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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CINCINNATI BENGALS (0-3) AT CLEVELAND BROWNS (0-3)

**WEEK 4, GAME 4
SUNDAY, OCT. 1
AT FIRSTENERGY STADIUM**

**NEXT WEEK: WEEK 5, GAME 5
OCT. 8 VS. BUFFALO**

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: CBS broadcast with Spero Dedes (play-by-play) and Adam Archuleta (analyst). The game will air in the Bengals home market on WKRC-TV (Channel 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Channel 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Channel 27) in Lexington, Ky.

Radio: Coverage on the Bengals Radio Network, led by Cincinnati flagship stations WCKY-AM (ESPN 1530; all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

Setting the scene: The Cincinnati Bengals haven't yet improved in the standings, but they are showing clear signs of progress on the field, and they look to turn the corner on Sunday in the 88th "Battle of Ohio" against the Cleveland Browns at FirstEnergy Stadium. It's the first matchup this season between the AFC North rivals, and with both teams standing at 0-3, rarely in the lengthy series have the two squads needed a win as badly as they do this week.

Cincinnati has won 19 of its last 25 meetings with Cleveland, and the Bengals currently are winners of five straight games in the series. Should they extend that to six consecutive victories, the Bengals will set a new mark for their longest win streak ever against the Browns.

Fans of AFC North teams, however, know all too well that division wins are hard to come by. The last time Cincinnati and Cleveland met in similar circumstances was the first meeting of 2008, when both clubs were 0-3 going into a late September contest at Paul Brown Stadium. After that contest, the Browns left town with a 20-12 win. As the visiting team in this week's game, the Bengals likewise hope to fly out of Cleveland this Sunday evening with their first victory of 2017.

Last week, Cincinnati suffered an anguished 27-24 overtime loss to the Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field. The Bengals' offense, which had not scored a touchdown in either of the first two games, scored TDs on two of its first three possessions. Behind those scores and an interception returned for a touchdown by CB William Jackson, the Bengals jumped out to a 21-7 lead on the defending NFC North Champions and controlled that advantage for most of the game. In the first half, Cincinnati outgained Green Bay in net yards, 192-78, while winning on third downs on both sides of the line of scrimmage, converting four of seven while holding the Packers to two of seven.

In the second half, however, the Packers flipped the third downs, converting five of eight and holding the Bengals to zero of five. Behind the direction of QB Aaron Rodgers, a two-time NFL MVP with a Super Bowl victory and six Pro Bowls to his credit, Green Bay rallied down the stretch. No stranger to come-from-behind victories or game-winning drives, Rodgers directed a 12-play, 71-yard TD drive with 17 seconds left to send the game into overtime. Then, after the Bengals' offense stalled with a three-and-out on the opening drive of OT, Rodgers connected with WR Geronimo Allison on third-and-10 for a 72-yard pass to the Bengals' seven-yard line, and two plays later, the Packers won on a 27-yard FG.

Despite the loss, several Bengals had noteworthy individual performances. On offense, QB Andy Dalton completed 21 of 27 passes for 212 yards, two TDs and no INTs (124.1 passer rating), and WR A.J. Green caught 10 passes for 111 yards and a TD. On defense, in addition to Jackson's pick-six, rookie LB Carl Lawson recorded 2.5 sacks, and he even had another sack erased due to a defensive penalty.

"There were a lot of positives (in the Packers game), and we moved forward

in a lot of ways," said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "I thought the offensive staff did a good job and had a good plan. In the second half, we weren't very good on third downs. We had four possessions in the second half — two were four plays and a punt, and on the other two we drove for opportunities for field goals (one made, and one missed). That means you're stalling on third downs. What proved to be the difference offensively is not converting third downs and not getting touchdowns on the board in the second half.

"Defensively, we have to be more consistent. We can't give up the chunk plays like we did (in the Packers game), giving opportunities to the quarterback. We have to play tight coverage and stay consistent in the rush. We did a good job in the pass rush most of the day, but we have to be consistent throughout the entire game, as pass rush and pass coverage always work together."

In preparing this week for Sunday's game against the Browns, the Bengals will focus on continuing their progress on offense, particularly scoring touchdowns, while also concentrating on sustaining what otherwise would be solid defensive efforts. Their defense will be boosted this week with the return of LB Vontaze Burfict, who missed the first three games due to a league suspension. Burfict, a sixth-year player, has been a cornerstone of the Bengals' defense since joining the team as a college free agent in 2012.

"I have to get our guys in position to make plays throughout the game — not just the first quarter or first half, but throughout the game," Lewis said. "We have to a better job of finishing. We're not being given any breaks; we have to make our own breaks. We have to make them all the time, for the entire 60 minutes."

The series: The Bengals lead 48-39 in the "Battle of Ohio" series and have won the last five games. Home field has been a factor over the length of the series, as the Bengals lead 29-15 at home but trail 19-24 as the road club.

The Bengals have won 19 of the last 25 meetings and lead 20-8 in games during the tenure of Cincinnati head coach Marvin Lewis, including 9-5 on the road.

The Bengals have played more games against the Browns (87) than against any foe except Pittsburgh. The Bengals have 95 all-time games against the Steelers.

More series notes:

- The Bengals this week could set a new longest win streak against the Browns. The current five-game win streak, which began the second meeting of 2014, ties for the longest thus far. The first five-game win streak was posted from Game 2 of 2004 through Game 2 of '06.

- The Browns' longest win streak over Cincinnati has been seven games, extending from Game 2 of the 1992 season through Game 2 of '95.

- Since the Browns' rebirth in 1999, the Bengals lead 23-12, including 11-7 as the road team.

Complete Bengals-Browns series results entering this season are on page 203 of the Bengals' 2017 Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

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

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

The last meetings: Summaries of the two 2016 Bengals-Browns meetings are on page 16 of this news release.

Bengals seek to grow biggest 'Battle' margin: With their two victories against Cleveland in 2016, the Bengals extended to nine 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 48-39, and this week the Bengals will try to extend their series margin to 10 games.

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 47-33 since that Cleveland high-water mark. 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 by giving up a sweep in the 2006 meetings, 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 nearly an 11-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 2021, at the earliest. The Browns could not lead again until after the second game of '21.

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

- The Bengals were 17-10 against the Browns at Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field.
- The Browns were 17-8 against the Bengals at the old Cleveland Stadium, but the Bengals lead 11-7 at FirstEnergy Stadium (formerly Cleveland Browns Stadium).
- The Bengals and Browns never played at Nippert Stadium, as Nippert was the Bengals' American Football League home.
- The Bengals have posted 12 season sweeps, and the Browns have posted eight. The teams have split 23 times. In 1982, they played only once, with the scheduled contest at Cleveland cancelled due to a players' strike.
- The first Bengals-Browns regular-season game at Cincinnati on Nov. 15, 1970 drew the first home crowd of 60,000 in Bengals history (60,007 at Riverfront Stadium). The Bengals won 14-10 behind a 110-yard rushing effort from QB Virgil Carter, the only 100-yarder by a QB in Bengals history.
- The largest Bengals home crowd for a Browns game has been 66,072, on Sept. 17, 2006 at Paul Brown Stadium. That ranks as the fifth-largest crowd in Bengals history.
- The Browns drew the largest Bengals crowd in the Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field era — 60,284 for a 27-24 Browns win on Oct. 17, 1971.
- The Bengals and Browns met three times in preseason at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, from 1972-74. All were Sunday afternoon games, and the Browns won two of the three.

Coaches in Battle of Ohio: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis, who is 20-8 overall against Cleveland, has the most total wins and best winning percentage (.714) of any Bengals head coach in the series. Lewis also has coached the most games (28) against Cleveland. Sam Wyche is second in all three categories, with 10 wins, a .625 winning percentage (10-6) and 16 games.

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

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

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

Here's a full roundup of Bengals' head coaches, in chronological order, and their records in the Battle of Ohio: Paul Brown (5-7), Bill "Tiger" Johnson (3-2), Homer Rice (2-1), Forrest Gregg (3-4), Sam Wyche (10-6), Dave Shula (1-7), Bruce Coslet (2-1), Dick LeBeau (2-3), Marvin Lewis (20-8).

With their win in the first meeting of 2016 against the Browns and head coach Hue Jackson, the Bengals ran their record to 10-6 against Browns head coaches directing their first game in the series. Browns head coaches who won their first game have been Blanton Collier (1970), Nick Skorich ('71), Sam Rutigliano ('78), Bill Belichick ('91), Rob Chudzinski (2013) and Mike Pettine

(2014). On the losing end for Cleveland have been Forrest Gregg (1975), Marty Schottenheimer ('84), Bud Carson ('89), Jim Shofner ('90), Chris Palmer ('99), Butch Davis (2001), Romeo Crennel ('05), Eric Mangini ('09), Pat Shurmur ('11) and Jackson.

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

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

More on Bengals records against the Browns:

- In their 30-0 win over the Browns in Cleveland in 2014, the Bengals allowed only five first downs, fewest by an opponent in Bengals history.
- The 58-48 Bengals win on Nov. 28, 2004 is the only game in club history in which Cincinnati scored double figures in all four quarters (14-13-14-17 — 58).
- WR A.J. Green's 41-yard TD reception put the Bengals ahead to stay in the fourth quarter of the 2011 season opener at Cleveland, and at the time, it was the longest game-winning catch in NFL history by a rookie playing in his team's first game of the year. The previous long in this category was only 22 yards, and it had stood for more than 85 years, set by Jack Underwood of the Duluth Kelleys in 1924. Since Green's game winner, Kansas City rookie RB Kareem Hunt caught a 78-yard TD pass to put the Chiefs ahead for good early in the fourth quarter of their opener this season at New England.
- In the final Bengals game at Cinergy Field, on Dec. 12, 1999, Cincinnati limited the Browns to the fewest rushing yards ever by an opponent. Cleveland had only 11 net yards on 11 attempts.
- On Dec. 21, 1980 vs. Cleveland, DE Eddie Edwards set the Bengals record for sacks in a game with five. The mark stood unchallenged for 19 years, until DE Antwan Odom tied it on Sept. 20, 2009 at Green Bay.
- On Nov. 25, 2001 at Cleveland, T.J. Houshmandzadeh set the Bengals record for punt return yards in a game with 126. His 86-yarder in that game ranks tied for third-longest in club history.
- In the Sep. 16, 2007 shootout with the Browns noted above, QB Carson Palmer threw six TD passes, the most ever by a Bengals QB in a single game.
- On Nov. 17, 2013, the Bengals scored 31 points in the third quarter, a team record for most points in a quarter, en route to a 41-20 Cincinnati victory.
- On Oct 23, 2016 against Cleveland HB Jeremy Hill had the most rushing yards in club 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.
- The Bengals' 23-20 overtime victory at Cleveland on Oct. 4, 2009 stands as the longest Bengals game not to end in a tie. Only four seconds remained in the overtime period when K Shayne Graham booted a 31-yard field goal to break a 20-all deadlock. Elapsed scoreboard clock time for the game was 74:56. The only 75-minute games in Bengals history have been three ties, in 2008 vs. Philadelphia, in '14 vs. Carolina and '16 vs. Washington in London.

Rolling out the 'last times': For the Bengals, their 559-yard offensive game vs. Cleveland on Oct. 23 of last season 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 game with the most rushing yards (271) in more than 30 years, since the team had 274 on Dec. 8, 1985 vs. Dallas. It ranks No. 7 in franchise history.
- 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 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.

Individually vs. Browns: P Kevin Huber has faced the Browns more times than any player on the Bengals roster, having battled with Cleveland

16 times. In total, 15 current Bengals have been with the team for 10 Bengals-Browns matchups, including 13 players listed as starters.

- QB Andy Dalton: 12 games; 9-3 W-L record; 220-for-351 passing (62.7 percent) for 2494 yards (207.8) per game, with 20 TDs and 11 INTs (passer rating of 89.9).
- WR A.J. Green: 11 games; 52 receptions for 824 yards (15.8; 74.9 per game) with six TDs.
- HB Giovanni Bernard: Six games; 70 rushes for 339 yards (4.8); 16 receptions for 133 yards (8.3).
- HB Jeremy Hill: Six games; 108 rushes for 632 yards (5.9) and five TDs; eight receptions for 65 yards.
- TE Tyler Eifert: Five games; 15 receptions for 163 yards (11.7), with five TDs.
- H-back Ryan Hewitt: Five games; Four receptions for 41 yards (10.3).
- TE Tyler Kroft: Three games; Two receptions for 20 yards (10.0).
- WR Tyler Boyd: Two games; Six receptions for 52 yards and two rushes for 40 yards.
- WR Brandon LaFell: Two games; Seven receptions for 105 yards (21.8), with one TD.
- QB AJ McCarron: Two games; Two-for-three passing (66.7 percent) for 19 yards, with no TDs or INTs.
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Two games; One reception for four yards.
- WR Cody Core: One game; One reception for eight yards.
- WR Alex Erickson: One game; One reception for 16 yards.

Runs for the Hill: In the first Bengals-Browns meeting of 2016 at Paul Brown Stadium, Bengals HB Jeremy Hill had the most rushing yards in club 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.

Hill showed his excellent speed for a 230-pounder on a 74-yard TD run in the third quarter vs. Cleveland. It was the second-longest rush of his three-year career, behind only an 85-yarder vs. Denver in 2014. His 168 yards still stands as a career-high and as the most by a Bengal since 2009, when Cedric Benson had 189 vs. Chicago. Hill's 192 yards from scrimmage in that 2016 Cleveland game (including 24 receiving yards) was the Bengals' high last season.

Bengals-Browns connections: Browns head coach Hue Jackson was the offensive coordinator for the Bengals from 2014-15, and he also coached for Cincinnati from '04-06 and from '12-13 ... Bengals defensive line coach Jacob Burney was on the Browns staff from 1994-95 ... Browns tight ends coach Greg Seamon spent 13 seasons (2003-15) with the Bengals, primarily as a scout. Seamon also coached at the University of Cincinnati (1995-98) and Miami (Ohio) University ('99-00) ... Browns defensive line coach Clyde Simmons played for the Bengals in 1998 ... Browns QB DeShone Kizer is from Toledo, Ohio (Central Catholic High School) ... Browns LB James Burgess Jr. played at the University of Louisville ... Bengals TE Mason Schreck (Reserve/Injured) is from Medina, Ohio (Medina High School) ... Browns CB Darius Hillary (practice squad) was with the Bengals briefly in 2016, and is the son of former Bengal Ira Hillary. He is also from Cincinnati (Sycamore High School) ... Bengals HB Cedric Peerman (Reserve/Injured) was briefly with the Browns in 2009 but did not play ... Browns offensive line coach Bob Wylie coached at Ohio University (1985-87), the University of Cincinnati ('96) and with the Bengals ('97-98) ... Browns special teams quality control coach Stan Watson coached at Bowling Green State University from 2008-11, and at the University

of Toledo from '12-13 ... Browns assistant defensive line coach Ken Delgado coached at the University of Louisville from 2008-09 ... Browns special teams assistant Shawn Mennenga coached at Western Kentucky University in 1997 ... Browns strength and conditioning coordinator Evan Marcus coached at the University of Louisville from 1998-99.

Bengals celebrate 50th season: The Bengals are celebrating their 50th season in 2017. A commemorative logo is featured on patches the team will wear on home and road uniforms, on the field at Paul Brown Stadium and on the windows of the East Club Lounge facing downtown Cincinnati. Three-dimensional sculptures of the 50th season logo are located throughout the Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky and Dayton areas, including Paul Brown Stadium.

A key component of the Bengals 50th season celebration is the Bengals First 50, which recognizes the top 50 retired Bengals players as voted by fans and media. The Bengals First 50 and other Bengals legends will be recognized during halftime ceremonies at every regular-season home game, which will include video highlights and an on-field presentation.

Bengals legends being honored at the Bills game on Oct. 8 include James Brooks, Eddie Brown, Eddie Edwards, Robert Geathers, Pete Johnson, Tim McGee, Pat McInally and Justin Smith. Bengals legends being honored at the Colts game on Oct. 29 include Tommy Casanova, Anthony Munoz, Dan Ross and Joe Walter.

BENGALS-BROWNS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	BROWNS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored.....	32nd (11.0)	T-18th (18.7)
Points allowed	T-9th (20.0)	T-27th (25.3)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	31st (272.3)	16th (323.0)
Rushing	21st (89.7)	24th (87.0)
Passing.....	28th (182.7)	13th (236.0)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	7th (292.7)	11th (320.7)
Rushing	25th (129.7)	14th (87.7)
Passing.....	4th (163.0)	19th (233.0)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-31st (-5)	T-31st (-5)

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 8	Inside-20 possessions: 9
Total scores: 5 (62.5%)	Total scores: 9 (100.0%)
TDs: 2 (25.0%)	TDs: 4 (44.4%)
FGs: 3 (37.5%)	FGs: 5 (55.5%)
TD% rank: T-30th	TD% rank: T-10th
No scores: 3 (37.5%)	No scores: 0 (0.0%)

BROWNS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 9	Inside-20 possessions: 10
Total scores: 7 (77.8%)	Total scores: 10 (100.0%)
TDs: 6 (66.7%)	TDs: 8 (80.0%)
FGs: 1 (11.1%)	FGs: 2 (20.0%)
TD% rank: T-4th	TD% rank: 31st
No scores: 2 (22.2%)	No scores: 0 (0.0%)

THE HEAD COACHES

Marvin Lewis in 2017 extends his Bengals-record head coaching tenure to 15 seasons, nearly twice that of Paul Brown (1968-75) and Sam Wyche ('84-91), who are tied for second with eight seasons each.

Lewis has led his teams to the postseason seven times, including a five-year run from 2011-15. The total number of playoff trips and the five-year streak of consecutive appearances are Bengals records, and the Bengals were one of only four NFL teams to reach the playoffs every year from 2011-15.

The playoff run ended in 2016, however, as Cincinnati finished 6-9-1. The Bengals' last five losses came by a total of 16 points. Injuries were a greater-than-usual factor, and crucial missed place kicks plagued the team to an extent not seen for many years.

The Bengals' 58-36-2 record over the last six full seasons (2011-16) under

Lewis gave the team a .615 winning percentage for that span, ranked sixth in the NFL.

Lewis has 118 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 54 over Wyche (64). Lewis' record now is 118-106-3 in the regular season and 118-113-3 including postseason.

Lewis in 2017 ranks second among NFL head coaches in longest current tenure with one team, trailing only Bill Belichick, who is in his 18th straight season with New England. In the category of most seasons as head coach with one or more teams, Lewis ranks fourth among active coaches, behind Belichick (23rd season in '17), Andy Reid (19) and John Fox (16).

Lewis has developed an impressive "coaching tree" during his Bengals tenure. Five of his former assistants have become NFL head coaches, and four

of those are leading teams in 2017. The list, including their teams and head coaching tenures, includes former Bengals offensive coordinators Jay Gruden (Washington, 2014-present) and Hue Jackson (Cleveland, '16-present), former defensive coordinators Leslie Frazier (Minnesota, '10-13) and Mike Zimmer (Minnesota, '14-present), and former defensive backs coach Vance Joseph (Denver, '17).

Lewis was the consensus choice for NFL Coach of the Year in 2009, when the Bengals won the AFC North Division while sweeping all six division games. The Bengals also were AFC North champions under Lewis in 2005, '13 and '15.

Named the ninth head coach in Bengals history on Jan. 14, 2003, Lewis started quickly. His '03 club finished 8-8, six games better than the '02 club, good for the biggest improvement in the NFL that year.

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 '00, 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.

In 2002, the season before he joined the Bengals, Lewis led the Washington Redskins to a No. 5 NFL defensive ranking, serving as assistant head coach as well as defensive coordinator.

He had his first NFL assignment from 1992-95, as linebackers coach for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He aided the development of four Pro Bowl players — Kevin Greene, Chad Brown, Levon Kirkland and Greg Lloyd.

Lewis began his coaching career as linebackers coach at his alma mater Idaho State from 1981-84. ISU's team (also nicknamed the Bengals) finished 12-1 in Lewis' first season there and won the NCAA Division 1-AA championship.

Lewis played LB at Idaho State, earning All-Big Sky Conference honors for three consecutive years (1978-80). He also saw action at quarterback and free safety during his college career. He received his bachelor's degree in physical

education from Idaho State in 1981, and earned his master's in athletic administration in '82. He was inducted into Idaho State's Hall of Fame in 2001.

Born Sept. 23, 1958, Lewis attended Fort Cherry High School in McDonald, Pa. (near Pittsburgh), where he was an all-conference quarterback and safety. He also earned high school letters in wrestling and baseball. He and his wife, Peggy, have a daughter, Whitney, and a son, Marcus. Marcus Lewis joined the Bengals' coaching staff for 2014 and remains on the staff for '17.

Hue Jackson is in his second season as Browns head coach. He was named the 16th full-time head coach of the Cleveland Browns on Jan. 13, 2016.

Jackson is in his 31st year of coaching, including now 17 in the NFL. He has had two previous stints with the Bengals as an assistant coach, from 2004-06 and from 2012-15. He was Bengals offensive coordinator from 2014-15.

Jackson was head coach of the Oakland Raiders in 2011, leading a team that tied for the best record (8-8) in the AFC West but missed the division title and a postseason berth via tiebreaker. Jackson was not retained by the Raiders for 2012, but that 8-8 finish tied for the best by any Raiders team between 2002 and '15 (the Raiders went 12-4 in '16).

Jackson's NFL coaching record is 9-26.

In addition to his term with the Bengals, Jackson has been an NFL offensive coordinator at Washington (2003), Atlanta (2007) and Oakland (2010). Five of his seven Bengals teams reached the playoffs, including the last four.

Jackson's hometown is Los Angeles. He played quarterback at the University of Pacific from 1985-86. He also played basketball and earned his degree in physical education.

Jackson was born on Oct. 22, 1965, in Los Angeles. He and his wife, Michelle, have three daughters: Jordyn, Baylee and Haydyn.

Lewis vs. Browns: Lewis leads, 20-8.

Lewis vs. Jackson: Lewis leads, 2-0.

Jackson vs. Bengals: Bengals lead, 2-0.

BENGALS NOTES

Bengals career records watch: Here is a look at potential upcoming movement in the Bengals' career records book (regular-season). Bengals records are listed in full detail beginning on page 170 of the team's 2017 media guide.

- QB Andy Dalton has 22,820 career passing yards, 4329 shy of QB Boomer Esiason (27,149) for second place all-time. QB Ken Anderson (32,838) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Dalton passed QB Carson Palmer (22,694) for third place all-time in Game 3, Sept. 24 at Green Bay.

- Dalton also has 21 career 300-yard passing games, two shy of the Bengals' all-time leader, QB Boomer Esiason (23).

- Dalton also has 1977 career completions, 38 shy of Esiason (2015) for third place all-time. Anderson (2654) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Dalton also has 3153 career passing attempts, 64 shy of Palmer (3217) for third place all-time. Anderson (4475) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Dalton also has 144 career TD passes, 10 shy of Palmer (154) for third place all-time. Anderson (197) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- WR A.J. Green has 50 career TDs, three shy of WR Isaac Curtis (53) for fifth place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Green also has 50 career receiving TDs, three shy of WR Isaac Curtis (53) for third place all-time. WR Chad Johnson (66) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Green also has 501 career receptions, six shy of WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507) for third place all-time. Johnson (751) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Green has 29 career 100-yard receiving games, two shy of the Bengals' all-time leader, WR Chad Johnson (31).

- HB Jeremy Hill has 29 career rushing TDs, eight shy of HB James Brooks and FB Larry Kinnebrew (37 each) for fourth place all-time. Bengals FB Pete Johnson (64) is the all-time leader.

- P Kevin Huber has 28,240 career punting yards, 1067 shy of P Pat McInally (29,307) for second place all-time. P Lee Johnson (32,196) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- CB Adam Jones has 1025 career punt return yards, 176 shy of CB Lemar Parrish (1201) for third place all-time. WR Brandon Tate (1411) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Jones also has one career punt return for a TD. One more would tie him for second-most all-time with WR Peter Warrick, WR Craig Yeast and CB Mitchell Price (each with two). Parrish (four) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- DE Carlos Dunlap has 58 career sacks, one shy of DE Ross Browner (59) for third place all-time. DE Eddie Edwards (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- DT Geno Atkins has 55 career sacks, three shy of DE Carlos Dunlap (58) for fourth place all-time and four shy of Browner (59) for third place. Edwards (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

Defense riding league-best sack streak: The Bengals last week recorded a season-best six sacks, extending their streak of games with at least one sack to a league-leading 32 games (regular-season only). The next-closest team is Washington, which has 27 consecutive games with a sack, followed closely by Green Bay (26) and Arizona (23).

Five different players got into the sack column at Green Bay. Rookie LB Carl Lawson led the way with 2.5, followed by DE Michael Johnson, CB Darqueze Dennard and DE Carlos Dunlap, who each had one, and Chris Smith, who had a half sack.

The Bengals' streak began in Week 4 of 2015, in a 36-21 home win over Kansas City in which the defense tallied five sacks. The Bengals were last held without a sack the week before, in a 28-24 Cincinnati win on Sept. 27, 2015 at Baltimore.

The longest streak of this type in Bengals history came in the early 1980s, when the team strung together 50 consecutive games with a sack over parts of five seasons (Nov. 8, 1981 to Sept. 15, 1985). The most recent NFL team to reach 32 was Green Bay, whose streak of 42 spanned from 2012 to '15.

Over Cincinnati's 32-game streak, the Bengals have recorded 79 sacks for 505 yards. Nineteen different Bengals have at least a half sack over the span, and the defense has logged more than one sack in 22 of the 32 games. DT Geno Atkins has totaled the most sacks during the current streak, with 21, and he has recorded at least a half sack in 18 of the games. Dunlap is a close second, with 20, and has logged at least a half sack in 16 different games.

Geno's sack streak halted at six: Bengals DT Geno Atkins' most productive sack streak of his stellar eight-year career ended last week at Green Bay, when he was held without a sack for the first time since Game 12 of last season. Atkins had recorded at least a half sack in six consecutive games. His streak of six tied for the longest streak in Bengals history with DE Eddie Edwards (1983), LB Reggie Williams ('84) and current DE Carlos Dunlap (2010), and it had also been the longest active streak in the NFL.

Over the span of the streak, Atkins recorded 7.5 sacks for 51.5 yards. He

had two multi-sack efforts during the streak — two sacks for 19 yards in Game 13 at Cleveland last season (the first game in the streak), and two sacks in Week 2 of 2017 vs. Houston.

Atkins has 55 sacks for his career, fourth place all-time in team history and the most ever by a Bengals interior lineman.

Defense off to a strong start: Though it relinquished 27 points to the Packers last week, the Bengals defense is off to a fast start for the young 2017 campaign. As the league approaches the 'quarter pole' this weekend, the Bengals defense ranks in the top 10 in the NFL in seven categories — total defense (seventh; 292.7), yards per play (sixth; 4.7), pass defense (fourth; 163.0), yards per pass play (sixth; 9.44), scoring defense (tied for ninth; 20.0), first downs per game (tied for ninth, 17.6) and sacks per pass play (fourth; 0.11).

But where the Bengals' defense has really made its mark over the last few seasons is scoring defense, and that momentum has carried into 2017. Dating back to Week 10 of last season, when the defense held Buffalo to 16 points in a losing effort at Paul Brown Stadium, the Bengals have held opponents to fewer than 20 points in seven of the last 10 games. Over that 10-week stretch, the Bengals have held opponents to an average of 16.5 points per contest.

The Bengals last season finished eighth in scoring defense (19.7), thanks in large part to a seven-game stretch to close the year in which it held opponents under 20 points six times while allowing a scoring average of 15.0. That followed a 2015 campaign in which they ranked second in scoring defense (17.4). In 2014, Paul Guenther's first as defensive coordinator, Cincinnati ranked 12th in scoring defense.

"My job is to limit points, period," Guenther said. "That's what I get paid to do. It's not holding them to 200 yards but have three plays be touchdowns. Regardless of where they get the ball — if we turn it over (on offense) and it's the 10-yard line — let's go play defense. Hold them to three. I'm paid to keep them off the scoreboard."

Also of note regarding the defense:

- Cincinnati also has a top-10 ranking this season in red-zone TD percentage, allowing TDs on only four of nine opponent trips inside the 20 (44.4 percent, tied for 10th). The defense finished 2016 ranked seventh in that category, allowing TDs on only 51 percent of opponent chances in the red zone (25 of 49). Opponents have entered the red zone four times this season, and have come away with a TD only once.

Marvin's youth movement: According to information released by the NFL regarding opening-week rosters, considered the baseline for comparing year-to-year roster information, the Bengals began the 2017 season with the youngest roster (average of 25.45 years old) in Marvin Lewis' 15 seasons as head coach. Lewis' next-youngest editions were in 2004 (25.7) and '11 (25.74). The Bengals' opening-week roster also ranked as the third-youngest in the NFL this year, behind Cleveland (24.17) and the L.A. Rams (25.11). The average age league-wide was 26.05.

The Bengals' 14 rookie or first-year players on the Week 1 roster were also the most ever for an opening week in the Marvin Lewis era, edging out the 2004 season (13). The total ranked as the third-highest in the NFL this year, behind Cleveland (16) and Detroit (15). League-wide, teams averaged 10.53 rookie or first-year players.

In terms of NFL experience, the Bengals' average of 3.75 years was the fourth-lowest in the Marvin Lewis era, behind the 2004 (3.57), '06 (3.6) and '08 (3.67) seasons. The Bengals this year tied for the seventh least-experienced roster in the league, with Cleveland leading the way at 2.55 years of experience. The average level of experience across the league was 4.10 years.

The Bengals also totaled only seven players aged 30 or older, which tied for the fourth-fewest in Lewis' tenure, behind the 2011 (two), '04 (six) and '12 (six) seasons. The 2009 roster also had seven players 30 or older. The Bengals' 2015 roster had the most players (11) aged 30 or older.

Eleven of the 44 players to see action in Week 1 (two were listed as DNP) were making their Bengals debut, and nine of those players were making their NFL debut.

Dalton second to go six-for-3000: A season passing total of 3000 yards is not in itself a stupendous NFL feat. Twenty-five passers reached it in 2016. But hitting 3000 in the first six seasons of an NFL career, which Andy Dalton reached last year in Game 11 at Baltimore, still is an event worth noting.

The only QB to do it before Dalton was Peyton Manning. The cinch Hall of Famer is beyond compare in this realm, as he reeled off 13 straight 3000-yarders before missing the 2011 season due to injury.

Carolina's Cam Newton ended up joining the same club a few weeks later last season, passing the 3000 mark on Dec. 19 at Washington, and he finished the season at 3509 yards. Newton was chosen first overall in the same 2011 draft in which the Bengals claimed Dalton at No. 35.

Dalton finished the 2016 season with 4206 yards.

Dalton chasing Kenny in TDs: Although he has been held out of the end zone so far this season, QB Andy Dalton's 19 total TDs are just one TD short of the franchise record for touchdowns by a QB, held at 20 by Ken Anderson. Dalton is in his seventh season, while Anderson played 16 Bengals seasons (1971-86).

All of Anderson's 20 TDs were rushing scores. Dalton has 18 rushing TDs, and he has 19 total by virtue of being the only Bengals QB ever to catch a touchdown pass. He scored on an 18-yard gadget connection from WR Mohamed Sanu vs. Tennessee in 2014.

The next-most TDs by a Bengals QB is 10, by Jeff Blake.

Dalton and Jack Thompson share the Bengals season record for touchdowns by a QB, at five. Dalton had five in 2014, tying the record first set by Thompson in 1979.

'Crazy Legs' Andy: QB Andy Dalton's 18 career rushing TDs not only puts him in rare company in team history, he's also among the best when compared to his current NFL peers. In the category of rushing TDs by a QB, only Carolina's Cam Newton, whose 49 rushing TDs are beyond similarity, ranks higher than Dalton since 2011. Dalton and Newton both entered the league in '11.

Andrew Luck (14), Colin Kaepernick (13) and Russell Wilson (13) round out the top five.

Dalton piles up the wins: Of the many things QB Andy Dalton has proven in his NFL career thus far, perhaps none is more valued than his knack for earning victories. And he has done so at a rate on-par, or better, than some of the game's best passers.

Here is a look at the most wins by QBs through their first six seasons. Dalton, the Bengals' second-round draft pick out of Texas Christian in 2011, currently is in his seventh season and his win total ranks tied for fifth.

PLAYER	TEAM	WINS
Joe Flacco	Baltimore	62
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	60
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	60
Tom Brady	New England	58
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati	56
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia	56
Russell Wilson	Seattle	57

When extending this list to a QB's first seven seasons, the required minimum number of wins to rank in the top five is 66. Thus, Dalton would have to lead the Bengals to 10 wins this season to remain ranked in the top five. After seven seasons, Flacco (72) again leads the way, followed by Brady (70), Roethlisberger (69), Manning (66) and Ryan (66).

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

- He is one of only three QBs in the Super Bowl era to lead a team to the postseason in each of his first five campaigns. Dalton did that from 2011-15, while Baltimore's Joe Flacco did it from '08-12 and Seattle's Russell Wilson has done it from '12-16.
- Dalton has posted 37 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 31-6 (.838) in those contests.
- Dalton's .594 winning percentage (56-38-2) ranks eighth among active QBs with 50 or more starts behind Tom Brady (.777), Russell Wilson (.693), Ben Roethlisberger (.672), Aaron Rodgers (.667), Andrew Luck (.614), Matt Ryan (.607) and Joe Flacco (.603).
- Dalton's .594 winning percentage also is the best of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts.
- Dalton holds club season records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33), both set in 2013.
- He is the only Bengals passer to throw for 300-plus yards in four consecutive games (2013).
- He 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 tied for fourth in NFL history for the start of a career by a QB, trailing only Peyton

Manning of Indianapolis (208), Joe Flacco of Baltimore (122) and Russell Wilson of Seattle (83 and counting). Dalton is tied with Miami QB Ryan Tannehill, whose streak of 77 ended last year due to an injury.

Geno does it again: DT Geno Atkins has again found himself atop all NFL interior defensive linemen in sacks, with three so far this season. It's a familiar position for the eighth-year pro, who has finished in at least a tie for the NFL lead in sacks by an interior lineman in four of his seven previous seasons.

In 2016, he claimed the honor outright with nine sacks, besting DT Aaron Donald of the Los Angeles Rams, who was second with eight. No other interior lineman had more than seven.

Atkins also was the outright winner in 2012, when he had a career-best 12.5 sacks. He tied for the league lead in 2011 (7.5 sacks) and 2015 (11).

Atkins has 55 career sacks, most by a Bengals interior lineman and fifth overall.

Now that's fast: To say that John Ross brings record-setting speed to the team is putting it rather mildly.

The rookie WR, the Bengals' first-round pick out of Washington (ninth overall), has speed that isn't just considered fast, it's considered exceptional. He clocked a 4.22-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Scouting Combine in February, which is considered to be an all-time combine record.

"His dynamic speed shows up on tape," said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "When you watch the tape, you feel this guy playing. He gives us another option offensively and helps us balance the field (opposite WR A.J. Green).

"When you watch him, it's just play after play after play that he can turn into a big gain. Whether it's the inside slant, whether it's what we call 'lightings,' or anything else — when teams are playing against him, they feel (his speed) every time he touches the ball."

And Ross isn't just a burner — he's also a very good football player. He posted career totals of 114 catches, 1729 receiving yards and 22 receiving TDs over three seasons at Washington.

The NFL began measuring 40-yard dash times electronically at the 1991 scouting combine. However, records of those times were not kept regularly until 2003. Here is list of the 10 fastest 40 times recorded electronically since '03:

YEAR	PLAYER	COLLEGE	40 TIME
2017	WR John Ross	Washington	4.22
2008	RB Chris Johnson	East Carolina.....	4.24
2005	WR Jerome Mathis	Hampton.....	4.26
2014	RB Dri Archer	Kent State	4.26
2003	WR Tyrone Calico	Middle Tennessee.....	4.27
2005	CB Stanford Routt	Houston.....	4.27
2013	WR Marquise Goodwin	Texas	4.27
2010	WR Jacoby Ford	Clemson	4.28
2015	WR J.J. Nelson	Alabama-Birmingham.....	4.28
2005	CB Fabian Washington	Nebraska.....	4.29

Ross saw his first action as a pro in Week 2 vs. Houston, however his only appearance in the stat column was a 12-yard run that ended in a fumble and Houston recovery. Ross was inactive for Games 1 and 3, due to a knee injury.

Big-play John: Rookie WR John Ross has gained plenty of notoriety for his record-setting 4.22-second 40-yard dash at the 2017 NFL Combine, but his college numbers indicate that his speed translates to the football field as well.

Over Ross' four years at Washington (one of which was completely lost to injury), the speedster totaled five scoring plays of 90 yards or longer. And while NFL defenses are considered far superior to those at the college level, it's still worth noting that the Bengals as a team over the last 10 seasons (2007-16) have only two scoring plays of 90 yards or longer — a 100-yard kickoff return TD by Glenn Holt at Buffalo in '07, and a 96-yard kickoff return TD by Bernard Scott at Pittsburgh in '09. Current CB Adam Jones also had a 97-yard kickoff return vs. Carolina in 2014, but he was tackled just short of the end zone.

Joe's 2016 among the best: The University of Oklahoma's backfield has seen it's share of exemplary rushing seasons throughout history. Nine College Football Hall of Fame ball-carriers have cycled through Norman over the years, and over the last decade, players like Adrian Peterson and DeMarco Murray reached stardom there to add to the school's rich running back tradition.

That makes Joe Mixon's 2016 campaign all the more impressive. Only three times in school history has a back averaged better than Mixon's 6.8 yards per

carry in 2016. College Football Hall of Famer Greg Pruitt, who also played 12 years in the NFL, was first to do it when he averaged 8.98 in 1971. Marcus Dupree was next, when in 1982, at the peak of his famously stellar but injury shortened football career, he averaged 7.84. The only other Oklahoma back to best Mixon's 2016 mark was Billy Sims, another College Football Hall of Famer and NFL standout, who averaged 7.41 during his Heisman Trophy-winning season of 1978.

Willis earns praise from a legend: Earning praise from a 77-year-old College Football Hall of Fame coach may not be easy, but that's precisely what Willis received from legendary Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder last year.

"Jordan is the epitome of what our program is all about," Snyder said in 2016, his 25th season as KSU head coach. "He comes to practice exactly the same way he goes to a ballgame. If you were unaware of the setting, you couldn't tell the difference between what he does on the practice field and what he does on the game field. Like I have said so many times, he is a young guy who gives you his very best of every second of every minute of every hour of every day of every week. He has learned the value of that and (realized) what it has meant to him. He has allowed that to carry over into every aspect of his life. He is going to be a highly successful young guy in a lot of ways, because he is that committed to doing the best that he can."

Willis invades the stat sheet: Rookie DE Jordan Willis has played in all three games this year, with a start at RDE in Week 2 in place of injured starter Michael Johnson. And although he hasn't yet gotten into the sack column, he's been active and a valuable member of the defensive line rotation, totaling seven tackles so far.

Willis turned heads this preseason with his pass rush and playmaking ability, tying for the NFL lead in sacks, with four, while also adding a forced fumble. But gaudy numbers are nothing new for the former Kansas State Wildcat.

Last year, while longtime KSU head coach Bill Snyder was heaping praise on Willis as one of the top people to ever pass through KSU's program, that stat sheet identified him as one of the school's best-ever defensive players.

Willis' 17.5 tackles for losses in 2016 set a school record, and he also led the conference and tied another school record with 11.5 sacks. He recorded at least one sack in eight of KSU's 13 games last year, including four games where he logged multiple sacks. He also forced three fumbles and had one fumble recovery. Willis was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year (AP and coaches), first team All-Big 12 (AP and coaches) and Big 12 Lineman of the Year (coaches). And that was just his senior season.

Over his four-year career, Willis totaled 114 tackles, 40.5 of which were for losses and 26 for sacks. That sack total ranked third in KSU history and tied for seventh in Big 12 history. He closed his career at KSU with a sack in 11 of his last 17 games, and at least a shared TFL in 15 of his last 17. And on top of it all, he proved to be durable, starting every game his last three seasons (39 straight).

Lawson joins rare company: Rookie Carl Lawson last week wreaked havoc in the Packers' backfield, recording 2.5 sacks on the day. Another sack was wiped off the stat sheet, negated by an unrelated penalty. With the outstanding performance, Lawson joins DE Justin Smith as the only Bengal rookies ever to reach the 2.5-sack plateau in a game (Smith had three on Dec. 9, 2001 vs. Jacksonville). He's also only the second NFL player in the last five seasons (2013-present) to reach 2.5 in a game, joining Washington's Preston Smith, who had three on Dec. 26, 2015 at Philadelphia.

Lawson cut his teeth at Auburn as a defensive end, playing with his hand on the ground and developing a reputation as one of the Southeastern Conference's most feared pass rushers. Since being drafted this spring though, Bengals coaches have added linebacker duties to his plate. Lawson is listed on the Bengals' depth chart as the No. 2 SLB.

But with great speed, quickness and strength — his 35 bench press reps of 225 pounds at the 2017 NFL Combine tied for the top mark overall — Bengals coaches have found a way him on the field in a fashion that suits his strength as a pass rusher. Thus far in the 2017 season, Lawson's time on defense has exclusively come lined up with his hand on the ground, as an edge rusher with the No. 1 nickel defensive unit. He has four tackles on the year, including those 2.5 sacks for 19.5 yards.

Lawson battled injuries while at Auburn — he lost 2014 to a torn ACL, and a hip injury cost him six games and limited him thereafter in '15 — but he still managed 14 career sacks among his 24 tackles for losses. Last year, while healthy, Lawson started 13 games for the Tigers and recorded nine sacks among his 13.5 tackles for losses, en route to earning All-SEC First Team honors.

Willie praises Lawson: Bengals rookie LB Carl Lawson, a noted leader and two-time team captain in college, earned high praise from former Bengals OT and fellow Auburn alum Willie Anderson earlier this year. Anderson, whose son attended Milton High School with Lawson in Alpharetta, Ga., offered this ringing endorsement of the rookie:

“He’s a great kid. A leader. He worked his way up. (He had) no college offers before his senior year, and he and his dad worked hard to make him (one of the top recruits in the country). He dominated high school linemen and continued in college. He had the injuries, but now he knows how to train and take care of himself. He’ll give you Takeo-like (former Bengals LB Takeo Spikes) effort and intensity. He’s been a captain at both levels and has always been a positive guy that other young players like my son looked up to. Every coach he’s ever played for absolutely loves him. No one says a bad word about Carl. He’s a warrior.”

Malone goes long: Bengals rookie WR Josh Malone wrapped up his three-year career at Tennessee last season with a record-setting campaign. The 6-3, 208-pound wideout totaled 50 receptions for 972 yards, setting a school record for yards per reception, at 19.4. That mark topped the previous best of 18.3, set by Robert Meachem in 2006.

Malone also displayed a nose for the end zone, scoring 11 TDs (all receiving) in the Vols’ 13 games. Six of those 11 went for longer than 40 yards.

The former Mr. Football in Tennessee finished his career with 104 receptions, 1608 receiving yards (15.5 average) and 14 TDs. At the 2017 NFL Combine, his 4.40 40-yard dash ranked third among wide receivers and eighth overall.

“He’s big and long and runs fast,” said WRs coach James Urban. “He had a fine year (in 2016), and we think he can stretch the field at this level as well.”

Dunlap’s PD frenzy — unprecedented: In the first 40 seasons (1976-2015) in which Bengals defensive statistics were recorded, no defensive lineman ever led the team in passes defended for a season. None were even close, really. But it happened in 2016, and it wasn’t close.

DE Carlos Dunlap had five more PDs — 15 — than anyone else on the team last season. And he had seven more PDs than any other NFL defensive lineman. The players ahead of Dunlap in the NFL were all cornerbacks, led at 24 by Brent Grimes of Miami.

The next-highest total by an NFL D-lineman was eight, by DE Jason Pierre-Paul of the Giants. The next-highest total by a Bengal was 10, by CB Dre Kirkpatrick.

“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.”

“Passes defended” include interceptions as well as passes broken up. When a player makes an INT, he also is credited with a PD. Dunlap had no INTs in ’16, and in the category of passes broken up without counting INTs, only four players were ahead of Dunlap, led by Grimes at 20.

The NFL has no team or league statistics to offer in terms of “most PDs ever by a D-lineman” or “highest league ranking ever by a D-lineman in passes defended,” because the statistic has been officially compiled league-wide only for a few years.

Dunlap the playmaker: Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap filled up the defensive stat sheet last season, and as a result, he earned his second career trip to the Pro Bowl. Dunlap piled up eight sacks on the year, which ranked second on the team behind fellow Pro Bowler Geno Atkins, and led the Bengals in passes defended (15) and forced fumbles (three). No other Bengal had more than one forced fumble.

Three of Dunlap’s deflected passes last year were corralled by Bengals LBs for interceptions — Vincent Rey vs. Cleveland, Rey Mauluga at Baltimore and Vontaze Burfict vs. Philadelphia.

And so far this season, the eighth-year player out of the University of Florida is again making a living in opponents’ backfields, with a sack, four QB hurries and a tackle for a loss.

Dunlap has 58 sacks for his career, ranked fourth all-time on the Bengals and closing in on the third-place player, DE Ross Browner at 59.

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 has averaged 8.1 sacks over his seven seasons. All-time Bengals sacks leader Eddie Edwards (83.5) averaged seven sacks over 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).

In 2015, Dunlap had 13.5 sacks, second-most in Bengals history. Besides his 58 sacks, his career totals include 15 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 41 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.”

Green and some gold jackets: Though a hamstring injury cost him all but two plays of 2016’s final seven games, A.J. Green finished his sixth season with nine career games with at least 150 receiving yards and a touchdown catch. The only players to have more such games in their first six seasons were Hall of Famers Lance Alworth (13) and Jerry Rice (11), and prime HOF candidate Randy Moss (10).

Also, Green’s nine games with at least 150 last year were tied with Steve Smith, Sr. of Baltimore, but Smith retired after the ’16 season.

Dalton and Green make six-year history: WR A.J. Green and QB Andy Dalton were the Bengals’ first two draft selections in 2011, and their first six seasons produced quite the ride.

Per Elias Sports Bureau, they stand as the most productive QB-WR duo in NFL history for players each in their first six seasons. Their 461 career completions and 6753 yards at the conclusion of 2016 were the most by any duo, and their 44 TD connections ranked second to Miami’s duo of QB Dan Marino and WR Mark Clayton (53 TDs from 1983-88).

Only A.J.: Cincinnati’s A.J. Green had his 2016 season cut short by a hamstring injury, which in turn halted his bid for a sixth-straight 1000-yard season to start his career (he finished with 964). Green did, however, still manage a sixth nomination to the Pro Bowl.

While 2016 marked the first time in his stellar career that Green did not accomplish both of those feats, he still stands as 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).

Erickson among NFL’s best on KORs: Bengals WR Alex Erickson so far this season is demonstrating again why he’s now considered one of the NFL’s most effective kickoff returners. Through Week 3, his 26.8 average (on four returns) ranks fourth the NFL. That average includes a Week 2 performance in which he totaled 76 yards on two kickoff returns — 41 and 35 yards.

As a rookie in 2016, Erickson posted a 27.9-yard kickoff return average (on 29 attempts), which led the AFC and ranked second in the NFL. He trailed only Cordarrelle Patterson of Minnesota (31.7). The second-place AFC qualifier was former Bengal Brandon Tate of Buffalo, more than five yards per-attempt behind Erickson at 22.8.

Erickson’s 27.9 goes down as the second-best average in Bengals history, behind only the 31.3 posted by CB Adam Jones in 2014. Jones’ figure led the NFL, giving the Bengals their first-ever NFL KOR title. Erickson was the third Bengal to ever lead the AFC, joining Jones and DB Tremain Mack (27.1 in 1999).

After a strong 2016 preseason, Erickson’s regular season began much less gaudily. 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 made his mark on kickoff returns in Games 8 and 9. He had a 65-yarder on Oct. 30 vs. Washington and an 84-yarder on Nov. 14 at the N.Y. Giants. He later had a 72-yarder in Game 14 vs. Pittsburgh. Erickson became the only player in Bengals history with three returns of 65 or more yards in a season, and he was the only rookie among the 10 NFL players with enough returns to qualify for the season-end rankings.

Erickson also serves as the Bengals’ primary punt returner. He’s totaled 102 yards on 11 returns so far this year, and his 57 punt return yards (on four returns) in Week 2 vs. Houston stand as the AFC’s single-game high for punt return yards.

Jones wears two crowns: Though the 2017 season is young, veteran CB Adam Jones, the oldest player on the Bengals’ roster (turns 34 on Sept. 30), has again flashed his ability as a return specialist. He didn’t have a punt return last week at Green Bay, but in Week 2 vs. Houston, he recorded a 33-yard punt return in the first quarter that nearly broke for a TD.

Jones is the Bengals' career leader in punt return average (10.70) and kickoff return average (26.35). The second-place Bengal in punt return average is WR Quan Cosby (9.99 from 2009-10), and the No. 2 man in kickoff return average is CB Lemar Parrish (24.66 from 1970-77).

Jones entered last season already in the punt return lead, and he added the kickoff return record to his resume in Game 4 vs. Miami, when he reached the minimum number of returns (50) to qualify.

With a starting role on defense though, Jones has seen his return opportunities limited in recent years. WR Alex Erickson served as the Bengals' primary returner in 2016 and again leads the team in both punt (11) and kickoff (four) return attempts early in the '17 campaign. Jones has two punt returns so far this season (for 41 yards) and no kickoff returns.

Jones' history as a dangerous returner dates back to 2005, his rookie season with Tennessee. But even though he turns 34 on Sept. 30, he's still considered a big potential weapon in the return game. In 2014, he set a Bengals record and led the NFL with a 31.3 KOR average. That same season he finished second in the league in punt return average (12.0).

Adding in three NFL seasons played elsewhere to his now eight years (2010-17) of Bengals play, Jones has NFL career averages of 26.0 yards per KOR and 10.3 per PR.

Jones has five career PRs for touchdowns. That total is tied with Minnesota CB Marcus Sherels for second-most among active players, behind only Philadelphia RB Darren Sproles, who has seven. Jones has never had a kickoff return for a score. He had a 97-yard KOR for the Bengals in 2014 vs. Carolina, but he was downed at the Panthers' three-yard line. The return did set up a TD, and it stands as the longest play in Bengals history that did not itself result in a TD.

Hill handles pigskin with care: HB Jeremy Hill had a crucial lost fumble in the Bengals' 2015 season playoff loss to Pittsburgh. It was one of three lost fumbles by Hill on the season, and he was forthright before last season in saying it was something he had to correct.

And ever since, he has. No player in the NFL in 2016 had as many touches as Hill (243) without any fumbles at all (not just fumbles lost). The second-most touches without a fumble was posted by Minnesota RB Jerick McKinnon, at 202.

Hill's 243 fumble-free touches (222 rushes, 21 receptions) were also the most ever by a Bengal. The previous best effort was 238 by HB Rudi Johnson in 2003.

And Hill has carried that effort into 2017, with no fumbles on his 22 touches so far.

Hill among tops in rush TDs since '14: Bengals HB Jeremy Hill, a bruising runner with open-field speed to burn, has always had a knack for getting into the end-zone. Hill now stands at 29 career rushing TDs since entering the league as a Bengals second-round draft selection in 2014, a total that stands second in the NFL over that span. His total matches that of Tennessee's DeMarco Murray and stands one short of Philadelphia's LeGarrette Blount (30).

Last season, Hill totaled nine rushing TDs. In 2015, he notched 11 rushing scores, and as a rookie in '14, he totaled nine. His 12 total TDs in '15 (one receiving, in addition to his 11 rushing) were the most by a Bengals RB since Rudi Johnson had 12 in 2006. For his Bengals career, Hill has 32 total TDs in 48 games, including two postseason games in which he scored one TD each.

Hill's 839 rushing yards led the Bengals in 2016, with a 3.8-yard average on 222 carries. Hill had significantly more than twice as many rush yards as the second-place Bengal and had his third team rushing title in three seasons.

Hill has been held out of the end zone so far in 2017. He has rushed 19 times for 66 yards (3.5), and has three receptions for six yards.

Jeremy excels inside the five: When the Bengals' offense gets inside the opposing team's five-yard line, the Bengals like to give the ball to HB Jeremy Hill. The 6-1, 230-pound halfback has proven to be among the NFL's most successful rushers at finding the end zone when entering that territory.

Of Hill's 29 career rushing TDs, 21 have come from the five-yard line or closer. He has 46 career rushing attempts from the five or closer, meaning he reaches the end zone on 45.7 percent of his carries inside that territory. Since the start of the 2014 season (Hill's rookie season), only Philadelphia's LeGarrette Blount (22) has more rushing TDs from the five and closer.

Some very good rushing numbers: The Bengals' record under Marvin Lewis with a 100-yard rusher now stands at an impressive 44-7-1

(856). What's more, their record with a rusher who hits the 25-carry plateau is 39-2 (951). And while reaching 30 rushes as a team usually spells success under Lewis — they were 5-1-1 (.786) last season with 30 or more rushes as a team — the Bengals in Week 3 bucked that trend, rushing 30 times (for 110 yards) in a losing effort at Green Bay. They're 0-1 so far in 2017 when rushing 30 times as a team.

"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.

"We love seeing a guy get 100 yards, but sometimes he 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 high-carry numbers."

The Huber roundup: Already a considerable presence in the Bengals record book, P Kevin Huber in '16 passed Lee Johnson for most career inside-20 punts in Bengals history. Johnson, who punted for more than 11 Bengals seasons (1988-98), had 186 career inside-20 punts, while Huber, now in his ninth season, currently stands at 213. A Bengals fifth-round selection in the 2009 draft, Huber also owns the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (3.80-to-1, with 213 inside-20s and 56 touchbacks).

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (45.0) and net average (39.7).

- He holds the top three Bengals season averages in gross and the top five Bengals season averages in net. His gross record is 46.84 in 2014, and his net record is 42.10, also in '14.

- 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 that year.

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 14 seasons of Cincinnati special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons, the Bengals are tied for the second-fewest fumbled punts (22) in the NFL, trailing only Atlanta (20). They're also tied with Houston, for the fewest lost fumbles on punts (five) over that span.

"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."

Recovered Gio sets sights on Brooks: HB Giovani Bernard missed the last six games in 2016, down with a major knee injury (ACL) suffered late in the fourth quarter of Game 10, Nov. 20 vs. Buffalo. But Bernard reported to training camp in July fully recovered from the injury and was a full participant in practice from the first snap.

And so far during the regular season, hasn't missed a beat. Bernard leads the team in yards per carry, at 5.1 (minimum five carries) and is second in rushing yards (77). He also has five receptions for 67 yards (13.4) and a TD.

Bernard's return sets him up to re-start his long pursuit of the all-time Bengals leads in both receptions and receiving yards by a running back. With 192 receptions, Bernard stands 105 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 1739 receiving yards, Bernard is 1273 short of Brooks' record of 3012. Brooks played eight seasons with the Bengals (1984-91), while Bernard in 2017 is playing his fifth.

Bernard has made his mark as both a rusher and receiver throughout his career. He averaged 1147 yards from scrimmage over his first three seasons, and his injury-shortened 2016 campaign ended with 673 yards in 10 games. Bernard in '16 was 91-for-337 rushing (3.7), with two TDs, and 39-for-336 receiving, with one TD. He ended '16 fourth on the team in receptions and fifth in receiving yards.

Bernard last season caught a career-best nine passes for 100 yards in Game 2 at Pittsburgh. It marked the second time he has been in triple digits in receiving yards. His 128 yards at Arizona in 2015 is the franchise record for receiving yards by a RB in a game. His 56 receptions as a rookie in 2013 is the Bengals season record for catches by a running back.

Marvin's second generation of Nickersons: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis first entered the NFL as LBs coach with the Pittsburgh

Steelers in 1992, where he coached a young star LB named Hardy Nickerson. The pairing lasted only a year, as Nickerson left the Steelers in free agency after that season. Nickerson would end up playing 16 NFL seasons with four teams, and making five Pro Bowl appearances. In 1992, though, neither Lewis nor Nickerson realized how things would come full circle 25 years later.

In 2017, Nickerson's son, also named Hardy Nickerson, signed with Lewis' Bengals as a college free agent and made a successful long-shot roster bid in preseason. The younger Nickerson played three seasons at Cal, before transferring to Illinois for his senior campaign to play under his father, who was Illinois' defensive coordinator. During that senior campaign, the 6-0, 235-pound Nickerson served as a team captain and recorded 107 tackles, including seven games (out of 12 total) of double-digit tackles. He closed his collegiate career with 353 tackles over four seasons of action, good for sixth among active FBS players at the end of 2016.

"I told young Hardy that I likely wouldn't be here without his father," Lewis said in May after signing the younger Nickerson as a CFA. "His father tested me as a coach, to be right. He was an outstanding player — smart. And his son shows those same attributes here, even after just being around him for the first day and a half (at rookie minicamp). He (the elder Nickerson) was a great, great football player, and he's become a very fine coach. I was blessed to be with him, even if it was only one season, but he taught me a lot."

Turnover tables are turned: During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank eighth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-46.

The Bengals are minus-five in differential thus far in 2017, with two takeaways (both INTs) and seven giveaways (four INTs, three FL).

Last week at Green Bay, the Bengals were even, with one takeaway (an INT returned for a TD by CB William Jackson) and one giveaway (a muffed punt that was recovered by the Packers as time expired in the second quarter).

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

Since 2003, NFL teams with just a plus-one differential have won 68.6 percent of those games. At plus-two, the percentage has been 82.6. Teams with any plus have won at a 79.2 percent clip.

Here are the top six teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England Patriots	425	262	+163
Green Bay Packers	388	328	+60
Seattle Seahawks	384	329	+55
Carolina Panthers	420	366	+54
Kansas City Chiefs	377	325	+52
Atlanta Falcons	379	331	+48
Indianapolis Colts	365	318	+47
Cincinnati Bengals	404	358	+46

Since 2003, the Bengals rank fifth in takeaways (404) and ninth in points off turnovers (1207).

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

The Bengals are 75-17-1 in regular season under Lewis with a plus (.819 winning percentage), but they are only 16-66-2 with a minus.

"It makes a huge difference," Lewis says. "You see it game after game. You have to possess the football to win. If you possess the football, good things happen. If you turn the ball over to opponents, you have a much 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	882-403-4	.686
Plus 2	710-150	.826
Plus 3	399-39-1	.910
Plus 4	207-6	.972
Plus 5	97-3	.970

Plus teams so far this season have gone 27-3, for a .900 winning percentage.

And when it's even? The Bengals are 27-23 in head coach Marvin Lewis' full tenure in games when the turnover differential has been even, for a winning percentage of .540. The Bengals have won 10 of their last 17 with an even differential (.588), dating back to 2012, but they have lost their last three, including an 0-1 record so far in '17 (loss Sept. 24 at Green Bay).

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys and white pants this week at Cleveland.

Since 2004, the 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	4-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White	15-6-1	.705
Black	Black	15-11-1	.574
Black	White	31-31-1	.500
White (CR)	White (CR)	1-1-0	.500
White	Black	25-28-0	.472
White	White	19-27-0	.413

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

Bengal bites: November (31-24-1, .563) is the month with the best winning percentage for Bengals teams in the 15 seasons of head coach Marvin Lewis Lewis', followed by September (27-23-0, .540). Clubs are also above .500 for December/January (36-30-0, .545 [regular season]). Lewis' only losing month has been October (24-29-2, .455) ... The attendance of 91,653 on Oct. 9, 2016, at Dallas was the largest ever for a Bengals regular-season game, topping a house of 87,786 for a 2004 visit to FedEx Field in Washington. The largest crowd for any Bengals game remains 92,045, for a 1990 season playoff game against the Los Angeles Raiders at the L.A. Coliseum ... The Bengals' tallest player is DE Michael Johnson, who is 6-7. There is a tie for the shortest player between K Randy Bullock and HB Giovani Bernard, both of whom are 5-9 ... There is a three-way tie for heaviest player — OT Andre Smith, DT Pat Sims and G Alex Redmond are all 330 pounds ... CB Adam Jones is the lightest player, at 185 pounds ... Jones, who turns 34 on Sept. 30, is also the oldest player ... The youngest player is HB Joe Mixon, who turned 21 on July 24.

BENGALS QUOTES

Bengals president Mike Brown, on the Bengals' 50th season:

"For me, it has been more than 50 years. I was working on things five years or so before we even were awarded the franchise. It has been a lifetime for me. It's what I do. It's what I like. I have been very lucky to be involved with it."

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on the Bengals evolving from an older roster to a younger roster:

"Our approach has changed this year. We've had more competition since we started (offseason activities) back in April, because we knew we were going to be in this situation. This was what I envisioned, and I feel good about it — we wanted to put these young guys in situations where that they would be ready to go (once the regular season began). Now they've got to go prove they are. ... We said back in April that there had to be a changing of the guard. It's inevitable in the NFL. ... We've got some young, emerging guys, which is great to have."

QB Andy Dalton, on shaking off a bad game:

"That's how you have to play quarterback. You never know what's going to happen. You want to play well every week, but if you don't, you have to bounce back. Same thing series to series — if you have a bad play or give up an INT, you have to bounce back. You have to be resilient to play this position."

Assistant head coach/OL coach Paul Alexander, on the importance of OTs Cedric Ogbuehi and Jake Fisher in 2017:

"It's the key to our season. They know that. I've told them that, but they didn't need to be told. It's a challenge for them, and great competitors answer the bell."

HB Giovani Bernard, on his rehab after tearing his ACL late in 2016:

"This is my second go-around (rehabbing an ACL injury), so I understood the process. I understood that you just stay the course and trust the training staff."

(Bengals director of rehabilitation) Nick Cosgray did an amazing job. Me and him, every single day going back and forth. We may have gotten sick and tired of each other at times, but he always had my best interests in mind and always did the extra things. He really helped me throughout this entire process."

HB Jeremy Hill, on the team's slow start to the season:

"We just have to keep pushing. We have a lot of savvy veteran guys in this locker room. Not very many of us have been in this situation before, but that won't stop us from practicing hard and trying to execute at a high level. It's still a long season."

Baltimore Ravens coach John Harbaugh, on Bengals WR A.J. Green:

"I think I was the first coach to go on record saying he was the best in the league. That was maybe five or six years ago, and I stand by that today. I think he's a great player, and he has proven it."

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

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

RBs coach Kyle Caskey, on HB Joe Mixon:

"His skills are top notch. They're the type of skills you can trust. He can catch the ball — he brings it in with his hands — and he (holds it tightly) when he's running the ball. He can make people miss in space, and he can run people over. He's 228 pounds, he ran a mid-4.4 (second 40-yard dash), and in space he has the agility of a much smaller back."

Director of Player Personnel Duke Tobin, on HB Joe Mixon adjusting to the pro level:

"He has really taken to it, and our coaches have done a great job getting him up to speed. There's a lot to learn at that position — running backs have to prove to be worthy in pass protection before they're going to be trusted long term — and we're working through that with him. Obviously, his run skills and his instincts are natural. He's got all the physical qualities you look for."

Lewis, on H-B Cethan Carter and LB Hardy Nickerson joining a list of Bengals veterans to make the roster originally as CFAs (WR Alex Erickson, H-B Ryan Hewitt, G Trey Hopkins, G Alex Redmond and LB Vincent Rey):

"We have a number of these guys who have come out of good programs and have been able to separate themselves right away. They came here and competed from the first day and didn't take a back seat to anyone. There's a step up (in competition) on Sundays, and they're ready for that."

Defensive coordinator Paul Guenther, on DE Jordan Willis:

"He's still learning how we do some things here — our techniques, and how to use his legs and his back. We're asking him to do things a little bit different here than he did in college. But he's beginning to understand that, and he's getting better every day."

DE Carlos Dunlap, on knocking down passes at the line of scrimmage:

"The quarterback has a clock, too. If I can't get there before he throws it, then I jump and get the hand up — one hand off, one hand up."

Lewis, on LB Carl Lawson:

"He's been the early-to-work guy, and the late-at-work guy. He wants to do everything correctly. He may not seem like someone who talks a lot, but he talks out there on the field, and he comes into my office and wants to sit down and watch film with me. I really like that about him."

LB Vontaze Burfict, on rookie pass rushers Jordan Willis and Carl Lawson:

"They come off the edge, and they don't even think about it — they just go after it. They're young, hungry and fast. Jordan (Willis) is going to be somebody to reckon with. He comes off the edge fast. And Carl — Carl's pretty good. We just have to get him to stop thinking, and just go get the quarterback. You know how it is as a rookie — you get wrapped up in the defense, trying to do everything right. Just go."

Guenther, on DT Andrew Billings:

"I'm counting on Billings. He is coming on pretty well. The first time I saw him in pads in the first week of training camp, I was like, 'Man, this sucker is strong' — he was moving people backwards. I think he's got it."

Lewis, on CB William Jackson:

"He's done some things that have been stellar. There are other things that we're just trying to get him caught up on a little bit — get him up to speed. That's part of being a young player. We know he has the athletic tools and the intellect to play the position, now it's just (refining) the nuances of things that you do within the scheme. We're trying to make sure that he's good to go."

Lewis, on Jackson's ability to cover receivers:

"He's as good a guy at that as I've had an opportunity to be around. I said that last year. I've been around a lot of guys that are very good at that, and William, as a young player, has that ability."

Lewis, on LB Kevin Minter:

"He plays hard, with his pads at the right level. He understands the passing game and where he fits in on run defense, depending on the defense and coverage. I've been very pleased with him. It's been a good fit."

Lewis, on DT Geno Atkins:

"He's a man of few words, but he goes out and performs. He's productive against the pass and the run, week in and week out."

Lewis, on players needing to contribute on special teams:

"We need to have the best offensive and defensive players, and a part of it is that they have to be a part of special teams. From the day they walk in through this door, they're beat over their heads with it. They're a part of 'teams' all the time, and that means everybody. They may not have done it at their college, but they all are a part of it now in some capacity."

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Seventh-year pro **Andy Dalton** threw for 212 yards and two TDs on 21 of 27 passing in Week 3 against the Packers, bringing his 2017 totals to 57 of 93 passing (61.3 percent) for 606 yards, two TDs and four INTs. His quarterback rating in the Green Bay game (124.1) is his highest rating since Week 13 of the 2016 season. In 2016, Dalton completed 364 of 563 passes (64.7 percent), with 18 TDs and eight INTs. His 91.8 passer rating last year exceeded his career rating of 88.5. That career rating ranks as the Bengals' record, topping Carson Palmer's mark of 86.9. His 4206 yards passing in 2016 were the second most in team history, surpassed only by his own mark of 4293, posted in '13. Dalton also holds the club record for TD passes in a season (33, also in '13). Though the Bengals missed the playoffs in his sixth season in 2016, Dalton still 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, from '11-15. Dalton's 56-36-2 regular-season record as a starter works out to the best winning percentage (.606) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. Third-year pro **AJ McCarron** has been an active-DNP for the first three regular-season games. McCarron showed much promise while filling in for Dalton after Dalton's thumb injury in 2015, 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 FG. As a collegian, McCarron led

Alabama to a pair of national championships.

Running backs: Fourth-year HB **Jeremy Hill** has rushed for 29 TDs since entering the league as a Bengals second-round draft selection in 2014, and that total is one behind Philadelphia's LeGarrette Blount for the most rushing TDs in the NFL over that span. Hill led the Bengals in rushing (222 carries for 839 yards; 3.8-yard average) by a wide margin last season, despite seeing limited time in Game 15 and missing Game 16 due to a knee injury. Hill has led the Bengals in rushing every year since 2014, his rookie season. In addition, Hill had the most touches by any player in the NFL in 2016 without a fumble (243). That number also counts as the most touches in a season without a fumble in team history. After suffering a major knee injury (ACL tear) last year, in Game 10 vs. Buffalo, HB **Giovani Bernard** returned to the practice field for the first snap of training camp this year and has played in the first three games. He tallied his first TD of 2017 against the Packers, catching a six-yard pass from Andy Dalton for the score. In his 10 games before the injury last season, Bernard racked up 673 yards from scrimmage, a total that stood fourth on the team at year's end. He had 91 carries for 337 yards (3.7) and two TDs rushing, along with 39 catches for another 336 yards and one TD receiving. Prized rookie HB **Joe Mixon**, a second-round pick out of Oklahoma, has found himself leading the Cincinnati backfield in carries through the first three games (35). In Week 3

against the Packers, Mixon topped 100 total yards for this first time in his career, carrying the ball 18 times for 62 yards (3.4) and catching three passes for 39 yards. In 2016 at Oklahoma, Mixon posted a school-record 2331 all-purpose yards (194.3 per game). Only three RBs in school history have ever topped Mixon's 6.8 yards per carry in 2016 — College Football Hall of Famer Greg Pruitt (8.98 in 1971), Marcus Dupree (7.84 in '82) and CFB HOFer Billy Sims (7.41) in his Heisman Trophy-winning season of '78. Despite playing only two college seasons and splitting time in the Sooners' backfield, Mixon finished his collegiate career ranked third in school history in career receiving yards by a running back (894) and fourth in career receptions by a running back (65). For his career, he totaled 300 carries for 2027 yards (6.8) and 17 TDs, as well as 65 receptions for 894 yards (13.8) and nine TDs.

Wide receivers: Leading the Bengals in receiving through three weeks is none other than **A.J. Green**, who is coming off his sixth Pro Bowl nod in as many seasons (though he did not play in the game). In Week 3 at Green Bay, Green caught his 500th career reception and his 50th career TD, his first of 2017, to go along with a season-high 111 receiving yards. The seventh-year WR looks to continue the torrid pace he was on in 2016 before a hamstring injury ended his season early in Game 10. Through the first nine games of 2016, Green was averaging 107.1 yards receiving per game. Projected over 16 games, that average would have given him 1714 yards receiving, which would have shattered the team record of 1440, set by Chad Johnson in 2007. He finished the 2016 regular season with 964 receiving yards on 66 catches. He had four TDs on the season, and he had four 100-yard receiving games. Green's 501 career receptions rank fourth in Bengals history, and his 7387 receiving yards rank second. Green's 49 career receiving TDs rank fourth as well, and his 28 games of 100 or more receiving yards rank second behind Johnson, whose total of 31 was recorded over a 10-year career. Veteran **Brandon LaFell** returns opposite Green as the other starting WR, having grabbed eight receptions for 59 yards through the first three weeks. In Game 15 last year at Houston, LaFell went for a career-high 130 yards, including an 86-yard catch and run in the fourth quarter that was the longest Bengals scoring play of the season, and the second longest reception of LaFell's career. For the season, LaFell logged 64 catches for 862 yards and six TDs (all receiving), ranking second on the team in all three categories. Second-year WR **Tyler Boyd** this year looks to build on a solid rookie season in which he posted 54 receptions for 603 yards and one TD, including 27 for 308 during the time that Green was out (Games 10-16). Boyd led all NFL rookies last season with 22 third-down receptions. Joining the Bengals this season are rookies **John Ross** and **Josh Malone**, both of whom specialized in the vertical passing game in college. Ross, the Bengals' first-round selection (No. 9 overall) out of Washington in April's draft, made his first appearance of the young season in Week 2 vs. Texans, getting the start at WR. Ross gained notoriety during the pre-draft process when he ran 4.22-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine, considered to be a combine record, breaking RB Chris Johnson's mark of 4.24 seconds from 2008. Ross piled up his share of impressive numbers at Washington as well, totaling 114 receptions for 1729 yards and 22 receiving TDs over three seasons of action. He also excelled as a kick returner, with four TDs in 85 career returns. Over his college career, Ross recorded five scoring plays 90 yards or longer. Malone, the second of two Bengals fourth-round selections (No. 128 overall) in this year's draft, was also known for stretching the field in college. Malone finished his three-year college career at Tennessee with 104 receptions, 1608 receiving yards (15.5-yard average) and 14 receiving TDs. In 2016, he averaged a school-record 19.4 yards per reception to go with 11 receiving TDs in 13 games. Malone's 4.40-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine in March was third best among participating wide receivers. Second-year pro **Alex Erickson**, a 2016 college free agent out of Wisconsin, posted career-highs in receptions and receiving yards in Week 2 against the Texans, nabbing four receptions for 62 yards. Used primarily as a kick return specialist a season ago, Erickson averaged an AFC-best 27.9-yards on 29 kickoff returns in '16. His average ranked second in the NFL, behind only then-Minnesota WR Cordarrelle Patterson (31.7). He also was the team's leading punt returner, with 28 returns for 195 yards (7.0). WR **Cody Core**, a sixth-round Bengals draft choice out of Mississippi in 2016, also returns for his second season. He caught 17 passes for 200 yards last season, all of which came in the final five games, when Green was out hurt.

Tight ends/H-backs: Tyler Eifert, a 2015 Pro Bowl selection, was inactive in Week 3 against Green Bay (back) after suiting up for the first two games of the season. Eifert's 2016 season ended after he was inactive for Game 15 at Houston, with a back injury, and placed on the season-ending Reserve/Injured list on Dec. 26, prior to the season finale. Eifert was limited to only eight games in '16, but still managed 29 catches for 394 yards and five TDs.

Slowed by an ankle injury he suffered in the Pro Bowl following the 2015 campaign, he missed the first six contests of the season and played only a little in Game 7. Since the start of the '15 season, Eifert's 18 TD catches lead all NFL tight ends (Washington Redskin Jordan Reed is second with 17), despite playing in 22 of 33 possible games in that stretch. Returning for his third Bengals season, TE **Tyler Kroft** has gotten the starting nod in each of the first three regular-season games. He appeared in 14 games in 2016 with 11 starts, missing the final two contests with knee/ankle injuries. He recorded 10 catches for 92 yards, and he tied for fifth on the team in special teams tackles (seven). Fellow third-year pro **C.J. Uzomah**, who played in 10 games with eight starts last season, saw his first action in Week 3 against the Packers after being sidelined with an ankle injury for the first two weeks. Last year, Uzomah recorded 25 receptions for 234 yards and one TD, including eight catches in the last two games. Known for his blocking ability, fourth-year pro **Ryan Hewitt** has manned the H-back position since joining the Bengals in 2014 as a college free agent out of Stanford. Hewitt played in every game in 2016, with 11 starts, and had had two catches for 13 yards. He has played in 50 of 51 possible regular-season games since joining the team, with 35 starts. Joining Hewitt at H-back is **Cethan Carter**, who made a successful roster bid as a college free agent out of Nebraska. In his four years at Nebraska, Carter had 59 receptions for 744 yards and four TDs.

Offensive linemen: G **Clint Boling** is in his sixth season as the Bengals' starting LG, and is the longest consecutively tenured lineman on the roster. Boling in 2016 battled a shoulder injury suffered in Game 4, but managed to play through it until the final two games, when he was placed on Reserve/Injured. C **Russell Bodine**, who has been the Bengals' starting C since his rookie year in 2014, started all 16 games last season. Bodine has not missed a start in his Bengals career, covering 51 regular-season games and two postseason games. To Bodine's right this year is a new addition to the starting unit, G **Trey Hopkins**, who missed Weeks 2 and 3 with an injury to his knee. Hopkins had earned the No. 1 RG spot with a strong preseason. The second-year pro out of Texas first joined Cincinnati as a CFA in 2014 and spent most of his time since between Reserve/Injured and the practice squad. Hopkins drew praise from assistant head coach/offensive line coach Paul Alexander this year in training camp for his versatility and has the ability to play several different spots along the line. Beside Hopkins this season is ROT **Jake Fisher**, a second-round Bengals draft choice out of Oregon in 2015. Fisher played in 15 games last season, with three consecutive starts at ROT to end the season. He had served as the "big tight end" in extra-blocker situations most of the season, seeing increased snaps as the season progressed. Fisher's versatility includes having been moved to H-back late in '15 to help replace an injured Ryan Hewitt. Fisher even has two catches for 43 yards to his credit (one each in '15 and '16). Manning the other tackle spot is LOT **Cedric Ogbuehi**, a 2015 Bengals first-round draft selection out of Texas A&M. Ogbuehi started the first 11 games at ROT and one at LOT in 2016, before an injury ended his season before Game 16. Re-joining the Bengals' offensive line for 2017 is a familiar face — **Andre Smith**. A first-round Bengals draft pick in 2009, Smith was a mainstay at ROT until '16, when he signed with Minnesota as an unrestricted free agent. Smith's 2016 season, though, was cut short in the Vikings' fourth game when he suffered a season-ending triceps injury. An unrestricted free agent at season's end, Smith opted on March 16 to re-join the Bengals. Now in his second Bengals stint, Smith is listed as the backup at both LOT and ROT. Fourth-year pro **T.J. Johnson** has started in place of Hopkins during his absence, and will serve as the backup C and contribute on special teams. G **Christian Westerman**, a fifth-round Bengals draft selection out of Arizona State in 2016, will add depth to the interior of the Bengals' line and contribute on special teams. Westerman was inactive for 15 games in '16, and an active/DNP for one. First-year G **Alex Redmond**, a 2016 college free agent out of UCLA, made a successful preseason roster bid this year after spending all of his rookie season on the Bengals' practice squad. Redmond also figures to add depth to the interior of the line.

Defensive linemen: Pro Bowl DT **Geno Atkins** returns for his eighth Bengals season, and has begun 2017 the way he ended '16 — in the sack column. Atkins has already recorded three sacks in 2017, including two against Houston. The two sacks in the Houston game marked the sixth-consecutive game in which Atkins had recorded at least one sack, a streak that came to an end against the Packers in Week 3. Atkins finished last season with a team-leading nine sacks, a total that also finished tops among NFL interior linemen (one ahead of Rams DT Aaron Donald). It's the fourth time Atkins has finished in at least a tie for that crown, and last season marked the second time for him to win the title outright (also in 2012). Atkins started every game last season and recorded 32 tackles. In addition to sacks, he led the team for the season in tackles for losses (13) and QB hits (26). DE **Carlos Dunlap**, in his eighth season, recorded his first sack of 2017 in Week 3 against the Packers. He

now has 58 sacks for his career, ranking fourth all-time in Bengals history. Dunlap earned a trip to the Pro Bowl last year, his second selection, after recording eight sacks (second on team) among his 49 tackles. He also made headlines in 2016 after he led the team with a remarkable 15 passes defended. That total was seven more than any other NFL defensive lineman. It was the first time a Bengals defensive lineman has ever led the team in passes defended. The next closest Bengal was CB Dre Kirkpatrick, who had 10. Dunlap also led the team in forced fumbles (three). His 49 tackles led the D-line, and he also led the line in snaps played (840 of 1087). Dunlap had 13.5 sacks in 2015, the second-most in Bengals history. For his career, Dunlap has 15 career forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 41 passes defended, four blocked field goals and two touchdowns scored. After leaving Week 1 early with a concussion, DE **Michael Johnson** was inactive for Week 2 against Houston, but came back strong in Week 3 at Green Bay, recording his first sack of the year. Now in his ninth NFL season, eight of which have been as a Bengal (spent 2014 with Tampa Bay), Johnson was second on the D-line in tackles (45) in '16 and fourth on the team in sacks (3.5). Listed as the No. 1 NT is veteran run-stuffer **Pat Sims**, who is in his eighth season as a Bengal and 10th overall in the NFL (he spent 2013-14 with Oakland). Sims was a productive player all season in the line rotation last year, posting 37 tackles, with 1.5 sacks, despite coming off the bench. Adding to the Bengals' depth at DE is rookie **Jordan Willis**, who started in place of Johnson in Week 2. The Bengals' third-round draft choice this year and 2016 Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year out of Kansas State, Willis finished his four-year college career widely considered one of the top defensive players in Kansas State history. He totaled 114 tackles, including 40.5 for losses, and 26 sacks (third in school history). Last year, Willis led the Big 12 with 11.5 sacks. Willis tied for the preseason NFL lead in sacks, with four — one in each game — while also adding a forced fumble. In the rotation at NT is second-year DT **Andrew Billings**, a 2016 fourth-round Bengals draft selection out of Baylor who spent all of his rookie season on the Reserve/Injured list due to a knee injury suffered in training camp. DE **Chris Smith**, a third-year pro who the Bengals acquired in an April 11 trade with Jacksonville, has 1.5 sacks through three games in 2017. In three years with the Jaguars, Smith played in 19 games, with 4.5 sacks, a pass defended and a forced fumble. Adding to the depth of the Bengals' interior defensive line is rookie **Ryan Glasgow** of Michigan, a fourth-round Bengals draft choice (No. 138 overall). A former walk-on for the Wolverines, Glasgow developed into a key contributor on one of college football's top rush defenses over the last two years. He played in 45 games (33 starts) at Michigan over five seasons (one redshirt), recording 91 tackles, including 18.5 for losses, and five sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble return.

Linebackers: The Bengals' LB corps this week expects the return of starting WLB **Vontaze Burfict**, who missed Games 1-3 due to a league suspension. One of the NFL's most instinctive talents, Burfict is in his sixth season in stripes and is considered the leader of the defense. Burfict played in only 11 games in 2016, missing the first three due to a suspension and last two due to a concussion and knee injury suffered in Game 14 vs. Pittsburgh. Despite the missed time though, Burfict still managed to finish with 101 tackles (second on the team), two sacks, eight passes defended (third on team) and a forced fumble. Burfict led the team in tackles by wide margins in 2012 and '13, and was a Pro Bowl selection in '13. Unrestricted free agent signee **Kevin Minter**, who spent his first four seasons with Arizona, is the No. 1 MLB this year and currently stands fourth on the team in tackles. Known for his speed, Minter played in 61 games, including 37 starts, in four years with the Cardinals, notching 254 tackles, five sacks, 11 passes defended and a forced fumble. His highest tackle total came in 2014, when he recorded 110 stops. Off to a hot start in 2017 is second-year pro **Nick Vigil**, who recorded his first career interception in Game 1 vs. Baltimore after earning the No. 1 SLB spot. The team's second leading tackler thus far, Vigil was a third-round 2016 draft choice out of Utah State and played in all 16 games a season ago, primarily on special teams. Seventh-year pro **Vincent Rey**, a longtime special teams ace and key backup, will fill the No. 1 WLB spot during Burfict's suspension. The leading tackler through the first three games, Rey played in every game in 2016, with 12 starts, and ranked fourth on the team with 79 tackles. He also had one INT, seven total passes defended and a fumble recovery. Rey can play all the LB positions, and led the Bengals in tackles in both 2014 and '15. A promising new addition to the Bengals' LB corps comes in the form of rookie fourth-round pick **Carl Lawson** of Auburn, who posted 2.5 sacks in Week 3 against the Packers. Lawson's 2.5 sacks were the first few sacks of his career and the most sacks in a single game by a Bengals player since Carlos Dunlap had three sacks against the Broncos in Week 16 of the 2015 season. A defensive end in college, Bengals coaches have added LB to his repertoire, in addition to duties as an edge rusher in the defense's No. 1

nickel package. Lawson battled injuries at times during his four seasons at Auburn (one redshirt), but when healthy, he was considered one of the top pass-rushers in college football. At 6-2, 260 pounds, Lawson combines power with speed. He played in 33 games in three years of action, with 20 starts, and notched 67 tackles, including 24 for losses and 14 sacks. Rookie LB **Jordan Evans** of Oklahoma, a sixth-round Bengals draft choice, impressed during preseason, finishing with 18 tackles (second on the team) and two passes defended. Evans was known for his speed and production in college and excelled in coverage. In 2016, he recorded four INTs and returned two for TDs. His 16 career breakups tied for second in school history among LBs. **Hardy Nickerson** of Illinois rounds out the LB corps, after making a successful roster bid as a college free agent. Nickerson, who played three seasons at California before transferring to Illinois for his senior campaign, is the son of former All-Pro LB Hardy Nickerson.

Defensive backs: Sixth-year pro **George Iloka**, Cincinnati's starting FS since 2013, has returned to the starting lineup after missing the entire preseason due to an injury suffered early in training camp. Iloka tied for the team lead in INTs (three) last season, while recording 73 tackles. Iloka has eight career INTs and 29 passes defended. Sixth-year CB **Dre Kirkpatrick** now is in his third season as the Bengals' full-time starter at the No. 1 LCB position. The 2012 Bengals first-round draft choice started 15 games last season, missing only Game 4 vs. Miami, due to a hamstring injury. He tied for the team lead in INTs (three) and had 46 tackles and 10 passes defended (second on team). For his career, Kirkpatrick has nine INTs, two of which he returned for TDs, and 38 passes defended. He's also proven to be a durable performer, having played in 63 of the last 64 possible games (including postseason). Eleventh-year CB **Adam Jones** returned to the lineup at RCB against Houston, after serving a one-week suspension to begin the season. Jones came back ready to play, recording a team-leading three passes defended along with five solo tackles. Jones, now in his eighth Bengals season, started all 16 games last year at RCB and led the defense in snaps (1057 of 1087). For the season, he had 66 tackles, one INT, seven passes defended and a forced fumble. Jones' time as a kick returner has been limited in recent 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). He is the Bengals' all-time leader in kickoff return average (26.4) and punt return average (10.7). Fifth-year pro **Shawn Williams** suffered an elbow injury in the second preseason game, causing him to miss Week 1. He returned in Week 2 vs. Houston and has 11 tackles this season. Williams in 2016 tied for the team lead in INTs (three) and ranked third in tackles (81). Second-year S **Clayton Fejedelem**, who started in place of Williams in Game 1 vs. Baltimore, was a seventh-round Bengals draft choice in 2016 out of Illinois. Fejedelem played in every game last season, primarily on special teams, but recorded three tackles in brief defensive action. CB **Josh Shaw**, who can play both S and CB, returns for his third season as a versatile piece of the Bengals' secondary. Shaw played in every game last season, with 12 starts (11 as a nickel back, and one at SS). Logging his first start of the season in Game 1 vs. Baltimore in place of the suspended Jones, 2014 first-round pick **Darqueze Dennard** adds to the depth at cornerback for the Bengals. After the first three games of the season Dennard finds himself second on the team in solo tackles (12), with two passes defended. Dennard played in 15 games last season, with three starts, and tallied 41 tackles on defense. Over the offseason, the Bengals exercised the option to extend Dennard's rookie contract by one year through the 2018 season. Another Bengals first-round draft pick, CB **William Jackson**, returned to action this season after losing his rookie campaign to a pectoral injury suffered in an early 2016 training camp practice. Jackson was a headline-grabber in Week 3 after recording his first career INT on Packers QB Aaron Rodgers and returning it 75 yards for a TD. The last Bengal to score a TD on his first career INT was DE Carlos Dunlap on Dec. 30, 2012 against Baltimore. The Bengals selected Jackson out of the University of Houston, where he led the nation in 2015 with a school-record 23 pass breakups and added a career-best five interceptions. He also led the nation in total passes defended (28). Adding depth to the CB room is second-year CB **KeiVarae Russell**, who closed out the Bengals' 2016 season with a late-game INT of Ryan Mallett in the season finale vs. Baltimore. The INT was the first of Russell's career. Third-year S **Derron Smith** of Fresno State will again add depth to the secondary in addition to experience on special teams. Smith played in 12 games last year and had seven tackles, one pass defended, and a special teams stop.

Special teams: The Bengals begin 2017 with a familiar face at kicker — sixth-year pro **Randy Bullock**. Acquired late last year on waivers from Pittsburgh, Bullock won a preseason competition for the team's placekicking. Bullock has drilled four of his five attempts so far this season, with the longest coming from 46 yards. Now in his sixth NFL season out of Texas A&M, Bullock owns a career 81.3 percent average (87 for 10) on FGs and 96.2 percent

average (100 for 104) on PATs. LS **Clark Harris**, who has been with the Bengals since Game 6 of the 2009 season, returns in '17 after a groin injury last season caused him to snap a streak of 123 straight Bengals games played (including postseason). Harris has handled all 1180 snaps in his Bengals career without an unplayable delivery. P **Kevin Huber**, the top Bengals punter in history in terms of gross average (45.0) and net average (39.7), now owns the top three seasons in Bengals history for gross average and the top five for net average. Last season, Huber finished with a 46.3-yard gross average and 39.5-yard net average. He also notched 23 inside-20s against eight touchbacks. Huber boasts the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (3.78 to-1, with 205 inside-20s and 54 touchbacks). WR **Alex Erickson**, a college free agent out

of Wisconsin in 2016, looks to continue his playmaking ways after a strong rookie season in which he finished second in the NFL and first in the AFC in kickoff return average, at 27.9 yards on 29 returns. He trailed only then-Minnesota WR Cordarrelle Patterson (31.7). Erickson had returns of 65, 72, and 84 yards last season, and his 84-yarder in Game 9 at the N.Y. Giants stands as the longest Bengals kickoff return since CB **Adam Jones'** 97-yarder vs. Carolina in 2014. He is the only Bengal to ever post three KORs of 65-plus yards in a season. Erickson also served as the team's primary punt returner, averaging 7.0 yards on 28 punt returns. On coverage units, the Bengals this year return several key contributors from a year ago, including CB **Josh Shaw** (nine special teams tackles in 2016), S **Clayton Fejedelem** (seven), TE **Tyler Kroft** (seven), LB **Vincent Rey** (seven) and Harris (six). Fejedelem led the team in special teams snaps (318) last season.

IMPORTANT DATES

2017

- Sept. 26 — Beginning on the Tuesday following the third weekend of regular season games, the claiming priority is based on the inverse order of the standing of clubs in the current season's games.
- Mid-October — Beginning on the sixth calendar day prior to a club's seventh regular season game (including any bye week) clubs are permitted to begin practicing players on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform and Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness who are for a period not to exceed 21 days. Players may be activated during the 21-day practice period, or prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, on the day after the conclusion of the 21-day period, provided that no player may be activated to participate in a Week 6 game.
- Mid-October — At any time after six weeks have elapsed since a player was placed on Reserve/Injured or Reserve/Non-Football Injury/Illness, each club is permitted to designate two players for return from either list to the Club's 53-player Active/Inactive List. A player who is "Designated For Return" must have suffered a major football-related injury or non-football-related injury or illness after reporting to training camp and must have been placed on the applicable Reserve List after 4 p.m. Eastern time on the day after the final roster reduction. A player whom the club wishes to designate for return is permitted to return to practice for a period not to exceed 21 days. The club is required to notify the League office that the player has been "Designated For Return" on the first day the player begins to practice. The player cannot be returned to the Active/Inactive List until eight weeks have elapsed since the date he was placed on Reserve.
- Oct. 17-18 — Fall League Meeting, The Conrad, New York, NY.
- Oct. 31 — All trading ends for 2017 at 4 p.m., Eastern time.
- Nov. 1 — Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons are subject to the waiver system for the remainder of the regular season and postseason.
- Nov. 14 — At 4 p.m. Eastern time, signing period ends for Franchise Players who are eligible to receive offer sheets.
- Nov. 14 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, 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 2017.
- Nov. 14 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, deadline for clubs to sign their Unrestricted Free Agents to whom the "May 9 Tender" was made. If still unsigned after this date, such players are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2017.
- Nov. 14 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, 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 2017.
- Nov. 14 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, deadline for clubs to sign their drafted rookies. If such players remain unsigned after this date, they are prohibited from playing in NFL in 2017.
- Dec. 1 — Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2018, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players whose 2017 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 13, 2018. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs

- must first receive written permission from the player's CFL club.
- Dec. 1 — Deadline for all clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2017 season.
- Dec. 1 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern time, for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.
- Dec. 2 — All salary paid to a practice squad player during the postseason will count as salary if the player's practice player contract was executed or renegotiated on or after this date for more than the minimum practice squad salary.
- Dec. 12 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
- Dec. 13 — Special League Meeting, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
- Dec. 29 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern time, for waiver requests in 2017, except for "special waiver requests" which have a 10-day claiming period, with termination or assignment delayed until after the Super Bowl.

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- Jan. 1 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2017 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2018 Team Salary.
- Jan. 1 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2018 season.
- Jan. 1 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2015 College 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. 1 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2015 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 1, 2018, but prior to May 3, 2018.
- Jan. 6-7 — Wild Card Playoff Games.
- Jan. 7 — 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. 8 — NCAA National Championship Game, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Jan. 13-14 — Divisional Playoff Games.
- Jan. 14 — 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. 15 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2018 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 19.
- Jan. 20 — East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Florida.

(Important dates, continued)

Jan. 20	— NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, TBD.	March 14	— Free Agent and any employee or representative of a club, other than the player's current club.
Jan. 21	— AFC and NFC Championship Games.	—	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must exercise options for 2018 on all players who have option clauses in their 2017 contracts.
Jan. 27	— Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Alabama.	March 14	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.
Jan. 28	— NFL Pro Bowl, Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Florida.	March 14	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2017 contracts who have fewer than three accrued seasons of free agency credit.
Jan. 28	— 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.	March 14	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2018 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time.
Jan. 31	— Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players whose 2017 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern time, on Feb. 13, 2018.	March 14	— All 2017 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern time.
Feb. 2	— Deadline for non-playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2018 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.	March 14	— The 2018 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern time. The first day of the 2018 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern time, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14.
Feb. 4	— Super Bowl LII, U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis, Minnesota.	March 14	— Trading period for 2018 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern time, after expiration of all 2017 contracts.
Feb. 5	— Waiver system begins for 2018. A 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the Friday prior to the last regular season game (waivers requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern time, on the following Monday.) Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until after the trading deadline.	March 14	— Commencing at 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs may designate up to two Player Contracts that, if terminated on or prior to June 1, 2018, and if not renegotiated after Dec. 31, 2017, shall be treated as if terminated on June 2, subject to the further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1).
Feb. 13	— Beginning at 12 noon Eastern time, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2017 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2018 season or who have an option for the 2018 season are not eligible to be signed.	March 15	— Deadline for all clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2018 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.
Feb. 16	— Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2018 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.	March 25-28	— Annual League Meeting, Ritz Carlton, Orlando, Florida.
Feb. 20	— First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	April 2	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2018 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.
Feb. 27-Mar. 5	— Combine timing and testing, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana.	April 2	— Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2017 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
March 1	— Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 4(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2018 season.	April 16	— Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
March 2	— Beginning this date, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an assistant coach, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as its head coach, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the coach the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.	April 18	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
March 2	— Beginning this date through the conclusion of the annual Selection Meeting, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an individual, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as a high-level club employee, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the individual the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club if his current responsibilities include gathering information on and evaluating draft-eligible players or veteran free agent players. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.	April 20	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
March 6	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	April 25	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
March 12-14	— During the period beginning at noon Eastern time, on March 12 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14, 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 2017 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14. However, a contract cannot be executed with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14. During the above two-day negotiating period, no direct contact is permitted between a prospective Unrestricted	April 25	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
		April 26-28	— NFL Draft (site TBD).
		May 2	— Deadline for clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2015 Draft.
		May 4-7	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
		May 8	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "May 8 Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern time, only with his Prior Club.
		May 11-14	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
		May 14	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
		May 17-20	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
		May 21-23	— Spring League Meeting, Ritz Carlton, Buckhead, Georgia.

MEDIA SCHEDULE

<p>Tues., Sept. 26 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Sept. 27 — 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 with Cleveland Browns head coach Hue Jackson at 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thurs., Sept. 28 — Practice from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. (practice open to media from 11:15-11:45 a.m., but no video after 11:35 a.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off practice field; Locker room open from 1:15-2 p.m.</p> <p>Fri., Sept. 29 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45-11:50 a.m.; (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).</p> <p>Sat., Sept. 30 — No media access; Team travels to Cleveland.</p> <p>Sun., Oct. 1 — Game 4, Bengals at Cleveland Browns at FirstEnergy Stadium, 1 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Oct. 2 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.</p>	<p>Tues., Oct. 3 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Oct. 4 — 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 with Buffalo Bills head coach Sean McDermott, TBD.</p> <p>Thurs., Oct. 5 — Practice from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. (practice open to media from 11:15-11:45 a.m., but no video after 11:35 a.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off practice field; Locker room open from 1:15-2 p.m.</p> <p>Fri., Oct. 6 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45-11:50 a.m.; (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).</p> <p>Sat., Oct. 7 — No media access.</p> <p>Sun., Oct. 8 — Game 5, Bengals vs. Buffalo Bills at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Oct. 9 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.</p>
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THE LAST BENGALS-BROWNS MEETINGS

2016 SEASON

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. Cincinnati had a 300-yard passer (QB Andy Dalton, 308), a 100-yard rusher (HB Jeremy Hill, 168) and a 100-yard receiver (WR A.J. Green, 169) for the first time in a regulation-time game since Sept. 16, 2007 at Cleveland. The winless Browns took a 10-7 lead in the second quarter, but Dalton TD passes of 44 yards to WR Brandon LaFell and 48 yards to Green put Cincinnati on top 21-10 at halftime. Green made a spectacular juggling catch for his TD on a "Hail Mary" pass at the end of the half. Hill had a 74-yard TD run for the Bengals in the second half. The Bengals improved to 3-4, and the Browns fell to 0-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cleveland	0	10	7	0	—	17
Cincinnati	7	14	10	0	—	31

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — G.Bernard 5 run (M.Nugent kick)	1-12:14
Cle. — C.Parkey 28 field goal	2-13:26
Cle. — I.Crowell 1 run (C.Parkey kick)	2-6:20
Cin. — B.LaFell 44 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	2-4:09
Cin. — A.Green 48 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	2-0:00
Cle. — K.Hogan 28 run (C.Parkey kick)	3-10:43
Cin. — J.Hill 74 run (M.Nugent kick)	3-9:47
Cin. — M.Nugent 36 field goal	3-4:19

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

TEAM STATISTICS	CLE.	CIN.
First downs	22	23
Third down conversions-attempts	6-14	5-10
Total net yards	352	559
Net yards rushing	180	271
Net yards passing	172	288
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	35-21-2	28-19-0
Sacks against-yards lost	2-10	3-20
Punts-average	5-41.8	2-44.5
Punt returns-yards	1-3	2-3
Kickoff returns-yards	1-18	1-23
Penalties-yards	5-35	3-30
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1
Time of possession	31:48	28:12

RUSHING

CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
K.Hogan	7	104	28t	1	J.Hill	9	168	74t	1
I.Crowell	12	63	21	1	G.Bernard	17	80	17	1
D.Johnson	6	15	5	0	R.Burkhead	4	23	11	0
C.Kessler	1	-2	-2	0					
TOTALS	26	180	28t	2	TOTALS	30	271	74t	2

PASSING

CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
K.Hogan	24	12	100	0-2	A.Dalton	28	19	308	2-0
C.Kessler	11	9	82	0-0					
TOTALS	35	21	182	0-2	TOTALS	28	19	308	2-0

RECEIVING

CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
G.Barnidge	6	66	17	0	A.Green	8	169	48t	1
D.Johnson	4	18	13	0	B.LaFell	4	83	44t	1
I.Crowell	3	16	10	0	J.Hill	2	24	13	0
A.Hawkins	2	19	15	0	R.Burkhead	1	10	10	0
R.Higgins	2	19	17	0	T.Eifert	1	9	9	0
T.Pryor	2	18	13	0	G.Bernard	1	7	7	0
M.Johnson	1	21	21	0	T.Boyd	1	3	3	0
R.Louis	1	5	5	0	T.Kroft	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	21	182	21	0	TOTALS	19	308	48t	2

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.Mauluga 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.

2016 SEASON

WEEK 14, GAME 13

Cincinnati Bengals 23, Cleveland Browns 10
Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016 at FirstEnergy Stadium

The Bengals ran their record in the "Battle of Ohio" series to 48-39, extending to nine games the largest margin in series history. Cincinnati scored TDs on its first two possessions on a windy and snowy day, and the Bengals added a second-quarter TD for a 20-0 intermission lead. The winless Browns showed signs of life in the second half, closing to within 20-10 early in the fourth quarter, but the game's only other score was a 44-yard FG by Cincinnati K Mike Nugent with 8:38 to play. The Bengals rushed for 213 yards, their second-highest total of the season, behind only 271 yards in their home win over Cleveland. QB Andy Dalton posted a 112.2 passer rating, with two TDs to TE Tyler Eifert, as the Bengals improved to 5-7-1 and remained alive for the postseason. The Browns fell to 0-13.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	13	7	0	3	—	23
Cleveland	0	0	7	3	—	10

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — T.Eifert 14 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	1-12:21
Cin. — J.Hill 1 run (kick failed)	1-6:27
Cin. — T.Eifert 5 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	2-5:06
Cle. — R.Griffin 1 run (C.Parkey kick)	3-8:11
Cle. — C.Parkey 30 field goal	4-14:14
Cin. — M.Nugent 44 field goal	4-8:38

Missed FGs: M.Nugent (36WR). **Attendance:** 60,028. **Time:** 2:54.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs	21	13
Third down conversions-attempts	8-15	6-14
Total net yards	360	254
Net yards rushing	213	169
Net yards passing	147	85
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	28-20-0	28-12-1
Sacks against-yards lost	4-33	3-19
Punts-average	5-49.6	6-46.0
Punt returns-yards	3-47	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	3-53	4-61
Penalties-yards	6-43	5-34
Fumbles-lost	1-0	0-0
Time of possession	34:53	25:07

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Hill	25	111	11	1	I.Crowell	10	113	42	0
R.Burkhead	9	45	11	0	R.Griffin	7	31	7	1
T.Boyd	2	40	39	0	D.Johnson	4	24	21	0
A.Dalton	2	17	9	0	C.Coleman	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	38	213	39	1	TOTALS	22	169	42	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	28	20	180	2-0	R.Griffin	28	12	104	0-1
TOTALS	28	20	180	2-0	TOTALS	28	12	104	0-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Boyd	6	49	11	0	G.Barnidge	3	27	13	0
T.Eifert	5	48	14t	2	C.Coleman	3	26	15	0
J.Hill	3	31	18	0	D.Johnson	1	21	21	0
B.LaFell	3	22	11	0	S.DeValve	1	11	11	0
A.Erickson	1	16	16	0	R.Telfer	1	7	7	0
C.Core	1	8	8	0	I.Crowell	1	5	5	0
R.Burkhead	1	6	6	0	A.Hawkins	1	4	4	0
					T.Pryor	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	20	180	18	2	TOTALS	12	104	21	0

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Dansby 11-1-12, G.Atkins 4-1-5, S.Williams 4-0-4, A.Jones 3-0-3, D.Kirkpatrick 3-0-3, G.Iloka 2-1-3, V.Rey 1-1-2, V.Burfict 1-0-1, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, N.Vigil 1-0-1, D.Williams 1-0-1, M.Johnson 0-1-1, J.Shaw 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 2-19, K.Dansby 1-0. **INT.-YDS.:** G.Iloka 1-21. **PD:** G.Iloka 1, M.Johnson 1, S.Williams 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cleveland (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Collins 13-2-15, D.Davis 5-2-7, D.Shelton 5-2-7, J.Haden 4-2-6, E.Ogbah 3-3-6, J.Taylor 5-0-5, I.Campbell 2-2-4, B.Boddy-Calhoun 3-0-3, J.Meder 3-0-3, T.Williams 3-0-3, C.Johnson 1-2-3, C.Kirksey 1-2-3, S.Paea 0-3-3, C.Nassib 1-0-1, E.Reynolds 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** E.Ogbah 1.5-12.5, C.Johnson 1-10, J.Collins 1-8, S.Paea 0.5-2.5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** None. **FF:** C.Johnson 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2017 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Baltimore Ravens 20, Cincinnati Bengals 0 Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals had looked forward to their first regular-season opener at home in eight seasons (the last opener at home had been in 2009), but the Ravens made sure that Cincinnati's three-game winning streak in openers ended in front of the team's home crowd at Paul Brown Stadium. Turnover differential and drives inside the opponent's 20-yard line proved to be the major differences in this game. The Bengals were minus-four in turnover differential (four INTs and one fumble to the Ravens' one INT) and failed to score on any of their three drives inside the Ravens' 20-yard line (those drives ended on an INT, a fumble, and on downs). Meanwhile, on three drives inside the Bengals' 20-yard line, the Ravens came away with three scores (one TD and two FGs). QB Andy Dalton recorded his lowest passer rating since November of 2014, though two of his four interceptions occurred on deflected passes. The shutout was just the second in a regular-season opener in Bengals history, and the first since 1979.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Baltimore	3	14	3	0	—	20
Cincinnati	0	0	0	0	—	0

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Balt. J.Tucker 25 field goal	1-4:44
Balt. J.Maclin 48 pass from J.Flacco (J.Tucker kick)	2-1:52
Balt. T.West 2 run (J.Tucker kick)	2-1:28
Balt. J.Tucker 25 field goal	3-1:06

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 55,254. **Time:** 2:57.

TEAM STATISTICS	BALT.	CIN.
First downs	17	14
Third down conversions-attempts	6-14	4-13
Total net yards	268	221
Net yards rushing	157	77
Net yards passing	111	144
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	17-9-1	31-16-4
Sacks against-yards lost	1-10	5-26
Punts-average	6-41.7	5-42.4
Punt returns-yards	3-23	3-14
Kickoff returns-yards	0-0	1-11
Penalties-yards	11-85	9-66
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Time of possession	34:00	26:00

RUSHING

BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
T.West	19	80	11	1	G.Bernard	7	40	23	0
J.Allen	21	71	17	0	J.Hill	6	26	12	0
D.Woodhead	1	4	4	0	J.Mixon	8	9	8	0
M.Campanaro	1	2	2	0	A.Dalton	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	42	157	17	1	TOTALS	22	77	23	0

PASSING

BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Flacco	17	9	121	1-1	A.Dalton	31	16	170	0-4
TOTALS	17	9	121	1-1	TOTALS	31	16	170	0-4

RECEIVING

BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Woodhead	3	33	13	0	A.Green	5	74	27	0
J.Maclin	2	56	48	1	B.LaFell	3	24	13	0
N.Boyle	1	14	14	0	J.Mixon	3	15	9	0
M.Wallace	1	8	8	0	G.Bernard	1	39	39	0
B.Perriman	1	5	5	0	T.Boyd	1	11	11	0
M.Williams	1	5	5	0	T.Kroft	1	5	5	0
					T.Eifert	1	4	4	0
					J.Hill	1	-2	-2	0
TOTALS	9	121	48	1	TOTALS	16	170	39	0

DEFENSE

Baltimore (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Jefferson 5-4-9, C.Mosley 5-3-8, T.Suggs 5-1-6, M.Pierce 3-1-4, K.Correa 3-0-3, J.Smith 3-0-3, L.Webb 3-0-3, Z.Smith 2-1-3, B.Carr 2-0-2, E.Weddle 1-1-2, T.Bowser 1-0-1, M.Judon 1-0-1, A.Levine 1-0-1, P.Ricard 1-0-1, B.Urban 1-0-1, B.Williams 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.Suggs 2-11, Z.Smith 1-9, M.Pierce 1-5, T.Jefferson 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** C.Mosley 1-31, B.Carr 1-20, L.Webb 1-10, J.Smith 1-8, **PD:** B.Carr 2, M.Judon 1, C.Mosley 1, M.Judon 1, J.Smith 1, T.Suggs 1, L.Webb 1. **FF:** T.Suggs 1. **FR.-YDS.:** M.Pierce 1-0.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Rey 6-5-11, K.Minter 4-6-10, N.Vigil 5-4-9, G.Atkins 4-3-7, D.Kirkpatrick 3-2-5, D.Dennard 2-2-4, P.Sims 1-3-4, C.Fejedelem 2-1-3, G.Iloka 1-2-3, W.Jackson 2-0-2, A.Billings 1-0-1, R.Glasgow 1-0-1, M.Johnson 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, C.Smith 1-0-1, C.Dunlap 0-1-1, J.Willis 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 1-10. **INT.-YDS.:** N.Vigil 1-0. **PD:** D.Dennard 1, W.Jackson 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, N.Vigil 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 2, GAME 2

Houston Texans 13, Cincinnati Bengals 9 Thursday, Sept. 14, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals' defense had a solid game, but for the second straight week, the offense's inability to score a TD crippled the team's chances for a win. The defense gave up just 13 points, 98 net passing yards and 266 yards overall, but story of the game was three Cincinnati drives inside the Texans' 20-yard line, and just three field goals to show for it. The Texans had huge play in the game, and it proved to be the difference. QB Deshaun Watson scrambled 49 yards on a broken pass play on third-and-15 for a 49-yard TD with 50 seconds left in the first half. With just under seven minutes left in the third quarter, Bengals QB Andy Dalton hit TE Tyler Eifert for an apparent TD, but the play was taken away because Eifert had stepped out of bounds and the officials ruled he had not re-established himself inbounds before becoming the first player to touch the ball. Bengals DT Geno Atkins had two sacks for the Bengals, extending to six the number of consecutive games in which he had recorded at least a half sack, which tied for the longest such streak in Bengals history. The Bengals fell to 0-2, while the Texans improved to 1-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Houston	3	7	0	3	—	13
Cincinnati	0	6	3	0	—	9

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Hou. K.Fairbairn 26 field goal	1-1:28
Cin. R.Bullock 39 field goal	2-13:44
Hou. D.Watson 49 run	2-0:50
Cin. R.Bullock 29 field goal	2-0:02
Cin. R.Bullock 30 field goal	3-6:26
Hou. K.Fairbairn 42 field goal	4-1:56

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 52,942. **Time:** 3:04.

TEAM STATISTICS	HOU.	CIN.
First downs	14	12
Third down conversions-attempts	4-15	4-15
Total net yards	266	295
Net yards rushing	168	82
Net yards passing	98	213
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	24-15-0	35-20-0
Sacks against-yards lost	3-27	3-11
Punts-average	9-48.9	7-47.7
Punt returns-yards	3-15	6-98
Kickoff returns-yards	1-17	2-76
Penalties-yards	9-61	7-45
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Time of possession	32:15	27:45

RUSHING

HOU.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
D.Watson	5	67	49t	1	J.Mixon	9	36	7	0
L.Miller	18	61	19	0	J.Hill	6	17	6	0
D.Foreman	12	40	9	0	J.Ross	1	12	12	0
					G.Bernard	5	10	6	0
					A.Dalton	2	5	3	0
					A.Erickson	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	35	168	49t	1	TOTALS	24	82	12	0

PASSING

HOU.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
D.Watson	24	15	125	0-0	A.Dalton	35	20	224	0-0
TOTALS	24	15	125	0-0	TOTALS	35	20	224	0-0

RECEIVING

HOU.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Hopkins	7	73	25	0	A.Green	5	67	50	0
L.Miller	3	26	12	0	A.Erickson	4	62	37	0
T.Ervin	3	16	7	0	B.LaFell	4	30	12	0
B.Miller	2	10	8	0	T.Eifert	3	42	22	0
					G.Bernard	2	16	8	0
					J.Mixon	1	5	5	0
					J.Hill	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	15	125	25	0	TOTALS	20	224	50	0

DEFENSE

Houston (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Jackson 5-3-8, J.Watt 5-1-6, B.McKinney 4-2-6, D.Reader 1-4-5, Z.Cunningham 4-0-4, J.Clowney 3-1-4, K.Johnson 3-1-4, E.Pleasant 3-0-3, J.Joseph 2-1-3, C.Covington 1-2-3, C.Moore 1-2-3, D.Cole 0-3-3, A.Hal 1-1-2, M.Gilchrist 1-0-1, J.Heath 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** B.McKinney 2-7, K.Jackson 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Clowney 1, E.Pleasant 1, J.Watt 1. **FF:** K.Jackson 1. **FR.-YDS.:** J.Clowney 1-49.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Rey 6-5-11, G.Iloka 4-2-6, S.Williams 4-2-6, C.Smith 3-3-6, A.Jones 5-0-5, N.Vigil 3-2-5, G.Atkins 2-3-5, J.Willis 1-4-5, C.Dunlap 2-2-4, D.Dennard 3-0-3, P.Sims 1-2-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, K.Minter 1-1-2, R.Glasgow 0-2-2. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 2-13, C.Smith 1-14. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Jones 3, D.Dennard 1, N.Vigil 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

Green Bay Packers 27, Cincinnati Bengals 24
Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017 at Lambeau Field

The Bengals' offense, which had not scored a TD in either of the first two games, scored TDs on two of its first three possessions. Behind those scores and an INT returned for a TD by CB William Jackson, the Bengals jumped out to a 21-7 lead on the defending NFC North Champions and controlled that advantage for most of the game. In the first half, Cincinnati outgained Green Bay in net yards, 192-78, while winning on third downs on both sides of the line of scrimmage, converting four of seven while holding the Packers to two of seven. In the second half, however, the Packers flipped the third downs, converting five of eight and holding the Bengals to zero of five. Behind the direction of QB Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay rallied late with a 12-play, 71-yard TD drive with 17 seconds left to send the game into OT. Then, after the Bengals' offense stalled with a three-and-out on the opening drive of OT, Rodgers connected with WR Geronimo Allison on third-and-10 for a 72-yard pass to the Bengals' seven-yard line, and two plays later, the Packers converted on a 27-yard FG. QB Andy Dalton completed 21 of 27 passes for 212 yards, two TDs and no INTs (124.1 rating), and WR A.J. Green caught 10 passes for 111 yards and a TD. Rookie LB Carl Lawson had 2.5 sacks. The Bengals fell to 0-3, while the Packers improved to 2-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS

	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	14	0	3	0	24
Green Bay	7	0	7	10	3	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY

TEAM	PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin.	A.Green 10 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	1-9:40
G.B.	L.Kendricks 1 pass from A.Rodgers (M.Crosby kick).....	1-7:46
Cin.	G.Bernard 6 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-12:29
Cin.	W.Jackson 75 interception return (R.Bullock kick).....	2-10:20
G.B.	J.Nelson 1 pass from A.Rodgers (M.Crosby kick)	3-9:54
G.B.	M.Crosby 28 field goal	4-14:43
Cin.	R.Bullock 46 field goal	4-3:46
G.B.	J.Nelson 3 pass from A.Rodgers (M.Crosby kick)	4-0:17
G.B.	M.Crosby 27 field goal	5-6:22

Missed FGs: R.Bullock (48WR). **Attendance:** 78,323. **Time:** 3:18.

TEAM STATISTICS

	CIN.	G.B.
First downs	21	22
Third down conversions-attempts	4-12	7-15
Total net yards	301	344
Net yards rushing	110	64
Net yards passing	191	280
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	27-21-0	42-28-1
Sacks against-yards lost	3-21	6-33
Punts-average	6-49.3	6-49.3
Punt returns-yards	5-31	5-70
Kickoff returns-yards	1-20	0-0
Penalties-yards	7-68	4-33
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Time of possession	34:17	29:21

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	G.B.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	18	62	20	0	T.Montgomery	12	35	8	0
G.Bernard	3	27	25	0	A.Rodgers	4	23	13	0
J.Hill	7	23	8	0	J.Williams	1	6	6	0
A.Dalton	2	-2	-1	0					
TOTALS	30	110	25	0	TOTALS	17	64	13	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	G.B.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	27	21	212	2-0	A.Rodgers	42	28	313	3-1
TOTALS	27	21	212	2-0	TOTALS	42	28	313	3-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	G.B.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	10	111	20	1	T.Montgomery	8	15	5	0
J.Mixon	3	39	21	0	G.Allison	6	122	72	0
T.Kroft	3	28	14	0	J.Nelson	6	52	23	2
G.Bernard	2	12	6t	1	D.Adams	3	60	41	0
T.Boyd	1	11	11	0	M.Bennett	3	12	6	0
J.Hill	1	6	6	0	L.Kendricks	2	52	51	1
B.LaFell	1	5	5	0					
TOTALS	21	212	21	2	TOTALS	28	313	72	3

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Dennard 7-3-10, N.Vigil 3-4-7, V.Rey 3-3-6, K.Minter 2-3-5, S.Williams 2-3-5, C.Lawson 3-1-4, G.Iloka 2-2-4, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, W.Jackson 3-0-3, M.Johnson 3-0-3, A.Jones 3-0-3, C.Smith 2-1-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, G.Atkins 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, P.Sims 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Lawson 2.5-19.5, D.Dennard 1-0, C.Dunlap 1-0, C.Smith 0.5-6.5. **INT.-YDS.:** W.Jackson 1-75. **PD:** W.Jackson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Green Bay (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Jones 11-1-12, B.Martinez 7-4-11, K.King 5-2-7, K.Clark 4-1-5, M.Burnett 3-2-5, M.Evans 4-0-4, D.Randall 3-1-4, H.Clinton-Dix 2-1-3, C.Matthews 1-2-3, A.Brooks 2-0-2, D.Lowery 2-0-2, Q.Dial 1-0-1, K.Fackrell 0-1-1, C.Odom 0-1-1, J.Thomas 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Jones 2-14, A.Brooks 1-7. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** None. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

IN 2017, THE BENGALS ARE:

REGULAR SEASON

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

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

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

67-44-3 at home (or as home team at neutral site)
51-62-0 on the road (or a visitor at neutral site)
81-35-1 when scoring first
37-71-2 when opponent scores first
21-23-3 in games decided by three points or fewer
53-51-3 in games decided by seven points or fewer
84-30-2 when leading at halftime
11-2-0 when tied at halftime
23-74-1 when trailing at halftime
95-19-2 when leading after three quarters
7-5-0 when tied after three quarters
16-82-1 when trailing after three quarters
81-37-2 when rushing for 100 net yards

73-31-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
75-17-1 with plus turnover differential
27-23-0 with even turnover differential
16-66-2 with minus turnover differential
41-33-2 when passing for 250 net yards
34-40-3 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
97-39-2 when scoring 20 points or more
39-91-2 when opponent scores 20 points or more
113-98-3 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
5-8-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
40-36-1 on natural grass
78-70-2 on synthetic surface
64-54-2 with fewer penalty yards

2017 BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

62 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
40 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore
36 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 14 vs. Houston

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

18 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
9 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
8 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore

LONGEST RUSHES

25 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
23 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore
20 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 24 at Green Bay

RECEPTIONS

10 — A.J. Green, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
5 — A.J. Green, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore
5 — A.J. Green, Sept. 14 vs. Houston

RECEIVING YARDS

111 — A.J. Green, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
74 — A.J. Green, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore
67 — A.J. Green, Sept. 14 vs. Houston

PASSING YARDS

224 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
212 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
170 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore

PASS ATTEMPTS

35 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
31 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore
27 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 24 at Green Bay

PASS COMPLETIONS

21 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
20 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
16 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore

LONGEST PASSES

50 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
39 — Andy Dalton to Giovani Bernard, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore
37 — Andy Dalton to Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

111 — A.J. Green, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
101 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
79 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

41 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
35 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
20 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 24 at Green Bay

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

33 — Adam Jones, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
26 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
20 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 24 at Green Bay

TOTAL TACKLES*

11 — Vincent Rey, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
11 — Vincent Rey, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore
10 — (two times)

SOLO TACKLES*

7 — Darqueze Dennard, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
6 — Vincent Rey, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
6 — Vincent Rey, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore

*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. 10	BALTIMORE	221	22-77	144	16-31	0/4	5-26	14	4-13	1-1	26:00
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	295	24-82	213	20-35	0/0	3-11	12	4-15	1-1	27:45
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	301	30-110	191	21-27	2/0	3-21	21	4-12	1-1	34:17
Oct. 1	at Cleveland										
Oct. 8	BUFFALO										
Oct. 15	— BYE —										
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS										
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville										
Nov. 12	at Tennessee										
Nov. 19	at Denver										
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 10	CHICAGO										
Dec. 17	at Minnesota										
Dec. 24	DETROIT										
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
TOTALS		817	76-269	548	57-93	2/4	11-58	47	12-40	3-3	28:46

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 10	BALTIMORE	268	42-157	111	9-17	1/1	1-10	17	6-14	1-0	34:00
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	266	35-168	98	15-24	0/0	3-27	14	4-15	0-0	32:15
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	334	17-64	280	28-42	3/1	6-33	22	7-15	0-0	29:21
Oct. 1	at Cleveland										
Oct. 8	BUFFALO										
Oct. 15	— BYE —										
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh										
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS										
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville										
Nov. 12	at Tennessee										
Nov. 19	at Denver										
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH										
Dec. 10	CHICAGO										
Dec. 17	at Minnesota										
Dec. 24	DETROIT										
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
TOTALS		878	94-389	489	52-83	4/2	10-70	53	17-44	1-0	31:14

TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS FROM 7-28-16 THROUGH 6-8-17 ARE IN BENGALS' 2017 MEDIA GUIDE)

June 8, 2017 — Signed DE **Jordan Willis** (D3).
 June 27, 2017 — Signed G **Cameron Lee** (FA).
 July 29, 2017 — Signed WR **Kermit Whitfield** (FA); Waived WR **Monty Madaris** (failed physical).
 July 30, 2017 — WR **Monty Madaris** cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.
 July 31, 2017 — Signed S **Cedric Thompson** (FA); Waived K **Jonathan Brown**.
 Aug. 1, 2017 — Waived WR **Monty Madaris** from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list (injury settlement).
 Aug. 9, 2017 — Signed P **Will Monday** (FA); Waived WR **Jake Kumerow** (injured).
 Aug. 10, 2017 — WR **Jake Kumerow** cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.
 Aug. 19, 2017 — Waived S **Cedric Thompson** (injury settlement).
 Aug. 20, 2017 — Terminated the contract of DT **Brandon Thompson**; Waived WR **Karel Hamilton** and HB **Stanley Williams**.
 Aug. 28, 2017 — Waived P **Will Monday**.
 Aug. 29, 2017 — Acquired a seventh-round pick in the 2018 NFL Draft in a trade with New England for LB **Marquis Flowers**; Placed HB **Cedric Peerman** on the Reserve/Injured list.
 Sept. 2, 2017 — Acquired a conditional sixth-round draft pick in the 2019 NFL Draft in a trade with the Dallas Cowboys for CB **Bene Benwikere**; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list: HB **Tra Carson** and TE **Mason Schreck**; Terminated the contract of the following two players: DE **Wallace Gilberry** and OT **Eric Winston**; Waived the following 23 players: LB **Bryson Albright**, LB **Brandon Bell**, WR **Chris Brown**, DE **Ryan Brown**, DE **Will Clarke**, S **Demetrious Cox**, LB **P.J. Dawson**, DT **David Dean**, G **J.J. Dielman**, K **Jake Elliott**,

DE **Marcus Hardison**, FB **Darrin Laufasa**, OT **Landon Lechler**, G **Cameron Lee**, CB **Tony McRae**, OT **Kent Perkins**, WR **Alonzo Russell**, G **Dustin Stanton**, DT **Josh Tupou**, WR **Kermit Whitfield**, DT **DeShawn Williams**, HB **Jarveon Williams**, S **Brandon Wilson**; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list: LB **Vontaze Burfict** and CB **Adam Jones**.
 Sept. 3, 2017 — Signed the following eight players to the practice squad: LB **Brandon Bell**, K **Jake Elliott**, OT **Kent Perkins**, DT **Josh Tupou**, WR **Kermit Whitfield**, DT **DeShawn Williams**, HB **Jarveon Williams** and S **Brandon Wilson**.
 Sept. 4, 2017 — Placed QB **Jeff Driskel** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB **Sojourn Shelton** (FA) and G **Cole Toner** (FA) to the practice squad.
 Sept. 6, 2017 — Acquired DT **Christian Ringo** on waivers from Green Bay.
 Sept. 11, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted CB **Adam Jones** (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a one-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.
 Sept. 12, 2017 — Activated CB **Adam Jones** from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived DT **Christian Ringo**; K **Jake Elliott** signed off practice squad by Philadelphia.
 Sept. 13, 2017 — Signed G **J.J. Dielman** to the practice squad.
 Sept. 22, 2017 — Waived WR **Jake Kumerow** from the Reserve/Injured list.
 Sept. 25, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted LB **Vontaze Burfict** (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a three-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.

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

PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

<p>P — played as a substitute</p> <p>DNP — did not play</p> <p>IL — inactive list</p> <p>PS — practice squad</p>	<p>RI — reserve/injured list</p> <p>RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list</p> <p>RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list</p> <p>RNF-I — reserve/non-football illness list</p> <p>RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list</p>	<p>RF — reserve/future list</p> <p>REX — roster exemption</p> <p>^ — reserve/injured player designated for return</p> <p>* — eligible to practice while on a reserve list</p> <p>NWT — not with team</p>
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NAME	Cin. G-S	1 BALT.	2 HOU.	3 @G.B.	4 @Cle.	5 BUFF.	6 @Pitt.	7 IND.	8 @Jax	9 @Tenn.	10 @Den.	11 CLE.	12 PITT.	13 CHI.	14 @Minn.	15 DET.	16 @Balt.
Atkins, Geno.....	3-3	DT	DT	DT													
Bell, Brandon.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Bernard, Giovanni.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Billings, Andrew.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Bodine, Russell.....	3-3	C	C	C													
Boling, Clint.....	3-3	LG	LG	LG													
Boyd, Tyler.....	2-1	P	IL	3rdWR													
Bullock, Randy.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Burfict, Vontaze.....	0-0	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC													
Carson, Tra.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI													
Carter, Cethan.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Core, Cody.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Dalton, Andy.....	3-3	QB	QB	QB													
Dennard, Darqueze.....	3-1	RCB	P	P													
Dielman, J.J.....	0-0	NWT	PS	PS													
Driskel, Jeff.....	0-0	RI^	RI^	RI^													
Dunlap, Carlos.....	3-3	LDE	LDE	LDE													
Eifert, Tyler.....	2-1	P	TE	IL													
Elliott, Jake.....	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT													
Erickson, Alex.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Evans, Jordan.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	3-1	SS	P	P													
Fisher, Jake.....	3-3	ROT	ROT	ROT													
Glasgow, Ryan.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Green, A.J.....	3-3	WR	WR	WR													
Harris, Clark.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Hewitt, Ryan.....	3-1	H-B	P	P													
Hill, Jeremy.....	3-3	HB	HB	HB													
Hopkins, Trey.....	1-1	RG	IL	IL													
Huber, Kevin.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Iloka, George.....	3-3	FS	FS	FS													
Jackson, William.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Johnson, Michael.....	2-2	RDE	IL	RDE													
Johnson, T.J.....	3-2	P	RG	RG													
Jones, Adam.....	2-2	RSBC	RCB	RCB													
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	3-3	LCB	LCB	LCB													
Kroft, Tyler.....	3-3	TE	2ndTE	TE													
Kumerow, Jake.....	0-0	RI	RI	NWT													
LaFell, Brandon.....	3-2	WR	P	WR													
Lawson, Carl.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Malone, Josh.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL													
McCarron, AJ.....	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP													
Minter, Kevin.....	3-3	MLB	MLB	MLB													
Mixon, Joe.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Nickerson, Hardy.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Ogbuehi, Cedric.....	3-3	LOT	LOT	LOT													
Peerman, Cedric.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI													
Perkins, Kent.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Redmond, Alex.....	0-0	IL	IL	DNP													
Rey, Vincent.....	3-3	WLB	WLB	WLB													
Ringo, Christian.....	0-0	IL	NWT	NWT													
Ross, John.....	1-1	IL	WR	IL													
Russell, KeiVarae.....	1-0	P	IL	IL													
Schreck, Mason.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI													
Shaw, Josh.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Shelton, Sojour.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Sims, Pat.....	3-3	NT	NT	NT													
Smith, Andre.....	2-0	DNP	P	P													
Smith, Chris.....	3-0	P	P	P													
Smith, Derron.....	2-0	P	P	IL													
Toner, Cole.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Tupou, Josh.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Uzomah, C.J.....	1-0	IL	IL	P													
Vigil, Nick.....	3-3	SLB	SLB	SLB													
Westerman, Christian.....	0-0	IL	DNP	IL													
Whitfield, Kermit.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Williams, DeShawn.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Williams, Jarveon.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Williams, Shawn.....	2-2	IL	SS	SS													
Willis, Jordan.....	3-1	P	RDE	P													
Wilson, Brandon.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS													

STARTING LINEUPS

OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	H-B	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 10	BALTIMORE	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	Fisher	Kroft	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	T.Johnson	Fisher	Eifert	Kroft(2ndTE)	Ross	Dalton	Hill
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	T.Johnson	Fisher	Kroft	Boyd(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Oct. 1	at Cleveland											
Oct. 8	BUFFALO											
Oct. 15	— BYE —											
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh											
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS											
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville											
Nov. 12	at Tennessee											
Nov. 19	at Denver											
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 10	CHICAGO											
Dec. 17	at Minnesota											
Dec. 24	DETROIT											
Dec. 31	at Baltimore											

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
Sept. 10	BALTIMORE	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Dennard	Fejedelem	Iloka
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	Willis	Vigil	Minter	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Oct. 1	at Cleveland											
Oct. 8	BUFFALO											
Oct. 15	— BYE —											
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh											
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS											
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville											
Nov. 12	at Tennessee											
Nov. 19	at Denver											
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 10	CHICAGO											
Dec. 17	at Minnesota											
Dec. 24	DETROIT											
Dec. 31	at Baltimore											

DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 26, 2017

OFFENSE

WR	18	A.J. Green	16	Cody Core	80	<u>Josh Malone</u>
LOT	70	Cedric Ogbuehi	71	Andre Smith		
LG	65	Clint Boling	63	Christian Westerman		
C	61	Russell Bodine	60	T.J. Johnson		
RG	66	Trey Hopkins	62	Alex Redmond		
ROT	74	Jake Fisher	71	Andre Smith		
TE	85	Tyler Eifert	81	Tyler Kroft	87	C.J. Uzomah
H-B	89	Ryan Hewitt	<u>82</u>	<u>Cethan Carter</u>		
WR	11	Brandon LaFell	83	Tyler Boyd	15	<u>John Ross</u>
					12	Alex Erickson
QB	14	Andy Dalton	5	AJ McCarron		
HB	32	Jeremy Hill	25	Giovani Bernard	28	<u>Joe Mixon</u>

DEFENSE

LDE	96	Carlos Dunlap	94	Chris Smith		
NT	92	Pat Sims	99	Andrew Billings		
DT	97	Geno Atkins	<u>98</u>	<u>Ryan Glasgow</u>		
RDE	90	Michael Johnson	<u>75</u>	<u>Jordan Willis</u>		
SLB	59	Nick Vigil	<u>58</u>	<u>Carl Lawson</u>		
MLB	51	Kevin Minter	<u>56</u>	<u>Hardy Nickerson</u>		
WLB	57	Vincent Rey	<u>50</u>	<u>Jordan Evans</u>		
LCB	27	Dre Kirkpatrick	26	Josh Shaw	20	KeiVarae Russell
RCB	24	Adam Jones	21	Darqueze Dennard	22	William Jackson
SS	36	Shawn Williams	31	Derron Smith		
FS	43	George Iloka	42	Clayton Fejedelem		

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	4	Randy Bullock				
LS	46	Clark Harris				
H	10	Kevin Huber				
PR	12	Alex Erickson	24	Adam Jones	83	Tyler Boyd
KOR	12	Alex Erickson	<u>28</u>	<u>Joe Mixon</u>		

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

<p>Geno Atkins..... JEE-no</p> <p>Giovani Bernard.....jee-o-VAHN-ee</p> <p>Russell Bodine.....BO-dine</p> <p>Randy Bullock.....BULL-luck</p> <p>Vontaze Burfict (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner).....VONN-tez BER-fict (rhymes with "perfect")</p> <p>Tra Carson (Reserve/Injured).....(pronounced as "tray")</p> <p>Cethan Carter.....SEE-thin</p> <p>Darqueze Dennard.....dar-KWEZ deh-NARD</p> <p>J.J. Dielman (Practice Squad).....DEAL-man</p> <p>Tyler Eifert.....IE(rhymes with "tie")-fert</p> <p>Clayton Fejedelem.....FEDGE-uh-lemm (the "d" is silent)</p> <p>Ryan Glasgow.....GLASS-go</p>	<p>Paul Guenther (Defensive Coordinator).....GUN-thur</p> <p>Jim Haslett (Linebackers Coach).....HAZ-lett</p> <p>Ryan Hewitt.....HUE-it</p> <p>George Iloka.....ie(rhymes with "tie")-LO-kuh</p> <p>Dre Kirkpatrick.....DRAY</p> <p>Bill Lazor (Offensive Coordinator).....(pronounced as "laser")</p> <p>Cedric Ogbuehi.....o-BWAY-hee</p> <p>Vincent Rey.....RAY</p> <p>KeiVarae Russell.....kee-VAR-ay</p> <p>Derron Smith.....duh-RONN</p> <p>Josh Tupou (Practice Squad).....TEW-po</p> <p>C.J. Uzomah.....yew-ZAH-mah</p> <p>Jarveon Williams (Practice Squad).....JAR-vee-ahn</p>
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

SEPT. 26, 2017

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	8	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	5	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
99	Billings, Andrew	DT	6-1	325	3-6-95	2	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
61	Bodine, Russell	C	6-3	308	6-30-92	4	North Carolina	Scottsville, Va.	D4'14
65	Boling, Clint	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	7	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	197	11-15-94	2	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
4	Bullock, Randy	K	5-9	214	12-16-89	6	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
82	Carter, Cethan	H-B	6-3	245	9-5-95	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
16	Core, Cody	WR	6-3	214	4-17-94	2	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	7	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
21	Dennard, Darqueze	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	4	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	8	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
85	Eifert, Tyler	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	5	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	2	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	240	1-27-95	R	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
42	Fejedelem, Clayton	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	2	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
74	Fisher, Jake	OT	6-6	310	4-23-93	3	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15
98	Glasgow, Ryan	DT	6-3	302	9-30-93	R	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	7	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	9	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
89	Hewitt, Ryan	H-B	6-4	255	1-24-91	4	Stanford	Denver, Colo.	CFA'14
32	Hill, Jeremy	HB	6-1	230	10-20-92	4	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	D2'14
66	Hopkins, Trey	G	6-3	310	7-6-92	2	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	9	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
43	Iloka, George	S	6-4	225	3-31-90	6	Boise State	Houston, Texas	D5c'12
22	Jackson, William	CB	6-0	190	10-27-92	2	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
90	Johnson, Michael	DE	6-7	280	2-7-87	9	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	FA'15
60	Johnson, T.J.	C	6-4	295	7-17-90	4	South Carolina	Aynor, S.C.	D7b'13
24	Jones, Adam	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	11	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre	CB	6-2	185	10-26-89	6	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
81	Kroft, Tyler	TE	6-6	260	10-15-92	3	Rutgers	Downingtown, Pa.	D3a'15
11	LaFell, Brandon	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	8	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
58	Lawson, Carl	LB	6-2	260	6-29-95	R	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
80	Malone, Josh	WR	6-3	208	3-21-96	R	Tennessee	Gallatin, Tenn.	D4b'17
5	McCarron, AJ	QB	6-3	215	9-13-90	3	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
51	Minter, Kevin	LB	6-0	246	12-3-90	5	Louisiana State	Suwanee, Ga.	UFA(Ariz.)'17
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	228	7-24-96	R	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
56	Nickerson, Hardy	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	R	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CFA'17
70	Ogbuehi, Cedric	OT	6-5	310	4-25-92	3	Texas A&M	Allen, Texas	D1'15
62	Redmond, Alex	G	6-5	330	1-18-95	1	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-0	245	9-6-87	7	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
15	Ross, John	WR	5-11	190	11-27-95	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
20	Russell, KeiVarae	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	2	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
26	Shaw, Josh	CB	6-1	190	3-27-92	3	Southern California	Palmdale, Calif.	D4a'15
92	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	10	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA(Oak.)'15
71	Smith, Andre	OT	6-4	330	1-25-87	9	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	UFA(Minn.)'17
94	Smith, Chris	DE	6-1	266	2-11-92	4	Arkansas	Mount Ulla, N.C.	T(Jax.)'17
31	Smith, Derron	S	5-10	200	2-4-92	3	Fresno State	Banning, Calif.	D6'15
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	265	1-14-93	3	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
59	Vigil, Nick	LB	6-2	240	8-20-93	2	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
63	Westerman, Christian	G	6-3	305	2-23-93	2	Arizona State	Chandler, Ariz.	D5'16
36	Williams, Shawn	S	6-0	210	5-13-91	5	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
75	Willis, Jordan	DE	6-4	260	5-2-95	R	Kansas State	Kansas City, Mo.	D3'17

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

52	Bell, Brandon (9-3-17)	LB	6-1	230	1-9-95	R	Penn State	Mays Landing, N.J.	CFA'17
67	Dielman, J.J. (9-14-17)	G	6-5	309	12-16-93	R	Utah	Phoenix, Ariz.	FA'17
76	Perkins, Kent (9-3-17)	OT	6-5	320	11-19-94	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	CFA'17
23	Shelton, Sojourn (9-4-17)	CB	5-9	168	12-25-94	R	Wisconsin	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'17
64	Toner, Cole (9-4-17)	G	6-7	300	3-13-94	2	Harvard	Greenwood, Ind.	FA'17
68	Tupou, Josh (9-3-17)	DT	6-3	350	5-2-94	R	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
17	Whitfield, Kermit (9-3-17)	WR	5-8	184	10-8-93	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'17
69	Williams, DeShawn (9-3-17)	DT	6-1	292	12-29-92	2	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
39	Williams, Jarveon (9-3-17)	HB	5-9	205	1-3-95	R	Texas-San Antonio	Converse, Texas	CFA'17
40	Wilson, Brandon (9-3-17)	S	5-10	199	7-27-94	R	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

33	Carson, Tra (9-2-17; groin)	HB	5-11	228	10-24-92	1	Texas A&M	Texarkana, Texas	CFA'16
6	Driskel, Jeff (9-4-17; hand)	QB	6-4	238	4-23-93	2	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
30	Peerman, Cedric (8-29-17; shoulder)	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	8	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
86	Schreck, Mason (9-2-17; knee)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	R	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17

RESERVE/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned; number of games)

55	+ Burfict, Vontaze (9-2-17; three games)	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	6	Arizona State	Inglewood, Calif.	CFA'12
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4	Randy Bullock	K	5-9	214	12-16-89	6	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
5	AJ McCarron	QB	6-3	215	9-13-90	3	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	9	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Brandon LaFell	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	8	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
12	Alex Erickson	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	2	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
14	Andy Dalton	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	7	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
15	John Ross	WR	5-11	190	11-27-95	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
16	Cody Core	WR	6-3	214	4-17-94	2	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	7	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
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28	Joe Mixon	HB	6-1	228	7-24-96	R	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
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65	Clint Boling	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	7	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
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PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

17	Kermit Whitfield (9-3-17)	WR	5-8	184	10-8-93	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'17
23	Sojourn Shelton (9-4-17)	CB	5-9	168	12-25-94	R	Wisconsin	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'17
39	Jarveon Williams (9-3-17)	HB	5-9	205	1-3-95	R	Texas-San Antonio	Converse, Texas	CFA'17
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69	DeShawn Williams (9-3-17)	DT	6-1	292	12-29-92	2	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
76	Kent Perkins (9-3-17)	OT	6-5	320	11-19-94	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	CFA'17

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 0-3

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-10-17	L	0-20	BALTIMORE	55,254
9-14-17	L	9-13	HOUSTON	52,942
9-24-17	L	24-27 (OT)	at Green Bay	78,323
10-01-17			at Cleveland	
10-08-17			BUFFALO	
10-15-17			— BYE —	
10-22-17			at Pittsburgh	
10-29-17			INDIANAPOLIS	
11-05-17			at Jacksonville	
11-12-17			at Tennessee	
11-19-17			at Denver	
11-26-17			CLEVELAND	
12-04-17			PITTSBURGH	
12-10-17			CHICAGO	
12-17-17			at Minnesota	
12-24-17			DETROIT	
12-31-17			at Baltimore	

TEAM STATISTICS		BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	47	53	
Rushing	13	18	
Passing	29	26	
Penalty	5	9	
3rd Down: Made-Att	12-40	17-44	
3rd Down Pct.	30.0	38.6	
4th Down: Made-Att	1-3	0-0	
4th Down Pct.	33.3	0.0	
POSSESSION AVG.	28:46	31:14	
TOTAL NET YARDS	817	878	
Avg. Per Game	272.3	292.7	
Total Plays	180	187	
Avg. Per Play	4.5	4.7	
NET YARDS RUSHING	269	389	
Avg. Per Game	89.7	129.7	
Total Rushes	76	94	
NET YARDS PASSING	548	489	
Avg. Per Game	182.7	163.0	
Sacked-Yards Lost	11-58	10-70	
Gross Yards	606	559	
Att.-Completions	93-57	83-52	
Completion Pct.	61.3	62.7	
Had Intercepted	4	2	
PUNTS-AVG.	18-46.8	21-47.0	
Net Punting Avg.	18-40.8	21-40.1	
PENALTIES-YARDS	23-179	24-179	
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	3-3	1-0	
TOUCHDOWNS	3	6	
Rushing	0	2	
Passing	2	4	
Returns	1	0	

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	7	20	3	3	0	33
OPPONENTS	13	21	10	13	3	60

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	3-3	4-5	0	15
Giovani Bernard	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
A.J. Green	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
William Jackson	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	3	0	2	1	3-3	4-5	0	33
OPPONENTS	6	2	4	0	6-6	6-6	0	60

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

Sacks-yards: Geno Atkins 3-23, Carl Lawson 2.5-19.5, Chris Smith 1.5-20.5, M.Johnson 1-7, Darqueze Dennard 1-0, Carlos Dunlap 1-0. BENGALS 10-70, OPPONENTS 11-58.

Fumbles-lost: Andy Dalton 1-1, William Jackson 1-1, John Ross 1-1. BENGALS 3-3, OPPONENTS 1-0.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	93	57	606	61.3	6.52	2	2.2	4	4.3	50	11-58	69.6
BENGALS	93	57	606	61.3	6.52	2	2.2	4	4.3	50	11-58	69.6
OPPONENTS	83	52	559	62.7	6.73	4	4.8	2	2.4	72	10-70	88.4

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	35	107	3.1	20	0
Giovani Bernard	15	77	5.1	25	0
Jeremy Hill	19	66	3.5	12	0
John Ross	1	12	12.0	12	0
Andy Dalton	5	5	1.0	3	0
Alex Erickson	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	76	269	3.5	25	0
OPPONENTS	94	389	4.1	49t	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	20	252	12.6	50	1
Brandon LaFell	8	59	7.4	13	0
Joe Mixon	7	59	8.4	21	0
Giovani Bernard	5	67	13.4	39	1
Alex Erickson	4	62	15.5	37	0
Tyler Eifert	4	46	11.5	22	0
Tyler Kroft	4	33	8.3	14	0
Jeremy Hill	3	6	2.0	6	0
Tyler Boyd	2	22	11.0	11	0
BENGALS	57	606	10.6	50	2
OPPONENTS	52	559	10.8	72	4

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
William Jackson	1	75	75.0	75t	1
Nick Vigil	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	2	75	37.5	75t	1
OPPONENTS	4	69	17.3	31	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	18	842	46.8	40.8	0	8	61	0
BENGALS	18	842	46.8	40.8	0	8	61	0
OPPONENTS	21	986	47.0	40.1	0	6	61	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	11	5	102	9.3	26	0
Adam Jones	2	0	41	20.5	33	0
William Jackson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	14	5	143	10.2	33	0
OPPONENTS	11	4	108	9.8	33	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	4	107	26.8	41	0
BENGALS	4	107	26.8	41	0
OPPONENTS	1	17	17.0	17	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Randy Bullock	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	1-1	2-2	1-2	0-0
OPPONENTS	0-0	5-5	0-0	1-1	0-0

Randy Bullock: (—), (39G, 29G, 30G), (48WR, 46G).

Opponents: (25G, 25G), (26G, 42G), (28G, 27G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Vincent Rey	15	13	28	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Nick Vigil	11	10	21	0-0	1-0	2	0	0-0
Darqueze Dennard	12	5	17	1-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Kevin Minter	7	10	17	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Geno Atkins	7	6	13	3-23	0-0	0	0	0-0
George Iloka	7	6	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Shawn Williams	6	5	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Chris Smith	6	4	10	1.5-20.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Adam Jones	8	0	8	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	5	3	8	1-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Pat Sims	2	6	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Willis	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
William Jackson	5	0	5	0-0	1-75	2	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	4	0	4	1-7	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	3	1	4	2.5-19.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Clayton Fejedelem	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ryan Glasgow	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Shaw	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Billings	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Clayton Fejedelem	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
William Jackson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Evans	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ryan Hewitt	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clark Harris	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tyler Kroft	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Josh Shaw	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Derron Smith	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
C.J. Uzomah	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Nick Vigil	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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