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**WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE**

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# CINCINNATI BENGALS (5-8) AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS (10-3)

WEEK 15, GAME 14  
SUNDAY, DEC. 17  
AT U.S. BANK STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 16, GAME 15  
DEC. 24 VS. DETROIT

## GAME NOTES

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

**Television:** CBS broadcast with Ian Eagle (play-by-play), Dan Fouts (analyst) and Evan Washburn (sideline reporter). The game will air in the Bengals home market on WKRC-TV (Channel 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Channel 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Channel 27) in Lexington, Ky.

**Radio:** Coverage on the Bengals Radio Network, led by a "triple-cast" on Cincinnati flagship stations WLW-AM (700), WCKY-AM (1530; all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

The game will also be aired to a national audience on affiliates of Sports USA. Broadcasters are Josh Appel (play-by-play) and Hank Bauer (analyst).

**Setting the scene:** The 5-8 Cincinnati Bengals this week travel to Minneapolis to take on the 10-3 Minnesota Vikings on Sunday afternoon at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Both teams are coming off losses last week — the Bengals suffered a 33-7 setback at home to the Chicago Bears, and the Vikings lost 31-24 at Carolina. The two squads, however, appear to be on opposite end-of-season trajectories. Minnesota still is looking to clinch a much-coveted bye on Wild Card weekend and possibly home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs. Cincinnati, meanwhile, is not mathematically eliminated from the playoffs, but the Bengals realize their chances of making the postseason now are very slim at best. They are two games off the pace of the current projected No. 2 AFC Wild Card with just three games left, and among the eight non-division leaders standing at 5-8 or better and still hoping to nab that last AFC playoff spot, six currently have a better record than Cincinnati (see "Alive, but on life support" item on page 2).

Against Chicago last week, Cincinnati started the game with six starters declared inactive due to injuries, including five on defense. After an early TD and missed PAT by the Bears, the Bengals took a 7-6 lead with just over two minutes left in the first quarter when QB Andy Dalton connected with WR Brandon LaFell for a 14-yard TD pass. That lead, however, was short-lived. The Bears regained their advantage on a 34-yard FG by K Mike Nugent just over two minutes into the second quarter, and then put the Bengals in their rearview mirror for good. As the game progressed, Chicago's offense took advantage of Cincinnati's depleted defensive lineup. The Bears methodically scored a total of 27 unanswered points after the first period, and the Bengals' offense was unable to counter against the expanding deficit. By the end of the contest, Chicago outgained Cincinnati by 248 yards (482-234) and, aside from the score, held clear advantages in several key statistical categories, including first downs (29-14), net yards rushing (232-70), takeaways (2-0) and time of possession (38:09-21:51). The loss left the Bengals with having to win their last three contests to avoid a losing season.

"We have to take something away from this game; we have to learn from it," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "We have some time left ahead of us. We have three more games — games against three teams (Minnesota, Detroit and Baltimore) that are fighting to get into the playoffs — and we have the opportunity to make an impression. We have to put our focus on beating Minnesota this week. It's important not to have a losing record."

This week's game at Minnesota will mark Cincinnati's first visit to U.S. Bank Stadium, which opened last year. The game also marks the Bengals' first matchup against Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer, a much-respected former Bengals assistant coach who served as the team's defensive coordinator from 2008-13. Lewis has never lost to a former assistant, going 6-0-1 in seven

previous meetings against head coaches who are former staff members (see "Bengals against ex-coaches" item on page 3).

"I'm looking forward to playing this team, because it's a former coach of ours and they (the Vikings) are playing well," said defensive end Carlos Dunlap. "Coach Zimmer was my coordinator here when I first came to the NFL (in 2010). I want us to play our best football against him. I want to go out there, execute and put forth our best effort. It's a pride thing. We're playing for the name on the front (of our jerseys), and the name on the back."

**The series:** The series is tied 6-6 and has been dominated by the home team. The Bengals have not won in five visits to Minnesota, but lead 6-1 in Cincinnati. The Vikings won the most recent meeting in Minnesota in 2009, 30-10.

Here are two memorable previous Bengals-Vikings meetings:

- Minnesota's 29-21 home victory in 1989 was the regular-season finale for both teams, a nationally televised Christmas night contest in which the Vikings clinched the NFC Central title at 10-6, while the defending AFC Champion Bengals were eliminated from the playoffs at 8-8. Former University of Cincinnati kicker Rich Karlis booted five field goals for the Vikings.

- Cincinnati's 27-24 home victory on Christmas Eve in 1995 featured a Bengals rally from a 21-point deficit, tying the biggest comeback in franchise history. The Bengals trailed 24-3 at halftime, but finished a 24-0 second-half surge on Doug Pelfrey's 51-yard field goal as time expired.

### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 42-14 Bengals win in the last meeting, in 2013 at Paul Brown Stadium. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 29, in a 37-8 victory in 2005 at PBS. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in a 14-0 win at Cincinnati in 1980.

**Vikings — MOST POINTS:** 42 (twice), most recently in a 42-7 victory at Cincinnati in 1992. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35, in the 42-7 win in '92. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 24-3 win at Minnesota in 1998.

**The last meetings:** Summaries of the last two Bengals-Vikings meetings are on page 17 of this news release.

**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 22 career 300-yard passing games, one shy of QB Boomer Esiason for the Bengals' all-time lead.

- Dalton also has 3449 career passing attempts, 115 shy of Esiason (3564) for second place all-time. QB Ken Anderson (4475) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Dalton passed QB Carson Palmer (3217) for third place all-time in Game 5, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo.

- WR A.J. Green has 31 career 100-yard receiving games, tied with WR Chad Johnson for the Bengals' all-time lead.

- Green also has 57 career receiving TDs, six shy of Pickens (63) for second place all-time. Johnson (66) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Green passed WR Isaac Curtis (53) for third place all-time in Game 9, Nov. 12 at Tennessee.

- Green also has 57 career total TDs, seven shy of WR Carl Pickens and RB James Brooks (64) for third place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Green passed WR Isaac Curtis (53) for fifth place all-

time in Game 9, Nov. 12 at Tennessee.

• DE Carlos Dunlap has 62.5 career sacks, tied with LB Reggie Williams\* for second place all-time. DE Eddie Edwards\* (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Dunlap passed DE Ross Browner\* (59) for third place all-time in Game 10, Nov. 19 at Denver.

• DT Geno Atkins has 59 career sacks, tying him with Browner\* (59) for fourth place all-time. Edwards\* (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

\*NOTE: The NFL has counted sacks as official statistics since 1982. However, the Bengals have sack statistics compiled since 1976 and recognize those sacks recorded from '76-81 in its records. Thus, please note that, because the NFL has sacks statistics for all teams only since 1982, the Bengals' sack statistics for players whose careers included seasons prior to '82 will not be included in league publications.

**Records vs. Vikings:** The longest pass completion in Bengals history was a 94-yarder for a TD from Ken Anderson to WR Billy Brooks on Nov. 13, 1977 at Minnesota.

The Bengals record for most penalties incurred in a game is 17, against the Vikings on Sept. 18, 2005 at Paul Brown Stadium.

Also on Sept. 18, 2005, the Bengals snagged five INTs against Vikings QB Daunte Culpepper, one of four times they have set that record against an opposing passer. Bengals CB Deltha O'Neal recorded three of those INTs, which tied a team record for most INTs by a single person in a game.

The Bengals tied the biggest comeback in franchise history on Christmas Eve of 1995, when they rallied from 21 down (24-3) for a 27-24 win over the Vikings at Riverfront Stadium. The first and only other time the Bengals came back from a 21-point deficit was in a 27-21 win vs. Seattle on Sept. 6, 1981.

On Sept. 27, 1992, Vikings CB Todd Scott recorded three INTs, which is tied for the most INTs in a game by an opposing player.

**Individually vs. Vikings:** Current Bengals' past offensive performances for Cincinnati against Minnesota include:

• QB Andy Dalton: One game; 27-for-38 passing (71.1 percent) for 363 yards, with four TDs (136.2 rating).

• WR A.J. Green: One game; Seven receptions for 97 yards (13.9), with two TDs.

• HB Giovanni Bernard: One game; 13 rushes for 20 yards (1.5); Two receptions for 47 yards (23.5).

• TE Tyler Eifert (Reserve/Injured): One game; One reception for six yards (6.0).

**BENGALS-VIKINGS NFL RANKINGS**

	BENGALS	VIKINGS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored .....	28th (17.4)	13th (23.8)
Points allowed .....	13th (20.8)	3rd (18.1)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	32nd (277.2)	7th (369.3)
Rushing .....	31st (79.4)	8th (121.1)
Passing .....	26th (197.8)	10th (248.2)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	19th (345.5)	3rd (293.4)
Rushing .....	32nd (132.1)	2nd (88.3)
Passing .....	8th (213.4)	5th (205.1)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential .....	T-27th (minus-8)	T-15th (plus-2)

**Bengals' defense locks down the red zone:** The Bengals currently rank third in the NFL in red-zone defense, allowing touchdowns on only 41.3 percent of opponents' trips into the red zone (19 of 46). Opponents have come away with points on 91.3 percent of their trips to the red zone (23 FGs, 19 TDs).

Last week vs. Chicago, the Bengals allowed three TDs and two FGs in five Bears trips to the red zone.

The Vikings enter this weekend's game ranked 18th in red-zone offense, scoring 26 TDs in 47 trips.

**Bengals' road offense converts 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 near perfection when combining both of those

challenges, scoring TDs on 11 of their 12 trips in the red zone as the road team this season. That 91.7-percent TD conversion rate is the best in the NFL, with the Jets (six of eight; 75.0 percent), Lions (12 of 18; 66.7 percent), Raiders (six of nine; 66.7 percent) and Redskins (12 of 18; 66.7 percent) coming closest.

Prior to Game 9 at Tennessee, the Bengals' road offense had been a perfect eight-for-eight on the year at converting red-zone trips to TDs. A fumbled snap — and Titans recovery — on the first of their two red-zone trips, though, spelled the end of the streak.

In their last road game, Nov. 19 at Denver, the Bengals scored TDs on both of their trips to the red zone.

Overall, Cincinnati ranks 17th in scoring TDs in the red zone, reaching the end zone in 19 of their 34 trips (55.9 percent).

The Bengals' opponent this week, Minnesota, ranks fourth in the NFL in red-zone defense, having allowed touchdowns on 42.9 percent of their opponents' red-zone possessions (15 out of 35).

Here's a look at each of the Bengals' road games this season, along with how their offense fared in the red zone.

GAME	DATE	OPP	RED-ZONE TRIPS	TD	PCT
3	9-24-17	@G.B.	3	3	1.000
4	10-1-17	@Cle.	2	2	1.000
6	10-22-17	@Pitt.	2	2	1.000
8	11-5-17	@Jax.	1	1	1.000
9	11-12-17	@Tenn.	2	1	.500
10	11-19-17	@Den.	2	2	1.000
TOTALS			12	11	91.7

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 34	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 46
<b>Total scores:</b> 28 (82.4%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 42 (91.3%)
TDs: 19 (55.9%)	TDs: 19 (41.3%)
FGs: 9 (26.5%)	FGs: 23 (50.0%)
TD% rank: 17th	TD% rank: 3rd
<b>No scores:</b> 6 (17.6%)	<b>No scores:</b> 4 (8.7%)

**VIKINGS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 47	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 35
<b>Total scores:</b> 43 (91.5%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 30 (85.7%)
TDs: 26 (55.3%)	TDs: 15 (42.9%)
FGs: 17 (36.2%)	FGs: 15 (42.9%)
TD% rank: 18th	TD% rank: 4th
<b>No scores:</b> 4 (8.5%)	<b>No scores:</b> 5 (14.3%)

**Alive, but on life support:** The Bengals stand at 5-8, but their chances of making the playoffs aren't quite dead yet.

Since 1990, the first year of the current NFL playoff format with two Wild Cards from each conference, two teams with a 5-8 or worse record after 13 games have qualified for postseason participation.

In 2008, the San Diego Chargers were 5-8 after 13 games and later made the playoffs at 8-8. In 2014, the Carolina Panthers were 4-8-1 and later made it in at 7-8-1.

However, those two squads won their relatively weak divisions to qualify for postseason. That will not be the case this season for Cincinnati. The 11-2 Pittsburgh Steelers already have clinched the AFC North, so Cincinnati would have to sneak in based on the standing of their final record and tiebreaker scenarios with possibly several other AFC teams. The Bengals are two games off the pace of the current projected No. 2 AFC Wild Card with just three games left, and among the the eight non-division leaders standing at 5-8 or better and still hoping to nab that last AFC playoff spot, six currently have a better record than Cincinnati.

To illustrate the extent to which things have to go Cincinnati's way, here is an example of one set of game outcomes that creates a path for the Bengals to sneak in, according to the Elias Sports Bureau:

- 1) Cincinnati wins its remaining three games.
- 2) Baltimore loses to Cleveland.
- 3) Miami loses to Kansas City and once to Buffalo.
- 4) Buffalo splits with Miami and loses to New England.
- 5) The N.Y. Jets lose at least once.
- 6) The L.A. Chargers lose to Kansas City and the N.Y. Jets.
- 7) Oakland loses to the L.A. Chargers.

The list above is not the only path for Cincinnati to qualify for postseason — there also are other possibilities — but this set of game outcomes serves as a good example of how many pieces have to fall into place for the Bengals at this point.

**Bengals against ex-coaches:** This week's game will mark the 28th time, and the third time this season, for the Bengals to face a team whose head coach is a former Bengals assistant coach or head coach. Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer was Bengals defensive coordinator from 2008-13.

Cincinnati beat the Cleveland Browns and former assistant coach Hue Jackson 30-16 in Game 11 three weeks ago. That win gave the Bengals a 16-10-1 record in the 27 previous meetings. The Bengals have no losses in their last nine contests against former coaches, posting an 8-0-1 mark in that stretch.

Head coach Marvin Lewis has never lost to a former assistant, going 6-0-1 in his seven tries. The Bengals have not lost to a former coach since 1995, when they fell to Sam Wyche's Tampa Bay squad.

This week's game will mark the 10th instance that a former Bengals assistant faces Cincinnati as an opposing head coach against the Bengals head coach under whom he served in Cincinnati. The Bengals are 7-1-1 in those contests. Six of the previous eight instances have come in the Marvin Lewis era, with Lewis going 6-0-1. Lewis has downed former defensive coordinator Leslie Frazier's Vikings (2013), former DBs coach Vance Joseph's Broncos ('17) and Jackson's Browns (twice in '16, twice in '17). Lewis' Bengals tied former offensive coordinator Jay Gruden's Redskins in 2016.

Prior to Lewis' tenure, there were two instances of former Bengals assistants returning as an opposing head coach against the Bengals head coached under whom they served: (1) former Paul Brown assistant Rick Forzano coaching the Lions against Brown's Bengals in 1974, and (2) former Sam Wyche assistant Bruce Coslet coaching the Jets against Wyche's Bengals in 1990.

Below is the listing of the 27 previous games:

DATE	OPP.	HEAD COACH	WITH CIN.	RESULT
12-8-74	DET.....	Rick Forzano	1968 (AC)	Lions, 23-19
12-6-81	S.F.....	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 21-3
1-24-82	vs. S.F.*	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 26-21
10-26-82	SEA.....	Mike McCormack	1976-79 (AC)	Bengals, 24-10
11-6-83	@Hou.....	Chuck Studley	1969-78 (AC)	Bengals, 55-14
11-20-83	HOU.....	Chuck Studley	1969-78 (AC)	Bengals, 38-10
11-4-84	@S.F.....	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 23-17
11-3-85	@Buff.....	Hank Bullough	1980-83 (AC)	Bengals, 23-17
9-14-86	BUFF.....	Hank Bullough	1980-83 (AC)	Bengals, 36-33 (OT)
10-5-86	@G.B.**	Forrest Gregg	1980-83 (HC)	Bengals, 34-28
9-20-87	S.F.....	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 27-26
12-6-87	K.C.....	Frank Gansz	1979-80 (AC)	Bengals, 30-27 (OT)
11-13-88	@K.C.....	Frank Gansz	1979-80 (AC)	Chiefs, 31-28
1-22-89	S.F.***	Bill Walsh	1968-75 (AC)	49ers, 20-16
9-9-90	NYJ.....	Bruce Coslet	1981-89 (AC)	Bengals, 25-20
11-15-92	@NYJ.....	Bruce Coslet	1981-89 (AC)	Jets, 17-14
11-21-93	@NYJ.....	Bruce Coslet	1981-89 (AC)	Jets, 17-12
10-8-95	@T.B.....	Sam Wyche	1984-91 (HC)	Bucs, 19-16
12-22-96	IND.....	Lindy Infante	1980-82 (AC)	Bengals, 31-24
11-9-97	@Ind.....	Lindy Infante	1980-82 (AC)	Bengals, 28-13
12-22-13	MINN.....	Leslie Frazier	2003-04 (AC)	Bengals, 42-14
10-23-16	CLE.....	Hue Jackson	'04-06; '12-15 (AC)	Bengals, 31-17
10-30-16	WASH.....	Jay Gruden	2011-13 (AC)	Tie, 27-27 (OT)
12-11-16	@Cle.....	Hue Jackson	04-06; '12-15 (AC)	Bengals, 23-10
10-1-17	CLE.....	Hue Jackson	04-06; '12-15 (AC)	Bengals, 31-7
11-19-17	@Den.....	Vance Joseph	2014-15 (AC)	Bengals, 20-17
11-26-17	CLE.....	Hue Jackson	04-06; '12-15 (AC)	Bengals, 30-16

AC—Assistant coach. HC—Head coach. \*—Super Bowl XVI at Pontiac, Mich. \*\*—At Milwaukee. \*\*\*—Super Bowl XXIII at Miami.

**More on Bengals vs. ex-Bengals coaches:** Here are additional notes related to the previous item "Bengals against ex-coaches":

- Mike McCormack was head coach of the Eagles from 1973-75 and was 1-0 against the Bengals, but he was yet to coach in Cincinnati at that time. He coached for the Bengals from 1976-79.
- Richard Williamson was head coach at Tampa Bay (1990-91), but did not play the Bengals. He later served as an assistant coach in Cincinnati ('92-94).
- Gary Moeller, a Bengals assistant in 1995-96, was head coach at Detroit for eight games in 2000 but did not oppose the Bengals.

• Lindy Infante was head coach at Green Bay from 1989-91 but did not oppose the Bengals, facing them as a head coach only with the Colts in 1996 and '97.

• Chuck Studley, who coached the Houston Oilers against the Bengals after being a Bengals assistant (games in chart in previous item), returned to the Bengals as an assistant from 1989-91.

• Bruce Coslet, who faced the Bengals three times as Jets head coach after his 1981-89 tenure as a Cincinnati assistant, later returned to the Bengals, as an assistant from '94-96 and head coach from '96-2000.

• Coslet and Dick Jauron are the only former Bengals players to later oppose Cincinnati as head coaches. Coslet was a Bengals TE from 1969-76, and as head coach of the Jets from '90-93, he was 2-1 against the Bengals. He made his head coaching debut against the Bengals in 1990, losing 25-20 at Riverfront Stadium. Jauron was a Bengals safety from 1978-81. Jauron was 2-1 against the Bengals as a head coach, winning with Chicago in 2001, losing with Detroit in '05 and winning with Buffalo in '07.

• Hue Jackson became Oakland Raiders head coach in 2011, following his first stint with the Bengals, but his '11 Raiders did not play the Bengals.

**Bengals tough against NFC recently:** The Minnesota Vikings are second of three straight NFC opponents for the Bengals. The Bengals are 0-2 against the NFC this season, after a 27-24 overtime loss to the Green Bay Packers on Sept. 24 and a 33-7 loss to Chicago last week.

But even including those games, Cincinnati since 2011 is 16-8-2 (.654) against NFC foes. The Bengals are 1-0 against the Vikings during the span, with a 42-14 win on Dec. 22, 2013 at Paul Brown Stadium.

Here's a recap of the 16-8-2 stretch:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	COMMENT
9-25-11	SAN FRANCISCO	49ers, 13-8	Andy Dalton's 1st home game
10-30-11	@Seattle	Bengals, 34-12	Bengals score 17 in last 4:50
12-18-11	@St. Louis	Bengals, 20-13	Bengals squeak by 2-11 foe
12-24-11	ARIZONA	Bengals, 23-16	Cards can't rally from 23-0 hole
9-23-12	@Washington	Bengals, 38-31	A.J. Green catches 9-for-123
11-11-12	N.Y. GIANTS	Bengals, 31-13	Win opens 7-1 finish after 3-5 start
12-9-12	DALLAS	Cowboys, 20-19	Only Cin. loss in season's 2nd half
12-13-12	@Philadelphia	Bengals, 34-13	24-0 Bengals blowout in 2nd half
9-8-13	@Chicago	Bears, 24-21	Bears drive 80 and 81; erase 21-10 deficit
9-22-13	GREEN BAY	Bengals, 34-30	Bengals rally from 30-14 deficit
10-20-13	@Detroit	Bengals, 27-24	Nugent 54-yd. FG at final gun
12-22-13	MINNESOTA	Bengals, 42-14	Win plus help clinches division title
9-14-14	ATLANTA	Bengals, 24-10	Gio Bernard 169 scrimmage yards
10-12-14	CAROLINA	Tie, 37-37*	Highest-scoring NFL tie since '64
11-16-14	@New Orleans	Bengals, 27-10	Andy Dalton 143.9 passer rating
11-30-14	@Tampa Bay	Bengals, 14-13	Bengals squeak by 2-9 foe
10-11-15	SEATTLE	Bengals, 27-24*	Bengals trailed 24-7 after three qtrs.
11-22-15	@Arizona	Cardinals, 34-31	Cards win thriller on Sunday night
11-29-15	ST. LOUIS	Bengals, 31-7	Bengals snag three INTs
12-20-15	@San Francisco	Bengals, 24-14	Sub McCarron directs playoff clincher
10-9-16	@Dallas	Cowboys, 28-14	Cowboys lead early and cruise
10-30-16	WASHINGTON**	Tie, 27-27	Missed Bengals PAT in regulation
11-14-16	@N.Y. Giants	Giants, 21-20	Bengals fall one point short on MNF
12-4-16	PHILADELPHIA	Bengals, 32-14	Burfict's two INTs key Bengals win
9-24-17	@Green Bay	Packers, 27-24*	Pack comes back, edges Bengals in OT
12-10-17	CHICAGO	Bears, 33-7	Bengals give up 30 for first time in 23 games

\* — Overtime. \*\* — at London.

**Lewis usually bad news for NFC North:** Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis owns a 10-4 record against teams from the NFC North Division. He won his first seven before going 3-4 in his most recent seven meetings with NFC North squads.

Under the NFL's schedule rotation, the Bengals play all four NFC North teams this season, as they did in 2005, '09 and '13. Cincinnati lost to Green Bay 27-24 in overtime on Sept. 24, and the Bengals lost to Chicago 33-7 last week. After the Vikings game this week, the Bengals host the Detroit Lions on Dec. 24.

**Bengals-Vikings connections:** Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer was Bengals defensive coordinator from 2008-13 ... Vikings TE Kyle Rudolph is from Cincinnati (Elder High School) ... Vikings LB Emmanuel Lamur entered the NFL with the Bengals as a CFA and was with the team from 2012-15 ... Vikings CB Terence Newman was with the Bengals from 2012-14 ... Bengals OT Andre Smith was with the Vikings in 2016 ... Vikings C Pat Elflein is from Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington North High School), and played at Ohio

State University ... Vikings LB Eric Wilson played at the University of Cincinnati ... Vikings QB Teddy Bridgewater played at the University of Louisville ... Vikings DE Ifeadi Odenigbo (practice squad) is from Centerville, Ohio (Centerville High School) ... Vikings linebackers coach Adam Zimmer was on the Bengals' coaching staff in 2013 ... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Jeff Friday was with the Vikings from 1996-98 ... Vikings wide receivers coach Darrell Hazell coached at Ohio State University from 2004-10 ... Bengals special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons coached at the University of Minnesota in 1997 ... Bengals assistant linebackers/quality control coach David Lippincott coached at the University of Minnesota from 2003-04 ... Vikings assistant defensive backs/quality control coach Jonathan Gannon played (2002) and coached (2006) at the University of Louisville ... Vikings assistant strength and conditioning coach Chaz Mahle coached at Bowling Green State University from 2008-10.

**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 next week's Lions game are TBD.

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

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.....	6-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White.....	15-6-1	.705
Black	Black.....	16-12-1	.569
Black	White.....	32-32-1	.500
White (CR)*	White (CR)* .....	1-1-0	.500
White	Black.....	26-30-0	.464
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 123 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 59 over Wyche (64). Lewis' record now is 123-111-3 in the regular season and 123-118-3 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 2001.0

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.

Former Bengals defensive coordinator **Mike Zimmer** is in his fourth season as Vikings head coach in 2017. He was hired as the ninth head coach in Vikings history on Jan. 15, 2014. His career record is 36-26, including postseason.

A veteran defensive coordinator, Zimmer is in his 24th season on an NFL sideline this year. He has been a part of 12 playoff teams as an NFL coach, including eight that have won division titles. Under his direction, 13 defensive players have been selected to the Pro Bowl a total of 31 times. Six different players have posted 10-plus sacks while working under Zimmer.

Zimmer was the Bengals' defensive coordinator from 2008-13. His arrival in Cincinnati in '08 signaled a defensive turnaround for the Bengals. They had four top-10 defensive rankings in six seasons from '08-13, after cracking the NFL's top-10 only once in the previous 18 seasons before Zimmer joined the team.

Zimmer also was an assistant coach with the Dallas Cowboys from 1994-99, including seven seasons as defensive coordinator from 2000-06. He led top-10 defenses for the Cowboys in both the 4-3 and 3-4 schemes. His 2003 Dallas defense led the NFL in fewest yards allowed (253.5 per game). Six times during Zimmer's Dallas tenure as secondary coach and later coordinator, the Cowboys finished fifth or better in the NFL in scoring defense. He earned a Super Bowl ring as secondary coach with the 1995 Cowboys team that defeated Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XXX. One of Zimmer's players, unheralded CB Larry Brown, won the game's MVP award with a pair of INTs.

Zimmer coached 15 years in the college ranks before joining the Cowboys, working at Missouri (1979-80), Weber State ('1981-88) and Washington State ('89-93).

Born on June 5, 1956, in Peoria, Ill, Zimmer played QB and later LB at Illinois State, where he earned a degree in physical education. He has three children — son Adam and daughters Corri and Marki. Adam was assistant defensive backs coach with the Bengals in 2013 and currently is the Vikings' linebackers coach. Mike Zimmer's father, Bill, made the Illinois Hall of Fame as a prep football and wrestling coach. Vikki Zimmer, Mike's wife of 27 years, passed away in Cincinnati on Oct. 8, 2009. The Pro Football Writers of America recognized Zimmer's trial and the defense's strong '09 performance by voting

him its Halas Award, which goes annually to the individual in the NFL who overcame the most adversity to succeed. The Zimmer family started the Mike Zimmer Foundation in 2016 to honor Vikki.

**Lewis vs. Vikings:** Lewis leads, 2-1.

**Lewis vs. Zimmer:** No previous meetings.

**Zimmer vs. Bengals:** No previous meetings.

### BENGALS NOTES

**Defense's 30-point streak ends at 22:** Going into last week's game vs. Chicago, the Bengals' defense, led by fourth-year defensive coordinator Paul Guenther, had held opponents under 30 points in 22 consecutive games. It was the longest such streak in team history, and at the time had been the longest active streak in the NFL.

But the Bears tallied 33 points in a winning effort last week, marking the first time since Game 6 of 2016 (a 35-17 loss at New England) that the Bengals relinquished more than 30 points.

The Bengals' previous record in this category was 20 consecutive games, which was accomplished twice. The first streak began in Game 3 of 1981, a 20-17 loss vs. Cleveland, and lasted through Game 5 of '82, a 23-10 win vs. Cleveland. The second instance started in Game 16 of 1988, a 20-17 OT win vs. Washington, and lasted through Game 3 of '90, a 41-7 win vs. New England. The Bengals went to the Super Bowl in both 1981 and '88.

The last NFL team to reach 22 games in this category was the N.Y. Giants, whose streak of 23 was snapped in a 51-17 loss vs. the L.A. Rams earlier this season. The Chargers (13) and Jaguars (10) have the next-longest active streaks. The Bengals also had been one of three teams, along with the Eagles and Chargers, to hold each of their 2017 opponents to fewer than 30 points.

The Bengals rank 13th in scoring defense this season, at 20.8 points per game. Last season, they finished eighth in scoring defense (19.7), thanks in large part to a seven-game stretch to close the year in which they 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, 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."

**Andy's blemish-free run ends at six:** Bengals QB Andy Dalton entered last week's game vs. Chicago riding a streak of six straight games played (Games 7-12) without an INT. But an interception on a tipped pass midway through the third quarter ended his run, marking his first interception since the third quarter of Game 6, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh.

Dalton's streak was only the fourth in Bengals history, and the first since 1998, to reach at least six regular-season games without an INT. Neil O'Donnell has the most consecutive regular-season games in club history without an INT, with seven in 1998.

Here's a full list of Bengals QBs to go six full games without an INT, along with their yards per attempt and number of TD passes during their streaks:

PLAYER	YEAR(S)	GAMES	YDS/ATT	TD
Neil O'Donnell	1998	7	7.3	11
Ken Anderson	1973-74	6	8.7	13
Ken Anderson	1979-80	6	6.8	5
Andy Dalton	2017	6	7.3	11

The Bengals managed a 3-3 record during Dalton's streak. The team had a losing record during O'Donnell's streak (2-5). The Bengals went 6-0 during Anderson's first streak and 2-4 in his second.

Dalton completed 101 of 171 passes (59.1 percent) for 1246 yards and 11 TDs during his six game stretch. He had a 103.1 passer rating over that span, compared to 102.8 for O'Donnell in his seven-game streak, 123.9 for Anderson in his first six-gamer and 93.1 in his second six-gamer. Dalton topped a passer rating of 100 in four of the six contests, compared to O'Donnell's two of seven and Anderson's five of six (first streak) and one of six (second).

Dalton and Kansas City QB Alex Smith, whose streak of eight games without an INT was snapped in Week 9 at Dallas earlier this year, are the only QBs to go six consecutive games without an INT this season.

**Dalton's INT-free run a career-best:** Bengals QB Andy Dalton's INT in the third quarter of last week's game vs. Chicago was his first pick since the third quarter of Game 6, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh, ending a career-best stretch of 193 pass attempts without an INT. The streak, which covered 27

full quarters of play, stands as the second-most consecutive pass attempts by a Bengal without an INT, behind only Neil O'Donnell's 238 in 1998. His streak also stands as the third-longest in the NFL this season, behind 287 straight by Alex Smith and 196 by Matthew Stafford.

Dalton also has INT-free streaks of 147 and 165 attempts, which he accomplished separately just last season.

Here's a look at the longest streaks of pass attempts without an INT in the NFL this season. None of the streaks listed below are currently active.

PLAYER	TEAM	PASS ATTEMPTS
Alex Smith	Kansas City	287
Matthew Stafford	Detroit	196
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati	193
Tom Brady	New England	188
Drew Brees	New Orleans	166

**Andy and A.J. stretch the field:** Since entering the NFL together in 2011, QB Andy Dalton and WR A.J. Green have connected on more passes of 50 yards or longer (21) than any other QB-WR tandem in the league.

Dalton and Green have connected on three passes of 50 yards or longer this season — a 50-yarder vs. Houston, a 77-yard TD vs. Buffalo and a 70-yard TD at Tennessee.

The duo has started 96 of a possible 109 regular-season games together over their seven seasons.

Here's a look at QB-WR duos with the most pass plays of 50 or more yards since 2011 (regular season only).

QB	WR	TEAM	NO. OF 50+ PASS PLAYS
Andy Dalton	A.J. Green	Cincinnati	21
Aaron Rodgers	Jordy Nelson	Green Bay	19
Matthew Stafford	Calvin Johnson	Detroit	15
Matt Ryan	Julio Jones	Atlanta	14
Eli Manning	Odell Beckham	N.Y. Giants	12

**Geno chasing another crown:** DT Geno Atkins has again found himself atop NFL interior defensive linemen in sacks. After 14 weeks, Atkins (7.0 sacks) is tied with Dallas DT David Irving and Jacksonville DT Malik Jackson for most sacks by an interior lineman, with Carolina's Kawann Short (6.5) and Philadelphia's Fletcher Cox (5.5) close behind.

Atkins was limited to a season-low 12 snaps last week due to a toe injury. His status for this week's game is unknown, as of the time of this release.

Atkins 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 career 59 sacks, most by a Bengals interior lineman and tied for fourth overall.

**Lawson leads rookies in sacks:** With only three weeks remaining in the NFL season, Bengals LB Carl Lawson leads all rookies in sacks, with 7.5. Lawson was held out of the sack column last week vs. Chicago, however he's maintained a lead of 1.5 over Pittsburgh LB T.J. Watt (6.0). Also in the mix are Cleveland DL Myles Garrett, Atlanta DE Takkarist McKinley and Philadelphia DE Derek Barnett, all with 5.0. Among all players, Lawson stands in a tie for 22nd, with Arizona LB Chandler Jones leading the way at 14.0.

Lawson's last sack came in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, when he recorded a game-high 1.5. That performance was topped only by his 2.5 sacks in Game 3 at Green Bay, the most by a Bengals rookie in a game since Justin Smith on Dec. 9, 2001 vs. Jacksonville (three).

Lawson has also had a knack for making sacks in key moments. In Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, 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.

**Carl eyeing Carlos' rookie record:** LB Carl Lawson's impressive rookie campaign is entering rare Bengals air. Through 13 games, the pass-rushing specialist has 7.5 sacks, just two shy of Cincinnati's rookie record of 9.5 for a full season, set by DE Carlos Dunlap in 2010.

In 2010, Dunlap played in only 12 games — inactive for four of the first five contests — and didn't record a sack until the team's ninth game (Nov. 14 at Indianapolis). He finished the season on a tear though, recording at least a half sack in seven of the last eight games, including four multi-sack efforts.

Lawson, on the other hand, started hot, with a 2.5-sack effort in just his third game. He's since maintained a steady pace, with at least a shared sack in six of his 13 games this season.

Lawson leads all NFL rookies in sacks, by a margin of 1.5 over Pittsburgh LB T.J. Watt (6.0), and by a margin of 2.5 over Cleveland DL Myles Garrett, Atlanta DE Takkarist McKinley and Philadelphia DE Derek Barnett (each with 5.0). In 2010, Dunlap narrowly missed out on the rookie sack crown when Detroit's Ndamukong Suh logged his 10th sack late in the fourth quarter of the Lions' finale.

As far as quarterback pressures, Lawson's team-leading 19 QB hits through 12 games already tops Dunlap's rookie season total of 14.

**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 active/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 Cincinnati's defense is no doubt recognizable with veteran stalwarts like Geno Atkins, Vontaze Burfict 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.

Thirteen of the 30 Bengals players to see time on defense this season are either rookies, first- or second-year players, including seven who have been on the field for more than a quarter of the team's 944 defensive snaps. That includes second-year LB Nick Vigil, who has played the second-most snaps (759 out of 944 possible) of any defender, despite missing the last two games, as well as parts of the previous two contests, with an injury. Vigil still leads the team in tackles though, with 77.

Bengal rookie and second-year players have combined to play 3144 out of an available 10,384 snaps (944 plays, multiplied by 11 players on the field at a time) this season, which works out to just over 30.3 percent. And from a production standpoint, they haven't disappointed, accounting for 10.5 of the team's 36 sacks, three of its eight INTs, 17 of its 51 passes defended, and 223 of the 819 total tackles (27.2 percent). And on special teams, rookie DE Jordan Willis has a blocked punt, and second-year CB KeiVarae Russell has a blocked FG.

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 on defense, combining for 3055 snaps. The lone defensive draft selection to not appear on defense, rookie sixth-round pick Brandon Wilson, has been a contributor on

special teams.

Here are the Bengals' rookie and second-year players to see time on defense this year: Vigil (759 snaps), CB William Jackson (504), LB Carl Lawson (383), DT Ryan Glasgow (332), S Clayton Fejedelem (303), DE Jordan Willis (289), DT Andrew Billings (266), LB Jordan Evans (219), CB KeiVarae Russell (41), LB Hardy Nickerson (21), Josh Tupou (19), CB Tony McRae (five) and G Alex Redmond (three). Redmond was called into action on defense in Game 13 vs. Chicago, due to injuries along the defensive line.

**Dunlap the playmaker:** Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap's playmaking ability has been on full display in recent weeks. In Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, he recorded a sack, a pass defended (batted pass) and a QB hit. In Game 11 vs. Cleveland, he had a half sack and an additional QB hit. And previous week, in a win at Denver, he recorded two sacks of Brock Osweiler, including a seven-yarder on Denver's final drive as they were driving for a potential game-tying FG attempt. Two plays later, the Bengals forced the Broncos into a turnover on downs.

Earlier this season, in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, Dunlap made perhaps the defensive play of the year so far for Cincinnati, when he tipped a Jacoby Brissett pass in the fourth quarter, hauled it in 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 has 5.5 sacks, 17 QB hits, five passes defended, nine tackles for losses, a forced fumble and the INT for a touchdown.

Dunlap has 62.5 sacks for his career, tied for second place all-time in Bengals history with LB Reggie Williams. Dunlap passed DE Ross Browner (59 sacks) on the all-time list in Game 10, Nov. 19 at Denver.

And at 28 years old — he turns 29 after the season — all-time Bengals sack leader Eddie Edwards (83.0) is beginning to come into focus. Dunlap, now in his eighth season out of the University of Florida, has averaged 8.1 sacks over his seven previous seasons in stripes, while Edwards averaged seven sacks over 12 seasons (1977-88).

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

In 2015, Dunlap had 13.5 sacks, second-most in Bengals history. Besides his 62.5 sacks, his career totals include 16 FFs, eight FRs, 45 PDs, 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."

**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) began 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 13 games this season, 12 different Bengals have recorded at least a half sack. Cincinnati has 36 sacks this season, tied for seventh in the NFL.

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

**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 an Aaron Rodgers pass for an INT and returned it 75 yards for a TD.

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

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

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

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

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

**Dre's INT a historical oddity:** In the first quarter of the Bengals' Game 10 win at Denver, with the Broncos facing a third-and-three at the Cincinnati four-yard line, CB Dre Kirkpatrick picked off a Brock Osweiler pass in the end zone and sprinted down the field toward what would've been his third career pick-six. But, with about 15 yards to go before reaching the end zone, Kirkpatrick fumbled the ball without any apparent disruption by a Bronco. He did manage to recover his own fumble at the Denver one-yard line, but before the Bengals punched it into the end zone three plays later on a one-yard Tyler Kroft TD reception, the blooper had already spread around the internet like wildfire.

Kirkpatrick's 101-yard return, which he shared a laugh about after the game, now stands as the longest INT return in NFL history to not result in a TD. The next-longest INT without at TD was 98 yards, by Cleveland CB Brandon McDonald on Dec. 15, 2008, in a game at Philadelphia.

Jamie Erdahl of the CBS broadcast reported shortly after the play that a visibly exhausted Kirkpatrick became sick upon returning to the sideline, a victim of exhaustion and the Denver altitude (he did not miss any game time).

"They were coming from both ends and I was running this way," Kirkpatrick told reporters after the game. "[WR Emmanuel] Sanders and [WR Demaryius] Thomas were coming. I tried to catch the ball, and I thought they poked it out. I have to hold on to the ball. I didn't know where they were, it was just an act of the moment. I have to hold on to the ball, no excuses for it. I have to put that in."

Since the play, Kirkpatrick has been the subject of good-natured ribbing by teammates and fans. And he's not above self-deprecation, either. After the game, he posted a photo on his Instagram account (drepic6) of a gift someone had left on his seat on the Bengals' charter back to Cincinnati — an oxygen tank, with a note attached that read, "Who Dey. Great game."

**Dalton looks to go seven-for-3000:** A season passing total of 3000 yards is not in itself a stupendous NFL feat — 25 passers reached it in 2016, and 12 have already reached it in 2017. But hitting 3000 in the first seven seasons of an NFL career still is an event worth noting. Bengals QB Andy Dalton, who currently has 2747 passing yards this season, stands 253 shy of

doing just that. The only other QB in NFL history to go seven-for-3000 was cinch Hall-of-Famer Peyton Manning, who reeled off 13 straight 3000-yarders before missing the 2011 season due to injury.

Dalton and Carolina's Cam Newton, who was chosen first overall in the same 2011 draft in which the Bengals claimed Dalton at No. 35, joined Manning last year as the only QBs to ever reach 3000 yards in their first six seasons. Seattle's Russell Wilson, who entered the NFL in 2012, joined the same club in Week 12 this 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 53 rushing TDs are beyond similarity, ranks higher than Dalton since 2011. Dalton and Newton both entered the NFL in '11.

Russell Wilson (16), Andrew Luck (14), and Tyrod Taylor (14) 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
Russell Wilson	Seattle .....	63
Joe Flacco	Baltimore .....	62
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh .....	60
Matt Ryan	Atlanta .....	60
Tom Brady	New England.....	58
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati .....	56
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia.....	56

**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 42 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 35-7 (.833) in those contests.
- Dalton's .585 winning percentage (61-42-2) ranks eighth among active QBs with 50 or more starts behind Tom Brady (.781), Russell Wilson (.694), Ben Roethlisberger (.584), Aaron Rodgers (.667), Andrew Luck (.614), Matt Ryan (.600) and Joe Flacco (.596).
- Dalton's .585 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 (93 and counting). Dalton is tied with Miami QB Ryan Tannehill, whose streak of 77 ended last year due to an injury.

**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 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.

Through Cincinnati's first 13 games, Mixon has rushed 157 times for 518 yards (3.3) and four TDs. Mixon missed last week's game vs. Chicago due to a concussion, which he suffered the previous week vs. Pittsburgh. His status for this week's game is unknown as of the time of this release.

**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 rookie DE Jordan 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 13 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 289 of the defense's 944 total plays (30.6 percent) and has totaled 20 tackles and a sack (one more was wiped away when the Bengals accepted an offensive penalty in Game 11 vs. Cleveland). 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 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), the statistics ID'd him as one of the school's best-ever defensive players.

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

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

**Lawson joins rare company:** 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. Throughout his rookie season, Lawson's time on defense has come exclusively with his hand on the ground, as an edge rusher with the No. 1 nickel defensive unit. He has 12 tackles on the year, including a team-leading 7.5 sacks for 48 yards. He started Game 4 at Cleveland, when the defense opened the game in a nickel defensive package, and has played in 384 of a possible 944 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, 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:** Seven games into his young pro career, Bengals rookie WR Josh Malone has worked his way into the Bengals' rotation at wide receiver, with starts in each of the team's last five games. And during that time, he's shown flashes of the potential that earned 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.

In Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, Malone caught two passes for nine yards. For the season, he has six receptions for 63 yards and a TD. He's played in eight games, with five starts as a third WR (Games 9-13).

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 (receiving) in the Vols' 13 games. Six of those 11 went for longer than 40 yards.

The former Mr. Football in Tennessee finished his collegiate career with 104 catches for 1608 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."

**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 in 2017, Green 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



**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).

**A.J. vying to join rare company:** With only three games remaining in his seventh NFL season, Bengals WR A.J. Green stands only three TDs shy of joining yet another list of prestigious names. Only six players in NFL history have reached both 8000 receiving yards and 60 TDs in their first seven NFL seasons. Green currently stands at 8085 receiving yards and 57 TDs.

Here's the list of players with 8000 receiving yards and 66 TDs.

PLAYER	REC. YDS	TD
Calvin Johnson .....	9328	66
Randy Moss .....	9142	90
Jerry Rice .....	9072	93
Marvin Harrison .....	8800	73
Larry Fitzgerald .....	8204	65
Sterling Sharpe .....	8134	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 13 games in 2017, Dunlap has five passes defended, including a tipped pass in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis that he also intercepted and returned for a TD.

**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 through 13 regular-season games this year, he hasn't missed a beat. Bernard has played in every game this season and leads the team in yards per carry, at 4.5 (minimum five carries). He also has 27 catches for 306 yards (11.3) and two TDs, including his 61-yarder in Cleveland.

Bernard's return has allowed him to re-start his long pursuit of the all-time Bengals leads in both receptions and receiving yards by a running back. With 214 receptions, Bernard stands 83 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 1977 receiving yards, Bernard is 1035 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.

**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 234. 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 (3.97-to-1, with 234 inside-20s and 59 touchbacks).

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (45.26) and net average (39.74).
- 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.

**Some very good rushing numbers:** In Game 11 vs. Cleveland, Bengals rookie HB Joe Mixon had become the Bengals' first 100-yard rusher of the season, when he gained 114 yards on 23 carries (5.0).

That performance brought the Bengals' record under Marvin Lewis with a 100-yard rusher to an impressive 45-7-1 (.858). 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 as well. So far in 2017, the Bengals are 2-1 when rushing 30 times as a team, with wins in Game 4 at Cleveland (30 rushes for 86 yards) and Game 12 vs. Cleveland (30 rushes, 152 yards). Last year, Cincinnati was 5-1-1 (.786) with 30 or more rushes as a team.

"It's not always the rushing yardage total that's most important," Lewis has said. "When you're running the ball a lot, it's a sign that even though the yardage will vary, you're controlling the ball, controlling the clock, and keeping your defense off the field. As it shows for us, that is going to be a winning combo."

"We love seeing a guy get 100 yards, but sometimes he can break one big gain and then get to 100 even though you may not be running as consistently well and controlling the game like you do when you get high-carry numbers."

**NFC beware of The Jungle:** The Bengals are 19-7-2 (.714 winning percentage) in their last 28 games against NFC teams at Paul Brown Stadium, including a 6-1-1 mark in the last eight such games.

Cincinnati's game vs. Chicago last week was the Bengals' first of two games against NFC teams at PBS this season. The Bengals also play Detroit on Dec. 24 next week.

Twenty-seven of the last 28 games vs. the NFC at PBS have been played under head coach Marvin Lewis (18-7-2; .704).

Here's a look at the Bengals' last eight games vs. NFC teams at Paul Brown Stadium:

DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT
9-22-13	Green Bay .....	Bengals won, 34-30
12-22-13	Minnesota .....	Bengals won, 42-14
9-14-14	Atlanta .....	Bengals won, 24-10
10-12-14	Carolina .....	Bengals-Panthers tied, 37-37 (OT)
10-11-15	Seattle .....	Bengals won, 27-24 (OT)
11-29-15	St. Louis .....	Bengals won, 31-7
12-4-16	Philadelphia .....	Bengals won, 32-14
12-10-17	Chicago .....	Bears won, 33-7

One home game, a 27-27 tie with the Washington Redskins on Oct. 30, 2016, is not noted in these statistics because it was played in London, England.

**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 76-19-1 in the regular season under Lewis with a plus (.797 winning percentage), but they are only 18-68-2 with a minus (.216).

"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.....	918-427-4	.682
Plus 2.....	744-156	.826
Plus 3.....	411-40-1	.910
Plus 4.....	217-6	.973
Plus 5.....	99-3	.971

Plus teams so far this season have gone 121-34 (.781 winning percentage).

**And when it’s even?** The Bengals are 29-24 in head coach Marvin Lewis’ full tenure in games when the turnover differential has been even, for a winning percentage of .547. The Bengals have won 12 of their last 20 with an even differential (.600), dating back to 2012, but they have lost four of their last six, including a 2-2 record in ’17.

**Turnover tables are turned:** During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank ninth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-43.

The Bengals are minus-eight in differential in 2017, with 11 takeaways (eight INTs, three via fumbles) and 19 giveaways (nine INTs, 10 FL).

Last week vs. Chicago, the Bengals had were minus-two, with an INT and a fumble.

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 68.2

percent of those games. At plus-two, the percentage has been 82.6. 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	439	269	+170
TEAM TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL	
New England Patriots	439	271	+168
Green Bay Packers	408	339	+67
Seattle Seahawks	402	343	+61
Kansas City Chiefs	389	333	+54
Carolina Panthers	432	379	+51
Indianapolis Colts	378	328	+48
Baltimore Ravens	425	379	+47
Atlanta Falcons	388	344	+46
Cincinnati Bengals	413	370	+45

Since 2003, the Bengals rank tied for fifth in takeaways (413) and ninth in points off turnovers (1244).

**Bengal bites:** Marvin Lewis’ winningest month has been November (33-26-1, .558), followed closely by September (27-23-0, .540). His teams are also above .500 in December/January (36-32-0, .529 [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. K Randy Bullock and HB Giovani Bernard are tied for the shortest. Both are 5-9 ... DT Josh Tupou is the heaviest Bengal, at 350 pounds ... CBs Dre Kirkpatrick and Tony McRae are the lightest players, at 185 pounds ... Eric Winston, who turned 34 on Nov. 17, is 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 (when 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 QB Andy 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.”

**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, with Tyler Eifert is on R/I:

“He’s a guy who works really hard. 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.”

**G Clint Boling**, on HB Joe Mixon:

“He brings a lot of energy, and he’s obviously talented. You get him in space and it’s fun to watch him run. He’s taken over that (starting) role, and he’s done well with it. He brings a lot of momentum to the table when he starts running the ball the way he does.”

**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 be worthy in pass protection. Obviously, his run skills and his instincts are natural. He’s got all the physical qualities you look for.”

**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.”

**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 Andrew Billings:

"Andrew has played increasingly better. He's done a really good job of playing physical. He's been able to penetrate — that's what his responsibility is. He's been disruptive. He's still trying to put it all together, but he keeps making positive plays."

**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, who signed with the Bengals as a free agent this year:

"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 he improves 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."

**Lewis**, on Jordan Evans:

"Since he's been here, when he has been put in situation to have an opportunity, Jordan has shown the ability to make plays. For the most part, he's pretty sound on his assignments. He just has to keep making sure that way we can depend on him that way. That's important. When we've put him in there, he has responded with good plays — every time he gets an opportunity, he's been great. Part of his role here is being a stalwart on special teams, with his speed, athleticism, size and stature. He just has to continue to do that."

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

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

**Lewis**, on CB William Jackson:

"He's done some things that have been stellar. There are other things that we're just trying to get him caught up on a little bit — get him up to speed. That's part of being a young player. We know he has the athletic tools and the intellect to play the position, now it's just (refining) the nuances of things that you do within the scheme. We're going 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 141 yards, one TD, and one INT on 14-of-29 passing (48.3 percent; 59.7 rating) in Game 13 vs. Chicago, bringing his 2017 totals to 236 of 389 passing (60.7 percent) for 2747 yards, 21 TDs and nine INTs (rating of 90.4). Dalton's career passer rating now stands at 89.2, the best in Bengals history, topping Carson Palmer's mark of 86.9. His 61-43-2 regular-season record as a starter also works out to the best winning percentage (.585) of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts (next-best is Virgil Carter, who was 12-10, for a .545 percentage). His 300-yard outing in Game 5 vs. Buffalo was the 22nd of his career, the second-most in Bengals history and one behind Boomer Esiason's all-time team record. In Game 9 vs. Tennessee, Dalton passed Palmer for third in team history in passing TDs, where he currently stands at 163. Prior to Game 13 vs. Chicago, Dalton had not thrown an INT in six games (176 pass attempts), which was the longest string of pass attempts without an INT in the NFL. In 2016, Dalton completed 364 of 563 passes (64.7 percent), with 18 TDs and eight INTs. 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. Third-year pro **AJ McCarron** recorded his first statistics of the 2017 season late in the fourth quarter of Game 13 vs. Chicago, throwing for 47 yards on four-of-eight passing. 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 and the Bengals' leading rusher through 13 games, missed Game 13 vs. Chicago with a concussion, and his status for this week's game is uncertain. Mixon had a breakout performance in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, grabbing a season-high in carries (23), and rushing yards (114). He has now topped 100 scrimmage yards three times this season — in Game 3 against the Packers (101 total yards, on 62 yards rushing and 39 receiving), in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis (109 total yards, on 18 yards rushing and 91 receiving), and in Game 11 vs. Cleveland (165 total yards, on 114 yards rushing and 51 receiving). Mixon also picked up his fourth rushing TD of 2017 in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, finding the end zone from 11 yards out and putting the finishing touch on the Bengals victory. Mixon's four rushing TDs this season lead the team and put him third in TDs overall. In 2016 at Oklahoma, Mixon posted a school-record 2331 all-purpose yards (194.3 per game). For his collegiate 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** leads the Bengals' backfield in yards per carry this season (4.5), having worked his way completely back from an ACL tear a season ago. Bernard got his first start of the season in Game 13 vs. Chicago, filling in for the injured Mixon, where he racked up over 100 scrimmage yards (130 total yards, on 62 rushing and 68 receiving) for the first time this season. He has 58 carries for 260 yards this season as well as 27 receptions for 306 yards and two TDs on the year. Bernard had his best rushing performance of the season in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, carrying the ball 13 times for 77 yards (5.9) after Mixon left with a concussion. In Game 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. Rookie HB **Brian Hill** was signed off of Atlanta's practice squad prior to Game 10 vs. Denver, adding depth to the HB position and contributing on special teams. A fifth-round pick out of Wyoming in April's draft, Hill recorded his first statistics of the season in Game 13 vs. Chicago, rushing twice for eight yards and grabbing one reception for two yards.

**Wide receivers:** Leading the Bengals in receiving through 13 games is **A.J. Green**, who posted one of his best performances of the season in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, grabbing seven receptions for 77 yards and a season-high two TDs. Green passed Carl Pickens for the second-most receptions in team history in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, when he hauled in No. 531. Two weeks prior, in Game 9 vs. Tennessee, Green tied Chad Johnson for most 100-yard receiving games in a Bengal uniform (31) with his 115-yard outing. A 70-yard TD catch in the fourth quarter at Tennessee was Green's second TD reception of at least 70 yards this season. The last time a Bengal had two TD receptions of at least 70 yards in one season was in 2014, when Green had TD receptions of 77 and 81 yards. Green is fifth in the AFC in receiving yards (950) and is tied for third in the NFL in receiving TDs (eight). 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 546 career receptions rank second in Bengals history, and his 8085 receiving yards rank second. Green's 57 career receiving TDs rank third, and his 31 games of 100 or more receiving yards ties him for first with Johnson, whose total of 31 was recorded over a 10-year career. Veteran **Brandon LaFell** lines up opposite Green as the other starting WR, and has grabbed 44 receptions for 452 yards and three TDs through the first 13 games. LaFell's third TD came in Game 13 vs. Chicago, when he hauled in a 14-yard reception to give the Bengals an early lead. LaFell had his best game of the season in Game 9 vs. Tennessee, with a season-high in receptions (six) and yards (95), while pulling in a 37-yard TD pass. 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** had been hampered by injury earlier this season, but has now played in four consecutive games. Boyd hauled in his first TD of the season in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, converting from eight-yards out to give the Bengals an early lead. Boyd led all NFL rookies last season with 22 third-down receptions and has 12 receptions for 95 yards and the TD on the current campaign. **John Ross**, the Bengals' first-round selection (No. 9 overall) out of Washington in April's draft, was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on Dec. 6 with a shoulder injury. He was active for three games, recording one rush for 12 yards. **Josh Malone**, the second of two Bengals fourth-round selections (No. 128 overall out of Tennessee) in this year's draft, was known for his ability to stretch the field in college. Malone has played in eight games this season, with starts as a 3rd WR in each of the last five weeks. For the season, he has six receptions for 63 yards and one TD — a 25-yarder from Dalton in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, the first of his career. In 2016 at Tennessee, Malone averaged a school-record 19.4 yards per reception to go with 11 receiving TDs in 13 games. His 4.40-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine in March was third best among participating wide receivers. Second-year pro **Alex Erickson**, a 2016 college free agent out of Wisconsin, posted career-highs in receptions and receiving yards in Game 2 against the Texans, nabbing four receptions for 62 yards. In Game 10 vs. Denver, Erickson hauled in his first career TD reception, catching a Dalton pass in stride for a 29-yard score. Though gaining a larger role in the offense this season, Erickson has made his mark as the Bengals' primary kick returner over the last two seasons, having led the AFC in kick return average in 2016 (27.9 yards on 29 KORs). This season, Erickson ranks sixth in the conference in kick return average (21.3). Erickson also handled most of the team's punt return duties, with 32 returns for 238 yards (7.4) 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 has been targeted four times and has four special teams tackles.

**Tight ends/H-backs:** Now in his third Bengals season, TE **Tyler Kroft** has become more of a factor in the Bengals offense as the season has progressed, particularly since star TE **Tyler Eifert** was placed on Reserve/Injured on Oct. 12. Kroft has 33 receptions for 347 yards (10.5) on the season and is currently third in the conference in TD receptions by a tight end (five), including a one-yard TD reception in Game 11 vs. Cleveland that extended a Cincinnati lead in the second half. Kroft had a memorable outing in Game 4 vs. Cleveland, grabbing his first two TDs of the season as well as a career-high in receptions (six). 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, and it was the major play that led to his career-high 79 receiving yards. Fellow

third-year pro **C.J. Uzomah** has seen consistent action since Game 3, after being sidelined for the first two games with an ankle injury. Uzomah has four receptions for 60 yards on the current campaign. 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. Despite missing three games with a knee injury this season, Hewitt has played in 57 of 61 possible regular-season games since joining the team, with 37 starts, and has two catches for 22 yards on the year. Joining Hewitt at H-back is **Cethan Carter**, who made a successful roster bid as a college free agent out of Nebraska. Carter has carved out a role on special teams, finding himself third on the team in special teams tackles (seven). In his four years at Nebraska, Carter had 59 receptions for 744 yards and four TDs.

**Offensive linemen:** G **Clint Boling**, the longest consecutively tenured lineman on the roster, is in his seventh season in Cincinnati. Boling has started every game at LG this season, and has only missed six games since taking over the starting LG spot in 2012. C **Russell Bodine**, who has been the Bengals' starting C since his rookie year in 2014, has started all 13 games at C this season. Bodine has not missed a start in his Bengals career, covering 61 regular-season games and two postseason games. G **Trey Hopkins**, a new addition to the starting unit, battled injuries early this season, with a knee injury holding him out of Games 2-4. The second-year pro out of Texas first joined Cincinnati as a CFA in 2014, and he's spent most of his time since between Reserve/Injured and the practice squad. The starting LOT for 12 of the first 13 games of 2017, **Cedric Ogbuehi**, is a 2015 Bengals first-round draft selection out of Texas A&M. Ogbuehi started 12 games in 2016, before an injury ended his season prior to 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. Now in his second Bengals' stint after opting to re-join the team, Smith has assumed the starting ROT duties in the wake of ROT **Jake Fisher**'s season-ending illness. Fourth-year pro **T.J. Johnson** started four games earlier this season in place of an injured Hopkins. He also serves as the backup C and contributes on special teams. Johnson has played in 45 games (including playoffs) in his career, with five starts. 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 was even used on the defensive front in goal-line situations in Game 13 vs. Chicago. Veteran **Eric Winston** re-joined the team prior to Game 9 vs. Tennessee, adding depth at both tackle positions in Fisher's absence. Winston was in Cincinnati from 2014-16 prior to being cut before the '17 regular season. G **Christian Westerman**, a fifth-round Bengals draft selection out of Arizona State in 2016, brings depth to the interior of the Bengals' line. Westerman has been inactive for 12 of the first 13 games, and was an active-DNP in Game 2 vs. Houston.

**Defensive linemen:** Pro Bowl DT **Geno Atkins**, now in his eighth season, has recorded seven sacks in 2017, including two in Game 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 Game 3. Atkins finished last season with a team-leading nine sacks, a total that also finished tops among NFL interior linemen (one ahead of Rams DT Aaron Donald). It's the fourth time Atkins has finished in at least a tie for that crown, and last season marked the second time for him to win the title outright (also in 2012). Atkins has 59 sacks in his career, tying him with Ross Browner for fourth in team history. DE **Carlos Dunlap** was the star in Game 7 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 Game 17 of the 2012 season. Dunlap recorded a sack in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, giving him 62.5 for his career. That total ties him with LB Reggie Williams for second 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 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 46 passes defended, four blocked field goals, two interceptions and three touchdowns scored. DE **Michael Johnson** currently stands fourth on the team in sacks (five), after recording his second multi-sack game of the season in Game 13 vs. Chicago, where he took down Bears QB Mitchell Trubisky twice. His first two-sack outing of the season came in Game 5 vs. Buffalo, which marked his first two-sack game in a Bengals uniform since Game 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. DE **Chris Smith**, a third-year pro who the Bengals acquired in an April 11 trade with Jacksonville, added half of a sack to his sack total in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, giving him three on the season. Smith also forced a fumble in Game 8 at Jacksonville, when he halted the Jaguars' opening drive of the game by hitting RB T.J. Yeldon in the backfield and jarring the ball loose (Bengals recovered). Currently at the top of the depth chart 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 has started the last five contests and has 12 tackles on the season. The Bengals re-signed **Pat Sims** on Nov. 21, after waiving him prior to Game 10 at Denver. In his first game since being re-signed, Sims recorded half of a sack, his first of the season, dropping QB DeShone Kizer for nine yards. On the season, Sims has 21 tackles and the half of a sack. Rookie DE **Jordan Willis**, who recorded his first sack in Game 5 vs. Buffalo, leads all Cincinnati rookies in tackles, with 20. Willis made his mark early in Game 7 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. 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. DT **Josh Tupou** is now on his second stint on the 53-man roster, having spent most of the season on the practice squad. Tupou is a rookie out of Colorado out of Colorado who signed with the team as a college free agent.

**Linebackers:** Sixth-year pro **Vontaze Burfict** missed Game 13 vs. Chicago with a concussion, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. Burfict, who also missed games 1-3 this season due to a league suspension, currently sits fourth on the team in tackles (66), with 1.5 sacks and two passes defended. Burfict had his best game of the season in Game 10 vs. Denver, recording half of a sack, a forced fumble in the fourth quarter that led to a Cincinnati touchdown, as well as 11 solo tackles. The 11 solo-tackles are tied for the second-most in a single game in Burfict's career, and tied for the most since he had 13 in Game 7 of the 2012 season. Despite missing five games last season, Burfict still finished second on the team in tackles. He 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 missed his second consecutive game in Game 13 vs. Chicago with an ankle injury. His status for this week's contest is uncertain. Vigil recorded his first career interception in Game 1 vs. Baltimore and his first career sack in Game 4 vs. the Browns, and is the team's leading tackler thus far (77). A third-round 2016 draft choice out of Utah State, Vigil 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, returned to action in Game 11 vs. Cleveland after missing four consecutive contests with an elbow injury. Minter was off to a hot start before his injury, and currently has 32 tackles on the season. Seventh-year pro **Vincent Rey** is the team's fifth-leading tackler through the first 13 games (61), and has showcased her versatility this season while filling in for Burfict and Minter. 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 Game 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 Game 16 of the 2015 season. Lawson added 1.5 sacks to his total in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, his second multi-sack game of the season. At 7.5 sacks on the season, Lawson is the leader amongst all NFL rookies in that category and leads the team. Lawson is also two sacks away from tying Carlos Dunlap's single season rookie record, as Dunlap recorded 9.5 sacks in the 2010 campaign. 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, had a standout game in

Game 12 vs. Chicago, leading the team in tackles (10). Evans has 24 tackles on the campaign after finishing the preseason with 18 tackles, which was good for second on the team. Evans picked up his first career start in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, filling in for the injured Vigil. In 2016 at Oklahoma, Evans 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 third stint on the 53-man roster. He has contributed mostly on special teams, with three special teams tackles.

**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 Game 5 vs. Buffalo, forcing a turnover with time expiring and the Bengals owning just a six-point lead. Iloka is currently third on the team in tackles (67), with the one INT and four passes defended. For his career, Iloka has nine INTs. Sixth-year CB **Dre Kirkpatrick**, who is now in his third season as the Bengals' full-time starter at the No. 1 LCB position, missed Game 13 vs. Chicago with a concussion, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. The 2012 Bengals first-round draft choice has 49 tackles, nine PDs, an INT, a sack and a forced fumble on the 2017 campaign. The INT came in Game 10 vs. Denver, with Kirkpatrick jumping a route and taking the ball 101 yards before fumbling at the Denver goal line. Kirkpatrick recovered his own fumble, and the Bengals scored three plays later. Kirkpatrick's 101-yard INT return is the longest INT return in NFL history that did not result in a TD. In Game 9 vs. Tennessee, Kirkpatrick recorded the first forced fumble of his career. Kirkpatrick knocked the ball out of the hands of Titans WR Corey Davis, who was reaching for the goal line, and instead fumbled the ball out of bounds in the end zone. That gave the Bengals the ball and prevented the Titans from taking a two-possession lead. For his career, Kirkpatrick has 10 INTs, two of which he returned for TDs, and 47 passes defended. He has proven to be a durable performer over the years, having played in 73 of the last 75 possible games (including postseason). Eleventh-year CB **Adam Jones** was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on Dec. 9 with a groin injury. Jones, now in his eighth Bengals season, finishes the year with 23 tackles, four PDs, and one interception. Fifth-year pro **Shawn Williams** has run into injury problems this season, missing Game 1 with an elbow injury, and Games 9, 11, 12, and 13 with a hamstring injury. His status for this week's contest is uncertain. Williams is fourth in the secondary in tackles this season (37), and has the Bengals only two fumble recoveries of 2017. Williams' first fumble recovery in Game 8 vs. Jacksonville marked the Bengals' first fumble recovery in 18 games, and the second one came in the fourth quarter of Game 10 vs. Denver, with the Bengals owning just a three-point lead. The Bengals scored on the possession following Williams' recovery. 2014 first-round pick **Darqueze Dennard** is turning in the best season of his career, as he leads the secondary in tackles (70) and sacks (two) so far this season, with one interception and five passes defended. Dennard's interception in Game 9 vs. Tennessee came with the Titans backed up in their own territory, and gave way to a Joe Mixon TD run just one play later. Another Bengals first-round draft pick, CB **William Jackson** was a headline-grabber in Game 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 13 games, Jackson is the team leader in passes defended, with 10. He got his first career start in Game 6 vs. Pittsburgh, replacing the injured Jones, and nabbed his first career sack in Game 9 vs. Tennessee. 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 has played in every game this season, with one start, and has 29 tackles on the year. Second-year S **Clayton Fejedelem**, who has started in place of Williams during his absences, was a seventh-round Bengals draft choice in 2016 out of Illinois. Fejedelem recorded his first career interception in Game 4 vs. the Browns, coming down with a tipped pass as Cleveland was entering the red zone. Fejedelem has turned into a special teams ace this season, leading the team with 13 special teams stops to go along with 30 defensive tackles. Adding depth to the CB room is second-year CB **KeiVarae Russell**, who has seen action in seven games this season. In Game 10 vs. Denver, Russell blocked a Brandon McManus FG attempt right before halftime, marking Cincinnati's first blocked FG of the season. S **Brandon Wilson**, a rookie out of the University of Houston, has been active for five consecutive games after spending most of the season on the Bengals' practice squad. Wilson was a Bengals sixth-round selection in the 2017 draft after excelling in college as a S, RB and kick returner. CB **Tony McRae** was signed off the practice squad prior to Game 13 vs. Chicago, providing depth in the secondary and contributing on special teams. McRae is a first-year player out of North Carolina A&T who spend parts of last season on the Bengals practice squad.

**Special teams:** Sixth-year pro **Randy Bullock**, who has been a reliable leg for the Bengals thus far, missed Game 8 vs. Jacksonville with a back injury before returning to his kicking duties in Game 9 vs. Tennessee. Bullock has drilled 13 of his 15 FG attempts so far this season, one of which was blocked, with the longest coming from 49 yards. Now in his sixth NFL season out of Texas A&M, Bullock owns a career 82.1 percent average (96 for 117) on FGs and 95.3 percent average (121 for 127) on PATs. P **Kevin Huber**, the top Bengals punter in history in terms of gross average (45.26) and net average (39.74), now owns the top three seasons in Bengals history for gross average and the top five for net average. Huber boasts the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (3.97 to-1, with 234 inside-20s and 59

touchbacks). LS **Clark Harris**, the ninth-year player out of Rutgers, has handled all 1261 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 KOR 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 7.4 yards on 32 punt returns. S **Clayton Fejedelem** leads the Bengals in special teams tackles this season with 13 (10 solo).

**IMPORTANT DATES**

**2017**

- Dec. 12 — NFLMC Labor Seminar, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
- Dec. 13 — Special League Meeting, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
- Dec. 29 — Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern time, for waiver requests in 2017, except for "special waiver requests" which have a 10-day claiming period, with termination or assignment delayed until after the Super Bowl.

**2018**

- Jan. 1 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club's owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club's 2017 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club's 2018 Team Salary.
- Jan. 1 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2018 season.
- Jan. 1 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2015 College Draft. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.
- Jan. 1 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2015 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 1, 2018, but prior to May 3, 2018.
- Jan. 6-7 — Wild Card Playoff Games.
- Jan. 7 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that have byes in the Wild Card weekend may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of the Wild Card games.
- Jan. 8 — NCAA National Championship Game, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Jan. 13-14 — Divisional Playoff Games.
- Jan. 14 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that won their Wild Card games may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of Divisional Playoff games.
- Jan. 15 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2018 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 19.
- Jan. 20 — East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Jan. 20 — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, TBD.
- Jan. 21 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 27 — Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Alabama.
- Jan. 28 — NFL Pro Bowl, Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Florida.
- Jan. 28 — An assistant coach, whose team is participating in the Super Bowl, who has previously interviewed for another club's head coaching job may have a second interview with such club no later than the Sunday preceding the Super Bowl.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players whose 2017 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern time, on Feb. 13, 2018.
- Feb. 2 — Deadline for non-playoff clubs to submit their individual lists

- Feb. 4 — Super Bowl LII, U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Feb. 5 — Waiver system begins for 2018. A 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the Friday prior to the last regular season game (waivers requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern time, on the following Monday.)  
Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until after the trading deadline.
- Feb. 13 — Beginning at 12 noon Eastern time, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2017 CFL contracts have expired. Players under contract to a CFL club for the 2018 season or who have an option for the 2018 season are not eligible to be signed.
- Feb. 16 — Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2018 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 20 — First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- Feb. 27-Mar. 5 — Combine timing and testing, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- 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.
- March 2 — Beginning this date, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an assistant coach, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as its head coach, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the coach the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.
- March 2 — Beginning this date through the conclusion of the annual Selection Meeting, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an individual, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as a high-level club employee, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the individual the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club if his current responsibilities include gathering information on and evaluating draft-eligible players or veteran free agent players. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.
- March 6 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- 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

(Important dates, continued)

	Free Agent and any employee or representative of a club, other than the player's current club.	April 2	Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.
March 14	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must exercise options for 2018 on all players who have option clauses in their 2017 contracts.	April 16	— Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2017 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.
March 14	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must submit Qualifying Offers to their Restricted Free Agents with expiring contracts to retain a Right of First Refusal/Compensation.	April 18	— Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.
March 14	— Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must submit a Minimum Salary Tender to retain exclusive negotiating rights to their players with expiring 2017 contracts who have fewer than three accrued seasons of free agency credit.	April 20	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.
March 14	— Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2018 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time.	April 25	— Deadline for Restricted Free Agents to sign Offer Sheets.
March 14	— All 2017 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern time.	April 25	— Deadline for Prior Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
March 14	— The 2018 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4 p.m. Eastern time. The first day of the 2018 League Year will end at 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14. Clubs will receive a Personnel Notice that will include all transactions submitted to the League office during the period between 4 p.m. Eastern time, and 11:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14.	April 26-28	— Deadline to time, test, and interview draft-eligible players.
March 14	— Trading period for 2018 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern time, after expiration of all 2017 contracts.	May 2	— NFL Draft (site TBD).
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).	May 2	— Deadline for clubs to exercise Fifth-Year Option for players selected in the first round of the 2015 Draft.
March 15	— Deadline for all clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2018 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.	May 4-7	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
March 25-28	— Annual League Meeting, Ritz Carlton, Orlando, Florida.	May 8	— Deadline for Prior Club to send "May 8 Tender" to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern time, only with his Prior Club.
April 2	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2018 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player	May 11-14	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
		May 14	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
		May 17-20	— NFLPA Rookie Premiere. Invited Rookies (typically, first and/or second-round selections) must be permitted by their respective clubs to attend. Such players are unavailable for offseason workouts, OTA days, and minicamps during this period.
		May 21-23	— Spring League Meeting, Ritz Carlton, Buckhead, Georgia.

## MEDIA SCHEDULE

<p>Tues., Dec. 12 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Dec. 13 — Conference call from Minnesota Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer 10:45 a.m.; 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.</p> <p>Thurs., Dec. 14 — 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., Dec. 15 — 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., Dec. 16 — No media access; Team travels to Minneapolis.</p> <p>Sun., Dec. 17 — Game 14, Bengals at Minnesota Vikings at U.S. Bank Stadium, 1 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Dec. 18 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.</p>	<p>Tues., Dec. 19 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Dec. 20 — 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 1-2:30 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:10 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 Detroit Lions head coach Jim Caldwell TBD.</p> <p>Thurs., Dec. 21 — 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., Dec. 22 — 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., Dec. 23 — No media access.</p> <p>Sun., Dec. 24 — Game 15, Bengals vs. Detroit Lions at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Dec. 25 — CHRISTMAS DAY; No media access.</p> <p>Tues., Dec. 26 — Players' off day; No media access.</p>
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THE LAST BENGALS-VIKINGS MEETINGS

2009 SEASON

WEEK 14, GAME 13

Minnesota Vikings 30, Cincinnati Bengals 10
Sunday, Dec. 13, 2009 at Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome

The Bengals were no match for a 10-2 Minnesota team in a contest that saw each team trying to clinch its division title. The Vikings were the success story of the day, limiting the Bengals to 210 net offensive yards, their second-fewest of the season.

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

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns for QTR.-LEFT and QTR.-RIGHT.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 63,854. Time: 3:04.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns for CIN. and MINN.

RUSHING table with columns for CIN. and MINN.

PASSING table with columns for CIN. and MINN.

RECEIVING table with columns for CIN. and MINN.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) - ST-AT-TT: Dh.Jones 8-5-13, R.Mauluga 5-6-11, K.Rivers 6-1-7, C.Ndukwe 5-2-7, L.Hall 5-1-6, T.Nelson 3-3-6, J.Fanene 3-2-5, T.Johnson 2-3-5, P.Sims 2-3-5, F.Rucker 0-4-4, C.Crocker 2-0-2, R.Geathers 2-0-2, J.Joseph 1-1-2, Da.Jones 1-0-1, B.Leber 1-0-1, O.Harris 0-1-1, R.Jeanty 0-1-1, M.Trent 0-1-1. SKS-YDS.: T.Johnson 1-7, J.Fanene 1-5. INT.-YDS.: L.Hall 1-1. PD: J.Joseph 5, L.Hall 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Minnesota (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: A.Winfield 9-0-9, J.Sanford 5-1-6, P.Williams 4-2-6, C.Greenway 3-1-4, J.Brinkley 3-0-3, K.Williams 2-1-3, J.Allen 2-0-2, B.Sapp 2-0-2, C.Griffin 1-1-2, M.Williams 1-1-2, A.Allen 1-0-1, R.Edwards 1-0-1, J.Kennedy 1-0-1, B.Leber 1-0-1, B.Robison 1-0-1. SKS-YDS.: B.Robison 1-12. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: B.Leber 2, C.Griffin 1, M.Williams 1. FF: A.Winfield 1. FR-YDS.: C.Greenway 1-0.

2013 SEASON

WEEK 16, GAME 15

Cincinnati Bengals 42, Minnesota Vikings 14
Sunday, Dec. 22, 2013 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals rolled over Minnesota, which came in at 4-9-1, and Cincinnati finished the day with the AFC North Division title. Cincinnati clinched at least a playoff spot when Miami lost at Buffalo in a game played at the same time, and when Baltimore lost vs. New England in a late afternoon contest, the Bengals became division champs.

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

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns for QTR.-LEFT and QTR.-RIGHT.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 61,555. Time: 2:55.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns for MINN. and CIN.

RUSHING table with columns for MINN. and CIN.

PASSING table with columns for MINN. and CIN.

RECEIVING table with columns for MINN. and CIN.

DEFENSE

Minnesota (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: E.Henderson 7-5-12, C.Greenway 4-4-8, M.Sherels 5-2-7, H.Smith 4-2-6, M.Mitchell 2-4-6, C.Cook 4-1-5, E.Griffin 4-1-5, J.Allen 1-3-4, B.Robison 2-1-3, J.Sanford 2-1-3, A.Sendejo 2-1-3, R.Blanton 1-2-3, S.Floyd 1-2-3, S.Prater 1-1-2, L.Guion 0-2-2, K.Williams 0-1-1. SKS-YDS.: E.Griffin 1-5-12.5, J.Allen 0.5-5.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: M.Sherels 2, C.Cook 1, S.Floyd 1. FF: E.Henderson 1. FR-YDS.: J.Sanford 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) - ST-AT-TT: C.Dunlap 5-1-6, V.Burfict 4-2-6, D.Peko 3-3-6, R.Nelson 4-1-5, M.Johnson 2-3-5, A.Jones 3-1-4, R.Mauluga 2-2-4, C.Crocker 2-1-3, B.Thompson 0-3-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-0-2, G.Iloka 1-1-2, M.Boley 1-0-1, M.Hunt 1-0-1, V.Rey 1-0-1, W.Gilberry 0-1-1. SKS-YDS.: V.Burfict 2-10, C.Dunlap 0.5-0.5, D.Peko 0.5-0.5. INT.-YDS.: V.Rey 1-25, R.Mauluga 1-14, G.Iloka 1-(-1). PD: C.Dunlap 2, A.Jones 2, W.Gilberry 1, B.Ghee 1, G.Iloka 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, R.Mauluga 1, R.Nelson 1, V.Rey 1. FF: V.Rey 1. FR-YDS.: C.Dunlap 1-42.

# 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

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

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

WEEK 4, GAME 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING CIN. CLE. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CLE., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

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

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 5, GAME 5

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

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

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as A.Green 77 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) 1-11:29 and S.Hauschka 31 field goal 1-0:10.

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

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

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

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

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

DEFENSE Buffalo (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: S.Wright 8-3-11, P.Brown 4-4-8, L.Alexander 5-1-6, M.Hyde 2-4-6, J.Hughes 1-3-4, J.Poyer 3-0-3, C.Thornton 2-1-3, M.Milano 1-2-3, T.White 2-0-2, M.Dareus 1-1-2, L.Johnson 1-1-2, A.Washington 1-1-2, S.Lawson 0-2-2, K.Williams 0-2-2. SKS.-YDS.: M.Dareus 1-5. INT.-YDS.: M.Hyde 1-13, J.Poyer 1-13. PD: T.White 3, S.Wright 2, M.Hyde, L.Johnson 1, G.Mabin 1, J.Poyer 1. FF: L.Alexander 1. FR-YDS.: J.Poyer 1-32. Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Burfict 10-3-13, N.Vigil 4-5-9, K.Minter 4-1-5, G.Iloka 3-2-5, M.Johnson 4-0-4, G.Atkins 3-0-3, 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) 1-9:25 and B.LaFell 6 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) 1-0:10.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Shazier 5-3-8, T.Watt 5-1-6, T.Alualu 4-0-4, C.Heyward 4-0-4, S.Davis 3-1-4, M.Hilton 2-2-4, B.Dupree 1-2-3, J.Hargrave 1-2-3, 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 table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. for Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and time for Cincinnati.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns IND., CIN. for various stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns IND., CIN. for individual player stats.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns IND., CIN. for individual player stats.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns IND., CIN. for individual player stats.

DEFENSE

Indianapolis (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Bostic 4-4-8, H.Anderson 5-2-7, A.Morrison 3-4-7, 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 table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. for Cincinnati and Jacksonville.

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and time for Jacksonville.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN., JAX. for various stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns CIN., JAX. for individual player stats.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns CIN., JAX. for individual player stats.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., JAX. for individual player stats.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: N.Vigil 6-3-9, V.Burfict 7-0-7, G.Iloka 7-0-7, A.Jones 6-0-6, D.Kirkpatrick 6-0-6, D.Dennard 4-1-5, S.Williams 4-0-4, G.Atkins 3-0-3, M.Johnson 3-0-3, V.Rey 2-1-3, J.Shaw 2-0-2, C.Smith 2-0-2, J.Willis 1-1-2, A.Billings 1-0-1, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, C.Fejedelem 1-0-1, R.Glasgow 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.

WEEK 10, GAME 9

Tennessee Titans 24, Cincinnati Bengals 20
Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017 at Nissan Stadium

Cincinnati had a good chance to win the game, trailing Tennessee by three points at halftime, 17-14. After a scoreless third period, the Bengals took their first lead of the game when QB Andy Dalton hit WR A.J. Green for a 70-yard TD and a 20-17 advantage with 5:03 left.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns for 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 6, 7, 0, 7, —, 20. Tennessee: 7, 10, 0, 7, —, 24.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns for QTR.-LEFT and play details. Includes entries for D.Murray 2 run, B.LaFell 37 pass, D.Murray 1 run, J.Mixon 3 run, R.Succop 44 field goal, A.Green 70 pass, D.Murray 7 pass.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 67,432. Time: 3:17.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns for CIN. and TENN. Rows include First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, Net yards passing, Pass attempts, Sacks, Punts, Punt returns, Kickoff returns, Penalties, Fumbles, Time of possession.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns for CIN. and TENN. Rows include J.Mixon, G.Bernard, A.Erickson, A.Dalton, and TALS.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns for CIN. and TENN. Rows include A.Dalton and TALS.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns for CIN. and TENN. Rows include B.LaFell, A.Green, G.Bernard, J.Malone, T.Kroft, A.Erickson, J.Mixon, and TALS.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: N.Vigil 3-5-8, J.Shaw 7-0-7, G.Iloka 3-4-7, D.Kirkpatrick 5-1-6, C.Fejedelem 4-2-6, V.Rey 4-2-6, C.Dunlap 5-0-5, A.Billings 3-1-4, D.Dennard 3-0-3, A.Jones 2-1-3, V.Burkitt 1-2-3, G.Atkins 2-0-2, W.Jackson 2-0-2, C.Smith 2-0-2, M.Johnson 1-1-2, J.Evans 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, R.Glasgow 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Smith 1-11, G.Atkins 1-9, W.Jackson 1-7, C.Lawson 1-1. INT.-YDS.: D.Dennard 1-20. PD: D.Dennard 1, C.Fejedelem 1, G.Iloka 1, N.Vigil 1. FF: D.Kirkpatrick 1. FR.-YDS.: None.

Tennessee (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: W.Woodyard 3-4-7, K.Byard 4-2-6, J.Brown 4-0-4, J.Cyprien 3-1-4, L.Ryan 3-1-4, A.Jackson 2-0-2, L.Sims 2-0-2, E.Walden 1-1-2, J.Casey 1-0-1, B.Orakpo 1-0-1, S.Williams 1-0-1, A.Johnson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: B.Orakpo 1-10. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: K.Byard 2, A.Jackson 2, B.McCain 1, L.Ryan 1, W.Woodyard 1. FF: B.Orakpo 1. FR.-YDS.: D.Morgan 2-0.

WEEK 11, GAME 10

Cincinnati Bengals 20, Denver Broncos 17
Sunday, Nov. 19, 2017 at Sports Authority Field at Mile High

It wasn't a picture-perfect performance for the Bengals, but they made big plays when they needed them, and collectively they were enough to snap a 10-game losing streak in Denver, where they had not won since 1975. The list of big plays included a 101-yard INT return by CB Dre Kirkpatrick in the first quarter (it was the longest in NFL history not to result in a TD).

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns for 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 6, 7, 0, 7, —, 20. Denver: 7, 0, 3, 7, —, 17.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns for QTR.-LEFT and play details. Includes entries for T.Kroft 1 pass, C.Anderson 3 run, A.Erickson 29 pass, B.McManus 45 field goal, A.Green 18 pass, D.Thomas 17 pass.

Missed FGs: B.McManus (61B). Attendance: 75,707. Time: 3:04.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns for CIN. and DEN. Rows include First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, Net yards rushing, Net yards passing, Pass attempts, Sacks, Punts, Punt returns, Kickoff returns, Penalties, Fumbles, Time of possession.

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns for CIN. and DEN. Rows include J.Mixon, A.Dalton, G.Bernard, and TALS.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns for CIN. and DEN. Rows include A.Dalton and TALS.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns for CIN. and DEN. Rows include A.Green, B.LaFell, A.Erickson, T.Kroft, J.Mixon, G.Bernard, T.Boyd, and TALS.

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Burkitt 10-2-12, D.Dennard 8-0-8, N.Vigil 6-0-6, G.Iloka 3-3-6, J.Shaw 3-2-5, C.Dunlap 4-0-4, D.Kirkpatrick 4-0-4, M.Johnson 3-1-4, S.Williams 3-1-4, R.Glasgow 3-0-3, V.Rey 2-0-2, J.Evans 1-1-2, G.Atkins 1-0-1, C.Smith 1-0-1, A.Billings 0-1-1, C.Lawson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Dunlap 2-13, V.Burkitt 0-5-6, C.Lawson 0-5-6. INT.-YDS.: D.Kirkpatrick 1-101. PD: D.Kirkpatrick 3, D.Dennard 1, C.Dunlap 1, G.Iloka 1, J.Shaw 1. FF: V.Burkitt 1. FR.-YDS.: S.Williams 1-0.

Denver (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Peko 5-1-6, J.Simmons 5-0-5, D.Wolfe 5-0-5, T.Davis 3-2-5, A.Talib 4-0-4, B.Marshall 3-0-3, W.Parks 1-2-3, V.Miller 2-0-2, S.Ray 2-0-2, A.Gotsis 1-1-2, S.Barrett 1-0-1, C.Harris 1-0-1, S.Harris 1-0-1, D.Stewart 1-0-1, B.Roby 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Ray 1-8, D.Wolfe 1-5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: A.Gotsis 2, V.Miller 1, A.Talib 1. FF: A.Talib 1. FR.-YDS.: None.

WEEK 12, GAME 11

Cincinnati Bengals 30, Cleveland Browns 16
Sunday, Nov. 26, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals handily beat the winless Browns, largely on the strength of a solid running game. Cincinnati had entered the contest ranked last in the NFL in net rushing yards (averaging just 68.0 per game), but erupted for a season-high 152 against Cleveland's defense, which had ranked sixth in the league against the run (91.7 rushing yards allowed per game).

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

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and play details for Cleveland and Cincinnati.

Missed FGs: Z.Gonzalez (43WL). Attendance: 51,710. Time: 2:54.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CLE. and CIN. for various stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CLE. and CIN. for player stats like ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING table with columns CLE. and CIN. for player stats like ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING table with columns CLE. and CIN. for player stats like NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Cleveland (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: J.Schobert 10-3-13, J.Peppers 4-3-7, J.Burgess 4-2-6, C.Kirksey 4-1-5, J.McCourty 4-0-4, T.Coley 2-1-3, C.Nassib 0-3-3, M.Garrett 2-0-2, D.Kindred 1-1-2, N.Orchard 0-2-2, J.Taylor 0-2-2, C.Brantley 1-0-1, D.Shelton 1-0-1, B.Boddy-Calhoun 0-1-1, T.Holmes 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Garrett 1-5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: B.Boddy-Calhoun 2, J.McCourty 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Kirkpatrick 7-2-9, V.Burfick 4-3-7, J.Evans 5-1-6, G.Iloka 5-1-6, C.Fejedelem 4-2-6, G.Atkins 2-4-6, C.Dunlap 3-2-5, M.Johnson 2-2-4, C.Smith 1-2-3, D.Dennard 1-1-2, A.Jones 1-1-2, C.Lawson 1-1-2, K.Minter 0-2-2, R.Glasgow 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, P.Sims 0-1-1, N.Vigil 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Lawson 1.5-10.5, G.Atkins 1-8.5, P.Sims 0.5-4.5, C.Smith 0.5-4.5, C.Dunlap 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: D.Kirkpatrick 2, C.Smith 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 13, GAME 12

Pittsburgh Steelers 23, Cincinnati Bengals 20
Monday, Dec. 4, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals put themselves in good position early to secure a win against one of the top two teams in the AFC, jumping out to a 17-0 first-half lead on the strength of a balanced offense and a solid defense. The Bengals outgained the Steelers by 127 yards in the first two periods (253-126), converting six of eight third downs while allowing Pittsburgh to convert just one of five.

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

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and play details for Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 56,029. Time: 3:25.

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns PITT. and CIN. for various stats like First downs, Total net yards, etc.

RUSHING table with columns PITT. and CIN. for player stats like ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING table with columns PITT. and CIN. for player stats like ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING table with columns PITT. and CIN. for player stats like NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: V.Williams 4-5-9, S.Davis 5-2-7, C.Sensabaugh 5-1-6, T.Matakevich 4-2-6, R.Golden 2-2-4, M.Hilton 2-0-2, S.Tuitt 2-0-2, A.Burns 1-1-2, B.Dupree 1-1-2, R.Shazier 1-1-2, A.Chickillo 1-0-1, L.Fort 1-0-1, W.Gay 1-0-1, C.Heyward 1-0-1, A.Moats 1-0-1, T.Watt 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: V.Williams 1-8, B.Dupree 1-3. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: A.Burns 2, L.Fort 1, C.Heyward 1, M.Hilton 1, C.Sensabaugh 1, C.Sutton 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: D.Kirkpatrick 7-0-7, D.Dennard 1-6-7, V.Burfick 3-3-6, J.Evans 3-2-5, G.Iloka 2-3-5, M.Johnson 3-1-4, K.Minter 3-1-4, J.Shaw 3-1-4, G.Atkins 2-2-4, W.Jackson 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 1-1-2, C.Fejedelem 0-2-2, A.Jones 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, C.Smith 1-0-1, R.Glasgow 0-1-1, P.Sims 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Dunlap 1-8. INT.-YDS.: A.Jones 1-0. PD: W.Jackson 2, C.Dunlap 1, A.Jones 1, D.Kirkpatrick 1, C.Smith 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

**WEEK 14, GAME 13**

**Chicago Bears 33, Cincinnati Bengals 7**  
Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium

Cincinnati started the game with six starters declared inactive due to injuries, including five on defense. After an early TD and missed PAT by the Bears, the Bengals took a 7-6 lead with just over two minutes left in the first quarter when QB Andy Dalton connected with WR Brandon LaFell for a 14-yard TD pass, but that advantage was short-lived. The Bears regained the lead on a 34-yard FG by former Bengals K Mike Nugent just over two minutes into the second quarter, and then put the Bengals in their rearview mirror. As the game progressed, Chicago took advantage of Cincinnati's depleted defense. The Bears scored 27 unanswered points after the first period, and the Bengals were unable to counter against the expanding deficit. Chicago outgained Cincinnati by 248 yards (482-234) and, aside from the score, held clear advantages in several key stat categories, including first downs (29-14), net yards rushing (232-70), takeaways (2-0) and time of possession (38:09-21:51). The loss left the Bengals with having to win their last three games to avoid a losing season and snapped a 22-game stretch of Bengals opponents failing to score 30 or more points. Dalton's career-long stretch of 193 straight passes without an INT ended in the third quarter. The Bengals fell to 5-8; the Bears improved to 4-9.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Chicago	6	6	7	14	—	33
Cincinnati	7	0	0	0	—	7

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Chi. — J.Howard 21 run (kick failed)	1-11:00
Cin. — B.LaFell 14 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	1-2:15
Chi. — M.Nugent 34 field goal	2-12:38
Chi. — M.Nugent 27 field goal	2-1:46
Chi. — M.Trubisky 4 run (M.Nugent kick)	3-4:54
Chi. — A.Shaheen 1 pass from M.Trubisky (M.Nugent kick)	4-14:52
Chi. — J.Howard 8 run (M.Nugent kick)	4-9:18

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 52,002. Time: 3:10.

TEAM STATISTICS	CHI.	CIN.
First downs	29	14
Third down conversions-attempts	4-11	3-12
Total net yards	482	234
Net yards rushing	232	70
Net yards passing	250	164
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	32-25-0	37-18-1
Sacks against-yards lost	2-21	3-24
Punts-average	3-47.3	5-50.2
Punt returns-yards	2-7	2-12
Kickoff returns-yards	2-39	5-97
Penalties-yards	10-74	7-56
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-1
Time of possession	38:09	21:51

**RUSHING**

CHI.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Howard	23	147	21t	2	G.Bernard	11	62	21	0
T.Cohen	12	80	29	0	B.Hill	2	8	4	0
M.Trubisky	2	5	4t	1					
M.Burton	1	0	0	0					
TOTALS	38	232	29	3	TOTALS	13	70	21	0

**PASSING**

CHI.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
M.Trubisky	32	25	271	1-0	A.Dalton	29	14	141	1-1
					A.McCarron	8	4	47	0-0
TOTALS	32	25	271	1-0	TOTALS	37	18	188	1-1

**RECEIVING**

CHI.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
K.Wright	10	107	18	0	G.Bernard	6	68	27	0
A.Shaheen	4	44	18	1	A.Green	5	64	20	0
J.Bellamy	2	52	36	0	B.LaFell	3	24	14t	1
D.Sims	2	32	19	0	T.Boyd	1	15	15	0
B.Cunningham	2	14	9	0	A.Erickson	1	9	9	0
D.Brown	2	9	6	0	R.Hewitt	1	6	6	0
T.Cohen	2	5	3	0	B.Hill	1	2	2	0
J.Howard	1	8	8	0					
TOTALS	25	271	36	1	TOTALS	18	188	27	1

**DEFENSE**

**Chicago** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Trevathan 4-6-10, P.Amukamara 6-0-6, E.Jackson 3-1-4, S.Acho 1-3-4, K.Fuller 3-0-3, N.Kwiatkoski 2-1-3, J.Jenkins 1-1-2, C.Prosinski 0-2-2, B.Callahan 1-0-1, A.Hicks 1-0-1, L.Houston 1-0-1, H.Jones 1-0-1, R.Robertson-Harris 1-0-1, J.Timu 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** L.Houston 1-10, H.Jones 1-9, R.Robertson-Harris 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** E.Jackson 1-6. **PD:** K.Fuller 3, N.Kwiatkoski 2, P.Amukamara 1, E.Jackson 1, D.Trevathan 1. **FF:** E.Jackson 1. **FR-YDS.:** E.Jackson 1-0.

**Cincinnati** (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Evans 9-1-10, C.Fejedelem 5-5-10, G.Iloka 7-1-8, V.Rey 5-1-6, M.Johnson 4-2-6, D.Dennard 4-0-4, A.Billings 2-2-4, W.Jackson 3-0-3, K.Russell 3-0-3, J.Shaw 2-1-3, R.Glasgow 1-2-3, J.Willis 2-0-2, K.Minter 1-1-2, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, T.McRae 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Johnson 2-21. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** C.Dunlap 1, A.Green 1, W.Jackson 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.



## IN 2017, THE BENGALS ARE:

### REGULAR SEASON

<b>3-4</b> at home	<b>2-2</b> when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
<b>2-4</b> on the road	<b>1-2</b> with plus turnover differential
<b>4-2</b> when scoring first	<b>2-2</b> with even turnover differential
<b>1-6</b> when opponent scored first	<b>2-4</b> with minus turnover differential
<b>2-2</b> in games decided by three points or fewer	<b>2-1</b> when passing for 250 net yards
<b>3-4</b> in games decided by seven points or fewer	<b>0-5</b> when opponent passes for 250 net yards
<b>3-2</b> when leading at halftime	<b>5-3</b> when scoring 20 points or more
<b>1-0</b> when tied at halftime	<b>1-7</b> when opponent scored 20 points or more
<b>1-6</b> when trailing at halftime	<b>5-8</b> when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
<b>3-2</b> when leading after three quarters	<b>0-0</b> when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
<b>0-0</b> when tied after three quarters	<b>2-4</b> on natural grass
<b>2-6</b> when trailing after three quarters	<b>3-4</b> on synthetic surface
<b>1-2</b> when rushing for 100 net yards	<b>2-3</b> with fewer penalty yards

## UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

### 2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

<b>70-46-3</b> at home (or as home team at neutral site)	<b>76-32-1</b> when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
<b>53-65-0</b> on the road (or a visitor at neutral site)	<b>76-19-1</b> with plus turnover differential
<b>85-36-1</b> when scoring first	<b>29-24-0</b> with even turnover differential
<b>38-75-2</b> when opponent scores first	<b>18-68-2</b> with minus turnover differential
<b>23-24-3</b> in games decided by three points or fewer	<b>43-34-2</b> when passing for 250 net yards
<b>56-53-3</b> in games decided by seven points or fewer	<b>34-44-3</b> when opponent passes for 250 net yards
<b>87-31-2</b> when leading at halftime	<b>102-41-2</b> when scoring 20 points or more
<b>12-2-0</b> when tied at halftime	<b>40-96-2</b> when opponent scores 20 points or more
<b>24-78-1</b> when trailing at halftime	<b>118-103-3</b> when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
<b>98-20-2</b> when leading after three quarters	<b>5-8-0</b> when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
<b>7-5-0</b> when tied after three quarters	<b>42-39-1</b> on natural grass
<b>18-86-1</b> when trailing after three quarters	<b>81-72-2</b> on synthetic surface
<b>82-38-2</b> when rushing for 100 net yards	<b>66-55-2</b> with fewer penalty yards

# 2017 BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

114 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 26 vs. Cleveland  
 77 — Giovani Bernard, Dec. 4 vs. Pittsburgh  
 62 — (two times)

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

23 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 26 vs. Cleveland  
 20 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 19 at Denver  
 18 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 24 at Green Bay

### LONGEST RUSHES

25 — Giovani Bernard, Sept. 24 at Green Bay  
 25 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh  
 25 — Andy Dalton, Nov. 26 vs. Cleveland

### RECEPTIONS

10 — A.J. Green, Sept. 24 at Green Bay  
 7 — A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
 7 — A.J. Green, Dec. 4 vs. Pittsburgh

### RECEIVING YARDS

189 — A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
 115 — A.J. Green, Nov. 12 at Tennessee  
 111 — A.J. Green, Sept. 24 at Green Bay

### PASSING YARDS

328 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
 286 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 1 at Cleveland  
 265 — Andy Dalton, Nov. 12 at Tennessee

### PASS ATTEMPTS

36 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
 36 — Andy Dalton, Dec. 4 vs. Pittsburgh  
 35 — (two times)

### PASS COMPLETIONS

25 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 1 at Cleveland  
 22 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
 21 — (two times)

### LONGEST PASSES

77 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo (TD)  
 70 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Nov. 12 at Tennessee (TD)  
 67 — Andy Dalton to Joe Mixon, Oct. 29 vs. Indianapolis

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

189 — A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
 165 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 26 vs. Cleveland  
 130 — Giovani Bernard, Dec. 10 vs. Chicago

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

41 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston  
 35 — Alex Erickson, Sept. 14 vs. Houston  
 32 — (two times)

### 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  
 12 — Vontaze Burfict, Nov. 19 at Denver  
 11 — (three times)

### SOLO TACKLES\*

11 — Vontaze Burfict, Nov. 19 at Denver  
 10 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
 9 — Jordan Evans, Dec. 10 vs. Chicago

\*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	308	14-53	255	20-35	2/0	1-10	15	1-10	2-2	19:51
Nov. 19	at Denver	190	26-49	141	15-25	3/0	2-13	12	7-15	2-0	24:49
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND	361	30-152	209	18-28	2/0	1-5	23	4-10	0-0	30:32
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH	353	22-130	223	21-36	2-0	2-11	19	7-14	0-0	30:11
Dec. 10	CHICAGO	234	13-70	164	18-37	1-1	3-24	14	3-12	1-1	21:51
Dec. 17	at Minnesota										
Dec. 24	DETROIT										
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>3604</b>	<b>293-1032</b>	<b>2572</b>	<b>240-397</b>	<b>21/9</b>	<b>33-222</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>54-157</b>	<b>18-10</b>	<b>26:55</b>

## 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	416	36-180	236	25-44	1/1	4-28	27	7-15	1-1	40:09
Nov. 19	at Denver	341	34-112	229	23-42	1/1	3-25	20	12-21	1-1	35:11
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND	405	31-169	236	18-32	0/0	4-32	21	6-15	1-0	29:28
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH	374	22-92	282	24-40	2-1	1-8	24	4-12	0-0	29:49
Dec. 10	CHICAGO	482	38-232	250	25-32	1-0	2-21	29	4-11	0-0	38:09
Dec. 17	at Minnesota										
Dec. 24	DETROIT										
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>4491</b>	<b>407-1717</b>	<b>2774</b>	<b>272-454</b>	<b>15/8</b>	<b>36-241</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>83-197</b>	<b>7-3</b>	<b>33:05</b>

# 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. 7, 2017 — Signed LB **Vontaze Burfict**\* to a contract extension.  
 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**.  
 Nov. 7, 2017 — Signed S **Derron Smith** to the practice squad; Released TE **Scott Orndoff** from the practice squad.  
 Nov. 8, 2017 — Signed OT **Eric Winston** (FA); Placed OT **Jake Fisher** on the Reserve/Non-Football Illness list.  
 Nov. 9, 2017 — Signed TE **Scott Orndoff** to the practice squad; S **Derron Smith** signed off practice squad by Cleveland.  
 Nov. 11, 2017 — Signed DT **Josh Tupou** and S **Brandon Wilson** from the practice squad; Placed HB **Jeremy Hill** on Reserve/Injured; Waived K **Marshall Koehn**.  
 Nov. 14, 2017 — Signed HB **Brian Hill** off Atlanta's practice squad; Waived LB **Hardy Nickerson**; Signed CB **Sojourn Shelton** (FA) to the practice squad.  
 Nov. 15, 2017 — Signed LB **Hardy Nickerson** to the practice squad.  
 Nov. 18, 2017 — Signed LB **Hardy Nickerson** from the practice squad; Waived DT **Pat Sims**.  
 Nov. 21, 2017 — Re-signed DT **Pat Sims**; Waived DT **Josh Tupou**.  
 Nov. 22, 2017 — Signed DT **Josh Tupou** to the practice squad.  
 Dec. 6, 2017 — Signed DT **Josh Tupou** from the practice squad; Placed WR **John Ross** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed LB **Carl Bradford** (FA) to the practice squad.  
 Dec. 9, 2017 — Signed CB **Tony McRae** from the practice squad; Placed CB **Adam Jones** on the Reserve/Injured list.

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



# 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	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Nov. 19	at Denver	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Dec. 10	CHICAGO	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Bernard
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	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Burfict	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Fejedelem	Iloka
Nov. 19	at Denver	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Rey	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Dennard	Williams	Iloka
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Fejedelem	Iloka
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Evans	Minter	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Fejedelem	Iloka
Dec. 10	CHICAGO	Dunlap	Billings	Glasgow	M.Johnson	Rey (LB)	Minter (LB)	Shaw(nickel)	Dennard	Jackson	Fejedelem	Iloka
Dec. 17	at Minnesota											
Dec. 24	DETROIT											
Dec. 31	at Baltimore											

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## OFFENSE

<b>WR</b>	18	A.J. Green	16	Cody Core	80	<u>Josh Malone</u>
<b>LOT</b>	70	Cedric Ogbuehi	73	Eric Winston		
<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>	71	Andre Smith	73	Eric Winston		
<b>TE</b>	81	Tyler Kroft	87	C.J. Uzomah		
<b>H-B</b>	89	Ryan Hewitt	<u>82</u>	<u>Cethan Carter</u>		
<b>WR</b>	11	Brandon LaFell	83	Tyler Boyd	12	Alex Erickson
<b>QB</b>	14	Andy Dalton	5	AJ McCarron		
<b>HB</b>	<u>28</u>	<u>Joe Mixon</u>	25	Giovani Bernard	<u>23</u>	<u>Brian Hill</u>

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	96	Carlos Dunlap	94	Chris Smith		
<b>NT</b>	92	Pat Sims	99	Andrew Billings	68	<u>Josh Tupou</u>
<b>DT</b>	97	Geno Atkins	<u>98</u>	<u>Ryan Glasgow</u>		
<b>RDE</b>	90	Michael Johnson	<u>75</u>	<u>Jordan Willis</u>		
<b>SLB</b>	59	Nick Vigil	<u>58</u>	<u>Carl Lawson</u>		
<b>MLB</b>	51	Kevin Minter	57	Vincent Rey	56	<u>Hardy Nickerson</u>
<b>WLB</b>	55	Vontaze Burfict	<u>50</u>	<u>Jordan Evans</u>		
<b>LCB</b>	27	Dre Kirkpatrick	21	Darqueze Dennard		
<b>RCB</b>	22	William Jackson	20	KeiVarae Russell	29	Tony McRae
<b>SS</b>	36	Shawn Williams	42	Clayton Fejedelem	<u>40</u>	<u>Brandon Wilson</u>
<b>FS</b>	43	George Iloka	26	Josh Shaw		

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>P</b>	10	Kevin Huber		
<b>K</b>	4	Randy Bullock		
<b>LS</b>	46	Clark Harris		
<b>H</b>	10	Kevin Huber		
<b>PR</b>	12	Alex Erickson	83	Tyler Boyd
<b>KOR</b>	12	Alex Erickson	<u>28</u>	<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>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>Josh Tupou</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

**DEC. 12, 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
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
23	Hill, Brian	HB	6-1	219	11-9-95	R	Wyoming	Belleville, Ill.	PS(Atl.)'17
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
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre	CB	6-2	185	10-26-89	6	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
81	Kroft, Tyler	TE	6-6	260	10-15-92	3	Rutgers	Downingtown, Pa.	D3a'15
11	LaFell, Brandon	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	8	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
58	Lawson, Carl	LB	6-2	260	6-29-95	R	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
80	Malone, Josh	WR	6-3	208	3-21-96	R	Tennessee	Gallatin, Tenn.	D4b'17
5	McCarron, AJ	QB	6-3	215	9-13-90	3	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
29	McRae, Tony	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	1	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
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
20	Russell, KeiVarae	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	2	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
26	Shaw, Josh	S	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
68	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	350	5-2-94	R	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'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
40	Wilson, Brandon	S	5-10	199	7-27-94	R	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
73	Winston, Eric	OT	6-7	310	11-17-83	11	Miami (Fla.)	Midland, Texas	FA'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
53	Bradford, Carl (12-6-17)	LB	6-1	248	8-15-92	3	Arizona State	Norco, Calif.	FA'17
67	Dielman, J.J. (9-14-17)	G	6-5	309	12-16-93	R	Utah	Phoenix, Ariz.	FA'17
84	Orndoff, Scott (11-9-17)	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
31	Shelton, Sojour (11-14-17)	CB	5-9	168	12-25-94	R	Wisconsin	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'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

**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
32	Hill, Jeremy (11-11-17; ankle)	HB	6-1	230	10-20-92	4	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	D2'14
24	Jones, Adam (12-9-17; groin)	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	11	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
30	Peerman, Cedric (8-29-17; shoulder)	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	8	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
15	Ross, John (12-6-17; shoulder)	WR	5-11	190	11-27-95	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
86	Schreck, Mason (9-2-17; knee)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	R	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17

**RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL ILLNESS (date assigned)**

74	Fisher, Jake (11-8-17)	OT	6-6	310	4-23-93	3	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15
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**COACHING STAFF:** Head coach: Marvin Lewis. Assistants: Paul Alexander (assistant head coach/offensive line), Jacob Burney (defensive line), Kyle Caskey (running backs), Brayden Coombs (assistant special teams/defensive quality control), Robert Couch (offensive quality control/offensive line), Kevin Coyle (secondary), Jeff Friday (assistant strength and conditioning), Paul Guenther (defensive coordinator), Jim Haslett (linebackers), Jonathan Hayes (tight ends), Bill Lazor (offensive coordinator), Marcus Lewis (defensive quality control/defensive line), David Lippincott (assistant linebackers/quality control), Robert Livingston (secondary), Chip Morton (strength and conditioning), Dan Pitcher (offensive assistant/wide receivers), Darrin Simmons (special teams coordinator), James Urban (wide receivers).



# NUMERICAL ROSTER

**DEC. 12, 2017**

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
4	Randy Bullock	K	5-9	214	12-16-89	6	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
5	AJ McCarron	QB	6-3	215	9-13-90	3	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	9	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Brandon LaFell	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	8	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
12	Alex Erickson	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	2	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
14	Andy Dalton	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	7	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
16	Cody Core	WR	6-3	214	4-17-94	2	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	7	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
20	KeiVarae Russell	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	2	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
21	Darqueze Dennard	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	4	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
22	William Jackson	CB	6-0	190	10-27-92	2	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
23	Brian Hill	HB	6-1	219	11-9-95	R	Wyoming	Belleville, Ill.	PS(Atl.)'17
25	Giovani Bernard	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	5	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
26	Josh Shaw	S	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
29	Tony McRae	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	1	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
36	Shawn Williams	S	6-0	210	5-13-91	5	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
40	Brandon Wilson	S	5-10	199	7-27-94	R	Houston	Shreveport, La.	D6b'17
42	Clayton Fejedelem	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	2	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
43	George Iloka	S	6-4	225	3-31-90	6	Boise State	Houston, Texas	D5c'12
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	9	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
50	Jordan Evans	LB	6-3	240	1-27-95	R	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
51	Kevin Minter	LB	6-0	246	12-3-90	5	Louisiana State	Suwanee, Ga.	UFA(Ariz.)'17
55	Vontaze Burfict	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	6	Arizona State	Inglewood, Calif.	CFA'12
56	Hardy Nickerson	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	R	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CFA'17
57	Vincent Rey	LB	6-0	245	9-6-87	7	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
58	Carl Lawson	LB	6-2	260	6-29-95	R	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
59	Nick Vigil	LB	6-2	240	8-20-93	2	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
60	T.J. Johnson	C	6-4	295	7-17-90	4	South Carolina	Aynor, S.C.	D7b'13
61	Russell Bodine	C	6-3	308	6-30-92	4	North Carolina	Scottsville, Va.	D4'14
62	Alex Redmond	G	6-5	330	1-18-95	1	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
63	Christian Westerman	G	6-3	305	2-23-93	2	Arizona State	Chandler, Ariz.	D5'16
65	Clint Boling	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	7	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
66	Trey Hopkins	G	6-3	310	7-6-92	2	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
68	Josh Tupou	DT	6-3	350	5-2-94	R	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
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
73	Eric Winston	OT	6-7	310	11-17-83	11	Miami (Fla.)	Midland, Texas	FA'17
75	Jordan Willis	DE	6-4	260	5-2-95	R	Kansas State	Kansas City, Mo.	D3'17
80	Josh Malone	WR	6-3	208	3-21-96	R	Tennessee	Gallatin, Tenn.	D4b'17
81	Tyler Kroft	TE	6-6	260	10-15-92	3	Rutgers	Downingtown, Pa.	D3a'15
82	Cethan Carter	H-B	6-3	245	9-5-95	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
83	Tyler Boyd	WR	6-2	197	11-15-94	2	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
87	C.J. Uzomah	TE	6-6	265	1-14-93	3	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
89	Ryan Hewitt	H-B	6-4	255	1-24-91	4	Stanford	Denver, Colo.	CFA'14
90	Michael Johnson	DE	6-7	280	2-7-87	9	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	FA'15
92	Pat Sims	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	10	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA(Oak.)'15
94	Chris Smith	DE	6-1	266	2-11-92	4	Arkansas	Mount Ulla, N.C.	T(Jax.)'17
96	Carlos Dunlap	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	8	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	8	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
98	Ryan Glasgow	DT	6-3	302	9-30-93	R	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
99	Andrew Billings	DT	6-1	325	3-6-95	2	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

17	Kermit Whitfield (9-3-17)	WR	5-8	184	10-8-93	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'17
31	Sojourn Shelton (11-14-17)	CB	5-9	168	12-25-94	R	Wisconsin	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'17
39	Jarveon Williams (9-3-17)	HB	5-9	205	1-3-95	R	Texas-San Antonio	Converse, Texas	CFA'17
52	Brandon Bell (9-3-17)	LB	6-1	230	1-9-95	R	Penn State	Mays Landing, N.J.	CFA'17
53	Bradford, Carl (12-6-17)	LB	6-1	248	8-15-92	3	Arizona State	Norco, Calif.	FA'17
67	J.J. Dielman (9-14-17)	G	6-5	309	12-16-93	R	Utah	Phoenix, Ariz.	FA'17
69	DeShawn Williams (9-3-17)	DT	6-1	292	12-29-92	2	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
76	Kent Perkins (9-3-17)	OT	6-5	320	11-19-94	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	CFA'17
84	Scott Orndoff (11-9-17)	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
15	John Ross (12-6-17; shoulder)	WR	5-11	190	11-27-95	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
24	Adam Jones (12-9-17; groin)	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	11	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
30	Cedric Peerman (8-29-17; shoulder)	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	8	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
32	Jeremy Hill (11-11-17; ankle)	HB	6-1	230	10-20-92	4	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	D2'14
33	Tra Carson (9-2-17; groin)	HB	5-11	228	10-24-92	1	Texas A&M	Texarkana, Texas	CFA'16
85	Tyler Eifert (10-12-17; back)	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	5	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
86	Mason Schreck (9-2-17; knee)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	R	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17

**RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL ILLNESS (date assigned)**

74	Jake Fisher (11-8-17)	OT	6-6	310	4-23-93	3	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15
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**COACHING STAFF:** Head coach: Marvin Lewis. Assistants: Paul Alexander (assistant head coach/offensive line), Jacob Burney (defensive line), Kyle Caskey (running backs), Brayden Coombs (assistant special teams/defensive quality control), Robert Couch (offensive quality control/offensive line), Kevin Coyle (secondary), Jeff Friday (assistant strength and conditioning), Paul Guenther (defensive coordinator), Jim Haslett (linebackers), Jonathan Hayes (tight ends), Bill Lazor (offensive coordinator), Marcus Lewis (defensive quality control/defensive line), David Lippincott (assistant linebackers/quality control), Robert Livingston (secondary), Chip Morton (strength and conditioning), Dan Pitcher (offensive assistant/wide receivers), Darrin Simmons (special teams coordinator), James Urban (wide receivers).

