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## WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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# PITTSBURGH STEELERS (9-2) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (5-6)

WEEK 13, GAME 12  
MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL  
DEC. 4 AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 14, GAME 13  
DEC. 10 VS. CHICAGO

### GAME NOTES

**Kickoff:** 8:30 p.m. Eastern.

**Television:** ESPN broadcast with Sean McDonough (play-by-play), Jon Gruden (analyst) and Lisa Salters (sideline reporter). In the Cincinnati market, the ESPN broadcast also will be simulcast on WLWT-TV (Channel 5).

**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 Westwood One Radio. Broadcasters are Kevin Harlan (play-by-play), Boomer Esiason (analyst) and Steve Tasker (sideline reporter).

**Setting the scene:** Winners of two straight and fighting to keep their playoff hopes alive, the Cincinnati Bengals host the Pittsburgh Steelers in an AFC North Division matchup on national TV on Monday night at Paul Brown Stadium.

The 9-2 Steelers have won six straight and may be running away from the rest of the division, but the 5-6 Bengals are just one game off the pace of the AFC's current projected No. 2 Wild Card. And while the No. 2 Wild Card picture may be a bit blurry right now, one aspect of it is clear: The Bengals are right in the middle of a large group of teams trying to pocket that same spot, and if they are to nab it away from the cluster of current contenders, they will have to win most if not all of their remaining five games, beginning with Monday night's matchup.

"It's an exciting time," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "It's Monday Night Football, it's Pittsburgh, and it's an important game. They're leading our division, and they beat us up there (in Pittsburgh earlier this season). They're coming here now, and it's a big football game for us because we don't get any more do-overs. We've got to get it done."

It will not be an easy assignment. Pittsburgh's record is tied for best in the AFC (New England also stands at 9-2), and the Steelers have outscored their opponents 159-104 in their current six-game win streak, by an average margin of 9.2 points per game. That streak includes a 29-14 victory over the Bengals on Oct. 22. The Steelers are ranked No. 7 in the NFL on offense (367.0 net yards per game) and No. 4 on defense (289.4).

Last week, Cincinnati handily beat the winless Cleveland Browns 30-16 at Paul Brown Stadium, largely on the strength of a solid running game. The Bengals 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 the Browns' run defense, which had ranked No. 6 in the league (91.7 rushing yards allowed per game). Rookie HB Joe Mixon had a breakout performance, gaining 114 yards and one TD on 23 carries (5.0-yard average) — it was his first career 100-yard rushing game — while adding another 51 yards receiving on three receptions. The Bengals scored the first five times they had the ball, and QB Andy Dalton completed 18 of 28 passes for 214 yards, two TDs and no INTs for a 111.3 passer rating. It was Dalton's fifth straight game without an interception, the longest such stretch of his career.

Despite the Bengals' offensive production, the Browns still led the game in overall yardage output, 405-361. And though Cincinnati allowed Cleveland to score just one TD in four trips inside the 20-yard line and currently leads the league in red-zone defense (39.5 TD percentage), Bengals defensive players were quick to acknowledge they have to play better.

"If we are going to get to where we want to go, we can't have games like we did (against the Browns)," said safety George Iloka. "When we play the better teams like we are this week, that's not going to be good enough."

The Steelers have won four straight against the Bengals, as well as the last four contests in Cincinnati. The teams have met each other on Monday Night Football nine times. The Steelers lead the MNF series 6-3, but the Bengals won the most recent Monday night matchup, 20-10 on Sept. 16, 2013 in Cincinnati.

"This week is huge," Mixon said. "We just have to keep trusting and believing."

This week's game will feature two of the league's top three rookie pass rushers. Bengals LB Carl Lawson leads the Bengals and all NFL rookies with seven sacks (he had 1.5 vs. Cleveland last week), while Steelers LB T.J. Watt has five sacks, tied for second among rookies with Cleveland DL Myles Garrett. Lawson is just 2.5 sacks away from teammate Carlos Dunlap's Bengals rookie record of 9.5 sacks, set in 2010.

**Stayin' alive:** The Bengals stand at 5-6, and their hopes of making the playoffs are alive and well, historically speaking.

Since 1990, the first year of the current playoff format with two Wild Cards from each conference, 20 teams with a 5-6 or worse record after 11 games have qualified for postseason participation, including one in 12 of the past 13 seasons.

None reached the Super Bowl, but three reached their conference championship games. Here is a look at those 20 squads and how they fared:

YEAR	TEAM	10 GAMES	FINAL	PLAYOFF RESULT
1990	New Orleans	5-6-0	8-8-0	Wild Card*
1993	Minnesota	5-6-0	9-7-0	Wild Card*
1994	Detroit	5-6-0	9-7-0	Wild Card*
1994	New England	5-6-0	10-6-0	Wild Card*
1995	Detroit	5-6-0	10-6-0	Wild Card*
1995	San Diego	4-7-0	9-7-0	Wild Card*
1996	Jacksonville	4-7-0	9-7-0	Wild Card***
1997	Detroit	5-6-0	9-7-0	Wild Card*
2004	St. Louis	5-6-0	8-8-0	Wild Card**
2005	Washington	5-6-0	10-6-0	Wild Card**
2006	Philadelphia	5-6-0	10-6-0	NFC East Champ**
2007	Washington	5-6-0	9-7-0	Wild Card*
2008	San Diego	4-7-0	8-8-0	AFC West Champ**
2009	N.Y. Jets	5-6-0	9-7-0	Wild Card***
2010	Seattle	5-6-0	7-9-0	NFC West Champ**
2012	Washington	5-6-0	10-6-0	NFC East Champ*
2013	San Diego	5-6-0	9-7-0	Wild Card**
2014	Carolina	3-7-1	7-8-1	NFC South Champ**
2015	Washington	5-6-0	9-7-0	NFC East Champ*
2016	Green Bay	5-6-0	10-6-0	NFC North Champ***

\*—Lost Wild Card Playoff. \*\*—Won Wild Card Playoff; lost Divisional Playoff. \*\*\*—Won Wild Card Playoff; won Divisional Playoff; lost conference championship.

**The series:** The Steelers lead 61-35 overall and 29-19 as the visiting team. The series includes two postseason games, both Steelers wins in Wild Card round contests at Paul Brown Stadium, after the 2005 and '15 seasons.

The Bengals have played more games against the Steelers (96) than any other foe. Cleveland is second in that category at 89, and Tennessee (formerly

Houston Oilers) is third at 75.

A complete recap of the Bengals-Steelers series appears on page 204 of the 2017 Bengals Media Guide.

**Team bests from the series:**

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 42-7 win at Riverfront Stadium in 1988. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35, from the 1988 home win. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 27-3 win at Riverfront in 1990.

**Steelers — MOST POINTS:** 49, in a 49-31 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1995. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 28 (twice), most recently in a 35-7 win in 2011 at Pittsburgh. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in a 15-0 win at Three Rivers Stadium in 2000.

**The last meeting:** A summary of the Oct. 22 Bengals-Steelers meeting is on page 19 of this news release.

**The Bengals on MNF:** This week's game is the 10th Bengals-Steelers meeting on Monday Night Football. With nine previous MNF meetings, Pittsburgh by far is Cincinnati's most frequent MNF opponent.

The Miami Dolphins are the only other team to have taken on the Bengals more than twice on MNF. The Dolphins and Bengals have had four meetings.

Cincinnati's all-time MNF record is 11-23. Under head coach Marvin Lewis, the Bengals are 4-7 on Monday night.

Here is the complete list of the Bengals' 34 previous Monday night games:

DATE	OPPONENT	STADIUM	RESULT
11-2-70	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Steelers, 21-10
12-2-74	@Miami	Orange Bowl .....	Dolphins, 24-3
11-17-75	BUFFALO	Riverfront .....	Bengals, 33-24
11-8-76	L.A. RAMS	Riverfront .....	Bengals, 20-12
12-6-76	@Oakland	Oakland Coliseum .....	Raiders, 35-20
10-17-77	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Steelers, 20-14
10-9-78	@Miami	Orange Bowl .....	Dolphins, 21-0
11-13-78	OAKLAND	Riverfront .....	Raiders, 34-21
12-11-78	@L.A. Rams	L.A. Coliseum .....	Bengals, 20-19
12-20-82	@San Diego	S.D. Jack Murphy .....	Chargers, 50-34
10-10-83	PITTSBURGH	Riverfront .....	Steelers, 24-14
11-28-83	@Miami	Orange Bowl .....	Dolphins, 38-14
10-1-84	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Steelers, 38-17
9-30-85	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Bengals, 37-24
10-13-86	PITTSBURGH	Riverfront .....	Bengals, 24-22
9-25-89	CLEVELAND	Riverfront .....	Bengals, 21-14
11-13-89	@Houston	Astrodome .....	Oilers, 26-24
12-25-89	@Minnesota	MetLife .....	Vikings, 29-21
10-1-90	@Seattle	Kingdome .....	Seahawks, 31-16
10-22-90	@Cleveland	Cleveland .....	Bengals, 34-13
10-21-91	@Buffalo	Rich .....	Bills, 35-16
12-9-91	@Miami	Joe Robbie .....	Dolphins, 37-13
10-19-92	@Pittsburgh	Three Rivers .....	Steelers, 20-0
10-25-04	DENVER	Paul Brown .....	Bengals, 23-10
12-18-06	@Indianapolis	RCA Dome .....	Colts, 34-16
9-10-07	BALTIMORE	Paul Brown .....	Bengals, 27-20
10-1-07	NEW ENGLAND	Paul Brown .....	Patriots, 34-13
11-8-10	PITTSBURGH	Paul Brown .....	Steelers, 27-21
9-10-12	@Baltimore	M&T Bank .....	Ravens, 44-13
9-16-13	PITTSBURGH	Paul Brown .....	Bengals, 20-10
12-28-14	DENVER	Paul Brown .....	Bengals, 37-28
11-16-15	HOUSTON	Paul Brown .....	Texans, 10-6
12-28-15	@Denver	Sports Authority .....	Broncos, 20-17 (OT)
11-14-16	@N.Y. Giants	MetLife .....	Giants, 21-20

**More MNF:** Here's a further look at some history and milestones of the Bengals' MNF experience:

• **Most recent appearance:** On Nov. 14 last season, the Bengals lost to the N.Y. Giants 21-20 at MetLife Stadium.

• **First appearance:** During the inaugural season of MNF, on Nov. 2, 1970, the Bengals lost 21-10 to Pittsburgh at Three Rivers Stadium. The loss dropped the Bengals to 1-6, but the game was pivotal. The Bengals won their final seven games to finish 8-6 and win the first AFC Central Division championship. It was the Bengals' first season in the NFL after two years in the AFL. The 1970

Bengals still are one of only two teams in NFL history to start 1-5 or worse after six games and make the playoffs. The other team was the 2015 Kansas City Chiefs, who started 1-5 and made the postseason as an 11-5 Wild Card.

• **First home appearance:** On Nov. 17, 1975, the Bengals defeated Buffalo 33-24 at Riverfront Stadium. The win lifted Cincinnati to an 8-1 record, en route to an 11-3 season which holds the mark for best regular-season winning percentage (.786) in franchise history.

• **Most MNF regular-season appearances in a season:** For the Bengals, it has been three, in both 1978 and '89. The Bengals also were on MNF three times in 2007, but one game was in preseason.

• **Widest Bengals victory margin:** 21 points, in a 34-13 win at Cleveland on Oct. 22, 1990.

**Memorable MNF wins:** A 37-28 home win over Denver in 2014 arguably ranks as the most memorable Bengals Monday night victory. The Bengals upended an 11-3 opponent in the game, with a fourth-quarter comeback, and clinched a playoff berth. The Broncos led 28-27 after three periods, but WR Brandon Tate's 49-yard punt return set up a 23-yard Mike Nugent FG for a 30-28 lead, and CB Dre Kirkpatrick sealed the win with a 30-yard return of an intercepted Peyton Manning pass for a TD with 2:41 to play.

Another memorable MNF win came Nov. 17, 1975 at Riverfront Stadium, when QB Ken Anderson and the Bengals outdueled RB O.J. Simpson and the Buffalo Bills in an offensive showcase. The final score was 33-24. Simpson rushed for 197 yards and two TDs, but Anderson bombarded the Bills with 30 completions in 46 attempts for 447 yards, two TDs and no INTs. Overall, the battle produced 57 first downs and 888 yards net offense between the teams.

The 1975 win lifted the Bengals to an 8-1 record as they stormed toward an 11-3 mark that still rates as their best ever campaign for regular-season winning percentage (.786).

**Most memorable MNF loss:** The most-remembered Monday Night loss in Bengals history was the 50-34 shootout won by the Chargers at San Diego on Dec. 20, 1982.

The two clubs combined for 1102 net yards, the second-most in NFL history at the time (it now stands at sixth most). The Chargers had 661 and the Bengals 441.

QB Ken Anderson's 40 pass completions in that game still stand as the Bengals' all-time record, and Anderson's 416 passing yards still stand as fifth-most in Bengals history. San Diego's Wes Chandler had 260 receiving yards (on 10 catches), still the most yards ever by a receiver against Cincinnati.

**Most crucial MNF loss:** The only time the Bengals played a Monday Night game to close a season was on Christmas night, Dec. 25, 1989 at Minnesota.

Cincinnati's defending AFC Champions needed a win to secure a playoff berth, but the Vikings prevailed, 29-21. Bengals QB Boomer Esiason passed for 367 yards and three TDs, but he also suffered three INTs.

**Also at night:** The Bengals are 7-6 playing on Thursday night, 0-1 on Friday night, 0-3 on Saturday night and 3-14 on Sunday night.

**Records vs. Steelers:** Former Bengals WR Carl Pickens caught 13 passes against the Steelers on Oct. 11, 1998 at Cinergy Field, a number no Bengal has reached before or since. There have been 11 instances of a Bengal finishing a game with 12 catches, including by WR A.J. Green in last year's season opener at the N.Y. Jets, but 13 catches remains in a class by itself.

Pickens had 204 receiving yards in the game, a 25-20 Bengals victory. QB Neil O'Donnell, a former Steeler, was the passer for all 13 catches.

Other Bengals records involving the Steelers include:

• On Oct. 28, 1973, Pittsburgh S Mike Wagner became the first opponent to intercept three passes in a game against the Bengals. Four players have tied that since.

• On Nov. 10, 1974 at Cincinnati, QB Ken Anderson set the Bengals' game record for completion percentage (90.91), hitting 20 of 22 against the Steelers.

• On Oct. 16 1994 at Cincinnati, the Bengals set a team record with eight sacks, all on O'Donnell. That mark has since been tied once.

• On Oct. 19, 1995, the Bengals allowed the most yards in franchise history (468) without allowing a TD in a 27-9 win vs. Pittsburgh at Three Rivers Stadium.

• On Oct. 15, 2000, Pittsburgh's Josh Miller tied for the most punts ever against the Bengals with 12.

• On Dec. 30, 2001 at Cincinnati, Jon Kitna had a Bengals-record 68 pass attempts in an overtime win over the Steelers.

**Individually vs. Steelers:** Current Bengals' past offensive performances for Cincinnati against Pittsburgh include:

- WR A.J. Green: 13 games; 80 receptions for 1087 yards (6.2 catches and 83.6 yards per game), with seven TDs.
- QB Andy Dalton: 13 games; 252-for-433 passing (58.2 percent) for 2697 yards (207.5 yards per game), with 15 TDs and 13 INTs (75.6 rating).
- HB Giovanni Bernard: Nine games; 51 rushes for 200 yards (3.9) with two TDs; 30 receptions for 257 yards (8.6).
- H-back Ryan Hewitt: Seven games; Five receptions for 62 yards (12.4).
- TE Tyler Kroft: Six games; Nine receptions for 89 yards (9.9) and one TD.
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Four games; Four receptions for 16 yards (4.0).
- WR Alex Erickson: Three games; Two receptions for 42 yards (21.0).
- WR Brandon LaFell: Three games; 14 receptions for 158 yards (11.3) and one TD.
- WR Tyler Boyd: Two games; Eight receptions for 91 yards (11.4).
- WR Cody Core: Two games; Two receptions for 13 yards (6.5).
- QB AJ McCarron: Two games; 45-for-73 passing (61.6 percent) for 492 yards, with three TDs and three INTs (78.1 rating).
- HB Joe Mixon: One game; Seven rushes for 48 yards (6.9); Three receptions for 20 yards (6.7).

**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 3384 career passing attempts, 180 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 55 career receiving TDs, eight 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 55 career total TDs, nine shy of 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.
- Green also has 534 career receptions 217 shy of the Johnson (751) for the Bengals' all-time lead. Green passed WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh (507) for third place all-time in Game 5, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo, and then passed WR Carl Pickens (530) for second place all-time in Game 11, Nov. 26 vs. Cleveland.
- P Kevin Huber has 30,141 career punting yards, 2055 shy of the Bengals' all-time leader, P Lee Johnson (32,196). Huber passed P Pat McInally (29,307) for second place all-time in Game 8, Nov. 5 at Jacksonville.
- CB Adam Jones has 1115 career punt return yards as a Bengal, 86 shy of CB Lemar Parrish (1201) for third place all-time. WR Brandon Tate (1411) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- Jones also has one punt return for a TD as a Bengal. One more would tie him for second-most all-time with WR Peter Warrick, WR Craig Yeast and CB Mitchell Price (each with two). Parrish (four) is the Bengals' all-time leader.
- DE Carlos Dunlap has 61.5 career sacks, one shy of 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 58.5 career sacks, 0.5 shy of Browner (59) for third place all-time. Edwards (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

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

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

include video highlights and an on-field presentation.

Bengals legends being honored at this week's Pittsburgh Steelers game include Jim Breech, Boomer Esiason, Rodney Holman, Eric Thomas, Solomon Wilcotts and Ickey Woods.

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

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	16-11-1	.589
Black	White	32-31-1	.508
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.

**BENGALS-STEELERS NFL RANKINGS**

	BENGALS	STEELERS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored	25th (18.1)	T-12th (26.2)
Points allowed	10th (19.5)	4th (17.5)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total	32nd (274.3)	7th (367.0)
Rushing	31st (75.6)	19th (104.1)
Passing	28th (198.6)	5th (262.9)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total	13th (330.5)	4th (289.4)
Rushing	28th (126.6)	6th (96.0)
Passing	5th (203.8)	3rd (193.4)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential	27th (minus-7)	T-16th (even)

**Bengals' defense locks down the red zone:** The Bengals currently lead the NFL in red-zone defense, allowing touchdowns on only 39.5 percent of opponents' trips into the red zone (15 of 38). Opponents have come away with points on 89.5 percent of their trips to the red zone (19 FGs, 15 TDs).

Over the last six games, the Bengals have allowed just 11 touchdowns on 29 opponent trips into the red zone. Last week vs. Cleveland, the Bengals held the Browns to just one TD on four red-zone trips.

The Steelers enter this weekend's game ranked 28th in red-zone offense, scoring 20 TDs in 43 trips.

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 30	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 38
<b>Total scores:</b> 24 (80.0%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 34 (89.5%)
TDs: 16 (53.3%)	TDs: 15 (39.5%)
FGs: 8 (26.7%)	FGs: 19 (50.0%)
TD% rank: 18th	TD% rank: 1st
<b>No scores:</b> 6 (20.0%)	<b>No scores:</b> 4 (10.5%)

**STEELERS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 43	<b>Inside-20 possessions:</b> 24
<b>Total scores:</b> 39 (90.7%)	<b>Total scores:</b> 20 (83.3%)
TDs: 20 (46.5%)	TDs: 12 (50.0%)
FGs: 19 (44.2%)	FGs: 8 (33.3%)
TD% rank: 28th	TD% rank: T-13th
<b>No scores:</b> 4 (9.3%)	<b>No scores:</b> 4 (16.7%)

**Bengals-Steelers connections:** Bengals Head Coach Marvin Lewis grew up in McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh. Lewis' first NFL coaching job was with the Steelers as LBs coach from 1992-95 under head coach Bill Cowher.

He also coached at the University of Pittsburgh from 1990-91 ... Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin was defensive backs coach for the University of Cincinnati from 1999-2000 ... Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger is from Findlay, Ohio (Findlay High School), and played at Miami (Ohio) University ... Steelers LB James Harrison played for the Bengals in 2013 ... Bengals WR Tyler Boyd is from Clairton, Pa., and played at the University of Pittsburgh ... Steelers S Mike Mitchell is from Fort Thomas, Ky. (Highlands High School), and played at Ohio University ... Steelers RB Le'Veon Bell is from Reynoldsburg, Ohio (Groveport Madison High School) ... Bengals linebackers coach Jim Haslett is from Pittsburgh, played at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and coached for the Steelers from 1997-99 ... Bengals tight ends coach Jonathan Hayes grew up in South Fayette, Pa. and played TE for the Steelers from 1994-96 ... Steelers DE Cameron Heyward and LB Ryan Shazier played at Ohio State University ... Steelers CB William Gay, WR Eli Rogers and LB Keith Kelsey (practice squad)

played at the University of Louisville ... Steelers LBs Bud Dupree and Farrington Huguenin (practice squad) played at the University of Kentucky ... Steelers P Jordan Berry played at Eastern Kentucky University ... Steelers LB L.J. Fort spent time on the Bengals practice squad in 2014 ... Bengals LB Brandon Bell (practice squad) played at Penn State University ... Bengals assistant head coach/offensive line coach Paul Alexander coached at Penn State from 1983-84 ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton coached at Penn State from 1987-91 ... Steelers inside linebackers coach Jerry Olsavsky was with the Bengals as a player during the 1998 preseason ... Steelers wide receivers coach Richard Mann coached at the University of Louisville from 1980-81 ... Bengals TE Scott Orndoff (practice squad) played at Pitt, and was originally a 2017 CFA with the Steelers and was with the team for part of training camp ... Bengals K Randy Bullock was with the Steelers briefly during the 2016 season ... Steelers RB Terrell Watson (practice squad) entered the NFL as a CFA with the Bengals in 2015 and spent the '15 season on Cincinnati's practice squad.

## 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 123-109-3 in the regular season and 123-116-3 including postseason.

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

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

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

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

Lewis came to the Bengals with credentials as a record-setting NFL defensive coordinator, having played a huge role in a championship season. His six seasons (1996-2001) as Baltimore Ravens coordinator included a Super Bowl victory in '00, when his defense set the NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game campaign (165). That team clipped 22 points off the previous mark. The 2000 Ravens are always an entry in discussions regarding the best NFL defensive units of all time.

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

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

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

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

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

**Mike Tomlin** was named the sixteenth head coach in Steelers history when he replaced Bill Cowher on Jan. 22, 2007. His career record is 120-65.

Tomlin became the youngest coach (36 years, 323 days) in NFL history to win a Super Bowl when the Steelers defeated the Arizona Cardinals, 27-23, in Super Bowl XLIII. Tomlin reached the playoffs four times in his first five seasons, and he is the only coach in Steelers' history to win division titles each of his first two seasons.

In 2016, Tomlin guided the Steelers to the AFC North division title for the fifth time in his 10-year reign, and reached the AFC Championship Game for the first time since '10. Pittsburgh has reached the postseason seven times under Tomlin's leadership, including each of the past three seasons.

In 2010, Tomlin's club won its third division title in a four-year span. In 2008, Tomlin directed the Steelers to a 12-4 record, winning his second-consecutive AFC North title. That season culminated with a Super Bowl triumph, making Tomlin one of only seven coaches in league history to win a Super Bowl within his first two seasons as an NFL head coach. In his first season, Tomlin guided the Steelers to a 10-6 record and their first AFC North title since 2004.

Tomlin was the Minnesota Vikings defensive coordinator in 2006 after spending the previous five seasons (2001-05) as defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Tomlin coached one of the top defensive backfields in the NFL for the Buccaneers, culminating with its performance in Super Bowl XXXVII. The secondary recorded four interceptions, returning two for touchdowns to help Tampa Bay capture the franchise's first Super Bowl title.

Tomlin served two seasons as the defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati (1999-2000) before going to Tampa Bay. Prior to joining the Cincinnati staff, Tomlin had a short stint on the coaching staff at Tennessee-Martin and then spent two seasons at Arkansas State. He spent the 1996 season as a graduate assistant at Memphis. Tomlin began his coaching career in 1995 as wide receivers coach at Virginia Military Institute.

Tomlin was a three-year starter at wide receiver at William & Mary (1990-94) and finished his career with 101 receptions for 2,046 yards and a school-record 20 touchdown receptions. A first-team All-Yankee Conference selection in 1994, he established a school record with a 20.2 yards per catch average. He graduated in 1994 with a degree in sociology.

Tomlin was born in Hampton, Va., on March 15, 1972. He and his wife, Kiya, have two sons, Dino and Mason, and a daughter, Harlyn Quinn.

**Lewis vs. Steelers:** Steelers lead, 23-8.

**Lewis vs. Tomlin:** Tomlin leads, 17-5.

**Tomlin vs. Bengals:** Tomlin leads, 17-5.

## BENGALS NOTES

**Guenther's 30-point ceiling:** The Bengals' defense, led by fourth-year defensive coordinator Paul Guenther, has now held opponents under 30 points in 21 consecutive games, which counts as the longest such streak in team history and the longest active streak in the NFL. Cincinnati last allowed 30 points in Game 6 of 2016, a 35-17 loss at New England. The streak began the following week, with a 31-17 win vs. Cleveland.

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 21 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 Eagles (14), Chargers (11), Jaguars (eight) and Ravens (eight) have the next-longest active streaks. The Bengals, Eagles and Chargers are the only teams to have held every opponent this season to fewer than 30 points.

The Bengals rank 10th in scoring defense this season, at 19.5 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 keeps rolling:** Bengals QB Andy Dalton enters this Monday's game riding a streak of five straight games played (Games 7-11) without an INT. His last pick came in the third quarter of Game 6 at Pittsburgh. Dalton is only the fifth QB in Bengals history, and the first since 2000, to play in at least five consecutive regular-season games without throwing 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 five 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
Akili Smith	2000	5	4.4	1
Andy Dalton	2017	5	7.5	9

The Bengals have managed a 3-2 record during Dalton's streak. The team had losing records during the streaks of Smith (1-4) and O'Donnell (2-5). The Bengals went 6-0 during Anderson's first streak, and 2-4 record in his second.

Dalton has completed 80 of 135 passes (59.3 percent) for 1012 yards and nine TDs during his five game stretch. He has a 104.9 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, and 63.5 for Smith in his five-gamer. Dalton has topped a passer rating of 100 in four of the five contests, compared to O'Donnell's two of seven, Anderson's five of six (first streak) and one of six (second), and Smith's one of five. It should be noted that Smith played only briefly in the first game of his streak — he left the contest early in the second quarter with an injury after throwing just one pass.

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 five consecutive games without an INT this season.

**Dalton's INT-free run a familiar sight:** Bengals QB Andy Dalton last threw an INT in the third quarter of Game 6, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh. What's transpired since has been a streak of 140 pass attempts over 21 quarters of play without an INT. And while that mark may seem significant, it's nothing new for the Bengals' signal-caller.

His current streak of 140 pass attempts is the third-longest such streak of his career, behind runs of 147 and 165, which he accomplished separately just last season.

The record for consecutive pass attempts by a Bengals QB without an INT is 238, set by Neil O'Donnell in 1998.

**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 passing plays of 50 yards or longer (21) than any other QB-WR tandem in the NFL.

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

The duo has started 94 of a possible 107 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 all NFL interior defensive linemen in sacks. After 12 weeks, Atkins (6.5 sacks) leads all NFL interior linemen in sacks, with Dallas' David Irving (6.0) and Philadelphia's Fletcher Cox (5.5) close behind.

It's a familiar position for Atkins, who has finished in at least a tie for the NFL lead in sacks by an interior lineman in four of his seven previous seasons. Last year, he claimed the honor outright with nine sacks, besting DT Aaron Donald of the Los Angeles Rams, who was second with eight. No other interior lineman had more than seven.

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

Atkins has 58.5 career sacks, most by a Bengals interior lineman and fifth overall.

**Lawson leads rookies in sacks:** Through the first 12 weeks of the 2017 NFL season, Bengals LB Carl Lawson sits atop all NFL rookies in sacks, with 7.0. His lead of two over Cleveland DL Myles Garrett and Pittsburgh LB T.J. Watt (each with 5.0) is his widest of the season. Philadelphia DE Derek Barnett (4.5) is also in the hunt. Among all players, Lawson stands in a tie for 20th, with Minnesota DE Everson Griffen and Arizona LB Chandler Jones leading the way at 12.0.

Lawson recorded his second-highest sack output of the season last week vs. Cleveland, with 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 in 2001.

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 11 games, the pass-rushing specialist has 7.0 sacks, just 2.5 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 sacks in five of his 11 games this season.

Lawson leads all NFL rookies in sacks, by a margin of two over Cleveland's Myles Garrett and Pittsburgh's T.J. Watt (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 17 QB hits through 11 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.

Eleven of the 26 Bengals players to see time on defense this season are either rookies or second-year players, including seven who have been on the field for more than a quarter of the team's 802 defensive snaps. That includes the defense's leader in snaps played, second-year LB Nick Vigil, who has been on the field for 94.6 percent (759 out of 802 possible) of defensive plays this season. Vigil also leads the team in tackles, with 77.

Bengal rookie and second-year players have combined to play 2565 out of an available 8822 snaps (802 plays, multiplied by 11 players on the field at a time) this season, which works out to just over 29 percent. And from a production standpoint, they haven't disappointed, accounting for 10 of the team's 33 sacks, three of its seven INTs, 14 of its 42 passes defended, and 174 of the 694 total tackles (25.1 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 2508 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 (370), LB Carl Lawson (340), DT Ryan Glasgow (274), DE Jordan Willis (253), S Clayton Fejedelem (219), DT Andrew Billings (208), LB Jordan Evans (85), CB KeiVarae Russell (23), Josh Tupou (19), and LB Hardy Nickerson (15).

**Dunlap the playmaker:** Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap's playmaking ability has been on display the last two weeks. Last week, he recorded a half sack and an additional QB hit. The 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 4.5 sacks, 15 QB hits, three passes defended, eight tackles for losses, a forced fumble and the INT for a touchdown.

Dunlap has 61.5 sacks for his career, good for third place all-time in Bengals history behind LB Reggie Williams (62.5 sacks). 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

eight 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 61 sacks, his career totals include 16 FFs, eight FRs, 43 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 the team's first 11 games of 2017, 12 different Bengals have recorded at least a half sack. Cincinnati has 33 sacks this season, ranked third in the NFL.

**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 a 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."

**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 58.5 sacks for his career, fifth 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 Madieu Williams .....	51	L, 20-27
1-02-05	@Phil.	DE Robert Geathers .....	36	W, 38-10
11-19-06	@N.O.	S Ethan Kilmer .....	52	W, 31-16
10-21-07	NYJ	CB Johnathan Joseph .....	42	W, 38-31
12-06-09	Det.	DT Jonathan Fanene .....	45	W, 23-13
12-30-12	Balt.	DE Carlos Dunlap .....	14	W, 23-17
9-24-17	@G.B.	CB William Jackson .....	75	L, 24-27 (OT)

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

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

Carolina's Cam Newton ended up joining the same club a few weeks later last season, passing the 3000 mark on Dec. 19 at Washington, and he finished the season at 3509 yards. Newton was chosen first overall in the same 2011 draft in which the Bengals claimed Dalton at No. 35. And this season, Seattle's Russell Wilson has joined the club after breaking the 3000-yard barrier in Week 12. Wilson entered the NFL in 2012.

Dalton finished 2016 with 4206 yards. This year, he has passed for 2372 yards through 11 games, which projects to 3450 yards for the full season.

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

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

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

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

**'Crazy Legs' Andy:** QB Andy Dalton's 18 career rushing TDs not only puts him in rare company in team history, he's also among the best when compared to his current NFL peers. In the category of rushing TDs by a QB, only Carolina's Cam Newton, whose 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 (13) round out the top five.

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

Here's a look at the most wins by QBs through their first six seasons. Dalton had 56 wins through the 2016 season, his sixth, which ties him for sixth place.

PLAYER	TEAM	WINS
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

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

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

- He is one of only three QBs in the Super Bowl era to lead a team to the postseason in each of his first five campaigns. Dalton did that from 2011-15, while Baltimore's Joe Flacco did it from '08-12 and Seattle's Russell Wilson has done it from '12-16.
- Dalton has posted 42 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 35-7 (.833) in those contests.
- Dalton's .596 winning percentage (61-41-2) ranks seventh among active QBs with 50 or more starts behind Tom Brady (.780), Russell Wilson (.698), Ben Roethlisberger (.680), Aaron Rodgers (.667), Andrew Luck (.614) and Matt Ryan (.601).
- Dalton's .596 winning percentage also is the best of any Bengals QB with 10 or more starts.
- Dalton holds club season records for passing yards (4293) and TD passes (33), both set in 2013.
- He is the only Bengals passer to throw for 300-plus yards in four consecutive games (2013).
- He opened his career with 77 consecutive regular-season starts, a Bengals record for quarterbacks at any point during a career. The previous mark had been 61, posted by Boomer Esiason from 1985-89. Dalton's streak ranks tied for fourth in NFL history for the start of a career by a QB, trailing only Peyton Manning of Indianapolis (208), Joe Flacco of Baltimore (122) and Russell Wilson of Seattle (91 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 it's share of exemplary rushing seasons throughout history. Nine College Football Hall of Fame ball-carriers have cycled through Norman over the years, and over the last decade, players like Adrian Peterson and DeMarco Murray reached stardom there to add to the 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 11 games as a pro, Mixon has rushed 150 times for 484 yards (3.2) and four TDs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ross has played in only three games so far this season — Game 2 vs. Houston, Game 7 vs. Indianapolis and Game 9 at Tennessee — due in part to a knee injury. His only appearance in the stat column was a 12-yard run in the Houston game that ended in a fumble and Texans recovery.

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

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

**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 11 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 253 of the defense's 802 total plays (31.55 percent) and has totaled 18 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 longtime KSU head coach Bill Snyder was heaping praise on Willis as one of the top people to ever pass through KSU's program (see previous item), that stat sheet identified him as one of the school's best-ever defensive players.

Willis' 17.5 tackles for losses in 2016 set a school record, and he also led the conference and tied another school record with 11.5 sacks. He recorded at least one sack in eight of KSU's 13 games last year, including four games where he logged multiple sacks. He also forced three fumbles and had one fumble

recovery. Willis was named the Big 12 Defensive Player of the Year (AP and coaches), first team All-Big 12 (AP and coaches) and Big 12 Lineman of the Year (coaches). And that was just his senior season.

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

**Lawson joins rare company:** In Week 2 vs Green Bay, rookie Carl Lawson wreaked havoc in the Packers' backfield, recording 2.5 sacks on the day. Another sack was wiped off the stat sheet by an unrelated penalty. With the outstanding performance, Lawson joined DE Justin Smith as the only Bengal rookies ever to reach the 2.5-sack plateau in a game (Smith had three on Dec. 9, 2001 vs. Jacksonville). He also became only the second NFL rookie since 2013 to reach 2.5 in a game, joining Washington's Preston Smith, who had three on Dec. 26, 2015 at Philadelphia.

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

But with great speed, quickness and strength — his 35 bench press reps of 225 pounds at the 2017 NFL Combine tied for the top mark overall — Bengals coaches have found a way to get him on the field in a fashion that suits his strength as a pass rusher. Thus far in the 2017 season, most of Lawson's time on defense has come with his hand on the ground, as an edge rusher with the No. 1 nickel defensive unit. He has 10 tackles on the year, including a team-leading 7.0 sacks for 42 yards. He started Game 4 at Cleveland, when the defense opened the game in a nickel defensive package, and has played in 340 of a possible 802 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:** Six games into his young pro career, Bengals rookie WR Josh Malone has shown flashes of potential that made him the reputation as one of the most explosive players in the 2017 Draft. In Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, his second career game played, Malone caught his first career pass — a 10-yarder in the first quarter — and then followed it up with his first career TD reception — a 25-yarder in the third quarter, when he adjusted to an underthrown ball in the end-zone, putting the Bengals on top 17-13.

And although he was held without a catch last week, Malone was the target of an Andy Dalton deep pass on third-and-five at the Cleveland 40-yard line with 3:57 left in the fourth quarter and the Bengals trying to preserve a six-point lead. Malone caught the pass, but the ball was dislodged by a Browns defender in what was deemed by officials as a helmet-to-helmet hit. The penalty gave the Bengals the ball at the 25-yard line and helped lead to a Joe Mixon TD run, sealing the victory.

For the season, Malone has four receptions for 54 yards and a TD. He's played in six games, with three starts as a third WR (Games 9-11).

Last year, the 6-3, 208-pound wideout wrapped up his three-year career at the University of Tennessee with a record-setting campaign, totaling 50 receptions for 972 yards on the season and setting a school record for yards per reception, at 19.4. That mark topped the previous best of 18.3, set by Robert Meachem in 2006.

Malone also displayed a nose for the end zone, scoring 11 TDs (all



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

The former Mr. Football in Tennessee finished his 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 thus far in 2017, Green already has added a 10th game of 150-plus and a TD — he had 189, with a 77-yard TD, in Game 5, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo.

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

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

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

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

**Only A.J.:** Cincinnati's A.J. Green had his 2016 season cut short by a hamstring injury, which halted his bid for a sixth-straight 1000-yard season to start his career (he finished with 964). Green did, however, still manage a sixth nomination to the Pro Bowl (he did not play in the game due to the injury).

While 2016 marked the first time in his stellar career that Green did not accomplish both of those feats, he still stands as the only NFL receiver since the 1970 merger to start his career with five consecutive 1000-yard seasons (averaging more than 1200 yards) and five trips to the Pro Bowl. The last pass-catcher to start his career with five consecutive Pro Bowl appearances was Hall of Fame TE Mike Ditka (1961-65).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Through 11 games in 2017, Dunlap has three passes defended, including a tipped pass in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis that he also intercepted and returned for a TD.

**Jones wears two crowns:** Though the 2017 season is still young, the oldest player on the Bengals' roster, veteran CB Adam Jones (turned 34 on Sept. 30), has again flashed his ability as a return specialist. For the season, Jones has totaled 115 yards on just five punt returns (23.0), including returns of 40 and 33 yards.

In Game 11 vs. Cleveland, Jones nearly recorded his second punt return TD as a Bengal, when he returned a Browns punt 55 yards for a TD in the first quarter. The touchdown, though, was nullified by a penalty, and Jones was credited with 16 return yards.

Jones is the Bengals' career leader in punt return average (11.38) and kickoff return average (26.35). The second-place Bengal in punt return average is WR Quan Cosby (9.99 from 2009-10), and the No. 2 man in kickoff return average is CB Lemar Parrish (24.66 from 1970-77).

With a starting role on defense though, Jones has seen his return opportunities limited in recent years. WR Alex Erickson served as the Bengals' primary returner in 2016 and again leads the team in both punt (28) and kickoff (20) return attempts in the '17 campaign.

Jones' history as a dangerous returner dates back to the beginning of his career, when he returned three punts for TDs over his first two NFL seasons (2005 and '06) as a member of the Tennessee Titans. In 2014 with Cincinnati, he set a Bengals record and led the NFL with a 31.3 KOR average. That same season he finished second in the league in punt return average (12.0).

Adding in three NFL seasons played elsewhere to his now eight years (2010-17) of Bengals play, Jones has NFL career averages of 26.0 yards per KOR and 10.6 per PR.

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

**Some very good rushing numbers:** Bengals HB Joe Mixon last week became the Bengals' first 100-yard rusher of the season, when he gained 114 yards on 23 carries (5.0) in the Bengals' win over Cleveland.

Mixon's performance brings 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."

**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 11 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 3.6 (minimum five carries). He also has 19 catches for 219 yards (11.5) 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 206 receptions, Bernard stands 91 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 1890 receiving yards, Bernard is 1122 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 229. 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 (3.88-to-1, with 229 inside-20s and 59 touchbacks).

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (45.18) and net average (39.62).
- 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.

**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 76-18-1 in regular season under Lewis with a plus (.805 winning percentage), but they are only 18-67-2 with a minus (.218).

"It makes a huge difference," Lewis says. "You see it game after game. You have to possess the football to win. If you possess the football, good things happen. If you turn the ball over to opponents, you have a much harder day."

The Bengals' experience with turnovers under Lewis is backed up by league numbers. Since the start of the 2003 season, Lewis' first as head coach, here are the records of teams with varying turnover differentials.

(NOTE: Minus differentials are not included because they are the exact reverse of the plus figure for the same numbers.)

DIFFERENTIAL	W-L-T	PCT.
Plus 1.....	914-425-4	.682
Plus 2.....	731-154	.826
Plus 3.....	410-40-1	.910
Plus 4.....	216-6	.973
Plus 5.....	99-3	.971

Plus teams so far this season have gone 102-30, for a .773 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 eighth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-44.

The Bengals are minus-seven in differential thus far in the 2017 season, with 10 takeaways (seven INTs, three via fumbles) and 17 giveaways (eight INTs, nine FL).

Last week vs. Cleveland, the Bengals had an even differential, with no takeaways or giveaways.

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 .....	438 .....	268 .....	+170
Green Bay Packers.....	405 .....	338 .....	+67
Seattle Seahawks.....	399 .....	340 .....	+59
Kansas City Chiefs .....	386 .....	332 .....	+54
Carolina Panthers .....	428 .....	377 .....	+51
Indianapolis Colts .....	376 .....	326 .....	+50
Atlanta Falcons.....	387 .....	341 .....	+46
Cincinnati Bengals .....	412 .....	368 .....	+44

Since 2003, the Bengals rank tied for fifth in takeaways (412) and ninth in points off turnovers (1241).

**Bengal bites:** Marvin Lewis' winningest month has been November (33-26-1, .558), followed closely by December/January (36-30-0, .545 [regular season]). His teams are also above .500 in September (27-23-0, .540). 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 ... Thee is a three-way tie for heaviest Bengals player — G Alex Redmond, OT Andre Smith and DT Pat Sims are all 330 pounds ... CB Adam Jones is the lightest player, at 185 pounds ... Jones, who turned 34 on Sept. 30, also 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 still having hopes for the playoffs:

"We've got to keep playing. I showed them a year ago that we were in a situation where someone was going to get hot and break out of things, and last year it was Green Bay. They ran the table. This year, it's going to be somebody else. There are a lot of teams in the situation we are in and some teams are going to get hot and get going. We play some of them, and they play each other, so we have an opportunity, if we just handle our business. That's the key."

**WR A.J. Green**, on still being in the playoff race:

"We control our own destiny. Keep winning and see what happens. Nothing has changed. We just didn't win the games we needed to (early). We still have the same energy. Nobody is hanging his hat. Nobody is feeling sorry for himself. We just have to go and play."

**Lewis**, on the Bengals evolving from an older roster to a younger roster:

"Our approach has changed this year. We've had more competition since we started (offseason activities) back in April, because we knew we were going to be in this situation. This was what I envisioned, and I feel good about it — we

wanted to put these young guys in situations where they would be ready to go (once the regular season began). Now they're proving who they are. We said back in April that there had to be a changing of the guard — it's inevitable in the NFL — and we've got some young, emerging guys, which is great to have."

**QB Andy Dalton**, on shaking off a bad game:

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

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

**RBs coach Kyle Caskey**, on HB Joe Mixon:

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

**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 — and we've been working with him on that. Obviously, his run skills and his instincts are natural. He's got all the physical qualities you look for."

**Lewis**, on not giving the players Mondays off after victories ...

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

**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."

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

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

**Lewis**, on CB William Jackson:

"He's done some things that have been stellar. There are other things that we're just trying to get him caught up on a little bit — get him up to speed. That's part of being a young player. We know he has the athletic tools and the intellect to play the position, now it's just (refining) the nuances of things that you do within the scheme. We're 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 214 yards and two TDs on 18-of-28 passing (64.3 percent; 111.3 rating) in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, bringing his 2017 totals to 201 of 324 passing (62.0 percent) for 2372 yards, 18 TDs and eight INTs (rating of 92.5). Dalton's career passer rating now stands at 89.4, the best in Bengals history, topping Carson Palmer's mark of 86.9. His 61-41-2 regular-season record as a starter also works out to the best winning percentage (.596) 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 160. Dalton has not thrown an INT since Game 6 at Pittsburgh, a streak that spans five games and 140 pass attempts, which is the longest current 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** saw his first action of the regular season in the waning moments of a Game 4 win vs. the Browns, but had no statistics. McCarron showed much promise while filling in for Dalton after Dalton's thumb injury in 2015, logging a 101.1 passer rating for his three regular-season starts (2-1 record) and leading a dramatic comeback in the Wild Card playoff vs. Pittsburgh, only to see the Steelers prevail 18-16 on a late FG. As a collegian, McCarron led Alabama to a pair of national championships.

**Running backs:** Rookie HB **Joe Mixon**, a second-round pick out of Oklahoma and the Bengals' leading rusher through 11 games, 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 totally 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** is reprising his role in the Bengals backfield this season, having worked his way completely back from an ACL tear a season ago. He has 34 carries for 121 yards (3.6) this season as well as 19 receptions for 219 yards and two TDs. 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 on Nov. 14, adding depth to the HB position. Hill was a fifth-round draft pick of the Falcons in April's draft after a record-setting career at Wyoming.

**Wide receivers:** Leading the Bengals in receiving through 11 games is **A.J. Green**, who passed Carl Pickens for the second-most receptions in team history in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, when Green 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 has the fifth-most receiving yards in the AFC and is tied for fourth in the NFL in receiving TDs, having grabbed 53 receptions for 809 yards and six TDs so far this year. Green made a highlight-reel catch in the third quarter of Game 11 vs. the Browns, dragging his toes along the sideline while reaching for a Dalton pass. 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 534 career receptions rank second in Bengals history, and his 7944 receiving yards rank second. Green's 55 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, having grabbed 37 receptions

for 373 yards and two TDs through the first 11 games. 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** has been hampered by injury this season, having played in just six of the 11 contests. A knee injury caused him to miss four consecutive weeks, but he returned to action in Game 10 vs. Denver. 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 nine receptions for 65 yards and the TD on the current campaign. Rookies **John Ross** and **Josh Malone** add vertical speed to the Bengals receiving corps this season, having both excelled in that at the collegiate level. Ross, the Bengals' first-round selection (No. 9 overall) out of Washington in April's draft, has been active for just three contests this season, due in part to a knee injury (no statistics). Ross gained notoriety during the pre-draft process when he ran a 4.22-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine, considered to be a combine record, breaking RB Chris Johnson's mark of 4.24 seconds from 2008. Ross piled up his share of impressive numbers at Washington as well, totaling 114 receptions for 1729 yards and 22 receiving TDs over three seasons of action. Malone, the second of two Bengals fourth-round selections (No. 128 overall) in this year's draft, is also known for his ability to stretch the field. Malone has played in six games this season, with starts as a 3rd WR in each of the last three weeks. For the season, he has four receptions for 54 yards and one TD — a 25-yarder from Dalton in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, the first of his career. Malone finished his three-year college career at Tennessee with 104 receptions, 1608 receiving yards (15.5-yard average) and 14 receiving TDs. In 2016, he averaged a school-record 19.4 yards per reception to go with 11 receiving TDs in 13 games. Malone's 4.40-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine in March was third best among participating wide receivers. Second-year pro **Alex Erickson**, a 2016 college free agent out of Wisconsin, posted career-highs in receptions and receiving yards in 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 is also known for his kick return prowess, having led the AFC in kick return average in 2016 (27.9 yards on 29 KORs). This season, Erickson ranks sixth in the conference in kick return average (22.5). Erickson also handled most of the team's punt return duties, with 28 returns for 217 yards (7.8) in 2017 thus far. WR **Cody Core**, a sixth-round Bengals draft choice out of Mississippi in 2016, provides depth at wide receiver this season. He has been targeted four times and has three 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 31 receptions for 317 yards (10.2) on the season and is currently tied for second 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) and receiving yards (68). In Game 8 vs. Jacksonville, Kroft had a career-long 59-yard catch and run to the Jacksonville 19 that helped set up a Bengals touchdown. Fellow third-year pro **C.J. Uzomah** has seen consistent action since Game 3, after being sidelined for the first two games with an ankle injury. Uzomah has three receptions for 39 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 55 of 59 possible regular-season games since joining the team, with 37 starts, and has one catch for 16 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 was the lead H-back in Hewitt's absence, and has five special teams tackles this season. 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 11 games at C this season. Bodine has not missed a start in his Bengals career, covering 59 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 10 of the first 11 weeks 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 43 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 rotated in at the guard spot in Game 4 at Cleveland. Veteran **Eric Winston** re-joined the team on Nov. 8, 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 10 of the first 11 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 6.5 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 58.5 sacks in his career, placing him half of a sack behind 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 half of a sack in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, giving him 61.5 for his career. That total places him third all-time in Bengals history and puts him one sack behind LB Reggie Williams for second in team 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, 44 passes defended, four blocked field goals, two interceptions and three touchdowns scored. Though he missed Game 2 vs. Houston with a concussion, DE **Michael Johnson** currently stands tied for fourth on the team in sacks (three). His sack total includes two in Game 5 vs. Buffalo, marking 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 3 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 three contests and has eight 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 his first sack of 2017, dropping Browns QB DeShone Kizer for nine yards. On the season, Sims has 20 tackles and the sack. Rookie DE **Jordan Willis**, who started in place of Johnson in Game 2 and recorded his first sack in Game 5 vs. Buffalo, leads all Cincinnati rookies in tackles, with 18. 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.

**Linebackers:** Sixth-year pro **Vontaze Burfict**, who missed games 1-3 this season due to a league suspension, currently sits second on the team in tackles (60), with two sacks and two passes defended. Burfict had his best game of the season in Game 10 vs. Denver, recording his second sack of the season, 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 recorded his first career interception in Game 1 vs. Baltimore and his first career sack in Game 4 vs. the Browns. The team's leading tackler thus far (77), Vigil was a third-round 2016 draft choice out of Utah State and played in all 16 games a season ago, primarily on special teams. Vigil left Game 11 vs. Cleveland with an ankle injury, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. 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 26 tackles on the season. Seventh-year pro **Vincent Rey**, the fourth-leading tackler through the first 11 games (55), missed Game 11 vs. Cleveland with a hamstring injury, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. Rey filled in admirably during Burfict's suspension and Minter's absence, showcasing his versatility. 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 seven sacks on the season, Lawson is the leader amongst all NFL rookies in that category and leads the team. 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 11 vs. Cleveland, finishing third on the team in tackles (six). Evans has nine tackles on the campaign after finishing the preseason with 18 tackles, which was good for second on the team. 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 is the son of former All-Pro LB Hardy Nickerson Sr.

**Defensive backs:** Sixth-year pro **George Iloka** has been a staple of the Cincinnati secondary since joining the starting unit at the beginning of the 2013 campaign. Iloka recorded his first interception of the season in Game 5 vs. Buffalo, forcing a turnover with time expiring and the Bengals owning just a six-point lead. Iloka is currently fifth on the team in tackles (54), with the one INT and four passes defended. For his career, Iloka has nine INTs. Sixth-year CB **Dre Kirkpatrick** is now in his third season as the Bengals' full-time starter at the No. 1 LCB position. The 2012 Bengals first-round draft choice has started all 11 games at LCB this season, with 42 tackles, eight PDs, an INT, a sack and a forced fumble. 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 46 passes defended. He has proven to be a durable performer over the years, having played in 72 of the last 73 possible games (including postseason). Eleventh-year CB **Adam Jones** has started eight games at RCB this season, having missed Game 1 due to a suspension, Game 6 with a back injury, and Game 10 with a concussion. Jones, now in his eighth Bengals season, has 22 tackles and three PDs on the current campaign. Jones' time as a kick returner has been limited in recent seasons by his starting CB duties, but he's a longtime threat in that area. The Bengals turned to Jones for a punt return in the second quarter of Game 11 vs. Cleveland, where he danced 55 yards for a score — or so it seemed. The TD, which would have been his second punt return TD as a Bengal and the sixth of his career, was nullified by a block-in-the-back penalty. Jones is the Bengals' all-time leader in kickoff return average (26.4) and punt return average (11.4). Fifth-year pro **Shawn Williams** has also missed a few games this season, missing Game 1 with an elbow injury, and Games 9 and 11 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 (59) 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 11 games, Jackson is second on the Bengals in passes defended, with seven. 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 and has 22 tackles on the year. Second-year S **Clayton Fejedelem**, who started in place of Williams in Games 1, 9 and 11, 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 12 special teams stops to go along with 18 defensive tackles. Adding depth to the CB room is second-year CB **KeiVarae Russell**, who has seen action in six 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 three 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.

**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 11 of his 13 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 81.7 percent average (94 for 115) on FGs and 95.2 percent average (118 for 124) on PATs. P **Kevin Huber**, the top Bengals punter in history in terms of gross average (45.18) and net average (39.62), 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 (3.88 to-1, with 229 inside-20s and 59 touchbacks). LS **Clark Harris**, the ninth-year player out of Rutgers, has handled all 1245 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 7.8 yards on 28 punt returns. S **Clayton Fejedelem** leads the Bengals in special teams tackles this season with 12 (nine solo).

### IMPORTANT DATES

2017	
Dec. 1	— Beginning this date through Jan. 31, 2018, NFL clubs are permitted to conduct non-contact tryouts and negotiate with CFL players whose 2017 contracts are due to expire on Feb. 13, 2018. Prior to any tryout or negotiation, NFL clubs must first receive written permission from the player's CFL club.
Dec. 1	— Deadline for all clubs to submit their individual lists of players who received, or filed a grievance for, the Basic or Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2017 season.
Dec. 1	— Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern time, for reinstatement of players in Reserve List categories of Retired, Did Not Report, and Exclusive Rights, and of players who were placed on Reserve/Left Squad in a previous season.
Dec. 2	— All salary paid to a practice squad player during the postseason will count as salary if the player's practice player contract was executed or renegotiated on or after this date for more than the minimum practice squad salary.
Dec. 12	— NFLMC Labor Seminar, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
Dec. 13	— Special League Meeting, Four Seasons-Las Colinas, Irving, Texas.
Dec. 29	— Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern time, for waiver requests in 2017, except for "special waiver requests" which have a 10-day claiming period, with termination or assignment delayed until after the Super Bowl.

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.

(Important dates, continued)

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

## MEDIA SCHEDULE

<p>Tues., Nov. 28 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Nov. 29 — Locker room open from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Team will practice, but practice is not open to media and there is no player or coach availability after practice.</p> <p>Thurs., Nov. 30 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Conference call from Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin at 12:55 p.m.; Practice from 1-3 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:20 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance.</p> <p>Fri., Dec. 1 — 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>Sat., Dec. 2 — 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>Sun., Dec. 3 — No media access.</p> <p>Mon., Dec. 4 — Game 12, Bengals vs. Pittsburgh Steelers at Paul Brown Stadium, 8:30 p.m. Eastern.</p>	<p>Tues., Dec. 5 — Players' off day; No media access.</p> <p>Wed., Dec. 6 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Practice from 1-3 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:20 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance; Conference call with Chicago Bears head coach John Fox TBD.</p> <p>Thurs., Dec. 7 — 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. 8 — 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. 9 — No media access.</p> <p>Sun., Dec. 10 — Game 13, Bengals vs. Chicago Bears at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Dec. 11 — Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.</p> <p>Tues., Dec. 12 — Players' off day; No media access.</p>
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# 2017 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### RUSHING

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

#### PASSING

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

#### RECEIVING

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

#### DEFENSE

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

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

## WEEK 2, GAME 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### RUSHING

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

#### PASSING

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

#### RECEIVING

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

#### DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 3, GAME 3

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

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

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

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR-LEFT and scores. Includes plays like A.Green 10 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) 1-9:40.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing CIN. and G.B. stats like First downs, Total net yards, Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, G.B., ATT, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN 30, G.B. 64.

PASSING table with columns CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, G.B., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. Totals: CIN 30, G.B. 42.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, G.B., NO, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN 21, G.B. 28.

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 table with columns QTR-LEFT and scores. Includes plays like A.Green 7 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) 2-14:56.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing CIN. and CLE. stats like First downs, Total net yards, Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CLE., ATT, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN 30, CLE 17.

PASSING table with columns CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, CLE., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. Totals: CIN 30, CLE 42.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CLE., NO, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN 25, CLE 21.

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 like 'A.Green 77 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)' with times.

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING BUFF. CIN. table with columns for NO, YDS, LG, TD and player names like L.McCoy, N.O'Leary, etc.

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 like 'A.Brown 7 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick)' with times.

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

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

RUSHING CIN. PIT. table with columns for ATT, YDS, LG, TD and player names like J.Mixon, G.Bernard, etc.

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

RECEIVING CIN. PIT. table with columns for NO, YDS, LG, TD and player names like B.LaFell, T.Kroft, etc.

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

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns IND., CIN. and various stats like First downs, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING table with columns IND., CIN. and stats for individual players and totals.

PASSING table with columns IND., CIN. and stats for individual players and totals.

RECEIVING table with columns IND., CIN. and stats for individual players and totals.

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

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

WEEK 9, GAME 8

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

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

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

TEAM - SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and scores for various plays.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN., JAX. and various stats like First downs, Net yards rushing, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN., JAX. and stats for individual players and totals.

PASSING table with columns CIN., JAX. and stats for individual players and totals.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., JAX. and stats for individual players and totals.

Cincinnati (press box stats) - ST-AT-TT: N.Vigil 6-3-9, G.Iloka 7-0-7, V.Burfict 6-0-6, A.Jones 6-0-6, D.Kirkpatrick 6-0-6, D.Dennard 5-1-6, S.Williams 4-0-4, G.Atkins 3-0-3, M.Johnson 3-0-3, V.Rey 2-1-3, R.Glasgow 2-0-2, J.Shaw 2-0-2, C.Smith 2-0-2, J.Willis 1-1-2, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, C.Fejedelem 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: S.Williams 1. 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. The Titans' offense, which the Bengals had held to just 73 net yards in the second half to that point, responded by doubling that output on the following possession. The Titans drove 73 yards on 12 plays to retake the lead, scoring the game's final points on a seven-yard dump-off pass from Mariota to RB DeMarco Murray, who caught the pass on the four-yard line and split two Bengals defenders while extending the ball across the goal line with 36 seconds left. For a second straight week, third downs on both sides of the line of scrimmage were a problem for Cincinnati. The Bengals converted just one of 10 third downs, while the Titans converted seven of 15. QB Andy Dalton finished with a 100.3 passer rating, completing 20 of 35 passes for 265 yards, two TDs and no INTs. WR A.J. Green finished with five catches for 115 yards and a TD. The Bengals fell to 3-6, while the Titans improved to 6-3.

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 QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as D.Murray 2 run (R.Succop kick) 1-7:56, B.LaFell 37 pass from A.Dalton (kick failed) 1-4:44, etc.

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

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

RUSHING CIN. TENN. table with columns for CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, TENN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN 14, 53, 13, 1; TENN 36, 180, 28, 2.

PASSING CIN. TENN. table with columns for CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, TENN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. Totals: CIN 35, 20, 265, 2-0; TENN 44, 25, 264, 1-1.

RECEIVING CIN. TENN. table with columns for CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, TENN., NO, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN 20, 265, 70t, 2; TENN 25, 264, 20, 1.

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.Burfit 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), QB Andy Dalton hitting WR Alex Erickson for a 29-yard TD in the second quarter (it was Erickson's first career score), CB KeiVarae Russell blocking a Broncos FG attempt on the last play of the first half, LB Vontaze Burfitt forcing a fumble the Bengals recovered early in the fourth quarter, Dalton rushing on an option play for a critical first down to extend a drive and take more time off the clock late in the game, and DE Carlos Dunlap recording his second sack of the game as the clock ran inside of two minutes to help dash Denver's final chances. Despite that lengthy list of positives, Cincinnati still had difficulties. On offense, the Bengals totaled just 190 net yards, including only 49 yards rushing, and 12 first downs. Not counting their two kneel-downs at the end of the game, they had nine rushing plays that went for either zero or negative yards (three for zero, six for negative). And, while the Bengals' offense converted seven of 15 third downs (46.6 percent), their defense allowed the Broncos to convert 12 of 21 third downs (57.1). Dalton finished the game completing 15 of 25 passes for 154 yards, three TDs and no INTs (117.3 passer rating), and all three of his TD passes came on third downs. The Bengals improved to 4-6, while the Broncos fell to 3-7.

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 QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as T.Kroft 1 pass from A.Dalton (kick failed) 1-7:06, C.Anderson 3 run (B.McManus kick) 1-0:41, etc.

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

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

RUSHING CIN. DEN. table with columns for CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, DEN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN 26, 49, 8, 0; DEN 34, 112, 12, 1.

PASSING CIN. DEN. table with columns for CIN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I, DEN., ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I. Totals: CIN 25, 15, 154, 3-0; DEN 42, 23, 254, 1-1.

RECEIVING CIN. DEN. table with columns for CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, DEN., NO, YDS, LG, TD. Totals: CIN 15, 154, 29, 3; DEN 23, 254, 21, 1.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Burfitt 11-1-12, 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. SKS.-YDS.: C.Dunlap 2-13, V.Burfitt 1-12. INT.-YDS.: D.Kirkpatrick 1-101. PD: D.Kirkpatrick 3, D.Dennard 1, C.Dunlap 1, G.Iloka 1, J.Shaw 1. FF: V.Burfitt 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). Bengals rookie HB Joe Mixon had a breakout performance, gaining 114 yards and one TD on 23 carries (5.0-yard average) — it was his first career 100-yard rushing game — while adding another 51 yards receiving on three receptions. The Bengals scored the first five times they had the ball, and QB Andy Dalton completed 18 of 28 passes for 214 yards, two TDs and no INTs for a 111.3 passer rating. It was Dalton's fifth straight game without an interception, the longest such stretch of his career. Despite the Bengals' offensive production, the Browns still led the game in overall yardage output 405-361, though Cincinnati allowed Cleveland to score just one TD in three trips inside the red zone. The Bengals had four sacks, with rookie LB Carl Lawson accounting for 1.5. The Bengals improved to 5-6, while the Browns fell to 0-11.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cleveland .....	3	3	3	7	—	16
Cincinnati.....	7	9	7	7	—	30

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cle. — Z.Gonzalez 27 field goal.....	1-9:17
Cin. — T.Boyd 8 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	1-5:08
Cin. — R.Bullock 31 field goal.....	2-9:14
Cin. — R.Bullock 49 field goal.....	2-6:12
Cin. — R.Bullock 21 field goal.....	2-2:06
Cle. — Z.Gonzalez 21 field goal.....	2-0:00
Cin. — T.Kroft 1 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick).....	3-10:21
Cle. — Z.Gonzalez 39 field goal.....	3-4:33
Cle. — D.Kizer 3 run (Z.Gonzalez kick).....	4-6:57
Cin. — J.Mixon 11 run (R.Bullock kick).....	4-2:57

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

TEAM STATISTICS	CLE.	CIN.
First downs.....	21	23
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-15	4-10
Total net yards.....	405	361
Net yards rushing.....	169	152
Net yards passing.....	236	209
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	32-18-0	28-18-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-32	1-5
Punts-average.....	3-36.0	2-35.5
Punt returns-yards.....	1-13	2-30
Kickoff returns-yards.....	5-103	1-25
Penalties-yards.....	7-69	4-35
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	29:28	30:32

**RUSHING**

CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
I.Crowell	16	95	27	0	J.Mixon	23	114	19	1
D.Kizer	9	39	12	1	A.Dalton	4	26	25	0
D.Johnson	6	35	13	0	G.Bernard	3	12	11	0
TOTALS	31	169	27	1	TOTALS	30	152	25	1

**PASSING**

CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
D.Kizer	31	18	268	0-0	A.Dalton	28	18	214	2-0
C.Kessler	1	0	0	0-0					
TOTALS	32	18	268	0-0	TOTALS	28	18	214	2-0

**RECEIVING**

CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Njoku	4	47	27	0	A.Green	5	66	18	0
D.Johnson	4	32	20	0	J.Mixon	3	51	36	0
C.Coleman	3	64	44	0	B.LaFell	3	33	15	0
K.Britt	2	52	38	0	T.Kroft	3	14	8	1
S.DeValve	2	33	24	0	T.Boyd	2	17	9	1
R.Higgins	2	30	22	0	A.Erickson	1	18	18	0
I.Crowell	1	10	10	0	G.Bernard	1	15	15	0
TOTALS	18	268	44	0	TOTALS	18	214	36	2

**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.Burfict 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, P.Sims 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, N.Vigil 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Lawson 1.5-10.5, P.Sims 1-9, C.Smith 0.5-4.5, G.Atkins 0.5-4, C.Dunlap 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: D.Kirkpatrick 2, C.Smith 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

## IN 2017, THE BENGALS ARE:

### REGULAR SEASON

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

**2-1** when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards  
**1-1** with plus turnover differential  
**2-2** with even turnover differential  
**2-3** with minus turnover differential  
**2-1** when passing for 250 net yards  
**0-3** when opponent passes for 250 net yards  
**5-2** when scoring 20 points or more  
**1-5** when opponent scored 20 points or more  
**5-6** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**0-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**2-4** on natural grass  
**3-2** on synthetic surface  
**2-2** with fewer penalty yards

## UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

### 2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

**70-44-3** at home (or as home team at neutral site)  
**53-65-0** on the road (or a visitor at neutral site)  
**85-35-1** when scoring first  
**38-74-2** when opponent scores first  
**23-23-3** in games decided by three points or fewer  
**56-52-3** in games decided by seven points or fewer  
**87-30-2** when leading at halftime  
**12-2-0** when tied at halftime  
**24-77-1** when trailing at halftime  
**98-19-2** when leading after three quarters  
**7-5-0** when tied after three quarters  
**18-85-1** when trailing after three quarters  
**82-37-2** when rushing for 100 net yards

**76-31-1** when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards  
**76-18-1** with plus turnover differential  
**29-24-0** with even turnover differential  
**18-67-2** with minus turnover differential  
**43-34-2** when passing for 250 net yards  
**34-42-3** when opponent passes for 250 net yards  
**102-40-2** when scoring 20 points or more  
**40-94-2** when opponent scores 20 points or more  
**118-101-3** when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
**5-8-0** when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
**42-39-1** on natural grass  
**81-70-2** on synthetic surface  
**66-54-2** with fewer penalty yards

# 2017 BEST PERFORMANCES

## REGULAR SEASON

### RUSHING YARDS

114 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 26 vs. Cleveland  
62 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 24 at Green Bay  
51 — Joe Mixon, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo

### 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  
6 — (two times)

### 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  
35 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 14 vs. Houston  
35 — Andy Dalton, Nov. 12 at Tennessee

### PASS COMPLETIONS

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

### LONGEST PASSES

77 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo (TD)  
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  
115 — A.J. Green, Nov. 12 at Tennessee

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

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

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

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

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

13 — Vontaze Burfict, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo  
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  
8 — Darqueze Dennard, Nov. 19 at Denver

\*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. 10	CHICAGO										
Dec. 17	at Minnesota										
Dec. 24	DETROIT										
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
<b>TOTALS</b>		3017	258-832	2185	201-324	18/8	28-187	176	44-131	17-9	27:05

## 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										
Dec. 10	CHICAGO										
Dec. 17	at Minnesota										
Dec. 24	DETROIT										
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
<b>TOTALS</b>		3635	347-1393	2242	223-382	12/7	33-212	220	75-174	7-3	32:55

# TRANSACTIONS

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

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| <p>June 8, 2017 — Signed DE <b>Jordan Willis</b> (D3).</p> <p>June 27, 2017 — Signed G <b>Cameron Lee</b> (FA).</p> <p>July 29, 2017 — Signed WR <b>Kermit Whitfield</b> (FA); Waived WR <b>Monty Madaris</b> (failed physical).</p> <p>July 30, 2017 — WR <b>Monty Madaris</b> cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.</p> <p>July 31, 2017 — Signed S <b>Cedric Thompson</b> (FA); Waived K <b>Jonathan Brown</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 1, 2017 — Waived WR <b>Monty Madaris</b> from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list (injury settlement).</p> <p>Aug. 9, 2017 — Signed P <b>Will Monday</b> (FA); Waived WR <b>Jake Kumerow</b> (injured).</p> <p>Aug. 10, 2017 — WR <b>Jake Kumerow</b> cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 19, 2017 — Waived S <b>Cedric Thompson</b> (injury settlement).</p> <p>Aug. 20, 2017 — Terminated the contract of DT <b>Brandon Thompson</b>; Waived WR <b>Karel Hamilton</b> and HB <b>Stanley Williams</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 28, 2017 — Waived P <b>Will Monday</b>.</p> <p>Aug. 29, 2017 — Acquired a seventh-round pick in the 2018 NFL Draft in a trade with New England for LB <b>Marquis Flowers</b>; Placed HB <b>Cedric Peerman</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2017 — Acquired a conditional sixth-round draft pick in the 2019 NFL Draft in a trade with the Dallas Cowboys for CB <b>Bene Benwikere</b>; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list: HB <b>Tra Carson</b> and TE <b>Mason Schreck</b>; Terminated the contract of the following two players: DE <b>Wallace Gilberry</b> and OT <b>Eric Winston</b>; Waived the following 23 players: LB <b>Bryson Albright</b>, LB <b>Brandon Bell</b>, WR <b>Chris Brown</b>, DE <b>Ryan Brown</b>, DE <b>Will Clarke</b>, S <b>Demetrious Cox</b>, LB <b>P.J. Dawson</b>, DT <b>David Dean</b>, G <b>J.J. Dielman</b>, K <b>Jake Elliott</b>, DE <b>Marcus Hardison</b>, FB <b>Darrin Laufasa</b>, OT <b>Landon Lechler</b>, G <b>Cameron Lee</b>, CB <b>Tony McRae</b>, OT <b>Kent Perkins</b>, WR <b>Alonzo Russell</b>, G <b>Dustin Stanton</b>, DT <b>Josh Tupou</b>, WR <b>Kermit Whitfield</b>, DT <b>DeShawn Williams</b>, HB <b>Jarveon Williams</b>, S <b>Brandon Wilson</b>; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list: LB <b>Vontaze Burfict</b> and CB <b>Adam Jones</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2017 — Signed the following eight players to the practice squad: LB <b>Brandon Bell</b>, K <b>Jake Elliott</b>, OT <b>Kent Perkins</b>, DT <b>Josh Tupou</b>, WR <b>Kermit Whitfield</b>, DT <b>DeShawn Williams</b>, HB <b>Jarveon Williams</b> and S <b>Brandon Wilson</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 4, 2017 — Placed QB <b>Jeff Driskel</b> on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB <b>Sojourn Shelton</b> (FA) and G <b>Cole Toner</b> (FA) to the</p> | <p>practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2017 — Acquired DT <b>Christian Ringo</b> on waivers from Green Bay.</p> <p>Sept. 11, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted CB <b>Adam Jones</b> (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a one-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.</p> <p>Sept. 12, 2017 — Activated CB <b>Adam Jones</b> from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived DT <b>Christian Ringo</b>; K <b>Jake Elliott</b> signed off practice squad by Philadelphia.</p> <p>Sept. 13, 2017 — Signed G <b>J.J. Dielman</b> to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 22, 2017 — Waived WR <b>Jake Kumerow</b> from the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 25, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted LB <b>Vontaze Burfict</b> (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a three-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.</p> <p>Sept. 28, 2017 — Activated LB <b>Vontaze Burfict</b> from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived LB <b>Hardy Nickerson</b>.</p> <p>Sept. 29, 2017 — Signed LB <b>Hardy Nickerson</b> to the practice squad; Released G <b>Cole Toner</b> from the practice squad.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2017 — Placed TE <b>Tyler Eifert</b> on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 16, 2017 — Signed LS <b>Clark Harris*</b> to a contract extension; Signed LB <b>Hardy Nickerson</b> from the practice squad; Signed TE <b>Scott Orndoff</b> (FA) to the practice squad.</p> <p>Oct. 27, 2017 — Signed CB <b>Tony McRae</b> (FA) to the practice squad; Released CB <b>Sojourn Shelton</b> from the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 4, 2017 — Signed K <b>Marshall Koehn</b> (FA); Waived S <b>Derron Smith</b>.</p> <p>Nov. 7, 2017 — Signed S <b>Derron Smith</b> to the practice squad; Released TE <b>Scott Orndoff</b> from the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 8, 2017 — Signed OT <b>Eric Winston</b> (FA); Placed OT <b>Jake Fisher</b> on the Reserve/Non-Football Illness list.</p> <p>Nov. 9, 2017 — Signed TE <b>Scott Orndoff</b> to the practice squad; S <b>Derron Smith</b> signed off practice squad by Cleveland.</p> <p>Nov. 11, 2017 — Signed DT <b>Josh Tupou</b> and S <b>Brandon Wilson</b> from the practice squad; Placed HB <b>Jeremy Hill</b> on Reserve/Injured; Waived K <b>Marshall Koehn</b>.</p> <p>Nov. 14, 2017 — Signed HB <b>Brian Hill</b> off Atlanta's practice squad; Waived LB <b>Hardy Nickerson</b>; Signed CB <b>Sojourn Shelton</b> (FA) to the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 15, 2017 — Signed LB <b>Hardy Nickerson</b> to the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 18, 2017 — Signed LB <b>Hardy Nickerson</b> from the practice squad; Waived DT <b>Pat Sims</b>.</p> <p>Nov. 21, 2017 — Re-signed DT <b>Pat Sims</b>; Waived DT <b>Josh Tupou</b>.</p> <p>Nov. 22, 2017 — Signed DT <b>Josh Tupou</b> to the practice squad.</p> |
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\* NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.

# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)

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

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

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

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

# 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											
Dec. 10	CHICAGO											
Dec. 17	at Minnesota											
Dec. 24	DETROIT											
Dec. 31	at Baltimore											

## DEFENSE

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

# DEPTH CHART

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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	82	<u>Cethan Carter</u>		
<b>WR</b>	11	Brandon LaFell	83	Tyler Boyd	15	<u>John Ross</u>
					12	Alex Erickson
<b>QB</b>	14	Andy Dalton	5	AJ McCarron		
<b>HB</b>	28	<u>Joe Mixon</u>	25	Giovani Bernard	23	<u>Brian Hill</u>

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	96	Carlos Dunlap	94	Chris Smith		
<b>NT</b>	92	Pat Sims	99	Andrew Billings		
<b>DT</b>	97	Geno Atkins	98	<u>Ryan Glasgow</u>		
<b>RDE</b>	90	Michael Johnson	75	<u>Jordan Willis</u>		
<b>SLB</b>	59	Nick Vigil	58	<u>Carl Lawson</u>		
<b>MLB</b>	51	Kevin Minter	57	Vincent Rey	56	<u>Hardy Nickerson</u>
<b>WLB</b>	55	Vontaze Burfict	50	<u>Jordan Evans</u>		
<b>LCB</b>	27	Dre Kirkpatrick	21	Darqueze Dennard	20	KeiVarae Russell
<b>RCB</b>	24	Adam Jones	22	William Jackson		
<b>SS</b>	36	Shawn Williams	42	Clayton Fejedelem	40	<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	24	Adam Jones	83	Tyler Boyd
<b>KOR</b>	12	Alex Erickson	28	<u>Joe Mixon</u>		

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	8	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	5	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
99	Billings, Andrew	DT	6-1	325	3-6-95	2	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
61	Bodine, Russell	C	6-3	308	6-30-92	4	North Carolina	Scottsville, Va.	D4'14
65	Boling, Clint	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	7	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	197	11-15-94	2	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
4	Bullock, Randy	K	5-9	214	12-16-89	6	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
55	Burfict, Vontaze	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	6	Arizona State	Inglewood, Calif.	CFA'12
82	Carter, Cethan	H-B	6-3	245	9-5-95	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
16	Core, Cody	WR	6-3	214	4-17-94	2	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	7	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
21	Dennard, Darqueze	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	4	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	8	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	2	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	240	1-27-95	R	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
42	Fejedelem, Clayton	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	2	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
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
24	Jones, Adam	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	11	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre	CB	6-2	185	10-26-89	6	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
81	Kroft, Tyler	TE	6-6	260	10-15-92	3	Rutgers	Downingtown, Pa.	D3a'15
11	LaFell, Brandon	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	8	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
58	Lawson, Carl	LB	6-2	260	6-29-95	R	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
80	Malone, Josh	WR	6-3	208	3-21-96	R	Tennessee	Gallatin, Tenn.	D4b'17
5	McCarron, AJ	QB	6-3	215	9-13-90	3	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
51	Minter, Kevin	LB	6-0	246	12-3-90	5	Louisiana State	Suwanee, Ga.	UFA(Ariz.)'17
28	Nixon, Joe	HB	6-1	228	7-24-96	R	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
56	Nickerson, Hardy	LB	6-0	235	1-5-94	R	Illinois	Oakland, Calif.	CFA'17
70	Ogbuehi, Cedric	OT	6-5	310	4-25-92	3	Texas A&M	Allen, Texas	D1'15
62	Redmond, Alex	G	6-5	330	1-18-95	1	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-0	245	9-6-87	7	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
15	Ross, John	WR	5-11	190	11-27-95	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
20	Russell, Kei'Varae	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	2	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
26	Shaw, Josh	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
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
67	Dielman, J.J. (9-14-17)	G	6-5	309	12-16-93	R	Utah	Phoenix, Ariz.	FA'17
29	McRae, Tony (10-27-17)	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	1	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	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
68	Tupou, Josh (11-22-17)	DT	6-3	350	5-2-94	R	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
17	Whitfield, Kermit (9-3-17)	WR	5-8	184	10-8-93	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'17
69	Williams, DeShawn (9-3-17)	DT	6-1	292	12-29-92	2	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
39	Williams, Jarveon (9-3-17)	HB	5-9	205	1-3-95	R	Texas-San Antonio	Converse, Texas	CFA'17

**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
30	Peerman, Cedric (8-29-17; shoulder)	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	8	Virginia	Glady's, Va.	W(Det.)'10
86	Schreck, Mason (9-2-17; knee)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	R	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17

**RESERVE/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

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
4	Randy Bullock.....	K	5-9	214	12-16-89	6	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
5	AJ McCarron.....	QB	6-3	215	9-13-90	3	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
10	Kevin Huber.....	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	9	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Brandon LaFell.....	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	8	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
12	Alex Erickson.....	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	2	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
14	Andy Dalton.....	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	7	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
15	John Ross.....	WR	5-11	190	11-27-95	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
16	Cody Core.....	WR	6-3	214	4-17-94	2	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
18	A.J. Green.....	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	7	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
20	KeiVarae Russell.....	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	2	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
21	Darqueze Dennard.....	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	4	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
22	William Jackson.....	CB	6-0	190	10-27-92	2	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
23	Brian Hill.....	HB	6-1	219	11-9-95	R	Wyoming	Belleville, Ill.	PS(Atl.)'17
24	Adam Jones.....	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	11	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
25	Giovani Bernard.....	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	5	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
26	Josh Shaw.....	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
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
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
29	Tony McRae (10-27-17).....	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	1	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
31	Sojournton 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
67	J.J. Dielmann (9-14-17).....	G	6-5	309	12-16-93	R	Utah	Phoenix, Ariz.	FA'17
68	Josh Tupou (11-22-17).....	DT	6-3	350	5-2-94	R	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
69	DeShawn Williams (9-3-17).....	DT	6-1	292	12-29-92	2	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
76	Kent Perkins (9-3-17).....	OT	6-5	320	11-19-94	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	CFA'17
84	Scott Orndoff (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
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).

# STATISTICS

## RECORD: 5-6

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-10-17	L	0-20	BALTIMORE	55,254
9-14-17	L	9-13	HOUSTON	52,942
9-24-17	L	24-27 (OT)	at Green Bay	78,323
10-1-17	W	31-7	at Cleveland	67,431
10-8-17	W	20-16	BUFFALO	52,367
10-15-17			— BYE —	
10-22-17	L	14-29	at Pittsburgh	65,363
10-29-17	W	24-23	INDIANAPOLIS	57,901
11-5-17	L	7-23	at Jacksonville	60,720
11-12-17	L	20-24	at Tennessee	67,432
11-19-17	W	20-17	at Denver	75,707
11-26-17	W	30-16	CLEVELAND	51,710
12-4-17			PITTSBURGH	
12-10-17			CHICAGO	
12-17-17			at Minnesota	
12-24-17			DETROIT	
12-31-17			at Baltimore	

TEAM STATISTICS	BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	176	220
Rushing	48	74
Passing	109	116
Penalty	19	30
3rd Down: Made-Att	44-131	75-174
3rd Down Pct.	33.6	43.1
4th Down: Made-Att	3-6	5-12
4th Down Pct.	50.0	41.7
POSSESSION AVG.	27:05	32:55
TOTAL NET YARDS	3017	3635
Avg. Per Game	274.3	330.5
Total Plays	610	762
Avg. Per Play	4.9	4.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	832	1393
Avg. Per Game	75.6	126.6
Total Rushes	258	347
NET YARDS PASSING	2185	2242
Avg. Per Game	198.6	203.8
Sacked-Yards Lost	28-187	33-212
Gross Yards	2372	2454
Att.-Completions	324-201	382-223
Completion Pct.	62.0	58.4
Had Intercepted	8	7
PUNTS-AVG.	59-46.5	57-46.2
Net Punting Avg.	59-40.2	57-38.3
PENALTIES-YARDS	74-634	64-552
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	17-9	7-3
TOUCHDOWNS	24	20
Rushing	4	7
Passing	18	12
Returns	2	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	43	88	27	41	0	199
OPPONENTS	43	77	35	57	3	215

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	21-23	11-13	0	54
A.J. Green	6	0	6	0	—	—	0	36
Tyler Kroft	5	0	5	0	—	—	0	30
Joe Mixon	4	4	0	0	—	—	0	24
Giovani Bernard	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Brandon LaFell	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Tyler Boyd	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Carlos Dunlap	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Alex Erickson	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
William Jackson	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Josh Malone	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Marshall Koehn	0	0	0	0	1-1	0-0	0	1
BENGALS	24	4	18	2	22-24	11-13	0	199
OPPONENTS	20	7	12	1	20-20	25-29	0	215

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

**Sacks-yards:** Geno Atkins 6.5-47, Carl Lawson 7-42, Carlos Dunlap 4.5-19, Michael Johnson 3-15, Chris Smith 3-36, Vontaze Burfict 2-18, Darqueze Dennard 2-6, Pat Sims 1-9, William Jackson 1-7, Nick Vigil 1-7, Jordan Willis 1-4, Dre Kirkpatrick 1-2. BENGALS 33-212, OPPONENTS 28-187.

**Fumbles-lost:** Andy Dalton 4-4, Alex Erickson 4-1, Joe Mixon 2-1, A.J. Green 1-1, William Jackson 1-1, John Ross 1-1, Russell Bodine 1-0, Jeremy Hill 1-0, Dre Kirkpatrick 1-0, Brandon LaFell 1-0. BENGALS 17-9, OPPONENTS 7-3.

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	150	484	3.2	25	4
Giovani Bernard	34	121	3.6	25	0
Jeremy Hill	37	116	3.1	13	0
Andy Dalton	31	83	2.7	25	0
Alex Erickson	5	16	3.2	14	0
John Ross	1	12	12.0	12	0
BENGALS	258	832	3.2	25	4
OPPONENTS	347	1393	4.0	49t	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	53	809	15.3	77t	6
Brandon LaFell	37	373	10.1	37t	2
Tyler Kroft	31	317	10.2	59	5
Joe Mixon	26	258	9.9	67	0
Giovani Bernard	19	219	11.5	61t	2
Alex Erickson	10	160	16.0	37	1
Tyler Boyd	9	65	7.2	11	1
Josh Malone	4	54	13.5	25t	1
Tyler Eifert	4	46	11.5	22	0
Jeremy Hill	4	16	4.0	10	0
C.J. Uzomah	3	39	13.0	21	0
Ryan Hewitt	1	16	16.0	16	0
BENGALS	201	2372	11.8	77t	18
OPPONENTS	223	2454	11.0	72	12

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Dre Kirkpatrick	1	101	101.0	101	0
William Jackson	1	75	75.0	75t	1
Darqueze Dennard	1	20	20.0	20	0
Carlos Dunlap	1	16	16.0	16t	1
George Iloka	1	14	14.0	14	0
Clayton Fejedelem	1	5	5.0	5	0
Nick Vigil	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	7	231	33.0	101	2
OPPONENTS	8	95	11.9	31	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	58	2743	47.3	40.2	3	24	63	1
BENGALS	59	2743	46.5	40.2	3	24	63	1
OPPONENTS	57	2632	46.2	38.3	5	16	74	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	28	11	217	7.8	29	0
Adam Jones	6	0	131	21.8	40	0
William Jackson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	35	11	348	9.9	40	0
OPPONENTS	28	13	311	11.1	63t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	20	449	22.5	41	0
Giovani Bernard	1	7	7.0	7	0
BENGALS	21	456	21.7	41	0
OPPONENTS	20	423	21.2	32	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Randy Bullock	0-0	4-4	4-5	3-4	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	4-4	4-5	3-4	0-0
OPPONENTS	0-0	14-14	5-5	5-8	1-2

**Randy Bullock:** (—), (39G, 29G, 30G), (48WR, 46G), (41G), (30G, 29G), (—), (29G, 34B), (—), (—), (—), (31G, 49G, 21G).

**Opponents:** (25G, 25G), (26G, 42G), (28G, 27G), (48WL), (31G, 38G, 28G), (22G, 24G, 41G, 49G, 25G), (29G, 33G, 29G), (32G, 56G, 25G), (48WR, 44G), (61B, 45G), (27G, 43WL, 21G, 39G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Nick Vigil	43	34	77	1-7	1-0	5	0	0-0
Vontaze Burfict	44	16	60	2-18	0-0	2	1	0-0
Darqueze Dennard	45	14	59	2-6	1-20	5	0	0-0
Vincent Rey	32	23	55	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
George Iloka	36	18	54	0-0	1-14	4	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	35	7	42	1-2	1-101	8	1	0-0
Shawn Williams	25	12	37	0-0	0-0	0	0	2-0
Carlos Dunlap	28	8	36	4.5-19	1-16	3	1	0-0
Geno Atkins	23	13	36	6.5-47	0-0	0	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	22	7	29	3-15	0-0	1	0	0-0
Kevin Minter	12	14	26	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Shaw	19	3	22	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Adam Jones	18	4	22	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Chris Smith	15	7	22	3-36	0-0	1	1	0-0
Pat Sims	7	13	20	1-9	0-0	0	0	0-0
Clayton Fejedelem	12	6	18	0-0	1-5	2	0	0-0
Jordan Willis	11	7	18	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ryan Glasgow	9	7	16	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
William Jackson	10	2	12	1-7	1-75	7	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	7	3	10	7-42	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Billings	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
KeiVarae Russell	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Alex Erickson	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Clayton Fejedelem	9	3	12	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cethan Carter	5	1	6	0	0-0	0	0	0
C.J. Uzomah	4	1	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Evans	3	2	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cody Core	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clark Harris	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Alex Erickson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
William Jackson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Josh Shaw	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Nick Vigil	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Hardy Nickerson	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darqueze Dennard	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kevin Huber	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Marshall Koehn	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tyler Kroft	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
KeiVarae Russell	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	1	0
Derron Smith	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Wilson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ryan Hewitt	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
George Iloka	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Josh Malone	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Willis	0	0	0	0	0-0	1	0	0

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	324	201	2372	62.0	7.32	18	5.6	8	2.5	77t	28-187	92.5
BENGALS	324	201	2372	62.0	7.32	18	5.6	8	2.5	77t	28-187	92.5
OPPONENTS	382	223	2454	58.4	6.42	12	3.1	7				