# WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE — OCT. 4, 2016

# CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-2)
# AT
# DALLAS COWBOYS (3-1)

**WEEK 5, GAME 5**
**SUNDAY, OCT. 9**
**AT AT&T STADIUM**

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 6, GAME 6
SUNDAY, OCT. 16 AT NEW ENGLAND

## GAME NOTES

**Kickoff:** 4:25 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** CBS broadcast with Jim Nantz (play-by-play), Phil Simms (analyst) and Tracy Wolfson (sideline reporter). The game will be aired in the Bengals home market on WKRC-TV (Channel 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Channel 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Channel 27) in Lexington, Ky.

**Radio:** Coverage on the Bengals Radio Network, led by a "triple-cast" on Cincinnati flagship stations WLW-AM (700), WCKY-AM (1530) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

**Setting the scene:** The Bengals' unfamiliar dip below the .500 mark didn't last long. Four days after losing to Denver and falling to their first losing record (1-2) in a stretch of 50 games — dating back to early 2013 — they opened the nation's football weekend with a convincing 22-7 Thursday night takedown of Miami.

It was, of course, a source of only partial satisfaction to head coach Marvin Lewis.

"We won a game we had to win and now we're back to even," Lewis told the team in the postgame locker room. "Good job, good effort. And now you get a few days off, but remember next week we get in early and work hard all day. Even is better than 1-and-2, but we've got to go get on a hot streak. We've got to win the month of October, snap by snap by snap."

The October snaps begin this week at the Dallas Cowboys, 3-1 and the winners of three straight. After that comes a trip to New England. Then it's Cleveland at home, and then Washington on Oct. 30 for the Bengals' first-ever game in London.

The Bengals are one weekend away from potentially sharing the AFC North lead. Pittsburgh and Baltimore are each 3-1, leading Cincinnati by one game. The Steelers host the N.Y. Jets on Sunday, and Baltimore hosts Washington.

But the road to a sixth straight Cincinnati playoff berth has many weekends to play out, and the Bengals have things to fix.

Offensively, the team is averaging just 80.8 rushing yards per game, with a 3.1 average. And 12 trips into the red zone have netted only four TDs. The Miami game saw the Bengals go one-for-three in the red zone, with two field goals, and two other drives ended just outside the red zone with field goals.

"We just have to eliminate mistakes down there," said OT Andrew Whitworth. "For whatever reason, every time we get in a scoring position, we have a little hiccup, and we don't get seven out of it. This (Miami) game could have easily been a 40-something-to-7 game, and we made it where they still had a shot at the end. The reality is our red zone percentage has got to get better if we're going to have a chance to get where we want."

Overall on offense, Whitworth pictures October as the month to blossom.

"We're going to get better," he said. "We've got a lot of new faces in there offensively, and there's a lot of guys who haven't been leaned on to play that many snaps, or have never played in this offense. We have two new receivers (veteran Brandon LaFell and rookie Tyler Boyd), tight ends that haven't played a lot (Tyler Kroft and C.J. Uzomah) and a new right tackle (Cedric Ogbuehi). Plus a new coordinator (Ken Zampese). So we've known there was going to be a growing part of the season. Now it's time to really see guys take leaps and bounds forward."

Defensively, the team still must live up to coordinator Paul Guenther's challenge to "be better closers." Though Cincinnati dominated Miami's offense, the Dolphins are a work in progress under rookie head coach Adam Gase, and they had a number of offensive injuries heading into the game. In the previous two games, losses to Denver and Pittsburgh, healthier and more veteran offenses were able to make key drives in crunch time.

But the Miami numbers were good indeed. The Dolphins managed only 43 snaps, 222 yards and 21:58 time of possession. They stung the Bengals with a 74-yard TD pass on their second play of the day — with the help of an apparent Cincinnati missed assignment — but they didn't cross midfield for the rest of the first half. In the second half, their deepest penetration was to the Cincinnati 39.

"They got us on one play, but we didn't flinch," said DE Carlos Dunlap, a star of the win with two sacks, two passes defensed and a forced fumble. "We got back to what we do best and kept them out the rest of the game."

Dallas will challenge the defensive resurgence with the NFL's third-ranked offense (395.8) and second-ranked rushing game (149.0).

**The series:** Dallas leads 7-4, including 5-1 as the home team. The Cowboys have won the last two meetings, 31-22 at Dallas in 2008 and 20-19 at Cincinnati in 2012. The Bengals' last win was by 26-3 at Cincinnati in 2004, and Cincinnati's only win at Dallas was 38-24 in 1988.

This week's game will mark the Bengals' first regular-season visit to AT&T Stadium, but Cincinnati played at AT&T in preseason in 2013.

A complete series recap appears on Page 210 of the Bengals' 2016 Media Guide.

**Team bests from the series:**
**Bengals** — MOST POINTS: 50, in a 50-24 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1985. LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN: 26, in the 1985 game at Riverfront. FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED: 3, in a 26-3 win at Paul Brown Stadium in 2004.
**Cowboys** — MOST POINTS: 38 (twice), most recently in a 38-13 victory at Dallas in 1979. LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN: 28, in a 38-10 win at Dallas in 1973, the first game in series history. FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED: 6, in a 23-6 win at Dallas in 2000.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the last two Bengals-Cowboys meetings — in 2008 at Dallas, and in '12 in Cincinnati — are on page 16 of this news release.

**Bengals-Cowboys connections:** Bengals CB Adam Jones played for the Cowboys in 2008 ... Bengals QB Andy Dalton played at Texas Christian University ... Cowboys RB Ezekiel Elliott played at Ohio State ... Cowboys TEs coach Michael Pope was TEs coach for the Bengals from 1992-93 ... Cowboys CB Deji Olatoye is from Dublin, Ohio ... Cowboys FB Rod Smith played at Ohio State ... Cowboys TE Austin Traylor is from Columbus, Ohio ... Bengals CB Chykie Brown and OT Trey Hopkins (practice squad) played at the University of Texas ... Bengals OT Cedric Ogbuehi played at Texas A&M and is from Allen, Texas ... Bengals RB Rex Burkhead is from Plano, Texas ... Bengals DT Andrew Billings (Reserve/Injured) is from Waco, Texas and played at Baylor ... Cowboys G Emmett Cleary was on the Bengals practice squad in 2014 ... Bengals RB Tra Carson (practice squad) played at Texas A&M and is from Texarkana, Texas ... Bengals RBs coach Kyle Caskey is from Daingerfield, Texas and played at Texas A&M ... Bengals offensive quality control/offensive line coach Robert Couch is from Plainview, Texas, and has coached in high school in the Dallas area.

**Bengals have clawed NFC foes:** This week's game is Cincinnati's first in 2016 against an NFC opponent. Over the last five full seasons (2011-15), the Bengals are 15-4-1 against NFC teams, and Cincinnati has been better on the road (8-2-0) than at home (7-2-1).

What's more, Cincinnati's four losses during the run have come by an average of just three points each.

In the only game during the run against Dallas, however, the Cowboys won, 20-19 at Paul Brown Stadium in 2012.

Here's a recap of the 15-4-1 run:

| DATE | OPPONENT | RESULT | COMMENT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 9-25-11 | SAN FRANCISCO | 49ers, 13-8 | Andy Dalton's 1st home game |
| 10-30-11 | @Seattle | Bengals, 34-12 | Bengals score 17 in last 4:50 |
| 12-18-11 | @St. Louis | Bengals, 20-13 | Bengals squeak by 2-11 foe |
| 12-24-11 | ARIZONA | Bengals, 23-16 | Cards can't rally from 23-0 hole |
| 9-23-12 | @Washington | Bengals, 38-31 | A.J. Green catches 9-for-123 |
| 11-11-12 | N.Y. GIANTS | Bengals, 31-13 | Win opens 7-1 finish after 3-5 start |
| 12-9-12 | DALLAS | Cowboys, 20-19 | Only Cin. loss in season's 2nd half |
| 12-13-12 | @Philadelphia | Bengals, 34-13 | 24-0 Bengals blowout in 2nd half |
| 9-8-13 | @Chicago | Bears, 24-21 | Bears drive 80 and 81; erase 21-10 deficit |
| 9-22-13 | GREEN BAY | Bengals, 34-30 | Bengals rally from 30-14 deficit |
| 10-20-13 | @Detroit | Bengals, 27-24 | Nugent 54-yd. FG at final gun |
| 12-22-13 | MINNESOTA | Bengals, 42-14 | Win plus help clinches division title |
| 9-14-14 | ATLANTA | Bengals, 24-10 | Gio Bernard 169 scrimmage yards |
| 10-12-14 | CAROLINA | Tie, 37-37* | Highest-scoring NFL tie since '64 |
| 11-16-14 | @New Orleans | Bengals, 27-10 | Andy Dalton 143.9 passer rating |
| 11-30-14 | @Tampa Bay | Bengals, 14-13 | Bengals squeak by 2-9 foe |
| 10-11-15 | SEATTLE | Bengals, 27-24* | Bengals trailed 24-7 after three qtrs. |
| 11-22-15 | @Arizona | Cardinals, 34-31 | Cards win thriller on Sunday night |
| 11-29-15 | ST. LOUIS | Bengals, 31-7 | Bengals snag three INTs |
| 12-20-15 | @San Francisco | Bengals, 24-14 | Sub McCarron directs playoff clincher |

*\* — Overtime.*

**Red zone reports:** After ranking fifth in the NFL last season in both offensive and defensive red-zone touchdown percentage, the Bengals are laboring this season, ranking 32nd on offense and tied for 20th on defense. The defense, however, did not allow Miami a red-zone possession last week.

Dallas is in the NFL's top half on both sides of the ball. The Cowboys have been particularly efficient and productive on offense, scoring on all 15 of their chances, with 10 TDs.

## BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

| OFFENSE | DEFENSE |
|---|---|
| **Inside-20 possessions:** 13 | **Inside-20 possessions:** 10 |
| **Total scores:** 12 (92.3%) | **Total scores:** 9 (90.0%) |
| TDs: 4 (30.8%) | TDs: 6 (60.0%) |
| FGs: 8 (61.5%) | FGs: 3 (30.0%) |
| TD% rank: 32nd | TD% rank: T-20th |
| **No scores:** 1 (7.7%) | **No scores:** 1 (10.0%) |

## COWBOYS RED-ZONE REPORT

| | |
|---|---|
| **Inside-20 possessions:** 15 | **Inside-20 possessions:** 15 |
| **Total scores:** 15 (77.8%) | **Total scores:** 13 (86.7%) |
| TDs: 10 (55.6%) | TDs: 8 (53.3%) |
| FGs: 5 (22.2%) | FGs: 5 (33.3%) |
| TD% rank: T-7th | TD% rank: T-14th |
| **No scores:** 0 (22.2%) | **No scores:** 2 (13.3%) |

## BENGALS-COWBOYS NFL RANKINGS

| | BENGALS | COWBOYS |
|---|---|---|
| **SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):** | | |
| Points scored | 24th (19.5) | 10th (20.2) |
| Points allowed | 13th (20.5) | 10th (19.3) |
| **NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):** | | |
| Total | 11th (371.8) | 2nd (395.8) |
| Rushing | 28th (80.8) | 2nd (149.0) |
| Passing | 3rd (291.0) | 21st (246.8) |
| **NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):** | | |
| Total | 9th (322.8) | 18th (358.3) |
| Rushing | 14th (97.5) | 11th (94.8) |
| Passing | 10th (225.3) | 19th (263.5) |
| **TURNOVERS:** | | |
| Differential | T-13th (plus-one) | T-6th (plus-3) |

## THE HEAD COACHES

**Marvin Lewis** in 2016 extends his Bengals-record head coaching tenure to 14 seasons. The Bengals head coaches with the second-most years in the position have been Paul Brown (1968-75) and Wyche (1984-91), each with eight seasons.

Lewis has led his teams to the postseason seven times, including the last five years. The total number of playoff appearances and the current streak of consecutive appearances are also Bengals records. The Bengals are one of only four NFL teams to reach the playoffs the last five years, joining Denver, Green Bay and New England.

Lewis has 113 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 50 over Sam Wyche (64). Lewis' record is 114-96-2 in the regular season and 114-103-2 including postseason. The Bengals' 52-27-1 record over the last five regular seasons gives the team a .656 winning percentage for the span, ranked fifth in the NFL.

The 2015 Bengals were widely considered as Lewis' best team yet. Their 12-4 record tied the 1981 and '88 Super Bowl teams for the best winning percentage (.750) in a 16-game season in Bengals history. Additionally, Cincinnati finished second in the NFL and first in the AFC in scoring defense, at 17.4 points allowed per game. The No. 2 NFL ranking was the highest in franchise history. Overall, the team had eight players selected for the Pro Bowl, second-most in club annals.

Lewis ranks second in the NFL in longest current tenure with one team, trailing only Bill Belichick, who is in his 17th straight season with New England. In the category of most seasons as head coach with one or more teams, Lewis in 2016 ranks fifth among active coaches, behind Belichick (22nd season in '16), Jeff Fisher (22), Andy Reid (18) and John Fox (15).

Lewis was the consensus choice as NFL Coach of the Year in 2009, when the Bengals won the AFC North Division while sweeping all six division games. The Bengals were AFC North champions under Lewis also in 2005 and '13.

Lewis came to the Bengals with credentials as a record-setting NFL defensive coordinator, having played a huge role in a championship season. His six seasons (1996-2001) as Baltimore Ravens coordinator included a Super Bowl victory in 2000, when his defense set the NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game campaign (165). That team clipped 22 points off the previous mark. The 2000 Ravens are always an entry in discussions regarding the best NFL defensive units of all time.

Lewis began his coaching career as linebackers coach at his alma mater Idaho State from 1981-84. He payed LB at Idaho State, earning All-Big Sky Conference honors for three consecutive years (1978-80). He also saw action at quarterback and free safety during his college career. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Idaho State in 1981, and earned his master's in athletic administration in '82. He was inducted into Idaho State's Hall of Fame in 2001.

Born Sept. 23, 1958, Lewis attended Fort Cherry High School in McDonald, Pa. (near Pittsburgh), where he was an all-conference quarterback and safety. He also earned high school letters in wrestling and baseball. He and his wife, Peggy, have a daughter, Whitney, and a son, Marcus. Marcus Lewis has been on the Bengals' coaching staff since 2014.

**Jason Garrett** is in his seventh season (sixth full season) as Cowboys head coach. He directed the last eight games of 2010 as interim coach, taking over for Wade Phillips, and he was given the full reins of the team for 2011. His record (including 2010) is 49-45, including 1-1 in postseason.

Garrett is the only former Cowboys player to serve as the team's head coach. He played in the NFL from 1992 through 2004 as a quarterback, mostly with Dallas, seeing action in 23 Cowboys games, with nine starts, over 1993-99.

Garrett entered coaching in 2005 as quarterbacks coach under Nick Saban with the Miami Dolphins. In 2007 he joined the Cowboys, where he served as offensive coordinator until moving up to head coach. His 2009 offense set a

Dallas club record for total offense (6390 yards) en route to an NFC East championship.

Garrett is a native of Abington, Pa.. He was named Ivy League Player of the Year as Princeton's quarterback in 1988.

Garrett is a younger brother of John Garrett, who was with the Bengals as a WR in 1989 and who was a Bengals assistant coach for six seasons (1995-98

and 2001-02). John Garrett is currently offensive coordinator at the University of Richmond.

**Lewis vs. Cowboys:** Cowboys lead, 2-1.

**Lewis vs. Garrett:** Garrett leads, 1-0.

**Garrett vs. Bengals:** Garrett leads, 1-0.

## BENGALS NOTES

**First time at AT&T:** Though the Bengals played at AT&T Stadium in the 2013 preseason, this week marks Cincinnati's first regular-season game at the Cowboys' seven-year-old stadium. It will be the 11th time in the Marvin Lewis era for the Bengals to play in a stadium for the first time. The Bengals are 4-6 in the previous 10 games.

Cincinnati's 2005 victory at Detroit — the first visit to Ford Field — clinched the AFC North Division championship for the Bengals. In 2004, in the first visit to Washington's FedExField, Cincinnati's 17-10 win was watched by the largest crowd of any Bengals regular-season game (87,786). In their last such game, last year at San Francisco, their win clinched a playoff berth.

The Bengals' 4-6 record in this category includes three one-score losses. Here's a recap of the Bengals' first-time stadium visits during the Lewis era:

| DATE | OPPONENT | STADIUM | RESULT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Nov. 14, 2004 | Washington | FedExField | Bengals, 17-10 |
| Dec. 12, 2004 | New England | Gillette | Patriots, 35-28 |
| Jan. 2, 2005* | Philadelphia | Lincoln Financial | Bengals, 38-10 |
| Dec. 18, 2005 | Detroit | Ford Field | Bengals, 41-17 |
| Dec. 24, 2006 | Denver | Invesco | Broncos, 24-23 |
| Sept. 23, 2007 | Seattle | Qwest Field | Seahawks, 24-21 |
| Dec. 7, 2008 | Indianapolis | Lucas Oil | Colts, 35-3 |
| Nov. 25, 2010 | N.Y. Jets | New Meadowlands | Jets, 26-10 |
| Nov. 22, 2015 | Arizona | University of Phoenix | Cardinals, 34-31 |
| Dec. 20, 2015 | San Francisco | Levi's | Bengals, 24-14 |

*— 2004 season.*

**Dunlap moves on, emphatically:** Fifty is a nice round number. DE Carlos Dunlap hit it on Sept. 25 at Denver, when he logged the 50th sack of his seven-year Bengals career. But he didn't linger at the milestone.

Dunlap came back with two more sacks last week vs. Miami, plus more. He forced a Ryan Tannehill fumble with his first sack, in the second quarter, and NT Domata Peko recovered at the Dolphins 27, setting up a Bengals field goal for a 16-7 lead. His second sack, an eight-yarder, keyed a three-and-out by the Dolphins in the third quarter. He also had two passes defensed, swatting Tannehill passes before they crossed the scrimmage line, and both of those came on third downs, forcing punts. And one of his tackles on rushing plays was for a loss.

"It was time, it was time for me to step up," said Dunlap, who nabbed his first sack of this season the previous week vs. Denver. "We knew they had a couple of issues with the O-line, so as a defensive line we wanted to go out there and expose that."

Now at 52.0 sacks for his career, Dunlap can start eyeing a move from fourth to third place on Cincinnati's all-time sacks chart. He's seven behind the No. 3 man, DE Ross Browner at 59.0.

And with continued play at the level he's shown he can produce, Dunlap could wind up as the franchise's all-time sacks leader. He averaged 8.2 sacks over his six full seasons, and now he's on an early pace for 12.0 in 2016. All-time Bengals sacks leader Eddie Edwards (83.5) averaged 7.0 sacks over his 12 seasons (1977-88), second-place Reggie Williams (62.5) averaged 4.5 sacks over 14 seasons (1976-89), and third-place Browner (59.0) averaged 6.6 over nine campaigns (1978-86).

But wait, there's more. Dunlap now has five passes defensed for the season, leading the team in a category usually dominated by players in the secondary. He leads the line in total tackles with 18 (third on the team), and his 3.0 sacks total is also tops on the team.

Last season Dunlap had 13.5 sacks, second-most in Bengals history, and besides his 52.0 sacks, his career totals include 13 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 31 passes defensed, four blocked FGs and two TDs scored.

"Carlos brings us a lot, and he needs to keep bringing it for us," said defensive coordinator Paul Guenther. "The key thing for Carlos is that he's an athlete, and a very big athlete. He's got long arms, he's explosive and he just makes plays. He has also developed into a mature guy and a team leader."

**Jones claims a dual crown:** Already the holder of the Bengals' career record for punt return average (11.1), Bengals CB Adam Jones added the kickoff return record to his resume last week vs. Miami. His average is 26.4 yards.

Jones' one kickoff return against the Dolphins was for a modest 21 yards, but the length didn't matter much. Jones entered the game with an average already well ahead of CB Lemar Parrish (24.7 average from 1970-77), but Jones had only 49 career returns for Cincinnati, one short of the 50 needed to qualify. Even if Jones had netted zero yards on his 50th return, he still would have moved in as the all-time leader.

With a starting role on defense, the last two seasons, Jones has been used selectively by the coaching staff on kickoff and punt returns. But having turned 33 years old the day after the Miami game, Jones is still a big weapon in the return game. There's no reason to believe he can't still be the same returner who set a Bengals record in 2014 with a league-leading 31.3 KOR average, and that same season he finished second in the league in punt returns (12.0). In addition to Jones' 1.8 yards-per-carry lead over Parrish for the team's KOR record, he has a 1.1-yard lead over former WR Quan Cosby (10.0) for the PR record.

Jones has been a terror on kick returns ever since entering the NFL with Tennessee in 2005. Adding in three NFL seasons played elsewhere to his seven years (2010-16) of Bengals play, Jones has NFL career averages of 26.0 per KOR and 10.4 per PR.

Jones has five career PR for touchdowns, third-most among active players, but he has never had a kickoff return for a score. He had a 97-yarder for the Bengals in 2014 vs. Carolina, but he was downed at the Panthers three. The return did set up a TD, however, and it stands as the longest play in Bengals history that did not itself result in a TD.

**Another 100, another win:** Andy Dalton posted a 111.8 passer rating in last week's win over Miami, running the Bengals' record to 27-3 in games in which he has hit triple digits. That's a smooth .900 winning percentage.

Dalton was also over 100 in Cincinnati's first win this season, scoring 114.0 in Week 1 at the N.Y. Jets.

The Bengals have now won 10 straight with Dalton at 100 or above. Their last loss with Dalton in triple figures was a 42-21 defeat vs. Pittsburgh in 2014, when Dalton posted a 128.8.

**Dalton-to-Green is gold:** In only the second NFL game for each player— on Sept. 18, 2011 at Denver — QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green provided a sign of things to come. They combined for 10 completions, the most ever to this day by a rookie QB-WR duo in an NFL game, and their hookups produced 124 yards.

That ongoing success story went forward last week vs. Miami, as the Dalton-Green duo went 10-for-173 with a TD. And beyond their obvious talents, the way they reacted to it was instructive as to their chemistry.

The best of their connections came on the TD drive that put the Bengals ahead to stay at 10-7. Facing a heavy rush, Dalton scrambled outside the pocket, and under pressure, he awkwardly but accurately heaved a long ball down the sideline toward Green. The WR was well covered by rookie CB Xavien Howard until the ball arrived, but at that point, the 6-4 Green leaped and simply took the ball away. It was the play of the night, and here's how the principals reacted:

"I'm not surprised he came down with that; that's why I threw it," Dalton said. "We trust A.J. to make those plays. And I trust him. When you get the ball up and in the air, he's the best at making those types of plays. I'm not surprised at all."

"That was just Andy giving me a chance to make a play on the ball," said Green. "I can't do anything unless he gives me the chance, and he's so good about putting those up in just the right spots. My job is to go out there and make plays, but I've got to rely on Andy."

Summed up Dalton:

"A.J. and I have been through a lot together on the football field. The relationship has developed. And it still has a long way to go."

**Andy's rolling along:** Andy Dalton's season passer rating is 93.8, which is good, though not as great as his 106.3 of last year. But Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis singled Dalton out for praise after he posted a 111.8 last week vs. Miami.

"In the first twenty plays, our quarterback threw five passes on what we had called as running plays," Lewis said. "That shows his ability to handle the offense and understand it. He was four out of five on those throws. We give him the liberty to do that, and later it led to a touchdown. He continues to do a good job on his decision making, accuracy, and running the offense with good tempo."

Dalton this week is in the middle of the NFL passer rating pack, ranking 15th. His forte has been his yardage production. He ranks third in the NFL in total passing yards (1234) and second in yards-per-attempt (8.45). At the season's quarter-pole, he is on pace for 4936 yards on the season, miles above his own club record of 4293, set in 2013.

"His vertical throws have been spot on," said Lewis, "and that's where he's getting that good yards per attempt. His ability to throw the ball based on the look has been really good, as always."

Putting Dalton's 93.8 rating in perspective, it's better than his career rating of 88.7, and his career rating is itself a Bengals record, topping the second-place mark of 86.9 posted by Carson Palmer between 2004-10.

The Bengals' only previous NFL passing yards leader for a full season has been Ken Anderson, who led twice, with 2667 yards in 1974 and 3169 in '75. Those were 14-game seasons in an era of tougher passing rules, so even Anderson's 3169 is far short of Dalton's 4293.

"Andy is just one of the best," says WR A.J. Green, who ranks first in the NFL in receptions (32) and third in receiving yards (468). "He's so confident, so poised, and he's having fun. I've been with Andy six years now, and his level of play has risen so high."

Dalton didn't have the size (6-2, 210) or the absolute rocket arm to be a first-round NFL draft choice after his stellar career at TCU. The Bengals got him in round two. But he's as tall and strong as many top QBs in NFL history, and he has justified the faith the Bengals showed in his accuracy and his smarts.

"Andy is just so good at getting us into the right plays and out of the wrong ones," says Lewis. "The decisions he makes before the snap put us in position to be successful when the ball is in play."

**LaFell on Andy:** WR Brandon LaFell, signed as a free agent for 2016, previously spent time with Carolina and New England, taking throws from Cam Newton and Tom Brady. And he's seen no drop-off in his QB partner since joining Andy Dalton with the Bengals.

"Watching them reel off eight straight wins (in 2015), I knew Andy was pretty good," LaFell said. "But he's way better than advertised. The first two things that impress you are his ball placement and accuracy. Then it's how fast he gets the ball out. His command of the huddle. The way he always has us in the right play. The way he demands everybody to play to a certain level."

Dalton was leading the NFL in passing last season entering the Game 13 Pittsburgh contest in which he suffered a season-ending thumb fracture.

**Taking care of Andy:** It's sort of a joke, but sort of serious. Some of his teammates don't want QB Andy Dalton attempting any heroics this season on a play where the defense finds itself in possession of the ball. Adam Jones, Cincinnati's always-salty CB, puts it this way:

"Oh yeah. We've made that clear here. Whatever happens out there, he needs to run his butt back to the sidelines."

Jones refers, of course, to the worst break the Bengals got last season — a thumb fracture that ended Dalton's year in Game 13 vs. Pittsburgh. Dalton suffered it while making a solo tackle on 303-pound Steelers DE Stephon Tuitt following an interception.

But the best thing Bengals fans saw last season before the injury was Dalton's unquestioned arrival into the upper tier of NFL QBs. He led the team to a 10-2 record in the games he started and finished, and he was the AFC passing champion, with a 106.3 rating that was a Bengals record, ranking second in the NFL. Only Seattle's Russell Wilson (110.1) was better.

"If you go back and look at what he was doing before he hurt his hand, if he's not the top, he's at least in the top three," Jones said. "He's stepped up tremendously with his leadership, and well you saw how good he played. He's not careless with the ball. That's the biggest thing, if it's not there, throw it away or check it down. He's done a great job."

**Ready for another streak:** Though QB Andy Dalton is coming off an injury-shortened 2015 season, he still rates as a very durable performer. Prior

to his thumb fracture in Game 13 of last season, he had not missed a regular-season or postseason start for the Bengals, covering 81 games. And the fracture occurred during unusual duty, as he made a solo tackle on 303-pound DE Stephon Tuitt after an interception.

"On that play I was the hitter, not the 'hittee,' " Dalton said. "As far as when I have the ball, I think it's knowing how to take a hit and when not to take a hit. That's part of it. I've been fortunate."

Dalton opened his career with 77 consecutive regular-season starts, a Bengals record for quarterbacks at any point during a career. The previous mark had been 61, posted by Boomer Esiason from 1985-89. Dalton's streak ranks third in NFL history for the start of a career by a QB, trailing only Peyton Manning of Indianapolis (208) and Joe Flacco of Baltimore (122).

**Key to a record:** A huge factor in Andy Dalton's Bengals-record 106.3 passer rating last season was his re-setting of a 34-year-old performance standard for Bengals passers — best ratio of TD passes compared to interceptions.

Ken Anderson had held the mark at 2.9-to-1 since 1981, when he had 29 TDs and just 10 INTs. But Dalton last year had 25 TD passes against seven INTs, a mark of 3.6-to-1.

"It's just a basic for your quarterback," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "Produce touchdowns, and don't give the ball away to the other team."

Dalton's 106.3 ranks 24th all-time among NFL passers for a season, and that includes after-the-fact calculation of passer performances prior to the institution of the rating system. Sammy Baugh, for example, is credited with a 109.9 for 1945. The top all-time season rating has been 122.5, by Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers in 2011.

This season, Dalton has three TD passes and two INTs.

**Postseason is Andy's standard equipment:** Bengals QB Andy Dalton has joined Baltimore's Joe Flacco as the NFL's only starting QBs in the Super Bowl era to lead a team to postseason in each of his first five campaigns. Flacco did it with Baltimore from 2008-12, and Dalton has done it from 2011-15. Flacco's streak was snapped when the Ravens missed the playoffs in 2013. If Dalton leads the Bengals to the playoffs again in 2016, he'll have set a new benchmark in this category.

**An Andy roundup:** Other records and other notable accomplishments in QB Andy Dalton's career include:

● Dalton's .648 winning percentage as a starter (52-28-1 regular season) ranks fifth among active QBs with 50 or more starts, behind Tom Brady (.771), Russell Wilson (.721), Aaron Rodgers (.672) and Ben Roethlisberger (.671).

● Dalton's .648 winning percentage also is the best of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts.

● Dalton and Peyton Manning are the only NFL QBs to pass for 3000 or more yards in each of their first five seasons.

● Dalton holds club season records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33), both set in 2013.

● His career 14.7-to-1 ratio of TD passes to INTs (88-6) in the red zone ranks seventh among active NFL passers.

● He is the only Bengals passer to throw for 300-plus yards in four consecutive games (2013).

● Since entering the NFL in 2011, Dalton is one of just six QBs not drafted in the first round who have started at least nine games in at least four seasons. The other five are Drew Brees (second round), Russell Wilson (third), Tom Brady (sixth), Ryan Fitzpatrick (seventh) and Tony Romo (undrafted).

● Dalton passed for exactly 366 yards on both Games 1 and 2 this season, becoming the first Bengal to hit 366 or higher in consecutive games.

**A.J.'s first and third:** Bengals WR A.J. Green leads the NFL in receptions (32) through Week 4. In receiving yards (468), he's first in the AFC and third in the NFL. Green leads the league in receptions by just one over Miami's Jarvis Landry (31). In NFL receiving yards, he's only 20 behind Atlanta's Julio Jones (488) and 14 behind Detroit's Marvin Jones (482).

Green was in man-on-a-mission mode last week vs. Miami, after faulting himself for a dropped ball that helped Denver seal a win at Paul Brown Stadium in Game 3. Against the Dolphins, he made a characteristically spectacular leaping catch for a 51-yard gain, and later on the same drive, he scored the touchdown (seven yards) that put Cincinnati ahead for good. He remained an offensive leader throughout the game, finishing with 10 catches for 173 yards.

Asked if he put pressure on himself to come back particularly strongly against Miami, Green said:

"Of course. I hold myself to a very high standard. I know what I'm capable of,

and when I don't perform to that level, I've got to refocus myself. Coming off a game that wasn't my best, I had to make plays whenever the ball or the opportunity presented itself."

For all his exploits while making five first-ballot Pro Bowls in his first five NFL seasons, Green has yet to win a league or conference title in catches or receiving yards. His highest rankings have been sixth in catches (98 in 2013) and fifth in receiving yards (1426 in 2013).

The Bengals in their history have claimed only one piece of an NFL receptions title, that coming in 2007 when T.J. Houshmandzadeh's 112 catches shared the league (and the AFC) lead. Cincinnati has claimed three outright AFC receptions titles, two by Carl Pickens (1995-96) and one by Chad Johnson (2005).

The Bengals have won six previous AFC receiving yards titles, but only one NFL crown. The league title came in 2006, when Johnson paced all receivers at 1369. Johnson won four straight AFC titles from 2003-06 and is the only player ever to win four straight in either conference. The other Bengals to win AFC receiving yards titles have been Isaac Curtis in 1973 and Eddie Brown in 1988.

Green's 26 games of 100 or more receiving yards rank second behind Chad Johnson, who took 10 seasons to record his record 31.

**Blowouts in the forecast?** It's early, but through four games, Bengals WR A.J. Green is on pace to set Bengals season records for receptions and receiving yards that would make the former marks appear comparatively puny. His 32 receptions project to 128, a total 21 above T.J. Houshmandzadeh's mark of 112 in 2007. And Green's 468 yards project to 1872, which would be 432 more than Chad Johnson's mark of 1440, also in 2007.

As the weather gets colder and opposing defenses get more concerned about Green, it's perhaps unlikely he can string together three more quarter-seasons like his first one. But just for the record, his projected 128 catches would rank fifth all-time in the NFL, and his projected 1872 yards would rank second. The league record for catches is 143, by Indianapolis' Marvin Harrison in 2002, and the mark for yards is 1964, by Detroit's Calvin Johnson in 2012.

Re Green, Bengals NT Domata Peko says:

"That's why people buy tickets. To watch guys like A.J. make plays. I see people in the seats up close, and they'll be like, 'I can't believe what I see.'"

**Call it 'Phase II' for Amazing A.J.:** A.J. Green has done his time as one of the most promising "young" wide receivers in Bengals history. The 2011 first-round draft choice (fourth overall) turned 28 early in training camp, and with five seasons under his belt, he's now in contention for recognition as the best WR in the NFL, period. And he's heading into prime years that could push him past Chad Johnson for the Bengals' all-time leads in receptions, receiving yards and receiving TDs.

Johnson, who played twice as many Bengals seasons (10) as Green has, remains for now a runaway leader in the first two of the above three categories. Johnson's 751 receptions are 221 more than No. 2 Carl Pickens (530), and his 10,783 receiving yards are 3682 more than second-place Isaac Curtis (7101).

But Green, who through last week had 447 receptions and 6639 yards, has had a largely healthy career, and he said as training camp began that he thinks he can play at least 12 seasons.

Though Detroit superstar WR Calvin Johnson announced his retirement this past offseason after a nine-year career, Green doesn't see a parallel.

"Calvin's a big guy," Green said. "His body took a lot of pounding. I feel like I'm more of a slim guy (at 6-4 and 210). My knees don't have that much wear and tear. Calvin used to take big hits, cheap shots. The way he hit the ground all the time, that's a big body at 230 (pounds) slamming down. I think my body is set up differently."

Even taking away the statistical effects of Green's prodigious start in 2016, if one extrapolates to 12 years Green's averages of 83 catches and 1234 yards for his five full seasons, it's Chad Johnson who becomes outpaced by a Bengals country mile. After season 12, Green would have 996 catches (245 more than Johnson) and 14,810 yards (4027 more).

One could say Green won't produce at those levels forever, especially not in seasons 11 and 12. But even if Green played just 10 seasons at the pace of his first five full seasons, he'd top Johnson by 79 catches (830) and by 1584 yards (12,342).

In all-time receiving TDs, Chad Johnson leads the Bengals with 66, three more than Pickens. Green already has 47. He averaged 9.0 TDs for his first five seasons, which projects to 90 after 10 seasons.

Green has been signed by the Bengals for at least four more seasons, through 2019.

**A.J. climbing in '16:** A.J. Green started the season in sixth place on the Bengals in all-time receptions, but he's now at No. 4. He has 447 catches and has blown by Isaac Curtis (416) and Cris Collinsworth (417), who led him entering the season.

It would take a 93-catch season total, which Green has twice surpassed, to put Green in third place, ahead of T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507). A 116-catch season would be required for Green to pass Carl Pickens (530) into second place. Green is still 304 catches behind first-place Chad Johnson (751). But if Green remains his productive self, he could pass Johnson in 2019.

Green is in his sixth Bengals season, whereas Curtis played 12 seasons, Johnson 10, and Collinsworth and Houshmandzadeh eight.

In receiving yards, Green has 6639 through Week 4 of this season. He ranks fifth in Bengals annals, but he has an excellent chance to be in fourth place by the end of this week's Dallas game and in second place by season's end. He needs just 59 yards to pass fourth-place Collinsworth (6698), 249 to pass third-place Pickens (6887) and 463 to pass second-place Curtis (7101). Green needs 4120 yards to pass Johnson for the all-time lead, another feat that projects to possible passage in 2019.

**Dalton and Green made five-year history:** WR A.J. Green and QB Andy Dalton were the Bengals' first two draft selections in 2011, and they had quite a ride for their first five seasons (2011-15).

Per Elias Sports Bureau, they stand as the most productive QB-WR duo in NFL history for players in their first five seasons. Their 395 completions and 5789 yards are most by any duo for seasons 1-5, and their 40 TD connections are tied for most with Dan Marino and Mark Clayton of Miami (1983-87).

**Only A.J.:** Cincinnati's A.J. Green is the only NFL receiver since the 1970 merger to start his career with five consecutive 1000-yard seasons (averaging more than 1200 yards) and five trips to the Pro Bowl. The last pass-catcher to start his career with five consecutive Pro Bowl appearances was Hall of Fame TE Mike Ditka (1961-65).

**LaFell providing what offense needs:** Bengals fans had not seen much of WR Brandon LaFell before this regular season began. The veteran free agent acquisition had only one brief game appearance in preseason, due to a hand injury. But his play in the first four games has reinforced confidence that he'll amply fill the role of a veteran to play in the base offense along with flagship pass-catcher A.J. Green.

LaFell has 13 catches for 208 yards, for a 16.0 average that leads the team, and he has also drawn two pass interference penalties against defenders. His numbers at the quarter-pole project to 52 catches and 832 yards for the season. The 832 would be 16 more than any Bengals receiver other than Green has had in the Green era (2011-present). LaFell caught four-for-44 last week vs. Miami, including a 23-yarder on a field-goal drive.

LaFell came to the Bengals with plenty of skins on the wall after six seasons with Carolina and New England. He had 74 catches for New England's 2014 Super Bowl winners, and he scored the first TD in the Patriots' climactic victory over Seattle.

"He's healthy, and he doesn't have to be taught how to play," said Green. "That guy is the ultimate pro, and a good veteran for me to learn from. I haven't really had that in my first five years here, at least not to the extent he can provide it. He's played well everywhere he's been, and he's going to be big for us."

"The guy has played a lot of wide receiver at a very high level, and for a long time by NFL standards," says Bengals wide receivers coach James Urban. "He's tough. He's big (6-3, 210). He's physical."

**Boyd doing the job:** WR Tyler Boyd, being counted on for significant production as a rookie, is off to a solid start for the Bengals. The second-round draft choice out of Pitt has 12 receptions for 130 yards, an early pace for 48 catches and 520 yards.

Boyd had only a 10-yard reception last week vs. Miami, but even that showed he's up to the task of tough NFL receptions. In the fourth quarter, with two defenders tracking him he made a nice catch in traffic to convert a third-and-eight situation in the fourth quarter.

"Obviously we saw a lot in Tyler, as a second-round draft choice, but he has been even better to this point than we had reason to expect," says head coach Marvin Lewis. "He's a young guy (not turning 22 until Nov. 15), but he's in tune with everything we're doing."

"I feel like I've practiced hard, and worked hard in the classroom, and that it has paid off," Boyd says. "I didn't just bring my skills in here and think it would all fall into place without the effort. I'm just trying to increase my performance with every game. I didn't do that last week, but that's still my goal."

**1-2 punch:** Standout TE Tyler Eifert has yet to get on the field for the Bengals in 2016, due to surgery he required for an ankle injury suffered in the Pro Bowl, but his return is anticipated soon, possibly even this week.

When that happens, says veteran CB Adam Jones, the Bengals will again boast a 1-2 punch that is key to the current era of NFL offenses, with Eifert and five-time Pro Bowl WR A.J. Green.

"When I got drafted (in 2005), Antonio Gates was the only tight end in the league running like a wide receiver," Jones says. "Now, every tight end is running fast as hell. That's a big, big difference. That's the biggest mismatch going. If you've got a good No. 1 receiver and a good tight end, it makes it really hard. You can't double both. So pick your poison."

**30-rush mark almost magic:** The Bengals had 37 rushing attempts last week vs. Miami, and though they netted only 77 yards, it again proved true that 30 or more rushes in a game under head coach Marvin Lewis is a powerful victory signal. The Bengals have now had 99 regular-season games under Lewis at the 30 mark or above, and Cincinnati stands 82-17 in those contests, for a winning percentage of .828.

"It's not always the rushing yardage total that's most important," says Lewis. "When you're running the ball a lot, it's a sign that even though the yardage will vary, you're controlling the ball, controlling the clock, and keeping your defense off the field. As it shows for us that is very likely going to be a winning combination."

The Bengals are 37-2 (.949) under Lewis when an individual rusher records 25 or more carries, but no individual has hit that mark since 2014. The Bengals are 41-7-1 (.846) under Lewis with an individual 100-yard rusher, but they have had no such games this year and had only one last year. The reduction in the individual-rusher performances the last two seasons stems in part from Jeremy Hill and Giovani Bernard splitting carries.

"We love seeing a guy get 100 yards," Lewis says, "but sometimes a guy can break one big gain and then get to 100 even though you may not be running as consistently well and controlling the game like you do when you get those those high-carry numbers."

**HB Bernard shows his receiving stuff:** Fourth-year HB Giovani Bernard is one of only three NFL running backs with a 100-yard receiving game this season. Bernard hit 100 on the nose on a career-best nine catches on Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh. His 25-yard TD catch in that game was his sixth career receiving TD. The only other RBs with a 100-yard receiving game this season are Darren Sproles of Philadelphia (128 vs. Pittsburgh in Week 3) and Spencer Ware of Kansas City (129 in Week 1 against San Diego).

Bernard has 19 receptions for 165 yards on the season. His reception total is tied for second among NFL RBs and tied for first among AFC RBs. Detroit's Theo Riddick is just one ahead of Bernard, at 20, and Tennessee's DeMarco Murray also has 19.

The Pittsburgh game marked the second time Bernard has been in triple digits in receiving yards. His 128 yards at Arizona last season is the franchise record for receiving yards by a RB in a game. Bernard also holds the Bengals record for receptions by a RB in a season, with 56 in 2013.

Last week vs. Miami, Bernard had three receptions for 24 yards. In rushing on the season, Bernard is 25-for-68.

Bernard averaged 49.3 receptions over his first three seasons, and with 49 more in 2016, he would already have the second-most receptions by a RB in team history at 197, trailing only James Brooks (297 in eight seasons). Bernard has averaged 1146.6 yards from scrimmage for his first three seasons.

**Hill declines the dance:** HB Jeremy Hill has scored a lot of touchdowns for the Bengals — 24 in 36 regular-season games, and two more over a pair of postseason games. He had 12 TDs last season, most by a Bengals RB since Rudi Johnson had 12 in 2006, and he tied for the NFL lead last season in rushing TDs (11).

He has three rushing TDs this season. His rushing yardage numbers are relatively modest — 58-for-221 (3.8) — but he frankly has not had great holes to date. He is running hard, fast and determined, and that was perhaps best exhibited last week vs. Miami, when he reversed field with no hole around the right side and bounced off several tacklers en route to a hard-won two yards around the left side.

"I think he's a guy who's ready to have a big season," says OT Andrew Whitworth, "and I think he's prepared and excited for that opportunity."

Said WR A.J. Green:

"Jeremy is a big, physical guy, and our coaches preach to him, 'Keep the play alive; nobody wants to tackle you.' "

Over the previous two seasons, Hill became known for his TD celebrations — the best the Bengals have seen since iconic shuffler Ickey Woods in the late 1980s. But Hill hasn't celebrated after any of his TDs this year (including two others in preseason). He has simply handed the ball to an official and then had a few handshakes with teammates.

"I'm just out there working," Hill says. "Not having any distractions, just working. And I want to be a leader on this team."

**The coach likes it:** In the view of head coach Marvin Lewis, the no-nonsense attitude of HB Jeremy Hill (see previous item) befits the third-year player's situation.

"He's a great young player and has shown a lot, but he's a guy with something to prove this year," Lewis says.

Indeed, Hill comes off a sophomore season that was not as good as his freshman edition. His 223 rushes were one more than he had in 2014, but he gained 230 fewer yards (794 after 1124 as a rookie). His receiving yards total dropped from 215 to 79, and in the Wild Card playoff loss to Pittsburgh, he had a crucial lost fumble.

"I have to be more dynamic this year, make more plays," Hill says. "And take care of the ball at all times. I feel healthier than last year. I had some little things last year that didn't keep me out, but I think they slowed me down some. I feel quicker."

The Bengals know the talent is there. Over the last nine weeks of the 2014 campaign, Hill's 929 rushing yards were the most in the NFL, and by more than 100. He also became only the third rookie in NFL history to rush for 140 or more yards in four games.

Hill has been accessible and forthright with media in discussing his costly fumble in last year's Pittsburgh playoff game. He owns the miscue and says he uses it now as motivation.

"He's still the same old Jeremy," says WR A.J. Green, "but I think he's just got a fire lit under him. He's definitely on a mission this year."

**Seeking a return to remarkable:** Thus far this season, the Bengals defense has made four interceptions while allowing 10 TD passes. That's a differential of minus-six in the comparative category.

But most defenses do post a minus in this area, and the defense's effectiveness in avoiding it the last two seasons — their first two years under coordinator Paul Guenther — is worth noting.

The Bengals ranked third in the NFL in INTs (21) last season and ranked second in fewest TD passes allowed (18). Only Cincinnati and Carolina had more INTs than TD passes allowed, both finishing plus-three in the category. Numerous teams were minus-10 or worse, including one at minus-33.

The Bengals also excelled in this category in 2014, when their plus-two (20 INTs, 18 TD passes allowed) made them one of only two teams with a plus.

Over 2014-15, the Bengals led the league at plus-five and were the only outfit with a plus among the 32 teams.

**Geno revs up in sacks race:** It's another NFL season, and thus another run by Bengals DT Geno Atkins for the NFL lead in sacks by interior linemen. Atkins has some momentum, having logged his 2.5 sacks for this season in the last two games. He's 1.5 behind the league leader, Leonard Williams of the Jets at 4.0, but there could be some question as to whether Williams belongs among the ranks of interior linemen. He's listed on the Jets' roster and depth chart as a DE, but Elias Sports Bureau reports he has lined up at a DT spot on the first play of the last two Jets games and thus is being treated for now as a DT for statistical purposes.

Regardless, there's little doubt that with 12 games to play, Atkins again figures as a prime contender for this title. His 11.0 sacks last year tied for first among interior linemen, and he led the category by a wide margin in 2012 with 12.5 sacks. In 2011, he tied for the lead with 7.5.

With New York's Williams counted as this year's leader, Atkins is tied for fifth among interior-line sackers. Three players are just a half-sack ahead of him, at 3.0.

Last week vs. Miami, Atkins teamed with DE Michael Johnson for a nine-yard third-quarter sack of Ryan Tannehill on a third-down play, forcing a punt, and he helped force a punt in the fourth quarter with a six-yard solo sack of Tannehill.

**'Animal' attack:** The Bengals had a season-best five sacks last week, all from the defensive line, and their nine sacks for the season are all from the line. DEs Carlos Dunlap and Will Clarke each have 3.0, DT Geno Atkins has 2.5, and DE Michael Johnson has 0.5.

"Those boys are animals," safety George Iloka said after the Miami game. "Paulie (defensive coordinator Paul Guenther) says that all the time. It starts with the D-line. He doesn't say it because it sounds cool. He says it because we go as far as they take us. When they play how they usually play, it makes the job easier for the rest of us. They put on a clinic out there tonight."

**Injury now ancient history for Geno:** On Halloween Night in 2013, the Bengals suffered what for a time seemed potentially as one of the most damaging injuries in franchise history.

DT Geno Atkins, playing monstrously well and coming off a 2012 season in which his 12.5 sacks blew away the field among NFL interior linemen, suffered a major knee injury (torn ACL) against the Dolphins. It shelved him for the remainder of the season, and though he came back to start every game in 2014, he clearly was not the same. His 34 tackles and 3.0 sacks were career lows for him as a starter. The injury was the first major one in Atkins' entire football career, and though his knee was deemed medically sound for '14, his full football package was still under renovation.

But last season, Atkins quickly erased any doubts that his career as one of the NFL's elite defensive linemen was resumed. He regained the first-team Associated Press All-Pro honors he had claimed in 2012 and led the Bengals to a No. 2 NFL rank in scoring defense (17.4 per game). He had 11.0 sacks, second on the team to DE Carlos Dunlap's 13.5, and he led the team in total tackles-for-loss (17) while ranking second in QB hits (19).

Without question, Atkins stands as one of the biggest draft bargains in Bengals history. He came out of Georgia with good reviews but no eye-popping accomplishments, and 119 players were off the board before the Bengals selected him in the fourth round. He was considered a bit undersized (6-1, 290) to rate as a top NFL prospect.

But on draft day, then-defensive line coach Jay Hayes made comments that today seem prescient.

"Geno is not small," Hayes said. "He's short, but he benched 34 times at the Combine. He's strong. He runs a 4.8 in the 40, and he's very quick in tighter space. He uses his hands well. His father (Gene Atkins, NFL DB from 1987-96) was a heck of a player in this league, so Geno has known what the NFL is like from an early age. All of this is why we project him as a guy who can help us."

Not content to envision an NFL future as a garden-variety fourth-rounder, Atkins forecast his own success prior to his rookie season.

"I come in with the idea I have something to prove," he said. "A lot of people think I'm undersized. So I think I have a little chip on my shoulder."

Now the only question is whether Atkins is not only the best DT in the league, but possibly the best defensive lineman overall, challenging even an acknowledged superstar like Houston DE J.J. Watt.

"No doubt, no doubt, no question," said Bengals defensive coordinator Paul Guenther, repeating himself for effect. "He should be in that conversation. You ask anybody on any offense that we play, when they turn the tape on Monday morning, he's the first guy they look at. They say, 'Oh, shoot. we better have a plan for this guy.' We were No. 2 in scoring defense, and he's our best player."

**Return of Vontaze:** LB Vontaze Burfict returned to action for the Bengals last week, having completed a three-game NFL suspension, and though his statistics were moderate (three tackles and a pass defensed), it's a sure thing the rest of the NFL noticed. The fifth-year pro has been a physical and remarkably instinctive force in recent Cincinnati seasons, and Bengals Nation is eager to see him fully unleashed for the remainder of 2016.

Burfict has been limited by injuries the last two seasons, and the coaching staff held him out of 2016 preseason play as an injury precaution. So last week's Miami game marked his first live action of any kind in 2016. But Burfict led the Bengals in tackles by wide margins in 2012 and '13, and in '13 he was an initial-ballot Pro Bowl selection, as well as earning a second-team spot on the prestigious Associated Press All-Pro team.

And in the 10 games Burfict did play last season, he led the team in tackles per games played (7.4).

Regarding his Miami performance, Burfict said:

"I felt I could have done more, but the coaches had a plan for me and switched me in and out with Vinny (Rey) and Karlos (Dansby). They did a good job of that. At the end of the game, I started to feel my wind catching up, but every game I'll feel like I'll get better and better. I've just got to get my legs up under me."

Told by media that several teammates had said his return put more energy in the entire defense, Burfict said:

"I just try to be a leader. I know the defense's ins and outs. I just want

everyone accountable, including myself. I felt like we played a good game overall. It was just good to get the rust off. Just good to play a good game overall, and at the end of the game, we got the win."

Said head coach Marvin Lewis:

"We have been looking forward to getting Vontaze back out there when it counts," said head coach Marvin Lewis, who held Burfict out of preseason action as an injury precaution. He's not only a great player, he's an extension of the coaching staff on the field."

Bengals president Mike Brown was emphatic regarding Burfict when he spoke to media before the season.

"Vontaze is one hell of a football player," Brown said, "and we expect more outstanding play from him. He's a difference-maker. We're lucky to have him."

**Margus getting his block act down:** Bengals DE Margus Hunt is the only NFL player with two blocked kicks in this season. The fourth-year pro blocked a 22-yard Nick Folk FG attempt on Sept. 11 at the N.Y. Jets, and on Sept. 25 vs. Denver, he deflected a Brandon McManus PAT try.

They are the first two blocked kicks of Hunt's NFL career, but he was a kick-swatting terror in college at Southern Methodist. His 17 career blocked place kicks included an NCAA-record 10 blocked field goals.

Last season for the Bengals, DE Carlos Dunlap blocked two field goals, one of only two NFL players to do that.

**Case of the lost kudos:** It's a mystery tale known well around some NFL teams, but it's relatively new to Cincinnati this season.

Title it "Karlos Dansby and the Missing Honors."

Dansby is the new big name in the Bengals' LB corps, filling the No. 1 SLB spot. He leads the team in tackles (26) through four games, and he also has two passes defensed (one in the end zone) and a fumble recovery. He's a 13th-year NFL veteran with a playmaking resume few others can match. He has 41.0 career sacks and 19 interceptions, and with one more INT, he'll become only the fifth LB in NFL history to become a 40-20 man.

The other 40-20 guys are Ray Lewis, Seth Joyner, Wilber Marshall and Brian Urlacher. The quartet has 27 Pro Bowls among them, plus three NFL Defensive Player of the Year awards (two for Lewis and one for Urlacher).

"People want to know why I still play this game, and it's because I want to be the best to ever do it," Dansby says. "And once I get this one interception, I'm putting myself in that conversation. And I can't be taken out of that conversation, because you can't take those plays away from me."

And thus the mystery: Dansby has not made even one Pro Bowl. His career bears similarity to that of a longtime Bengals standout, CB Ken Riley (1969-83). Riley is so far ahead of his nearest Bengals competitor in career INTs, it looks like a misprint. His 65 are almost twice the total of second-place Louis Breeden. But Riley, inexplicably, also never made a Pro Bowl.

Dansby, a Birmingham, Ala., native who played at Auburn, opened his NFL career in 2004 as a second-round draft choice of Arizona. He played six seasons with the Cardinals and started all of the team's six playoff games, including a Super Bowl vs. Pittsburgh. He was twice named Arizona's franchise player.

Then came three seasons with Miami, another one with Arizona, and two with Cleveland. He topped the 100-tackle mark in four of those six seasons, with 93 as his low. He had 15.5 sacks and nine INTs in the span, with four of his picks going for touchdowns.

But no Pro Bowls. It's a mystery that Dansby admits he's frustrated with, but he moves on as a pro.

"I still get the respect," he says. "Some guys think I've been to like eight Pro Bowls, the way I play the game. They see it on film. They know what a Pro Bowl player looks like, and I fit the bill. You can say a lot of different things (about the Pro Bowl snubs). A popularity contest. Politics. Whatever. All I can do is play and try to help this team win a Super Bowl. That's the real goal in my mind."

**Is this the year for Dansby?** Some might think that Karlos Dansby (also featured in previous item) is too late in his career to break his puzzling streak of no Pro Bowl selections. He's in his 13th NFL season and will turn 35 on Nov. 3.

But perhaps some should think again. Dansby has started all but seven of his teams' games over the last eight seasons, and last year for Cleveland, he showed no signs of slowing down. He started every game and led the Browns in tackles (108) and INTs (three), returning two of his three picks for touchdowns. One TD was a 52-yarder, the longest INT return of his career. And his tackle total led the team by 27.

And this season, he leads the Bengals in tackles (26).

"Karlos has been great for us," says Bengals LBs coach Jim Haslett. "He's smart, he knows what to do, and he knows how to win."

"He's been everything we expected," says defensive coordinator Paul Guenther. "Great talent, and a great pro to be around. Maybe this is the year he makes it."

Dansby played briefly in each of the first three preseason games.

**Tackles; they're what LBs do:** LB Karlos Dansby leads the Bengals in tackles (26) through four games, and LB Vincent Rey's 2015 team tackling title marked the 18th consecutive season that a LB has led the Bengals. The last player at another position to claim the crown in statistics crew compilation of tackles was S Sam Shade in 1997. The last defensive lineman to lead was NT Tim Krumrie in 1992.

**LBs in distinguished hands:** Jim Haslett comes to the Bengals in 2016 as linebackers coach, bringing one of the most impressive overall football resumes of any position coach ever to join the franchise. To wit:

● From 1975-78, he was a four-time Little All-America player (LB and DE) at Indiana (Pa.) University.

● In 1979, he was a second-round draft choice of the Buffalo Bills.

● From 1979-87, he was a standout NFL linebacker, playing eight seasons for the Bills and one for the Jets. He earned Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year honors in '79, was an All-Pro selection in '80, and was later named to the Buffalo's Silver Anniversary team.

● He was an NFL head coach for six seasons (2000-05) with New Orleans, and he finished the 2008 season as St. Louis Rams head coach after Scott Linehan was released. In 2000, his first year as Saints coach, he led the team from a 3-13 year to an NFC South championship and also to the first postseason victory in franchise history.

All of the above adds up to Haslett holding a unique three-part football distinction. He is the only person to be recognized as a 1) College Football Hall of Fame member, 2) an AP NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year and 3) an AP NFL Coach of the Year.

Who in the history of Bengals coaching can match that? The comparisons are subject to differing interpretations, but here's a partial attempt:

Paul Brown, Forrest Gregg and Dick LeBeau are Pro Football Hall of Famers. Brown's legendary accomplishments need no repeat here. Gregg was not only a top player, he coached the Bengals to a Super Bowl. But Brown, Gregg and LeBeau all were Bengals head coaches. (LeBeau was also a Bengals defensive coordinator.) Other outstanding NFL players who became Bengals position coaches include Ken Anderson, Mark Carrier, Boyd Dowler, Rodney Holman, Tim Krumrie, Mike McCormack and Dick Modzelewski.

Haslett was defensive coordinator for the Washington Redskins from 2010-14 and was out of the NFL last year, serving as a consultant to the Penn State University football program. He had several offers to return to the NFL for 2016, and he offers this accounting of how he came to the Bengals:

"My wife (Beth) asked me, 'Which one has the best chance of winning?' I told her 'Cincinnati,' and she said, 'That's what we need, don't worry about the money. Don't worry about the place. Let's go see if we win us some games. If we have a chance to win the Super Bowl, let's go see if we can.'

"So that's what we did, and we're glad to be here. When you have lofty goals and a chance to win the Super Bowl, those things are good. Most teams don't have a chance. This team does."

**Nugent ties career high:** Veteran K Mike Nugent tied his career high for field goals in a game last week, with five. The Bengals and Miami each scored one TD, but Cincinnati won by 15 (22-7) thanks to Nugent's five three-pointers. Nugent had no missed field goals in the game. He hit, in chronological order, from 42, 33, 43, 22 and 47 yards.

Asked about maintaining consistency between shorter and longer kicks, Nugent said:

"For me, the key is just because it may be 21 yards and not 41, don't change anything. Because those shorter kicks can be the ones where if you change anything, you may take for granted that it's automatic, and those could be the ones you mess up. And I never have to worry about the blocking or the snap or the hold. I'm extremely spoiled that those guys protect me, so going into every kick I just have to make sure I do my job, because everything else is going to be great."

Nugent is 12-for-13 on field goals for the season, an accuracy percentage of .923. Seven kickers are still at 1.000 for the year, but none have as many attempts as Nugent's 13. Nugent's 42 total points lead the AFC and are second in the NFL, three behind Dustin Hopkins of Washington.

Nugent is six-for-six on PATs, continuing on his positive performance from last year. In 2015, the NFL moved PATs back to 33-yard attempts, and Nugent made 48 of 49, with his only miss being blocked. Only five kickers had a better PAT percentage last season than Nugent's 97.8, and three of those had fewer than 30 attempts.

**Huber adds another mark:** P Kevin Huber, already a considerable presence in the Bengals record book, has captured the all-time franchise lead in inside-20 punts this season. His total of eight has pushed him to 190 for his eight-year career, past Lee Johnson (186), who punted over 11 Bengals seasons (1988-98).

Huber has eight inside-20s and just one touchback this season. His plus-seven differential in the dual categories ranks tied for seventh in the NFL. He's averaging 46.0 gross yards per punt this season and 42.6 net.

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

● He has the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (3.9-to-1, with 190 inside-20s and 49 touchbacks).

● He is the franchise leader in career gross average (44.8) and net average (39.8).

● He holds the top two Bengals season averages in gross and the top four Bengals season averages in net. His gross record is 46.8 in 2014, and his net record is 42.1, also in 2014.

● He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.

● His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a franchise record.

Huber was an initial-ballot Pro Bowl selection in 2014 and also was named first-team All-Pro by The Sporting News.

**Punt return security:** Punt returns are probably football's most dangerous endeavors when it comes to turnovers. But according to Elias Sports Bureau, over the 13 seasons plus three games of Cincinnati special teams coach Darrin Simmons, the Bengals have had the fewest fumbled punts (16) and the tied-for-fewest lost fumbles on punts (four) in the NFL. New Orleans and Atlanta are tied for the second-fewest fumbles (19), and Minnesota is tied with the Bengals for fewest lost fumbles. And it's not as if the Bengals have sacrificed production. They rank in the league's top half in return average for Simmons' 13 full seasons, standing 15th at 9.1.

"The first thing is to make sure we have the ball when the play is over," says Simmons. "I'm looking for guys who can manage the play correctly. When their number is called, they go out there and make the correct decision. And first and foremost, that we have the ball when the play is over. I'm proud of the fact that whether it's been Brandon Tate or Adam Jones or Keiwan Ratliff or Quan Cosby, we've not been turning the ball over."

**Rockin' in the Jungle:** With last week's win over Miami, the Bengals sport a 23-6-1 record in their past 30 regular-season home games. That works out to a winning percentage of .783. Over those 30 contests, they have held opposing passers to a rating of just 71.0. An individual with a 71.0 rating last season would have ranked 33rd among qualifiers for the NFL rankings, and an individual at 71.0 for this season would rank 31st.

The 23-6-1 mark is a half-game short of the club record of 24-6-0 for 30 consecutive games. That mark was achieved three times between 1973-77.

"Give it up to the fans in 'The Jungle,' they're the 12th man," says DE Carlos Dunlap. "They make it hard on quarterbacks to make checks and adjustments. It's a lot easier to play in front of the home crowd. And the last couple of years, it's been way louder than when I first got here. The last two or three years it's been crazy loud."

"That's what you call home-field advantage," says DE Michael Johnson. "The fans bring great energy. They know when to get loud, and they also know when to quiet down. I love playing here. It's one of the loudest places I've ever heard, especially on third down. It's tough to come into The Jungle."

**A 'one' to replace a 'one':** OT Andre Smith, a Bengals first-round draft choice in 2009, has moved on for 2016, going to the Vikings as an unrestricted free agent after starting 73 games at ROT for the Bengals. But Smith has been replaced in the starting lineup by another first-rounder, second-year pro Cedric Ogbuehi of Texas A&M.

Though he missed the last three preseason games with a toe injury, Ogbuehi has started the first four games and played every offensive snap.

The Bengals made Ogbuehi their top choice in the 2015 draft even though they knew he would be unable to play for the bulk of his rookie season, due to a serious knee injury he suffered in his final college game. But he played the last five contests, plus the Wild Card game, and now he is the lone new starter on a Bengals line that includes first-team AP All-Pro Andrew Whitworth at LOT, Clint Boling and Kevin Zeitler at the guards, and Russell Bodine at center.

"I'm eager to show my worth and just show why they got me," Ogbuehi said. "I'm ready for the challenge. I want to show that I'm a great player. I have to keep earning it, obviously, but in my mind, right tackle is my job."

Ogbuehi brings a different style to the ROT spot. Whereas Smith was exceptionally strong but not as nimble, the 6-5, 310-pound Ogbuehi leads with his athleticism.

"I don't worry about being strong enough, but I would say with all humility that I think my athletic ability is rare for the position," Ogbuehi said. "I can block a lot of different players. From the guys who bull rush to the quick guys, I believe I can handle it."

**Secret (sort of) weapon:** Ryan Hewitt doesn't attract much in the way of headlines, but he's a headliner in head coach Marvin Lewis' book. Thus, it was with very good feelings for the future that the Bengals H-back was signed Aug. 2 to a three-year contract extension, through 2019.

Hewitt (6-4, 255; Stanford) is a third-year NFL player in 2016. He has played in Games 1-4, with three starts. He is one of the Bengals' best longshot stories of recent seasons, a college free agent signee who quickly developed into a punishing run blocker out of the backfield and a stout pass protector. His role is often similar to that of a traditional fullback, but he also sees action as a tight end and meets with the tight end group during the practice week. He has played 35 games, with 26 starts, since signing for 2014.

"Ryan came to us undrafted and quickly became an integral part of our offense," Lewis said. "He's a strong and physical player. His role of doing the dirty work may go unnoticed sometimes by the public, but it is never unnoticed by his teammates or our opponents. We're excited to have him on board now for well beyond this season."

Hewitt does not have an offensive touch this season, but he has 18 career receptions for 185 yards (10.3), plus three-for-37 in postseason. He contributed last season to a scoring average of 26.2 per game, ranked seventh in the NFL.

"This team is very similar to the teams that I've always been on," Hewitt said. "Blue-collar, downhill teams. Smash-mouth in the running game and open it up in the passing game. I love being in Cincinnati. It's a great team. I love the coaching staff."

**A stat that matters:** During the term of coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), a plus-differential in turnovers is linked to a big plus in wins. And the reverse has gone for a minus.

The Bengals are 71-15-1 in regular season under Lewis with a plus (.822 winning percentage), but they are only 16-60-1 with a minus differential. (The Bengals were plus-two in their win last week vs. Miami.)

"It makes a huge difference," Lewis says. "You see it game after game in the NFL. You've got to possess the football. If you possess the football, good things can happen. If you turn the ball over to them, you've got a harder day."

The Bengals' experience with turnovers under Lewis is backed up by league numbers. Since the start of the 2003 season, Lewis' first as head coach, here are the records of teams with varying turnover differentials.

(NOTE: Minus differentials are not included because they are the exact reverse of the plus figure for the same numbers.)

| DIFFERENTIAL | W-L-T | PCT. |
|---|---|---|
| Plus-1 | 827-376-3 | .687 |
| Plus-2 | 657-145-0 | .819 |
| Plus-3 | 370-35-1 | .913 |
| Plus-4 | 198-6-0 | .971 |
| Plus-5 or more | 94-3-0 | .969 |

Plus teams last week went 12-1, for a 923 winning percentage, the best mark of the season. The previous week, plus teams were 13-2 (.867). In Week 1, teams with a plus had only a 6-7 record, but that stands through this week as the only losing week for plus teams since Week 10 of 2013. Plus teams are 36-13 (.735) for this season. Since 2003, teams with any plus have a combined record of 2146-565-4, a winning percentage of .791.

**And when it's even?** The Bengals are 27-21 in head coach Marvin Lewis' full tenure in games when the turnover differential has been even, for a winning percentage of .563. That includes this season's Week 2 loss at Pittsburgh. The Bengals have won 10 of their last 15 with even differential, dating back to 2012.

**12-year TV streak bound for 172:** In each of the last 171 Cincinnati TV ratings weeks that have included a Bengals regular-season or postseason broadcast — dating back to the 2004 season — the Bengals have ruled the local airwaves. They have been the top-rated show among all programming in the Cincinnati market each week, and usually by a wide margin.

And it's near certain the streak will officially go to 172 when Cincinnati rankings are in for the week of Sept. 26-Oct. 2. The Bengals' Sept. 29 game vs. Miami drew a combined Cincinnati rating of 31.9 on its two outlets (WKRC-TV and NFLN), above what any non-Bengals programming has comparatively drawn in recent years.

The highest rating since the streak began was posted just last year, as the Wild Card playoff vs. Pittsburgh drew a 46.1. The second-highest rating has been 45.5, posted for a playoff game vs. Pittsburgh in the 2006 season and matched for the Mon., Nov. 16 game last season vs. Houston. The rating number indicates the percentage of market households tuned to the game — including those not watching TV at the time.

The high rating of Bengals games has occurred despite the fact most games are played in the afternoon, when overall TV viewership is not as high as it is during the evening.

**Bengals big for a smaller market:** Cincinnati is the fifth smallest TV market in the NFL, defined by "TV households" (868,900). The only smaller markets are Jacksonville, New Orleans, Buffalo and Green Bay.

Cincinnati ranks 36th in TV households among all U.S. markets. There are 11 markets larger than Cincinnati that do not have NFL teams. Those markets and their rankings are Orlando (19), Sacramento (20), St. Louis (21), Portland (24), Raleigh-Durham (25), Hartford (30), Columbus (31), San Antonio (32), Salt Lake City (34) and Milwaukee (35).

**Turnover tables are turned:** During head coach Marvin Lewis's tenure (2003-present), the Bengals rank sixth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-49. Prior to Lewis' tenure, the Bengals had posted a minus turnover differential for five straight years (1998-2002).

Since 2003, NFL teams with just a plus-one differential have won 68.7 percent of their games. At plus-two the percentage has been 81.9. Teams with any plus from one to five-or-more have won 79.1 percent of the time.

Here are the top six teams in differential since 2003:

| TEAM | TAKEAWAYS | GIVEAWAYS | DIFFERENTIAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| New England | 406 | 254 | +152 |
| Carolina | 398 | 342 | +56 |
| Green Bay | 364 | 310 | +54 |
| Seattle | 367 | 315 | +52 |
| Indianapolis | 347 | 296 | +51 |
| Cincinnati | 388 | 339 | +49 |

Since 2003, Bengals rank fourth in takeaways (388) and sixth in points off turnovers (1174).

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys and white pants at Dallas.

Since 2004, year of the Bengals' last significant uniform redesign, a number of color options for jerseys and pants have been available. Below are the records (regular season plus postseason) for the different combinations:

| JERSEY | PANTS | W-L-T | PCT. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Orange* | Black | 3-0-0 | 1.000 |
| Orange* | White | 14-6-1 | .690 |
| Black | Black | 14-10-1 | .580 |
| Black | White | 31-29-0 | .520 |
| White | Black | 24-24-0 | .500 |
| White | White | 20-25-0 | .444 |

*\* — Orange is designated as a "specialty jersey" with the NFL and can be worn for only two games per year.*

**Bengal bites:** With 16 points last week (five FGs and one PAT, Mike Nugent moved to 668 points for his Bengals career, passing Doug Pelfrey (660) into third place. Jim Breech leads the Bengals in career scoring at 1151, and Shayne Graham is second at 779 ...The Bengals' September record under head coach Marvin Lewis is 27-20-0, a .574 winning percentage. Lewis' best month has been November, with a 31-21-1 mark (.594). Lewis also has a winning record (regular season) in December/January (33-28-0, .541). October has been the only losing month (23-27-1, .461) ... On Sept. 11 at the Jets, the Bengals allowed seven sacks but won the game, prevailing for only the fourth time in 21 games all-time in which they have allowed seven or more. The record with seven

or more allowed is now 4-16-1 ... Andy Dalton passed for exactly 366 yards in Games 1 and 2 this season, becoming the first Bengal to hit 366 or higher in consecutive contests. His total of 732 for the two games was good for the NFL passing yards lead through Week 2, but it is not a Bengals two-game record. It ranks fifth. And trivia buffs can note that Dalton is the only QB in NFL history to pass for exactly 366 yards in consecutive games ... With their victory Dec. 6 of last season at Cleveland, the Bengals posted a new benchmark for the biggest lead held by either side in the 46-year history of the "Battle of Ohio" series. Cincinnati's lead is now seven games, at 46-39. The Browns' biggest lead in the signature series has been five games, at 6-1 after the first meeting of 1973 ... After defeating Miami and first-year head coach Adam Gase last week, the Bengals are 62-48 (.564) all-time against rookie head coaches ... The tallest player on the Bengals 53-man roster is DE Margus Hunt, at 6-8 ... The shortest player is HB Giovani Bernard at 5-9 ... The heaviest players are DT Pat Sims and OT Andrew Whitworth, both at 330 ... The lightest player is CB Adam Jones, at 180.

## BENGALS QUOTES

**Head coach Marvin Lewis**, on WR A.J. Green having a big game vs. Miami after making a crucial drop the previous week vs. Denver:

"It's another step in what makes A.J. so special and fun to have on your team. He takes responsibility. A lot has changed in the last year and a half in his life, which is great. He's got a new contract and a new baby (a son born Sept. 21 of this year). We reaped the benefit of it against the Dolphins, and we'll continue to the rest of the season. You feel good about watching him grow. It's just like the guys on the other side of the ball, in Geno (Atkins) and Carlos (Dunlap). It's fun to watch them grow up."

**LB Vontaze Burfict**, on Cowboys QB Dak Prescott:

"He's a great quarterback. I was a fan of him when he was in college. I watched a lot of their games in college. He makes good decisions. We're going to have a tough task in front of us."

**DE Carlos Dunlap**, on last week's return to action by LB Vontaze Burfict:

"He made some great plays, and basically he was coming off the couch (with no preseason or previous regular-season play this year). That's not an average football player. That's something that you can't coach."

**Dunlap**, on DT Geno Atkins collecting a sack last week by shoving an offensive lineman into Ryan Tannehill and then simply touching Tannehill after the QB fell down:

"That was crazy. He tackled the quarterback with the lineman. That was insane. I was front-and-center for it. I was coming around the corner and saw Geno just manhandle the guy."

**Lewis**, on distribution to receivers in the passing game:

"Some people think Andy (Dalton) has to throw the ball all the time to No. 18 (A.J. Green). But we have a lot of other guys who can make plays. It's about reading it out and letting it happen. If it's designed and gets to 18 based on coverage, then great. If not, let it happen to the design of the play, where we perceive the weakness in the coverage is. Accurate throws come from clean pockets and everyone on the same page down the field in the routes."

**Lewis**, on LB Vincent Rey being voted captain of the special teams:

"Vinny hands down was selected again as captain of the unit. He continued to lead the meeting, even when he was starting on defense for Vontaze (Burfict) and wasn't an integral part of the special teams plan. He takes real responsibility for that. The calmness that comes with his leadership is good."

**WR A.J. Green**, on the Sept. 21 birth of his first child, son Easton Ace Green, to he and his wife Miranda:

"It feels great; unbelievable. Just to see him come out, and he's crying, and when you hold him, he looks so innocent. You see this guy, and you're going to have to raise him, that's yours till death do y'all part. You helped create that and you're going to have to show him the ropes."

**LB Karlos Dansby**, on joining the Bengals for his 13th NFL season:

"I'm playing with a bunch of guys I love being around ... a bunch of guys who have the same drive. There's something different about that aspect of it, guys that have the same motor. And you don't want to let those guys down."

**QB Andy Dalton**, on rookie WR Tyler Boyd:

"He's got really good hands, and he's really smooth. And already you can see he has learned a lot. He's playing a lot faster than he was initially, just from knowing what's going on. He listens really well. He's got the right mindset, and it's been a lot of fun to see."

**WR Brandon LaFell**, on the goal of winning the Super Bowl:

"Since we (Patriots in 2014) won it all, all I've been thinking about is winning another one. I've told guys it's like playing golf. Once you hit that perfect swing, that's all you're chasing the rest of the time that you're playing. It's the same way with football. Once you win a big game, you want to continue to win big games. I wanted to come in to a great situation where I had an opportunity to play with a good quarterback, get a lot of playing time, and to win. Since I've been here, I've been seeing all those signs."

**G Kevin Zeitler**, on vets bringing younger players quickly up to speed:

"I think as a young guy, because the group's been together so long and you're the new one in there, you don't want to be the guy who messes everything up. I think there's a little extra motivation to do extra, to catch up, to figure things out, because you never want to be that guy."

**WR Tyler Boyd**, on joining a lineup filled with returning veterans:

"We've got a lot of vets that can help you and teach you a lot of things that you don't know. It's better than coming into a young team that hasn't seen the things that these guys have seen. Just getting a head start like that helps me and influences me and keeps me more comfortable. It allows me to know my assignment and play consistent. And just stay poised. As long as you're calm and collected, you can go out there and be yourself. They're doing a great job of making me feel comfortable."

**Dalton**, on Ken Zampese being promoted from QBs coach to offensive coordinator:

"He's really smart. He understands, by certain ways that guys line up, how teams are attacking us, and how we can attack them. He knows the type of players we have and what's been successful here, so there's no need to change things drastically. There will be some new stuff, and he'll have his own twist on things — that's just all part of it."

**CB Dre Kirkpatrick**, on continuity and chemistry:

"To win championships, you need to have good chemistry. And when I look at this team, we have some great chemistry. We grew up together. I've been here five years, and I look around, and I've been blessed to be on the same defense. It's so many of the same faces."

**S George Iloka**, on second-year pro Josh Shaw taking the team's nickel CB spot:

"He has the skill set, he has the instincts. He's bigger than Leon (Hall, who filled the role last season). He has done a good job taking things in stride. He doesn't make the same mistake twice. He's young in terms of playing the nickel in this defense and I've been impressed with how fast he's picked it up. He's out there playing fast. Even if it's not exactly how they drew it up, he runs around and he makes plays."

**Secondary coach Kevin Coyle**, on the defense:

"There's not a starting 11 on defense. There are 13, 14, 15 guys that are going to be regulars according to the situation. They'll all be an integral part of what we'll do."

## POSITION BY POSITION

**Quarterbacks:** Through four games, sixth-year pro **Andy Dalton** leads the AFC in passing yards (third in NFL), with 1234, on 97-for-146 passing (66.4), with three TDs and two INTs. Last week vs. Miami, Dalton completed 22 of 31 passes, for 296 yards and a TD. His 111.8 rating was his second-highest of the season, and it brought his record to 27-3 when posting a rating over 100. More than half of Dalton's passing yards vs. Miami (173) came courtesy of WR A.J. Green. The pair connected 10 times on the night, including a leaping 51-yarder that set up a seven-yard TD by Green and a 43-yarder in the third quarter that set up a Bengals FG. It marked the second time this season the two connected 10 or more times (12 receptions on Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets) and the

ninth time in their careers. Dalton began the season by totaling 366 passing yards in each of his first two games. In Week 2 at Pittsburgh, he set a new career high with 54 pass attempts. The total tied for third-most pass attempts in a single game in team history (68 is the record, set by Jon Kitna vs. Pittsburgh in 2001). In the season opener at the Jets, Dalton had one of his best career performances, posting a 114.0 passer rating despite being sacked a career-high seven times. Dalton is only the second NFL QB in the Super Bowl era to lead his team to the playoffs in each of his first five seasons, and he posted a Bengals-record 106.3 passer rating in 2015, ranked first in the AFC and second in the NFL. Dalton suffered a thumb fracture in Game 13 vs. Pittsburgh last season and missed the remainder of the season and the postseason. Dalton's 52-28-1 regular-season record as a starter works out to the best winning percentage (.648) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. His 88.7 career passer rating is tops in Bengals history, and he holds club records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33) in a season. Second-year pro **AJ McCarron** has been an active-DNP for Games 1-4. McCarron finished preseason with a 106.8 passer rating. He showed much promise while filling in for Dalton after Dalton's thumb injury last season, logging a 101.1 passer rating for his three regular-season starts (2-1 record) and leading a dramatic comeback in the Wild Card playoff vs. Pittsburgh, only to see the Steelers prevail 18-16 on a late field goal. As a collegian, McCarron led Alabama to a pair of national championships. On Sept. 4, the Bengals acquired rookie **Jeff Driskel** on waivers from San Francisco. A sixth-round 49ers draft choice this year, Driskel has been inactive for Games 1-4. Driskel played in all four 49ers preseason games, after passing for 4033 yards last season at Louisiana Tech.

**Running backs:** The Bengals boast one of the NFL's most potentially dynamic HB duos in **Jeremy Hill** and **Giovani Bernard**. Both are players with big upsides and already proven skills. Hill rushed for 71 yards on 21 carries last week vs. Miami, bringing his rushing total for the season to 58-for-221. His three TDs (all rushing) lead the team through four games. He has 24 TDs in 36 career games, plus two more in a pair of playoff games. Hill is a bruising 235-pounder with excellent speed and agility for his size. He scored 12 TDs last season, most total TDs by a Bengals RB since 2006, when Rudi Johnson had 12. In his rookie season of 2014, Hill rushed for 1124 yards, second-most by a Bengals rookie, and he led the NFL over the last nine weeks of 2014 with 929 yards. Through four games, Bernard's impact has been felt particularly through the air, as his 19 catches rank second on the team and his 165 yards rank third. His catch total is tied for second among NFL running backs. Bernard had three catches for 24 yards last week vs. Miami while rushing 10-for-18. For the season, Bernard has rushed for 68 yards on 25 carries. In Week 2 at Pittsburgh, Bernard was the Bengals' leading receiver, logging a career-high nine catches for 100 yards, including the Bengals' lone TD of the day, a 25-yard reception in the fourth quarter. Bernard is smaller than Hill, at 5-9 and 205, but he has good power to go along with top-level speed and elusiveness. He rushed for 730 yards with a 4.7 average last season and added 472 yards on 49 receptions. Bernard has averaged 49.3 receptions over his first three seasons, and with 49 more in 2016, he would already have the second-most receptions by a RB in team history at 197, trailing only James Brooks. Bernard averaged 1146.6 yards from scrimmage for his first three full seasons. Another veteran HB on the roster with good performance record is **Rex Burkhead**. Burkhead has not yet had an offensive touch this season but stands ready should Hill or Bernard miss time due to an injury. Burkhead is a fourth-year Bengal who had a career-best 10 receptions last season, with a TD. He started at WR in a 2014 season playoff game, in part due to injuries among the WR corps. Veteran HB **Cedric Peerman**, a Pro Bowl special teams player last year, suffered a left forearm fracture on Aug. 28 at Jacksonville and was placed Sept. 4 on the Reserve/Injured list. It's hoped he'll recover in time for consideration as the one R/I player each team may return to the roster later in the season.

**Wide receivers:** Already earning general acclaim as the top WR in Bengals history, **A.J. Green** returns for his sixth season in 2016. Through four games, Green's 32 receptions lead the NFL, and his 468 receiving yards rank first in the AFC and third in the NFL. Last week vs. Miami, Green turned in the performance of the game, leading all players in receptions (10) and receiving yards (173). It was the second 10-plus reception game of the season for Green and ninth of his career. His performance included the Bengals' only TD of the game, a seven-yarder in the first quarter that was set up by his own leaping 51-yard reception earlier in the drive. In the third quarter, Green hauled in a 43-yard reception down the sideline that got the Bengals deep into Miami territory, setting up a FG. In Week 1 against the Jets, Green tied his career receptions high (12) while gaining 180 yards, including a 54-yard touchdown. Through four weeks, Green's 12 receptions at the Jets are tied for the most in the NFL in a regulation-

time game. Green's 447 career receptions already rank fourth in Bengals history, and his 6639 receiving yards also rank fourth, just 462 yards short of second place. His 47 career receiving TDs also rank fourth, and his 26 games of 100 or more receiving yards rank second behind Chad Johnson, who took 10 seasons to record his record 31. The WR cast behind Green has changed for 2016, and veteran free agent signee **Brandon LaFell** and rookie second-round draft choice **Tyler Boyd** emerged from preseason in the Nos. 2-3 roles. LaFell caught four-for-44 last week vs. Miami, including a 23-yard catch and toe-tap on the sideline in the first quarter that got the Bengals into the red zone and set up an eventual FG. LaFell now stands third on the team for the year in receptions (13) and second in receiving yards (208). LaFell was limited to very brief playing time in the preseason due to a hand injury, but he hit the ground running, and in his Bengals debut in Week 1 against the Jets, he gained 91 yards on four receptions. A seventh-year pro, LaFell caught 74 passes for New England's 2014 Super Bowl winners. LaFell's last three teams each won 12 games, and he said the Bengals' 33 wins the last three seasons put Cincinnati atop his free agent shopping list. Boyd has gotten off good start in his first four NFL games, notching 12 receptions for 130 yards. He was held to only a 10-yard reception last week vs. Miami, but it was a catch in tight traffic to convert a third-and-eight. In just three seasons at the University of Pittsburgh, Boyd established himself as the school's career leader in receptions (254) and receiving yards (3361). Third-year pro **James Wright**, who missed all of last season for continued rehab of a serious 2014 knee injury, has been back in action in Games 1-4 this season. Wright is three-for-27 receiving on the season, but was not targeted last week vs. Miami. Wright also is tied for the team lead in special teams in tackles (six). College free agent **Alex Erickson** of Wisconsin, who made a successful longshot roster bid after impressing in preseason both as a receiver and kick returner, has one catch on the season so far this year, but it was a big one — a 20-yarder in traffic in Week 2 at Pittsburgh that converted a third-and-three and kept alive a Bengals FG drive. Erickson has played in Games 1-4. Sixth-round draft choice **Cody Core** of Ole Miss has been inactive for Games 1-4. Core earned a roster spot with a solid preseason, leading the team in receptions (eight) and receiving yards (135).

**Tight ends/H-back:** Second-year pros **C.J. Uzomah** and **Tyler Kroft** have together helped fill the void left by injured Pro Bowl TE **Tyler Eifert**, a 2013 first-round draft choice who has yet to see the field this season as he recovers from an ankle injury suffered in last year's Pro Bowl game. Eifert returned to practice two weeks ago and may have a chance to take the field at Dallas. Uzomah was the Bengals No. 3 TE as a rookie last year, but he has started three games (Games 1-2 and 4) this season, partially due to injuries to other TEs. He has 11 catches for 144 yards. Last week vs. Miami, Uzomah caught four-for-45, including a 19-yarder deep into Miami territory that set up a Bengals FG. In Week 1 at the Jets, his 54-yard catch-and-run helped set up a Bengals FG. Kroft has played in all four games, including a start last week vs. Miami (no statistics). Kroft, who suffered a knee injury in training camp that caused him to miss all four preseason games, has three catches for 35 yards on the season, all of which came in Week 2 at Pittsburgh. A third-round 2015 draft choice, Kroft progressed steadily as a rookie. He started five of the last six games, both filling in for the injured Eifert and as part of two-TE sets. Eifert's impending return figures to bring added firepower to the passing game. He scored 13 TDs last season, a Bengals record for TEs and just one off the league lead, despite missing significant playing time in four games due to injuries. He had 52 catches for 615 yards, third on the team in each category. The Bengals also have a young standout at the H-back position, third-year pro **Ryan Hewitt** of Stanford, who has played in Games 1-4, with three starts (no touches or targets). Hewitt made the team as a college free agent in 2014 and provided immediate impact as a blocker out of the backfield and as a situational receiver. He has played in 35 of 36 games over his first three seasons and has 18 receptions for 185 yards.

**Offensive linemen:** The Bengals return four well-established starters on the offensive line, and the ROT position has been claimed by **Cedric Ogbuehi**, the team's first-round draft choice in 2015. All five front-liners have started the first four games. Ogbuehi missed the last three preseason games, due to a toe injury suffered during his start at ROT in the preseason opener, but he returned in time for the regular season. Ogbuehi played in only five games last season, but it was known at the time he was drafted that he needed recovery time from a knee injury suffered in his final college game for Texas A&M. At LOT, **Andrew Whitworth** is back after the most celebrated season of his career. An 11th-year pro for 2016, Whitworth last season was a first-team selection on the king of All-Pro teams, the long-recognized Associated Press version. He also was a first-ballot Pro Bowl selection. **Clint Boling** and **Kevin Zeitler** have been Cincinnati's starting guard tandem since 2012, Boling on the left side and Zeitler on the right. Boling joined the team in 2011 as a fourth-round draft choice, and

Zeitler was a first-round pick in 2012. Since 2014, **Russell Bodine** has been between Boling and Zeitler at C. A fourth-round 2014 draft, Bodine has not missed a Bengals start, covering 36 regular-season games and two postseason contests. **Jake Fisher**, Cincinnati's 2015 second-round draft choice, has served as the "big tight end" in extra-blocker situations so far this season. Fisher played in 14 games as a rookie last year and can fill a variety of roles. He was moved to H-back late last season to replace the injured Ryan Hewitt. The Bengals also have a veteran with recent ROT experience in 10th-year pro **Eric Winston**, who has played in Games 1-4. Winston played in 17 games for the Bengals, with four starts at ROT, over the last two seasons. C **T.J. Johnson** also has Bengals playing experience, with a career-best 12 games logged last season. He suffered a concussion in preseason game three and sat out the preseason finale, but he returned for the regular season and has played in Games 1-4 Cincinnati's only 2016 draft pick on the line is **Christian Westerman**, fifth-round guard selection from Arizona State, a prolific performer in the Sun Devil weight room. Westerman played in all four preseason games and has been inactive in Games 1-4.

**Defensive linemen:** DE **Carlos Dunlap** had a standout game last week vs. Miami, logging two sacks for a combined loss of 14 yards. He also recorded two passes defensed, and one one of his sacks he forced fumble which was recovered by the Bengals, setting up a field goal. Dunlap now has 52.0 sacks for his career (all with Cincinnati). He ranks fourth all-time on the Bengals in sacks. His 3.0 sacks are a tied for team high this season, and his five passes defensed on the season lead the team. Dunlap had five total tackles vs. Denver and has a line-leading 18 on the year. A seventh-year pro, Dunlap had 13.5 sacks last season, the second-most in Bengals history, and went to his first Pro Bowl. Dunlap also has 13 career forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 31 passes defensed, four blocked field goals and two touchdowns scored. Seventh-year pro **Geno Atkins** is also recognized as one of the best defensive lineman in Bengals history. He went to his fourth Pro Bowl last season and earned his second first-team berth on the prestigious Associated Press All-Pro team. His 11.0 sacks tied for the NFL lead among interior linemen. He also tied for the league lead in that category in 2011, and he led outright in 2012. Last week vs. Miami, Atkins logged 1.5 sacks for a combined loss of 10.5 yards. Through four games, Atkins has 11 tackles, including four for losses, and 2.5 sacks. Alongside Atkins on the interior line is another Bengals pillar, **Domata Peko**. The 11th-year pro has started 105 consecutive regular-season games, and last year he had a career-best 5.0 sacks. Peko had two tackles last week vs. the Dolphins, as well as a fumble recovery of a Dunlap strip in the second quarter to set up a Bengals FG. He also had a pass defensed, and has 14 tackles on the season. DE **Michael Johnson**, an eighth-year player for 2016, has started the first four games and has seven tackles, a shared sack and a pass defensed on the season. Against Miami, Johnson teamed with Atkins to take down Ryan Tannehill for a loss of nine yards in the third quarter on a third-down play, forcing a punt. Veterans at the backup DE spots are **Margus Hunt** and **Will Clarke**, both of whom are showing notably increased production this season. Clarke continued his hot start to the season last week vs. Miami, with a solo sack for no gain against Ryan Tannehill. Clarke's 3.0 sacks on the season are the first three of his career, and he's tied with Dunlap for the team lead. Clarke had a three-yarder Sept. 25 vs. Denver and a nine-yarder on Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh. Clarke has five total tackles on the season. He's a third-year player, a third-round 2014 Bengals draft choice, who played in 12 games last season. Hunt had one QB hit last week vs. Miami. On Sept. 25 vs Denver, Hunt logged three tackles and blocked his second kick of the season, a PAT attempt in the second quarter. Hunt is the only NFL player this season with two blocked kicks, having blocked a field goal in the season opener at the N.Y. Jets. Hunt has six tackles and two passes defensed for the season. He's a second-round 2013 draftee. The Bengals get strong rotational play on the interior line from veteran **Pat Sims**, who had two tackles against the Dolphins. Sims has nine tackles on the season, plus a QB hit. Sims is a ninth-year pro for 2016. **Brandon Thompson** was a contributor at DT last season, but the fifth-year pro opens 2016 still rehabbing a knee injury suffered late last season. Thompson is on the Reserve/PUP list and could return to play at some point after Game 6. Second-year DT **DeShawn Williams** had a strong preseason, with 10 tackles, and claimed a roster spot. He has been inactive for Games 1-4.

**Linebackers:** The Bengals boast a LB corps that is deep as well as talented. The notable new addition for 2016 is 13th-year veteran **Karlos Dansby**, signed as a free agent and filling the starting SLB position. He logged four tackles last week vs. Miami, and he leads the team in tackles for the season (26). He also has two passes defensed and a fumble recovery. Dansby led Cleveland last season in tackles (108) and INTs (three). Dansby ranks among NFL's all-time best in the combo stat of sacks-plus-INTs (61, 41-20), and he joins

Hall of Famers Bobby Bell and Derrick Brooks as only LBs with six career INTs for TDs. Sixth-year pro **Vincent Rey** can play all the LB positions and last year led the team in tackles (95), playing 16 games with eight starts. He also led the team in 2014. Rey logged one defensive tackle, one special teams stop and a pass defensed last week vs. Miami. He's second on the team for the season in tackles (23). MLB **Rey Maualuga** has averaged 14 starts per year since joining the team as a second-round draft choice in 2009. Maualuga is a particularly stout run defender, and had two tackles last week vs. Miami. Maualuga has 13 tackles and a pass defensed on the season. WLB **Vontaze Burfict**, one of the league's best instinctive talents, made his season debut last week vs. Miami, after missing Games 1-3 on an NFL suspension. He logged three tackles and a pass defensed. Burfict looks for a fully healthy season after battling knee and foot problems that limited him to 15 games over the last two years. Burfict started the last 10 games last season and led the team in tackles per game played (7.4). Rookie third-round draft choice **Nick Vigil** of Utah State had a strong preseason, leading the team in tackles (17) with one INT. He has played in Games 1-4, primarily on special teams, and had one special teams stop last week vs. Miami. He has three special teams tackles on the season. Third-year pro **Marquis Flowers** spent 2015 on Reserve/Injured (shoulder), but the sixth-round '14 draft pick is back in action this season, having played in Games 1-4 on special teams. He had one tackle vs. Miami and has three for the season. Second-year pro **Trevor Roach**, who played in Games 1-3, was waived on Sept. 29 and signed Sept. 30 to the Bengals practice squad.

**Defensive backs:** Tenth-year vet **Adam Jones** earned his first Pro Bowl berth in 2015 and heads the CB corps in 2016 again. He has started Games 1-4 and has 19 tackles (fourth on team), three passes defensed (tied for second on team) and one INT. He had two tackles last week vs. Miami. On Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh, Jones picked off a fourth-down Ben Roethlisberger pass at the Bengals 21 in the first quarter and returned two yards to the 23. Jones' time as a kick returner was limited last season by his CB duties, but he's a longtime threat in that area. In 2014, he led the NFL with a Bengals-record 31.3 average on KOR and was second in PR (12.0). This season, he has four punt returns for an 6.3 average and three kickoff returns for a 18.7 average. He is the Bengals' all-time leader in kickoff return average (26.4) and punt return average (11.1). **Dre Kirkpatrick**, a 2012 Bengals first-round draft choice, was inactive last week due to a hamstring injury. He may return to action at Dallas. Kirkpatrick's absence last week snapped his 51-game appearance streak (including postseason). He has five tackles, one INT and three total passes defensed for the season. Kirkpatrick started 15 games last season and led the team in passes defensed (16). He has two career INTs for TDs. CB **Josh Shaw** started in Kirkpatrick's place last week, logging three tackles, and he also had two tackles on special teams. For the season, Shaw has ten tackles and an INT, and he's tied for first on the special teams with six tackles. He had the game-clinching play in the season opener against the Jets, intercepting a Ryan Kirkpatrick pass intended for Eric Decker at the Jets 40 with 0:40 to play. Shaw played in 15 games as a rookie and also has the ability to play safety. The CB room also includes 2014 first-round draft pick **Darqueze Dennard** of Michigan State, who had a team-high six tackles last week vs. the Dolphins. Dennard made his season debut on Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh, logging three tackles. Dennard had been rehabbing an ankle injury he suffered the first week of training camp, and has ten tackles on the season. Other veteran CBs on the roster are **Chris Lewis-Harris** and **Chykie Brown**. Lewis-Harris has four tackles on defense, including one against the Dolphins, and last week he logged his first career INT, picking off Ryan Tannehill in the fourth quarter. Lewis-Harris has played in all four games. Brown has played in two games (Games 1 and 4, one special teams tackle) and has been inactive for two. Another first-rounder at CB, 2016 choice **William Jackson** of the University of Houston, is on the Reserve/Injured list, due to a torn pectoral muscle tendon he suffered in an early training camp practice. It's hoped he'll recover in time for consideration as the one R/I player each team may return to the roster later in the season. Jackson led the nation in 2015 with a school-record 23 pass breakups and added a career-best five interceptions, also leading nation in total passes defensed (28). Fifth-year pro **George Iloka** has been Cincinnati's starting SS since 2013 and heads the corps again this year. The 6-4, 225-pounder had three tackles, one for a loss, last week vs. Miami, and he has 15 tackles with one PD for the season. He has five career INTs and 23 total passes defensed, and coaches see him as still a rising performer. Taking over this season as the starting FS is fourth-year pro **Shawn Williams**, who logged three tackles last week vs. Miami. He's third on the team for the season in tackles (22), leading the secondary. Williams has played in all 55 possible games (regular season and postseason) in his Bengals career, and last year he made his first four starts. Second-year pro **Derron Smith** has played in all four games, with two tackles on defense and one on special teams. His two tackles on defense came on Sept. 25 vs. Denver. Smith played in every game last season,

mostly on special teams. **Clayton Fejedelem** comes to Cincinnati as a seventh-round draft choice after last year being named Illinois' Defensive Player of the Year. He has played on special teams in Games 1-4, with one tackle. He played in all four preseason games and had nine tackles, and he also had a team-leading four special teams stops.

**Special teams:** The Bengals' excellent specialist trio returns for a seventh straight season working together. K **Mike Nugent**, a 12th-year NFL player in his seventh Bengals season, had a busy game last week vs. Miami. He converted all five of his FG attempts, including a 47-yarder. He's 12-for-13 on the season on field goals, with his only miss coming from 52 yards. Nugent had the game-deciding score Sept. 11 at the Jets, hitting a 47-yard field goal with 0:58 to play, giving the Bengals their final 23-22 margin. He is first in the AFC and second in the NFL this season in scoring (42 points). Nugent holds club season records for points (132) and field goals (33), both set in 2011. In 2014 he kicked a club-record 57-yard FG in the playoffs, second-longest in NFL postseason history, and he also shares the club record for longest regular-season FG (55). Nugent also handles kickoffs. P **Kevin Huber** has posted the top two seasons in Bengals history for gross average and the top four for net average. Against the Dolphins, he averaged 46.0 gross yards and 42.8 net on four kicks, with one inside-20 and no touchbacks. He's a 46.0 gross and 41.2 net for the season, and he's tied for seventh in the NFL in differential between inside-20 kicks and touchbacks (plus-7). Huber was an initial-ballot Pro Bowler in 2014. He also boasts the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (3.9-to-1, with 190 inside-20s and 49 touchbacks). Huber is also the proven reliable holder for Nugent. The final member of the trio is LS **Clark Harris**, who has handled 1068 snaps in his Bengals career without an unplayable delivery. Harris is also a solid player on punt coverage, with 20 career tackles, including a career-best five last season. The Bengals have split the kick return duties this season. Veteran CB **Adam Jones** and rookie WR **Alex Erickson** have been the punt returners, with Erickson averaging 7.0 yards and Jones averaging 6.3. They have also returned kickoffs, as has HB **Rex Burkhead**, who has averaged 20.0 yards on two returns. WR **James Wright** and **Josh Shaw** share the team lead in special teams tackles, with six apiece. DE **Margus Hunt** is the only NFL player this season with two blocked kicks. He blocked a 22-yard FG try on Sept. 11 at the Jets and blocked a PAT on Sept. 25 vs. Denver. The special teams suffered a significant blow Aug. 28 at Jacksonville when HB **Cedric Peerman**, a Pro Bowl coverage player in 2015, suffered a left forearm fracture on a rushing attempt. The team hopes he could return to action at midseason.

## 2016

Mid.-Oct. — Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular season game (including any bye week) and continuing through the day after the conclusion of the 11th regular season weekend, clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week 6 game.

Mid.-Oct. — At any time after six weeks have elapsed since a player was placed on Reserve/Injured or Reserve/Non-Football Injury/Illness, each club is permitted to designate one player for return from either list to the club's 53-player Active/Inactive List.

Mid.-Oct. — The player who is "Designated For Return" must have suffered a major football-related or non-football-related injury after reporting to training camp and must have been placed on the applicable Reserve List after 4 p.m. Eastern on the day after the final roster reduction.

Mid.-Oct. — A player whom the club wishes to designate for return is permitted to return to practice for a period not to exceed 21 days. The club is required to notify the League office that the player has been "Designated For Return" on the first day the player begins to practice. The player cannot be returned to the Active/Inactive List until eight weeks have elapsed since the date he was placed on Reserve.

Oct. 18-19 — Fall League Meeting, Houston, Texas.

Oct. 23 — NFL International Series, New York Giants vs. Los Angeles Rams, London, England.

Oct. 30 — NFL International Series, Washington Redskins vs. Cincinnati Bengals, London, England.

Nov. 1 — All trading ends for 2016 at 4 p.m. Eastern.

Nov. 2 — Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.

Nov. 15 — At 4 p.m. Eastern, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive offer sheets.

Nov. 15 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive offer sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2016.

Nov. 15 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "May 10 Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2016.

Nov. 15 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2016.

Nov. 15 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to sign their drafted rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2016.

Nov. 21 — NFL International Series, Houston Texans vs. Oakland Raiders, Mexico City, Mexico.

## 2017

Jan. 2 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the rookie contract of a drafted rookie who was selected in any round of the 2014 NFL Draft. Any permissible renegotiated or extended player contract will not be considered a rookie contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit rookie contracts.

Jan. 2 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2014 NFL Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 2, 2017, but prior to May 3, 2017.

Jan. 7-8 — Wild Card Playoffs.

Jan. 8 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that have byes in the Wild Card weekend may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of the Wild Card games.

Jan. 14-15 — Divisional Playoffs.

Jan. 15 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that won their Wild Card games may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of Divisional Playoff games.

Jan. 16 — Deadline for college players that are underclassmen to apply for special eligibility. A list of players who are accepted into the NFL Draft will be transmitted to clubs on Jan. 20.

Jan. 21 — East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Jan. 22 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.

Jan. 28 — Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Ala.

Jan. 29 — NFL Pro Bowl, Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Fla.

Jan. 29 — An assistant coach, whose team is participating in the Super Bowl, who has previously interviewed for another club's head coaching job may have a second interview with such club no later than the Sunday preceding the Super Bowl.

Feb. 5 — Super Bowl LI, NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas.

Feb. 15 — First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.

Feb. 28-March 6 — Combine Timing and Testing, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.

March 1 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.

March 7-9 — During the period beginning at noon Eastern on March 7 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 9, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2016 player contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 9. However, a contract cannot be executed with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern on March 9.

March 7-9 — During the above two-day negotiating period, no direct contact is permitted between a prospective unrestricted free agent and any employee or representative of a club, other than the player's current club.

March 9 — The 2017 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2017 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 9. Clubs will receive a personnel notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 9.

March 9 — Trading period for 2017 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2016 contracts.

March 26-29 — Annual League Meeting, Phoenix, Ariz.

April 3 — Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2016 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.

April 17 — Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.

April 21 — Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.

April 26 — Deadline for prior club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.

April 27-29 — NFL Draft (site TBD).

## 2018

Feb. 4* — Super Bowl LII, U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis, Minn.

*Tentative date.*

Tues., Oct. 4 — Players' off day; No media access.

Wed., Oct. 5 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Practice from 1-3 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:20 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance; Conference call from Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett at 2:35 p.m.; Conference call from Dallas Cowboys player TBD at 3:30 p.m.

Thurs., Oct. 6 — Practice from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. (practice open to media from 11:15-11:45 a.m., but no video after 11:35 a.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off practice field; Locker room open from 1:15-2 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 7 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45 a.m.-noon (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).

Sat., Oct. 8 — Team travels to Dallas; No media access.

Sun., Oct. 9 — Game 5, Bengals at Dallas, 1 p.m. Eastern.

Mon., Oct. 10 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 11 — Players' off day; No media access.

Wed., Oct. 12 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Practice from 1-3 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:20 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance; Conference calls from New England Patriots TBD.

Thurs., Oct. 13 — Practice from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. (practice open to media from 11:15-11:45 a.m., but no video after 11:35 a.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off practice field; Locker room open from 1:15-2 p.m.

Fri., Oct. 14 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45 a.m.-noon (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).

Sat., Oct. 15 — Team travels to New England; No media access.

Sun., Oct. 16 — Game 6, Bengals at New England, 1 p.m.

## 2008 SEASON
### WEEK 5, GAME 5

# Dallas Cowboys 31, Cincinnati Bengals 22
### Sunday, Oct. 5, 2008 at Texas Stadium

Bengals fans were contemplating a tie for the team's second-biggest road comeback win ever when LB Rashad Jeanty covered an onside kick at the Bengals 48 with 14:02 still remaining. After trailing 17-0, the Bengals had scored 16 unanswered points. But the Cowboys turned matters back in their favor on the next play, recovering a fumble by HB Chris Perry. Dallas scored in two plays for a 24-16 lead, and though the Bengals rebounded to within 24-22 on WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh's second TD catch of the day, Cincinnati failed on a two-point conversion try. Dallas then drove for a clinching TD, getting the score on a 15-yard pass from QB Tony Romo to WR Patrick Crayton. The Bengals fell to 0-5, and the Cowboys improved to 4-1.

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | 0 | 6 | 7 | 9 | — | 22 |
| Dallas | 10 | 7 | 0 | 14 | — | 31 |

| TEAM — SCORING PLAY | QTR.-LEFT |
|---|---|
| Dall. — N.Folk 30 field goal | 1-13:06 |
| Dall. — F.Jones 33 run (N.Folk kick) | 1-6:00 |
| Dall. — J.Witten 4 pass from T.Romo (N.Folk kick) | 2-12:12 |
| Cin. — S.Graham 41 field goal | 2-8:15 |
| Cin. — S.Graham 31 field goal | 2-0:34 |
| Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 18 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick) | 3-7:59 |
| Cin. — S.Graham 40 field goal | 4-14:02 |
| Dall. — T.Owens 57 pass from T.Romo (N.Folk kick) | 4-11:46 |
| Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 10 pass from C.Palmer (pass failed) | 4-7:39 |
| Dall. — P.Crayton 15 pass from T.Romo (N.Folk kick) | 4-1:52 |

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 62,655. **Time:** 3:07.

| TEAM STATISTICS | CIN. | DALL. |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 18 | 18 |
| Third down conversions-attempts | 6-14 | 9-15 |
| Total net yards | 269 | 373 |
| Net yards rushing | 61 | 198 |
| Net yards passing | 208 | 175 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions | 39-23-1 | 23-14-1 |
| Sacks against-yards lost | 2-9 | 1-1 |
| Punts-average | 4-46.3 | 3-55.3 |
| Punt returns-yards | 1-8 | 2-15 |
| Kickoff returns-yards | 6-177 | 3-67 |
| Penalties-yards | 7-44 | 6-52 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 2-1 |
| Time of possession | 28:15 | 31:45 |

### RUSHING

| CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | DALL. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C.Perry | 13 | 31 | 10 | 0 | F.Jones | 9 | 96 | 33t | 1 |
| C.Benson | 10 | 30 | 10 | 0 | M.Barber | 23 | 84 | 16 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | T.Owens | 1 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | T.Romo | 4 | 7 | 6 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | D.Anderson | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 23 | 61 | 10 | 0 | TOTALS | 38 | 198 | 33t | 1 |

### PASSING

| CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | DALL. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C.Palmer | 39 | 23 | 217 | 2-1 | T.Romo | 23 | 14 | 176 | 3-1 |
| TOTALS | 39 | 23 | 217 | 2-1 | TOTALS | 23 | 14 | 176 | 3-1 |

### RECEIVING

| CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | DALL. | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T.Houshmandzadeh | 7 | 85 | 25 | 2 | J.Witten | 8 | 79 | 29 | 1 |
| A.Chatman | 7 | 55 | 18 | 0 | T.Owens | 2 | 67 | 57t | 1 |
| C.Johnson | 3 | 43 | 19 | 0 | M.Barber | 2 | 8 | 6 | 0 |
| C.Perry | 3 | 19 | 12 | 0 | P.Crayton | 1 | 15 | 15t | 1 |
| D.Coats | 1 | 11 | 11 | 0 | F.Jones | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| B.Utecht | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| R.Kelly | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTALS | 23 | 217 | 25 | 2 | TOTALS | 14 | 176 | 57t | 3 |

### DEFENSE

**Cincinnati** (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** C.Ndukwe 7-4-11, K.Rivers 5-3-8, Dh.Jones 3-4-7, R.Geathers 3-3-6, L.Hall 3-3-6, D.Peko 1-4-5, Da.Jones 4-0-4, F.Rucker 3-1-4, A.Odom 2-2-4, M.White 3-0-3, J.Fanene 2-1-3, R.Jeanty 2-1-3, D.Blackstock 1-0-1, O.Harris 1-0-1, B.Johnson 1-0-1, J.Thornton 1-0-1, J.Fletcher 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** R.Geathers 0.5-0.5, D.Peko 0.5-0.5. **INT.-YDS.:** K.Rivers 1-39. **PD:** K.Rivers 1, M.White 1. **FF:** K.Rivers 1, F.Rucker 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Fletcher 1-0.

**Dallas** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** A.Jones 5-1-6, D.Ware 4-1-5, J.Ratliff 3-2-5, Z.Thomas 3-2-5, M.Spears 3-2-5, A.Henry 4-0-4, B.James 4-0-4, O.Scandrick 4-0-4, K.Hamlin 3-1-4, K.Davis 2-0-2, C.Canty 1-1-2, J.Hatcher 1-1-2, M.Jenkins 1-0-1, T.Johnson 1-0-1, K.Burnett 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Ratliff 1-6, D.Ware 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** G.Ellis 1-11. **PD:** A.Jones 2, K.Burnett 1, G.Ellis 1, K.Hamlin 1, M.Spears 1. **FF:** T.Johnson 1. **FR-YDS.:** A.Spencer 1-0.

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## 2012 SEASON
### WEEK 14, GAME 13

# Dallas Cowboys 20, Cincinnati Bengals 19
### Sunday, Dec. 9, 2012 at Paul Brown Stadium

Looking to seal a fifth straight win, the Bengals took a 19-10 lead into the fourth quarter. But the Cowboys came back for a one-point win, outgaining Cincinnati 150-49 in the final period and leading 9-2 in first downs. K Dan Bailey lifted Dallas from a 19-17 deficit with a 40-yard FG as time expired. The Bengals dominated for most of the first three periods, but could not put the game away as Dallas rose up to allow only one TD with three FGs on four Cincinnati red-zone opportunities. The Cowboys attributed some of their comeback resolve to their desire to win the game for the memory of practice squad LB Jerry Brown, who was a passenger in a fatal auto accident on the day before the contest. The Bengals fell to 7-6, while Dallas improved to 7-6.

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Dallas | 3 | 7 | 0 | 10 | — | 20 |
| Cincinnati | 10 | 3 | 6 | 0 | — | 19 |

| TEAM — SCORING PLAY | QTR.-LEFT |
|---|---|
| Dall. — D.Bailey 37 field goal | 1-8:36 |
| Cin. — A.Hawkins 8 pass from A.Dalton (J.Brown kick) | 1-6:41 |
| Cin. — J.Brown 25 field goal | 1-1:39 |
| Dall. — D.Murray 1 run (D.Bailey kick) | 2-10:33 |
| Cin. — J.Brown 33 field goal | 2-3:24 |
| Cin. — J.Brown 25 field goal | 3-9:22 |
| Cin. — J.Brown 52 field goal | 3-6:45 |
| Dall. — D.Bryant 27 pass from T.Romo (D.Bailey kick) | 4-6:35 |
| Dall. — D.Bailey 40 field goal | 4-0:00 |

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 63,590. **Time:** 3:16.

| TEAM STATISTICS | DALL. | CIN. |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 20 | 19 |
| Third down conversions-attempts | 11-19 | 4-11 |
| Total net yards | 288 | 336 |
| Net yards rushing | 49 | 146 |
| Net yards passing | 239 | 190 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions | 43-25-1 | 33-20-1 |
| Sacks against-yards lost | 3-29 | 5-16 |
| Punts-average | 5-33.0 | 3-45.3 |
| Punt returns-yards | 2-4 | 1-(-3) |
| Kickoff returns-yards | 1-14 | 3-65 |
| Penalties-yards | 6-49 | 8-70 |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 0-0 |
| Time of possession | 30:11 | 29:49 |

### RUSHING

| DALL. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| D.Murray | 21 | 53 | 7 | 1 | B.Green-Ellis | 12 | 89 | 38 | 0 |
| F.Jones | 2 | 7 | 4 | 0 | M.Jones | 1 | 37 | 37 | 0 |
| D.Bryant | 1 | -11 | -11 | 0 | B.Leonard | 6 | 20 | 5 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  | A.Dalton | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 24 | 49 | 7 | 1 | TOTALS | 20 | 146 | 38 | 0 |

### PASSING

| DALL. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T.Romo | 43 | 25 | 268 | 1-1 | A.Dalton | 33 | 20 | 206 | 1-1 |
| TOTALS | 43 | 25 | 268 | 1-1 | TOTALS | 33 | 20 | 206 | 1-1 |

### RECEIVING

| DALL. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J.Witten | 4 | 62 | 25 | 0 | A.Hawkins | 6 | 44 | 11 | 1 |
| D.Bryant | 4 | 50 | 27t | 1 | J.Gresham | 4 | 43 | 25 | 0 |
| M.Austin | 4 | 46 | 15 | 0 | M.Jones | 3 | 45 | 17 | 0 |
| D.Murray | 4 | 22 | 7 | 0 | A.Green | 3 | 44 | 17 | 0 |
| D.Harris | 3 | 33 | 21 | 0 | B.Green-Ellis | 3 | 13 | 5 | 0 |
| K.Ogletree | 2 | 28 | 23 | 0 | O.Charles | 1 | 17 | 17 | 0 |
| L.Vickers | 2 | 18 | 11 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| L.Dunbar | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| J.Hanna | 1 | 3 | 3 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| TOTALS | 25 | 268 | 27 | 1 | TOTALS | 20 | 206 | 25 | 1 |

### DEFENSE

**Dallas** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** A.Spencer 5-6-11, E.Sims 4-6-10, D.McCray 3-2-5, M.Claiborne 2-3-5, E.Frampton 1-4-5, D.Ware 3-1-4, B.Carr 2-2-4, D.Connor 0-4-4, A.Albright 2-0-2, J.Hatcher 2-0-2, S.Moore 1-1-2, M.Jenkins 0-2-2, G.Sensabaugh 0-2-2, T.Crawford 0-1-1, S.Lissemore 0-1-1, M.Spears 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Spencer 2-11, D.Ware 1-3, J.Hatcher 1-2, E.Sims 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** B.Carr 1-37. **PD:** B.Carr 1, G.Sensabaugh 1, M.Spears 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 8-6-14, R.Maualuga 3-6-9, A.Jones 6-1-7, T.Newman 3-3-6, G.Atkins 4-1-5, R.Nelson 3-2-5, M.Lawson 4-0-4, L.Hall 2-2-4, M.Johnson 2-2-4, C.Crocker 2-1-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, R.Geathers 1-1-2, W.Gilberry 0-2-2, P.Sims 0-2-2, E.Lamur 1-0-1, D.Peko 1-0-1, D.Skuta 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** R.Nelson 1-8, G.Atkins 1-7, C.Dunlap 0.5-7, M.Johnson 0.5-7. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Nelson 1-0. **PD:** T.Newman 2, N.Clements 1, C.Crocker 1, R.Maualuga 1, R.Nelson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

### Cincinnati Bengals 23, N.Y. Jets 22
#### Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 at MetLife Stadium

The Bengals survived a seesaw battle to win a road season opener for the third year in a row. They trailed 7-0 but blocked a 22-yard Jets FG try to avoid getting two scores down. They came back to lead 10-7, but trailed 16-13 at halftime. They led 20-16, but later trailed 22-20. With 58 seconds left, K Mike Nugent got the winning points on a 47-yard FG. The Jets' last chance for a comeback was snuffed with 40 seconds remaining when second-year CB Josh Shaw intercepted a pass from QB Ryan Fitzpatrick. QB Andy Dalton posted a 114.0 passer rating despite being sacked seven times. It was the first Bengals win with seven or more sacks allowed since 1990. WR A.J. Green posted NFL-leading totals for Week 1 with 12 receptions and 180 receiving yards.

### SCORE BY PERIODS

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | 3 | 10 | 7 | 3 | — | 23 |
| N.Y. Jets | 7 | 9 | 0 | 6 | — | 22 |

### TEAM — SCORING PLAY

| | | QTR.-LEFT |
|---|---|---|
| NYJ | — Q.Enunwa 3 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (N.Folk kick) | 1-7:40 |
| Cin. | — M.Nugent 33 field goal | 1-1:29 |
| Cin. | — A.Green 54 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick) | 2-11:23 |
| NYJ | — E.Decker 15 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (kick failed) | 2-9:38 |
| NYJ | — N.Folk 45 field goal | 2-3:19 |
| Cin. | — M.Nugent 21 field goal | 2-0:00 |
| Cin. | — J.Hill 12 run (M.Nugent kick) | 3-3:09 |
| NYJ | — N.Folk 20 field goal | 4-11:26 |
| NYJ | — N.Folk 23 field goal | 4-3:23 |
| Cin. | — M.Nugent 47 field goal | 4-0:54 |

**Missed FGs:** M.Nugent (52WR), N.Folk (22B).
**Attendance:** 78,160. **Time:** 3:01.

### TEAM STATISTICS

| | CIN. | NYJ |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 18 | 22 |
| Third down conversions-attempts | 3-11 | 4-12 |
| Total net yards | 381 | 340 |
| Net yards rushing | 57 | 152 |
| Net yards passing | 324 | 188 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions | 30-23-1 | 35-19-1 |
| Sacks against-yards lost | 7-42 | 1-1 |
| Punts-average | 3-48.0 | 3-51.3 |
| Punt returns-yards | 2-21 | 2-11 |
| Kickoff returns-yards | 3-50 | 3-110 |
| Penalties-yards | 5-44 | 7-95 |
| Fumbles-lost | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| Time of possession | 25:07 | 34:53 |

### RUSHING

| CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | NYJ | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J.Hill | 9 | 31 | 12t | 1 | M.Forte | 22 | 96 | 14 | 0 |
| G.Bernard | 5 | 25 | 11 | 0 | B.Powell | 4 | 41 | 16 | 0 |
| A.Dalton | 3 | 7 | 5 | 0 | R.Fitzpatrick | 4 | 15 | 9 | 0 |
| J.Wright | 2 | -6 | 2 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 19 | 57 | 12 | 1 | TOTALS | 30 | 152 | 16 | 0 |

### PASSING

| CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | NYJ | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A.Dalton | 30 | 23 | 366 | 1-1 | R.Fitzpatrick | 35 | 19 | 189 | 2-1 |
| TOTALS | 30 | 23 | 366 | 1-1 | TOTALS | 35 | 19 | 189 | 2-1 |

### RECEIVING

| CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | NYJ | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A.Green | 12 | 180 | 54t | 1 | Q.Enunwa | 7 | 54 | 23 | 1 |
| B.LaFell | 4 | 91 | 49 | 0 | M.Forte | 5 | 59 | 24 | 0 |
| C.Uzomah | 2 | 59 | 54 | 0 | B.Marshall | 3 | 32 | 18 | 0 |
| T.Boyd | 2 | 24 | 14 | 0 | E.Decker | 2 | 37 | 22 | 1 |
| G.Bernard | 2 | 5 | 4 | 0 | B.Powell | 2 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| J.Wright | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 23 | 366 | 54t | 1 | TOTALS | 19 | 189 | 24 | 2 |

### DEFENSE

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Dansby 5-6-11, V.Rey 5-4-9, S.Williams 4-5-9, A.Jones 5-1-6, C.Dunlap 4-1-5, G.Atkins 3-1-4, G.Iloka 2-2-4, J.Shaw 3-0-3, C.Lewis-Harris 2-1-3, M.Johnson 0-2-2, D.Peko 0-2-2, P.Sims 0-2-2, M.Hunt 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** Shaw 1-0. **PD:** C.Dunlap 2, M.Hunt 2, M.Johnson 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, J.Shaw 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**N.Y. Jets** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** M.Wilkerson 5-2-7, D.Revis 5-2-7, D.Lee 3-3-6, L.Williams 3-3-6, S.McLendon 5-0-5, M.Williams 3-1-4, D.Harris 2-2-4, B.Skrine 2-1-3, L.Mauldin 1-2-3, M.Gilchrist 2-0-2, L.Thomas 1-1-2, E.Henderson 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** L.Williams 2.5-19.5, M.Wilkerson 1.5-7.5, S.McLendon 2-14, L.Mauldin 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** M.Williams 1-14. **PD:** D.Harris 1, M.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

## WEEK 2, GAME 2

### Pittsburgh Steelers 24, Cincinnati Bengals 16
#### Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016 at Heinz Field

The red zone told a big part of the story as the Bengals fell one score short against the Steelers. Cincinnati was held to FGs on each of its three possessions inside the Pittsburgh 20-yard line, while the Steelers score TDs on each of their two penetrations. Trailing 24-9 after Pittsburgh scored a TD with 6:48 left, the Bengals got their first TD of the day on a 75-yard drive. Cincinnati's defense then got a three-and-out, and the offense drove to a first down at the Steelers' 39 at the two-minute warning. But rookie WR Tyler Boyd, who had posted good numbers for the day in his hometown, had a lost fumble on the next play. The Bengals contended that replay video did not support the fumble call, but the fumble ruling was upheld after review. Bengals QB Andy Dalton passed for 366 yards for the second straight game and ended Week 2 as the NFL passing yards leader, but Cincinnati had a poor rushing output for the second straight week, netting only 46 yards on 18 carries. The Bengals fell to 1-1 on the season, and Pittsburgh improved to 2-0.

### SCORE BY PERIODS

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cincinnati | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | — | 16 |
| Pittsburgh | 7 | 3 | 7 | 7 | — | 24 |

### TEAM — SCORING PLAY

| | | QTR.-LEFT |
|---|---|---|
| Pitt. | — X.Grimble 20 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick) | 1-3:46 |
| Cin. | — M.Nugent 25 field goal | 1-0:23 |
| Pitt. | — C.Boswell 49 field goal | 2-4:10 |
| Cin. | — M.Nugent 33 field goal | 2-0:00 |
| Pitt. | — J.James 9 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick) | 3-6:16 |
| Cin. | — M.Nugent 21 field goal | 3-2:10 |
| Pitt. | — D.Williams 4 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick) | 4-6:48 |
| Cin. | — G.Bernard 25 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick) | 4-3:25 |

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 65,072. **Time:** 3:14.

### TEAM STATISTICS

| | CIN. | PITT. |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 21 | 19 |
| Third down conversions-attempts | 4-16 | 7-17 |
| Total net yards | 412 | 374 |
| Net yards rushing | 46 | 124 |
| Net yards passing | 366 | 250 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions | 54-31-0 | 37-19-2 |
| Sacks against-yards lost | 1-0 | 1-9 |
| Punts-average | 9-45.2 | 8-47.1 |
| Punt returns-yards | 3-19 | 5-45 |
| Kickoff returns-yards | 0-0 | 1-22 |
| Penalties-yards | 5-31 | 5-54 |
| Fumbles-lost | 2-2 | 0-0 |
| Time of possession | 27:05 | 32:55 |

### RUSHING

| CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | PITT. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J.Hill | 11 | 22 | 5 | 0 | D.Williams | 32 | 94 | 11 | 0 |
| G.Bernard | 5 | 17 | 10 | 0 | B.Roethlisberger | 1 | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| A.Dalton | 2 | 7 | 5 | 0 | S.Coates | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | | D.Richardson | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| | | | | | F.Toussaint | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 18 | 46 | 10 | 0 | TOTALS | 36 | 124 | 14 | 0 |

### PASSING

| CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | PITT. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A.Dalton | 54 | 31 | 366 | 1-0 | B.Roethlisberger | 37 | 19 | 259 | 3-2 |
| TOTALS | 54 | 31 | 366 | 1-0 | TOTALS | 37 | 19 | 259 | 3-2 |

### RECEIVING

| CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | PITT. | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| G.Bernard | 9 | 100 | 25t | 1 | A.Brown | 4 | 39 | 17 | 0 |
| T.Boyd | 6 | 78 | 29 | 0 | D.Williams | 4 | 38 | 20 | 1 |
| B.LaFell | 3 | 39 | 17 | 0 | J.James | 3 | 29 | 11 | 1 |
| J.Hill | 3 | 37 | 25 | 0 | S.Coates | 2 | 97 | 53 | 0 |
| T.Kroft | 3 | 35 | 21 | 0 | X.Grimble | 2 | 26 | 20t | 1 |
| C.Uzomah | 3 | 9 | 5 | 0 | E.Rogers | 1 | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| A.Green | 2 | 38 | 21 | 0 | F.Toussaint | 1 | 9 | 9 | 0 |
| A.Erickson | 1 | 20 | 20 | 0 | D.Heyward-Bey | 1 | 7 | 7 | 0 |
| J.Wright | 1 | 10 | 10 | 0 | D.Johnson | 1 | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 31 | 366 | 29 | 1 | TOTALS | 19 | 259 | 53 | 3 |

### DEFENSE

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Dansby 8-2-10, R.Maualuga 6-1-7, V.Rey 3-3-6, S.Williams 5-0-5, C.Dunlap 3-2-5, D.Peko 3-2-5, G.Iloka 3-1-4, M.Johnson 3-1-4, A.Jones 3-1-4, D.Dennard 3-0-3, P.Sims 2-1-3, G.Atkins 1-2-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, M.Hunt 1-1-2, W.Clarke 1-0-1, J.Shaw 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** W.Clarke 1-9. **INT.-YDS.:** A.Jones 1-2, D.Kirkpatrick 1-0. **PD:** A.Jones 2, D.Kirkpatrick 2, K.Dansby 1, G.Iloka 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Pittsburgh** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Shazier 6-6-12, R.Golden 5-3-8, L.Timmons 6-1-7, W.Gay 4-0-4, M.Mitchell 3-1-4, S.Tuitt 3-1-4, R.Cockrell 2-1-3, A.Moats 1-2-3, C.Heyward 2-0-2, A.Burns 1-1-2, J.Jones 1-1-2, A.Chickillo 1-0-1, S.Davis 1-0-1, J.Hargrave 1-0-1, J.Harrison 1-0-1, D.McCullers 1-0-1, R.Mathews 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** A.Moats 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** R.Cockrell 2, W.Gay 2, C.Heyward 2. **FF:** J.Harrison 1. **FR-YDS.:** R.Golden 1-21, C.Heyward 1-1.

## WEEK 3, GAME 3
### Denver Broncos 29, Cincinnati Bengals 17
### Sunday, Sept. 25, 2016 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals took a 17-16 lead early in the fourth quarter, on a 34-yard FG by K Mike Nugent, but the defending NFL champion Broncos ruled Paul Brown Stadium's "Jungle" from that point. Denver responded with final-period TD drives of 82 and 83 yards, capping the 83-yarder with a 50-yard pass from second-year QB Trevor Siemian to WR Demaryius Thomas. It was the fourth TD pass of the day for Siemian, taking over at Denver for legendary QB Peyton Manning. The Bengals held earlier leads of 7-0 and 14-10 in the game. HB Jeremy Hill had a pair of rushing TDs for Cincinnati, plus a 50-yard run, and Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap had the 50th sack of his career, but the day belonged to Denver, which ran its record to 3-0 while the Bengals fell to 1-2. The game left the Bengals with a sub-.500 record for the first time in 50 games, since they lost in the season opener of 2013.

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Denver | 3 | 13 | 0 | 13 | — | 29 |
| Cincinnati | 7 | 7 | 0 | 3 | — | 17 |

| TEAM — SCORING PLAY | QTR.-LEFT |
|---|---|
| Cin. — J.Hill 3 run (M.Nugent kick) | 1-11:07 |
| Den. — B.McManus 20 field goal | 1-4:05 |
| Den. — E.Sanders 41 pass from T.Siemian (B.McManus kick) | 2-13:57 |
| Cin. — J.Hill 4 run (M.Nugent kick) | 2-4:57 |
| Den. — E.Sanders 7 pass from T.Siemian (Kick blocked) | 2-0:28 |
| Cin. — M.Nugent 34 field goal | 4-14:52 |
| Den. — J.Phillips 1 pass from T.Siemian (run failed) | 4-6:56 |
| Den. — D.Thomas 55 pass from T.Siemian (B.McManus kick) | 4-4:23 |

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 63,850. **Time:** 3:05.

| TEAM STATISTICS | DEN. | CIN. |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 21 | 20 |
| Third down conversions-attempts | 6-12 | 5-12 |
| Total net yards | 355 | 332 |
| Net yards rushing | 52 | 143 |
| Net yards passing | 303 | 189 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions | 35-23-0 | 31-21-1 |
| Sacks against-yards lost | 2-9 | 4-17 |
| Punts-average | 5-46.2 | 5-46.2 |
| Punt returns-yards | 1-11 | 2-4 |
| Kickoff returns-yards | 3-83 | 2-40 |
| Penalties-yards | 5-41 | 9-69 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 1-1 |
| Time of possession | 27:54 | 32:06 |

### RUSHING

| DEN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C.Anderson | 14 | 37 | 13 | 0 | J.Hill | 17 | 97 | 50 | 2 |
| D.Booker | 4 | 8 | 3 | 0 | A.Dalton | 6 | 40 | 15 | 0 |
| T.Siemian | 3 | 5 | 5 | 0 | G.Bernard | 5 | 8 | 4 | 0 |
| A.Janovich | 1 | 2 | 2 | 0 | B.LaFell | 1 | -2 | -2 | 0 |
| J.Norwood | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 23 | 52 | 13 | 0 | TOTALS | 29 | 143 | 50 | 2 |

### PASSING

| DEN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| T.Siemian | 35 | 23 | 312 | 4-0 | A.Dalton | 31 | 21 | 206 | 0-1 |
| TOTALS | 35 | 23 | 312 | 4-0 | TOTAL | 31 | 21 | 206 | 0-1 |

### RECEIVING

| DEN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| E.Sanders | 9 | 117 | 41t | 2 | A.Green | 8 | 77 | 20 | 0 |
| D.Thomas | 6 | 100 | 55t | 1 | G.Bernard | 5 | 36 | 10 | 0 |
| J.Phillips | 2 | 9 | 8 | 1 | T.Boyd | 3 | 18 | 9 | 0 |
| J.Heuerman | 1 | 29 | 29 | 0 | B.LaFell | 2 | 34 | 27 | 0 |
| D.Booker | 1 | 17 | 17 | 0 | C.Uzomah | 2 | 31 | 22 | 0 |
| A.Janovich | 1 | 13 | 13 | 0 | J.Wright | 1 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| B.Fowler | 1 | 13 | 13 | 0 | | | | | |
| C.Latimer | 1 | 10 | 10 | 0 | | | | | |
| C.Anderson | 1 | 4 | 4 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 23 | 312 | 55t | 4 | TOTALS | 21 | 206 | 27 | 0 |

### DEFENSE

**Denver** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** B.Marshall 4-5-9, D.Stewart 4-2-6, S.Ray 3-3-6, T.Davis 5-0-5, A.Talib 5-0-5, C.Harris Jr. 4-1-5, D.Wolfe 4-0-4, W.Parks 2-0-2, B.Roby 2-0-2, T.Ward 2-0-2, J.Crick 1-1-2, V.Miller 1-1-2, A.Gotsis 0-2-2, S.Barrett 1-0-1, S.Keo 1-0-1, D.Kilgo 1-0-1, C.Nelson 1-0-1, D.Watson 1-0-1, B.Winn 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Ray 3-17, V.Miller 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** W.Parks 1-1. **PD:** C.Harris Jr. 1, W.Parks 1, A.Talib 1, T.Ward 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** A.Jones 5-2-7, V.Rey 5-2-7, D.Peko 4-1-5, S.Williams 2-3-5, G.Iloka 4-0-4, R.Maualuga 2-2-4, M.Hunt 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, J.Shaw 1-2-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, G.Atkins 1-1-2, W.Clarke 1-1-2, P.Sims 1-1-2, D.Smith 0-2-2, K.Dansby 1-0-1, D.Dennard 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-6, W.Clarke 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** K.Dansby 1, C.Dunlap 1, A.Jones 1, R.Maualuga 1, S.Williams 1. **FF:** A.Jones. **FR-YDS.:** K.Dansby 1-0.

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### Cincinnati Bengals 22, Miami Dolphins 7
### Thursday night, Sept. 29, 2016 at Paul Brown Stadium

Miami stunned the Bengals with a 74-yard TD pass on its second offensive play, but the Bengals weathered the blow and dominated the Dolphins, particularly on defense, for the remainder of the Thursday night game. Cincinnati logged five sacks, including two with one forced fumble by DE Carlos Dunlap, and the Dolphins managed only 43 offensive snaps, 222 net yards and a 2-for-11 reading on third downs. WR A.J. Green led the Cincinnati offense, with 10 catches for 173 yards and the team's only TD. K Mike Nugent provided the 15-point margin of victory with five FGs in five attempts, tying his NFL career high. The win lifted the Bengals to a 7-5 record in Thursday night play. Cincinnati improved to 2-2, while the Dolphins fell to 1-3.

| SCORE BY PERIODS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | — | 7 |
| Cincinnati | 10 | 6 | 3 | 3 | — | 22 |

| TEAM — SCORING PLAY | QTR.-LEFT |
|---|---|
| Cin. — M.Nugent 42 field goal | 1-9:51 |
| Mia. — K.Stills 74 pass from R.Tannehill (A.Franks kick) | 1-9:04 |
| Cin. — A.Green 7 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent ki9ck) | 1-3:19 |
| Cin. — M.Nugent 22 field goal | 2-4:12 |
| Cin. — M.Nugent 43 field goal | 2-1:06 |
| Cin. — M.Nugent 22 field goal | 3-6:09 |
| Cin. — M.Nugent 47 field goal | 4-13:30 |

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 60,834. **Time:** 2:51.

| TEAM STATISTICS | MIA. | CIN. |
|---|---|---|
| First downs | 8 | 19 |
| Third down conversions-attempts | 2-11 | 3-15 |
| Total net yards | 222 | 362 |
| Net yards rushing | 62 | 77 |
| Net yards passing | 160 | 285 |
| Pass attempts-completions-interceptions | 25-15-1 | 31-22-0 |
| Sacks against-yards lost | 5-29 | 1-11 |
| Punts-average | 7-49.1 | 4-46.0 |
| Punt returns-yards | 3-13 | 3-23 |
| Kickoff returns-yards | 3-50 | 1-21 |
| Penalties-yards | 7-68 | 6-40 |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-1 | 2-0 |
| Time of possession | 21:58 | 38:02 |

### RUSHING

| MIA. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | ATT | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J.Ajayi | 6 | 33 | 11 | 0 | J.Hill | 21 | 71 | 19 | 0 |
| K.Drake | 2 | 15 | 12 | 0 | G.Bernard | 10 | 18 | 7 | 0 |
| D.Williams | 2 | 9 | 7 | 0 | A.Dalton | 6 | -12 | 0 | 0 |
| I.Pead | 3 | 5 | 4 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 13 | 62 | 12 | 0 | TOTALS | 37 | 77 | 19 | 0 |

### PASSING

| MIA. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I | CIN. | ATT | CMP | YDS | TD-I |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R.Tannehill | 25 | 15 | 189 | 1-1 | A.Dalton | 31 | 22 | 296 | 1-0 |
| TOTALS | 25 | 15 | 189 | 1-1 | TOTALS | 31 | 22 | 296 | 1-0 |

### RECEIVING

| MIA. | NO | YDS | LG | TD | CIN. | NO | YDS | LG | TD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| J.Landry | 7 | 61 | 24 | 0 | A.Green | 10 | 173 | 51 | 1 |
| D.Parker | 2 | 20 | 15 | 0 | C.Uzomah | 4 | 45 | 19 | 0 |
| J.Ajayi | 2 | 13 | 11 | 0 | B.LaFell | 4 | 44 | 23 | 0 |
| K.Stills | 1 | 74 | 74t | 1 | G.Bernard | 3 | 24 | 13 | 0 |
| D.Sims | 1 | 9 | 9 | 0 | T.Boyd | 1 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| D.Williams | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 | | | | | |
| I.Pead | 1 | 6 | 6 | 0 | | | | | |
| TOTALS | 15 | 189 | 74t | 1 | TOTALS | 22 | 296 | 51 | 1 |

### DEFENSE

**Miami** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Jones 5-4-9, K.Alonso 5-3-8, X.Howard 5-1-6, I.Abdul-Quddus 2-4-6, J.Jones 2-4-6, T.Lippett 1-5-6, N.Suh 1-5-6, N.Hewitt 3-1-4, B.McCain 2-2-4, A.Branch 2-1-3, D.Butler 2-1-3, M.Thomas 2-1-3, M.Williams 2-1-3, J.Phillips 2-0-2, S.Paysinger 1-1-2, J.Warmsley 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** B.McCain 1-11. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** T.Lippett 2, R.Jones 1, B.McCain 1, S.Paysinger 1, M.Williams 1. **FF:** A.Branch 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Dennard 4-2-6, C.Dunlap 4-1-5, K.Dansby 2-2-4, S.Williams 3-0-3, V.Burfict 2-1-3, G.Iloka 2-1-3, J.Shaw 1-2-3, G.Atkins 1-1-2, W.Clarke 1-1-2, A.Jones 1-1-2, D.Peko 0-2-2, R.Maualuga 0-2-2, P.Sims 0-2-2, C.Lewis-Harris 1-0-1, V.Rey 1-0-1, M.Johnson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 2-14, G.Atkins 1.5-10.5, W.Clarke 1-0, M.Johnson 0.5-4.5. **INT.-YDS.:** C.Lewis-Harris 1-11. **PD:** C.Dunlap 2, C.Lewis-Harris 2, V.Burfict 1, D.Peko 1, V.Rey 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1. **FR-YDS.:** D.Peko 1-0.

# IN 2016, THE BENGALS ARE:

## REGULAR SEASON

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1-1** | at home | | **1-1** | when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards |
| **1-1** | on the road | | **1-0** | with plus turnover differential |
| **1-1** | when scoring first | | **1-1** | with even turnover differential |
| **1-1** | when opponent scored first | | **0-1** | with minus turnover differential |
| **1-0** | in games decided by three points or fewer | | **2-1** | when passing for 250 net yards |
| **1-0** | in games decided by seven points or fewer | | **0-2** | when opponent passes for 250 net yards |
| **1-0** | when leading at halftime | | **2-0** | when scoring 20 points or more |
| **0-0** | when tied at halftime | | **1-2** | when opponent scored 20 points or more |
| **1-2** | when trailing at halftime | | **2-2** | when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof) |
| **2-0** | when leading after three quarters | | **0-0** | when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof) |
| **0-0** | when tied after three quarters | | **0-1** | on natural grass |
| **0-2** | when trailing after three quarters | | **2-1** | on synthetic surface |
| **0-1** | when rushing for 100 net yards | | **2-1** | with fewer penalty yards |

# UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

## 2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **64-40-2** | at home | | **71-26-1** | when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards |
| **50-56-0** | on the road | | **71-15-1** | with plus turnover differential |
| **77-32-1** | when scoring first | | **27-21-0** | with even turnover differential |
| **37-64-1** | when opponent scores first | | **16-60-1** | with minus turnover differential |
| **21-20-2** | in games decided by three points or fewer | | **39-32-1** | when passing for 250 net yards |
| **53-44-2** | in games decided by seven points or fewer | | **32-37-2** | when opponent passes for 250 net yards |
| **80-26-2** | when leading at halftime | | **93-36-1** | when scoring 20 points or more |
| **11-2-0** | when tied at halftime | | **39-85-1** | when opponent scores 20 points or more |
| **23-68-0** | when trailing at halftime | | **109-90-2** | when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof) |
| **91-16-1** | when leading after three quarters | | **5-6-0** | when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof) |
| **7-4-0** | when tied after three quarters | | **39-34-0** | on natural grass |
| **16-76-1** | when trailing after three quarters | | **75-62-2** | on synthetic surface |
| **78-35-1** | when rushing for 100 net yards | | **61-48-1** | with fewer penalty yards |

# BEST PERFORMANCES

## RUSHING YARDS

97 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
71 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
40 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 25 vs. Denver

## RUSHING ATTEMPTS

21 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
17 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
11 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh

## LONGEST RUSHES

50 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
19 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
15 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 25 vs. Denver

## RECEPTIONS

12 — A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
10 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
9 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh

## RECEIVING YARDS

180 — A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
173 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
100 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh

## PASSING YARDS

366 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
366 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
296 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

## PASS ATTEMPTS

54 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
31 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
31 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

## PASS COMPLETIONS

31 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
23 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
22 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

## LONGEST PASSES

54 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets (TD)
54 — Andy Dalton to C.J. Uzomah, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
51 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

## YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

180 — A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
173 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
117 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh

## LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

21 — Rex Burkhead, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
21 — Adam Jones, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
19 — (two times)

## LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

15 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
12 — Adam Jones, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
12 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

## TOTAL TACKLES*

11 — Karlos Dansby, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets
10 — Karlos Dansby, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
9 — (two times)

## SOLO TACKLES*

8 — Karlos Dansby, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
6 — Rey Maualuga, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
5 — (six times)

**\*NOTE:** The defensive statistics above are press box statistics produced at the games.

# TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

| DATE | OPPONENT | YDS | RUSH-YDS | PASS YDS | COMP-ATT | TD-P/INT | SKD-YDS | 1D | 3D-CONV | F-FL | POSS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 11 | at N.Y. Jets | 381 | 19-57 | 324 | 23-30 | 1/1 | 7-42 | 18 | 3-11 | 0-0 | 25:07 |
| Sept. 18 | at Pittsburgh | 412 | 18-46 | 366 | 31-54 | 1/0 | 1-0 | 21 | 4-16 | 2-2 | 27:05 |
| Sept. 25 | DENVER | 332 | 29-143 | 189 | 21-31 | 0/1 | 4-17 | 20 | 5-12 | 1-1 | 32:06 |
| Sept. 29 | MIAMI | 362 | 37-77 | 285 | 22-31 | 1/0 | 1-11 | 19 | 3-15 | 2-0 | 38:02 |
| Oct. 9 | at Dallas | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 16 | at New England | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 23 | CLEVELAND | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 30 | VS. WASHINGTON | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 6 | — BYE — | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 14 | at N.Y. Giants | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 20 | BUFFALO | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 27 | at Baltimore | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 4 | PHILADELPHIA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 11 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 18 | PITTSBURGH | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 24 | at Houston | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 1 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 1487 | 103-323 | 1164 | 97-146 | 3/2 | 13-70 | 78 | 15-54 | 5-3 | 30:35 |

## DEFENSE

| DATE | OPPONENT | YDS | RUSH-YDS | PASS YDS | COMP-ATT | TD-P/INT | SKD-YDS | 1D | 3D-CONV | F-FL | POSS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sept. 11 | at N.Y. Jets | 340 | 30-152 | 188 | 19-35 | 2/1 | 1-1 | 22 | 4-12 | 1-0 | 34:53 |
| Sept. 18 | at Pittsburgh | 374 | 36-124 | 250 | 19-37 | 3/2 | 1-9 | 19 | 7-17 | 1-0 | 32:55 |
| Sept. 25 | DENVER | 355 | 23-52 | 303 | 23-35 | 4/0 | 2-9 | 21 | 6-12 | 1-1 | 27:54 |
| Sept. 29 | MIAMI | 222 | 13-62 | 160 | 15-25 | 1/1 | 5-29 | 8 | 2-11 | 1-1 | 21:58 |
| Oct. 9 | at Dallas | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 16 | at New England | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 23 | CLEVELAND | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 30 | VS. WASHINGTON | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 6 | — BYE — | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 14 | at N.Y. Giants | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 20 | BUFFALO | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 27 | at Baltimore | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 4 | PHILADELPHIA | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 11 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 18 | PITTSBURGH | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 24 | at Houston | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 1 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTALS | | 1291 | 102-390 | 901 | 76-132 | 10/4 | 9-48 | 70 | 19-52 | 4-2 | 29:25 |

## (TRANSACTIONS FROM 6-24-15 THROUGH 7-28-16 ARE IN BENGALS' 2016 MEDIA GUIDE)

July 28, 2016 — Signed S **Jimmy Wilson** (FA).

Aug. 2, 2016 — Signed H-B **Ryan Hewitt*** to a contract extension.

Aug. 3, 2016 — Signed CB **Corey Tindal** (FA).

Aug. 9, 2016 — Signed CB **Tony McRae** (FA).

Aug. 29, 2016 — Waived the following 11 players: WR **Michael Bennett**; LB **Jayson DiManche**; DE **Jack Gangwish**; WR **Antwane Grant**; LB **Darien Harris**; K **Zach Hocker**; QB **Joe Licata**; FB **Jeff Luc**; TE **John Peters**; S **Floyd Raven**; CB **Corey Tindal**.

Aug. 30, 2016 — Placed DT **Andrew Billings** on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed DT **Brandon Thompson** on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Waived WR **Mario Alford** (injured); Waived K **Jonathan Brown** from the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contract of WR **Brandon Tate**.

Aug. 31, 2016 — WR **Mario Alford** cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.

Sept. 2, 2016 — Terminated the contract of S **Jimmy Wilson**.

Sept. 3, 2016 — Placed DT **Marcus Hardison** on the Reserve Injured list; Placed LB **Vontaze Burfict** on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list; Terminated the contract of CB **Chykie Brown**; Waived WR **Mario Alford** from the Reserve/Injured list (injury settlement); Waived the following 18 players: FB **Andrew Bonnet**, DE **Ryan Brown**, HB **Tra Carson**, C **Alex Cooper**, DT **David Dean**, OT **Aaron Epps**, HB **Bronson Hill**, CB **Darius Hillary**, G **Trey Hopkins**, WR **Jake Kumerow**, TE **Matt Lengel**, CB **Tony McRae**, G **Alex Redmond**, WR **Alonzo Russell**, WR **Rashaun Simonise**, G **Trip Thurman**, OT **John Weidenaar** and QB **Keith Wenning**.

Sept. 4, 2016 — Acquired QB **Jeff Driskel** on waivers from San Francisco; Waived LB **P.J. Dawson**; Placed CB **William Jackson** and HB **Cedric Peerman** on the Reserve/Injured list; Re-signed CB **Chykie Brown** and G **Trey Hopkins**; Signed the following nine players to the practice squad: DE **Ryan Brown**, HB **Tra Carson**, DT **David Dean**, CB **Darius Hillary**, WR **Jake Kumerow**, TE **Matt Lengel**, CB **Tony McRae**, G **Alex Redmond**, WR **Alonzo Russell**.

Sept. 7, 2016 — Signed LB **P.J. Dawson** to the practice squad.

Sept. 15, 2016 — Acquired CB **KeiVarae Russell** on waivers from Kansas City; Waived G **Trey Hopkins**.

Sept. 16, 2016 — Signed G **Trey Hopkins** to the practice squad; Released CB **Tony McRae** from the practice squad.

Sept. 26, 2016 — Announced that the NFL granted LB **Vontaze Burfict** (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a three-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.

Sept. 29, 2016 — Activated LB **Vontaze Burfict** from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived LB **Trevor Roach**.

Sept. 30, 2016 — Signed LB **Trevor Roach** to the practice squad; Released CB **Darius Hillary** from the practice squad.

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*   *NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.*

## LEGEND

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)* | **RI** | — reserve/injured list | **RF** | — reserve/future list | | |
| **P** | — played as a substitute | **RPUP** | — reserve/physically unable to perform list | **REX** | — roster exemption | | |
| **DNP** | — did not play | **RNFI** | — reserve/non-football injury list | **^** | — reserve/injured player designated for return | | |
| **IL** | — inactive list | **RNF-I** | — reserve/non-football illness list | **\*** | — eligible to practice while on a reserve list | | |
| **PS** | — practice squad | **RSBC** | — reserve/suspended by commissioner list | **NWT** | — not with team | | |

| NAME | Cin. G-S | 1 @NYJ | 2 @Pitt. | 3 DEN. | 4 MIA. | 5 @Dall. | 6 @N.E. | 7 CLE. | 8 WASH. | 9 @NYG | 10 BUFF. | 11 @Balt. | 12 PHIL. | 13 @Cle. | 14 PITT. | 15 @Hou. | 16 BALT. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Atkins, Geno | 4-4 | DT | DT | DT | DT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bernard, Giovani | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Billings, Andrew | 0-0 | RI | RI | RI | RI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bodine, Russell | 4-4 | C | C | C | C | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boling, Clint | 4-4 | LG | LG | LG | LG | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Boyd, Tyler | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brown, Chykie | 2-0 | P | IL | IL | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brown, Ryan | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burfict, Vontaze | 1-1 | RSBC | RSBC | RSBC | LB | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Burkhead, Rex | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Carson, Tra | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Clarke, Will | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Core, Cody | 0-0 | IL | IL | IL | IL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dalton, Andy | 4-4 | QB | QB | QB | QB | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dansby, Karlos | 4-2 | LB | P | SLB | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dawson, P.J. | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dean, David | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dennard, Darqueze | 3-1 | IL | P | P | LCB | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Driskel, Jeff | 0-0 | IL | IL | IL | IL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunlap, Carlos | 4-4 | LDE | LDE | LDE | LDE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eifert, Tyler | 0-0 | IL | IL | IL | IL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Erickson, Alex | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fejedelem, Clayton | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fisher, Jake | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Flowers, Marquis | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Green, A.J. | 4-4 | WR | WR | WR | WR | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hardison, Marcus | 0-0 | RI | RI | RI | RI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harris, Clark | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hewitt, Ryan | 4-3 | H-B | H-B | H-B | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hill, Jeremy | 4-4 | HB | HB | HB | HB | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hillary, Darius | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hopkins, Trey | 0-0 | IL | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Huber, Kevin | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hunt, Margus | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Iloka, George | 4-4 | FS | FS | FS | FS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jackson, William | 0-0 | RI | RI | RI | RI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Johnson, Michael | 4-4 | RDE | RDE | RDE | RDE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Johnson, T.J. | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jones, Adam | 4-4 | RCB | RCB | RCB | RCB | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kirkpatrick, Dre | 3-3 | LCB | LCB | LCB | IL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kroft, Tyler | 4-2 | P | P | TE | TE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kumerow, Jake | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| LaFell, Brandon | 4-3 | WR | WR | P | WR | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lengel, Matt | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lewis-Harris, Chris | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Maualuga, Rey | 4-3 | P | LB | MLB | LB | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McCarron, AJ | 0-0 | DNP | DNP | DNP | DNP | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| McRae, Tony | 0-0 | PS | NWT | NWT | NWT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nugent, Mike | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ogbuehi, Cedric | 4-4 | ROT | ROT | ROT | ROT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peerman, Cedric | 0-0 | RI | RI | RI | RI | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Peko, Domata | 4-4 | NT | NT | NT | NT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Redmond, Alex | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rey, Vincent | 4-3 | LB | LB | WLB | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Roach, Trevor | 3-0 | P | P | P | NWT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Russell, Alonzo | 0-0 | PS | PS | PS | PS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Russell, KeiVarae | 0-0 | NWT | IL | IL | IL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Shaw, Josh | 4-3 | nklDB | nklDB | P | nklDB | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sims, Pat | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Smith, Derron | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thompson, Brandon | 0-0 | RPUP | RPUP | RPUP | RPUP | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Uzomah, C.J. | 4-3 | TE | TE | P | 2ndTE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vigil, Nick | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Westerman, Christian | 0-0 | IL | IL | IL | IL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Whitworth, Andrew | 4-4 | LOT | LOT | LOT | LOT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Williams, DeShawn | 0-0 | IL | IL | IL | IL | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Williams, Shawn | 4-4 | SS | SS | SS | SS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Winston, Eric | 4-0 | P | P | P | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Wright, James | 4-1 | P | P | WR | P | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zeitler, Kevin | 4-4 | RG | RG | RG | RG | | | | | | | | | | | | |

# STARTING LINEUPS

## OFFENSE

| DATE | OPPONENT | WR | LOT | LG | C | RG | ROT | TE | H-B | WR | QB | HB |
|------|----------|-----|----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|--------|--------|------|
| Sept. 11 | at N.Y. Jets | Green | Whitworth | Boling | Bodine | Zeitler | Ogbuehi | Uzomah | Hewitt | LaFell | Dalton | Hill |
| Sept. 18 | at Pittsburgh | Green | Whitworth | Boling | Bodine | Zeitler | Ogbuehi | Uzomah | Hewitt | LaFell | Dalton | Hill |
| Sept. 25 | DENVER | Green | Whitworth | Boling | Bodine | Zeitler | Ogbuehi | Kroft | Hewitt | Wright | Dalton | Hill |
| Sept. 29 | MIAMI | Green | Whitworth | Boling | Bodine | Zeitler | Ogbuehi | Kroft | Uzomah(2ndTE) | LaFell | Dalton | Hill |
| Oct. 9 | at Dallas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 16 | at New England | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 23 | CLEVELAND | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 30 | VS. WASHINGTON | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 6 | — BYE — | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 14 | at N.Y. Giants | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 20 | BUFFALO | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 27 | at Baltimore | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 4 | PHILADELPHIA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 11 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 18 | PITTSBURGH | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 24 | at Houston | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 1 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | | |

## DEFENSE

| DATE | OPPONENT | LDE | NT | DT | RDE | SLB | MLB | WLB | LCB | RCB | SS | FS |
|------|----------|--------|------|--------|-----------|--------------|--------------|----------|------------|---------|------------|-------|
| Sept. 11 | at N.Y. Jets | Dunlap | Peko | Atkins | M.Johnson | Dansby(LB) | Shaw(nickel) | Rey(LB) | Kirkpatrick | Jones | S.Williams | Iloka |
| Sept. 18 | at Pittsburgh | Dunlap | Peko | Atkins | M.Johnson | Shaw(nickel) | Maualuga(LB) | Rey(LB) | Kirkpatrick | Jones | S.Williams | Iloka |
| Sept. 25 | DENVER | Dunlap | Peko | Atkins | M.Johnson | Dansby | Maualuga | Rey | Kirkpatrick | Jones | S.Williams | Iloka |
| Sept. 29 | MIAMI | Dunlap | Peko | Atkins | M.Johnson | Shaw(nickel) | Maualuga | Burfict | Dennard | Jones | S.Williams | Iloka |
| Oct. 9 | at Dallas | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 16 | at New England | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 23 | CLEVELAND | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 30 | VS. WASHINGTON | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 6 | — BYE — | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 14 | at N.Y. Giants | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 20 | BUFFALO | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Nov. 27 | at Baltimore | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 4 | PHILADELPHIA | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 11 | at Cleveland | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 18 | PITTSBURGH | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dec. 24 | at Houston | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan. 1 | BALTIMORE | | | | | | | | | | | |

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### OFFENSE

| Pos | # | Starter | # | Backup | # | Backup |
|-----|---|---------|---|--------|---|--------|
| WR | 18 | A.J. GREEN | 86 | James Wright | 16 | Cody Core |
| LOT | 77 | ANDREW WHITWORTH | 74 | Jake Fisher | | |
| LG | 65 | CLINT BOLING | 63 | Christian Westerman | | |
| C | 61 | RUSSELL BODINE | 60 | T.J. Johnson | | |
| RG | 68 | KEVIN ZEITLER | 63 | Christian Westerman | | |
| ROT | 70 | CEDRIC OGBUEHI | 73 | Eric Winston | | |
| TE | 85 | TYLER EIFERT | 81 | Tyler Kroft | | |
| H-B/TE | 89 | RYAN HEWITT (H-back) | 87 | C.J. Uzomah (tight end) | | |
| WR | 11 | BRANDON LaFELL | 83 | Tyler Boyd | 12 | Alex Erickson |
| QB | 14 | ANDY DALTON | 5 | AJ McCarron | 6 | Jeff Driskel |
| HB | 32 | JEREMY HILL | 25 | Giovani Bernard | 33 | Rex Burkhead |

### DEFENSE

| Pos | # | Starter | # | Backup | # | Backup |
|-----|---|---------|---|--------|---|--------|
| LDE | 96 | CARLOS DUNLAP | 99 | Margus Hunt | | |
| NT | 94 | DOMATA PEKO | 92 | Pat Sims | | |
| DT | 97 | GENO ATKINS | 69 | DeShawn Williams | | |
| RDE | 90 | MICHAEL JOHNSON | 93 | Will Clarke | | |
| SLB | 56 | KARLOS DANSBY | 53 | Marquis Flowers | | |
| MLB | 58 | REY MAUALUGA | 57 | Vincent Rey | | |
| WLB | 55 | VONTAZE BURFICT | 59 | Nick Vigil | | |
| LCB | 27 | DRE KIRKPATRICK | 37 | Chris Lewis-Harris | 26 | Josh Shaw |
| RCB | 24 | ADAM JONES | 21 | Darqueze Dennard | 23 | Chykie Brown |
| | | | | | 20 | KeiVarae Russell |
| SS | 36 | SHAWN WILLIAMS | 42 | Clayton Fejedelem | | |
| FS | 43 | GEORGE ILOKA | 31 | Derron Smith | | |

### SPECIAL TEAMS

| Pos | # | Player | # | Player | # | Player |
|-----|---|--------|---|--------|---|--------|
| P | 10 | Kevin Huber | | | | |
| K | 2 | Mike Nugent | | | | |
| LS | 46 | Clark Harris | | | | |
| H | 10 | Kevin Huber | | | | |
| PR | 24 | Adam Jones | 12 | Alex Erickson | 83 | Tyler Boyd |
| KOR | 24 | Adam Jones | 12 | Alex Erickson | 33 | Rex Burkhead |

NOTE: Players whose names are CAPITALIZED are projected starters in the team's base units. Rookies are underlined.

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

**Geno** Atkins......................................................................................JEE-no
**Giovani** Bernard...........................................................jee-o-VAHN-ee
Russell **Bodine**.................................................................................BO-dine
**Chykie** Brown..............................................................................CHAH-kee
**Vontaze Burfict** ................................. VONN-tez BER-fict (rhymes with "perfect")
**Darqueze Dennard**................................................dar-KWEZ deh-NARD
Tyler **Eifert**.....................................................IE(rhymes with "tie")-fert
Clayton **Fejedelem**.......................... FEDGE-uh-lemm (the "d" is silent)
**Marquis** Flowers ................................ mar-KEECE(rhymes with "peace")
Paul **Guenther** (defensive coordinator).......................................GUN-thur
Jim **Haslett** (linebackers coach)...............................................HAZ-lett
Ryan **Hewitt**......................................................................... HUE-it
**Margus** Hunt .................................................................... MAR-guss
George **Iloka**............................................ ie(rhymes with "tie")-LO-kuh

**Dre** Kirkpatrick .........................................................................DRAY
Jake **Kumerow** (Practice Squad)........................................KOO-mer-o
Bill **Lazor** (quarterbacks coach)........................................ (pronounced as "laser")
Matt **Lengel** (Practice Squad) ...............LENG-guhl (hard "g" on second syllable)
**Rey Maualuga**...................................RAY mow(rhymes with "now")-uh-LOO-guh
Cedric **Ogbuehi**..........................................................................o-BWAY-hee
**Domata Peko** .............................................. DOE-mah-tah PECK-o
Vincent **Rey** ....................................................................... RAY
**KeiVarae** Russell............................................................... kee-VAR-ay
**Derron** Smith ......................................................................duh-RONN
C.J. **Uzomah**...................................................................yew-ZAH-mah
Ken **Zampese** (offensive coordinator)..........................................zam-PEE-zee
Kevin **Zeitler** ........................................................................ZITE-ler

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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 97 | Atkins, Geno | DT | 6-1 | 300 | 3-28-88 | 7 | Georgia | Pembroke Pines, Fla. | D4a'10 |
| 25 | Bernard, Giovani | HB | 5-9 | 205 | 11-22-91 | 4 | North Carolina | Boca Raton, Fla. | D2a'13 |
| 61 | Bodine, Russell | C | 6-3 | 308 | 6-30-92 | 3 | North Carolina | Scottsville, Va. | D4'14 |
| 65 | Boling, Clint | G | 6-5 | 305 | 5-9-89 | 6 | Georgia | Alpharetta, Ga. | D4'11 |
| 83 | Boyd, Tyler | WR | 6-2 | 197 | 11-15-94 | R | Pittsburgh | Clairton, Pa. | D2'16 |
| 23 | Brown, Chykie | CB | 5-11 | 191 | 12-26-86 | 5 | Texas | Houston, Texas | FA'16 |
| 55 | Burfict, Vontaze | LB | 6-1 | 255 | 9-24-90 | 5 | Arizona State | Corona, Calif. | CFA'12 |
| 33 | Burkhead, Rex | HB | 5-10 | 210 | 7-2-90 | 4 | Nebraska | Plano, Texas | D6a'13 |
| 93 | Clarke, Will | DE | 6-6 | 280 | 5-4-91 | 3 | West Virginia | Pittsburgh, Pa. | D3'14 |
| 16 | Core, Cody | WR | 6-3 | 210 | 4-17-94 | R | Mississippi | Auburn, Ala. | D6'16 |
| 14 | Dalton, Andy | QB | 6-2 | 220 | 10-29-87 | 6 | Texas Christian | Katy, Texas | D2'11 |
| 56 | Dansby, Karlos | LB | 6-3 | 251 | 11-3-81 | 13 | Auburn | Birmingham, Ala. | FA'16 |
| 21 | Dennard, Darqueze | CB | 5-11 | 198 | 10-10-91 | 3 | Michigan State | Dry Branch, Ga. | D1'14 |
| 6 | Driskel, Jeff | QB | 6-4 | 231 | 4-23-93 | R | Louisiana Tech | Oviedo, Fla. | W(S.F.)'16 |
| 96 | Dunlap, Carlos | DE | 6-6 | 280 | 2-28-89 | 7 | Florida | North Charleston, S.C. | D2'10 |
| 85 | Eifert, Tyler | TE | 6-6 | 255 | 9-8-90 | 4 | Notre Dame | Fort Wayne, Ind. | D1'13 |
| 12 | Erickson, Alex | WR | 6-0 | 195 | 11-6-92 | R | Wisconsin | Darlington, Wis. | CFA'16 |
| 42 | Fejedelem, Clayton | S | 6-0 | 205 | 6-2-93 | R | Illinois | Lemont, Ill. | D7'16 |
| 74 | Fisher, Jake | OT | 6-6 | 305 | 4-23-93 | 2 | Oregon | Traverse City, Mich. | D2'15 |
| 53 | Flowers, Marquis | LB | 6-3 | 245 | 2-16-92 | 3 | Arizona | Phoenix, Ariz. | D6'14 |
| 18 | Green, A.J. | WR | 6-4 | 210 | 7-31-88 | 6 | Georgia | Summerville, S.C. | D1'11 |
| 46 | Harris, Clark | LS | 6-5 | 250 | 7-10-84 | 8 | Rutgers | Manahawkin, N.J. | FA'09 |
| 89 | Hewitt, Ryan | H-B | 6-4 | 255 | 1-24-91 | 3 | Stanford | Denver, Colo. | CFA'14 |
| 32 | Hill, Jeremy | HB | 6-1 | 235 | 10-20-92 | 3 | Louisiana State | Baton Rouge, La. | D2'14 |
| 10 | Huber, Kevin | P | 6-1 | 211 | 7-16-85 | 8 | Cincinnati | Cincinnati, Ohio | D5'09 |
| 99 | Hunt, Margus | DE | 6-8 | 295 | 7-14-87 | 4 | Southern Methodist | Karksi-Nuia (Estonia) | D2b'13 |
| 43 | Iloka, George | S | 6-4 | 225 | 3-31-90 | 5 | Boise State | Houston, Texas | D5c'12 |
| 90 | Johnson, Michael | DE | 6-7 | 272 | 2-7-87 | 8 | Georgia Tech | Selma, Ala. | FA'15 |
| 60 | Johnson, T.J. | C | 6-4 | 300 | 7-17-90 | 3 | South Carolina | Aynor, S.C. | D7b'13 |
| 24 | Jones, Adam | CB | 5-10 | 180 | 9-30-83 | 10 | West Virginia | Atlanta, Ga. | FA'10 |
| 27 | Kirkpatrick, Dre | CB | 6-2 | 185 | 10-26-89 | 5 | Alabama | Gadsden, Ala. | D1a'12 |
| 81 | Kroft, Tyler | TE | 6-6 | 250 | 10-15-92 | 2 | Rutgers | Downingtown, Pa. | D3a'15 |
| 11 | LaFell, Brandon | WR | 6-3 | 210 | 11-4-86 | 7 | Louisiana State | Houston, Texas | FA'16 |
| 37 | Lewis-Harris, Chris | CB | 5-10 | 185 | 2-11-89 | 4 | Tennessee-Chattanooga | Smyrna, Ga. | CFA'12 |
| 58 | Maualuga, Rey | LB | 6-2 | 258 | 1-20-87 | 8 | Southern California | Eureka, Calif. | D2'09 |
| 5 | McCarron, AJ | QB | 6-3 | 220 | 9-13-90 | 2 | Alabama | Mobile, Ala. | D5'14 |
| 2 | Nugent, Mike | K | 5-10 | 190 | 3-2-82 | 12 | Ohio State | Centerville, Ohio | FA'10 |
| 70 | Ogbuehi, Cedric | OT | 6-5 | 310 | 4-25-92 | 2 | Texas A&M | Allen, Texas | D1'15 |
| 94 | Peko, Domata | DT | 6-3 | 325 | 11-27-84 | 11 | Michigan State | Pago Pago (American Samoa) | D4'06 |
| 57 | Rey, Vincent | LB | 6-0 | 250 | 9-6-87 | 6 | Duke | Far Rockaway, N.Y. | CFA'10 |
| 20 | Russell, KeiVarae | CB | 5-11 | 196 | 10-19-93 | R | Notre Dame | Everett, Wash. | W(K.C.)'16 |
| 26 | Shaw, Josh | CB | 6-1 | 200 | 3-27-92 | 2 | Southern California | Palmdale, Calif. | D4a'15 |
| 92 | Sims, Pat | DT | 6-2 | 330 | 11-29-85 | 9 | Auburn | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. | UFA(Oak.)'15 |
| 31 | Smith, Derron | S | 5-10 | 200 | 2-4-92 | 2 | Fresno State | Banning, Calif. | D6'15 |
| 87 | Uzomah, C.J. | TE | 6-6 | 265 | 1-14-93 | 2 | Auburn | Suwanee, Ga. | D5'15 |
| 59 | Vigil, Nick | LB | 6-2 | 239 | 8-20-93 | R | Utah State | Plain City, Utah | D3'16 |
| 63 | Westerman, Christian | G | 6-3 | 300 | 2-23-93 | R | Arizona State | Chandler, Ariz. | D5'16 |
| 77 | Whitworth, Andrew | OT | 6-7 | 330 | 12-12-81 | 11 | Louisiana State | West Monroe, La. | D2'06 |
| 69 | Williams, DeShawn | DT | 6-1 | 295 | 12-29-92 | 1 | Clemson | Central, S.C. | CFA'15 |
| 36 | Williams, Shawn | S | 6-0 | 210 | 5-13-91 | 4 | Georgia | Damascus, Ga. | D3'13 |
| 73 | Winston, Eric | OT | 6-7 | 310 | 11-17-83 | 10 | Miami (Fla.) | Midland, Texas | FA'14 |
| 86 | Wright, James | WR | 6-1 | 201 | 12-31-91 | 3 | Louisiana State | Buras, La. | D7a'13 |
| 68 | Zeitler, Kevin | G | 6-4 | 320 | 3-8-90 | 5 | Wisconsin | Waukesha, Wis. | D1b'12 |

### PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 76 | Brown, Ryan (9-4-16) | DE | 6-6 | 276 | 6-10-94 | R | Mississippi State | New Orleans, La. | CFA'16 |
| 39 | Carson, Tra (9-4-16) | HB | 5-11 | 231 | 10-24-92 | R | Texas A&M | Texarkana, Texas | CFA'16 |
| 47 | Dawson, P.J. (9-7-16) | LB | 6-0 | 245 | 1-13-93 | 2 | Texas Christian | Dallas, Texas | D3b'15 |
| 71 | Dean, David (9-4-16) | DT | 6-1 | 302 | 2-16-93 | R | Virginia | Virginia Beach, Va. | CFA'16 |
| 66 | Hopkins, Trey (9-16-16) | G | 6-3 | 310 | 7-6-92 | 2 | Texas | Houston, Texas | CFA'14 |
| 84 | Kumerow, Jake (9-4-16) | WR | 6-4 | 206 | 2-17-92 | 1 | Wisconsin-Whitewater | Bartlett, Ill. | CFA'15 |
| 88 | Lengel, Matt (9-4-16) | TE | 6-7 | 266 | 12-27-90 | 1 | Eastern Kentucky | Mechanicsburg, Pa. | CFA'15 |
| 62 | Redmond, Alex (9-4-16) | G | 6-5 | 310 | 1-18-95 | R | UCLA | Cerritos, Calif. | CFA'16 |
| 52 | Roach, Trevor (9-30-16) | LB | 6-2 | 247 | 3-6-92 | 1 | Nebraska | Elkhorn, Neb. | CFA'15 |
| 17 | Russell, Alonzo (9-4-16) | WR | 6-4 | 206 | 9-29-92 | R | Toledo | Washington, D.C. | CFA'16 |

### RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | Thompson, Brandon (8-30-16; knee) | DT | 6-2 | 310 | 10-19-89 | 5 | Clemson | Thomasville, Ga. | D3b'12 |

### RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 75 | Billings, Andrew (8-30-16; knee) | DT | 6-1 | 325 | 3-6-95 | R | Baylor | Waco, Texas | D4'16 |
| 91 | Hardison, Marcus (9-3-16; shoulder) | DT | 6-3 | 310 | 2-14-92 | 2 | Arizona State | Natchitoches, La. | D4b'15 |
| 22 + | Jackson, William (9-4-16; pectoral) | CB | 6-0 | 187 | 10-27-92 | R | Houston | Houston, Texas | D1'16 |
| 30 + | Peerman, Cedric (9-4-16; forearm) | HB | 5-10 | 212 | 10-10-86 | 7 | Virginia | Gladys, Va. | W(Det.)'10 |

**COACHING STAFF: Head coach:** Marvin Lewis. **Assistants:** Paul Alexander (assistant head coach/offensive line), Jacob Burney (defensive line), Kyle Caskey (running backs), Brayden Coombs (assistant special teams/defensive quality control), Robert Couch (offensive quality control/offensive line), Kevin Coyle (secondary), Jeff Friday (assistant strength and conditioning), Paul Guenther (defensive coordinator), Jim Haslett (linebackers), Jonathan Hayes (tight ends), Bill Lazor (quarterbacks), Marcus Lewis (defensive quality control/defensive line), David Lippincott (assistant linebackers/quality control), Robert Livingston (secondary), Chip Morton (strength and conditioning), Dan Pitcher (offensive assistant/wide receivers), Darrin Simmons (special teams coordinator), James Urban (wide receivers), Ken Zampese (offensive coordinator).

**NOTE:** A plus sign (+) indicates a player on the Reserve/Injured list who eligible for possible return to the active roster in 2016.

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | Mike Nugent | K | 5-10 | 190 | 3-2-82 | 12 | Ohio State | Centerville, Ohio | FA'10 |
| 5 | AJ McCarron | QB | 6-3 | 220 | 9-13-90 | 2 | Alabama | Mobile, Ala. | D5'14 |
| 6 | Jeff Driskel | QB | 6-4 | 231 | 4-23-93 | R | Louisiana Tech | Oviedo, Fla. | W(S.F.)'16 |
| 10 | Kevin Huber | P | 6-1 | 211 | 7-16-85 | 8 | Cincinnati | Cincinnati, Ohio | D5'09 |
| 11 | Brandon LaFell | WR | 6-3 | 210 | 11-4-86 | 7 | Louisiana State | Houston, Texas | FA'16 |
| 12 | Alex Erickson | WR | 6-0 | 195 | 11-6-92 | R | Wisconsin | Darlington, Wis. | CFA'16 |
| 14 | Andy Dalton | QB | 6-2 | 220 | 10-29-87 | 6 | Texas Christian | Katy, Texas | D2'11 |
| 16 | Cody Core | WR | 6-3 | 210 | 4-17-94 | R | Mississippi | Auburn, Ala. | D6'16 |
| 18 | A.J. Green | WR | 6-4 | 210 | 7-31-88 | 6 | Georgia | Summerville, S.C. | D1'11 |
| 20 | KeiVarae Russell | CB | 5-11 | 196 | 10-19-93 | R | Notre Dame | Everett, Wash. | W(K.C.)'16 |
| 21 | Darqueze Dennard | CB | 5-11 | 198 | 10-10-91 | 3 | Michigan State | Dry Branch, Ga. | D1'14 |
| 23 | Chykie Brown | CB | 5-11 | 191 | 12-26-86 | 5 | Texas | Houston, Texas | FA'16 |
| 24 | Adam Jones | CB | 5-10 | 180 | 9-30-83 | 10 | West Virginia | Atlanta, Ga. | FA'10 |
| 25 | Giovani Bernard | HB | 5-9 | 205 | 11-22-91 | 4 | North Carolina | Boca Raton, Fla. | D2a'13 |
| 26 | Josh Shaw | CB | 6-1 | 200 | 3-27-92 | 2 | Southern California | Palmdale, Calif. | D4a'15 |
| 27 | Dre Kirkpatrick | CB | 6-2 | 185 | 10-26-89 | 5 | Alabama | Gadsden, Ala. | D1a'12 |
| 31 | Derron Smith | S | 5-10 | 200 | 2-4-92 | 2 | Fresno State | Banning, Calif. | D6'15 |
| 32 | Jeremy Hill | HB | 6-1 | 235 | 10-20-92 | 3 | Louisiana State | Baton Rouge, La. | D2'14 |
| 33 | Rex Burkhead | HB | 5-10 | 210 | 7-2-90 | 4 | Nebraska | Plano, Texas | D6a'13 |
| 36 | Shawn Williams | S | 6-0 | 210 | 5-13-91 | 4 | Georgia | Damascus, Ga. | D3'13 |
| 37 | Chris Lewis-Harris | CB | 5-10 | 185 | 2-11-89 | 4 | Tennessee-Chattanooga | Smyrna, Ga. | CFA'12 |
| 42 | Clayton Fejedelem | S | 6-0 | 205 | 6-2-93 | R | Illinois | Lemont, Ill. | D7'16 |
| 43 | George Iloka | S | 6-4 | 225 | 3-31-90 | 5 | Boise State | Houston, Texas | D5c'12 |
| 46 | Clark Harris | LS | 6-5 | 250 | 7-10-84 | 8 | Rutgers | Manahawkin, N.J. | FA'09 |
| 53 | Marquis Flowers | LB | 6-3 | 245 | 2-16-92 | 3 | Arizona | Phoenix, Ariz. | D6'14 |
| 55 | Vontaze Burfict | LB | 6-1 | 255 | 9-24-90 | 5 | Arizona State | Corona, Calif. | CFA'12 |
| 56 | Karlos Dansby | LB | 6-3 | 251 | 11-3-81 | 13 | Auburn | Birmingham, Ala. | FA'16 |
| 57 | Vincent Rey | LB | 6-0 | 250 | 9-6-87 | 6 | Duke | Far Rockaway, N.Y. | CFA'10 |
| 58 | Rey Maualuga | LB | 6-2 | 258 | 1-20-87 | 8 | Southern California | Eureka, Calif. | D2'09 |
| 59 | Nick Vigil | LB | 6-2 | 239 | 8-20-93 | R | Utah State | Plain City, Utah | D3'16 |
| 60 | T.J. Johnson | C | 6-4 | 300 | 7-17-90 | 3 | South Carolina | Aynor, S.C. | D7b'13 |
| 61 | Russell Bodine | C | 6-3 | 308 | 6-30-92 | 3 | North Carolina | Scottsville, Va. | D4'14 |
| 63 | Christian Westerman | G | 6-3 | 300 | 2-23-93 | R | Arizona State | Chandler, Ariz. | D5'16 |
| 65 | Clint Boling | G | 6-5 | 305 | 5-9-89 | 6 | Georgia | Alpharetta, Ga. | D4'11 |
| 68 | Kevin Zeitler | G | 6-4 | 320 | 3-8-90 | 5 | Wisconsin | Waukesha, Wis. | D1b'12 |
| 69 | DeShawn Williams | DT | 6-1 | 295 | 12-29-92 | 1 | Clemson | Central, S.C. | CFA'15 |
| 70 | Cedric Ogbuehi | OT | 6-5 | 310 | 4-25-92 | 2 | Texas A&M | Allen, Texas | D1'15 |
| 73 | Eric Winston | OT | 6-7 | 310 | 11-17-83 | 10 | Miami (Fla.) | Midland, Texas | FA'14 |
| 74 | Jake Fisher | OT | 6-6 | 305 | 4-23-93 | 2 | Oregon | Traverse City, Mich. | D2'15 |
| 77 | Andrew Whitworth | OT | 6-7 | 330 | 12-12-81 | 11 | Louisiana State | West Monroe, La. | D2'06 |
| 81 | Tyler Kroft | TE | 6-6 | 250 | 10-15-92 | 2 | Rutgers | Downingtown, Pa. | D3a'15 |
| 83 | Tyler Boyd | WR | 6-2 | 197 | 11-15-94 | R | Pittsburgh | Clairton, Pa. | D2'16 |
| 85 | Tyler Eifert | TE | 6-6 | 255 | 9-8-90 | 4 | Notre Dame | Fort Wayne, Ind. | D1'13 |
| 86 | James Wright | WR | 6-1 | 201 | 12-31-91 | 3 | Louisiana State | Buras, La. | D7a'14 |
| 87 | C.J. Uzomah | TE | 6-6 | 265 | 1-14-93 | 2 | Auburn | Suwanee, Ga. | D5'15 |
| 89 | Ryan Hewitt | H-B | 6-4 | 255 | 1-24-91 | 3 | Stanford | Denver, Colo. | CFA'14 |
| 90 | Michael Johnson | DE | 6-7 | 272 | 2-7-87 | 8 | Georgia Tech | Selma, Ala. | FA'15 |
| 92 | Pat Sims | DT | 6-2 | 330 | 11-29-85 | 9 | Auburn | Fort Lauderdale, Fla. | UFA(Oak.)'15 |
| 93 | Will Clarke | DE | 6-6 | 280 | 5-4-91 | 3 | West Virginia | Pittsburgh, Pa. | D3'14 |
| 94 | Domata Peko | DT | 6-3 | 325 | 11-27-84 | 11 | Michigan State | Pago Pago (American Samoa) | D4'06 |
| 96 | Carlos Dunlap | DE | 6-6 | 280 | 2-28-89 | 7 | Florida | North Charleston, S.C. | D2'10 |
| 97 | Geno Atkins | DT | 6-1 | 300 | 3-28-88 | 7 | Georgia | Pembroke Pines, Fla. | D4a'10 |
| 99 | Margus Hunt | DE | 6-8 | 295 | 7-14-87 | 4 | Southern Methodist | Karksi-Nuia (Estonia) | D2b'13 |

### PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 17 | Alonzo Russell (9-4-16) | WR | 6-4 | 206 | 9-29-92 | R | Toledo | Washington, D.C. | CFA'16 |
| 39 | Tra Carson (9-4-16) | HB | 5-11 | 231 | 10-24-92 | R | Texas A&M | Texarkana, Texas | CFA'16 |
| 47 | P.J. Dawson (9-7-16) | LB | 6-0 | 245 | 1-13-93 | 2 | Texas Christian | Dallas, Texas | D3b'15 |
| 52 | Trevor Roach (9-30-16) | LB | 6-2 | 247 | 3-6-92 | 1 | Nebraska | Elkhorn, Neb. | CFA'15 |
| 62 | Alex Redmond (9-4-16) | G | 6-5 | 310 | 1-18-95 | R | UCLA | Cerritos, Calif. | CFA'16 |
| 66 | Trey Hopkins (9-16-16) | G | 6-3 | 310 | 7-6-92 | 2 | Texas | Houston, Texas | CFA'14 |
| 71 | David Dean (9-4-16) | DT | 6-1 | 302 | 2-16-93 | R | Virginia | Virginia Beach, Va. | CFA'16 |
| 76 | Ryan Brown (9-4-16) | DE | 6-6 | 276 | 6-10-94 | R | Mississippi State | New Orleans, La. | CFA'16 |
| 84 | Jake Kumerow (9-4-16) | WR | 6-4 | 206 | 2-17-92 | 1 | Wisconsin-Whitewater | Bartlett, Ill. | CFA'15 |
| 88 | Matt Lengel (9-4-16) | TE | 6-7 | 266 | 12-27-90 | 1 | Eastern Kentucky | Mechanicsburg, Pa. | CFA'15 |

### RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 98 | Brandon Thompson (8-30-16; knee) | DT | 6-2 | 310 | 10-19-89 | 5 | Clemson | Thomasville, Ga. | D3b'12 |

### RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | BORN | EXP. | COLLEGE | HOMETOWN | HOW ACQ. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 22 + | William Jackson (9-4-16; pectoral) | CB | 6-0 | 187 | 10-27-92 | R | Houston | Houston, Texas | D1'16 |
| 30 + | Cedric Peerman (9-4-16; forearm) | HB | 5-10 | 212 | 10-10-86 | 7 | Virginia | Gladys, Va. | W(Det.)'10 |
| 75 | Andrew Billings (8-30-16; knee) | DT | 6-1 | 325 | 3-6-95 | R | Baylor | Waco, Texas | D4'16 |
| 91 | Marcus Hardison (9-3-16; shoulder) | DT | 6-3 | 310 | 2-14-92 | 2 | Arizona State | Natchitoches, La. | D4b'15 |

**COACHING STAFF: Head coach:** Marvin Lewis. **Assistants:** Paul Alexander (assistant head coach/offensive line), Jacob Burney (defensive line), Kyle Caskey (running backs), Brayden Coombs (assistant special teams/defensive quality control), Robert Couch (offensive quality control/offensive line), Kevin Coyle (secondary), Jeff Friday (assistant strength and conditioning), Paul Guenther (defensive coordinator), Jim Haslett (linebackers), Jonathan Hayes (tight ends), Bill Lazor (quarterbacks), Marcus Lewis (defensive quality control/defensive line), David Lippincott (assistant linebackers/quality control), Robert Livingston (secondary), Chip Morton (strength and conditioning), Dan Pitcher (offensive assistant/wide receivers), Darrin Simmons (special teams coordinator), James Urban (wide receivers), Ken Zampese (offensive coordinator).

**NOTE:** A plus sign (+) indicates a player on the Reserve/Injured list who eligible for possible return to the active roster in 2016.

## RECORD: 2-2

| DATE | W-L | SCORE | OPPONENT | ATTENDANCE |
|------|-----|-------|----------|-----------|
| 9-11 | W | 23-22 | at N.Y. Jets | 78,160 |
| 9-18 | L | 16-24 | at Pittsburgh | 65,072 |
| 9-25 | L | 17-29 | DENVER | 63,850 |
| 9-29 | W | 22-7 | MIAMI | 60,834 |
| 10-9 | | | at Dallas | |
| 10-16 | | | at New England | |
| 10-23 | | | CLEVELAND | |
| 10-30 | | | VS. WASHINGTON | |
| 11-6 | | | — BYE — | |
| 11-14 | | | at N.Y. Giants | |
| 11-20 | | | BUFFALO | |
| 11-27 | | | at Baltimore | |
| 12-4 | | | PHILADELPHIA | |
| 12-11 | | | at Cleveland | |
| 12-18 | | | PITTSBURGH | |
| 12-24 | | | at Houston | |
| 1-1 | | | BALTIMORE | |

### TEAM STATISTICS

| | BENGALS | OPPONENTS |
|---|---------|-----------|
| TOTAL FIRST DOWNS | 78 | 70 |
| Rushing | 17 | 20 |
| Passing | 53 | 41 |
| Penalty | 8 | 9 |
| 3rd Down: Made-Att. | 15-54 | 19-52 |
| 3rd Down Pct. | 27.8 | 36.5 |
| 4th Down: Made-Att. | 2-3 | 0-2 |
| 4th Down Pct. | 66.7 | 0.0 |
| POSSESSION AVG. | 30:35 | 29:25 |
| TOTAL NET YARDS | 1487 | 1291 |
| Avg. Per Game | 371.8 | 322.8 |
| Total Plays | 262 | 243 |
| Avg. Per Play | 5.7 | 5.3 |
| NET YARDS RUSHING | 323 | 390 |
| Avg. Per Game | 80.8 | 97.5 |
| Total Rushes | 103 | 102 |
| NET YARDS PASSING | 1164 | 901 |
| Avg. Per Game | 291.0 | 225.3 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost | 13-70 | 9-48 |
| Gross Yards | 1234 | 949 |
| Att.-Completions | 146-97 | 132-76 |
| Completion Pct. | 66.4 | 57.6 |
| Had Intercepted | 2 | 4 |
| PUNTS-AVG. | 21-46.0 | 23-48.1 |
| Net Punting Avg. | 21-41.2 | 23-42.6 |
| PENALTIES-YARDS | 25-184 | 24-258 |
| FUMBLES-BALLS LOST | 5-3 | 4-2 |
| TOUCHDOWNS | 6 | 10 |
| Rushing | 3 | 0 |
| Passing | 3 | 10 |
| Returns | 0 | 0 |

### SCORE BY PERIODS

| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|
| BENGALS | 23 | 26 | 13 | 16 | 0 | 78 |
| OPPONENTS | 24 | 25 | 7 | 26 | 0 | 82 |

### SCORING

| | TD | TD-R | TD-P | TD-Rt | K-PAT | FG | S | PTS |
|---|----|------|------|-------|-------|-----|---|-----|
| Mike Nugent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6-6 | 12-13 | 0 | 42 |
| Jeremy Hill | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 18 |
| A.J. Green | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 12 |
| Giovani Bernard | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | — | — | 0 | 6 |
| BENGALS | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6-6 | 12-13 | 0 | 78 |
| OPPONENTS | 10 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 7-9 | 5-6 | 0 | 82 |

**Two-point conversions:** None. BENGALS 0-0 (0-0 R, 0-0 P), OPPONENTS 0-1 (0-1 R, 0-0 P).

**Sacks-yards:** Carlos Dunlap 3-20, Will Clarke 3-12, Geno Atkins 2.5-11.5, Michael Johnson 0.5-4.5. BENGALS 9-48, OPPONENTS 13-70.

**Fumbles-lost:** Andy Dalton 2-0, Giovani Bernard 1-1, Tyler Boyd 1-1 Adam Jones 1-1. BENGALS 5-3, OPPONENTS 4-2.

### PASSING

| | ATT | CMP | YDS | CMP% | YDS/ATT | TD | TD% | INT | INT% | LG | SKD-YDS | RAT |
|---|-----|-----|-----|------|---------|----|-----|-----|------|-----|---------|-----|
| Andy Dalton | 146 | 97 | 1234 | 66.4 | 8.45 | 3 | 2.1 | 2 | 1.4 | 54t | 13-70 | 93.8 |
| BENGALS | 146 | 97 | 1234 | 66.4 | 8.45 | 3 | 2.1 | 2 | 1.4 | 54t | 13-70 | 93.8 |
| OPPONENTS | 132 | 76 | 949 | 57.6 | 7.19 | 10 | 7.6 | 4 | 3.0 | 74t | 9-48 | 92.6 |

### RUSHING

| | ATT | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Jeremy Hill | 58 | 221 | 3.8 | 50 | 3 |
| Giovani Bernard | 25 | 68 | 2.7 | 11 | 0 |
| Andy Dalton | 17 | 42 | 2.5 | 15 | 0 |
| Brandon LaFell | 1 | -2 | -2.0 | -2 | 0 |
| James Wright | 2 | -6 | -3.0 | 2 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 103 | 323 | 3.1 | 50 | 3 |
| OPPONENTS | 102 | 390 | 3.8 | 16 | 0 |

### RECEIVING

| | REC | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| A.J. Green | 32 | 468 | 14.6 | 54t | 2 |
| Giovani Bernard | 19 | 165 | 8.7 | 25t | 1 |
| Brandon LaFell | 13 | 208 | 16.0 | 49 | 0 |
| Tyler Boyd | 12 | 130 | 10.8 | 29 | 0 |
| C.J. Uzomah | 11 | 144 | 13.1 | 54 | 0 |
| Jeremy Hill | 3 | 37 | 12.3 | 25 | 0 |
| Tyler Kroft | 3 | 35 | 11.7 | 21 | 0 |
| James Wright | 3 | 27 | 9.0 | 10 | 0 |
| Alex Erickson | 1 | 20 | 20.0 | 20 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 97 | 1234 | 12.7 | 54t | 3 |
| OPPONENTS | 76 | 949 | 12.5 | 74t | 10 |

### INTERCEPTIONS

| | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|---|----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Chris Lewis-Harris | 1 | 11 | 11.0 | 11 | 0 |
| Adam Jones | 1 | 2 | 2.0 | 2 | 0 |
| Dre Kirkpatrick | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Josh Shaw | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 4 | 13 | 3.3 | 11 | 0 |
| OPPONENTS | 2 | 15 | 7.5 | 14 | 0 |

### PUNTING

| | NO | YDS | AVG | NET | TB | IN-20 | LG | BLK. |
|---|----|-----|-----|-----|----|-------|-----|------|
| Kevin Huber | 21 | 966 | 46.0 | 41.2 | 1 | 8 | 58 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 21 | 966 | 46.0 | 41.2 | 1 | 8 | 58 | 0 |
| OPPONENTS | 23 | 1106 | 48.1 | 42.6 | 3 | 9 | 66 | 0 |

### PUNT RETURNS

| | NO | FC | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|---|----|----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Alex Erickson | 6 | 6 | 42 | 7.0 | 15 | 0 |
| Adam Jones | 4 | 0 | 25 | 6.3 | 12 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 10 | 6 | 67 | 6.7 | 15 | 0 |
| OPPONENTS | 11 | 5 | 80 | 7.3 | 15 | 0 |

### KICKOFF RETURNS

| | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|---|----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Adam Jones | 3 | 56 | 18.7 | 21 | 0 |
| Rex Burkhead | 2 | 40 | 20.0 | 21 | 0 |
| Alex Erickson | 1 | 15 | 15.0 | 15 | 0 |
| BENGALS | 6 | 111 | 18.5 | 21 | 0 |
| OPPONENTS | 10 | 265 | 26.5 | 65 | 0 |

### FIELD GOALS

| | 1-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ |
|---|------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Mike Nugent | 0-0 | 5-5 | 3-3 | 4-4 | 0-1 |
| BENGALS | 0-0 | 5-5 | 3-3 | 4-4 | 0-1 |
| OPPONENTS | 0-0 | 3-4 | 0-0 | 2-2 | 0-0 |

**Mike Nugent:** (33G, 21G, 52WR, 47G), (25G, 33G, 21G), (34G), (42G, 22G, 43G, 22G, 47G).

**Opponents:** (22B, 45G, 20G, 23G), (49G), (20G), (—).

### DEFENSE*

| | ST | AT | TT | SKS-YDS | INT-YDS | PD | FF | FR-YDS |
|---|----|----|----|---------|---------|----|----|--------|
| Karlos Dansby | 16 | 10 | 26 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 1-0 |
| Vincent Rey | 14 | 9 | 23 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Shawn Williams | 14 | 8 | 22 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Adam Jones | 14 | 5 | 19 | 0-0 | 1-2 | 3 | 1 | 0-0 |
| Carlos Dunlap | 12 | 6 | 18 | 3-20 | 0-0 | 5 | 1 | 0-0 |
| George Iloka | 11 | 4 | 15 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Domata Peko | 7 | 7 | 14 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 1-0 |
| Rey Maualuga | 8 | 5 | 13 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Geno Atkins | 6 | 5 | 11 | 2.5-11.5 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Darqueze Dennard | 8 | 2 | 10 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Josh Shaw | 5 | 5 | 10 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Pat Sims | 3 | 6 | 9 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Michael Johnson | 3 | 4 | 7 | 0.5-4.5 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Margus Hunt | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Dre Kirkpatrick | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0-0 | 1-0 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Will Clarke | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3-12 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Chris Lewis-Harris | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0-0 | 1-11 | 2 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Vontaze Burfict | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 |
| Derron Smith | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0-0 |

### SPECIAL TEAMS*

| | ST | AT | TT | FF | FR-YDS | BP | BFG | BXP |
|---|----|----|----|----|--------|----|-----|-----|
| Josh Shaw | 4 | 2 | 6 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| James Wright | 2 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Marquis Flowers | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Nick Vigil | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Rex Burkhead | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clark Harris | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chykie Brown | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Clayton Fejedelem | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tyler Kroft | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Vincent Rey | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Derron Smith | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Margus Hunt | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Mike Nugent | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0-0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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*   NOTE: All defensive statistics above are press box statistics produced at the games.