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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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INDIANAPOLIS COLTS (2-5) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (2-4)

WEEK 8, GAME 7
SUNDAY, OCT. 29
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT WEEK:
NOV. 5 AT JACKSONVILLE

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 WLW-AM (700), WCKY-AM (ESPN 1530; all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

The game will also be aired to a national audience on the Sports USA radio network. Broadcasters are Larry Kahn (play-by-play) and Hank Bauer (analyst).

Setting the scene: The Cincinnati Bengals return home this weekend to take on the Indianapolis Colts at Paul Brown Stadium. And though both teams head into the game in very similar situations, they are likely to walk away from it with much different prospects.

Both Cincinnati and Indianapolis have just a pair of wins through Week 7, and both teams are coming off losses to division rivals last week, with the Bengals (2-4) suffering a 29-14 loss at Pittsburgh and the Colts (2-5) falling 27-0 at home to Jacksonville. And both, undoubtedly, are eyeing Sunday's matchup as an opportunity to right their respective ships.

While last week's loss to the Steelers may have been a setback in the division standings, the Bengals view the Colts contest as an chance to take a much needed step toward moving back into a large field of AFC postseason contenders. In attempting to take that step, Bengals QB Andy Dalton, who will make his 100th NFL start on his 30th birthday against the Colts, takes the veteran approach of looking forward, not backward.

"The Steelers game was just one game," Dalton said. "They are in our division, but they aren't the only team that we play. (The season) is not about us against the Steelers. It's about us playing well overall and beating whoever we are playing (that week). Unfortunately we didn't do it (against Pittsburgh), but our goal this week is to beat the Colts."

To do so, Cincinnati surely will focus on returning to the formula that worked well for them in their victories in Games 4 and 5 over Cleveland and Buffalo — both the offensive and defensive units playing well for complete games. Last week at Heinz Field, an uneven balance between those units in the game's two halves led to the disappointing defeat.

Entering the Pittsburgh game, Cincinnati ranked No. 2 in the NFL in both net yards allowed (262.8 per game) and average points allowed (16.6). But in the first half alone, the Bengals gave up nearly their average in net yards allowed to the Steelers (251) and more than their average in points (20). The Bengals' first-half offense fared better, matching the Steelers TD-for-TD for a 14-14 tie before the Steelers added two field goals in the last two minutes of the half.

In the final two quarters, the Cincinnati defense rebounded and held Pittsburgh to just 169 net yards and three field goals, but the Bengals' offense was unable to maintain any momentum. The Steelers recorded two interceptions and four sacks in the second half, while holding the Bengals to just 19 net yards and zero points in those last two periods.

"Defensively, we weren't as sharp as we needed to be to start the game," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "We put ourselves behind, which is what you do not want to do in that football game on the road. Offensively, we played the first half with a good rhythm, but we needed to make sure we defended them well,

and we didn't do a good job of that. In the second half, the defense was able to settle down and hold them to field goals, but offensively, we weren't able to get into a rhythm at all.

"There were positive plays and negative plays in the game, but it wasn't good enough to win. We have to coach better, we have to execute better, and we have to handle each and every situation better."

In looking to turn things around and move toward capturing an opportunity to enter the playoff picture, Dalton feels the Bengals first must focus this week on what's going on in front of them, not what's going on around them.

"I know it is so cliché to say we have to take it one game at a time, but all we can worry about is who we are playing this week and what we are doing," Dalton said. "The rest will happen the way that it is going to happen. We can't worry about the rest of these teams and what they are doing."

The series: The Colts lead 19-10 overall (17-10 regular season and 2-0 postseason). The Colts are 8-4 in Cincinnati, but the Bengals lead the series at Paul Brown Stadium, 2-1. The Bengals have won three of the last four games played in Cincinnati, dating back to 1996.

The Bengals and Colts last met in the Wild Card round of the playoffs after the 2014 season. The Colts won that game 26-10 to advance to the divisional round. Indianapolis also beat the Bengals earlier that season at Indianapolis, 27-0. Prior to those two 2014 contests, the Bengals had won two straight in 2011 and '13, both in Cincinnati.

The Colts franchise was in Baltimore prior to 1984. Overall, the Bengals were 4-5 against the Baltimore Colts and now stand 6-14 against the Indianapolis Colts.

The Bengals and Colts also have met 26 times in preseason, with the Bengals leading that series 16-10. The Bengals lost 7-6 at Lucas Oil Stadium in this year's preseason finale.

Complete Bengals-Colts regular-season series results are on page 203 of the Bengals 2017 Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 42, in a 42-28 win in 2013 at Paul Brown Stadium. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 22, a 41-19 win at Baltimore in 1981. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 9, in a 9-6 loss at Cincinnati in 1993.

Colts — MOST POINTS: 45, in a 45-37 win at Paul Brown Stadium in 2005. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 32, in a 35-3 Colts win at Indianapolis in 2008. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), in a 17-0 playoff win at Baltimore in 1970 and in a 27-0 regular-season win at Indy in 2014.

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

Regular-season records vs. Colts: Though the Colts and Bengals have played 29 times, the list of record-setters from past games is slim with only three entries:

- On Oct. 19, 2014 at Indianapolis, Bengals P Kevin Huber punted for 558 yards, the highest single-game total in team history.
- On Nov. 20, 2005 vs. Indianapolis, Bengals KOR Tab Perry tied the team record for most kickoff returns in a game, with eight.
- Eight players share the record for most receiving touchdowns in a game against the Bengals with three, and two of those players are former Colts. On Sept. 19, 1976 at Baltimore, Colts WR Roger Carr became the second player to

record three TD receptions in a game against the Bengals. And on Dec. 18, 2006 at Indianapolis, Colts WR Marvin Harrison became the seventh player to do so.

Individually vs. Colts: Current Bengals' past offensive performances for Cincinnati against Indianapolis in the regular season include:

- QB Andy Dalton: Three games; 2-1 W-L record; 67-for-105 passing (63.8 percent) for 665 yards (221.7 per game), with four TDs and zero INTs (passer rating of 94.3).
- HB Giovani Bernard: Two games; 19 rushes for 116 yards (6.1); six receptions for 48 yards (8.0).
- WR A.J. Green: Two games; 11 receptions for 123 yards (11.2; 61.5 per game) with two TDs.
- HB Jeremy Hill: One game; Four rushes for 15 yards (3.8).
- TE Tyler Eifert (currently on Reserve/Injured list): One game; Three receptions for 20 yards (6.7).

The I-74 rivalry: Cincinnati vs. Indianapolis is the closest geographical rivalry among cities in the AFC, with a driving distance of 110 miles along Interstate 74. The next closest is Cleveland-Pittsburgh at 137 miles.

Though the teams are not division rivals, they have played each other somewhat frequently, including in seven of the past 12 regular seasons. Preseason also has played a role in keeping the rivalry alive, as the clubs have met 25 of the last 26 years in a tune-up game.

Memorable I-74 moments: The most memorable Bengals-Colts regular-season games include:

- Oct. 22, 1989: The underdog Colts shocked the defending AFC Champion Bengals 23-12 at Riverfront Stadium. It was the second straight upset loss at home for the '89 Bengals, a powerful team that would outscore its opponents 404-285 but miss the playoffs with an 8-8 record.
- Nov. 20, 1994: The Colts scored on a controversial late TD pass to defeat the Bengals 17-13 at Riverfront. The result stung a Cincinnati crowd of 55,566, which had gathered to celebrate "Blakeman" after seeing QB Jeff Blake deliver his first two victories in the two previous games.
- Sept. 3, 1995: Doug Pelfrey kicked five field goals, including the game-winner from 47 yards in overtime, as the Bengals won 24-21 in the season opener at Indianapolis.
- Dec. 22, 1996: The Bengals outlasted the Colts 31-24 at Cinergy Field in a game that was tied four times. The season-ending victory completed a 5-0 run at home for the Bengals under head coach Bruce Coslet, and Indianapolis was denied the home-field edge for the playoffs.
- Nov. 9, 1997: In the first significant action of his "encore stint" with the Bengals (following four years with other clubs), QB Boomer Esiason led TD drives on his first three possessions to spark a 28-13 Bengals victory at the RCA Dome. The Colts were leading 10-7 in the third quarter when Esiason took the reins for Jeff Blake, who had been shaken up.
- Oct. 6, 2002: The Colts won 28-21 at the RCA Dome, but not without a frantic finish. The Bengals rallied from deficits of 21-0 and 28-14 to pull within 28-21 with 0:53 remaining, and after recovering an onside kick, the Bengals drove to a first down at the Indianapolis 35. But on the next play, a Jon Kitna pass bounced off the hands of then-second-year WR Chad Johnson, and the Colts intercepted to preserve the win.
- Nov. 20, 2005: The Colts came to Paul Brown Stadium as the NFL's only unbeaten team (9-0), facing a 7-2 Bengals outfit. Indy survived a shootout, winning 45-37. The Colts got three TD passes by Peyton Manning and two rushing scores by Edgerrin James. The Bengals countered with two TD passes by Carson Palmer and two rushing scores by Rudi Johnson.
- Dec. 18, 2006: Peyton Manning threw four TD passes in leading the Colts to a 34-16 win over the Bengals on ESPN's Monday Night Football. The Bengals produced only one TD from five possessions inside the Indianapolis 20. The Colts improved to an 11-3 record while the Bengals fell to 8-6.
- Nov. 14, 2010: The Bengals trailed 17-0 early in the second quarter at Lucas Oil Stadium but closed to within 23-17 with 2:35 to play on a TD catch by rookie TE Jermaine Gresham. Cincinnati then recovered an onside kick. But Gresham, who caught an astounding nine passes in the fourth quarter, gave up a fumble (lost) on the first play after the onside recovery, and the Colts held on to win 23-17.
- Dec. 8, 2013: The Bengals rolled for 430 yards in a 42-28 win at Paul Brown Stadium. Cincinnati's Andy Dalton threw three TD passes with no interceptions, and Indianapolis' Andrew Luck had four TD passes with no picks. Cincinnati improved to 9-4 and maintained a two-game lead over Baltimore and

Pittsburgh in the AFC North. Though the Colts fell to 8-5, they clinched the AFC South title later in the day when Tennessee lost at Denver.

Bengals-Colts connections: Colts C Ryan Kelly is from West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West High School) ... Colts DE Margus Hunt entered the NFL as a second-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2013, and was with Cincinnati through '16 ... Five Colts players played at Ohio State University: DT Johnathan Hankins, S Malik Hooker (Reserve/Injured), OLB John Simon, T/G Jack Mewhort (Reserve/Injured) and LB Josh Perry (practice squad). Mewhort is from Toledo, Ohio (St. John's Jesuit High School), and Perry is from Galena, Ohio (Olentangy High School) ... Colts OLB Tarell Basham played at Ohio University ... Bengals TE Tyler Eifert (Reserve/Injured) is from Fort Wayne, Ind. (Bishop Dwenger High School) and played at the University of Notre Dame ... Bengals CB KeiVarae Russell also played at the University of Notre Dame ... Colts T Tyreek Burwell (practice squad), G Deyshawn Bond (Reserve/Injured) and RB George Winn (Reserve/Injured) all played at the University of Cincinnati ... Colts offensive coordinator Rob Chudzinski is from Toledo, Ohio (St. John's Jesuit High School) ... Bengals defensive quality control/defensive line coach Marcus Lewis played at Indiana State University ... Bengals RBs coach Kyle Caskey coached at Indiana State University from 2006-08 ... Colts assistant OL coach Joe Gilbert coached at the University of Toledo from 2001-03 and again in '07 ... Colts assistant head coach/offensive line coach Joe Philbin coached at Ohio University in 1994 ... Colts LBs coach Jim Hermann was born in Cincinnati.

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 Sunday's Colts game include Tommy Casanova, Anthony Munoz, Dan Ross and Joe Walter.

BENGALS-COLTS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	COLTS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored.....	29th (16.3)	T-27th (17.0)
Points allowed.....	T-6th (18.7)	32nd (31.7)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	29th (289.0)	28th (291.3)
Rushing	28th (81.8)	T-21st (97.3)
Passing.....	24th (207.2)	27th (194.0)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	5th (289.0)	31st (425.4)
Rushing	14th (111.3)	26th (124.7)
Passing.....	3rd (177.7)	31st (300.7)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-30th (minus-9)	T-12th (plus-1)

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 17	Inside-20 possessions: 20
Total scores: 13 (76.5%)	Total scores: 18 (90.0%)
TDs: 8 (47.1%)	TDs: 7 (35.0%)
FGs: 5 (29.4%)	FGs: 11 (55.0%)
TD% rank: T-24th	TD% rank: 2nd
No scores: 4 (23.5%)	No scores: 2 (10.0%)

COLTS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 19	Inside-20 possessions: 23
Total scores: 16 (84.2%)	Total scores: 20 (87.0%)
TDs: 9 (47.4%)	TDs: 13 (56.5%)
FGs: 7 (36.8%)	FGs: 7 (30.4%)
TD% rank: T-22nd	TD% rank: 20th
No scores: 3 (15.8%)	No scores: 3 (13.0%)

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 120 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 56 over Wyche (64). Lewis' record now is 120-107-3 in the regular season and 120-114-3 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 Chery 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.

Chuck Pagano was named head coach of the Indianapolis Colts on Jan. 25, 2012. His career record is 54-39.

Heading into the 2017 season, Pagano's .613 winning percentage ranked fifth among NFL active head coaches. He was only the second head coach in NFL history to earn 11 wins in each of his first three seasons with a team. Under him, the Colts went 33 games without losing two in a row from Sept. 9, 2012 through Sept. 7, 2014, which is the longest such streak in franchise history to start a career.

In 2014, Pagano led the Colts to their first AFC Championship Game since '09. In 2013, Indianapolis earned the division title and won an AFC Wild Card Playoff game against the Kansas City Chiefs that marked the second-largest comeback in NFL postseason history. In 2012, the Colts overcame the loss of Pagano to acute promyelocytic leukemia for 12 games and responded with seven fourth quarter or overtime game-winning drives en route to an 11-5 campaign.

Pagano previously coached with the Baltimore Ravens (2008-2011), the last as the team's defensive coordinator. He also coached with the Oakland Raiders (2005-06) and Cleveland Browns ('01-04).

Pagano played safety at Wyoming from 1980-83. He coached collegiately at Southern California (1984-85), Miami ('86), Boise State ('87-88), East Carolina ('89), Nevada-Las Vegas ('90-91), East Carolina ('92-94), Miami ('95-2000) and North Carolina ('07).

Pagano was born in Boulder, Colo., on Oct. 2, 1960. He and his wife, Tina, have three daughters, Tara, Taylor, Tori, and three granddaughters, Avery, Addison and Zoey. His brother, John, serves as the Oakland Raiders' assistant head coach-defense.

Lewis vs. Colts: Colts lead, 7-2.

Lewis vs. Pagano: Colts lead, 2-1.

Pagano vs. Bengals: Colts lead, 2-1.

BENGALS NOTES

Bengals career records watch: Here is a look at potential upcoming movement in the Bengals' career records book (regular-season). Team records are listed in full detail on pages 170-179 of the 2017 media guide.

- QB Andy Dalton has 151 career TD passes, three shy of QB Carson Palmer (154) for third place all-time. QB Ken Anderson (197) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Dalton also has 22 career 300-yard passing games, one shy of the Bengals' all-time leader, QB Boomer Esiason (23).

- Dalton also has 2041 career completions, 613 behind the Bengals' career leader, Anderson (2654). This season, Dalton passed Esiason (2015) for third place all-time in Game 5, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo, and then Palmer (2024) for second place in Game 6, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh.

- Dalton also has 23,574 career passing yards, 3575 shy of Esiason (27,149) for second place all-time. Anderson (32,838) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Dalton passed Palmer (22,694) for third place all-time in Game 3, Sept. 24 at Green Bay.

- Dalton also has 3249 career passing attempts, 315 shy of Esiason (3564) for second place all-time. Anderson (4475) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Dalton passed Palmer (3217) for third place all-time in Game 5, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo.

- WR A.J. Green has 52 career TDs, one shy of WR Isaac Curtis (53) for fifth place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Green also has 52 career receiving TDs, one shy of WR Isaac Curtis (53) for third place all-time. WR Chad Johnson (66) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

- Green also has 516 career receptions, 14 shy of WR Carl Pickens (530) for second place all-time. Johnson (751) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Green passed WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507) for third place all-time in Game 5, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo.

- Green has 30 career 100-yard receiving games, one shy of the Bengals' all-time leader, 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. FB Pete Johnson (64) is the all-time leader.

- P Kevin Huber has 28,868 career punting yards, 439 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 1065 career punt return yards as a Bengal, 136 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 punt return for a TD as a Bengal. 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 56 career sacks, two shy of Dunlap (58) for fourth place all-time and three shy of Browner (59) for third place. Edwards (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

Defense's sack streak ends at 34: The Bengals were held without a sack last week at Pittsburgh, marking the first time in more than two seasons they did not record at least one sack in a game. The 34-game streak (regular season only) had begun in Week 4 of 2015, in a 36-21 home win over Kansas City in which the defense tallied five sacks. It had been the longest active streak in the NFL and the longest since Green Bay's streak of 42 ended in 2015.

The sack streak registers as the second-longest in team history, behind a 50-gamer that stretched over parts of five seasons in the early 1980s (Nov. 8, 1981 to Sept. 15, 1985). The next-longest streak is 32, which spanned from Nov. 8, 2010 to Oct. 21, 2012.

Over Cincinnati's 34-game streak, the Bengals recorded 87 sacks for 545 yards. Twenty-one different Bengals had at least a half sack over the span, and the defense logged more than one sack in 24 of the 34 games. DT Geno Atkins totaled the most sacks during the stretch, with 22, and he recorded at least a half sack in 19 of the games. DE Carlos Dunlap was a close second, with 20, and logged at least a half sack in 16 different games.

Through the team's first six games of 2017, eight different Bengals have recorded at least one sack. The Bengals have 18 sacks this season, ranked ninth in the NFL. Seven of the eight teams ahead of Cincinnati have played seven games, while the Bengals have played just six.

Bengals D top five in five categories: The Bengals' defense has gotten off to a roaring start in 2017, with top-five rankings in five defensive categories.

The Bengals are allowing 289.0 net yards per contest, good for a No. 5 ranking league-wide in total defense. They're also allowing 4.5 yards per play, third-best in the NFL. The defense has held opponents to fewer than 270 total net yards in four of its six contests so far this season.

The Bengals have led the league in net yards allowed just once in team history — in 1983, when they allowed 270.4 yards per game.

Cincinnati also ranks third against the pass (177.7 yards per game) and fourth in yards per pass play (5.2). The Bengals' best league ranking against the pass for a full season is No. 2, achieved in both 1993 (174.9) and '75 (123.5).

The Bengals also rank fourth in third-down efficiency, holding the opposition to just 30 conversions on 89 opportunities (33.7 percent).

The defense also ranks in the top 10 in three other primary categories — sixth in sacks per pass play (.09; 18 sacks in 205 pass plays), seventh in first downs allowed per game (17.8) and tied for sixth in scoring defense (18.6 points per game).

Also of note regarding the defense:

- Cincinnati also has a top-five ranking this season (second) in red-zone TD percentage, allowing TDs on only seven of 20 opponent trips inside the 20 (35.0 percent). 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).

Bengals D gets off the field: The Bengals' defense this year has proven adept at forcing opposing offenses off the field in a hurry. The defense has held opponents without a first down on 28 drives (out of 70 total) this season, meaning opposing offenses this season have failed to make a first down on 40 percent their drives against the Bengals. That rate ranks sixth in the NFL.

These instances are typically referred to as 'three-and-outs,' although they technically include all possessions in which the opposing offense is held without a first down.

In their last game, the Bengals held Pittsburgh without a first down on three drives.

Geno's sack streak halted at six: Bengals DT Geno Atkins' most productive sack streak of his stellar eight-year career ended in Game 2 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 at the time.

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 Game 2 of 2017 vs. Houston.

Atkins has 56 sacks for his career, fourth place all-time in team history and the most ever by a Bengals interior lineman.

Bengals D keeps 'em off the board: The Bengals defense has made its mark in scoring defense over the last few seasons, and that momentum has carried into 2017. The unit currently ranks tied for sixth in the NFL in points allowed per game (18.7). The Bengals have held opponents to 20 points or less in four of six games this season. In the last 16 games (dating back to Game 7 of 2016 vs. Cleveland), the Bengals have allowed more than 20 points only five times and held opponents to an average of 17.6 points per game.

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 on the 10-yard line — let's go play defense. Hold them to three. I'm paid to keep them off the scoreboard."

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.

Defense leans on the 'kids': While the core of the NFL's fifth-ranked defense is no doubt recognizable, with veteran stalwarts like Geno Atkins, Vontaze Burfict and Carlos Dunlap continuing to fill up the stat sheet, this edition of the Bengals defense sports an unusually young surrounding cast. The Cincinnati defense has leaned heavily upon the 'kids,' a nickname coined by several analysts for the wave of young Bengals, and the results have been impressive.

Ten of the 25 Bengals players to see time on defense this season are either rookies or second-year players, including six who have been on the field for more than a quarter of the team's 406 defensive snaps. That includes the defense's leader in snaps played, second-year LB Nick Vigil, who has been on the field for 99.3 percent (403 out of 406 possible) of defensive plays this season. Vigil also leads the team in tackles, with 49.

Bengal rookie and second-year players have combined to play 1267 out of an available 4466 snaps (406 plays, multiplied by 11 players on the field at a time) this season, which works out to just over 28 percent. And from a production standpoint, they haven't disappointed, accounting for 5.5 of the team's 18 sacks, three of the four INTs, 10 of the 21 passes defended, and 99 of the 369 total tackles (26.8 percent).

Eight of the Bengals' 18 draft choices over the last two years were used on defenders, and seven of those players have seen action this season, combining for 1247 snaps. The lone defensive draft selection to not appear in a game, rookie sixth-round pick Brandon Wilson, is on the Bengals' practice squad.

Here are the Bengals' rookie and second-year players to see time this year: Vigil (403 snaps), CB William Jackson (213), LB Carl Lawson (177), DE Jordan Willis (150), DT Ryan Glasgow (132), S Clayton Fejedelem (105), DT Andrew Billings (54), CB KeiVarae Russell (16), LB Jordan Evans (13), LB Hardy Nickerson (four).

Add Jackson to the list: Early in the second quarter of Game 3 at Green Bay, CB William Jackson jumped in front of Packers WR Jordy Nelson, snagged a pass thrown by QB Aaron Rodgers for an interception and returned it 75 yards for a touchdown.

It was a big play for the Bengals at the time, giving the Bengals a 21-7 lead, though Cincinnati eventually lost to the Packers in overtime. Despite the loss, that INT stood out from a historical perspective, not only because it was a TD, but because it also was the first INT of Jackson's career.

Jackson, a second-year player, became just the 14th Bengal to score on his first career INT and the first since DE Carlos Dunlap did it in 2012. Jackson was the first defensive back to do it since CB Johnathan Joseph scored on his first INT in 2007.

Jackson, from the University of Houston, was the Bengals' first-round pick in the 2016 NFL Draft. He spent his entire rookie season on the Reserve/Injured list with a pectoral muscle tear, thus he recorded the INT for a TD in just his third career game.

Here is a complete list of the Bengals players who scored a TD on their first career INT:

DATE	OPP.	PLAYER	RET. YARDS	CIN. RESULT
9-22-68	Buff.	LB Al Beauchamp	17	W, 34-23
10-19-75	Oak.	S Marvin Cobb	52	W, 14-10
11-11-79	@S.D.	CB Ray Griffin	96	L, 24-26
10-10-83	Pitt.	S James Griffin	41	L, 14-24
10-16-83	@Den.	CB Ray Horton	55	L, 17-24
12-30-90	Cle.	LB James Francis	15	W, 21-14
9-17-95	@Sea	CB Roger Jones	17	L, 21-24
10-31-04	@Tenn.	S Madiou Williams	51	L, 20-27
1-02-05	@Phil.	DE Robert Geathers	36	W, 38-10
11-19-06	@N.O.	S Ethan Kilmer	52	W, 31-16
10-21-07	NYJ	CB Johnathan Joseph	42	W, 38-31
12-06-09	Det.	DT Jonathan Fanene	45	W, 23-13
12-30-12	Balt.	DE Carlos Dunlap	14	W, 23-17
9-24-17	@G.B.	CB William Jackson	75	L, 24-27 (OT)

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. This season, Dalton has passed for 1360 yards through six games, which projects to 3626 yards for a full season.

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 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 rushing TDs by a QB, only Carolina's Cam Newton, whose 51 rushing TDs are beyond similarity, ranks higher than Dalton since 2011. Dalton and Newton both entered the league in '11.

Andrew Luck (14), Russell Wilson (14) and Colin Kaepernick (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's a look at the most wins by QBs through their first six seasons. Dalton had 56 wins through the end of the 2016 season, his sixth, which ties him for sixth place.

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

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 (he currently has two) to rank 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 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 38 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 32-6 (.842) in those contests.
- Dalton's .596 winning percentage (58-39-2) ranks sixth among active QBs with 50 or more starts behind Tom Brady (.777), Russell Wilson (.703), Ben Roethlisberger (.674), Aaron Rodgers (.667) and Andrew Luck (.614).
- Dalton's .596 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 (86 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 NFL interior defensive linemen in sacks. After seven weeks, Atkins and Carolina DT Kawann Short are tied for the NFL lead in sacks for interior linemen, with 4.0.

It's a familiar position for Atkins, 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. Last year, 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 56 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 has been inactive for Games 1 and 3-6, 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 six games this year, including a start at RDE in Week 2 in place of injured starter Michael Johnson. He's been on the field for 150 of the defense's 406 total plays (37 percent) and has totaled 13 tackles and a sack.

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 (see previous item), 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 among top rookies in sacks: Through the first seven weeks of the 2017 NFL season, Bengals LB Carl Lawson ranks third among all NFL rookies in sacks, with 3.5. He trails Myles Garrett of Cleveland and T.J. Watt of Pittsburgh, who each have 4.0. Deatrich Wise of New England is close behind, with 3.0. Among all players, Lawson stands in a tie for 35th, with Jacksonville's Calais Campbell leading the NFL at 10.0.

Lawson recorded 2.5 sacks in Game 3 at Green Bay, and added another in Game 5 vs. Buffalo. He's also been credited with nine QB hurries.

Lawson joins rare company: In Week 2 vs Green Bay, rookie Carl Lawson wreaked havoc in the Packers' backfield, recording 2.5 sacks on the day. Another sack was wiped off the stat sheet by an unrelated penalty. With the outstanding performance, Lawson joined 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 also became only the second NFL rookie since 2013 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 to get him on the field in a fashion that suits his strength as a pass rusher. Thus far in the 2017 season, most of Lawson's time on defense has come with his hand on the ground, as an edge rusher with the No. 1 nickel defensive unit. He has six tackles on the year, including 3.5 sacks for 23.5 yards. He started Game 4 at Cleveland, when the defense opened the game in a nickel defensive package, and he's played in 177 of a possible 406 snaps on defense this season.

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."

Malone saw his first action of the season last week at Pittsburgh, but he did not record any statistics.

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.

Through six games in 2017, Dunlap has one pass defended.

Dunlap the playmaker: Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap earned his second career trip to the Pro Bowl last season, after filling up the stat sheet with eight sacks (second on team behind fellow Pro Bowler Geno Atkins), and a team-leading 15 passes defended and three forced fumbles.

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, five QB hurries, a pass defended, four tackles for losses and a forced fumble.

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 16 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 42 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).

And already in 2017, Green already has added a 10th game of 150-plus and a TD — he had 189, with a 77-yard TD, in Game 5, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo.

Here's a look at the list of players with 10 or more games of 150-plus receiving yards and a TD through their first seven seasons.

PLAYER	TEAM	NO. OF GAMES
Lance Alworth	San Diego Chargers	16
Jerry Rice	San Francisco 49ers	13
A.J. Green	Cincinnati Bengals	10
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	10
Calvin Johnson	Detroit Lions	10
Randy Moss	Minnesota Vikings	10

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 through 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 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 (he did not play in the game due to the injury).

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 7, he boasts a 24.5 average, good for fifth in the AFC and eighth in the NFL.

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). He also became the only player in Bengals history with three returns of 65 or more yards in a season.

Erickson also serves as the Bengals' primary punt returner, with 158 yards on 21 returns so far this year.

Jones wears two crowns: Though the 2017 season is still young, the oldest player on the Bengals' roster, veteran CB Adam Jones (turned 34 on Sept. 30), has again flashed his ability as a return specialist. For the season, Jones has totaled 81 yards on just three punt returns (27.0), including returns of 40 and 33 yards.

Jones is the Bengals' career leader in punt return average (11.21) 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).

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 (21) and kickoff (10) return attempts early in the '17 campaign. Jones has three punt returns so far this season and no kickoff returns.

Jones' history as a dangerous returner dates back to the beginning of his career, when he returned three punts for TDs over his first two NFL seasons (2005 and '06) as a member of the Tennessee Titans. In 2014 with Cincinnati, 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 10.5 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 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 third in the NFL over that span. Hill is one shy of Tennessee's DeMarco Murray and Philadelphia's LeGarrette Blount, who both have 30 TDs over that span.

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 33 times for 105 yards (3.2), and has four receptions for 16 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.

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 with New Orleans for the second-fewest fumbled punts (23) 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, he hasn't missed a beat. Bernard leads the team in yards per carry, at 4.3 (minimum five carries), and also has 11 catches for 163 yards (14.8) and two TDs, including his 61-yarder in Cleveland.

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 198 receptions, Bernard stands 99 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 1834 receiving yards, Bernard is 1178 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.

Some very good rushing numbers: The Bengals' record under Marvin Lewis with a 100-yard rusher 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). 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. They're 1-1 so far in 2017 when rushing 30 times as a team, with a win in Week 4 vs. Cleveland (30 rushes for 86 yards).

"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."

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-42.

The Bengals are minus-nine in differential thus far in 2017, with four takeaways (all INTs) and 13 giveaways (eight INTs, five FL).

In their last game, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh, the Bengals were minus-two, with no takeaways and two giveaways (both INTs).

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 82.4. 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	430	266	+164
Green Bay Packers	399	333	+66
Seattle Seahawks	392	334	+58
Kansas City Chiefs	380	325	+55
Carolina Panthers	422	374	+48
Indianapolis Colts	370	322	+48
Atlanta Falcons	380	335	+45
Cincinnati Bengals	406	364	+42

Since 2003, the Bengals rank tied for fifth in takeaways (406) and 10th in points off turnovers (1214).

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 17-67-2 with a minus (.209).

"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	895-409-4	.686
Plus 2	721-154	.824
Plus 3	406-39-1	.911
Plus 4	210-6	.972
Plus 5	97-3	.970

Plus teams so far this season have gone 61-13, for a .824 winning percentage.

And when it's even? The Bengals are 28-23 in head coach Marvin Lewis' full tenure in games when the turnover differential has been even, for a winning percentage of .549. The Bengals have won 11 of their last 18 with an even differential (.611), dating back to 2012, but they have lost three of their last four, including a 1-1 record so far in '17.

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

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	5-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White	15-6-1	.705
Black	Black	15-11-1	.574
Black	White	32-31-1	.508
White (CR)*	White (CR)*	1-1-0	.500
White	Black	25-29-0	.463
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. Color rush (CR) uniforms have been worn on Thursday night games only since 2016.

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 220. 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 (3.93-to-1, with 220 inside-20s and 56 touchbacks).

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (45.25) and net average (39.81).
 - 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.

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, 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 (26-30-2, .466) ... 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 turned 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 they would be ready to go (once the regular season began). Now they're proving who they are. We said back in April that there had to be a changing of the guard — it's inevitable in the NFL — and 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."

Lewis, on Dalton:

"He's a fine, fine player. He's a tough man, and he shows it. He's got the inner drive to just keep going, to overcome mistakes, to move on to the next play. That's a great quality that he has."

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

"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 0-3 start to the season:

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

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."

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."

Dalton, on TE Tyler Kroft as the No. 1 TE, now that Tyler Eifert is R/I:

"He's a guy who works really hard. Before he was playing as much as he has been lately with Tyler Eifert being out, even then I felt like he didn't get enough credit for what he does. I think everyone is starting to see what he can do. He's a reliable player, and that has shown up a lot recently."

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've been 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 not giving the players Mondays off after victories ...

"We've got work to do. As I told the players — they've worked hard a long time from the beginning of the offseason until now. There's a lot more left, and it's worth it to put their heads down, go to work, and be as great as they can be. It's worth it. Sure, you'll get days off in March. But if you want to make it special, you don't want to waste time now."

Defensive coordinator Paul Guenther, on DT Geno Atkins mentoring the younger players:

"One thing about Geno this year is that he has done a great job of being a mentor, more so than any other year I've been around him. Everyone knows him as a quiet guy, and he is generally quiet. But I've seen him taking Billings, Glasgow, Lawson, Willis and all of the other young guys aside and talking to them about protections, opponents and everything else. Any time the young players can receive feedback like that from a guy that's been around here for years — a player they respect — is tremendous. They get tired of listening to me all the time."

Lewis, on all the young Bengals players on defense:

"They've done a really good job. There are times when we have three (rookies or second-year players) on the defensive line, one at linebacker and one in the secondary on the field together at the same time. That's huge when we're getting such positive plays out of those younger guys. And they aren't missing a beat. A coach's instinct is to throw vets like Michael (DE Michael Johnson) or Carlos (DE Carlos Dunlap) back in there. But then you see (rookie DE) Jordan Willis, or Glasgow (rookie DT Ryan Glasgow), or Carl (rookie LB Carl Lawson), or Nick (second-year LB Nick Vigil), or (second-year DT) Andrew Billings or William (second-year CB William Jackson) making the types of plays their making, time and time again. They're earning their opportunities. We have to make sure the level doesn't drop, and so far, it hasn't."

Guenther, on playing young players:

"In my first year in coaching, the AD told me that for every freshman you play, you're going to lose one ballgame. That always stuck in my mind. At this point in the NFL, the way contracts are constructed, you have to get young players out there and playing. If they can play, you've got to let them go. I felt good enough (about this group) in the preseason. We played a lot of them early in games against good players (on other teams) in the preseason, so we felt good about them. They get it."

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."

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."

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 rookies 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 at getting to the quarterback."

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 Nick Vigil:

"He has been very special. He keeps getting better, and his understanding (of the game) is improving each week. He's very coachable, and he understands the finer points of things, both with coverage and assignments we have at the line of scrimmage."

CB Adam Jones, on the team turning the corner after an 0-3 start:

"We're not used to losing. We got a lot of guys in here and a lot of talent on offense and defense. For whatever reason, we didn't end up on the right side of the win column in the first three games, but there are a lot of positives with this offense and defense. I think we are in a great position."

DE Carlos Dunlap, on knocking down opponents' 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."

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 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 140 yards and two TDs on 17-of-30 passing in Week 7 at Pittsburgh, bringing his 2017 totals to 121 of 189 passing (64.0 percent) for 1360 yards, nine TDs and seven INTs. Dalton's first of two TD passes against the Steelers gave him 150 for his career, putting him three TD passes behind Carson Palmer for third in team history. His 300-yard outing in Game 5 vs. Buffalo was the 22nd of his career, good for second in Bengals' history and one behind Boomer Esiason's all-time team record. His quarterback rating in Week 4 vs. Cleveland (146.0) was the second highest-rated game of his career, topped only by a 146.8 rating in Week 13 of the 2015 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 88.7. 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 third 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 58-39-2 regular-season record as a starter works out to the best winning percentage (.596) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts. Third-year pro **AJ McCarron** saw his first action of the regular season in the waning moments of a Week 4 win vs. the Browns, but had no statistics. 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: Prized rookie HB **Joe Mixon**, a second-round pick out of Oklahoma, has found himself leading the Cincinnati backfield in carries

through the first six games (74). In Week 3 against the Packers, Mixon topped 100 total yards for the first time in his career, carrying the ball 18 times for 62 yards (3.4) and catching three passes for 39 yards. Another career milestone was reached in Week 5 vs. Buffalo, as Mixon had a five-yard scamper that resulted in his first career TD. In 2016 at Oklahoma, Mixon posted a school-record 2331 all-purpose yards (194.3 per game). 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. 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 all six games. In Week 4 vs. Cleveland, Bernard flashed some of his signature speed and agility, taking a screen pass 61 yards 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. 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. 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 Bengals history.

Wide receivers: Leading the Bengals in receiving through six games 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. Green has the second-most yards of any receiver in the league and is ninth in the conference in yards from scrimmage. The seventh-year WR is continuing the torrid pace he was on in 2016 before a hamstring injury ended his season early in Game 10. Green is currently on pace for 1453 receiving yards this season, which would top the all-time Bengals mark set by Chad Johnson in 2007 (1440). 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. He finished the 2016 regular season with 964 receiving yards on 66 catches. Green's 516 career receptions rank third in Bengals history, and his 7680 receiving yards rank second. Green's 52 career receiving TDs rank fourth, and his 30 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** lines up opposite Green as the other starting WR, having grabbed 19 receptions for 136 yards and one TD through the first six games. 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 last season and has six receptions for 43 yards on the current campaign. Boyd missed Week 7 vs. Pittsburgh after leaving the previous game with a knee injury, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. 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. He has been sidelined since that game with a knee injury, however. 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. Malone was active for the first time in his career in Week 7 vs. Pittsburgh, but recorded no statistics. 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. Though gaining a larger role in the offense this season, Erickson is known for his kick return prowess, as he currently ranks eighth in the NFL in kick return average (24.5). Erickson averaged an AFC-best 27.9-yards on 29 kickoff returns in '16, an average that ranked second in the NFL. Erickson is also the team's leading punt returner, with 21 returns for 158 yards (7.5) in 2017 thus far. 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 placed on the Reserved/Injured list on Oct. 12 with a back injury. 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 23 of 37 possible games in that stretch. Now in his third Bengals season, TE **Tyler Kroft** has gotten a starting nod in each of the first six regular-season games. Kroft had a memorable game in Week 4 vs. Cleveland, grabbing his first two TDs of the season as well as a career-high in receptions (six) and receiving yards (68). He appeared in 14 games in 2016 with 11 starts, recording 10 catches for 92 yards. Fellow third-year pro **C.J. Uzomah**, who played in 10 games with eight starts last season, has seen consistent action since Week 3 after being sidelined for the first two games with an ankle injury. 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. Despite missing Weeks 5 and 6 with a knee injury, Hewitt has played in 51 of 54 possible regular-season games since joining the team, with 36 starts. Joining Hewitt at H-back is **Cethan Carter**, who made a successful roster bid as a college free agent out of Nebraska. Carter has been the lead H-back in Hewitt's absence, and recorded his first two special teams tackles in Week 6 vs. Buffalo. 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 54 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 returned to the field in Week 5 vs. Buffalo after missing the previous three games with a knee injury. 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. Part of the mix at OT this season is **Jake Fisher**, a second-round Bengals draft choice out of Oregon in 2015, who has started four games this season at ROT. 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. The starting LOT for four of the first five weeks of 2017, **Cedric Ogbuehi**, is 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, but has nabbed a start in each of the past two games, rotating in with Fisher and Ogbuehi at the tackle spots. Fourth-year pro **T.J. Johnson** 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 has been inactive for five of the first six games and an active-DNP in Week 2 vs. Houston. 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 and rotated in at the guard spot in Week 4 at Cleveland.

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 four 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, 42 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 has come back strong since his absence, recording three sacks in the last three games. His sack

total includes two in Week 5 vs. Buffalo, marking his first two-sack game in a Bengals uniform since Week 17 of the 2012 season. 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 and recorded his first sack in Week 5 vs. Buffalo. 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. Billings recorded his first career tackle in Week 1 vs. Baltimore. DE **Chris Smith**, a third-year pro who the Bengals acquired in an April 11 trade with Jacksonville, has 1.5 sacks through six 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: Returning to the Bengals in Week 4 was sixth-year pro **Vontae Burfict**, who missed Games 1-3 due to a league suspension. Though only playing in three games thus far, Burfict has already worked his way up to fifth on the team in tackles and grabbed his first sack of the season in Week 5 vs. Buffalo. 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. Off to a hot start in 2017 is second-year pro **Nick Vigil**, who recorded his first career interception in Game 1 vs. Baltimore and his first career sack in Week 4 vs. the Browns. The team's 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, filled in admirably during Burfict's suspension to start the season. The second-leading tackler through the first six 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. At 3.5 sacks on the season, Lawson is third amongst all NFL rookies in that category. 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. 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 inactive in Week 4 vs. the Browns (hamstring), but returned in Week 5 vs. Buffalo. 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. LB **Hardy Nickerson** was signed off the practice squad on Oct. 16, marking his second stint on the 53-man roster this season. He successfully made the team to open the season as a college free agent out of Illinois. He is the son of former All-Pro LB Hardy Nickerson Sr.

Defensive backs: Sixth-year pro **George Iloka**, Cincinnati's starting FS since 2013, has been a steady presence in the Bengals secondary through six games after missing the preseason due to an injury suffered early in training camp. Iloka recorded his first interception of the season in Week 5 vs. Buffalo, forcing a turnover with time expiring and the Bengals owning just a six-point lead. Iloka tied for the team lead in INTs (three) last season, while recording 73 tackles. Iloka has nine career INTs and 30 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 40 passes defended. He has proven to be a durable performer over the years, having played in 66 of the last 67 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 has come back strong, having recorded ten tackles with three passes defended. Jones missed the Week 7 contest vs. Pittsburgh with a back injury, and his status for this week's game is unknown. 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 (11.2). 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 23 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 recorded his first career interception in Week 4 vs. the Browns, coming down with a tipped pass as Cleveland was entering the red zone. 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 a start in place of the suspended Jones in Week 1, 2014 first-round pick **Darqueze Dennard** adds to the depth at cornerback for the Bengals. After the first six games of the season, Dennard leads the secondary in tackles (31) and sacks (two), along with two passes defended. Dennard played in 15 games last season, with three starts, and tallied 41 tackles on defense. Another Bengals first-round draft pick, CB **William Jackson**, has 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. Through six games, Jackson leads the Bengals in passes defended, with six. He got his first career start in Week 7 vs. Pittsburgh, replacing the injured Jones. 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 duties. Bullock has drilled seven of his eight 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 81.8 percent average (90 for 110) on FGs and 96.4 percent average (108 for 112) 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). He has handled all 1189 snaps in his Bengals career

without an unplayable delivery. On Oct. 16, Harris was signed to a one-year contract extension. P **Kevin Huber**, the top Bengals punter in history in terms of gross average (45.25) and net average (39.81), 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 (3.93 to-1, with 220 inside-20s and 56 touchbacks). WR **Alex Erickson**, a college free agent out of Wisconsin in 2016, is picking up right where he left off last season in the kick

return department, where he finished second in the NFL and first in the AFC in kickoff return average, at 27.9 yards on 29 returns. 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 serves as the team's primary punt returner, averaging 7.5 yards on 21 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

- 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.

2018

- 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.
- Jan. 20 — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, TBD.
- Jan. 21 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 27 — Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Alabama.
- Jan. 28 — NFL Pro Bowl, Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Florida.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Feb. 4 — Super Bowl LII, U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 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.
- 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.
- Feb. 16 — Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2018 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 20 — First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- Feb. 27-Mar. 5 — Combine timing and testing, Lucas Oil Stadium,

(Important dates, continued)

March 1	Indianapolis, Indiana. — 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.		
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.	March 14	— Trading period for 2018 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern time, after expiration of all 2017 contracts.
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.	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).
March 6	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.	March 15	— Deadline for all clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2018 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.
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 Free Agent and any employee or representative of a club, other than the player's current club.	March 25-28	— Annual League Meeting, Ritz Carlton, Orlando, Florida.
March 14	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must exercise options for 2018 on all players who have option clauses in their 2017 contracts.	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.
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.	April 2	— Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2017 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
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.	April 16	— Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
March 14	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2018 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time.	April 18	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
March 14	— All 2017 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern time.	April 20	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
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	April 25	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
		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., Oct. 24 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Oct. 25 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Conference call with Indianapolis Colts head coach Chuck Pagano at 12:35 p.m.; 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.</p> <p>Thurs., Oct. 26 — 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. 27 — 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. 28 — No media access.</p> <p>Sun., Oct. 29 — Game 7, Bengals vs. Indianapolis Colts at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Oct. 30 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.</p>	<p>Tues., Oct. 31 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Nov. 1 — 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 Jacksonville Jaguars head coach Doug Marrone, TBD.</p> <p>Thurs., Nov. 2 — 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., Nov. 3 — 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., Nov. 4 — No media access.</p> <p>Sun., Nov. 5 — Game 8, Bengals at Jacksonville Jaguars at EverBank Field, 1 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Nov. 6 — 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-COLTS MEETINGS

2014 SEASON

WEEK 7, GAME 6

Indianapolis Colts 27, Cincinnati Bengals 0
Sunday, Oct. 19, 2014 at Lucas Oil Stadium

The Bengals were outgained by 371 yards — 506 to 135 — and they suffered only their second shutout in 12 seasons under head coach Marvin Lewis. The first of those, 37-0 against the N.Y. Jets in the 2009 season finale, came in a game when Cincinnati's starters saw virtually no action with a playoff berth already clinched. The Bengals trailed only 10-0 at halftime, thanks in large part to a plus-two turnover advantage (two lost fumbles by the Colts), but Indianapolis drove 85 yards on eight plays for a TD on its first third-quarter possession, ending any reasonable suspense over the outcome. The Bengals reached the Colts' four-yard line in the fourth quarter but gave up possession on downs. The Bengals fell to 3-2-1 on the season, a game behind Baltimore in the AFC North Division race. Indianapolis won its fifth straight after an 0-2 start.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	0	0	0	—	0
Indianapolis.....	3	7	7	10	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 23 field goal.....	1-0:33
Ind. — A.Bradshaw 1 run (A.Vinatieri kick).....	2-12:08
Ind. — D.Allen 32 pass from A.Luck (A.Vinatieri kick).....	3-9:47
Ind. — A.Bradshaw 10 pass from A.Luck (A.Vinatieri kick).....	4-12:09
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 50 field goal.....	4-1:55

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 66,539. **Time:** 3:06.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	IND.
First downs.....	8	27
Third down conversions-attempts.....	1-13	5-13
Total net yards.....	135	506
Net yards rushing.....	32	171
Net yards passing.....	103	335
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	38-18-0	42-27-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-23	2-9
Punts-average.....	11-50.7	6-48.0
Punt returns-yards.....	4-20	2-13
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-80	1-27
Penalties-yards.....	4-20	8-57
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	2-2
Time of possession.....	20:17	39:43

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	IND.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	7	17	6	0	T.Richardson	14	77	11	0
J.Hill	4	15	11	0	A.Bradshaw	10	52	15	1
A.Dalton	1	0	0	0	D.Herron	5	37	13	0
					A.Luck	4	5	2	0
					D.Moncrief	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	12	32	11	0	TOTALS	34	171	15	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	IND.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	38	18	126	0-0	A.Luck	42	27	344	2-0
TOTALS	38	18	126	0-0	TOTALS	42	27	344	2-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	IND.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Gresham	10	48	12	0	T.Hilton	7	107	46	0
M.Sanu	3	54	32	0	C.Fleener	4	64	26	0
G.Bernard	2	-1	0	0	T.Richardson	4	41	20	0
G.Little	1	13	13	0	R.Wayne	4	15	9	0
B.Bate	1	7	7	0	D.Allen	3	52	32	1
C.Peerman	1	5	5	0	A.Bradshaw	3	36	18	1
					J.Doyle	1	20	20	0
					D.Moncrief	1	9	9	0
TOTALS	18	126	32	0	TOTALS	27	344	46	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Rey 7-9-16, R.Nelson 5-4-9, J.DiManche 4-3-7, G.Iloka 3-2-5, A.Jones 3-2-5, D.Peko 3-2-5, C.Dunlap 1-4-5, L.Hall 4-0-4, M.Flowers 2-2-4, V.Burfi 1-3-4, T.Newman 3-0-3, D.Dennard 2-1-3, W.Gilberry 0-3-3, R.Geathers 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 1-0-1, G.Atkins 0-1-1, M.Hunt 0-1-1, D.Still 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** D.Peko 1-0, G.Atkins 0.5-4.5, C.Dunlap 0.5-4.5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Jones 2, C.Dunlap 1, L.Hall 1. **FF:** C.Dunlap 1. **FR-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-0, A.Jones 1-0.

Indianapolis (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Freeman 4-3-7, D.Jackson 3-4-7, C.Redding 2-3-4, V.Davis 3-0-3, J.Gordy 3-0-3, R.Jean Francois 1-2-3, S.Brown 2-0-2, G.Toler 2-0-2, E.Walden 1-1-2, M.Adams 1-0-1, Z.Kerr 1-0-1, J.McNary 1-0-1, J.Newsome 1-0-1, L.Purifoy 1-0-1, B.Werner 1-0-1, M.Hughes 0-1-1, A.Studebaker 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Redding 1-8, R.Jean Francois 1-6, B.Werner 1-5, Z.Kerr 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** V.Davis 4, M.Adams 1, S.Brown 1, J.Freeman 1, Z.Kerr 1, G.Toler 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2014 SEASON

AFC WILD CARD PLAYOFF

Indianapolis Colts 26, Cincinnati Bengals 10
Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015 at Lucas Oil Stadium

Significantly depleted in their receiving corps, the Bengals were no match for AFC South champion Colts. Indianapolis QB Andrew Luck passed for 376 yards, re-setting a Bengals opponent playoff record previously held by QB Joe Montana from Super Bowl XXIII (357). The Colts totaled 482 yards to Cincinnati's 254. The Bengals moved the ball well on their first two possessions and were tied 7-7 late in the first quarter, after a 74-yard TD drive. At halftime, Cincinnati trailed by only 13-10, thanks to a 57-yard Mike Nugent FG near the end of the second quarter. The 57-yarder was a Bengals postseason record by 10 yards and topped by two yards the team regular-season record of 55 that Nugent shared with K Chris Bahr. But the Bengals managed only 98 net yards and no points in the second half, while the Colts struck for a Luck 36-yard TD pass and two FGs by K Adam Vinatieri. The Bengals played without their top two leaders in receptions — WR A.J. Green (concussion) and TE Jermaine Gresham (back strain).

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	3	0	0	—	10
Indianapolis.....	7	6	10	3	—	26

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Ind. —D.Herron 2 run (A.Vinatieri kick).....	1-11:05
Cin. —J.Hill 1 run (M.Nugent kick).....	1-1:28
Ind. —A.Vinatieri 38 field goal.....	2-12:41
Ind. —A.Vinatieri 29 field goal.....	2-8:34
Cin. —M.Nugent 57 field goal.....	2-0:10
Ind. —D.Moncrief 36 pass from A.Luck (A.Vinatieri kick).....	3-7:48
Ind. —A.Vinatieri 22 field goal.....	3-1:31
Ind. —A.Vinatieri 53 field goal.....	4-11:31

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 63,385. **Time:** 3:06.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	IND.
First downs.....	14	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-15	6-14
Total net yards.....	254	482
Net yards rushing.....	110	114
Net yards passing.....	144	368
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	35-18-0	44-31-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-11	1-8
Punts-average.....	8-47.5	4-51.5
Punt returns-yards.....	2-20	5-35
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-80	3-76
Penalties-yards.....	6-45	9-66
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	2-1
Time of possession.....	25:50	34:10

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	IND.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Hill	13	47	18	1	D.Herron	12	56	27	1
A.Dalton	4	34	16	0	Z.Tipton	11	40	11	0
R.Burkhead	1	23	23	0	A.Luck	2	18	18	0
G.Bernard	3	6	6	0					
TOTALS	21	110	23	1	TOTALS	25	114	27	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	IND.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	35	18	155	0-0	A.Luck	44	31	376	1-0
TOTALS	35	18	155	0-0	TOTALS	44	31	376	1-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	IND.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
G.Bernard	8	46	13	0	D.Herron	10	85	18	0
R.Hewitt	3	37	14	0	T.Hilton	6	103	30	0
R.Burkhead	3	34	26	0	H.Nicks	3	59	45	0
M.Sanu	3	31	11	0	D.Moncrief	3	54	36	1
K.Brock	1	7	7	0	D.Allen	3	30	12	0
					J.Doyle	3	9	4	0
					C.Fleener	1	18	18	0
					R.Wayne	1	12	12	0
					Z.Tipton	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	18	155	26	0	TOTALS	31	376	45	1

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Rey 5-6-11, E.Lamur 6-0-6, A.Jones 4-2-6, R.Nelson 4-1-5, M.Flowers 3-2-5, G.Iloka 2-3-5, B.Thompson 2-2-4, T.Newman 3-0-3, G.Atkins 2-1-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-1-3, D.Peko 1-2-3, D.Dennard 2-0-2, R.Mauluga 2-0-2, C.Dunlap 1-1-2, L.Hall 1-1-2, W.Gilberry 0-2-2, M.Hunt 0-2-2. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 0.5-4, M.Hunt 0.5-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** L.Hall 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, R.Mauluga 1, T.Newman 1. **FF:** D.Dennard 1, V.Rey 1. **FR-YDS.:** R.Nelson 1-6.

Indianapolis (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Freeman 7-8-15, M.Adams 7-2-9, D.Jackson 2-4-6, V.Davis 4-0-4, L.Landry 1-2-3, G.Toler 2-0-2, E.Walden 2-0-2, D.Butler 1-1-2, C.Redding 1-1-2, A.Jones 0-2-2, J.Chapman 1-0-1, M.Hughes 1-0-1, R.Jean Francois 0-1-1, J.Newsome 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Freeman 1.5-5.5, C.Redding 1-3, R.Jean Francois 0.5-2.5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** G.Toler 3, C.Redding 2, M.Adams 1, V.Davis 1, D.Jackson 1, E.Walden 1. **FF:** J.Freeman 1. **FR-YDS.:** M.Hughes 1-0.

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 table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 7, 14, 0, 3, 0, 24. Green Bay: 7, 0, 7, 10, 3, 27.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like 'A.Green 10 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)' with times.

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

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

RUSHING CIN. G.B. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD, G.B. and rows for J.Mixon, G.Bernard, J.Hill, A.Dalton, TOTALS.

PASSING CIN. G.B. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, G.B. and rows for A.Dalton, TOTALS.

RECEIVING CIN. G.B. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD, G.B. and rows for A.Green, J.Mixon, T.Kroft, G.Bernard, T.Boyd, J.Hill, B.LaFell, TOTALS.

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.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

Cincinnati Bengals 31, Cleveland Browns 7 Sunday, Oct. 1, 2017 at FirstEnergy Stadium

Both Cincinnati and Cleveland entered the game with 0-3 records, but the Bengals' offense erupted for 31 points while their defense held the Browns scoreless until after the two-minute warning to give the team a much-needed first win. Bengals QB Andy Dalton completed 25 of 30 passes for 286 yards, four TDs and zero INTs (146.0 passer rating). It was his fourth career game with four or more TD passes, and his first since Game 15 of the 2013 season. At one point in the Browns game, Dalton had logged 16 consecutive completions. That was the second-longest streak of completions in a game in team history, behind only the team record of 20 straight completions by former QB Ken Anderson in the 1982 regular-season finale on Jan. 2, 1983 at Houston. TE Tyler Kroft had six receptions for 68 yards and two TDs (all three of those stat categories were career highs for Kroft). HB Giovanni Bernard added three catches for 67 receiving yards and TD. The game marked the return of LB Vontaze Burfict, who missed the team's first three games due to a league suspension. The defense held the Browns to only 21-15 net yards, including just 45 rushing. Cincinnati improved to 1-3, while Cleveland fell to 0-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 0, 21, 10, 0, -, 31. Cleveland: 0, 0, 0, 7, -, 7.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like 'A.Green 7 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)' with times.

Missed FGs: Z.Gonzalez (48WL). Attendance: 67,431. Time: 2:56.

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

RUSHING CIN. CLE. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CLE. and rows for J.Mixon, A.Dalton, J.Hill, G.Bernard, TOTALS.

PASSING CIN. CLE. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CLE. and rows for A.Dalton, TOTALS.

RECEIVING CIN. CLE. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD, CLE. and rows for T.Kroft, A.Green, J.Mixon, G.Bernard, B.LaFell, T.Boyd, R.Hewitt, C.Uzomah, J.Hill, TOTALS.

DEFENSE Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: N.Vigil 7-4-11, V.Burfict 4-2-6, K.Russell 5-0-5, D.Dennard 3-1-4, C.Dunlap 2-1-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-1-3, S.Williams 2-0-2, M.Johnson 1-1-2, J.Shaw 1-1-2, J.Willis 1-1-2, G.Atkins 1-0-1, G.Iloka 1-0-1, W.Jackson 1-0-1, C.Smith 1-0-1, A.Jones 0-1-1, V.Rey 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: N.Vigil 1-7, D.Dennard 1-6. INT.-YDS.: C.Fejedelem 1-5. PD: W.Jackson 2, C.Dunlap 1, C.Fejedelem 1, M.Johnson 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cleveland (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Schobert 4-7-11, C.Kirksey 4-4-8, J.McCourty 7-0-7, E.Ogbah 4-2-6, J.Taylor 3-3-6, J.Burgess 2-3-5, T.Coley 2-2-4, J.Peppers 2-2-4, B.Boddy-Calhoun 2-1-3, N.Orchard 2-1-3, J.Meder 1-2-3, L.Ogunjobi 1-2-3, C.Brantley 2-0-2, C.Nassib 2-0-2, D.Kindred 1-1-2, M.Jordan 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: E.Ogbah 1-11, C.Brantley 1-7, T.Coley 1-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.McCourty 2, J.Taylor 1. FF: E.Ogbah 2. FR-YDS.: E.Ogbah 1-0.

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Cincinnati Bengals 20, Buffalo Bills 16
Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium

Cincinnati bested a 3-1 Buffalo Bills squad for their second straight win. The Bengals' defense was the story of the game. The Bengals allowed the Bills to score just one offensive touchdown and held Bills QB Tyrod Taylor to a passer rating of just 63.6 while sporting a relentless pass rush that sacked him six times, including three times in the fourth quarter alone.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns for 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Buffalo: 3, 7, 3, 3, —, 16. Cincinnati: 7, 3, 0, 10, —, 20.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as A.Green 77 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) and S.Hauschka 31 field goal.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 52,367. Time: 3:00.

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

RUSHING BUFF. CIN. table with columns for ATT, YDS, LG, TD and player names like L.McCoy, M.Tolbert, T.Taylor, K.Clay.

PASSING BUFF. CIN. table with columns for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I and player names like T.Taylor.

RECEIVING BUFF. CIN. table with columns for NO, YDS, LG, TD and player names like L.McCoy, N.O'Leary, M.Tolbert, C.Clay, B.Tate, Z.Jones, L.Thomas.

DEFENSE Buffalo (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: S.Wright 8-3-11, P.Brown 4-4-8, L.Alexander 5-1-6, M.Hyde 2-4-6, J.Hughes 1-3-4, J.Poyer 3-0-3, C.Thornton 2-1-3, M.Milano 1-2-3, T.White 2-0-2, M.Dareus 1-1-2, L.Johnson 1-1-2, A.Washington 1-1-2, S.Lawson 0-2-2, K.Williams 0-2-2. SKS.-YDS.: M.Dareus 1-5. INT.-YDS.: M.Hyde 1-13, J.Poyer 1-13. PD: T.White 3, S.Wright 2, M.Hyde, L.Johnson 1, G.Mabin 1, J.Poyer 1. FF: L.Alexander 1. FR-YDS.: J.Poyer 1-32. Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Burfict 10-3-13, N.Vigil 4-5-9, K.Minter 4-1-5, G.Iloka 3-2-5, M.Johnson 4-0-4, G.Atkins 3-1-4, J.Willis 3-0-3, D.Dennard 2-1-3, S.Williams 2-1-3, C.Fejedelelem 1-1-2, W.Jackson 1-1-2, R.Glasgow 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, C.Dunlap 0-1-1, A.Jones 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Johnson 2-8, V.Burfict 1-6, G.Atkins 1-5, J.Willis 1-4, C.Lawson 1-4. INT.-YDS.: G.Iloka 1-14. PD: V.Burfict 1, G.Iloka 1, N.Vigil 1. FF: C.Dunlap 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 7, GAME 6

Pittsburgh Steelers 29, Cincinnati Bengals 14
Sunday, Oct. 22, 2017 at Heinz Field

Cincinnati's offense and defense had an uneven balance between them in the game's two halves that led to the disappointing defeat. Entering the game, the Bengals ranked No. 2 in the NFL in both average net yards allowed (262.8) and average points allowed (16.6). But in the first half alone, the Bengals gave up nearly their average in net yards allowed to the Steelers (251) and more than their average in points (20).

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns for 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 7, 7, 0, 0, —, 14. Pittsburgh: 7, 13, 6, 3, —, 29.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as A.Brown 7 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick) and B.LaFell 6 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 65,363. Time: 3:03.

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

RUSHING CIN. PITT. table with columns for ATT, YDS, LG, TD and player names like J.Mixon, G.Bernard, A.Dalton, J.Hill.

PASSING CIN. PITT. table with columns for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I and player names like A.Dalton, B.Roethlisberger, R.Golden.

RECEIVING CIN. PITT. table with columns for NO, YDS, LG, TD and player names like B.LaFell, T.Kroft, A.Green, J.Mixon, A.Erickson, C.Uzomah, G.Bernard.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Rey 4-4-8, P.Sims 4-4-8, N.Vigil 3-5-8, S.Williams 6-1-7, D.Dennard 5-2-7, C.Dunlap 4-1-5, M.Johnson 3-2-5, R.Glasgow 1-4-5, G.Iloka 3-1-4, V.Burfict 2-2-4, G.Atkins 1-1-2, K.Minter 1-1-2, A.Billings 1-0-1, A.Erickson 1-0-1, W.Jackson 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 0-1-1, C.Lawson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: W.Jackson 2, D.Kirkpatrick 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Shazier 5-3-8, T.Watt 5-1-6, T.Alualu 4-0-4, C.Heyward 4-0-4, S.Davis 3-1-4, M.Hilton 2-2-4, B.Dupree 1-2-3, J.Hargrave 1-2-3, M.Mitchell 2-0-2, V.Williams 2-0-2, R.Golden 1-0-1, J.Haden 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: B.Dupree 1-13, T.Alualu 1-11, T.Watt 1-7, C.Heyward 1-1. INT.-YDS.: J.Haden 1-1, W.Gay 1-(-1). PD: A.Chickillo 1, S.Davis 1, W.Gay, J.Haden 1. FF: S.Davis 1. FR-YDS.: None.

IN 2017, THE BENGALS ARE:

REGULAR SEASON

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

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

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

68-44-3 at home (or as home team at neutral site)
52-63-0 on the road (or a visitor at neutral site)
83-35-1 when scoring first
37-72-2 when opponent scores first
21-23-3 in games decided by three points or fewer
54-51-3 in games decided by seven points or fewer
85-30-2 when leading at halftime
12-2-0 when tied at halftime
23-75-1 when trailing at halftime
96-19-2 when leading after three quarters
7-5-0 when tied after three quarters
17-83-1 when trailing after three quarters
81-37-2 when rushing for 100 net yards

75-31-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
75-17-1 with plus turnover differential
28-23-0 with even turnover differential
17-67-2 with minus turnover differential
43-33-2 when passing for 250 net yards
34-41-3 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
99-39-2 when scoring 20 points or more
39-92-2 when opponent scores 20 points or more
115-99-3 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
5-8-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
41-37-1 on natural grass
79-70-2 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
 51 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
 48 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

18 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
 17 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 1 at Cleveland
 15 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo

LONGEST RUSHES

25 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
 25 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh
 23 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore

RECEPTIONS

10 — A.J. Green, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
 7 — A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
 6 — Tyler Kroft, Oct. 1 at Cleveland

RECEIVING YARDS

189 — A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
 111 — A.J. Green, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
 74 — A.J. Green, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore

PASSING YARDS

328 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
 286 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 1 at Cleveland
 224 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 14 vs. Houston

PASS ATTEMPTS

36 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
 35 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
 31 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 10 vs. Baltimore

PASS COMPLETIONS

25 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 1 at Cleveland
 22 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
 21 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 24 at Green Bay

LONGEST PASSES

77 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo (TD)
 61 — Andy Dalton to Giovani Bernard, Oct. 1 at Cleveland (TD)
 50 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Sept. 14 vs. Houston

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

189 — A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
 111 — A.J. Green, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
 101 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 24 at Green Bay

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

41 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
 35 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
 30 — Alex Erickson, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

40 — Adam Jones, Oct. 1 at Cleveland
 33 — Adam Jones, Sept. 14 vs. Houston
 26 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston

TOTAL TACKLES*

13 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
 11 — (three times)

SOLO TACKLES*

10 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
 7 — Darqueze Dennard, Sept. 24 at Green Bay
 7 — Nick Vigil, Oct. 1 at Cleveland

*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	350	30-86	264	25-30	4/0	3-22	25	6-11	3-1	35:02
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	388	27-65	323	22-36	1/2	1-5	18	6-15	2-1	30:01
Oct. 15	— BYE —										
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	179	17-71	108	17-30	2/2	4-32	11	3-11	1-0	24:45
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		1734	150-491	1243	121-189	9/8	19-117	101	27-77	9-5	29:21

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	215	17-45	170	21-42	0/1	2-13	16	5-16	1-0	24:58
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	221	24-82	139	20-37	1/1	6-27	17	6-18	1-0	29:45
Oct. 15	— BYE —										
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	420	43-152	268	15-25	2-0	0-0	21	2-11	0-0	35:15
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		1734	178-668	1066	108-187	7/4	18-110	107	30-89	3-0	30:39

TRANSACTIONS

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

<p>June 8, 2017 — Signed DE Jordan Willis (D3).</p> <p>June 27, 2017 — Signed G Cameron Lee (FA).</p> <p>July 29, 2017 — Signed WR Kermit Whitfield (FA); Waived WR Monty Madaris (failed physical).</p> <p>July 30, 2017 — WR Monty Madaris cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.</p> <p>July 31, 2017 — Signed S Cedric Thompson (FA); Waived K Jonathan Brown.</p> <p>Aug. 1, 2017 — Waived WR Monty Madaris from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list (injury settlement).</p> <p>Aug. 9, 2017 — Signed P Will Monday (FA); Waived WR Jake Kumerow (injured).</p> <p>Aug. 10, 2017 — WR Jake Kumerow cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 19, 2017 — Waived S Cedric Thompson (injury settlement).</p> <p>Aug. 20, 2017 — Terminated the contract of DT Brandon Thompson; Waived WR Karel Hamilton and HB Stanley Williams.</p> <p>Aug. 28, 2017 — Waived P Will Monday.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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,</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2017 — Acquired DT Christian Ringo on waivers from Green Bay.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sept. 13, 2017 — Signed G J.J. Dielman to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 22, 2017 — Waived WR Jake Kumerow from the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sept. 28, 2017 — Activated LB Vontaze Burfict from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived LB Hardy Nickerson.</p> <p>Sept. 29, 2017 — Signed LB Hardy Nickerson to the practice squad; Released G Cole Toner from the practice squad.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2017 — Placed TE Tyler Eifert on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 16, 2017 — Signed LS Clark Harris* to a contract extension; Signed LB Hardy Nickerson from the practice squad; Signed TE Scott Orndoff (FA) to the practice squad.</p>
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* NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.

PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

<p>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.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	G-S	BALT.	HOU.	@G.B.	@Cle.	BUFF.	@Pitt.	IND.	@Jax	@Tenn.	@Den.	CLE.	PITT.	CHI.	@Minn.	DET.	@Balt.
Atkins, Geno.....	6-6	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT										
Bell, Brandon.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Bernard, Giovanni.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Billings, Andrew.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Bodine, Russell.....	6-6	C	C	C	C	C	C										
Boling, Clint.....	6-6	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG										
Boyd, Tyler.....	4-1	P	IL	3rdWR	P	P	IL										
Bullock, Randy.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Burfict, Vontaze.....	3-3	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	LB	LB	WLB										
Carson, Tra.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Carter, Cethan.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Core, Cody.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Dalton, Andy.....	6-6	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB										
Dennard, Darqueze.....	6-3	RCB	P	P	nkIDB	nkIDB	P										
Dielman, J.J.....	0-0	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Driskel, Jeff.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Dunlap, Carlos.....	6-6	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE										
Eifert, Tyler.....	2-1	P	TE	IL	IL	IL	RI										
Elliott, Jake.....	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Erickson, Alex.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Evans, Jordan.....	5-0	P	P	P	IL	P	P										
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	6-1	SS	P	P	P	P	P										
Fisher, Jake.....	6-5	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	P	ROT										
Glasgow, Ryan.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Green, A.J.....	6-6	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR										
Harris, Clark.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Hewitt, Ryan.....	4-2	H-B	P	P	H-B	IL	IL										
Hill, Jeremy.....	6-6	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB										
Hopkins, Trey.....	3-2	RG	IL	IL	IL	P	RG										
Huber, Kevin.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Iloka, George.....	6-6	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS										
Jackson, William.....	6-1	P	P	P	P	P	RCB										
Johnson, Michael.....	5-5	RDE	IL	RDE	DT	RDE	RDE										
Johnson, T.J.....	6-4	P	RG	RG	RG	RG	P										
Jones, Adam.....	4-4	RSBC	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	IL										
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	6-6	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB										
Kroft, Tyler.....	6-6	TE	2ndTE	TE	TE	TE	TE										
Kumerow, Jake.....	0-0	RI	RI	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT										
LaFell, Brandon.....	6-5	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	WR										
Lawson, Carl.....	6-1	P	P	P	RDE	P	P										
Malone, Josh.....	1-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P										
McCarron, AJ.....	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP										
Minter, Kevin.....	6-4	MLB	MLB	MLB	P	P	MLB										
Mixon, Joe.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Nickerson, Hardy.....	4-0	P	P	P	PS	PS	P										
Ogbuehi, Cedric.....	6-5	LOT	LOT	LOT	P	LOT	LOT										
Orndoff, Scott.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS										
Peerman, Cedric.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Perkins, Kent.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Redmond, Alex.....	1-0	IL	IL	DNP	P	IL	IL										
Rey, Vincent.....	6-3	WLB	WLB	WLB	P	P	P										
Ringo, Christian.....	0-0	IL	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Ross, John.....	1-1	IL	WR	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Russell, KeiVarae.....	4-0	P	IL	IL	P	P	P										
Schreck, Mason.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Shaw, Josh.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Shelton, Sojourn.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Sims, Pat.....	6-5	NT	NT	NT	P	NT	NT										
Smith, Andre.....	5-2	DNP	P	P	LOT	ROT	P										
Smith, Chris.....	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Smith, Derron.....	2-0	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Toner, Cole.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Tupou, Josh.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Uzomah, C.J.....	4-2	IL	IL	P	P	2ndTE	2ndTE										
Vigil, Nick.....	6-6	SLB	SLB	SLB	LB	LB	SLB										
Westerman, Christian.....	0-0	IL	DNP	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Whitfield, Kermit.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Williams, DeShawn.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Williams, Jarveon.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Williams, Shawn.....	5-5	IL	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS										
Willis, Jordan.....	6-1	P	RDE	P	P	P	P										
Wilson, Brandon.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	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	Green	A.Smith	Boling	Bodine	T.Johnson	Fisher	Kroft	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	T.Johnson	A.Smith	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Oct. 15	— BYE —											
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	Fisher	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
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	Dunlap	M.Johnson(DT)	Atkins	Lawson	Vigil(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Dennard(nickel)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Burfict(LB)	Dennard(nickel)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	S.Williams	Iloka
Oct. 15	— BYE —											
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jackson	S.Williams	Iloka
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS											
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville											
Nov. 12	at Tennessee											
Nov. 19	at Denver											
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH											
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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	81	Tyler Kroft	87	C.J. Uzomah		
H-B	89	Ryan Hewitt	82	<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	98	<u>Ryan Glasgow</u>		
RDE	90	Michael Johnson	75	<u>Jordan Willis</u>		
SLB	59	Nick Vigil	58	<u>Carl Lawson</u>		
MLB	51	Kevin Minter	57	Vincent Rey	56	<u>Hardy Nickerson</u>
WLB	55	Vontaze Burfict	50	<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	28	<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 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 (Reserve/Injured) 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

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	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
55	Burfict, Vontaze	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	6	Arizona State	Inglewood, Calif.	CFA'12
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
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, Kei'Varae	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
84	Omdoff, Scott (10-16-17)	TE	6-5	255	12-16-93	R	Pittsburgh	Waynesburg, Pa.	FA'17
76	Perkins, Kent (9-3-17)	OT	6-5	320	11-19-94	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	CFA'17
23	Shelton, Sojour (9-4-17)	CB	5-9	168	12-25-94	R	Wisconsin	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	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
85	Eifert, Tyler (10-12-17; back)	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	5	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
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

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

NUMERICAL ROSTER

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

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
40	Brandon Wilson (9-3-17)	S	5-10	199	7-27-94	R	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
52	Brandon Bell (9-3-17)	LB	6-1	230	1-9-95	R	Penn State	Mays Landing, N.J.	CFA'17
67	J.J. Dielman (9-14-17)	G	6-5	309	12-16-93	R	Utah	Phoenix, Ariz.	FA'17
68	Josh Tupou (9-3-17)	DT	6-3	350	5-2-94	R	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
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
84	Scott Orndoff (10-16-17)	TE	6-5	255	12-16-93	R	Pittsburgh	Waynesburg, Pa.	FA'17

RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

6	Jeff Driskel (9-4-17; hand)	QB	6-4	238	4-23-93	2	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
30	Cedric Peerman (8-29-17; shoulder)	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	8	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
33	Tra Carson (9-2-17; groin)	HB	5-11	228	10-24-92	1	Texas A&M	Texarkana, Texas	CFA'16
85	Tyler Eifert (10-12-17; back)	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	5	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
86	Mason Schreck (9-2-17; knee)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	R	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17

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

STATISTICS

RECORD: 2-4

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	W	31-7	at Cleveland	67,431
10-08-17	W	20-16	BUFFALO	52,367
10-15-17			— BYE —	
10-22-17	L	14-29	at Pittsburgh	65,363
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	101	107
Rushing	27	33
Passing	63	56
Penalty	11	18
3rd Down: Made-Att	27-77	30-89
3rd Down Pct.	35.1	33.7
4th Down: Made-Att	2-5	2-5
4th Down Pct.	40.0	40.0
POSSESSION AVG.	29:21	30:39
TOTAL NET YARDS	1734	1734
Avg. Per Game	289.0	289.0
Total Plays	358	383
Avg. Per Play	4.8	4.5
NET YARDS RUSHING	491	668
Avg. Per Game	81.8	111.3
Total Rushes	150	178
NET YARDS PASSING	1243	1066
Avg. Per Game	207.2	177.7
Sacked-Yards Lost	19-117	18-110
Gross Yards	1360	1176
Att.-Completions	189-121	187-108
Completion Pct.	64.0	57.8
Had Intercepted	8	4
PUNTS-AVG.	31-47.4	36-46.8
Net Punting Avg.	31-42.3	36-39.1
PENALTIES-YARDS	42-370	35-283
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	9-5	3-0
TOUCHDOWNS	11	10
Rushing	1	3
Passing	9	7
Returns	1	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	21	51	13	13	0	98
OPPONENTS	23	41	19	26	3	112

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	11-11	7-8	0	32
A.J. Green	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
Tyler Kroft	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
Giovani Bernard	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
William Jackson	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Brandon LaFell	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Joe Mixon	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	11	1	9	1	11-11	7-8	0	98
OPPONENTS	10	3	7	0	10-10	14-15	0	112

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 4-28, Carl Lawson 3.5-23.5, M.Johnson 3-15, Darqueze Dennard 2-6, Chris Smith 1.5-20.5, Nick Vigil 1-7, Vontaze Burfict 1-6, Jordan Willis 1-4, Carlos Dunlap 1-0. BENGALS 18-110, OPPONENTS 19-117.

Fumbles-lost: Andy Dalton 2-2, A.J. Green 1-1, William Jackson 1-1, John Ross 1-1, Russell Bodine 1-0, Alex Erickson 1-0, Jeremy Hill 1-0, Joe Mixon 1-0. BENGALS 9-5. OPPONENTS 3-0.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	189	121	1360	64.0	7.20	9	4.8	8	4.2	77t	19-117	83.7
BENGALS	189	121	1360	64.0	7.20	9	4.8	8	4.2	77t	19-117	83.7
OPPONENTS	187	108	1176	57.8	6.29	7	3.7	4	2.1	72	18-110	80.0

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	74	235	3.2	25	1
Jeremy Hill	33	105	3.2	13	0
Giovani Bernard	23	99	4.3	25	0
Andy Dalton	17	44	2.6	12	0
John Ross	1	12	12.0	12	0
Alex Erickson	2	-4	-2.0	2	0
BENGALS	150	491	3.3	25	1
OPPONENTS	178	668	3.8	49t	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	35	545	15.6	77t	3
Brandon LaFell	19	136	7.2	16	1
Tyler Kroft	18	162	9.0	21	3
Joe Mixon	14	98	7.0	21	0
Giovani Bernard	11	163	14.8	61t	2
Alex Erickson	6	96	16.0	37	0
Tyler Boyd	6	43	7.2	11	0
Tyler Eifert	4	46	11.5	22	0
Jeremy Hill	4	16	4.0	10	0
C.J. Uzomah	3	39	13.0	21	0
Ryan Hewitt	1	16	16.0	16	0
BENGALS	121	1360	11.2	77t	9
OPPONENTS	108	1176	10.9	72	7

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
William Jackson	1	75	75.0	75t	1
George Iloka	1	14	14.0	14	0
Clayton Fejedelem	1	5	5.0	5	0
Nick Vigil	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	4	94	23.5	75t	1
OPPONENTS	8	95	11.9	31	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	31	1470	47.4	42.3	0	15	61	0
BENGALS	31	1470	47.4	42.3	0	15	61	0
OPPONENTS	36	1686	46.8	39.1	2	10	61	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	21	7	158	7.5	26	0
Adam Jones	3	0	81	27.0	40	0
William Jackson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	25	7	239	9.6	40	0
OPPONENTS	17	7	160	9.4	40	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	10	245	24.5	41	0
Giovani Bernard	1	7	7.0	7	0
BENGALS	11	252	22.9	41	0
OPPONENTS	8	166	20.8	29	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Randy Bullock	0-0	2-2	3-3	2-3	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	2-2	3-3	2-3	0-0
OPPONENTS	0-0	9-9	2-2	3-4	0-0

Randy Bullock: (—), (39G, 29G, 30G), (48WR, 46G), (41G), (30G, 29G), (—).

Opponents: (25G, 25G), (26G, 42G), (28G, 27G), (48WL), (31G, 38G, 28G), (22G, 24G, 41G, 49G, 25G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Nick Vigil	25	24	49	1-7	1-0	3	0	0-0
Vincent Rey	19	18	37	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Darqueze Dennard	22	9	31	2-6	0-0	2	0	0-0
Kevin Minter	12	12	24	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vontaze Burfict	16	7	23	1-6	0-0	1	0	0-0
Shawn Williams	16	7	23	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
George Iloka	14	9	23	0-0	1-14	1	0	0-0
Geno Atkins	11	8	19	4-28	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	12	6	18	1-0	0-0	1	1	0-0
Pat Sims	6	10	16	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	12	3	15	3-15	0-0	1	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	10	4	14	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Jordan Willis	7	6	13	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Chris Smith	7	4	11	1.5-20.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Adam Jones	8	2	10	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
William Jackson	8	1	9	0-0	1-75	6	0	0-0
Ryan Glasgow	3	6	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Shaw	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	4	2	6	3.5-23.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
KeiVarae Russell	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Clayton Fejedelem	3	2	5	0-0	1-5	1	0	0-0
Andrew Billings	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Alex Erickson	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Clayton Fejedelem	5	2	7	0	0-0	0	0	0
C.J. Uzomah	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cethan Carter	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
William Jackson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Josh Shaw	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Nick Vigil	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
KeiVarae Russell	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Derron Smith	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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