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**WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE**

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# BUFFALO BILLS (4-5-0) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (3-5-1)

WEEK 11, GAME 10  
SUNDAY, NOV. 20  
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 12, GAME 11  
NOV. 27 AT BALTIMORE

## GAME NOTES

**Kickoff:** 1 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** FOX broadcast with Thom Brennaman (play-by-play), Charles Davis (analyst), Chris Spielman (analyst) and Holly Sonders (sideline reporter). The game will be aired in the Bengals home market on WXIX-TV (Channel 19) in Cincinnati, WRGT-TV (Channel 45) in Dayton and WDKY-TV (Channel 56) 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).

The game will also be aired to a national audience on affiliates of Westwood One Sports. Broadcasters are Kevin Lee (play-by-play) and Ross Tucker (analyst).

**Setting the scene:** The record (3-5-1) is ugly, particularly by recent Bengals standards. The reality, however, is more presentable.

As they prepare for a visit to Paul Brown Stadium this week by Buffalo, the Bengals trail Baltimore by one and a half games in the AFC North Division standings but still have two games left against the Ravens (5-4-0). And the Bengals are one-half game behind Pittsburgh (4-5-0), with a home game against the Steelers still on the docket.

Not to minimize last week's 21-20 Bengals loss at the N.Y. Giants — "I think we let one get away tonight," said CB Dre Kirkpatrick — but on a team whose core has earned playoff berths as an annual event, there's still plenty of optimism.

"It's getting shorter, but it's still a long season," said TE Tyler Eifert. "We're not so far behind that we can't find a way to get back in it. On offense, we've got a great quarterback and guys who can make plays. In our last two games, we've got a tie and a one-point loss, and against two teams on a neutral field (London) and the road. It's not like we're playing terrible. But everybody, whether you just had a good game or a bad game, has to work to find a way to get better."

Added Kirkpatrick: "I still believe we were the better team out there. So yes, it's frustrating."

Trailing 14-10 at halftime at MetLife Stadium, the Bengals came out strong to start the third quarter. Rookie Alex Erickson took the opening kickoff 84 yards to the New York 13, setting up a nine-yard Jeremy Hill touchdown run for a 17-14 lead. The Bengals defense then forced a Giants three-and-out, and back came the Bengals offense again. QB Andy Dalton led the team 41 yards in six plays to the Giants 20, and on play seven, it seemed for an instant that rookie WR Tyler Boyd had made an excellent mid-air catch on third down for another TD. But Boyd could not control the ball through his collision with the turf, and an incomplection was ruled.

Cincinnati had to settle for a field goal, and a one-score lead at 20-14. Each team had to punt on its next two possessions, but at the end of the third period, the Giants claimed a field position advantage, pinning the Bengals at their five with a punt to the 10 and a Bengals half-the-distance penalty for an illegal block. When the Giants got the ball again, it was at the Bengals 47, and seven plays later New York scored what proved to be the winning TD, converting a fourth-and-goal gamble from the Cincinnati three on a pass from Eli Manning to rookie WR Sterling Shepard.

"It felt like we had really good momentum in the third quarter," said OT Andrew Whitworth. "But it's no time to worry about that now. We've got seven games left to worry about."

Head coach Marvin Lewis, in his postgame address to the team, said: "The Buffalo Bills (4-5) are coming to our place looking for the same thing we are. They're fighting like we are. So you know it's going to be tough, but this is the NFL. The division is out there to be taken. We are not out of anything."

**The series:** The Bengals' current streak of playoff seasons (2011-15) corresponds with a reversal of fortune in Cincinnati's series with Buffalo. Three of the five seasons have included games against the Bills, and all three have been victories, starting in 2011. Prior to 2011, the Bills had won 10 straight against the Bengals, the longest winning streak on record by any team against Cincinnati.

The Bills amassed their long winning streak after suffering a loss in the biggest game to date, the 1988 AFC Championship at Riverfront Stadium. The Bengals won that one 21-10, advancing to Super Bowl XXIII. The AFC Championship win left Cincinnati with a five-game winning streak over Buffalo.

But despite the streaky nature of the series, it balances in total to a very competitive affair. The Bills lead 15-14 overall, owning a 15-12 regular-season lead but having lost two playoff games against the Bengals. The Bengals' other playoff victory over Buffalo was in a 1981 season Divisional round contest at Riverfront Stadium. The 28-21 win advanced Cincinnati into its "Freezer Bowl" AFC title win against San Diego.

The Bengals lead 9-5 at home against Buffalo. Cincinnati was 1-0 against the Bills at Nippert Stadium and led 10-9 in games at Riverfront. Buffalo leads 6-3 at Paul Brown Stadium, however.

The last series meeting came last season at Buffalo, the Bengals winning 34-21. The most recent meeting at PBS was a 23-20 Bengals win in 2011.

A complete recap of the series appears on page 209 of the 2016 Bengals Media Guide.

### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 52, in a 52-21 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1984. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 31, from the 1984 victory at Riverfront. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 5, in a 5-0 loss to the Bills at Buffalo in 1978.

**Bills — MOST POINTS:** 51, in a 51-24 victory at Buffalo in 1979. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 27, in the 1979 game at Buffalo. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in a 14-0 win at Cincinnati in 1980.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the last two Bengals-Bills meetings — in 2013 and last season, both at Buffalo — are on page 17 of this news release.

**A Marvin milestone:** The last Bengals-Bills game in Cincinnati, on Oct. 2, 2011, stands as one of the pivotal victories in the tenure of Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. His rebuilding 2011 team was widely forecast to finish last in the AFC North Division, and it entered the Buffalo game at 1-2, against a 3-0 Bills club. The Bills seemed to validate the bleak Bengals forecast by mounting a 17-3 halftime lead.

But the Bengals stormed back to win, 23-20, the starting point for a five-game win streak. Cincinnati went on to finish 9-7 and earn a Wild Card playoff berth.

Mike Nugent kicked a 43-yard field goal as time expired to win the game against the Bills. Rookie QB Andy Dalton had a TD pass and a rushing TD in the second half. WR A.J. Green had 118 receiving yards, and HB Cedric Benson rushed for 104. LB Rey Mauluga had 12 tackles and a pass break-up to lead a defensive effort that held Buffalo to three points in the second half.

**Records vs. Bills:** On Sept. 9, 1979, Buffalo RB Roland Hooks became the first opponent to score four touchdowns in a game against the Bengals. He is now one of three players to share that record, and he also shares the record for total points in a game against Cincinnati (24).

On Oct. 21, 1991, Bills QB Jim Kelly became the second opponent to pass for five TDs against Cincinnati. Five players now share that record.

On Nov. 4, 2007, Bengals WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh scored a TD vs. Buffalo, giving him at least one TD in eight straight games to open the season, the longest in Bengals history to open a campaign. He was not able to extend the streak to nine in the next game.

On Nov. 21, 2010, Bills WR Stevie Johnson became the most recent Bengals opponent with three TD receptions in a game. Johnson is among eight players to do it.

**Andy bests the Bills:** Bengals QB Andy Dalton is 3-0 vs. Buffalo, with a passer rating of 96.0. He has 66 completions in 109 attempts (60.6 percent) for 878 yards (292.7 per game), with seven TDs and three INTs. Dalton's best passer rating — 118.6 — came in last year's 34-21 win at Buffalo. Dalton completed 22 of 33 for 248 yards, with three TDs and no INTs.

WR A.J. Green has had two 100-yard games in his three contests against the Bills. He caught six-for-103 with a TD in 2013 and was four-for-118 last season. Green has an 18.3-yard average per catch over his three games, with 14 receptions for 257 yards. Green has only one TD against the Bills, however.

Two other Bengals skill position performers have played more than one game against Buffalo.

HB Giovanni Bernard has two-game totals of 23-for-78 rushing (3.4) with one TD, and he's seven-for-95 receiving (13.6) with one TD.

TE Tyler Eifert is six-for-43 receiving (7.2) in two games, with one TD.

**Rockin' in the Jungle:** The Bengals sport a 24-6-1 record in their past 31 regular-season home games (excluding the Oct. 30 designated home game in London against Washington). It's the best mark in franchise history over any stretch of 31 consecutive home contests. The record works out to a winning percentage of .790. Over those 31 contests, the Bengals have held opposing passers to a rating of just 70.4. An individual with a 70.4 rating last season would have ranked 33rd among qualifiers for the NFL rankings, and an individual at 70.4 for this season would rank 32nd.

The prior best record for 31 consecutive games was 24-7, 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-Bills connections:** Bengals LBs coach Jim Haslett played LB for the Bills from 1979-86 ... Bills WR Brandon Tate played for the Bengals from 2011-15 ... Bills head coach Rex Ryan coached at the University of Cincinnati as defensive coordinator from 1996-97 ... Bengals QBs coach Bill Lazor was the offensive coordinator/QBs coach for the University of Buffalo from 2001-02 ... Bills offensive line coach Aaron Kromer is from Sandusky, Ohio, and

played and coached at Miami (Ohio) from 1990-97 ... Bills LB Preston Brown is from Cincinnati (Northwest High School) and played at the University of Louisville ... Bills G John Miller played at Louisville ... Bills C Eric Wood (Reserve/Injured) is from Cincinnati (Elder High School) and played at Louisville ... Bills QB Cardale Jones and DT Adolphus Washington played at Ohio State. Washington is from Cincinnati (Taft High School)... Bengals offensive line coach Paul Alexander is from Rochester, N.Y. ... Bills TE Blake Annen (Reserve/Injured) is from Columbus (Upper Arlington High School) ... Bills assistant head coach/defense Rob Ryan coached at Ohio State in 1988.

### BENGALS-BILLS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	BILLS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored.....	T-22nd (20.9)	9th (26.3)
Points allowed .....	18th (23.6)	13th (22.6)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	T-8th (380.8)	18th (343.7)
Rushing .....	10th (115.6)	2nd (155.0)
Passing.....	10th (265.2)	31st (188.7)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	24th (375.4)	14th (351.1)
Rushing .....	24th (116.8)	20th (108.9)
Passing.....	17th (256.7)	11th (242.2)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential .....	T-9th (plus-3)	4th (plus-7)

**Red zone reports:** The Bengals continue to see red-zone play as an area where they need improvement. Cincinnati officially had two touchdowns and a field goal on three offensive red-zone chances last week, but to the offense it was really two-for-four, as the unit had to settle for a field goal on a third-quarter drive that reached the Giants 20. Possessions don't count as red-zone chances unless they reach the 19, but a TD on that possession would have given Cincinnati a 24-14 lead instead of a 20-14 edge.

Defensively at New York, the Bengals allowed TDs on all three Giants chances, including the eventual winning drive, on which New York converted a fourth-and-goal play from the Bengals three.

The Bills have been strong in the red zone on both sides of the ball, ranking seventh in offensive TD percentage (66.7) and tied for sixth in defensive percentage (50.0).

### BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 28	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 28
<b>Total scores:</b> 26 (92.9%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 24 (85.7%)
TDs: 15 (53.1%)	TDs: 18 (64.3%)
FGs: 11 (39.8%)	FGs: 6 (21.4%)
TD% rank: 18th	TD% rank: 27th
<b>No scores:</b> 2 (7.1%)	<b>No scores:</b> 4 (14.3%)

### BILLS RED-ZONE REPORT

<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 27	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 30
<b>Total scores:</b> 24 (88.9%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 26 (86.7%)
TDs: 18 (66.7%)	TDs: 15 (50.0%)
FGs: 6 (22.2%)	FGs: 11 (36.7%)
TD% rank: 7th	TD% rank: T-6th
<b>No scores:</b> 3 (11.1%)	<b>No scores:</b> 5 (13.3%)

## THE HEAD COACHES

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

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

Lewis has 115 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 51 over Sam Wyche (64). Lewis' record is 115-99-3 in the regular season and 115-106-3 including postseason. The Bengals' 55-32-2 record over the last six regular seasons (including 2016 games to date) gives the team a .629 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 QB and S 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.

**Rex Ryan** is in second season as Bills head coach and his seventh season as an NFL head coach. He led the N.Y. Jets from 2009-14. His first two

Jets teams reached the AFC Championship game, after qualifying for the playoffs as Wild Cards.

Ryan's overall record is 62-65, including 12-13 with Buffalo and 50-52 with the Jets. His Jets mark includes a 4-2 record in postseason, including a 24-14 victory over the Bengals in a 2009 Wild Card game at Paul Brown Stadium.

Like Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis, Ryan rose to prominence in NFL coaching circles as a successful defensive coordinator with the Baltimore Ravens. He started with the Ravens in 1999 and spent three seasons on the defensive staff with Lewis as coordinator, including the 2000 Super Bowl winners. He was the Ravens' defensive coordinator from 2005-08, and was also assistant head coach in '08.

He began his NFL career as defensive line coach for Arizona in 1994-95, coaching under his father, head coach Buddy Ryan.

He is in his 20th year as an NFL coach. His college coaching experience includes two seasons (1996-97) at the University of Cincinnati, under head coach Rick Minter, and two seasons (1987-88) at Eastern Kentucky.

A native of Ardmore, Okla., he played defensive end at Southwestern Oklahoma State. His twin brother, Rob Ryan, is Bills defensive coordinator.

**Lewis vs. Bills:** Bills lead, 5-3.

**Lewis vs. Ryan:** Ryan leads 3-2, including 3-1 with Jets (including 1-0 postseason) and 0-1 with Buffalo.

**Ryan vs. Bengals:** Same as Lewis vs. Ryan.

### BENGALS NOTES

**AFC North race:** The Bengals are in third place, one and a half games behind Baltimore and one-half game behind Pittsburgh. But they still have two games left against the Ravens, next week (Nov. 27) at Baltimore and Jan. 1 at Paul Brown Stadium. And they still have a home game left against Pittsburgh, which has lost four straight.

Here's the AFC North picture, looking ahead through Week 12.

TEAM	W-L	PCT.	DIV.	NEXT TWO WEEKS
Baltimore	5-4-0	.555	3-0.....	at Dallas; vs. Cincinnati
Pittsburgh	4-5-0	.444	1-1.....	at Cleveland; at Ind. (Thurs.)
Cincinnati	3-5-1	.389	1-1.....	vs. Buffalo; at Baltimore
Cleveland	0-10-0	.000	0-3.....	vs. Pittsburgh; vs. N.Y. Giants

**A.J. needs just 36 to join a club of one:** Randy Moss is the only player in NFL history to have hit the 1000 mark in receiving yards in each of his first six seasons, but he's about to have some company. Cincinnati's A.J. Green has topped 1000 in each of his five full seasons, and with 964 entering the Buffalo game, he needs just 36 more to hit 1000 again.

Moss logged his six straight 1000-yard seasons from 1998-2003, while playing for Minnesota. Moss failed to extend his streak to seven, limited to 737 yards with the Vikings in 2004.

Green is clearly on track for a sixth trip to the Pro Bowl, and when he gets that nod, 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 third in catches, second in yards:** Bengals WR A.J. Green caught seven passes for 68 yards last week, with his fourth TD of the year, and through Week 10 play, he ranks third in the NFL in catches (66) and second in receiving yards (964). In the AFC, he leads in receiving yards and is second in catches.

Green is three short of the NFL receptions lead, held by Antonio Brown of Pittsburgh at 69. Brown had 14 catches last week against Dallas, the most in a game by an NFL player this season. In second place, two ahead of Green with 68, is Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald. In receiving yards, Green trails only Julio Jones of Atlanta (1105), and Jones' 141-yard lead over Green is not so big as it might seem. The Falcons have played 10 games to Cincinnati's nine, and Jones' average of 110.5 yards per game is only 3.4 yards better than Green's 107.1. Entering last week's game at the Giants, Green led the NFL in receiving yards per games played by his team, at 112.0, with Jones in second.

The Bengals have a proud offensive history, but they've had only one NFL receptions champion and only one receiving yards king over their 48 previous seasons. T.J. Houshmandzadeh got the receptions title with 112 in 2007, and he had to share it with Wes Welker of New England. Chad Johnson copped the receiving yards title in '06, with 1369.

Cincinnati has claimed three outright AFC receptions titles, two by Carl Pickens (1995-96) and one by Johnson ('05).

The Bengals have won six previous AFC receiving yards titles, including Johnson's 2006 NFL crown. Johnson won four straight AFC titles from '03-06 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 '88.

For all his exploits, Green's highest league rankings for a season have been sixth in catches (98 in 2013) and fifth in receiving yards (1426 in '13).

**Green on record paces:** Nine games into the season, A.J. Green is on pace to set a Bengals season record for receptions and to smash the old mark for receiving yards. His 66 catches project to 117, which would top T.J. Houshmandzadeh's record 112 from 2007. And his 964 yards project to 1714, which would blow away Chad Johnson's mark of 1440, also set in 2007.

To put Green's hot pursuit of Johnson's yardage record in perspective, consider that Green has averaged 107.1 yards for the first nine games and would need to average only 68.1 over the final seven games to set a new mark at 1441.

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.'"

**More Green record stuff:** A.J. Green has gone over the 100-yard receiving mark in four games this season. With seven games left, he's already within two of his Bengals-record six games at 100-plus, set in 2013. He's the only Bengal ever to have six.

Another record Green could top this year is Chad Johnson's Bengals career mark of 31 games of 100 or more receiving yards. Johnson took 10 seasons (2001-10) to post his 31, and Green now has 28, just nine games into his sixth season.

Green has been over 150 yards in three of his four 100-yard games this season. He was 12-for-180 in the Sept. 11 season opener at the N.Y. Jets, 10-for-173 on Sept. 29 vs. Miami, eight-for-169 on Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland and nine-for-121 on Oct. 30 vs. Washington in London. His 12 catches against the Jets is tied for his career high.

**Andy makes 'the call' on No. 18:** A.J. Green has done his time as one of the most promising "young" wide receivers in Bengals history.

"He's the best receiver in the league," QB Andy Dalton said after the Oct. 30 Washington game, setting a new declarative high in the praise-for-Green category. "There's nobody out there like A.J."

A 2011 Bengals first-round draft choice (fourth overall), Green turned 28 early in training camp. He has a number of prime years still ahead and is a very serious threat to Chad Johnson's once seemingly unapproachable Bengals' all-

time leads in receptions, receiving yards and receiving TDs.

Green, who enters the Buffalo game with 481 receptions and 7135 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 49. 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 Ike into second:** A.J. Green began this season as likely to take three steps up the Bengals' all-time receiving yards ladder, moving into second place. And now that process is complete. His 68 yards against the Giants last week pushed his career total to 7135, moving him ahead of Isaac Curtis (7101) into the No. 2 spot.

Still far ahead in the No. 1 spot is Chad Johnson (10,783). Green needs 3649 more yards to pass him. But Green apparently has many more years to play, and moving to the No. 1 spot is a feat that projects to possible passage no later than 2019, possibly in 2018. Green's contract runs through 2019, due to an extension he signed last year.

Green is just past the midway point of his sixth season. Johnson took 10 seasons (2001-10) to post his 10,783 total.

Green started 2016 in fifth place, with 6171 yards. He moved into fourth on Oct. 16 at New England, passing Cris Collinsworth (6698 in eight seasons), and he took third place on Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland, passing Carl Pickens (6887 in eight seasons).

In all-time Bengals receptions, Green started the season in sixth place, but he's now at No. 4. He has 481 catches and has blown by Curtis (416) and Collinsworth (417).

Green needs just 27 catches in the last seven games to pass third-place T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507). A tougher task, but certainly achievable, would be to catch 50 more and pass Pickens (530) into second place. Green would have to average 7.14 catches over the last seven to pass Pickens, a hair less than the 7.33 he has averaged through the first nine. Green is still 270 catches behind the first-place Chad Johnson (751), another goal that projects to possible passage in 2018 or 2019.

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

**Green and some gold jackets:** Nine games into his sixth NFL season, A.J. Green has nine games with at least 150 receiving yards and a touchdown catch. The only players to have more such games in their first six seasons are Hall of Famers Lance Alworth (13) and Jerry Rice (11), and prime HOF candidate Randy Moss (10).

And Green still has seven more games to chase those golden totals.

Also, Green's nine games with at least 150 receiving yards and a touchdown are tied with Steve Smith, Sr. for the most among active players.

**NFL play of the year?** "Hail Mary" touchdown passes — heaves to the end zone on the last play of a half or the game — are invariably marquee plays. But Bengals WR A.J. Green has a knack for continually finding a way to take spectacular to the next level, and such was the case on his 48-yard TD reception on the last play of the first half on Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland.

"If that's not the 'Play of the Year' this year, then there's going to have to be one that is really, really good," said Dalton. "For how he tipped it, and then he

goes and gets it with one hand ... it just goes to show how good his hands are."

And Dalton the prophet has been proven at least half (a season) right. Following Week 8 play (Games of Oct. 27-31), ESPN's NFL Live gave the catch Best Play honors up to that point in the season.

Green was surrounded by three Browns defenders when he made the marvelous catch — "somebody was holding one of my arms," he said. The sixth-year pro still managed to rise above the crowd to get his free hand on Dalton's pass, but the ball glanced off. It seemed to flutter amidst the flailing arms and legs of Green and the surrounding Browns, as gravity took Green toward the ground. But again Green touched it. And then Green's right arm came shooting out of the scrum, not unlike a cartoon frog projecting its tongue to catch a fly. And after a bit of one-armed juggling — Green is an accomplished juggler, by the way — he somehow pulled the ball into his chest for a touchdown.

Green developed his juggling skills as an early grade-schooler. He says he hasn't juggled for years "except when somebody asks me to." But when asked if those skills came in handy this time, he said:

"Yeah, it was a little bit of everything. I was just trying to give myself a chance to get it. I got one hand on it and just brought it in."

**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 a conference call last month 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).

**Dalton dips a bit after Giants:** Bengals QB Andy Dalton enters the Bills game with a season passer rating of 95.8, ranked fifth in the AFC and 12th in the NFL. His rating is 6.5 points better than his career rating (now at 89.3), and his career rating is itself a Bengals record, topping the second-place mark of 86.9 posted by Carson Palmer between 2004-10.

But Dalton posted only a 74.5 rating last week at the Giants, his second-lowest game number of this season. He completed 16-of-29, for a season-low percentage of 55.2, and his 204 yards were also a season-low. He had one TD pass and one interception, giving him 10 TDs and four INTs on the year.

Dalton had ranked eighth in the NFL in passer rating entering the Giants game, at 98.0.

To Dalton's credit, he has stayed in the 90s despite operating under significant pressure. He was sacked three times by the Giants and had to scramble from the pocket on a number of other plays. The Bengals have surrendered 28 sacks on the season, second-most in the NFL per games played (3.1). Over the previous two full seasons, Dalton was sacked only 41 times total.

Earlier this season, Dalton had a streak of 165 straight passes without an INT, his career longest and the longest stretch by a Bengal since 2005, when Carson Palmer had a streak of 169.

"Andy isn't perfect, but he's our leader," says HB Jeremy Hill. "He makes it all go for us."

"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.

"His decision-making has been outstanding," Lewis continued. "Not just knowing when to take the ball down and run or throw it away, but knowing the offense and when to change the play based on what he sees from the defense. We give him the liberty to do that because of the understanding he brings."

**Dalton still on pace for record:** With 2553 passing yards in nine games, an average of 283.7 per game, Bengals QB Andy Dalton remains on pace to comfortably break his own Bengals record for passing yards in a season, 4293 in 2013. Dalton's current pace projects to 4539 yards. The most passing yards by a Bengal other than Dalton has been 4131, by Carson Palmer in 2007.

San Diego's Philip Rivers passed for 326 yards against Miami last week and now leads the AFC in passing yards by 321 over Andrew Luck of Indianapolis (2565) and 333 over Dalton. All three passers have seven games left to play this season.

Dalton entered the Giants game leading the AFC in yards per game, but he was held to a season-low 204 yards against the Giants.

Dalton ranks eighth in the NFL in yards. The league leader is Matt Ryan of Atlanta at 3247.

Dalton ranks second in the AFC and fourth in the NFL in yards per attempt (8.05). Ahead of him are Tom Brady of New England (9.85), Ryan of Atlanta (9.38) and Dak Prescott of Dallas (8.35).

"Andy's vertical throws have been spot on," says 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 first in the NFL in receptions (59) and receiving yards (896). "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 35.2 passes per game this season, not far below his career high for a full season, 36.6 in 2013. But Dalton suffered a career-most 20 interceptions in '13, and this year, with only four INTs, he's on pace to tie the career-low of seven that he set last season. His 386 attempts last season were the fewest of his career, but his INT percentage of 1.8 was his lowest for a full season. His INT percentage this year is even better at 1.3, ranked 10th in the NFL.

"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 at Dallas. "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.

**Off on another streak:** Andy Dalton has started all nine games this season, and though he's coming off an injury-shortened 2015, he rates as a very durable performer. Prior to his thumb fracture in Game 13 of last season, he had not missed a regular-season or postseason start for the Bengals, covering 81 games. And the fracture occurred during unusual duty, as he made a solo tackle on 303-pound Pittsburgh 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).

**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."

**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 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.

This season, Dalton is at 2.5-to-1, with 10 scores and four picks.

"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 for last season 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.

**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 has posted 33 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 28-5 in those contests.
- Dalton's .628 winning percentage as a starter (53-31-2 regular season) ranks fifth among active QBs with 50 or more starts, behind Tom Brady (.772), Russell Wilson (.719), Ben Roethlisberger (.661) and Aaron Rodgers (.656).
- Dalton's .635 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 15.5-to-1 ratio of TD passes to INTs (93-6) in the red zone

ranks tied for eighth 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.

**Welcome back, Tyler:** The last nine teams facing the Bengals this season are not as fortunate as the first seven. The first seven didn't have to play against TE Tyler Eifert.

The last of the fortunate seven was Cleveland on Oct. 23. Eifert played only a token number of snaps against the Browns as he returned to play after six games missed due to injuries. The first of the unfortunate nine was Washington, on Oct. 30 in London, as Eifert caught nine passes for 102 yards and a TD in his first full game of the year. And the second of the nine was the N.Y. Giants last week. The Giants allowed Eifert only three receptions, but he totaled a team-high 96 yards, including a career-long 71-yarder in the first quarter that carried to the New York eight and set up a touchdown. It was the longest completion by the Bengals this season.

Eifert is now 13-for-207 with a TD, for a personal season that includes barely over two full games. He is a major figure in the Bengals' plans to rally from a 3-5-1 record and reach the playoffs for a sixth straight year. Eifert has great speed and leaping ability for a 6-6, 255-pounder, and his hands are as sticky as those of the NFL's top wide receivers. Then he made a sticky hands catch and dropped to the end zone turf.

"That's Tyler," says QB Andy Dalton. "He can do things on a consistent basis that other tight ends can't do. And it's not just talent. He runs such great routes. He puts himself in position to make big plays."

Eifert missed essentially the first four games of this season due an ankle injury he suffered in the Pro Bowl following the 2015 campaign. And when he returned to practice in early October, hoping to return a week or two after that, he was further delayed by a back strain.

But now he's back, much to his teammates' delight.

"Tyler opens up everything," says WR A.J. Green. "The safeties have to play honest. I don't have to worry about the safeties as much now. It's more just about beating the corner."

**LaFell and Boyd answer the skeptics:** Eyebrows were raised about the Bengals WR corps last offseason after two good players — Marvin Jones and Mohamed Sanu — departed the team as unrestricted free agents.

What would Cincinnati do, it was asked, for a new set of Nos. 2-3 wideouts behind the incomparable A.J. Green?

The answer at present looks like "thrive." Veteran free agent acquisition Brandon LaFell and rookie second-round draft choice Tyler Boyd are currently on pace to combine for 100 receptions and 1212 yards, topping the total of 98 catches and 1210 yards produced by Jones and Sanu last season, in their best combined year.

**More on LaFell:** 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 nine games has made it clear 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 had only one catch for nine yards last week at the Giants, but he has 29 catches for 387 yards on the season, ranked third on the team in catches and second in yards. He's tied with A.J. Green for the team lead in receiving TDs (four), and he's on pace for 52 catches, 688 yards and seven TDs on the 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.

**More on Boyd:** Granted, rookie WR Tyler Boyd just missed last week on what would have been the biggest third-down reception of his young career. At the Giants, on third-and-five from the New York 20 in the third quarter, it seemed for an instant that Boyd had made a dazzling mid-air catch for a TD, and for an apparent 24-14 Bengals lead. But Boyd could not control the ball through his collision with the turf, and an incompletion was ruled.

But the fact that Andy Dalton chose to try Boyd in a tight-coverage situation speaks to the confidence the second-round draft pick has inspired this season. Boyd not only has 27 catches for 295 yards, on pace for season totals of 48 catches and 524 yards, he leads the AFC and ranks third in the NFL in third-down receptions by rookies. He has nine, trailing only Sterling Shepard of the Giants (12) and Michael Thomas of New Orleans (11).

Boyd is in the No. 3 WR role behind veterans A.J. Green and Brandon LaFell.

"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 (he turned 22 only the day after the Giants game), 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 haven't done it every week, but that's still my goal."

**Atkins-Dunlap duo leads D-line:** DT Geno Atkins is a Bengal who has been to four Pro Bowls, and DE Carlos is a Bengal who arguably should have more selections than his one. They are capable of big plays down the stretch as the Bengals fight for the AFC North championship, and they are in a spirited competition on the defensive stats sheet.

Atkins had an 11-yard fourth-down sack against the Giants last week, and he totaled three credited hits on QB Eli Manning. He now has 4.5 sacks on the season, just a half-sack behind Dunlap, who held steady at 5.0 in the Giants game. In total QB hits, they are now tied for the team lead at 15. Dunlap entered the Giants game with a lead of two and avoided being passed by Atkins, logging one hit on Manning.

Dunlap also leads the D-line in tackles (29) and leads the team in passes defended (eight) and forced fumbles (two).

**More on Dunlap:** DE Carlos Dunlap has 54 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 11 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. Besides his 54 sacks, his career totals include 14 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 33 passes defended, four blocked FGs and two TDs scored.

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

Dunlap executed a sack-and-strip in consecutive games earlier this season, with the Bengals recovering the loose ball each time. He did it on Sept. 29 vs. Miami (Ryan Tannehill) and on Oct. 9 at Dallas (Dak Prescott).

**More on Atkins:** In six full seasons with the Bengals, DT Geno Atkins has claimed three shares of the NFL lead for sacks by interior linemen. He copped the outright title once and tied for it twice.

Last week at the Giants, Dunlap had an impressive fourth-down sack of Eli Manning in the second quarter, handing the offense possession near midfield, and the drop put him at 4.5 sacks for the season, back in the hunt for another interior-line sacks title.

Atkins this week ranks tied for fourth in the NFL, only one big day away from a possible lead. The leader is Leonard Williams of the N.Y. Jets at 6.0, and Williams has one less game to play this season than Atkins, as the Jets have played 10 games to Cincinnati's nine. Atkins is just a half-sack behind the

players tied for second at 5.0, Aaron Donald of Los Angeles and Ndamukong Suh of Miami. Tied with Atkins at 4.5 are Nick Fairley of New Orleans and Gerald McCoy of Tampa Bay.

Atkins leads the Bengals for the season in tackles-for-loss (nine), three ahead of LB Karlos Dansby.

**Unprecedented:** No Bengals defensive lineman has ever led the team for a season in passes defended. None have ever even come close.

But DE Carlos Dunlap is in the lead nine games into the season, and somewhat comfortably, with eight. He's three ahead of starting CB Dre Kirkpatrick, who's second with five. Dunlap and Kirkpatrick each had a PD last week at the Giants. Dunlap had a particularly productive fourth-quarter PD on Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland, deflecting a Kevin Hogan pass that LB Vincent Rey intercepted.

Dunlap leads all NFL defensive linemen in passes defended. The second-place player, with seven, is DE Jason Pierre-Paul of the Giants, with seven.

"Carlos has those long, long arms," says defensive coordinator Paul Guenther, "and of course he gets good pressure. So I'm not surprised he's one of the best we've had in that area."

**Jones wearing two crowns:** CB Adam Jones is the Bengals' career leader in punt return average (10.8) and kickoff return average (26.4). The second-place Bengal in punt return average is WR Quan Cosby (10.8 from 2009-10), and the No. 2 man in kickoff return average is CB Lemar Parrish (24.7 from 1970-77).

Jones entered this season already in the punt return lead, and he added the kickoff return record to his resume on Sept. 29 vs. Miami, when he reached minimum number of returns (50) to qualify.

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 a 19.8-yard average on four kickoff returns and a 3.9 average on seven 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 10.2 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.

**If the cliché fits ... :** The Bengals are fit to be tied. They have played three ties over the last 10 seasons (including partial 2016). Among the other 31 NFL teams during this span, eight have played one tie, and the remaining 23 have entirely missed the full five-quarter experience.

Prior to their tie this past Oct. 30 with Washington, the Bengals also tied Carolina in 2014 and Philadelphia in '08.

The Bengals played no ties in the first 35 seasons of the NFL's overtime era, which started in 1974. Cincinnati does not have the most ties in the full era, ranking tied for third with its three. Green Bay has five in the full era, and Philadelphia has four.

The longest of the three Bengals ties in the 10-year span has been the 37-37 affair with Carolina in 2014 at Paul Brown Stadium. It's the longest game in all Bengals history, timing out at 3:59. This season's 27-all Washington game was 3:56. The 13-13 tie at home vs. Philadelphia in '08 was relatively quick, at 3:46.

The Carolina tie featured the most points of any tie in the overtime era, and the third-most points all time. Two games from the early American Football League days, before overtime, featured more total points. The Boston Patriots and Oakland Raiders played to 43-all in 1964, and Denver deadlocked with Buffalo at 38 in 1960.

The Bengals do have a fourth tie in their history, from prior to the overtime era. In the American Football League in 1969, Cincinnati battled the Houston Oilers to a four-quarter deadlock of 31-31 at the Astrodome.

**30 rushes a very good number:** Two games ago, the Bengals rushed for 152 yards on 36 carries vs. Washington. It wasn't enough to fuel a win, only a 27-27 tie, but a total-rushes number of 30 or above is something

head coach Marvin Lewis would take every week. Cincinnati has now had 102 regular-season games under Lewis at the 30 mark or above, and the team stands 83-18-1 (.819) 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 going to be a winning combo."

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 42-7-1 (.850) under Lewis with an individual 100-yard rusher, including Jeremy Hill's 168 yards this past Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland, but that has been the only individual 100-yard game for Cincinnati this season, and the Bengals had only one last year. The reduction in the individual-rusher performances the last two seasons stems in part from 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."

**Hill the TD man:** HB Jeremy Hill ran for a nine-yard touchdown last week against the Giants. It was his team-leading sixth TD of the year, and it increased his team lead to two. WR Brandon LaFell did not score and remained with four, while WR A.J. Green had a 13-yard score and moved to four on the season.

Hill had 12 TDs last season (11 rushing), most by a Bengals RB since Rudi Johnson had 12 in 2006, and he tied for the NFL lead with his 11 rushing scores. For his Bengals career, Hill has 29 TDs in 43 games, including two postseason games in which he scored one TD each.

Hill is heading toward his third team rushing title in three seasons with Cincinnati. His 561 yards are good for a lead of 245 over HB Giovani Bernard (316). Hill was on pace for a 1000-yard season entering last week's game against the Giants, and he still could easily get back on that pace. But he was held to 46 yards by the Giants (on 15 carries) and his pace is now for 997 yards. Hill is averaging a healthy 4.7 yards per carry. Over the last three games, Hill has had 290 yards on 44 carries, an average of 6.6 per tote.

On Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland, Hill had the most rushing yards in franchise history without hitting double digits in carries, breaking a mark that had stood for 45 years. Hill went nine-for-168, averaging 18.7 yards per carry. Previously, the most rushing yards by a Bengal with nine or fewer carries in a game had been 113 on eight carries, by RB Essex Johnson on Sept. 19, 1971, vs. Philadelphia.

The 168 yards was a career-high for Hill, topping a 154 effort on Nov. 2, 2014 vs. Jacksonville. Hill's 168 was the most by a Bengal since '09, when Cedric Benson had 189 vs. Chicago. Hill had four games of 140-plus rushing yards in '14, the only Bengal to do that in a season and only the third NFL rookie to get four of 140-plus.

Hill showed his excellent speed for a 235-pounder on a 74-yard TD run in the third quarter vs. Cleveland, giving the Bengals a 28-17 lead. It was the second-longest rush of his three-year career, behind only an 85-yarder vs. Denver in 2014.

The Bengals are looking for more consistency from Hill in the season's second half. He had four games in the first six with 38 or fewer rushing yards, and his season average through Game 6 was only 3.7. And head coach Marvin Lewis has the following advice: Go north-south, and go between the tackles.

"We keep emphasizing to him, 'Keep your shoulders pointed up the field,'" Lewis says. "When he does that, he's special. Sometimes he'll try to bounce one outside and not get much. He'll look at me right away and shake his head, and I go, 'Yeah, I know.' But that's good. He is a young guy who is still understanding things. He has to keep going, and we know he's a heck of a talent."

Says WR A.J. Green:

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

**Gio somewhat quietly gets it done:** Fourth-year HB Giovani Bernard usually winds up as a supporting player to Jeremy Hill in the Bengals' rushing game, and he's not going to challenge WR A.J. Green or TE Tyler Eifert for receiving exploits. But as a dual threat, he clicks.

Bernard has 612 yards from scrimmage, third on the team. WR A.J. Green has a clear lead at 964 (all receiving), but Bernard is only 10 yards behind second-place Jeremy Hill. Bernard's 316 rushing yards are well short of Hill's 561, but he's second on the team in receptions (34) and has taken those catches for 296 yards. Hill has only 61 receiving yards (on seven catches).

Bernard averaged 1146.6 yards from scrimmage for his first three full seasons, and this year he's on pace for 1088.

Last week at the Giants, Bernard rushed seven-for-17 and had three receptions for 19 yards.

Bernard caught a career-best nine passes for 100 yards on Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh. It 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).

**Look out leaders, here comes Vontaze:** LB Vontaze Burfict played his sixth game of the season last week at the Giants, and he had a personal season-high 11 tackles, topping a pair of games he's had with 10 stops. He now has 50 tackles for the season. That's good for third place on the team, behind LB Karlos Dansby (58) and FS Shawn Williams (52). Burfict missed the first three games on an NFL suspension, but he leads the team in tackles-per-games-played (8.3). He also has one sack, one forced fumble and three passes defended.

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 are glad to have Vontaze back out there when it counts. 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 on top in blocks:** DE Margus Hunt is the only NFL player with more than one blocked kick this season. He has two, a Nick Folk 22-yard FG try on Sept. 11 at the Jets and a Brandon McManus PAT try on Sept. 25 vs. Denver.

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 (58) through nine games, and he's second on the team in tackles-for-loss (six). He also has four passes defended (leads the LBs) 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 Breedon. 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."

**Tackles; they're what LBs do:** LB Karlos Dansby leads the Bengals in tackles (58) through nine 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."

**Erickson emerging:** Rookie WR Alex Erickson became the only college free agent to make the Bengals season-opening roster largely by virtue of his kick returns. He led the NFL in preseason punt returns, averaging 30.8 yards on six returns, and he had a 31-yard gain on his only kickoff return.

The regular season began much less gaudily for Erickson, as after seven games, he was averaging just 20.6 yards on five kickoff returns and 5.7 yards on 10 punt returns.

But after getting some advice from special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons to return more aggressively up the field, Erickson has made his mark in the last two games. He had a 65-yard kickoff return two games ago vs. Washington, and last week at the Giants, he had an 84-yard KOR to the New York 13 in the first quarter, setting up a TD. Also last week, Erickson averaged a



solid 11.7 yards on three punt returns, including an 18-yarder that stands as Cincinnati's longest of the season.

With the big KORs the last two weeks, Erickson now has a 31.3-yard average on 10 for the season. To put that number in perspective, consider that Adam Jones' 31.3 average for the 2014 season is a Bengals record and led the NFL. But Erickson does not appear among the NFL kickoff return leaders this week. The league-leading average is only 27.4, held by Devin Hester of Baltimore, but Erickson's 31.3 does not register because he does not have enough total returns to qualify. The required number is 1.25 returns per team game, meaning Erickson would need 12 returns as of this week to qualify.

Should Erickson get three returns against the Bills this week, he would have enough, at 13, to qualify for the rankings next week.

Erickson is now averaging 7.1 yards on 14 punt returns, not among the league leaders but up from his average of two games ago.

**The Huber roundup:** Bengals P Kevin Huber had a solid night at the Giants last week, averaging 48.0 gross yards and 42.3 net on seven punts. He had two inside-20s and no touchbacks, and one of his inside-20s was downed at the New York one-yard line by CB Darqueze Dennard.

In the previous game, vs. Washington, Huber recorded a season-best 52.2-yard average, on five kicks. Included was a 61-yarder, his longest of the season. His net average of 43.6 was his second-best of the season.

Huber has 13 inside-20 kicks this season and only four 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 13 have pushed him to 195 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 (3.8-to-1, with 195 inside-20s and 52 touchbacks).

Huber is averaging 45.7 gross yards per punt this season and 39.3 net.

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (44.9) and net average (39.7).
- 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 eight games of Cincinnati special teams coach Darrin Simmons, the Bengals have had the fewest fumbled punts (18) and the fewest lost fumbles on punts (four) in the NFL. Atlanta is second on fewest fumbles (20), and Minnesota is tied with Houston for second in fewest lost fumbles (five). 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 1-9, with six 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."

**Rolling out the 'last times':** For the Bengals, their 559-yard offensive game vs. Cleveland on Oct. 23 was:

- The highest yardage output in 26 years, since 582 in an overtime win at the Los Angeles Rams on Oct. 7, 1990.
- The highest output in a regulation-time game since Dec. 17, 1989, when the total was 584 vs. Houston.
- The tied-for-seventh highest offensive total in franchise history.
- The first game in which the Bengals had a 300-yard passer (Andy Dalton 308), a 100-yard rusher (Jeremy Hill 168) and a 100-yard receiver (A.J. Green 169) in a regulation-time game since Sept. 16, 2007 at Cleveland. Cincinnati also did it on Oct. 12, 2014 vs. Carolina, but that was a tie that went five full quarters.
- The game with the most rushing yards (271) in more than 30 years, since the team had 274 on Dec. 8, 1985 vs. Dallas. The 271 ranks seventh in franchise history.
- The game with the most yards per rush (9.0) since Oct. 22, 2000, when the Bengals averaged 11.0 vs. Denver. That Denver game featured a club-record 407 rushing yards, including a club-record 278 by HB Corey Dillon, which was the NFL individual record at the time.

**Turnover tables are turned:** During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank fourth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-51. The Bengals are plus-three differential this season, with 12 takeaways (nine INTs, three FR) and nine giveaways (four INTs, five 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 68.3 percent of those games. At plus two the percentage has been 82.2. Teams with any plus from one to five have won at a 79.0 percent clip.

Here are the top six teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England.....	408.....	258.....	+150
Seattle.....	373.....	316.....	+57
Carolina.....	403.....	351.....	+52
Cincinnati.....	394.....	343.....	+51
Green Bay.....	371.....	321.....	+50
Indianapolis.....	351.....	101.....	+50

Since 2003, Bengals rank fourth in takeaways (392) and seventh 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.

Though they lost last week at the Giants with a plus-one differential, the Bengals are 72-17-1 in regular season under Lewis with a plus (.806 winning percentage), but they are only 16-60-2 with a minus.

"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.....	846-391-4	.683
Plus-2.....	674-146-0	.822
Plus-3.....	379-37-1	.910
Plus-4.....	201-6-0	.971
Plus-5 or more.....	94-3-0	.969

Plus teams last week went 9-3, for an .750 winning percentage. The best week of the season for plus teams has been Week 4, when they were 12-1 (.923). 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 84-31 (.730) for this season. Since 2003, teams with any plus have a combined record of 2194-583-4, 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.

**Bengals extend biggest 'Battle' margin:** With their victory Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland, the Bengals extended to eight their benchmark for the biggest lead held by either side in the "Battle of Ohio" series, which began in 1970. Cincinnati's current lead is 47-39.

The Browns and Bengals will meet again on Dec. 11, this time in Cleveland.

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 46-33 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 2020, at the earliest. The Browns could not lead again until after the second game of '20.

**Uniform watch:** The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys and black pants this week vs. Buffalo.

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 .....	15-6-1	.705
Black	Black.....	14-10-1	.580
Black	White .....	31-30-1	.508
White	Black.....	24-25-0	.490
White	White .....	20-26-0	.435

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

**12-year TV streak at 176:** In each of the last 176 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.

The streak hit 176 when the Oct. 30 game vs. Washington in London drew a Cincinnati rating of 28.0, topping all programming for the week of Oct. 24-30. For the next two ratings weeks — Oct. 31-Nov. 6 and Nov. 7-13, there was no Bengals game. There will be two Bengals games included in the Nov. 14-20 ratings week, the Giants game on the 14th and the Buffalo game on the 20th. If

past performance holds, those two games will rank 1-2 in Cincinnati for the week, and the streak of consecutive top rankings will go to 177.

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).

**Bengal bites:** RG Kevin Zeitler has played all 615 offensive snaps this season, the only player on offense or defense who has not missed a snap with his unit ... Last week's loss at the Giants, coached by rookie boss Ben McAdoo, left the Bengals at Cincinnati is 62-49 (.559) all-time against rookie head coaches ... Though the Bengals lost last week, November has been the team's best month under head coach Marvin Lewis. His teams have posted a 31-22-1 record, good for a .583 winning percentage. Lewis' clubs are also above .500 for September (27-20-0, .574) and for December/January (33-28-0, .541 [regular season]). Lewis' only losing month has been October (24-29-2, .455) ... NFL rushing leader Ezekiel Elliott of Dallas rushed for 134 yards against the Bengals on Oct. 9, but that stands as the only time in the last 21 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 ... K Mike Nugent this season has gone past the 1000 mark for his NFL career, now to the 1027 mark. In addition to his 693 Bengals points, he previously had 334 over stints with the Jets, Bucs and Cardinals. Nugent is third all-time on the Bengals in points. 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 ... The tallest player on the Bengals 53-man roster is DE Marcus 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 turned 35 on Nov. 3 ... The youngest player is WR Tyler Boyd, who turned 22 on Nov. 15.

## BENGALS QUOTES

**CB Dre Kirkpatrick**, on the loss to the Giants:

"It's a loss, give them the credit, but I still feel like we controlled the game. There were plays that we should have made and we just didn't. The frustration for me is very high right now. I don't care about the interception I had. The only thing I care about winning. I've been winning ever since I started playing this game. For us not to win this game that we needed, it's heartbreaking."

**Former Bengals WR Chad Johnson**, on WR A.J. Green:

"To me he's the greatest (Bengals receiver) of all time because he can do things I wasn't able to do. High-point the ball. And he's a much more consistent pass-catcher than I was."

**HB Jeremy Hill**, on the offense's challenge for the second half:

"We haven't scored enough points, simple as that. We haven't scored the points we need to win games. And we all know that. We know we have the talent

in the locker room, especially with Tyler (Eifert) back. We saw what he can do in the Washington game. So no reasons or excuses, we have to go out there and do it."

**QB Andy Dalton**, on the return of TE Tyler Eifert:

"It's great to have him back out there. He's such a good player. He's shown it in both of the games we've had him. He's so big, runs such good routes, that you just got to put it around him, make good plays. The ability he has to do everything from the tight end position is a big matchup plus for us. We will get him involved as much as we can."

**Hill**, looking ahead to the second half of the season after a roller-coaster first half:

"I try to stay even keel whether I have 10 yards or 200. I try to stay the same. For me, it's continue to stay on the grind and improve every day. Don't let the

success or failure get to you. I grind it out in practice and trust what got me here. That's not going to change."

**Head coach Marvin Lewis**, on the road back toward a winning record:

"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."

**OT Andrew Whitworth**, on the road ahead from 3-5-1:

"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."

**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 to offensive coordinator in 2016:

"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."

**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 nine games, sixth-year pro **Andy Dalton** ranks third in the AFC and sixth in the NFL in passing yards. He has 2553 total yards, on 209-for-317 (65.9 percent), with 10 TDs and four INTs. His 95.8 season passer rating ranks fifth in the AFC and 12th in the NFL. Dalton ranks fourth in the NFL in average gain per attempt (8.05). Last week against the Giants, Dalton completed 16-of-29, for 204 yards, with one TD and one INT. He also had 15 rushing yards. 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 53-31-2 regular-season record as a starter works out to the best winning percentage (.628) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. His 89.3 career passer rating is tops in Bengals history, and he holds club records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33) in a season. Second-year pro **AJ McCarron** has been active-DNP for Games 1-5 and 7-9. He saw brief action on Oct. 16 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 1-9. Driskel played in all four 49ers preseason games, after passing for 4033 yards last season at Louisiana Tech.

**Running backs:** HB **Jeremy Hill** scored his team-leading sixth TD of the year last week against the Giants, rushing to the left for nine yards in the third quarter to give the Bengals a 17-14 lead. Hill rushed 15-for-46 for the day, leading the team in rushing yards. Hill is on pace for a 997-yard rushing season,

with 561 yards and seven games remaining. He has had a rushing TD in each of the last three games, the longest streak of his career. He has a per-carry average of 4.7. Hill had a breakout day on Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland, rushing for a career-high 168 yards on just nine carries. It is the fourth highest rushing total among NFL RBs this season. Hill had a 74-yard TD run in the third period vs. Cleveland. Hill has 27 TDs in 41 career games, plus two more in a pair of playoff games. Hill scored 12 TDs last season, most total TDs by a Bengals RB since 2006, when Rudi Johnson had 12. HB **Giovani Bernard** has 612 yards from scrimmage, just 10 behind Hill (622) for second place behind WR A.J. Green (964). Bernard is 84-for-316 rushing (3.8) and 34-for-296 receiving (8.7). He's second on the team in catches and third in yards. Against the Giants, Bernard rushed seven-for-17 (2.4), and he also had three catches for 19 yards. He has three TDs on the season, two rushing and one receiving. In Week 2 at Pittsburgh, Bernard was the Bengals' leading receiver, logging a career-high nine catches for 100 yards, including a 25-yard TD. Another veteran HB on the roster with good performance record is **Rex Burkhead**. The fourth-year pro did not have an offensive or special teams touch against New York, but he led the special teams in tackles (three). He now leads the team in special teams tackles for the season, with nine. Burkhead is six-for-39 rushing on the season (6.5), with one reception for 10 yards. He has four kickoff returns for a 19.5 average. 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 Week 10, Green is third in the NFL in receptions (66) and second in receiving yards (964). And though his receiving yards total is 141 behind Atlanta's Julio Jones (1105), the Falcons have played ten games to Cincinnati's nine. In yards per game played by the team, Green is a much closer second to Jones, at 107.1

compared to Jones' 110.5. Last week against the Giants, Green caught seven passes for 68 yards, including a 13-yarder in the first quarter to tie the game, 7-7. It was his fourth TD of the year. Green has four 100-yard games on the season, topped by a 12-for-180 on Sept. 11 at the N.Y. Jets. On Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland, Green caught eight-for-169, including hauling in the season's highlight — a 49-yard "Hail Mary" TD catch from Andy Dalton as time expired in the second quarter. The pass, which Green initially batted to keep alive, was corralled with one hand as he had multiple defenders draped over him. Green's 481 career receptions rank fourth in Bengals history, and his 7135 receiving yards now rank second. Last week he moved past Isaac Curtis (7101) into second place. Green's 49 career receiving TDs rank fourth as well, and his 28 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** are succeeding in the Nos. 2-3 roles. LaFell caught one pass for nine yards last week against the Giants. For the season, LaFell is third on the team in receptions (29) and second in yards (387). He is tied for the team lead in receiving TDs (four), and those four are good for second on the team in total TDs, two behind HB Jeremy Hill. 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 nine NFL games, logging 27 receptions for 295 yards. He ranks first in the AFC and third in the NFL for third-down catches (nine) by rookies. Boyd caught two-for-12 against the Giants. He has one rushing attempt for three 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, was not active against the Giants, due to a hamstring injury. Wright is second on the special teams on the season with eight tackles, and he has four catches for 28 yards. 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, continued last week to make an impact in the return game. Against the Giants, Erickson returned four kickoffs for 145 yards (36.3 average), including an 84-yard return to start the third quarter, setting up a Bengals TD to take the lead, 17-14. It was the longest Bengals kickoff return since Bernard Scott in 2009 (96 yards). He also returned three punts for 35 yards, including a Bengals season-best 18-yarder. In the previous game, Oct. 30 vs. Washington, Erickson had a 65-yard kickoff return. He is averaging 31.3 yards per KOR for the season, but his 10 total returns leave him two short of the number needed to qualify for the NFL rankings. Erickson has one catch on the season for 20 yards, and he's averaging 7.1 yards on 14 punt returns. Erickson has played in Games 1-9. Sixth-round draft choice **Cody Core** of Ole Miss has played in two games (Games 5 and 9). He has been inactive for Games 1-4 and 6-8. He saw snaps on both offense and special teams last week against the Giants, and he had a key block to open up a lane on Erickson's 84-yard kickoff return. Core earned a roster spot with a solid preseason, leading the team in receptions (eight) and receiving yards (135).

**Tight ends/H-back:** 2015 Pro Bowl selection **Tyler Eifert** looks to be fully past his early season injury issues. Last week against the Giants, he caught three passes for 96 yards, including a 71-yard reception on the first drive of the game to set up a Bengals TD to tie the score, 7-7. It was the longest Bengals reception of the season and the longest in Eifert's career. Eifert played his first full game of the season on Oct. 30 vs. Washington and was a big factor, with nine catches for 102 yards and a TD. He made a signature high leap and a fine hands catch for his 15-yard TD vs. Washington, and he also had a pair of big third-down conversions, one with a catch and one on which he drew a pass interference penalty against the Redskins. Eifert missed the preseason schedule and Games 1-6 while rehabbing an ankle injury suffered in the Pro Bowl and a back strain suffered early in October in practice. He made his 2016 debut in Game 7 vs. Cleveland but played only 15 snaps. He's 13-for-207 receiving for the season and could be a huge factor for the offense in the season's second half. 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 last season, third on the team in each category. Second-year pro **Tyler Kroft** started against the Giants, with Eifert getting in on the second play. It was the seventh start of the season for Kroft, who has played in every game. He logged two special teams tackles last week against the Giants, and has 10 catches for 92 yards on the season. A third-round 2015 draft choice, Kroft progressed steadily as a rookie. He started six of the last seven games, both filling in for the injured Eifert and as part of two-TE sets. Second-year pro **C.J. Uzomah** has played in Games 1-7 and 9, with six starts.

He saw limited snaps on offense and special teams last week against the Giants (no statistics). Uzomah has 17 catches for 193 yards on the season. The Bengals also have a young standout at the H-back position, third-year pro **Ryan Hewitt** of Stanford, who has played in Games 1-9, with six 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 40 of 41 games over his first three seasons and has 18 receptions for 185 yards.

**Offensive linemen:** The line has helped pave the way for an average of 413 net yards offense over the last three games. 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. Whitworth has started every game. **Clint Boling** and **Kevin Zeitler** have been Cincinnati's starting guard tandem since 2012. Boling on the left side and Zeitler on the right, and they both have started Games 1-9. Boling joined the team in 2011 as a fourth-round draft choice, and Zeitler was a first-round pick in 2012. Zeitler has played all 615 offensive snaps this season, the only player on offense or defense who has not missed a snap with his unit. Whitworth and Boling teamed for a critical block in the third quarter at the Giants' nine-yard line to set up a rushing TD from RB Jeremy Hill, giving the Bengals the lead 17-14. C **Russell Bodine** has also started Games 1-9, and he has not missed a start in his Bengals career, covering 41 regular-season games and two in postseason. Bodine was sidelined with an ankle injury in the third quarter on Oct. 16 vs. New England, but he was back to start the following week vs. Cleveland. At the ROT spot, second-year pro **Cedric Ogbuehi** has started every game, but he has been spelled in each of the last four contests by 10th-year vet **Eric Winston**. Ogbuehi played 40 of the 58 offensive snaps against the Giants. Ogbuehi was Cincinnati's first-round draft pick in 2015. Winston has played in all nine games, primarily on special teams for the first five. Winston played in 17 games, with four starts at ROT, over 2014-15. **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 eight games, including last week at New York. 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. Third-year pro **T.J. Johnson**, who took over at C at New England following Bodine's injury, saw action on special teams against the Giants. Johnson has played in every game. 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 1-9.

**Defensive linemen:** Seventh-year DT **Geno Atkins** ran his sack total to 4.5 in the Giants game. He's second on the team and tied for fourth in the NFL among interior linemen. At New York, he dropped Eli Manning in the second quarter for an 11-yard loss on a fourth-down play. Atkins had an additional tackle as well as two additional QB hits. Atkins has had a sack in each of the last two games. He 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 leads the team for the season in tackles-for-loss (nine) and is tied for the lead in QB hits (15). He has 18 total tackles. 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** did not have a sack against the Giants, but he leads the team for the season with five. Dunlap has 54 sacks for his career, ranking fourth all-time on the Bengals. Dunlap had one tackle at New York, along with one pass defended and one QB hit. In addition to leading the team in sacks, he is tied for the team lead this season in QB hits (15), and he leads the team in passes defended (eight) and forced fumbles (two). His 29 tackles lead the line. His eight pass defended are first in the NFL among defensive linemen. 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 has 14 career forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 34 passes defended, four blocked field goals and two touchdowns scored. DE **Michael Johnson** leads the line in snaps (474 of 608). In the New York game, Johnson had a line-leading five tackles. For the season Johnson has 25 tackles, 1.5 sacks, seven QB hits and a pass defended. An eighth-year player for 2016, Johnson has started the first nine games. Starting alongside Atkins on the interior line is another Bengals pillar, **Domata Peko**. The 11th-year pro has started 110 consecutive regular-season games, and last year he had a career-best 5.0 sacks. Peko had three tackles against the Giants, and he has 25 tackles on the season, tied for second on the line. He also has a pass defended and a fumble recovery. Ninth-year DT **Pat Sims** has been a productive player all season in the line rotation. He logged two tackles against the Giants and has 20 tackles on the season, with one sack

and four total QB hits. Veterans at the backup DE spots are **Will Clarke** and **Margus Hunt**, both of whom are showing increased production this season. Clarke logged two tackles last week against the Giants. For the season, Clarke has three sacks, third on the team, and 10 total tackles. He's a third-year player, a third-round 2014 Bengals draft choice, who played in 12 games last season. Hunt was inactive last week against the Giants. For the season, Hunt has eight tackles, two passes defended and two special teams stops. Hunt also has two blocked kicks, a FG try at the N.Y. Jets and a PAT vs. Denver, and he is the only NFL player with more than one blocked kick this season. On Oct. 11, DE **Wallace Gilberry** returned to the Bengals, signing as a free agent. He had one tackle and one QB hit against the Giants, but was sidelined in the third quarter with a calf strain. It's hoped he can see action against the Bills. From 2012-15 with the Bengals, Gilberry logged 17.5 sacks, three forced fumbles and four fumble recoveries (one for a TD). Gilberry began this season with Detroit, after joining the Lions as an unrestricted free agent. He played in Games 1-4 for the Lions, with one start and five tackles, but he was placed Oct. 4 on the Reserve/Injured list (abdomen). He became a free agent on Oct. 11, when he was released with an injury settlement. **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** has been inactive for Games 1-9.

**Linebackers:** Sixth-year pro **Vincent Rey** led the team in tackles last week against the Giants, with a team season-high of 14. He has 48 for the year, fourth on the team. On Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland, Rey picked off a deflected Kevin Hogan pass, the only INT of the season this year not by a defensive back. Rey can play all the LB positions and last year led the team in tackles (95). He also led the team in 2014. He has played in every game this season, with six starts. He has three total passes defended and one fumble recovery. Rey started against the Giants in place of **Rey Mauluga**. Mauluga has averaged 14 starts per year since joining the team as a second-round draft choice in 2009, but he missed his first game of the year last week, inactive with a leg injury (fibula). He has 20 tackles for the year, plus a pass defended. 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 had four tackles against the Giants, as well as a pass defended. He leads the team in tackles for the season (58) and linebackers in total snaps (411). He also has four passes defended (leads the LBs) 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 (60, 41-19), 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, was second the team at N.Y. Giants with a personal season-high of 11 tackles, as well as a QB hit, pass defended, and a forced fumble. Burfict has played in Games 4-9 after missing Games 1-3 due to an NFL suspension. He has 50 tackles in his five games and leads the team in tackles per games played (8.3). His tackle total ranks third on the team. Burfict looks for a fully healthy season after battling knee and foot problems that limited him to 15 games over the last two years. He led the team in tackles by huge margins in 2012 and '13 and was a Pro Bowl selection in '13. 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 1-9, primarily on special teams, and he has six 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 1-9 on special teams, where he has six tackles. Flowers is first on the team in special teams snaps (176), and Vigil is second (173).

**Defensive backs:** Fifth-year pro **George Iloka** has been Cincinnati's starting SS since 2013. Last week against the Giants, he logged his second consecutive game with an INT, picking off an Eli Manning pass in the fourth quarter. He had nine tackles for the game. On Oct. 30 vs. Washington, he had Cincinnati's only takeaway, intercepting an overthrown Kirk Cousins deep pass at the Bengals 14 in the second quarter. Iloka has 43 tackles for the season, fifth on the team. Iloka now has seven career INTs and 25 total passes defended. Fourth-year pro **Shawn Williams** has taken over this season as the starting FS, and he ranks second on the team in tackles (52). He had four tackles and a pass defended against the Giants. Williams on the season has one INT, three total passes defended and seven QB hits. Williams has played in all 60 possible games (regular season and postseason) in his Bengals career. 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 1-9 and has 35 tackles, one INT and four total passes defended (third on team). He had three tackles against the Giants last week. Jones' time as a kick returner has been limited the past two seasons by his starting 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 seven punt returns for a 3.9 average and four kickoff returns for a 19.8 average. He is the Bengals' all-time leader in kickoff return average (26.4) and punt return average (10.8). **Dre Kirkpatrick**, a 2012 Bengals first-round draft choice, has started eight games, missing Game 4 vs. Miami due to a hamstring injury. He had five tackles against the Giants, as well as an acrobatic interception of an Eli Manning pass in the second quarter. Kirkpatrick picked off the short pass intended for Roger Lewis Jr. and ran it to the Giants seven, setting up a Bengals FG to take the lead, 10-7. For the season, Kirkpatrick has 27 tackles, two INTs (tied with Iloka for team high) and five passes defended (second on team). He has played in 56 of the last possible 57 games (including postseason). Kirkpatrick led the team last season in passes defended (16). He has two career INTs for TDs. CB **Josh Shaw** has played in every game, with six starts as a nickel back. He had two tackles against the Giants, and for the season has 28 tackles and an INT. On special teams, he's third in tackles with seven. 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 had six tackles last week against the Giants. Dennard has 19 tackles and one pass defended on the season. Dennard made a notable contribution on special teams against the Giants, downing a Kevin Huber punt in the second quarter, pinning the Giants on their one-yard line. Another veteran CB on the roster is **Chykie Brown**. Brown has played in three games (Games 1, 4, and 9), with one special teams tackle. He has been inactive for the other six games. CB **William Jackson**, the team's 2016 first-round draft choice out 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). Second-year S **Derron Smith** has played in all nine games, with four tackles on defense and one on special teams. He had a personal season-high 19 snaps on defense on Oct. 16 at New England, filling in when Iloka was out of the lineup with an injury. Smith is third on the team in special teams snaps (171). Smith played in every game last season as a rookie, 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 1-9, with five tackles. He played in all four preseason games and had nine tackles, and had a team-leading four special teams stops.

**Special teams:** The Bengals' specialist trio returns for a seventh straight season working together. P **Kevin Huber** has posted the top two seasons in Bengals history for gross average and the top four for net average. Against New York, he averaged 48.0 gross yards on seven punts and had a net average of 42.3. He had two inside-20s and no touchbacks. Huber is at 45.7 gross and 39.3 net for the season, and he has 13 inside-20s against four touchbacks. 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 (3.8-to-1, with 195 inside-20s and 52 touchbacks). Huber is also the proven reliable holder for K **Mike Nugent**, a 12th-year NFL player in his seventh Bengals season. Nugent bounced back last week against the Giants after missing a PAT and a 51-yard FG try in the tie with Washington. Last week Nugent converted FGs of 25 and 38 yards. Nugent had the game-deciding score Sept. 11 at the Jets, hitting a 47-yard field goal with 0:58 to play, giving the Bengals their final 23-22 margin. Nugent is 16-for-21 on FG attempts for the season and 19-for-20 on PATs. On Sept. 29 vs. Miami, Nugent converted all five of his FG attempts, tying his career high for a game. 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 32 of his 44 kicks have reached the end zone, with 21 going for touchbacks. The final member of the specialist trio is LS **Clark Harris**, who has handled 1113 snaps in his Bengals career without an unplayable delivery. Harris is also a solid player on punt coverage, with 21 career tackles, including one this season. Harris had a career-best five tackles last season. 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, continued last week to make an impact in the return game. Against the Giants, Erickson

returned four kickoffs for 145 yards (36.3 average), including an 84-yard return to start the third quarter, setting up a Bengals TD to take the lead, 17-14. It was the longest Bengals kickoff return since Bernard Scott in 2009 (96 yards). He also returned three punts for 35 yards, including a Bengals season-best 18-yarder. In the previous game, Oct. 30 vs. Washington, Erickson had a 65-yard kickoff return. He is averaging 31.3 yards per KOR for the season, but his 10 total returns leave him two short of the number needed to qualify for the NFL rankings. HB **Rex Burkhead** had three special teams tackles against the Giants

last week and has taken over the team season lead, with nine. WR **James Wright** is second, with eight. LB **Marquis Flowers** is first on the team in special teams snaps (176), LB **Nick Vigil** is second (173), and S Derron Smith is third (171). 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 will recover sufficiently to be considered as the one special teams player the team may bring back during the season.

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 2016

- Nov. 15 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to sign their unsigned Franchise and Transition Players, including Franchise Players who were eligible to receive offer sheets until this date. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2016.
- Nov. 15 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "May 10 Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2016.
- Nov. 15 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to sign their Restricted Free Agents, including those to whom the "June 1 Tender" was made. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2016.
- Nov. 15 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to sign their drafted rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2016.
- Nov. 21 — NFL International Series, Houston Texans vs. Oakland Raiders, Mexico City, Mexico.

### 2017

- Jan. 2 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the rookie contract of a drafted rookie who was selected in any round of the 2014 NFL Draft. Any permissible renegotiated or extended player contract will not be considered a rookie contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit rookie contracts.
- Jan. 2 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2014 NFL Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 2, 2017, but prior to May 3, 2017.
- Jan. 7-8 — Wild Card Playoffs.
- Jan. 8 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that have byes in the Wild Card weekend may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of the Wild Card games.
- Jan. 14-15 — Divisional Playoffs.
- Jan. 15 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that won their Wild Card games may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of Divisional Playoff games.
- Jan. 16 — Deadline for college players that are underclassmen to apply for special eligibility. A list of players who are accepted into the NFL Draft will be transmitted to clubs on Jan. 20.
- Jan. 21 — East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Fla.

- Jan. 22 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 28 — Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Ala.
- Jan. 29 — NFL Pro Bowl, Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Fla.
- Jan. 29 — An assistant coach, whose team is participating in the Super Bowl, who has previously interviewed for another club's head coaching job may have a second interview with such club no later than the Sunday preceding the Super Bowl.
- Feb. 5 — Super Bowl LI, NRG Stadium, Houston, Texas.
- Feb. 15 — First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- Feb. 28-March 6 — Combine Timing and Testing, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Ind.
- March 1 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- March 7-9 — During the period beginning at noon Eastern on March 7 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 9, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2016 player contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern on March 9. However, a contract cannot be executed with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern on March 9.
- March 7-9 — During the above two-day negotiating period, no direct contact is permitted between a prospective unrestricted free agent and any employee or representative of a club, other than the player's current club.
- March 9 — The 2017 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern. The first day of the 2017 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 9. Clubs will receive a personnel notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern on March 9.
- March 9 — Trading period for 2017 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern, after expiration of all 2016 contracts.
- March 26-29 — Annual League Meeting, Phoenix, Ariz.
- April 3 — Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2016 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
- April 17 — Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
- April 21 — Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
- April 26 — Deadline for prior club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
- April 27-29 — NFL Draft (site TBD).

### 2018

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

\* Tentative date.

## MEDIA SCHEDULE

<p>Wed., Nov. 16 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Practice from 1-3 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:20 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance; Conference call from Buffalo Bills head coach Rex Ryan at 2:15 p.m.; Conference call from Buffalo Bills RB LeSean McCoy at 2:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thurs., Nov. 17 — Practice from 11:15 a.m.-1:20 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., Nov. 18 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45 a.m.-11:50 p.m.; (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).</p> <p>Sat., Nov. 19 — No media access.</p> <p>Sun., Nov. 20 — Game 10, Bengals vs. Buffalo at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m.</p>	<p>Mon., Nov. 21 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open 3:15-4 p.m.</p> <p>Tues., Nov. 22 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Nov. 23 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Practice from 1-3 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:20 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance; Conference calls from Baltimore Ravens TBD.</p> <p>Thurs., Nov. 24 — THANKSGIVING DAY; Team will practice, but no media access.</p> <p>Fri., Nov. 25 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45 a.m.-11:50 p.m.; (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).</p> <p>Sat., Nov. 26 — No media access; Team travels to Baltimore.</p> <p>Sun., Nov. 27 — Game 11, Bengals at Baltimore, 1 p.m.</p>
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**THE LAST BENGALS-BILLS MEETINGS**

**2013 SEASON**

**WEEK 6, GAME 6**

**Cincinnati Bengals 27, Buffalo Bills 24 (OT)**  
**Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013 at Ralph Wilson Stadium**

After the Bengals squandered a 14-point lead after three quarters, K Mike Nugent's 43-yard FG with 6:44 remaining in OT lifted Cincinnati to victory. Cincinnati seemed on the verge of going ahead 27-10 or even 31-10 late in the third quarter after moving to a first down at the Buffalo six-yard line. But the Bills turned the Bengals away with a missed FG and then tied the score at 24-all on a pair of fourth-quarter TD passes by QB Thad Lewis. Cincinnati rolled for 483 yards of net offense, with three players reaching 100 yards from scrimmage — WR Marvin Jones (105), WR A.J. Green (103) and HB Giovanni Bernard (100). QB Andy Dalton connected on 26 of 40 passes for 337 yards, three TDs and one INT (105.9 passer rating), earning AFC Offensive Player of the Week honors. The Bengals broke a six-game losing streak at Buffalo, winning there for the first time since 1985. Cincinnati improved to 4-2, while the Bills fell to 2-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	10	7	7	0	3	27
Buffalo.....	7	3	0	14	0	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 46 field goal.....	1-12:14
Buff. — T.Lewis 3 run (D.Carpenter kick).....	1-10:01
Cin. — A.Green 18 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	1-5:26
Cin. — G.Bernard 20 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	2-8:34
Buff. — D.Carpenter 51 field goal.....	2-4:14
Cin. — M.Jones 10 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-10:49
Buff. — S.Chandler 22 pass from .Lewis (D.Carpenter kick).....	4-10:13
Buff. — M.Goodwin 40 pass from T.Lewis (D.Carpenter kick).....	4-1:08
Cin. — M.Nugent 43 field goal.....	5-6:44

**Missed FGs:** M.Nugent (34WR). **Attendance:** 67,739. **Time:** 3:19.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BUFF.
First downs.....	26	20
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-18	8-17
Total net yards.....	483	322
Net yards rushing.....	165	130
Net yards passing.....	318	192
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	40-26-1	32-19-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-19	5-24
Punts-average.....	5-41.2	5-48.8
Punt returns-yards.....	3-34	2-10
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-103	5-101
Penalties-yards.....	8-78	4-27
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-1
Time of possession.....	42:52	25:24

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BUFF.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Green-Ellis	18	86	25	0	C.Spiller	10	55	19	0
M.Jones	1	34	34	0	F.Jackson	10	35	11	0
G.Bernard	15	28	7	0	T.Choice	4	24	13	0
A.Dalton	7	17	6	0	T.Lewis	7	17	5	1
					M.Goodwin	1	-1	-1	0
TOTALS	41	165	34	0	TOTALS	32	130	19	1

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BUFF.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	40	26	337	3-1	T.Lewis	32	19	216	2-0
TOTALS	40	26	337	3-1	TOTALS	32	19	216	2-0

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BUFF.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	6	103	54	1	T.Graham	4	74	47	0
G.Bernard	6	72	23	1	F.Jackson	4	13	9	0
M.Sanu	5	44	14	0	M.Goodwin	2	51	40t	1
M.Jones	3	71	42	1	S.Chandler	2	47	25	1
T.Eifert	2	13	10	0	C.Spiller	2	11	8	0
J.Gresham	2	5	4	0	R.Woods	2	9	6	0
D.Sanzenbacher	1	23	23	0	T.Choice	2	9	5	0
B.Tate	1	6	6	0	C.Hogan	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	26	337	54	3	TOTALS	19	216	47	2

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 7-6-13, G.Iloka 4-4-8, A.Jones 5-1-6, R.Mauluga 2-4-6, W.Gilberry 5-0-5, C.Dunlap 3-2-5, G.Atkins 2-3-5, M.Johnson 3-1-4, T.Newman 3-1-4, D.Peko 2-2-4, J.Harrison 1-3-4, L.Hall 3-0-3, R.Nelson 3-0-3, T.Mays 1-1-2, B.Thompson 1-1-2, V.Rey 0-2-2, D.Still 1-0-1. **SKS-YDS:** W.Gilberry 1-7, D.Peko 1-7, C.Dunlap 1-2, J.Harrison 1-1, G.Atkins 0.5-3.5, B.Thompson 0.5-3.5. **INT-YDS:** None. **PD:** T.Newman 2, W.Gilberry 1, M.Johnson 1, A.Jones 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1. **FR-YDS:** V.Burfict 1-0.

**Buffalo** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Alonso 9-13-22, D.Searcy 13-3-16, J.Hughes 5-4-9, L.McKelvin 7-1-8, A.Branch 6-0-6, N.Bradham 3-3-6, K.Williams 2-4-6, A.Moats 2-3-5, M.Dareus 4-0-4, J.Byrd 2-2-4, J.Leonhard 2-2-4, S.Gilmore 2-1-3, M.Lawson 2-1-3, A.Williams 1-1-2, C.Bryant 1-0-1, N.Robey 1-0-1, J.Westerman 0-1-1, M.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS:** D.Searcy 1-10, M.Dareus 1-7, K.Williams 0.5-1, M.Williams 0.5-1. **INT-YDS:** J.Leonhard 1-41. **PD:** J.Byrd 1, J.Hughes 1, J.Leonhard 1, L.McKelvin 1, A.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS:** None.

**2015 SEASON**

**WEEK 6, GAME 6**

**Cincinnati Bengals 34, Buffalo Bills 21**  
**Sunday, Oct. 18, 2015 at Ralph Wilson Stadium**

The Bengals overcame an early 7-0 deficit and dispatched the Bills with relative ease, moving to a 6-0 record for the third time in franchise history, tying the franchise record for longest unbeaten start to a season. Buffalo trailed only 17-14 at halftime, but the Bengals mounted TD drives on their first two possessions of the second half to put the game away. QB Andy Dalton posted a 118.6 passer rating, with three TD passes and no INTs. WR Marvin Jones had a career-high nine receptions, and DE Carlos Dunlap logged 1.5 sacks to move into the NFL sack lead for the season at 6.5. The Bengals posted a 3-0 start in road games for the first time since the 2009 division championship team won its first four away from home. Cincinnati maintained a two-game lead over 4-2 Pittsburgh for the AFC North Division lead. Buffalo fell to 3-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	10	14	3	—	34
Buffalo.....	7	7	0	7	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Buff. — E.Manuel 2 run (D.Carpenter kick).....	1-9:21
Cin. — J.Hill 13 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	1-3:26
Cin. — G.Bernard 17 run (M.Nugent kick).....	2-10:19
Cin. — M.Nugent 47 field goal.....	2-7:12
Buff. — S.Watkins 22 pass from E.Manuel (D.Carpenter kick).....	2-0:17
Cin. — M.Jones 10 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-10:55
Cin. — T.Eifert 4 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-1:42
Cin. — M.Nugent 39 field goal.....	4-10:40
Buff. — L.McCoy 4 run (D.Carpenter kick).....	4-6:50

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 69,593. **Time:** 3:09.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BUFF.
First downs.....	21	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-12	5-13
Total net yards.....	355	368
Net yards rushing.....	112	112
Net yards passing.....	243	256
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	33-22-0	42-28-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	2-7
Punts-average.....	3-40.3	5-48.6
Punt returns-yards.....	4-37	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-84	4-72
Penalties-yards.....	3-20	8-93
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	30:00	30:00

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BUFF.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Hill	16	56	10	0	L.McCoy	17	90	33	1
G.Bernard	8	50	17t	1	E.Manuel	6	22	16	1
M.Sanu	1	8	8	0					
A.Dalton	3	-2	0	0					
TOTALS	28	112	17t	1	TOTALS	23	112	33	2

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BUFF.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	33	22	243	3-0	E.Manuel	42	28	263	1-1
TOTALS	33	22	243	3-0	TOTALS	42	28	263	1-1

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BUFF.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
M.Jones	9	95	42	1	C.Clay	9	62	19	0
A.Green	4	36	12	0	C.Gragg	5	54	19	0
T.Eifert	4	30	15	1	S.Watkins	4	48	22t	1
M.Sanu	2	30	24	0	R.Woods	4	47	22	0
G.Bernard	1	23	23	0	C.Hogan	2	31	23	0
R.Hewitt	1	16	16	0	D.Herron	2	17	9	0
J.Hill	1	13	13t	1	L.McCoy	2	4	3	0
TOTALS	22	243	42	3	TOTALS	28	263	23	1

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Nelson 8-3-11, V.Rey 7-1-8, D.Kirkpatrick 6-0-6, G.Iloka 4-2-6, E.Lamur 3-3-6, R.Mauluga 2-4-6, A.Jones 4-1-5, M.Johnson 4-0-4, W.Gilberry 2-1-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, D.Peko 0-3-3, G.Atkins 2-0-2, W.Clarke 1-0-1, C.Carter 0-1-1, D.Dennard 0-1-1, B.Thompson 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS:** C.Dunlap 1.5-7, B.Thompson 0.5-0. **INT-YDS:** D.Dennard 1-10. **PD:** C.Dunlap 1, D.Dennard 1, A.Jones 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, R.Nelson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS:** None.

**Buffalo** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** P.Brown 7-2-9, C.Graham 4-3-7, R.Darby 6-0-6, D.Williams 5-1-6, M.Lawson 3-3-6, S.Gilmore 5-0-5, M.Dareus 3-1-4, J.Hughes 3-1-4, C.Bryant 1-3-4, N.Bradham 2-1-3, S.Charles 0-2-2, B.Rambo 1-0-1, M.Williams 1-0-1, Ky.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS:** None. **INT-YDS:** None. **PD:** S.Gilmore 2, N.Bradham 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. Denver responded with final-period TD drives of 82 and 83 yards, capping the 83-yarder with a 50-yard pass from second-year QB Trevor Siemian to WR Demaryius Thomas.

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. Includes plays like J.Hill 3 run, B.McManus 20 field goal, E.Sanders 41 pass from T.Siemian.

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

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

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

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

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

DEFENSE table with columns DEN., CIN. for ST-AT-TT, SKS.-YDS., INT.-YDS., PD, FR-YDS. for B.Marshall, D.Stewart, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns DEN., CIN. for ST-AT-TT, SKS.-YDS., INT.-YDS., PD, FR-YDS. for A.Jones, V.Rey, D.Peko, 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, for the remainder of the Thursday night game. Cincinnati logged five sacks, including two with one forced fumble by DE Carlos Dunlap, and the Dolphins managed only 43 offensive snaps.

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. Includes plays like M.Nugent 42 field goal, K.Stills 74 pass from R.Tannehill.

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

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

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

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

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

DEFENSE table with columns MIA., CIN. for ST-AT-TT, SKS.-YDS., INT.-YDS., PD, FR-YDS. for R.Jones, K.Alonso, etc.

DEFENSE table with columns MIA., CIN. for ST-AT-TT, SKS.-YDS., INT.-YDS., PD, FR-YDS. for D.Dennard, C.Dunlap, 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 QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like 'Dall. - E.Elliott 13 run (D.Bailey kick)' with times.

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

TEAM STATISTICS CIN. DALL. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING CIN. DALL. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD for players like G.Bernard, A.Dalton, J.Hill.

PASSING CIN. DALL. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for players like A.Dalton, D.Prescott.

RECEIVING CIN. DALL. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD for players like B.LaFell, G.Bernard, C.Uzomah.

DEFENSE 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.

DEFENSE 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 QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like 'N.E. - S.Gostkowski 46 field goal' with times.

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

TEAM STATISTICS CIN. N.E. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING CIN. N.E. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD for players like G.Bernard, J.Hill, A.Dalton, R.Burkhead.

PASSING CIN. N.E. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for players like A.Dalton, T.Brady.

RECEIVING CIN. N.E. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD for players like A.Green, T.Boyd, G.Bernard, T.Kroft, B.LaFell, C.Uzomah, J.Hill, J.Wright.

DEFENSE 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.

DEFENSE NEW ENGLAND (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Hightower 3-10-13, D.McCourty 6-1-7, A.Branch 3-3-6, E.Roberts 1-5-6, L.Ryan 5-0-5, 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 4, D.McCourty 1, E.Rowe 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

WEEK 7, GAME 7

Cincinnati Bengals 31, Cleveland Browns 17
Sunday, Oct. 23, 2016 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals won their fourth straight game in the "Battle of Ohio" series and extended their series lead to 47-39, establishing a new largest margin (eight games) in series history. They did it with a 559-yard offensive explosion, their most net yards since 1990 and the seventh-highest total in franchise history.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. for Cleveland and Cincinnati.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT

Scoring play list for Cincinnati including G. Bernard 5 run, C. Parkey 28 field goal, I. Crowell 1 run, B. LaFell 44 pass, A. Green 48 pass, K. Hogan 28 run, J. Hill 74 run, M. Nugent 36 field goal.

Missed FGs: M. Nugent (40WR, 45RU). Attendance: 65,047. Time: 2:50.

TEAM STATISTICS CLE. CIN.

Team statistics table for Cleveland and Cincinnati including First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

Rushing statistics table with columns CLE., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

Passing statistics table with columns CLE., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

Receiving statistics table with columns CLE., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Kirksey 4-4-8, E.Ogbah 5-1-6, J.Taylor 3-2-5, B.Boddy-Calhoun 4-0-4, X.Cooper 3-1-4, T.Howard 3-1-4, D.Davis 2-2-4, D.Kindred 2-2-4, J.Meder 2-2-4, C.Nassib 2-2-4, D.Shelton 3-0-3, T.Williams 2-1-3, I.Campbell 2-0-2. SKS.-YDS.: E.Ogbah 2-12, C.Kirksey 0.5-4, C.Nassib 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: B.Boddy-Calhoun 1, C.Kirksey 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: K.Dansby 9-2-11, G.Iloka 8-2-10, V.Burfict 5-3-8, S.Williams 3-2-5, D.Kirkpatrick 4-0-4, M.Johnson 3-0-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, W.Clarke 1-1-2, R.Maulaluga 1-1-2, D.Peko 1-1-2, P.Sims 1-1-2, A.Jones 1-0-1, V.Rey 1-0-1, D.Smith 1-0-1, D.Dennard 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Dunlap 1-6, S.Williams 1-4. INT.-YDS.: S.Williams 1-13, V.Rey 1-6. PD: V.Rey 2, V.Burfict 1, K.Dansby 1, D.Dennard 1, C.Dunlap 1, S.Williams 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 8, GAME 8

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Washington Redskins 27 (OT)
Sunday, Oct. 30, 2016 at Wembley Stadium (London, England)

Appearing for the first time in the NFL's International Series, at London's famed Wembley Stadium, the Bengals played their third tie in their last nine seasons, with missed place kicks playing a significant role in the deadlocked result. Bengals K Mike Nugent missed a PAT in the third quarter, a factor in the game reaching OT, and Redskins K Dustin Hopkins missed a 34-yard FG try late in the OT period.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. for Washington and Cincinnati.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT

Scoring play list for Washington including R. Kelley 4 run, G. Bernard 8 run, D. Hopkins 20 field goal, T. Eifert 15 pass, A. Dalton (kick failed), A. Dalton 1 run, J. Reed 23 pass, J. Crowder 33 pass, K. Cousins (D. Hopkins kick), J. Hill 1 run, D. Hopkins 40 field goal.

Missed FGs: D. Hopkins (55SH, 34WL), M. Nugent (51WL). Attendance: 84,488. Time: 3:56.

TEAM STATISTICS WASH. CIN.

Team statistics table for Washington and Cincinnati including First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

Rushing statistics table with columns WASH., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING

Passing statistics table with columns WASH., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING

Receiving statistics table with columns WASH., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Washington (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: W.Compton 8-2-10, D.Whitner 8-1-9, K.Fuller 7-0-7, J.Norman 6-0-6, C.Baker 5-0-5, D.Ihenacho 4-0-4, M.Foster 3-1-4, B.Breeland 3-0-3, R.Kerrigan 3-0-3, P.Smith 3-0-3, S.Cravens 2-0-2, Q.Dunbar 2-0-2, T.Murphy 2-0-2, E.Hood 1-1-2, R.Jean Francois 1-0-1, C.Jenkins 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Baker 1-9, R.Kerrigan 1-8, S.Cravens 1-4. INT.-YDS.: W.Compton 1-5. PD: J.Norman 3, W.Compton 1, S.Cravens 1, D.Ihenacho 1, R.Kerrigan 1. FF: C.Baker 1. FR-YDS.: A.Lanier 1-0.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Burfict 10-0-10, S.Williams 9-0-9, K.Dansby 6-0-6, D.Kirkpatrick 6-0-6, V.Rey 6-0-6, J.Shaw 6-0-6, G.Iloka 5-0-5, A.Jones 4-0-4, D.Peko 4-0-4, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, G.Atkins 2-0-2, R.Maulaluga 2-0-2, W.Clarke 1-0-1, D.Dennard 1-0-1, M.Johnson 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: G.Atkins 1-12. INT.-YDS.: G.Iloka 1-0. PD: C.Dunlap 1, G.Iloka 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

**WEEK 10, GAME 9**

**N.Y. Giants 21, Cincinnati Bengals 20**

Monday night, Nov. 14, 2016 at MetLife Stadium

Trailing 14-10 at halftime at MetLife Stadium, the Bengals came out strong to start the third quarter. Rookie WR Alex Erickson took the opening kickoff 84 yards to the New York 13-yard line, setting up a nine-yard TD from by HB Jeremy Hill for a 17-14 lead. The Bengals defense then forced a Giants three-and-out, and back came the Bengals offense again. QB Andy Dalton led the team 41 yards in six plays to the Giants' 20, and on play seven, it seemed for an instant that rookie WR Tyler Boyd had made an excellent mid-air catch on third down for another TD. But Boyd could not control the ball through his collision with the turf, and an incomplection was ruled. Cincinnati had to settle for a FG, keeping the game a one-score affair at 20-14, and the Giants scored what proved to be the winning TD early in the fourth quarter, converting a fourth-and-goal gamble from the Cincinnati three on a pass from QB Eli Manning to rookie WR Sterling Shepard. The Bengals fell to 3-5-1, while the Giants improved to 7-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	3	10	0	—	20
N.Y. Giants.....	7	7	0	7	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
NYG — J.Adams 10 pass from E.Manning (R.Gould kick) .....	1-11:05
Cin. — A.Green 13 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick) .....	1-8:58
Cin. — M.Nugent 25 field goal .....	2-4:19
NYG — O.Beckham 10 pass from E.Manning (R.Gould kick) .....	2-1:17
Cin. — J.Hill 9 run (M.Nugent kick).....	3-13:58
Cin. — M.Nugent 38 field goal .....	3-8:52
NYG — S.Shepard 3 pass from E.Manning (R.Gould kick) .....	4-14:05

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 76,218. Time: 3:12.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	NYG
First downs.....	12	23
Third down conversions-attempts.....	2-11	6-14
Total net yards .....	264	351
Net yards rushing.....	78	122
Net yards passing .....	186	229
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	29-16-1	44-28-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-18	1-11
Punts-average.....	7-48.0	6-46.0
Punt returns-yards.....	3-35	4-40
Kickoff returns-yards .....	4-145	3-53
Penalties-yards .....	9-60	2-15
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-0
Time of possession .....	28:37	31:23

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	NYG	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Hill	15	46	9t	1	R.Jennings	15	87	25	0
G.Bernard	7	17	7	0	P.Perkins	9	31	9	0
A.Dalton	1	15	15	0	E.Manning	3	4	6	9
TOTALS	23	78	15	1	TOTALS	27	122	25	0

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	NYG	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	29	16	204	1-1	E.Manning	44	28	240	3-2
TOTALS	29	16	204	1-1	TOTALS	44	28	240	3-2

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	NYG	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	7	68	21	1	O.Beckham	10	97	21	1
T.Eifert	3	96	71	0	W.Tye	5	53	25	0
G.Bernard	3	19	10	0	S.Shepard	5	42	13	1
T.Boyd	2	12	11	0	R.Jennings	3	22	16	0
B.LaFell	1	9	9	0	J.Adams	3	18	10t	1
					T.King	1	6	6	0
					R.Lewis	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	16	204	71	1	TOTALS	28	240	25	3

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Rey 9-5-14, V.Burfict 9-2-11, G.Iloka 6-3-9, D.Dennard 5-1-6, M.Johnson 4-1-5, D.Kirkpatrick 2-3-5, S.Williams 4-0-4, K.Dansby 2-2-4, A.Jones 2-1-3, D.Peko 0-3-3, G.Atkins 2-0-2, W.Clarke 2-0-2, J.Shaw 1-1-2, P.Sims 1-1-2, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, W.Gilberry 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 1-11. **INT.-YDS.:** D.Kirkpatrick 1-21, G.Iloka 1-0. **PD:** V.Burfict 1, K.Dansby 1, C.Dunlap 1, G.Iloka 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1. **FF:** V.Burfict 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**N.Y. Giants** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** O.Vernon 4-6-10, D.Harrison 6-2-8, J.Jenkins 6-0-6, L.Collins 5-0-5, J.Casillas 3-2-5, J.Pierre-Paul 2-3-5, K.Sheppard 3-0-3, C.Sensabaugh 2-1-3, D.Kennard 2-0-2, T.Wade 2-0-2, D.Rodgers-Cromartie 1-1-2, K.Robinson 0-2-2, E.Apple 1-0-1, J.Bromley 1-0-1, J.Hankins 1-0-1, R.Thomas 1-0-1, A.Adams 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** O.Vernon 1-7, R.Thomas 1-4, J.Casillas 0.5-3.5, D.Harrison 0.5-3.5. **INT.-YDS.:** L.Collins 1-0. **PD:** J.Pierre-Paul 2, O.Beckham 1, L.Collins 1, J.Jenkins 1, D.Rodgers-Cromartie 1, T.Wade 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

## IN 2016, THE BENGALS ARE:

### REGULAR SEASON

**2-1-1** at home (or as designated home team at neutral site)  
**1-4-0** on the road (or as designated visitor at neutral site)  
**2-1-0** when scoring first  
**1-4-1** when opponent scored first  
**1-1-1** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**1-1-1** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**2-0-0** when leading at halftime  
**0-0-0** when tied at halftime  
**1-5-1** when trailing at halftime  
**3-1-1** when leading after three quarters  
**0-0-0** when tied after three quarters  
**0-4-0** when trailing after three quarters  
**1-2-1** when rushing for 100 net yards

**1-2-0** when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards  
**2-2-0** with plus turnover differential  
**1-2-0** with even turnover differential  
**0-1-1** with minus turnover differential  
**3-1-1** when passing for 250 net yards  
**0-3-1** when opponent passes for 250 net yards  
**3-1-1** when scoring 20 points or more  
**1-5-1** when opponent scored 20 points or more  
**3-4-1** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**0-1-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**0-1-1** on natural grass  
**3-4-0** on synthetic surface  
**3-2-1** with fewer penalty yards

## UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

### 2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

**65-40-3** at home (or as home team at neutral site)  
**50-59-0** on the road (or a visitor at neutral site)  
**78-32-1** when scoring first  
**37-67-2** when opponent scores first  
**21-21-3** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**53-45-3** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**81-26-2** when leading at halftime  
**11-2-0** when tied at halftime  
**23-71-1** when trailing at halftime  
**92-17-2** when leading after three quarters  
**7-4-0** when tied after three quarters  
**16-78-1** when trailing after three quarters  
**79-36-2** when rushing for 100 net yards

**71-27-1** when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards  
**72-17-1** with plus turnover differential  
**27-22-0** with even turnover differential  
**16-60-2** with minus turnover differential  
**40-32-2** when passing for 250 net yards  
**32-38-3** when opponent passes for 250 net yards  
**94-37-2** when scoring 20 points or more  
**39-88-2** when opponent scores 20 points or more  
**110-92-3** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**5-7-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**39-34-1** on natural grass  
**76-65-2** on synthetic surface  
**62-49-2** with fewer penalty yards

# BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

168 — Jeremy Hill, Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland  
97 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver  
80 — Giovani Bernard, Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

21 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 29 vs. Miami  
20 — Jeremy Hill, Oct. 30 vs. Washington at London  
17 — (two times)

### LONGEST RUSHES

74 — Jeremy Hill, Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland (TD)  
50 — Jeremy Hill, Sept. 25 vs. Denver  
40 — Jeremy Hill, Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland

### RECEPTIONS

12 — A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets  
10 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami  
9 — (three times)

### RECEIVING YARDS

180 — A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets  
173 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami  
169 — A.J. Green, Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland

### PASSING YARDS

366 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets  
366 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh  
308 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland

### PASS ATTEMPTS

54 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh  
42 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 30 vs. Washington at London  
41 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 9 at Dallas

### PASS COMPLETIONS

31 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Pittsburgh  
29 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 9 at Dallas  
27 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 30 vs. Washington at London

### LONGEST PASSES

71 — Andy Dalton to Tyler Eifert, Nov. 14 at N.Y. Giants  
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

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

192 — Jeremy Hill, Oct. 23 vs. Cleveland  
180 — A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets  
173 — A.J. Green, Sept. 29 vs. Miami

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

84 — Alex Erickson, Nov. 14 at N.Y. Giants  
65 — Alex Erickson, Oct. 30 vs. Washington at London  
26 — Alex Erickson, Oct. 16 at New England

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

18 — Alex Erickson, Nov. 14 at N.Y. Giants  
15 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 11 at N.Y. Jets  
12 — (two times)

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

14 — Vincent Rey, Nov. 14 at N.Y. Giants  
11 — (three times)

### SOLO TACKLES\*

10 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 30 vs. Washington at London  
9 — (four times)

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



# TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 11	at N.Y. Jets	381	19-57	324	23-30	1/1	7-42	18	3-11	0-0	25:07
Sept. 18	at Pittsburgh	412	18-46	366	31-54	1/0	1-0	21	4-16	2-2	27:05
Sept. 25	DENVER	332	29-143	189	21-31	0/1	4-17	20	5-12	1-1	32:06
Sept. 29	MIAMI	362	37-77	285	22-31	1/0	1-11	19	3-15	2-0	38:02
Oct. 9	at Dallas	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	559	30-271	288	19-28	2/0	3-20	23	5-10	2-1	28:12
Oct. 30	VS. WASHINGTON	415	36-152	263	27-42	1/1	3-21	35	8-15	2-1	35:18
Nov. 6	— BYE —										
Nov. 14	at N.Y. Giants	264	23-78	186	16-29	1/1	3-18	12	2-11	0-0	28:37
Nov. 20	BUFFALO										
Nov. 27	at Baltimore										
Dec. 4	PHILADELPHIA										
Dec. 11	at Cleveland										
Dec. 18	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 24	at Houston										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3427</b>	<b>243-1040</b>	<b>2387</b>	<b>209-317</b>	<b>10/4</b>	<b>28-166</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>40-114</b>	<b>9-5</b>	<b>30:08</b>

## 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	352	26-180	172	21-35	0/2	2-10	22	6-14	0-0	31:48
Oct. 30	VS. WASHINGTON	546	31-100	446	38-56	2/1	1-12	30	8-17	0-0	39:42
Nov. 6	— BYE —										
Nov. 14	at N.Y. Giants	351	27-122	229	28-44	3/2	1-11	23	6-14	1-0	31:23
Nov. 20	BUFFALO										
Nov. 27	at Baltimore										
Dec. 4	PHILADELPHIA										
Dec. 11	at Cleveland										
Dec. 18	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 24	at Houston										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3379</b>	<b>238-1051</b>	<b>2328</b>	<b>210-326</b>	<b>19/9</b>	<b>17-104</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>47-115</b>	<b>8-3</b>	<b>29:52</b>

# TRANSACTIONS

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

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| <p>July 28, 2016 — Signed S <b>Jimmy Wilson</b> (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 2, 2016 — Signed H-B <b>Ryan Hewitt*</b> to a contract extension.</p> <p>Aug. 3, 2016 — Signed CB <b>Corey Tindal</b> (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 9, 2016 — Signed CB <b>Tony McRae</b> (FA).</p> <p>Aug. 29, 2016 — Waived the following 11 players: WR <b>Michael Bennett</b>; LB <b>Jayson DiManche</b>; DE <b>Jack Gangwish</b>; WR <b>Antwane Grant</b>; LB <b>Darien Harris</b>; K <b>Zach Hocker</b>; QB <b>Joe Licata</b>; FB <b>Jeff Luc</b>; TE <b>John Peters</b>; S <b>Floyd Raven</b>; CB <b>Corey Tindal</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 30, 2016 — Placed DT <b>Andrew Billings</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed DT <b>Brandon Thompson</b> on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Waived WR <b>Mario Alford</b> (injured); Waived K <b>Jonathan Brown</b> from the Reserve/Injured list; Terminated the contract of WR <b>Brandon Tate</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 31, 2016 — WR <b>Mario Alford</b> cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2016 — Terminated the contract of S <b>Jimmy Wilson</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2016 — Placed DT <b>Marcus Hardison</b> on the Reserve Injured list; Placed LB <b>Vontaze Burfict</b> on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list; Terminated the contract of CB <b>Chykie Brown</b>; Waived WR <b>Mario Alford</b> from the Reserve/Injured list (injury settlement); Waived the following 18 players: FB <b>Andrew Bonnet</b>, DE <b>Ryan Brown</b>, HB <b>Tra Carson</b>, C <b>Alex Cooper</b>, DT <b>David Dean</b>, OT <b>Aaron Epps</b>, HB <b>Bronson Hill</b>, CB <b>Darius Hillary</b>, G <b>Trey Hopkins</b>, WR <b>Jake Kumerow</b>, TE <b>Matt Lengel</b>, CB <b>Tony McRae</b>, G <b>Alex Redmond</b>, WR <b>Alonzo Russell</b>, WR <b>Rashaun Simonise</b>, G <b>Trip Thurman</b>, OT <b>John Weidenaar</b> and</p> | <p>QB <b>Keith Wenning</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 4, 2016 — Acquired QB <b>Jeff Driskel</b> on waivers from San Francisco; Waived LB <b>P.J. Dawson</b>; Placed CB <b>William Jackson</b> and HB <b>Cedric Peerman</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Re-signed CB <b>Chykie Brown</b> and G <b>Trey Hopkins</b>; Signed the following nine players to the practice squad: DE <b>Ryan Brown</b>, HB <b>Tra Carson</b>, DT <b>David Dean</b>, CB <b>Darius Hillary</b>, WR <b>Jake Kumerow</b>, TE <b>Matt Lengel</b>, CB <b>Tony McRae</b>, G <b>Alex Redmond</b>, WR <b>Alonzo Russell</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 7, 2016 — Signed LB <b>P.J. Dawson</b> to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 15, 2016 — Acquired CB <b>Kei'Varae Russell</b> on waivers from Kansas City; Waived G <b>Trey Hopkins</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 16, 2016 — Signed G <b>Trey Hopkins</b> to the practice squad; Released CB <b>Tony McRae</b> from the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 26, 2016 — Announced that the NFL granted LB <b>Vontaze Burfict</b> (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a three-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.</p> <p>Sept. 29, 2016 — Activated LB <b>Vontaze Burfict</b> from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived LB <b>Trevor Roach</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 30, 2016 — Signed LB <b>Trevor Roach</b> to the practice squad; Released CB <b>Darius Hillary</b> from the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 2, 2016 — TE <b>Matt Lengel</b> (practice squad) signed with New England.</p> <p>Nov. 3, 2016 — Waived CB <b>Chris Lewis-Harris</b>.</p> <p>Nov. 7, 2016 — Signed DE <b>Wallace Gilberry</b> (FA).</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.)

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| <p><b>P</b> — played as a substitute</p> <p><b>DNP</b> — did not play</p> <p><b>IL</b> — inactive list</p> <p><b>PS</b> — practice squad</p> | <p><b>RI</b> — reserve/injured list</p> <p><b>RPUP</b> — reserve/physically unable to perform list</p> <p><b>RNFI</b> — reserve/non-football injury list</p> <p><b>RNF-I</b> — reserve/non-football illness list</p> <p><b>RSBC</b> — reserve/suspended by commissioner list</p> | <p><b>RF</b> — reserve/future list</p> <p><b>REX</b> — roster exemption</p> <p><b>^</b> — reserve/non-injured player designated for return</p> <p><b>*</b> — eligible to practice while on a reserve list</p> <p><b>NWT</b> — not with team</p> |
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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.....	9-9	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT							
Bernard, Giovanni.....	9-2	P	P	P	P	HB	HB	P	P	P							
Billings, Andrew.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI							
Bodine, Russell.....	9-9	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C							
Boling, Clint.....	9-9	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG							
Boyd, Tyler.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Brown, Chykie.....	3-0	P	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	P							
Brown, Ryan.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS							
Burfict, Vontaze.....	6-6	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	LB	WLB	LB	LB	WLB	LB							
Burkhead, Rex.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Carson, Tra.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS							
Clarke, Will.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Core, Cody.....	2-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	IL	P							
Dalton, Andy.....	9-9	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB							
Dansby, Karlos.....	9-4	LB	P	SLB	P	SLB	P	P	SLB	P							
Dawson, P.J.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS							
Dean, David.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS							
Dennard, Darqueze.....	8-1	IL	P	P	LCB	P	P	P	P	P							
Driskel, Jeff.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL							
Dunlap, Carlos.....	9-9	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE							
Eifert, Tyler.....	3-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P							
Erickson, Alex.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Fisher, Jake.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	DNP	P	P	P	P							
Flowers, Marquis.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Gilberry, Wallace.....	1-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P							
Green, A.J.....	9-9	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR							
Hardison, Marcus.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI							
Harris, Clark.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Hewitt, Ryan.....	9-6	H-B	H-B	H-B	P	H-B	P	P	H-B	H-B							
Hill, Jeremy.....	9-7	HB	HB	HB	HB	P	P	HB	HB	HB							
Hillary, Darius.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT							
Hopkins, Trey.....	0-0	IL	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS							
Huber, Kevin.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Hunt, Margus.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Iloka, George.....	9-9	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS							
Jackson, William.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI							
Johnson, Michael.....	9-9	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE							
Johnson, T.J.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Jones, Adam.....	9-9	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB							
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	8-8	LCB	LCB	LCB	IL	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB							
Kroft, Tyler.....	9-7	P	P	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE							
Kumerow, Jake.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS							
LaFell, Brandon.....	9-7	WR	WR	P	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	WR							
Lengel, Matt.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT							
Lewis-Harris, Chris.....	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	NWT							
Mauluga, Rey.....	8-5	P	LB	MLB	LB	MLB	P	P	MLB	IL							
McCarron, AJ.....	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP							
McRae, Tony.....	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT							
Nugent, Mike.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Ogbuehi, Cedric.....	9-9	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT							
Peerman, Cedric.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI							
Peko, Domata.....	9-9	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT							
Redmond, Alex.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS							
Rey, Vincent.....	9-6	LB	LB	WLB	P	P	LB	LB	P	LB							
Roach, Trevor.....	3-0	P	P	P	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS							
Russell, Alonzo.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS							
Russell, KeiVarae.....	0-0	NWT	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL							
Shaw, Josh.....	9-6	nkIDB	nkIDB	P	nkIDB	P	nkIDB	nkIDB	P	nkIDB							
Sims, Pat.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Smith, Derron.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Thompson, Brandon.....	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP							
Uzomah, C.J.....	8-6	TE	TE	P	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE	IL	P							
Vigil, Nick.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Westerman, Christian.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL							
Whitworth, Andrew.....	9-9	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT							
Williams, DeShawn.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL							
Williams, Shawn.....	9-9	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS							
Winston, Eric.....	9-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P							
Wright, James.....	7-1	P	P	WR	P	IL	P	P	P	IL							
Zeitler, Kevin.....	9-9	RG	RG	RG	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	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Oct. 30	VS. WASHINGTON	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Kroft	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Nov. 6	— BYE —											
Nov. 14	at N.Y. Giants	Green	Whitworth	Boling	Bodine	Zeitler	Ogbuehi	Kroft	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
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)	Mauluga(LB)	Rey(LB)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Sept. 25	DENVER	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Dansby	Mauluga	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Sept. 29	MIAMI	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Shaw(nickel)	Mauluga(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Dennard	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Oct. 9	at Dallas	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Dansby	Mauluga	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	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Shaw(nickel)	Rey(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Oct. 30	VS. WASHINGTON	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Dansby	Mauluga	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Nov. 6	— BYE —											
Nov. 14	at N.Y. Giants	Dunlap	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Shaw(nickel)	Rey(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
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

NOV. 16, 2016

## OFFENSE

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

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	96	CARLOS DUNLAP	99	Margus Hunt			
<b>NT</b>	94	DOMATA PEKO	92	Pat Sims			
<b>DT</b>	97	GENO ATKINS	69	DeShawn Williams			
<b>RDE</b>	90	MICHAEL JOHNSON	93	Will Clarke		95	Wallace Gilberry
<b>SLB</b>	56	KARLOS DANSBY	53	Marquis Flowers			
<b>MLB</b>	58	REY MAUALUGA	57	Vincent Rey			
<b>WLB</b>	55	VONTAZE BURFICT	<u>59</u>	<u>Nick Vigil</u>			
<b>LCB</b>	27	DRE KIRKPATRICK	26	Josh Shaw		<u>20</u>	<u>KeiVarae Russell</u>
<b>RCB</b>	24	ADAM JONES	21	Darqueze Dennard		23	Chykie Brown
<b>SS</b>	36	SHAWN WILLIAMS	<u>42</u>	<u>Clayton Fejedelem</u>			
<b>FS</b>	43	GEORGE ILOKA	31	Derron Smith			

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	Kevin Huber					
<b>K</b>	2	Mike Nugent					
<b>LS</b>	46	Clark Harris					
<b>H</b>	10	Kevin Huber					
<b>PR</b>	24	Adam Jones	<u>12</u>	<u>Alex Erickson</u>		<u>83</u>	<u>Tyler Boyd</u>
<b>KOR</b>	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><b>Geno</b> Atkins..... JEE-no</p> <p><b>Giovani</b> Bernard.....jee-o-VAHN-ee</p> <p><b>Russell Bodine</b>.....BO-dine</p> <p><b>Chykie</b> Brown.....CHAH-kee</p> <p><b>Vontaze Burfict</b>.....VONN-tez BER-fict (rhymes with "perfect")</p> <p><b>Darqueze Dennard</b>.....dar-KWEZ deh-NARD</p> <p><b>Tyler Eifert</b>.....IE(rhymes with "tie")-fert</p> <p><b>Clayton Fejedelem</b>.....FEDGE-uh-lemm (the "d" is silent)</p> <p><b>Marquis</b> Flowers.....mar-KEECE(rhymes with "peace")</p> <p><b>Paul Guenther</b> (defensive coordinator).....GUN-thur</p> <p><b>Jim Haslett</b> (linebackers coach).....HAZ-lett</p> <p><b>Ryan Hewitt</b>.....HUE-it</p> <p><b>Margus</b> Hunt.....MAR-guss</p> <p><b>George Iloka</b>.....ie(rhymes with "tie")-LO-kuh</p>	<p><b>Dre</b> Kirkpatrick.....DRAY</p> <p><b>Jake Kumerow</b> (Practice Squad).....KOO-mer-o</p> <p><b>Bill Lazor</b> (quarterbacks coach).....(pronounced as "laser")</p> <p><b>Matt Lengel</b> (Practice Squad).....LENG-guhl (hard "g" on second syllable)</p> <p><b>Rey Maualuga</b>.....RAY mow(rhymes with "now")-uh-LOO-guh</p> <p><b>Cedric Ogbuehi</b>.....o-BWAY-hee</p> <p><b>Domata Peko</b>.....DOE-mah-tah PECK-o</p> <p><b>Vincent Rey</b>.....RAY</p> <p><b>KeiVarae</b> Russell.....kee-VAR-ay</p> <p><b>Derron</b> Smith.....duh-RONN</p> <p><b>C.J. Uzomah</b>.....yew-ZAH-mah</p> <p><b>Ken Zampese</b> (offensive coordinator).....zam-PEE-zee</p> <p><b>Kevin Zeitler</b>.....ZITE-ler</p>
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

**NOV. 16, 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.	D4'11
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	197	11-15-94	R	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
23	Brown, Chykie	CB	5-11	191	12-26-86	5	Texas	Houston, Texas	FA'16
55	Burfict, Vontaze	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	5	Arizona State	Corona, Calif.	CFA'12
33	Burkhead, Rex	HB	5-10	210	7-2-90	4	Nebraska	Plano, Texas	D6a'13
93	Clarke, Will	DE	6-6	280	5-4-91	3	West Virginia	Pittsburgh, Pa.	D3'14
16	Core, Cody	WR	6-3	210	4-17-94	R	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	6	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
56	Dansby, Karlos	LB	6-3	251	11-3-81	13	Auburn	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'16
21	Dennard, Darqueze	CB	5-11	198	10-10-91	3	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
6	Driskel, Jeff	QB	6-4	231	4-23-93	R	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	7	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
85	Eifert, Tyler	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	4	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	R	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
42	Fejedelem, Clayton	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	R	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
74	Fisher, Jake	OT	6-6	305	4-23-93	2	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15
53	Flowers, Marquis	LB	6-3	245	2-16-92	3	Arizona	Phoenix, Ariz.	D6'14
95	Gilberry, Wallace	DE	6-2	270	12-5-84	9	Alabama	Bay Minette, Ala.	FA'16
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
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
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
22 +	Jackson, William (9-4-16; pectoral)	CB	6-0	187	10-27-92	R	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
30 +	Peerman, Cedric (9-4-16; forearm)	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	7	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10

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6	Jeff Driskel.....	QB	6-4	231	4-23-93	R	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
10	Kevin Huber.....	P	6-1	211	7-16-85	8	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Brandon LaFell.....	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	7	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
12	Alex Erickson.....	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	R	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
14	Andy Dalton.....	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	6	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
16	Cody Core.....	WR	6-3	210	4-17-94	R	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
18	A.J. Green.....	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	6	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
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33	Rex Burkhead.....	HB	5-10	210	7-2-90	4	Nebraska	Plano, Texas	D6a'13
36	Shawn Williams.....	S	6-0	210	5-13-91	4	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
42	Clayton Fejedelem.....	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	R	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
43	George Iloka.....	S	6-4	225	3-31-90	5	Boise State	Houston, Texas	D5c'12
46	Clark Harris.....	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	8	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
53	Marquis Flowers.....	LB	6-3	245	2-16-92	3	Arizona	Phoenix, Ariz.	D6'14
55	Vontaze Burfict.....	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	5	Arizona State	Corona, Calif.	CFA'12
56	Karlos Dansby.....	LB	6-3	251	11-3-81	13	Auburn	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'16
57	Vincent Rey.....	LB	6-0	250	9-6-87	6	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
58	Rey Mauluga.....	LB	6-2	258	1-20-87	8	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
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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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