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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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Pittsburgh Steelers (5-2) at Cincinnati Bengals (2-5)

*Week 9, Game 8
Monday Night Football, Nov. 8
at Paul Brown Stadium*

*Next up:
Week 10, Game 9
Nov. 14 at Indianapolis*

Game information

Kickoff: 8:30 p.m. EST.

Television: ESPN broadcast with Mike Tirico (play-by-play), Jon Gruden and Ron Jaworski (analysts) and Suzy Kolber and Michele Tafoya (sideline reporters). The game is a sellout, and in Cincinnati, the ESPN broadcast also will be aired live by WKRC-TV "Local 12" (Channel 12), the Bengals' preseason flagship station.

Radio: Coverage on the 28-station Bengals Radio Network, including a "triple-cast" in Cincinnati on flagships WLW-AM (700) "The Big One," WCKY-AM (1530) "Homer" (all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Brad Johansen (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

The game also will be broadcast to a national audience on CBS Radio Sports/Westwood One. Broadcasters are Kevin Harlan (play-by-play), Boomer Esiason (analyst) and Mark Malone (sideline reporter).

Setting the scene: Laying low is no option this week for a Bengals team sitting at 2-5 with a four-game losing streak. The bright lights of Monday Night Football are on the way to town, and the 5-2 Pittsburgh Steelers are the foe.

"It's a big audience game, it's a division game, and it's a chance to check back the Steelers," Cincinnati OT Andrew Whitworth said after last week's 22-14 loss to Miami. "We'll be ready. No time to feel sorry for ourselves. We've got to defend ourselves."

The Bengals swept the Steelers in 2009, winning 23-20 in Cincinnati and 18-12 in Pittsburgh. They are looking to post their first three-game win streak over Pittsburgh since 1989-90. But the streak in the news is the one that has dropped Cincinnati from 2-1 to 2-5.

"It's going to be a tough week," said Bengals coach Marvin Lewis, "and we've got to stay together. We've got to put everything we have into winning this game. Find a way. The season isn't half over yet and we still have an opportunity to get things right. Whatever one player or coach thinks is his level of responsibility for where we are, he has to take on more. Not much more to say than that."

The Bengals are the defending AFC North champions and suffered no major personnel losses entering 2010. During their four-game losing streak, all the games have seemed winnable. All have been by one-score margins. Thus, talent is not considered a major issue in the team's downfall. But chemistry is a subject clearly baffling the Bengals.

"If I had three wishes, the first one would be that we could start this season all over," said WR Terrell Owens. "The results so far are not indicative of the caliber of talent in our locker room. It's mind-boggling. We feel like we should have won every one of these last four games. But starting over isn't going to happen, so we move on."

The Bengals opened against Miami last week with a picture-book touchdown drive, a 15-play, 86-yard march on which they were four-for-four on third downs. Midway through the second quarter, following an interception by CB Morgan Trent, they struck for another TD and a 14-6 lead. But the second TD admittedly included a lucky break, as the Dolphins bobbed an apparent interception right into the hands of Owens, and from that point on, the Dolphins just kept chipping away, with three more field goals and a touchdown while the Bengals went scoreless.

Trailing by the 22-14 final margin, the Bengals drove to a first down at the Miami 22 with three minutes to play. But following an incompleteness, Palmer and Owens misconnected on a route, and Palmer's pass went straight to Miami CB Sean Smith for a game-clinching interception. The chemistry wasn't there.

"Just trying to make a play," said Palmer. "But they knew what play was coming and they jumped the route. I was trying to throw him out of the route, and he wasn't thinking the same thing I was. We missed it."

Pittsburgh enters the game tied with Baltimore for the AFC North lead. The Steelers lead the NFL in scoring defense (14.6), rushing defense (58.9) and turnover differential (plus-nine).

The series: The Steelers lead, 48-32, including 1-0 in postseason, but the Bengals have won the last two meetings.

Cincinnati's 2009 season sweep of the Steelers was its first since 1998, and the Bengals this week look to post their first three-game win streak over Pittsburgh since 1989-90. Cincinnati actually won six straight in the series over 1988-90, its longest win streak in the series.

The most recent meeting, an 18-12 Cincinnati win last year at Pittsburgh, was a part of the Bengals' first-ever season sweep of all division opponents. The Bengals were 6-0 in AFC North play while claiming the division championship last season.

The Steelers lead 22-18 in games at Cincinnati. The Bengals held a 16-14 edge at Riverfront Stadium (later Cinergy Field), but Pittsburgh has posted an 8-2 edge at Paul Brown Stadium.

The Steelers won 31-17 at PBS in the only postseason game in the series, on Jan. 8, 2006 ('05 season).

The Bengals have played more games against the Steelers (80) than any other foe. Cleveland is second in that category at 74 and Tennessee (formerly Houston Oilers) is third at 72.

Team bests from the series:

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

Steelers — MOST POINTS: 49, in a 49-31 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1995. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 28, in a 38-10 win at Cincinnati in 2008. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in a 15-0 win at Three Rivers Stadium in 2000.

The last meetings: Complete summaries of the two 2009 Bengals-Steelers meetings are on page 15 of this news release.

Sellout streak will hit 57: The Steelers game is a sellout, and will extend to 57 the Bengals' franchise-record streak of sellouts in regular-season and postseason play.

The Bengals have not had a regular-season or postseason home game blacked out for local TV since Nov. 9, 2003. Prior to the current streak, the record was 43 straight games, at Riverfront Stadium between 1988 and '92.

Tough to tie 13: Twelve years ago, in a victory over Pittsburgh on Oct. 11, 1998 at Cinergy Field, Bengals WR Carl Pickens had a team-record 13 receptions (for 204 yards).

He broke a mark of 12 that had been set twice (once by James Brooks and once by himself). And since he caught the 13, there have been five other instances of a Bengal catching 12 in a game. But Pickens' 13-catch game still stands alone.

Other Bengals records involving the Steelers include:

● On Oct. 19, 1995, the Bengals allowed the most yards in franchise history (468) without allowing a touchdown. They beat the Steelers 27-9 at Three Rivers Stadium.

● On Dec. 20, 1998 at Pittsburgh, HB Brandon Bennett set the Bengals record for most receiving yards in a game by a RB, with 119 on three catches.

● On Dec. 30, 2001, Bengals WRs accounted for 384 receiving yards vs. Pittsburgh, the most ever in a game by Bengals WRs.

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

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

Individually vs. Steelers: HB Bernard Scott scored the only touchdown by either side in last season's Nov. 15 Bengals win at Pittsburgh, going 96 yards with a first-quarter kickoff return. It was the only kickoff return TD by either side in a Bengals game last season, and it was the first KOR TD by Cincinnati since Nov. 4, 2007.

The Bengals' eventual 18-12 victory was a key game in Cincinnati's march to the AFC North Division championship, as the teams had entered the game sharing first place with 6-2 records.

Scott, a rookie last season, also took over in the second half as the Bengals' primary HB, as Cedric Benson was sidelined with a hip injury in the second quarter. Scott rushed 13 times for 33 yards (2.5) and also had a 21-yard reception.

Scott also played against the Steelers in last season's meeting at Cincinnati, but had no statistics in that contest.

Other Bengals' past performances for Cincinnati against Pittsburgh (including postseason):

● QB Carson Palmer: 11 games (4-7 record as starting QB); 193-for-343 passing (56.3 percent) for an average of 185.6 yards (2042 total), with 14 TDs and seven INTs (passer rating of 78.9).

● HB Cedric Benson: Four games; 53 rushes for 185 yards (3.5), with one TD; three receptions for 19 yards (6.3); Benson suffered a hip injury in the first half of last season's Nov. 15 win at Pittsburgh, an injury that caused him to miss the second half of that contest and the next two games.

● HB Brian Leonard: Two games; Four rushes for eight yards (2.0); four receptions for 35 yards (8.8); In last season's Sept. 27 Bengals win at Paul Brown Stadium, Leonard had an 11-yard reception that converted a fourth-and-10 situation, setting up a TD that took Cincinnati from a 20-15 deficit to a 21-20 lead in the game's final minute; Leonard also caught a two-point conversion pass following that TD to complete the scoring in Cincinnati's 23-20 win.

● WR Chad Ochocinco: 18 games; 84 catches for 1171 yards (13.9) with three TDs; average of 4.7 catches and 65.1 yards per game.

● WR Andre Caldwell: Four games; 13 catches for 101 yards (7.8) with one TD; Caldwell's TD against the Steelers was a game-winner on Sept. 27 of last season at Cincinnati, a four-yarder that lifted the Bengals from a 20-15 deficit with 0:14 to play.

● WR Jerome Simpson: One game; One catch for two yards.

● TE Reggie Kelly: 13 games; 17 catches for 122 yards (7.2), one TD.

● TE J.P. Foschi: Two games; Three receptions for 14 yards (4.7).

T.O. vs. Steelers: WR Terrell Owens, in his first Bengals season, has played in five previous games for other teams against Pittsburgh, with totals of 23 catches for 300 yards (13.0) and three TDs.

Owens played three games against Pittsburgh while with San Francisco (1996, 1999, 2003), one game while with Philadelphia (2004) and one game while with Dallas (2008). His top game against the Steelers came with San Francisco in 2003, when he caught eight-for-155 with a 61-yard TD in a 30-14 home victory for the 49ers.

Bengals-Steelers connections: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis grew up in McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh. Lewis' first NFL coaching job was with Steelers as LBs coach from 1992-95 under head coach Bill Cowher ... Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau was a Bengals assistant coach from 1980-91 and '97-2000, and was Bengals head coach from Game 4 of '00 through '02. LeBeau is from London, Ohio ... Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin was on the University of Cincinnati staff in 1999-2000 ... Bengals QB Carson Palmer and Steelers S Troy Polamalu were roommates during their college playing days at USC ... Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger is from Cory Rawson, Ohio and played in college at Miami (Ohio) ... Steelers S Will Allen played at Ohio State and is from Dayton, Ohio (Wayne HS) ... Steelers CB William Gay played at Louisville ... Bengals DL coach Jay Hayes and Bengals TEs coach Jonathan Hayes are brothers who grew up in South Fayette, Pa. ... Jonathan Hayes played TE for the Steelers from 1994-96, and Jay Hayes was on the Steelers coaching staff from '99-01 ... Bengals offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski was Steelers receivers coach from 1999-00 ... Bengals assistant head coach/offensive line coach Paul Alexander coached at Penn State from 1983-84 ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton coached at Penn State from 1987-91 ... Bengals RBs coach Jim Anderson is from Harrisburg, Pa. ... Steelers defensive backs coach Ray Horton played for the Bengals from 1983-88 and was on their coaching staff from '97-2001 ... Steelers assistant special teams coach Amos Jones was on the University of Cincinnati staff from 1999-02.

Bengals-Steelers NFL rankings

	BENGALS	STEELERS
SCORING (AVG. POINTS):		
Points scored	18th (20.9)	16th (21.0)
Points allowed.....	T-24th (23.3)	1st (14.6)
NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	11th (355.4)	27th (297.6)
Rushing.....	20th (101.0)	11th (117.3)
Passing	6th (254.4)	29th (180.3)
NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	19th (342.0)	5th (302.0)
Rushing.....	23rd (120.7)	1st (58.9)
Passing	20th (221.3)	25th (243.1)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential.....	10th (plus-4)	1st (plus-9)

Red-zone reports: In Pittsburgh's seven games this season, red-zone touchdowns have come dearly. The Steelers and their opponents each have cashed only seven of 19 chances, a success rate of 36.8 percent. Pittsburgh therefore ranks 28th in offensive TD percentage and tied for third on defense.

The Bengals cashed a TD on their first red-zone chance last week vs. Miami, but it was their only chance. The Bengals rank only 24th in offensive TD percentage (42.9). Cincinnati has taken

(Red-zone reports, continued)

care of the ball in the red zone, however, emerging without points on only one of 21 forays inside the opponent 20, and the Bengals are tied for third in the NFL in overall scoring percentage (95.2).

Bengals red-zone report

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 21	Inside-20 poss.: 22
Total scores: 20 (95.2%)	Total scores: 19 (86.4%)
TDs: 9 (42.9%)	TDs: 11 (50.0%)
FGs: 11 (52.4%)	FGs: 8 (36.4%)
TD% rank: 24th	TD% rank: T-15th
No scores: 1 (4.8%)	No scores: 3 (13.6%)

Steelers red-zone report

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 19	Inside-20 poss.: 19
Total scores: 18 (94.7%)	Total scores: 16 (84.2%)
TDs: 7 (36.8%)	TDs: 7 (36.8%)
FGs: 11 (57.9%)	FGs: 9 (47.4%)
TD% rank: 28th	TD% rank: T-3rd
No scores: 1 (5.3%)	No scores: 3 (15.8%)

Love that Monday Jungle: The Bengals' all-time Monday Night Football record is 9-18, but only nine of those 27 contests have been played at home. In home games on Monday night, Cincinnati is 6-3, including 2-1 at Paul Brown Stadium. The Bengals went 4-2 in Monday night home games at Riverfront Stadium.

Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis claims the 2-1 record from the MNF games at PBS, and Lewis is 2-2 overall on Monday night, adding a loss at Indianapolis in 2006.

Welcome back, Steelers: Pittsburgh, by far, has been the Bengals' most frequent Monday night opponent. This week's game will be the eighth against the Steelers in 28 MNF games for Cincinnati. Miami, at four, has been Cincinnati's second-most frequently played Monday night foe.

Even so, it has been 18 years since the Bengals and Steelers last played on Monday night, and it has been 24 years since they met on Monday night in Cincinnati.

The last Monday night meeting was Oct. 19, 1992 at Three Rivers Stadium, with Pittsburgh winning 20-0. The last Monday nighter in Cincinnati was on Oct. 13, 1986, with the Bengals winning 24-22 at Riverfront Stadium.

The Steelers lead 5-2 overall in MNF games against Cincinnati, but the record is 1-1 with the Bengals as the home team.

A memorable dash: The last time the Bengals hosted the Steelers on a Monday night — on Oct. 13, 1986 — Cincinnati punter Jeff Hayes keyed the victory with a 61-yard fourth-quarter TD run on a fake punt. Elias Sports Bureau has researched the run and has determined that it stands as the longest rushing gain by any NFL punter since the 1970 merger.

Hayes' TD gave the Bengals a 21-19 lead, and Cincinnati went on to win, 24-22.

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

- Most recent appearance: On Oct. 1, 2007, the Bengals became the fourth victim on New England's march to the NFL's only 16-0 regular season. The Patriots won 34-13, with Tom Brady completing 78.1 percent of his passes (25 of 32), Sammy Morris rushing for 117 yards and a TD, and Randy Moss catching nine-for-102 with two TDs.

- First appearance: During the inaugural season of MNF, on Nov. 2, 1970, the Bengals lost 21-10 to Pittsburgh at Three Rivers Stadium. The loss dropped the Bengals to a 1-6 record, but it was somehow pivotal. The Bengals won their final seven games to finish 8-6 and win the first AFC Central Division championship. It was the Bengals' first season in the NFL after two years in the AFL. The 1970 Bengals remain the only team to start 1-5 or worse

and make the playoffs.

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

- The most MNF regular-season appearances in a season for the Bengals has been three, in both 1978 and '89. The Bengals also were on MNF three times in 2007, but one game was in preseason.

MNF times 27: Here's the complete listing of the Bengals' 27 previous Monday night games:

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

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

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

"It went according to the way we were afraid it would," Bengals head coach Paul Brown said after the game. "We couldn't stop their man (Simpson), and they couldn't stop our pass offense."

The game was the Bengals' first home game on MNF, and it also was the Bengals' first Monday night win.

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

The two clubs combined for 1102 net yards, second-most in NFL history. The Chargers had 661 and the Bengals 441.

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

Most crucial MNF game: The only time the Bengals played a Monday Night game to close a season, with their playoff hopes on the line, was on Christmas night, Dec. 25,

1989 at Minnesota.

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

Biggest, best MNF win: The most important Bengals win on Monday night was arguably a 34-13 rout of rival Cleveland on Oct. 22, 1990.

The victory put the Bengals at their best record of the season — three games above .500 at 5-2 — and kept them in first place

ahead of Houston, which won the day before to go 4-3. The Bengals used the cushion they gained to hang on and win the AFC Central title on a tiebreaker, as Cincinnati, Houston and Pittsburgh all finished 9-7.

The game produced the Bengals' largest-ever winning margin on Monday night. Cincinnati had 233 rushing yards, as three backs gained 63 or more, and Boomer Esiason threw two TDs.

Also at night: The Bengals are 4-2 playing on Thursday night, 0-1 on Friday night, 0-2 on Saturday night and 3-10 on Sunday night.

Against the Steelers on nights other than Monday, the Bengals are 1-1 on Sunday and 1-1 on Thursday.

The head coaches

Marvin Lewis is in his eighth season as Bengals head coach, tying the longest tenure in franchise history, and he takes on the challenge of 2010 as the returning NFL Coach of the Year.

Lewis led the Bengals to a 10-6 record and the AFC North Division championship in 2009. He earned the major share of Coach of the Year awards, winning the flagship Associated Press honor (given annually by a national media panel since 1957) while also getting nods from Sports Illustrated and Pro Football Weekly/Pro Football Writers Association. The Bengals were unbeaten in division play (6-0) for the first time in history.

Lewis' Bengals record is now 58-60-1 in the regular season, 0-2 in postseason and 58-62-1 overall. He was named the ninth Bengals head coach on Jan. 14, 2003. In 2002, he directed the NFL's fifth-ranked defense with Washington, serving as assistant head coach in addition to his role as defensive coordinator. Prior to his year with the Redskins, he was a record-setting defensive coordinator for the Baltimore Ravens. His six seasons (1996-2001) with the Ravens included a Super Bowl victory following the '00 season. In the 2000 regular season, Lewis' Baltimore defense set the NFL record for fewest points allowed in a 16-game campaign (165).

Lewis entered the NFL as linebackers coach with Pittsburgh from 1993-95, guiding the careers of Pro Bowl selections Kevin Greene, Chad Brown, Levon Kirkland and Greg Lloyd.

Born Sept. 23, 1958, in McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh, Lewis played linebacker at Idaho State and earned All-Big Sky Conference honors in each of his three seasons ('78-80). He began his coaching career as an assistant at Idaho State University in 1981.

Mike Tomlin is in his fourth year as Steelers head

coach. His record is 39-19, including 3-1 in postseason.

In 2008, he became the youngest head coach (36 years, 323 days) to win a Super Bowl when his team defeated Arizona in Super Bowl XLIII. He is the only head coach in Steelers history to win a division title in each of his first two seasons. His club missed the playoffs with a 9-7 record in 2009.

In 2006, Tomlin was defensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings, directing a unit that ranked eighth in the NFL in fewest yards allowed and first in fewest rushing yards.

He spent the previous five seasons (2001-05) as defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. His secondary recorded four interceptions in Tampa Bay's victory over Oakland in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Tomlin has a Cincinnati connection, having coached DBs for the University of Cincinnati in 1999-2000.

A native of Hampton, Va., he played WR at William & Mary from 1990-94 and caught a school-record 20 TD passes.

Lewis vs. Steelers: Lewis is 5-10, including 0-1 in postseason.

Lewis vs. Tomlin: Tomlin leads, 4-2.

Tomlin vs. Bengals: Tomlin leads, 4-2.

Lewis needs seven: Lewis' Bengals win total of 58 ranks second in franchise history (regular season and postseason), behind Sam Wyche, who won 64 games during an eight-year tenure (1984-91). With seven more wins, Lewis can pass Wyche into first place. Last season, Lewis passed Paul Brown (55 wins) into second place.

Bengals information

Hall hangs with share of lead: Bengals RCB Leon Hall was not too much in the traffic pattern of Miami's passing game last week, as the Dolphins tested third-year LCB Morgan Trent, an injury replacement for Johnathan Joseph. And Hall did not add to his season total of four interceptions.

But neither did Tennessee S Michael Griffin, and entering Week 9 play, Hall and Griffin remain tied for the AFC interception lead. Only one other AFC player, Miami CB Jason Allen, has even as many as three INTs.

Hall and Griffin are among five players tied for third in the NFL interception rankings. Washington CB DeAngelo Hall leads the league with six, and Carolina S Charles Godfrey is second with five.

Leon Hall has had at least a share of the AFC lead for six straight weeks. His INTs have come in Games 2, 3, 4 and 6.

The only Bengal to claim a piece of the NFL interceptions title for a full season has been CB Deltha O'Neal, who tied for the league lead in 2005 with a Bengals-record of 10. O'Neal was the lone AFC leader that year. CB Ken Riley won one undisputed AFC crown (with nine in 1976) and tied for the AFC lead two other years ('82-83).

It's not at all close: CB Leon Hall's interception on Oct. 24 at Atlanta was the 18th in his four-season Bengals career, giving him sole possession of sixth place all-time on the Bengals. He had shared the No. 6 spot with S Tommy Casanova, who played six Cincinnati seasons (1972-77).

But in a fashion unmatched in virtually any other Bengals record realm, the club's all-time interception statistics are dominated by one player. CB Ken Riley, who played 15 seasons (1969-83), has almost twice as many picks (65) as the second-place player, CB Louis Breeden at 33. Breeden played 10 Bengals seasons (1978-87). S David Fulcher is third (31 in seven seasons), CB Lemar Parrish is fourth (25 in eight seasons) and CB Tory James is fifth (21 in four seasons).

Thus, it would seem Hall stands a very good chance to someday take over at least second place all-time on the Bengals. As for his chances to ever hit Riley's record of 65, consider that to date, he has one INT for every 3.06 games he has played (55). At that rate, he would need 199 games to hit 65. As of this week, 199 games would rank third all-time in Cincinnati's service annals. It's Riley who is the leader, at 207 games, and LB Reggie Williams is second at 206.

Pro Bowl calling? Bengals coaches have for some time pushed the point that starting Cincinnati CBs Leon Hall and Johnathan Joseph both merit Pro Bowl recognition. Both players are former Bengals first-round draft choices, Hall now in his fourth season and Joseph in his fifth.

Hall is off to the more impressive start in 2010, tied for the AFC lead in interceptions and leading the Bengals in passes defended (12).

“Leon has a quiet confidence,” says Bengals DBs coach Kevin Coyle. “He’s a very self-assured guy that knows he’s a top level player, but he doesn’t take anything for granted. He is a tremendous technician of the game.”

Hall and Joseph tied for the team lead last year with six INTs each. Joseph got his first INT of 2010 on Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay, but he suffered an ankle injury in that game and has been inactive the last two weeks. He may be able to return for the Pittsburgh game.

“I thought they both played at a Pro Bowl level last year,” Coyle said of Hall and Joseph. “They have played at the most consistent high level of any corners we’ve had here, and we’ve had Pro Bowl corners. Both of them are becoming the complete package. They’re not just run defenders and they don’t just make interceptions, or just play physical or just run. They can do it all.”

Hall has made ‘em all: Bengals CB Leon Hall started against Miami last week despite having missed two practice days with a hamstring strain, and in so doing he kept alive his streak of not missing a game in his Bengals career. The fourth-year pro has played in all 56 games (including one postseason) since his 2007 signing, and he has started the last 45 at RCB.

The Bengals longest active streaks of consecutive games and consecutive starts are both 60, held by RG Bobbie Williams. He has started every game since Game 13 of 2006, when he came back from three weeks off due to an emergency appendectomy. Those three games are the only ones Williams has missed since joining the Bengals in 2004.

An underrated Bengals iron man is WR Chad Ochocinco. He has played 16 games every season but one since 2002 and has played in every game this year. Now in his 10th season, he has missed only six games due to injury. He missed four with a broken collarbone as a rookie in 2001 and missed two with a hamstring strain in 2008. He also missed one game due to a team rules violation. Including postseason games, Ochocinco has suited up for 146 of a possible 153 games as a Bengal.

Dhani doing it again: Dhani Jones’ NFL career seemed on the verge of extinction in 2007. After seven productive seasons, three with the N.Y. Giants and four with Philadelphia, he had been released by the Eagles in April of ‘07 and later released by New Orleans at the end of the ‘07 preseason.

But in mid-September, a Bengals team suffering severe injury problems at LB signed Jones off the street, and neither he nor the team has ever looked back.

Jones went on to finish second on the 2007 Bengals in tackles (111), and he was also named special teams captain. And that was only the beginning. He not only led the team in tackles in both 2008 and ‘09, he led by runaway margins. His 163 tackles in ‘08 were good for a margin of 51 over LB Brandon Johnson, and his 142 stops last season were 41 more than second-place Keith Rivers.

This season, it’s more of the same. Jones has started every game at MLB and leads the team with 64 tackles, 21 ahead of the second-place Rivers (43). He leads by 17 in solo tackles (44). Jones also has two passes defended and a forced fumble this season.

“Dhani is a truly brilliant player,” says defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer. “He knows the game and the schemes inside out. He asks probably the best questions I’ve ever heard from a player in meetings. It’s no surprise that he’s in on a hell of a lot of tackles, because he’s still very good physically, and he knows what he’s doing maybe better than anyone else on the field. He is a huge help to our younger guys, like (Keith) Rivers and (Rey)

Maualuga.”

A starter for Philadelphia in Super Bowl XXXIX after the 2004 season, Jones has not missed a game since joining the Bengals. He has started the last 48 Cincinnati games (including postseason) at MLB. He is in his third season as one of the team’s two season-long defensive captains.

T.O. means TD: Bengals WR Terrell Owens scored the 150th touchdown of his career on Oct. 24 at Atlanta, and last week he scored both Bengals TDs vs. Miami, raising his total to 152. He ranks fifth in NFL history in total TDs, and he ranks third in receiving TDs with 149. He has scored three times as a rusher.

Here’s the NFL’s all-time top five in touchdowns:

PLAYER	SEASONS	TD-P	TD-R	TD-Rt.	TOTAL
Jerry Rice	20	197	10	1	208
Emmitt Smith.....	15	11	164	0	175
LaDanian Tomlinson*	10	15	143	0	158
Randy Moss**	13	153	0	1	154
Terrell Owens*	15	149	3	0	152

* — Active.

** — Was active this season, but released on Nov. 1 and not signed at press time for this release on Nov. 2.

T.O. just short of record yards pace: WR Chad Ochocinco claims the tops five receiving yards seasons in Bengals history, led by a record 1440 yards in 2007, but WR Terrell Owens is on pace through seven games to break that monopoly.

His 629 yards in seven games projects over 16 games to 1438, which would be second in Bengals history, just two yards behind teammate Chad Ochocinco’s record 1440 yards in 2007. A 1438-yard season would be the second-best in Owens’ 15-year NFL career. His high has been 1451 yards, for San Francisco in 2000.

Owens has averaged 89.9 yards per game this season, and to merely break into the Bengals’ all-time top five, he would need to average 71.8 yards over the final nine games. That would give him a total of 1275. Ochocinco’s fifth-best receiving yards total was 1274 yards, in 2004. The most any other Bengal has posted is 1273, by Eddie Brown in 1988. Brown’s mark stood as the team record for 15 years, until Ochocinco broke it in 2003 with 1355 yards.

Owens in AFC elite: In his first season playing for an AFC team, Bengals WR Terrell Owens is moving toward a possible seventh career selection to the Pro Bowl. He ranks second in the AFC in receiving yards per game (89.9). Only Denver’s Brandon Lloyd (109.8) is ahead of him. San Diego’s Antonio Gates has more total yards (663 to Owens’ 629), but his average is only 82.9 because the Chargers have played eight games to Cincinnati’s seven.

With 45 receptions, Owens is tied for third in the AFC in both total catches and catches per game. Denver’s Brandon Lloyd is the leader at 54.

In the NFL rankings by output-per-game, Owens is tied for fourth in receptions and fifth in receiving yards.

T.O. tops among actives: Bengals WR Terrell Owens is the NFL’s active leader in career receptions (1051) and receiving yards (15,580).

Atlanta TE Tony Gonzalez is in second place in both categories. In receptions, Gonzalez is 23 behind Owens at 1028. Owens opened this season with a lead of seven over Gonzalez, and Owens has 45 catches thus far this season to Gonzalez’ 29.

In receiving yards, Owens has a huge cushion. He’s 3481 yards ahead of Gonzalez.

Through games of Oct. 31, Randy Moss was third in receptions and second in receiving yards among active players. But Moss was released by Minnesota on Nov. 1 and had not signed with any NFL team at press time for this release on Nov. 2. Thus, in the reckoning of Elias Sports Bureau, Moss was not at that time an active player. Moss’ removal from the active list puts Bengals WR Chad Ochocinco at least temporarily in the No. 5 active spot for career receptions, with 723.

(T.O. tops among actives, continued)

The NFL's active top five in career receptions, as of Nov. 2:

PLAYER	POS.	TEAM	REC.
Terrell Owens	WR	Bengals	1051
Tony Gonzalez	TE	Falcons	1028
Hines Ward	WR	Steelers	922
Derrick Mason	WR	Ravens	889
Chad Ochocinco	WR	Bengals	723

And the league's active top five in career receiving yards:

PLAYER	POS.	TEAM	REC.	YDS.
Terrell Owens	WR	Bengals	15,580	
Tony Gonzalez	TE	Falcons	12,099	
Derrick Mason	WR	Ravens	11,446	
Hines Ward	WR	Steelers	11,312	
Joey Galloway	WR	Redskins	10,918	

Owens now tops actives in TD catches: With WR Randy Moss released by Minnesota on Nov. 1 and not signed by another team at press time for this release on Nov. 2, Bengals WR Terrell Owens has at least temporarily claimed the No. 1 spot among active players in career TD receptions.

Owens scored his fourth and fifth Bengals touchdowns last week, on connections of seven and 37 yards with Carson Palmer, bringing his career TD catch total to 149. Moss has 153, but will not qualify for this list again until he signs with another team.

With Moss out of the picture, Owens is a runaway leader in this category. The next-closest player, Atlanta TE Tony Gonzalez, is 64 TDs behind T.O.

The NFL's active top five in career TD receptions:

PLAYER	POS.	TEAM	REC.
Terrell Owens	WR	Bengals	149
Tony Gonzalez	TE	Falcons	85
Hines Ward	WR	Steelers	81
Joey Galloway	WR	Redskins	77
Antonio Gates	TE	Chargers	68

16,000 in focus for T.O.: Bengals WR Terrell Owens, who on Oct. 3 moved past Isaac Bruce into second place all-time in NFL receiving yards, is moving toward becoming only the second player to hit the 16,000-yard mark.

He has 15,580 yards after gaining 65 yards last week vs. Miami. He has averaged 89.9 yards for the Bengals through seven games this season, and if he plays the last nine games, he will need only a 46.7-yard average to get the additional 420 he needs to hit 16,000.

Here's a look at the all-time top five in NFL receiving yards:

PLAYER	SEASONS	YEARS	YARDS
Jerry Rice	20	1985-2004	22,895
Terrell Owens*	15	1996-2010	15,580
Isaac Bruce	16	1994-2009	15,208
Tim Brown	17	1988-2004	14,934
Randy Moss**	13	1998-2010	14,778

* — Active.

** — Was active this season, but released on Nov. 1 and not signed at press time for this release on Nov. 2.

T.O. could rise to No. 2 in catches: WR Terrell Owens moved to fifth in NFL history in career receptions on Oct. 3 at Cleveland, and he stands a good chance of ranking second all-time by season's end.

He has 1051 catches for his career after grabbing five last week vs. Miami, and with just 52 more, he would move into second place. The current No. 2 is Marvin Harrison at 1102. Owens has averaged 6.4 catches this season in his first seven Bengals games (45 total), and he would move to 1103 for his career by averaging 5.8 catches over this season's final nine games.

Below are the NFL's top five in all-time in receptions:

PLAYER, POS.	RECEPTIONS
Jerry Rice, WR	1549
Marvin Harrison, WR	1102
Cris Carter, WR	1101
Tim Brown, WR	1094
Terrell Owens, WR*	1051

* — Active.

T.O. backs it up: WR Terrell Owens entered the 2010 season clearly a bit disturbed at NFL chatter to the effect he was slowing down at age 36.

"You would never think that I'm 36," he said during preseason. "I think that's cost me money, the stigma that guys in their 30s are in their decline. We'll see what they have to say at the end of this year. I attribute a lot of it to eating healthy. I don't drink during the season. I have guys here asking how I do it. I attribute it to the way that I take care of my body. Look at what I've done over my career. It hasn't been one year here or there."

And on Oct. 3 at Cleveland, Owens became the oldest player in league history to record a 200-yard receiving game — by more than a full year. Here's a list of the five oldest players to do it, and actually there are only four, because Owens now has two of the five:

PLAYER, TEAM	YEAR	YDS.	AGE
Terrell Owens, Bengals	2010	222	36 years, 300 days
James Lofton, Bills	1991	220	35 years, 108 days
Terrell Owens, Cowboys	2008	213	34 years, 352 days
Don Maynard, Jets	1969	212	34 years, 268 days
Rod Smith, Broncos	1984	208	34 years, 169 days

T.O.'s day second for Bengals: WR Terrell Owens' 222-yard receiving game on Oct. 3 at Cleveland comes in second for the category in the Bengals' 43-season history.

Here's the current top five:

PLAYER	DATE	OPPONENT	YDS.
Chad Ochocinco	11-12-06	San Diego	260
Terrell Owens	10-3-10	Cleveland	222
Eddie Brown	11-6-88	Pittsburgh	216
Chad Ochocinco	9-16-07	Cleveland	209
Cris Collinsworth	10-2-83	Baltimore	206

Chad passes Pickens: WR Chad Ochocinco's eight-yard touchdown reception on Oct. 24 at Atlanta was the 64th receiving TD of his career (all with Cincinnati), breaking a tie with WR Carl Pickens (63) for the club's all-time lead.

All of Ochocinco's career TDs have come as a receiver, and in total Bengals touchdowns, he has pulled into a second place tie at 64 with Pickens and RB James Brooks. Pickens had one TD on a punt return in addition to his 63 receiving. Brooks had 37 rushing TDs and 27 as a receiver.

The Bengals record for total TDs is 70 by FB Pete Johnson, who had 64 rushing scores and six as a receiver.

Chad widens gap to 11: WR Chad Ochocinco now has 11 more 100-yard receiving games than anyone else in Bengals history. He logged his 31st game of 100 or more on Oct. 24 at Atlanta, gaining 108 yards on 10 catches.

Behind Ochocinco on the list are WRs Isaac Curtis (20), Carl Pickens (19), Cris Collinsworth (18) and Eddie Brown (14).

Ochocinco has two 100-yard games thus far in 2010. The Bengals season record of five has been achieved seven times, and Ochocinco has three of those (2002-03 and '07).

Keyshawn next on Chad's list: WR Chad Ochocinco enters the Pittsburgh game ranked 29th in NFL history in receiving yards (10,410). The next target on his list is Keyshawn Johnson, as Ochocinco needs 132 more yards to pass Johnson's 10,571 total. Ochocinco has 11 career games of more than 132 yards.

Below is a list of the players ranked 25-29 in receiving yards. If Ochocinco this season would hit his career average through 2009 of 1106 yards — his current pace is for 1047 — he would finish the year with 11,058 career yards. That could move him inside the top 25 all-time.

With 1106 yards this season, Ochocinco would pass all of the players below except perhaps Joey Galloway (No. 25). Galloway is the only one in the group besides Ochocinco who is still active. Galloway has 141 yards for Washington this season.

RANK	PLAYER	REC. YARDS
No. 25	Joey Galloway	10,918
No. 26	Gary Clark	10,856
No. 27	Stanley Morgan	10,716
No. 28	Keyshawn Johnson	10,571
No. 29	Chad Ochocinco	10,410

Ochocinco has a good lead over the active player who is closest behind him. Indianapolis' Reggie Wayne is the next-highest active player at 10,034 yards, 376 behind Ochocinco. Behind Wayne, the next active player is Green Bay's Donald Driver at 9357, trailing Ochocinco by 1053.

Chad can reach Top 25 in catches: WR Chad Ochocinco enters the Pittsburgh game with 723 career receptions, 31st in NFL history.

He should have a chance this season to break into the Top 25. He's on pace to finish this season with 89 receptions, which would give him 773 for his career.

Here's a list of players Ochocinco would pass by moving to 773. The possible exception in the group is Reggie Wayne, who like Ochocinco is still active. All of the other players are retired:

RANK	PLAYER	RECEPTIONS
No. 24	Marshall Faulk	767
No. 25	Eric Moulds	764
No. 25	James Lofton	764
No. 27	Michael Irvin	750
No. 27	Charlie Joiner	750
No. 29	Andre Rison	743
No. 30	Reggie Wayne	725
No. 31	Chad Ochocinco	723

Chad rules Bengals charts: Forever is a long time, but it's fair to wonder if WR Chad Ochocinco will ever be caught in Bengals career catches and receiving yards.

Ochocinco has opened 2010 with 36 catches in the first six games, raising his career total to 723. He's on an early pace for 89 catches on the season.

With 10,410 receiving yards, he is the Bengals career leader by almost 3300 over Isaac Curtis (7101). And with his 723 catches, he is 193 ahead of second-place Carl Pickens (530).

"By the time he's through," says QB Carson Palmer, "these records aren't going to just be broken. They'll be shattered."

The current top five for all-time Bengals receptions:

PLAYERS	YEARS	SEASONS	REC.
Chad Ochocinco	*10	2001-10	723
Carl Pickens	8	1992-99	530
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	8	2001-08	507
Cris Collinsworth	8	1981-88	417
Isaac Curtis	12	1973-84	416

* — Seven games into 10th season.

And the current top five for all-time Bengals receiving yards:

PLAYERS	YEARS	SEASONS	REC. YDS.
Chad Ochocinco	*10	2001-10	10,410
Isaac Curtis	12	1973-84	7101
Carl Pickens	8	1992-99	6887
Cris Collinsworth	8	1981-88	6698
Eddie Brown	7	1985-91	6134

* — Seven games into 10th season.

For the record: Here's the current list of the Bengals records held by WR Chad Ochocinco:

- Receptions, career: 723.
- Receiving yards, career: 10,410.
- Receiving yards, season: 1440 in 2007.
- Receiving yards, game: 260 on 11-12-06 vs. San Diego.
- 100-yard games, career: 31.
- 100-yard games, season: Five (tied for record).
- Consecutive games with reception, career: 120.

Competition — it's good: When WR Terrell Owens was signed by the Bengals, speculation turned quickly to the possibility that the offense — run-oriented in 2009 — might not provide enough reception chances to satisfy both T.O. and Chad Ochocinco.

But at least in part, the Bengals' 2009 run-consciousness was a product of not having enough proven targets for QB Carson Palmer. And since preseason, signs have pointed to a positive effect on both Owens and Ochocinco.

Owens, 36, has said that daily exposure to Ochocinco's constant antics have made him feel young (see following item). And as for Ochocinco, key observers are noticing that Chad has noticed Terrell.

"Chad has stepped his game up," said QB Carson Palmer. "He looks as good now as he did in 2003, '04, '05, whenever he was leading the AFC (in yards). It makes sense. Chad is extremely competitive. He doesn't want to be outshone. He doesn't want to be second fiddle to anybody. Bringing Terrell in here has really catapulted his game to another level that not many receivers can get to. And that's what is exciting about Chad, the potential of the year he can have."

Offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski is also pleased with the dynamic of the self-proclaimed "Dynamic Duo."

"It's been good for both of them," Bratkowski said. "The first part is the competitiveness. Neither one of them wants to be shown up by the other. They both push each other physically. They both look good on film."

Chad keeps him young: WR Terrell Owens remains an impressive physical specimen as he joins the Bengals this season, but he concedes he's no youngster at age 36. A bonus to signing with Cincinnati, he says, is being around the ever-youthful example of Chad Ochocinco, who's 32 but proud to say he often acts as if 22.

"I can't keep up with Chad, trust me," Owens said. "This guy needs a leash. This guy is like a 12, 13 year-old kid. Honestly, it's a joy to be around him. I don't know where he gets the energy. I don't know what he does before he gets up in the morning. All I know is this guy's all over the field every day. It's a joy to see somebody enjoy what he's doing. I think that's what I need to do more of."

Owens says he is anticipating a season packed with more fun than any he has had in recent memory.

"Chad has put it in perspective for me going into my last years of playing," Owens said. "Just enjoy football. That's what I intend to do. I'm going to enjoy this year as much as I can. That's what being around Chad has really allowed me to do. Standing out there on the sidelines and seeing how charismatic and interactive he is with the fans. For me, it's to enjoy the game. I'm not going to play forever. I know I have only a small window left."

Benson's ratio is best: HB Cedric Benson's 144-yard rushing game on Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay was his 10th 100-yarder in 30 Cincinnati starts. That's an average of one 100-yarder for every 3.0 starts, better than the ratios posted by Corey Dillon and Rudi Johnson, the players who rank 1-2 in most total 100-yard rushing games for Cincinnati.

Dillon got his team-record 28 games of 100 rushing yards in 96 starts, an average of one every 3.4 starts. Rudi Johnson got his 19 games of 100 in 59 starts, one for every 3.1 starts.

Benson's 10-for-30 is for regular-season games only. He also had a 100-yard game in his only Cincinnati playoff appearance, last year against the N.Y. Jets. His 169 total for that game is a Bengals postseason record.

Here's a listing of the 22 players who have hit the 100-yard

rushing mark in stripes, with their number of 100-yarders in parentheses:

- Ten or more games — Corey Dillon (28), Rudi Johnson (19), James Brooks (17), Pete Johnson (14), Cedric Benson (10).
- Five-to-nine games — Harold Green (eight), Paul Robinson (six), Essex Johnson (five), Ickey Woods (five).
- One-to-four games — Larry Kinnebrew (four), Boobie Clark (three), Archie Griffin (three), Jess Phillips (three), Kenny Watson (two), Ki-Jana Carter (one), Virgil Carter (one), Doug Dressler (one), Larry Johnson (one), Marc Logan (one), Bernard Scott (one), Deacon Turner (one), Stanley Wilson (one).

Bengals unbeaten with Benson at 25: The Bengals have a 9-0 record when HB Cedric Benson rushes 25 or more times. The last instance was Sept. 26 at Carolina, when Benson rushed 27 times for 81 yards in a 20-7 win.

But it's not just Benson. It's a team characteristic during the Marvin Lewis era (2003-present). The Bengals are 29-1 in Lewis' tenure with a 25-carry rusher. Cincinnati was 18-1 under Lewis when Rudi Johnson had 25 or more carries (over 2003-07), and the Bengals were 2-0 when Kenny Watson had a pair of 25-plus games (both in '07).

"It's not always the yardage total that's most important," says Lewis. "When your back is carrying 25 times, it means 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 very likely going to be a winning combination."

The Bengals controlled the clock for 36:22 in the win at Carolina.

Cincinnati's only loss under Lewis with a 25-carry rusher was Dec. 24, 2006 at Denver, when the Broncos overcame a 30-for-129 day by Rudi Johnson in a 24-23 win. Factors that contributed to the game being the lone exception to the 25-carry formula included a minus-two turnover differential for the Bengals and an aborted PAT in the closing seconds that kept Cincinnati from forcing overtime.

Palmer rates with greats: Bengals QB Carson Palmer stands tall in team passing records against Ken Anderson and Boomer Esiason, the Bengals' two Super Bowl quarterbacks.

Palmer owns the franchise's career records for passer rating and completion percentage, and he holds season marks for TD passes, rating, yards and completions. He also holds the game record for TD passes.

Here's how Anderson, Esiason and Palmer compare, with a chart of team records held by each player:

Career records (minimum 1000 passes)		
ANDERSON	ESIASON	PALMER
Attempts (4475)	Yds./att. (7.62)	Comp. pct (62.8)
Completions (2654)	300-yd. games (23)	Rating (87.4)
Yards (32,838)		TD/INT ratio (1.6/1)
TD passes (197)		
Season records (minimum 350 passes)		
ANDERSON	ESIASON	PALMER
Comp. pct. (70.6)	300-yd. games (5)*	Completions (373)
TD/INT ratio (2.9/1)		Yards (4131)
		TD passes (32)
		Rating (101.1)
		300-yd. games (5)*

* — Esiason and Palmer share record.

Game records		
ANDERSON	ESIASON	PALMER
Completions (40)	Yards (490)	TD passes (6)
Comp. pct. (90.9)		
Longest pass (94)		

Protection for Palmer: The Bengals offense has allowed only 10 sacks in seven games, including none last week vs. Miami. Cincinnati is ranked tied for third in the NFL in total sacks allowed, and the Bengals rank second in fewest sacks allowed per passing play, behind only Indianapolis.

The Bengals are on pace to allow just 23 sacks on the season (actual projection of 22.9). That would be the third-fewest in franchise history. The record-low is 17, in 2007, and the No. 2 mark is 21, in 2005.

300 passing yards not gold in '10: The Bengals are 0-3 this season when QB Carson Palmer has passed for 300 or more yards.

The implication could be that outsize figures on passing yards tend to come when a team is behind, trying (mostly unsuccessfully) to quickly pass its way out of a hole.

And it isn't just Palmer in the NFL this season. The full-season mark of teams with a 300-yard passer is only 16-26, a winning percentage of .381.

This year's results appear to be an anomaly, however, at least on a league-wide basis. For the full 2009 season, teams were 67-37 (.644) with a 300-yard passer, and for '08 it was 47-28 (.627).

Smith makes his move: It started with a missed 2009 training camp due to contract negotiations. It got worse with a foot fracture suffered on the second day after he finally made it to practice. And then there was a difficult rehab, and weight issues as well.

But OT Andre Smith, the Bengals' first draft pick in 2009 (sixth overall), has made his first two starts in the base offense in the last two games ahead of third-year pro Dennis Roland.

"I like the positive steps he's taken," says head coach Marvin Lewis. "I like how he's grown up as a man and as a pro. The team wants him to succeed."

Smith says he's well aware that his slow start led some critics to declare him a bust.

"Does it motivate me? Yes, it does," he said. "I want to prove the naysayers wrong. I feel like I'm getting close to being the Andre of old, getting out competing and having fun."

On draft day 2009, offensive line coach Paul Alexander described Smith as the player who could "knock 'em back better than anyone in the draft." And, Alexander added that day, "This was a very good year for offensive linemen."

Now it's up to Smith to continue making progress.

"He's back in shape now," said LOT Andrew Whitworth. "It's like a rookie year for him. He needs to prove he deserves more."

No real misfires for Nugent: Six games into the season, Bengals fans have yet to see anything resembling a poor placekick from Mike Nugent. He is perfect on PATs (10-for-10), and while going 14-of-16 on field goals, his only two misses have been wide-left on a 53-yarder (Oct. 24 at Atlanta) and a blocked 44-yard try on Oct. 3 at Cleveland. The blocked kick was attributed by coaches to a protection breakdown.

Two of Nugent's made field goals have been from 50-plus, a 54-yarder on Sept. 12 at New England and a 50-yarder on Sept. 26 at Carolina.

Among NFL kickers with 10 or more FG attempts, Nugent ranks fifth this season in FG percentage (87.5).

Nugent had no FG attempts last week vs. Miami, scoring only two points on a couple PATs, and with 54 points he has dropped out of the NFL top 10 in scoring, ranking 12th with 54 points. However, he ranks eighth in the league in points per game (7.7), as four kickers ahead of him are with teams that have played eight games, and though they have more total points, their per-game averages are less.

No Bengal has ever led the NFL in scoring for a season. The Bengals have claimed three AFC scoring crowns — Shayne Graham in 2005 and Jim Breech in both 1981 and '87. Graham set the Bengals season scoring record in '05, with 131 points. Nugent's current average of 7.7 points per game projects to 123 over 16 games.

Raining three-pointers: Bengals K Mike Nugent ranks third in the NFL this season in field goals per game (2.0), despite not having an attempt last week vs. Miami. He has 14 field goals in seven games. He ranks fifth in total field goals, but two of the kickers ahead of him are with teams that have played eight games, and though they have more total field goals, their per-game averages are less.

The two kickers ahead of Nugent in FGs per game are Miami's Dan Carpenter (2.6) and Oakland's Sebastian Janikowski (2.4). Carpenter shot up the charts last week by making five (in five attempts) against the Bengals. It tied the record for most field goals in a game by an opposing kicker and an opposing team.

Nugent's 2.0 average projects to 32 field goals over 16 games. That would be a team record, as the current mark is 31 by Shayne Graham in 2007.

Nugent's comeback: A two-time 100-point producer for the N.Y. Jets (2006-07), Bengals K Mike Nugent was injured for nearly all of '08. And last season, he did not stick in stints at Tampa Bay and Arizona.

But for the Bengals, he looks like his old self, actually better.

"I really feel I've become a better kicker working with Darrin (special teams coach Darrin Simmons)," Nugent said. "I didn't kick like I think I can last year, and I was open to some ideas, and Darrin and I have spent a lot of time working on things. You'd have to call it ball placement, or ball positioning. I used to have it the same way for kicks and kickoffs. Now I've changed how I do it for kicking (FGs and PATs), and it's given me more consistency."

Nugent made his first nine FG tries this year, the longest perfect streak to start a Bengals career. He bested a previous high of six by Shayne Graham, in 2003.

Nugent, was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Month for September. On Sept. 19, he scored all of Cincinnati's points in a 15-10 win vs. Baltimore. Two of his FGs, both kicked in September, have come from 50 or more yards. His accuracy percentage of 87.5 would rank tied for third in club history for a full season. The record is 91.2 by Graham in 2007.

Kickoffs improved: K Mike Nugent has reached the end zone on 14 of his 36 kickoffs, and he ranks tied for 12th in the NFL with six touchbacks, despite the fact the Bengals have played one fewer game than many teams. Last year, for the full season, Shayne Graham had only eight touchbacks, ranking tied for 17th in the NFL.

More on Nugent: Bengals K Mike Nugent is helping the team not only on the field, but with the Bengals Nation fan base. He's from the Dayton suburb of Centerville, Ohio, and he had a stellar career at Ohio State, leaving with 22 school records. He was an unusually high draft choice for a kicker, going in the second round (47th overall) to the New York Jets in 2005.

Nugent attended Bengals games regularly as a youth, as his family had season tickets. Shortly before his birth in 1982, his mother, Carolyn, was one of the hardy souls in attendance at the famous Freezer Bowl AFC Championship game vs. San Diego.

And Nugent recalls this from a very early trip to a Bengals game at Riverfront Stadium:

"I was maybe four years old and I was in my (Bengals) uniform —shoulder pads, plastic helmet, everything. I snuck up on the (baseball) dugout holding a football, and my family got a picture of me."

The family still has the photo.

Only Chad predates Marvin: WR Chad Ochocinco is the only player on the Bengals roster whose Cincinnati tenure predates the 2003 arrival of Marvin Lewis as head coach. Ochocinco opened in 2001 under head coach Dick LeBeau, as a second-round draft choice (36th overall).

Ochocinco became the lone player in this category on Oct. 13, 2009, when the Bengals released LS Brad St. Louis, a 10th-year vet. St. Louis had joined the Bengals in 2000, under head coach Bruce Coslet.

Gresham keeps his hands busy: Seven games into the 2010 season, Bengals TE Jermaine Gresham is just a hair short of a pace for a franchise season record for receptions by a rookie. He also has a shot to break the club season record for all tight ends, and as long as he stays healthy, he seems headed for certain to a record for a rookie TE.

Gresham's 29-catch total, including three last week vs. Miami, at Atlanta, projects to 66 over 16 games (an arithmetical projection of 66.3). The Cincinnati rookie record is 67, by WR Cris Collinsworth in 1981. The second-place figure in that category is 53, by WR Eddie Brown in 1985.

The season record for all Bengals TEs is 71 by Dan Ross in 1981, and Gresham already is more than halfway toward the season record by a Bengals rookie TE. Tony McGee set that mark in 1993, with 44 catches.

Besides having excellent hands, Gresham has superior athleticism which allows him to remain a viable option in traffic.

"The thing I have noticed about Jermaine is that he never falls down," says OT Andrew Whitworth. "He may get knocked down sometimes, but a lot of guys, if they miss a block, for example, they'll go down and be out of the play. Jermaine stays on his feet and either finds a way to get in another block somewhere or stays open as a possible receiver."

Gresham vies for rookie leads: Cincinnati TE Jermaine Gresham ranks tied for third in the NFL in receptions by a rookie (29). He is seven off the league rookie lead, held by RB Jahvid Best of Detroit (36). He is within three of the rookie lead for WRs and TEs, held by Tampa Bay WR Mike Williams at 32. Tied with Gresham at 29 are New England TE Aaron Hernandez and Dallas WR Dez Bryant.

All of the top five are with teams that have played seven games.

Gresham grinds it: Bengals fans have likely not been surprised to see rookie TE Jermaine Gresham make his presence felt in the season's first seven games (29 catches for 201 yards and two TDs). Cincinnati's first-round choice in the 2010 draft showed encouraging flashes throughout the preseason, and it's clear he is making the TE spot more of a weapon in the Cincinnati offense.

But in other ways not as noticeable to viewers on the outside, Gresham has convinced coaches and teammates that the Bengals scored in selecting him with the 21st pick in the draft.

"There is a learning curve for Jermaine in playing the position the way we need it played in the NFL," says head coach Marvin Lewis, "but the most important thing at this point is how he works at it. He does not do everything exactly right at this point, but he does everything at full speed. His technique is going to suffer at times, but he's shown us he does not lack one bit in ability or 'want-to.'"

Gresham displays a strong and intense personality at all times, and it's the 'want-to' part that has most impressed QB Carson Palmer.

"Some rookies might be a little content to have a learning year, to work into things, but that is not Jermaine," Palmer says. "He is confident in his ability, and he wants to be the best right now. Maybe sometimes it would help him to slow down a little, to step back and soak it in, but he's an impatient young guy, and I like that. It's a sense of urgency that everybody on this team needs to have."

Shipleigh sights rookie yards list: With 349 receiving yards in seven games, Bengals third-round draft pick Jordan Shipley is on pace to finish the season with 798. That would make the top five all-time for a Bengals rookie.

"He's knowledgeable about our system already, and that's one thing you don't see a lot of rookies grasp," QB Carson Palmer says of Shipley. "And he grasped it right away. He's just a natural football player, been making plays all his life probably."

Shipley's best effort so far has been a 131-yard game on Oct. 24 at Atlanta, which included a 64-yard TD. He is challenging the rookie yards marks despite playing on an offense which also includes veteran WRs Terrell Owens and Chad Ochocinco, as

well as promising new TE Jermaine Gresham.

"I'm very blessed coming into this situation," Shipley says. "I've got a great quarterback, and it's great to play with such good other receivers. Defenses have to respect those two guys. That's been good for me."

Below are the top five receiving yards seasons by a Bengals rookie:

YEAR	PLAYER	POS.	YARDS
1981	Cris Collinsworth	WR	1009
1985	Eddie Brown	WR	942
1994	Darnay Scott	WR	866
1973*	Isaac Curtis	WR	843
1968*	Bob Trumpy	TE/WR	639

* — Fourteen-game season

It's a tough one: Based on opponents' aggregate 2009 records, the '10 Bengals schedule ranks as the NFL's fourth-toughest. Cincinnati's foes played to a combined 138-118 record last season, for a winning percentage of .539. The only clubs whose foes did better are Houston (140-116), Tennessee (140-116) and Dallas (139-117).

No team plays more 2010 foes who finished at .500 or better. Cincinnati's total of 11 is tied for the league high.

Pittsburgh (126-130) has the weakest opponents' record of the AFC North Division teams. Cleveland's foes played to a 132-124 mark last season, and Baltimore's were 130-126.

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys and black pants in the Pittsburgh game.

In 2004, when the Bengals' uniforms were redesigned, a number of different color options became available. Below is the team record since 2004 (regular season and postseason) in the different jersey/pants combinations:

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L	PCT.
Orange	Black	3-0-0	1.000
Orange	White	7-2-0	.778
Black	Black	8-5-1	.607
White	Black	11-14-0	.440
Black	White	14-20	.412
White	White	7-13-0	.350

TV streak should hit 92: In each of the last 91 TV ratings weeks that have included a Bengals regular-season or postseason game — a period dating back to 2004 — the Bengals have ruled the Cincinnati airwaves. They have been the top-rated show among all programming in the Cincinnati market, and usually by a wide margin.

The streak is likely to hit 92 when Cincinnati rankings for the week of Oct. 25-31 are released later this week, because the Bengals' Oct. 31 home game vs. Miami drew a Cincinnati rating of 31.4. Based on rankings of the past several years, it's unlikely that will be matched by any other program for the week.

The streak began on Dec. 5, 2004, when a wild Bengals win at Baltimore outpulled all other programs.

The rating number indicates the percentage of market households tuned to the game — including those not watching TV at the time. The highest Bengals rating during the streak has been 45.5 for the Pittsburgh playoff game on Jan. 8, 2006.

The high rating of Bengals games has occurred despite the fact most games are played in the afternoon, when overall TV viewership is not as high as it is during the evening.

Turnover tables turned under Lewis: Over Marvin Lewis' tenure as Bengals head coach (2003-present), the Bengals rank third in the NFL in turnover differential at plus-44. This season, the Bengals are 10th in differential, at plus-four.

Prior to Lewis' tenure, Cincinnati had posted a minus differential for five straight years (1998-2002).

Here are the top seven teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
Indianapolis	223	143	+80
New England	224	166	+58
Cincinnati	235	191	+44
San Diego	209	172	+37
Kansas City	207	182	+25
Baltimore	239	214	+25
Philadelphia	212	187	+25

Since 2003, the Bengals rank third in the NFL in takeaways (235), just four behind leader Baltimore (239).

In points off turnovers since 2003, Elias Sports Bureau reports that the Ravens lead the NFL with 777, and the Bengals are fifth at 700.

A stat that matters: For the first time in Marvin Lewis' eight-year tenure as head coach, the Bengals have lost two games in a row in which they have posted a plus-differential in turnovers. They were plus-one both Oct. 24 at Atlanta and last week vs. Miami.

Losing even one game with a plus-differential qualifies as unusual in the Lewis era. Despite the results of the last two weeks, Cincinnati shows an overall 39-8-1 record under Lewis when posting a plus. That's a winning percentage of .823.

With a minus differential, however, the record under Lewis has been almost a mirror image. The club's mark in such games is 7-38 (.156).

When the differential has been even, the results have been about even, with the Bengals at 12-14 (.462) under Lewis.

Miami was the only team with a minus differential to win in Week 8 play, and the Bengals' experience with turnovers under Lewis is backed up by overall league numbers. Since the start of the 2000 season, here are the records of NFL teams with varying turnover differentials (minus differentials are not included because they are the exact reverse of the plus figure for the same numbers):

DIFFERENTIAL	W-L	PCT.
Plus-1	624-285-1	.686
Plus-2	521-104-0	.834
Plus-3	324-43-1	.882
Plus-4	171-8-0	.955
Plus-5 or more	80-2-0	.976

Overall, combining the five differential levels listed above, NFL teams with any plus have a winning percentage of .795 since 2000. The combined W-L record is 1721-442-2.

Last week, teams with a plus posted an 9-1 record, a winning percentage of .900. The best weekly winning percentage has been .917 in Week 3, when plus teams went 11-1. The lowest weekly winning percentage has been .700 in Week 6, when plus teams were 7-3. For the full 2010 season, teams with a plus are 77-19 (.802).

Silver anniversary for "Lap": In 2010, former Bengals offensive lineman Dave Lapham is in his 25th year as the analyst on the Bengals Radio Network. Colorful, conversational and above all knowledgeable, Lapham stepped into the analyst role in 1986. He has worked alongside all five of the radio play-by-play voices in Bengals history — Phil Samp, Ken Broo, Paul Keels, Pete Arbogast and current voice Brad Johansen.

"This job has been a great way for me to stay involved with the Bengals all these years, and I'm grateful to have had the opportunity," Lapham said. "I really can't think of any assignment I would rather have had. Mike Brown (now Bengals president) was the one who first tipped me off that the job might be open. I went to the radio flagship (then WKRC-AM in Cincinnati), and pretty shortly after that I was hired."

Lapham also claims membership in the Bengals' "Double Digit Club," comprised of 23 players who have played 10 or more

seasons for Cincinnati. He was a third-round Bengals draft choice out of Syracuse in 1974 and played until '83. He was the Bengals' starting LG in Super Bowl XVI.

Bengal bites: WR Terrell Owens' 222 receiving yards at Cleveland on Oct. 3 is the second-most in a game by an NFL receiver this year, trailing only a 225 by Tennessee's Kenny Britt last week vs. Philadelphia ... Since 1994, when the two-point conversion was added to the NFL rule book, the Bengals are 16-

for-44 (36.4 percent) and opponents are 17-for-40 (42.5 percent) ... On Sept. 26 at Carolina, Benson became the first Bengal in a span of 140 games to score both a receiving and a rushing TD in a game. On Oct. 28, 2001 in a win at Detroit, HB Corey Dillon scored two rushing TDs and one receiving TD ... The Bengals' three FRs at Carolina were their most in a span of 42 games, dating back to Game 9 of 2007, when they recovered four in a win at Baltimore ... Five players have been voted by the team as permanent team captains for 2010: QB Carson Palmer and G Bobbie Williams on offense, LB Dhani Jones and DT Domata Peko on defense and LB Brandon Johnson on special teams.

Bengals quotes

QB Carson Palmer, on plans to rebound vs. Pittsburgh:

"I don't know if there's a worse feeling that losing a bunch of games in a row. This is definitely a low for this group and a low for myself, but in no way are we packing it in. We need one win, and hopefully that's this week. We're going to do everything we can to get that win, and we need to build on wins. We're in a rut, and we're lacking some confidence because of the situation we've put ourselves in. But one win, and one week after a win, can change things in this league. I've been through tough situations in this league, but you can get one win, then one's two and two's three. You just roll on it, and that's what we expect to do."

HB Cedric Benson, on his personal plan for helping the team rebound:

"I'm a hard leader to follow. I'm going to be here tomorrow lifting weights. I'm going to be in the cold tub. I'm going to the meetings. I'm going to work hard on the practice field. I'm going to do all of that to maximize my potential and my output next Monday and every Sunday thereafter. Not a lot of guys can do that. I'm not knocking anybody. Everybody walks through life the way they feel free to do so. I just take pride in being about my business. I'll show you how to do it. If you want to pick up on it, it's up to you."

OT Andrew Whitworth, on QB Carson Palmer showing emotion on the sidelines:

"I like to see Carson let it loose sometimes. Because he usually is so calm and collected and holds things together so well. I like seeing him do it whether it's good or bad, or he should have said it or it shouldn't have been said. Sometimes it's good just to see people who much decide to let it out. He's a guy that stands up. He's a leader. He takes the brunt of things. For him to speak out and let it be known how much it means to him, that's good. It lets guys know how serious it is."

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on the improved passing game in recent weeks:

"Everybody was screaming about us needing to throw the ball more, and I kept saying we'd be fine, which obviously we are. But we have to do what it takes to win the game. I don't care if a guy throws for seven zillion yards. If we don't win the game, it doesn't count for anything. We want to win football games. It doesn't matter about yardage."

Whitworth, on the offense:

"When you try to label a team one certain way, that's when you're not going to be successful. We don't have to run the football. We can throw it. And we can run it. We can do whatever we want. We just have to be efficient. When we get out of the mindset that we have to be one way, we'll be better."

Whitworth, on K Mike Nugent:

"'Nuge' is quiet. He does his job. Great guy. Works his tail off. Somebody we believe in."

Benson, on his relationship with Bengals management after a troubled NFL start with Chicago:

"Mike Brown has shown me he's got my back. The Bengals have taken the time to look into the facts of situations. They've showed they're invested in me as a person, not just a football player. You can't ask for more than that. It makes you feel at

home. It makes you feel good about what you're doing here, working in this town, working for an owner like Mike. It brings out the best in you, truly."

Special teams coach Darrin Simmons, on K Mike Nugent's strong performance:

"It's what he's supposed to do. That's what we pay him to do. That's what I expect. The guy is very solid. Very good to work with. He's a sharp guy, a high school quarterback. He was a good kicker before or else he wouldn't be here. The foundation is already there, and he's had a good career since college. We've refined some of his fundamentals and some of the smaller details, to make him more consistent."

LB Rey Mauualuga, looking to 2010 after a good but not great rookie year:

"I'm the same person. Same guy. But a different attitude. My mind is a lot sharper. I'm a football player. It's a business. I don't want to make excuses. Last year, I went out (partying) all the time. It's just excuses. I'm just a lot more focused."

Mauualuga, on fulfilling the big-play reputation he brought from his college days:

"Turnovers are key. I didn't do anything last year. Study your opponent. Know the places where they like to run. Be at the spot before they get there. I studied somewhat (last season). But mostly it was, 'See the ball, get the ball.' I knew what I was doing out there. If I wasn't, then I wouldn't have been playing. But this year I'll be a lot quicker to the ball. I'll be a lot smarter."

CB Johnathan Joseph, on the CBs' role in the team's run defense:

"Zim (coordinator Mike Zimmer) talks all the time about the corners being physical. Guys have bought into what he says. They understand exactly what he's saying. Team defense needs 11 guys to tackle. There's nobody telling us in a meeting, 'You just cover your guys and we'll have the other nine guys tackling.' It's all 11 guys running to the ball."

Palmer, on the no-huddle offense:

"We've got some good stuff in the no-huddle, but we've also got good stuff in our schemes. But it's a good change of pace. It makes the defense prepare a little bit more. It puts more pressure on the defense and gets them tired. It gets us tired, too, but it's a good asset to have. We'll use it some weeks, and some weeks we won't."

WR Chad Ochocinco, on having made boxing a part of his off-season regimen the last two years:

"The hits I take in the boxing ring allow me to have more of an edge when I play; it's not as big a deal to be constantly getting hit. It sort of gives me an 'I don't care' type feeling during the game. The footwork (in boxing) coincides with football also. No false steps. It all goes hand-in-hand with everything I'm doing. It all works together once the season starts."

Ochocinco, on the football benefit of his offseason appearance on "Dancing With the Stars":

"It was a very disciplining experience. It's a 'You-can't-mess-up, you have one shot' type of deal. When you're live in front of 20

million, you've got to be on point. I think it can help the discipline in the things I do. Route-running. Just being on point in that one shot I you have. It's just being on point every time that ball snaps."

LB Keith Rivers, on his goal of making more impact plays in 2010:

"Hopefully I'll get that chance to turn the corner this year and make the plays that I've always envisioned making. It's about being more relentless and non-stop on a more consistent basis. I'm keeping my focus on that. You don't have to play outside yourself to make plays. You just have to do what the coaches ask. They're going to put you in position to make plays, so you have to make them when they come."

S Chris Crocker, on CB Leon Hall:

"People know Leon is a great player, but I think he's sometimes underestimated as an athlete. When we played softball (as part of June team outing), I made him my first pick in the draft. I was the captain of that team, and we rode Leon to the finals. He was everywhere. He was our shortstop, outfield. Everything."

Palmer, on first-round draft pick Jermaine Gresham:

"There's nothing any tight end in this league does that he can't potentially do. Not that he's mastered everything. But I don't see a weakness. If he had to play in Pittsburgh's offense and block a guy every single time and run little quick seam routes, out routes, he could do that. If he played in Denver's offense and got to run a lot of routes, he could do that."

Position-by-position roundup

Quarterbacks: Carson Palmer played every offensive snap for the seventh straight game in the Miami contest. He was held to a 44.7 percent completion percentage (17-of-38) and totaled 156 yards with two TDs and one INT. His TD passes went seven and 37 yards to Terrell Owens in the first half. For the season, Palmer is 168-for-282 passing (59.6 percent) for 1855 yards with 12 TDs and seven INTs (passer rating of 83.0). Third-year pro Jordan Palmer is in the No. 2 QB role. He has been active but has not played in the first seven games. For the preseason, he was 29-of-52 passing (55.8 percent) for 345 yards with three TDs and three INTs. Jordan Palmer was in uniform for every game last season as the designated third QB, but did not see regular-season game action. Rookie Dan LeFevour, obtained Sept. 5 on waivers from Chicago, has been in uniform for the first six games as the designated third QB on the inactive list. He has not played. LeFevour, from Central Michigan, was a sixth-round choice by the Bears in the 2010 draft. He played in all four Bears preseason games (19-41 for 204-1-1). A prodigious passer and rusher in the Mid-American Conference, LeFevour started 51 career games and is the only player in NCAA major school (FBS) history with more than 12,000 career passing yards and more than 2500 career rushing yards.

Running backs: HB Cedric Benson rushed 20 times for 69 yards vs. Miami and also had three receptions for 12 yards. He converted a fourth-and-one situation in the fourth quarter with a five-yard run. He leads the team for the season with 545 rushing yards on 143 carries (3.8), and he is second on the team in touchdowns. He leads the RBs in receptions (nine), for 57 yards. On Sept. 26 at Carolina, Benson became the first Bengal to score a TD both rushing and receiving since Corey Dillon in 2001. The receiving TD was the first of his NFL career. No. 2 HB Bernard Scott rushed for 22 yards on just two carries in the Miami game, and for the season he is averaging 5.7 yards per carry (20-for-114). He also leads the RBs in receiving yards with 58, on eight catches. He also has been the team's primary kickoff returner, averaging 19.9 yards on 19 returns. Fourth-year HB Brian Leonard returned to action in the Miami game after missing the previous week due to a high injury. He had one rush for two yards. He has played in only four games, having missed Games 1-2 with an ankle injury. For the season, Leonard is four-for-28 receiving, with his first career TD, and he is six-for-16 rushing. Leonard led the RBs in receptions (30) last season. First-year HB Cedric Peerman played in his fourth game of the season in the Miami contest, seeing action on special teams. He has been inactive for three games. Peerman has no offensive statistics and has four special teams tackles on the year. Peerman had an impressive preseason on offense, leading the team in rushing, including a 93-yard TD run at Indianapolis. The Bengals have opened 2010 without a player listed exclusively at the FB spot. LB Dan Skuta has seen spot action at FB, and DT Domata Peko has been used at FB in goal-line situations. Skuta saw some FB action against Miami.

Wide receivers: WR Terrell Owens scored both Bengals TDs against Miami, on receptions of seven yards in the first quarter and 37 yards in the second quarter. He has scored at least one TD in the last four games and leads the team for the season with five TDs. His 152 career TDs (149 receiving, three rushing) rank fifth in NFL history. He ranks third in receiving TDs. He totaled five catches for 65 yards in the Miami game and leads the team for the season in receptions (45) and receiving yards (629). He is on pace for 1438 receiving yards on the season, which would be second-most in Bengals history. He is on pace for 103 catches, which would rank second in team history. His 222 yards on Oct. 3 at Cleveland is the second-most by a receiver in the NFL this year. Owens ranks second in the NFL in all-time receiving yards (15,580), and he ranks fifth in career receptions, his total now at 1051. Chad Ochocinco had three catches for 34 yards against Miami. He continued padding his all-time Bengals leads in catches (723) and

receiving yards (10,410), and this season he has passed Carl Pickens into the all-time Bengals lead for receiving TDs (64). For this season, Ochocinco has 39 catches for 458 yards, with two TDs. Rookie Jordan Shipley of Texas had three catches for 28 yards vs. Miami. Shipley has played in six games and has 24 catches for 349 yards and one TD on the season. He leads the team in yards-per-catch (14.5). Shipley left Texas as the school's all-time receptions leader (248), and he ranks second in receiving yards (3191) and TD catches (33). Andre Caldwell, who ranked second on the team last year in receptions (51), played in his sixth game this season in the Miami contest but did not have a reception. He is nine-for-66 on the season. Second-year pro Quan Cosby has played in every game on special teams, with spot action on offense (no receptions). Cosby has handled 11 of the Bengals' 16 punt returns this season, with a 7.1 average. A former college teammate of Shipley, Cosby handled all 40 Bengals punt returns last season, ranking third in the AFC with an 11.9-yard average. Third-year pro Jerome Simpson was inactive vs. Miami. He has played in two games (Games 1 and 5) with no catches. He played in every preseason game and had 12 catches for a team-leading 149 receiving yards.

Tight ends: The Bengals looked for a big upgrade at TE entering 2010, and they're getting it. The club used its top 2010 draft pick (21st overall) on tough and talented Jermaine Gresham of Oklahoma, and the former first-team All-American has responded with powerful blocking plus 29 catches (third on the team) for 201 yards and two TDs. He had three catches for 17 yards vs. Miami. He is just a hair off pace for setting a Bengals rookie receptions record, as his catch total projects to 66 over 16 games. The record is 67 by WR Cris Collinsworth in 1981. Gresham scored 25 TDs in his last 28 college games. Another big plus compared to last season is the return of Reggie Kelly, a punishing blocker and a team leader who missed all 2009 due to a training camp Achilles tendon rupture. Kelly has seen extensive action in each of the first six games and now has 159 career NFL games with 138 starts. He has one catch for nine yards on the year. On Oct. 26, the Bengals signed free agent TE J.P. Foschi and waived fourth-year pro Daniel Coats. He played briefly on offense (no receptions) and on special teams in the Miami game. Foschi played 15 games with 10 starts for the Bengals last season, posting NFL career highs in catches (27), receiving yards (260) and TDs (two). Clark Harris works with the tight end group, but his primary role is as a long snapper.

Offensive linemen: The line led the way as the offense allowed no sacks against Miami. The Bengals have allowed only 10 sacks in seven games, ranked tied for third in the NFL. Cincinnati ranks second in fewest sacks allowed per passing play, behind only Indianapolis. Andre Smith, Cincinnati's No. 1 pick in the 2009 draft, played for the second straight game as the No. 1 ROT in the base offense. Smith has played in six games on the season. Smith has taken over the ROT spot for third-year pro Dennis Roland. Roland has played in every game and was the No. 1 ROT for Games 1-5. The other four O-line starters vs. Miami were starters last season, and they all have started every game this season. C Kyle Cook started every game in 2009, brought improved power to the center of the line, and earned praise for his command of line calls. LOT Andrew Whitworth is in his fifth Bengals season and has been a key player on the line since his rookie campaign. His 61 career starts include 35 at OT and 26 at G. He started every game last season, and so did RG Bobbie Williams, who is now in his 11th season. Williams was voted by the team as one of the club's two permanent offensive captains for 2010. Since joining the Bengals in 2004 as an unrestricted free agent, Williams has not missed a start for any football-related injury. His only missed time was caused by an emergency appendectomy in 2006, and he returned from the operation after missing just three games. The LG position is manned by third-year pro Nate Livings, who started nine games at the spot last

season. Livings is a 332-pounder with good agility, and has progressed considerably since joining the Bengals as a college free agent in 2006. Sixth-year vet Evan Mathis started seven games at LG last season and is the swing reserve on the interior line. He has played in the first seven games on special teams. He started a preseason game at center as an injury replacement. OT Anthony Collins, who started five games last season, has played in Games 2-3 on special teams, and he also played in the goal-line package in Game 3. He was active-DNP in the season opener and has been inactive for the last four games (coaches' decisions). Rookie Reggie Stephens of Iowa State, a seventh-round draft choice, can play C or G but has been inactive for the first seven games.

Defensive linemen: Domata Peko has started every game at NT and leads the line in tackles (32), sixth on the team. He had five tackles vs. Miami, leading the line. Peko figures to contribute more in 2010 than in '09, as he weathered the first injury problems of his career last season, missing five games and less than 100 percent for several others. He led the line with 108 tackles in 2008. Tank Johnson has started every game at the DT spot and has 12 tackles, but he was sidelined in the Miami game with a knee injury after making two tackles. His status for Pittsburgh is uncertain. Johnson brought a veteran brand of toughness and competitiveness to the line when he signed as an unrestricted free agent for 2009, and he re-signed with Cincinnati as a UFA this past offseason. Robert Geathers has started all seven games at LDE and has 26 tackles, second on the line. He had three tackles vs. Miami. He ranks third on the team in QB pressures (five), and he also has a fumble recovery. Last season, Geathers led the line in tackles (56) and led the team in QB pressures (13). Starting DE Antwan Odom has played in four games (Games 1-2 and 4-5) with three starts (Games 1-2 and 4), but the NFL announced on Oct. 15 that Odom would be suspended for Games 6-9, due to violation of league policy on performance enhancing substances. He served the second game of that suspension last week vs. Miami. Odom has made a comeback from an Achilles tendon rupture that prematurely ended his 2009 campaign. He has eight stops on the year, plus a pass defended. DE Frostee Rucker has played in every game and has started the last two games, subbing for Odom at RDE. He had four tackles against the Dolphins, but he suffered a knee injury, and his status for Pittsburgh is uncertain. Rucker's four QB pressures vs. Tampa Bay on Oct. 10 is the individual Bengals game-high for the season, and he is tied for the team lead in pressures for the season (seven). Also on the season, Rucker has 14 tackles, a sack and a pass defended. Rookie DT Geno Atkins has played in all seven games and has eight tackles, including a shared sack. He ranks tied for first on the team in QB pressures (seven). Atkins led the NFL in preseason sacks (4.5) and led Cincinnati in preseason tackles (21). DE Carlos Dunlap, Cincinnati's second-round choice in the 2010 draft, played in his third game of the season in the Miami contest and had two tackles. Dunlap opened the season nursing a knee strain and was not active for the Bengals' first two games. He made his pro debut in the Sept. 26 Carolina contest and was inactive for Games 4-5. Third-year DT Pat Sims, who played in every game last year and made eight starts as an injury replacement, has played in five games this season. He had three tackles, including one for a loss, in the Miami game. He has 10 tackles on the season, plus a pass defended that led to an INT. DE Jonathan Fanene was inactive for Miami due to a hamstring strain that he re-aggravated in the Atlanta game. He has played only in Games 1 and 6. He also missed Games 2-5 due to the hamstring. He has four tackles on the year.

Linebackers: Rey Mauluga has started every game at SLB, and against Miami, he led the team with a personal season high of 13 tackles, one off the team's game-high for the season. He also had his fourth QB pressure of the season. Mauluga has 41 tackles on the season, including a sack. He ranks third on the team in tackles for the season (41). MLB Dhani Jones, charging toward his third straight team tackles title, had five tackles vs. Miami. He has started every game and leads the team in tackles with 64, a lead of 21 over the second-place player. Jones also has two passes defended and a forced fumble. His 14 tackles on Oct. 3 at Cleveland is tied for the team high this season. Jones is in his 11th NFL season and his fourth with the Bengals. He has been voted a team captain in each of his four Cincinnati seasons. Starting WLB Keith Rivers had seven tackles vs. Miami, plus a QB pressure and a pass defended. He has played and started six games, and he ranks second on the team in tackles for the season (43). He has one sack, three passes defended and four QB pressures. His 14 tackles on Oct. 3 at Cleveland is tied for the team high for the season. Rivers finished second on the team last season in tackles (101). Fifth-year pro Brandon Johnson had four tackles and a QB pressure in the Miami game. On the season he has 28 tackles, one INT, two passes defended and four QB pressures. He has played in every game and had one start, as an injury replacement for Rivers in Game 2. Second-year pro Michael

Johnson has played mostly LB this season but has made two starts at DE. He had no tackles against Miami, but he had a special teams fumble recovery, claiming a muffed punt return by Davone Bess at the Bengals 45 in the third quarter. Michael Johnson has seven stops on the season, including a shared sack. OLB Dan Skuta is a second-year pro who showed promise last year as a college free agent. He has played on special teams in the first seven games and saw brief action on defense against Miami. He was the coaches' choice as the special teams coverage player on the Bengals' Pro Bowl ballot for fan voting. He leads the special teams for the season with seven tackles. He also has a special teams forced fumble. Skuta has also seen spot action in a FB role on offense, including during the Atlanta game. MLB Roddrick Muckelroy, a Cincinnati fourth-round draft pick in 2010, has played in Games 2-7 on special teams. He ranks fourth on the team for the season in special teams tackles (four), and he also has a special teams forced fumble.

Defensive backs: Second-year CB Morgan Trent made his first career start in the Miami game, opening at LCB as an injury replacement. Trent responded with a secondary-leading 11 tackles, second on the team, and he snagged his first career INT, swiping a Chad Henne pass at the Dolphins 37 in the second quarter. On the next play, the Bengals scored to take a 14-6 lead. Trent had one additional pass defended in the game, and his solo tackles total (10) was the team high for the season. For the season, he has 23 tackles, and he ranks second on the team in passes defended (five). He also has a fumble recovery, and he has downed two punts inside the five-yard line. Leon Hall has started all seven games at RCB. He was ready to go for Miami despite missing two practice days with a hamstring strain. He had three tackles against the Dolphins, and he logged his team-leading 12th pass defended of the year. No other player has more than five. Hall is tied for the AFC lead in interceptions with four (tied for third in the NFL). Hall has 28 tackles on the year. Hall now has 18 interceptions in 55 career Bengals games and ranks sixth in franchise history. Hall also has three special teams tackles. Starting LCB Johnathan Joseph missed his second straight game in the Miami contest, inactive due to an ankle injury suffered Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay. Joseph, who tied with Hall last season for the team INTs lead (six), has one INT this season and 23 tackles. He ranks third in passes defended (four). Rookie CB Brandon Ghee, a third-round draft pick, played in his third straight game in the Miami contest, seeing action on special teams (one tackle). He was inactive and/or injured for the first four contests. He has seen some brief action on defense (no statistics) and has three special teams tackles on the year. Chris Crocker has started every game at FS. He had six tackles and a pass defended vs. Miami. Crocker leads the team for the season in sacks (two) and forced fumbles (two). He has 37 tackles, ranked fourth on the team, and he has three passes defended. Fourth-year pro Reggie Nelson, obtained Sept. 4 in a trade with Jacksonville for CB David Jones and a conditional draft choice, made his first Bengals start in the Miami game, subbing at SS as an injury replacement. He had five tackles. Nelson has played in every game, primarily on special teams in the first six contests. He ranks tied for second for the season in special teams tackles (five). He was a Jaguars first-round draft choice in 2007 (Florida), and he started 42 games over the '07-09 seasons, with seven INTs. Second-year S Tom Nelson, activated Oct. 22 from the Reserve/PUP list, played in his second game in the Miami contest, and he logged his first snaps on defense, with one tackle. S Chinedum Ndukwe missed his first game of the year in the Miami contest, due to a knee injury suffered Oct. 24 at Atlanta. He has started two games and has 33 tackles on the year, ranked fifth on the team. He also has one INT, one fumble recovery and three total passes defended. On special teams, he ranks tied for second in tackles (five). S Roy Williams was inactive for the third straight game in the Miami contest, due to a knee injury he suffered Oct. 3 at Cleveland. A five-time Pro Bowl selection with Dallas, Williams is in his second Bengals season, and for the year he has 16 tackles with a fumble recovery. CB Adam Jones was placed Oct. 26 on the Reserve/Injured list, due to a neck injury (herniated disc) that he suffered at Atlanta. Jones played in five games, missing one with a shoulder injury. He had 13 tackles, one INT, two passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. He scored a 59-yard TD at Atlanta after forcing and recovering a fumble by WR Roddy White. He also had one fumble recovery on special teams, and he leads the team for the season in total FRs (two).

Special teams: In the Miami game, for the first time this season, K Mike Nugent did not have a field goal attempt. He is having an excellent season, as he is 14-of-16 on FGs, including two from 50 or more yards. His only two misses have come on a 44-yarder that was blocked due to a protection breakdown, and on a 53-yard attempt. Nugent is 12-for-12 on PATs. He was named the AFC Special Teams Player of the Month for September. He made five FGs in five attempts and scored all of Cincinnati's points in the 15-10 victory on Sept. 19 vs. Baltimore, earning AFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors. Nugent also handles kickoffs, and on the season, he has reached the

end zone on 14 of 36 kickoffs, with six touchbacks. He is tied for 12th in the NFL in touchbacks. Nugent is an Ohio State product and native of the Dayton suburb of Centerville. He is a sixth-year NFL player with two 100-point seasons on his resume (as a New York Jet). Second-year P Kevin Huber managed only a 39.9-yard average on nine kicks vs. Miami, but he had no touchbacks and three inside-20 kicks. His inside-20s forced Miami drive starts at the 10, five and four-yard lines. His net for the day was 36.8 yards, and he had his second-longest punt of the year, a 61-yarder. On the season, Huber is averaging 43.4 yards on 38 punts, with a 38.7 net. He has had 14 inside-20 kicks against five touchbacks. Huber played in every game last season, and his 43.2-yard

average tied the Bengals' second-best figure since 1999. WR Quan Cosby handled both Bengals punt returns vs. Miami and averaged 12.0 yards. He has 11 returns on the season, for a 7.1 avg. Last season, Cosby finished third in the AFC on PR with an 11.9-yard average. Second-year HB Bernard Scott had six kickoff returns for a 19.5 average vs. Miami. He has made 19 of Cincinnati's 29 KOR on the season and is averaging 19.9. Second-year pro Clark Harris is the team's long snapper. He handled the duty for the last 11 games of 2009, without an unplayable snap, and he has had no unplayable snaps over the first five games this season. CB Rico Murray led the special teams vs. Miami with two tackles, and he also downed a punt at the Dolphins five. LB Dan Skuta led the special teams in tackles for the season, with seven.

The two 2009 Bengals-Steelers meetings

2009 SEASON
WEEK 3, GAME 3

Bengals 23, Steelers 20

Sunday, Sept. 27, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals rallied from a 20-9 deficit after three quarters to post their first home victory over Pittsburgh since 2001. QB Carson Palmer led the Cincinnati offense on TD drives of 85 and 71 yards in the fourth quarter. HB Cedric Benson's 23-yard TD run closed the gap to 20-15 with 9:14 to play, and the Bengals got the game-winning score with 14 seconds left on a four-yard pass from Palmer to WR Andre Caldwell. Cincinnati's defense scored the first Bengals TD, on a 30-yard INT return by CB Johnathan Joseph in the third quarter, and the defense limited Pittsburgh to 19 yards and one first down in the fourth quarter. The defense allowed 258 Pittsburgh yards in the first half, but kept the game within comeback reach by forcing the Steelers to settle for FGs on drives which reached the Bengals one- and six-yard lines. The Bengals improved to 2-1 on the season, and the Steelers fell to 1-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh.....	10	3	7	0	—	20
Cincinnati.....	0	3	6	14	—	23

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — J.Reed 19 field goal	1-6:55
Pitt. — W.Parker 27 pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick)	1-1:02
Pitt. — J.Reed 24 field goal	2-12:44
Cin. — S.Graham 34 field goal	2-0:00
Cin. — J.Joseph 30 interception return (kick aborted).....	3-13:35
Pitt. — B.Roethlisberger 1 run (J.Reed kick).....	3-3:00
Cin. — C.Benson 23 run (pass failed).....	4-9:14
Cin. — A.Caldwell 4 pass from C.Palmer (C.Palmer-B.Leonard pass) ...	4-0:14

Missed FGs: J.Reed (52WL), S.Graham (52WL).
Attendance: 64,538. Time: 2:54.

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT.	CIN.
First downs	17	19
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-12	3-12
Total net yards	373	273
Net yards rushing.....	102	100
Net yards passing.....	271	173
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	31-22-1	37-20-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-5	2-10
Punts-average	2-42.5	5-40.8
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	1-17
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-110	5-104
Penalties-yards.....	5-51	4-30
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	34:42	25:18

Rushing

PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
W.Parker	25	93	24	0	C.Benson	16	76	23t	1
M.Moore	1	6	6	0	C.Crocker	1	21	21	0
B.Roethlisberger					J.Johnson	1	2	2	0
	2	3	2	1	C.Palmer	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	28	102	24	1	TOTALS	19	100	23t	1

Passing

PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Roethlisberger	31	22	276	1-1	C.Palmer	37	20	183	1-0
TOTALS	31	22	276	1-1	TOTALS	37	20	183	1-0

Receiving

PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
M.Wallace	7	102	51	0	A.Caldwell	6	52	14	1
H.Miller	5	20	7	0	C.Ochocinco	5	54	21	0
H.Ward	4	82	41	0	L.Coles	5	34	17	0
W.Parker	2	36	27t	1	C.Henry	1	19	19	0
S.Holmes	1	18	18	0	B.Leonard	1	11	11	0
M.Spaeth	1	7	7	0	D.Coats	1	8	8	0
M.Moore	1	6	6	0	C.Benson	1	5	5	0
L.Sweed	1	5	5	0					
TOTALS	22	276	51	1	TOTALS	20	183	21	1

Defense

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Clark 7-0-7, I.Taylor 1-5-6, J.Harrison 3-2-5, J.Farrior 2-3-5, W.Gay 3-1-4, L.Timmons 2-2-4, T.Carter 3-0-3, B.Keisel 2-1-3, D.Townsend 1-2-3, C.Hampton 2-0-2, L.Sweed 1-0-1, L.Woodley 1-0-1, J.Burnett 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Hampton 1-10, J.Harrison 1-0. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: I.Taylor 4, R.Clark 1, J.Farrior 1, J.Harrison 1, L.Timmons 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: K.Rivers 6-6-12, R.Geathers 5-3-8, R.Williams 5-3-8, J.Joseph 4-3-7, Dh.Jones 6-0-6, C.Crocker 5-1-6, R.Mauluga 5-1-6, D.Peko 2-4-6, P.Sims 1-3-4, B.Johnson 3-0-3, A.Odom 2-1-3, L.Hall 2-0-2, T.Johnson 1-1-2, J.Fanene 0-2-2, M.Johnson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Geathers 0.5-2.5, P.Sims 0.5-2.5. INT.-YDS.: J.Joseph 1-30. PD: C.Crocker 1, J.Joseph 1, R.Mauluga 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

2009 SEASON
WEEK 10, GAME 9

Bengals 18, Steelers 12

Sunday, Nov. 15, at Heinz Field

In a game that head coach Marvin Lewis called "the most physically grinding win I've ever been on the sidelines to experience," the Bengals won a battle of 6-2 teams to take a one-game lead in the AFC North Division race. The winning formula included stout defense, four FGs by K Shayne Graham and a 96-yard kickoff return for a TD by rookie HB Bernard Scott. It was the only TD by either side in the game. The Bengals allowed only 226 yards to a Pittsburgh offense that had entered the game averaging 382.0, and Pittsburgh's three-for-15 performance on third-down conversions included a zero-for-10 finish. The Bengals trailed 9-6 at halftime, but got a quick tying FG after DE Frostee Rucker made the game's only takeaway, intercepting a deflected Ben Roethlisberger pass at the Pittsburgh 40 and returning it 26 yards to the 14. In the game's last 11:20, after the Steelers had tied the score at 12-12, the Bengals mounted drives of 50 and 54 yards for FGs while the Steelers failed to make another first down.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	6	0	6	6	—	18
Pittsburgh.....	3	6	0	3	—	12

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — J.Reed 28 field goal	1-4:43
Cin. — B.Scott 96 kickoff return (pass failed)	1-4:26
Pitt. — J.Reed 33 field goal	2-4:13
Pitt. — J.Reed 35 field goal	2-0:12
Cin. — S.Graham 23 field goal	3-11:19
Cin. — S.Graham 32 field goal	3-6:41
Pitt. — J.Reed 34 field goal	4-11:20
Cin. — S.Graham 32 field goal	4-7:29
Cin. — S.Graham 43 field goal	4-1:56

Missed FGs: S.Graham (51RU). Attendance: 65,392. Time: 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	PITT.
First downs	14	16
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-14	3-15
Total net yards	218	226
Net yards rushing.....	61	80
Net yards passing.....	157	146
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	30-18-0	40-20-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-21	4-28
Punts-average	4-41.5	5-43.4
Punt returns-yards.....	3-20	2-30
Kickoff returns-yards.....	5-206	6-138
Penalties-yards.....	7-87	5-50
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	29:08	30:52

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Scott	13	33	9	0	R.Mendenhall	13	36	10	0
C.Benson	7	22	9	0	M.Moore	2	21	12	0
B.Leonard	4	8	3	0	B.Roethlisberger				
C.Palmer	5	-2	3	0		2	16	15	0
					W.Parker	1	7	7	0
TOTALS	29	61	9	0	TOTALS	18	80	15	0

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	30	18	178	0-0	B.Roethlisberger				
						40	20	174	0-1
TOTALS	30	18	178	0-0	TOTALS	40	20	174	0-1

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
L.Coles	5	67	25	0	S.Holmes	7	88	21	0
A.Caldwell	4	23	8	0	H.Miller	4	26	11	0
B.Leonard	3	24	17	0	H.Ward	4	24	11	0
J.Foschi	3	14	6	0	M.Moore	2	14	11	0
C.Ochocinco	2	29	16	0	M.Wallace	1	16	16	0
B.Scott	1	21	21	0	R.Mendenhall	1	5	5t	0
					M.Spaeth	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	18	178	25	0	TOTALS	20	174	21	0

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: Dh.Jones 6-3-9, C.Ndukwe 6-2-8, L.Hall 5-2-7, B.Johnson 5-2-7, R.Mauluga 3-4-7, J.Fanene 4-2-6, J.Joseph 3-2-5, C.Crocker 3-1-4, D.Peko 2-2-4, R.Geathers 2-1-3, F.Rucker 2-1-3, P.Sims 0-3-3, T.Johnson 0-2-2, M.Trent 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Fanene 2-12, R.Geathers 1-9, Dh.Jones 1-7. INT.-YDS.: F.Rucker 1-26. PD: J.Joseph 4, C.Crocker 2, J.Fanene 1, L.Hall 1, B.Johnson 1, Da.Jones 1, C.Ndukwe 1, F.Rucker 1, M.Trent 1. FF: J.Joseph 1. FR-YDS.: None.

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Farrior 4-5-9, W.Gay 5-3-8, L.Timmons 4-4-8, R.Clark 6-0-6, T.Carter 2-3-5, B.Keisel 3-1-4, L.Woodley 3-1-4, N.Eason 3-0-3, C.Hampton 1-2-3, J.Harrison 1-2-3, E.Hood 1-1-2, I.Taylor 1-1-2, T.Polamalu 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Woodley 1-11, J.Harrison 1-10. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: W.Gay 2, R.Clark 1, B.Keisel 1, I.Taylor 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

2010 game summaries

WEEK 1, GAME 1
Patriots 38, Bengals 24
Sunday, Sept. 12, at Gillette Stadium

The Bengals rolled for 428 net offensive yards, outgaining New England by more than 50 yards, but most of them came too late to affect the decision. The Patriots rolled to a 24-3 halftime lead and made it 31-3 on WR Brandon Tate's 97-yard kickoff return to open the second half. Bengals QB Carson Palmer passed for 345 yards, his most since Game 2 of 2007, but his TD passes to TE Jermaine Gresham and WR Chad Ochocinco were offset by a 59-yard INT return for a TD by New England LB Gary Guyton. With 53 receiving yards, Bengals WR Terrell Owens became the third receiver in NFL history to pass 15,000 yards. And with 159 yards, Ochocinco became the first Bengal to pass the 10,000 mark in receiving yards.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	3	14	7	—	24
New England	10	14	7	7	—	38

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
N.E. — W.Welker 9 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick)	1-9:47
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 32 field goal	1:2:29
N.E. — W.Welker 4 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick)	2-8:58
N.E. — G.Guyton 59 interception return (S.Gostkowski kick)	2-5:38
Cin. — M.Nugent 54 field goal	2-1:14
N.E. — B.Tate 97 kickoff return (S.Gostkowski kick)	3-14:48
Cin. — J.Gresham 1 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick)	3-7:54
Cin. — C.Ochocinco 28 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick)	3-0:22
N.E. — R.Gronkowski 1 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick)	4-7:41
Cin. — C.Benson 1 run (M.Nugent kick)	4-3:57

Missed FGs: S.Gostkowski (47WL, 56 WR).
Attendance: 68,756. Time: 3:06.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	N.E.
First downs	26	20
Third down conversions-attempts	8-15	9-13
Total net yards	428	376
Net yards rushing	87	118
Net yards passing	341	258
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	50-34-1	35-25-0
Sacks against-yards lost	1-4	0-0
Punts-average	3-46.3	1-43.0
Punt returns-yards	0-0	1-4
Kickoff returns-yards	4-70	4-184
Penalties-yards	2-5	6-30
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Time of possession	31:50	28:10

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	N.E.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	15	43	10	1	F.Taylor	14	71	24	0
B.Scott	6	35	9	0	K.Faulk	3	23	11	0
C.Palmer	4	9	7	0	B.Green-Ellis	5	22	7	0
TOTALS	25	87	10	1	S.Morris	1	2	2	0
					TOTALS	23	118	24	0

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	N.E.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	50	34	345	2-1	T.Brady	35	25	258	3-0
TOTALS	50	34	345	2-1	TOTALS	35	25	258	3-0

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	N.E.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Ochocinco	12	159	28t	1	W.Welker	8	64	12	2
T.Owens	7	53	14	0	R.Moss	5	59	32	0
J.Gresham	6	25	8	1	K.Faulk	4	47	21	0
J.Shipley	5	82	51	0	B.Tate	4	36	20	0
B.Scott	3	15	9	0	F.Taylor	2	6	7	0
C.Benson	1	11	11	0	A.Hernandez	1	45	45	0
TOTALS	34	345	51	2	R.Gronkowski	1	1	1t	1
					TOTALS	25	258	45	3

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Jones 8-5-13, K.Rivers 3-6-9, J.Joseph 7-0-7, D.Peko 5-1-6, R.Williams 4-1-5, A.Jones 4-0-4, C.Crocker 2-2-4, L.Hall 1-3-4, B.Johnson 2-1-3, R.Mauluga 2-1-3, J.Fanene 1-1-2, A.Odom 1-1-2, R.Geathers 0-2-2, F.Rucker 1-0-1, C.Ndukwe 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Crocker 1, L.Hall 1, K.Rivers 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

New England (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: P.Chung 12-4-16, J.Mayo 8-4-12, D.Butler 8-0-8, B.Meriweather 3-4-7, J.Wilhite 6-0-6, J.Sanders 4-1-5, D.McCourty 4-0-4, T.Banta-Cain 2-2-4, V.Wilfork 2-1-3, R.Ninkovich 1-2-3, B.Spikes 1-2-3, G.Guyton 1-1-2, M.Pryor 0-2-2, R.Brace 1-0-1, M.Murrell 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Banta-Cain 0.5-2, M.Pryor 0.5-2. INT.-YDS.: G.Guyton 1-59. PD: D.Butler 1, G.Guyton 1, D.McCourty 1, B.Spikes 1, V.Wilfork 1, J.Wilhite 1. FF: J.Sanders 1. FR-YDS.: R.Ninkovich 1-0.

WEEK 2, GAME 2
Bengals 15, Ravens 10
Sunday, Sept. 19, at Paul Brown Stadium

For the fifth time in franchise history, the Bengals won a game without scoring a TD. K Mike Nugent, a sixth-year NFL vet playing just his second contest with Cincinnati, was five-for-five on field goals. He connected from 36 and 30 yards in the second quarter, from 46 yards in the third quarter, and from 38 and 25 yards in the fourth quarter. His third field goal erased a 7-6 Ravens lead, and his fourth field goal wiped out a 10-9 Ravens advantage. The Bengals held Baltimore to 259 net yards and had four INTs, their most since getting four on Dec. 23, 2007 vs. Cleveland. WR Chad Ochocinco's four receptions put him at 700 for his NFL career, as he became the 30th player to reach that mark. Nugent's performance earned him the AFC Special Teams Player of the Week award. The Bengals won their franchise-record eighth straight division game, with the streak dating back to the final division contest of 2008. The Bengals improved to 1-1 on the season while Baltimore fell to 1-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Baltimore	0	0	7	3	—	10
Cincinnati	0	6	3	6	—	15

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M. Nugent 36 field goal	2-14:52
Cin. — M. Nugent 30 field goal	2-9:46
Balt. — D.Mason 31 pass from J.Flacco (B.Cundiff kick)	3-11:46
Cin. — M. Nugent 46 field goal	3-0:14
Balt. — B.Cundiff 38 field goal	4-5:46
Cin. — M. Nugent 38 field goal	4-4:34
Cin. — M. Nugent 25 field goal	4-2:48

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 64,071. Time: 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS	BALT.	CIN.
First downs	14	14
Third down conversions-attempts	4-15	3-18
Total net yards	259	253
Net yards rushing	109	94
Net yards passing	150	159
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	39-17-4	35-16-0
Sacks against-yards lost	1-4	1-8
Punts-average	7-36.7	8-44.1
Punt returns-yards	5-31	2-6
Kickoff returns-yards	3-92	1-60
Penalties-yards	5-45	9-56
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-0
Time of possession	25:44	34:16

Rushing

BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Rice	16	87	30	0	C.Benson	23	78	13	0
W.McGahee	3	10	6	0	B.Scott	5	17	5	0
J.Flacco	3	9	8	0	C.Palmer	3	-1	1	0
L.McClain	1	3	3	0	TOTALS	31	94	13	0
TOTALS	23	109	30	0	TOTALS	31	94	13	0

Passing

BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Flacco	39	17	154	1-4	C.Palmer	35	16	167	0-0
TOTALS	39	17	154	1-4	TOTALS	35	16	167	0-0

Receiving

BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Boldin	5	35	13	0	J.Shipley	5	42	11	0
T.Heap	4	35	19	0	C.Ochocinco	4	44	14	0
R.Rice	4	30	19	0	T.Owens	3	57	29	0
D.Mason	1	31	31t	1	J.Gresham	3	15	7	0
E.Dickson	1	17	17	0	R.Kelly	1	9	9	0
L.McClain	1	5	5	0	TOTALS	16	167	29	0
D.Pitta	1	1	1	0	TOTALS	17	154	31t	1
TOTALS	17	154	31t	1	TOTALS	16	167	29	0

Defense

Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Lewis 6-4-10, H.Ngata 5-3-8, C.Carr 6-1-7, K.Gregg 2-3-5, D.Landry 2-2-4, T.Suggs 2-2-4, J.Johnson 0-4-4, J.McClain 2-1-3, F.Washington 2-1-3, T.Zbikowski 2-1-3, T.Gooden 1-1-2, C.Redding 1-1-2, B.McKinney 0-2-2, H.Nakamura 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Lewis 1-8. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: F.Washington 3, C.Carr 2, D.Landry 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Johnson 2-10-12, D.Jones 8-3-11, C.Crocker 6-1-7, R.Geathers 4-1-5, J.Joseph 3-1-4, L.Hall 3-0-3, R.Williams 3-0-3, T.Johnson 2-1-3, R.Mauluga 2-1-3, C.Ndukwe 2-1-3, D.Peko 2-1-3, M.Trent 2-0-2, A.Odom 1-1-2, G.Atkins 0-1-1, M.Johnson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: G.Atkins 0.5-2, M.Johnson 0.5-2. INT.-YDS.: L.Hall 1-22, B.Johnson 1-12, A.Jones 1-10, C.Ndukwe 1-0. PD: J.Joseph 2, C.Ndukwe 2, L.Hall 1, B.Johnson 1, A.Jones 1, A.Odom 1, P.Sims 1, M.Trent 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 3, GAME 3
Bengals 20, Panthers 7
Sunday, Sept. 26, at Bank of America Stadium

The Bengals recovered three fumbles, their most in a span of 42 games, and also had an interception by CB Leon Hall as they held off winless Carolina to win their second straight game. On a rainy day, Cincinnati's pass offense struggled for much of the game, including two first-half INTs, but QB Carson Palmer hit three consecutive completions on a fourth-quarter drive, including a seven-yard TD to HB Cedric Benson, to essentially ice the game at 20-7. Benson had scored the first Bengals TD on a one-yard run in the first quarter, and with the TD catch, he became the first Bengal to score a rushing and a receiving TD in the same game since HB Corey Dillon in 2001. The TD reception was the first of Benson's NFL career. The Bengals improved to 2-1 on the season, and Carolina fell to 0-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	3	0	10	—	20
Carolina.....	0	0	7	0	—	7

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — C.Benson 1 run (M.Nugent kick).....	1-4:21
Cin. — M.Nugent 33 field goal.....	2-1:10
Car. — J.Stewart 1 run (J.Kasay kick).....	3-8:16
Cin. — M.Nugent 50 field goal.....	4-14:53
Cin. — C.Benson 7 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick).....	4-8:11

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 72,887. Time: 3:03.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CAR.
First downs.....	21	17
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-17	2-11
Total net yards.....	305	267
Net yards rushing.....	120	87
Net yards passing.....	185	180
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	37-19-2	33-16-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-10	1-8
Punts-average.....	6-41.5	6-44.5
Punt returns-yards.....	5-42	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-16	3-68
Penalties-yards.....	8-74	6-45
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	4-3
Time of possession.....	36:22	23:38

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CAR.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	27	81	11	1	D.Williams	10	64	26	0
B.Leonard	3	16	6	0	J.Stewart	8	13	7	1
B.Scott	2	15	12	0	J.Clausen	6	10	5	0
C.Palmer	5	8	9	0					
TOTALS	37	120	12	1	TOTALS	24	87	26	1

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CAR.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	37	19	195	1-2	J.Clausen	33	16	188	0-1
TOTALS	37	19	195	1-2	TOTALS	33	16	188	0-1

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CAR.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Gresham	4	59	27	0	M.Goodson	4	47	20	0
T.Owens	4	42	17	0	D.Gettis	3	32	14	0
C.Ochocinco	4	34	13	0	S.Smith	3	22	11	0
J.Shipley	3	37	22	0	J.Stewart	2	18	15	0
C.Benson	2	9	7t	1	D.Rosario	2	12	8	0
A.Caldwell	1	8	8	0	B.LaFell	1	44	44	0
B.Leonard	1	6	6	0	J.King	1	13	13	0
TOTALS	19	195	27	1	TOTALS	16	188	44	0

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Mauluga 5-1-6, D.Jones 3-3-6, J.Joseph 4-1-5, L.Hall 3-2-5, C.Ndukwe 3-2-5, M.Johnson 2-3-5, R.Williams 1-3-4, B.Johnson 3-0-3, F.Rucker 2-0-2, M.Trent 2-0-2, G.Atkins 1-0-1, R.Geathers 1-0-1, C.Crocker 0-1-1, D.Peko 0-1-1, P.Sims 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: F.Rucker 1-8. INT.-YDS.: L.Hall 1-0. PD: L.Hall 2, M.Trent 2, C.Crocker 1, F.Rucker 1. FF: D.Jones 1. FR-YDS.: R.Geathers 1-5, M.Trent 1-0, R.Williams 1-0.

Carolina (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Godfrey 9-2-11, J.Anderson 5-4-9, J.Beason 4-5-9, S.Martin 4-3-7, E.Johnson 5-1-6, C.Johnson 4-0-4, D.Connor 2-2-4, C.Gamble 3-0-3, D.Landri 3-0-3, R.Marshall 2-0-2, T.Brayton 1-1-2, L.Leonard 1-1-2, E.Brown 1-0-1, G.Hardy 1-0-1, M.Hudson 1-0-1, C.Munnerlyn 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Johnson 1-10. INT.-YDS.: C.Godfrey 1-38, C.Munnerlyn 1-2. PD: J.Anderson 2, S.Martin 2, J.Beason 1, C.Gamble 1, C.Godfrey 1, R.Marshall 1, C.Munnerlyn 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 4, GAME 4
Browns 23, Bengals 20
Sunday, Oct. 3, at Cleveland Browns Stadium

The Bengals rolled for a season-high 413 net yards on offense but could not overcome a minus-one turnover differential and a subpar performance in the red zone. Cincinnati had to settle for FGs on two of three drives which penetrated the Browns 20-yard line, scoring just one red-zone TD. The Bengals made up an early 10-0 deficit, tying the score at 10-10 with 3:30 left in the second quarter, but the Browns counterpunched for a 23-10 lead before Cincinnati launched a comeback that fell short. Trailing 23-20, the Bengals reached the Cleveland 31 with 5:20 to play, but an offensive pass interference penalty against WR Chad Ochocinco and a sack of QB Carson Palmer pushed the Bengals out of FG range, and the Browns ran out the clock after a Bengals punt. WR Terrell Owens caught 10 passes for 222 yards for the Bengals and moved past Isaac Bruce into second place all-time in NFL receiving yards (15,325). Owens' 78-yard TD connection with Palmer in the second quarter was the longest completion of Palmer's career, and the 222 yards were the second-most in a game in Owens' 15-season career. The Bengals fell to 2-2 on the season and the Browns improved to 1-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	10	3	7	—	20
Cleveland.....	3	10	10	0	—	23

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cle. — P.Dawson 30 field goal.....	1-2:28
Cle. — E.Moore 24 pass from S.Wallace (P.Dawson kick).....	2-11:04
Cin. — M.Nugent 24 field goal.....	2-7:16
Cin. — T.Owens 78 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick).....	2-3:30
Cle. — P.Dawson 31 field goal.....	2-0:00
Cle. — P.Hillis 1 run (P.Dawson kick).....	3-8:54
Cle. — P.Dawson 22 field goal.....	3-6:32
Cin. — M.Nugent 25 field goal.....	3-1:14
Cin. — B.Leonard 3 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick).....	4-10:44

Missed FGs: M.Nugent (44B). Attendance: 66,731. Time: 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs.....	21	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-11	6-14
Total net yards.....	413	295
Net yards rushing.....	67	116
Net yards passing.....	346	179
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	36-25-0	30-18-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-25	1-5
Punts-average.....	3-38.7	4-46.8
Punt returns-yards.....	3-2	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	5-47	5-107
Penalties-yards.....	8-79	7-44
Fumbles-lost.....	2-2	1-0
Time of possession.....	29:14	30:46

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	15	60	12	0	P.Hillis	27	102	24	1
B.Scott	2	7	5	0	J.Cribbs	3	9	3	0
C.Palmer	1	0	0	0	S.Wallace	5	5	6	0
TOTALS	18	67	12	0	TOTALS	35	116	24	1

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	36	25	371	2-0	S.Wallace	30	18	184	1-1
TOTALS	36	25	371	1-0	TOTALS	30	18	184	1-1

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Owens	10	222	78t	1	B.Watson	6	60	21	0
J.Gresham	5	35	12	0	C.Stuckey	5	56	16	0
C.Ochocinco	3	59	42	0	J.Cribbs	2	24	15	0
A.Caldwell	3	15	7	0	P.Hillis	2	8	4	0
J.Shipley	2	29	20	0	E.Moore	1	24	24t	1
B.Leonard	2	11	8	1	S.Aiken	1	7	7	0
					M.Massaquoi	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	25	371	78t	2	TOTALS	18	184	24t	1

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Jones 9-5-14, K.Rivers 5-9-14, D.Peko 2-5-7, C.Ndukwe 4-2-6, C.Crocker 3-3-6, R.Williams 3-1-4, R.Geathers 2-2-4, J.Joseph 2-2-4, R.Mauluga 1-3-4, M.Trent 3-0-3, B.Johnson 2-1-3, P.Sims 2-1-3, T.Johnson 1-2-3, A.Odom 1-2-3, L.Hall 2-0-2, G.Atkins 1-1-2, F.Rucker 1-1-2, A.Jones 0-2-2, M.Johnson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: K.Rivers 1-5. INT.-YDS.: L.Hall 1-(-3). PD: L.Hall 1, A.Jones 1, C.Ndukwe 1, K.Rivers 1. FF: C.Crocker 1. FR-YDS.: None.

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: T.Ward 5-3-8, M.Roth 5-1-6, E.Wright 5-1-6, A.Elam 5-0-5, S.Fujita 5-0-5, J.Haden 4-0-4, K.Coleman 3-0-3, M.Benard 2-1-3, M.Adams 2-0-2, E.Barton 2-0-2, S.Brown 1-1-2, C.Gocong 1-0-1, S.Rogers 1-0-1, A.Rubin 1-0-1, B.Schaefering 1-0-1, R.Smith 1-0-1, D.Robinson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Roth 2-10, S.Fujita 1-13, K.Coleman 1-2. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: D.Bowens 1, J.Haden 1, E.Wright 1. FF: S.Fujita 1. FR-YDS.: K.Coleman 2-0.

WEEK 5, GAME 5
Buccaneers 24, Bengals 21
Sunday, Oct. 10, at Paul Brown Stadium

Tampa Bay delivered a late gut punch to the Bengals as the team's 55th consecutive sellout crowd looked on at Paul Brown Stadium. The Bucs made two INTs in the final 2:28 of play, rising from a 21-14 deficit to a 24-21 win on Connor Barth's 31-yard FG with :01 remaining. The Bucs tied the score at 21 on a 20-yard pass from QB Josh Freeman to WR Mike Williams with 1:26 to play. QB Carson Palmer threw for TDs to WR Terrell Owens and TE Jermaine Gresham, but his three INTs were his most in a game since he allowed a career-high four on Nov. 18, 2007 vs. Arizona. Bengals HB Cedric Benson had his first 100-yard rushing game of the season (23 carries for 144 yards) and totaled 163 yards from scrimmage. Owens had his second straight game of more than 100 receiving yards, recording seven receptions for 102 yards with a 43-yard TD. The Bengals fell to 2-3 while Tampa Bay, a 3-13 team in 2009, improved to 3-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Tampa Bay	0	7	7	10	—	24
Cincinnati	7	3	3	8	—	21

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — T.Owens 43 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick)	1-4:09
T.B. — C.Grimm 11 interception return (C.Barth kick)	2-14:32
Cin. — M.Nugent 31 field goal	2-0:33
T.B. — E.Graham 1 run (C.Barth kick)	3-5:28
Cin. — M.Nugent 35 field goal	3-1:29
Cin. — J.Gresham 1 pass from C.Palmer (C.Benson run)	4-12:12
T.B. — M.Williams 20 pass from J.Freeman (C.Barth kick)	4-1:26
T.B. — C.Barth 31 field goal	4-0:01

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 63,888. Time: 3:25.

TEAM STATISTICS	T.B.	CIN.
First downs	21	20
Third down conversions-attempts	5-11	4-13
Total net yards	391	358
Net yards rushing	125	149
Net yards passing	266	209
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	35-22-1	36-21-3
Sacks against-yards lost	3-18	0-0
Punts-average	6-33.8	6-51.3
Punt returns-yards	2-17	2-27
Kickoff returns-yards	4-80	5-102
Penalties-yards	3-25	9-60
Fumbles-lost	4-2	1-1
Time of possession	30:25	29:35

Rushing

T.B.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
E.Graham	3	65	61	1	C.Benson	23	144	22	0
C.Williams	11	33	14	0	B.Scott	2	4	3	0
J.Freeman	3	20	12	0	C.Palmer	1	3	3	0
K.Huggins	1	4	4	0	B.Leonard	2	-2	0	0
L.Blount	4	3	3	0					
TOTALS	22	125	61	1	TOTALS	28	149	22	0

Passing

T.B.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Freeman	33	20	280	1-1	C.Palmer	36	21	209	2-3
J.Johnson	2	2	4	0-0					
TOTALS	35	22	284	1-1	TOTALS	36	21	209	2-3

Receiving

T.B.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
M.Williams	7	99	37	1	T.Owens	7	102	43t	1
K.Winslow	6	75	22	0	A.Caldwell	4	33	19	0
S.Stroughter	3	39	19	0	J.Gresham	4	24	10	1
M.Spurlock	3	35	21	0	C.Ochocinco	3	20	9	0
A.Benn	2	25	18	0	C.Benson	2	19	12	0
J.Gilmore	1	11	11	0	B.Leonard	1	11	11	0
TOTALS	22	284	37	1	TOTALS	21	209	43t	2

Defense

Tampa Bay (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Grimm 6-3-9, S.Piscitelli 7-0-7, A.Talib 6-0-6, R.Barber 4-1-5, K.Moore 3-2-5, B.Ruud 3-2-5, G.Hayes 3-0-3, Q.Black 2-1-3, E.Biggers 2-0-2, R.Miller 1-1-2, T.Crowder 1-0-1, S.White 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: S.Piscitelli 1-31, C.Grimm 1-11, A.Talib 1-0. PD: E.Biggers 2, Q.Black 1, C.Grimm 1, G.McCoy 1, S.Piscitelli 1, A.Talib 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Ndukwe 8-2-10, R.Mauluga 8-1-9, C.Crocker 6-3-9, D.Jones 7-1-8, L.Hall 4-1-5, K.Rivers 1-4-5, R.Geathers 1-3-4, J.Joseph 1-2-3, D.Peko 1-2-3, P.Sims 0-3-3, A.Jones 2-0-2, G.Atkins 1-0-1, T.Johnson 1-0-1, M.Trent 1-0-1, A.Odom 0-1-1, F.Rucker 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Crocker 2-8, R.Mauluga 1-10. INT.-YDS.: J.Joseph 1-11. PD: L.Hall 2, D.Jones 2, J.Joseph 2. FF: C.Crocker 1. FR-YDS.: C.Ndukwe 1-0.

WEEK 7, GAME 6
Falcons 39, Bengals 32
Sunday, Oct. 24, at Georgia Dome

The Bengals staged perhaps the most exciting comeback in franchise history in a game that did not end in a win. Down 24-3 at halftime, they struck for a FG and three TDs in the third quarter and entered the final period with a 25-24 lead. The go-ahead TD was provided by CB Adam Jones, who forced a fumble by WR Roddy White and returned 59 yards for a TD. But the Falcons responded to Jones' TD by driving 74 yards in eight plays, with White scoring on an 11-yard pass. Following CB Brian Williams' recovery of a fumble by HB Cedric Benson, the Falcons drove 48 yards for another score and a 39-25 lead. The Bengals closed to 39-32 on WR Chad Ochocinco's eight-yard TD catch with 1:33 remaining, but Cincinnati did not get the ball back again until it took over on its own four-yard line with only 28 seconds to play. Ochocinco's TD catch was the 64th of his Bengals career, pushing him out of a tie with former WR Carl Pickens for the franchise all-time lead. Bengals WR Terrell Owens scored his 150th NFL TD on a 19-yard reception. Bengals QB Carson Palmer's 412 passing yards were the second-most of his career. But Atlanta's White had 201 receiving yards, most against the Bengals since 1991. The Bengals fell to 2-4, while the Falcons improved to 5-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	3	0	22	7	—	32
Atlanta	7	17	0	15	—	39

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Atl. — B.Finneran 3 pass from M.Ryan (M.Bryant kick)	1-10:10
Cin. — M.Nugent 20 field goal	1-0:22
Atl. — M.Bryant 45 field goal	2-13:30
Atl. — R.White 43 pass from M.Ryan (M.Bryant kick)	2-11:06
Atl. — M.Turner 2 run (M.Bryant kick)	2-1:05
Cin. — M.Nugent 33 field goal	3-9:34
Cin. — T.Owens 19 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick)	3-3:39
Cin. — J.Shipley 64 pass from C.Palmer (pass failed)	3-1:38
Cin. — A.Jones 59 fumble return (pass failed)	3-1:16
Atl. — R.White 11 pass from M.Ryan (M.Ryan-R.White pass)	4-13:02
Atl. — M.Turner 3 run (M.Bryant kick)	4-4:33
Cin. — C.Ochocinco 8 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick)	4-1:33

Missed FGs: M.Nugent (53WL). Attendance: 67,665. Time: 3:08.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	ATL.
First downs	28	22
Third down conversions-attempts	7-12	7-13
Total net yards	469	452
Net yards rushing	84	153
Net yards passing	385	299
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	50-36-0	33-24-1
Sacks against-yards lost	3-27	0-0
Punts-average	3-41.7	3-45.0
Punt returns-yards	2-10	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards	7-156	7-168
Penalties-yards	7-36	3-41
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Time of possession	30:22	29:38

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	ATL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	20	70	11	0	M.Turner	23	121	36	2
B.Scott	1	14	14	0	G.Johnson	1	23	23	0
					M.Ryan	1	5	5	0
					J.Snelling	5	4	4	0
TOTALS	21	84	14	0	TOTALS	30	153	36	2

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	ATL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	50	36	412	3-0	M.Ryan	33	24	299	3-1
TOTALS	50	36	412	3-0	TOTALS	33	24	299	3-1

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	ATL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Ochocinco	10	108	18	1	R.White	11	201	46	2
T.Owens	9	88	19t	1	J.Snelling	4	15	9	0
J.Shipley	6	131	64t	1	M.Jenkins	3	25	11	0
B.Scott	5	43	25	0	T.Gonzalez	2	27	22	0
J.Gresham	4	26	9	0	M.Turner	2	23	19	0
A.Caldwell	1	10	10	0	B.Finneran	2	8	5	1
C.Benson	1	6	6	0					
TOTALS	36	412	64t	3	TOTALS	24	299	46	3

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Ndukwe 4-4-8, K.Rivers 4-4-8, R.Geathers 5-2-7, D.Jones 5-2-7, D.Peko 3-4-7, L.Hall 2-4-6, A.Jones 4-1-5, M.Trent 4-1-5, C.Crocker 4-0-4, F.Rucker 1-3-4, B.Johnson 1-2-3, T.Johnson 1-2-3, R.Mauluga 1-2-3, G.Atkins 1-1-2, R.Nelson 1-1-2, J.Fanene 0-2-2, C.Dunlap 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: L.Hall 1-0. PD: L.Hall 4, B.Johnson 1. FF: A.Jones 1. FR-YDS.: A.Jones 1-59.

Atlanta (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Owens 10-1-11, E.Coleman 7-1-8, B.Williams 5-3-8, C.Lofton 6-1-7, S.Nicholas 4-2-6, W.Moore 4-1-5, V.Walker 4-1-5, B.Grimes 4-0-4, J.Abraham 2-0-2, K.Biermann 2-0-2, T.DeCoud 2-0-2, M.Peterson 2-0-2, C.Davis 1-1-2, J.Anderson 1-0-1, J.Babineaux 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Abraham 2-18, B.Williams 1-9. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Abraham 1, B.Grimes 1, C.Lofton 1. FF: C.Lofton 2. FR-YDS.: B.Williams 1-12.

WEEK 8, GAME 7
Dolphins 22, Bengals 14
Sunday, Oct. 31, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals held leads of 7-0 and 14-6 in the first half, but finished the day with their fourth straight loss as Miami posted a 16-0 run to end the game. Cincinnati managed only 78 yards net offense in the second half and finished only six-for-16 on third-down conversions after going four-for-four on a game-opening TD drive. The Dolphins had no TDs and only a 15-14 lead through three quarters, but they took full control by moving 96 yards in six plays for a TD on their first possession of the fourth quarter. WR Terrell Owens scored both Bengals TDs, on catches of seven and 37 yards, moving his fifth-ranked all-time NFL TD total to 152. Cincinnati fell to 2-5 on the season, while Miami improved to 4-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Miami	3	9	3	7	—	22
Cincinnati	7	7	0	0	—	14

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.	LEFT
Cin. — T.Owens 7 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick)	1-7:20	
Mia. — D.Carpenter 38 field goal	1-2:16	
Mia. — D.Carpenter 42 field goal	2-8:20	
Cin. — T.Owens 37 pass from C.Palmer (M.Nugent kick)	2-2:45	
Mia. — D.Carpenter 24 field goal	2-0:54	
Mia. — D.Carpenter 54 field goal	2-0:00	
Mia. — D.Carpenter 31 field goal	3-2:47	
Mia. — R.Williams 1 run (D.Carpenter kick).....	4-11:15	

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 63,179. Time: 2:57.

TEAM STATISTICS	MIA.	CIN.
First downs	20	16
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-15	6-16
Total net yards	354	262
Net yards rushing.....	137	106
Net yards passing.....	217	156
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	37-24-1	38-17-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	0-0
Punts-average	4-49.0	9-39.9
Punt returns-yards	4-28	2-24
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-69	6-117
Penalties-yards	4-42	4-36
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	33:29	26:31

Rushing

MIA.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Brown	16	61	13	0	C.Benson	20	69	13	0
R.Williams	9	47	18	1	B.Scott	2	22	18	0
B.Hartline	1	30	30	0	C.Palmer	3	13	8	0
L.Polite	2	6	4	0	B.Leonard	1	2	2	0
C.Henne	3	-7	-2	0					
TOTALS	31	137	30	1	TOTALS	26	106	18	0

Passing

MIA.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Henne	37	24	217	0-1	C.Palmer	38	17	156	2-1
TOTALS	37	24	217	0-1	TOTALS	38	17	156	2-1

Receiving

MIA.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Bess	7	53	20	0	T.Owens	5	65	37t	2
B.Marshall	5	64	25	0	C.Ochocinco	3	34	14	0
B.Hartline	5	53	24	0	J.Shipley	3	28	14	0
A.Fasano	3	36	15	0	J.Gresham	3	17	8	0
L.Polite	2	2	3	0	C.Benson	3	12	8	0
R.Brown	1	7	7	0					
R.Williams	1	2	2	0					
TOTALS	24	217	25	0	TOTALS	17	156	37t	2

Defense

Miami (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Sapp 4-6-10, Y.Bell 6-3-9, K.Dansby 5-3-8, C.Crowder 3-1-4, K.Langford 2-2-4, V.Davis 1-3-4, C.Wake 1-2-3, T.McDaniel 1-1-2, R.Starks 1-1-2, J.Allen 0-2-2, C.Clemons 1-0-1, K.Misi 1-0-1, S.Smith 0-1-1, P.Soliai 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: S.Smith 1-18. PD: Y.Bell 2, S.Smith 2, J.Allen 1, C.Clemons 1, C.Crowder 1, T.Culver 1, K.Dansby 1, V.Davis 1, K.Langford 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Mauluga 8-5-13, M.Trent 10-1-11, K.Rivers 3-4-7, C.Crocker 5-1-6, D.Jones 4-1-5, R.Nelson 4-1-5, D.Peko 1-4-5, B.Johnson 3-1-4, F.Rucker 2-2-4, L.Hall 2-1-3, P.Sims 2-1-3, R.Geathers 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 2-0-2, T.Johnson 0-2-2, G.Atkins 1-0-1, T.Nelson 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: M.Trent 1-0. PD: M.Trent 2, C.Crocker 1, L.Hall 1, K.Rivers 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

In 2010, the Bengals are:

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

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

Under Marvin Lewis, the Bengals are:

34-24-1 at home
24-36-0 on the road
38-21-1 when scoring first
20-39-0 when opponent scores first
11-12-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
29-26-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
42-15-1 when leading at halftime
6-1-0 when tied at halftime
10-44-0 when trailing at halftime
48-8-1 when leading after three quarters
3-2-0 when tied after three quarters
7-50-0 when trailing after three quarters
40-22-0 when rushing for 100 net yards

34-12-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
39-8-1 with plus turnover differential
12-14-0 with even turnover differential
7-38-0 with minus turnover differential
17-20-0 when passing for 250 net yards
16-21-1 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
43-23-0 when scoring 20 points or more
20-54-0 when opponent scores 20 points or more
56-55-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
2-5-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
23-22-0 on natural grass
35-38-1 on synthetic surface
33-30-1 with fewer penalty yards

Best performances

Rushing yards

144 — Cedric Benson, Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay
81 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 26 at Carolina
78 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 19 vs. Baltimore

Rushing attempts

27 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 26 at Carolina
23 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 19 vs. Baltimore
23 — Cedric Benson, Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay

Longest rushes

22 — Cedric Benson, Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay
18 — Cedric Benson, Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay
18 — Bernard Scott, Oct. 31 vs. Miami

Receptions

12 — Chad Ochocinco, Sept. 12 at New England
10 — Terrell Owens, Oct. 3 at Cleveland
10 — Chad Ochocinco, Oct. 24 at Atlanta

Receiving yards

222 — Terrell Owens, Oct. 3 at Cleveland
159 — Chad Ochocinco, Sept. 12 at New England
131 — Jordan Shipley, Oct. 24 at Atlanta

Passing yards

412 — Carson Palmer, Oct. 24 at Atlanta
371 — Carson Palmer, Oct. 3 at Cleveland
345 — Carson Palmer, Sept. 12 at New England

Pass attempts

50 — Carson Palmer, Sept. 12 at New England
50 — Carson Palmer, Oct. 24 at Atlanta
38 — Carson Palmer, Oct. 31 vs. Miami

Pass completions

36 — Carson Palmer, Oct. 24 at Atlanta
34 — Carson Palmer, Sept. 12 at New England
25 — Carson Palmer, Oct. 3 at Cleveland

Longest passes

78 — Carson Palmer to Terrell Owens, Oct. 3 at Cleveland (TD)
64 — Carson Palmer to Jordan Shipley, Oct. 24 at Atlanta (TD)
51 — Carson Palmer to Jordan Shipley, Sept. 12 at New England

Yards from scrimmage

222 — Terrell Owens, Oct. 3 at Cleveland
163 — Cedric Benson, Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay
159 — Chad Ochocinco, Sept. 12 at New England

Longest kickoff return

60 — Bernard Scott, Sept. 19 vs. Baltimore
30 — Leon Hall, Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay
29 — Adam Jones, Oct. 24 at Atlanta

Longest punt return

27 — Adam Jones, Oct. 10 vs. Tampa Bay
12 — Quan Cosby, Oct. 24 at Atlanta
12 — Quan Cosby, Oct. 24 at Atlanta

Total tackles (coaches' statistics based on film review)

14 — Dhani Jones, Oct. 3 at Cleveland
14 — Keith Rivers, Oct. 3 at Cleveland
13 — (two times)

Solo tackles (coaches' statistics based on film review)

10 — Morgan Trent, Oct. 31 vs. Miami
9 — Dhani Jones, Oct. 3 at Cleveland
8 — (five times)

Transactions

(Transactions prior to June 25 can be found on pages 144-145 of the Bengals' 2010 media guide.)

June 25	— Signed WR Dezmon Briscoe (D6).		S Kyries Hebert, TE Darius Hill,
July 7	— Signed G Otis Hudson (D5).		G Otis Hudson, HB James Johnson,
July 16	— Signed DT Geno Atkins (D4a).		OT Gabriel Manns, DT Clinton
July 20	— Waived G Jason Shirley (non-football injury).		McDonald, S Jeromy Miles, S Rico
July 21	— Signed C Reggie Stephens (D7); G Jason Shirley cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list.		Murray, K David Rayner, LB Vincent
July 22	— Waived C Dan Santucci.		Rey, OT Chris Rodgers, CB Johnny
July 23	— Signed CB Brandon Ghee (D3b).		Sears, G Isaac Sowell, FB Joe
July 27	— Signed LB Roddrick Muckelroy (D4b).		Tronzo, S Marvin White; Waived
July 28	— Signed DE Carlos Dunlap (D2) and WR Jordan Shipley (D3a).		WR Maurice Purify and HB Cordera
July 29	— Signed WR Terrell Owens (UFA'10); Waived WR Freddie Brown.	Sept. 5	Eason (Reserve/Injured list) with injury settlements; Waived FB Fui Vakapuna (injured).
Aug. 3	— Signed TE Jermaine Gresham (D1); Waived DE Rahim Alem.		— Acquired QB Dan LeFevour on waivers from Chicago; Terminated the contract of QB J. T.
Aug. 10	— Waived HB Cordera Eason (injured); Signed HB James Johnson (FA).		O'Sullivan; FB Fui Vakapuna cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list;
Aug. 11	— HB Cordera Eason cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.		Signed the following seven players to the practice squad: TE Chase Coffman, G Otis
Aug. 17	— Waived C Jonathan Luigs.		Hudson, DT Clinton McDonald,
Aug. 23	— Signed S Marvin White (FA); Signed G/T Chris Rodgers (CFA); Waived OT Andrew Mitchell (injured).	Sept. 8	S Jeromy Miles, S Rico Murray, FB Joe Tronzo and LB Vincent Rey.
Aug. 24	— OT Andrew Mitchell cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.	Oct. 15	— Signed WR Shay Hodge to the practice squad.
Aug. 29	— Terminated the contract of WR Antonio Bryant; Placed S Gibril Wilson on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived LS Mike Windt.	Oct. 20	— Placed DE Antwan Odom on the Reserve/ Suspended by Commissioner list.
Aug. 30	— Placed S Tom Nelson on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Terminated the contract of LB Rashad Jeanty (failed physical).	Oct. 22	— Announced that S Tom Nelson (Reserve/ Physically Unable to Perform list) will return to practice on a roster exemption.
Sept. 4	— Traded CB David Jones and a conditional draft choice to Jacksonville for S Reggie Nelson; Terminated the contracts of LB Abdul Hodge and WR Matt Jones; Waived the following 18 players: WR Dezmon Briscoe, TE Chase Coffman, DT Orien Harris,	Oct. 26	— Activated S Tom Nelson from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list to the 53-player roster.
		Oct. 29	— Signed TE J.P. Foschi (FA); Placed CB Adam Jones on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived TE Daniel Coats.
			— Signed S Rico Murray from the practice squad.

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

Participation chart

Legend

(position abbreviation indicates start)

P — played as a substitute	PS — practice squad	RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list
DNP — did not play	PSI — practice squad/injured list	RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list
IL — inactive list	RI — reserve/injured list	REX — roster exemption
* — designated third quarterback	RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list	NWT — not with team

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @N.E.	2 BALT.	3 @Car.	4 @Cle.	5 T.B.	6 @Atl.	7 MIA.	8 PITT.	9 @Ind.	10 BUFF.	11 @NYJ	12 N.O.	13 @Pitt.	14 CLE.	15 S.D.	16 @Balt.
Atkins, Geno	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P									
Benson, Cedric	7-7	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB									
Caldwell, Andre	6-1	IL	P	P	P	3rdWR	P	WR									
Coats, Daniel	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	NWT									
Coffman, Chase	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS									
Collins, Anthony	2-0	DNP	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL									
Cook, Kyle	7-7	C	C	C	C	C	C	C									
Cosby, Quan	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P									
Crocker, Chris	7-7	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS									
Dunlap, Carlos	3-0	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	P	P									
Fanene, Jonathan	2-0	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	IL									
Foschi, J.P.	1-1	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	3rdTE									
Geathers, Robert	7-7	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE									
Ghee, Brandon	3-0	IL	IL	DNP	IL	P	P	P									
Gresham, Jermaine	7-5	P	P	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE									
Hall, Leon	7-7	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB									
Harris, Clark	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P									
Hodge, Shay	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS									
Huber, Kevin	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P									
Hudson, Otis	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS									
Johnson, Brandon	7-1	P	WLB	P	P	P	P	P									
Johnson, Michael	7-2	P	P	RDE	P	RDE	P	P									
Johnson, Tank	7-7	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT									
Jones, Adam	5-1	P	P	IL	P	P	LCB	RI									
Jones, Dhani	7-7	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB									
Joseph, Johnathan	5-5	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	IL	IL									
Kelly, Reggie	7-5	TE	P	TE	TE	P	TE	TE									
LeFevour, Dan	0-0	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*									
Leonard, Brian	4-0	IL	IL	P	P	P	IL	P									
Livingston, Nate	7-7	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG									
Mathis, Evan	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P									
Mauualuga, Rey	7-7	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB									
McDonald, Clinton	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS									
Miles, Jeremy	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS									
Mitchell, Andrew	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI									
Muckelroy, Rodrick	6-0	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P									
Murray, Rico	1-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P									
Ndukwe, Chinedum	6-2	P	P	P	P	SS	SS	IL									
Nelson, Reggie	7-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	SS									
Nelson, Tom	2-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	P	P									
Nugent, Mike	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P									
Ochocinco, Chad	7-6	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	P									
Odom, Antwan	4-3	RDE	RDE	IL	RDE	P	RSBC	RSBC									
Owens, Terrell	7-6	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	P									
Palmer, Carson	7-7	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB									
Palmer, Jordan	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP									
Peerman, Cedric	4-0	P	P	IL	IL	IL	P	P									
Peko, Domata	7-7	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT									
Rey, Vincent	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS									
Rivers, Keith	6-6	WLB	IL	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB									
Roland, Dennis	7-5	ROT	TE	ROT	ROT	ROT	P	P									
Rucker, Frostee	7-2	P	P	P	P	P	RDE	RDE									
Scott, Bernard	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P									
Shiple, Jordan	6-2	3rdWR	3rdWR	P	P	IL	P	P									
Shirley, Jason	0-0	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI									
Simpson, Jerome	2-0	P	IL	IL	IL	P	IL	IL									
Sims, Pat	5-0	IL	P	P	P	P	IL	P									
Skuta, Dan	7-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P									
Smith, Andre	6-3	P	ROT	IL	P	P	ROT	ROT									
Stephens, Reggie	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL									
Trent, Morgan	7-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	LCB									
Tronzo, Joe	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS									
Vakapuna, Fui	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI									
Whitworth, Andrew	7-7	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT									
Williams, Bobbie	7-7	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG									
Williams, Roy	4-4	SS	SS	SS	SS	IL	IL	IL									
Wilson, Gibril	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI									

Starting lineups

Offense

GAME	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	TE	WR	QB	HB
9-12 @N.E.	Ochocinco	Whitworth	Living	Cook	B.Williams	Roland	Shiple(3rdWR)	Kelly	Owens	C.Palmer	Benson
9-19 BALT.	Ochocinco	Whitworth	Living	Cook	B.Williams	Smith	Roland	Shiple(3rdWR)	Owens	C.Palmer	Benson
9-26 @Car.	Ochocinco	Whitworth	Living	Cook	B.Williams	Roland	Gresham	Kelly	Owens	C.Palmer	Benson
10-3 @Cle.	Ochocinco	Whitworth	Living	Cook	B.Williams	Roland	Gresham	Kelly	Owens	C.Palmer	Benson
10-10 T.B.	Ochocinco	Whitworth	Living	Cook	B.Williams	Roland	Gresham	Caldwell(3rdWR)	Owens	C.Palmer	Benson
10-17 (BYE)											
10-24 @Atl.	Ochocinco	Whitworth	Living	Cook	B.Williams	Smith	Gresham	Kelly	Owens	C.Palmer	Benson
10-31 MIA.	Caldwell	Whitworth	Living	Cook	B.Williams	Smith	Gresham	Kelly	Foschi(3rdTE)	C.Palmer	Benson
11-8 PITT.											
11-14 @Ind.											
11-21 BUFF.											
11-25 @NYJ											
12-5 N.O.											
12-12 @Pitt.											
12-19 CLE.											
12-26 S.D.											
1-2 @Balt.											

Defense

GAME	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
9-12 @N.E.	Geathers	Peko	T.Johnson	Odom	Mauluga	D.Jones	Rivers	Joseph	Hall	R.Williams	Crocker
9-19 BALT.	Geathers	Peko	T.Johnson	Odom	Mauluga	D.Jones	B.Johnson	Joseph	Hall	R.Williams	Crocker
9-26 @Car.	Geathers	Peko	T.Johnson	M.Johnson	Mauluga	D.Jones	Rivers	Joseph	Hall	R.Williams	Crocker
10-3 @Cle.	Geathers	Peko	T.Johnson	Odom	Mauluga	D.Jones	Rivers	Joseph	Hall	R.Williams	Crocker
10-10 T.B.	Geathers	Peko	T.Johnson	M.Johnson	Mauluga	D.Jones	Rivers	Joseph	Hall	Ndukwe	Crocker
10-17 (BYE)											
10-24 @Atl.	Geathers	Peko	T.Johnson	Rucker	Mauluga	D.Jones	Rivers	A.Jones	Hall	Ndukwe	Crocker
10-31 MIA.	Geathers	Peko	T.Johnson	Rucker	Mauluga	D.Jones	Rivers	Trent	Hall	R.Nelson	Crocker
11-8 PITT.											
11-14 @Ind.											
11-21 BUFF.											
11-25 @NYJ											
12-5 N.O.											
12-12 @Pitt.											
12-19 CLE.											
12-26 S.D.											
1-2 @Balt.											

Depth chart

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OFFENSE

WR	85	CHAD OCHOCINCO	89	Jerome Simpson	12	Quan Cosby
LOT	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	73	Anthony Collins		
LG	62	NATE LIVINGS	66	Evan Mathis		
C	64	KYLE COOK	<u>61</u>	<u>Reggie Stephens</u>		
RG	63	BOBBIE WILLIAMS	71	Andre Smith		
ROT	71	ANDRE SMITH	74	Dennis Roland		
TE	<u>84</u>	<u>JERMAINE GRESHAM</u>	88	J.P. Foschi	46	Clark Harris
TE	82	REGGIE KELLY	88	J.P. Foschi		
WR	81	TERRELL OWENS	87	Andre Caldwell	<u>11</u>	<u>Jordan Shipley</u>
QB	9	CARSON PALMER	5	Jordan Palmer	<u>8</u>	<u>Dan LeFevour</u>
HB	32	CEDRIC BENSON	28	Bernard Scott	40	Brian Leonard
					<u>30</u>	<u>Cedric Peerman</u>

DEFENSE

LDE	91	ROBERT GEATHERS	68	Jonathan Fanene	<u>96</u>	<u>Carlos Dunlap</u>
NT	94	DOMATA PEKO	<u>97</u>	<u>Geno Atkins</u>		
DT	99	TANK JOHNSON	90	Pat Sims		
RDE	92	FROSTEE RUCKER	93	Michael Johnson		
SLB	58	REY MAUALUGA	93	Michael Johnson	51	Dan Skuta
MLB	57	DHANI JONES	<u>56</u>	<u>Roddrick Muckelroy</u>		
WLB	55	KEITH RIVERS	59	Brandon Johnson		
LCB	22	JOHNATHAN JOSEPH	<u>21</u>	<u>Brandon Ghee</u>	44	Rico Murray
RCB	29	LEON HALL	25	Morgan Trent		
SS	31	ROY WILLIAMS	41	Chinedum Ndukwe		
FS	42	CHRIS CROCKER	20	Reggie Nelson	43	Tom Nelson

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	2	Mike Nugent				
KO	2	Mike Nugent				
H	10	Kevin Huber	<u>11</u>	<u>Jordan Shipley</u>		
LS	46	Clark Harris	51	Dan Skuta		
PR	12	Quan Cosby	<u>11</u>	<u>Jordan Shipley</u>		
KOR	28	Bernard Scott	87	Andre Caldwell	12	Quan Cosby

NOTE: Players whose names are CAPITALIZED are anticipated starters. Rookies and first-year players are underlined.

Pronunciation guide

<u>Geno Atkins</u>	JEE-no	<u>Rey Maualuga</u>	RAY mow(rhymes with "now")-uh-LOO-guh
Bob <u>Bratkowski</u> (offensive coordinator).....	brat-COW-skee	<u>Chinedum Ndukwe</u>	CHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Louie <u>Cioffi</u> (assistant defensive backs coach).....	CHO-fee	<u>Chad Ochocinco</u>	o-cho-SEEN-ko
<u>Quan Cosby</u>	KWAHN	<u>Antwan Odom</u> (Reserve/Suspended).....	AN-twahn O-duhm
<u>Jonathan Fanene</u>	fuh-NAY-nay	<u>Terrell Owens</u>	TAIR-el (rhymes with "Darrell")
J.P. <u>Foschi</u>	FAH-shee	<u>Domata Peko</u>	DOE-mah-tah PECK-o
Robert <u>Geathers</u>	(pronounced as "gathers")	Vincent <u>Rey</u> (practice squad).....	RAY
Brandon <u>Ghee</u>	JEE	Dan <u>Skuta</u>	SKOO-tuh
<u>Jermaine Gresham</u>	jer-MAIN GRESH-em	<u>Fui Vakapuna</u> (Reserve/Injured).....	FOO-ee vah-kuh-POO-nuh
Paul <u>Guenther</u> (asst. special teams/asst. LBs coach).....	GUN-thur	<u>Gibril Wilson</u> (Reserve/Injured).....	jih-BRILL
<u>Dhani Jones</u>	duh-HAH-nee	Ken <u>Zampese</u> (quarterbacks coach).....	zam-PEE-zee
Dan <u>LeFevour</u>	le-FEE-ver		

Alphabetical roster

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	290	3-28-88	R	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
32	Benson, Cedric	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	6	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
87	Caldwell, Andre	WR	6-0	195	4-15-85	3	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
73	Collins, Anthony	OT	6-5	324	11-2-85	3	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
64	Cook, Kyle	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	3	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
12	Cosby, Quan	WR	5-9	190	12-23-82	2	Texas	Mart, Texas	CFA'09
42	Crocker, Chris	S	5-11	202	3-9-80	8	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	R	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE	6-4	292	3-19-82	6	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
88	Foschi, J.P.	TE	6-3	265	5-19-82	4	Georgia Tech	Queens, N.Y.	FA'10
91	Geathers, Robert	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	7	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
21	Ghee, Brandon	CB	6-0	190	6-6-87	R	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
84	Gresham, Jermaine	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	R	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
29	Hall, Leon	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	4	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
46	Harris, Clark	LS/TE	6-5	260	7-10-84	2	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
59	Johnson, Brandon	LB	6-5	240	4-5-83	5	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
93	Johnson, Michael	LB/DE	6-7	268	2-7-87	2	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
99	Johnson, Tank	DT	6-3	315	12-7-81	7	Washington	Tempe, Ariz.	UFA(Dall.)'09
57	Jones, Dhani	LB	6-1	236	2-22-78	11	Michigan	Potomac, Md.	FA'07
22	Joseph, Johnathan	CB	5-11	190	4-16-84	5	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
82	Kelly, Reggie	TE	6-4	257	2-22-77	12	Mississippi State	Aberdeen, Miss.	UFA(Atl.)'03
8	LeFevour, Dan	QB	6-3	230	3-19-87	R	Central Michigan	Downers Grove, Ill.	W(Chi.)'10
40	Leonard, Brian	HB	6-1	225	2-3-84	4	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(StL.)'09
62	Livings, Nate	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	3	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
66	Mathis, Evan	G	6-5	302	11-1-81	6	Alabama	Homewood, Ala.	FA'08
58	Mauluga, Rey	LB	6-2	255	1-20-87	2	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
56	Muckelroy, Rodrick	LB	6-2	240	10-27-86	R	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
44	Murray, Rico	CB	5-11	200	8-21-87	1	Kent State	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'09
41	Ndukwe, Chinedum	S	6-2	224	3-4-85	4	Notre Dame	Powell, Ohio	D7b'07
20	Nelson, Reggie	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	4	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
43	Nelson, Tom	S	5-11	200	12-4-86	2	Illinois State	Arlington Heights, Ill.	CFA'09
2	Nugent, Mike	K	5-10	186	3-2-82	6	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
85	Ochocinco, Chad	WR	6-1	192	1-9-78	10	Oregon State	Miami, Fla.	D2'01
81	Owens, Terrell	WR	6-3	224	12-7-73	15	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Alexander City, Ala.	UFA(Buff.)'10
9	Palmer, Carson	QB	6-5	236	12-27-79	8	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
5	Palmer, Jordan	QB	6-5	232	5-30-84	3	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
30	Peerman, Cedric	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	1	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	320	11-27-84	5	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
55	Rivers, Keith	LB	6-2	242	5-5-86	3	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
74	Roland, Dennis	OT	6-9	320	3-10-83	3	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
92	Rucker, Frostee	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	5	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
28	Scott, Bernard	HB	5-10	197	2-10-84	2	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
11	Shiple, Jordan	WR	6-0	190	12-23-85	R	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10
89	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	195	2-4-86	3	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	325	11-29-85	3	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
51	Skuta, Dan	LB	6-2	252	4-21-86	2	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
71	Smith, Andre	OT/G	6-4	345	1-25-87	2	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
61	Stephens, Reggie	C	6-3	320	8-28-87	R	Iowa State	Rowlett, Texas	D7'10
25	Trent, Morgan	CB	6-1	193	12-14-85	2	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
77	Whitworth, Andrew	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	5	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
63	Williams, Bobbie	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	11	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
31	Williams, Roy	S	6-0	222	8-14-80	9	Oklahoma	Union City, Calif.	FA'09

Practice Squad

NO.	NAME (DATE)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
80	Coffman, Chase (Sept. 5)	TE	6-6	250	11-10-86	2	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09
17	Hodge, Shay (Sept. 8)	WR	6-2	218	10-18-87	R	Mississippi	Morton, Miss.	FA'10
60	Hudson, Otis (Sept. 5)	G	6-5	320	7-19-86	R	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
69	McDonald, Clinton (Sept. 5)	DT	6-2	297	1-6-87	1	Memphis	Jacksonville, Ark.	D7b'09
45	Miles, Jeromy (Sept. 5)	S	6-2	215	7-20-87	R	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
53	Rey, Vincent (Sept. 5)	LB	6-2	244	9-6-87	R	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
38	Tronzo, Joe (Sept. 5)	FB	5-11	240	6-10-87	R	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	CFA'10

Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner

NO.	NAME (DATE)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
98	Odom, Antwan (Oct. 15)	DE	6-5	275	9-24-81	7	Alabama	Bayou La Batre, Ala.	UFA(Tenn.)'08

Reserve/Injured

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
24	Jones, Adam (Oct. 26; neck)	CB	5-10	188	9-30-83	4	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
76	Mitchell, Andrew (Aug. 24; knee)	OT	6-5	311	6-12-85	R	Oklahoma State	Choctaw, Okla.	CFA'10
37	Vakapuna, Fui (Sept. 5; shoulder)	FB	6-0	257	3-9-84	2	Brigham Young	Glendale, Utah	PS(Ariz.)'09
27	Wilson, Gibril (Aug. 29; knee)	S	6-0	210	11-12-81	7	Tennessee	San Jose, Calif.	FA'10

Reserve/Non-Football Injury

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
70	Shirley, Jason (July 21; Achilles)	G	6-5	345	9-30-85	2	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08

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2	Mike Nugent.....	K	5-10	186	3-2-82	6	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
5	Jordan Palmer.....	QB	6-5	232	5-30-84	3	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
8	Dan LeFevour.....	QB	6-3	230	3-19-87	R	Central Michigan	Downers Grove, Ill.	W(Chi.)'10
9	Carson Palmer.....	QB	6-5	236	12-27-79	8	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
10	Kevin Huber.....	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Jordan Shipley.....	WR	6-0	190	12-23-85	R	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10
12	Quan Cosby.....	WR	5-9	190	12-23-82	2	Texas	Mart, Texas	CFA'09
20	Reggie Nelson.....	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	4	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
21	Brandon Ghee.....	CB	6-0	190	6-6-87	R	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
22	Johnathan Joseph.....	CB	5-11	190	4-16-84	5	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
25	Morgan Trent.....	CB	6-1	193	12-14-85	2	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
28	Bernard Scott.....	HB	5-10	197	2-10-84	2	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
29	Leon Hall.....	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	4	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
30	Cedric Peerman.....	HB	5-10	212	10-10-86	1	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
31	Roy Williams.....	S	6-0	222	8-14-80	9	Oklahoma	Union City, Calif.	FA'09
32	Cedric Benson.....	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	6	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
40	Brian Leonard.....	HB	6-1	225	2-3-84	4	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(StL.)'09
41	Chinedum Ndukwe.....	S	6-2	224	3-4-85	4	Notre Dame	Powell, Ohio	D7b'07
42	Chris Crocker.....	S	5-11	202	3-9-80	8	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
43	Tom Nelson.....	S	5-11	200	12-4-86	2	Illinois State	Arlington Heights, Ill.	CFA'09
44	Rico Murray.....	CB	5-11	200	8-21-87	1	Kent State	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'09
46	Clark Harris.....	LS/TE	6-5	260	7-10-84	2	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
51	Dan Skuta.....	LB	6-2	252	4-21-86	2	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
55	Keith Rivers.....	LB	6-2	242	5-5-86	3	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
56	Rodrick Muckelroy.....	LB	6-2	240	10-27-86	R	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
57	Dhani Jones.....	LB	6-1	236	2-22-78	11	Michigan	Potomac, Md.	FA'07
58	Rey Maualuga.....	LB	6-2	255	1-20-87	2	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
59	Brandon Johnson.....	LB	6-5	240	4-5-83	5	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
61	Reggie Stephens.....	C	6-3	320	8-28-87	R	Iowa State	Rowlett, Texas	D7'10
62	Nate Livings.....	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	3	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
63	Bobbie Williams.....	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	11	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
64	Kyle Cook.....	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	3	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
66	Evan Mathis.....	G	6-5	302	11-1-81	6	Alabama	Homewood, Ala.	FA'08
68	Jonathan Fanene.....	DE	6-4	292	3-19-82	6	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
71	Andre Smith.....	OT/G	6-4	345	1-25-87	2	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
73	Anthony Collins.....	OT	6-5	324	11-2-85	3	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
74	Dennis Roland.....	OT	6-9	320	3-10-83	3	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
77	Andrew Whitworth.....	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	5	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
81	Terrell Owens.....	WR	6-3	224	12-7-73	15	Tennessee-Chattanooga	Alexander City, Ala.	UFA(Buff.)'10
82	Reggie Kelly.....	TE	6-4	257	2-22-77	12	Mississippi State	Aberdeen, Miss.	UFA(Atl.)'03
84	Jermaine Gresham.....	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	R	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
85	Chad Ochocinco.....	WR	6-1	192	1-9-78	10	Oregon State	Miami, Fla.	D2'01
87	Andre Caldwell.....	WR	6-0	195	4-15-85	3	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
88	J.P. Foschi.....	TE	6-3	265	5-19-82	4	Georgia Tech	Queens, N.Y.	FA'10
89	Jerome Simpson.....	WR	6-2	195	2-4-86	3	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Pat Sims.....	DT	6-2	325	11-29-85	3	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
91	Robert Geathers.....	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	7	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
92	Frostee Rucker.....	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	5	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
93	Michael Johnson.....	LB/DE	6-7	268	2-7-87	2	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
94	Domata Peko.....	DT	6-3	320	11-27-84	5	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
96	Carlos Dunlap.....	DE	6-6	285	2-28-89	R	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins.....	DT	6-1	290	3-28-88	R	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
99	Tank Johnson.....	DT	6-3	315	12-7-81	7	Washington	Tempe, Ariz.	UFA(Dall.)'09

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38	Joe Tronzo (Sept. 5).....	FB	5-11	240	6-10-87	R	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	CFA'10
45	Jeromy Miles (Sept. 5).....	S	6-2	215	7-20-87	R	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
53	Vincent Rey (Sept. 5).....	LB	6-2	244	9-6-87	R	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
60	Otis Hudson (Sept. 5).....	G	6-5	320	7-19-86	R	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
69	Clinton McDonald (Sept. 5).....	DT	6-2	297	1-6-87	1	Memphis	Jacksonville, Ark.	D7b'09
80	Chase Coffman (Sept. 5).....	TE	6-6	250	11-10-86	2	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09

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76	Andrew Mitchell (Aug. 24; knee).....	OT	6-5	311	6-12-85	R	Oklahoma State	Choctaw, Okla.	CFA'10

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Game-by-game team statistics

Bengals

GAME	YDS.	RUSH-YDS.	PASS YDS.	COMP.-ATT.	TD-P/INT.	SKD.-YDS.	1D	3D-CONV.	F-FL	POSS.
9-12 @N.E.	428	25-87	341	34-50	2/1	1-4	26	8-15	2-1	31:50
9-19 BALT.	253	31-94	159	16-35	0/0	1-8	14	3-18	1-0	34:16
9-26 @Car.	305	37-120	185	19-37	1/2	1-10	21	5-17	1-0	36:22
10-3 @Cle.	413	18-67	346	25-36	2/0	4-25	21	5-11	2-2	29:14
10-10 T.B.	358	28-149	209	21-36	2/3	0-0	20	4-13	1-1	29:35
10-17 (BYE)										
10-24 @Atl.	469	21-84	385	36-50	3/0	3-27	28	7-12	2-1	30:22
10-31 MIA.	262	26-106	156	17-38	2/1	0-0	16	6-16	0-0	26:31
11-8 PITT.										
11-14 @Ind.										
11-21 BUFF.										
11-25 @NYJ										
12-5 N.O.										
12-12 @Pitt.										
12-19 CLE.										
12-26 S.D.										
1-2 @Balt.										
TOTALS	2488	186-707	1781	168-282	12/7	10-74	146	38-102	9-5	31:10

Opponents

GAME	YDS	RUSH-YDS.	PASS YDS.	COMP.-ATT.	TD-P/INT.	SKD.-YDS.	1D	3D-CONV.	F-FL	POSS.
9-12 @N.E.	376	23-118	258	25-35	3/0	0-0	20	9-13	0-0	28:10
9-19 BALT.	259	23-109	150	17-39	1/4	1-4	14	4-15	1-0	25:44
9-26 @Car.	267	24-87	180	16-33	0/1	1-8	17	2-11	4-3	23:38
10-3 @Cle.	295	35-116	179	18-30	1/1	1-5	21	6-14	1-0	30:46
10-10 T.B.	391	22-125	266	22-35	1/1	3-18	21	5-11	4-2	30:25
10-17 (BYE)										
10-24 @Atl.	452	30-153	299	24-33	3/1	0-0	22	7-13	1-1	29:38
10-31 MIA.	354	31-137	217	24-37	0/1	0-0	20	5-15	1-1	33:29
11-8 PITT.										
11-14 @Ind.										
11-21 BUFF.										
11-25 @NYJ										
12-5 N.O.										
12-12 @Pitt.										
12-19 CLE.										
12-26 S.D.										
1-2 @Balt.										
TOTALS	2394	188-845	1549	146-242	9/9	6-35	135	38-92	12-7	28:50

Defensive statistics

(The following defensive statistics were compiled by Bengals coaches while reviewing game film. They may differ from the totals listed in the play-by-play reports produced at the games.)

Defense

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
1. Dhani Jones	44	20	64	0-0	0-0	2	1	0-0
2. Keith Rivers.....	16	27	43	1-5	0-0	3	0	0-0
3. Rey Maualuga	27	14	41	1-10	0-0	0	0	0-0
4. Chris Crocker	26	11	37	2-8	0-0	3	2	0-0
5. Chinedum Ndukwe.....	21	12	33	0-0	1-0	3	0	1-0
6. Domata Peko	14	18	32	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
7. Leon Hall.....	17	11	28	0-0	4-19	12	0	0-0
Brandon Johnson.....	13	15	28	0-0	1-12	2	0	0-0
9. Robert Geathers.....	14	12	26	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-5
10. Morgan Trent.....	22	2	24	0-0	1-0	5	0	1-0
11. Johnathan Joseph.....	17	6	23	0-0	1-11	4	0	0-0
12. Roy Williams	11	5	16	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
13. Frostee Rucker.....	7	7	14	1-8	0-0	1	0	0-0
14. Adam Jones	10	3	13	0-0	1-10	2	1	1-59
15. Tank Johnson.....	5	7	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
16. Pat Sims.....	4	6	10	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
17. Geno Atkins.....	5	3	8	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0-0
Antwan Odom	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
19. Reggie Nelson.....	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	2	5	7	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0-0
21. Jonathan Fanene	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
22. Carlos Dunlap	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
23. Tom Nelson.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

Special teams

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
1. Dan Skuta.....	5	2	7	1	0-0	0	0	0
2. Chinedum Ndukwe	4	1	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
Reggie Nelson.....	3	2	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
4. Roddrick Muckelroy.....	4	0	4	1	0-0	0	0	0
Cedric Peerman	4	0	4	0	0-0	0	0	0
6. Brandon Ghee	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Leon Hall.....	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Morgan Trent.....	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Quan Cosby	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
10. Chris Crocker	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Rico Murray	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Johnson	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
13. Clark Harris	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Michael Johnson	1	0	1	0	1-0	0	0	0
Roy Williams.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Rey Maualuga	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mike Nugent	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
18. Adam Jones	0	0	0	0	1-0	0	0	0

Team statistics

Record: 2-5

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-12	L	24-38	at New England	68,756
9-19	W	15-10	BALTIMORE	64,071
9-26	W	20-7	at Carolina	72,887
10-3	L	20-23	at Cleveland	66,731
10-10	L	21-24	TAMPA BAY	63,888
10-17			— BYE —	
10-24	L	32-39	at Atlanta	67,665
10-31	L	14-22	MIAMI	63,179
11-8			PITTSBURGH	
11-14			at Indianapolis	
11-21			BUFFALO	
11-25			at N.Y. Jets	
12-5			NEW ORLEANS	
12-12			at Pittsburgh	
12-19			CLEVELAND	
12-26			SAN DIEGO	
1-2			at Baltimore	

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	146	135
Rushing	41	48
Passing	97	75
Penalty	8	12
3rd Down: Made-Att	38-102	38-92
3rd Down Pct.	37.3	41.3
4th Down: Made-Att	6-6	1-5
4th Down Pct.	100.0	20.0
POSSESSION AVG.	31:10	28:50
TOTAL NET YARDS	2488	2394
Avg. Per Game	355.4	342.0
Total Plays	478	436
Avg. Per Play	5.2	5.5
NET YARDS RUSHING	707	845
Avg. Per Game	101.0	120.7
Total Rushes	186	188
NET YARDS PASSING	1781	1549
Avg. Per Game	254.4	221.3
Sacked-Yards Lost	10-74	6-35
Gross Yards	1855	1584
Att.-Completions	282-168	242-146
Completion Pct.	59.6	60.3
Had Intercepted	7	9
PUNTS-AVG.	38-43.4	31-41.5
Net Punting Avg.	38-38.7	31-36.7
PENALTIES-YARDS	47-346	34-272
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	9-5	12-7
TOUCHDOWNS	15	18
Rushing	2	6
Passing	12	9
Returns	1	3

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
BENGALS	24	32	45	45	0	146
OPPONENTS	23	57	41	42	0	163

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt.	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS.
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	0	12-12	14-16	0	54
Terrell Owens	5	0	5	0	—	—	0	30
Cedric Benson	3	2	1	0	—	—	0	20
Jermaine Gresham	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Chad Ochocinco	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Adam Jones	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Brian Leonard	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Jordan Shipley	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	15	2	12	1	12-12	14-16	0	146
OPPONENTS	18	6	9	3	17-17	12-14	0	163

Two-point conversions: Benson 1 (1 R, 0 P). BENGALS 1-3 (1-1 R, 0-2 P), OPPONENTS 1-1 (0-0 R, 1-1 P).

Sacks-yards: Chris Crocker 2-8, Rey Mauluga 1-10, Frostee Rucker 1-8, Keith Rivers 1-5, Geno Atkins 0.5-2, Michael Johnson 0.5-2. BENGALS 6-35, OPPONENTS 10-74.

Fumbles-lost: Carson Palmer 4-2, Cedric Benson 3-2, Reggie Nelson 1-1, Jermaine Gresham 1-0. BENGALS 9-5, OPPONENTS 12-7.

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Cedric Benson	143	545	3.8	22	2
Bernard Scott	20	114	5.7	18	0
Carson Palmer	17	32	1.9	9	0
Brian Leonard	6	16	2.7	6	0
BENGALS	186	707	3.8	22	2
OPPONENTS	188	845	4.5	61	6

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Terrell Owens	45	629	14.0	78t	5
Chad Ochocinco	39	458	11.7	42	2
Jermaine Gresham	29	201	6.9	27	2
Jordan Shipley	24	349	14.5	64t	1
Andre Caldwell	9	66	7.3	19	0
Cedric Benson	9	57	6.3	12	1
Bernard Scott	8	58	7.3	25	0
Brian Leonard	4	28	7.0	11	1
Reggie Kelly	1	9	9.0	9	0
BENGALS	168	1855	11.0	78t	12
OPPONENTS	146	1584	10.8	46	9

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Leon Hall	4	19	4.8	22	0
Brandon Johnson	1	12	12.0	12	0
Johnathan Joseph	1	11	11.0	11	0
Adam Jones	1	10	10.0	10	0
Chinedum Ndukwe	1	0	0.0	0	0
Morgan Trent	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	9	52	5.8	22	0
OPPONENTS	7	159	22.7	59t	2

PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	NET	TB	IN-20	LG.	BLK.
Kevin Huber	38	1649	43.4	38.7	5	14	72	0
BENGALS	38	1649	43.4	38.7	5	14	72	0
OPPONENTS	31	1288	41.5	36.7	2	11	57	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	FC	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Quan Cosby	11	7	78	7.1	12	0
Adam Jones	5	0	33	6.6	27	0
BENGALS	16	7	111	6.9	27	0
OPPONENTS	12	8	80	6.7	20	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Bernard Scott	19	379	19.9	60	0
Adam Jones	7	134	19.1	29	0
Quan Cosby	1	18	18.0	18	0
Leon Hall	1	29	29.0	29	0
Reggie Kelly	1	8	8.0	8	0
BENGALS	29	568	19.6	60	0
OPPONENTS	28	768	27.4	97t	1

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mike Nugent	0-0	4-4	7-7	1-2	2-3
BENGALS	0-0	4-4	7-7	1-2	2-3
OPPONENTS	0-0	2-2	7-7	2-3	1-2

Mike Nugent: (54G), (36G, 30G, 46G, 38G, 25G), (33G, 50G), (24G, 44B, 25G), (31G, 35G), (20G, 53WL, 33G), (—).

Opponents: (32G, 47WL, 56 WR), (38G), (—), (30G, 31G, 22G), (31G), (45G), (38G, 42G, 24G, 54G, 31G).

PASSING	ATT.	CMP.	YDS.	CMP.%	YDS./ATT.	TD	TD%	INT.	INT.%	LG	SKD.-YDS.	RAT.
Carson Palmer	282	168	1855	59.6	6.58	12	4.3	7	2.5	78t	10-74	83.0
BENGALS	282	168	1855	59.6	6.58	12	4.3	7	2.5	78t	10-74	83.0
OPPONENTS	242	146	1584	60.3	6.55	9	3.7	9	3.7	46	6-35	76.5