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**WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE**

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# CINCINNATI BENGALS (3-5) AT TENNESSEE TITANS (5-3)

WEEK 10, GAME 9  
SUNDAY, NOV. 12  
AT NISSAN STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 11, GAME 10  
SUNDAY, NOV. 19 AT DENVER

## GAME NOTES

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

**Television:** FOX broadcast with Dick Stockton (play-by-play), Mark Schlereth (analyst) and Shannon Spake (sideline reporter). The game will be aired in the Bengals home market on WXIX-TV (Channel 19) in Cincinnati, WRGT-TV (Channel 45) in Dayton and WDKY-TV (Channel 56) in Lexington, Ky.

**Radio:** Coverage on the Bengals Radio Network, led by 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).

**Setting the scene:** The NFL schedule seldom offers breaks to teams, and it certainly will not do so this weekend for Cincinnati. The Bengals, looking for a win to revive their playoff hopes, will play the second of three straight road games on Sunday when they take on the Tennessee Titans at Nissan Stadium.

Cincinnati last week suffered a disappointing 23-7 loss at Jacksonville to fall to 3-5, and the setback has left the Bengals looking for answers and solutions, particularly on offense. The Jaguars held the Bengals to a season-low 148 net yards, including just 29 yards rushing, on a season-low total of just 37 offensive plays. If the Bengals are to find a path to re-enter the field of AFC playoff contenders, their work toward reaching that goal surely starts there.

Meanwhile, Tennessee's momentum factor is considered high heading into Sunday's contest — the Titans are 5-3 and winners of three straight, including a 23-20 win vs. Baltimore last week.

"(The Jacksonville game) was tough on us," said Bengals wide receiver Brandon LaFell. "We have to find a way to sustain drives, stop stepping on our own toes on first down and getting into third-and-longs. We're making it harder on ourselves. It's definitely harder to score when you don't sustain drives."

The positive takeaway from the Jaguars game is that, despite the offensive struggles, the Bengals were down by just six points at halftime, and just nine points after three quarters. Not until Jacksonville WR Jaydon Mickens scored on a 63-yard punt return on the second play of the fourth quarter was Cincinnati forced to resort virtually entirely to pass plays in an attempt to close the deficit. By that point, the Jaguars' defense, which entered the game leading the league in both net passing yards allowed and sacks, was able to shift all of its attention to shutting down the Bengals' passing game.

"The breakdown in punt coverage for the touchdown to start the fourth quarter basically put us out of the game at that point," said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "It's hard. We have to play better. We have to look at how we're doing things, who we're doing it with, and see what the best way to come out of this is."

In preparing for the Titans, the Bengals surely will focus on improving on third downs this week, on both sides of the ball. While Cincinnati's offense converted just one of eight third downs (12.5 percent) against Jacksonville last week, its defense allowed the Jaguars to convert 12 of 18 (66.7).

"We are into November football," said Bengals C Russell Bodine. "Panic doesn't do anybody any good, but certainly, there's a sense of urgency. Everybody has to step it up a little bit. We haven't been playing well enough to win consistently."

"We need to get hot in a hurry, that's for sure."

The Bengals and Titans (formerly Houston Oilers) are former division rivals, and, historically, the two teams are close. Tennessee leads the long series by

just five games, 39-34-1 (the series includes one playoff game), and in the 73 regular-season contests, the Bengals and Titans (formerly Oilers) are virtually even in collective points scored. The Bengals lead that category, but by only six points, 1693-1687. Neither side has ever been shut out. The Bengals have won the last two meetings, 24-17 at Tennessee in 2011 and 33-7 at Cincinnati in '14.

"We have to come to play hard this week," LaFell said. "That's just the way it is. It's still early enough in the season to have a chance to do what we want to do this year. Tennessee will want to defend their turf, so we have to go in there and find a way to win."

**The series:** The Bengals and Titans (formerly Oilers) have met 74 times, making the Titans the third-most played foe in Bengals history. Cincinnati has played more games against only Pittsburgh (96) and Cleveland (88). The Bengals and Titans/Oilers were rivals in the old AFC Central Division, playing twice per year in the regular season from 1970-2001.

The Titans lead 39-34-1 in the series. The Titans lead 22-13 as the home team, including 17-10 at Houston and 5-3 at Tennessee. The series total includes one postseason game, a 41-14 Bengals win over Houston in a 1990 season Wild Card game at Riverfront Stadium.

### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 61 (twice), in wins of 61-17 at the Astrodome in 1972 and 61-7 at Cincinnati in '89. The games are tied for the Bengals' all-time high score in any game. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 54, in the 61-7 '89 game (Bengals' largest winning margin in any game). **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 13-3 victory at Cincinnati in 1984.

**Titans — MOST POINTS:** 48, in a 48-17 victory at Houston in 1990. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35 (twice), in wins of 41-6 at Houston in 1988 and 38-3 at Cincinnati in '93. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3 (five times), most recently in a 35-3 win at Nashville in 2000.

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

**Records vs. Titans:** In their long series against the Titans (formerly Oilers) franchise, the Bengals have posted a number of record performances:

- The Bengals record for points in a game was set in a 61-17 win at Houston on Dec. 17, 1972, and Cincinnati tied that mark 17 years to the day later in a 61-7 win vs. Houston on Dec. 17, 1989. In the 1972 win, the Bengals also set the team record for most points in a half, posting 45 second-half points.
- The Bengals record for victory margin (54) was set in the 61-7 win over Houston in 1989.
- Cincinnati scored a team-record five rushing TDs vs. Houston on Oct. 6, 1983, and then tied that mark vs. the Oilers on Oct. 23, 1988.
- The Bengals' team record for first downs (35) was set vs. Houston on Dec. 17, 1989.
- The Bengals' team record for third-down conversions (14) was set against Tennessee in 2007 (Cincinnati had 18 attempts that game).
- The Bengals' individual records for TDs (four) and points (24) in a game have been set three times, two of those against the Titans/Oilers franchise. They were first set by FB Larry Kinnebrew at Houston on Oct. 28, 1984, and then tied by HB Corey Dillon vs. Tennessee on Dec. 4, 1997. The most recent instance was by WR Marvin Jones vs. the N.Y. Jets on Oct. 27, 2013.
- On Dec. 17, 1972 in Houston, CB Lemar Parrish became the first Bengal

to record three interceptions in a game. That mark that has been matched seven times since, including by S David Fulcher, also against the Oilers, on Dec. 17, 1989. In the '72 contest, Parrish returned two of those INTs for TDs, which is the only instance in team history a Bengals defender has done so.

• Chris Bahr's 55-yard FG at Houston on Sept. 23, 1979 stood alone for 33 years in Bengals records as the team's longest FG, until Mike Nugent tied it with a 55-yarder vs. Oakland in 2012.

• On Sept. 12, 1999 at Tennessee, P Will Brice set a Bengals record for average yards per punt in a game, with a 63.0-yard average (189 yards on three punts; minimum three punts).

For the Titans/Oilers:

• On Oct. 14, 1990 at Houston, Oilers QB Warren Moon became the first passer to throw five TD passes against the Bengals. That record still stands, though it has been matched four times since, including again by Moon on Oct. 11, 1992 in Cincinnati.

**Individually vs. Titans:** Past offensive performances by current Cincinnati players against Tennessee include:

• QB Andy Dalton: Two games; 2-0 W-L record; 37 completions in 62 attempts (59.7 percent) for 386 yards, three TDs and one INT (87.2 rating).

• WR A.J. Green: Two games; 13 receptions for 185 yards (14.2 yards per catch; 92.5 yards per game).

• HB Giovanni Bernard: One game; 14 carries for 47 yards (3.4) with two TDs; One catch for seven yards.

• H-B Ryan Hewitt: One game; One reception for six yards.

• HB Jeremy Hill: One game; Seven carries for 39 yards (5.6) with one TD.

• HB Cedric Peerman: One game; Five carries for 15 yards (3.0).

**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 153 career TD passes, one 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 3296 career passing attempts, 268 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 53 career TDs, tied with WR Isaac Curtis for fifth place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

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

• Green also has 520 career receptions, 10 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 29,401 career punting yards, 2795 shy of the Bengals' all-time leader, P Lee Johnson (32,196). Huber passed P Pat McInally (29,307) for second place all-time in Game 8, Nov. 5 at Jacksonville.

• 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 59 career sacks, tied with DE Ross Browner for third place all-time. DE Eddie Edwards (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

• DT Geno Atkins has 57 career sacks, two shy of Dunlap and Browner (59) for third place all-time. Edwards (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

**Bengals celebrate 50th season:** The Bengals are celebrating their 50th season in 2017. A commemorative logo is featured on patches the team wears on its uniforms, on the field at Paul Brown Stadium, and on the windows of the East Club Lounge facing downtown. Three-dimensional sculptures of the 50th season logo are located throughout the Cincinnati,

Northern Kentucky and Dayton areas, including outside Paul Brown Stadium.

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

Bengals legends being honored at the Cleveland Browns game on Nov. 26 include Coy Bacon, David Fulcher, Stanford Jennings, Tim Krumrie, Jim LeClair, Doug Pelfrey and Reggie Williams. Additionally, former head coaches Forrest Gregg and Sam Wyche will be recognized.

**BENGALS-TITANS NFL RANKINGS**

	BENGALS	TITANS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored.....	T-28th (16.1)	T-11th (22.6)
Points allowed.....	11th (19.8)	23rd (24.1)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	32nd (269.8)	20th (317.8)
Rushing.....	32nd (72.3)	10th (117.9)
Passing.....	28th (197.5)	27th (199.9)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total.....	6th (309.0)	17th (330.9)
Rushing.....	20th (116.4)	10th (96.8)
Passing.....	5th (192.6)	18th (234.1)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential.....	30th (minus-9)	T-16th (plus-1)

**Bengals' road offense perfect in red zone:** Scoring on the road can be difficult for any offense, and so is scoring TDs in the red zone. But the Bengals have managed perfection when combining both of those challenges, scoring TDs on all eight of their trips into the red zone as the road team this season. No other team has done so, with the Jets (six of seven), Buccaneers (seven of nine) and Raiders (six of nine) coming closest.

The Bengals were two-for-two scoring TDs in the red-zone in Game 3 at Green Bay, three-for-three in Game 4 at Cleveland, two-for-two in Game 6 at Pittsburgh, and one-for-one last week at Jacksonville.

Overall, Cincinnati ranks 24th in scoring TDs in the red zone, reaching the end zone in 10 of its 21 trips (47.6 percent).

The Bengals' opponent this week, Tennessee, ranks 27th in the NFL in red-zone defense, having allowed touchdowns on 60.7 percent of their opponents' red-zone possessions (17 out of 28).

**Bengals' defense locks down the red zone:** The Bengals currently lead the league in red-zone defense, allowing touchdowns on only 32.1 percent of opponents' trips into the red zone (nine of 28). Opponents have come away with points on 89.3 percent of their trips to the red zone (16 FGs, nine TDs). Over the last four games, the Bengals have allowed just five touchdowns in 19 opponent trips into the red zone.

Last week vs. Jacksonville, the Jaguars scored one TD and two FGs in their four red-zone trips.

The Titans enter this weekend's game ranked tied for 19th in red-zone offense, scoring 10 TDs in 20 trips.

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 21	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 28
<b>Total scores:</b> 16 (76.2%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 25 (89.3%)
TDs: 10 (47.6%)	TDs: 9 (32.1%)
FGs: 6 (28.6%)	FGs: 16 (57.1%)
TD% rank: 24th	TD% rank: 1st
<b>No scores:</b> 5 (23.8%)	<b>No scores:</b> 3 (10.7%)

**TITANS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 20	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 28
<b>Total scores:</b> 19 (95.0%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 24 (85.7%)
TDs: 10 (50.0%)	TDs: 17 (60.7%)
FGs: 9 (45.0%)	FGs: 7 (25.0%)
TD% rank: T-19th	TD% rank: 27th
<b>No scores:</b> 1 (5.0%)	<b>No scores:</b> 4 (14.3%)

**Call it the 'Breezer Bowl':** Though it was no match for the famous "Freezer Bowl" in Bengals lore, the Titans' 2008 visit to Cincinnati perhaps should be remembered — with due seriousness — as the "Breezer Bowl."

The wind speed at kickoff of the Titans' 24-7 win at Paul Brown Stadium on Sept. 14, 2008 was 21 mph. However, it drastically changed very soon after the game started. The remnants of Hurricane Ike combined with another strong weather system to produce a powerful windstorm by the end of the first quarter. The final three quarters of the game were played in sustained winds of over 70 mph, which nearly qualified as a Category 1 hurricane (defined as sustained winds of 74-95 mph). The Bengals and Titans managed only 127 and 118 passing yards, respectively.

Though the game was played without incident or other weather conditions such as rain, the windstorm was extremely damaging to areas outside the stadium. It left more than a million people without power in the Greater Cincinnati area, some for more than a month. It was the worst disaster in the region in 2008, with damage estimates nearing \$1 billion.

**Bengals-Titans connections:** Titans assistant head coach/defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau was a Bengals assistant coach from 1980-91 and '97-2000, and was Bengals head coach from Game 4 of '00-02. LeBeau is from London, Ohio, and played at Ohio State University. ... Bengals CB Adam Jones entered the NFL as a first-round draft choice (sixth overall) of the Titans in 2005 and was with the team through the 2007 season ... Bengals WR Josh Malone is from Gallatin, Tenn. (Station Camp High School), and played at the University of Tennessee ... Titans G Josh Kline is from Mason, Ohio (Mason High School) ... Titans LBs Avery Williamson and Wesley Woodyard played at the University of Kentucky ... Titans P Brett Kern and RB David Fluellen played at the University of Toledo ... Titans WR Taywan Taylor is from

Louisville, Ky. ... Titans WR Harry Douglas (Reserve/Injured) played at the University of Louisville ... Bengals defensive line coach Jacob Burney is from Chattanooga, Tenn., played at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and coached at the University of Tennessee in 1993 ... Bengals secondary coach Robert Livingston coached at Vanderbilt University in 2011 ... Titans assistant special teams coach Craig Aukerman is from McComb, Ohio, played at the University of Findlay, and coached at Findlay (2000) and Miami (Ohio) University ('01-02) ... Titans defensive assistant Brandon Blaney coached at Ohio State University in 2001 ... Titans quarterbacks coach Jason Michael is from Portsmouth, Ohio ... Titans strength and conditioning assistant Taylor Porter coached at the University of Louisville from 2010-13 ... Titans assistant defensive line coach Keith Willis coached at the University of Cincinnati from 1999-2000.

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

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.....	16-11-1	.589
Black	White.....	32-31-1	.508
White (CR)*	White (CR)*.....	1-1-0	.500
White	Black.....	25-29-0	.463
White	White.....	19-28-0	.404

\* — 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 for only Thursday night games since 2016.

## 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 121 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 57 over Wyche (64). Lewis' record now is 121-108-3 in the regular season and 121-115-3 including postseason.

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

Lewis has developed an impressive "coaching tree" during his Bengals tenure. Five of his former assistants have become NFL head coaches, and four of those are leading teams in 2017. The list, including their teams and head coaching tenures, includes former Bengals offensive coordinators Jay Gruden (Washington, 2014-present) and Hue Jackson (Cleveland, '16-present), former defensive coordinators Leslie Frazier (Minnesota, '10-13) and Mike Zimmer (Minnesota, '14-present), and former defensive backs coach Vance Joseph (Denver, '17).

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

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

Lewis came to the Bengals with credentials as a record-setting NFL defensive coordinator, having played a huge role in a championship season. His six seasons (1996-2001) as Baltimore Ravens coordinator included a Super Bowl victory in '00, when his defense set the NFL record for fewest points

allowed in a 16-game campaign (165). That team clipped 22 points off the previous mark. The 2000 Ravens are always an entry in discussions regarding the best NFL defensive units of all time.

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

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

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

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

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

**Mike Mularkey** became the 18th head coach in Titans history on Jan. 16, 2016 after serving as interim head coach for the final nine games of '15. He is in his 23rd season in coaching in the NFL, following nine years in the league as a player.

In 2016, Mularkey helped the team to a 9-7 record, tripling the club's win total from the previous season and tying him with Sid Gillman (1974) for the highest win increase in franchise history among those in their first full season as head coach. The Titans defeated six teams with winning records in '16 to tie Dallas for the most such victories in the NFL. Five of those six wins were against playoff teams, which tied Green Bay's total for the most in the league.

Mularkey's coaching tenure includes two years (2004-05) as head coach of the Buffalo Bills and one year (2012) as head coach of the Jaguars. His career record is 32-49.

In five of his eight seasons as an offensive coordinator, Mularkey's teams went to the playoffs. He joined the Titans as tight ends coach in 2014 and was promoted to assistant head coach/tight ends in '15. Mularkey previously was an assistant coach with the Atlanta Falcons (2008-11), Miami Dolphins ('06-07), and Pittsburgh Steelers (1996-03). He was named Assistant Coach of the year in

2001 from the Pro Football Writers of America. Mularkey first coached in the NFL with Tampa Bay (1994-95).

Mularkey was a quarterback at Northeast High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and he played tight end for Florida from 1979-82. Mularkey played in the NFL for the Vikings (1983-88) and Steelers ('89-91). He totaled 102 receptions for 1222 yards in 114 games. He launched his coaching career as an offensive line coach at Concordia College in 1993.

Mularkey was born on Nov. 19, 1961 in Ft. Lauderdale. He and his wife, Betsy, have two sons—Patrick and Shane.

**Lewis vs. Titans:** Lewis leads, 4-2.

**Lewis vs. Mularkey:** Mularkey leads, 2-1 (two wins with Bills in 2004 and '05, and a loss with Jacksonville in '12).

**Mularkey vs. Bengals:** Mularkey leads, 2-1.

## BENGALS NOTES

**Bengals 'D' in top 10 in five categories:** Riding the strength of several strong showings so far this season, the Bengals' defense currently sports top-10 NFL rankings in five primary categories.

The Bengals are allowing 309.1 net yards per contest, good for a No. 6 ranking league-wide in total defense. They're also allowing 4.6 yards per play, third-best in the NFL.

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

Cincinnati also ranks fifth against the pass (192.6 yards per game) and fourth in yards per pass play (5.4). 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 defense also ranks 10th in sacks per pass play (.08; 22 sacks in 286 pass plays). The Bengals rank tied for 12th in the NFL in total sacks.

**Dunlap the playmaker:** Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap's playmaking ability was on display again in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, when he tipped a Jacoby Brissett pass in the fourth quarter and returned it 16 yards for a touchdown. The score, which came with 6:58 remaining in the game and the Bengals trailing by six, put Cincinnati on top to stay, 24-23. It was Dunlap's third career touchdown and second pick-six. Dunlap also recorded a sack of Brissett earlier in the contest.

For the season, Dunlap, an eighth-year player out of the University of Florida, has two sacks, seven QB hurries, two passes defensed, five tackles for losses, a forced fumble and the interception for a touchdown.

Dunlap earned his second Pro Bowl nod last season, after filling up the stat sheet with eight sacks, a team-leading 15 passes defensed and three forced fumbles.

Dunlap has 59 sacks for his career, tied for third all-time in Bengals history with DE Ross Browner.

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 previous 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 59 sacks, his career totals include 16 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 43 passes defensed, four blocked FGs and three 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."

**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 11th in the NFL in points allowed per game (19.8).

The Bengals last season finished eighth in scoring defense (19.7) in 2016, 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 season 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."

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

**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 sixth-ranked defense is no doubt recognizable with veteran stalwarts like Geno Atkins, Vontaze Burfitt and Carlos Dunlap filling up the stat sheets, 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 five who have been on the field for more than a third of the team's 560 defensive snaps. That includes the defense's leader in snaps played, second-year LB Nick Vigil, who has been on the field for 99.6 percent (558 out of 560 possible) of defensive plays this season. Vigil also leads the team in tackles, with 62.

Bengal rookie and second-year players have combined to play 1745 out of an available 6160 snaps (560 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 6.5 of the team's 22 sacks, three of its five INTs, 12 of its 28 passes defensed, and 121 of the 496 total tackles (24.4 percent). Rookie DE Jordan Willis also has a blocked punt on special teams.

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 1721 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 (458 snaps), CB William Jackson (292), LB Carl Lawson (234), DT Ryan

Glasgow (196), DE Jordan Willis (195), S Clayton Fejedelem (121), DT Andrew Billings (107), LB Jordan Evans (18), CB KeiVarae Russell (16), LB Hardy Nickerson (eight).

**Defense's sack streak ends at 34:** The Bengals were held without a sack in Game 6 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 eight games of 2017, nine different Bengals have recorded at least one sack. The Bengals have 22 sacks this season, ranked tied for 12th in the NFL.

**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 Madieu 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 2016 with 4206 yards. This year, he has passed for 1739 yards through eight games, which projects to 3472 yards for the 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 category of rushing TDs by a QB, only Carolina's Cam Newton, whose 52 rushing TDs are beyond similarity, ranks higher than Dalton since 2011. Dalton and Newton both entered the NFL in '11.

Andrew Luck (14), Russell Wilson (14), Colin Kaepernick (13) and Tyrod Taylor (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 2016 season, his sixth, which ties him for sixth place.

PLAYER	TEAM	WINS
Joe Flacco	Baltimore	62
Russell Wilson	Seattle	61
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	60
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	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 three) 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 39 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 33-6 (.846) in those contests.
- Dalton's .594 winning percentage (59-40-2) ranks sixth among active QBs with 50 or more starts behind Tom Brady (.778), Russell Wilson (.699), Ben Roethlisberger (.675), Aaron Rodgers (.667) and Andrew Luck (.614).
- Dalton's .594 winning percentage also is the best of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts.
- Dalton holds club season records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33), both set in 2013.
- He is the only Bengals passer to throw for 300-plus yards in four consecutive games (2013).
- He opened his career with 77 consecutive regular-season starts, a Bengals record for quarterbacks at any point during a career. The previous mark had been 61, posted by Boomer Esiason from 1985-89. Dalton's streak ranks tied for fourth in NFL history for the start of a career by a QB, trailing only Peyton Manning of Indianapolis (208), Joe Flacco of Baltimore (122) and Russell Wilson of Seattle (88 and counting). Dalton is tied with Miami QB Ryan Tannehill, whose streak of 77 ended last year due to an injury.

**Geno chasing another crown:** DT Geno Atkins has again found himself among the top NFL interior defensive linemen in sacks. After nine

weeks, Atkins (5.0 sacks) trails only Dallas DT David Irving (6.0) for the NFL lead in sacks for interior linemen.

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 57 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 'lightnings,' 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 has played in only two games so far this season — Game 2 vs. Houston and Game 7 vs. Indianapolis — due in part to a knee injury. His only appearance in the stat column was a 12-yard run in the Houston game that ended in a fumble and Texans recovery.

**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 its 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 eight 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 195 of the defense's 560 total plays (34.8 percent) and has totaled 16 tackles and a sack. He also blocked a punt in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis.

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 leads rookies in sacks:** Through the first nine weeks of the 2017 NFL season, Bengals LB Carl Lawson leads all NFL rookies in sacks, with 4.5. Close behind are Myles Garrett of Cleveland and T.J. Watt of Pittsburgh, who each have 4.0. Among all players, Lawson stands in a tie for 28th, with Jacksonville's Calais Campbell the NFL at 11.0.

In Game 3 at Green Bay, Lawson recorded 2.5 sacks, the most by a Bengals rookie since Justin Smith in 2001.

Lawson was held out of the sack column last week at Jacksonville. In Game 7 vs. Indianapolis though, his seven-yard sack of Jacoby Brissett on the Colts' final drive as they were looking to get into range for a potential game-winning FG, helped secure a Bengals victory.

**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 seven tackles on the year, including 4.5 sacks for 30.5 yards. He started Game 4 at Cleveland, when the defense opened the game in a nickel defensive package, and he's played in 234 of a possible 560 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:** Three games into his young pro career, Bengals rookie WR Josh Malone has shown flashes of potential that made him the reputation as one of the most explosive players in the 2017 Draft. In Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, his second career game played, Malone caught his first career pass — a 10-yarder in the first quarter — and then followed it up with his first career TD reception — a 25-yarder in the third quarter, when he adjusted to an underthrown ball in the end-zone, putting the Bengals on top 17-13.

Last year, the 6-3, 208-pound wideout wrapped up his three-year career at the University of Tennessee with a record-setting campaign, totaling 50 receptions for 972 yards on the season and 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 catches, 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's only action this season has come in the last three games — at Pittsburgh, vs. Indianapolis and at Jacksonville.

**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 thus far 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).

**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 eight games in 2017, Dunlap has two passes defended, including a tipped pass in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis that he also intercepted and returned for a TD.

**Erickson dangerous on KORs:** Bengals WR Alex Erickson so far this season has flashed the ability that's made him one of the NFL's most dangerous kickoff returners. Through Week 9, he boasts a 22.1 average, with a long of 41.

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 187 yards on 24 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 (24) and kickoff

(18) return attempts 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 result in a TD.

**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 223. 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 (3.84-to-1, with 223 inside-20s and 58 touchbacks).

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (45.16) and net average (39.61).
- 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.

**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, trailing Philadelphia's LeGarrette Blount (31) and Tennessee's DeMarco Murray (30).

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

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

Hill has been held out of the end zone so far in 2017. He has rushed 37 times for 116 yards (3.1), and has four receptions for 16 yards.

**Jeremy excels inside the five:** When Cincinnati's offense gets inside the opposing team's five-yard line, it likes 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.

**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 has played in all eight games this season and leads the team in yards per carry, at

4.0 (minimum five carries). He also has 12 catches for 158 yards (13.2) 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 199 receptions, Bernard stands 98 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 1829 receiving yards, Bernard is 1183 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.

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 six takeaways (five INTs, one FR) and 15 giveaways (eight INTs, seven FL).

Last week vs. Jacksonville, the Bengals were plus-one, with one takeaway (a FR).

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 68.3 percent of those games. At plus-two, the percentage has been 82.5. Teams with any plus have won at a 79.0 percent clip.

Here are the top six teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England Patriots	431	266	+165
Green Bay Packers	400	333	+67
Seattle Seahawks	396	337	+59
Kansas City Chiefs	385	328	+57
Carolina Panthers	426	377	+49
Indianapolis Colts	373	324	+49
Atlanta Falcons	383	338	+45
Cincinnati Bengals	408	366	+42

Since 2003, the Bengals rank fifth in takeaways (408) and 10th in points off turnovers (1221).

**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 75-18-1 in regular season under Lewis with a plus (.803 winning percentage), but they are only 18-67-2 with a minus (.218).

"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.....	902-418-4	.683
Plus 2.....	725-154	.825
Plus 3.....	409-39-1	.912
Plus 4.....	211-6	.972
Plus 5.....	97-3	.970

Plus teams so far this season have gone 76-22, for a .776 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.

**Bengal bites:** November (31-25-1, .553) 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 (27-30-2, .475) ... 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 Jeremy Hill**, on the team's slow 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."

**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."

**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 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 on 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."

**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 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 understands, 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."

**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."

**Adam Jones**, on helping the team to get back on track after disappointing losses:

"All anyone can do is keep working and keep your eyes focused. When things aren't going right, you need to keep your mouth shut and keep working. I'm just going to keep working and doing what I can do to help the team win."

**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 136 yards on 10-of-18 passing in Week 9 vs. Jacksonville, bringing his 2017 totals to 148 of 238 passing (62.2 percent) for 1739 yards, 11 TDs and seven INTs (rating of 87.5). Dalton is sitting at 153 career touchdown passes, putting him one behind Carson Palmer for third in team history. His 300-yard outing in Week 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 88.9. 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 59-40-2 regular-season record as a starter works out to the best winning percentage (.594) 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:** Rookie HB **Joe Mixon**, a second-round pick out of Oklahoma, leads the Cincinnati backfield in carries through the first eight games (98). In Week 3 against the Packers, Mixon topped 100 scrimmage 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. He topped the century mark again in Week 8 vs. Indianapolis, with 109 scrimmage yards (18 rushing, 91 receiving). Mixon picked up his second career TD in Week 9 vs. Jacksonville, finding the end zone from seven yards out, just a few weeks after scoring his first career TD in Week 5 vs. Buffalo. In 2016 at Oklahoma, Mixon posted a school-record 2331 all-purpose yards (194.3 per game). 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. Fifth-year player **Giovani Bernard** is reprising his role as a third-down back in the Bengals backfield this season, having worked his way completely back from an ACL tear a season ago. 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 two 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.

**Wide receivers:** Leading the Bengals in receiving through eight games is **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 eighth-most yards of any receiver in the league and is 10th in the conference in receptions. Through the first nine games of 2016, before a hamstring injury ended his season, Green was averaging 107.1 yards receiving per game. He finished the 2016 regular season with 964 receiving yards on 66 catches. Green's 520 career receptions rank third in Bengals history, and his 7713 receiving yards rank second. Green's 53 career receiving TDs rank tied for third, 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 25 receptions for 208 yards and one TD through the first eight games. In the 2016 season, LaFell logged 64 catches for 862 yards and six TDs (all receiving), ranking second on the team in all three categories. After a rookie year in which he grabbed 54 receptions for 603 yards and one TD, second-year man **Tyler Boyd** has been hampered by injury so far this season, having played in just four of the eight contests. A knee injury has caused him to miss the last three weeks, and his status for this week's tilt is uncertain. Boyd led all NFL rookies last season with 22 third-down receptions and has six receptions for 43 yards on the current campaign. Rookies **John Ross** and **Josh Malone** add vertical speed to the Bengals receiving corps this season, having both excelled in that at the collegiate level. Ross, the Bengals' first-round selection (No. 9 overall) out of Washington in April's draft, has been active for just two contests this season, being sidelined with a knee injury, with one target and zero receptions. 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. 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 made a statement play in Week 8 vs. Indianapolis, hauling in his first career touchdown on a 25-yard pass from Dalton. He has three receptions for 48 yards and the one TD this season. 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, having led the AFC in kick return average in 2016 (27.9 yards on 29 KORs). This season, Erickson ranks eighth in the NFL in kick return average (22.1). 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 24 returns for 187 yards (7.8) in 2017 thus far. WR **Cody Core**, a sixth-round Bengals draft choice out of Mississippi in 2016, provides depth at wide receiver this 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:** Now in his third Bengals season, TE **Tyler Kroft** has become more and more of a factor in the Bengals offense as the season has progressed, particularly since Tyler Eifert was placed on Reserve/Injured on Oct. 12. Kroft is currently tied for third in the conference in TD receptions by a tight end (three) and eighth in receptions by a tight end (25). 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). In Game 8 vs. Jacksonville, Kroft had a career-long 59-yard catch and run to the Jacksonville 19 that helped set up a Bengals touchdown. 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 two catches for 13 yards. Despite missing three games with a knee injury, Hewitt has played in 52 of 56 possible regular-season games since joining the team, with 37 starts. Joining Hewitt at H-back is **Cethan Carter**, who made a successful roster bid as a college free agent out of Nebraska. Carter was the lead H-back in Hewitt's absence, and recorded his first two special teams tackles in Week 5 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 Week 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 56 regular-season games and two postseason games. G **Trey Hopkins**, a new addition to the starting unit this season, has had his share of injuries so far this season, missing Weeks 2-4 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 seven 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. Fisher left Week 9 vs. Jacksonville with an illness, and his status for Game 8 is uncertain. The starting LOT for seven of the first eight 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 two games this season, 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. 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 adds depth to the interior of the line and rotated in at the guard spot in Week 4 at Cleveland. G **Christian Westerman**, a fifth-round Bengals draft selection out of Arizona State in 2016, brings depth to the interior of the Bengals' line and contributes on special teams. Westerman has been inactive for seven of the first eight games and an active-DNP in Week 2 vs. Houston.

**Defensive linemen:** Pro Bowl DT **Geno Atkins**, now in his eighth season, has recorded a team-leading five sacks in 2017, including two in Week 2 vs. 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). In addition to sacks, Atkins in 2016 also led the team in tackles for losses (13) and QB hits (26). DE **Carlos Dunlap** was the star in Week 8 against the Colts, as he tipped a ball at the line and ran it back for a go-ahead touchdown with just under seven minutes remaining in the contest. The touchdown marked the first score by a Bengals defensive lineman since Dunlap recorded a 14-yard interception return touchdown in Week 17 of the 2012 season. Dunlap also recorded a sack in Week 8, giving him 59 sacks for his career. That total ties him with Ross Browner for third all-time in Bengals history. Dunlap earned a trip to the Pro Bowl last year, his second selection, after he led the team with a remarkable 15 passes defended. That total was seven more than any other NFL defensive lineman and it was the first time a Bengals defensive lineman has ever led the team in passes defended. For his career, Dunlap has 16 career forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 43 passes defended, four blocked field goals, two interceptions and three touchdowns scored. Though he missed Week 2 vs. Houston with a concussion, DE **Michael Johnson** currently stands third on the team in sacks (three). 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 has spent more time in the interior of the defensive line, showing his versatility while opening up playing time for some of Cincinnati's young edge rushers. 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 in the line rotation last year, posting 37 tackles, with 1.5 sacks, despite coming off the bench. Rookie DE **Jordan Willis**, who started in place of Johnson in Week 2 and recorded his first sack in Week 5 vs. Buffalo, leads all Cincinnati rookies in tackles, with 16. Willis made his mark early in Week 8 vs. Indianapolis, recording a blocked punt that set up a Bengals field goal drive. 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). Willis tied for the preseason NFL lead in sacks, with four — one in each game — while also adding a forced fumble. DE **Chris Smith**, a third-year pro who the Bengals acquired in an April 11 trade with Jacksonville, has 1.5 sacks and a forced fumble through eight games in 2017. Smith's forced fumble came in Game 8 at Jacksonville, when he halted the Jaguars' opening drive of the game, which had reached the Bengals 20, by hitting RB T.J. Yeldon in the backfield and jarring the ball loose (Bengals recovered). In the rotation 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. Adding to the depth 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 currently has two tackles on the season.

**Linebackers:** Though missing Weeks 1-3 due to a league suspension, sixth-year pro **Vontaze Burfict** has worked his way up to fourth on the team in tackles this season (37). Burfict played in only 11 games in 2016, missing the first three due to a suspension and the 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.

Perhaps one of the most impressive second-year players in football this season is **Nick Vigil**, who recorded his first career interception in Week 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. Unrestricted free agent signee **Kevin Minter**, who spent his first four seasons with Arizona, has missed the past two weeks with an elbow injury after getting off to a hot start this season. His status for this week's contest is unknown. 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. Seventh-year pro **Vincent Rey**, the third-leading tackler through the first eight games, has filled in admirably when starters have been out, both during Burfict's suspension as well as in Minter's absence. A longtime special teams ace and key backup, 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 4.5 sacks on the season, Lawson is the leader 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. At Auburn, Lawson played in 33 games in three years of action, with 20 starts, and notched 67 tackles, including 24 for losses and 14 sacks. Rookie LB **Jordan Evans** of Oklahoma, a sixth-round Bengals draft choice, impressed during preseason, finishing with 18 tackles (second on the team) and two passes defended. Evans was known for his speed and production in college and excelled in coverage. In 2016, he recorded four INTs and returned two for TDs. His 16 career breakups tied for second in school history among LBs. LB **Hardy Nickerson** successfully made the team to open the season as a college free agent out of Illinois, and is now on his second stint on the 53-man roster. He is the son of former All-Pro LB Hardy Nickerson Sr.

**Defensive backs:** Sixth-year pro **George Iloka** has been a staple of the Cincinnati secondary since joining the starting unit at the beginning of the 2013 campaign. 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 31 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 41 passes defended. He has proven to be a durable performer over the years, having played in 69 of the last 70 possible games (including postseason). Eleventh-year CB **Adam Jones** has missed two games this season, Week 1 vs. Baltimore while serving a suspension and Week 7 vs. Pittsburgh with a back injury, but still finds himself tied for third on the team in passes defended (three). 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. He is the Bengals' all-

time leader in kickoff return average (26.4) and punt return average (11.2). Fifth-year pro **Shawn Williams** has 33 tackles this season after missing Week 1 with an elbow injury. Williams in 2016 tied for the team lead in INTs (three) and ranked third in tackles (81). Williams recovered a fumble in Week 9 vs. Jacksonville, marking the Bengals' first fumble recovery in 18 games. 2014 first-round pick **Darqueze Dennard** leads the secondary in tackles (41) and sacks (two) so far this season, adding to his 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** 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 eight 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. CB **Josh Shaw**, who can play both S and CB, is in his third season in Cincinnati and acts 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). 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. 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. On Nov. 4, the Bengals waived S **Derron Smith**, who was in his third season in Cincinnati.

**Special teams:** Sixth-year pro **Randy Bullock**, who has been a reliable leg for the Bengals thus far, missed Week 9 vs. Jacksonville with a back injury and his status for this week's game is unknown. Bullock was acquired last season on waivers from Pittsburgh and won a preseason competition for the team's placekicking duties. Bullock has drilled eight of his ten attempts so far this season, one of which was blocked, with the longest coming from 46 yards. Now in his sixth NFL season out of Texas A&M, Bullock owns a career 81.3 percent average (91 for 112) on FGs and 96.5 percent average (111 for 115) on PATs. P **Kevin Huber**, the top Bengals punter in history in terms of gross average (45.16) and net average (39.61), 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 (3.84 to-1, with 223 inside-20s and 58 touchbacks). LS **Clark Harris** has handled all 1213 snaps in his Bengals career without an unplayable delivery. On Oct. 16, Harris was signed to a one-year contract extension. 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 7.8 yards on 24 punt returns. Added to the roster prior to Week 9 vs. Jacksonville was K **Marshall Koehn**, who handled the placekicking duties for the injured Bullock (back). Koehn is a first-year player out of the University of Iowa who previously spent time with the Miami Dolphins and Minnesota Vikings. S **Clayton Fejedelem** leads the Bengals in special teams tackles this season with 10 (seven solo).

## IMPORTANT DATES

2017	
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.

(Important dates, continued)

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.		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.
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.	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.
Dec. 12	— NFLMC Labor Seminar, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.	Feb. 16	— Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2018 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
Dec. 13	— Special League Meeting, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.	Feb. 20	— First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
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.	Feb. 27-Mar. 5	— Combine timing and testing, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana.
<b>2018</b>			
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.	March 1	— Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 4(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2018 season.
Jan. 1	— Clubs may begin signing free agent players 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.
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.	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.
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.	March 6	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
Jan. 6-7	— Wild Card Playoff Games.	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.
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.	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.
Jan. 8	— NCAA National Championship Game, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia.	March 14	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.
Jan. 13-14	— Divisional Playoff Games.	March 14	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2017 contracts who have fewer than three accrued seasons of free agency credit.
Jan. 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.	March 14	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2018 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time.
Jan. 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.	March 14	— All 2017 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern time.
Jan. 20	— East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Florida.	March 14	— The 2018 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern time. The first day of the 2018 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern time, and 11:59:59 p.m.
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		

*(Important dates, continued)*

March 14	— Eastern time, on March 14. — Trading period for 2018 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern time, after expiration of all 2017 contracts.	April 25	— Restricted Free Agents.
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).	April 26-28	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
March 15	— Deadline for all clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2018 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.	May 2	— NFL Draft (site TBD).
March 25-28	— Annual League Meeting, Ritz Carlton, Orlando, Florida.	May 4-7	— Deadline for clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2015 Draft.
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.	May 8	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
April 2	— Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2017 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.	May 11-14	— 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.
April 16	— Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.	May 14	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
April 18	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.	May 17-20	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
April 20	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.		— 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.
April 25	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to	May 21-23	— Spring League Meeting, Ritz Carlton, Buckhead, Georgia.

## MEDIA SCHEDULE

<p>Tues., Nov. 7 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Nov. 8 — 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 Tennessee Titans head coach Mike Mularkey at 12:10 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., Nov. 9 — 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. 10 — 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. 11 — No media access; Team travels to Nashville.</p> <p>Sun., Nov. 12 — Game 9, Bengals vs. Tennessee Titans at Nissan Stadium, 1 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Nov. 13 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.</p> <p>Tues., Nov. 14 — Players' off day; No media access.</p>	<p>Wed., Nov. 15 — 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 Denver Broncos head coach Vance Joseph TBD.</p> <p>Thurs., Nov. 16 — 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. 17 — 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. 18 — No media access; Team travels to Denver.</p> <p>Sun., Nov. 19 — Game 10, Bengals vs. Denver Broncos at Sports Authority Field at Mile High, 4:25 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Nov. 20 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.</p> <p>Tues., Nov. 21 — Players' off day; No media access.</p>
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**THE LAST BENGALS-TITANS MEETINGS**

**2011 SEASON**

**WEEK 9, GAME 8**

**Cincinnati Bengals 24, Tennessee Titans 17**  
Sunday, Nov. 6, at LP Field

After a sluggish first half, the Bengals dominated Tennessee in the third and fourth quarters. Cincinnati secured its fifth straight victory, tying the team's longest winning streak since a season-opening, six-game streak by the 1988 AFC Championship club. Rookie QB Andy Dalton led his third fourth-quarter comeback of the season. The Bengals trailed 17-7 at halftime, but Dalton closed the gap to 17-14 with a 15-yard TD pass to WR Jerome Simpson in the third quarter, and he got the winning score on a five-yard pass to WR Andre Caldwell early in the fourth quarter. CB Nate Clements stopped Tennessee's last good comeback chance with a forced fumble and recovery against TE Jared Cook, and Bengals K Mike Nugent tacked on a FG for the final margin. Dalton threw three TD passes — his first game with three — and no INTs. The Bengals improved to 6-2, including 4-1 on the road, and gained a tie with Baltimore for first place in the AFC North. Tennessee fell to 4-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	7	7	10	—	24
Tennessee.....	3	14	0	0	—	17

**TEAM — SCORING PLAY** QTR.-LEFT

Tenn. — R.Bironas 43 field goal.....	1-7:20
Cin. — C.Cochart 1 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	2-10:41
Tenn. — D.Williams 8 pass from M.Hasselbeck (R.Bironas kick).....	2-5:18
Tenn. — L.Hawkins 16 pass from M.Hasselbeck (R.Bironas kick).....	2-0:08
Cin. — J.Simpson 15 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-6:33
Cin. — A.Caldwell 5 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	4-10:52
Cin. — M.Nugent 36 field goal.....	4-1:55

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 69,143. **Time:** 3:18.

**TEAM STATISTICS** CIN. TENN.

First downs.....	20	19
Third down conversions-attempts.....	8-16	5-14
Total net yards.....	319	328
Net yards rushing.....	109	78
Net yards passing.....	210	250
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	39-22-0	41-24-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-7	2-22
Punts-average.....	7-44.0	7-45.7
Punt returns-yards.....	5-9	2-8
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-51	1-27
Penalties-yards.....	9-87	7-100
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	3-1
Time of possession.....	32:55	27:05

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	TENN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	20	78	16	0	C.Johnson	14	64	20	0
B.Scott	6	24	7	0	J.Ringer	4	11	5	0
A.Dalton	3	4	3	0	M.Hasselbeck	2	3	2	0
B.Leonard	1	3	3	0					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	TENN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	39	22	217	3-0	M.Hasselbeck	41	24	272	2-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>2-0</b>

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	TENN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	7	83	23	0	L.Hawkins	5	63	30	1
A.Caldwell	5	22	7	1	J.Cook	4	47	15	0
D.Lee	3	49	25	0	C.Johnson	4	46	21	0
J.Simpson	3	43	18	1	D.Williams	4	34	10	1
C.Pressley	2	13	9	0	N.Washington	3	28	13	0
C.Cochart	2	7	6	1	C.Stevens	1	25	25	0
					J.Ringer	1	14	14	0
					A.Hall	1	9	9	0
					M.Mariani	1	6	6	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>2</b>

**DEFENSE**

**Cincinnati** (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** N.Clements 7-2-9, D.Skuta 7-2-9, T.Howard 6-3-9, R.Nelson 3-3-6, B.Johnson 4-1-5, C.Crocker 2-2-4, D.Peko 1-3-4, P.Sims 1-3-4, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, R.Geathers 2-1-3, L.Hall 2-1-3, K.Jennings 2-1-3, M.Lawson 1-2-3, F.Rucker 2-0-2, G.Atkins 1-1-2, G.Wilson 1-0-1, J.Fanene 0-1-1, M.Johnson 0-1-1, T.Mays 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 2-22. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Dunlap 1, L.Hall 1, B.Johnson 1, M.Johnson 1. **FF:** N.Clements 1, T.Howard 1. **FR-YDS.:** N.Clements 1-0.

**Tennessee** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Babineaux 9-1-10, J.McCourt 6-2-8, A.Verner 6-1-7, A.Ayers 2-3-5, M.Griffin 3-1-4, S.Smith 3-1-4, B.Ruud 2-2-4, C.Finnegan 2-1-3, J.Jones 2-1-3, J.Casey 1-2-3, D.Morgan 1-1-2, W.Witherspoon 1-1-2, K.Klug 1-0-1, G.McRath 1-0-1, S.Marks 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** S.Smith 1-7. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Finnegan 2, J.Babineaux 1, B.Ruud 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**2014 SEASON**

**WEEK 3, GAME 3**

**Cincinnati Bengals 33, Tennessee Titans 7**  
Sunday, Sept. 21, 2014 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals jumped out to a 10-0 lead on the last snap of the first quarter on an entertaining play — a TD pass from WR Mohamed Sanu to QB Andy Dalton covering 18 yards. Dalton lateraled to Sanu on an apparent end-around, but Sanu pulled up and threw back across the field to Dalton, who snatched the ball against tight coverage from CB Bledi Wreh-Wilson before dashing to the end zone. Dalton became the first QB in Bengals history to catch a TD pass, and Sanu became the first Bengals WR to throw one. It was all Bengals from that point on, as Cincinnati rolled to a 33-0 lead before allowing a Tennessee TD in the fourth quarter. The Bengals' defense allowed the Titans to convert their first two third-down situations and then stopped them on their last 10 opportunities. The victory was Cincinnati's 11th straight at home in the regular season, dating back to the 2012 home finale, setting a club record. The Bengals improved to 3-0 and maintained a one-game lead over Baltimore and Pittsburgh in the AFC North. The Titans fell to 1-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Tennessee.....	0	0	0	7	—	7
Cincinnati.....	10	9	7	7	—	33

**TEAM — SCORING PLAY** QTR.-LEFT

Cin. — M.Nugent 29 field goal.....	1-4:48
Cin. — A.Dalton 18 pass from M.Sanu (M.Nugent kick).....	1-0:00
Cin. — Tennessee penalized for holding in end zone for Cincinnati team safety.....	2-6:25
Cin. — G.Bernard 1 run (M.Nugent kick).....	2-3:29
Cin. — G.Bernard 1 run (M.Nugent kick).....	3-1:58
Cin. — J.Hill 4 run (M.Nugent kick).....	4-9:26
Tenn. — S.Greene 1 run (R.Succop kick).....	4-6:09

**Missed FGs:** R.Succop (40WR, 44WR). **Attendance:** 56,743. **Time:** 2:56.

**TEAM STATISTICS** TENN. CIN.

First downs.....	22	25
Third down conversions-attempts.....	2-12	3-9
Total net yards.....	326	300
Net yards rushing.....	149	116
Net yards passing.....	177	184
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	34-17-2	26-17-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-8	0-0
Punts-average.....	4-35.3	4-49.3
Punt returns-yards.....	1-1	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-56	1-18
Penalties-yards.....	11-99	7-50
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	31:16	28:44

**RUSHING**

TENN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Sankey	10	61	18	0	G.Bernard	14	47	12	2
J.Locker	6	50	29	0	J.Hill	7	39	12	1
S.Greene	10	33	20	1	C.Peerman	5	15	4	0
J.Battle	1	5	5	0	B.Tate	1	12	12	0
D.McCluster	1	0	0	0	A.Dalton	3	3	3	0
					R.Hewitt	1	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>

**PASSING**

TENN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Locker	34	17	185	0-2	A.Dalton	23	15	169	0-1
					J.Campbell	2	1	-3	0-0
					M.Sanu	1	1	18	1-0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>0-2</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>1-1</b>

**RECEIVING**

TENN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
K.Wright	5	44	28	0	A.Green	6	102	29	0
D.Walker	4	54	23	0	M.Sanu	5	44	14	0
J.Hunter	3	37	19	0	A.Dalton	1	18	18	1
C.Stevens	2	26	20	0	G.Bernard	1	7	7	0
D.McCluster	2	15	13	0	R.Hewitt	1	6	6	0
B.Sankey	1	9	9	0	J.Gresham	1	5	5	0
					B.Tate	1	5	5	0
					K.Brock	1	-3	-3	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>

**DEFENSE**

**Tennessee** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** W.Woodyard 5-4-9, B.Pollard 4-1-5, J.McCourt 4-1-5, M.Griffin 4-0-4, A.Williamson 2-2-4, B.Wreh-Wilson 3-0-3, J.Casey 2-1-3, C.Sensabaugh 2-1-3, G.Wilson 2-1-3, S.Hill 1-2-3, K.Wimbley 1-2-3, Z.Gooden 0-3-3, A.Woods 1-1-2, D.Morgan 1-0-1, S.Phillips 1-0-1, R.Pitoitua 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** None. **INT.-YDS.:** G.Wilson 1-0. **PD:** S.Hill 1, J.McCourt 1, G.Wilson 1, B.Wreh-Wilson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** G.Iloka 7-1-8, C.Dunlap 6-0-6, R.Nelson 3-3-6, A.Jones 5-0-5, V.Rey 3-0-3, E.Lamur 2-1-3, D.Peko 2-1-3, R.Geathers 1-2-3, D.Dennard 2-0-2, L.Hall 2-0-2, D.Still 2-0-2, R.Mauluga 1-1-2, G.Atkins 0-2-2, W.Gilbery 0-2-2, T.Newman 0-2-2, D.Kirkpatrick 1-0-1, M.Hunt 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-5, D.Dennard 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Geathers 1-2, R.Nelson 1-0. **PD:** R.Geathers 1, G.Iloka 1, A.Jones 1, R.Nelson 1, T.Newman 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.



# 2017 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### RUSHING

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

#### 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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>0-4</b>

#### 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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>49t</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>0-0</b>

#### 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
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING CIN. G.B. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, G.B., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING CIN. G.B. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD, G.B., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE table with columns CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B.

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 CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CLE., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

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

RECEIVING CIN. CLE. table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CLE., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE table with columns CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B., CIN., G.B.

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.

DEFENSE 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 3-0-3, J.Willis 3-0-3, D.Dennard 2-1-3, S.Williams 2-1-3, C.Fejedelem 1-1-2, W.Jackson 1-1-2, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, R.Glasgow 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, 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.

DEFENSE 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.

DEFENSE 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, V.Williams 2-0-2, A.Burns 1-0-1, R.Golden 1-0-1, J.Haden 1-0-1, M.Mitchell 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.

**WEEK 8, GAME 7**

**Cincinnati Bengals 24, Indianapolis Colts 23**  
**Sunday, Oct. 29, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium**

Cincinnati survived a gut-check game and recorded one of its most peculiar victories in recent memory. The underdog Colts entered the game with the league's 28th-ranked offense and 31st-ranked defense, yet dominated both sides of the line of scrimmage. The Bengals suffered a blocked FG, they lost two fumbles with no takeaways, and they had a rookie halfback (Joe Mixon) lead the team in rushing yards with just 18 as well as receiving yards with 91. The game itself had five lead changes and was tied twice. And the contest's most decisive play was no less unusual. With Cincinnati down 23-17 with just over seven minutes left, Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap batted up a pass in the Indianapolis backfield, caught it when it came down, and then outran the pursuing Colts offensive players for 16-yard INT return for a TD and the game's final points. Indianapolis had two more possessions to try to regain the lead, but the Bengals' defense held both times. QB Andy Dalton was sacked three times and under duress for much of the game, yet still managed to record a solid 108.8 passer rating after completing 17 of 29 passes for 243 yards, two TDs and no INTs. The Bengals improved to 3-4, and the Colts fell to 2-6.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Indianapolis	0	13	7	3	—	23
Cincinnati	3	7	7	7	—	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Bullock 29 field goal	1-5:41
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 29 field goal	2-12:02
Ind. — J.Doyle 13 pass from J.Brissett (A.Vinatieri kick)	2-8:14
Cin. — A.Green 8 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-4:36
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 33 field goal	2-0:00
Cin. — J.Malone 25 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	3-9:10
Ind. — M.Mack 24 pass from J.Brissett (A.Vinatieri kick)	3-2:10
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 29 field goal	4-11:21
Cin. — C.Dunlap 16 interception return (R.Bullock kick)	4-6:58

**Missed FGs:** R.Bullock (34B). **Attendance:** 57,901. **Time:** 3:11.

TEAM STATISTICS	IND.	CIN.
First downs	19	17
Third down conversions-attempts	8-16	4-11
Total net yards	331	276
Net yards rushing	115	58
Net yards passing	216	218
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	39-25-1	29-17-0
Sacks against-yards lost	4-17	3-25
Punts-average	5-36.6	4-49.3
Punt returns-yards	1-20	3-29
Kickoff returns-yards	3-54	2-30
Penalties-yards	7-45	5-54
Fumbles-lost	0-0	4-2
Time of possession	33:13	26:47

**RUSHING**

IND.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
F.Gore	16	82	15	0	J.Mixon	11	18	7	0
M.Mack	11	27	8	0	A.Erickson	1	14	14	0
J.Brissett	1	6	6	0	J.Hill	4	11	10	0
					A.Dalton	3	10	12	0
					G.Bernard	2	5	3	0
TOTALS	28	115	15	0	TOTALS	21	58	14	0

**PASSING**

IND.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Brissett	39	25	233	2-1	A.Dalton	29	17	243	2-0
TOTALS	39	25	233	2-1	TOTALS	29	17	243	2-0

**RECEIVING**

IND.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Doyle	12	121	17	1	T.Kroft	5	46	19	0
F.Gore	4	19	12	0	B.LaFell	4	44	17	0
M.Mack	3	36	24t	1	J.Mixon	3	91	67	0
K.Aiken	2	33	21	0	A.Green	3	27	14	1
T.Hilton	2	15	17	0	J.Malone	2	35	25t	1
C.Rogers	2	9	9	0					
TOTALS	25	233	24	2	TOTALS	17	243	67	2

**DEFENSE**

**Indianapolis** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Bostic 4-4-8, A.Morrison 3-5-8, H.Anderson 5-2-7, B.Mingo 2-3-5, T.Green 4-0-4, P.Desir 3-1-4, V.Davis 2-2-4, D.Butler 1-2-3, T.Basham 1-1-2, H.Ridgeway 1-0-1, J.Sheard 1-0-1, A.Woods 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** T.Basham 1-14, H.Anderson 1-8, J.Bostic 1-3. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** V.Davis 1, J.Sheard 1. **FF:** D.Butler 1, B.Mingo 1. **FR-YDS.:** J.Bostic 1-0.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Dennard 7-3-10, V.Burfict 5-3-8, V.Rey 5-2-7, S.Williams 2-4-6, G.Atkins 4-1-5, G.Iloka 4-1-5, N.Vigil 3-1-4, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, D.Kirkpatrick 3-0-3, C.Smith 2-1-3, P.Sims 0-3-3, R.Glasgow 1-0-1, M.Johnson 1-0-1, A.Jones 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, W.Jackson 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Lawson 1-7, G.Atkins 1-6, C.Dunlap 1-2, D.Kirkpatrick 1-2. **INT.-YDS.:** C.Dunlap 1-16. **PD:** V.Burfict 1, D.Dennard 1, C.Dunlap 1, G.Iloka 1, W.Jackson 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, N.Vigil 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

**WEEK 9, GAME 8**

**Jacksonville Jaguars 23, Cincinnati Bengals 7**  
**Sunday, Nov. 5, 2017 at EverBank Field**

Cincinnati totaled a season-low 148 net yards, including just 29 yards rushing, on a season-low total of just 37 offensive plays, while Jacksonville totaled 407 net yards, including 148 rushing, on 78 plays. The Bengals converted just one of eight third downs (12.5 percent) while the Jaguars converted 12 of 18 (66.7). Despite the obvious lopsided numbers, the Bengals were down by only six points at halftime, and just nine points after three quarters. Not until Jacksonville WR Jaydon Mickens scored on a 63-yard punt return on the second play of the fourth quarter was Cincinnati forced to resort virtually entirely to pass plays in an attempt to close the deficit. By that point, however, the Jaguars' defense, which entered the game leading the league in both net passing yards allowed and sacks, was able to shift all of its attention to shutting down the Bengals' passing game. QB Andy Dalton finished with just a 79.9 passer rating, completing 10 of 18 passes for 136 yards. Just before halftime, WR A.J. Green was ejected for fighting with Jaguars CB Jalen Ramsey, who also was disqualified. Green left the game with only one reception for six yards, and no other Bengals WR or TE ended up catching more than two passes. The Bengals fell to 3-5, and the Jaguars improved to 5-3.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Jax. — J.Lambo 32 field goal	1-2:34
Jax. — M.Lee 3 pass from B.Bortles (J.Lambo kick)	2-6:57
Cin. — J.Mixon 7 run (M.Koehn kick)	2-4:13
Jax. — J.Lambo 56 field goal	2-0:23
Jax. — J.Lambo 25 field goal	3-6:51
Jax. — J.Mickens 63 punt return (J.Lambo kick)	4-14:35

**Missed FGs:** None. **Attendance:** 60,720. **Time:** 2:57.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	JAX.
First downs	8	26
Third down conversions-attempts	1-8	12-18
Total net yards	148	407
Net yards rushing	29	149
Net yards passing	119	259
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	18-10-0	38-24-0
Sacks against-yards lost	2-17	0-0
Punts-average	7-48.0	2-47.0
Punt returns-yards	0-0	3-88
Kickoff returns-yards	6-123	1-29
Penalties-yards	8-78	5-50
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Time of possession	19:46	40:14

**RUSHING**

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	JAX.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	13	31	7t	1	C.Ivory	20	70	14	0
A.Dalton	3	-1	1	0	T.Yeldon	11	41	15	0
G.Bernard	1	-1	-1	0	B.Bortles	5	20	7	0
					C.Grant	4	18	11	0
TOTALS	17	29	7t	1	TOTALS	40	149	15	0

**PASSING**

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	JAX.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	18	10	136	0-0	B.Bortles	38	24	259	1-0
TOTALS	18	10	136	0-0	TOTALS	38	24	259	1-0

**RECEIVING**

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	JAX.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	3	15	10	0	M.Lee	8	75	19	1
T.Kroft	2	79	59	0	M.Lewis	3	49	37	0
B.LaFell	2	28	19	0	K.Cole	3	47	28	0
J.Malone	1	13	13	0	C.Ivory	3	34	29	0
A.Green	1	6	6	0	A.Hurns	3	31	13	0
G.Bernard	1	-5	-5	0	T.Yeldon	2	11	6	0
					J.O'Shaughnessy	1	6	6	0
					T.Bohanon	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	10	136	59	0	TOTALS	24	259	37	1

**DEFENSE**

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

**Jacksonville** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** B.Church 3-2-5, T.Smith 3-2-4, M.Dareus 3-0-3, T.Gipson 3-0-3, C.Campbell 2-0-2, M.Jackson 2-0-2, Y.Ngakoue 2-0-2, P.Posluszny 2-0-2, A.Colvin 1-0-1, M.Jack 1-0-1, A.Jones 1-0-1, J.Ramsey 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Jackson 1-9, C.Campbell 1-8. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** L.McCray 1, T.Smith 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

## IN 2017, THE BENGALS ARE:

### REGULAR SEASON

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

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

## UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

### 2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

**69-44-3** at home (or as home team at neutral site)  
**52-64-0** on the road (or a visitor at neutral site)  
**84-35-1** when scoring first  
**37-73-2** when opponent scores first  
**22-23-3** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**55-51-3** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**85-30-2** when leading at halftime  
**12-2-0** when tied at halftime  
**24-76-1** when trailing at halftime  
**96-19-2** when leading after three quarters  
**7-5-0** when tied after three quarters  
**18-84-1** when trailing after three quarters  
**81-37-2** when rushing for 100 net yards

**76-31-1** when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards  
**75-18-1** with plus turnover differential  
**28-23-0** with even turnover differential  
**18-67-2** with minus turnover differential  
**43-33-2** when passing for 250 net yards  
**34-42-3** when opponent passes for 250 net yards  
**100-39-2** when scoring 20 points or more  
**40-93-2** when opponent scores 20 points or more  
**116-100-3** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**5-8-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**41-38-1** on natural grass  
**80-70-2** 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  
91 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 29 vs. Indianapolis

### PASSING YARDS

328 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
286 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 1 at Cleveland  
243 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 29 vs. Indianapolis

### 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)  
67 — Andy Dalton to Joe Mixon, Oct. 29 vs. Indianapolis  
61 — Andy Dalton to Giovani Bernard, Oct. 1 at Cleveland (TD)

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

189 — A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
111 — A.J. Green, Sept. 24 at Green Bay  
109 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 29 vs. Indianapolis

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

41 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston  
35 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston  
32 — Alex Erickson, Nov. 5 at Jacksonville

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

40 — Adam Jones, Oct. 1 at Cleveland  
33 — Adam Jones, Sept. 14 vs. Houston  
29 — Alex Erickson, Oct. 29 vs. Indianapolis

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

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

### SOLO TACKLES\*

10 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
7 — (three times)

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

# TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 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	276	21-58	218	17-29	2/0	3-25	17	4-11	4-2	26:47
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville	148	17-29	119	10-18	0/0	2-17	8	1-8	0-0	19:46
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										
<b>TOTALS</b>		2158	188-578	1580	148-236	11/8	24-159	126	32-96	13-7	27:50

## 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	344	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	331	28-115	216	25-39	2/1	4-17	19	8-16	0-0	33:13
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville	408	40-149	259	24-38	1/0	0-0	26	12-18	1-1	40:14
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										
<b>TOTALS</b>		2473	246-932	1541	157-264	10/5	22-127	152	50-123	4-1	32:10

# TRANSACTIONS

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

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

Commissioner list: LB **Vontaze Burfict** and CB **Adam Jones**.  
 Sept. 3, 2017 — Signed the following eight players to the practice squad: LB **Brandon Bell**, K **Jake Elliott**, OT **Kent Perkins**, DT **Josh Tupou**, WR **Kermit Whitfield**, DT **DeShawn Williams**, HB **Jarveon Williams** and S **Brandon Wilson**.  
 Sept. 4, 2017 — Placed QB **Jeff Driskel** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB **Sojourn Shelton** (FA) and G **Cole Toner** (FA) to the practice squad.  
 Sept. 6, 2017 — Acquired DT **Christian Ringo** on waivers from Green Bay.  
 Sept. 11, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted CB **Adam Jones** (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a one-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.  
 Sept. 12, 2017 — Activated CB **Adam Jones** from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived DT **Christian Ringo**; K **Jake Elliott** signed off practice squad by Philadelphia.  
 Sept. 13, 2017 — Signed G **J.J. Dielman** to the practice squad.  
 Sept. 22, 2017 — Waived WR **Jake Kumerow** from the Reserve/Injured list.  
 Sept. 25, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted LB **Vontaze Burfict** (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a three-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.  
 Sept. 28, 2017 — Activated LB **Vontaze Burfict** from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived LB **Hardy Nickerson**.  
 Sept. 29, 2017 — Signed LB **Hardy Nickerson** to the practice squad; Released G **Cole Toner** from the practice squad.  
 Oct. 12, 2017 — Placed TE **Tyler Eifert** on the Reserve/Injured list.  
 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.  
 Oct. 27, 2017 — Signed CB **Tony McRae** (FA) to the practice squad; Released CB **Sojourn Shelton** from the practice squad.  
 Nov. 4, 2017 — Signed K **Marshall Koehn** (FA); Waived S **Derron Smith**.

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



# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

- P** — played as a substitute
- DNP** — did not play
- IL** — inactive list
- PS** — practice squad

- RI** — reserve/injured list
- RPUP** — reserve/physically unable to perform list
- RNFI** — reserve/non-football injury list
- RNF-I** — reserve/non-football illness list
- RSBC** — reserve/suspended by commissioner list

- RF** — reserve/future list
- REX** — roster exemption
- ^** — reserve/injured player designated for return
- \*** — eligible to practice while on a reserve list
- NWT** — not with team

NAME	Cin. G-S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		BALT.	HOU.	@G.B.	@Cle.	BUFF.	@Pitt.	IND.	@Jax	@Tenn.	@Den.	CLE.	PITT.	CHI.	@Minn.	DET.	@Balt.
Atkins, Geno.....	8-8	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT								
Bell, Brandon.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS								
Bernard, Giovanni .....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Billings, Andrew.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Bodine, Russell.....	8-8	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C								
Boling, Clint.....	8-8	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG								
Boyd, Tyler.....	4-1	P	IL	3rdWR	P	P	IL	IL	IL								
Bullock, Randy.....	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Burfict, Vontaze.....	5-5	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	LB	LB	WLB	MLB	MLB								
Carson, Tra.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI								
Carter, Cethan.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Core, Cody.....	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P								
Dalton, Andy.....	8-8	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB								
Dennard, Darqueze.....	8-3	RCB	P	P	nkIDB	nkIDB	P	P	P								
Dielman, J.J.....	0-0	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS								
Driskel, Jeff.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI								
Dunlap, Carlos.....	8-8	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE								
Eifert, Tyler.....	2-1	P	TE	IL	IL	IL	RI	RI	RI								
Elliott, Jake.....	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT								
Erickson, Alex.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Evans, Jordan.....	7-0	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P								
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	8-1	SS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Fisher, Jake.....	8-7	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	P	ROT	ROT	ROT								
Glasgow, Ryan.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Green, A.J.....	8-8	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR								
Harris, Clark.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Hewitt, Ryan.....	5-3	H-B	P	P	H-B	IL	IL	IL	H-B								
Hill, Jeremy.....	7-7	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB								
Hopkins, Trey.....	5-4	RG	IL	IL	IL	P	RG	RG	RG								
Huber, Kevin.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Iloka, George.....	8-8	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS								
Jackson, William.....	8-1	P	P	P	P	P	RCB	P	P								
Johnson, Michael.....	7-7	RDE	IL	RDE	DT	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE								
Johnson, T.J.....	8-4	P	RG	RG	RG	RG	P	P	P								
Jones, Adam.....	6-6	RSBC	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	IL	RCB	RCB								
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	8-8	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB								
Koehn, Marshall.....	1-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P								
Kroft, Tyler.....	8-8	TE	2ndTE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE								
Kumerow, Jake.....	0-0	RI	RI	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT								
LaFell, Brandon.....	8-7	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR								
Lawson, Carl.....	8-1	P	P	P	RDE	P	P	P	P								
Malone, Josh.....	3-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P								
McCarron, AJ.....	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP								
McRae, Tony.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS								
Minter, Kevin.....	6-4	MLB	MLB	MLB	P	P	MLB	IL	IL								
Mixon, Joe.....	8-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	HB								
Nickerson, Hardy.....	6-0	P	P	P	PS	PS	P	P	P								
Ogbuehi, Cedric.....	8-7	LOT	LOT	LOT	P	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT								
Orndoff, Scott.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS								
Peerman, Cedric.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI								
Perkins, Kent.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS								
Redmond, Alex.....	1-0	IL	IL	DNP	P	IL	IL	IL	IL								
Rey, Vincent.....	8-5	WLB	WLB	WLB	P	P	P	WLB	WLB								
Ringo, Christian.....	0-0	IL	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT								
Ross, John.....	2-1	IL	WR	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	IL								
Russell, KeiVarae.....	5-0	P	IL	IL	P	P	P	IL	P								
Schreck, Mason.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI								
Shaw, Josh.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Shelton, Sojour.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT								
Sims, Pat.....	8-7	NT	NT	NT	P	NT	NT	NT	NT								
Smith, Andre.....	7-2	DNP	P	P	LOT	ROT	P	P	P								
Smith, Chris.....	8-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Smith, Derron.....	3-0	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	NWT								
Toner, Cole.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT								
Tupou, Josh.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS								
Uzomah, C.J.....	6-3	IL	IL	P	P	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE	P								
Vigil, Nick.....	8-8	SLB	SLB	SLB	LB	LB	SLB	SLB	SLB								
Westerman, Christian.....	0-0	IL	DNP	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL								
Whitfield, Kermit.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS								
Williams, DeShawn.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS								
Williams, Jarveon.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS								
Williams, Shawn.....	7-7	IL	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS								
Willis, Jordan.....	8-1	P	RDE	P	P	P	P	P	P								
Wilson, Brandon.....	0-0	PS	PS	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	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	Fisher	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	Fisher	Kroft	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
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	Williams	Iloka
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Oct. 1	at Cleveland	Dunlap	M.Johnson(DT)	Atkins	Lawson	Vigil(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Dennard(nickel)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Dennard(nickel)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Oct. 15	— BYE —											
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jackson	Williams	Iloka
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Burfict	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Burfict	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Nov. 12	at Tennessee											
Nov. 19	at Denver											
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH											
Dec. 10	CHICAGO											
Dec. 17	at Minnesota											
Dec. 24	DETROIT											
Dec. 31	at Baltimore											

# DEPTH CHART

NOV. 7, 2017

## OFFENSE

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

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	96	Carlos Dunlap	94	Chris Smith		
<b>NT</b>	92	Pat Sims	99	Andrew Billings		
<b>DT</b>	97	Geno Atkins	98	<u>Ryan Glasgow</u>		
<b>RDE</b>	90	Michael Johnson	75	<u>Jordan Willis</u>		
<b>SLB</b>	59	Nick Vigil	58	<u>Carl Lawson</u>		
<b>MLB</b>	51	Kevin Minter	57	Vincent Rey	56	<u>Hardy Nickerson</u>
<b>WLB</b>	55	Vontaze Burfict	50	<u>Jordan Evans</u>		
<b>LCB</b>	27	Dre Kirkpatrick	26	Josh Shaw	20	KeiVarae Russell
<b>RCB</b>	24	Adam Jones	21	Darqueze Dennard	22	William Jackson
<b>SS</b>	36	Shawn Williams	42	Clayton Fejedelem		
<b>FS</b>	43	George Iloka	42	Clayton Fejedelem		

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	Kevin Huber				
<b>K</b>	4	Randy Bullock	3	Marshall Koehn		
<b>LS</b>	46	Clark Harris				
<b>H</b>	10	Kevin Huber				
<b>PR</b>	12	Alex Erickson	24	Adam Jones	83	Tyler Boyd
<b>KOR</b>	12	Alex Erickson	28	<u>Joe Mixon</u>		

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

**NOV. 7, 2017**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	8	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	5	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
99	Billings, Andrew	DT	6-1	325	3-6-95	2	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
61	Bodine, Russell	C	6-3	308	6-30-92	4	North Carolina	Scottsville, Va.	D4'14
65	Boling, Clint	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	7	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	197	11-15-94	2	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
4	Bullock, Randy	K	5-9	214	12-16-89	6	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
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
3	Koehn, Marshall	K	6-0	200	8-29-92	1	Iowa	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	FA'17
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, A.J.	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
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
29	McRae, Tony (10-27-17)	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	1	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	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

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3	Marshall Koehn	K	6-0	200	8-29-92	1	Iowa	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	FA'17
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
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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
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
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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
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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
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75	Jordan Willis	DE	6-4	260	5-2-95	R	Kansas State	Kansas City, Mo.	D3'17
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82	Cethan Carter	H-B	6-3	245	9-5-95	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
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98	Ryan Glasgow	DT	6-3	302	9-30-93	R	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
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17	Kermit Whitfield (9-3-17)	WR	5-8	184	10-8-93	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'17
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69	DeShawn Williams (9-3-17)	DT	6-1	292	12-29-92	2	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
76	Kent Perkins (9-3-17)	OT	6-5	320	11-19-94	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	CFA'17
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
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# STATISTICS

## RECORD: 3-5

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	W	24-23	INDIANAPOLIS	57,901
11-05-17	L	7-23	at Jacksonville	60,720
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	126	152	
Rushing	34	46	
Passing	78	83	
Penalty	14	23	
3rd Down: Made-Att	32-96	50-123	
3rd Down Pct.	33.3	40.7	
4th Down: Made-Att	2-5	2-7	
4th Down Pct.	40.0	28.6	
POSSESSION AVG.	27-50	32-10	
TOTAL NET YARDS	2158	2473	
Avg. Per Game	269.8	309.1	
Total Plays	448	532	
Avg. Per Play	4.8	4.6	
NET YARDS RUSHING	578	932	
Avg. Per Game	72.3	116.5	
Total Rushes	188	246	
NET YARDS PASSING	1580	1541	
Avg. Per Game	197.5	192.6	
Sacked-Yards Lost	24-159	22-127	
Gross Yards	1739	1668	
Att.-Completions	236-148	264-157	
Completion Pct.	62.7	59.5	
Had Intercepted	8	5	
PUNTS-AVERAGE	42-47.7	43-45.7	
Net Punting Avg.	42-40.4	43-38.0	
PENALTIES-YARDS	55-501	47-378	
FUMBLES-BALL LOST	13-7	4-1	
TOUCHDOWNS	15	14	
Rushing	2	3	
Passing	11	10	
Returns	2	1	

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	24	65	20	20	0	129
OPPONENTS	26	64	29	36	3	158

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	14-14	8-10	0	38
A.J. Green	4	0	4	0	—	—	0	24
Tyler Kroft	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
Giovani Bernard	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Joe Mixon	2	2	0	0	—	—	0	12
Carlos Dunlap	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
William Jackson	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Brandon LaFell	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Josh Malone	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Marshall Koehn	0	0	0	0	1-1	0-0	0	1
BENGALS	15	2	11	2	15-15	8-10	0	129
OPPONENTS	14	3	10	1	14-14	20-21	0	158

**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 5-34, Carl Lawson 4.5-30.5, Michael Johnson 3-15, Darqueze Dennard 2-6, Carlos Dunlap 2-2, Chris Smith 1.5-20.5, Nick Vigil 1-7, Vontaze Burfict 1-6, Jordan Willis 1-4, Dre Kirkpatrick 1-2. BENGALS 22-127, OPPONENTS 24-159.

**Fumbles-lost:** Alex Erickson 3-1, Andy Dalton 2-2, A.J. Green 1-1, William Jackson 1-1, John Ross 1-1, Russell Bodine 1-0, Jeremy Hill 1-0, Brandon LaFell 1-0, Joe Mixon 2-1. BENGALS 13-7. OPPONENTS 4-1.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	236	148	1739	62.7	7.37	11	4.7	8	3.4	77t	24-159	86.5
BENGALS	236	148	1739	62.7	7.37	11	4.7	8	3.4	77t	24-159	86.5
OPPONENTS	264	157	1668	59.5	6.32	10	3.8	5	1.9	72	22-127	82.7

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	98	284	2.9	25	2
Jeremy Hill	37	116	3.1	13	0
Giovani Bernard	26	103	4.0	25	0
Andy Dalton	23	53	2.3	12	0
John Ross	1	12	12.0	12	0
Alex Erickson	3	10	3.3	14	0
BENGALS	188	578	3.1	25	2
OPPONENTS	246	932	3.8	49t	3

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	39	578	14.8	77t	4
Tyler Kroft	25	287	11.5	59	3
Brandon LaFell	25	208	8.3	19	1
Joe Mixon	20	204	10.2	67	0
Giovani Bernard	12	158	13.2	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
Josh Malone	3	48	16.0	25t	1
C.J. Uzomah	3	39	13.0	21	0
Ryan Hewitt	1	16	16.0	16	0
BENGALS	148	1739	11.8	77t	11
OPPONENTS	157	1668	10.6	72	10

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
William Jackson	1	75	75.0	75t	1
Carlos Dunlap	1	16	16.0	16t	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	5	110	22.0	75t	2
OPPONENTS	8	95	11.9	31	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	42	2003	47.7	40.4	2	18	61	0
BENGALS	42	2003	47.7	40.4	2	18	61	0
OPPONENTS	43	1963	45.7	38.0	3	11	62	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	24	8	187	7.8	29	0
Adam Jones	3	0	81	27.0	40	0
William Jackson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	28	8	268	9.6	40	0
OPPONENTS	21	8	268	12.8	63t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	18	398	22.1	41	0
Giovani Bernard	1	7	7.0	7	0
BENGALS	19	405	21.3	41	0
OPPONENTS	12	249	20.8	29	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Randy Bullock	0-0	3-3	3-4	2-3	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	3-3	3-4	2-3	0-0
OPPONENTS	0-0	12-12	4-4	3-4	1-1

**Randy Bullock:** (—), (39G, 29G, 30G), (48WR, 46G), (41G), (30G, 29G), (—), (29G, 34B), (—).

**Opponents:** (25G, 25G), (26G, 42G), (28G, 27G), (48WR), (31G, 38G, 28G), (22G, 24G, 41G, 49G, 25G), (29G, 33G, 29G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Nick Vigil	34	28	62	1-7	1-0	4	0	0-0
Darqueze Dennard	34	13	47	2-6	0-0	3	0	0-0
Vincent Rey	26	21	47	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Vontaze Burfict	27	10	37	1-6	0-0	2	0	0-0
George Iloka	25	10	35	0-0	1-14	2	0	0-0
Shawn Williams	22	11	33	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
Geno Atkins	18	9	27	5-34	0-0	0	0	0-0
Kevin Minter	12	12	24	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	19	4	23	1-2	0-0	3	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	16	6	22	2-2	1-16	2	1	0-0
Michael Johnson	16	3	19	3-15	0-0	1	0	0-0
Pat Sims	6	13	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Adam Jones	15	2	17	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Chris Smith	11	5	16	1.5-20.5	0-0	0	1	0-0
Jordan Willis	9	7	16	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ryan Glasgow	6	6	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
William Jackson	8	2	10	0-0	1-75	7	0	0-0
Josh Shaw	8	1	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	5	2	7	4.5-30.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Clayton Fejedelem	4	2	6	0-0	1-5	1	0	0-0
KeiVarae Russell	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	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	7	3	10	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
Alex Erickson	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
Clark Harris	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Hardy Nickerson	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kevin Huber	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Marshall Koehn	1	0	1	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
Ryan Hewitt	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Willis	0	0	0	0	0-0	1	0	0

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