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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CLEVELAND BROWNS (0-6) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-4)

WEEK 7, GAME 7
SUNDAY, OCT. 23
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 8, GAME 8
SUNDAY, OCT. 30 VS. WASHINGTON (LONDON)

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: CBS broadcast with Andrew Catalon (play-by-play), Steve Beuerlein (analyst) and Steve Tasker (analyst). 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: This week's 86th renewal of the "Battle of Ohio" will be down the national list of marquee NFL matchups, but it surely won't lack for intensity. The historic series between the Bengals and the Cleveland Browns, set to resume at Paul Brown Stadium, features two teams looking to step on each others' backs to help turn a season around.

The rebuilding Browns are winless under new head coach Hue Jackson, Bengals offensive coordinator for the last two years. They are out to avoid their worst start to a season since 1999. But they have been beset by injuries and showed plenty of fight at Tennessee last week, rallying from a 28-13 fourth-quarter deficit before falling 28-26, with a missed two-point conversion looming large.

The Bengals, more accustomed to success in recent years, are 2-4 with a two-game losing streak following last week's 35-17 setback at New England. They are well aware that their bid for a sixth straight playoff season will require a furious finish over the last 10 games.

"We can catch up," head coach Marvin Lewis told the team after the Patriots game. "There's a lot of football left. But don't worry about that now. Worry about improving. Everyone in this room knows we're a better team than what we've shown."

The Bengals remain just two games behind Pittsburgh, the AFC North Division leader, and just one back of second-place Baltimore. The Steelers (4-2) lost 30-15 at Miami last week, and the Ravens (3-3) lost 27-23 at the Giants.

The Bengals played much of last week's game as if they might break Tom Brady's stunning dominance of AFC opponents at Gillette Stadium. The New England QB entered the game with 48 wins in his last 49 regular-season home games against conference foes, but the Bengals took a 14-10 lead early in the third quarter. And Cincinnati stopped New England after just one first down on the Patriots' ensuing possession. Looking to gain a two-score lead with their next chance, the Bengals looked sharp early, as Dalton scrambled from pressure in the end zone and threw a sideline bullet to WR A.J. Green, converting a second-and-10 situation with a 15-yard gain to the Cincinnati 31.

But the gain was nullified by a holding penalty against second-year OT Cedric Ogbuehi, and on second-and-18 from the Cincinnati eight, Dalton was sacked for a safety. The Patriots, in Brady's first home game of 2016, following a suspension, responded with TD drives on their next two possessions, sandwiched around a Bengals three-and-out. New England opened the fourth quarter with a 25-14 lead and traded field goals with the Bengals in the final period before scoring its final TD with 1:05 remaining.

"We've put our backs against the wall," Lewis said, "and so we've got to coach the guys better. Coach them harder and get them to play their best."

Asked if he took any solace from an effort that was far more competitive overall than the final score might indicate, Lewis said:

"It's just disappointing, because we didn't play the entire game that way. We

faltered in a stretch of a few minutes and seven or eight plays. You can't do that here (at Gillette)."

Backs-to-the-wall is not a familiar feeling for the Bengals at this time of year. Last season they were unbeaten through six games (en route to 8-0). They were OK in 2014, at 3-2-1, and they were 4-2 in 2013.

"But we were way down in 2012, and we came back," said Green, referring to the club that made a historically significant comeback from 3-5 at midseason, reaching the playoffs at 10-6. "We won seven of the last eight. Where we are now is nothing we can't handle. Staying together is the key right now. We're a team and we can't start to break apart. Every player has to perform like a leader, put your head down and just grind. We've put ourselves into the situation and now we have to get ourselves out."

"We've got to get on a roll," said NT Domata Peko, "and it starts this week with Cleveland."

The series: The Bengals lead 46-39 in the "Battle of Ohio" series and have won the last three games. Home field has been a factor over the length of the series, as the Bengals lead 28-15 at home but trail 18-24 as the road club.

The Bengals have won 17 of the last 23 meetings and lead 18-8 in games during the tenure of Cincinnati head coach Marvin Lewis, including 10-3 at home.

The Bengals have played more games against the Browns (85) than against any foe except Pittsburgh. The Bengals have 94 all-time games against the Steelers.

More series notes:

- The Bengals' longest win streak over the Browns has been five games, posted from Game 2 of 2004 through Game 2 of '06.
- The Browns' longest win streak over Cincinnati has been seven games, extending from Game 2 of the 1992 season through Game 2 of '95.
- Since the Browns' rebirth in 1999, the Bengals lead 22-12.

Complete Bengals-Browns series results entering this season are on page 210 of the Bengals' 2016 Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 58, in a 58-48 victory at Paul Brown Stadium in 2004. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 34, in the most recent meeting, a 37-3 win at Cleveland last season. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (four times), most recently in a 30-0 win in 2014 at Cleveland.

Browns — MOST POINTS: 51, in a 51-45 win at Cleveland in 2007. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 34, in a 34-0 victory at Cincinnati in 1987. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in an 18-0 win at Cleveland in 2001.

The last meetings: Summaries of both Bengals-Browns meetings last season are on page 15 of this news release.

Bengals holding biggest 'Battle' margin: With their victory on Dec. 6 of last season at Cleveland, the Bengals posted a new benchmark for the biggest lead — a margin of seven games — held by either side in the "Battle of Ohio" series, which began in 1970. Cincinnati's current lead is 46-39.

The series began with the Browns winning six of the first seven, and their five-game margin at 6-1, after the first meeting of 1973, stands as their largest lead. The Bengals lead 45-33 since that high-water mark for Cleveland. The Browns have not led the series since the end of 2005, when they held a

33-32 edge.

Since surrendering that 33-32 lead, in a Bengals sweep in the 2006 set, the Browns have twice pulled into ties — at 34-34 after game one of '07 and at 35-35 after game one of '08. But the Browns have now endured roughly a 10-year stretch without a lead in the series. Barring possible additions to the series in postseason play, the Bengals cannot surrender their series lead until after the first game of 2019, at the earliest. The Browns could not lead again until after the second game of '19.

More Bengals-Browns facts: The first-ever Bengals-Browns meeting of any kind was Aug. 29, 1970. On that Saturday, the Browns were visitors for the second preseason game of Riverfront Stadium's debut year. The Bengals won 31-24, moving to 2-0 in preseason in their new home. Also:

- The Bengals were 17-10 against the Browns at Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field.
- The Browns were 17-8 against the Bengals at the old Cleveland Stadium, but the Bengals lead 10-7 at FirstEnergy Stadium (formerly Cleveland Browns Stadium).
- The Bengals and Browns never played at Nippert Stadium, as Nippert was the Bengals' American Football League home.
- The Bengals have posted 11 season sweeps, and the Browns have posted eight. The teams have split 23 times. In 1982, they played only once, with the scheduled contest at Cleveland cancelled due to a players' strike.
- The first Bengals-Browns regular-season game at Cincinnati — on Nov. 15, 1970 — drew the first home crowd of 60,000 in Bengals history (60,007 at Riverfront Stadium). The Bengals won 14-10 behind a 110-yard rushing effort from QB Virgil Carter, the only 100-yard rushing game by a QB in Bengals history.
- The largest Bengals home crowd for a Browns game has been 66,072, on Sept. 17, 2006 at Paul Brown Stadium. That ranks as the fifth-largest crowd in Bengals history.
- The Browns drew the largest Bengals crowd in the Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field era — 60,284 for a 27-24 Browns win on Oct. 17, 1971.
- The Bengals and Browns met three times in preseason at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, from 1972-74. All were Sunday afternoon games, and the Browns won two of the three.

Coaches in Battle of Ohio: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis is 18-8 overall against Cleveland, for the most total wins and best winning percentage (.692) of any Bengals head coach in the series. Lewis also has coached the most total games (26) against Cleveland. Sam Wyche is in second place in all three categories, with 10 wins, a .625 winning percentage (10-6) and 16 games.

Bill Belichick has been the top Browns coach in the series, having posted an 8-2 mark against the Bengals during his 1991-95 tenure.

Lewis is the only Bengals head coach whose first Cincinnati victory came against Cleveland. Lewis took over as head coach in 2003, and his first win was a 21-14 decision at Cleveland on Sept. 28 of that year. The Bengals entered that game at 0-3, but went on to finish 8-8. The six-game improvement, after a 2-14 season in 2002, was the largest in the NFL for '03.

Forrest Gregg is the only head coach to pilot both teams in the Battle of Ohio. Gregg was 1-5 as Browns coach against the Bengals from 1975-77, and he was 3-4 as Bengals coach against the Browns from '80-83.

Here's a full roundup of Bengals' head coaches, in chronological order, and their records in the Battle of Ohio: Paul Brown (5-7), Bill "Tiger" Johnson (3-2), Homer Rice (2-1), Forrest Gregg (3-4), Sam Wyche (10-6), Dave Shula (1-7), Bruce Coslet (2-1), Dick LeBeau (2-3), Marvin Lewis (18-8).

Hue-J's first Battle as head man: Cleveland head coach Hue Jackson, is no stranger to the Battle of Ohio. He was a Bengals assistant for seven years, including 2014-15 as offensive coordinator. But this is his first Battle as a head coach, and the history book shows that Bengals head coaches have fared better than their Cleveland counterparts in coaching their first game in the rivalry.

Bengals coaches show a 7-2 record the first time out against Cleveland. The last five have won. The seven winners have been Bill Johnson (1976), Homer Rice ('78), Sam Wyche ('84), Dave Shula ('92), Bruce Coslet ('99), Dick LeBeau (2000) and Marvin Lewis ('03). Losing in the first try vs. Cleveland were Paul Brown (1970) and Forrest Gregg ('80).

The last Browns head coach making his series debut was a winner. Mike Pettine bossed a 24-3 Browns win at Paul Brown Stadium in 2014. But Browns

head coaches are 6-9 overall when facing the Bengals the first time. The winners besides Pettine have been Blanton Collier (1970), Nick Skorich ('71), Sam Rutigliano ('78), Bill Belichick ('91) and Rob Chudzinski (2013). On the losing end have been Forrest Gregg (1975), Marty Schottenheimer ('84), Bud Carson ('89), Jim Shofner ('90), Chris Palmer ('99), Butch Davis (2001), Romeo Crennel ('05), Eric Mangini ('09) and Pat Shurmur ('11).

Records vs. Browns: The two highest-scoring games in Bengals history have each been against the Browns, both coming during Marvin Lewis' tenure as head coach. On Nov. 28, 2004 at Paul Brown Stadium, the Bengals won 58-48, and the 106 total points is not only a Bengals record, it is the second-most in NFL history, behind only 113 from Washington's 72-41 win over the N.Y. Giants in 1966. And on Sept. 16, 2007, the Bengals and Browns combined for 96 points at Cleveland in a 51-45 Browns win.

More on Bengals records against the Browns:

- In their 30-0 win over the Browns in Cleveland in 2014, the Bengals allowed only five first downs, fewest by an opponent in Bengals history.
- The 58-48 Bengals win on Nov. 28, 2004 stands as the only game in club history for Cincinnati to score in double figures in all four quarters (14-13-14-17 — 58).
- WR A.J. Green's 41-yard TD reception put the Bengals ahead to stay in the fourth quarter of the 2011 season opener at Cleveland, and it has been certified as the longest game-winning catch in NFL history by a rookie playing in his team's first game of the year. The previous long in this category was only 22 yards, and it had stood for more than 85 years, set by Jack Underwood of the Duluth Kelleys in 1924.
- In the final Bengals game at Cinergy Field, on Dec. 12, 1999, Cincinnati limited the Browns to the fewest rushing yards ever by an opponent. Cleveland had only 11 net yards on 11 attempts.
- On Dec. 21, 1980 vs. Cleveland, DE Eddie Edwards set the Bengals record for sacks in a game with five. The mark stood unchallenged for 19 years, until DE Antwan Odum tied it on Sept. 20, 2009 at Green Bay.
- On Nov. 25, 2001 at Cleveland, T.J. Houshmandzadeh set the Bengals record for punt return yards in a game with 126. His 86-yarder in that game ranks tied for third-longest in club history.
- The Bengals' 23-20 overtime victory at Cleveland on Oct. 4, 2009 stands as the longest Bengals game not to end in a tie. Only four seconds remained in the overtime period when K Shayne Graham booted a 31-yard field goal to break a 20-all tie. Elapsed scoreboard clock time for the game was 74:56. The only 75-minute games in Bengals history have been two ties, in 2008 vs. Philadelphia and in 2014 vs. Carolina.

Individually vs. Browns: In last year's Bengals victories over Cleveland, QB Andy Dalton posted what now stand as the highest and third-highest passer ratings of his career. He logged a 139.8 (third-highest) in Cincinnati's Nov. 5 home victory and a career-best 146.8 in the Dec. 6 win at Cleveland.

Dalton's rating for the two games combined was 142.8, as he passed 35-for-46 (76.1) for 454 yards, with five TDs and no INTs.

In 10 career games against the Browns (all starts), Dalton has a 7-3 W-L record. His passing totals are 181-for-295 passing (61.4 percent) for 2006 yards (200.6 per game), with 16 TDs and 11 INTs (rating of 84.1).

Other current Bengals' career performances while playing for Cincinnati against the Browns include:

- QB AJ McCarron: Two games; Two-for-three passing (66.7 percent) for 19 yards, with no TDs or INTs. McCarron made his NFL debut in low key fashion in last year's first game, subbing for Dalton and taking a knee on the last two snaps to run out the clock. McCarron played a bit more in the second game, again in a mop-up role.
- HB Giovanni Bernard: Five games; 53 rushes for 259 yards (4.9); 15 receptions for 126 yards (8.4). Bernard led the Bengals in yards from scrimmage (86, 72 rushing and 14 receiving) in last year's first game against the Browns.
- HB Jeremy Hill: Four games; 74 rushes for 353 yards (4.8) and one TD; Three receptions for 10 yards (3.3).
- HB Cedric Peerman (Reserve/Injured): Eight games; Four rushes for six yards (1.5); Eight receptions for 76 yards (9.5).
- HB Rex Burkhead: Four games; Eight rushes for 28 yards (3.5); Four receptions for 14 yards (3.5).
- WR A.J. Green: 10 games; 44 receptions for 655 yards (14.9; 65.5 per game) with five TDs. Green caught five-for-128, with an 18-yard TD and a long of 61, in the most recent meeting, last season at Cleveland.
- WR James Wright: One game; One rush for 13 yards.

• TE Tyler Eifert: Three games; Nine receptions for 107 yards (11.9) with three TDs; Eifert had three TD catches in last year's first game, tying the Bengals record for TD catches by a TE in a game. He missed the second meeting, due to injury.

• TE Tyler Kroft: Two games; One reception for 17 yards.

• TE C.J. Uzomah: One game; One reception for four yards; Uzomah's catch last season at Cleveland was the first of his career, and although for only a modest gain, it converted a fourth-and-two play.

• H-back Ryan Hewitt: Four games; Four receptions for 41 yards (10.3).

Rockin' in the Jungle: With their Sept. 29 victory 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 30th.

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."

Bengals-Browns connections: Browns head coach Hue Jackson was the offensive coordinator for the Bengals from 2014-15, and he also coached for Cincinnati from 2004-06 and from '12-13 ... Bengals LB Karlos Dansby played for the Browns from 2014-15 ... Browns WR Terrelle Pryor played at Ohio State; he was briefly with the Bengals in 2015 but did not play ... Browns OL Dan France was with the Bengals from 2014-15 (practice squad) ... Browns WR Andrew Hawkins played with the Bengals from 2011-14 ... Bengals defensive line coach Jacob Burney was on the Browns staff from 1994-95 ... Browns defensive coordinator Ray Horton played for the Bengals from 1983-88 and was defensive backs coach from 1997-2001 ... Browns defensive backs coach Louie Cioffi was on the Bengals staff from 1997-2010 ... Browns tight ends coach Greg Seamon spent 13 seasons (2003-15) with the Bengals, primarily as a scout ... Bengals K Mike Nugent played at Ohio State ... Bengals HB Cedric Peerman was briefly with the Browns in 2009 but did not play ... Browns special teams assistant Shawn Mennenga coached at Western Kentucky in 1997 ...

Browns TE Gary Barnidge played at Louisville.

Red zone reports: The Browns (16) have had three fewer red-zone possessions than the Bengals (19), but they have scored two more red-zone TDs (10-8). The Bengals managed two TDs on four chances at New England last week, but had a no-score (on downs) as well as settling for a field goal.

Defensive red-zone play also is emblematic of Cincinnati's 2-4 start. The defense gave up four TDs and a field goal on five New England chances last week, and Cincinnati ranks 27th in defensive TD percentage. The Browns are behind that on defense, however, ranked 30th.

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 19	Inside-20 possessions: 19
Total scores: 17 (89.5%)	Total scores: 17 (85.7%)
TDs: 8 (42.1%)	TDs: 13 (64.3%)
FGs: 9 (47.4%)	FGs: 4 (21.4%)
TD% rank: 28th	TD% rank: 27th
No scores: 2 (10.5%)	No scores: 2 (14.3%)

BROWNS RED-ZONE REPORT

Inside-20 possessions: 16	Inside-20 possessions: 22
Total scores: 12 (86.7%)	Total scores: 21 (95.5%)
TDs: 10 (53.3%)	TDs: 16 (72.7%)
FGs: 2 (33.3%)	FGs: 5 (22.7%)
TD% rank: 12th	TD% rank: 30th
No scores: 4 (13.3%)	No scores: 1 (4.5%)

BENGALS-BROWNS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	BROWNS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored.....	29th (18.2)	26th (18.8)
Points allowed.....	20th (24.2)	T-29th (29.3)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total.....	12th (364.8)	19th (348.0)
Rushing.....	24th (89.8)	11th (110.7)
Passing.....	6th (275.0)	22nd (237.3)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total.....	15th (355.0)	29th (403.3)
Rushing.....	20th (108.2)	27th (118.0)
Passing.....	17th (246.8)	T-26th (285.3)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential.....	T-11th (plus-two)	T-19th (minus-1)

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 114 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 50 over Sam Wyche (64). Lewis' record is 114-98-2 in the regular season and 114-105-2 including postseason. The Bengals' 54-31-1 record over the last six regular seasons (including 2016 games to date) gives the team a .634 winning percentage for the span, ranked fifth in the NFL for the span.

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 played 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.

Hue Jackson is in his first season as Browns head coach. He's in his 30th year of coaching, including the last 16 in the NFL. He has had two previous stints with the Bengals as an assistant coach, from 2004-06 and from 2012-15.

He was Bengals offensive coordinator the past two seasons.

Jackson was head coach of the Oakland Raiders in 2011, leading a team that tied for the best record (8-8) in the AFC West but missed the division title and a postseason berth via tiebreaker. Jackson was not retained by the Raiders for 2012, but through 2015, the 8-8 finish is tied for the best by any Raiders team since 2002.

Jackson's NFL coaching record is 8-14.

In addition to his term with the Bengals, Jackson has been an NFL offensive

coordinator at Washington (2003), Atlanta (2007) and Oakland (2010). Five of his seven Bengals teams reached the playoffs, including the last four.

Jackson's hometown is Los Angeles. He played quarterback at the University of Pacific from 1985-86.

Lewis vs. Browns: Lewis leads, 18-8.

Lewis vs. Jackson: No previous meetings.

Jackson vs. Bengals: No previous meetings.

BENGALS NOTES

Andy dials another 100: In looking for a foundation around which to build a rise from their two-game losing streak, the Bengals can start with QB Andy Dalton. The sixth-year pro posted his third straight triple-digit passer rating last week at New England, scoring a 103.4. He completed 21-of-31 (67.7 percent) for 254 yards, with one TD and no interceptions. He also scored a rushing TD, drawing a tackler away from him with a nifty fake pitch on an option run and going untouched into the end zone for a two-yard score that gave Cincinnati a 7-3 lead. His TD pass, a five-yarder to WR Brandon LaFell on a third-and-goal in the third quarter, put the Bengals ahead 14-10.

Dalton has four 100-plus ratings in the season's six games, and though the Bengals have lost their last two with Dalton at 100-plus, their record in his 32 career games in triple figures is 27-5. That's a winning percentage of .844.

Dalton's season passer rating for 2016 has climbed to 97.2, and his NFL passer ranking has risen to 11th, his highest point of the season. He has thrown only two INTs, and none in the last three games. His streak of consecutive attempts without an INT is now at 111.

Dalton's 97.2 rating is some eight points better than his career rating (now at 89.1), and his career rating is itself a Bengals record, topping the second-place mark of 86.9 posted by Carson Palmer between 2004-10.

"Andy has done a good job of throwing the ball accurately when he's had the chance," says head coach Marvin Lewis. "He's been under some pressure at times, but he's kept his eyes down the field as much as he could. He hasn't panicked and made mistakes. He keeps on playing smart, tough football, and that's the kind of play we need to get from Andy all year long."

Though not particularly known for his rushing exploits, Dalton had a key run at New England in addition to his rushing TD. On a second-and-10 play early in the third-quarter drive that put the Bengals ahead 14-10, he ducked under heavy pressure and dashed 15 yards for a first down.

"Andy's decision-making has been outstanding," said Lewis. "Not just knowing when to take the ball down and run, but knowing the offense and knowing when to change the play based on what he's seeing from the defense. We give him the liberty to do that because of the understanding he brings."

Dalton still tops AFC in pass yards: Andy Dalton passed for 254 yards at New England and ranks third in the NFL for the season, at 1757 (292.8 per game). He ranked second the past two weeks. But for the third week in a row, he leads the AFC.

The two passers ahead of him are Matt Ryan of Atlanta (2075) and Eli Manning of the Giants (1788). The No. 2 AFC player in passing yards is Andrew Luck of Indianapolis, 36 yards behind Dalton at 1721.

Dalton ranks fifth in the league in average gain per attempt (8.06).

Six games into the season, Dalton is on pace for 4685 yards, which would surpass with ease 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."

The Bengals have won three previous AFC passing yards titles — Ken Anderson in 1974-75 and Boomer Esiason in 1987. Anderson's two titles also were NFL crowns.

"Andy is just one of the best," says WR A.J. Green, who ranks second in the NFL in receptions (36) and receiving yards (518). "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."

Our guys or no one: Andy Dalton is averaging 36.3 passes per game this season, just below his career high for a full season, 36.6 in 2013. But Dalton suffered a career-most 20 interceptions '13, and this year, with only two INTs, he's on pace for a career-low five (actual projection of 5.3). Dalton also was stingy about giving up INTs last season, with only seven. His 386 attempts last season were the fewest of his career, but his INT percentage of 1.8 was his lowest.

"It's being smart with the ball," Dalton says, "knowing when you can take chances, and trusting your guys to make plays. It's the understanding of when you can take the chance to try to fit one in, and when to hold on to it and check the ball down, or try to get out and make a play outside the pocket. I knew I needed to do a better job of that early on this year. Several years ago I had too many turnovers, so it was making the conscious effort of, 'If you don't turn the ball over, you're giving the team a better chance to win.'"

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," said LaFell, who caught a pair of Dalton TD passes last week. "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. He had played every offensive snap this season until AJ McCarron relieved him in a mop-up role for the final two snaps at New England, and 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 is also in a good spot with TD-to-INT ratio, standing at 3-to-1, with six scores and two picks.

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 .633 winning percentage as a starter (52-30-1 regular season) ranks fifth among active QBs with 50 or more starts, behind Tom Brady (.773), Russell Wilson (.725), Aaron Rodgers (.669) and Ben Roethlisberger (.669).
- Dalton's .633 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 15.2-to-1 ratio of TD passes to INTs (91-6) 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.

Green leads NFL in catches and AFC in yards: The conclusion of Week 6 play sees Bengals WR A.J. Green leading the NFL in receptions (42) and leading the AFC in receiving yards (606).

Green's NFL receptions lead margin is just one, over Jarvis Landry of Miami and Antonio Brown of Pittsburgh (both at 41).

He's third in the NFL in yards, 50 behind Julio Jones of Atlanta (656) and just four back of Carolina TE Greg Olsen (610). Green's AFC lead in receiving yards is 19, over Oakland's Amari Cooper (585).

Green is clearly on track for a sixth trip to the Pro Bowl, and he's in only his sixth season. With a sixth berth this season, he'll join OT Anthony Munoz (11 in 13 seasons), WR Chad Johnson (six in 10 seasons) and CB Lemar Parrish (six in eight seasons) as the only Bengals to hit six.

Green led the team at New England last week in catches (six) and receiving yards (88). His biggest days this season have been 12-for-180 on Sept. 11 at the Jets and 10-for-173 on Sept. 29 vs. Miami. His 12 catches against the Jets is tied for his career high and tied for the NFL high this season.

"I hold myself to a very high standard," Green says. "I know what I'm capable of, and when I don't perform to that level, I've got to refocus myself. I had a play I

think I should have made against the Patriots even though I think I got held, and going down this stretch, with us needing to put together a winning streak, I have to make plays whenever the opportunity presents itself."

Green referred to a third-and-goal pass to him in the end zone in the second quarter, with New England leading 3-0. Patriots CB Malcolm Butler was given credit for a pass defended as the throw went incomplete, and on the next play, the Bengals surrendered possession, failing on a fourth-and-one rushing play.

For all his NFL exploits, Green has yet to win a league or conference title in catches or receiving yards. His highest league 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 logged a record 31 over his 10 seasons.

Green on record paces: Through six games, Bengals WR A.J. Green is on pace to tie the Bengals season record for receptions and set a new mark for receiving yards. His 42 catches project to 112, which would tie T.J. Houshmandzadeh's record from 2007, and his 606 yards project to 1616, which would blow away Chad Johnson's mark of 1440, also set in 2007.

Earlier this season, Green had receiving days of 12-for-180 at the Jets (Game 1) and 10-for-173 vs. Miami (Game 4). The 12 catches at New York tied his career high.

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 full 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 10 Bengals seasons to Green's five-plus-six-games, 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 has 457 receptions and 6777 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. passes Collinsworth: A.J. Green's 88 receiving yards last week at New England raised his career total (all with the Bengals) to 6777,

moving him past Cris Collinsworth (6698) into fourth place all-time for the franchise.

And Green is a lock, barring injury, to be in second place by season's end. He needs just 111 yards to pass third-place Carl Pickens (6887) and 325 to pass second-place Isaac Curtis (7101). Green needs 4007 yards to pass Chad Johnson for the all-time lead, a feat that projects to possible passage in 2019.

In all-time Bengals receptions, Green started the season in sixth place, but he's now at No. 4. He has 457 catches and has blown by Curtis (416) and Collinsworth (417).

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 294 catches behind the first-place Chad Johnson (751), another goal that projects to possible passage in 2019.

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

Belichick on A.J.: New England head coach Bill Belichick, a most respected source due to his great success, had high praise for Bengals WR A.J. Green during an Oct. 12 conference call with Cincinnati media:

"He's the quickest among the top receivers who are big, tall guys," Belichick said. "He has good stop-and-start quickness; he's a very good intermediate route runner. I'd say there are a number of (taller) players who are really just two-level players — short catch-and-run and deep speed. Green's very good at intermediate routes — comebacks, in-cuts, curls. He has great quickness at the top of his route and excellent hands, so he's able to extend and create separation with his length and his catching skills.

"He makes some incredible one-handed catches, or catches where the defender is just draped all over him, and he's able to just get his hands a few inches out further than the defenders and make the play. His catch radius is exceptional. But I'd say the thing that really, to me, puts him at the top of the league in receivers is his ability to affect all three levels, particularly those intermediate routes."

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, a New England Patriot in 2014 and '15, had only one brief game appearance in preseason, due to a hand injury. But his play in the first six 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 didn't post big numbers last week at New England, catching two-for-13, but he scored a touchdown against his old mates, on a five-yard catch on third-and-goal in the third quarter. The score put the Bengals ahead 14-10. The previous week at Dallas, LaFell led the team in catches (eight) and receiving yards (68), and he scored both Bengals TDs, on catches of seven and five yards. For the season, LaFell has 23 catches for 289 yards, and his three TDs are tied for the team lead. He ranks third in catches and second in receiving yards, and his numbers project to 61 catches for 771 yards for the full season.

"That guy is the ultimate pro," says Green, "and he's a good veteran (seventh-year pro) 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) and he's physical."

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.

... and rookie WR Boyd also 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 19 receptions for 242 yards, an early pace for 51 catches and 645 yards. He's in the No. 3 WR role behind veterans A.J. Green and Brandon LaFell.

Boyd came up big in a tough road atmosphere last week at New England, catching four-for-79. He won contested balls and had a 27-yard catch on Cincinnati's second TD drive.

"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."

Dunlap out to bounce back vs. Browns: Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap wasn't his usual productive self last week at New England. His only entry on the stat sheet was one QB hit.

But the seventh-year pro has been the most active disrupter on the Cincinnati defense for the bulk of the season, and the Bengals will need him to look more like his usual self if they are to start their year back on a positive track this week against Cleveland.

"Got to make plays," Dunlap said. "That goes for all of us, really, but I put that on myself."

In each of the two games before New England, Dunlap executed a sack-and-strip, with the Bengals recovering the loose ball. On Oct. 9 at Dallas, he separated Dak Prescott from the ball at the Bengals 26 in the third quarter, and LB Vincent Rey returned the fumble to the Cincinnati 41, setting up the Bengals' first scoring drive of the game. On Sept. 29 vs. Miami, Dunlap did the deed on Ryan Tannehill, forcing a fumble that NT Domata Peko recovered at the Dolphins 27, setting up a field goal.

Dunlap leads the team for the season in sacks (four) and he's the only player on the club with more than one forced fumble (two). Also, he has a rare lineman's lead in passes defended for the season, with five. He leads the team in QB hits (10) and leads the line in tackles (22).

"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."

Dunlap now has 53 sacks for his career, ranked fourth all-time on the Bengals and closing in on the third-place player, DE Ross Browner at 59.

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 13 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) averaged 6.6 over nine campaigns (1978-86).

Last season Dunlap had 13.5 sacks, second-most in Bengals history, and besides his 53 sacks, his career totals include 14 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 31 passes defended, four blocked FGs and two TDs scored.

Dunlap was tough on Browns: Though he didn't have a big game at New England last week (see previous item), Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap was hard to handle for the Browns last season.

In Cincinnati's Nov. 5 victory at Paul Brown Stadium, he had two sacks of Johnny Manziel for 16 total yards, and he led the line in tackles (four). And in the Bengals' win on Dec. 6 at Cleveland, Dunlap had a five-yard sack of Austin Davis, an eight-yard tackle-for-loss on a rushing play, a forced fumble that Cincinnati recovered and a blocked 47-yard field goal attempt.

Jones claims a dual crown: Already the holder of the Bengals' career record for punt return average (11.0), Bengals CB Adam Jones added the kickoff return record to his resume on Sept. 29 vs. Miami, when he reached minimum number of returns (50) to qualify. His average is 26.4 yards.

Jones has moved ahead of CB Lemar Parrish (24.7 average from 1970-77) for the kickoff return lead. And his punt return average is one yard better than second place Quan Cosby (10.0).

With a starting role on defense the last two seasons, Jones has been used selectively by the coaching staff on kickoff and punt returns. This season, he has just an 18.7-yard average on three kickoff returns and a 5.0 average on five punt returns. But at age 33, he is still a big potential 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).

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 10.3 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.

Rare loss with 30 rushes: The Bengals rushed for 120 yards on 32 carries last week at New England, suffering a rare loss when the team has run the ball 30 or more times under head coach Marvin Lewis. The Bengals have now had 100 regular-season games under Lewis at the 30 mark or above, and Cincinnati stands 82-18 (.820) in those contests.

"It's not always the rushing yardage total that's most important," Lewis has said. "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."

Bernard leads NFL RBs in catches: Bengals HB Giovani Bernard leads NFL RBs this week in receptions (29), three ahead of Detroit's Theo Riddick (26). Bernard is four ahead of New England's James White (25) for the AFC lead. Bernard's 256 receiving yards rank first in the AFC and second in the NFL among RBs. He trails only Tevin Coleman of Atlanta (320).

Bernard is one of only four NFL running backs with a 100-yard receiving game this season — he hit 100 on the nose on a career-best nine catches on Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh — and he's on pace for 77 catches and 683 yards. A 77-catch output would smash his own club record for receptions by an RB — 56 in 2013. And a 683-yard receiving season would be second in Bengals annals by a RB, behind only 686 by James Brooks in 1986.

Bernard got his second straight start last week at New England, and for the second straight game, his rushing and receiving skills carried him to the team lead in scrimmage yards. Bernard totaled 94 yards, leading the team in rushing yards (49 on 15 carries) and placing third in receiving yards (45 on four catches). Bernard had totaled 96 yards on Oct. 9 at Dallas, rushing nine-for-50 (5.6) and adding six catches for 46.

Bernard has been strong as a receiver all season. He's second on the team in catches and third in receiving yards. Last week, he had a personal season-long receiving gain of 32 yards, carrying to the New England six-yard line. He has one receiving TD, a 25-yarder on Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh.

The Sept. 18 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 averaged 49.3 receptions over his first three seasons, and with just 49 more in 2016, he would already have the second-most receptions by a RB in team history at 197, trailing only Brooks (297 in eight seasons).

Bernard had only 68 total rushing yards in the season's first four games, but he has had 99 over the last two contests.

Bernard has averaged 1146.6 yards from scrimmage for his first three seasons.

Vontaze on belated run up tackles chart:

LB Vontaze Burfict played his third game of the season last week at New England and tied for second on the team in tackles (eight), just one off the lead. Included was an eight-yard sack of Tom Brady. He played 61 of the 64 snaps, second on the defense.

Burfict led the team in tackles (10) the previous week at Dallas, including a solo total of nine that stands as the team high for the season. He had three tackles in his 2016 debut on Sept. 29 vs. Miami.

Burfict missed Games 1-3 on an NFL suspension for playing rules violations, but he's already up to sixth on the team in tackles for the season (21). His average of 7.0 tackles per games played is tops on the team. Last season, Burfict missed six games due to injury but led the team in tackles per games played (7.4). He led the Bengals in total tackles by huge margins in 2012 and '13, before seeing action in only five games in a 2014 season also derailed by injuries.

Said head coach Marvin Lewis:

"We have been looking forward to getting Vontaze back out there when it counts, and he's coming around. He not only finds the ball himself, he's an extension of the coaching staff on the field."

Burfict was an initial-ballot Pro Bowl selection in 2013, as well as earning a second-team spot on the Associated Press All-Pro team.

Told by media that several teammates have said his return puts 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."

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 — no block, but back on top:

DE Margus Hunt regained the NFL lead in blocked kicks last week, though he was unable to add to his season total of two in the New England game. Hunt had been listed as tied with DT Jason Jones of Miami, but Jones had one of his two blocks taken away after Elias Sports Bureau review shifted it to another Dolphins player.

Hunt's league-leading total of two blocks includes a Brandon McManus PAT try on Sept. 25 vs. Denver and a Nick Folk 22-yard FG try on Sept. 11 at the Jets.

Hunt's blocked kicks are the first two of his four-year 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.

The Bengals have been good the last two seasons in the difficult art of blocking kicks. Last season, 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 (37) through six games, including four tackles-for-loss. He also has two passes defended 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 (37).

"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 leads Bengals LBs in snaps this season.

Tackles; they're what LBs do: LB Karlos Dansby leads the Bengals in tackles (37) through six 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 '08 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."

Longer PATs no problem for Nugge: Bengals K Mike Nugent is 10-for-10 this season on PATs, not a remarkable figure, but he's continuing on his positive performance from last year, when the NFL moved PATs back to 33-yard attempts. Nugent made 48 of 49 last season, 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.

Nugent is 13-for-15 this season on field goal attempts, and both his misses have come from 50-plus yards. He made a 25-yard FG at New England last week on his only try.

Nugent has 49 points, tied for seventh in the NFL in scoring. Nugent has 675 points in his Bengals career (2010-present), ranked third in club annals. Earlier this season he passed Doug Pelfrey (660) into third. Jim Breech leads the Bengals in career scoring at 1151, and Shayne Graham is second at 779.

Nuge passes 1000: K Mike Nugent's 49 points this season have pushed him past the 1000 mark for his NFL career, to the 1009 mark. Nugent has 675 points since joining the Bengals in 2010, and he previously had 334 over stints with the Jets, Bucs and Cardinals. Nugent is in his 12th NFL season.

Huber differential still strong: Bengals P Kevin Huber has 10 inside-20 kicks this season and only two touchbacks. Already a considerable presence in the Bengals record book, Huber this season has captured the all-time franchise lead in total inside-20 punts. His 10 have pushed him to 192 for his eight-year career, past Lee Johnson (186), who punted over 11 Bengals seasons (1988-98). Huber also has the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (3.9-to-1, with 192 inside-20s and 49 touchbacks).

Huber is averaging 44.2 gross yards per punt this season and 38.2 net.

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (44.8) and net average (39.6).

- 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 (20), and Minnesota is tied with the Bengals for fewest lost fumbles. And it's not as if the Bengals have sacrificed production. They ranked 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."

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 1-5, with four 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 others I've 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."

12-year TV streak bound for 174: In each of the last 173 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 174 when Cincinnati rankings are in for the week of Oct. 10-16. The Bengals' Oct. 16 game at New England drew a Cincinnati rating of 26.2, well above what any non-Bengals programming has 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 the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank sixth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-50. New England holds a prohibitive lead over all other teams during this span, but the Bengals are close behind the 2-5 teams, headed by Seattle at plus-54. The Bengals are plus-two in differential this season, with seven takeaways (four INTs, three FR) and five giveaways (two INTs, three FL).

Prior to Lewis' tenure, the Bengals had posted a minus turnover differential for five straight years (1998-2002).

Since '03, NFL teams with just a plus-one differential have won 68.5 percent of those games. At plus two the percentage has been 82.0. Teams with any plus from one to five have won at a 79.0 percent clip.

Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England	407	254	+153
Seattle	369	315	+54
Indianapolis	349	297	+52
Green Bay	367	316	+51
Carolina	399	348	+51
Cincinnati	389	339	+50

Since 2003, Bengals rank fourth in takeaways (389) and sixth in points off turnovers (1181).

A stat that matters: During the full term of head 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 71-16-1 in regular season under Lewis with a plus (.813 winning percentage), but they are only 16-60-1 with a minus differential. They were even last week, as there were no turnovers in the New England game.

"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	833-383-3	.685
Plus-2	663-146-0	.820
Plus-3	373-36-1	.911
Plus-4	199-6-0	.971
Plus-5 or more	94-3-0	.969

Plus teams last week were a moderately successful 7-5, for a .583 winning percentage. The best week of the season for plus teams has been Week 4, when they were 12-1 (.923). In Week 3, plus teams were 13-2 (.867). In Week 1, teams with a plus had only a 6-7 record, and that stands (through this week) as the only losing week for plus teams since Week 10 of 2013. Plus teams are 52-22 (.703) for this season. Since 2003, teams with any plus have a combined record of 2162-574-4, a winning percentage of .790.

And when it's even? The Bengals are 27-22 in head coach Marvin Lewis' full tenure in games when the turnover differential has been even, for a winning percentage of .551. The Bengals have won 10 of their last 16 with even differential (.622), dating back to 2012, but they are 0-2 this season, with losses at Pittsburgh and New England.

Tough to top in orange: The Bengals are scheduled to wear orange jerseys and white pants against Cleveland. Cincinnati's orange jerseys are designated as "specialty jerseys" by the NFL and can be worn for only two games per year. This will be the first game this year for the orange jerseys, and the Bengals have a 17-6-1 record (.729 winning percentage) in the orange since 2004, their first year of use.

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	31-30-0	.508
White	Black	24-25-0	.490
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: WR Brandon LaFell's five-yard TD reception at New England last week marked the first time for a Bengal to find the end zone against a former team of his since Nov. 17, 2013, when TE Alex Smith caught a TD pass against the Browns ... October has been the only losing month (23-29-1, .443) for the Bengals in the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis. November has been the team's best month under Lewis (31-21-1, .594), and his clubs are also above .500 for September (27-20-0, .574), and for December/January (33-28-0, .541 [regular season]) ... Dallas RB Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 134 yards against the Bengals on Oct. 9, but that stands as the only time in the last 18 games (including postseason) for the Cincinnati defense to allow a 100-yard rusher ... 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 ... The attendance of 91,653 on Oct. 9 at Dallas was the largest ever for a Bengals regular-season game, topping a house of 87,786 for a 2004 visit to FedEx Field in Washington. The largest crowd for any Bengals game remains 92,045, for a 1990 season playoff game against the Los Angeles Raiders at the L.A. Coliseum ... The tallest player on the Bengals 53-man roster is DE Margus Hunt, at 6-8 ... The shortest player is HB Giovanni 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 ... The oldest player is LB Karlos Dansby, who will turn 35 on Nov. 3 ... The youngest player is WR Tyler Boyd, who will turn 22 on Nov. 15.

BENGALS QUOTES

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on how to turn the team around from its 2-4 start:

"Fundamentals. Doing it repetitively. We have to convince guys that they don't need to press. The good part is that the quarterback (Andy Dalton) isn't pressing, and you want to keep it that way. He let one ball go down the middle of the field in New England that he shouldn't have. Other than that, he's done a good job of continuing the play and letting it unfold. He is making plays with his feet and getting in and out of the right plays when he can."

Lewis, on how to keep players from pressing at this point:

"You have to hone in on the opponent and the assignment. That's what's important. You're paid to win football games, not paid to be close or okay. You get paid to win. The great players have to play great for you to win, and everyone else has to play up to their standard, or you get beat."

Lewis, on his relationship with Browns head coach Hue Jackson, former Bengals offensive coordinator:

"I miss the hell out of him. I watch their games every week, and text or call him. He's coaching his tail off, as we knew he would."

Lewis, asked if he'd have any advice for Jackson as the Browns seek their first win:

"Just to put your head down and coach. Don't worry about what they're talking about. The only way they like you is if you win. You can immerse yourself in the game. That's all you can do, and all we as coaches know what to do. Immerse ourselves in it and find another way. You have to bring somebody forward, encourage them, show them a different way to do it. Hue's very good at that. That's one of his greatest strengths; to bring the most out of people."

OT Andrew Whitworth, on the road ahead:

"The reality is, we're behind the eight ball and guys have to put their heads down and bring their best effort. You have to play your best every week now. You can't give anything away. It's a long road. I've been on both sides and in the middle of it. The mistakes have to stop."

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."

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."

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 six games, sixth-year pro **Andy Dalton** leads the AFC in passing yards (third in NFL), with 1757, on 147-for-218 passing (67.4 percent), with six TDs and two INTs. His 97.2 season passer rating ranks 11th in the NFL. Dalton ranks fifth in average gain per attempt (8.06), and he's fourth in the AFC among QBs in rushing yards (93). Last week at New England, Dalton completed 21 of 31 passes, for 254 yards, with one TD and no INTs. It was his third consecutive game of a passer rating above 100.0, and fourth of the season. Dalton had a two-yard rushing TD in the second quarter, and threw a five-yard TD pass to WR Brandon LaFell to start the second half. It was his third straight game with no interceptions. 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 52-30-1 regular-season record as a starter works out to the best winning percentage (.633) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. His 89.1 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**

was active-DNP for Games 1-5, but saw brief action last week at New England in the game's waning moments. He did not throw a pass. 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 1-6. Driskel played in all four 49ers preseason games, after passing for 4033 yards last season at Louisiana Tech.

Running backs: Through six games, **HB Giovani Bernard** has 423 yards from scrimmage, second on the team to WR A.J. Green (606). Bernard is 49-for-167 rushing (3.4) and 29-for-256 receiving (8.8). He leads NFL RBs in catches and ranks second among RBs in receiving yards. He's second on the team in catches and third in yards. Last week at New England, Bernard rushed 15-for-49, while catching four-for-45. With 94 yards from scrimmage, he led the team for the second consecutive week. 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. HB **Jeremy Hill** leads the team in rushing yards, at 75-for-271 (3.6). He also has four catches for 40 yards. His three TDs (all rushing) are tied for the team lead. He has 24 TDs in 38 career games, plus two more in a pair of playoff games. Hill rushed for 38 yards on 13 carries last week at New England. 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. Another veteran HB on the roster with good performance record is **Rex Burkhead**. Burkhead saw his first offensive touches of the season last week at New England, rushing twice for 16 yards. He has four kickoff returns for a 19.5 average. 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 six games, Green's 42 receptions are first in the NFL, and his 606 receiving yards rank first in the AFC and third in the NFL. He is fifth in the AFC and ninth in the NFL in yards from scrimmage. Last week at New England, Green caught six-for-88, including a 23-yard catch in the opening drive of the second half to set up a Bengals TD. In Week 4 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. In Week 1 against the Jets, Green tied his career receptions high (12) while gaining 180 yards, including a 54-yard touchdown. Through six weeks, Green's 12 receptions at the Jets are tied for the most in an NFL game. Green's 457 career receptions already rank fourth in Bengals history, and his 6777 receiving yards also rank fourth. His 47 career receiving TDs rank fourth as well, 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. Last week at New England, LaFell continued his stretch of solid play, catching two passes for 13 yards, including a five-yard third-quarter TD on a third-and-goal play, giving the Bengals a 14-10 lead. LaFell had two TD catches the previous week at Dallas and is tied for the team lead with three. LaFell stands third on the team for the year in receptions (23) and second in receiving yards (289). A seventh-year pro, LaFell caught 74 passes for New England's 2014 Super Bowl winners. Boyd has gotten off good start in his first six NFL games, notching 19 receptions for 242 yards. Last week at New England, Boyd caught four passes for a personal-best 79 yards. 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, returned to action last week at New England after sitting out the Dallas game with a hamstring injury. He caught a one-yard pass in the third quarter and has four catches for 28 yards on the season. Wright also second on the team in special teams 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 for 20 yards, and he's averaging 20.6 yards on five KOR and 6.8 yards on eight PR. Erickson has played in Games 1-6. Sixth-round draft choice **Cody Core** of Ole Miss was inactive last week at New England. He made his regular-season debut on Oct. 9 at Dallas, where he was not targeted but had a special teams tackle. He was also 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 ankle and back injuries. Uzomah was the Bengals No. 3 TE as a rookie last year, but he has started five of six games this season. He has 17 catches for 193 yards. Last week at New England, Uzomah started as part of a two TE set and caught one pass for six yards. Kroft has played in all six games, with four starts, and he caught two-for-19 at New England. He has eight catches for 83 yards on the season. 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 return could bring added firepower to the passing game, but his status for Cleveland was undetermined at press time for this notes package. 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 1-6, with four 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 37 of 38 games over his first three seasons and has 18 receptions for 185 yards.

Offensive linemen: The line will seek a return to stability against the Browns after suffering upheaval last week in New England. Starting C **Russell Bodine** suffered an ankle injury in the third quarter, and his status for Cleveland is undetermined. Bodine has not missed a start in his Bengals career, covering 38 regular-season games and two postseason contests. Third-year pro **T.J. Johnson** took over for Bodine against the Patriots. Johnson played in 12 games last season, but mostly on special teams. At the ROT spot, second-year pro **Cedric Ogbuehi** struggled at New England and was replaced in the third quarter by 10th-year vet **Eric Winston**. However, Ogbuehi has started the first six games, and coach Marvin Lewis has said he expects Ogbuehi to start against the Browns. Winston has played in all six games, primarily on special teams prior to last week. Winston played in 17 games, with four starts at ROT, over the last two seasons. Eleventh-year pro **Andrew Whitworth** is back as the starting LOT, after the most celebrated season of his career. 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. **Jake Fisher**, Cincinnati's 2015 second-round draft choice, has served as the "big tight end" in extra-blocker situations so far this season. He has played in five games. 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. 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 has been inactive for Games 1-6.

Defensive linemen: DE **Michael Johnson** and DT **Pat Sims** each had their first solo sacks of the season at New England, each player dropping Tom Brady for a five-yard loss. Johnson had an additional tackle-for-loss in the game and also had an additional QB hit. An eighth-year player for 2016, Johnson has started the first five games and on the season has 16 tackles, 1.5 sacks and a pass defended. He leads the line in total snaps. Sims also had three tackles against the Patriots, with an additional QB hit beyond his sack. The ninth-year pro is having arguably the best of his seven seasons as a Bengal. Sims has 16 tackles on the season, with the one sack and three total QB hits. Seventh-year DT **Geno Atkins** is recognized as one of the best defensive linemen 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. Atkins had three tackles at New England, including one for a loss. For the season, he has 14 tackles, 2.5 sacks and a team-leading six tackles-for-loss. Last season, Atkins' 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. DE **Carlos Dunlap** was limited to one QB hit last week, but for the season he has been the team's top playmaker on the line. He had a sack-and-strip in each of the two previous games, with the Bengals recovering the fumble, and he leads the team in sacks (four) on the season. He now has 53 sacks for his career, ranking fourth all-time on the Bengals. His five passes defended and two forced fumbles also lead the team for the season, and he has a line-leading 22 tackles. 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 14 career forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 31 passes defended, four blocked field goals and two touchdowns scored. Starting alongside Atkins on the interior line is another Bengals pillar, **Domata Peko**. The 11th-year pro has started 107 consecutive regular-season games, and last year he had a career-best 5.0 sacks. Peko had one tackle last week, and he has 16 tackles on the season, plus a pass defended and a fumble recovery. Veterans at the backup DE spots are **Margus Hunt** and **Will Clarke**, both of whom are showing increased production this season. Clarke did not dent the stat columns at New England, but for the season he has three sacks, second on the team, and five total tackles. He's a third-year player, a third-round 2014 Bengals draft choice, who played in 12 games last season. Hunt had two tackles at New England, and for the season he has eight tackles and two passes defended. Hunt has two blocked kicks, a FG try at the N.Y. Jets

and a PAT vs. Denver, and he leads the NFL for the season in blocked kicks. **Brandon Thompson** was a contributor at DT last season, but the fifth-year pro has not played this season, still rehabbing a knee injury suffered late last season. Thompson is on the Reserve/PUP list and is now eligible to return to the roster, pending his condition and coaching decisions. Second-year DT **DeShawn Williams** had a strong preseason, with 10 tackles, and claimed a roster spot. He has been inactive for Games 1-6.

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 eight tackles last week at New England and leads the team in tackles for the season (37). He also has two passes defended 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. WLB **Vontaze Burfict**, one of the league's best instinctive talents, also had eight tackles at New England, including his first sack of the year, an eight-yarder against Tom Brady. Burfict has played in Games 4-6 after missing Games 1-3 due to an NFL suspension. He has 21 tackles in his three games and leads the team in tackles per game played (7.0). 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). MLB **Rey Mauluga** has averaged 14 starts per year since joining the team as a second-round draft choice in 2009, and he has played in every game this season, with four starts. He had two tackles at New England and has 16 for the year, plus a pass defended. 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. Last week at New England, Rey got a start, his fourth of the year, in a nickel alignment. He had two tackles and has 27 on the year, tied for third on the team. He also had two special teams tackles at New England. He has one pass defended and one fumble recovery on the season. 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 1-6, primarily on special teams, and he has three special teams tackles. 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 1-6 on special teams, where he ranks third with five tackles.

Defensive backs: Fourth-year pro **Shawn Williams** has taken over this season as the starting FS, and he ranks second on the team in tackles (34) after logging a team-high nine stops last week at New England. He also has one pass defended. Williams has played in all 57 possible games (regular season and postseason) in his Bengals career. Fifth-year pro **George Iloka** has been Cincinnati's starting SS since 2013 and has 19 tackles on the season, with one pass defended and one special teams tackle. He had three tackles on defense at New England. He missed some snaps with a shoulder injury but returned to the game. Iloka has five career INTs and 23 total passes defended. Second-year S **Derron Smith** has played in all six games and had a personal season-high 19 snaps on defense at New England, filling in when Iloka was out of the lineup. Smith has three tackles on the season, plus one on special teams. Smith played in every game last season, mostly on special teams. S **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 1-6, with three tackles. Two of his stops came last week at New England. He played in all four preseason games and had nine tackles, and had a team-leading four special teams stops. 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 1-6 and has 27 tackles (tied for second on the team). He has one INT and four total passes defended (tied for second on team). He had three tackles at New England. On Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh, Jones picked off a fourth-down Ben Roethlisberger pass at the Bengals 21 in the first quarter. 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 five punt returns for an 5.0

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 (11.0). **Dre Kirkpatrick**, a 2012 Bengals first-round draft choice, has started five games, missing Game 4 vs. Miami due to a hamstring injury. He had five tackles against the Patriots, and for the season he has 12 tackles, one INT and four passes defended. He has played in 53 of the last possible 54 games (including postseason). Kirkpatrick led the team last season in passes defended (16). He has two career INTs for TDs. CB **Josh Shaw** got his fourth start of the year last week, as part of a nickel alignment, and tied for second on the team in tackles (eight). His seven solos led the team. For the season, Shaw has 20 tackles and an INT, and he's first on the special teams with seven tackles, including one last week. Shaw 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 played but had no statistics at New England. Dennard has 11 tackles on the season. Other veteran CBs on the roster are **Chris Lewis-Harris** and **Chykie Brown**. Lewis-Harris has played in all six games and has four tackles, with one INT and two total passes defended. His first career INT came Sept. 29 vs. Miami, when he picked off Ryan Tannehill in the fourth quarter. Brown has played in two games (Games 1 and 4, one special teams tackle) and has been inactive for four. 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 defended (28).

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, is 13-for-15 on FG attempts for the season, with both his misses coming from 50-plus yards. Last week at New England, he converted his only FG attempt, a 25-yard FG in the fourth quarter to keep the game within one score. On Sept. 29 vs. Miami, Nugent converted all five of his FG attempts, tying his career high for a game. 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 fourth in the AFC and tied for seventh in the NFL this season in scoring (49 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, and 22 of his 28 kicks have reached the end zone, with 13 going for touchbacks. P **Kevin Huber** has posted the top two seasons in Bengals history for gross average and the top four for net average. Against the Patriots, he averaged 41.0 gross yards and 28.8 net on four kicks, with no inside-20s or touchbacks. He's at 44.2 gross and 38.2 net for the season, and he's tied for 11th in the NFL in differential between inside-20 kicks and touchbacks (plus-eight). 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 192 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 1082 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 6.8 yards and Jones averaging 5.0. They have also returned kickoffs. Erickson averaged 21.0 yards on two kickoffs last week at Dallas, good for a 20.6 average on the season. HB **Rex Burkhead** returned one kickoff for 15 yards last week at New England, and has averaged 19.5 yards on four returns. DB **Josh Shaw** leads the team in special teams tackles, with seven. WR James Wright is second with six. DE **Margus Hunt** has two blocked kicks this season, the only NFL player with more than one. 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.

IMPORTANT DATES

2016

- 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).

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

* Tentative date.

MEDIA SCHEDULE

<p>Tues., Oct. 18 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Oct. 19 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Conference call from Cleveland Browns quarterback Cody Kessler at 11:30 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 Cleveland Browns head coach Hue Jackson at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thurs., Oct. 20 — 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.</p> <p>Fri., Oct. 21 — 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).</p> <p>Sat., Oct. 22 — No media access.</p> <p>Sun., Oct. 23 — Game 7, Bengals vs. Cleveland at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m.</p> <p>Mon., Oct. 24 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.</p> <p>Tues., Oct. 25 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Oct. 26 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at</p>	<p>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 Washington Redskins TBD.</p> <p>Thurs., Oct. 27 — (TENTATIVE) 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.; Team departs late afternoon for London.</p> <p>Fri., Oct. 28 — (IN LONDON, TIMES ARE LONDON TIMES) Practice at Allianz Park from 1-2:20 p.m. (open to all media from 1-1:30 p.m.); Marvin Lewis news conference at approximately 2:25 p.m. in Allianz Park media room; Andy Dalton news conference at approximately 2:35 p.m. in media room; Selected other players available in media room following Dalton news conference.</p> <p>Sat., Oct. 29 — (IN LONDON, TIMES ARE LONDON TIMES) Practice at Wembley Stadium from 10:30-11:30 a.m., but access restricted to only invited media.</p> <p>Sun., Oct. 30 — Game 8, Bengals vs. Washington at London, 9:30 a.m. Eastern (1:30 p.m. London time).</p> <p>Mon., Oct. 31 — No media access.</p> <p>Tues., Nov. 1 — Marvin Lewis news conference TBD.</p>
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THE LAST BENGALS-BROWNS MEETINGS

2015 SEASON

WEEK 9, GAME 8

Cincinnati Bengals 31, Cleveland Browns 10
Thursday night, Nov. 5, 2015 at Paul Brown Stadium

After a less-than-stellar first half, which saw them leading only 14-10 and outgained 181-124, the Bengals rolled over visiting Cleveland. They won the second half 17-0 on the scoreboard, 247-32 in yards and 13-2 in first downs. QB Andy Dalton posted a season-high 139.8 passer rating, including three TD passes to TE Tyler Eifert and no INTs. Dalton also had his best completion percentage of the season, 77.8 on 21-of-27. Eifert raised his TD total to a team-leading nine. A key event early in the third quarter, with Cincinnati still leading by only four, was a Bengals challenge of a third-down rush by Cleveland QB Johnny Manziel that was ruled a first down. The first down was reversed after official review, the Browns punted, and the momentum switched back to Cincinnati. DE Carlos Dunlap had two sacks for Cincinnati, raising his total to 8.5 at the season's halfway mark. The Bengals went to a 45-39 lead in the Battle of Ohio series, tying the largest lead margin (six games) in series history. As the Bengals improved to 8-0, Cleveland fell to 2-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cleveland	3	7	0	0	—	10
Cincinnati	7	7	3	14	—	31

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — T.Eifert 9 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	1-7:08
Cle. — T.Coons 27 field goal	1-0:06
Cin. — T.Eifert 2 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	2-4:34
Cle. — D.Johnson 12 pass from J.Manziel (T.Coons kick)	2-0:19
Cin. — M.Nugent 28 field goal	3-4:05
Cin. — M.Sanu 25 run (M.Nugent kick)	4-13:26
Cin. — T.Eifert 19 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	4-7:43

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 65,816. **Time:** 2:51.

TEAM STATISTICS	CLE.	CIN.
First downs	13	23
Third down conversions-attempts	4-13	8-14
Total net yards	213	371
Net yards rushing	69	152
Net yards passing	144	219
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	33-15-0	27-21-0
Sacks against-yards lost	3-24	2-15
Punts-average	6-45.7	3-26.3
Punt returns-yards	1-0	3-9
Kickoff returns-yards	2-42	1-13
Penalties-yards	4-28	2-20
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Time of possession	23:57	36:03

RUSHING

CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
I.Crowell	10	38	13	0	G.Bernard	13	72	13	0
J.Manziel	4	31	11	0	J.Hill	15	52	13	0
D.Johnson	3	0	5	0	M.Sanu	1	25	25	1
					A.Dalton	6	5	6	0
					A.McCarron	2	-2	-2	0
TOTALS	17	69	13	0	TOTALS	37	152	251	1

PASSING

CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Manziel	33	15	168	1-0	A.Dalton	27	21	234	3-0
TOTALS	33	15	168	1-0	TOTALS	27	21	234	3-0

RECEIVING

CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Bowe	3	31	16	0	M.Jones	5	78	29	0
I.Crowell	3	26	15	0	T.Eifert	5	53	19	3
T.Benjamin	3	22	9	0	A.Green	4	53	18	0
D.Johnson	2	38	26	1	M.Sanu	3	25	9	0
G.Barnidge	2	35	25	0	G.Bernard	1	14	14	0
J.Dray	1	13	13	0	R.Burkhead	1	7	7	0
T.Gabriel	1	3	3	0	B.Tate	1	4	4	0
					J.Hill	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	15	168	26	1	TOTALS	21	234	29	3

DEFENSE

Cleveland (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Dansby 8-3-11, T.Williams 6-1-7, I.Campbell 4-1-5, A.Bryant 3-1-4, T.Gipson 3-1-4, K.Williams 3-1-4, P.Desir 2-2-4, J.Hughes 3-0-3, N.Orchard 2-1-3, C.Robertson 1-2-3, D.Bryant 2-0-2, P.Kruger 2-0-2, D.Shelton 2-0-2, J.Gilbert 1-0-1, J.Meder 1-0-1, B.Mingo 1-0-1, R.Starks 1-0-1, D.Saunders 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** P.Kruger 1-8, D.Bryant 1-7. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Gilbert 1, C.Robertson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Rey 5-0-5, C.Dunlap 4-0-4, G.Iloka 4-0-4, D.Kirkpatrick 4-0-4, G.Atkins 3-1-4, V.Burfict 2-1-3, L.Hall 2-0-2, R.Nelson 2-0-2, D.Peko 1-1-2, D.Dennard 1-0-1, M.Johnson 1-0-1, A.Jones 1-0-1, E.Lamur 1-0-1, B.Thompson 1-0-1, W.Gilberry 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 2-16, G.Atkins 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Jones 2, D.Kirkpatrick 1, L.Hall 1, V.Rey 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2015 SEASON

WEEK 13, GAME 12

Cincinnati Bengals 37, Cleveland Browns 3
Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015 at FirstEnergy Stadium

The Bengals posted their largest winning margin in the 85-game history of the "Battle of Ohio" series, their 34-point edge topping the 32 registered in a 48-16 win at Riverfront Stadium in 1978. They tied the largest winning margin by either side, equaling Cleveland's edge in a 34-0 win at Riverfront in 1987, when replacement players were used during a players' strike. Cincinnati also posted the largest lead in games in series history, moving seven games ahead at 46-39. The outcome was not long in doubt as the Bengals rose to a 10-2 record on the season while dropping the Browns to 2-10. Bengals QB Andy Dalton posted a career-best passer rating (146.8), with TD passes of 23 yards to WR A.J. Green and 21 yards to WR Marvin Jones, with no INTs. Green had five catches for 128 yards, and HB Jeremy Hill rushed for 98 yards on 22 carries. The defense did not allow the Browns a snap inside the Cincinnati red-zone all day.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	7	13	14	3	—	37
Cleveland	0	3	0	0	—	3

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — A.Dalton 3 run (M.Nugent kick)	1-3:45
Cin. — A.Green 23 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	2-13:40
Cin. — M.Nugent 44 field goal	2-6:24
Cin. — M.Nugent 40 field goal	2-3:20
Cle. — T.Coons 47 field goal	2-0:00
Cin. — J.Hill 1 run (M.Nugent kick)	3-7:42
Cin. — M.Jones 21 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	3-0:42
Cin. — M.Nugent 20 field goal	4-5:45

Missed FGs: T.Coons (47B). **Attendance:** 64,775. **Time:** 2:58.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs	20	18
Third down conversions-attempts	5-12	6-13
Total net yards	377	273
Net yards rushing	144	68
Net yards passing	233	205
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	22-16-0	38-25-1
Sacks against-yards lost	1-6	3-25
Punts-average	1-27.0	3-39.7
Punt returns-yards	2-18	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	1-20	5-112
Penalties-yards	5-55	7-84
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Time of possession	30:58	29:02

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Hill	22	98	17	1	I.Crowell	11	62	23	0
G.Bernard	5	26	9	0	A.Davis	3	4	8	0
A.Dalton	4	11	4	1	D.Johnson	5	2	5	0
M.Sanu	1	7	7	0					
R.Burkhead	1	2	2	0					
TOTALS	33	144	17	2	TOTALS	19	68	23	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	19	14	220	2-0	A.Davis	38	25	230	0-1
A.McCarron	3	2	19	0-0					
TOTALS	22	16	239	2-0	TOTALS	38	25	230	0-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	5	128	57	1	B.Hartline	8	83	18	0
M.Jones	5	55	21	1	G.Barnidge	5	59	24	0
T.Kroft	1	17	17	0	D.Jennings	5	35	16	0
M.Alford	1	15	15	0	D.Johnson	4	30	10	0
G.Bernard	1	9	9	0	M.Moore	1	14	14	0
R.Hewitt	1	7	7	0	E.Bibbs	1	7	7	0
R.Burkhead	1	4	4	0	I.Crowell	1	2	2	0
C.Uzomah	1	4	4	0					
TOTALS	16	239	57	2	TOTALS	25	230	24	0

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 6-2-8, R.Nelson 5-0-5, V.Rey 4-0-4, J.Shaw 4-0-4, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, A.Jones 3-0-3, D.Kirkpatrick 3-0-3, R.Mauluga 3-0-3, T.Hill 2-1-3, A.Hawk 2-0-2, M.Johnson 2-0-2, D.Peko 2-0-2, P.Dawson 1-1-2, C.Carter 1-0-1, W.Gilberry 1-0-1, M.Hunt 1-0-1, E.Lamur 1-0-1, P.Sims 0-1-1, S.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Johnson 1-10, D.Peko 1-10, C.Dunlap 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Nelson 1-31. **PD:** D.Kirkpatrick 1, R.Nelson 1, S.Williams 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1. **FR-YDS.:** R.Mauluga 1-0.

Cleveland (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** C.Robertson 5-2-7, T.Gipson 4-2-6, D.Whitner 5-0-5, K.Dansby 2-3-5, C.Kirksey 3-1-4, J.Meder 2-2-4, D.Shelton 2-2-4, T.Williams 3-0-3, A.Bryant 2-0-2, X.Cooper 2-0-2, N.Orchard 2-0-2, R.Starks 1-1-2, D.Bryant 1-0-1, P.Desir 1-0-1, C.Gaines 1-0-1, P.Kruger 1-0-1, B.Mingo 1-0-1, J.Poyer 1-0-1, J.Hughes 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** P.Kruger 1-6. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** N.Orchard 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2016 GAME SUMMARIES

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.Mauluga 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.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Denver: 3, 13, 0, 13, —, 29. Cincinnati: 7, 7, 0, 3, —, 17.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT, CIN., DEN. listing plays like J.Hill 3 run, B.McManus 20 field goal, etc.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns DEN., CIN. for First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns DEN., CIN. for ATT, YDS, LG, TD for C.Anderson, D.Booker, etc.

PASSING table with columns DEN., CIN. for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for T.Siemian, A.Dalton, etc.

RECEIVING table with columns DEN., CIN. for NO, YDS, LG, TD for E.Sanders, D.Thomas, etc.

DEFENSE Denver (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Marshall 4-5-9, D.Stewart 4-2-6, S.Ray 3-3-6, etc.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Jones 5-2-7, V.Rey 5-2-7, D.Peko 4-1-5, etc.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

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.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Miami: 7, 0, 0, 0, —, 7. Cincinnati: 10, 6, 3, 3, —, 22.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT, CIN., MIA. listing plays like M.Nugent 42 field goal, K.Stills 74 pass, etc.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns MIA., CIN. for First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns MIA., CIN. for ATT, YDS, LG, TD for J.Ajayi, K.Drake, etc.

PASSING table with columns MIA., CIN. for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for R.Tannehill, A.Dalton, etc.

RECEIVING table with columns MIA., CIN. for NO, YDS, LG, TD for J.Landry, D.Parker, etc.

DEFENSE Miami (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Jones 5-4-9, K.Alonso 5-3-8, X.Howard 5-1-6, etc.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Dennard 4-2-6, C.Dunlap 4-1-5, K.Dansby 2-2-4, etc.

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Dallas Cowboys 28, Cincinnati Bengals 14
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2016 at AT&T Stadium

The Bengals trailed by 28 points in a game (28-0) for the first time since the 2012 season opener and suffered only their fifth loss in the last 21 games against an NFC opponent. The Dallas rookie duo of QB Dak Prescott and RB Ezekiel Elliott, supported by one of the NFL's best offensive lines, ruled the day. Prescott posted a 117.9 passer rating, and Elliott gained 171 yards from scrimmage, including 134 yards rushing on 15 carries (8.9-yard average). The Bengals offense was unable to get on track until the fourth quarter. The Cowboys scored TDs on their first three possessions and put the game effectively out of reach when Elliott authored a 60-yard TD run on Dallas' first offensive play of the second half. The Bengals fell to 2-3 while the Cowboys improved to 4-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Dallas: 7, 14, 7, 0, 0, 28. Cincinnati: 0, 0, 0, 14, 0, 14.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT, TIME. Includes plays like E.Elliott 13 run (D.Bailey kick) 1-11:09.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 91,653. Time: 2:47.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN., DALL. for metrics like First downs, Total net yards, Sacks against-yards lost.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., DALL. for player stats like G.Bernard, A.Dalton, J.Hill.

PASSING table with columns CIN., DALL. for player stats like A.Dalton, D.Prescott.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., DALL. for player stats like B.LaFell, G.Bernard, C.Uzomah.

DEFENSE table with columns CIN., DALL. for player stats like A.Jones, D.Kirkpatrick, V.Rey.

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

Dallas (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: S.Lee 5-5-10, B.Church 7-1-8, T.McClain 4-2-6, A.Brown 3-3-6, J.Durant 3-3-6, B.Jones 4-0-4, A.Hitchens 1-3-4, M.Claiborne 3-0-3, J.Wilcox 3-0-3, B.Mayowa 1-2-3, B.Carr 2-0-2, C.Thornton 1-1-2, T.Crawford 0-2-2, R.Davis 1-0-1, M.Collins 0-1-1, J.Crawford 0-1-1, A.Gachkar 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.McClain 1-5-8.5, C.Thornton 1-6, B.Mayowa 1-4, J.Crawford 0.5-1.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: M.Claiborne 2, B.Carr 1, B.Jones 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

WEEK 6, GAME 6

New England Patriots 35, Cincinnati Bengals 17
Sunday, Oct. 16, 2016 at Gillette Stadium

The Bengals got off to a promising start against the Patriots, who were 48-1 in their last 49 regular-season home games against AFC opponents. Cincinnati held leads of 7-3 in the second quarter and 14-10 in the third. But the roof fell in for Cincinnati after New England closed the gap to 14-12 in the third quarter by sacking QB Andy Dalton for a safety. The Patriots took the ensuing Bengals free kick and drove 68 yards in five plays for a TD, and after a Cincinnati three-and-out, New England went 53 yards in just four plays for another TD and a 25-14 lead entering the fourth quarter. Dalton posted a 103.4 passer rating, but New England QB Tom Brady, in his first home game of the season after missing time due to a suspension, scorched the Bengals for a 140.0 rating, completing 29 of 35 (82.9 percent) for 376 yards, three TDs and no INTs. The Bengals fell to 2-4, while New England improved to 5-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 0, 7, 7, 3, 0, 17. New England: 3, 7, 15, 10, 0, 35.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT, TIME. Includes plays like S.Gostkowski 46 field goal 1-12:06.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 66,829. Time: 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN., N.E. for metrics like First downs, Total net yards, Sacks against-yards lost.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., N.E. for player stats like G.Bernard, J.Hill, A.Dalton.

PASSING table with columns CIN., N.E. for player stats like A.Dalton, T.Brady.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., N.E. for player stats like A.Green, T.Boyd, G.Bernard.

DEFENSE table with columns CIN., N.E. for player stats like S.Williams, J.Shaw, V.Burfict.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: S.Williams 5-4-9, J.Shaw 7-1-8, V.Burfict 4-4-8, K.Dansby 1-7-8, D.Kirkpatrick 4-1-5, G.Atkins 2-1-3, G.Iloka 2-1-3, M.Johnson 2-1-3, A.Jones 1-2-3, P.Sims 1-2-3, M.Hunt 2-0-2, R.Mauluga 1-1-2, V.Rey 1-1-2, D.Peko 1-0-1, D.Smith 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: V.Burfict 1-8, M.Johnson 1-5, P.Sims 1-5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: None. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

New England (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Hightower 3-10-13, D.McCourty 6-1-7, E.Roberts 1-6-7, A.Branch 3-3-6, L.Ryan 4-1-5, P.Chung 2-3-5, M.Brown 1-4-5, R.Ninkovich 2-2-4, D.Harmon 3-0-3, M.Butler 2-1-3, C.Long 1-2-3, B.Mingo 2-0-2, A.Johnson 1-1-2, T.Flowers 1-1-2, J.Sheard 0-2-2, E.Rowe 1-0-1, W.Hamilton 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: D.Hightower 1.5-12.5, J.Sheard 0.5-4.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: M.Butler 3, E.Rowe 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

IN 2016, THE BENGALS ARE:

REGULAR SEASON

1-1 at home
1-3 on the road
1-1 when scoring first
1-3 when opponent scored first
1-0 in games decided by three points or fewer
1-0 in games decided by seven points or fewer
1-0 when leading at halftime
0-0 when tied at halftime
1-4 when trailing at halftime
2-0 when leading after three quarters
0-0 when tied after three quarters
0-4 when trailing after three quarters
0-2 when rushing for 100 net yards

1-2 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
1-1 with plus turnover differential
1-2 with even turnover differential
0-1 with minus turnover differential
2-1 when passing for 250 net yards
0-3 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
2-0 when scoring 20 points or more
1-4 when opponent scored 20 points or more
2-3 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
0-1 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
0-1 on natural grass
2-3 on synthetic surface
2-2 with fewer penalty yards

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

64-40-2 at home
50-58-0 on the road
77-32-1 when scoring first
37-66-1 when opponent scores first
21-20-2 in games decided by three points or fewer
53-44-2 in games decided by seven points or fewer
80-26-2 when leading at halftime
11-2-0 when tied at halftime
23-70-0 when trailing at halftime
91-16-1 when leading after three quarters
7-4-0 when tied after three quarters
16-78-1 when trailing after three quarters
78-36-1 when rushing for 100 net yards

71-27-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
71-16-1 with plus turnover differential
27-22-0 with even turnover differential
16-60-1 with minus turnover differential
39-32-1 when passing for 250 net yards
32-38-2 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
93-36-1 when scoring 20 points or more
39-87-1 when opponent scores 20 points or more
109-91-2 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
5-7-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
39-34-0 on natural grass
75-64-2 on synthetic surface
61-49-1 with fewer penalty yards

BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

97 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
71 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
50 — Giovani Bernard, Oct. 9 at Dallas

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

21 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
17 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
15 — Giovani Bernard, Oct. 16 at New England

LONGEST RUSHES

50 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver
19 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami
15 — (two times)

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
41 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 9 at Dallas
31 — (three times)

PASS COMPLETIONS

31 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
29 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 9 at Dallas
23 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets

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

26 — Alex Erickson, Oct. 16 at New England
24 — Alex Erickson, Oct. 9 at Dallas
23 — Rex Burkhead, Oct. 9 at Dallas

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
10 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 9 at Dallas

SOLO TACKLES*

9 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 9 at Dallas
8 — Karlos Dansby, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh
7 — Josh Shaw, Oct. 16 at New England

*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	345	19-96	249	29-41	2/0	4-20	27	5-12	0-0	32:17
Oct. 16	at New England	357	32-120	237	21-31	1/0	2-17	20	5-12	0-0	32:03
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		2189	154-539	1650	147-218	6/2	19-107	125	25-78	5-3	31:07

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	402	29-180	222	18-24	1/0	1-5	21	4-8	3-1	27:43
Oct. 16	at New England	437	23-79	358	29-35	3/0	3-18	25	4-10	0-0	27:57
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		2130	154-649	1481	123-191	14/4	13-71	116	27-70	7-3	28:53

TRANSACTIONS

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

<p>July 28, 2016 — Signed S Jimmy Wilson (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 2, 2016 — Signed H-B Ryan Hewitt* to a contract extension.</p> <p>Aug. 3, 2016 — Signed CB Corey Tindal (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 9, 2016 — Signed CB Tony McRae (FA).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2016 — WR Mario Alford cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2016 — Terminated the contract of S Jimmy Wilson.</p> <p>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,</p>	<p>G Alex Redmond, WR Alonzo Russell, WR Rashaun Simonise, G Trip Thurman, OT John Weidenaar and QB Keith Wenning.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2016 — Signed LB P.J. Dawson to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 15, 2016 — Acquired CB KeiVarae Russell on waivers from Kansas City; Waived G Trey Hopkins.</p> <p>Sept. 16, 2016 — Signed G Trey Hopkins to the practice squad; Released CB Tony McRae from the practice squad.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sept. 29, 2016 — Activated LB Vontaze Burfict from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived LB Trevor Roach.</p> <p>Sept. 30, 2016 — Signed LB Trevor Roach to the practice squad; Released CB Darius Hillary from the practice squad.</p>
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** NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.*

PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

P — played as a substitute DNP — did not play IL — inactive list PS — practice squad	RI — reserve/injured list RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list RNF-I — reserve/non-football illness list RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list	RF — reserve/future list REX — roster exemption ^ — reserve/injured player designated for return * — eligible to practice while on a reserve list NWT — not with team
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NAME	Cin.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	G-S	@NYJ	@Pitt.	DEN.	MIA.	@Dal.	@N.E.	CLE.	WASH.	@NYG	BUFF.	@Balt.	PHIL.	@Cle.	PITT.	@Hou.	BALT.
Atkins, Geno.....	6-6	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT										
Bernard, Giovanni.....	6-2	P	P	P	P	HB	HB										
Billings, Andrew.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Bodine, Russell.....	6-6	C	C	C	C	C	C										
Boling, Clint.....	6-6	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG										
Boyd, Tyler.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Brown, Chykie.....	2-0	P	IL	IL	P	IL	IL										
Brown, Ryan.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Burfict, Vontaze.....	3-3	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	LB	WLB	LB										
Burkhead, Rex.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Carson, Tra.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Clarke, Will.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Core, Cody.....	1-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	IL										
Dalton, Andy.....	6-6	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB										
Dansby, Karlos.....	6-3	LB	P	SLB	P	SLB	P										
Dawson, P.J.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Dean, David.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Dennard, Darqueze.....	5-1	IL	P	P	LCB	P	P										
Driskel, Jeff.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Dunlap, Carlos.....	6-6	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE										
Eifert, Tyler.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Erickson, Alex.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Fisher, Jake.....	5-0	P	P	P	P	DNP	P										
Flowers, Marquis.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Green, A.J.....	6-6	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR										
Hardison, Marcus.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Harris, Clark.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Hewitt, Ryan.....	6-4	H-B	H-B	H-B	P	H-B	P										
Hill, Jeremy.....	6-4	HB	HB	HB	HB	P	P										
Hillary, Darius.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT										
Hopkins, Trey.....	0-0	IL	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Huber, Kevin.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Hunt, Margus.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Iloka, George.....	6-6	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS										
Jackson, William.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Johnson, Michael.....	6-6	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE										
Johnson, T.J.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Jones, Adam.....	6-6	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB										
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	5-5	LCB	LCB	LCB	IL	LCB	LCB										
Kroft, Tyler.....	6-4	P	P	TE	TE	TE	TE										
Kumerow, Jake.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
LaFell, Brandon.....	6-4	WR	WR	P	WR	P	WR										
Lengel, Matt.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Lewis-Harris, Chris.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Mauluga, Rey.....	6-4	P	LB	MLB	LB	MLB	P										
McCarron, AJ.....	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P										
McRae, Tony.....	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Nugent, Mike.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Ogbuehi, Cedric.....	6-6	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT										
Peerman, Cedric.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Peko, Domata.....	6-6	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT										
Redmond, Alex.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Rey, Vincent.....	6-4	LB	LB	WLB	P	P	LB										
Roach, Trevor.....	3-0	P	P	P	NWT	PS	PS										
Russell, Alonzo.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Russell, KeiVarae.....	0-0	NWT	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Shaw, Josh.....	6-4	nkIDB	nkIDB	P	nkIDB	P	nkIDB										
Sims, Pat.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Smith, Derron.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Thompson, Brandon.....	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP										
Uzomah, C.J.....	6-5	TE	TE	P	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE										
Vigil, Nick.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Westerman, Christian.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Whitworth, Andrew.....	6-6	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT										
Williams, DeShawn.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Williams, Shawn.....	6-6	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS										
Winston, Eric.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Wright, James.....	5-1	P	P	WR	P	IL	P										
Zeitler, Kevin.....	6-6	RG	RG	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	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Kroft	Hewitt	Uzomah(2ndTE)	Dalton	Bernard
Oct. 16	at New England	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Bernard
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	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Dansby	Maualuga	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Oct. 16	at New England	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Shaw(nickel)	Rey(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
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											

DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

WR	18	A.J. GREEN	86	James Wright		
LOT	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	74	Jake Fisher		
LG	65	CLINT BOLING	<u>63</u>	<u>Christian Westerman</u>		
C	61	RUSSELL BODINE	60	T.J. Johnson		
RG	68	KEVIN ZEITLER	<u>63</u>	<u>Christian Westerman</u>		
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	<u>83</u>	<u>Tyler Boyd</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Alex Erickson</u>
QB	14	ANDY DALTON	5	AJ McCarron	<u>6</u>	<u>Jeff Driskel</u>
HB	32	JEREMY HILL	25	Giovani Bernard	33	Rex Burkhead

DEFENSE

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	<u>59</u>	<u>Nick Vigil</u>		
LCB	27	DRE KIRKPATRICK	37	Chris Lewis-Harris	26	Josh Shaw
RCB	24	ADAM JONES	21	Darqueze Dennard	23	Chykie Brown
					<u>20</u>	<u>KeiVarae Russell</u>
SS	36	SHAWN WILLIAMS	<u>42</u>	<u>Clayton Fejedelem</u>		
FS	43	GEORGE ILOKA	31	Derron Smith		

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	2	Mike Nugent				
LS	46	Clark Harris				
H	10	Kevin Huber				
PR	24	Adam Jones	<u>12</u>	<u>Alex Erickson</u>	<u>83</u>	<u>Tyler Boyd</u>
KOR	24	Adam Jones	<u>12</u>	<u>Alex Erickson</u>	33	Rex Burkhead

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p>Geno Atkins..... JEE-no</p> <p>Giovani Bernard.....jee-o-VAHN-ee</p> <p>Russell Bodine.....BO-dine</p> <p>Chykie Brown.....CHAH-kee</p> <p>Vontaze Burfict.....VONN-tez BER-fict (rhymes with "perfect")</p> <p>Darqueze Dennard.....dar-KWEZ deh-NARD</p> <p>Tyler Eifert.....IE(rhymes with "tie")-fert</p> <p>Clayton Fejedelem.....FEDGE-uh-lemm (the "d" is silent)</p> <p>Marquis Flowers.....mar-KEECE(rhymes with "peace")</p> <p>Paul Guenther (defensive coordinator).....GUN-thur</p> <p>Jim Haslett (linebackers coach).....HAZ-lett</p> <p>Ryan Hewitt.....HUE-it</p> <p>Margus Hunt.....MAR-guss</p> <p>George Iloka.....ie(rhymes with "tie")-LO-kuh</p>	<p>Dre Kirkpatrick.....DRAY</p> <p>Jake Kumerow (Practice Squad).....KOO-mer-o</p> <p>Bill Lazor (quarterbacks coach).....(pronounced as "laser")</p> <p>Matt Lengel (Practice Squad).....LENG-guhl (hard "g" on second syllable)</p> <p>Rey Maualuga.....RAY mow(rhymes with "now")-uh-LOO-guh</p> <p>Cedric Ogbuehi.....o-BWAY-hee</p> <p>Domata Peko.....DOE-mah-tah PECK-o</p> <p>Vincent Rey.....RAY</p> <p>KeiVarae Russell.....kee-VAR-ay</p> <p>Derron Smith.....duh-RONN</p> <p>C.J. Uzomah.....yew-ZAH-mah</p> <p>Ken Zampese (offensive coordinator).....zam-PEE-zee</p> <p>Kevin Zeitler.....ZITE-ler</p>
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

OCT. 18, 2016

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, Giovanni	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.	FA'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	Maulaluga, 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'14
68	Zeitler, Kevin	G	6-4	320	3-8-90	5	Wisconsin	Waukesha, Wis.	D1b'12

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

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)

98	Thompson, Brandon (8-30-16; knee)	DT	6-2	310	10-19-89	5	Clemson	Thomasville, Ga.	D3b'12
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RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

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
20 +	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

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6	Jeff Driskel.....	QB	6-4	231	4-23-93	8	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
10	Kevin Huber.....	P	6-1	211	7-16-85	R	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
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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
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42	Clayton Fejedelem.....	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	R	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
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46	Clark Harris.....	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	8	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
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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 Mauluga.....	LB	6-2	258	1-20-87	8	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
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74	Jake Fisher.....	OT	6-6	305	4-23-93	2	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15
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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
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99	Margus Hunt.....	DE	6-8	295	7-14-87	4	Southern Methodist	Karksi-Nuia (Estonia)	D2b'13

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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
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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
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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)

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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
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91	Marcus Hardison (9-3-16; shoulder).....	DT	6-3	310	2-14-92	2	Arizona State	Natchitoches, La.	D4b'15

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 2-4

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	L	14-28	at Dallas	91,653
10-16	L	17-35	at New England	66,829
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	.....	125	116
Rushing	.....	31	33
Passing	.....	81	70
Penalty	.....	13	13
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	25-78	27-70
3rd Down Pct.	.....	32.1	38.6
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	4-6	1-3
4th Down Pct.	.....	66.7	33.3
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	31:07	28:53
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	2189	2130
Avg. Per Game	.....	364.8	355.0
Total Plays	.....	391	358
Avg. Per Play	.....	5.6	5.9
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	539	649
Avg. Per Game	.....	89.8	108.2
Total Rushes	.....	154	154
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	1650	1481
Avg. Per Game	.....	275.0	246.8
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	19-107	13-71
Gross Yards	.....	1757	1552
Att.-Completions	.....	218-147	191-123
Completion Pct.	.....	67.4	64.4
Had Intercepted	.....	2	4
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	30-44.2	28-47.4
Net Punting Avg.	.....	30-38.2	28-42.4
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....	38-279	37-358
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	5-3	7-3
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	10	18
Rushing	.....	4	4
Passing	.....	6	14
Returns	.....	0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS	
BENGALS	23	33	20	33	0	109
OPPONENTS	34	46	29	36	0	145

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS	
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	0	10-10	13-15	0	49
Jeremy Hill	3	3	0	0	—	—	0	18
Brandon LaFell	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
A.J. Green	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Giovani Bernard	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Andy Dalton	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	10	4	6	0	10-10	13-15	0	109
OPPONENTS	18	4	14	0	14-17	7-8	1	145

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 4-25, Will Clarke 3-12, Geno Atkins 2.5-11.5, Michael Johnson 1.5-9.5, Vontaze Burfict 1-8, Pat Sims 1-5. BENGALS 13-71, OPPONENTS 19-107.

Fumbles-lost: Andy Dalton 2-0, Giovani Bernard 1-1, Tyler Boyd 1-1 Adam Jones 1-1. BENGALS 5-3, OPPONENTS 7-3.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT	
Andy Dalton	218	147	1757	67.4	8.06	6	2.8	2	0.9	54t	19-107	97.2
BENGALS	218	147	1757	67.4	8.06	6	2.8	2	0.9	54t	19-107	97.2
OPPONENTS	191	123	1552	64.4	8.13	14	7.3	4	2.1	74t	13-71	105.3

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
Jeremy Hill	75	271	3.6	50	3
Giovani Bernard	49	167	3.4	14	0
Andy Dalton	25	93	3.7	15	1
Rex Burkhead	2	16	8.0	12	0
Brandon LaFell	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
James Wright	2	-6	-3.0	2	0
BENGALS	154	539	3.5	50	4
OPPONENTS	154	649	4.2	60t	4

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
A.J. Green	42	606	14.4	54t	2
Giovani Bernard	29	256	8.8	32	1
Brandon LaFell	23	289	12.6	49	3
Tyler Boyd	19	242	12.7	30	0
C.J. Uzomah	17	193	11.4	54	0
Tyler Kroft	8	83	10.4	21	0
Jeremy Hill	4	40	10.0	25	0
James Wright	4	28	7.0	10	0
Alex Erickson	1	20	20.0	20	0
BENGALS	147	1757	12.0	54t	6
OPPONENTS	123	1552	12.6	74t	14

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	30	1326	44.2	38.2	2	10	58	0
BENGALS	30	1326	44.2	38.2	2	10	58	0
OPPONENTS	28	1326	47.4	42.4	3	12	66	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
Alex Erickson	8	8	54	6.8	15	0
Adam Jones	5	0	25	5.0	12	0
BENGALS	13	8	79	6.1	15	0
OPPONENTS	16	5	139	8.7	23	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	
Alex Erickson	5	103	20.6	26	0
Rex Burkhead	4	78	19.5	23	0
Adam Jones	3	56	18.7	21	0
BENGALS	12	237	19.8	26	0
OPPONENTS	14	356	25.4	65	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	
Mike Nugent	0-0	6-6	3-3	4-4	0-2
BENGALS	0-0	6-6	3-3	4-4	0-2
OPPONENTS	0-0	3-4	1-1	3-3	0-0

Mike Nugent: (33G, 21G, 52WR, 47G), (25G, 33G, 21G), (34G), (42G, 22G, 43G, 22G, 47G), (50WL), (25G).

Opponents: (22B, 45G, 20G, 23G), (49G), (20G), (—), (—), (46G, 31G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS	
Karlos Dansby	19	18	37	0-0	0-0	2	0	1-0
Shawn Williams	21	13	34	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Adam Jones	19	8	27	0-0	1-2	4	1	0-0
Vincent Rey	16	11	27	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-10
Carlos Dunlap	15	7	22	4-25	0-0	5	2	0-0
Vontaze Burfict	15	6	21	1-8	0-0	1	0	0-0
Josh Shaw	13	7	20	0-0	1-0	1	0	0-0
George Iloka	13	6	19	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	10	6	16	1.5-9.5	0-0	1	0	0-0
Rey Mauluga	10	6	16	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Domata Peko	8	8	16	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-0
Pat Sims	6	10	16	1-5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Geno Atkins	6	6	14	2.5-11.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	10	2	12	0-0	1-0	4	0	0-0
Darqueze Dennard	9	2	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Margus Hunt	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Will Clarke	3	2	5	3-12	0-0	0	0	0-0
Chris Lewis-Harris	3	1	4	0-0	1-1	2	0	0-0
Derron Smith	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP	
Josh Shaw	5	2	7	0	0-0	0	0	0
James Wright	2	4	6	0	0-0	0	0	0
Marquis Flowers	5	0	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
Rex Burkhead	2	1	3	1	0-0	0	0	0
Clayton Fejedelem	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Nick Vigil	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darqueze Dennard	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tyler Kroft	1	1	2	0	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
George Iloka	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Derron Smith	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cody Core	0	1	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

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