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**NOV. 28 @ 3:25 PM**  
**LEVI'S STADIUM**





# VIKINGS

Week 12 | Sunday, November 28, 2021 | Levi's Stadium | 3:25 p.m. CT | FOX

## 2021 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON.....	5-5
NFC NORTH .....	2-0
HOME .....	3-2
AWAY .....	2-3

## 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.	FOX
13) 12/5 (Sun.)	at Detroit	Noon	CBS
14) 12/9 (Thur.)	PITTSBURGH	7:20 p.m.	FOX/NFLN
15) 12/20 (Mon.)	at Chicago	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
16) 12/26 (Sun.)	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: FOX

**Play-by-Play:** Kenny Albert  
**Analyst:** Jonathan Vilma  
**Sideline:** Sara Walsh

### ▷ NATIONAL RADIO: SPORTS USA

**Play-by-Play:** Ted Robinson  
**Analyst:** Hank Bauer

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

▷ **Play-by-Play:** Paul Allen  
**Analyst:** Pete Berchic  
**Sideline:** Greg Coleman & Ben Leber  
**Pre-Game Show:** Mike Mussman - 1 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 (5-5) are back on road for a Week 12 contest against the San Francisco 49ers (5-5) at 3:25 p.m. (CT) on Sunday, Nov. 28, at Levi's Stadium.

In Week 11, Minnesota defeated the Green Bay Packers with a walk-off 29-yard field goal by K **Greg Joseph** to secure the 34-31 victory at home, his second game-winning field goal of the season and third of his career. San Francisco also earned a 30-10 win at Jacksonville last week.

For the fourth time this season, QB **Kirk Cousins** threw for more than 300 yards, at least three touchdowns and zero interceptions in Week 11, which ties Rams QB Matthew Stafford for the league lead. With 86 rushing yards against the Packers, RB **Dalvin Cook** moved into sixth place all-time in Vikings career rushing yards with 4,395, passing Dave Osborn.

WR **Justin Jefferson** recorded his 11th career 100-yard receiving game, tying Randy Moss (11 games) and Juju Smith-Schuster (11 games) for the second-most all-time for players within their first two seasons in the NFL. Only Odell Beckham, Jr. (15 games) has more. With seven games remaining, Jefferson is 412 receiving yards shy of the most of any player in the first two years of their career in NFL history, chasing Hall of Famers Randy Moss and Jerry Rice.

S **Harrison Smith** recorded a sack, bringing his career total to 15.5 and extending his franchise record set for career sacks by a DB. Smith's 15.5 sacks are the second-most among defensive backs since entering the league in 2012, trailing only Seahawks S Jamal Adams (21.5). In his seventh career start, DT **Armon Watts** also recorded a sack, the third of his career, bringing down Aaron Rodgers and forcing a fumble in the first quarter in Week 11.

## STAT OF THE WEEK

QB **Kirk Cousins** is the only QB in the NFL this season to rank in the top 10 in all of the following categories:

Completion %: 68.2% (6th)  
 Passing yards: 2,775 (6th)  
 Passing TDs: 21 (T-5th)  
 Interceptions: 2 (T-1st)  
 Passer rating: 106.3 (3rd)



## WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

### Monday, November 22

Noon - Select players available via Zoom  
2 p.m. - Mike Zimmer available via Zoom

### Tuesday, November 23

No access

### Wednesday, November 24

7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Media COVID-19 testing at TCO Performance Center  
10:30 a.m. - Mike Zimmer available in the media center  
11:30 a.m. - Kirk Cousins and select players available in the indoor practice field  
12:45 p.m. - Andre Patterson available in the media center  
1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Practice

### Thursday, November 25

No access - Happy Thanksgiving!

### Friday, November 26

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - Practice (Mike Zimmer available in the media center at the completion of practice)

### Saturday, November 27

No access

### Sunday, November 28

3:25 p.m. CT - Minnesota Vikings at San Francisco 49ers on FOX

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## NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- QB **Kirk Cousins** now 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 his first 10 seasons. Only Dan Marino (26 games) has more.
- Cousins has thrown 20 TD passes in seven straight seasons, trailing only Tom Brady (13) for the longest active streak in the NFL.
- Cousins tied a franchise record for most consecutive games with a touchdown pass:
  - 24 Daunte Culpepper, 9/10/00 - 11/19/01
  - 24 Kirk Cousins, 9/27/20 - 11/21/21
  - 21 Daunte Culpepper, 11/30/03 - 1/2/05
  - 19 Kirk Cousins, 9/9/18 - 9/22/19
- WR **Justin Jefferson** posted the second-most receiving yards (169) of his career, his highest receiving output since 175 against the Tennessee Titans.
- Jefferson's 104 receiving yards in the first quarter is the fourth-best in team history in the first quarter. The top 3:
  - 1) 118 Hassan Jones vs. Pittsburgh, 9/26/86
  - 2) 109 Randy Moss vs. Tampa Bay, 10/3/99
  - 3) 107 Randy Moss vs. Dallas, 11/26/98
  - 4) 104 Justin Jefferson vs. Green Bay, 11/21/21
- Jefferson has recorded 312 receiving yards in his last two games, which is tied for fifth-most in across any two-game stretch in team history.
  - 331 Randy Moss, 1999
  - 330 Paul Flatley, 1963
  - 324 Gene Washington, 1969
  - 316 Randy Moss, 1998
  - 312 Sidney Rice, 2009
  - 312 Justin Jefferson, 2021
- WR **Adam Thielen** (455) passed TE Kyle Rudolph (453) for sixth all-time in Vikings career receptions.
- K **Greg Joseph** owns career-highs in points (85) and field goals made in a season (21) in 2021. His previous highs were 76 and 17, respectively, in 2018 with Cleveland.
- Joseph has made six field goals of 50 or more yards on the year, tied with Chris Boswell and Evan McPherson for most 50-plus yarders in 2021. It also marks the most by a Vikings kicker through the team's first 10 games in franchise history.

BY THE  
NUMBERS

500

With the win over the Packers in Week 11, he Vikings became the 15th team in league history to reach 500 regular season wins.

53

Since taking over as a starter in Week 14 of 2020, TE Tyler Conklin has the third-most receptions among all NFC tight ends, trailing only T.J. Hockenson (69) and Dalton Schultz (59).

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS	PRONUNCIATION
Dan <b>Chisena</b>	<b>cha-SEN-a</b>
Andrew <b>DePaola</b>	<b>dee-PAUL-uh</b>
Dakota <b>Dozier</b>	<b>DOUGH-jher</b>
<b>Danielle</b> Hunter	<b>duh-KNEEL</b>
<b>Bisi</b> Johnson	<b>BEE-see</b>
<b>Kene Nwangwu</b>	<b>kuh-NAY Wong-woo</b>
<b>Janarius</b> Robinson	<b>juh-narr-iss</b>
<b>Ihmir Smith-Marsette</b>	<b>ah-MEER smith MARR-sett</b>
<b>Timon</b> Parris	<b>tih-MOAN</b>
Chazz <b>Surratt</b>	<b>suh-RATT</b>
<b>Olisaemeka Udoh</b>	<b>OH-lee-suh-MEE-kah OO-doe</b>
<b>Dede</b> Westbrook	<b>DEE-dee</b>
Kenny <b>Willekes</b>	<b>WILL-uh-KISS</b>
<b>Xavier</b> Woods	<b>ECK-zay-vee-er</b>
Eddie <b>Yarbrough</b>	<b>YAHR-bro</b>

## COACHING STAFF

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

## 2021 NEW FACES

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

<b>Player</b> .....	<b>Pos</b> .....	<b>Acq.</b>
Mackensie Alexander.....	CB.....	Free Agent
Jordan Berry.....	P.....	Free Agent
Bashaud Breeland.....	CB.....	Free Agent
Mason Cole.....	C.....	Trade (Arizona)
Ben Ellefson.....	TE.....	Waivers (Jacksonville)
Everson Griffen.....	DE.....	Free Agent
Chris Herndon.....	TE.....	Trade (Jets)
Greg Joseph.....	K.....	Free Agent
Patrick Peterson.....	CB.....	Free Agent
Michael Pierce.....	DT.....	2020 Covid Opt-out
Sheldon Richardson.....	DT.....	Free Agent
Luke Stocker.....	TE.....	Free Agent
Dalvin Tomlinson.....	DT.....	Free Agent
Nick Vigil.....	LB.....	Free Agent
Dede Westbrook.....	WR.....	Free Agent
Xavier Woods.....	S.....	Free Agent
Eddie Yarbrough.....	DE.....	Free Agent

### DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (8)

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

## 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 Return Yards

K.J. Osborn (27)

#### Kick Return Yards

K.J. Osborn (303)

## ROSTER NOTES

### Oldest Viking Players

Andrew DePaola (34, born 7/28/87)

### Youngest Viking Players

Ihmir Smith-Marsette (22, born 8/29/99)

### Most Seasons as a Viking

Everson Griffen (11)

### Most NFL Seasons

Everson Griffen (12)

### College with the most Vikings

LSU (3)

### Home state with the most Vikings

Florida (7) and Texas (7)

### Conference with the most Vikings

SEC (11 players on roster)

### Largest Viking

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)

[5] Patrick Peterson (2011)

[9] Anthony Barr (2014)

[13] Sheldon Richardson (2013)

[18] Garrett Bradbury (2019)

[22] Justin Jefferson (2020)

[23] Christian Darrisaw (2021)

[29] Harrison Smith (2012)

### Pro Bowlers (9)

Patrick Peterson-ARI (8x)

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:** 43rd Year

**REGULAR SEASON:** 69-52-1 (.570)

**POSTSEASON:** 2-3-0 (.400)

**RECORD WITH MIN:** 69-52-1 (.570)

### COACHING BACKGROUND

Year	Team	Position	W-L-T	Results	NFL Ranking Yds/Off Pts allowed
1979	Missouri	Asst. Coach	7-5	Hall of Fame Bowl (W)	
1980	Missouri	Asst. Coach	8-4	Liberty Bowl (L)	
1981	Weber State	Asst. Coach	7-4		
1982	Weber State	Asst. Coach	4-7		
1983	Weber State	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1984	Weber State	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1985	Weber State	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1986	Weber State	Def. Coord.	3-8		
1987	Weber State	Def. Coord.	10-3	FCS Playoffs - 2nd Round	
1988	Weber State	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1989	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1990	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	3-8		
1991	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	4-7		
1992	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	9-3	Copper Bowl (L)	
1993	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1994	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, NFC Championship Game	
1995	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, Super Bowl XXX Champions	
1996	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Divisional	
1997	Dallas	DBs	6-10		
1998	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	
1999	Dallas	DBs	8-8	Wild Card	
2000	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		19/21
2001	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		4/19
2002	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		18/12
2003	Dallas	Def. Coord.	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	1/4
2004	Dallas	Def. Coord.	6-10		16/27
2005	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7		10/11
2006	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	13/21t
2007	Atlanta	Def. Coord.	4-12		9/25t
2008	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-11-1		12/1
2009	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	4/8t
2010	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-12		15/19
2011	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	7/9
2012	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	Wild Card	6/6
2013	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	11-5	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	3/4
2014	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9		14 /13
2015	Minnesota	Head Coach	11-5	NFC North Champs, Wild Card	13/9
2016	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-8		3/5
2017	Minnesota	Head Coach	13-3	NFC North Champs, NFC Championship Game	1/1
2018	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-7-1		4/4
2019	Minnesota	Head Coach	10-6	Divisional	14/8
2020	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9		22/29
2021	Minnesota	Head Coach	5-5		12/17

### VIKINGS DEFENSIVE / TEAM RANKINGS SINCE 2014

Yards/game..... Pass yards/game ..... Rush yards/game..... Sacks .... Points allowed/game ... ScrimmageTDs allowed .. Rush TDs allowed....Pass TDs allowed... 3rd down rate  
 335.9 (6th) ..... 223.5 (5th) ..... 112.3 (19th) ... 314.0 (6th) ..... 21.02 (6th) ..... 254 (2nd) ..... 84 (2nd) ..... 170 (4th) ..... 35.9% (1st)

**ZIMMER'S  
BACKGROUND**



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



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI  
ASSISTANT COACH (1979-80)



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



WASHINGTON ST.  
DEF. COORDINATOR (1989-93)



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



ATLANTA  
DEF. COORDINATOR (2007)



CINCINNATI  
DEF. COORDINATOR (2008-13)



MINNESOTA  
HEAD COACH (2014-PRESENT)



**ANDRE PATTERSON**

ASST. HEAD COACH/CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DL

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 39th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 18th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 10th Season



**ADAM ZIMMER**

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 16th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 16th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 8th Season



**KLINT KUBIAK**

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR (IN BOOTH)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 12th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 8th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 5th Season



**RYAN FICKEN**

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 18th Season

NFL EXPERIENCE: 15th Season

VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 15th Season

**ASSISTANT COACHES**

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

\*In coaching booth during games



## HEAD COACH KYLE SHANAHAN

**NFL HEAD COACH:** 5th Year

**REGULAR SEASON:** 34-40 (.459)

**OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE:** 17th Year

**POSTSEASON:** 2-1 (.667)

**COACHING EXPERIENCE:** 18th Year

**RECORD WITH SF:** 34-40 (.459)

### KYLE SHANAHAN SUMMARY

#### COACHING/PLAYING HISTORY

<b>2017 -</b>	San Francisco 49ers	Head Coach
<b>2015-16</b>	Atlanta Falcons	Offensive Coordinator
<b>2014</b>	Cleveland Browns	Offensive Coordinator
<b>2010-13</b>	Washington Football Team	Offensive Coordinator
<b>2008-09</b>	Houston Texans	Offensive Coordinator
<b>2007</b>	Houston Texans	Quarterbacks
<b>2006</b>	Houston Texans	Wide Receivers
<b>2004-05</b>	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Off. Quality Control
<b>2003</b>	UCLA	Graduate Assistant
<b>2001-02</b>	<i>Univ. of Texas</i>	<i>Wide Receiver</i>

*\* italics denotes playing history*

Kyle Shanahan was named the 20th head coach of the San Francisco 49ers on Feb. 6, 2017. Shanahan signed a multi-year contract extension with the 49ers on June 15, 2020.

In 2019, he was named Coach of the Year by Sporting News and NFC Coach of the Year by the Committee of 101 after leading the 49ers to a 13-3 regular season record, the NFC West Division Title and an appearance in Super Bowl LIV. San Francisco's nine-win improvement from 2018 to 2019 was the largest win improvement from one season to the next in franchise history. The 49ers became one of three teams since the NFL switched to a 12-team playoff format in 1990 to finish 4-12 or worse one season followed by earning the number one seed in its conference the next season (1999 St. Louis Rams & 2016 Dallas Cowboys).

San Francisco's offense in 2019 ranked first in the NFL in rushing touchdowns (23), second in points per game (29.9) and rushing yards per game (144.1) and fourth in total offense (381.1 yards per game). The 49ers finished the regular season with 479 total points, tied for the second-most in franchise history and the most since 1994 (505). San Francisco also had 13 different players with at least one touchdown reception on the season, which tied the NFL record for the most players with a touchdown reception in a single season.

QB Jimmy Garoppolo completed 329 of 476 attempts (69.1 percent) for 3,978 yards and 27 touchdowns with a passer rating of 102.0, earning Comeback Player of the Year honors from Sporting News. His 69.1 completion percentage in 2019 ranked tied for fourth in the NFL (min. 200 attempts) and his 27 passing touchdowns ranked tied for fifth. TE George

Kittle's game continued to improve as he was named Associated Press First-Team All-Pro, PFWA All-NFL and All-NFC and was selected as a starter in the Pro Bowl. Kittle led the team with 85 receptions for 1,053 yards and five touchdowns. He became just the fifth player in franchise history, and the first tight end, to have multiple 1,000-yard seasons, joining WR Jerry Rice (12), WR Terrell Owens (5), WR Anquan Boldin (2) and WR John Taylor (2). Rookie WR Deebo Samuel registered 57 receptions for 802 yards and three touchdowns while also adding 14 carries for 159 yards (11.4 average) and three touchdowns. His 57 receptions and 802 receiving yards each ranked second among all rookies in franchise history. The 49ers ground attack featured three players with 500-or-more rushing yards in a single season (RB Raheem Mostert - 772; RB Matt Breida - 623; RB Tevin Coleman - 544) for just the second time in franchise history (1954 - three players).

On the defensive side of the ball, the 49ers ranked second in the NFL in total yards allowed per game (281.8), the fewest total yards allowed per game by the team since 1997 (250.8). San Francisco ranked first in the NFL in passing yards allowed per game (169.2), the fewest passing yards allowed per game in the NFL since 2009 (NY) - 153.7). It marked the first time San Francisco led the NFL in passing yards allowed per game since 1987 (165.6). The 49ers ranked tied for second in the NFL in third-down percentage allowed (33.3) and tied for fifth in the NFL in sacks (48.0), the most by the team in a single season since 1998 (51.0). San Francisco also ranked seventh in both opponent completion percentage (61.3) and opponent quarterback rating (83.0).

Rookie DL Nick Bosa, who played in all 16 games (14 starts) and registered 47 tackles, 9.0 sacks, one interception, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries and two passes defended, was named Defensive Rookie of the Year by the Associated Press and the PFWA, and Rookie of the Year by Sporting News, PFWA and Pepsi. He was also named to the PFWA All-Rookie Team and was named a starter in the Pro Bowl. With DLs Arik Armstead (10.0), Bosa (9.0), DeForest Buckner (7.5) and Dee Ford (6.5), the 49ers were the only team in the NFL to have four-or-more players with 6.5-or-more sacks in 2019. LB Fred Warner started all 16 games and led the team with 118 tackles, while also adding 3.0 sacks, one interception (returned

for a touchdown), three forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and nine passes defended. Rookie LB Dre Greenlaw played in all 16 games (10 starts) and tallied 87 tackles, 1.0 sack, one interception and two passes defended as he was named to the PFWA All-Rookie team. The secondary was led by CB Richard Sherman, who registered 57 tackles, three interceptions (one returned for a touchdown) and 11 passes defended and was named Associated Press Second-Team All-Pro.

During his second season at the helm of the 49ers, the 2018 team overcame adversity early in the season after top free agent acquisition RB Jerick McKinnon tore his ACL prior to Week 1, as did starting QB Jimmy Garoppolo in Week 3, putting an end to both of their seasons. Despite the setback, Shanahan, his coaches and the young core of the team stepped up to the challenge and endured the ups and downs of the season. Second-year TE George Kittle set an NFL record for most receiving yards by a tight end in a single season (1,377) while recording the most yards after catch by any player in the NFL since 2010 (870). Kittle earned AP Second-Team All-Pro honors, as well as his first Pro Bowl selection, after his historic season. Following injuries to both Garoppolo and QB C.J. Beathard, undrafted QB Nick Mullens was able to fill the void and excel for San Francisco's offense after being promoted to the active roster from the team's practice squad on September 26. Mullens started the final eight games of the season and accumulated the fourth-most passing yards by a quarterback in his first eight career games since 1970 (Patrick Mahomes, KC; Andrew Luck, Ind.; Cam Newton, Car.). On the defensive side of the ball, DL DeForest Buckner earned his first Pro Bowl appearance after leading the pass rushing unit with a career-high 12.0 sacks, which was the second-most among NFL DTs and the fourth-most by a member of the 49ers since 2000.

In his first season as head coach, Shanahan led the team to a 6-10 record, which was a four-game improvement from the previous year. After a difficult stretch to start the season, the 49ers won six of their final seven games, including victories in five-straight games to close out the season. With six wins on the season, San Francisco set the NFL record for the most wins by a team in NFL history that started 0-9. The 49ers closed the season as one of the hottest teams in the NFL, posting a perfect 5-0 record in December. San Francisco was the only team in the league to have a perfect record over the last month of the regular season as Shanahan became the fourth rookie NFL head coach in franchise history (Buck Shaw - 1950; Frankie Albert - 1956 & George Seifert - 1989), and the first in the NFL since Tony Sparano in 2008, to go undefeated in the month of December.

San Francisco's offense reached new heights under

Shanahan in 2017. The 49ers ranked 12th in the NFL, averaging 349.2 yards per game, the highest output by the team since 2012 (361.8 - 11th). The team also finished the year with 3,925 net passing yards, the most in a single season since 2000 (4,239). QB Jimmy Garoppolo, who went 5-0 as a starter and engineered four, second half comeback wins, set the franchise record for most passing yards in his first five starts. QB C.J. Beathard set the single-season franchise record for attempts (224), completions (123) and passing yards (1,430) by a rookie quarterback. The offense also featured WR Marquise Goodwin who set career highs in both receptions (56) and receiving yards (962), as well as Pro Bowl selections for FB Kyle Juszczyk (second) and T Joe Staley (sixth).

Defensively, San Francisco battled through multiple injuries that left several key 49ers on the Injured Reserve List early in the season, but the 49ers defense improved as the season progressed. Over the final six weeks of the season, San Francisco held opponents to an average of 87.7 rushing yards per game while allowing 100 rushing yards just once in that span. The defense was led by DL DeForest Buckner who tallied 61 tackles and tied for second on the team with 3.0 sacks. The defense also had good productivity from rookies, including DL Solomon Thomas, who led the team with 10 tackles for loss while notching 3.0 sacks, and CB Ahkello Witherspoon, who tied for the team lead with two interceptions.

Special teams lived up to its name for the 49ers in 2017. K Robbie Gould had a career year, leading the NFL with a career-high 39 made field goals and finishing third in the NFL with a career-high 145 points. Gould's 39 made field goals were the second-most in a single-season in franchise history (K David Akers - 44 made field goals in 2011) and tied for the third-most in a single-season in NFL history. P Bradley Pinion set a career high with a 41.3 net punting average and the punt coverage unit ranked second in the NFL, allowing only 4.2 yards per return.

Prior to being named head coach of the 49ers, Shanahan had 15 seasons of coaching experience at the NFL level, including nine as an offensive coordinator for the Atlanta Falcons (2015-16), Cleveland Browns (2014), Washington (2010-13) and Houston Texans (2008-09). In six of his nine seasons as an offensive coordinator (2008-09, 2012-13 and 2015-16), Shanahan directed an offense that ranked in the top 10 in the NFL in yards gained.

Following the 2016 season, Shanahan was named Associated Press Assistant Coach of the Year, Coordinator of the Year by Sporting News and Assistant Coach of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America after a record-setting performance by the Falcons offense en route to capturing the NFC

South division title and an appearance in Super Bowl LI. Under Shanahan, the 2016 Falcons set franchise records in yards per game (415.8), points scored (540), net passing yards per game (295.3) and average yards per play (6.7).

Atlanta QB Matt Ryan, who was named Associated Press Most Valuable Player, Associated Press Offensive Player of the Year, Most Valuable Player/Offensive Player of the Year by the Pro Football Writers of America and FedEx Air Player of the Year, threw for a single-season franchise record and career-high 4,944 passing yards and 38 touchdowns, ranking second in the NFL in both categories, in 2016. He led the NFL with a passer rating of 117.1 on the season and threw a career-low seven interceptions. WR Julio Jones recorded 83 receptions for 1,409 yards (17.0 average) and six touchdowns in 14 games played. His 1,409 receiving yards were the second-most in the NFL that season. Both Jones and Ryan earned Associated Press First-Team All-Pro and 2017 Pro Bowl honors.

On the ground, Atlanta averaged 120.5 rushing yards per game and tallied 20 rushing touchdowns in 2016. RB Devonta Freeman registered 227 carries for a career-high 1,079 yards and 11 touchdowns, on his way to earning his second-consecutive Pro Bowl appearance.

In Shanahan's first year in Atlanta, the Falcons offense ranked seventh in the NFL, averaging 374.1 yards per game, ranked sixth with a 273.7 passing yards per game average and led the league in time of possession (32:19) in 2015. Julio Jones led the NFL with a career-high 1,871 receiving yards, while notching a career-high 136 receptions to share the League high with the Steelers WR Antonio Brown. Jones' receiving yards marked the second-highest total in a single season in NFL history, behind WR Calvin Johnson's 1,964-yard performance in 2012.

Shanahan joined the Falcons after spending 2014 as offensive coordinator of the Cleveland Browns. That year, his offense averaged 324.6 total yards and 108.0 rushing yards per game. Under Shanahan's direction, RBs Isaiah Crowell and Terrance West combined to rush for 1,280 yards on 319 carries (4.0 average), while WR Andrew Hawkins posted career highs in receptions (63) and receiving yards (824).

Prior to his stint in Cleveland, Shanahan spent four seasons (2010-13) as offensive coordinator of Washington. In 2013, Washington finished ninth in the NFL in total offense (369.7) and fifth in rushing yards per game (135.3). Second-year QB Robert Griffin III threw for 16 touchdowns and a career-high 3,203 passing yards, while WR Pierre Garçon set a franchise record and led the NFL with 113 receptions for a career-high 1,346 yards. RB Alfred Morris also rushed for 1,200-or-more yards for the second-consecutive

season (1,275).

Washington won the NFC East division championship in 2012 as they became the first team in NFL history to register 3,400-or-more passing yards (3,422) and 2,700-or-more rushing yards (2,709) in the same season. Washington led the NFL, averaging 169.3 rushing yards per game and finished second in rushing touchdowns (22). Griffin won the 2012 Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year Award after setting NFL rookie records in passer rating (102.4), interception percentage (1.27), and rushing yards by a rookie quarterback (815). He completed 258 of his 393 passes (65.6 completion percentage) for 3,200 yards and 20 touchdowns. Fellow rookie Alfred Morris ranked second in the NFL with a single season franchise-record 1,613 yards and 13 touchdowns.

In 2011, Shanahan worked with QB Rex Grossman, who finished with the second-best statistical season of his career, having thrown for 3,151 yards, 16 touchdowns and a career-high 57.9 completion percentage. WR Santana Moss also had his best professional season in 2010 under Shanahan, notching a career-high 93 receptions for 1,115 yards and six touchdowns.

Before joining Washington, Shanahan spent four seasons (2006-09) with the Houston Texans, including the final two as the team's offensive coordinator. In 2009, he worked with QB Matt Schaub, who registered career highs in completions (396), completion percentage (67.9), passing yards (4,770), touchdowns (29) and passer rating (98.6). His completions and passing yard totals led the NFL that season. Additionally, WR Andre Johnson led the NFL in receiving yards in both 2008 (1,575) and 2009 (1,569) and led the NFL with 115 receptions in 2008. TE Owen Daniels registered career highs in both receptions (70) and receiving yards (862) with Houston in 2008. Shanahan spent his first season with Houston (2006) as the team's wide receivers coach and moved to coach the quarterbacks in 2007 prior to his promotion to offensive coordinator in 2008. He broke into the NFL with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2004 where he served as an offensive quality control coach for two seasons (2004-05). His first coaching experience came as a graduate assistant at UCLA in 2003.

Born December 14, 1979, in Minneapolis, MN, Shanahan played wide receiver at Duke University before transferring to the University of Texas in 2000, where he spent two seasons. He and his wife, Mandy, have three children - Stella, Carter and Lexi. Shanahan's father, Mike, who served as the 49ers offensive coordinator from 1992-94, was the head coach of the Denver Broncos (1995-2008) and Washington (2010-13), where he accumulated an overall win total of 178 victories (eight postseason), including victories in Super Bowls XXXII and XXXIII.

**Family Connections**

- Klay Kubiak, a defensive quality control assistant with the 49ers, is brothers with Vikings offensive coordinator Klint Kubiak.

**Local Connections**

- 49ers quarterback Trey Lance is from Marshall, Minn.
- 49ers G Tom Compton is from Rosemount, Minnesota, and attended nearby Rosemount High School.

**Vikings-49ers Connections**

- 49ers G Tom Compton played for the Vikings during the 2018 season.
- 49ers offensive line coach Chris Foerster was the Vikings assistant offensive line/tight ends coach under Dennis Green from 1993-95.

**Coaching Connections**

- Wide receivers coach Keenan McDardell coached with 49ers Head Coach Kyle Shanahan and 49ers running backs coach Robert Turner, Jr., in Washington from 2010-11. McDardell coached 49ers offensive quality control coach Leonard Hankerson in Washington in 2011.
- Turner Jr. coached with the Broncos from 1995-2009, coaching with Vikings assistant head coach/co-defensive coordinator Andre Patterson (2005-06) and tight ends coach Brian Pariani (1995-2004).
- Shanahan coached with Pariani while with the Texans in 2006-09. Shanahan, Pariani, 49ers offensive coordinator Mike McDaniel and 49ers linebackers coach Johnny Holland were all on the Houston Texans staff, with McDaniel serving as an offensive assistant from 2006-08 and Holland serving as the linebackers coach from 2006-10.
- Special teams coordinator Ryan Ficken and offensive line coach Phil Rauscher overlapped with 49ers tight ends coach Jon Embree while at UCLA in 2004-05. Embree and Vikings running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu served on the same University of Colorado football staff from 1997-98.
- Assistant defensive backs coach Roy Anderson and 49ers senior defensive assistant were on staff with the Colts in 2012. Anderson and 49ers offensive line coach Chris Foerster overlapped with the Ravens in 2005-07.

**Professional Connections**

- DE Everson Griffen and TE Luck Stocker both played with 49ers WR Mohammed Sanu. Griffen in 2020 with the Detroit Lions and Stocker with the Atlanta Falcons in 2019.
- Stocker also played with 49ers C Alex Mack and OL Daniel Brunskill on the Falcons in 2019-20.
- TE Chris Herndon and LB Nick Vigil played with 49ers LB Jordan Willis. Herndon played with Willis on the New York Jets (2019-20), while Vigil played with him on the Bengals (2017-18).
- QB Kirk Cousins and CB Bashaud Breeland played with 49ers CB Josh Norman, G Tom Compton and T Trent Williams in Washington.
- LS Andrew DePaola played with LB Arden Key on the Raiders in 2018.
- NT Michael Pierce was teammates with FB Kyle Juszczyk and DL Jake Brendel on the Ravens in 2016.
- QB Sean Mannion and DL Samson Ebukam teamed on the Los Angeles Rams in 2017-18.

**College Connections**

- CB Kris Boyd and 49ers DL Charles Omenihu both played at Texas from 2015-18.
- WR Dan Chisena and 49ers DL Kevin Givens were teammates at Penn State in 2019.
- C Mason Cole, 49ers DL Maurice Hurst and 49ers CB Ambry Thomas all played together at Michigan in 2017.
- G Wyatt Davis and RB 49ers Trey Sermon both played at Ohio State in 2020.
- DE D.J. Wonnum and 49ers WR Deebo Samuel played at South Carolina from 2016-18.
- LB Troy Dye and 49ers DB Deommodore Lenoir played at Oregon together from 2017-19.
- WR Justin Jefferson played with 49ers DL Arden Key at LSU in 2017.
- K Greg Joseph and 49ers LB Azeez Al-Shaair teamed at Florida Atlantic from 2015-17.
- LB Blake Lynch, DL James Lynch and 49ers RB JaMycal Hasty all played at Baylor from 2017-19.

VIKINGS-49ERS 2021 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	MIN	(RK)	..SF	(RK)	..... Diff	
Yards / Game	387.0	(7)	.....	359.3	(13)	.....27.7
Yards / Play	5.78	(13)	.....	5.87	(7)	.....-0.09
Rushing Yards / Game	119.2	(11)	.....	123.2	(8)	.....-4
Rushing Yards / Play	4.26	(15)	.....	4.23	(16)	.....0.03
Passing Yards / Game	267.8	(8)	.....	236.1	(15)	.....31.7
Passing Yards / Play	7.12	(10)	.....	7.82	(4)	.....-0.7
Interception Rate	0.53%	(1)	.....	1.99%	(11)	.....-1.46%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	3.72%	(2)	.....	6.29%	(18)	.....-2.57%
First Downs / Game	21.3	(12t)	.....	21.3	(12t)	.....0
Punt Return Avg	8.0	(18)	.....	8.8	(11)	.....-0.8
Kickoff Return Avg	26.9	(1)	.....	20.6	(22)	.....6.3
Field Goals Made	84.00%	(16)	.....	83.33%	(17t)	.....0.67%
3rd Down Pct	38.85%	(18)	.....	37.93%	(22)	.....0.92%
4th Down Pct	72.73%	(1)	.....	57.14%	(12)	.....15.59%
Red Zone Pct	67.74%	(5)	.....	77.78%	(1)	.....-10.04%
Goal to Go%	80.00%	(5t)	.....	83.33%	(2)	.....-3.33%
Avg Possession Time	29:59	(18)	.....	30:29	(16)	.....
Points / Game	25.5	(12t)	.....	24.6	(15)	.....0.9

DEFENSE	MIN	(RK)	..SF	(RK)	..... Diff	
Yards / Game	378.9	(28)	.....	318.3	(6)	.....60.6
Yards / Play	5.82	(26)	.....	5.26	(7)	.....0.56
Rushing Yards / Game	127.0	(27)	.....	115.9	(20)	.....11.1
Rushing Yards / Play	4.76	(31)	.....	4.34	(18)	.....0.42
Passing Yards / Game	251.9	(20t)	.....	202.4	(3)	.....49.5
Passing Yards / Play	7.14	(24)	.....	6.43	(8)	.....0.71
Interception Rate	2.27%	(15)	.....	1.27%	(26)	.....1.00%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	8.78%	(3)	.....	7.30%	(10)	.....1.48%
First Downs / Game	22.4	(25)	.....	19.5	(10)	.....2.9
Punt Return Avg	6.8	(7)	.....	5.4	(3)	.....1.4
Kickoff Return Avg	19.7	(7)	.....	21.3	(17)	.....-1.6
3rd Down Pct	37.10%	(8)	.....	39.02%	(12)	.....-1.92%
4th Down Pct	66.67%	(26t)	.....	42.86%	(9)	.....23.81%
Red Zone Pct	67.86%	(25)	.....	61.76%	(18)	.....6.10%
Goal to Go%	88.89%	(29t)	.....	66.67%	(10t)	.....22.22%
Points / Game	24.2	(20)	.....	22.2	(11t)	.....2

# VIKINGS - 49ERS GAME INFORMATION

## VIKINGS-49ERS SERIES

### VIKINGS VS. 49ERS ALL-TIME

Won 23, Lost 24, Tie 1; Home 15-9, Away 8-15-1

YEAR	SITE	RESULT	YEAR	SITE	RESULT
<b>VIKINGS VS. 49ERS ALL-TIME</b>					
1961	Minnesota	San Francisco 38-24	1987	San Francisco	Minnesota 36-24 **
	San Francisco	San Francisco 38-28	1988	San Francisco	San Francisco 24-21
1962	San Francisco	San Francisco 21-7	1988	San Francisco	San Francisco 34-9 **
	Minnesota	San Francisco 35-12	1989	San Francisco	San Francisco 41-13 **
1963	San Francisco	Minnesota 24-20	1990	Minnesota	San Francisco 20-17
	Minnesota	Minnesota 45-14	1991	Minnesota	Minnesota 17-14
1964	San Francisco	Minnesota 27-22	1992	Minnesota	San Francisco 20-17
	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-7	1993	San Francisco	San Francisco 38-19
1965	San Francisco	Minnesota 42-41	1994	Minnesota	Minnesota 21-14
	Minnesota	San Francisco 45-24	1995	San Francisco	San Francisco 37-30
1966	San Francisco	Tie, 20-20	1997	San Francisco	San Francisco 28-17
	Minnesota	Minnesota 28-3	1997	San Francisco	San Francisco 38-22 **
1967	Minnesota	San Francisco 27-21	1999	Minnesota	Minnesota 40-16
1968	San Francisco	Minnesota 30-20	2003	Minnesota	Minnesota 35-7
1969	Minnesota	Minnesota 10-7	2006	San Francisco	San Francisco 9-3
1970	Minnesota	San Francisco 17-14 **	2007	San Francisco	Minnesota 27-7
1971	Minnesota	San Francisco 13-9	2009	Minnesota	Minnesota 27-24
1972	San Francisco	San Francisco 20-17	2012	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-13
1973	San Francisco	Minnesota 17-13	2015	San Francisco	San Francisco 20-3
1975	Minnesota	Minnesota 27-17	2018	Minnesota	Minnesota 24-16
1976	San Francisco	San Francisco 20-16	2019	San Francisco	San Francisco 27-10 **
1977	Minnesota	Minnesota 28-27			**NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1979	Minnesota	Minnesota 28-22			
1983	Minnesota	San Francisco 48-17			
1984	San Francisco	San Francisco 51-7			
1985	Minnesota	Minnesota 28-21			
1986	San Francisco	Minnesota 27-24 (OT)			

## VIKINGS-49ERS 2021 LEADERS

### VIKINGS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Thielen	48	5t	9t
Passing Yds.	Cousins	2,775	3	7
Passing TDs	Cousins	21	3t	7
Passer Rating	Cousins	106.3	3	3
Completion Pct.	Cousins	68.2	3	6
Rushing Att.	Cook	161	1	5
Rushing Yds.	Cook	734	1	5
Rushing TDs	Cook	4	6t	17t
Receptions	Jefferson	63	3t	7t
Receiving Yds.	Jefferson	944	4	4
Receiving TDs	Thielen	8	3t	3t
Interceptions	Kendricks/Woods	2	12t	22t
Tackles	Kendricks	102	4	5
Forced Fumbles	Woods/Watts	2	5t	13t
Opp. FR	4 players	1	7t	23t
Sacks	Hunter	6.0	9t	19t
FGs Made	Joseph	21	1	2t
FG Pct.	Joseph	84.0	15	25
Net Punting Avg.	Berry	41.7	8	7
Punt Ret. Avg.	Westbrook	8.1	18	31
KO Ret. Avg.	Nwangwu	39.8	DNQ	DNQ

### 49ERS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Samuel	48	5t	9t
Passing Yds.	Garappolo	2,112	11	24
Passing TDs	Garappolo	12	11	24
Passer Rating	Garappolo	100.9	9	10
Completion Pct.	Garappolo	66.9	7	13
Rushing Att.	Mitchell	116	11	20
Rushing Yds.	Mitchell	560	6	15
Rushing TDs	Mitchell	3	9t	24t
Receptions	Samuel	55	7	18
Receiving Yds.	Samuel	994	2	2
Receiving TDs	Samuel	5	9t	16t
Interceptions	Ward	2	12t	22t
Tackles	Warner	89	8	10
Forced Fum.	Norman	6	1	1
Opp. FR	Warner	2	1t	2t
Sacks	Bosa	10.0	2t	5t
FGs Made	Gould	8	15t	30t
FG Pct.	Gould	88.9	10	16
Net Punting Avg.	Wishnowsky	42.4	4	11
Punt Ret. Avg.	Sanu	12.0	DNQ	DNQ
KO Ret. Avg.	Samuel	25.0	DNQ	DNQ

## VIKINGS - 49ERS GAME INFORMATION

### TOP PERFORMERS VS. 49ERS

#### KIRK COUSINS

Two games (two starts) - one with Washington, 45-of-73 passing (61.6%), 574 passing yards, 4 passing touchdowns, eight rushes, 52 rushing yards, one rushing touchdown, 98.8 passer rating

#### ADAM THIELEN

Two games (one start), six receptions, 102 receiving yards, six receptions for first downs

#### PATRICK PETERSON

20 games (20 starts), 50 tackles, 1.0 sack, three fumble recoveries

#### HARRISON SMITH

Three games (three starts), 23 tackles, 1.0 sack, one fumble recovery, one interception returned for 14 yards

*\*Regular season only*

### VIKINGS-49ERS SERIES NOTES

- The Vikings and 49ers have played six times in the playoffs, including the last Vikings playoff game, the 2019 Divisional Round matchup at Levi's Stadium.
- The teams met in the playoffs in three consecutive seasons in 1987, '88 and '89.
- The first Vikings receiver to break the 200-yard plateau was Paul Flatley in 1965 at San Francisco when he had 202 yards on seven catches with a pair of TDs.
- Ahmad Rashad set the Vikings record with four receiving TDs vs. San Francisco in 1979 at Met Stadium.

### BIG DAYS VS. 49ERS

- QB **Kirk Cousins** tallied two 200+ passing yard games against San Francisco, one with Washington and one with Minnesota. While with Washington, Cousins threw for 330 yards and two touchdowns on 25-of-37 passing and added a TD on the ground on a seven-yard run to lead Washington to a 26-24 win.
- As a member of the Vikings in 2018, Cousins threw for 244 passing yards and two TDs to secure the 24-16 victory vs. San Francisco (9/9/18).
- In the last matchup against San Francisco in 2018, S **Harrison Smith** tallied an interception returned for 14 yards, a sack, a fumble recovery and seven tackles en route to winning NFC Defensive Player of the Week.



### VIKINGS-49ERS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. 49ers.....	23-24-1	Most Points, Vikings.....	45 (1963)
Last regular season game.....	Vikings 24, 49ers 16 (2018)	Most Points, 49ers.....	51 (1984)
Vikings largest winning margin.....	31; Vikings 45, 49ers 14 (1963)	Most Points, both teams.....	83, Vikings 42, 49ers 41 (1965)
49ers largest winning margin.....	44; 49ers 51, Vikings 7 (1984)	Fewest Points, Vikings.....	3 (2006, 2015)
Current series streak.....	San Francisco 1	Fewest Points, 49ers.....	3 (1966)
Vikings longest win streak.....	5 (1963-65)	Fewest Points, both teams.....	12; 49ers 9, Vikings 3 (2006)
49ers longest win streak.....	4, 2x; (1961-62) (1988-90)		

## KIRK COUSINS NOTES



### QB KIRK COUSINS

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-3/205

**COLLEGE:** Michigan State

**NFL SEASON:** 10

**VIKINGS SEASON:** 4

As of Week 11 vs. the Packers, Cousins has thrown 20 touchdown passes in seven straight seasons, trailing only Tom Brady (13) for the longest active streak in the NFL. He now 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 ties 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.



### QBs WITH AT LEAST 115.0 PASSER RATING THROUGH FIRST 3 GAMES OF THE SEASON (MINIMUM 115 ATTEMPTS)

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

\*Denotes NFL MVP season

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

Player, Team	Completions
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	2,596
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	2,511
<i>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</i>	2,468
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	2,374
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	2,295

### NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	43
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	40
Drew Brees, New Orleans	37
<i>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</i>	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	30,028
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	29,123
<i>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</i>	28,117
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	26,785
Derek Carr, Las Vegas	26,667

### NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015

Player, Team	Games
<i>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</i>	55
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	55
Russell Wilson, Seattle	54
Drew Brees, New Orleans	53
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	49
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	48
Matthew Stafford, Detroit/Los Angeles Rams	47

### 2021 PASSER RATING

Player, Team	Passer Rating
Kyle Murray, Arizona	110.4
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	106.6
<i>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</i>	106.3
Matthew Stafford, Los Angeles Rams	106.1
Tom Brady, Tampa Bay	104.3
Dak Prescott, Dallas	103.9
Jameis Winston, New Orleans	102.8
Joe Burrow, Cincinnati	101.6
Russell Wilson, Seattle	101.2

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

Player, Year	Games
Brett Favre, 2009	10
<i>Kirk Cousins, 2020</i>	9
<i>Kirk Cousins, 2019</i>	9
Randall Cunningham, 1998	8
Daunte Culpepper, 2000	8
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	8
Sam Bradford, 2016	8
Case Keenum, 2017	8
<i>Kirk Cousins, 2021</i>	7

### 2018-21 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	139
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	122
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	120
Russell Wilson, Seattle	116
<i>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</i>	112
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	102

### VIKINGS CAREER 300-YARD PASSING GAMES

Player (W-L-T)	Games
Tommy Kramer (9-10)	19
Daunte Culpepper (11-8)	19
<i>Kirk Cousins (12-5-1)</i>	18

BY THE  
NUMBERS

341

Week 11 vs. the Packers marked the fourth time this season that Kirk Cousins has thrown for over 300 yards (341), at least three touchdowns and zero interceptions this season, which ties Rams QB Matthew Stafford for the league lead.

25

Cousins now 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.

# JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES



## WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

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

In Week 11, Jefferson recorded his 11th career 100-yard receiving game, tying Randy Moss (11) and Juju 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. Jefferson posted the second-most receiving yards (169) of his career. His 104 receiving yards in the first quarter of Week 11 is the fourth-best in team history, trailing Randy Moss (107, 108) and Hassan Jones (118). Jefferson is only 412 receiving yards shy of the most of any player in the first years of their career in NFL history. 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. Jefferson 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
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>24</b>
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
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
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>2,344</b>
Juju Smith-Schuster, Pittsburgh	2,343
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	2,257

### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS PRIOR TO AGE 23

Player, Games	Receiving Yards
Randy Moss, 32	2,726
<b>Justin Jefferson, 22</b>	<b>2,344</b>
Percy Harvin, 29	1,658
Stefon Diggs, 22	1,467

### 2020-21 MOST-100 YARD RECEIVING GAMES

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

### 2020 RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota</b>	<b>1,400</b>
CeeDee Lamb, Dallas	935
Tee Higgins, Cincinnati	908
Chase Claypool, Pittsburgh	873

### ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS BY NFL ROOKIES

Player, Team, Season	Receiving Yards
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)	1,473
<b>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020</b>	<b>1,400</b>
Anquan Boldin, Arizona, 2003	1,377
Randy Moss, Minnesota, 1998	1,313
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014	1,305
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	1,231
Michael Clayton, Tampa Bay, 2004	1,193



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

### MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY NFL ROOKIES

Player, Team, Season	100-Yard Games
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)	9
<b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b>	<b>7</b>
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
<b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b>	<b>88</b>
Randy Moss, 1998	69
Percy Harvin, 2009	60
Stefon Diggs, 2015	52

### MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

Player, Season	Receiving Yards
<b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b>	<b>1,400</b>
Randy Moss, 1998	1,313
Sammy White, 1976	906
Paul Flatley, 1963	867
Percy Harvin, 2009	790

### MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

Player, Season	100-Yard Games
<b>Justin Jefferson, 2020</b>	<b>7</b>
Randy Moss, 1998	4
Sammy White, 1976	3
Hassan Jones, 1986	3

(Note: Anthony Carter played his first season with the Vikings in 1985, but played his first true season of professional football in the USFL. His stats do not count in the team's rookie records.)

### VIKINGS 100-YARD GAMES IN FIRST TWO SEASONS

Player, Season	Games
Randy Moss, 1998-99	11
<b>Justin Jefferson, 2020 -</b>	<b>11</b>

### VIKINGS PASS CATCHERS WITH RECEPTIONS OF AT LEAST 50 YARDS IN THEIR FIRST TWO YEARS IN THE NFL

Player	Receptions
Kelly Campbell	4
<b>Justin Jefferson</b>	<b>3</b>
Nate Burleson	3

# DALVIN COOK NOTES



## RB DALVIN COOK

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

In Week 11 vs. Packers, Cook moved into sixth place all-time in Vikings career rushing yards with 4,395. In Week 10 at Los Angeles Chargers, Cook rushed for this third touchdown of the season, his 32nd 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 games rushing in team history with 18. Cook posted his 17th career 100-yard rushing game in Week 6 at Carolina. He has surpassed 4,000 career rushing yards in his career, making him the eighth player in Vikings history to accomplish this feat.



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

### 2021 NFL RUSHING YARDS, RUNNING BACKS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	1,122
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	937
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	851
Joe Mixon, Cincinnati	759
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>734</b>
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	695
Najee Harris, Pittsburgh	685

### 2019-21 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	43
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>33</b>
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	28
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	26
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	25
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	24
Josh Jacobs, Las Vegas	24

### 2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS, RUNNING BACKS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	4,504
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>3,426</b>
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	3,412
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	3,031
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	2,729

### 2019-21 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	115.5
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>95.2</b>
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	94.8
Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis	88.1

### 2019-21 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	4,378 (4,504, 474)
<b>Dalvin Cook, Minnesota</b>	<b>4,444 (3,426, 1,018)</b>
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	3,993 (3,301, 948)
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	3,923 (3,412, 511)
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	3,858 (2,259, 1,599)

### VIKINGS RUSHING YARDS IN A SEASON

Player, Season	Rushing yards
Adrian Peterson, 2012	2,097
Adrian Peterson, 2008	1,760
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2020</b>	<b>1,557</b>
Robert Smith, 2000	1,521
Adrian Peterson, 2015	1,485
Adrian Peterson, 2009	1,383

### VIKINGS MOST CAREER RUSHING YARDS

Player, Seasons	Rushing yards
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	11,747
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	6,818
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	5,887
Bill Brown, 1962-74	5,757
Ted Brown, 1979-86	4,546
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2017-</b>	<b>4,395</b>
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
<b>Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present</b>	<b>18</b>
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	17
Michael Bennett, 2001-05	9
Bill Brown, 1962-74	8

### VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

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

**18** Dalvin Cook posted his 18th career 100-yard rushing game against Baltimore, passing Chuck Foreman for third in Vikings career 100-yard rushing games.

**6th** Cook moved into sixth all-time in Vikings career rushing yards with 4,395, passing Dave Osborn (4,320).

# ADAM THIELEN NOTES



## WR ADAM THIELEN

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

In Week 11 vs. Green Bay, Adam Thielen passed TE Kyle Rudolph (453) for fifth all-time in career receptions in franchise history with 454. Since 2020, Thielen has caught eight fourth-quarter touchdown passes, which ranks second in the NFL behind Tyreek Hill (9). He is one of four wide receivers in the NFL to record at least 20 touchdowns since the start of last season. Thielen put up his first 100+ receiving yard game of the 2021 season in Week 6 at Carolina. His 126 receiving yards in at 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 (5,864) as a Viking.

### 2020-21 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Receiving touchdowns
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	23
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	23
Davante Adams, Green Bay	23
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>22</b>
DK Metcalf, Seattle	18

### TOTAL RECEPTIONS ON 3RD DOWNS SINCE 2017

Player, Team	Receptions
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	138
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	112
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	111
Davante Adams, Green Bay	108
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>106</b>
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	102
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	101

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

Player, Team	100+ Yard Games
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	24
Julio Jones, Atlanta	24
Davante Adams, Green Bay	22
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	20
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	19
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	18
<b>Adam Thielen, Minnesota</b>	<b>18</b>
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	18
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	17
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	17

### MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES BY VIKING IN A SEASON

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

### VIKINGS CAREER 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player	100+ Yard Games
Randy Moss	41
Cris Carter	40
Anthony Carter	22
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>21</b>
Jake Reed	18



### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	Receiving Touchdowns
Cris Carter	110
Randy Moss	92
Anthony Carter	52
Sammy White	50
Kyle Rudolph	48
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>46</b>
Ahmad Rashad	34
Jake Reed	33

### VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS

Player	Receptions
Cris Carter	1,004
Randy Moss	587
Steve Jordan	498
Anthony Carter	478
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>455</b>
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
<b>Adam Thielen</b>	<b>5,864</b>
Ahmad Rashad	5,489
Stefon Diggs	4,623

7<sup>th</sup>

Adam Thielen ranks seventh all-time in career receiving yards (5,864) as a Viking.

455

Thielen passed TE Kyle Rudolph (455) on the Vikings career receptions in Week 11. He ranks fifth in franchise history in receptions.



# HARRISON SMITH NOTES



## S HARRISON SMITH

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

Smith extended his team record for most sacks by a DB to 15.5 with his full sack versus Green Bay in Week 11. Smith's 15.5 sacks are the second-most among defensive backs since entering the league in 2012, trailing only Seahawks S Jamal Adams (21.5). Joey Browner ranks second with 9.5. Smith, who recently signed a contract extension, finished the 2020 season with 89 tackles and tied a career high with five interceptions. The five-time Pro Bowler has 28 career interceptions, which ranks seventh-most in franchise history while his 929 tackles are the third-most by a Vikings defensive back in team history.



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.

### 2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavier Howard, Miami	10
J.C. Jackson, New England	9
Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City	6
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>	<b>5</b>
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	5
Justin Simmons, Denver	5

### VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

Player, Seasons	Interceptions TDs
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>	<b>4</b>
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
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-18</b>	<b>4 (56t, 81t, 52, 52)</b>
Charlie West, 1968-73	3 (89, 54, 50)

### SMITH'S INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

Game	Play
vs. Arizona, 10/21/12	31t INT Return off John Skelton
vs. Chicago, 12/9/12	56t INT Return off Jay Cutler
at St. Louis, 9/7/14	81t INT Return off Austin Davis
vs. NY Giants, 12/27/15	35t INT Return off Eli Manning

### NFL LEADERS - PRO BOWLS BY A DB SINCE 2012

Player, Team	Pro Bowl Appearances
<b>Patrick Peterson, Minnesota</b>	<b>7</b>
Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore	6
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco	5
Eric Weddle, San Deigo/Baltimore/LAR	5
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>	<b>5</b>
Aqib Talib, Tampa Bay/New England/Denver/LAR	5

### 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
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>	<b>28</b>
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
<b>Harrison Smith, 2018, S</b>	<b>3.0</b>
<b>Harrison Smith, 2014, S</b>	<b>3.0</b>
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
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>	<b>14.5</b>
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
<b>Harrison Smith, 2012-</b>	<b>929</b>
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 28

Smith recorded his 28th career interception and team-leading fifth of 2020 in the season finale at Detroit. Smith ranks seventh all-time on the Vikings career interceptions list.

# 15.5

Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (15.5) 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 10 at Los Angeles Chargers, Kendricks tied a single-season career high from his rookie season in 2015 with 4.0 sacks. He intercepted a pass from 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.

### 15 OR MORE TACKLES IN A GAME IN 2021

Player, Team	Games
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>2</b>
Jordan Brooks, Seattle	1
Roquan Smith, Chicago	1
Quincy Williams, New York Jets	1
Devin White, Tampa Bay	1
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	1
Deion Jones, Atlanta	1
Nick Bolton, Kansas City	1
Alex Singleton, Philadelphia	1
Derwin James, Los Angeles Chargers	1
Cole Holcomb, Washington	1
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	1

### 2021 TOTAL TACKLES IN THE NFL

Player, Team	Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	115
Denzel Perryman, Las Vegas	114
Roquan Smith, Chicago	110
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	110
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>102</b>
Jordan Brooks, Seattle	98
De'Vondre Campbell, Green Bay	94
Bobby Okereke, Indianapolis	92
Deion Jones, Atlanta	92

### 2020-21 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Logan Wilson, Cincinnati	6
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>5</b>
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/Pittsburgh	3
Foye Oluokun, Atlanta	3



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.

### NFL REGULAR SEASON TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2021

Player, Team	Total Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	960
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	758
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>741</b>
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	729
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	680

### 2019-21 PASSES DEFENDED, NFL LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Pass. Def.
<b>Eric Kendricks, Minnesota</b>	<b>22</b>
Demario Davis, New Orleans	21
K.J. Wright, Seattle/Las Vegas	21
Darius Leonard, Indianapolis	19
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	19
Fred Warner, San Francisco	18
Joe Schobert, Pittsburgh	17

### 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
<b>Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Anthony Barr, 2014-Present</b>	<b>36</b>
Ed McDaniels, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Eric Wilson, 2017-2020	18
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12

## BY THE NUMBERS

# 17

In Week 9 at Baltimore, Eric Kendricks recorded 17 tackles, marking a new career high for most tackles in a single game.

# 4.0

Kendricks tied his single-season career high from his rookie season in 2015 of 4.0 sacks in Week 10 at Los Angeles Chargers.

# PATRICK PETERSON



## CB PATRICK PETERSON

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6-1/198  
**COLLEGE:** LSU  
**NFL SEASON:** 11  
**VIKINGS SEASON:** 1

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

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

On active Rosters only

Player, Team	Interceptions
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco/Tampa Bay	36
Marcus Peters, Kansas City/Los Angeles Rams/Baltimore	31
<b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>	<b>28</b>
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	Games Started
Devin McCourty, New England	166
Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans	164
<b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>	<b>161</b>

### NFL LEADERS - FUMBLE RECOVERIES BY AN ACTIVE DB SINCE 2011

Player, Team	Fumble Recoveries
<b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>	<b>12</b>
Vonn Bell, New Orleans/Cincinnati	10
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota/7 players</b>	<b>8</b>

### NFL LEADERS - PRO BOWLS BY A DB SINCE 2011

Player, Team	Pro Bowl Appearances
<b>Patrick Peterson, Arizona/Minnesota</b>	<b>8</b>
Earl Thomas, Seattle/Baltimore	7
Eric Weddle, San Diego/Baltimore/Los Angeles Rams	6
Richard Sherman, Seattle/San Francisco	5
<b>Harrison Smith, Minnesota</b>	<b>5</b>
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 MEMBER (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
<b>Patrick Peterson</b>	<b>CB</b>
Darrelle Revis	CB
Richard Sherman	CB
Eric Berry	S
Earl Thomas	S
Eric Weddle	S
Chris Harris Jr.	DB
Tyrann Mathieu	DB

BY THE  
NUMBERS

161

Patrick Peterson ranks third in most games started by an active DB since 2011.

28

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

SCHEDULE NOTES

**WK 1**  
9/12/21



**at Cincinnati**  
**7-6**  
**(1-6) A**

After K Greg Joseph hit a career-high 53-yard field goal to send the game to overtime, the Bengals took advantage of a Vikings turnover to get them the Week 1 win. NT Michael Pierce had a career day for Minnesota, recording a career-high 2.0 sacks. LB Eric Kendricks tallied 15 tackles in the contest, which currently leads the NFL. QB Kirk Cousins had a solid day, becoming the first Vikings QB to start four straight season openers since Daunte Culpepper in 2002-05.

**WK 2**  
9/19/21



**at Arizona**  
**17-11**  
**(6-7) A**

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

**WK 3**  
9/26/21



**Minneapolis**  
**5-13**  
**(3-4) H**

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

**WK 4**  
10/3/21



**Minneapolis**  
**12-4**  
**(7-2) H**

The Vikings suffered a home loss for the first time this season, falling 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 WR 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



**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, marking the third time this season the Vikings have had 100+ rusher 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 Eric Kendricks recorded his third sack of the season (12.0 in his career), moving him into 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



**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. QB Kirk Cousins tallied 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 Nwagwu 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.

**WK 10**  
11/14/21



**at Los Angeles**  
**7-6**  
**(2-3) A**

Minnesota recorded its second road win and first at SoFi Stadium in a 27-20 triumph on the Los Angeles Chargers. QB Kirk Cousins tallied a league-leading fifth game this season with at least 275 passing yards, two passing touchdowns and zero interceptions. RB Dalvin Cook rushed for his third touchdown of the season, his 32nd since 2019, which ranks second in the NFL. WR Dede Westbrook's 45-yard punt return marks his longest punt return this season and is the second-longest punt return in the NFL this season, trailing Kalif Raymond's (Detroit) 48-yard punt return in Week 10. LB Eric Kendricks tied a single-season career high from his rookie season in 2015 with 4.0 sacks. 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 interceptions, which ties Rams QB Matthew Stafford for the league lead in Week 11. WR Justin Jefferson recorded his 11th career 100-yard receiving game, tying Randy Moss (11 games) and Juju Smith-Schuster (11 games) for the second-most all-time for players within their first two seasons in the NFL. Only Odell Beckham Jr. (15 games) has more. S Harrison Smith recorded a sack, bringing his career total to 15.5 and extending his franchise record set for career sacks by a DB. K Greg Joseph's 29-yard game-winning kick marks the third in his career, 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**

Minnesota visits San Francisco for a regular season game for the first time since a 2015 contest saw the 49ers take a 20-3 victory. The Vikings own a 1-1 record against the 49ers under Mike Zimmer in the regular season and last met in the 2019 NFC Divisional Playoff game that was held in San Francisco.

**WK 13**  
12/5/21



**at Detroit**  
**78-39-2**  
**(36-23-1) A**

The Vikings own a four-game winning streak on the road at Detroit and have beaten the Lions in the previous seven games, dating back to Week 12 of the 2017 season. In the last outing between the clubs (in the 2020 season finale), Vikings WR Justin Jefferson recorded 133 receiving yards to set the Super Bowl-era rookie record for most receiving yards (1,400) and set multiple Vikings records.

**WK 14**  
12/9/21



**Minneapolis**  
**9-9**  
**(4-2) H**

Minnesota welcomes Pittsburgh to U.S. Bank Stadium for the first time since the venue opened in 2016 as the teams will square off on *Thursday Night Football*. The Vikings are 7-11 in Thursday night contests, and the franchises are meeting on *TNF* for the first time. The Vikings last played Pittsburgh at home in 2005 and the Week 14 game will be Steelers Head Coach Mike Tomlin's first game back in Minnesota since serving as the Vikings defensive coordinator in 2006.

**WK 15**  
12/20/21



**at Chicago**  
**61-57-2**  
**(24-33-2) A**

Minnesota meets Chicago on *Monday Night Football* for the 16th time in franchise history, the most of any opponent, and leads the series 8-7. A victory in Week 15 would give the Vikings a win at Soldier Field and on *Monday Night Football* for the second straight season after defeating the Bears, 19-13, in Week 10 of the 2020 season. Overall, it's the fourth meeting on *MNF* between the two clubs in the last six seasons (2016-17, 2020-21).

**WK 16**  
12/26/21



**Minneapolis**  
**27-17-2**  
**(16-3-2) H**

Minnesota and the Los Angeles Rams square off at U.S. Bank Stadium for the second time since the venue opened in 2016. Under Mike Zimmer, the Vikings own a 3-1 record against the Rams after falling to Los Angeles 38-31 in the 2018 matchup on the road and are 2-0 at home since 2014. The Vikings last battled two Los Angeles franchises in the same season in 1987 when Minnesota played at the L.A. Rams (9/20/87) and hosted the L.A. Raiders (11/8/87).

**WK 17**  
1/2/22



**at Green Bay**  
**55-63-3**  
**(26-33-3) A**

Minnesota is looking to come away with consecutive wins on the road at Green Bay for the first time since the 2004-05 seasons after defeating the Packers 28-22 in the second meeting of 2020 in Week 8. In that game, RB Dalvin Cook became the first player to surpass 200 yards from scrimmage and score four touchdowns at Lambeau Field, giving the Vikings their first win in Green Bay since 2017.

**WK 18**  
1/9/22



**Minneapolis**  
**61-57-2**  
**(37-24) H**

Minnesota has finished the regular season at home vs. Chicago five of the past six seasons (2016-19, 2021). The Jan. 9 game is the latest regular-season contest in team history. Previously, the latest game of the season fell on Jan. 7 after Week 2 games were postponed in 2001. The 17-game slate in 2021 marks the first expansion of the NFL regular-season structure since 1978.

# 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 Vary, Corey Stringer, Mick Tingelhoff, Carl Eller, Cris Carter, Bill Brown, Jerry Burns, Randall McDaniel, Chuck Foreman, John Randle, Scott Studwell, Chris Doleman, Matt Blair, Joey Browner, Ahmad Rashad, Randy Moss, Dennis Green and Steve Jordan.

### VIKINGS ALL-TIME SACKS BY DEFENSIVE TACKLES

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

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

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

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

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



# 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 playoffs), 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)

Adrian Peterson.....	2007 (2), '08 (1), '09 (1), '10 (2)
Shaun Alexander.....	2004 (2), '05 (1)

### OFFENSIVE HONOREES BEHIND HUTCHINSON

Adrian Peterson.....	2007 AP Offensive Rookie of the Year
Shaun Alexander.....	2005 AP NFL MVP
Shaun Alexander.....	2005 AP Offensive Player of the Year

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

Shaun Alexander, Seattle.....	32*
Adrian Peterson, Minnesota.....	26*
Chester Taylor, Minnesota.....	6
Chris Johnson, Tennessee.....	5
Artose Pinner, Minnesota.....	1
Maurice Morris, Seattle.....	1
Ricky Watters, Seattle.....	1

### 200+ RUSHERS BEHIND HUTCHINSON

Adrian Peterson vs. SD, 11/4/07.....	296*
Shaun Alexander vs. Dak, 11/11/01.....	266^
Adrian Peterson vs. Chi, 10/14/07.....	224

\*NFL Record ^7th-best in NFL history



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

G- **Steve Hutchinson**^, Larry Allen^, Will Shields^, Alan Faneca^  
 T- Walter Jones^, Jonathan Ogden^, Orlando Pace^, Willie Roaf^  
 C- Kevin Mawae^, Olin Krutz

# BE THE CHANGE



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



## VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION AWARENESS

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

## ALL SQUARE

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

## GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

## CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

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



## 306: BLACK HISTORY CURRICULUM EXPANSION

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

## PROJECT SUCCESS

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



## FURTHER INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT

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

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

## VIKINGS SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

# VIKINGS IN THE COMMUNITY



## COVID-19 RELIEF

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

## 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.

## HURRICANE IDA RELIEF

Category four Hurricane Ida made landfall in the southeastern Louisiana coast on Sunday, August 29 and caused devastation in Louisiana and across the Gulf Coast. In efforts to help provide relief for those in need, several Vikings players, coaches and ownership came together to donate over \$100,000 to the American Red Cross and their disaster relief efforts.

## KENDRICKS AND HIPPY FEET

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.

## JEFFERSON HOSTS BACKPACK EVENT

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

## 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.



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## HAVE A SEAT AT OUR FAMILY TABLE

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

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

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

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

