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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CHICAGO BEARS (3-9) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (5-7)

WEEK 14, GAME 13
SUNDAY, DEC. 10
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT WEEK: WEEK 15, GAME 14
DEC. 17 AT MINNESOTA

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. Eastern.

Television: FOX broadcast with Sam Rosen (play-by-play), Brady Quinn (analyst) and Jenny Taft (sideline reporter). The game will air in Cincinnati on WXIX-TV (Channel 19). Additional regional FOX affiliates include WGRT-TV (Ch. 45) in Dayton, WTTE-TV (Ch. 28) in Columbus, WLIO-TV (Ch. 8.2) in Lima, WDKY-TV (Ch. 56) in Lexington, Ky. and WDRB-TV (Ch. 41) in Louisville, Ky.

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

Setting the scene: With a 5-7 record and standing two games off the pace of the current projected No. 2 AFC Wild Card with just four games left, the Cincinnati Bengals can ill afford to suffer another loss if they wish to keep their playoff hopes alive.

The Bengals this weekend host the 3-9 Chicago Bears on Sunday at Paul Brown Stadium. The matchup, Cincinnati's third straight at home, arrives on the heels of a 23-20 loss to the 10-2 Pittsburgh Steelers last week on Monday Night Football. While the loss may have reduced the Bengals' playoff chances to slim at best, those chances are not quite eliminated yet.

Since 1990, the first year of the current playoff format with two Wild Cards from each conference, eight teams with a 5-7 or worse record after 12 games have qualified for postseason participation, including one in three of the last four seasons (see the complete list in "Stayin' Alive" item on page 2). The most recent team to accomplish the feat was Washington in 2015. The Redskins also started 5-7 that season, then won their final four contests to finish 9-7 and win the NFC East.

"You have to have a short memory," said DE Chris Smith. "We have to maintain (composure) and move on to the next opponent. In the NFL, you'll have your wins and losses. You have to learn from them and move on, because anything can happen in this league."

Against the Steelers, the Bengals put themselves in good position early to secure a win against one of the top two teams in the AFC (New England also is 10-2). Cincinnati jumped out to a 17-0 first-half lead on the strength of a balanced offense and a solid defense. The Bengals outgained the Steelers by 127 yards in the first two periods (253-126), converting six of eight third downs while allowing Pittsburgh to convert just one of five. CB Adam Jones intercepted a Ben Roethlisberger pass on the Steelers' first drive, leading to an early FG by K Randy Bullock. QB Andy Dalton completed 16 of 23 passes for 173 yards, two TDs and no INTs in the first half, twice hitting WR A.J. Green for scores — on eight-yard and 15-yard TD passes. Pittsburgh added their own FG as the half concluded to keep it a two-score game.

But like some other Bengals contests this season, the story of the Steelers game was a tale of two halves. After a relatively even third quarter in which both teams scored once, Cincinnati still owned a 10-point lead heading into the final period. But in that fourth quarter, the Bengals' fortunes turned sour as Pittsburgh outgained the Bengals by 145 yards (158-13), recorded 11 first downs to the Bengals' zero, had more than an eight-minute advantage in time of possession (11:21-3:39) and scored 13 unanswered points. Roethlisberger completed 13 of 19 passes for 131 yards and one TD in the the fourth quarter alone, tying the game 20-20 with 3:51 left on a six-yard TD pass to WR Antonio Brown. The Steelers won the game on the final play, converting a 38-yard FG as time

expired. The Bengals finished the contest with 13 penalties, incurring a team-record 173 penalty yards.

"This one hurt, and we're disappointed we didn't finish it the way we started it," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "We fought hard all the way, but we just didn't make critical plays when we had to have them. Now we're in a spot where we need some help (to make the playoffs), but we're not out of it yet. Let's win these last four games, finish 9-7 and see where things stand elsewhere."

This weekend's game marks only the fifth time the Bengals have hosted the Bears (not including preseason). The Bears' four previous visits to Cincinnati are the fewest by any NFL team, with the exception of the relatively new Carolina franchise, which has visited Cincinnati just twice since its inaugural season of 1995. The Bears have played at Paul Brown Stadium just twice since the venue opened in 2000 — in '01 and '09. They visited former Bengals home Riverfront Stadium twice, in 1986 and '95.

The series: Though they are relatively close geographical neighbors, the Bengals and Bears have played infrequently, with Cincinnati holding a 6-4 series lead.

With the exception of relatively new franchise Carolina, 10 is the fewest number of all-time games between the Bengals and any opponent. The only other long-established NFL teams that the Bengals have played just 10 times are the N.Y. Giants (Bengals lead 6-4) and Washington Redskins (Bengals lead 5-4-1).

The Bengals have won two of the last three and four of the last six meetings with Chicago, though the Bears won the most recent contest, 24-21 at Soldier Field in 2013.

Home-field advantage has not been a factor in the Cincinnati-Chicago series. The Bengals lead 4-2 at Chicago and are tied 2-2 as the home team.

A complete recap of the Bengals-Bears series appears on page 202 of the 2017 Bengals Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 45, in a 45-10 win at Paul Brown Stadium in 2009. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35, in the 45-10 win in '09. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 13-3 win at Chicago in 1972, the first game of the series.

Bears — MOST POINTS: 44, in a 44-7 victory at Cincinnati in 1986. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 37, in the 44-7 win in '86. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0, in a 24-0 win at Cincinnati in 2001.

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

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

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

- Dalton also has 3420 career passing attempts, 144 shy of Esiason (3564) for second place all-time. QB Ken Anderson (4475) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Dalton passed QB Carson Palmer (3217) for third place all-time in Game 5, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo.

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

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

- Green also has 57 career total TDs, seven shy of WR Carl Pickens and RB James Brooks (64) for third place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Green passed WR Isaac Curtis (53) for fifth place all-time in Game 9, Nov. 12 at Tennessee.

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

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

Records vs. Bears: On Dec. 14, 1980 at Soldier Field, CB Louis Breen became the third Bengal to register the team record of three interceptions in a game. The record now has been set eight times, by six players.

On Sept. 25, 2005 at Soldier Field, Bears QB Kyle Orton threw five INTs against the Bengals, tied for the most by an opposing QB. That record has been reached four times. The other QBs were Oakland's Daryle Lamonica (1969), Minnesota's Daunte Culpepper (2005) and Green Bay's Brett Favre ('05).

Individually vs. Bears: Current Bengals' past offensive performances for Cincinnati against Chicago include:

- QB Andy Dalton: One game; 26-for-33 passing (78.8 percent) for 282 yards, with two TDs and two INTs (97.2 rating).

- WR A.J. Green: One game; Nine receptions for 162 yards (18.0), with two TDs.

- HB Giovani Bernard: One game; Four rushes for 22 yards (5.5); One reception for eight yards (8.0).

- TE Tyler Eifert (Reserve/Injured): One game; Five receptions for 47 yards (9.4).

BENGALS-BEARS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	BEARS
SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):		
Points scored	T-24th (18.3)	30th (15.9)
Points allowed.....	T-10th (19.8)	14th (22.3)
NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	31st (280.8)	32nd (275.8)
Rushing.....	30th (80.2)	T-12th (115.5)
Passing	26th (200.7)	32nd (160.3)
NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):		
Total	16th (334.1)	14th (333.2)
Rushing.....	28th (123.8)	15th (112.2)
Passing	8th (210.3)	12th (221.0)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential.....	T-26th (minus-6)	T-20 (minus-3)

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 Bears game include Willie Anderson, Corey Dillon, Bob Johnson, Rudi Johnson and Brian Simmons.

Bengals tough against NFC: The NFC's Chicago Bears are up next for the Bengals, kicking off a stretch of three straight games against NFC opponents. The Bengals are 0-1 against the NFC so far this season, after a narrow OT loss to the Green Bay Packers on Sept. 24. But even including those games, Cincinnati since 2011 is 16-7-2 (.680) against NFC foes.

The Bengals are 0-1 against the Bears during the span, with a 24-21 road loss on opening weekend of 2013.

Here's a recap of the 16-7-2 run:

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

* — Overtime. ** — at London.

NFC beware of The Jungle: The Bengals are 19-6-2 (.741 winning percentage) in their last 27 games against NFC teams at Paul Brown Stadium, including a 6-0-1 mark in the last seven such games.

Sunday's game vs. Chicago will be Cincinnati's first of two games against NFC teams at PBS this season. The Bengals are slated to play Detroit on Dec. 24.

The last 26 of the 27 games vs. the NFC at PBS have been played under head coach Marvin Lewis (18-6-2).

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

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

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

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

Under the NFL's schedule rotation, the Bengals play all four NFC North teams this season, as they did in 2005, '09 and '13. Cincinnati lost to Green Bay earlier this season, 27-24 in overtime on Sept. 24. The Bengals visit the Minnesota Vikings next week on Dec. 17, and they host the Detroit Lions the following week on Dec. 24.

Stayin' alive: The Bengals stand at 5-7, but their chances of making the playoffs aren't quite eliminated yet, historically speaking.

Since 1990, the first year of the current NFL playoff format with two Wild

(Stayin' alive, continued)

Cards from each conference, eight teams with a 5-7 or worse record after 12 games have qualified for postseason participation, including one in three of the past four seasons.

Here is a look at those eight squads and how they fared:

YEAR	TEAM	12 GAMES	FINAL	PLAYOFF RESULT
1990	New Orleans	5-7-0	8-8-0	Wild Card*
1995	San Diego	5-7-0	9-7-0	Wild Card*
1996	Jacksonville	5-7-0	9-7-0	Wild Card***
2007	Washington	5-7-0	9-7-0	Wild Card*
2008	San Diego	4-8-0	8-8-0	AFC West Champ**
2013	San Diego	5-7-0	9-7-0	Wild Card**
2014	Carolina	3-8-1	7-8-1	NFC South Champ**
2015	Washington	5-7-0	9-7-0	NFC East Champ*

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

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

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	32-32-1	.500
White (CR)*	White (CR)*	1-1-0	.500
White	Black	26-30-0	.464
White	White	19-28-0	.404

* — Orange is designated as a "specialty jersey" with the NFL and can be worn for only two games per year. Color rush (CR) uniforms have been worn for only Thursday night games since 2016.

Bengals' defense locks down the red zone: The Bengals currently rank fourth in the NFL in red-zone defense, allowing touchdowns on only 39.0 percent of opponents' trips into the red zone (16 of 42). Opponents have come away with points on 90.2 percent of their trips to the red zone (21 FGs, 16 TDs).

Over the last six games, the Bengals have allowed just 12 touchdowns on 32 opponent trips into the red zone. Last week vs. Pittsburgh, the Bengals held the Steelers to just one TD in three red-zone trips.

The Bears enter this weekend's game ranked fifth in red-zone offense, scoring 13 TDs in 21 trips.

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 33	Inside-20 possessions: 41
Total scores: 27 (81.8%)	Total scores: 37 (90.2%)
TDs: 18 (54.5%)	TDs: 16 (39.0%)
FGs: 9 (27.3%)	FGs: 21 (51.2%)
TD% rank: 16th	TD% rank: 4th
No scores: 6 (18.2%)	No scores: 4 (9.8%)

BEARS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 21	Inside-20 possessions: 42
Total scores: 18 (85.7%)	Total scores: 35 (83.3%)
TDs: 13 (61.9%)	TDs: 18 (42.9%)
FGs: 5 (23.8%)	FGs: 17 (40.5%)
TD% rank: 5th	TD% rank: 5th
No scores: 3 (14.3%)	No scores: 7 (16.7%)

Bengals-Bears connections: Bears K Mike Nugent played for the Bengals from 2010 until midway through '16. Nugent is from Centerville, Ohio (Centerville High School) and played at Ohio State University. ... Bengals S Clayton Fejedelem is from Lemont, Illinois (Lemont High School) and played two seasons at St. Xavier University in Chicago, before transferring and finishing his collegiate career at the University of Illinois ... Bengals DT Ryan Glasgow is from Aurora, Illinois (Marmion Academy) ... Bears P Pat O'Donnell played four seasons at the University of Cincinnati, before joining Miami (Fla.) University as a graduate transfer ... Bears assistant offensive line coach Ben Wilkerson played for the Bengals from 2005-06 ... Bears OL Cameron Lee was with the Bengals this offseason and was released during final cuts ... Bengals LB Hardy Nickerson played at the University of Illinois ... Bears LB Danny Trevathan played at the University of Kentucky ... Bengals HB Brian Hill is from Belleville, Illinois (Belleville West High School) ... Bears TE Adam Shaheen is from Galena, Ohio (Big Walnut High School) ... Bears quarterbacks coach Dave Ragone played QB at Louisville from 1999-2002 ... Bears tight ends coach Frank Smith played at Miami (Ohio) University from 1999-2003, and also coached there from '04-06 ... Bears outside linebackers coach Brandon Staley played at the University of Dayton from 2003-04 ... Bears wide receivers coach Zach Azzanni coached at Bowling Green State University from 2001-06, and at Western Kentucky University in 2011 ... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Jeff Friday coached at Illinois State University from 1990-91, and at Northwestern University from 1992-95 ... Bears DB Doran Grant (practice squad) played at Ohio State University.

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 123-110-3 in the regular season and 123-117-3 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.

John Fox was named the fifteenth head coach in Chicago Bears history on Jan. 16, 2015. He joined the Bears with 13 years of NFL head coaching experience with the Denver Broncos (2011-14) and Carolina Panthers ('02-10). He has compiled a 131-121 (.520) regular-season record, and an overall record of 139-128 (.521), including postseason. He has six division titles, six double-digit win seasons and seven playoff appearances.

In the postseason, Fox has a 8-7 (.533) record as a head coach with three

conference championship game appearances leading to two trips to the Super Bowl (XXXVIII with Carolina in 2003 and XLVIII with Denver in '13). Prior to coaching the Panthers, Fox was the defensive coordinator for the N.Y. Giants (1997-2001). In 2000, Fox helped the Giants reach Super Bowl XXXV. Before joining the Giants, he was a Rams' consultant (1996), defensive coordinator for the Raiders ('94-95), defensive backs coach for the Chargers ('92-93) and Steelers ('89-91), and secondary coach for the USFL's Los Angeles Express ('85).

Fox played defensive back at San Diego State (1976-77). He coached collegiately at San Diego State (1978), U.S. International ('79) Boise State ('80), Long Beach State ('81), Utah ('82), Kansas ('83), Iowa State ('84) and Pittsburgh ('86-88). He received his bachelor's degree in physical education and earned a teaching credential from San Diego State.

Fox was born on Feb. 8, 1955 in Virginia Beach, Va. He and his wife, Robin, have four children (Mathew, Mark, Cody and Halle).

Lewis vs. Bears: Lewis leads, 2-1.

Lewis vs. Fox: Lewis leads, 3-2.

Fox vs. Bengals: Tied, 3-3.

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 22 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 22 games in this category was the N.Y. Giants, whose streak of 23 was snapped in a 51-17 loss vs. the L.A. Rams earlier this season. The Eagles (15), Chargers (12), Jaguars (nine) and Ravens (nine) have the next-longest active streaks. The Bengals, Eagles and Chargers are the only teams to have held each of their opponents this season to fewer than 30 points.

The Bengals rank tied for 10th in scoring defense this season, at 19.8 points per game. Last season, they finished eighth in scoring defense (19.7), thanks in large part to a seven-game stretch to close the year in which they held opponents under 20 points six times while allowing a scoring average of 15.0. That followed a 2015 campaign in which they ranked second in scoring defense (17.4). In 2014, Guenther's first season as defensive coordinator, Cincinnati ranked 12th in scoring defense.

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

Andy's blemish-free run keeps rolling: Bengals QB Andy Dalton enters this week's game riding a streak of six straight games played (Games 7-12) without an INT. His last pick came in the third quarter of Game 6, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh. Dalton's streak is only the third in Bengals history, and the first since 1998, to reach at least six regular-season games without an INT. Neil O'Donnell has the most consecutive regular-season games in club history without an INT, with seven in 1998.

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

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

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

Dalton has completed 101 of 171 passes (59.1 percent) for 1246 yards and 11 TDs during his six game stretch. He has a 103.1 passer rating over that span,

compared to 102.8 for O'Donnell in his seven-game streak, 123.9 for Anderson in his first six-gamer and 93.1 in his second six-gamer. Dalton has topped a passer rating of 100 in four of the six contests, compared to O'Donnell's two of seven and Anderson's five of six (first streak) and one of six (second).

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

Dalton's INT-free run a career-best: Bengals QB Andy Dalton last threw an INT in the third quarter of Game 6, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh. What's transpired since has been a streak of 176 pass attempts over 25 quarters of play without an INT. That mark stands as the second-most consecutive pass attempts by a Bengal without an INT, behind only Neil O'Donnell's 238 in 1998. The last NFL QB to reach 176 was Tom Brady, whose streak of 188 was snapped earlier this season, in Week 12 vs. Miami.

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

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

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

The duo has started 95 of a possible 108 regular-season games together over their seven seasons.

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

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

Geno chasing another crown: DT Geno Atkins has again found himself atop NFL interior defensive linemen in sacks. After 13 weeks, Atkins (7.0 sacks) is tied with Dallas DT David Irving for most sacks by an interior lineman, with Jacksonville's Malik Jackson (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 career 59 sacks, most by a Bengals interior lineman and tied for fourth overall.

Lawson leads rookies in sacks: Through 13 weeks of the 2017 NFL season, Bengals LB Carl Lawson sits atop all NFL rookies in sacks, with 7.5. His lead is now 2.5, his largest of the season, over a group of rookies tied at five — Cleveland DL Myles Garrett, Pittsburgh LB T.J. Watt, Atlanta DE Takkarist McKinley and Philadelphia DE Derek Barnett. Among all players, Lawson stands in a tie for 21st, with Dallas DE Demarcus Lawrence leading the way at 13.5.

Lawson was held out of the sack column last week vs. Pittsburgh, breaking a streak of three straight games with at least a shared sack. In Game 11 vs. Cleveland, Lawson recorded his second-highest sack output of the season, 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 on Dec. 9, 2001 vs. Jacksonville (three).

Lawson has also had a knack for making sacks in key moments. In Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, his seven-yard sack of Jacoby Brissett on the Colts' final drive, as they were looking to get into range for a potential game-winning FG, helped secure a Bengals victory.

Carl eyeing Carlos' rookie record: LB Carl Lawson's impressive rookie campaign is entering rare Bengals air. Through 12 games, the pass-rushing specialist has 7.5 sacks, just two shy of Cincinnati's rookie record of 9.5 for a full season, set by DE Carlos Dunlap in 2010.

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

Lawson, on the other hand, started hot, with a 2.5-sack effort in just his third game. He's since maintained a steady pace, with at least a shared sack in six of his 12 games this season.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 second-year LB Nick Vigil, who has played the second-most snaps (759 out of 868 possible) of any defender, despite missing last week's game vs. Pittsburgh, as well as parts of the previous two contests, with an injury. Vigil also leads the team in tackles, with 77.

Bengal rookie and second-year players have combined to play 2776 out of an available 9548 snaps (868 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 10.5 of the team's 34 sacks, three of its eight INTs, 16 of its 48 passes defended, and 187 of the 753 total tackles (24.8 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 2718 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 (431), LB Carl Lawson (364), DT Ryan Glasgow (292), DE Jordan Willis (256), S Clayton Fejedelem (246), DT Andrew Billings (219), LB Jordan Evans (151), CB KeiVarae Russell (23), Josh Tupou (19), and LB Hardy Nickerson (16).

Dunlap the playmaker: Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap's playmaking ability has been on full display the last three weeks. Last week vs. Pittsburgh, he recorded a sack, a pass defended (batted pass) and a QB hit. In Game 11 vs. Cleveland, he had a half sack and an additional QB hit. 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 5.5 sacks, 17 QB hits, four passes defended, nine tackles for losses, a forced fumble and the INT for a touchdown.

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

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

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

In 2015, Dunlap had 13.5 sacks, second-most in Bengals history. Besides his 62.5 sacks, his career totals include 16 FFs, eight FRs, 45 PDs, four blocked FGs and three TDs scored.

"Carlos brings us a lot, and he needs to keep bringing it for us," said defensive coordinator Paul Guenther. "The key thing for Carlos is that he's an athlete, and a very big athlete. He's explosive and he just makes plays. He has also developed into a mature guy and a team leader."

Defense's sack streak ends at 34: The Bengals were held without a sack in Game 6 at Pittsburgh, marking the first time in more than two seasons they did not record at least one sack in a game. The 34-game streak (regular season) began in Week 4 of 2015, in a 36-21 home win over Kansas City in which the defense tallied five sacks. It had been the longest active streak in the NFL and the longest since Green Bay's streak of 42 ended in 2015.

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

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

logged at least a half sack in 16 different games.

Through the team's first 12 games of 2017, 12 different Bengals have recorded at least a half sack. Cincinnati has 34 sacks this season, tied for fifth in the NFL.

Geno's sack streak halted at six: Bengals DT Geno Atkins' most productive sack streak of his stellar eight-year career ended in Game 2 at Green Bay, when he was held without a sack for the first time since Game 12 of last season. Atkins had recorded at least a half sack in six consecutive games. His streak of six tied for the longest streak in Bengals history with DE Eddie Edwards (1983), LB Reggie Williams ('84) and current DE Carlos Dunlap (2010), and it had also been the longest active streak in the NFL at the time.

Over the span of the streak, Atkins recorded 7.5 sacks for 51.5 yards. He had two multi-sack efforts during the streak — two sacks for 19 yards in Game 13 at Cleveland last season (the first game in the streak), and two sacks in Game 2 of 2017 vs. Houston.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Kirkpatrick's 101-yard return, which he shared a laugh about after the game, now stands as the longest INT return in NFL history to not result in a TD. The next-longest INT without 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."

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 2606 yards through 12 games, which projects to 3472 yards for the full season.

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

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

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

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

'Crazy Legs' Andy: QB Andy Dalton's 18 career rushing TDs not only puts him in rare company in team history, he's also among the best when compared to his current NFL peers. In the category of rushing TDs by a QB, only Carolina's Cam Newton, whose 53 rushing TDs are beyond similarity, ranks higher than Dalton since 2011. Dalton and Newton both entered the NFL in '11.

Russell Wilson (16), Andrew Luck (14), and Tyrod Taylor (14) round out the top five.

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

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

PLAYER	TEAM	WINS
Russell Wilson	Seattle	63
Joe Flacco	Baltimore	62
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	60
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	60
Tom Brady	New England	58
Andy Dalton	Cincinnati	56
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia	56

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

- He is one of only three QBs in the Super Bowl era to lead a team to the postseason in each of his first five campaigns. Dalton did that from 2011-15, while Baltimore's Joe Flacco did it from '08-12 and Seattle's Russell Wilson has done it from '12-16.

- Dalton has posted 42 career games with a passer rating of 100 or more, and the Bengals are 35-7 (.833) in those contests.

• Dalton's .590 winning percentage (61-42-2) ranks eighth among active QBs with 50 or more starts behind Tom Brady (.781), Russell Wilson (.701), Ben Roethlisberger (.682), Aaron Rodgers (.667), Andrew Luck (.614), Joe Flacco (.600) and Matt Ryan (.597).

• Dalton's .590 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 (92 and counting). Dalton is tied with Miami QB Ryan Tannehill, whose streak of 77 ended last year due to an injury.

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

That makes Joe Mixon's 2016 campaign all the more impressive. Only three times in school history has a back averaged better than Mixon's 6.8 yards per carry in 2016. College Football Hall of Famer Greg Pruitt, who also played 12 years in the NFL, was first to do it when he averaged 8.98 in 1971. Marcus Dupree was next, when in 1982, at the peak of his famously stellar but injury shortened football career, he averaged 7.84. The only other Oklahoma back to best Mixon's 2016 mark was Billy Sims, another College Football Hall of Famer and NFL standout, who averaged 7.41 during his Heisman Trophy-winning season of 1978.

Through 12 games as a pro, Mixon has rushed 157 times for 518 yards (3.3) 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. Ross suffered a knee injury in the fourth preseason game and then re-aggravated it in practice before Game 3. 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 12 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 256 of the defense's 868 total plays (29.49 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. Throughout his rookie season, Lawson's time on defense has come exclusively with his hand on the ground, as an edge rusher with the No. 1 nickel defensive unit. He has 12 tackles on the year, including a team-leading 7.5 sacks for 48 yards. He started Game 4 at Cleveland, when the

defense opened the game in a nickel defensive package, and has played in 365 of a possible 868 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 worked his way into the Bengals' rotation at wide receiver, with starts in each of the team's last four games. And during that time, he's shown flashes of the potential that earned him the reputation as one of the most explosive players in the 2017 Draft. In Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, his second career game played, Malone caught his first career pass — a 10-yarder in the first quarter — and then followed it up with his first career TD reception — a 25-yarder in the third quarter, when he adjusted to an underthrown ball in the end-zone, putting the Bengals on top 17-13.

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

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

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

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

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

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

And 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 12 games in 2017, Dunlap has four passes defended, including a tipped pass in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis that he also intercepted and returned for a TD.

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

And through 12 regular-season games this year, he hasn't missed a beat. Bernard has played in every game this season and leads the team in yards per carry, at 4.2 (minimum five carries). He also has 21 catches for 238 yards (11.3) and two TDs, including his 61-yarder in Cleveland.

Bernard's return has allowed him to re-start his long pursuit of the all-time Bengals leads in both receptions and receiving yards by a running back. With 208 receptions, Bernard stands 89 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 1909 receiving yards, Bernard is 1103 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 232. A Bengals fifth-round selection in the 2009 draft, Huber also owns the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (3.93-to-1, with 232 inside-20s and 59 touchbacks).

Huber's other top accomplishments with the Bengals include:

- He is the franchise leader in career gross average (45.22) and net average (39.68).
- 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.

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 (30) and kickoff (22) 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: Although they netted 130 yards rushing as a team last week vs. Pittsburgh, the Bengals did not have a 100-yard rusher, due in part to HB Joe Mixon's injury in the second quarter that ended his day (finished with seven rushes for 34 yards). The previous week, Mixon had become 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.

That performance brought the Bengals' record under Marvin Lewis with a 100-yard rusher to an impressive 45-7-1 (.858). What's more, their record with a rusher who hits the 25-carry plateau is 39-2 (951). Reaching 30 rushes as a team usually spells success under Lewis as well. So far in 2017, the Bengals are 2-1 when rushing 30 times as a team, with wins in Game 4 at Cleveland (30 rushes for 86 yards) and Game 12 vs. Cleveland (30 rushes, 152 yards). Last year, Cincinnati was 5-1-1 (.786) with 30 or more rushes as a team.

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

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

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

The Bengals are 76-19-1 in the regular season under Lewis with a plus (.797 winning percentage), but they are only 18-67-2 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	916-427-4	.682
Plus 2	734-154	.827
Plus 3	411-40-1	.910
Plus 4	217-6	.973
Plus 5	99-3	.971

Plus teams so far this season have gone 109-32 (.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-45.

The Bengals are minus-six in differential in 2017, with 11 takeaways (eight INTs, three via fumbles) and 17 giveaways (eight INTs, nine FL).

Last week vs. Pittsburgh, the Bengals had were plus-one, with an INT of Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger on the game's opening drive.

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 82.7. Teams with any plus have won at a 79.0 percent clip.

Here are the top six teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England Patriots	439	269	+170
Green Bay Packers	406	339	+67
Seattle Seahawks	401	340	+61
Kansas City Chiefs	386	332	+54
Carolina Panthers	429	378	+51
Indianapolis Colts	376	328	+48
Baltimore Ravens	425	378	+47
Atlanta Falcons	387	341	+46
Cincinnati Bengals	413	368	+45

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

Bengal bites: Marvin Lewis' winningest month has been November (33-26-1, .558), followed closely by September (27-23-0, .540). His teams are also above .500 in December/January (36-31-0, .537 [regular season]). Lewis' only losing month has been October (27-30-2, .475) ... The attendance of 91,653 on Oct. 9, 2016, at Dallas was the largest ever for a Bengals regular-season game, topping a house of 87,786 for a 2004 visit to FedEx Field in Washington. The largest crowd for any Bengals game remains 92,045, for a 1990 season playoff game against the Los Angeles Raiders at the L.A. Coliseum ... The Bengals' tallest player is DE Michael Johnson, who is 6-7. K Randy Bullock and HB Giovani Bernard are tied for the shortest. Both are 5-9 ... There 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 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 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:

"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 234 yards and two TDs on 21-of-36 passing (58.3 percent; 96.3 rating) in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, bringing his 2017 totals to 222 of 360 passing (61.7 percent) for 2606 yards, 20 TDs and eight INTs (rating of 92.9). Dalton's career passer rating now stands at 89.5, the best in Bengals history, topping Carson Palmer's mark of 86.9. His 61-42-2 regular-season record as a starter also works out to the best winning percentage (.590) 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 162. Dalton has not thrown an INT since Game 6 at Pittsburgh, a streak that spans six games and 176 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 12 games, left Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh with a concussion, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. Mixon had a breakout performance in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, grabbing a season-high in carries (23), and rushing yards (114). He has now topped 100 scrimmage yards three times this season — in Game 3 against the Packers (101 total yards, on 62 yards rushing and 39 receiving), in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis (109 total yards, on 18 yards rushing and 91 receiving), and in Game 11 vs. Cleveland (165 total yards, on 114 yards rushing and 51 receiving). Mixon also picked up his fourth rushing TD of 2017 in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, finding the end zone from 11 yards out and putting the finishing touch on the Bengals victory. Mixon's four rushing TDs this season lead the team and put him third in TDs overall. In 2016 at Oklahoma, Mixon posted a school-record 2331 all-purpose yards (194.3 per game). For his collegiate career, he totaled 300 carries for 2027 yards (6.8) and 17 TDs, as well as 65 receptions for 894 yards (13.8) and nine TDs. Fifth-year player **Giovani Bernard** leads the Bengals' backfield in yards per carry this season (4.2), having worked his way completely back from an ACL tear a season ago. He has 47 carries for 198 yards this season as well as 21 receptions for 238 yards and two TDs. Bernard had his best rushing performance of the season in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, carrying the ball 13 times for 77 yards (5.9) after Mixon left with a concussion. In Game 4 vs. Cleveland, Bernard flashed some of his signature speed and agility, taking a screen pass 61 yards for the score. In his 10 games before the injury last season, Bernard racked up 673 yards from scrimmage, a total that stood fourth on the team at year's end. Rookie HB **Brian Hill** was signed off of Atlanta's practice squad prior to Game 10 vs. Denver, adding depth to the HB position and contributing on special teams. 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 12 games

is **A.J. Green**, who posted one of his best performances of the season in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, grabbing seven receptions for 77 yards and a season-high two TDs. Green passed Carl Pickens for the second-most receptions in team history in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, when 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 is tied for fifth in the AFC in receiving yards (886) and is third in the NFL in receiving TDs (eight). Through the first nine games of 2016, before a hamstring injury ended his season, Green was averaging 107.1 yards receiving per game. He finished the 2016 regular season with 964 receiving yards on 66 catches. Green's 541 career receptions rank second in Bengals history, and his 8021 receiving yards rank second. Green's 57 career receiving TDs rank third, and his 31 games of 100 or more receiving yards ties him for first with Johnson, whose total of 31 was recorded over a 10-year career. Veteran **Brandon LaFell** lines up opposite Green as the other starting WR, having grabbed 41 receptions for 428 yards and two TDs through the first 12 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 seven of the 12 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 11 receptions for 80 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 seven games this season, with starts as a 3rd WR in each of the last four weeks. For the season, he has six receptions for 63 yards and one TD — a 25-yarder from Dalton in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, the first of his career. In 2016 at Tennessee, Malone averaged a school-record 19.4 yards per reception to go with 11 receiving TDs in 13 games. His 4.40-second 40-yard dash at the NFL Combine in March was third best among participating wide receivers. Second-year pro **Alex Erickson**, a 2016 college free agent out of Wisconsin, posted career-highs in receptions and receiving yards in Game 2 against the Texans, nabbing four receptions for 62 yards. In Game 10 vs. Denver, Erickson hauled in his first career TD reception, catching a Dalton pass in stride for a 29-yard score. Though gaining a larger role in the offense this season, Erickson has made his mark as the Bengals' primary kick returner over the last two seasons, having led the AFC in kick return average in 2016 (27.9 yards on 29 KORs). This season, Erickson ranks fourth in the conference in kick return average (21.7). Erickson also handled most of the team's punt return duties, with 30 returns for 226 yards

(7.5) 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 33 receptions for 347 yards (10.5) on the season and is currently third in the conference in TD receptions by a tight end (five), including a one-yard TD reception in Game 11 vs. Cleveland that extended a Cincinnati lead in the second half. Kroft had a memorable outing in Game 4 vs. Cleveland, grabbing his first two TDs of the season as well as a career-high in receptions (six). In Game 8 vs. Jacksonville, Kroft had a career-long 59-yard catch and run to the Jacksonville 19 that helped set up a Bengals touchdown, and it was the major play that led to his career-high 79 receiving yards. Fellow third-year pro **C.J. Uzomah** has seen consistent action since Game 3, after being sidelined for the first two games with an ankle injury. Uzomah has four receptions for 60 yards on the current campaign. Known for his blocking ability, fourth-year pro **Ryan Hewitt** has manned the H-back position since joining the Bengals in 2014 as a college free agent out of Stanford. Despite missing three games with a knee injury this season, Hewitt has played in 56 of 60 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 seven 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 12 games at C this season. Bodine has not missed a start in his Bengals career, covering 60 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 11 of the first 12 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 44 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 prior to Game 9 vs. Tennessee, adding depth at both tackle positions in Fisher's absence. Winston was in Cincinnati from 2014-16 prior to being cut before the '17 regular season. G **Christian Westerman**, a fifth-round Bengals draft selection out of Arizona State in 2016, brings depth to the interior of the Bengals' line. Westerman has been inactive for 11 of the first 12 games, and was an active-DNP in Game 2 vs. Houston.

Defensive linemen: Pro Bowl DT **Geno Atkins**, now in his eighth season, has recorded seven sacks in 2017, including two in Game 2 vs. Houston. The two sacks in the Houston game marked the sixth-consecutive game in which Atkins had recorded at least one sack, a streak that came to an end against the Packers in Game 3. Atkins finished last season with a team-leading nine sacks, a total that also finished tops among NFL interior linemen (one ahead of Rams DT Aaron Donald). It's the fourth time Atkins has finished in at least a tie for that crown, and last season marked the second time for him to win the title outright (also in 2012). Atkins has 59 sacks in his career, tying him with Ross Browner for fourth in team history. DE **Carlos Dunlap** was the star in Game 7 against the Colts, as he tipped a ball at the line and ran it back for a go-ahead touchdown with just under seven minutes remaining in the contest. The touchdown marked the first score by a Bengals defensive lineman since Dunlap

recorded a 14-yard interception return touchdown in Game 17 of the 2012 season. Dunlap recorded a sack in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, giving him 62.5 for his career. That total ties him with LB Reggie Williams for second all-time in Bengals history. Dunlap earned a trip to the Pro Bowl last year, his second selection, after he led the team with a remarkable 15 passes defended. That total was seven more than any other NFL defensive lineman and it was the first time a Bengals defensive lineman has ever led the team in passes defended. For his career, Dunlap has 16 forced fumbles, eight fumble recoveries, 45 passes defended, four blocked field goals, two interceptions and three touchdowns scored. DE **Michael Johnson** currently stands tied for fourth on the team in sacks (three), having played in 11 of 12 games this season (missed Game 2 vs. Texans with a concussion). 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 three on the season. Smith also forced a fumble in Game 8 at Jacksonville, when he halted the Jaguars' opening drive of the game by hitting RB T.J. Yeldon in the backfield and jarring the ball loose (Bengals recovered). Currently at the top of the depth chart at NT is second-year DT **Andrew Billings**, a 2016 fourth-round Bengals draft selection out of Baylor who spent all of his rookie season on the Reserve/Injured list due to a knee injury suffered in training camp. Billings has started the last four 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 half of a sack, his first of the season, dropping QB DeShone Kizer for nine yards. On the season, Sims has 21 tackles and the half of a sack. Rookie DE **Jordan Willis**, who 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 (66), with 1.5 sacks and two passes defended. Burfict had his best game of the season in Game 10 vs. Denver, recording half of a sack, a forced fumble in the fourth quarter that led to a Cincinnati touchdown, as well as 11 solo tackles. The 11 solo-tackles are tied for the second-most in a single game in Burfict's career, and tied for the most since he had 13 in Game 7 of the 2012 season. Burfict left Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh with a head injury, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. 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 missed Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh 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 30 tackles on the season. Seventh-year pro **Vincent Rey**, the fifth-leading tackler through the first 12 games (55), missed Game 11 vs. Cleveland and Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh 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 7.5 sacks on the season, Lawson is the leader amongst all NFL rookies in that category and leads the team. Lawson is also two sacks away from tying Carlos Dunlap's single season rookie record, as Dunlap recorded 9.5 sacks in the 2010 campaign. A defensive end in college, Bengals coaches have added LB to his repertoire, in addition to duties as an edge rusher in the defense's No. 1 nickel package. At Auburn, Lawson played in 33 games in three years of action, with 20 starts, and notched 67 tackles, including 24 for losses and 14 sacks. Rookie LB **Jordan Evans** of Oklahoma, a sixth-round Bengals draft choice, had a standout game in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, finishing third on the team in tackles (six). Evans has 14 tackles on the campaign after finishing the preseason with 18 tackles, which was good for second on the team. Evans picked up his first career start in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, filling in for the injured Vigil. In 2016 at Oklahoma, Evans recorded four INTs and returned two for TDs. His 16 career breakups tied for second in school history among LBs. LB **Hardy Nickerson** successfully made the team to open the season as a college free agent out of Illinois, and is now on his third stint on the 53-man roster. He 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 fourth on the team in tackles (59), 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 12 games at LCB this season, with 49 tackles, nine 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 47 passes defended. He has proven to be a durable performer over the years, having played in 73 of the last 74 possible games (including postseason). Eleventh-year CB **Adam Jones** has started nine 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 left Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh with a groin injury, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. Jones, now in his eighth Bengals season, has 23 tackles and four PDs on the current campaign, along with one interception — a diving grab on a ball from Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger in the first quarter, which led to a Cincinnati field goal. 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, 11, and 12 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 (66) 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 12 games, Jackson is tied for the team lead in passes defended, with nine. 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 26 tackles on the year. Second-year S **Clayton Fejedelem**, who started in place of Williams in Games 1, 9, 11, and 12, 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 20 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 four 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 13 of his 15 FG attempts so far this season, one of which was blocked, with the longest coming from 49 yards. Now in his sixth NFL season out of Texas A&M, Bullock owns a career 82.1 percent average (96 for 117) on FGs and 95.2 percent average (120 for 126) on PATs. P **Kevin Huber**, the top Bengals punter in history in terms of gross average (45.22) and net average (39.68), 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 (3.93 to-1, with 232 inside-20s and 59 touchbacks). LS **Clark Harris**, the ninth-year player out of Rutgers, has handled all 1255 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 7.5 yards on 30 punt returns. S **Clayton Fejedelem** leads the Bengals in special teams tackles this season with 12 (nine solo).

IMPORTANT DATES

2017

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

2018

- Jan. 1 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, clubs must provide the Management Council with written notice, signed by the individual club’s owner, indicating the amount, if any, of the club’s 2017 League Year Salary Cap Room to be credited to the club’s 2018 Team Salary.
- Jan. 1 — Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2018 season.
- Jan. 1 — Earliest permissible date for clubs to renegotiate or extend the Rookie Contract of a Drafted Rookie who was selected in any round of the 2015 College Draft. Any permissible renegotiated or extended Player Contract will not be considered a Rookie Contract, and will not be subject to the rules that limit Rookie Contracts.
- Jan. 1 — Option exercise period begins for Fifth-Year Option for First-Round Selections from the 2015 College Draft. To exercise the option, the club must give written notice to the player on or after Jan. 1, 2018, but prior to May 3, 2018.
- Jan. 6-7 — Wild Card Playoff Games.
- Jan. 7 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that have byes in the Wild Card weekend may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of the Wild Card games.
- Jan. 8 — NCAA National Championship Game, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Jan. 13-14 — Divisional Playoff Games.
- Jan. 14 — Assistant coaches under contract to playoff clubs that won their Wild Card games may be interviewed for head coaching positions through the conclusion of Divisional Playoff games.
- Jan. 15 — Deadline for college players who are underclassmen to apply for Special Eligibility. A list of underclassmen who have been approved for entry into the 2018 College Draft will be sent to clubs on Jan. 19.
- Jan. 20 — East-West Shrine Game, Tropicana Field, St. Petersburg, Florida.
- Jan. 20 — NFLPA Collegiate Bowl, TBD.
- Jan. 21 — AFC and NFC Championship Games.
- Jan. 27 — Senior Bowl, Ladd-Peebles Stadium, Mobile, Alabama.
- Jan. 28 — NFL Pro Bowl, Camping World Stadium, Orlando, Florida.
- Jan. 28 — An assistant coach, whose team is participating in the Super Bowl, who has previously interviewed for another club’s head coaching job may have a second interview with such club no later than the Sunday preceding the Super Bowl.
- Jan. 31 — Deadline for NFL clubs to try out and negotiate with CFL players whose 2017 contracts are due to expire at noon Eastern time, on Feb. 13, 2018.
- Feb. 2 — Deadline for non-playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2018 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 4 — Super Bowl LII, U.S. Bank Stadium, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Feb. 5 — Waiver system begins for 2018. A 24-hour claiming period will be in effect through the Friday prior to the last regular season game (waivers requests made on Friday and Saturday of each week will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern time, on the following Monday.)
Players with at least four previous pension-credited seasons whom a club desires to terminate are not subject to the waiver system until after the trading deadline.
- Feb. 13 — Beginning at 12 noon Eastern time, NFL clubs may begin to sign players whose 2017 CFL contracts have expired.

- Feb. 16 — Deadline for playoff clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified 2018 Basic Injury Protection Benefit Candidates to the Management Council.
- Feb. 20 — First day for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- Feb. 27-Mar. 5 — Combine timing and testing, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- March 1 — Deadline for all clubs to conduct physical examinations pursuant to CBA Article 45, Section 4(a) for players claiming the Extended Injury Protection Benefit for the 2018 season.
- March 2 — Beginning this date, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an assistant coach, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as its head coach, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the coach the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.
- March 2 — Beginning this date through the conclusion of the annual Selection Meeting, if a club seeks permission to discuss employment with an individual, who is under contract for the succeeding season or seasons to another club, to offer him a position as a high-level club employee, the employer club is under no obligation to grant the individual the opportunity to discuss the position with the interested club if his current responsibilities include gathering information on and evaluating draft-eligible players or veteran free agent players. At the discretion of the employer club, however, such permission may be voluntarily granted.
- March 6 — Prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time, deadline for clubs to designate Franchise or Transition Players.
- March 12-14 — During the period beginning at noon Eastern time, on March 12 and ending at 3:59:59 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14, clubs are permitted to contact, and enter into contract negotiations with, the certified agents of players who will become Unrestricted Free Agents upon the expiration of their 2017 Player Contracts at 4 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14. However, a contract cannot be executed with a new club until 4 p.m. Eastern time, on March 14. During the above two-day negotiating period, no direct contact is permitted between a prospective Unrestricted Free Agent and any employee or representative of a club, other than the player’s current club.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- March 14 — Top 51 Rule is in effect. All clubs must be under the 2018 Salary Cap prior to 4 p.m. Eastern time.
- March 14 — All 2017 player contracts will expire at 4 p.m. Eastern time.
- 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.
- March 14 — Trading period for 2018 begins at 4 p.m. Eastern time, after expiration of all 2017 contracts.
- 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

(Important dates, continued)

March 15	— further requirements of CBA Article 13, Section 6(b)(ii)(1). — Deadline for all clubs to submit their individual lists of Physician-Certified Candidates for the 2018 Extended Injury Protection Benefit.	May 4-7	— selected in the first round of the 2015 Draft. — Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
March 25-28	— Annual League Meeting, Ritz Carlton, Orlando, Florida.	May 8	— Deadline for Prior Club to send “May 8 Tender” to its unsigned Unrestricted Free Agents. If the player has not signed a Player Contract with a Club by July 22 or the first scheduled day of the first NFL training camp, whichever is later, he may negotiate or sign a Player Contract from that date until the Tuesday following the 10th weekend of the regular season, at 4 p.m. Eastern time, only with his Prior Club.
April 2	— Deadline for clubs to meet 2018 funding requirements for guaranteed or deferred compensation in NFL Player Contracts and contracts for non-player Club employees.	May 11-14	— Clubs may elect to hold their one three-day post-Draft rookie minicamp from Friday through Sunday or Saturday through Monday.
April 2	— Clubs that hired a new head coach after the end of the 2017 regular season may begin offseason workout programs.	May 14	— Rookie Football Development Programs begin.
April 16	— Clubs with returning head coaches may begin offseason workout programs.	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.
April 18	— Deadline to bring draft-eligible players to their facilities for a physical examination.	May 21-23	— Spring League Meeting, Ritz Carlton, Buckhead, Georgia.
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		

MEDIA SCHEDULE

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 1-2:30 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after 1:10 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player availability after practice is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance; Conference call with Chicago Bears head coach John Fox at 2:45 p.m.	Wed., Dec. 13	— 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 from Minnesota Vikings head coach Mike Zimmer TBD.
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.	Thurs., Dec. 14	— Practice from 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. (practice open to media from 11:15-11:45 a.m., but no video after 11:35 a.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off practice field; Locker room open from 1:15-2 p.m.
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).	Fri., Dec. 15	— Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45-11:50 a.m. (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).
Sat., Dec. 9	— No media access.	Sat., Dec. 16	— No media access; Team travels to Minneapolis.
Sun., Dec. 10	— Game 13, Bengals vs. Chicago Bears at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m. Eastern.	Sun., Dec. 17	— Game 14, Bengals at Minnesota Vikings at U.S. Bank Stadium, 1 p.m. Eastern.
Mon., Dec. 11	— Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.	Mon., Dec. 18	— Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open from 3:15-4 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 12	— Players’ off day; No media access.	Tues., Dec. 19	— Players’ off day; No media access.

THE LAST BENGALS-BEARS MEETINGS

2009 SEASON

WEEK 7, GAME 7

Cincinnati Bengals 45, Chicago Bears 10
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2009 at Paul Brown Stadium

After an early season filled with hair-raising finishes, the Bengals romped over Chicago, scoring six TDs and a FG on their first seven possessions. QB Carson Palmer posted a career-high 146.7 passer rating with a performance that included five TD passes and no INTs. Former Bear Cedric Benson rushed for 189 yards against his former team and scored a TD. Bengals WR Chad Johnson scored two TDs while recording 10 catches for 118 yards. The Bengals also burned the Bears in turnovers, with four takeaways and no giveaways. CB Leon Hall had two INTs for Cincinnati, with returns for 48 yards. The Bengals improved to 5-2, holding a share of first place with Pittsburgh in the AFC North. The Bears fell to 3-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Chicago	0	3	0	7	—	10
Cincinnati	14	17	7	7	—	45

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT

Cin. — C.Henry 9 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	1-11:00
Cin. — C.Johnson 8 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	1-1:07
Cin. — J.Foschi 3 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	2-11:14
Cin. — L.Coles 8 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	2-2:49
Cin. — S.Graham 29 field goal	2-1:10
Chi. — R.Gould 22 field goal	2-0:00
Cin. — C.Johnson 13 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	3-4:48
Cin. — C.Benson 1 run (S.Graham kick)	4-14:57
Chi. — D.Hester 5 pass from J.Cutler (R.Gould kick)	4-11:48

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 64,900. **Time:** 2:53.

TEAM STATISTICS	CHI.	CIN.
First downs	15	30
Third down conversions-attempts	5-10	8-12
Total net yards	279	448
Net yards rushing	35	215
Net yards passing	244	233
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	39-27-3	24-20-0
Sacks against-yards lost	1-10	0-0
Punts-average	3-39.0	1-36.0
Punt returns-yards	0-0	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	7-151	2-35
Penalties-yards	6-44	3-20
Fumbles-lost	3-1	0-0
Time of possession	23:38	36:22

RUSHING

CHI.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
M.Forte	6	24	10	0	C.Benson	37	189	26	1
G.Wolfe	3	7	4	0	B.Scott	6	17	11	0
J.Cutler	3	4	2	0	J.O'Sullivan	2	9	6	0
TOTALS	12	35	10	0	TOTALS	45	215	26	1

PASSING

CHI.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Cutler	37	26	251	1-3	C.Palmer	24	20	233	5-0
C.Hanie	2	1	3	0-0					
TOTALS	39	27	254	1-3	TOTALS	24	20	233	5-0

RECEIVING

CHI.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Hester	8	101	18	1	C.Johnson	10	118	19	2
E.Bennett	4	48	26	0	L.Coles	2	37	29	1
J.Knox	4	42	16	0	C.Henry	2	26	17	1
M.Forte	4	25	18	0	A.Caldwell	2	19	12	0
G.Olsen	4	24	8	0	J.Johnson	2	16	9	0
D.Clark	3	14	8	0	B.Scott	1	14	14	0
					J.Foschi	1	3	3t	1
TOTALS	27	254	26	1	TOTALS	20	233	29	5

DEFENSE

Chicago (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** L.Briggs 7-6-13, D.Manning 7-3-10, A.Afalava 4-4-8, N.Roach 2-6-8, M.Harrison 5-2-7, A.Brown 2-4-6, I.Idonije 3-1-4, C.Tillman 1-3-4, H.Hillenmeyer 3-0-3, Z.Bowman 2-0-2, A.Adams 1-1-2, K.Payne 1-1-2, G.Adams 0-2-2, A.Ogunleye 0-2-2, M.Anderson 1-0-1, J.Williams 1-0-1, N.Vasher 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** None. **INT-YDS.:** None. **PD:** G.Adams 1, C.Tillman 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** J.Joseph 7-0-7, L.Hall 5-1-6, Dh.Jones 5-0-5, K.Rivers 3-2-5, C.Crocker 3-1-4, R.Mauluga 2-1-3, R.Geathers 1-2-3, C.Ndukwe 1-2-3, B.Johnson 2-0-2, M.Johnson 2-0-2, F.Rucker 2-0-2, M.Trent 1-1-2, J.Fanene 0-2-2, K.Hebert 1-0-1, T.Johnson 1-0-1, A.Hodge 0-1-1, R.Jeanty 0-1-1, T.Nelson 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** F.Rucker 1-10. **INT-YDS.:** L.Hall 2-48, C.Crocker 1-20. **PD:** L.Hall 4, C.Crocker 2, M.Trent 1. **FF:** J.Joseph 1. **FR-YDS.:** Dh.Jones 1-0.

2013 SEASON

WEEK 1, GAME 1

Chicago Bears 24, Cincinnati Bengals 21
Sunday, Sept. 8, 2013 at Soldier Field

The Bengals were on the wrong end of the seasaw at the conclusion of their season opener. Cincinnati rose to a 21-10 third-quarter lead after trailing 7-0, but the Bears came back to get the last two scores on TD drives of 80 yards in the third quarter and 81 yards in the fourth. The Bengals lost after leading through three quarters for only the 13th time in 75 opponent opportunities under head coach Marvin Lewis. The Bengals were burdened by a minus-two turnover differential. Bengals WR A.J. Green had nine receptions for 162 yards and two TDs, and he also drew a 34-yard pass interference penalty. His yardage total was the highest in Bengals history for a receiver in a season opener. Bengals QB Andy Dalton posted a 97.2 passer rating, and would have topped 100 had one well-thrown ball not been deflected off Green's hands for a Chicago INT.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	7	7	7	0	—	21
Chicago	7	3	7	7	—	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT

Chi. — M.Bennett 8 pass from J.Cutler (R.Gould kick)	1-9:52
Cin. — A.Green 2 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	1-2:34
Cin. — A.Green 45 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	2-2:53
Chi. — R.Gould 58 field goal	2-0:11
Cin. — B.Green-Ellis 5 run (M.Nugent kick)	3-7:52
Chi. — M.Forte 1 run (R.Gould kick)	3-3:22
Chi. — B.Marshall 19 pass from J.Cutler (R.Gould kick)	4-7:58

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 62,213. **Time:** 2:54.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CHI.
First downs	18	17
Third down conversions-attempts	7-11	6-14
Total net yards	340	323
Net yards rushing	63	81
Net yards passing	277	242
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	33-26-2	33-21-1
Sacks against-yards lost	1-5	0-0
Punts-average	4-48.3	5-46.4
Punt returns-yards	1-13	2-1
Kickoff returns-yards	0-0	1-31
Penalties-yards	8-84	4-59
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Time of possession	28:30	31:30

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CHI.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Green-Ellis	14	25	10	1	M.Forte	19	50	9	1
G.Bernard	4	22	7	0	J.Cutler	3	16	18	0
M.Jones	1	14	14	0	M.Bush	6	15	7	0
A.Dalton	2	2	3	0					
TOTALS	21	63	14	1	TOTALS	28	81	18	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CHI.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	33	26	282	2-2	J.Cutler	33	21	242	2-1
TOTALS	33	26	282	2-2	TOTALS	33	21	242	2-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CHI.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	9	162	45t	2	B.Marshall	8	104	38	1
T.Eifert	5	47	17	0	A.Jeffery	5	42	18	0
J.Gresham	5	35	12	0	M.Forte	4	41	24	0
M.Sanu	4	19	8	0	M.Bennett	3	49	30	1
G.Bernard	1	8	8	0	E.Bennett	1	6	5	0
M.Jones	1	7	7	0					
B.Green-Ellis	1	4	4	0					
TOTALS	26	282	45t	2	TOTALS	21	242	38	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** V.Burfict 8-6-14, R.Mauluga 6-3-9, L.Hall 6-1-7, M.Johnson 2-3-5, G.Iloka 3-1-4, T.Newman 3-1-4, A.Jones 3-0-3, J.Harrison 2-1-3, T.Mays 2-1-3, G.Atkins 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 1-2-3, D.Peko 2-0-2, R.Nelson 1-0-1, B.Thompson 1-0-1, R.Geathers 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** None. **INT-YDS.:** V.Burfict 1-12. **PD:** L.Hall 2, V.Burfict 1, C.Dunlap 1, D.Still 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

Chicago (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Jennings 6-2-8, C.Tillman 5-2-7, L.Briggs 4-3-7, M.Wright 3-4-7, S.Paea 2-5-7, Ja.Anderson 3-2-5, I.Frey 3-1-4, S.McClellin 1-3-4, D.Williams 1-2-3, C.Wootton 0-2-2, C.Conte 1-0-1, N.Collins 0-1-1, H.Melton 0-1-1. **SKS-YDS.:** S.McClellin 0.5-2.5, S.Paea 0.5-2.5. **INT-YDS.:** C.Tillman 2-41. **PD:** Ja.Anderson 2, C.Tillman 2, L.Briggs 1. **FF:** T.Jennings 2. **FR-YDS.:** T.Jennings 1-0.

2017 GAME SUMMARIES

WEEK 1, GAME 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 2, GAME 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 3, GAME 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

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 21.5 net yards, including just 45 rushing. Cincinnati improved to 1-3, while Cleveland fell to 0-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	21	10	0	—	31
Cleveland.....	0	0	0	7	—	7

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — A.Green 7 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-14:56
Cin. — T.Kroft 3 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-2:33
Cin. — G.Bernard 61 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	2-0:47
Cin. — R.Bullock 41 field goal	3-11:28
Cin. — T.Kroft 16 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick)	3-3:37
Cle. — D.Johnson 1 run (Z.Gonzalez kick)	4-1:54

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

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs	25	16
Third down conversions-attempts	6-11	5-16
Total net yards	350	215
Net yards rushing	86	45
Net yards passing	264	170
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	30-25-0	42-21-1
Sacks against-yards lost	3-22	2-13
Punts-average	4-47.8	6-49.2
Punt returns-yards	6-73	3-4
Kickoff returns-yards	1-7	5-116
Penalties-yards	8-66	4-28
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-0
Time of possession	35:02	24:58

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Mixon	17	29	10	0	I.Crowell	7	20	14	0
A.Dalton	4	29	12	0	D.Johnson	4	13	9	1
J.Hill	6	16	13	0	D.Kizer	5	10	4	0
G.Bernard	3	12	6	0	M.Dayes	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	30	86	13	0	TOTALS	17	45	14	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	30	25	286	4-0	D.Kizer	34	16	118	0-1
					K.Hogan	8	5	65	0-0
TOTALS	30	25	286	4-0	TOTALS	42	21	183	0-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Kroft	6	68	21	2	D.Johnson	9	47	9	0
A.Green	5	63	25	1	R.Louis	5	64	31	0
J.Mixon	4	19	10	0	K.Britt	3	52	26	0
G.Bernard	3	67	61t	1	D.Njoku	2	11	8	0
B.LaFell	2	17	9	0	I.Crowell	1	7	7	0
T.Boyd	2	15	9	0	S.DeValve	1	2	2	0
R.Hewitt	1	16	16	0					
C.Uzomah	1	11	11	0					
J.Hill	1	10	10	0					
TOTALS	25	286	61	4	TOTALS	21	183	31	0

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 5, GAME 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEFENSE Buffalo (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: S.Wright 8-3-11, P.Brown 4-4-8, L.Alexander 5-1-6, M.Hyde 2-4-6, J.Hughes 1-3-4, J.Poyer 3-0-3, C.Thornton 2-1-3, M.Milano 1-2-3, T.White 2-0-2, M.Dareus 1-1-2, L.Johnson 1-1-2, A.Washington 1-1-2, S.Lawson 0-2-2, K.Williams 0-2-2. SKS.-YDS.: M.Dareus 1-5. INT.-YDS.: M.Hyde 1-13, J.Poyer 1-13. PD: T.White 3, S.Wright 2, M.Hyde, L.Johnson 1, G.Mabin 1, J.Poyer 1. FF: L.Alexander 1. FR-YDS.: J.Poyer 1-32.

DEFENSE Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: V.Burfict 10-3-13, N.Vigil 4-5-9, K.Minter 4-1-5, G.Iloka 3-2-5, M.Johnson 4-0-4, G.Atkins 3-0-3, J.Willis 3-0-3, D.Dennard 2-1-3, S.Williams 2-1-3, C.Fejedelem 1-1-2, W.Jackson 1-1-2, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, R.Glasgow 1-0-1, D.Kirkpatrick 1-0-1, C.Lawson 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, A.Jones 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Johnson 2-8, V.Burfict 1-6, G.Atkins 1-5, J.Willis 1-4, C.Lawson 1-4. INT.-YDS.: G.Iloka 1-14. PD: V.Burfict 1, G.Iloka 1, N.Vigil 1. FF: C.Dunlap 1. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 7, GAME 6

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

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

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR-LEFT table listing plays such as A.Brown 7 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick) 1-9:25 and B.LaFell 6 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) 1-0:10.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEEK 8, GAME 7

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

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

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like R.Bullock 29 field goal, A.Vinatieri 29 field goal, etc.

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

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

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns IND., CIN. for ATT, YDS, LG, TD for F.Gore, M.Mack, J.Brissett, etc.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns IND., CIN. for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for J.Brissett, etc.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns IND., CIN. for NO, YDS, LG, TD for J.Doyle, F.Gore, M.Mack, etc.

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 9, GAME 8

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

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

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like J.Lambo 32 field goal, M.Lee 3 pass from B.Bortles, etc.

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

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

RUSHING

RUSHING table with columns CIN., JAX. for ATT, YDS, LG, TD for J.Mixon, A.Dalton, G.Bernard, etc.

PASSING

PASSING table with columns CIN., JAX. for ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for A.Dalton, etc.

RECEIVING

RECEIVING table with columns CIN., JAX. for NO, YDS, LG, TD for J.Mixon, T.Kroft, B.LaFell, etc.

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 10, GAME 9

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

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

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and time. Includes plays like D.Murray 2 run (R.Succop kick) 1-7:56 and A.Green 70 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) 4-5:03.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and TENN. for metrics like First downs, Total net yards, Pass attempts-completions-interceptions, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and TENN. for individual player stats like J.Mixon, G.Bernard, A.Erickson, A.Dalton.

PASSING table with columns CIN. and TENN. for individual player stats like A.Dalton, M.Mariota.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and TENN. for individual player stats like B.LaFell, A.Green, G.Bernard.

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.Burfict 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.

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

WEEK 11, GAME 10

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

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

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY table with columns QTR.-LEFT and time. Includes plays like T.Kroft 1 pass from A.Dalton (kick failed) 1-7:06 and A.Green 18 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) 4-8:56.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table with columns CIN. and DEN. for metrics like First downs, Total net yards, Pass attempts-completions-interceptions, etc.

RUSHING table with columns CIN. and DEN. for individual player stats like J.Mixon, A.Dalton, G.Bernard.

PASSING table with columns CIN. and DEN. for individual player stats like A.Dalton, B.Oswieiler.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. and DEN. for individual player stats like A.Green, B.LaFell, A.Erickson.

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

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

WEEK 12, GAME 11

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING table with columns CLE. and CIN. for player stats like I.Crowell, D.Kizer, D.Johnson.

PASSING table with columns CLE. and CIN. for player stats like D.Kizer, C.Kessler.

RECEIVING table with columns CLE. and CIN. for player stats like D.Njoku, D.Johnson, C.Coleman.

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, J.Willis 1-0-1, P.Sims 0-1-1, N.Vigil 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Lawson 1.5-10.5, G.Atkins 1-8.5, P.Sims 0.5-4.5, C.Smith 0.5-4.5, C.Dunlap 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: D.Kirkpatrick 2, C.Smith 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

The Bengals put themselves in good position early to secure a win against one of the top two teams in the AFC, jumping out to a 17-0 first-half lead on the strength of a balanced offense and a solid defense. The Bengals outgained the Steelers by 127 yards in the first two periods (253-126), converting six of eight third downs while allowing Pittsburgh to convert just one of five. CB Adam Jones intercepted a Ben Roethlisberger pass on the Steelers' first drive, leading to an early FG by K Randy Bullock. QB Andy Dalton completed 16 of 23 passes for 173 yards, two TDs and no INTs in the first half, twice hitting WR A.J. Green for scores - on eight-yard and 15-yard TD passes. Pittsburgh added their own FG as the half concluded. After a relatively even third quarter in which both teams scored once, Cincinnati still owned a 10-point lead heading into the final period. But in that fourth quarter, the Bengals' fortunes turned sour as Pittsburgh outgained the Bengals by 145 yards (158-13), recorded 11 first downs to the Bengals' zero, had more than an eight-minute advantage in time of possession (11:21-3:39) and scored 13 unanswered points. Roethlisberger completed 13 of 19 passes for 131 yards and one TD in the fourth quarter alone, tying the game 20-20 with 3:51 left on a six-yard TD pass to WR Antonio Brown. The Steelers won the game on the final play, converting a 38-yard FG as time expired. The Bengals finished with 13 penalties, incurring a team-record 173 penalty yards. Cincinnati fell to 5-7, while Pittsburgh improved to 10-2.

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

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

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

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

RUSHING table with columns PITT. and CIN. for player stats like L.Bell, J.Conner, B.Roethlisberger.

PASSING table with columns PITT. and CIN. for player stats like B.Roethlisberger.

RECEIVING table with columns PITT. and CIN. for player stats like A.Brown, L.Bell, M.Bryant.

DEFENSE

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

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

IN 2017, THE BENGALS ARE:

REGULAR SEASON

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

2-2 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
1-2 with plus turnover differential
2-2 with even turnover differential
2-3 with minus turnover differential
2-1 when passing for 250 net yards
0-4 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
5-3 when scoring 20 points or more
1-6 when opponent scored 20 points or more
5-7 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
0-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
2-4 on natural grass
3-3 on synthetic surface
2-2 with fewer penalty yards

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

70-45-3 at home (or as home team at neutral site)
53-65-0 on the road (or a visitor at neutral site)
85-36-1 when scoring first
38-74-2 when opponent scores first
23-24-3 in games decided by three points or fewer
56-53-3 in games decided by seven points or fewer
87-31-2 when leading at halftime
12-2-0 when tied at halftime
24-77-1 when trailing at halftime
98-20-2 when leading after three quarters
7-5-0 when tied after three quarters
18-85-1 when trailing after three quarters
82-38-2 when rushing for 100 net yards

76-32-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
76-19-1 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
34-43-3 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
102-41-2 when scoring 20 points or more
40-95-2 when opponent scores 20 points or more
118-102-3 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
81-71-2 on synthetic surface
66-54-2 with fewer penalty yards

2017 BEST PERFORMANCES

REGULAR SEASON

RUSHING YARDS

114 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 26 vs. Cleveland
77 — Giovani Bernard, Dec. 4 vs. Pittsburgh
62 — Joe Mixon, Sept. 24 at Green Bay

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

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

LONGEST RUSHES

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

RECEPTIONS

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

RECEIVING YARDS

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

PASSING YARDS

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

PASS ATTEMPTS

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

PASS COMPLETIONS

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

LONGEST PASSES

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

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

189 — A.J. Green, Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo
165 — Joe Mixon, Nov. 26 vs. Cleveland
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	353	22-130	223	21-36	2-0	2-11	19	7-14	0-0	30:11
Dec. 17	at Minnesota										
Dec. 24	DETROIT										
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
TOTALS		3370	280-962	2480	222-360	20/8	30-198	195	51-145	17-9	27:21

DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 10	BALTIMORE	268	42-157	111	9-17	1/1	1-10	17	6-14	1-0	34:00
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	266	35-168	98	15-24	0/0	3-27	14	4-15	0-0	32:15
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	344	17-64	280	28-42	3/1	6-33	22	7-15	0-0	29:21
Oct. 1	at Cleveland	215	17-45	170	21-42	0/1	2-13	16	5-16	1-0	24:58
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	221	24-82	139	20-37	1/1	6-27	17	6-18	1-0	29:45
Oct. 15	— BYE —										
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	420	43-152	268	15-25	2/0	0-0	21	2-11	0-0	35:15
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS	331	28-115	216	25-39	2/1	4-17	19	8-16	0-0	33:13
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville	408	40-149	259	24-38	1/0	0-0	26	12-18	1-1	40:14
Nov. 12	at Tennessee	416	36-180	236	25-44	1/1	4-28	27	7-15	1-1	40:09
Nov. 19	at Denver	341	34-112	229	23-42	1/1	3-25	20	12-21	1-1	35:11
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND	405	31-169	236	18-32	0/0	4-32	21	6-15	1-0	29:28
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH	374	22-92	282	24-40	2-1	1-8	24	4-12	0-0	29:49
Dec. 10	CHICAGO										
Dec. 17	at Minnesota										
Dec. 24	DETROIT										
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
TOTALS		4009	369-1485	2524	247-422	14/8	34-220	244	79-186	7-3	32:39

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 Jordan Willis (D3).</p> <p>June 27, 2017 — Signed G Cameron Lee (FA).</p> <p>July 29, 2017 — Signed WR Kermit Whitfield (FA); Waived WR Monty Madaris (failed physical).</p> <p>July 30, 2017 — WR Monty Madaris cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.</p> <p>July 31, 2017 — Signed S Cedric Thompson (FA); Waived K Jonathan Brown.</p> <p>Aug. 1, 2017 — Waived WR Monty Madaris from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list (injury settlement).</p> <p>Aug. 9, 2017 — Signed P Will Monday (FA); Waived WR Jake Kumerow (injured).</p> <p>Aug. 10, 2017 — WR Jake Kumerow cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Aug. 19, 2017 — Waived S Cedric Thompson (injury settlement).</p> <p>Aug. 20, 2017 — Terminated the contract of DT Brandon Thompson; Waived WR Karel Hamilton and HB Stanley Williams.</p> <p>Aug. 28, 2017 — Waived P Will Monday.</p> <p>Aug. 29, 2017 — Acquired a seventh-round pick in the 2018 NFL Draft in a trade with New England for LB Marquis Flowers; Placed HB Cedric Peerman on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 2, 2017 — Acquired a conditional sixth-round draft pick in the 2019 NFL Draft in a trade with the Dallas Cowboys for CB Bene Benwikere; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list: HB Tra Carson and TE Mason Schreck; Terminated the contract of the following two players: DE Wallace Gilberry and OT Eric Winston; Waived the following 23 players: LB Bryson Albright, LB Brandon Bell, WR Chris Brown, DE Ryan Brown, DE Will Clarke, S Demetrious Cox, LB P.J. Dawson, DT David Dean, G J.J. Dielman, K Jake Elliott, DE Marcus Hardison, FB Darrin Laufasa, OT Landon Lechler, G Cameron Lee, CB Tony McRae, OT Kent Perkins, WR Alonzo Russell, G Dustin Stanton, DT Josh Tupou, WR Kermit Whitfield, DT DeShawn Williams, HB Jarveon Williams, S Brandon Wilson; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list: LB Vontaze Burfict and CB Adam Jones.</p> <p>Sept. 3, 2017 — Signed the following eight players to the practice squad: LB Brandon Bell, K Jake Elliott, OT Kent Perkins, DT Josh Tupou, WR Kermit Whitfield, DT DeShawn Williams, HB Jarveon Williams and S Brandon Wilson.</p> <p>Sept. 4, 2017 — Placed QB Jeff Driskel on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB Sojourn Shelton (FA) and G Cole Toner (FA) to the</p> | <p>practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6, 2017 — Acquired DT Christian Ringo on waivers from Green Bay.</p> <p>Sept. 11, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted CB Adam Jones (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a one-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.</p> <p>Sept. 12, 2017 — Activated CB Adam Jones from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived DT Christian Ringo; K Jake Elliott signed off practice squad by Philadelphia.</p> <p>Sept. 13, 2017 — Signed G J.J. Dielman to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 22, 2017 — Waived WR Jake Kumerow from the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 25, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted LB Vontaze Burfict (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a three-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.</p> <p>Sept. 28, 2017 — Activated LB Vontaze Burfict from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived LB Hardy Nickerson.</p> <p>Sept. 29, 2017 — Signed LB Hardy Nickerson to the practice squad; Released G Cole Toner from the practice squad.</p> <p>Oct. 12, 2017 — Placed TE Tyler Eifert on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Oct. 16, 2017 — Signed LS Clark Harris* to a contract extension; Signed LB Hardy Nickerson from the practice squad; Signed TE Scott Orndoff (FA) to the practice squad.</p> <p>Oct. 27, 2017 — Signed CB Tony McRae (FA) to the practice squad; Released CB Sojourn Shelton from the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 4, 2017 — Signed K Marshall Koehn (FA); Waived S Derron Smith.</p> <p>Nov. 7, 2017 — Signed S Derron Smith to the practice squad; Released TE Scott Orndoff from the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 8, 2017 — Signed OT Eric Winston (FA); Placed OT Jake Fisher on the Reserve/Non-Football Illness list.</p> <p>Nov. 9, 2017 — Signed TE Scott Orndoff to the practice squad; S Derron Smith signed off practice squad by Cleveland.</p> <p>Nov. 11, 2017 — Signed DT Josh Tupou and S Brandon Wilson from the practice squad; Placed HB Jeremy Hill on Reserve/Injured; Waived K Marshall Koehn.</p> <p>Nov. 14, 2017 — Signed HB Brian Hill off Atlanta's practice squad; Waived LB Hardy Nickerson; Signed CB Sojourn Shelton (FA) to the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 15, 2017 — Signed LB Hardy Nickerson to the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 18, 2017 — Signed LB Hardy Nickerson from the practice squad; Waived DT Pat Sims.</p> <p>Nov. 21, 2017 — Re-signed DT Pat Sims; Waived DT Josh Tupou.</p> <p>Nov. 22, 2017 — Signed DT Josh Tupou 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.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	G-S	BALT.	HOU.	@G.B.	@Cle.	BUFF.	@Pitt.	IND.	@Jax	@Tenn.	@Den.	CLE.	PITT.	CHI.	@Minn.	DET.	@Balt.
Atkins, Geno.....	12-12	DT	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	PS				
Bernard, Giovanni.....	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Billings, Andrew.....	12-4	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NT	NT	NT	NT				
Bodine, Russell.....	12-12	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C				
Boling, Clint.....	12-12	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG				
Boyd, Tyler.....	7-1	P	IL	3rdWR	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P				
Bullock, Randy.....	11-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P				
Burfict, Vontaze.....	9-9	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	LB	LB	WLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	WLB	WLB	WLB				
Carson, Tra.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI				
Carter, Cethan.....	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Core, Cody.....	11-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P	P				
Dalton, Andy.....	12-12	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB				
Dennard, Darqueze.....	12-4	RCB	P	P	nkIDB	nkIDB	P	P	P	P	RCB	P	P				
Dielman, J.J.....	0-0	NWT	PS	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	RI				
Dunlap, Carlos.....	12-12	LDE	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	RI				
Elliott, Jake.....	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				
Erickson, Alex.....	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Evans, Jordan.....	11-1	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	SLB				
Fejedelem, Clayton.....	12-4	SS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	SS	P	SS	SS				
Fisher, Jake.....	8-7	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	P	ROT	ROT	ROT	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I				
Glasgow, Ryan.....	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Green, A.J.....	12-12	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR				
Harris, Clark.....	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Hewitt, Ryan.....	9-3	H-B	P	P	H-B	IL	IL	IL	H-B	P	P	P	P				
Hill, Brian.....	2-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	IL	P				
Hill, Jeremy.....	7-7	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	IL	RI	RI	RI	RI				
Hopkins, Trey.....	9-8	RG	IL	IL	IL	P	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG				
Huber, Kevin.....	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Iloka, George.....	12-12	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS				
Jackson, William.....	11-1	P	P	P	P	P	RCB	P	P	P	IL	P	P				
Johnson, Michael.....	11-11	RDE	IL	RDE	DT	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE				
Johnson, T.J.....	12-4	P	RG	RG	RG	RG	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Jones, Adam.....	9-9	RSBC	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	IL	RCB	RCB	RCB	IL	RCB	RCB				
Kirkpatrick, Dre.....	12-12	LCB	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	NWT				
Kroft, Tyler.....	12-12	TE	2ndTE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE				
Kumerow, Jake.....	0-0	RI	RI	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				
LaFell, Brandon.....	12-11	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR				
Lawson, Carl.....	12-1	P	P	P	RDE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Malone, Josh.....	7-4	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P	3rdWR	3rdWR	3rdWR	3rdWR				
McCarron, A.J.....	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP				
McRae, Tony.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				
Minter, Kevin.....	8-6	MLB	MLB	MLB	P	P	MLB	IL	IL	IL	IL	MLB	MLB				
Mixon, Joe.....	12-5	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB				
Nickerson, Hardy.....	10-0	P	P	P	PS	PS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Ogbuehi, Cedric.....	12-11	LOT	LOT	LOT	P	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT				
Orndoff, Scott.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS				
Peerman, Cedric.....	0-0	RI	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	PS				
Redmond, Alex.....	1-0	IL	IL	DNP	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL				
Rey, Vincent.....	10-7	WLB	WLB	WLB	P	P	P	WLB	WLB	WLB	MLB	IL	IL				
Ringo, Christian.....	0-0	IL	NWT	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	IL				
Russell, KeiVarae.....	6-0	P	IL	IL	P	P	P	IL	P	IL	P	IL	IL				
Schreck, Mason.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI				
Shaw, Josh.....	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Shelton, Sojour.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS				
Sims, Pat.....	10-7	NT	NT	NT	P	NT	NT	NT	NT	IL	NWT	P	P				
Smith, Andre.....	11-6	DNP	P	P	LOT	ROT	P	P	P	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT				
Smith, Chris.....	12-0	P	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	NWT				
Toner, Cole.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT				
Tupou, Josh.....	1-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	IL	PS	PS				
Uzomah, C.J.....	10-3	IL	IL	P	P	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE	P	P	P	P	P				
Vigil, Nick.....	11-11	SLB	SLB	SLB	LB	LB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB				
Westerman, Christian.....	0-0	IL	DNP	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL				
Whitfield, Kermit.....	0-0	PS	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	PS				
Williams, Jarveon.....	0-0	PS	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	IL				
Willis, Jordan.....	12-1	P	RDE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Wilson, Brandon.....	4-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	P	P				
Winston, Eric.....	4-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	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	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
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	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Evans	Minter	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Fejedelem	Iloka
Dec. 10	CHICAGO											
Dec. 17	at Minnesota											
Dec. 24	DETROIT											
Dec. 31	at Baltimore											

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OFFENSE

WR	18	A.J. Green	16	Cody Core	80	<u>Josh Malone</u>
LOT	70	Cedric Ogbuehi	73	Eric Winston		
LG	65	Clint Boling	63	Christian Westerman		
C	61	Russell Bodine	60	T.J. Johnson		
RG	66	Trey Hopkins	62	Alex Redmond		
ROT	71	Andre Smith	73	Eric Winston		
TE	81	Tyler Kroft	87	C.J. Uzomah		
H-B	89	Ryan Hewitt	82	<u>Cethan Carter</u>		
WR	11	Brandon LaFell	83	Tyler Boyd	15	<u>John Ross</u>
					12	Alex Erickson
QB	14	Andy Dalton	5	AJ McCarron		
HB	28	<u>Joe Mixon</u>	25	Giovani Bernard	23	<u>Brian Hill</u>

DEFENSE

LDE	96	Carlos Dunlap	94	Chris Smith		
NT	92	Pat Sims	99	Andrew Billings		
DT	97	Geno Atkins	98	<u>Ryan Glasgow</u>		
RDE	90	Michael Johnson	75	<u>Jordan Willis</u>		
SLB	59	Nick Vigil	58	<u>Carl Lawson</u>		
MLB	51	Kevin Minter	57	Vincent Rey	56	<u>Hardy Nickerson</u>
WLB	55	Vontaze Burfict	50	<u>Jordan Evans</u>		
LCB	27	Dre Kirkpatrick	21	Darqueze Dennard	20	KeiVarae Russell
RCB	24	Adam Jones	22	William Jackson		
SS	36	Shawn Williams	42	Clayton Fejedelem	40	<u>Brandon Wilson</u>
FS	43	George Iloka	26	Josh Shaw		

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

NOTE: Rookies are underlined.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

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, Giovani	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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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	Sojournt 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. Dielman (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
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RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL ILLNESS (date assigned)

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 5-7

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	L	20-23	PITTSBURGH	56,029
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	.....	195	244
Rushing	.....	54	79
Passing	.....	122	131
Penalty	.....	19	34
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	51-145	79-186
3rd Down Pct.	.....	35.2	42.5
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	3-6	6-13
4th Down Pct.	.....	50.0	46.2
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	27:21	32:39
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	3370	4009
Avg. Per Game	.....	280.8	334.1
Total Plays	.....	670	825
Avg. Per Play	.....	5.0	4.9
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	962	1485
Avg. Per Game	.....	80.2	123.8
Total Rushes	.....	280	369
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	2408	2524
Avg. Per Game	.....	200.7	210.3
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	30-198	34-220
Gross Yards	.....	2606	2744
Att.-Completions	.....	360-222	422-247
Completion Pct.	.....	61.7	58.5
Had Intercepted	.....	8	8
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	64-46.1	61-46.1
Net Punting Avg.	.....	64-40.8	61-38.6
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....	87-807	71-618
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	17-9	7-3
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	26	22
Rushing	.....	4	7
Passing	.....	20	14
Returns	.....	2	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	53	95	30	41	0	219
OPPONENTS	43	80	42	70	3	238

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	23-25	13-15	0	62
A.J. Green	8	0	8	0	—	—	0	48
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	1	—
BENGALS	26	4	20	2	24-26	13-15	0	219
OPPONENTS	22	7	14	1	22-22	28-32	0	238

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

Sacks-yards: Carl Lawson 7.5-48, Geno Atkins 7-51.5, Carlos Dunlap 5.5-27, Chris Smith 3-36, Michael Johnson 3-15, Darqueze Dennard 2-6, Vontaze Burfict 1.5-12, William Jackson 1-7, Nick Vigil 1-7, Jordan Willis 1-4, Dre Kirkpatrick 1-2, Pat Sims 0.5-4.5. BENGALS 34-220, OPPONENTS 30-198.

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.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	360	222	2606	61.7	7.24	20	5.6	8	2.2	77t	30-198	92.9
BENGALS	360	222	2606	61.7	7.24	20	5.6	8	2.2	77t	30-198	92.9
OPPONENTS	422	247	2744	58.5	6.50	14	3.3	8	1.9	72	34-220	81.1

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	157	518	3.3	25	4
Giovani Bernard	47	198	4.2	25	0
Jeremy Hill	37	116	3.1	13	0
Andy Dalton	33	102	3.1	25	0
Alex Erickson	5	16	3.2	14	0
John Ross	1	12	12.0	12	0
BENGALS	280	962	3.4	25	4
OPPONENTS	369	1485	4.0	49t	7

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	60	886	14.8	77t	8
Brandon LaFell	41	428	10.4	37t	2
Tyler Kroft	33	347	10.5	59	5
Joe Mixon	27	266	9.9	67	0
Giovani Bernard	21	238	11.3	61t	2
Tyler Boyd	11	80	7.3	12	1
Alex Erickson	10	160	16.0	37	1
Josh Malone	6	63	10.5	25t	1
C.J. Uzomah	4	60	15.0	21	0
Tyler Eifert	4	46	11.5	22	0
Jeremy Hill	4	16	4.0	10	0
Ryan Hewitt	1	16	16.0	16	0
BENGALS	222	2606	11.7	77t	20
OPPONENTS	247	2744	11.1	72	14

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
Adam Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nick Vigil	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	8	231	28.9	101	2
OPPONENTS	8	95	11.9	31	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	63	2991	47.5	40.8	3	27	63	1
BENGALS	64	2991	46.7	40.8	3	27	63	1
OPPONENTS	61	2810	46.1	38.6	5	19	74	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	30	12	226	7.5	29	0
Adam Jones	6	0	131	21.8	40	0
William Jackson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	37	12	357	9.6	40	0
OPPONENTS	30	15	320	10.7	63t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	22	478	21.7	41	0
Giovani Bernard	1	7	7.0	7	0
BENGALS	23	485	21.1	41	0
OPPONENTS	22	461	21.0	32	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Randy Bullock	0-0	4-4	5-6	4-5	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	4-4	5-6	4-5	0-0
OPPONENTS	0-0	14-14	8-8	5-8	1-2

Randy Bullock: (—), (39G, 29G, 30G), (48WR, 46G), (41G), (30G, 29G), (—), (29G, 34B), (—), (—), (—), (—), (31G, 49G, 21G), (35G, 41G).

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), (30G, 37G, 38G).

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	46	20	66	1.5-12	0-0	2	1	0-0
Darqueze Dennard	46	20	66	2-6	1-20	5	0	0-0
George Iloka	38	21	59	0-0	1-14	4	0	0-0
Vincent Rey	32	23	55	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	42	7	49	1-2	1-101	9	1	0-0
Geno Atkins	25	15	40	7-51.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	29	9	38	5.5-27	1-16	4	1	0-0
Shawn Williams	25	12	37	0-0	0-0	0	0	2-0
Michael Johnson	25	8	33	3-15	0-0	1	0	0-0
Kevin Minter	15	15	30	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Josh Shaw	22	4	26	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Adam Jones	19	4	23	0-0	1-0	4	0	0-0
Chris Smith	16	7	23	3-36	0-0	2	1	0-0
Pat Sims	6	15	21	0.5-4.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Clayton Fejedelem	12	8	20	0-0	1-5	2	0	0-0
Jordan Willis	11	7	18	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ryan Glasgow	9	8	17	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
William Jackson	11	4	15	1-7	1-75	9	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	10	4	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	8	4	12	7.5-48	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	6	1	7	0	0-0	0	0	0
C.J. Uzomah	5	2	7	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
Hardy Nickerson	0	3	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
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

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