



VIKINGS

Week 16 | Friday, December 25, 2020 | Mercedes-Benz Superdome | 3:30 p.m. CT | FOX

2020 RECORD

REGULAR SEASON.....	6-8
NFC NORTH	3-1
HOME	3-5
AWAY	3-3

2020 SCHEDULE

SUN	SEPT 13	GB	NOON	L, 43-34
SUN	SEPT 20	@ IND	NOON	L, 28-11
SUN	SEPT 27	TEN	NOON	L, 31-30
SUN	OCT 4	@ HOU	NOON	W, 31-23
SUN	OCT 11	@ SEA	7:20 PM	L, 27-26
SUN	OCT 18	ATL	NOON	L, 40-23
SUN	OCT 25	BYE		
SUN	NOV 1	@GB	NOON	W, 28-22
SUN	NOV 8	DET	NOON	W, 34-20
MON	NOV 16	@ CHI	7:15 PM	W, 19-13
SUN	NOV 22	DAL	3:25 PM	L, 31-28
SUN	NOV 29	CAR	NOON	W, 28-27
SUN	DEC 6	JAX	NOON	W, 27-24 OT
SUN	DEC 13	@ TB	NOON	L, 26-14
SUN	DEC 20	CHI	NOON	L, 33-27
FRI	DEC 25	@ NO	3:30 PM	FOX/NFLN
SUN	JAN 3	@ DET	NOON*	FOX

Home games bold | *Game times are subject to change

BROADCAST COVERAGE

▷ NATIONAL TELEVISION: FOX/NFL Network

Play-by-Play: Joe Buck
Sideline: Erin Andrews and Kristina Pink
Analyst: Troy Aikman



▷ STREAMING: Amazon Prime

Play-by-Play: Hannah Storm
Sideline: Andrea Kremer



▷ NATIONAL RADIO: Westwood One

Announcers: Scott Graham and Ross Tucker



WestwoodOne

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

Play-by-Play: Paul Allen
Sideline: Greg Coleman & Ben Leber
Analyst: Pete Berlich
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 (6-8) travel to New Orleans to play the Saints (10-4) on Christmas Day with kickoff scheduled at 3:30 p.m. CT. The game will be just the fourth time in Vikings history the team has played on a Friday. The Week 16 game is the first of two straight road games for the Vikings to finish the season.

The Vikings lost to the Bears at home, 33-27, while the Saints also dropped a home contest, 32-29, to the Chiefs in Week 15.

Vikings RB Dalvin Cook is in the midst of a career year, leading the NFL in scrimmage yards with 1,833 yards and ranking second in scrimmage touchdowns with 16, both of which are career highs. His 1,833 scrimmage yards already ranks fourth in team history in a single season with two games to play. With 1,484 rushing yards, Cook is second in the NFL, and he is tied for the lead the NFL in rushing touchdowns (14). Cook's 16 total touchdowns already tie him for sixth in a single season in team history.

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

WR Adam Thielen has set a new career high with 13 receiving touchdowns this season, passing his previous best of nine in 2018. 12 of Thielen's 13 receiving touchdowns have come in the red zone, the most in the NFL in 2020. WR Justin Jefferson's 1,182 receiving yards leads all rookies in 2020. His receiving yardage total is already the second-most for a rookie in Vikings history trailing Randy Moss's 1,313 yards in 1998.

STAT OF THE WEEK



Dalvin Cook's career high with 1,833 scrimmage yards has him already in fourth place on the single-season list for yards from scrimmage, trailing only Adrian Peterson (2,314 in 2012, 1,885 in 2008) and Robert Smith (1,869 in 200).

NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- Vikings WR **Adam Thielen** (385 career receptions) trails WR Sammy White (393 career receptions) by eight receptions for eighth all-time in team history.
- S **Harrison Smith** has collected 27 career interceptions, including four in 2020 (tied for the most in the NFC), the seventh-most in team history and tied for the third-most in the NFL since he entered the NFL in 2012. No safety has more interceptions, and only Richard Sherman (32) and Marcus Peters (30) have more interceptions than Smith in that same span.
- The Vikings defense has held opponents to a 37.58% success rate in goal-to-go situations in 2020, the best mark in the NFL.
- With a 70.83% red zone scoring rate, the Vikings offense ranks fifth in the NFL, trailing the Packers (78.43%), Titans (75.44%), Seahawks (75.00%) and Browns (74.47%).
- WR **Adam Thielen** has four games with at least two receiving touchdowns this season, tied with Packers WR Davante Adams for the most in the NFL in 2020. Hall of Fame WR Cris Carter holds the Vikings record with seven games with multiple receiving touchdowns in 1995.

2020 NEW FACES

FREE AGENTS/TRADES/WAIVERS (1)

Player	Pos	School
Ryan Connelly (W)	LB	Wisconsin

DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (9)

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

UNDRAFTED ROOKIES (1)

Player	Pos	School
Dan Chisena	WR	Penn State

RETURNERS

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

Leading ReturnersPlayer (Total)

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

ROSTER NOTES

Oldest Viking Player

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

Youngest Viking Player

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

Most Seasons as a Viking

Kyle Rudolph (10)

Most NFL Seasons

Britton Colquitt (11)

College with the most Vikings

Multiple colleges with two

Conference with the most Vikings

Big Ten (10 players on roster)

Largest Vikings

Brian O'Neill (Height: 6-7)

Oli Udoh (Weight: 325 lbs)

Smallest Vikings

Ameer Abdullah (Height: 5-9)

Chad Beebe (Weight: 183 lbs)

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

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

According to SportRadar, the Vikings have had a total of 2,062 defensive snaps played by rookies in 2020, the third-most in the NFL (Panthers 3,034; Jaguars 2,382) and the most in a season for Minnesota since Mike Zimmer was hired in 2014.

BY THE NUMBERS

6.10

The Vikings offense ranks fourth in the NFL in yards per play with a 6.10 average. Kansas City is first with a 6.37 average, while the Packers (6.18), Titans (6.17) and Texans (6.11) are third, fourth and fifth.

2,062



HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

NFL HEAD COACH: 7th Year

REGULAR SEASON: 63-46-1 (.577)

OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 27th Year

POSTSEASON: 2-3-0 (.400)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 42nd Year

RECORD WITH MIN: 63-46-1 (.577)

COACHING BACKGROUND

Year	Team	Position	W-L-T	Results	NFL Ranking Yds/Off Pts allowed
1979	Missouri	Asst. Coach	7-5	Hall of Fame Bowl (W)	
1980	Missouri	Asst. Coach	8-4	Liberty Bowl (L)	
1981	Weber State	Asst. Coach	7-4		
1982	Weber State	Asst. Coach	4-7		
1983	Weber State	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1984	Weber State	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1985	Weber State	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1986	Weber State	Def. Coord.	3-8		
1987	Weber State	Def. Coord.	10-3	FCS Playoffs - 2nd Round	
1988	Weber State	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1989	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1990	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	3-8		
1991	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	4-7		
1992	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	9-3	Copper Bowl (L)	
1993	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1994	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, NFC Championship Game	
1995	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, Super Bowl XXX Champions	
1996	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Divisional	
1997	Dallas	DBs	6-10		
1998	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	
1999	Dallas	DBs	8-8	Wild Card	
2000	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		19/21
2001	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		4/19
2002	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		18/12
2003	Dallas	Def. Coord.	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	1/4
2004	Dallas	Def. Coord.	6-10		16/27
2005	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7		10/11
2006	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	13/21t
2007	Atlanta	Def. Coord.	4-12		9/25t
2008	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-11-1		12/1
2009	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	4/8t
2010	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-12		15/19
2011	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	7/9
2012	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	Wild Card	6/6
2013	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	11-5	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	3/4
2014	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9		14 /13
2015	Minnesota	Head Coach	11-5	NFC North Champs, Wild Card	13/9
2016	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-8		3/5
2017	Minnesota	Head Coach	13-3	NFC North Champs, NFC Championship Game	1/1
2018	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-7-1		4/4
2019	Minnesota	Head Coach	10-6	Divisional	14/8
2020	Minnesota	Head Coach	6-8		22/23

VIKINGS DEFENSIVE / TEAM RANKINGS SINCE 2014

Yards/game..... Pass yards/game Rush yards/game..... Sacks Points allowed /game ... Scrimmage TDs allowed ... Rush TDs allowed... Pass TDs allowed... 3rd down rate
 329.0 (4th) 219.5 (3rd) 109.5 (16th) ... 281 (T8th)..... 20.3 (3rd)..... 217 (2nd)..... 67 (2nd) 150 (3rd)..... 35.5% (1st)

ZIMMER'S
BACKGROUND



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



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
ASSISTANT COACH (1979-80)



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



WASHINGTON ST.
DEF. COORDINATOR (1989-93)



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



ATLANTA
DEF. COORDINATOR (2007)



CINCINNATI
DEF. COORDINATOR (2008-13)



MINNESOTA
HEAD COACH(2014-PRESENT)



ANDRE PATTERSON

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DL

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



ADAM ZIMMER

CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB

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



GARY KUBIAK

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

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



MARWAN MAALOUF

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

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

ASSISTANT COACHES

IMARJAYE ALBURY*	Def. Quality Control/Assistant Defensive Line
ROY ANDERSON*	Assistant Defensive Backs
DOM CAPERS*	Senior Defensive Assistant
RICK DENNISON	Offensive Line Coach/ Run Game Coordinator
RYAN FICKEN*	Assistant Special Teams
ANDREW JANOCKO	Wide Receivers
CHRISTIAN JONES*	Offensive Quality Control
DARONTE JONES	Defensive Backs
GARY KUBIAK*	Offensive Coordinator/Asst. Head Coach
KLINT KUBIAK	Quarterbacks
BRIAN PARIANI	Tight Ends
AC PATTERSON	Offensive Quality Control
ANDRE PATTERSON	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line
KENNEDY POLAMALU	Running Backs
NICK RALLIS*	Defensive Quality Control/Assistant Linebackers
PHIL RAUSCHER*	Assistant Offensive Line
ADAM ZIMMER	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

*In coaching booth during games



HEAD COACH SEAN PAYTON

NFL HEAD COACH: 15th Year

OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE: 24th Year

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 33rd Year

REGULAR SEASON: 141-81 (.635)

POSTSEASON: 8-7 (.533)

RECORD WITH NO: 141-81 (.635)

SEAN PAYTON SUMMARY

2006	New Orleans Saints	Head Coach
2003-05	Dallas Cowboys	Asst. Head Coach/QBs Coach
1999-2002	New York Giants	Offensive Coordinator
1997-98	Philadelphia Eagles	Quarterbacks Coach
1996	Illinois	Quarterbacks Coach
1994-95	Miami (Ohio)	Offensive Coordinator
1992-93	San Diego State	Running Backs Coach
1990-91	Indiana State	RBs/WRs Coach
1988-89	San Diego State	Offensive Assistant



VIKINGS-SAINTS 2020 LEADERS

VIKINGS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring (No Ks)	Cook	102	1	1t
Passing Yds.	Cousins	3,569	8	13
Passing TDs	Cousins	29	4	7t
Passer Rating	Cousins	102.4	4	8
Completion Pct.	Cousins	67.6	8	13
Rushing Att.	Cook	297	1	2
Rushing Yds.	Cook	1,484	1	2
Rushing TDs	Cook	15	1	1t
Receptions	#Jefferson	73	13	21
Receiving Yds.	#Jefferson	1,182	5	8
Receiving TDs	Thielen	13	2	3
Interceptions	Smith	4	1t	4t
Tackles*	Kendricks	107	6t	12t
Forced Fumbles	8 tied	1	35t	70t
Opp. FR	Wilson	2	1t	3t
Sacks	Odenigbo	3.5	5	47t
FGs Made	Bailey	14	14	28
FG Pct.	Bailey	70.0	15	27
Net Punting Avg.	Colquitt	36.1	15	28
Punt Ret. Avg.	#Osborn	21.6	DNQ	
KO Ret. Avg.	#Osborn	21.6	DNQ	

SAINTS

Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Kamara	90	2	4
Passing Yds.	Brees	2,430	13	24
Passing TDs	Brees	21	8	17t
Passer Rating	Brees	107.4	2	5
Completion Pct.	Brees	70.5	1	1
Rushing Att.	Kamara	165	8	16t
Rushing Yds.	Kamara	777	8	17
Rushing TDs	Kamara	10	4	6t
Receptions	Kamara	80	9t	14t
Receiving Yds.	Kamara	739	19	32
Receiving TDs	Cook	6	10t	21t
Interceptions	Jenkins/Williams	3	6t	12t
Tackles*	Davis	106	8	14t
Forced Fum.	Granderson	2	18t	25t
Opp. FR	3 tied	2	1t	3t
Sacks	Hendrickson	12.5	1t	1t
FGs Made	Lutz	20	8t	18t
FG Pct.	Lutz	80.0	9	21
Net Punting Avg.	Morstead	41.9	4	11
Punt Ret. Avg.	Harris	12.2	DNQ	
KO Ret. Avg.	Harris	27.3	DNQ	

*League Stats #Rookie

VIKINGS-SAINTS CONNECTIONS

LOCAL CONNECTIONS

- Vikings WR Justin Jefferson (St. Rose), CB Cameron Dantzler (Hammond) and Irv Smith, Jr. (New Orleans) are from Louisiana.

VIKINGS-SAINTS CONNECTIONS

- Saints RB Latavius Murray (2017-18) and C/G Nick Easton (2016-17) are former Vikings.
- New Orleans DE Cameron Jordan is the son of Vikings Ring of Honor TE Steve Jordan.
- Minnesota Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers Coach Adam Zimmer was an assistant with the Saints from 2006-09, working for New Orleans Head Coach Sean Payton. Vikings Senior Defensive Assistant Dom Capers coached Saints defensive backs from 1986-91.

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS

- Payton (2003-05) overlapped in Dallas with Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer. Saints Assistant Head Coach/Tight Ends Dan Campbell (2003-05) and secondary coach Aaron Glenn (2005-06) were on the Cowboys roster for parts of their careers. Campbell overlapped as a coach with Vikings Special Teams Coordinator Marwan Maalouf while they were Dolphins assistants.
- Glenn played for Capers with the Texans and overlapped with Vikings running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu while with the Jaguars.
- Maalouf and Vikings defensive backs coach Daronte Jones worked with Saints Special Teams Coordinator Darren Rizzi and assistant special teams coach Phil Galiano at the Dolphins.
- Minnesota Offensive Coordinator Gary Kubiak, Offensive Line Coach/Run Game Coordinator Rick Dennison, tight ends coach Brian Pariani, assistant offensive line coach Phil Rauscher, quarterbacks coach Clint Kubiak and P Britton Colquitt overlapped in Denver with New Orleans receiver Emmanuel Sanders.
- Gary Kubiak, Dennison and Pariani were with Houston during New Orleans DB DJ Swearinger's early NFL years with Houston. Swearinger later teamed with Minnesota QB Kirk Cousins in Washington, where Rauscher was an assistant.
- Gary Kubiak, Dennison and Pariani were in Baltimore with New Orleans T James Hurst in 2014.
- Colquitt teamed with Saints LB Demario Davis while with the Browns in 2016.
- Vikings RB Ameer Abdullah, Saints RB Dwayne Washington, FB Michael Burton and DB Johnson Bademosi [IR] are former Lions. New Orleans quarterbacks coach Joe Lombardi overlapped with Abdullah in Detroit.
- Minnesota receivers coach Andrew Janocko worked with Galiano in Tampa Bay from 2012-13 (and at Rutgers in 2011).

COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

- Saints secondary coach Aaron Glenn (1992-93) and Defensive Coordinator Dennis Allen (1992-95) played at Texas A&M when Vikings Offensive Coordinator Gary Kubiak was starting his coaching career with the Aggies.
- Vikings Special Teams Coordinator Marwan Maalouf worked at Rutgers with Saints Special Teams Coordinator Darren Rizzi and assistant special teams coach Phil Galiano.
- Minnesota C Garrett Bradbury overlapped at N.C. State with New Orleans defensive line coach Ryan Nielsen, who had previously worked with Vikings running backs coach Kennedy Polamalu at Southern California.
- Vikings QB Kirk Cousins' career at Michigan State occurred within Saints offensive line coach Dan Roushar's time with the Spartans. Cousins teamed with New Orleans WR Bennie Fowler [IR] for two seasons.
- Minnesota LB Ryan Connely played with New Orleans OLB Zack Baun and T Ryan Ramczyk at Wisconsin.
- Vikings CB Cameron Dantzler and Saints DB JT Gray teamed at Mississippi State.
- Minnesota RB Dalvin Cook and New Orleans OL Derrick Kelly were teammates for two seasons at Florida State. Saints DB PJ Williams teamed with Cook for the Seminoles in 2014.
- Vikings DE Jalyn Holmes teamed with Saints CB Marshon Lattimore and WR Michael Thomas [IR] at Ohio State.
- Minnesota WR Chad Beebe and New Orleans WR Tommylee Lewis were teammates for three seasons at Northern Illinois.
- Vikings S Josh Metellus and Saints C/G Cesar Ruiz are first-year players out of Michigan.
- Minnesota LB Troy Dye and New Orleans WR Juwan Johnson played together at Oregon in 2019. Johnson previously teamed with Vikings WR Dan Chisena and Saints P Blake Gillikin [IR] at Penn State.
- Vikings LB Hardy Nickerson's lone season at Illinois overlapped with Saints DB Justin Hardee.
- Minnesota CB Kris Boyd [IR] teamed with WR Lil'Jordan Humphrey and DL Malcolm Roach at Texas.
- Vikings DE Danielle Hunter [IR] and Saints OLB Kwon Alexander teamed for three seasons at LSU.
- Minnesota CB Mike Hughes [IR] and New Orleans WR Tre Quan Smith went undrafted at UCF in 2017.
- Vikings wide receivers coach Andrew Janocko and New Orleans FB Michael Burton overlapped at Rutgers.

VIKINGS-SAINTS 2020 REGULAR SEASON COMPARISON

OFFENSE	MIN (RK)	NO (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	3871 (5)	3638 (16)	-23.3
Yards / Play	6.10 (5)	5.61 (17)	-0.49
Rushing Yards / Game	147.7 (5)	131.8 (7)	-15.9
Rushing Yards / Play	4.92 (4)	4.40 (13)	-0.52
Passing Yards / Game	239.4 (18)	232.0 (21)	-7.4
Passing Yards / Play	7.71 (4)	7.03 (15)	-0.68
Interception Rate	2.99% (28)	1.30% (5)	1.69%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	7.82% (23)	5.84% (13)	1.98%
First Downs / Game	23.4 (6)	22.2 (14)	-1.2
Punt Return Avg	3.5 (32)	10.3 (8)	-6.8
Kickoff Return Avg	21.2 (19)	25.4 (6)	-4.2
Field Goals Made	70.0% (30)	80.0% (21)	-10.00%
3rd Down Pct	42.14% (16)	44.32% (9)	-2.18%
4th Down Pct	52.63% (21)	64.29% (9)	-11.66%
Red Zone Pct	70.83% (5)	69.64% (7)	1.19%
Goal to Go%	75.0% (17)	83.33% (3)	-8.33%
Avg Possession Time	29:52 (19)	31:25 (9)
Points / Game	25.7 (14)	28.4 (9)	-2.7

DEFENSE	MIN (RK)	NO (RK)	Diff
Yards / Game	378.0 (22)	306.4 (3)	71.6
Yards / Play	5.82 (25)	4.92 (3)	0.9
Rushing Yards / Game	125.6 (23)	95.6 (4)	30
Rushing Yards / Play	4.34 (14)	3.79 (2)	0.55
Passing Yards / Game	252.4 (24)	210.9 (5)	41.5
Passing Yards / Play	7.33 (27)	6.16 (5)	1.17
Interception Rate	2.49% (10)	2.71% (7)	-0.22%
Sacks / Pass Attempt	4.56% (27)	8.35% (6)	-3.79%
First Downs / Game	22.1 (18)	19.9 (5)	2.2
Punt Return Avg	9.7 (25)	2.0 (2)	7.7
Kickoff Return Avg	23.2 (19)	17.0 (2)	6.2
3rd Down Pct	37.95% (9)	39.68% (11)	-1.73%
4th Down Pct	68.18% (29)	54.17% (14)	14.01%
Red Zone Pct	53.06% (4)	68.29% (29)	-15.23%
Goal to Go%	57.58% (1)	77.72% (18)	-20.14%
Points / Game	27.7 (25)	21.2 (6)	6.5

VIKINGS - SAINTS GAME INFORMATION

VIKINGS-SAINTS SERIES

VIKINGS VS. SAINTS ALL-TIME

Won 23, Lost 12, Tie 0; Home 14-3, Away 9-8

YEAR	SITE	RESULT	YEAR	SITE	RESULT
VIKINGS VS. SAINTS ALL-TIME					
1968	New Orleans	New Orleans 20-17	2000	Minnesota*	Minnesota 34-16
1970	Minnesota	Minnesota 26-0	2001	New Orleans	New Orleans 28-15
1971	New Orleans	Minnesota 23-10	2002	New Orleans	Minnesota 32-31
1972	Minnesota	Minnesota 37-6	2004	New Orleans	Minnesota 38-31
1974	Minnesota	Minnesota 29-9	2005	Minnesota	Minnesota 33-16
1975	New Orleans	Minnesota 20-7	2008	New Orleans	Minnesota 30-27
1976	New Orleans	Minnesota 40-9	2009	New Orleans#	New Orleans 31-28 (OT)
1978	New Orleans	New Orleans 31-24	2010	New Orleans	New Orleans 14-9
1980	New Orleans	Minnesota 23-20	2011	Minnesota	New Orleans 42-20
1981	Minnesota	Minnesota 20-10	2014	New Orleans	New Orleans 20-9
1983	New Orleans	New Orleans 17-16	2017	Minnesota	Minnesota 29-19
1985	Minnesota	New Orleans 30-23		Minnesota*	Minnesota 29-24
1986	Minnesota	Minnesota 33-17	2018	Minnesota	New Orleans 30-20
1987	New Orleans#	Minnesota 44-10	2019	New Orleans#	Minnesota 26-20 (OT)
1988	Minnesota	Minnesota 45-3			
1990	Minnesota	Minnesota 32-3		#NFC Wild Card Game	
1991	New Orleans	New Orleans 26-0		*NFC Divisional Playoff Game	
1993	Minnesota	New Orleans 17-14		‡NFC Championship Game	
1994	Minnesota	Minnesota 21-20			
1995	Minnesota	Minnesota 43-24			
1998	Minnesota	Minnesota 31-24			

VIKINGS-SAINTS SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Record vs. Saints	Vikings 23-12	Most Points, Vikings	45 (1988)
Last regular season game	Saints 30, Vikings 20 (2018)	Most Points, Saints	42 (2011)
Vikings largest winning margin	Vikings 45, Saints 3 (1988)	Most Points, both teams	69; Vikings 38, Saints 31 (2004)
Saints largest winning margin	Saints 26, Vikings 0 (1991)	Fewest Points, Vikings	0 (1991)
Current series streak	Vikings 1	Fewest Points, Saints	0 (1970)
Vikings longest win streak	6 (1970-1978)	Fewest Points, both teams	23; Saints 14, Vikings 9 (2010)
Saints longest win streak	4 (2009-14)		

VIKINGS - SAINTS GAME INFORMATION

TOP PERFORMERS VS. SAINTS

DALVIN COOK

Two games (two starts), 50 rushes, 221 rushing yards, two rushing touchdowns, six receptions, 46 receiving yards

KIRK COUSINS

Four games (four starts), 92-of-129 passing (71.3 completion percentage), 1,247 passing yards, 10 passing touchdowns, one interception, 124.4 passer rating, seven rushes, 13 rushing yards

HARRISON SMITH

Four games (four starts), 20 tackles (league stats), 1.0 sack, one interception, five passes defended

ADAM THIELEN

Five games (five starts), 29 receptions, 463 receiving yards, one receiving touchdown, one rush, 15 rushing yards

VIKINGS-SAINTS SERIES NOTES

- The two franchises have met five times in the postseason with Minnesota holding a 4-1 edge.
- This will be the fifth meeting between the teams in the last four seasons, three times in the regular season and twice in the playoffs.
- The Vikings and Saints have had two overtime games in the series history, both of which came in the postseason - the 2009 NFC Championship Game (Saints win) and a 2019 NFC Wild Card Game (Vikings win).

VIKINGS BIG DAYS VS. SAINTS

- QB *Kirk Cousins* registered a perfect 158.3 passer rating vs. New Orleans (11/15/15) as a member of the Washington Football Team. Cousins threw for 324 yards, a career-high-tying 4 TDs and 0 INTs on 20-of-25 passing in a 47-14 win. In his 2nd career outing against the Saints, Cousins threw for 322 yards, 3 TDs and 0 INTs on 20-of-32 passing at New Orleans (11/19/17), a 34-31 loss.
- In last season's Wild Card matchup, Cousins finished 19-of-31 passing for 242 yards and one touchdown, a game-winning throw to TE Kyle Rudolph in overtime.
- S *Harrison Smith* picked off Drew Brees vs. New Orleans (10/28/18) and tied his career high with three passes defended at New Orleans (9/21/14). Smith totaled eight tackles in the contest. In 2017's Divisional Round matchup, Smith recorded his lone career postseason sack.
- WR *Adam Thielen* totaled 157 yards on 9 receptions vs. New Orleans (9/11/17), and 103 yards and one touchdown on seven receptions (10/28/18). Thielen brought in seven passes for 129 yards, including a 43-yard reception in overtime that set up the game-winning touchdown (1/5/20).
- RB *Dalvin Cook* made his NFL debut vs. New Orleans (9/11/17), running for 127 yards on 22 carries in a *Monday Night Football* contest, a 29-19 Vikings win. Cook had two touchdowns and a total of 130 yards from scrimmage (94 rushing, 36 receiving) in last year's Wild Card game at New Orleans.



KIRK COUSINS NOTES



QB KIRK COUSINS

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

Cousins, who finished with a career-best 107.4 passer rating last season, posted a passer rating above 100.0 for the fourth straight game in Week 12, tying a franchise record for consecutive games with a rating above 100.0 (minimum 20 attempts) in a season. He completed 34 of 45 passes for 307 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 115.7 as he led the Vikings to a fourth-quarter comeback victory over Carolina. His 16 career games with 300-plus passing yards, three-plus touchdowns and 115.0 or better passer rating are the most in the first nine seasons of a quarterback's career in NFL history.

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

<i>Player, Team</i>	<i>Passer rating</i>
Drew Brees, New Orleans	124.8
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	119.0
<i>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</i>	118.1

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

<i>Player, Team</i>	<i>Passing touchdowns</i>
Russell Wilson, Seattle	37
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	36
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	30
<i>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</i>	27

2018-20 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS

<i>Player, Team</i>	<i>Passing touchdowns</i>
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	112
Russell Wilson, Seattle	103
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	91
<i>Kirk Cousins, Minnesota</i>	85
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	85
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	83
Drew Brees, New Orleans	80
Deshawn Watson, Houston	79

NFL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015

<i>Player, Team</i>	<i>Completions</i>
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	2,303
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	2,214
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	2,179
Drew Brees, New Orleans	2,164
<i>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</i>	2,158



NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015

<i>Player, Team</i>	<i>Yards</i>
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	27,063
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	26,351
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	25,119
<i>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</i>	24,646
Drew Brees, New Orleans	23,813
Russell Wilson, Seattle	23,590

NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015

<i>Player, Team</i>	<i>Games</i>
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	38
Drew Brees, New Orleans	36
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	36
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	33
<i>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</i>	32

NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015

<i>Player, Team</i>	<i>Games</i>
Drew Brees, New Orleans	52
Russell Wilson, Seattle	50
<i>Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota</i>	46
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	46
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	44
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	44

VIKINGS PASSER RATING IN A SEASON

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

*According to NextGen Stats

BY THE NUMBERS

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Since the Vikings bye in Week 7, Kirk Cousins is third in the league with a passer rating of 111.9 and his 18 touchdowns also rank third in the NFL.

124.3

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

KYLE RUDOLPH NOTES



TE KYLE RUDOLPH

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

Rudolph is in his 10th season in 2020 as the longest-tenured Viking on the offensive side of the ball and one of the top TEs in franchise history. The veteran is fifth on the Vikings all-time receptions list and started 93 consecutive games, the longest active streak among all TEs in the NFL and the 20th-longest consecutive starts streak by a Vikings player at any position, before missing Week 14 with an injury.

MOST GAMES WITH A SINGLE FRANCHISE AMONG ACTIVE TIGHT ENDS

Player, Team	Games Played
Jason Witten, Dallas	255
Mercedes Lewis, Jacksonville	170
Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota*	140
Greg Olsen, Carolina	126
Rob Gronkowski, New England	115

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

RECEIVING TDs FROM 2016-20 AMONG ALL NFL TEs

Player, Team	TDs
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	37
Zach Ertz, Philadelphia	27
Jimmy Graham, Seattle/Green Bay/Chicago	27
Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota	26
Cameron Brate, Tampa Bay	26

VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS

Player, Years	Receptions
Cris Carter, 1990-2001	1,004
Randy Moss, 1998-2004, 2010	587
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	498
Anthony Carter, 1985-93	478
Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	453
Jake Reed, 1991-2001	413
Ahmad Rashad, 1976-82	400

VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS AMONG TEs

Player, Years	Yards
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	6,307
Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	4,488

VIKINGS CAREER TD RECEPTIONS

Player	TDs
Cris Carter, WR	110
Randy Moss, WR	92
Anthony Carter, WR	52
Sammy White, WR	50
Kyle Rudolph, TE	48
Adam Thielen, WR	38



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

VIKINGS SINGLE-SEASON TD RECEPTIONS BY TEs

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

VIKINGS SEASON RECEPTIONS BY TEs

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

VIKINGS SINGLE-GAME RECEPTIONS BY TEs

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

VIKINGS SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING YARDS BY TEs

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

DALVIN COOK NOTES



RB DALVIN COOK

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

Coming off a career year in 2019, rushing for 1,135 yards and 13 touchdowns, Cook signed an extension with the team the day before the Week 1 matchup with Green Bay. In November, Cook led the NFL with 641 rushing yards on 127 attempts and an average of 128.2 rushing yards per game through five contests en route to being named NFC Offensive Player of the Month. In Week 15, Cook became the third Viking in team history to rush for over 1,400 yards in a season and passed Adrian Peterson's 2009 season total (1,383) to move into fifth place in franchise history with 1,484 rushing yards. Peterson (2008, 2012, 2015) and Robert Smith (2000) are the only other Vikings to tally 1,400 rushing yards or more in a season.

2019-20 NFL RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	31
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	28
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	24
Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams/Atlanta	21
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	20

2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	3,219
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	2,619
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	2,425
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,189
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas	2,057

2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS PER GAME

Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	111.0
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	97.0
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	93.3
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	84.8
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas Raiders	79.1
James Robinson, Jacksonville	76.4

2019-20 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	3,539 (3,219, 320)
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	3,487 (2,619, 868)
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,894 (2,189, 705)
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	2,846 (1,574, 1,272)
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	2,824 (2,052, 772)



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

VIKINGS RUSHING YARDS IN A SEASON

Player, Season	Rushing yards
Adrian Peterson, 2012	2,097
Adrian Peterson, 2008	1,760
Robert Smith, 2000	1,521
Adrian Peterson, 2015	1,485
Dalvin Cook, 2020	1,484
Adrian Peterson, 2009	1,383

VIKINGS MOST CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, Seasons	Games
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	49
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	29
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	17
Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present	15
Michael Bennett, 2001-05	9
Bill Brown, 1962-74	8

VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

Player, Season	Rushing touchdowns
Adrian Peterson, 2009	18
Dalvin Cook, 2020	15
Dalvin Cook, 2019	13
Terry Allen, 1992	13
Chuck Foreman, 1976	13
Chuck Foreman, 1975	13

VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS (THROUGH WEEK 16)

Player, Season (Games Played)	Rushing touchdowns
Adrian Peterson, 2009 (15)	17
Dalvin Cook, 2020 (13)*	15
Dalvin Cook, 2019 (14)	13
Chuck Foreman, 1976 (14)	13
Chuck Foreman, 1975 (14)	13

*Through Week 15

1 Entering Week 16, Dalvin Cook leads the NFL with 1,833 scrimmage yards and is tied for first with 15 rushing touchdowns. His 1,484 rushing yards and 114.2 rushing yards per game rank second in the league behind only Tennessee's Derrick Henry (119.9).

641 Cook's 641 yards were the seventh-most rushing yards recorded in the month of November in NFL history, and the total set a team record for the month of November. His 128.2 rushing yards per game and 166.4 scrimmage yards per game also ranked third in Vikings history for the month.

ADAM THIELEN NOTES



WR ADAM THIELEN

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

Thielen tied Hall of Famer Randy Moss (2004) and Cris Carter (1997, 1999) for the fifth-most receiving touchdowns in a season in team history with one score against the Bears in Week 15. Overall, his 13 receiving touchdowns rank third in the NFL this season. Thielen's four games with two touchdowns in 2020 also rank tied for the third-most in a season in franchise history, behind only Carter (seven in 1995) and Moss (five in 2003).

2020 NFL RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Receiving touchdowns
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	15
Davante Adams, Green Bay	14
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	13
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	11

2017-20 NFL RECEPTIONS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receptions
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	418
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	418
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	403
Davante Adams, Green Bay	366
Julio Jones, Atlanta	351
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	343
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	340
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	314
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	303
Larry Fitzgerald, Arizona	301
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	296

2017-20 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN

Player, Season	Receptions
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	118
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	99
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	99
Julio Jones, Atlanta	92
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	90
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	89

2017-20 NFL RECEIVING YARDS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receiving yards
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	5,439
Julio Jones, Atlanta	5,286
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	4,813
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	4,780
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	4,733
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	4,461
Davante Adams, Green Bay	4,454
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	4,314
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	3,986
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	3,926
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	3,838



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

2017-20 NFL MOST 100+ YARDS RECEIVING GAMES

Player, Team	100+ Yard Games
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	24
Julio Jones, Atlanta	23
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	18
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	17
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	17
Davante Adams, Green Bay	17

MOST 100+ YARDS RECEIVING GAMES BY VIKINGS IN A SEASON

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

VIKINGS CAREER 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

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

VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player	Receiving Touchdowns
Cris Carter	110
Randy Moss	92
Anthony Carter	52
Sammy White	50
Kyle Rudolph	48
Adam Thielen	38
Ahmad Rashad	34
Jake Reed	33

13 Adam Thielen is only the third player in franchise history with 13 or more receiving touchdowns in the first 14 games of a season, joining Cris Carter (1995) and Randy Moss (1998, 2000, 2003).

6 Recording his 13th receiving touchdown of 2020 in Week 15, and 38th of his career, Thielen ranks sixth in franchise history in career receiving scores. He broke a tie with Ahmad Rashad (34) with two scores against Dallas in Week 11.



JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES



WR JUSTIN JEFFERSON

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



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

Jefferson continued his breakout campaign in Week 15, as he set the franchise rookie receptions record (73), breaking the previous mark of 69 set by Hall of Famer Randy Moss in 1998. With a 104-yard performance vs. Chicago, Jefferson became the fifth player in NFL history to record six 100-yard receiving games as a rookie and passed Harlon Hill (1,124 in 1954), Bill Brooks (1,131 in 1986), Terry Glenn (1,132 in 1996) and Michael Thomas (1,137 in 2016) for the seventh-most receiving yards by a rookie in NFL history. Entering Week 16, Jefferson leads all rookie receivers with 1,182 yards and the total ranks eighth in the league.

2020 RECEIVING YARDS PER ROUTE (MINIMUM 200 ROUTES RAN)*

Player, Team	Receiving Yards/Route
Davante Adams, Green Bay	3.0
Corey Davis, Tennessee	3.0
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	2.8

*According to NextGen Stats

2020 RECEIVING YARDS

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	1,324
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	1,318
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	1,314
DK Metcalf, Seattle	1,223
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	1,211
Calvin Ridley, Atlanta	1,192
Davante Adams, Green Bay	1,186
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	1,182

2020 RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES

Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	1,182
CeeDee Lamb, Dallas	827
Tee Higgins, Cincinnati	778
Brandon Aiyuk, San Francisco	733
Chase Claypool, Pittsburgh	664

ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS BY NFL ROOKIES

Player, Team, Season	Receiving Yards
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960	1,473
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
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020*	1,182

RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES THROUGH FIRST 15 NFL GAMES

Player, Team, Season	Receiving Yards
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960	1,473
Anquan Boldin, Arizona, 2003	1,350
Randy Moss, Minnesota, 1998	1,281
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	1,231
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020*	1,182

*Through first 14 games

MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY NFL ROOKIES

Player, Team, Season	100-Yard Games
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960	9
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014	7
Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954	7
Justin Jefferson, 2020	6
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	6

MOST RECEPTIONS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

Player, Season	Receptions
Justin Jefferson, 2020	73
Randy Moss, 1998	69
Percy Harvin, 2009	60
Stefon Diggs, 2015	52

MOST RECEIVING YARDS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

Player, Season	Receiving Yards
Randy Moss, 1998	1,313
Justin Jefferson, 2020	1,182
Sammy White, 1976	906
Paul Flatley, 1963	867
Percy Harvin, 2009	790

MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

Player, Season	100-Yard Games
Justin Jefferson, 2020	6
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.)

BY THE NUMBERS

16.2

Justin Jefferson ranks sixth in the NFL among qualified receivers entering Week 16 with an average of 16.2 yards per reception (1,182/73).

84.4

Jefferson's 84.4 receiving yards per game rank ninth in the league while his 21 receptions of 20 or more yards are tied for the most in the NFL.

HARRISON SMITH NOTES



S HARRISON SMITH

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

Smith, a five-time Pro Bowler, recorded his 27th career interception (fourth of the season) vs. Jacksonville in Week 13, which ranks seventh-most in franchise history. Against the Los Angeles Chargers in 2019, he tallied six tackles to move ahead of Antoine Winfield for third-most tackles by a Vikings defensive back all-time.

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavier Howard, Miami	9
J.C. Jackson, New England	7
Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City	6
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	4
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	4
Darius Williams, Los Angeles Rams	4
Carlton Davis, Tampa Bay	4
Justin Simmons, Denver	4
Kendall Fuller, Washington	4
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Miami/Pittsburgh	4
Kenny Moore, Indianapolis	4

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

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

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURNS OF 50+ YARDS

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

SMITH'S INTERCEPTION RETURN TDs

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



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

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Seasons	Interceptions
Paul Krause, 1968-79	53
Bobby Bryant, 1968-80	51
Ed Sharockman, 1962-72	40
Joey Browner, 1983-91	37
Nate Wright, 1971-80	31
Carl Lee, 1983-93	29
Harrison Smith, 2012-	27
Orlando Thomas, 1995-2001	22
John Turner, 1978-83, '85, '87	22
Antoine Winfield, 2004-12	21

VIKINGS SEASON SACKS BY A DB

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

VIKINGS CAREER SACKS BY A DB

Player, Seasons	Sacks
Harrison Smith, 2012-	13.5
Joey Browner, 1983-91	9.5

VIKINGS CAREER TACKLES BY A DB

Player, Years	Tackles
Tommy Hannon, 1977-84	1,056
Joey Browner, 1983-91	987
Harrison Smith, 2012-	850
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

BY THE
NUMBERS

27

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

13.5

Smith ranks second in the league for most sacks (13.5) by a defensive back since 2010 behind Jamal Adams (21.5).

ERIC KENDRICKS NOTES



LB ERIC KENDRICKS

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

Following the 2019 season, Eric Kendricks was named to his first Pro Bowl and earned *Associated Press* First-Team All-Pro honors, becoming the first Vikings linebacker to be named All-Pro since Chad Greenway (Second Team) in 2012. Entering Week 16, Kendricks ranks tied for 12 in the NFL in total tackles (107), and his six passes defended are tied for sixth-most among linebackers. Overall, Kendricks' three interceptions are tied for the most by an NFL linebacker this season.

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

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

NFL TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2020 (LEAGUE STATS)

Player, Team	Total Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	837
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	681
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New Orleans	650
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	639
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	634
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	619
Landon Collins, New York Giants/Washington	586
K.J. Wright, Seattle	581
Tahir Whitehead, Detroit/Oakland/Carolina	574

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

Player, Team	Pass. Def.
K.J. Wright, Seattle	19
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	18
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	16
Demario Davis, New Orleans	16
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	15
Jaylon Smith, Dallas	14
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	14
Jamie Collins, New England/Detroit	13
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	13
Nicholas Morrow, Oakland/Las Vegas	13



A key member of the Vikings Social Justice Committee since 2018, Eric Kendricks recently presented *All Square*, a professional development institute which helps formerly incarcerated individuals, with a \$250,000 grant from the committee. In recognition of his commitment to the community and service with *All Square*, the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center and *Every Meal*, in addition to his continued work on social justice initiatives, Kendricks was named the Vikings 2020 Walter Payton Man of the Year nominee.

VIKINGS LB CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS (LEAGUE STATS SINCE 1999)

Player, Years	Total Tackles for Loss
E.J. Henderson, 2003-11	67
Chad Greenway, 2006-16	62
Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present	38
Anthony Barr, 2014-Present	36
Ed McDaniel, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Eric Wilson, 2017-Present	15
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12

BY THE NUMBERS

89

Since 2014, linebackers Anthony Barr, Eric Kendricks and Eric Wilson have combined for 89 tackles for loss, with all three ranking in the top 10 for career TFLs by Vikings linebackers.

600

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

ERIC WILSON NOTES



LB ERIC WILSON

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

Eric Wilson is having a breakout campaign as the Vikings everyday starter alongside Pro Bowler Eric Kendricks. Entering Week 16, the fourth-year pro is tied for 12th in the NFL with three interceptions and is the only player in the league with at least three sacks and three interceptions. His interception total also ranks tied for first among linebackers and his six passes defended are tied for sixth among other players at the position.

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavien Howard, Miami	9
J.C. Jackson, New England	8
Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City	6
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	4
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	4
Darius Williams, Los Angeles Rams	4
Carlton Davis, Tampa Bay	4
Justin Simmons, Denver	4
Kendall Fuller, Washington	4
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Miami/Pittsburgh	4
Kenny Moore, Indianapolis	4
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	3
21 other players also tied	3

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	3
Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	3
Six players tied	2

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

Player, Team	Interceptions	Sacks
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3	3.0
Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	3	2.0
Jason Pierre-Paul, Tampa Bay	2	9.5
Deion Jones, Atlanta	2	4.5
Mike Hilton, Pittsburgh	2	3.0
Malcolm Jenkins, New Orleans	2	2.0
Budda Baker, Arizona	2	2.0
Jordan Poyer, Buffalo	2	2.0
Jordan Whitehead, Tampa Bay	2	2.0
Marcus Maye, New York jets	2	2.0



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

2020 NFL PASSES DEFENSED BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Nicholas Morrow, Las Vegas	9
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	8
K.J. Wright, Seattle	8
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	8
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	7
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	6
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	6
Jamie Collins, Detroit	6
Bobby Okereke, Indianapolis	6
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	6
Deion Jones, Atlanta	6
B.J. Goodson, Cleveland	6
Kyle Van Noy, Miami	6

VIKINGS LB CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS (LEAGUE STATS SINCE 1999)

Player, Years	Total Tackles for Loss
E.J. Henderson, 2003-11	67
Chad Greenway, 2006-16	62
Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present	38
Anthony Barr, 2014-Present	36
Ed McDaniel, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Eric Wilson, 2017-Present	15
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12

ANTHONY HARRIS NOTES



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HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/202

COLLEGE: Virginia

NFL SEASON: 6

VIKINGS SEASON: 6

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

2018-20 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavier Howard, Miami	17
J.C. Jackson, New England	16
Tyrann Mathieu, Houston/Kansas City	12
Tre'Davious White, Buffalo	11
Kyle Fuller, Chicago	11
Minkah Fitzpatrick, Miami/Pittsburgh	11
Marcus Peters, LA Rams, Baltimore	11
Justin Simmons, Denver	11
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	10
Quandre Diggs, Detroit/Seattle	10
Kevin Byard, Tennessee	10
Domantae Kazee, Atlanta	10
Donte Jackson, Carolina	10
Janoris Jenkins, New York Giants/New Orleans	10
Anthony Harris, Minnesota	9
Five other players	9

HARRIS' MULTI-INTERCEPTION GAMES

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



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

2019 NFL SAFETY GRADE (PRO FOOTBALL FOCUS)

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

2019 NFL INTERCEPTIONS

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

SCHEDULE NOTES

WK 1
9/13/20



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

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

WK 2
9/20/20



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

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

WK 3
9/27/20



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

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

WK 4
10/4/20



at Houston
4-0
(2-0) A

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

WK 5
10/11/20



at Seattle
5-12
(2-7) A

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

WK 6
10/18/20



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

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

WK 8
11/1/20



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

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

WK 9
11/8/20



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

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

SCHEDULE NOTES

WK 10
11/16/20



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

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

WK 11
11/22/20



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

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

WK 12
11/29/20



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

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

WK 13
12/6/20



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

Minnesota and Jacksonville meet for their seventh regular-season matchup in Week 13. The Vikings seek their fifth consecutive victory over the Jaguars, and their first since a 25-16 win at Jacksonville in Week 14 of the 2016 season. Minnesota will complete a three-game home stand for the first time since 2014 at the University of Minnesota while U.S. Bank Stadium was under construction.

WK 14
12/13/20



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

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

WK 15
12/20/20



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

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

WK 16
12/25/20



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

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

WK 17
1/3/20



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

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

BE THE CHANGE



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



VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION AWARENESS

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

ALL SQUARE

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

GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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

CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS

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



306: BLACK HISTORY CURRICULUM EXPANSION

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

PROJECT SUCCESS

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



FURTHER INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT

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

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

VIKINGS SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

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

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

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

VIKINGS IN THE COMMUNITY



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

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

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

JEFFERSON DONATES FACE MASKS

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

HUNTER, COOK DONATE MADDEN CHECKS

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

THIELEN FOUNDATION DONATES \$25K

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

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

BARR PROVIDES EMERGENCY GRANTS

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

UDOH DELIVERS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

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

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

RUDOLPH LAUNCHES 'MEAL PLAN'

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

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

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

KENDRICKS DONATES PAINTING PROCEEDS

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

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

VIKINGS YOUTH FOOTBALL

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

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



VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES

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

2020 VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES OF THE WEEK

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

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

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

2019

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

COACH OF THE WEEK PROGRAM

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

2020 Vikings Coach of the Week

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



VIKINGS CELEBRATE 60TH SEASON IN 2020



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



CELEBRATING 60 SEASONS

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

MILLER LITE 60TH SEASON LIMITED EDITION CANS

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

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

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

VIKINGS MUSEUM OPENS SEASON OF FIRSTS EXHIBIT

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



HAVE A SEAT AT OUR FAMILY TABLE

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

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

