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**WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE**

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# CINCINNATI BENGALS (6-9) AT BALTIMORE RAVENS (9-6)

SEASON FINALE  
SUNDAY, DEC. 31  
AT M&T BANK STADIUM

## GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 4:25 p.m. Eastern.

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

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

**Setting the scene:** With the playoffs out of the picture for Cincinnati, the Bengals played the role of spoiler last week when they beat Detroit 26-17 at Paul Brown Stadium, eliminating the Lions from postseason contention. This week, the 6-9 Bengals are happy to have the opportunity to do the same in their season finale when they travel to Baltimore to play the 9-6 Ravens on Sunday at M&T Bank Stadium.

A Cincinnati win at Baltimore will not guarantee that the Ravens do not make the playoffs, but it does put them in the position of needing help elsewhere. It will not be an easy assignment, as the Ravens have plenty to play for. A win over the Bengals does guarantee that Baltimore qualifies for postseason.

The game is the second of two matchups this season between the AFC North rivals. The Ravens beat the Bengals 20-0 in the season opener on Sept. 10 at Cincinnati.

"We've got one more game to play," said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis after the win over the Lions. "We started this season with (the Ravens), and we're ending it with them. We're going to their place. It's going to be one helluva week."

Last week against the Lions, for the third consecutive game, the Bengals entered the contest with a starting lineup that was shuffled significantly due to injuries on both sides of the line of scrimmage, particularly on the offensive line and in the linebacker corps. And their roster became more depleted as the game progressed. On offense, Cincinnati was without starting LOT Cedric Ogbuehi (shoulder) and ROT Andre Smith (knee; placed on Reserve/Injured on Dec. 20), and the team also lost starting HB Joe Mixon early in the first quarter due to an ankle injury. On defense, the Bengals began without SLB Nick Vigil (ankle/back; placed on R/I on Dec. 22) and MLB Kevin Minter (hamstring; placed on R/I on Dec. 15), and they lost WLB Vontaze Burfict in the second quarter due to a shoulder injury.

But the Bengals' replacements for the starters played splendidly, and once additional injuries occurred, their emergency backups played commendably.

On offense, seventh-year veteran Clint Boling moved from LG to start at LOT in place of Ogbuehi, and second-year G Christian Westerman, who had never played an NFL snap, started at LG in place of Boling. Westerman rotated at LG throughout the game with Alex Redmond, a little-used first-year player who was on the practice squad his entire rookie season in 2016 and played as a sub in just three games this year. At ROT, the Bengals started 11th-year veteran Eric Winston in place of Smith. When Mixon left the game, the Bengals inserted HBS Giovanni Bernard, a fifth-year vet, and Brian Hill, a rookie the team signed off Atlanta's practice squad last month. On defense, dependable seventh-year veteran Vincent Rey initially filled in for Minter at MLB, and otherwise, a trio of rookies rotated in and out of all positions alongside Rey. Sixth-round draft pick Jordan Evans started at SLB for Vigil, and later, after Burfict left the game, CFAs

Hardy Nickerson and Brandon Bell filled in the gaps.

Behind the blocking of the revamped offensive line, Bernard led the team in rushing yards with 116 on 23 carries (5.0-yard average, one TD), and he also led the team in receptions with seven for another 52 yards. His 168 yards from scrimmage ranks as second most for the Bengals this season, behind only a 189-yard effort (all receiving yards) by WR A.J. Green on Oct. 8 vs. Buffalo. His 12-yard TD run with 1:54 left were the games' final points. Hill added 17 yards rushing on four carries (4.3) and a 34-yard reception. The Bengals 142 net yards rushing was the second highest total of the season, just 10 yards shy of the team high (152 yards vs. Cleveland on Nov. 26). Defensively, Rey had two tackles, as well as an INT that led to a FG at the end of the first half. Evans, Nickerson and Bell combined for another five stops.

K Randy Bullock converted all four of his FG attempts and both PAT attempts to account for 14 total points, a season high. WR A.J. Green caught six passes for 81 yards, which put his receiving yards total over the 1000-yard mark (1061) for the sixth time in his seven-year career. By the end of the game, the Bengals held significant statistical advantages in first downs (28-15) and net rushing yards (142-87), as well as a modest but meaningful five-minute advantage in time of possession (32:29-27:31).

"The guys did a great job of fighting throughout the game (against the Lions)," Lewis said. "We had to battle the war of attrition once again out there, and guys had to step up and play. It was a nice job (by the backups).

"The last couple of weeks, we got on the bad end of some plays, particularly early in the football games, that set ourselves back. And today, we were able to keep fighting and hang in there. Our players did a nice job — that's what we have to do. We have one more opportunity (against the Ravens this week), and they'll answer the bell."

One area that Bengals coaching staffs under Lewis always have focused on over the years is turnover differential, and with good reason. Since 2003, when Lewis was named Cincinnati's head coach, the Bengals are 76-19-1 in regular season games (.797 winning percentage) with a plus in turnover differential, and they're 18-69-2 (.213) with a minus. This week, perhaps, Bengals coaches will concentrate a bit more than usual on that key statistic, because the outcomes of Cincinnati-Baltimore matchups under Lewis tend to amplify those percentages. In the 22 Bengals-Ravens games in the Lewis era when the turnover differential has not been even, the team with the plus has posted a 20-2 record (.909). Cincinnati is 10-0 when they have won the turnover battle in those games, and they are 2-10 (.167) when they have lost it. From Baltimore's perspective, the Ravens are 10-2 (.833) with a plus, and they are 0-10 (.000) with a minus. In regular-season games under Lewis in which the turnover has been even, the Bengals are 29-24-0 (.547) overall under Lewis, including 5-2 (.714) against the Ravens.

This weekend's game will be the Bengals' third consecutive regular-season season finale with the Ravens, and the seventh in the last eight seasons.

Baltimore is Cincinnati's most frequent opponent in regular-season finales. In the 22 years since Baltimore's inaugural season in 1996, the Bengals and Ravens have met in the regular-season finale a total of seven times. That is by far the Bengals' most frequent opponent during that span. The only other teams that Cincinnati met more than that once since '96 are Kansas City, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh (the Bengals played each of those three teams twice).

Not only are the Bengals' seven previous matchups with the Ravens in regular-season finales the most during that 22-season span, they are the most all-time. The Tennessee Titans (formerly Houston Oilers) are the Bengals' next most frequent finale opponent with six previous meetings, followed by the

Cleveland Browns and the N.Y. Jets with five each.

In the seven previous regular-season finales between Cincinnati and Baltimore, the Bengals own a 5-2 record over the Ravens. However, six of those meetings have taken place in Cincinnati, where the Bengals have a 5-1 edge. In their lone regular-season finale at Baltimore in 2010, the Bengals lost to the Ravens, 13-7.

This Sunday's Bengals-Ravens regular-season finale was originally scheduled for 1 p.m., but it was one of three CBS games to be moved from 1 p.m. to 4:25 p.m. (along with Buffalo-Miami and Jacksonville-Tennessee), and one of five total (including Carolina-Atlanta and New Orleans-Tampa Bay on FOX). The league elected to not play a Sunday night game in order to ensure that all games with playoff implications which impact each other are played at the same time.

The series: Overall, Baltimore leads the series, 22-21.

Here are some series notes:

- This weekend's game is the eighth regular-season finale between the Bengals and Ravens, including the third straight and seventh in the last eight years.
- In the seven previous meetings in regular-season finales, the Bengals lead 5-2, including 0-1 at Baltimore and 5-1 at Cincinnati.
- The Ravens have won two of the last three meetings overall with the Bengals, but the Bengals have won six of the last eight.
- It hasn't been an easy series for the visiting team. The Ravens lead 14-7 in Baltimore, and the Bengals lead 14-8 in Cincinnati.
- In the past seven seasons since 2010, 11 of the 15 meetings have been one-score decisions, by eight or fewer points.
- Cincinnati has not led in the series since after the first of two meetings in 1998 when they were up 3-2.

Complete Bengals-Ravens series results are on page 202 of the 2017 Bengals Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 42-29 win in 2005 at Paul Brown Stadium. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 17, in a 34-17 win at Paul Brown Stadium in the 2013 regular-season finale. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 7 (three times), most recently in a 17-7 win in 2009 at Paul Brown Stadium.

**Ravens — MOST POINTS:** 44, in a 44-13 win at M&T Bank Stadium in 2012. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 37, in a 37-0 win at Baltimore in 2000. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (four times), most recently on Sept. 10 in the Ravens' 20-0 win in this season's opener at Cincinnati.

The last meetings: A complete summary of the Bengals-Ravens meeting on Sept. 10 is 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 3512 career passing attempts, 52 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 WR Carl 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 Pickens and RB James Brooks (64) for third place all-time. FB Pete Johnson (70) is the Bengals' all-time leader. Green passed WR Isaac Curtis (53) for fifth place all-time in Game 9, Nov. 12 at Tennessee.
- DE Carlos Dunlap has 63.5 career sacks, 20 short of DE Eddie Edwards\* (83.5) for the Bengals' all-time lead. Dunlap passed DE Ross Browner\* (59) for third place all-time in Game 10, Nov. 19 at Denver, and then he passed LB Reggie Williams\* for second place all-time in Game 15, Dec. 24 vs. Detroit.
- DT Geno Atkins has 61 career sacks, 1.5 shy of Williams (62.5) for third place all-time. Edwards\* (83.5) is the Bengals' all-time leader.

\*NOTE: The NFL has counted sacks as official statistics since 1982.

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

Records vs. Ravens: In the first Bengals-Ravens game, Nov. 3, 1996 at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium, head coach Bruce Coslet's Bengals overcame what still stands today as the largest deficit (18 points) to win a road game in franchise history. Coach Ted Marchbroda's Ravens led 21-3 at halftime, but Cincinnati rallied for a 24-21 win on a 39-yard Doug Pelfrey field goal at the final gun.

The Bengals' second-biggest comeback in a road win also was at Baltimore. On Dec. 5, 2004 at M&T Bank Stadium, Cincinnati rallied for a 20-3 deficit to win 27-26. Also:

- Shayne Graham kicked a Bengals-record seven field goals — for all of Cincinnati's scoring — in a 21-7 win at Baltimore in 2007. Graham did not have a missed attempt. The NFL record for field goals in a game is eight, set by Rob Bironas of Tennessee in 2007, and Graham is one of six players sharing second place with seven.
- In the 2014 season opener at Baltimore, Bengals K Mike Nugent tied the NFL record for field goals in a half (five). His five in the first half gave the Bengals a 15-0 lead toward an eventual 23-16 win.
- WR A.J. Green's 227 receiving yards at Baltimore in 2015 stands as second most in a game in team history, behind only Chad Johnson's 260 vs. San Diego in 2006.
- In 2008 against the Ravens in Cincinnati, P Kyle Larson punted 11 times, which is tied with three other instances for most in a game in team history. Larson's 480 yards punting that day also stand as the third-most for a single game in Bengals history.
- The Bengals record for kickoff return yardage in a game (228 yards) was set at Baltimore by Brandon Bennett in 2002. Bennett had a 94-yarder for a TD.

BENGALS-RAVENS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	RAVENS
<b>SCORING (AVERAGE POINTS):</b>		
Points scored .....	28th (17.3)	9th (24.5)
Points allowed .....	15th (21.5)	4th (18.1)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	32nd (275.3)	26th (304.9)
Rushing .....	31st (81.3)	15th (115.9)
Passing .....	28th (193.9)	29th (189.1)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVERAGE YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	20th (340.9)	9th (322.8)
Rushing .....	31st (128.5)	14th (108.9)
Passing .....	7th (212.3)	10th (213.9)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential .....	27th (minus-9)	1st (plus-17)

Individually vs. Ravens: Bengals QB Andy Dalton has 12 career games against Baltimore, with a 6-6 record. Dalton has completed 249 of 433 attempts (57.5 percent) for 3088 yards (257.3 yards per game), 12 TDs and 17 INTs (72.6 rating).

Statistically, Dalton's best game against the Ravens was in the Bengals' 2015 comeback win at Baltimore when he passed for a career-high 383 yards and a 122.3 rating.

Other current Bengals' offensive performances while playing for Cincinnati against Baltimore include (ordered by total games played):

- HB Cedric Peerman (Reserve/Injured): 14 games; 15 rushes for 51 yards (3.4); One reception for 11 yards.
- WR A.J. Green: Nine games; 46 receptions (5.1 per game) for 800 yards (88.9 per game and 17.4 per catch), with six TDs.
- HB Giovani Bernard: Seven games; 83 rushes for 298 yards (3.6), with one TD; 26 receptions for 237 yards (9.1) with one TD.
- TE Tyler Eifert (Reserve/Injured): Six games; 16 receptions for 215 yards (13.4), with two TDs.
- H-back Ryan Hewitt: Six games; Two receptions for 10 yards (5.0).
- HB Jeremy Hill (Reserve/Injured): Six games; 60 rushes for 208 yards (3.5), with one TD; 13 catches for 106 yards (8.2).
- TE Tyler Kroft: Four games; One reception for five yards (5.0).
- WR Tyler Boyd: Three games; eight receptions for 112 yards (14.0), with one rush for 15 yards.

- WR Cody Core: Three games; Four receptions for 82 yards (20.5).
- WR Alex Erickson: Three games; One reception for seven yards.
- WR Brandon LaFell: Three games; 13 receptions for 129 yards (9.9).
- TE C.J. Uzomah: Three games, three catches for 13 yards (4.3) and one TD
- QB AJ McCarron: One game; 17-for-27 passing (63.0 percent) for 160 yards, with two TDs and no INTs (103.9 rating).
- HB Joe Mixon: One game; Eight rushes for nine yards (1.1); Three receptions for 15 yards (5.0).

**Bengals-Ravens connections:** Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis was Ravens defensive coordinator from 1996-2001 and earned a Super Bowl ring with the 2000 World Champions ... Ravens head coach John Harbaugh is from Perrysburg, Ohio, played DB at Miami (Ohio) and coached at Morehead State (1988) and the University of Cincinnati ('89-96) ... Ravens WR Chris Moore played at the University of Cincinnati ... Bengals CB Tony McRae was with the Ravens earlier this season ... Bengals HB Cedric Peerman (Reserve/Injured) entered the NFL in 2009 as a sixth-round draft choice of the Ravens, but was waived in final preseason cuts ... Ravens DE Chris Wormley is from Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer High School) ... Ravens G/T Andrew Donnal is from Monclova, Ohio (Anthony Wayne High School) ... Ravens C/G Matt Skura is from Columbus, Ohio (Worthington Kilbourne High School) ... Ravens OLB Za'Darius Smith played at the University of Kentucky ... Ravens ILB Bam Bradley (Reserve/Injured) is from Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison High School) ... Bengals special teams coordinator Darrin Simmons entered NFL coaching with the Ravens in 1998 ... Ravens defensive coordinator Dean Pees is from Dunkirk, Ohio, attended Bowling Green State University and coached in college at the University of Findlay (1979-82), Miami (Ohio) University ('83-86) and the University of Toledo ('90-93) ... Bengals defensive line coach Jacob Burney was on the Ravens staff from 1996-98 ... Bengals secondary coach Kevin Coyle was defensive coordinator at the University of Maryland from 1994-96 ... Ravens special teams coordinator/associate head coach Jerry Rosburg coached at the University of Cincinnati from 1992-95 ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton was assistant S/C coach for the Ravens from 1999-2001 ... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Jeff Friday was on the Ravens staff from 1999-2007 ... Ravens assistant special teams coach Chris Hewitt played at the University of Cincinnati from 1993-96 ... Bengals defensive coordinator Paul Guenther coached at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) from 1994-95 ... Ravens inside linebackers coach Don Martindale is from Dayton, Ohio, played at Defiance College from 1981-84, and coached at Defiance ('86-87), University of Cincinnati ('96-98) and Western Kentucky University (2001-03) ... Ravens offensive assistant/quarterbacks coach Craig Ver Steeg coached at the University of Cincinnati from 1990-93.

**Bengals' defense locks down the red zone:** The Bengals currently rank fourth in the NFL in red-zone defense, allowing touchdowns on only 44.2 percent of opponents' trips into the red zone (23 of 52). Opponents have come away with points on 92.3 percent of their trips to the red zone (25 FGs, 23 TDs).

Last week vs. Detroit, the Bengals allowed one TD and one FG on two Lions trips into the red zone

The Ravens enter this weekend's game ranked tied for 10th in red-zone offense, scoring 27 TDs in 48 trips.

**Bengals' road offense converts in red zone:** Scoring on the road can be difficult for any offense, and so is scoring TDs in the red zone. But the Bengals have managed near perfection when combining both of those challenges, scoring TDs on 12 of their 13 trips in the red zone as the road team

this season. That 92.3-percent TD conversion rate is the best in the NFL, with the Jaguars (13 of 18; 72.2 percent), Jets (eight of 12; 66.7 percent), Redskins (12 of 18; 66.7 percent) and Lions (13 of 20; 65.0) coming closest.

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

In their last road game, Dec. 17 at Minnesota, the Bengals scored a TD on their only trip to the red zone.

Overall, Cincinnati ranks 15th in scoring TDs in the red zone, reaching the end zone in 22 of their 40 trips (55.0 percent).

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

GAME	DATE	OPP	RED-ZONE TRIPS	TD	PCT
3	9-24-17	@G.B.	3	3	1.000
4	10-1-17	@Cle.	2	2	1.000
6	10-22-17	@Pitt.	2	2	1.000
8	11-5-17	@Jax.	1	1	1.000
9	11-12-17	@Tenn.	2	1	.500
10	11-19-17	@Den.	2	2	1.000
14	12-17-17	@Minn.	1	1	1.000
TOTALS			13	12	92.3

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 40	Inside-20 possessions: 52
Total scores: 34 (85.0%)	Total scores: 48 (92.3%)
TDs: 22 (55.0%)	TDs: 23 (44.2%)
FGs: 12 (30.0%)	FGs: 25 (48.1%)
TD% rank: 15th	TD% rank: 4th
No scores: 6 (15.0%)	No scores: 4 (7.7%)

RAVENS RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 possessions: 48	Inside-20 possessions: 42
Total scores: 43 (89.6%)	Total scores: 35 (83.3%)
TDs: 27 (56.3%)	TDs: 20 (47.6%)
FGs: 16 (33.3%)	FGs: 15 (35.7%)
TD% rank: T-10th	TD% rank: 9th
No scores: 5 (10.4%)	No scores: 7 (16.7%)

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

Since 2004, the year of the Bengals' last significant uniform redesign, a number of color options for jerseys and pants have been available. Below are the records (regular season plus postseason) for the different combinations:

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L-T	PCT.
Orange*	Black	6-0-0	1.000
Orange*	White	15-6-1	.705
Black	Black	16-12-1	.569
Black	White	33-32-1	.508
White (CR)*	White (CR)*	1-1-0	.500
White	Black	26-30-0	.464
White	White	19-29-0	.396

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

## THE HEAD COACHES

Marvin Lewis in 2017 extends his Bengals-record head coaching tenure to 15 seasons, nearly twice that of Paul Brown (1968-75) and Sam Wyche ('84-91), who are tied for second with eight seasons each.

Lewis has led his teams to the postseason seven times, including a five-year run from 2011-15. The total number of playoff trips and the five-year streak of consecutive appearances are Bengals records, and the Bengals were one of only four NFL teams to reach the playoffs every year from 2011-15. The playoff run ended in 2016, however, as Cincinnati finished 6-9-1. The Bengals' last five losses came by a total of 16 points. Injuries were a greater-than-usual factor, and crucial missed place kicks plagued the team to an extent not seen for many

years.

The Bengals' 58-36-2 record over the last six full seasons (2011-16) under Lewis gave the team a .615 winning percentage for that span, ranked sixth in the NFL.

Lewis has 124 career victories, the most in Bengals history by a margin of 60 over Wyche (64). Lewis' record now is 124-112-3 in the regular season and 124-119-3 including postseason.

Lewis in 2017 ranks second among NFL head coaches in longest current tenure with one team, trailing only Bill Belichick, who is in his 18th straight season with New England. In the category of most seasons as head coach with

one or more teams, Lewis ranks fourth among active coaches, behind Belichick (23rd season in '17), Andy Reid (19) and John Fox (16).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lewis played LB at Idaho State, earning All-Big Sky Conference honors for three consecutive years (1978-80). He also saw action at quarterback and free safety during his college career. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education from Idaho State in 1981, and earned his master's in athletic administration in '82. He was inducted into Idaho State's Hall of Fame in 2001.0

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

Bengals' coaching staff for 2014 and remains on the staff for '17.

John Harbaugh enters his 10th season as head coach at Baltimore. He has led the Ravens to a playoff berth in six (2008-12 and '14) of his nine full seasons, and in '12, he captured the franchise's second Super Bowl championship.

Under Harbaugh's guidance, the Ravens have secured an appearance in three AFC Championship games (2008, '11 and '12 seasons). Baltimore is one of only seven teams with at least six playoff berths in the past nine seasons. The list includes Green Bay (8), New England (8), the Ravens (6), Cincinnati (6), Indianapolis (6), Pittsburgh (6) and Seattle (6). Additionally, under Harbaugh, the Ravens' 10 playoff wins since 2008 rank as the NFL's second most behind New England, which has 11.

In the Ravens' most recent playoff year of 2014, the Ravens posted a 10-6 record en route to capturing a 30-17 victory at Pittsburgh in the Wild Card round. In 2012, the Ravens seized the franchise's second Super Bowl championship. Baltimore topped the Colts in the Wild Card round and followed that by earning a Divisional Round victory over top-seeded Denver before advancing to Super Bowl XLVII with a win in the AFC Championship Game at New England. In the Super Bowl in New Orleans, the Ravens bested the San Francisco 49ers, 34-31.

In his initial season with the team in 2008, Harbaugh led Baltimore to an 11-5 record and a berth in the AFC Championship Game. Baltimore set an NFL record that season for most total wins (13) by a team with both a rookie head coach and a rookie starting quarterback (Joe Flacco). Harbaugh spent his first 10 NFL seasons (1998-2007) with the Philadelphia Eagles. He was the team's secondary coach in 2007, after nine seasons as its special teams coordinator. He was voted the 2001 NFL's Special Teams Coach of the Year by his coaching peers. His career record as head coach is 104-70.

Harbaugh played defensive back at Miami (Ohio) University from 1980-83, earning his degree in political science. He coached collegiately at Western Michigan (1984-86), Pittsburgh (87), Morehead State (88), Cincinnati (89-96), and Indiana (97).

Born in Perrysburg, Ohio on September 23, 1962, Harbaugh and his wife, Ingrid, have a daughter, Alison. He is the son of longtime college coach Jack. John's brother, Jim, the current University of Michigan head coach, played for the Ravens in 1998. John's brother-in-law, Tom Crean, a college basketball coach, is married to his sister, Joani.

Lewis vs. Ravens: Lewis leads, 17-12.

Lewis vs. Harbaugh: Lewis leads, 10-9.

Harbaugh vs. Bengals: Bengals lead, 10-9.

### BENGALS NOTES

Bengals D spreads the INT love: Ten different Bengals this season have recorded an INT, which marks the fourth time in five seasons that at least 10 Bengals have recorded an INT. This season, though, that stat comes with a twist of historical proportions, because none of those 10 players have more than one INT. If that stat holds through this weekend's season finale at Baltimore, the 2017 Bengals would join the 1944 Brooklyn Tigers as the only teams in NFL history to have 10 players record an INT without anybody having more than one INT.

Here are the players to record an INT this season: CB Dre Kirkpatrick, CB William Jackson, CB Darqueze Dennard, DE Carlos Dunlap, S George Iloka, LB Vincent Rey, S Shawn Williams, S Clayton Fejedelem, CB Adam Jones and LB Nick Vigil.

Here's a look at past NFL teams with the most players to record an INT without anyone having more than one. Results are for full seasons.

YEAR	TEAM	NO. OF PLAYERS
1944	Brooklyn Tigers .....	10
2017	Cincinnati Bengals .....	*10
1998	Indianapolis Colts .....	8
1982	St. Louis Cardinals .....	6
2006	Washington Redskins .....	6

\*NOTE: The Bengals have not yet completed their full season.

Geno chasing another crown: With just one game remaining, Bengals DT Geno Atkins (9.0 sacks) holds a narrow one-sack lead in this year's race for the most sacks by an NFL interior lineman. Jacksonville DT Malik Jackson (8.0) is right on Atkins' heels, with Carolina DT Kawann Short (7.5) and Dallas DT David Irvin (7.0) also within shouting distance.

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

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

Atkins has battled through a toe injury the last two weeks that limited him to a season-low 12 snaps vs Chicago and 29 at Minnesota. Last week vs. Detroit, though, Atkins was back up closer to his normal work load, with 52 snaps.

Atkins has 61 career sacks, most by a Bengals interior lineman and fourth overall.

Last week, Atkins was selected to his sixth Pro Bowl in eight seasons. His six selections are the most of any Bengals defensive lineman in team history — no other DL has had more than two — and he's now tied with CB Lemar Parrish for the most selections by a Bengals defensive player (six).

Lawson leads rookies in sacks: With one sack last week vs. Detroit, Bengals LB Carl Lawson expanded his lead to 2.5 over the rest of the field in the race for the rookie NFL sack title. With one week remaining in the NFL season, Lawson's 8.5 sacks leads a trio of rookies at 6.0 — Pittsburgh LB T.J. Watt, Atlanta DE Takkarist McKinley and Cleveland DL Myles Garrett. Among all players, Lawson stands in a tie for 25th, with Arizona LB Chandler Jones leading the way at 15.0.

Lawson now has at least a shared sack in seven games this season, including two multi-sack efforts. The highlight of his stellar rookie season came in Game 3 at Green Bay, when he registered 2.5 sacks, 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. And last week vs. Detroit, Lawson's nine-yard sack of Matthew Stafford on fourth-and-15 with one minute remaining in the game ended the Lions' comeback hopes and turned the ball back over to the Bengals.

Carl eyeing Carlos' rookie record: LB Carl Lawson's impressive rookie campaign is entering rare Bengals air. With one game remaining, the pass-rushing specialist has 8.5 sacks, just one 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 seven of his 15 games this season.

Lawson leads all NFL rookies in sacks, by a margin of 2.5 over Pittsburgh LB T.J. Watt, Atlanta DE Takkarist McKinley and Cleveland DL Myles Garrett (each with 6.0). 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 21 QB hits through 15 games has already topped Dunlap's rookie season total of 14.

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 98 of a possible 111 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

Defense's 30-point streak ends at 22: The Bengals allowed just 17 points to the Lions last week, ending a two-game stretch where they allowed more than 30 points (33 in Game 13 vs. Chicago, and 34 in Game 14 at Minnesota). It was an uncharacteristic stretch to say the least, considering another record-setting streak that was alive and well just three weeks ago.

Going into Game 13 vs. Chicago, the Bengals' defense, led by fourth-year defensive coordinator Paul Guenther, had held opponents under 30 points in 22 consecutive games. It was the longest such streak in team history, and at the time had been the longest active streak in the NFL. The Bears' 33 points in a winning effort marked the first time since Game 6 of 2016 (a 35-17 loss at New England) that the Bengals had relinquished more than 30 points.

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

The Bengals' 22-game streak had been the longest in the NFL since the N.Y. Giants' streak of 23 was snapped in a 51-17 loss vs. the L.A. Rams earlier this season. The Bengals also had been one of three teams, along with the Eagles and Chargers, to hold each of their 2017 opponents to fewer than 30 points. Both of those other streaks, however, have since ended.

Down as many as six starters at times over the last few weeks, the Bengals have now slipped to 15th in scoring defense on the season (21.5 points per game), after ranking as high as second earlier in the year (16.6 through Week 6). Last season, they finished eighth in scoring defense (19.7), thanks in large part to a seven-game stretch to close the year in which they held opponents under 20 points six times while allowing a scoring average of 15.0. That followed a 2015

campaign in which they ranked second in scoring defense (17.4). In 2014, Guenther's first season as defensive coordinator, Cincinnati ranked 12th in scoring defense.

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

Andy's blemish-free run ends at six: Bengals QB Andy Dalton entered Game 13 vs. Chicago riding a streak of six straight games played (Games 7-12) without an INT. But an interception on a tipped pass midway through the third quarter ended his run, marking his first interception since the third quarter of Game 6, Oct. 22 at Pittsburgh.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dalton's INT-free run a career-best: Bengals QB Andy Dalton's INT in the third quarter of Game 13 vs. Chicago was his first pick since the third quarter of Game 6 at Pittsburgh, ending a career-best stretch of 193 pass attempts without an INT. The streak, which covered 27 full quarters of play, stands as the second-most consecutive pass attempts by a Bengal without an INT, behind only Neil O'Donnell's 238 in 1998. His streak also stands as the third-longest in the NFL this season, behind 287 straight by Alex Smith and 196 by Matthew Stafford.

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

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

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

Only A.J.: Cincinnati's A.J. Green was selected last week to his seventh Pro Bowl in seven seasons, making him the only NFL receiver since the 1970 merger to start his career with seven consecutive Pro Bowl nominations. He is also the only Bengal at any position to make the Pro Bowl in each of his first seven seasons. Only one other Bengal, WR Isaac Curtis, made it for as many as his first four seasons (1973-76).

In total Pro Bowl selections, Green's seven selections move him ahead of WR Chad Johnson and CB Lemar Parrish (each with six) for second-most in Bengals history, behind Hall of Fame OT Anthony Munoz, who had 11.

Green was selected but did not play in last season's Pro Bowl, due to a hamstring injury.

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.

Fourteen of the 30 Bengals players to see time on defense this season are either rookies, first- or second-year players, including eight who have been on the field for more than a quarter of the team's 1070 defensive snaps.

Bengal rookie and second-year players have combined to play 3698 out of an available 11,770 snaps (1011 plays, multiplied by 11 players on the field at a time) this season, which works out to 31.4 percent. And from a production standpoint, they haven't disappointed, accounting for 11.5 of the team's 40 sacks, three of its 10 INTs, 20 of its 62 passes defended, and 263 of its total tackles (28.2 percent). And on special teams, rookie DE Jordan Willis has a blocked punt, and second-year CB KeiVarae Russell has a blocked FG.

Eight of the Bengals' 18 draft choices over the last two years were used on defenders, and seven of those players have seen action this season on defense, combining for 3512 snaps. The lone defensive draft selection to not appear on defense, rookie sixth-round pick Brandon Wilson, has been a contributor on special teams (109 snaps).

Here are the Bengals' rookie and second-year players to see time on defense this year: Vigil (759 snaps), CB William Jackson (621), LB Carl Lawson (445), DT Ryan Glasgow (385), S Clayton Fejedelem (376), DE Jordan Willis (335), DT Andrew Billings (303), LB Jordan Evans (288), LB Hardy Nickerson (91), CB KeiVarae Russell (46), Josh Tupou (19), CB Tony McRae (15), LB Brandon Bell (10) and G Alex Redmond (five). Redmond was called into action on defense in Game 13 vs. Chicago and Game 15 vs. Detroit, due to injuries along the defensive line.

**Dunlap the playmaker:** Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap's playmaking ability has been on full display in recent weeks. Last week vs. Detroit, he recorded a five-yard sack on Detroit's final drive, helping snuff out the Lions' last-ditch comeback effort. He also recorded a pass defended (batted pass) earlier in the game.

In Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, he recorded a sack, a pass defended (batted pass) and a QB hit. In Game 11 vs. Cleveland, he had a half sack and an additional QB hit. And in Game 10 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 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 6.5 sacks, 21 QB hits, six passes defended, 11 tackles for losses, a forced fumble and the INT for a touchdown.

Dunlap has 63.5 sacks for his career, second in team history behind DE Eddie Edwards (83.5). He passed LB Reggie Williams (62.5) for second place in Game 15, Dec. 24 vs. Detroit, after passing DE Ross Browner (59 sacks) for third place in Game 10, Nov. 19 at Denver.

And at 28 years old — he turns 29 after the season — Edwards' record is beginning to come into focus for Dunlap. Now in his eighth season out of the University of Florida, he 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 15 games this season, 12 different Bengals have recorded at least a half sack. Cincinnati has 40 sacks this season, tied for seventh in the NFL.

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

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

Atkins has 61 sacks for his career, fourth place all-time in team history and the most ever by a Bengals interior lineman.

**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."

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Dalton goes seven-for-3000:** A season passing total of 3000 yards is not in itself a stupendous NFL feat — 25 passers reached it in 2016, and 19 have already reached it in 2017. But hitting 3000 in the first seven seasons of an NFL career still is an event worth noting. Bengals QB Andy Dalton achieved just that last week, breaking the 3000-yard barrier for the seventh time in seven seasons (currently stands at 3098 yards). Incidentally, Panthers QB Cam Newton, who was selected first overall in the same draft the Bengals took Dalton at No. 35, also achieved the feat last week (3122 yards).

Dalton and Newton now join cinch NFL Hall-of-Famer Peyton Manning as the only QBs in NFL history to go seven-for-3000. Manning reeled off 13 straight 3000-yarders before missing the 2011 season due to injury.

**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 54 rushing TDs are beyond similarity, ranks higher than Dalton since 2011. Dalton and Newton both entered the NFL in '11.

Russell Wilson (16) Tyrod Taylor (16) and Andrew Luck (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 .....	64
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 .579 winning percentage 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 (95 and counting). Dalton is tied with Miami QB Ryan Tannehill, whose streak of 77 ended last year due to an injury.

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

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

Through 15 games, Mixon has rushed 160 times for 530 yards (3.3) and four TDs. Mixon missed Games 13-14 due to a concussion suffered in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh. He returned last week vs. Detroit, but left the game with a left ankle injury. His status for this week's game is unknown as of the time of this release.

**Willis earns praise from a legend:** Earning praise from a 77-year-old College Football Hall of Fame coach may not be easy, but that's precisely what rookie DE Jordan Willis received from legendary Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder last year.

"Jordan is the epitome of what our program is all about," Snyder said in 2016, his 25th season as KSU head coach. "He comes to practice exactly the same way he goes to a ballgame. If you were unaware of the setting, you couldn't tell the difference between what he does on the practice field and what he does on the game field. Like I have said so many times, he is a young guy who gives you his very best of every second of every minute of every hour of



every day of every week. He has learned the value of that and (realized) what it has meant to him. He has allowed that to carry over into every aspect of his life. He is going to be a highly successful young guy in a lot of ways, because he is that committed to doing the best that he can."

**Willis invades the stat sheet:** Rookie DE Jordan Willis has played in all 15 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 335 of the defense's 1070 total plays (31.31 percent) and has totaled 22 tackles and a sack (one more was wiped away when the Bengals accepted an offensive penalty in Game 11 vs. Cleveland). He also blocked a punt in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis.

Willis turned heads this preseason with his pass rush and playmaking ability, tying for the NFL lead in sacks, with four, while also adding a forced fumble. But gaudy numbers are nothing new for the former Kansas State Wildcat.

Last year, while KSU head coach Bill Snyder was heaping praise on Willis as one of the top people to ever pass through KSU's program (see previous item), the statistics ID'd him as one of the school's best-ever defensive players.

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

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

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

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

But with great speed, quickness and strength — his 35 bench press reps of 225 pounds at the 2017 NFL Combine tied for the top mark overall — Bengals coaches have found a way to get him on the field in a fashion that suits his strength as a pass rusher. Throughout his rookie season, Lawson's time on defense has come exclusively with his hand on the ground, as an edge rusher with the No. 1 nickel defensive unit. He has 15 tackles on the year, including 8.5 sacks for 57 yards. He started Game 4 at Cleveland, when the defense opened the game in a nickel defensive package, and has played in 445 of a possible 1070 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:** Ten 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 six of the last seven games. And during that time, he's shown flashes of the potential that earned him the reputation as one of the most explosive players in the 2017 Draft. In Game 7 vs. Indianapolis, his second career game played, Malone caught his first career pass — a 10-yarder in the first quarter — and then followed it up with his first career TD reception — a 25-yarder in the third quarter, when he adjusted to an underthrown ball in the end-zone, putting the Bengals on top 17-13.

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

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

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

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

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

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

And in 2017, Green 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

**A.J. vying to join rare company:** With only one game remaining in his seventh NFL season, Bengals WR A.J. Green stands three TDs shy of joining yet another list of prestigious names. Only six players in NFL history have reached both 8000 receiving yards and 60 TDs in their first seven NFL seasons. Green currently stands at 8196 receiving yards and 57 TDs.

Here's the list of players with 8000 receiving yards and 60 TDs.

PLAYER	REC. YDS	TD
Calvin Johnson	9328	66
Randy Moss	9142	90
Jerry Rice	9072	93
Marvin Harrison	8800	73
Larry Fitzgerald	8204	65
Sterling Sharpe	8134	65

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

DE Carlos Dunlap in 2016 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 15 games in 2017, Dunlap has six 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 15 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 4.3 (minimum five carries). He also has 777 scrimmage yards and four total TDs (two receiving, two rushing), including his 61-yard catch-and-run 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 224 receptions, Bernard stands 73 short of James Brooks' record of 297. And with 2042 receiving yards, Bernard is 970 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 237. 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 (4.02-to-1, with 237 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 (39.74).
- He holds the top three Bengals season averages in gross and the top five Bengals season averages in net. His gross record is 46.84 in 2014, and his net record is 42.10, also in '14.
- He shares the team record for longest punt (75 yards) with Kyle Larson.
- His 33 inside-20 punts in 2012 is a franchise record.

Huber was an initial-ballot Pro Bowl selection in 2014 and also was named first-team All-Pro by The Sporting News that year.

**Some very good rushing numbers:** Last week vs. Detroit, the HB Giovani Bernard rushed for 116 yards on 23 carries (5.0), making him the Bengals' second 100-yard rusher this season. The other instance came in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, when Bengals rookie HB Joe Mixon gained 114 yards on 23 carries (5.0).

Both performances came in winning efforts, bringing the Bengals' record under Marvin Lewis with a 100-yard rusher to an impressive 46-7-1 (.861). 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. The Bengals are 3-1 when rushing 30 times as a team in 2017, with wins in Game 4 at Cleveland (30 rushes for 86 yards), Game 12 vs. Cleveland (30 rushes, 152 yards), and Game 15 vs. Detroit (34 rushes, 142 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 18-69-2 with a minus (.213).

"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 .....	928-431-4	.682
Plus 2 .....	750-156	.828
Plus 3 .....	416-40-1	.911
Plus 4 .....	220-6	.973
Plus 5 .....	99-3	.971

Plus teams so far this season have gone 145-38 (.792 winning percentage).

**And when it's even?** The Bengals are 30-24 in head coach Marvin Lewis' full tenure in games when the turnover differential has been even, for a winning percentage of .556. The Bengals have won 13 of their last 21 with an even differential (.619), dating back to 2012, including a 3-2 record in '17.

**Turnover tables are turned:** During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank ninth in the NFL in turnover differential, at plus-42.

The Bengals are minus-nine in differential in 2017, with 13 takeaways (10 INTs, three via fumbles) and 22 giveaways (12 INTs, 10 FL).

Last week vs. Detroit, the Bengals had an even differential, with one giveaway (INT) and one takeaway (INT).

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 82.8. Teams with any plus have won at a 79.1 percent clip.

Here are the top nine teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England Patriots .....	440	273	+167
Green Bay Packers.....	408	345	+63
Kansas City Chiefs .....	395	333	+62
Seattle Seahawks .....	406	345	+61
Carolina Panthers .....	439	380	+59
Indianapolis Colts .....	379	328	+51
Baltimore Ravens.....	429	379	+50
Atlanta Falcons.....	390	346	+44
Cincinnati Bengals .....	415	373	+42

Since 2003, the Bengals rank sixth in takeaways (415) and 10th in points off turnovers (1254).

**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 (37-33-0, .529 [regular season]). Lewis' only losing month has been October (27-30-2, .475) ... The attendance of 91,653 on Oct. 9, 2016, at Dallas was the largest ever for a Bengals regular-season game, topping a house of 87,786 for a 2004 visit to FedEx Field in Washington. The largest crowd for any Bengals game remains 92,045, for a 1990 season playoff game against the Los Angeles Raiders at the L.A. Coliseum ... The Bengals' tallest player is DE Michael Johnson, who is 6-7. K Randy Bullock and HB Giovani Bernard are tied for shortest. Both are 5-9 ... DT Josh Tupou is the heaviest Bengal, at 350 pounds ... CBs Dre Kirkpatrick and Tony McRae are the lightest players, at 185 pounds ... Eric Winston, who turned 34 on Nov. 17, is the oldest player ... The youngest player is HB Joe Mixon, who turned 21 on July 24.

Bengals president Mike Brown, on the Bengals' 50th season in 2017:

"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."

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."

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."

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, and now they're proving 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."

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

"He's a guy who works really hard. I think everyone is sees what he can do now. He's a reliable player, and that has shown up a lot."

RBs coach Kyle Caskey, on HB Joe Mixon:

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

G Clint Boling, on HB Joe Mixon:

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

Director of Player Personnel Duke Tobin, on HB Joe Mixon adjusting to the pro level:

"He has really taken to it, and our coaches have done a great job getting him up to speed. There's a lot to learn at that position — running backs have to be worthy in pass protection. Obviously, his run skills and his instincts are natural. He's got all the physical qualities you look for."

Lewis, on DT Geno Atkins:

"He's a man of few words, but he goes out and performs. He's productive against the pass and the run, week in and week out."

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

"One thing about Geno this year is that he has done a great job of being a mentor, more so than any other year I've been around him. Everyone knows him as a quiet guy, and he is generally quiet. But I've seen him taking (Andrew) Billings, (Ryan) Glasgow, (Carl) Lawson, (Jordan) 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."

Guenther, on playing young players:

"In my first year in coaching (in college), 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 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 passes at the line of scrimmage:

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

Lewis, on S Clayton Fejedelem being named as a second alternate for the Pro Bowl as a special teamer:

"I think Clayton has done a good job. Him being recognized that way, especially from the standpoint of players and coaches who vote for the Pro Bowl, also shows that others are noticing what he has been doing."

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."

## POSITION BY POSITION

**Quarterbacks:** Seventh-year pro **Andy Dalton** threw for 238 yards and one TD on 27-of-41 passing (65.9 percent, 79.1 rating) in Game 15 vs. Detroit, bringing his 2017 totals to 274 of 452 passing (60.6 percent) for 3098 yards, 22 TDs and 12 INTs (rating of 86.3). Dalton's career passer rating now stands at 88.7, the best in Bengals history, topping Carson Palmer's mark of 86.9. His 62-44-2 regular-season record as a starter also works out to the best winning percentage (.583) 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 164. Prior to Game 13 vs. Chicago, Dalton had not thrown an INT in six games (176 pass attempts), which was the longest string of pass attempts without an INT in the NFL. In 2016, Dalton completed 364 of 563 passes (64.7 percent), with 18 TDs and eight INTs. His 4206 yards passing in 2016 were the second most in team history, surpassed only by his own mark of 4293, posted in '13. Dalton also holds the club record for TD passes in a season (33, also in '13). Though the Bengals missed the playoffs in his sixth season in 2016, Dalton still is only the third NFL QB in the Super Bowl era to lead his team to the playoffs in each of his first five seasons, from '11-'15. Third-year pro **AJ McCarron** entered late in the fourth quarter of Game 14 vs. Minnesota, throwing for 19 yards on three-of-six passing. On the season, he has 66 yards on seven-of-14 passing (66.3 rating). 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 15 games, ran for 12 yards on three carries in Game 15 vs. Detroit, before exiting the game with an ankle injury. His status for this week's game is uncertain. Mixon missed Games 13 and 14 with a concussion that was suffered in Game 12 vs. Pittsburgh, after a breakout performance in Game 11 vs. Cleveland. Mixon grabbed a season-high in carries (23) and rushing yards (114) against the Browns, marking the third time he had topped 100 scrimmage yards this season — in Game 3 against the Packers (101 total yards, on 62 yards rushing and 39 receiving), in Game 7 vs. Indianapolis (109 total yards, on 18 yards rushing and 91 receiving), and in Game 11 vs. Cleveland (165 totally yards, on 114 yards rushing and 51 receiving). Mixon also picked up his fourth rushing TD of 2017 in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, finding the end zone from 11 yards out and putting the finishing touch on the Bengals victory. Mixon's four rushing TDs this season lead the team and put him third in TDs overall. In 2016 at Oklahoma, Mixon posted a school-record 2331 all-purpose yards (194.3 per game). For his collegiate career, he totaled 300 carries for 2027 yards (6.8) and 17 TDs, as well as 65 receptions for 894 yards (13.8) and nine TDs. Fifth-year player **Giovani Bernard** leads the Bengals' backfield in yards per carry this season (4.3), having worked his way completely back from an ACL tear a season ago. Bernard filled in admirably for Mixon after his departure in Game 15 vs. Detroit, carrying the ball 23 times for 116 yards and a TD and adding 52 receiving yards. The 116 rushing yards marked Bernard's first 100-yard rushing game since Game 2 of the 2015 season, when he ran for 123 yards against the Chargers. Bernard also turned in impressive performances in Games 13 and 14, when Mixon was out with a concussion, as he scored his first rushing TD of the season in Game 14 vs. Minnesota and racked up over 100 scrimmage yards (130 total yards, on 62 rushing and 68 receiving) for the first time this season in Game 13 vs. Chicago. In Game 4 vs. Cleveland, Bernard flashed some of his signature speed and agility, taking a screen pass 61 yards for the score. He has 95 carries for 406 yards and two TDs this season as well as 37 receptions for 371 yards and another two TDs. In his 10 games before the injury last season, Bernard racked up 673 yards from scrimmage, a total that stood fourth on the team at year's end. Rookie HB **Brian Hill** was signed off of Atlanta's practice squad prior to Game 10 vs. Denver, adding depth to the HB position and contributing on special teams. A fifth-round pick out of Wyoming in April's draft, Hill has 11 carries for 37 yards (3.1) and two receptions for 36 yards this season, which includes a 34-yard catch-and-run in Game 15 vs. Detroit that helped set up a TD four plays later. Another rookie HB, **Jarveon Williams**, was

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."

signed off of the practice squad prior to Game 14 vs. Minnesota. Williams signed with Cincinnati as a college free agent out of Texas-San Antonio, where he enjoyed a record-setting career.

**Wide receivers:** Leading the Bengals in receiving through 15 games is **A.J. Green**, who crossed the 1000-yard mark for the sixth time in his first seven years in Game 15 vs. Detroit, after totaling 81 yards on six catches in the contest. Green is sixth in the AFC in receiving yards (1061) and is tied for third in the NFL in receiving TDs (eight). Green passed Carl Pickens for the second-most receptions in team history in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, when he hauled in No. 531. Two weeks prior, in Game 9 vs. Tennessee, Green tied Chad Johnson for most 100-yard receiving games in a Bengal uniform (31) with his 115-yard outing. A 70-yard TD catch in the fourth quarter at Tennessee was Green's second TD reception of at least 70 yards this season. The last time a Bengal had two TD receptions of at least 70 yards in one season was in 2014, when Green had TD receptions of 77 and 81 yards. 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, marking his only season where he did not reach 1000 yards. Green's 555 career receptions rank second in Bengals history, and his 8196 receiving yards rank second. Green's 57 career receiving TDs rank third, and his 31 games of 100 or more receiving yards ties him for first with Johnson, whose total of 31 was recorded over a 10-year career. Veteran **Brandon LaFell** lines up opposite Green as the other starting WR, and has grabbed 50 receptions for 513 yards and three TDs through the first 15 games. LaFell's third TD came in Game 13 vs. Chicago, when he hauled in a 14-yard reception to give the Bengals an early lead. LaFell had his best game of the season in Game 9 vs. Tennessee, with a season-high in receptions (six) and yards (95), while pulling in a 37-yard TD pass. In the 2016 season, LaFell logged 64 catches for 862 yards and six TDs (all receiving), ranking second on the team in all three categories. Second-year man **Tyler Boyd** recorded a season-high in receptions (five) and receiving yards (39) in Game 15 vs. Detroit, bringing his season totals to 17 catches for 134 and a TD. Boyd's TD came in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, where he converted from eight-yards out to give the Bengals an early lead. Injuries have cost Boyd a good chunk of his sophomore campaign, as he has been active for just nine games this season. Boyd led all NFL rookies last season with 22 third-down receptions and recorded 54 catches for 603 yards and a TD. **Josh Malone**, the second of two Bengals fourth-round selections (No. 128 overall out of Tennessee) in this year's draft, has played in ten games this season with starts as a 3rd WR in six of them. 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, hauled in his first career TD reception in Game 10 vs. Denver, catching a Dalton pass in stride for a 29-yard score. Erickson posted career-highs in receptions and receiving yards in Game 2 against the Texans, nabbing four receptions for 62 yards. 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 fifth in the conference in kick return average (20.8). Erickson also handled most of the team's punt return duties, with 35 returns for 253 yards (7.2) in 2017 thus far. WR **Cody Core**, a sixth-round Bengals draft choice out of Mississippi in 2016, provides depth at wide receiver this season. He has been targeted four times and has four special teams tackles.

**Tight ends/H-backs:** Now in his third Bengals season, TE **Tyler Kroft** has become more of a factor in the Bengals offense as the season has progressed, particularly since star TE **Tyler Eifert** was placed on Reserve/Injured on Oct. 12. Kroft has 36 receptions for 351 yards (9.8) 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. 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. 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). Fellow third-year pro C.J. **Uzomah** hauled in his first TD catch of the season in Game 15 vs. Detroit, a one-yard reception that gave Cincinnati a lead in the second half. Uzomah recorded a season-high in receptions (four) and yards (24) in game 14 vs. Minnesota, and has nine receptions for 85 yards and the score 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 59 of 63 possible regular-season games since joining the team, with 37 starts, and has two catches for 22 yards on the year. Joining Hewitt at H-back is **Cethan Carter**, who made a successful roster bid as a college free agent out of Nebraska. Carter has carved out a role on special teams, finding himself third on the team in special teams tackles (eight). 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 this season, with starts at LG in the first 14 contests and a start at LOT in Game 15 vs. Detroit after the line did some shuffling due to injuries. Boling has only missed six games regular season games since 2012. C **Russell Bodine**, who has been the Bengals' starting C since his rookie year in 2014, has started all 15 games at C this season. Bodine has not missed a start in his Bengals career, covering 63 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 had spent most of his time since between Reserve/Injured and the practice squad, prior to this season. The starting LOT for 13 of the first 15 games of 2017, **Cedric Ogbuehi**, is a 2015 Bengals first-round draft selection out of Texas A&M. Ogbuehi missed Game 15 vs. Detroit with a shoulder injury, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. ROT **Andre Smith** was placed on the Reserve/Injured list with a knee injury on Dec. 20, having started eight games this season. Smith had re-joined the team this offseason after spending 2009-15 in Cincinnati. First-year G **Alex Redmond**, a 2016 college free agent out of UCLA, rotated in at LG in Game 15 vs. Detroit, after making 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 has even been used on the defensive front in goal-line situations in Games 13 and 14. Veteran **Eric Winston** started his first game of the season at ROT in Game 15 vs. Detroit, after re-joining the team prior to Game 9 vs. Tennessee. 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, recorded the first start of his career in Game 15 vs. Detroit, after being either inactive or a DNP in the first 14 games of 2017. The start also marked Westerman's first career game played, as he was either inactive or a DNP all of last season. The Bengals signed **Justin Murray** off of New Orleans' practice squad on Dec. 20, adding depth on the offensive line several injuries. Murray is a first-year player out of the University of Cincinnati who has spent time with the Broncos, Buccaneers, and Saints since going undrafted in 2016. **Kent Perkins**, a rookie OT out of the University of Texas, was signed off of the practice squad on Dec. 22. Perkins originally signed with the Bengals as a CFA and was an active/DNP in Game 15 vs. Detroit.

**Defensive linemen:** Pro Bowl DT **Geno Atkins**, now in his eighth season, has recorded a team-leading nine sacks in 2017, including two in Game 14 at Minnesota. The Minnesota game marked the second two-sack game of the season for Atkins, as he recorded a pair of sacks back in Week 2 vs. Houston. The nine sacks also lead all NFL interior lineman, with Atkins holding a one-sack advantage over Jacksonville's Malik Jackson. If he holds onto the lead, it would mark the fifth time Atkins has finished in at least a tie for that crown, and last season's nine sacks marked the second time for him to win the title outright (also in 2012). Atkins has 61 sacks in his career, placing him fourth in team history. Prior to Game 14 vs. Minnesota, Atkins had been in a tie with former Bengals DE Ross Browner at 59 career sacks. Just ahead of Atkins on that list is DE **Carlos Dunlap**, who passed LB Reggie Williams for second all-time in Bengals history with his sack in Game 15 vs. Detroit. Dunlap now has 63.5 sacks for his career, including 6.5 this season. 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 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, 47 passes defended, four blocked field goals, two interceptions and three touchdowns scored. DE **Michael Johnson** currently stands fourth on the team in sacks (five), after recording his second multi-sack game of the season in Game 13 vs. Chicago, where he took down Bears QB Mitchell Trubisky twice. His first two-sack outing of the season came in Game 5 vs. Buffalo, which marked his first two-sack game in a Bengals uniform since Game 17 of the 2012 season. Now in his ninth NFL season, eight of which have been as a Bengal (spent 2014 with Tampa Bay), Johnson has spent more time in the interior of the defensive line, showing his versatility while opening up playing time for some of Cincinnati's young edge rushers. DE **Chris Smith**, a third-year pro who the Bengals acquired in an April 11 trade with Jacksonville, added half of a sack to his sack total in Game 11 vs. Cleveland, giving him three on the season. Smith also forced a fumble in Game 8 at Jacksonville, when he halted the Jaguars' opening drive of the game by hitting RB T.J. Yeldon in the backfield and jarring the ball loose (Bengals recovered). Currently at the top of the depth chart at NT is second-year DT **Andrew Billings**, a 2016 fourth-round Bengals draft selection out of Baylor who spent all of his rookie season on the Reserve/Injured list due to a knee injury suffered in training camp. Billings has started six contests and has 13 tackles on the season. The Bengals re-signed **Pat Sims** on Nov. 21, after waiving him prior to Game 10 at Denver. In Game 11 vs. Cleveland, Sims recorded half of a sack, his first of the season, dropping QB DeShone Kizer for nine yards. On the season, Sims has 22 tackles and the half of a sack. Rookie DE **Jordan Willis**, who recorded his first sack in Game 5 vs. Buffalo, has 22 tackles on the season. 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). Glasgow has shown a lot of production in his limited snaps, totaling 21 tackles in his rookie campaign. A former walk-on for the Wolverines, Glasgow developed into a key contributor on one of college football's top rush defenses over the last two years. He played in 45 games (33 starts) at Michigan over five seasons (one redshirt), recording 91 tackles, including 18.5 for losses, and five sacks, two forced fumbles and a fumble return. DT **Josh Tupou** is now on his second stint on the 53-man roster, having spent most of the season on the practice squad. Tupou is a rookie out of Colorado who signed with the team as a college free agent.

**Linebackers:** Sixth-year pro **Vontaze Burfict** returned to action in Game 15 vs. Detroit, after missing Games 13 and 14 with a concussion. Burfict did, however, leave Game 15 with a shoulder injury, and his status for this week's contest is unknown. Burfict, who also missed games 1-3 this season due to a league suspension, currently sits fifth on the team in tackles (69), with 1.5 sacks and two passes defended. Burfict had his best game of the season in Game 10 vs. Denver, recording half of a sack, a forced fumble in the fourth quarter that led to a Cincinnati touchdown, as well as 11 solo tackles. The 11 solo-tackles are tied for the second-most in a single game in Burfict's career, and tied for the most since he had 13 in Game 7 of the 2012 season. Despite missing five games last season, Burfict still finished second on the team in tackles. He led the team in tackles by wide margins in 2012 and '13, and was a Pro Bowl selection in '13. LB **Nick Vigil** was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on Dec. 22, after leading the team in tackles (77) through the first 14 games. A 2016 third-round draft choice out of Utah State, Vigil finishes the season with the 77 tackles, one sack, one INT, and five passes defended. Seventh-year pro **Vincent Rey** recorded his first INT of the season in Game 15 vs. Detroit, stepping in the way of a Matt Stafford pass in the second quarter, leading to a Cincinnati field goal with right before the break. Rey is the team's third-leading tackler through the first 15 games (74), and has showcased her versatility this season with several guys getting injured. 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 recorded a sack in Game 15 vs. Detroit. The sack put Lawson at 8.5 on the season, which is good for second on the team and places him one sack away from tying Carlos Dunlap's rookie sack record. His 8.5 sacks also lead all NFL rookies, with several players finding themselves the next closest at 6.0. Lawson posted 2.5 sacks in Game 3 against the Packers, which were 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. 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, recorded his third start in four weeks in Game 15 vs. Detroit, filling in for the injured Vigil. Evans left the contest with an injury himself (concussion), and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. Evans has 31 tackles on the campaign, which leads all Cincinnati rookies. 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. Nickerson nabbed his first career start in Game 14 vs Minnesota, recording four tackles. **Brandon Bell**, a rookie out of Penn State, was signed off of the practice squad prior to Game 14 vs. Minnesota. Bell has been thrust into defensive action due to the amount of injuries at LB for the Bengals, and has one tackle.

**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. He 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 (73), with the one INT and five passes defended. For his career, Iloka has nine INTs. Sixth-year CB **Dre Kirkpatrick**, who now is in his third season as the Bengals' full-time starter at the No. 1 LCB position, missed Games 13 and 14 with a concussion, but returned to action in Game 15 vs. Detroit. The 2012 Bengals first-round draft choice has 52 tackles, 12 PDs, an INT, a sack and a forced fumble on the 2017 campaign. The INT came in Game 10 vs. Denver, with Kirkpatrick jumping a route and taking the ball 101 yards before fumbling at the Denver goal line. Kirkpatrick recovered his own fumble, and the Bengals scored three plays later. Kirkpatrick's 101-yard INT return is the longest INT return in NFL history that did not result in a TD. In Game 9 vs. Tennessee, Kirkpatrick recorded the first forced fumble of his career. Kirkpatrick knocked the ball out of the hands of Titans WR Corey Davis, who was reaching for the goal line, and instead fumbled the ball out of bounds in the end zone. That gave the Bengals the ball and prevented the Titans from taking a two-possession lead. For his career, Kirkpatrick has 10 INTs, two of which he returned for TDs, and 50 passes defended. Fifth-year pro **Shawn Williams** has run into injury problems this season, missing Game 1 with an elbow injury, and Games 9, 11, 12, and 13 with a hamstring injury. He left game 15 vs. Detroit with a concussion, and his status for this week's contest is uncertain. Williams recorded his first INT of the season in Game 14 vs. Minnesota, forcing the turnover that set up the lone Cincinnati TD. Williams is fourth in the secondary in tackles this season (47), 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 team in tackles (82) and leads the secondary in 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 15 games, Jackson is the team leader in passes defended, with 13. He nabbed his first career sack in Game 9 vs. Tennessee and has started four games this season. CB **Josh Shaw**, who can play both S and CB, is in his third season in Cincinnati and acts as a versatile piece of the Bengals' secondary. Shaw has played in every game this season, with one start, and has 32 tackles on the year. Second-year S **Clayton Fejedelem**, who started in place of Williams during his absences, was a seventh-round Bengals draft choice in 2016 out of Illinois. Fejedelem recorded his first career interception in Game 4 vs. the Browns, coming down with a tipped pass as Cleveland was entering the red zone. Fejedelem has turned into a special teams ace this season, leading the team with 13 special teams stops to go along with 42 defensive tackles. Adding depth to the CB room is second-year CB **KeiVarae Russell**, who has seen action in eight 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 seven consecutive games after spending most of the season on the Bengals' practice squad. Wilson was a Bengals sixth-round selection in the 2017 draft after excelling in college as a S, RB and kick returner. CB **Tony McRae** was signed off the practice squad prior to Game 13 vs. Chicago, providing depth in the secondary and contributing on special teams. McRae is a first-year player out of North Carolina A&T who spent parts of 2016 on the Bengals' practice squad.

**Special teams:** Sixth-year pro **Randy Bullock**, who has been a reliable leg for the Bengals thus far, missed Game 8 vs. Jacksonville with a back injury before returning to his kicking duties in Game 9 vs. Tennessee. Bullock has drilled 17 of his 19 FG attempts so far this season, one of which was blocked, with the longest coming from 51 yards. Now in his sixth NFL season out of Texas A&M, Bullock owns a career 82.6 percent average (100 for 121) on FGs and 95.4 percent average (124 for 130) on PATs. P **Kevin Huber**, the top Bengals punter in history in terms of gross average (45.22) and net average (39.74), now owns the top three seasons in Bengals history for gross average and the top five for net average. Huber boasts the franchise's all-time best ratio of inside-20 kicks to touchbacks (4.02-to-1, with 237 inside-20s and 59 touchbacks). LS **Clark Harris**, the ninth-year player out of Rutgers, has handled all 1271 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 7.2 yards on 35 punt returns. S **Clayton Fejedelem** leads the Bengals in special teams tackles this season with 13 (10 solo).

### IMPORTANT DATES

2017			
Dec. 29	— Deadline at 4 p.m. Eastern time, for waiver requests in 2017, except for "special waiver requests" which have a 10-day claiming period, with termination or assignment delayed until after the Super Bowl.	Jan. 1	— rules that limit Rookie Contracts.
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	— 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. 1	— Clubs may begin signing free agent players for the 2018 season.	Jan. 6-7	— Wild Card Playoff Games.
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	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

(Important dates, continued)

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

## MEDIA SCHEDULE

<p>Wed., Dec. 27 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Andy Dalton news conference at 11:15 a.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon; Conference call with Baltimore Ravens head coach John Harbaugh at 12:55 p.m.; Practice at University of Cincinnati practice bubble 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 buses upon return to Paul Brown Stadium; Player availability coming off the buses is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance.</p> <p>Thurs., Dec. 28 — Locker room open from 11:15 a.m.-noon; Practice at the University of Cincinnati practice bubble from 1-3 p.m. (practice open to media from 1-1:30 p.m., but no video after</p>	<p>Fri., Dec. 29 — Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 10:45-11:50 a.m. (practice open to media from 10:45-11:15 a.m., but no video or still cameras).</p> <p>Sat., Dec. 30 — No media access; Team travels to Baltimore.</p> <p>Sun., Dec. 31 — Game 16, Bengals at Baltimore Ravens at M&amp;T Bank Stadium, 4:25 p.m. Eastern.</p> <p>Mon., Jan. 1 — Locker room open from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at noon.</p>	<p>1:20 p.m.); Coaches available briefly coming off the buses upon return to Paul Brown Stadium; Player availability coming off the buses is limited, and interviews must be arranged in advance.</p>
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# 2017 GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### RUSHING

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

#### PASSING

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

#### RECEIVING

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

#### DEFENSE

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

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

## WEEK 2, GAME 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### RUSHING

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

#### PASSING

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

#### RECEIVING

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

#### DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 3, GAME 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEFENSE table with columns CIN. G.B. and rows for D.Dennard, V.Vigil, K.Russell, M.Johnson, C.Smith, A.Jones, V.Rey, C.Fejedelem, W.Jackson, J.Jones, B.Martinez, K.King, K.Clark, M.Burnett, M.Evans, D.Randall, H.Clinton, C.Matthews, A.Brooks, D.Lowery, Q.Dial, K.Fackrell, C.Odom, J.Thomas, J.Jones, A.Brooks.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

DEFENSE table with columns CIN. CLE. and rows for N.Vigil, V.Burfict, K.Russell, D.Dennard, C.Dunlap, D.Kirkpatrick, S.Williams, M.Johnson, J.Willis, G.Atkins, C.Smith, A.Jones, V.Rey, C.Fejedelem, W.Jackson, J.McCourty, E.Ogbah, J.Taylor, J.Burgess, T.Coley, J.Peppers, B.Boddy-Calhoun, N.Orchard, J.Meder, L.Ogunjobi, C.Brantley, C.Nassib, D.Kindred, M.Jordan, E.Ogbah, T.Coley, J.McCourty, J.Taylor.

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. The Bills' offense managed only 221 total net yards, including just 36 in the second half. The Bengals earned the win despite three turnovers — two interceptions and one lost fumble. All three of the turnovers were off the hands of WR A.J. Green — two tipped passes, as well as the fumble. Green still contributed heavily to the win, with seven catches for 189 yards and a touchdown. QB Andy Dalton passed for 328 yards. The Bengals improved to 2-3, while the Bills fell to 3-2.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like A.Green 77 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) 1-11:29.

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 BUFF., ATT, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

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

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

DEFENSE BUFF. CIN. table with columns BUFF., NO, YDS, LG, TD, CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

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

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

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). The Bengals' first-half offense fared better, matching the Steelers TD-for-TD for a 14-14 tie before the Steelers added two FGs in the last two minutes of the half. In the final two quarters, the Cincinnati defense rebounded and held Pittsburgh to just 169 net yards and three FGs, but the Bengals' offense was unable to match. The Steelers recorded two INTs and four sacks in the second half, while holding the Bengals to just 19 net yards and zero points in those last two periods. Cincinnati held Pittsburgh WR Antonio Brown within reasonable check, to just four catches for 65 yards and a TD plus one punt return for seven yards, but other Steelers stars stepped in to pad the stat columns. QB Ben Roethlisberger was 14-of-24 passing for 224 yards, two TDs and no INTs (117.4 passer rating), while RB Le'Veon Bell rushed for 134 yards on 35 carries. The Bengals fell to 2-4 while the Steelers improved to 5-2.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like A.Brown 7 pass from B.Roethlisberger (C.Boswell kick) 1-9:25.

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

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

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

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

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

DEFENSE CIN. PITT. table with columns CIN., NO, YDS, LG, TD, PITT., NO, YDS, LG, TD.

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

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

WEEK 8, GAME 7

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

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

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. 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 IND. CIN. table with rows for First downs, Third down conversions, Total net yards, etc.

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

PASSING IND. CIN. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for players like J.Brissett, A.Dalton.

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

DEFENSE table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD for players like J.Doyle, F.Gore, M.Mack.

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

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

PASSING CIN. JAX. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for players like A.Dalton, B.Bortles.

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

DEFENSE table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD for players like J.Mixon, T.Kroft, B.LaFell.

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.Ngakoué 2-0-2, P.Posluszny 2-0-2, A.Colvin 1-0-1, M.Jack 1-0-1, A.Jones 1-0-1, J.Ramsey 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Jackson 1-9, C.Campbell 1-8. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: L.McCray 1, T.Smith 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 10, GAME 9

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

Cincinnati had a good chance to win the game, trailing Tennessee by three points at halftime, 17-14. After a scoreless third period, the Bengals took their first lead of the game when QB Andy Dalton hit WR A.J. Green for a 70-yard TD and a 20-17 advantage with 5:03 left. The Titans' offense, which the Bengals had held to just 73 net yards in the second half to that point, responded by doubling that output on the following possession. The Titans drove 73 yards on 12 plays to retake the lead, scoring the game's final points on a seven-yard dump-off pass from Mariota to RB DeMarco Murray, who caught the pass on the four-yard line and split two Bengals defenders while extending the ball across the goal line with 36 seconds left. For a second straight week, third downs on both sides of the line of scrimmage were a problem for Cincinnati. The Bengals converted just one of 10 third downs, while the Titans converted seven of 15. QB Andy Dalton finished with a 100.3 passer rating, completing 20 of 35 passes for 265 yards, two TDs and no INTs. WR A.J. Green finished with five catches for 115 yards and a TD. The Bengals fell to 3-6, while the Titans improved to 6-3.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like 'D.Murray 2 run (R.Succop kick)' with times.

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

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

RUSHING CIN. TENN. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD for individual players and totals.

PASSING CIN. TENN. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for individual players and totals.

RECEIVING CIN. TENN. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD for individual players and totals.

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. SKS.-YDS.: C.Smith 1-11, G.Atkins 1-9, W.Jackson 1-7, C.Lawson 1-1. INT.-YDS.: D.Dennard 1-20. PD: D.Dennard 1, C.Fejedelem 1, G.Iloka 1, N.Vigil 1. FF: D.Kirkpatrick 1. FR-YDS.: None.

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

WEEK 11, GAME 10

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

It wasn't a picture-perfect performance for the Bengals, but they made big plays when they needed them, and collectively they were enough to snap a 10-game losing streak in Denver, where they had not won since 1975. The list of big plays included a 107-yard INT return by CB Dre Kirkpatrick in the first quarter (it was the longest in NFL history not to result in a TD), QB Andy Dalton hitting WR Alex Erickson for a 29-yard TD in the second quarter (it was Erickson's first career score), CB KeiVarae Russell blocking a Broncos FG attempt on the last play of the first half, LB Vontaze Burfict forcing a fumble the Bengals recovered early in the fourth quarter, Dalton rushing on an option play for a critical first down to extend a drive and take more time off the clock late in the game, and DE Carlos Dunlap recording his second sack of the game as the clock ran inside of two minutes to help dash Denver's final chances. Despite that lengthy list of positives, Cincinnati still had difficulties. On offense, the Bengals totaled just 190 net yards, including only 49 yards rushing, and 12 first downs. Not counting their two kneel-downs at the end of the game, they had nine rushing plays that went for either zero or negative yards (three for zero, six for negative). And, while the Bengals' offense converted seven of 15 third downs (46.6 percent), their defense allowed the Broncos to convert 12 of 21 third downs (57.1). Dalton finished the game completing 15 of 25 passes for 154 yards, three TDs and no INTs (117.3 passer rating), and all three of his TD passes came on third downs. The Bengals improved to 4-6, while the Broncos fell to 3-7.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like 'T.Kroft 1 pass from A.Dalton (kick failed)' with times.

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

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

RUSHING CIN. DEN. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD for individual players and totals.

PASSING CIN. DEN. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I for individual players and totals.

RECEIVING CIN. DEN. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD for individual players and totals.

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 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 QTR.-RIGHT, listing plays like Z.Gonzalez 27 field goal and T.Boyd 8 pass from A.Dalton.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing CLE. and CIN. across categories like First downs, Total net yards, and Time of possession.

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

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

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

DEFENSE

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Schobert 10-3-13, J.Peppers 4-3-7, J.Burgess 4-2-6, C.Kirksey 4-1-5, J.McCourty 4-0-4, T.Coley 1-2-3, 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.Burfield 4-3-7, J.Evans 5-1-6, G.Iloka 5-1-6, C.Fejedelem 4-2-6, G.Atkins 2-4-6, C.Dunlap 3-2-5, M.Johnson 2-2-4, C.Smith 1-2-3, D.Dennard 1-1-2, A.Jones 1-1-2, C.Lawson 1-1-2, K.Minter 0-2-2, R.Glasgow 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, J.Willis 1-0-1, P.Sims 0-1-1, N.Vigil 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Lawson 1.5-10.5, G.Atkins 1-8.5, P.Sims 0.5-4.5, C.Smith 0.5-4.5, C.Dunlap 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: D.Kirkpatrick 2, C.Smith 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 13, GAME 12

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

The Bengals put themselves in good position early to secure a win against one of the top two teams in the AFC, jumping out to a 17-0 first-half lead on the strength of a balanced offense and a solid defense. The Bengals outgained the Steelers by 127 yards in the first two periods (253-126), converting six of eight third downs while allowing Pittsburgh to convert just one of five. CB Adam Jones intercepted a Ben Roethlisberger pass on the Steelers' first drive, leading to an early FG by K Randy Bullock.

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 QTR.-RIGHT, listing plays like R.Bullock 35 field goal and A.Green 8 pass from A.Dalton.

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

TEAM STATISTICS table comparing PITT. and CIN. across categories like First downs, Total net yards, and Time of possession.

RUSHING table with columns PITT. and CIN. and sub-columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD.

PASSING table with columns PITT. and CIN. and sub-columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I.

RECEIVING table with columns PITT. and CIN. and sub-columns NO, YDS, LG, TD.

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 14, GAME 13

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

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

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Chicago: 6, 6, 7, 14, —, 33. Cincinnati: 7, 0, 0, 0, —, 7.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like J.Howard 21 run (kick failed) 1-11:00, B.LaFell 14 pass from A.Dalton (R.Bullock kick) 1-2:15, etc.

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

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

RUSHING table with columns CHI. ATT YDS LG TD CIN. ATT YDS LG TD. Includes J.Howard, T.Cohen, M.Trubisky, M.Burton, TOTALS.

PASSING table with columns CHI. ATT CMP YDS TD-I CIN. ATT CMP YDS TD-I. Includes M.Trubisky, A.Dalton, A.McCarron, TOTALS.

RECEIVING table with columns CHI. NO YDS LG TD CIN. NO YDS LG TD. Includes K.Wright, A.Shaheen, J.Bellamy, D.Sims, B.Cunningham, D.Brown, T.Cohen, J.Howard, TOTALS.

DEFENSE table with columns CHI. NO YDS LG TD CIN. NO YDS LG TD. Includes D.Trevathan, P.Amukamara, E.Jackson, S.Acho, K.Fuller, N.Kwiatkoski, J.Jenkins, C.Pronski, B.Callahan, A.Hicks, L.Houston, H.Jones, R.Robertson-Harris, J.Timu, L.Houston, H.Jones, R.Robertson-Harris, E.Jackson, K.Fuller, N.Kwiatkoski, P.Amukamara, D.Trevathan, E.Jackson, J.FF, E.Jackson, FR-YDS: E.Jackson 1-0.

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

WEEK 15, GAME 14

Minnesota Vikings 34, Cincinnati Bengals 7  
Sunday, Dec. 17, 2017 at U.S. Bank Stadium

For the second straight week, the Bengals entered the game without six regular starters, including five on defense, and in the end, the results were similar to those the previous week. Minnesota, poised to clinch a coveted bye on Wild Card weekend and possibly home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs, capitalized on Cincinnati's depleted units and controlled much of the game in front of an enthusiastic and energized home crowd. The Vikings jumped out to 24-0 halftime lead, and the Bengals' offense was unable to counter against a deficit which continued to grow throughout the game. Cincinnati added a late score with 6:22 left when HB Giovanni Bernard had a two-yard TD run for the game's final points, but it was one of few Bengals highlights. On the final stat sheet, the Vikings held significant advantages over the Bengals in net yards (346-161), total first downs (18-8), net rushing yards (124-46) and time of possession (35:52-24:08). QB Case Keenum staged a near flawless game for Minnesota, completing 20 of 23 passes for 236 yards, two TDs and no INTs. Vikings RB Jerick McKinnon caught seven passes for 114 yards on top of his 27 yards rushing. For the Bengals, QB Andy Dalton recorded a 27.3 passer rating — his lowest of the season — while completing 11 of 22 passes for 113 yards, zero TDs and two INTs (one INT was returned for a TD). The loss secured a second straight losing season for the Bengals and officially eliminated their chances of qualifying for postseason. The Bengals fell to 5-9, while the Vikings improved to 11-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS table with columns 1, 2, 3, 4, OT, PTS. Cincinnati: 0, 0, 0, 7, —, 7. Minnesota: 17, 7, 3, 7, —, 34.

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays like L.Murray 1 run (K.Forbath kick) 1-10:31, E.Kendricks 31 interception return (K.Forbath kick) 1-5:54, etc.

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 66,833. Time: 3:01.

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

RUSHING table with columns CIN. ATT YDS LG TD MINN. ATT YDS LG TD. Includes G.Bernard, B.Hill, J.Malone, TOTALS.

PASSING table with columns CIN. ATT CMP YDS TD-I MINN. ATT CMP YDS TD-I. Includes A.Dalton, A.McCarron, TOTALS.

RECEIVING table with columns CIN. NO YDS LG TD MINN. NO YDS LG TD. Includes C.Uzomah, G.Bernard, B.LaFell, A.Green, T.Kroft, A.Erickson, TOTALS.

DEFENSE table with columns CIN. NO YDS LG TD MINN. NO YDS LG TD. Includes V.Rey, C.Fejedelem, J.Evans, W.Jackson, D.Dennard, H.Nickerson, G.Atkins, S.Williams, M.Johnson, C.Dunlap, J.Shaw, C.Smith, T.McRae, P.Sims, J.Willis, R.Glasgow, G.Atkins, S.Williams, G.Atkins, S.Williams, J.FF, None, FR-YDS: None.

Minnesota (press box slats) — ST-AT-TT: E.Kendricks 3-2-5, E.Lamur 1-4-5, X.Rhodes 3-1-4, L.Joseph 2-2-4, B.Robison 3-0-3, J.Kearse 2-1-3, A.Sendejo 2-1-3, A.Barr 1-2-3, D.Hunter 1-2-3, T.Johnson 0-3-3, K.Brothers 1-1-2, B.Gedeon 1-1-2, E.Griffin 1-1-2, H.Smith 1-1-2, S.Stephen 0-2-2, T.Newman 1-0-1, T.Waynes 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: B.Robison 2-8, D.Hunter 1-9. INT.-YDS.: E.Kendricks 1-31, T.Newman 1-3. PD: T.Newman 2, E.Kendricks 1, E.Lamur 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.



WEEK 16, GAME 15

Cincinnati Bengals 26, Detroit Lions 17  
Sunday, Dec. 24, 2017 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals played with a shuffled lineup due to injuries, particularly at OL and LB, and they lost more players as the game progressed. On offense, the Bengals were without both starting OTs (Cedric Ogbuehi and Andre Smith), and they lost HB Joe Mixon early in the first quarter. On defense, the Bengals began without starting LBs Nick Vigil and Kevin Minter, and they lost Vontaze Burfict in the second quarter. But the Bengals' backups played well. At OL, veterans Clint Boling and Eric Winston combined with Christian Westerman and Alex Redmond to block for 142 net rushing yards, the second-highest total of the season. Bernard had 116 rushing yards and a TD on 23 carries and seven catches for 52 yards. On defense, vet Vincent Rey combined with a trio of rookies in Jordan Evans, Hardy Nickerson and Brandon Bell to fill in. Rey had two tackles and an INT. The Bengals held advantages in first downs (28-15), net rushing yards (142-87) and time of possession (32:29-27:31). The Bengals improved to 6-9 and the Lions fell to 8-7.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY QTR.-LEFT table listing plays such as E.Ebron 33 pass from M.Stafford and R.Bullock 29 field goal.

Missed FGs: M.Prater (50SH). Attendance: 47,732. Time: 3:08.

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

RUSHING DET. CIN. table with columns ATT, YDS, LG, TD and rows for T.Green, A.Abdullah, T.Riddick, M.Stafford, and TOTALS.

PASSING DET. CIN. table with columns ATT, CMP, YDS, TD-I and rows for M.Stafford and TOTALS.

RECEIVING DET. CIN. table with columns NO, YDS, LG, TD and rows for E.Ebron, K.Golladay, M.Jones, T.Riddick, G.Tate, A.Abdullah, and TOTALS.

DEFENSE Detroit (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: G.Quin 5-4-9, T.Whitehead 3-6-9, A.Spence 3-5-8, E.Ansah 5-2-7, A.Robinson 1-6-7, D.Slay 6-0-6, T.Tabor 4-1-5, Q.Diggs 3-2-5, J.Davis 2-3-5, Co.Washington 1-2-3, P.Worrlow 0-3-3, N.Lawson 2-0-2, J.Reeves-Maybin 2-0-2, A.Zettell 0-2-2, D.Hayden 1-0-1, C.Ringo 1-0-1, J.Ledbetter 0-1-1. SKS-YDS.: E.Ansah 3-16. INT.-YDS.: Q.Diggs 1-16. PD: D.Slay 3, Q.Diggs 1, D.Hayden 1, J.Reeves-Maybin 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Dennard 5-2-7, G.Iloka 5-1-6, S.Williams 5-1-6, M.Johnson 4-1-5, C.Dunlap 2-2-4, V.Burfict 2-1-3, D.Kirkpatrick 2-1-3, C.Fejedelem 1-2-3, C.Lawson 1-2-3, H.Nickerson 1-2-3, V.Rey 0-2-2, J.Evans 1-0-1, W.Jackson 1-0-1, J.Shaw 1-0-1, B.Bell 0-1-1, C.Smith 0-1-1, J.Willis 0-1-1. SKS-YDS.: C.Lawson 1-9, C.Dunlap 1-5. INT.-YDS.: V.Rey 1-12. PD: W.Jackson 3, D.Kirkpatrick 3, C.Dunlap 1, J.Evans 1, V.Rey 1, J.Shaw 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

## IN 2017, THE BENGALS ARE:

### REGULAR SEASON

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4-4 at home</li> <li>2-5 on the road</li> <li>4-2 when scoring first</li> <li>2-7 when opponent scored first</li> <li>2-2 in games decided by three points or fewer</li> <li>3-4 in games decided by seven points or fewer</li> <li>3-2 when leading at halftime</li> <li>1-0 when tied at halftime</li> <li>2-7 when trailing at halftime</li> <li>4-2 when leading after three quarters</li> <li>0-0 when tied after three quarters</li> <li>2-7 when trailing after three quarters</li> <li>2-2 when rushing for 100 net yards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-2 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards</li> <li>1-2 with plus turnover differential</li> <li>3-2 with even turnover differential</li> <li>2-5 with minus turnover differential</li> <li>2-1 when passing for 250 net yards</li> <li>0-5 when opponent passes for 250 net yards</li> <li>6-3 when scoring 20 points or more</li> <li>1-8 when opponent scored 20 points or more</li> <li>6-8 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)</li> <li>0-1 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)</li> <li>2-4 on natural grass</li> <li>4-5 on synthetic surface</li> <li>3-4 with fewer penalty yards</li> </ul>
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## UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

### 2003-PRESENT (REGULAR SEASON)

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>71-46-3 at home (or as home team at neutral site)</li> <li>53-66-0 on the road (or a visitor at neutral site)</li> <li>85-36-1 when scoring first</li> <li>39-76-2 when opponent scores first</li> <li>23-24-3 in games decided by three points or fewer</li> <li>56-53-3 in games decided by seven points or fewer</li> <li>87-31-2 when leading at halftime</li> <li>12-2-0 when tied at halftime</li> <li>25-79-1 when trailing at halftime</li> <li>99-20-2 when leading after three quarters</li> <li>7-5-0 when tied after three quarters</li> <li>18-87-1 when trailing after three quarters</li> <li>83-38-2 when rushing for 100 net yards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>77-32-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards</li> <li>76-19-1 with plus turnover differential</li> <li>30-24-0 with even turnover differential</li> <li>18-69-2 with minus turnover differential</li> <li>43-34-2 when passing for 250 net yards</li> <li>34-44-3 when opponent passes for 250 net yards</li> <li>103-41-2 when scoring 20 points or more</li> <li>40-97-2 when opponent scores 20 points or more</li> <li>119-103-3 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)</li> <li>5-9-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)</li> <li>42-39-1 on natural grass</li> <li>82-73-2 on synthetic surface</li> <li>67-56-2 with fewer penalty yards</li> </ul>
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# TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 10	BALTIMORE	221	22-77	144	16-31	0/4	5-26	14	4-13	1-1	26:00
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	295	24-82	213	20-35	0/0	3-11	12	4-15	1-1	27:45
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	301	30-110	191	21-27	2/0	3-21	21	4-12	1-1	34:17
Oct. 1	at Cleveland	350	30-86	264	25-30	4/0	3-22	25	6-11	3-1	35:02
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	388	27-65	323	22-36	1/2	1-5	18	6-15	2-1	30:01
Oct. 15	— BYE —										
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	179	17-71	108	17-30	2/2	4-32	11	3-11	1-0	24:45
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS	276	21-58	218	17-29	2/0	3-25	17	4-11	4-2	26:47
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville	148	17-29	119	10-18	0/0	2-17	8	1-8	0-0	19:46
Nov. 12	at Tennessee	308	14-53	255	20-35	2/0	1-10	15	1-10	2-2	19:51
Nov. 19	at Denver	190	26-49	141	15-25	3/0	2-13	12	7-15	2-0	24:49
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND	361	30-152	209	18-28	2/0	1-5	23	4-10	0-0	30:32
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH	353	22-130	223	21-36	2/0	2-11	19	7-14	0-0	30:11
Dec. 10	CHICAGO	234	13-70	164	18-37	1/1	3-24	14	3-12	1-1	21:51
Dec. 17	at Minnesota	161	20-46	115	14-28	0/2	3-17	8	1-13	1-0	24:08
Dec. 24	DETROIT	364	34-142	222	27-41	1/1	3-16	28	7-14	1-0	32:29
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
<b>TOTALS</b>		4129	347-1220	2909	281-466	22/12	39-255	245	62-184	20-10	27:06

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 10	BALTIMORE	268	42-157	111	9-17	1/1	1-10	17	6-14	1-0	34:00
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	266	35-168	98	15-24	0/0	3-27	14	4-15	0-0	32:15
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	344	17-64	280	28-42	3/1	6-33	22	7-15	0-0	29:21
Oct. 1	at Cleveland	215	17-45	170	21-42	0/1	2-13	16	5-16	1-0	24:58
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	221	24-82	139	20-37	1/1	6-27	17	6-18	1-0	29:45
Oct. 15	— BYE —										
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	420	43-152	268	15-25	2/0	0-0	21	2-11	0-0	35:15
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS	331	28-115	216	25-39	2/1	4-17	19	8-16	0-0	33:13
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville	408	40-149	259	24-38	1/0	0-0	26	12-18	1-1	40:14
Nov. 12	at Tennessee	416	36-180	236	25-44	1/1	4-28	27	7-15	1-1	40:09
Nov. 19	at Denver	341	34-112	229	23-42	1/1	3-25	20	12-21	1-1	35:11
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND	405	31-169	236	18-32	0/0	4-32	21	6-15	1-0	29:28
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH	374	22-92	282	24-40	2/1	1-8	24	4-12	0-0	29:49
Dec. 10	CHICAGO	482	38-232	250	25-32	1/0	2-21	29	4-11	0-0	38:09
Dec. 17	at Minnesota	346	34-124	222	20-25	2/1	2-14	18	4-12	0-0	35:52
Dec. 24	DETROIT	276	22-87	189	19-35	1/1	2-14	15	6-15	0-0	27:31
Dec. 31	at Baltimore										
<b>TOTALS</b>		5113	463-1928	3185	311-514	18/10	40-269	306	93-224	7-3	32:54

# TRANSACTIONS

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

- June 8, 2017 — Signed DE **Jordan Willis** (D3).  
 June 27, 2017 — Signed G **Cameron Lee** (FA).  
 July 29, 2017 — Signed WR **Kermit Whitfield** (FA); Waived WR **Monty Madaris** (failed physical).  
 July 30, 2017 — WR **Monty Madaris** cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.  
 July 31, 2017 — Signed S **Cedric Thompson** (FA); Waived K **Jonathan Brown**.  
 Aug. 1, 2017 — Waived WR **Monty Madaris** from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list (injury settlement).  
 Aug. 9, 2017 — Signed P **Will Monday** (FA); Waived WR **Jake Kumerow** (injured).  
 Aug. 10, 2017 — WR **Jake Kumerow** cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.  
 Aug. 19, 2017 — Waived S **Cedric Thompson** (injury settlement).  
 Aug. 20, 2017 — Terminated the contract of DT **Brandon Thompson**; Waived WR **Karel Hamilton** and HB **Stanley Williams**.  
 Aug. 28, 2017 — Waived P **Will Monday**.  
 Aug. 29, 2017 — Acquired a seventh-round pick in the 2018 NFL Draft in a trade with New England for LB **Marquis Flowers**; Placed HB **Cedric Peerman** on the Reserve/Injured list.  
 Sept. 2, 2017 — Acquired a conditional sixth-round draft pick in the 2019 NFL Draft in a trade with the Dallas Cowboys for CB **Bene Benwikere**; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Injured list: HB **Tra Carson** and TE **Mason Schreck**; Terminated the contract of the following two players: DE **Wallace Gilberry** and OT **Eric Winston**; Waived the following 23 players: LB **Bryson Albright**, LB **Brandon Bell**, WR **Chris Brown**, DE **Ryan Brown**, DE **Will Clarke**, S **Demetrious Cox**, LB **P.J. Dawson**, DT **David Dean**, G **J.J. Dielman**, K **Jake Elliott**, DE **Marcus Hardison**, FB **Darrin Laufasa**, OT **Landon Lechler**, G **Cameron Lee**, CB **Tony McRae**, OT **Kent Perkins**, WR **Alonzo Russell**, G **Dustin Stanton**, DT **Josh Tupou**, WR **Kermit Whitfield**, DT **DeShawn Williams**, HB **Jarveon Williams**, S **Brandon Wilson**; Placed the following two players on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list: LB **Vontaze Burfict** and CB **Adam Jones**.  
 Sept. 3, 2017 — Signed the following eight players to the practice squad: LB **Brandon Bell**, K **Jake Elliott**, OT **Kent Perkins**, DT **Josh Tupou**, WR **Kermit Whitfield**, DT **DeShawn Williams**, HB **Jarveon Williams** and S **Brandon Wilson**.  
 Sept. 4, 2017 — Placed QB **Jeff Driskel** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB **Sojourn Shelton** (FA) and G **Cole Toner** (FA) to the practice squad.  
 Sept. 6, 2017 — Acquired DT **Christian Ringo** on waivers from Green Bay.  
 Sept. 7, 2017 — Signed LB **Vontaze Burfict**\* to a contract extension.  
 Sept. 11, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted CB **Adam Jones** (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a one-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.  
 Sept. 12, 2017 — Activated CB **Adam Jones** from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived DT **Christian Ringo**; K **Jake Elliott** signed off practice squad by Philadelphia.  
 Sept. 13, 2017 — Signed G **J.J. Dielman** to the practice squad.  
 Sept. 22, 2017 — Waived WR **Jake Kumerow** from the Reserve/Injured list.  
 Sept. 25, 2017 — Announced that the NFL granted LB **Vontaze Burfict** (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a three-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.  
 Sept. 28, 2017 — Activated LB **Vontaze Burfict** from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived LB **Hardy Nickerson**.  
 Sept. 29, 2017 — Signed LB **Hardy Nickerson** to the practice squad; Released G **Cole Toner** from the practice squad.  
 Oct. 12, 2017 — Placed TE **Tyler Eifert** on the Reserve/Injured list.  
 Oct. 16, 2017 — Signed LS **Clark Harris**\* to a contract extension; Signed LB **Hardy Nickerson** from the practice squad; Signed TE **Scott Orndoff** (FA) to the practice squad.  
 Oct. 27, 2017 — Signed CB **Tony McRae** (FA) to the practice squad; Released CB **Sojourn Shelton** from the practice squad.  
 Nov. 4, 2017 — Signed K **Marshall Koehn** (FA); Waived S **Derron Smith**.  
 Nov. 7, 2017 — Signed S **Derron Smith** to the practice squad; Released TE **Scott Orndoff** from the practice squad.  
 Nov. 8, 2017 — Signed OT **Eric Winston** (FA); Placed OT **Jake Fisher** on the Reserve/Non-Football Illness list.  
 Nov. 9, 2017 — Signed TE **Scott Orndoff** to the practice squad; S **Derron Smith** signed off practice squad by Cleveland.  
 Nov. 11, 2017 — Signed DT **Josh Tupou** and S **Brandon Wilson** from the practice squad; Placed HB **Jeremy Hill** on Reserve/Injured; Waived K **Marshall Koehn**.  
 Nov. 14, 2017 — Signed HB **Brian Hill** off Atlanta's practice squad; Waived LB **Hardy Nickerson**; Signed CB **Sojourn Shelton** (FA) to the practice squad.  
 Nov. 15, 2017 — Signed LB **Hardy Nickerson** to the practice squad.  
 Nov. 18, 2017 — Signed LB **Hardy Nickerson** from the practice squad; Waived DT **Pat Sims**.  
 Nov. 21, 2017 — Re-signed DT **Pat Sims**; Waived DT **Josh Tupou**.  
 Nov. 22, 2017 — Signed DT **Josh Tupou** to the practice squad.  
 Dec. 6, 2017 — Signed DT **Josh Tupou** from the practice squad; Placed WR **John Ross** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed LB **Carl Bradford** (FA) to the practice squad.  
 Dec. 9, 2017 — Signed CB **Tony McRae** from the practice squad; Placed CB **Adam Jones** on the Reserve/Injured list.  
 Dec. 12, 2017 — Announced that QB **Jeff Driskel** was designated for return from the Reserve/Injured list and eligible to practice.  
 Dec. 13, 2017 — Signed S **Robenson Therzie** to the practice squad.  
 Dec. 15, 2017 — Signed LB **Brandon Bell** from the practice squad; Placed LB **Kevin Minter** on the Reserve/Injured list.  
 Dec. 16, 2017 — Signed HB **Jarveon Williams** from the practice squad; Placed C **T.J. Johnson** on the Reserve/Injured list; G **J.J. Dielman** signed off practice squad by Denver.  
 Dec. 19, 2017 — Signed OT **Javarius Leamon** and G **Oni Omoile** to the practice squad.  
 Dec. 20, 2017 — Signed OT **Justin Murray** off the New Orleans practice squad; Placed OT **Andre Smith** on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed LB **Connor Harris** to the practice squad.  
 Dec. 22, 2017 — Signed OT **Kent Perkins** from the practice squad; Placed LB **Nick Vigil** on the Reserve/Injured list.

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

# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

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| <p>(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)</p> <p>P — played as a substitute<br/>         DNP — did not play<br/>         IL — inactive list<br/>         PS — practice squad</p> | <p>RI — reserve/injured list<br/>         RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list<br/>         RNF1 — reserve/non-football injury list<br/>         RNF-I — reserve/non-football illness list<br/>         RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list</p> | <p>RF — reserve/future list<br/>         REX — roster exemption<br/>         ^ — reserve/injured player designated for return<br/>         * — eligible to practice while on a reserve list<br/>         NWT — not with team</p> |
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NAME	Cin. G-S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		BALT.	HOU.	@G.B.	@Cle.	BUFF.	@Pitt.	IND.	@Jax	@Tenn.	@Den.	CLE.	PITT.	CHI.	@Minn.	DET.	@Balt.
Atkins, Geno	15-14	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	P	DT	DT	
Bell, Brandon	2-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	P	P
Bernard, Giovanni	15-2	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	HB	HB	P	P
Billings, Andrew	14-6	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	IL	IL
Bodine, Russell	15-15	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Boling, Clint	15-15	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LOT
Boyd, Tyler	9-1	P	IL	3rdWR	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P
Bradford, Carl	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS
Bullock, Randy	14-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Burfict, Vontaze	10-10	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	LB	LB	WLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	IL	IL	WLB	WLB
Carson, Tra	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Carter, Cethan	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Core, Cody	13-0	P	P	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	IL
Dalton, Andy	15-15	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB
Dennard, Darqueze	15-6	RCB	P	P	nkIDB	nkIDB	P	P	P	P	RCB	P	P	LCB	LCB	P	P
Dielman, J.J.	0-0	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT
Driskel, Jeff	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Dunlap, Carlos	15-15	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	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	RI	RI	RI	RI
Elliott, Jake	0-0	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Erickson, Alex	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Evans, Jordan	14-3	P	P	P	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	SLB	P	SLB	SLB	SLB
Fejedelem, Clayton	15-5	SS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	SS	P	SS	SS	SS	SS	P	P
Fisher, Jake	8-7	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	P	ROT	ROT	ROT	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I	RNF-I
Glasgow, Ryan	15-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	DT	P	P	P
Green, A.J.	15-15	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Harris, Clark	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Harris, Connor	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS
Hewitt, Ryan	12-3	H-B	P	P	H-B	IL	IL	IL	H-B	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hill, Brian	5-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	IL	P	P	P	P	P
Hill, Jeremy	7-7	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	IL	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Hopkins, Trey	12-11	RG	IL	IL	IL	P	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG
Huber, Kevin	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Iloka, George	15-15	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS
Jackson, William	14-4	P	P	P	P	P	RCB	P	P	P	IL	P	P	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB
Johnson, Michael	14-14	RDE	IL	RDE	DT	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE
Johnson, T.J.	13-4	P	RG	RG	RG	RG	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RI	RI	RI
Jones, Adam	9-9	RSBC	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	IL	RCB	RCB	RCB	IL	RCB	RCB	RI	RI	RI	RI
Kirkpatrick, Dre	13-13	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	IL	IL	LCB	LCB
Koehn, Marshall	1-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Kroft, Tyler	15-15	TE	2ndTE	TE	TE	TE	TE	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	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
LaFell, Brandon	15-14	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Lawson, Carl	15-1	P	P	P	RDE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Leamon, Javarius	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS
Malone, Josh	10-6	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P	3rdWR	3rdWR	3rdWR	3rdWR	3rdWR	P	3rdWR	3rdWR
McCarron, AJ	3-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	P	DNP	DNP
McRae, Tony	3-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	P	P	P
Minter, Kevin	9-7	MLB	MLB	MLB	P	P	MLB	IL	IL	IL	IL	MLB	MLB	LB	RI	RI	RI
Mixon, Joe	13-6	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	HB	HB	HB	HB	IL	IL	IL	HB	HB
Murray, Justin	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	IL	IL
Nickerson, Hardy	13-1	P	P	P	PS	PS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	MLB	P	P
Ogbuehi, Cedric	14-13	LOT	LOT	LOT	P	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	IL
Omoile, Oni	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS
Orndoff, Scott	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Peerman, Cedric	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	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	PS	PS	PS	DNP
Redmond, Alex	4-0	IL	IL	DNP	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P	P
Rey, Vincent	13-10	WLB	WLB	WLB	P	P	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	MLB	IL	IL	LB	WLB	MLB	MLB
Ringo, Christian	0-0	IL	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Ross, John	3-1	IL	WR	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	RI	RI	RI	RI
Russell, KeiVarae	8-0	P	IL	IL	P	P	IL	IL	P	IL	P	IL	IL	P	P	IL	IL
Schreck, Mason	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Shaw, Josh	15-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	nkIDB	P	P
Shelton, Sojourn	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Sims, Pat	13-8	NT	NT	NT	P	NT	NT	NT	NT	IL	NWT	P	P	P	P	NT	NT
Smith, Andre	13-8	DNP	P	P	LOT	ROT	P	P	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	RI	RI
Smith, Chris	15-0	P	P	P	P	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	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Therezie, Robenson	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS
Toner, Cole	0-0	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Tupou, Josh	1-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	IL	PS	PS	IL	IL	IL	IL
Uzomah, C.J.	13-4	IL	IL	P	P	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE	P	P	P	P	P	P	2ndTE	P	P
Vigil, Nick	11-11	SLB	SLB	SLB	LB	LB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	IL	IL	IL	IL
Westerman, Christian	1-1	IL	DNP	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	LG
Whitfield, Kermit	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	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	PS	PS	PS	PS
Williams, Jarveon	1-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	IL	IL
Williams, Shawn	10-10	IL	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	IL	SS	IL	IL	IL	SS	SS	SS
Willis, Jordan	15-1	P	RDE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wilson, Brandon	7-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Winston, Eric	7-1	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	P	P	P	P	P	ROT	ROT

# STARTING LINEUPS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	H-B	WR	QB	HB
Sept. 10	BALTIMORE	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	Fisher	Kroft	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	T.Johnson	Fisher	Eifert	Kroft(2ndTE)	Ross	Dalton	Hill
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	T.Johnson	Fisher	Kroft	Boyd(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Oct. 1	at Cleveland	Green	A.Smith	Boling	Bodine	T.Johnson	Fisher	Kroft	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	T.Johnson	A.Smith	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Oct. 15	— BYE —											
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	Fisher	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	Fisher	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Hill
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	Fisher	Kroft	Hewitt	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Nov. 12	at Tennessee	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Nov. 19	at Denver	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Dec. 10	CHICAGO	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Bernard
Dec. 17	at Minnesota	Green	Ogbuehi	Boling	Bodine	Hopkins	A.Smith	Kroft	Uzomah(2ndTE)	LaFell	Dalton	Bernard
Dec. 24	DETROIT	Green	Boling	Westerman	Bodine	Hopkins	Winston	Kroft	Malone(3rdWR)	LaFell	Dalton	Mixon
Dec. 31	at Baltimore											

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
Sept. 10	BALTIMORE	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Dennard	Fejedelem	Iloka
Sept. 14	HOUSTON	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	Willis	Vigil	Minter	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Sept. 24	at Green Bay	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Oct. 1	at Cleveland	Dunlap	M.Johnson(DT)	Atkins	Lawson	Vigil(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Dennard(nickel)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Oct. 8	BUFFALO	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil(LB)	Burfict(LB)	Dennard(nickel)	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Oct. 15	— BYE —											
Oct. 22	at Pittsburgh	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jackson	Williams	Iloka
Oct. 29	INDIANAPOLIS	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Burfict	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Nov. 5	at Jacksonville	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Burfict	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Williams	Iloka
Nov. 12	at Tennessee	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Burfict	Rey	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Fejedelem	Iloka
Nov. 19	at Denver	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Rey	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Dennard	Williams	Iloka
Nov. 26	CLEVELAND	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Vigil	Minter	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Fejedelem	Iloka
Dec. 4	PITTSBURGH	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Evans	Minter	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jones	Fejedelem	Iloka
Dec. 10	CHICAGO	Dunlap	Billings	Glasgow	M.Johnson	Rey (LB)	Minter (LB)	Shaw(nickel)	Dennard	Jackson	Fejedelem	Iloka
Dec. 17	at Minnesota	Dunlap	Billings	Atkins	M.Johnson	Evans	Nickerson	Rey	Dennard	Jackson	Williams	Iloka
Dec. 24	DETROIT	Dunlap	Sims	Atkins	M.Johnson	Evans	Rey	Burfict	Kirkpatrick	Jackson	Williams	Iloka
Dec. 31	at Baltimore											





# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

DEC. 27, 2017

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	8	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
52	Bell, Brandon	LB	6-1	230	1-9-95	R	Penn State	Mays Landing, N.J.	CFA'17
25	Bernard, Giovanni	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	5	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
99	Billings, Andrew	DT	6-1	325	3-6-95	2	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16
61	Bodine, Russell	C	6-3	308	6-30-92	4	North Carolina	Scottsville, Va.	D4'14
65	Boling, Clint	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	7	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
83	Boyd, Tyler	WR	6-2	197	11-15-94	2	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
4	Bullock, Randy	K	5-9	214	12-16-89	6	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt)'16
55	Burfict, Vontaze	LB	6-1	255	9-24-90	6	Arizona State	Inglewood, Calif.	CFA'12
82	Carter, Cethan	H-B	6-3	245	9-5-95	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
16	Core, Cody	WR	6-3	214	4-17-94	2	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	7	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
21	Dennard, Darqueze	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	4	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	8	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
12	Erickson, Alex	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	2	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
50	Evans, Jordan	LB	6-3	240	1-27-95	R	Oklahoma	Norman, Okla.	D6a'17
42	Fejedelem, Clayton	S	6-0	205	6-2-93	2	Illinois	Lemont, Ill.	D7'16
98	Glasgow, Ryan	DT	6-3	302	9-30-93	R	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	7	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	250	7-10-84	9	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
89	Hewitt, Ryan	H-B	6-4	255	1-24-91	4	Stanford	Denver, Colo.	CFA'14
23	Hill, Brian	HB	6-1	219	11-9-95	R	Wyoming	Belleville, Ill.	PS(All)'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
27	Kirkpatrick, Dre	CB	6-2	185	10-26-89	6	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
81	Kroft, Tyler	TE	6-6	260	10-15-92	3	Rutgers	Downingtown, Pa.	D3a'15
11	LaFell, Brandon	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	8	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
58	Lawson, Carl	LB	6-2	260	6-29-95	R	Auburn	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4a'17
80	Malone, Josh	WR	6-3	208	3-21-96	R	Tennessee	Gallatin, Tenn.	D4b'17
5	McCarron, AJ	QB	6-3	215	9-13-90	3	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
29	McRae, Tony	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	1	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
28	Mixon, Joe	HB	6-1	228	7-24-96	R	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
72	Murray, Justin	OT	6-5	304	4-19-93	1	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	PS(N.O.)'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
76	Perkins, Kent	OT	6-5	320	11-19-94	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	CFA'17
62	Redmond, Alex	G	6-5	330	1-18-95	1	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-0	245	9-6-87	7	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
20	Russell, KeiVarae	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	2	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
26	Shaw, Josh	S	6-1	190	3-27-92	3	Southern California	Palmdale, Calif.	D4a'15
92	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	10	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA(Oak.)'15
94	Smith, Chris	DE	6-1	266	2-11-92	4	Arkansas	Mount Ulla, N.C.	T(Jax.)'17
68	Tupou, Josh	DT	6-3	350	5-2-94	R	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
87	Uzomah, C.J.	TE	6-6	265	1-14-93	3	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
63	Westerman, Christian	G	6-3	305	2-23-93	2	Arizona State	Chandler, Ariz.	D5'16
39	Williams, Jarveon	HB	5-9	205	1-3-95	R	Texas-San Antonio	Converse, Texas	CFA'17
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
<b>PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)</b>									
53	Bradford, Carl (12-6-17)	LB	6-1	248	8-15-92	3	Arizona State	Norco, Calif.	FA'17
47	Harris, Connor (12-20-17)	LB	6-0	243	6-22-93	R	Lindenwood	Lee's Summit, Mo.	FA'17
77	Leamon, Javarius (12-19-17)	OT	6-7	315	4-16-93	R	South Carolina State	Woodruff, S.C.	FA'17
67	Omole, Oni (12-19-17)	G	6-3	305	6-24-93	1	Iowa State	Coppell, Texas	FA'17
84	Orndoff, Scott (11-9-17)	TE	6-5	255	12-16-93	R	Pittsburgh	Waynesburg, Pa.	FA'17
31	Shelton, Sojour (11-14-17)	CB	5-9	168	12-25-94	R	Wisconsin	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'17
37	Therezie, Robenson (12-13-17)	S	5-9	212	8-5-91	3	Auburn	Miami, Fla.	FA'17
17	Whitfield, Kermit (9-3-17)	WR	5-8	184	10-8-93	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'17
69	Williams, DeShawn (9-3-17)	DT	6-1	292	12-29-92	2	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
<b>RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)</b>									
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
60	Johnson, T.J. (12-16-17; pectoral)	C	6-4	295	7-17-90	4	South Carolina	Aynor, S.C.	D7b'13
24	Jones, Adam (12-9-17; groin)	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	11	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
51	Minter, Kevin (12-15-17; hamstring)	LB	6-0	246	12-3-90	5	Louisiana State	Suwanee, Ga.	UFA(Ariz.)'17
30	Peerman, Cedric (8-29-17; shoulder)	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	8	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
15	Ross, John (12-6-17; shoulder)	WR	5-11	190	11-27-95	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
86	Schreck, Mason (9-2-17; knee)	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	R	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17
71	Smith, Andre (12-20-17; knee)	OT	6-4	330	1-25-87	9	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	UFA(Minn.)'17
59	Vigil, Nick (12-22-17; back)	LB	6-2	240	8-20-93	2	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
<b>RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL ILLNESS (date assigned)</b>									
74	Fisher, Jake (11-8-17)	OT	6-6	310	4-23-93	3	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15

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# NUMERICAL ROSTER

DEC. 27, 2017

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
4	Randy Bullock.....	K	5-9	214	12-16-89	6	Texas A&M	Klein, Texas	W(Pitt.)'16
5	AJ McCarron.....	QB	6-3	215	9-13-90	3	Alabama	Mobile, Ala.	D5'14
10	Kevin Huber.....	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	9	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Brandon LaFell.....	WR	6-3	210	11-4-86	8	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	FA'16
12	Alex Erickson.....	WR	6-0	195	11-6-92	2	Wisconsin	Darlington, Wis.	CFA'16
14	Andy Dalton.....	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	7	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
16	Cody Core.....	WR	6-3	214	4-17-94	2	Mississippi	Auburn, Ala.	D6'16
18	A.J. Green.....	WR	6-4	210	7-31-88	7	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
20	KeiVarae Russell.....	CB	5-11	196	10-19-93	2	Notre Dame	Everett, Wash.	W(K.C.)'16
21	Darqueze Dennard.....	CB	5-11	205	10-10-91	4	Michigan State	Dry Branch, Ga.	D1'14
22	William Jackson.....	CB	6-0	190	10-27-92	2	Houston	Houston, Texas	D1'16
23	Brian Hill.....	HB	6-1	219	11-9-95	R	Wyoming	Belleville, Ill.	PS(All.)'17
25	Giovani Bernard.....	HB	5-9	205	11-22-91	5	North Carolina	Boca Raton, Fla.	D2a'13
26	Josh Shaw.....	S	6-1	190	3-27-92	3	Southern California	Palmdale, Calif.	D4a'15
27	Dre Kirkpatrick.....	CB	6-2	185	10-26-89	6	Alabama	Gadsden, Ala.	D1a'12
28	Joe Mixon.....	HB	6-1	228	7-24-96	R	Oklahoma	Oakley, Calif.	D2'17
29	Tony McRae.....	CB	5-10	185	5-3-93	1	North Carolina A&T	Laurinburg, N.C.	FA'17
36	Shawn Williams.....	S	6-0	210	5-13-91	5	Georgia	Damascus, Ga.	D3'13
39	Jarveon Williams.....	HB	5-9	205	1-3-95	R	Texas-San Antonio	Converse, Texas	CFA'17
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
52	Brandon Bell.....	LB	6-1	230	1-9-95	R	Penn State	Mays Landing, N.J.	CFA'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
61	Russell Bodine.....	C	6-3	308	6-30-92	4	North Carolina	Scottsville, Va.	D4'14
62	Alex Redmond.....	G	6-5	330	1-18-95	1	UCLA	Cerritos, Calif.	CFA'16
63	Christian Westerman.....	G	6-3	305	2-23-93	2	Arizona State	Chandler, Ariz.	D5'16
65	Clint Boling.....	G	6-5	305	5-9-89	7	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
66	Trey Hopkins.....	G	6-3	310	7-6-92	2	Texas	Houston, Texas	CFA'14
68	Josh Tupou.....	DT	6-3	350	5-2-94	R	Colorado	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'17
70	Cedric Ogbuehi.....	OT	6-5	310	4-25-92	3	Texas A&M	Allen, Texas	D1'15
72	Justin Murray.....	OT	6-5	304	4-19-93	1	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	PS(N.O.)'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
76	Kent Perkins.....	OT	6-5	320	11-19-94	R	Texas	Dallas, Texas	CFA'17
80	Josh Malone.....	WR	6-3	208	3-21-96	R	Tennessee	Gallatin, Tenn.	D4b'17
81	Tyler Kroft.....	TE	6-6	260	10-15-92	3	Rutgers	Downingtown, Pa.	D3a'15
82	Cethan Carter.....	H-B	6-3	245	9-5-95	R	Nebraska	New Orleans, La.	CFA'17
83	Tyler Boyd.....	WR	6-2	197	11-15-94	2	Pittsburgh	Clairton, Pa.	D2'16
87	C.J. Uzomah.....	TE	6-6	265	1-14-93	3	Auburn	Suwanee, Ga.	D5'15
89	Ryan Hewitt.....	H-B	6-4	255	1-24-91	4	Stanford	Denver, Colo.	CFA'14
90	Michael Johnson.....	DE	6-7	280	2-7-87	9	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	FA'15
92	Pat Sims.....	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	10	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	UFA(Oak.)'15
94	Chris Smith.....	DE	6-1	266	2-11-92	4	Arkansas	Mount Ulla, N.C.	T(Jax.)'17
96	Carlos Dunlap.....	DE	6-6	280	2-28-89	8	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins.....	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	8	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
98	Ryan Glasgow.....	DT	6-3	302	9-30-93	R	Michigan	Aurora, Ill.	D4c'17
99	Andrew Billings.....	DT	6-1	325	3-6-95	2	Baylor	Waco, Texas	D4'16

### PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

17	Kermit Whitfield (9-3-17).....	WR	5-8	184	10-8-93	R	Florida State	Orlando, Fla.	FA'17
31	Sojourn Shelton (11-14-17).....	CB	5-9	168	12-25-94	R	Wisconsin	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	FA'17
37	Robenson Therizie (12-13-17).....	S	5-9	212	8-5-91	3	Auburn	Miami, Fla.	FA'17
47	Connor Harris (12-20-17).....	LB	6-0	243	6-22-93	R	Lindenwood	Lee's Summit, Mo.	FA'17
53	Carl Bradford (12-6-17).....	LB	6-1	248	8-15-92	3	Arizona State	Norco, Calif.	FA'17
67	Oni Omoile (12-19-17).....	G	6-3	305	6-24-93	1	Iowa State	Coppell, Texas	FA'17
69	DeShawn Williams (9-3-17).....	DT	6-1	292	12-29-92	2	Clemson	Central, S.C.	CFA'15
77	Javarius Leamon (12-19-17).....	OT	6-7	315	4-16-93	R	South Carolina State	Woodruff, S.C.	FA'17
84	Scott Orndoff (11-9-17).....	TE	6-5	255	12-16-93	R	Pittsburgh	Waynesburg, Pa.	FA'17

### RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

6	= Jeff Driskel (9-4-17; hand).....	QB	6-4	238	4-23-93	2	Louisiana Tech	Oviedo, Fla.	W(S.F.)'16
15	John Ross (12-6-17; shoulder).....	WR	5-11	190	11-27-95	R	Washington	Long Beach, Calif.	D1'17
24	Adam Jones (12-9-17; groin).....	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	11	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
30	Cedric Peerman (8-29-17; shoulder).....	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	8	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
32	Jeremy Hill (11-11-17; ankle).....	HB	6-1	230	10-20-92	4	Louisiana State	Baton Rouge, La.	D2'14
33	Tra Carson (9-2-17; groin).....	HB	5-11	228	10-24-92	1	Texas A&M	Texarkana, Texas	CFA'16
51	Kevin Minter (12-15-17; hamstring).....	LB	6-0	246	12-3-90	5	Louisiana State	Suwanee, Ga.	UFA(Ariz.)'17
59	Nick Vigil (12-22-17; back).....	LB	6-2	240	8-20-93	2	Utah State	Plain City, Utah	D3'16
60	T.J. Johnson (12-16-17; pectoral).....	C	6-4	295	7-17-90	4	South Carolina	Aynor, S.C.	D7b'13
71	Andre Smith (12-20-17; knee).....	OT	6-4	330	1-25-87	9	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	UFA(Minn.)'17
85	Tyler Eifert (10-12-17; back).....	TE	6-6	255	9-8-90	5	Notre Dame	Fort Wayne, Ind.	D1'13
86	Mason Schreck (9-2-17; knee).....	TE	6-5	252	11-4-93	R	Buffalo	Medina, Ohio	D7'17

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

74	Jake Fisher (11-8-17).....	OT	6-6	310	4-23-93	3	Oregon	Traverse City, Mich.	D2'15
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# STATISTICS

RECORD: 6-9

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	L	7-33	CHICAGO	52,002
12-17-17	L	7-34	at Minnesota	66,833
12-24-17	W	26-17	DETROIT	47,732
12-31-17			at Baltimore	

TEAM STATISTICS		BENGALS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	.....	245	306
Rushing	.....	67	104
Passing	.....	151	162
Penalty	.....	27	40
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	62-184	93-224
3rd Down Pct.	.....	33.7	41.5
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	4-11	8-17
4th Down Pct.	.....	36.4	47.1
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	27.06	32.54
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	4129	5113
Avg. Per Game	.....	275.3	340.9
Total Plays	.....	852	1017
Avg. Per Play	.....	4.8	5.0
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	1220	1928
Avg. Per Game	.....	81.3	128.5
Total Rushes	.....	347	463
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	2909	3185
Avg. Per Game	.....	193.9	212.3
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	39-255	40-269
Gross Yards	.....	3164	3454
Att.-Completions	.....	466-281	514-311
Completion Pct.	.....	60.3	60.5
Had Intercepted	.....	12	10
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	81-46.6	74-45.6
Net Punting Avg.	.....	81-41.1	74-38.7
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....	104-967	101-859
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	20-10	7-3
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	30	32
Rushing	.....	6	12
Passing	.....	22	18
Returns	.....	2	2

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	60	101	37	61	0	259
OPPONENTS	73	93	55	98	3	322

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Randy Bullock	0	0	0	0	27-29	17-19	0	78
A.J. Green	8	0	8	0	—	—	0	48
Tyler Kroft	5	0	5	0	—	—	0	30
Giovani Bernard	4	2	2	0	—	—	0	24
Joe Mixon	4	4	0	0	—	—	0	24
Brandon LaFell	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
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
C.J. Uzomah	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Marshall Koehn	0	0	0	0	1-1	0-0	1	0
BENGALS	30	6	22	2	28-30	17-19	0	259
OPPONENTS	32	12	18	2	31-32	33-38	0	322

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

Sacks-yards: Geno Atkins 9-65.5, Carl Lawson 8.5-57, Carlos Dunlap 6.5-32, Michael Johnson 5-36, Chris Smith 3-36, 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 40-269, OPPONENTS 39-255.

Fumbles-lost: Alex Erickson 6-1, Andy Dalton 4-4, A.J. Green 2-2, Joe Mixon 2-1, 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 20-10, OPPONENTS 7-3.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	452	274	3098	60.6	6.85	22	4.9	12	2.7	77t	38-246	86.3
AJ McCarron	14	7	66	50.0	4.71	0	0.0	0	0.0	27	1-9	63.4
BENGALS	466	281	3164	60.3	6.79	22	4.7	12	2.6	77t	39-255	85.6
OPPONENTS	514	311	3454	60.5	6.72	18	3.5	10	1.9	72	40-269	84.1

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Joe Mixon	160	530	3.3	25	4
Giovani Bernard	95	406	4.3	25	2
Jeremy Hill	37	116	3.1	13	0
Andy Dalton	36	101	2.8	25	0
Brian Hill	11	37	3.4	11	0
Alex Erickson	5	16	3.2	14	0
John Ross	1	12	12.0	12	0
Josh Malone	2	2	1.0	4	0
BENGALS	347	1220	3.5	25	6
OPPONENTS	463	1928	4.2	49t	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	73	1061	14.5	77t	8
Brandon LaFell	50	513	10.3	45	3
Giovani Bernard	37	371	10.0	61t	2
Tyler Kroft	36	351	9.8	59	5
Joe Mixon	29	286	9.9	67	0
Tyler Boyd	17	134	7.9	15	1
Alex Erickson	12	180	15.0	37	1
C.J. Uzomah	9	85	9.4	21	1
Josh Malone	6	63	10.5	25t	1
Tyler Eifert	4	46	11.5	22	0
Jeremy Hill	4	16	4.0	10	0
Brian Hill	2	36	18.0	34	0
Ryan Hewitt	2	22	11.0	16	0
BENGALS	281	3164	11.3	77t	22
OPPONENTS	311	3454	11.1	72	18

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
Vincent Rey	1	12	12.0	12	0
Shawn Williams	1	7	7.0	7	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	10	250	25.0	101	2
OPPONENTS	12	151	12.6	31t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	80	3759	47.0	41.1	3	32	63	1
BENGALS	81	3759	46.4	41.1	3	32	63	1
OPPONENTS	74	3371	45.6	38.7	6	26	74	1

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	35	16	253	7.2	29	0
Adam Jones	6	0	131	21.8	40	0
William Jackson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	42	16	384	9.1	40	0
OPPONENTS	37	22	368	9.9	63t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Alex Erickson	31	646	20.8	41	0
Giovani Bernard	1	7	7.0	7	0
BENGALS	32	653	20.4	41	0
OPPONENTS	29	614	21.2	32	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Randy Bullock	0-0	6-6	6-7	4-5	1-1
BENGALS	0-0	6-6	6-7	4-5	1-1
OPPONENTS	0-0	16-16	10-10	5-8	2-4

Randy Bullock: (-), (39G, 29G, 30G), (48WR, 46G), (41G), (30G, 29G), (-), (29G, 34B), (-), (-), (-), (-), (31G, 49G, 21G), (35G, 41G), (-), (-), (29G, 27G, 35G, 51G).

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), (34G, 27G), (53G, 35G), (23G, 50SH).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Darqueze Dennard	58	24	82	2-6	1-20	5	0	0-0
Nick Vigil	43	34	77	1-7	1-0	5	0	0-0
Vincent Rey	44	30	74	0-0	1-12	1	0	0-0
George Iloka	50	23	73	0-0	1-14	5	0	0-0
Vontaze Burfict	48	21	69	1.5-12	0-0	2	1	0-0
Dre Kirkpatrick	44	8	52	1-2	1-101	12	1	0-0
Michael Johnson	34	14	48	5-36	0-0	1	0	0-0
Shawn Williams	32	15	47	0-0	1-7	1	0	2-0
Carlos Dunlap	34	11	45	6.5-32	1-16	6	1	0-0
Geno Atkins	28	16	44	9-65.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Clayton Fejedelem	22	20	42	0-0	1-5	2	0	0-0
Josh Shaw	26	6	32	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Kevin Minter	16	16	32	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jordan Evans	23	8	31	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Chris Smith	17	9	26	3-36	0-0	2	1	0-0
William Jackson	19	5	24	1-7	1-75	13	0	0-0
Adam Jones	19	4	23	0-0	1-0	4	0	0-0
Jordan Willis	14	8	22	1-4	0-0	0	0	0-0
Pat Sims	7	15	22	0.5-4.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Ryan Glasgow	10	11	21	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carl Lawson	9	6	15	8.5-57	0-0	0	0	0-0
Andrew Billings	8	4	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
KeiVarae Russell	8	0	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Hardy Nickerson	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tony McRae	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Alex Erickson	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Brandon Bell	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
A.J. Green	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Clayton Fejedelem	10	3	13	0	0-0	0	0	0
C.J. Uzomah	7	3	10	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cethan Carter	6	2	8	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Wilson	4	1	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jordan Evans	3	2	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cody Core	4	0	4	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clark Harris	2	2	4	0	0-0	0	0	0
Hardy Nickerson	0	4	4	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
Brandon Bell	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Ryan Hewitt	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darqueze Dennard	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brian Hill	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
George Iloka	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Josh Malone	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tony McRae	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

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