

# BENGALS FRANCHISE FIRSTS

**FIRST HEAD COACH:** Paul Brown, who coached the team from 1968 through '75.

**FIRST PLAYER:** QB John Stofa, who was acquired in December, 1967, from the Miami Dolphins in a trade for two draft choices. Stofa played for the Bengals in 1968 and '69.

**FIRST DRAFT CHOICE:** Center Bob Johnson, from the University of Tennessee, was the Bengals' No. 1 draft choice in their inaugural season of 1968.

**FIRST GAME:** Aug. 3, 1968 — a preseason home game against the Kansas City Chiefs at Nippert Stadium. The Chiefs won, 38-14, in front of 21,682 fans.

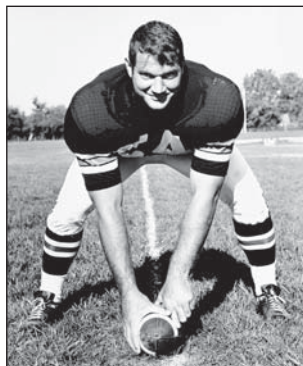
**FIRST REGULAR-SEASON GAME:** On Friday night, Sept. 6, 1968, in San Diego, the Bengals began play in the American Football League. They lost to the Chargers, 29-13.

**FIRST BENGALS REGULAR-SEASON SCORING PLAY:** On the Bengals' first possession of their first regular-season game — Sept. 6, 1968 at San Diego — RB Paul Robinson scored a touchdown on a 2-yard run. Dale Livingston kicked the extra point for a 7-0 Cincinnati lead. The Chargers came back to win, 29-13.

**FIRST REGULAR-SEASON VICTORY:** On Sunday, Sept. 15, 1968, the Bengals won their home opener, defeating the Denver Broncos, 24-10. A crowd of 25,049 watched at Nippert Stadium.

**FIRST PLAYOFF GAME:** On Saturday, Dec. 26, 1970, the Bengals lost to the Baltimore Colts, 17-0, at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore in an AFC Divisional Playoff Game. The Bengals reached the playoffs in just the franchise's third season by winning the AFC Central Division title with an 8-6 regular-season record.

**FIRST PLAYOFF GAME VICTORY:** On Jan. 3, 1982, the Bengals defeated the Buffalo Bills, 28-21, at Riverfront Stadium in Cincinnati in an AFC Divisional Playoff Game. A week later, the Bengals beat San Diego in the AFC Championship Game to earn a trip to Super Bowl XVI.



The Bengals selected Univ. of Tennessee center Bob Johnson with their first choice in the 1968 NFL-AFL draft. Johnson played 12 seasons for the Bengals, from 1968-79.

## BENGALS SELECTIONS IN 1968 AFL EXPANSION DRAFT

### FROM BOSTON PATRIOTS

Joe Bellino, RB, Navy  
Jim Boudreaux, DT, La. Tech  
J.D. Garrett, RB, Grambling  
\*White Graves, DB, Louisiana St.  
Ron Hall, DB, Missouri Valley

### FROM BUFFALO BILLS

Gary Bugenhagen, T, Syracuse  
Bobby Burnett, RB, Arkansas  
\*Charlie King, DB, Purdue  
Bob Schmidt, T, Minnesota  
Rich Zecher, DT, Utah St.

### FROM DENVER BRONCOS

Cookie Gilchrist, RB, none  
Mike Kellogg, RB, Santa Clara  
\*Pat Matson, G, Oregon  
Henry Sorrell, LB, Tenn.-Chatt.  
Lonnie Wright, DB, Colorado St.

### FROM HOUSTON OILERS

\*Dan Brabham, LB, Arkansas  
Joe Bob Isbell, G, Houston  
\*Willie Lee Jones, DE, Kansas St.  
Bob Poole, TE, Clemson  
\*Andy Rice, DT, Texas Southern

### FROM KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Chris Burford, SE, Stanford  
\*Sherrill Headrick, LB, Tex. Christian  
\*Bobby Hunt, DB, Auburn  
Al Reynolds, G, Tarkio  
\*Fletcher Smith, DB, Tennessee St.

### FROM NEW YORK JETS

Solomon Brannan, DB, Morris Brown  
Bill Brown, T, Texas-El Paso  
\*John Matlock, C, Miami (Fla.)  
\*Pete Perreault, G, Boston U.  
Jim Waskiewicz, C/LB, Wichita St.

### FROM OAKLAND RAIDERS

\*Dan Archer, T, Oregon  
\*Estes Banks, RB, Colorado  
Nate Johns, RB, San Diego St.  
\*Rod Sherman, FL, Southern Cal.  
Richard Sligh, DT, N. Car. Central

### FROM SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

\*Frank Buncom, LB, Southern Cal.  
\*Jim Griffin, DE, Grambling  
Frank Marsh, RB, Oregon St.  
Dick Van Raaphorst, PK, Ohio St.  
\*Ernie Wright, T, Ohio State

\*Made Bengals All-Time Roster