEGE: UCLA NFL SEASON: 5 VIKINGS SEASON: 5

Eric Kendricks finished the regular season as the highest-ranked linebacker in the NFL, according to Pro Football Focus. In Week 15 against Los Angeles, Kendricks set a single-season career high, forcing his second fumble of 2019. He previously recorded his 12th pass defensed of the season in Week 11 vs. Detroit, tying a Vikings single-season record among linebackers held by Ben Leber (2008) and Matt Blair (1981). In the Vikings Wild Card victory over New Orleans, Kendricks recorded five tackles.

2019 NFL LINEBACKER GRADES (PRO FOOTBALL FOCUS)	
Player, Team	Overall Grade
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	90.5
Demario Davis, New Orleans	90.1
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	89.2
Alexander Johnson, Denver	88.7
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	87.5
Darius Leonard, Indianapolis	78.8
Cory Littleton, Los Angeles Rams	78.8
Bobby Okereke, Indianapolis	77.3
Deion Jones, Atlanta	77.0
Jaime Collins Sr., New England	76.5
Vince Williams, Pittsburgh	86.2

## 2019 PASSES DEFENSED, NFL LINEBACKERS (LEAGUE STATS)

Player, Team	Pass. Def.
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	12
Demario Davis, New Orleans	12
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	12
K.J. Wright, Seattle	11
Fred Warner, San Francisco	9
Corey Littleton, Los Angeles Rams	9
Matt Milano, Buffalo	9
Joe Shobert, Cleveland	9
Lorenzo Alexander, Buffalo	9
Tremaine Edmunds, Buffalo	9



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.

## NEI TOTAL TACKLES 2015-2019 (LEAGUE STATS)

NFL TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2019 (LEAGUE STATS)	
Player, Team Total 7	Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	711
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	619
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	576
Landon Collins, New York Giants/Washington	545
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	544
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	532
Tahir Whitehead, Oakland	523
Blake Martinez, Green Bay	506
K.J. Wright, Seattle	505
Preston Brown, Buffalo/Cincinnati	491

BY THE NUMBERS

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Minnesota recorded 82 passes defensed in the 2019 regular season, the fourthhighest total in the NFL.

110

With 110 total tackles and 12 passes defensed in 2019 (league stats), Eric Kendricks was one of four NFL players (Luke Kuechly, CAR, Demario Davis, NO and Logan Ryan, TEN) with more than 100 total tackles and 12 passes defensed.

## **ANTHONY HARRIS NOTES**



## S ANTHONY HARRIS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/202 COLLEGE: Virginia NFL SEASON: 5 VIKINGS SEASON: 5

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. His 30-yard return tied for the fourth-longest interception return in Vikings postseason history and stands as the longest return in the 2019 playoffs entering the divisional rounds. Harris was one of three players to record a pick on Wild Card weekend.



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

## HARRIS' MULTI-INTERCEPTION GAMES

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

## **2019 NFL INTERCEPTIONS**

Interceptions
6
6
6
5

2018-19 NFC INTERCEPTIONS	
Player, Team	Interceptions
Kyle Fuller, Chicago	10
Domantae Kazee, Atlanta	10
Anthony Harris, Minnesota	9
Eddie Jackson, Chicago	8
Donte Jackson Carolina	7
Janoris Jenkins, NY Giants	7
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	6
John Johnson, LA Rams	6
Marcus Williams, New Orleans	6
Quandre Diggs, Lions/Seahawks	6
Quinton Dunbar, Washington	6
Tre Boston, Arizona/Carolina	6
Alec Ogletree, NY Giants	6
Kevin King, Green Bay	6

## **VIKINGS DEFENSE**

2015-2019 OPPONENT YARDS PER GAME		
Team	Opponent Yards/Game	
Baltimore	315.6	
Minnesota	317.3	
Denver	318.3	
Chicago	327.0	
Steelers	328.8	

## 2015-2019 OPPONENT RED ZONE SCORING

Team	Opponent RZ TD%	
Minnesota	45.5	
New York Jets	51.6	
Seattle	51.9	
Cincinnati	52.1	
New England	52.1	

## 2015-2019 OPPONENT THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS

Team	1st Down %
Minnesota	33.7
New England	35.3
Denver	35.8
Baltimore	36.4
New York Jets	36.6

## 2015-2019 OPPONENT OFFENSIVE POINTS/GAME

Team	Opponent Offensive Points/Game
New England	16.6
Minnesota	18.0
Baltimore	18.9
Denver	18.9
Seattle	19.1

## 2015-2019 OPPONENT THREE & OUT PERCENTAGE

Team	Three & Out %	
Denver	24.8	
Chicago	24.7	
Philadelphia	24.5	
New England	24.3	
New York Jets	23.5	
Minnesota	23.4	
Arizona	23.4	

## **YANNICK NGAKOUE NOTES**



## DE YANNICK NGAKOUE

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-2/246 COLLEGE: Maryland NFL SEASON: 5 VIKINGS SEASON: 1

Ngakoue enters his first season with the Vikings after being traded to Minnesota from Jacksonville on Aug. 31. The fifth-year pro adds another established pass rusher to the Vikings roster and also has a knack for getting the ball out. Since entering the NFL, Ngakoue ranks 12th with 37.5 career sacks and fourth with 14 career forced fumbles.

2016-PRESENT NFL SACKS	
Player, Team	Sacks
Chandler Jones, Arizona	60.0
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	52.0
Danielle Hunter, Minnesota	48.5
Cameron Jordon, New Orleans	48.0
Von Miller, Denver	46.0
Ryan Kerrigan, Washington	42.5
Khalil Mack, Oakland/Chicago	42.5
Frank Clark, Seattle/Kansas City	40.0
Joey Bosa, Los Angeles Chargers	40.0
Calais Campbell, Arizona/Jacksonville/Baltimore	39.5
Mario Addison, Panthers/Bills	39.0
Yannick Ngakoue, Jacksonville/Minnesota	37.5

## **2016-PRESENT NFL FORCED FUMBLES**

Player, Team	Forced Fumbles
Khalil Mack, Oakland/Chicago	17
Chandler Jones, Arizona	17
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	15
Yannick Ngakoue, Jacksonville/Minnesota	14
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	13
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	13

## 2017-PRESENT NFL MULTI-SACK GAMES

Postion, Player, Team	Multi-Sack Games
Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams	14
Cameron Jordan, New Orleans	13
Chandler Jones, Arizona	11
Yannick Ngakoue, Jacksonville/Minnesota	, 9
Ryan Kerrigan, Washington	9



"I just feel like that's the biggest motivation if you really love this game and this sport," Ngakoue said about joining the Vikings.
"You look to your right, and you see the John Randles, the Randy Mosses, the Cris Carters – guys like that who brought it each and every Sunday – and that's my inspiration. That's my aspiration, to [be] a Hall of Famer, and I'm working and striving to do that."

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS CAREER SACKS		
Player	Sacks	
Tony Brackens	55.0	
Yannick Ngakoue	37.5	

## 2019 NFL AT LEAST 8.0 SACKS AND 2 FORCED FUMBLES AT 24-YEARS OR YOUNGER

Player, Team Age/Sacks/Forced		orced Fumbles
Yannick Ngakoue, Jacksonville,	/Minnesota	24/8.0/3
Josh Allen, Jacksonville		22/10.0/2
Myles Garrett, Cleveland		23/10.0/2
Maxx Crosby, Las Vegas		22/8.5/3

## 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 steak 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



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



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



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



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



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



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 threegame home stand for the first time since opening U.S. Bank Stadium in 2016.

WK 14 12/13/20



at Tampa Bay 33-22 (14-13) A Minnesota travels to Tampa Bay for the first time since Week 8 of the 2014 season, a game won in overtime by a 27-yard fumble recovery return for a touchdown by then-rookie LB Anthony Barr. Minnesota makes its fourth trip to Tampa Bay since the two teams moved to separate divisions in 2002.

WK 15



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



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.



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 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.

## PROIECT 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 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.

## IEFFERSON 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.

## THIELEN 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 Coronovirus

## 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 cancelations.

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 tightend 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 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 zerowaste 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





