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Cincinnati Bengals
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 N.Y. Jets

*Preseason Game 2
 Sunday, Aug. 21
 at New Meadowlands Stadium*

*Next up:
 Preseason Game 3
 Aug. 25 vs. Carolina*

Game information

Kickoff: 7 p.m. EDT.

Television: Live coverage on the Bengals Preseason Network with Brad Johansen (play-by-play), Anthony Munoz (analyst) and Mike Valpredo (sideline reporter). The network is led by flagship WKRC-TV (Local12) in Cincinnati. Other network affiliates airing the game will be WKEF-TV (Ch. 22) in Dayton, WSYX-TV (Ch. 6) in Columbus, WOHL-TV (Ch. 8) in Lima and WDRB-TV (Ch. 41) in Louisville, Ky.

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

Setting the scene: This week at the New York Jets, the Bengals are out to erase the memory of a clunker.

"It was not what I expected, not what our players expected, and not close to good enough," head coach Marvin Lewis said of last week's 34-3 loss at Detroit. "We have time, but it's time to correct some things very quickly."

Veteran LB Manny Lawson, an unrestricted free agent signee for 2011 from San Francisco, wasn't willing to take refuge in it being "just preseason."

"I expect a lot of myself, and I'm not happy with the way I played in my first game as a Cincinnati Bengal," Lawson said. "I know that in September this isn't going to count, but for now, in my mind, I'm 0-and-1. And I don't like the feeling."

The Jets won't provide a garden path to 1-and-1. They are bidding this season for their third straight trip to the AFC Championship Game. But while last week's loss will be taken to heart by the Bengals, it need not be seen as a harbinger. The last time the Bengals lost a preseason opener by 20 or more points — 20-0 at Kansas City in 1986 — the team went on to finish 10-6 in the regular season.

"We have new, young guys like me in key positions on offense," said wide receiver A.J. Green, the team's top 2011 draft pick. "And our older guys are learning a new scheme (under new coordinator Jay Gruden). I know I've got a lot of work to do, and so do other guys, but we have talent. I really believe we're going to be special when we get things rolling."

The Bengals helped the Lions start on a roll last week with two early turnovers. Rookie John Griffin lost a fumble on a kickoff return, and rookie QB Andy Dalton suffered an interception on his first pro pass, not getting the ball out far enough on an attempted deep connection to Green. But Green came to his quarterback's defense.

"I had a step on my guy, but Andy couldn't step into the throw," Green said. "They had pressure on him up the middle."

Dalton, a noted big-game performer while winning 42 of 49 career starts at Texas Christian, settled himself well enough to

complete 73.3 percent of his passes (11 of 15). The offense has been crafted in part to take advantage of his accuracy.

"Obviously I'm not satisfied," Dalton said. "We didn't score (a touchdown), and that leaves a sour taste in my mouth. I want to go out and put up points every time we have the ball. But we'll work it out. I guess that's what preseason is for."

The Bengals rushed for a 4.9-yard average in the first half, with starter Cedric Benson gaining 37 yards on six carries (6.2).

"The first group moved the ball well on the ground, and that's a positive to build on," said Lewis. "But along with the turnovers, what really hurt us was third down, on both sides of the ball."

The Bengals converted only four of 13 third downs offensively (31 percent), and the defense allowed the Lions to convert eight-of-17 (47.0 percent).

The series: The Bengals and Jets have not met in preseason since Aug. 10, 2003 — Marvin Lewis' first preseason game as Bengals head coach. The Jets won that one at the old Meadowlands Stadium, 28-13 in a preseason rarity — a Sunday afternoon contest. That gave the Jets a 4-3 lead in the preseason series.

The first Bengals-Jets preseason game would also qualify as a rarity in today's NFL world. It was played at a neutral site — Memphis, Tenn. — and the Bengals won 13-9 in the final tune-up for their inaugural season.

The Jets lead 17-7 in games for keeps, including 2-0 in postseason play. The last meeting was on Thanksgiving night last season, the Jets winning 26-10 in the Bengals' first visit to New Meadowlands. The last Bengals regular-season win over the Jets was a 38-31 decision at Paul Brown Stadium in 2007.

In postseason, the Jets won 24-14 in a 2009 season Wild Card playoff at Paul Brown Stadium, and they won 44-17 at Riverfront Stadium in the first playoff round of the strike-shortened 1982 season.

Bengals-Jets 2010 NFL rankings

	BENGALS	JETS
SCORING (AVG. POINTS):		
Points scored	22nd (20.1)	13th (22.9)
Points allowed	24th (24.7)	6th (19.0)
NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	20th (330.6)	11th (351.0)
Rushing	27th (95.1)	4th (148.4)
Passing	13th (235.4)	22nd (202.6)
NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	15th (332.0)	3rd (291.5)
Rushing	19th (115.2)	3rd (90.0)
Passing	T-14th (216.8)	6th (200.6)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-25th (minus-8)	T-5 (plus-9)

Bengals-Jets connections: Jets head coach Rex Ryan began his coaching career at Eastern Kentucky (1987-88) and later coached at Morehead State (1990-93) and the University of Cincinnati (1996-97); he also earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Eastern Kentucky ... Bengals assistant head coach/OL coach Paul Alexander was on the Jets coaching staff in 1992-93 ... Bengals DBs coach Kevin Coyle is from Staten Island ... Jets assistant strength and conditioning coach Bryan Dermody coached at Louisville from 2006-2009 ... Bengals QB Andy Dalton and WR Bart Johnson and Jets WR Jeremy Kerley played together at TCU ... Bengals HB Brian Leonard and LS Clark Harris both played at Rutgers; Leonard is from Gouverneur, N.Y., and Harris is from Manahawkin, N.J. ... Bengals K Mike Nugent entered the NFL with the Jets in 2005 and played with them through 2008 ... Bengals S Jeromy Miles is from Sicklerville, N.J. ... Bengals LB Vincent Rey is from Far Rockaway, N.Y. ... Bengals TE John Nalbone is from Lawrenceville, N.J. and played at Monmouth ... Bengals FB Chris Pressley is from Woodbury, N.J. ... Jets C Nick Mangold is from Centerville, Ohio (Alter HS) and played at Ohio State ... Jets WR Santonio Holmes also played at Ohio State ... Jets G Trevor Canfield played at the University of Cincinnati and is a Cincinnati native (Western Hills HS) ... Jets CB Julian Posey and LB Stafford Gatling played at Ohio University; Posey is a Cincinnati native (LaSalle HS) ... Jets S Eric Smith is from Groveport, Ohio, and played at Groveport Madison HS before going to Michigan State ... Jets FB John Conner played at Kentucky and is a Greater Cincinnati native (Lakota West HS) ... Jets RB Bilal Powell played at Louisville ... Jets TE Jeff Cumberland is from Columbus, Ohio, and played at Brookhaven HS before going to Illinois ... Jets TEs/assistant OL coach Mike Devlin coached at the Toledo from 2004-2005 ... Jets defensive assistant Jeff Weeks coached at Western Kentucky (1987-88) and Morehead State (1990-91) ... Jets special teams coordinator Mike Westhoff coached at Dayton in 1976.

Bengals 2010 red-zone report

BENGALS OFFENSE	BENGALS DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 55	Inside-20 poss.: 45
Total scores: 46 (83.6%)	Total scores: 40 (88.9%)
TDs: 27 (49.1%)	TDs: 21 (46.7%)
FGs: 19 (34.5%)	FGs: 19 (42.2%)
TD% rank: 21st	TD% rank: 8th
No scores: 9 (16.4%)	No scores: 5 (11.1%)

Jets 2010 red-zone report

JETS OFFENSE	JETS DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 50	Inside-20 poss.: 43
Total scores: 44 (88.0%)	Total scores: 35 (81.4%)
TDs: 20 (40.0%)	TDs: 26 (60.5%)
FGs: 24 (48.0%)	FGs: 9 (20.9%)
TD% rank: 30th	TD% rank: 25th
No scores: 6 (12.0%)	No scores: 8 (18.6%)

Almost 25 years: In a Bengals-Jets game almost 25 years ago — on Dec. 21, 1986 at Riverfront Stadium — Cincinnati amassed a club-record 621 yards net offense. Since that day, no NFL team has matched that yards total in a regulation-time, regular-season game.

In a 52-21 victory on that day, the Bengals passed for 416 yards, the fifth highest total in team history, and added 205 rushing yards.

The only higher net offense outputs since came in two overtime games. Washington gained 676 yards in a 1990 contest at Detroit that went 9:50 deep into the extra period, and Pittsburgh had 645 yards over five full quarters in a 2002 tie with Atlanta.

NFL history includes a number of regulation-time games of more than 621 yards, but all are pre-1986. The all-time record is 735 yards by the L.A. Rams against the New York Yanks on Sept. 28, 1951.

The head coaches

Marvin Lewis is in his ninth season as Bengals head coach, posting the longest tenure in franchise history. He breaks the record of eight seasons he had shared with club founder Paul Brown (1968-75) and Sam Wyche (1984-91).

Lewis was the consensus choice as NFL Coach of the Year in 2009, when the Bengals won the AFC North title while sweeping all six division games. And though 2010 proved a disappointment, with the club finishing 4-12, Lewis' Bengals are among a minority of NFL teams (14 of 32) to have captured more than one division title in the last six years. Lewis' Bengals also won the AFC North in 2005.

Lewis' record is 60-67-1 in regular season, 0-2 in postseason and 60-69-1 overall. His record in preseason games is 17-17.

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 2000 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.

Rex Ryan is in his third season as Jets head coach. In each of his previous two campaigns, he has led the team to a Wild Card playoff berth and won two playoff games on the road before falling on the road in the AFC Championship Game. His record is 24-14, including 4-2 in postseason.

Like Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis, Ryan rose to prominence in NFL coaching circles as a successful defensive coordinator with the Baltimore Ravens. He started with the Ravens in 1999 and spent three seasons on the defensive staff with Lewis as coordinator, including the 2000 Super Bowl winners. He was the Ravens' defensive coordinator from 2005-08, and was also assistant head coach in '08.

He began his NFL career as defensive line coach for Arizona in 1994-95, coaching under his father, head coach Buddy Ryan.

A native of Ardmore, Okla., he played defensive end at Southwestern Oklahoma State. His twin brother, Rob Ryan, is defensive coordinator of the Cleveland Browns.

Lewis vs. Jets: Jets lead 1-0 in preseason, 3-1 in regular season and 1-0 in postseason.

Lewis vs. Ryan: Ryan leads 2-0 in regular season and 1-0 in postseason.

Ryan vs. Bengals: Same as Ryan vs. Lewis.

Bengals information

In with the new: "New" is the word for the 2011 Cincinnati Bengals. "Improved" is the plan.

Gone from the Bengals are QB Carson Palmer, WRs Chad Ochocinco and Terrell Owens on offense, and DE Antwan Odom,

S Roy Williams, CB Johnathan Joseph and LB Dhani Jones on defense. All players of note, but none a Pro Bowler in 2010.

New to the scene are prized rookies — WR A.J. Green, QB Andy Dalton, LB Dontay Moch. And six new veteran free agents,

headed by CB Nate Clements and LB Manny Lawson, who were a playmaking tag team at San Francisco in recent seasons. Also on board from free agent land are QB Bruce Gradkowski (Oakland), LB Thomas Howard (Oakland), G Max Jean-Gilles (Philadelphia) and TE Bo Scaife (Tennessee).

The newcomers join a corps of young players who showed great promise last year despite a 4-12 standings bottom line. Those names include TE Jermaine Gresham, DE Carlos Dunlap, LB Rey Mauluga and WRs Jordan Shipley, Andre Caldwell and Jerome Simpson. And there are mainstays who figure to be in their NFL prime, among them CB Leon Hall, HB Cedric Benson, OT Andrew Whitworth and DT Domata Peko.

The Bengals won the division championship just two years ago, sweeping each of their three foes. So Lewis isn't into the word "rebuilding."

"It's a fresh start," Lewis said, "and I think some would say we've changed for the positive. It's about this group right here, and this group is all about football.

"You know what? You don't talk yourself into anything. You have to do the work and the execution. It's not about the names on the line. You have to win practice after practice and play after play, and be successful and not talk about it. Our football team is very conscious of that and they understand it. It's refreshing."

OT Whitworth, a sixth-year player who has clearly emerged as a team leader, echoes Lewis' words.

"The biggest thing (compared to last year) is just the lack of distractions, and seeing guys working hard and just having a good attitude," Whitworth said. "It's way different. Guys are excited to be playing, and not talking about how hard this is or how difficult that is. Guys are out here having fun. They're smiling. There's a new kind of fresh attitude."

To start with, it's Dalton's gang: Andy Dalton is No. 1.

That became official with the release Aug. 8 of the Bengals' first official depth chart of the season. Dalton, the rookie from TCU, is in the pole position at QB as the preseason unfolds.

Bruce Gradkowski, a sixth-year vet, is No. 2. Signed as an unrestricted free agent just before training camp, Gradkowski has 20 career starts, including a 2-0 mark vs. Cincinnati.

Last week at Ford Field in Detroit, Dalton started and became the first No. 14 to start any Bengals game at QB since the legendary career (1971-86) of Ken Anderson. Dalton suffered an INT on his first pass but came back to complete 73.3 percent of his passes (11 of 15) for 69 yards.

Head coach Marvin Lewis was clear on draft day when asked about Dalton's potential to start as a rookie.

"I feel really confident in that," Lewis said. "I think that's what really drew him to us. We felt he was mature enough and ready to handle it. He's a natural leader, and his (passing) accuracy and anticipation were the best of any quarterbacks we saw. There were (four) guys chosen ahead of him, and they're all great players, but we think Andy might be the most ready to start right away. We went through quite a process with all these guys, and we feel great about him."

Dalton on Dalton: Comments from Bengals QB Andy Dalton as he tackles the No. 1 QB assignment:

- "I'm just trying to come in and take charge and show everybody I've got confidence, and that I can be a good leader out there. I feel really good. With the new offense, everybody is learning, and I feel like I've got a really good grasp, as much as the other guys. I'm just trying to help everybody out. I'm trying to show everybody I've got confidence."

- "The coaches have made things pretty easy for me. I have a good grasp of everything we have installed. I'm trusting everything I've been coached to do."

QBs in different situations: In 2003, the Bengals weren't looking for a fast start from their first-round drafted quarterback. Carson Palmer played nary a snap, as veteran Jon Kitna ran the offense.

In 2010, however, the Bengals are looking for a very fast start

from top draft pick Andy Dalton. The starting QB job is his to lose.

But when asked whether "times and philosophy" have changed since 2003, head coach Marvin Lewis offered a different slant.

"The football team is not the same as it was then. The team I took over in 2003 was coming off a very poor season. They couldn't afford to lose games because of the quarterback. They had a guy (Kitna) who a lot of the players felt very, very comfortable with. Jon had done some very good things, and it was a very different situation then.

"This (2010) team is put together differently. They are tough, physical and they know how to go out there and compete. I didn't know those things about the team coming in to 2003. I know what this team is made of now, I know who the leaders are, and I didn't know those guys then. In 2003 I put my trust in Jon to do it and take care of it, and he showed he could."

Asked if he feels Dalton is more ready to play as a rookie than Palmer was in '03, Lewis replied:

"I don't know that. As I said, I think the football team is more ready now (for a young QB). I don't know (about comparing Dalton and Palmer as rookies). Carson is a very talented player."

Mauluga in the middle: The player to watch on the Bengals defense as the 2011 preseason begins is LB Rey Mauluga. The third-year pro played his first two Cincinnati seasons on the outside, and this year he moves inside to replace departed veteran Dhani Jones. He had five tackles, including two for losses, in first-half action last week at Detroit.

A second-round draft choice in 2009, Mauluga has been envisioned from the start as the Bengals' MLB of the future. He played in the middle at Southern California, where he earned a national reputation as one of college football's most feared hitters. And while there's no doubt he can provide an upgrade over Jones in terms of strength and explosiveness, his challenge will be to make sure the Bengals don't lose too much of what Jones brought in savvy and leadership.

Mauluga says he thinks he'll be able to play faster because he'll know so well what the 'SAM' linebacker is doing. That's the spot he played in 2009 and 2010, finishing fifth and then third on the team in tackles. Due to this year's labor situation, he didn't have the luxury of a full offseason working at MLB in team drills, but the move has proven not to be as sudden as it might have.

"Last year Coach Fitz (LBs coach Jeff FitzGerald) put me in with the third stringers (at middle backer) in practice some, and I was able to get my feet wet, run around and get a feel what Dhani saw for the past three years," Mauluga said. "I just hope I can pick up where he left off. Become that leader. To stand in front of that huddle will be something big. Ten guys looking at me to be a force. To call the play and call it with some urgency and some confidence. I think I'm ready."

Rey's resolve: In college at Southern California, Rey Mauluga made reckless mayhem against opposing offenses but also was known for a less than orderly personal life. And early in his career as pro with the Bengals, he admits, the personal side still needed more self-discipline.

But as he enters his third Bengals season, he is no longer just a talented young player, finding his way in an NFL defense at an outside LB spot. He has been chosen as a defensive cornerstone, taking over the middle LB spot, and he pledges he's mature enough to handle it.

"There are 10 guys in that huddle that have to trust me and have faith in me," Mauluga says. "It's like a relationship. They trust you until you do something to lose their trust. I don't want questions. I don't want any doubts. In the players' minds or the coaches' minds. 'Can he handle it?'"

"People get a certain number of chances. For me, it's a now or never type of deal. This year, especially moving to a different position. I don't want people talking about my college reputation (as a middle LB). Just give me an opportunity to play my original spot and then judge me from that, when all this is said and done."

The anointed one: The headline on this item, referring to Bengals WR A.J. Green, could be interpreted to imply that the team's No. 1 choice in the 2011 draft is another in a line

of “diva” wide receivers.

But on the ground at Georgetown (Ky.) College, nothing seems farther from the truth as Green lives up to his college reputation of being just a regular guy with extraordinary talent. He’s probably the most tireless autograph signer in camp. And when a Bengals staffer thanked him recently for some hastily arranged media time, his response was, “No, thank you.”

Even so, the word “anointed” still applies, because no Bengals first-rounder in recent memory has been so widely considered a cinch to start and stand out as a rookie. Plenty of Bengals observers were scratching their heads about that in camp last week. Does it surpass WR Eddie Brown 26 years ago? Probably, because Brown was late to training camp.

“A.J. brings as nearly a complete package as you could ask of a player at any position,” says Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. “Hands, athleticism, agility, speed. He’s well-schooled, has very good knowledge of the game, and he has a great work ethic. There’s a break-in period for any rookie, but he’ll do well. And the bottom line is, you have to have things (on offense) that push people. He’s a guy who will push the defense and make them defend him over the top. He’ll compete against that defense, and he’ll open things up for other guys.”

Green started at Detroit and caught four of the five passes directed his way, tying for the team lead. He gained 29 yards.

Green on Green: Comments from Bengals WR A.J. Green as he goes through his first preseason:

- “I know I have to earn it, but I’m planning on having a great rookie year. A lot of people said it was going to take me a year or two to get adjusted in college, but I went into my freshman year and had a great season and led the SEC in receiving. Coming to the NFL, you have to work at it. It’s your job. I’ve got more time. I feel like I’ll be fine.”

- “I’ve dealt with pressure. I’ve had pressure my whole life. Being a big-time recruit coming out, and being the guy at Georgia. It’s no different now. I don’t let the outside world affect me on the field. I just go out and do my job.”

- “I’ve been playing football my whole life. But now, to be able to play against Ray Lewis or Ed Reed, guys you grew up and watched. And now to be on same field with them. It’s my job now, so get used to it.”

Don’t forget the sophs: While the Bengals are getting much attention for their 2011 draft class, coaches are working hard to keep several 2010 rookies on the rise.

Among the sophomores to watch in 2011:

- DE Carlos Dunlap started slowly last year, a 21-year-old second-round draft pick who frustrated his coaches with immaturity. But the talented 6-6, 285-pounder finished the season in a blaze, logging 8.5 sacks in the final six games to set a Bengals rookie record at 9.5. In 2011 training camp, he has been praised by head coach Marvin Lewis: “It’s no secret that I wasn’t always pleased with Carlos’s practice effort last year,” Lewis said. “I think that we have turned a real corner with him maturity-wise, and he has become one of the leaders out there in how to practice and doing things right. You notice how vocal he is now, and it is just a different person.” Dunlap missed the Detroit game with a knee strain but may be cleared for the Jets contest.

- WR Jordan Shipley shows promise as a top-flight NFL slot receiver. He led all AFC rookies last season in receiving yards (600) and he tied for the conference rookie lead in catches (52). No Bengals rookie had topped 52 catches for 25 years, since Eddie Brown grabbed 53 in 1985.

- TE Jermaine Gresham has the potential to reach multiple Pro Bowls. The Bengals’ No. 1 draft pick last season, he lived up to his billing as a formidable force with big-time receiving skills and speed. It was Gresham who tied Shipley for the AFC rookie receptions lead (52), and his 471 yards were the most by a Bengals TE since 1995. His catch total was a Bengals rookie record, topping a 44 total by Tony McGee in 1995. He has the mental and physical tools, if not yet the polish, to be a top blocker at the position.

Third year a charm for Smith? After being taken sixth overall by the Bengals in the 2009 NFL Draft, OT Andre Smith began a two-year exercise in having some Bengals fans write him off as a failure. He missed his first training camp due to contract negotiations, and his ’09 and ’10 seasons were marked mostly by weight and foot injury problems.

But the 2011 preseason sees Smith slimmer and practicing in camp as the starting ROT. He started the preseason opener against Detroit last week and helped HB Cedric Benson average 6.2 yards per rush on six attempts. If he can live up this season to the potential he showed as a consensus All-American at Alabama, the result should be a significant upgrade for the Bengals offensive line.

“Before this year, he never knew what it looked like down here (at training camp),” said head coach Marvin Lewis. “But I coached a guy in Baltimore (LB Peter Boulware) who had about three years without training camp, and he wound up going to a bunch of Pro Bowls. So I hope Andre has the same kind of career. It’s been good to see him just be one of the guys and no longer be a story about his foot or this or that. As I told him, ‘You just blend right in now. No one’s ever talking about you.’ And he’s blending in most importantly assignment-wise. He’s taken leaps and bounds since we put him on the field for the first time. We’ve got a big investment in Andre and we think he can be an outstanding football player, and now he has the opportunity to go out there and prove those things.”

Smith remained a good-natured, positive individual despite being frequently bashed by media and critical fans for two years. Now he knows it’s up to him to change that tone.

“Enough is enough,” he says. “It’s time for me to do what I’m supposed to do. I could have done things better my first two years, but I’ve grown up. This offseason, I took everything to heart, to the things I’m supposed to do and be the Andre I’m supposed to be. To live up to the hype. I feel the best I’ve felt since college. I’ve got a lot of work to do in preseason, but I can’t wait to get the regular season started.”

Benson’s eyes light up: All running backs “want the ball.” But do any of them anywhere want it any more than Cedric Benson?

Folks who hang around the Bengals wonder, because Benson never pipes down about his hunger. He has averaged 21.1 carries per game over 39 Bengals starts, but he always wants more. And says so.

So as Benson has eased back into the Bengals preseason, having re-signed as an unrestricted free agent, he nearly drools in response to a media scenario that has him taking the team on his back while rookie QB Andy Dalton takes baby steps with the passing game.

“If having a rookie quarterback causes them to rely on me a lot more, then I’m excited he (Dalton) is here,” Benson said with a wide smile. “I’ve always dreamed of it being in that role and having that opportunity to kind of carry a team. That’s all I know how to do.”

Benson had a successful 2011 debut in brief action at Detroit rushing for 37 yards on six carries (6.2).

The 5-11, 227-pounder reported to training camp declaring himself as fit and fresh as he’s ever been. He’s a seventh-year NFL player, but has pounded his way through fewer 300-carry seasons than he’d like — just two. The last two. He surely has more good years left than the average seventh-year rusher, and he says he’s unsatisfied with his career accomplishments to date. He started his career with three not so happy or productive years in Chicago, after being selected fourth overall in the 2005 draft, following a prodigious career at Texas.

Head coach Marvin Lewis says Benson must apply himself diligently to assignment perfection, particularly in the passing game. But speaking of offensive schemes, and of Benson’s “needs,” Lewis said cryptically:

“I think any offense that hands the ball off at any point in the drive caters to Cedric’s needs.”

Says Ced:

“When I get the new playbook down, the defense better be ready.”

Benson's ratio is best: The Bengals made a major move for their rushing game on Aug. 3 when they re-signed HB Cedric Benson, who had become an unrestricted free agent.

Benson has 13 games of 100-plus rushing yards in 40 career Bengals starts (including postseason), and his ratio of one 100-yarder for every 3.08 starts is best in team history. In second place in this category is Rudi Johnson (played 2001-07) at 19-for-60, a ratio of 3.16.

Corey Dillon, who holds the Bengals record for total 100-yard games (28), needed 96 starts to get that total, a ratio of 3.43.

In 2009, Benson set a Bengals season record with six 100-yard rushing games.

Here's a listing of the 22 players who have hit the 100-yard rushing mark in a game for the Bengals, 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 (13).
- 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).

25 does the trick: The Bengals are 30-2 under head coach Marvin Lewis in games with an individual rusher at 25 or more carries, a winning percentage of .938. That mark includes a 10-1 record when current No. 1 HB Cedric Benson has carried 25 or more times.

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' record with Benson at 25-plus carries is slightly better than the record with Benson at 100-plus yards (10-2).

These guys report for work: Bengals CB Leon Hall and G Bobbie Williams are notable for their reliability.

Hall has not missed a regular-season or postseason game in his Bengals career. The fourth-year pro has played in all 65 games since his 2007 signing, and he has started the last 57 at RCB. He has played more Bengals games without missing one than anyone on the current roster.

The Bengals longest active streaks of consecutive games and consecutive starts are both 63, 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.

Defense rules on two-pointers: There's a reason coaches are conservative in trying two-point conversions. Since 1994, when the two-point option was added to NFL rules, the Bengals are 17-for-45 (37.8 percent), and their opponents are 17-for-40 (42.5 percent). Cincinnati foes went 0-for-5 over the 2008-09 seasons before making the only try against the Bengals last year.

Whit and Bobbie take Twitter charge: Veteran offensive linemen Andrew Whitworth and Bobbie Williams have assumed the position of veteran leaders in the Bengals locker room. One of their initiatives has been to take charge at the

players' level of one of pro sports' modern distractions — Twitter.

"We've told the guys we don't want them to discuss team issues through tweeting," Whitworth said. "Tweet anything else you want, just don't be discussing anything we're doing as a team, or issues that come up in our group. Most everyone responded well. Understood. We're going to keep our issues in-house."

Turnover tables turned under Lewis: Over Marvin Lewis' tenure as Bengals head coach (2003-10), the Bengals rank fifth in the NFL in turnover differential at plus-32. The Bengals were minus-eight in differential for 2010, however.

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

Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England	249	170	+79
Indianapolis	233	160	+73
San Diego	221	182	+39
Baltimore	257	223	+34
Cincinnati	245	213	+32

Since 2003, the Bengals rank fifth in the NFL in most takeaways (245) and fifth in points off turnovers (742).

A stat that matters: For the term of coach Marvin Lewis (2003-10), a plus-differential in turnovers reflects a big plus in the win column. The team's record is 40-9-1, a winning percentage of .810.

But with a minus differential, the record under Lewis is 7-43 (.140).

When the differential has been even, the results have been relatively even, with the Bengals at 13-15 (.464) under Lewis.

The Bengals' overall experience with turnovers under Lewis is backed up by overall league numbers. Since the start of the 2000 season, here are the records of 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	662-299-1	.689
Plus-2	549-110-0	.833
Plus-3	340-43-1	.887
Plus-4	175-8-0	.956
Plus-5 or more	88-3-0	.967

Overall, combining the five differential levels listed above, NFL teams with any plus have a winning percentage of .796 since 2000. The combined W-L record is 1815-463-2.

Bengal bites: When the Bengals played the Jets at New Meadowlands last season, the prime-time contest on NFL Network marked the first Thanksgiving Day game in Cincinnati franchise history ... Three Bengals head coaches — Sam Wyche, Dave Shula and Marvin Lewis — directed their first Cincinnati game in a preseason contest at the old Meadowlands stadium. Wyche debuted against the Jets in 1984, Shula against the Giants in 1992 and Lewis against the Jets in 2003 ... The Bengals led the NFL in punt coverage last season, allowing 4.8 yards per return. It was the third-best figure in club history and the best since 1982 ... Cincinnati's all-time preseason record is 93-99-2 ... Twice in the past three years, Bengals LB Manny Lawson and CB Nate Clements teamed for huge plays while performing for San Francisco. Clements in 2008 ran 74 yards for a TD with a field goal blocked by Lawson, and Clements in 2009 intercepted a Kurt Warner pass thrown under pressure from Lawson ... OT Andrew Whitworth and DT Domata Peko are bigger than ever this season in the role of team leaders. They were the organizers and "coaches" of workouts when players met during the lockout.

Bengals quotes

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on how the labor-related loss of offseason team drills will affect player evaluations in preseason:

"It's going to put a premium on guys making the most of their opportunities. At this point, practice time has to be devoted to the preparation of the (regular-season) opener and the beginning part

of the season. We have to continue evaluating while keeping our focus on our real target. Hopefully, as we go, our young players will get a chance to show what they can do early on.”

Lewis, on fifth-year pro Reggie Nelson, a former Jacksonville top draft pick, holding the No. 1 FS position:

“I’m hopeful that Reggie continues to settle in. We saw over the last three or four football games last season that he finally came to a comfort area. I think his diligence on alignments and responsibilities is weighing in. It wasn’t considered a strong point in Reggie’s past, and it’s something we’re trying to beat out of him so that he gets where he belongs all the time and does it right. Hopefully that will enable him to do more of what we saw him do at the end of last year.”

FS Reggie Nelson, on assuming a starting role:

“I’m very comfortable with the defense now. I came in late last season, and this season I’ve had a chance to study the playbook more instead of them throwing it at me. I think I played good over the last three games last year. There are some things I could have done way better, but that’s why we’re in camp now.”

Lewis, on this year’s different safety mix, with Reggie Nelson instead of Roy Williams teamed with Chris-Crocker:

“Chris and Reggie are a little bit more interchangeable in situations of coverage. Any time you can keep base defense on the field versus your three-wide receiver formations, you have the advantage because now you have some bigger guys. Both Chris and Reggie give us that ability because we know we feel comfortable with them with matchups on wideouts. Last year, we would have to make sure we didn’t put Roy (Williams) in the wrong spot in coverage. But Roy has really been a good tackler throughout his NFL career, and that’s what these guys have to come in and do now. We play in a physical division with big, physical backs, and that’s going to be important, that they become fine tacklers and really hold up on the physical part of the game as well.”

Offensive coordinator Jay Gruden, on being constantly questioned about top draft pick A.J. Green:

“I really don’t know what else to say. He’s everything you want in a No. 4 (overall) pick, and then some.”

QB Bruce Gradkowski, on WR A.J. Green:

“He’s a special talent. I tell Jay Gruden, ‘He’s got a great attitude, he’s willing to work hard, he takes coaching, and that’s all you can expect from a young guy.’ That’s awesome. That’s why he’s going to be a great football player.”

WR A.J. Green, on the differences between life in college football and the NFL:

“Oh man, in college you didn’t have that much time to study. You had class and stuff like that. Not being in school, I go back to my room and look over the playbook, and that really helps me get on the field and be comfortable.”

Gruden, on late nights at his desk:

“I can always install plays. I just have to slow down. People have to slow me down. I can install 50 plays a night. That’s not what’s good for this team. What’s good for this team is giving them a chance to win and giving them enough things they can be successful with, and them knowing what to do.”

TE Jermaine Gresham, on why he likes Jon Gruden’s offensive scheme:

“It caters to anyone who gets open.”

Gruden, on the challenges of playing the TE position in his offensive scheme:

“You have to be versatile here as a tight end. You’ve got to be able to block. You’ve got to be able to block in goal line. You’ve got to be able to block in short yardage. Out on the field you have to

pass protect and be able to run routes. That’s why it’s a tough position. You’re asked to block defensive ends sometimes.”

Lewis, on QB Andy Dalton:

“He’s got an ‘innateness’ that some quarterbacks have. Some have to just focus on themselves, and others have that ability to know when the receivers are lined up on the wrong side, and they can decipher it and get them over there. He has already deciphered in his mind how the initial thing should look, and how it should end up at the snap.”

OLB Manny Lawson, on Rey Mauluga taking over the MLB role:

“For somebody so young, he’s experienced. He has a motor, he’s aggressive, he’s everything you want in a linebacker. Now he’s playing the middle so he’s coming downhill. I’m happy he’s on my team. I’m happy I don’t play offense. Whoever does play offense has to keep their eyes open. I’ll guarantee you we’ll be hearing about Rey soon and far into the season.”

Lewis, on the acquisition of free agent CB Nate Clements:

“Everyone always talks about his professionalism and his preparation. And you watch him play, and you see how smart of a player he is. He’s a fine, fine player. He’s been a great cover player. A fine player up in Buffalo, and then he went out there (San Francisco) and continued it. He just wanted to get into a situation where he felt good and comfortable, and fortunately for us that proved in his mind to be here.”

CB Leon Hall, on CB Nate Clements:

“Obviously I’ve watched him quite a bit. I’m a fan of anybody who plays my position in the NFL and plays it well. It’s good to get another guy in here that can help this team and is proven. He can (play the slot) and played it very well last year, too. He made quite a few big plays intercepting the ball and just making plays on the ball. You can tell he plays smart. He’s always in good position, and when he makes great plays, it’s mostly from making great reads on the quarterback.”

WR Jerome Simpson, on looking for a strong full season after a strong finish last year:

“I have been sitting back watching everyone else perform for three years. Now it’s my time to show what I can do. It felt great to go out there and make plays for my team in those games last year. It showed that I can play this game and the reason why I’m here. The Bengals kept me around for a reason and it’s time for them to see a return on their investment.”

Simpson, on the new offensive scheme:

“I kept my nose in the playbook during the lockout, and it suits me perfectly. It has the routes that I love to run. Jay (offensive coordinator Jay Gruden) has an open mind and is easy to talk to. I’m excited because this offense is wide open and will best utilize the players’ talent.”

WR Andre Caldwell, on changes since last year in the offensive scheme:

“Instead of us calling the play based on the defense, we’re putting the pressure on them. We can just go make plays and be ourselves. It used to be it was precise route-running, running like it was drawn up on paper. Now it’s more like, ‘This is football. Sometimes you have to improvise. Get in an area, make a play, do what you’ve got to do.’ ”

QBs coach Ken Zampese, on QB Andy Dalton’s practice performance:

“He has control, and that’s what our team needs right now. He has the huddle, and he fixes things when they’re not right. Whatever didn’t happen, he always wants to make it right the next time. I’d be upset if he had the same mistake over and over again. Then we’d have something to talk about. But it doesn’t happen like that for him. Every day I feel better because I see him get a little more and a little more. You get more and more comfortable ... ‘Hey, he’s getting it, he’s getting it.’ ”

Position-by-position roundup

Quarterbacks: Opening the 2011 preseason in the No. 1 role is rookie Andy Dalton of TCU, the Bengals' second-round pick (35th overall) in the draft. Dalton was the key player in TCU's return to football prominence in recent seasons, posting a 42-7 record as a starter. Dalton played the first half of last week's preseason opener at Detroit and completed 73.3 percent of his passes (11-of-15) for 69 yards with no TDs and one INT. Dalton brings superb scout ratings for accuracy and anticipation as a passer, and Bengals coaches believe he has exceptional leadership qualities to be a starter quarterback in his first NFL season. Strong and quick, he rushed for 1611 yards and 22 TDs in college as well as passing for 10,314 yards and 71 scores, with only 30 INTs. The No. 2 spot is held by sixth-year NFL vet Bruce Gradkowski, an unrestricted free agent signee from Oakland. Gradkowski has 33 career NFL games played, and his 20 starts include a 2-0 record against the Bengals. He played the third quarter at Detroit last week and passed six-of-11 for 58 yards with no TDs or INTs. Fourth-year pro Jordan Palmer was in the Bengals' No. 2 role last season. He was active for every game but saw action only once, in a mop-up role. He played in the fourth quarter at Detroit and passed one-for-four for seven yards. Also returning from last season is Dan LeFevour of Central Michigan. A sixth-round Chicago draft choice last year, he was acquired by Cincinnati just before the start of the regular season. He did not play but was in uniform for every game as the inactive designated third QB. He played in the fourth quarter at Detroit and completed his only pass, a seven-yarder.

Running backs: For the third straight year, the Bengals have the same trio of featured halfbacks, led by Cedric Benson. The seventh-year pro re-signed with Cincinnati for this season as an unrestricted free agent. He got off to a good start in Detroit last week, gaining 37 yards on just six carries in first-half action. He has led Cincinnati in rushing and in yards from scrimmage for the last three years. He started 16 games for the first time in his career in 2010, rushing for 1111 yards and scoring a career-best eight TDs (second on the team). He has the Bengals' best all-time ratio of 100-yard rushing games per start (13 of 40, 3.08 ratio). Back for his third pro season is quick and elusive Bernard Scott, who has proved to be a bargain from the sixth round of the 2009 draft. Scott rushed for 299 yards last season with a 4.9 avg., and he also averaged 22.4 yards on 56 kickoff returns. He had a 119-yard rushing game in 2009, filling in when Benson was injured. Scott sat out the Detroit game to rest a hamstring strain. Completing the incumbent trio is resourceful fifth-year pro Brian Leonard, who has been particularly productive on third and fourth-down plays. He had four fourth-down conversions last season, two of those after taking direct snaps on fake punts. He has shown himself to be a clutch receiver as well. Leonard rushed four-for-10 at Detroit last week. Looking to move up in the HB pecking order is second-year pro Cedric Peerman. He played in seven games last season, mostly on special teams. But he was rested at Detroit due to an injury. Rookies looking to crack the roster are seventh-round draft choice Jay Finley of Baylor and college free agents John Griffin of Massachusetts and Jonathan Williams of East Carolina. Finley had an active game at Detroit, with seven rushes for 15 yards, three receptions for 14 yards and a 32-yard kickoff return. Griffin rushed two-for-eight but had a lost fumble on a kickoff return. Williams had a seven-yard reception but had zero net yards on two rushes. At FB, Chris Pressley finished last season as Cincinnati's No. 1. He played in the last three games and helped the offense allow no sacks. He started at Detroit. Also on the 2011 preseason roster at FB are third-year pro Fui Vakapuna, who missed all of last season with a shoulder injury, and first-year player James Develin, who closed last season on the Bengals practice squad. Vakapuna and Develin both saw action at Detroit.

Wide receivers: Talented youth will be on display in the Bengals WR corps in 2011, and one of the newest is the headliner — first-round draft pick A.J. Green of Georgia. The fourth selection overall, Green has a complete NFL skill set — size, speed, great hands and a demonstrated ability to make the spectacular catch. He tied for the team led in receptions at Detroit, catching four for 29 yards. He was a consensus choice as the top WR available in the draft. But it's not as if Green will just walk into the role of No. 1 target on the team. The returning statistical leader from last year's team is Jordan Shipley, who led AFC rookies in receiving yards (600) and tied for the conference rookie lead in catches (52). He scored three TDs and figures as the team's No. 1 slot receiver. Shipley tied Green for the team receptions lead (four) at Detroit, and he led the team with 37 receiving yards. On the outside, Jerome Simpson and Andre Caldwell both had strong finishes to the 2010 season, and each is looking to provide 16 games as a top producer in 2011. Simpson, a fourth-year pro, was in the starting lineup at Detroit and caught two-for-17 in first-half action. He caught 18-for-247 with three TDs during the last two games last season. His six-for-124 performance with two TDs sparked an upset of San Diego that knocked the Chargers from playoff contention. Caldwell, also a fourth-year player in '11, missed the Detroit game with an abdominal strain. He ended last

season with 25 catches for 345 yards, and he had 15 catches for 270 yards over the final three games. He caught 51 passes during the division title season of 2009, including two game-clinching TDs with less than a minute to play. Quan Cosby is back for his third Bengals season, and though his main contribution has been as the team's punt returner, he could challenge for more offensive time this season. He missed the Detroit game with an injury, however. Ryan Whalen, a sixth-round draft choice from Stanford, was a top target in recent seasons for QB Andrew Luck, projected as a possible first overall choice in the 2012 draft. He proved himself tough in traffic and was a great route-runner. He was active but did not play at Detroit. Also looking to crack the roster are two college free agents — Landon Cox of Northern Illinois and Jamere Holland of Lindenwood — but both were inactive due to injury in the Lions game.

Tight ends: The Bengals look for another big year this season from Jermaine Gresham, the club's No. 1 draft pick in 2010. Gresham made a big impact on the passing game and has all the tools and attitude to continue development into a top blocker. His 52 receptions last season tied for the AFC rookie lead and set a Bengals record for a rookie TE. He also had 471 receiving yards, most by any Bengals TE since 1995, and his four TD catches were the most ever by a Bengals rookie playing strictly TE. Gresham started last week at Detroit and had one catch for three yards in first-half action. Another strong player in the fold for '11 is seventh-year vet Bo Scaife, signed Aug. 5 as an unrestricted free agent. Scaife played from 2005-10 for Tennessee, averaging 41.7 catches and 397.1 yards per season. He scored a career-high four TDs last season. He had one catch for no gain at Detroit. Third-year pro Chase Coffman looks to increase his playing time after seeing action in six games last year, with three catches for 30 yards. He had a nine-yard catch at Detroit. Garrett Mills, in his sixth NFL campaign, is opening a season with the Bengals for the first time, but he was out with an injury at Detroit. Mills has 16 career games played in the NFL, with nine catches for 110 yards. On Aug. 4, the Bengals acquired second-year player John Nalbone on waivers from Philadelphia. Nalbone has two games NFL experience, with Miami in 2009. He played at Detroit, as did Colin Cochart, a college free agent from South Dakota State who has earned good reviews in early practices.

Offensive linemen: The Bengals return all the key performers from last season, when the unit led a pass protection effort that saw Cincinnati finish second in the AFC and sixth in the NFL in fewest sacks allowed per passing play. The Bengals closed the season without a sack allowed in the last 100 passing plays. Four of the current starters were primary starters at their positions last year, and all five front-line players saw action at Detroit. The relatively new face among the five starters is Andre Smith at ROT. Smith started only four games last year, slowed by a foot injury, but the 2009 first-round draft pick has reported in the best shape of his career and is getting first shot at the job. The veteran leaders of the unit are LOT Andrew Whitworth and RG Bobbie Williams. Whitworth enters his sixth Bengals season and has been a key player on the line since his rookie campaign. He started every game at LOT last season, and his 70 career starts include 45 at OT and 25 at G. Williams is now in his 12th NFL season. Since joining the Bengals in 2004 as an unrestricted free agent, he 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. Kyle Cook returns in the starting center role, having opened every game at the position in both 2009 and '10. He has brought improved power to the center of the line, with excellent command of the center's role with line calls. Nate Livings, a fourth-year player this season, started every game at LG last year. But Cincinnati's starting guards may have to battle to hold their positions, as the team on Aug. 2 added unrestricted free agent Max Jean-Gilles, who played 13 games with 10 starts for Philadelphia last season. Jean-Gilles made his Bengals debut at Detroit. Also strongly in the interior line mix are second-year pro Reggie Stephens and 2011 fourth-round draft pick Clint Boling of Georgia. They are currently competing for the backup center job. Two experienced veterans are backing up Smith at ROT. Dennis Roland started 12 games at ROT last season, and Anthony Collins was promoted to the No. 1 spot for the campaign's final two games. Roland and Collins are both fourth-year players in 2011. Though currently listed as an OT, second-year pro Andrew Gardner saw action at guard in the Detroit game. Gardner finished last season on the Bengals practice squad and has brief NFL game experience with Miami. Also seeing action against the Lions was college free agent Matthew O'Donnell, from Queen's College in Canada. First-year pro Otis Hudson, a fifth-round Bengals draftee in 2010, was considered a promising prospect entering camp but has been sidelined with a knee injury. A college free agent seeking a foothold at guard is Chris Riley of Illinois State. Riley made his NFL preseason debut at Detroit.

Defensive linemen: The Bengals' defensive line features a

good mix of veterans and promising young players. Eighth-year pro Robert Geathers started every game at LDE last season and was in the opening lineup at Detroit. He is a two-time team leader in sacks. At RDE, Michael Johnson started 10 games last year, including the last eight. A third-year pro for 2011, M. Johnson led the team last season in tackles-for-loss (eight) and was second in QB pressures (17). He had a pressure at Detroit. Coaches are also counting for a huge contribution by second-year DE Carlos Dunlap. He missed the Detroit game with a knee strain but could be cleared for the Jets game. Playing mostly as a situational pass rusher last season as a rookie, Dunlap set a Bengals rookie record with 9.5 sacks, finishing second in the NFL in sacks by a rookie. He had 8.5 of his sacks in the last six games. Frostee Rucker is a veteran who can contribute if he can avoid injury trouble. Rucker had eight QB pressures last year through nine games, ranked second on the team, but he was lost in November to a knee injury. Rucker had four tackles and a QB pressure at Detroit. Looking to crack the roster at DE are sixth-year player Victor Adeyanju and first-year pro James Ruffin. Adeyanju logged 53 games with 26 starts for St. Louis from 2006-09 but did not play in 2010, inactive for his six games on the Bengals roster. Ruffin did not see action as a rookie last year, but was on the Bengals practice squad for the final eight games. Adeyanju had four tackles at Detroit and Ruffin had one. Domata Peko, voted a team captain last season, started every game last season at the NT spot and has emerged as an overall team leader. Peko led the line in tackles (71) last season and had one tackle in brief action at Detroit. Tank Johnson, entering his eighth pro season, opened last year at the starting DT spot but was limited to seven games by a knee injury. He was rested for minor injuries in the Detroit game but could be back for the Jets. Two other players sure to claim playing time at DT are fourth-year pro Pat Sims and second-year player Geno Atkins. Sims remains on the sidelines this week as he rehabs from offseason knee surgery, but he hopes to be ready for action in the late preseason. He has been a line rotation regular in all three of his previous Bengals seasons, logging 22 career starts. He played in 14 games with eight starts last season. Atkins was productive as a rookie in 2010, playing in every game and leading the team in coaches' compilation of QB pressures (19). Atkins started in place of T. Johnson at Detroit and had one tackle. Also looking for roster spots at DT are second-year pros Clinton McDonald and Jason Shirley. McDonald led the team in tackles (eight) at Detroit and also had a forced fumble. McDonald saw his first NFL action last season, playing in the last eight games after spending a season and a half on the Bengals practice squad. Shirley, a defensive lineman in college, is returning to DT this season. He was switched to G early in the 2009 preseason and spent the regular season on the practice squad, and he missed all of 2010 due to an offseason Achilles injury. He had three tackles, including one for a four-yard loss, in the Lions game. College free agent DT Lolomana Mikaele missed the Detroit game with an elbow injury suffered in practice Aug. 6.

Linebackers: Transition in the middle highlights the Bengals' LB picture as 2011 work begins. Third-year pro Rey Mauluga, a high second-round Bengals draft choice in 2008, has taken over as starting MLB, replacing Dhani Jones, who was not re-signed for 2011. Mauluga has started his first two seasons on the outside (SLB), opening 30 of 32 games at the position. Last season he finished third on the team in tackles (81) and was the only front-seven player with more than one INT (two). He had five tackles at Detroit, including two for losses. Keith Rivers, a starter when healthy at WLB since his 2008 arrival as a first-round draft choice, has opened preseason on the sidelines. He underwent wrist surgery in early July. He finished second on the team last season in tackles (95). The Bengals on Aug. 3 signed an established playmaker in unrestricted free agent outside LB Manny Lawson, formerly of San Francisco. Lawson started every game for San Francisco the last two seasons and in those two years had nine sacks, five forced fumbles and five fumble recoveries. He also has three career blocked kicks (two punts, one field goal). Lawson started at Detroit and had two tackles. Sixth-year NFL vet Thomas Howard was signed July 30 as a free agent from Oakland. Howard was a second-round Raiders draftee in 2006. He played in 12 games last season. His career high in tackles was 97 in 2008. In 2007, he led the team with six INTs and led the AFC in INT return yardage (172). Howard started at Detroit and had one tackle. Sixth-year pro Brandon Johnson is entering his fourth Bengals season, and he has been productive in each of his first three. He has played in all 49 games (including postseason), with 15 starts, and has logged 236 tackles 3.5 sacks and 13 passes defensed. Johnson played at Detroit and had three tackles. Dan Skuta, an NCAA Division II product (Grand Valley State in Michigan), has steadily increased his contributions since signing as a college free agent for 2009. He was notable in the Detroit game, finishing second on the team with seven tackles and tying for the lead in solos (five). Skuta led the special teams in tackles last season and could be slated for more time with the defense

in 2011. The highest-profile addition to the Cincinnati LB corps this season is third-round draft choice Dontay Moch of Nevada. The 248-pounder has exceptional speed for his size, and in college he logged 30 sacks and 63 tackles-for-loss. But Moch suffered a foot injury in the Detroit game after logging one special teams tackle. Vincent Rey joined the Bengals as a college free agent last year and played in two games after starting his rookie season on the practice squad. He had four tackles at Detroit. Also looking for playing time at LB are college free agents DeQuin Evans of Kentucky and Stephen Franklin of Southern Illinois. Evans was credited with one tackle at Detroit, and Franklin logged four. Roddrick Muckelroy ranked second in special teams tackles as a rookie last season and finished the year as the No. 2 MLB on the depth chart, but he was sidelined with an Achilles tendon rupture in the first training camp practice.

Cornerbacks: Former Bengals first-round draft pick Leon Hall heads the returning CBs for 2011. The RCB led the Bengals last season in INTs (four), and in his four seasons, his 18 total reflects leading the team three times and tying for the lead once. He has played in every game (65, including postseason) in his Bengals career, the current team's longest streak of having played every game in a career. Hall started at Detroit and had three tackles. Joining Hall in the spotlight as the preseason schedule approaches is decorated veteran Nate Clements, who was signed as an unrestricted free agent on Aug. 1. Clements started at Detroit and saw first-half action. Morgan Trent, a third-year player, looks for a full season of action in 2011 after seeing a promising 2010 season cut short by a knee injury. He had an INT in his eight games last year and at the time of his injury he ranked third on the team in passes defensed. He had a tackle and two passes defensed at Detroit. Brandon Ghee, a third-round Bengals pick in the 2010 draft, is a fast and athletic performer but was held back by injuries as a rookie. He played in six games, mostly on special teams, and is a candidate for increased playing time this season, but he was out against Detroit with a hamstring strain. Jonathan Wade joined the Bengals as a free agent last November and played in four games. Originally a third-round draft choice of the Rams, he has 59 career NFL games with 13 starts. Wade was out at Detroit with a shoulder strain. Fred Bennett, a fifth-year pro like Wade, also joined the Bengals as a free agent in November of last season. He played in five games for Cincinnati. Bennett had a tackle and a pass defensed at Detroit. Rico Murray, a Cincinnati native, is classified a second-year player but has seen game action for the Bengals in each of the last two seasons. He played in four games last year before being sidelined with an ankle injury, and he had three passes defensed. Murray had a tackle at Detroit. David Pender, a first-year pro from Purdue, has looked promising in early camp practices. Also looking for playing time is seventh-round draft pick Korey Lindsey of Southern Illinois, a shut-down CB in the FCS ranks attempting to make the move to the NFL. Pender and Lindsey both played at Detroit. Veteran Adam Jones played well early last season after being acquired as a free agent, but he has not been cleared to play this preseason due to rehab from a neck injury.

Safeties: A ninth-year NFL player entering his fourth Bengals campaign, Chris Crocker heads the Bengals' safety corps entering 2011. He started nine games at FS last year, with 42 tackles, two sacks and two forced fumbles, but he suffered a season-ending knee injury in Game 10. Crocker started at SS at Detroit and had one tackle. Reggie Nelson, a fifth-year player in 2011, was acquired last September in a trade with Jacksonville and steadily increased his contribution as the '10 season progressed. He played in every game and made six starts. He had two INTs and two forced fumbles. R. Nelson started at FS at Detroit and had one tackle. Jeromy Miles made the team last year as a college free agent and had a productive six games of playing time on special teams. He had one tackle at Detroit. Tom Nelson, who had a promising year as a college free agent in 2009, looks for a full season of 2011 action after being limited by injuries to eight games last year. T. Nelson had a tackle at Detroit and led the special teams with two tackles. With veteran numbers a bit depleted in the safety ranks to start this year, fifth-round draft pick Robert Sands of West Virginia will have an opportunity to earn playing time. Sands has great athletic ability for his size (6-4, 217) and was named a first-team 2010 All-American by The Sporting News. His power led West Virginia to use him occasionally as a nickel LB and as an edge pass rusher out of a three-point stance. Sands had four tackles at Detroit. Veteran Gibril Wilson, acquired last season as a free agent, hopes to make his first significant Bengals contribution this season. He missed all of last season with a knee injury suffered in preseason. He is still in rehab as 2011 opens and did not play at Detroit, but he returned to practice the week of the game. He re-signed with Cincinnati as a free agent as this year's training camp opened.

Special teams: The Bengals lost a top point-producer in Game 9 of last season when K Mike Nugent was felled by a season-ending knee injury, but Nugent has been cleared to resume all team activity for 2011. Nugent made 15 of 19 field goal attempts last season, and among his four misses, two were from 50-plus yards and a third was

blocked due to a protection breakdown. He was named AFC Special Teams Player of the Month for September. Nugent was one-for-two on FGs at Detroit, hitting from 27 yards and missing wide right from 42. Another K in camp is college free agent Thomas Weber of Arizona State. Weber shared kickoff duties with Nugent at Detroit and did not have a FG attempt. At punter, Cincinnati native Kevin Huber returns for his third NFL and Bengals season. Huber has averaged 42.7 yards per punt in his career, with 52 inside-20 kicks against just 16 touchbacks. He also has been the holder for place kicks. Huber averaged 50.6 yards on five punts at Detroit but had two touchbacks against one inside-20. WR Quan Cosby has been the Bengals' primary punt returner the last two seasons, since signing as a college free agent. He has averaged 10.0

yards per return, and having met the required minimum of 50 returns, he enters 2011 as the franchise career leader in return average. In 110 career punts fielded (70 returns and 40 fair catches), Cosby has not suffered a lost muff or fumble. But Cosby missed the Detroit game with a hamstring strain, and WR Jordan Shipley handled punt returns. Another third-year Bengal, HB Bernard Scott, opens camp in the No. 1 kickoff return role. He averaged 22.4 yards on 56 returns last year, and in 2009, he had a 96-yarder for a TD. But Scott missed the Detroit game with a hamstring strain, and rookies Jay Finley and John Griffin handled kickoff returns. On coverage teams, the Bengals open with most of their top tacklers from last year returning, led by LB Dan Skuta (16 tackles). Third-year pro Clark Harris is in the No. 1 long snapper spot. He has made 232 snaps with no unplayable deliveries since joining the Bengals during the 2009 season. Harris played at Detroit.

Pronunciation guide

Victor Adeyanju..... ah-DAY-ahn-jew
Geno Atkins..... JEE-no
Colin Cochart..... KO-shart
Quan Cosby..... KWAHN
DeQuin Evans..... de-QUINN
Robert Geathers..... (pronounced as "gathers")
Brandon Ghee..... JEE
Jermaine Gresham..... jer-MAIN GRESH-em
Paul Guenther (asst. special teams/asst. DBs coach)..... GUN-thur
Max Jean-Gilles..... jeen-GILL-iss
Dan LeFevour..... le-FEE-ver

Rey Mauluga..... RAY mow(rhymes with "now")-uh-LOO-guh
Lolomana Mikaele..... lo-lo-MAH-nah mee-kah-EL-ee
Dontay Moch..... DAWN-tay MOKE
John Nalbone..... NOW-bone
Domata Peko..... DOE-mah-tah PECK-o
Vincent Rey..... RAY
Bo Scaife..... SKAYF (sounds like "safe" with a "K")
Dan Skuta..... SKOO-tuh
Fui Vakapuna..... FOO-ee vah-kuh-POO-nuh
Gibril Wilson..... jih-BRILL
Ken Zampese (quarterbacks coach)..... zam-PEE-zee

Transactions

(Transactions listed are only those which have occurred in 2011.)

Jan. 3 — Signed five practice squad players to the offseason roster: FB James Develin, OT Andrew Gardner, S Cary Harris, G Otis Hudson, DE James Ruffin.
Jan. 9 — The practice squad contract expired for LB Tim Knicky.
Jan. 10 — The contract for S Cary Harris was disapproved by the NFL.
Jan. 31 — Announced that offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski will not return to coaching staff in 2011.
Feb. 3 — Hired Jay Gruden as offensive coordinator.
Feb. 10 — The roster exemption of CB David Pender was lifted.
Feb. 14 — WRs coach Mike Sheppard accepted a position with the Jacksonville Jaguars.
Feb. 15 — Assistant DBs coach Louie Cioffi accepted a position with the Arizona Cardinals.
Feb. 21 — Added assistant coaches James Urban (wide receivers) and David Lippincott (defensive quality control); Changed the title of assistant special teams/assistant linebackers coach Paul Guenther to assistant special teams/assistant defensive backs.
April 28 — Selected one player in annual NFL draft: WR A.J. Green of Georgia in Round 1 (fourth overall).
April 29 — Selected two players in annual NFL draft: QB Andy Dalton of Texas Christian (35th overall) and LB Dontay Moch of Nevada (66th).
April 30 — Selected five players in annual NFL draft: G Clint Boling of Georgia in Round 4 (101st overall), S Robert Sands of West Virginia in Round 5 (134th), WR Ryan Whalen of Stanford in Round 6 (167th), CB Korey Lindsey of Southern Illinois in Round 7 (207th) and HB Jay Finley of Baylor in Round 7 (246th).
July 28 — Signed the following four draft picks: WR A.J. Green (D1), S Robert Sands (D5), WR Ryan Whalen (D6) and CB Korey Lindsey (D7a); Signed the following 17 college free agents: TE Colin Cochart (South Dakota State), WR Landon Cox (Northern Illinois), LS Neal Dahlman (Bowling Green State), LB Keith Darbut (Baldwin-Wallace College), LB DeQuin Evans (Kentucky), LB Stephen Franklin (Southern Illinois),

HB John Griffin (Massachusetts), WR Jamere Holland (Lindenwood), WR Bart Johnson (Texas Christian), S Brian Lainhart (Kent State), DT Lolomana Mikaele (Arizona), OT Matthew O'Donnell (Queen's [Canada]), G Chris Riley (Illinois State), HB Steven Robinson (Hampton), K Thomas Weber (Arizona State), G Mark Wetterer (Louisville), HB Jonathan Williams (East Carolina).
July 29 — Re-signed the following four restricted free agents: C Kyle Cook (RFA-Cin.), G Nate Livings (RFA-Cin.), QB Jordan Palmer (RFA-Cin.) and OT Dennis Roland (RFA-Cin.); Re-signed the following five exclusive rights players: WR Quan Cosby, LS/TE Clark Harris, S Tom Nelson, HB Cedric Peerman and LB Dan Skuta; Signed the following two draft picks: G Clint Boling (D4) and HB Jay Finley (D7b); Signed C/G Ryan McKnight (South Dakota State) as a college free agent; Placed QB Carson Palmer on the Reserve/Did Not Report list; Traded WR Chad Ochocinco to the New England Patriots for undisclosed draft choices; Terminated the contract of DE Antwan Odom (Non-Football Injury); Waived WR Shay Hodge, OT Andrew Mitchell (Non-Football Injury) and K Clint Stitser.
July 30 — Signed the following four unrestricted free agents: QB Bruce Gradkowski (UFA-Oak.), LB Thomas Howard (UFA-Oak.), HB Brian Leonard (UFA-Cin.), S Gibril Wilson (UFA-Cin.); Signed the following two draft picks: QB Andy Dalton (D2) and LB Dontay Moch (D3).
July 31 — CB Johnathan Joseph (UFA-Cin.) signed by Houston; G Evan Mathis (UFA-Cin.) signed by Philadelphia.
Aug. 1 — Signed CB Nate Clements (FA); Acquired WR Andrew Hawkins on waivers from St. Louis.
Aug. 2 — Signed G Max Jean-Gilles (UFA-Phil.); Waived LS Neal Dahlman and LB Keith Darbut.
Aug. 3 — Signed HB Cedric Benson (UFA-Cin.); LB Brandon Johnson (UFA-Cin.) and

(Transactions, continued)

- Aug. 4 — LB Manny Lawson (UFA-S.F.).
— Acquired TE John Nalbone on waivers from Philadelphia; Waived HB Steven Robinson.
- Aug. 5 — Signed TE Bo Scaife (UFA-Tenn.); Waived C/G Ryan McKnight.
- Aug. 8 — Waived S Brian Lainhart and G Mark

- Aug. 11 — Wetterer.
— Signed WR John Standeford (FA);
OT Kirk Chambers (UFA-Cin.) signed with Detroit.

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

Important dates

- Aug. 13-17 — Each Club has five days prior to its second preseason game to provide any tendered but unsigned Exclusive Rights Player or Restricted Free Agent with written notice of the Club's intent to place the player on the Exempt List if the player fails to report at least the day before the Club's second preseason game.
- Aug. 20 — Deadline for signing of Offer Sheets by Restricted Free Agents.
- Aug. 21 — Preseason Game 2, Bengals at NY Jets, 7 p.m. EDT.
- Aug. 24 — Deadline for Old Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.
- Aug. 25 — Preseason Game 3, Bengals vs. Carolina at Paul Brown Stadium, 7 p.m. EDT.

- Aug. 25 — Deadline for June 1 Tender to Restricted Free Agents who have received a Qualifying Offer for Right of First Refusal only. The Prior Club shall be the only Club with which the player may negotiate or sign a Player Contract during the period from Aug. 25 until the Tuesday following the 10th week of the regular season.
- Aug. 30 — Possible roster reduction from 90 players to 75 (this requirement is TBD).
- Sept. 1 — Preseason Game 4, Bengals vs. Indianapolis at Paul Brown Stadium, 7:30 p.m. EDT.
- Sept. 3 — Roster reduction to 53 players.
- Sept. 3 — Signing period ends for Unrestricted Free Agents who received the June 1 tender.
- Sept. 11 — Game 1, Bengals at Cleveland, 1 p.m. EDT.

2011 preseason participation chart

Legend

(position abbreviation indicates start)

P — played as a substitute
 DNP — did not play
 RI — reserve/injured list

RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list
 RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list
 NWT — not with team

REX — roster exemption
 # — unsigned draft pick

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @Det.	2 @NYJ	3 CAR.	4 IND.
Adeyanju, Victor	1-0	P			
Atkins, Geno	1-1	DT			
Bennett, Fred	1-0	P			
Benson, Cedric	1-1	HB			
Boling, Clint	1-0	P			
Caldwell, Andre	0-0	DNP			
Clements, Nate	1-1	LCB			
Cochart, Colin	1-0	P			
Coffman, Chase	1-0	P			
Collins, Anthony	1-0	P			
Cook, Kyle	1-1	C			
Cosby, Quan	0-0	DNP			
Cox, Landon	0-0	DNP			
Crocker, Chris	1-1	SS			
Dalton, Andy	1-1	QB			
Develin, James	1-0	P			
Dunlap, Carlos	0-0	DNP			
Evans, DeQuin	1-0	P			
Finley, Jay	1-0	P			
Franklin, Stephen	1-0	P			
Gardner, Andrew	1-0	P			
Geathers, Robert	1-1	LDE			
Ghee, Brandon	0-0	DNP			
Gradkowski, Bruce	1-0	P			
Green, A.J.	1-1	WR			
Gresham, Jermaine	1-1	TE			
Griffin, John	1-0	P			
Hall, Leon	1-1	RCB			
Harris, Clark	1-0	P			
Hawkins, Andrew	0-0	DNP			
Holland, Jamere	0-0	DNP			
Howard, Thomas	1-1	WLB			
Huber, Kevin	1-0	P			
Hudson, Otis	0-0	DNP			
Jean-Gilles, Max	1-0	P			
Johnson, Bart	1-0	P			
Johnson, Brandon	1-0	P			
Johnson, Michael	1-1	RDE			
Johnson, Tank	0-0	DNP			
Jones, Adam	0-0	DNP			
Lawson, Manny	1-1	SLB			
LeFevour, Dan	1-0	P			
Leonard, Brian	1-0	P			
Lindsey, Korey	1-0	P			
Livings, Nate	1-1	LG			
Mauluga, Rey	1-1	MLB			
McDonald, Clinton	1-0	P			
Mikaele, Lolomana	0-0	DNP			
Miles, Jeromy	1-0	P			
Mills, Garrett	0-0	DNP			
Moch, Dontay	1-0	P			
Muckelroy, Roddrick	0-0	DNP			
Murray, Rico	1-0	P			
Nalbone, John	1-0	P			
Nelson, Reggie	1-1	FS			
Nelson, Tom	1-0	P			
Nugent, Mike	1-0	P			
O'Donnell, Matthew	1-0	P			
Palmer, Jordan	1-0	P			
Peerman, Cedric	0-0	DNP			
Peko, Domata	1-1	NT			
Pender, David	1-0	P			
Pressley, Chris	1-1	FB			
Rey, Vincent	1-0	P			
Riley, Chris	1-0	P			
Rivers, Keith	0-0	DNP			
Roland, Dennis	1-0	P			
Rucker, Frostee	1-0	P			
Ruffin, James	1-0	P			
Sands, Robert	1-0	P			
Scaife, Bo	1-0	P			
Scott, Bernard	0-0	DNP			
Shipley, Jordan	1-0	P			
Shirley, Jason	1-0	P			
Simpson, Jerome	1-1	WR			
Sims, Pat	0-0	DNP			
Skuta, Dan	1-0	P			
Smith, Andre	1-1	ROT			
Standeford, John	1-0	P			
Stephens, Reggie	1-0	P			
Trent, Morgan	1-0	P			
Vakapuna, Fui	1-0	P			
Wade, Jonathan	0-0	DNP			
Weber, Thomas	1-0	P			
Whalen, Ryan	0-0	DNP			
Whitworth, Andrew	1-1	LOT			
Williams, Bobbie	1-1	RG			
Williams, Jonathan	1-0	P			
Wilson, Gibril	0-0	DNP			

Depth chart

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OFFENSE

WR	89	JEROME SIMPSON	<u>88</u>	<u>Ryan Whalen</u>	12	Quan Cosby
					19	<u>Andrew Hawkins</u>
					17	<u>Jamere Holland</u>
LOT	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	73	Anthony Collins	76	<u>Matthew O'Donnell</u>
LG	62	NATE LIVINGS	66	Max Jean-Gilles	65	<u>Clint Boling</u>
C	64	KYLE COOK	61	Reggie Stephens	65	<u>Clint Boling</u>
RG	63	BOBBIE WILLIAMS	60	Otis Hudson	72	<u>Chris Riley</u>
ROT	71	ANDRE SMITH	74	Dennis Roland	75	Andrew Gardner
TE	84	JERMAINE GRESHAM	80	Chase Coffman	83	Bo Scaife
					86	Garrett Mills
					48	John Nalbone
					81	<u>Colin Cochart</u>
WR	<u>18</u>	<u>A.J. GREEN</u>	87	Andre Caldwell	11	Jordan Shipley
					16	<u>Landon Cox</u>
					13	<u>Bart Johnson</u>
					85	John Standeford
QB	<u>14</u>	<u>ANDY DALTON</u>	7	Bruce Gradkowski	5	Jordan Palmer
					8	Dan LeFevour
HB	32	CEDRIC BENSON	28	Bernard Scott	40	Brian Leonard
					30	Cedric Peerman
					33	<u>Jay Finley</u>
					34	<u>John Griffin</u>
					38	<u>Jonathan Williams</u>
FB	36	CHRIS PRESSLEY	37	Fui Vakapuna	35	James Develin

DEFENSE

LDE	91	ROBERT GEATHERS	96	Carlos Dunlap	67	James Ruffin
NT	94	DOMATA PEKO	70	Jason Shirley	<u>98</u>	<u>Lolomana Mikaele</u>
					(90)	Pat Sims)
DT	99	TANK JOHNSON	97	Geno Atkins	69	Clinton McDonald
RDE	93	MICHAEL JOHNSON	92	Frostee Rucker	95	Victor Adeyanju
SLB	50	MANNY LAWSON	<u>52</u>	<u>Dontay Moch</u>	41	<u>Stephen Franklin</u>
MLB	58	REY MAUALUGA	51	Dan Skuta	<u>54</u>	<u>DeQuin Evans</u>
					(56)	Roddrick Muckelroy)
WLB	53	THOMAS HOWARD	59	Brandon Johnson	57	Vincent Rey
					(55)	Keith Rivers)
LCB	22	NATE CLEMENTS	25	Morgan Trent	44	Rico Murray
					21	Brandon Ghee
					<u>38</u>	<u>Korey Lindsey</u>
					(24)	Adam Jones)
RCB	29	LEON HALL	23	Fred Bennett	26	Jonathan Wade
					39	David Pender
SS	42	CHRIS CROCKER	27	Gibril Wilson	45	Jeromy Miles
FS	20	REGGIE NELSON	43	Tom Nelson	<u>49</u>	<u>Robert Sands</u>

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	2	Mike Nugent	<u>3</u>	<u>Thomas Weber</u>		
H	10	Kevin Huber				
LS	46	Clark Harris				
PR	12	Quan Cosby	11	Jordan Shipley	<u>17</u>	<u>Jamere Holland</u>
KOR	28	Bernard Scott	87	Andre Caldwell	12	Quan Cosby
					30	Cedric Peerman
					<u>17</u>	<u>Jamere Holland</u>

NOTE: Players whose names are CAPITALIZED are anticipated starters. Players whose names are in (parentheses) are on the Active/Physically Unable to Perform list or the Active/Non-Football Injury list, or they are considered out for the season with an injury. Rookies are underlined.

Alphabetical roster

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
95	Adeyanju, Victor	DE	6-4	270	2-11-83	6	Indiana	Chicago, Ill.	FA'10
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	2	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
23	Bennett, Fred	CB	6-1	200	12-31-83	5	South Carolina	Manning, S.C.	FA'10
32	Benson, Cedric	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	7	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
65	Boling, Clint	G/C	6-5	311	5-9-89	R	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
87	Caldwell, Andre	WR	6-0	190	4-15-85	4	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
22	Clements, Nate	CB	6-0	200	12-12-79	11	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, Ohio	FA'11
81	Cochart, Colin	TE	6-4	254	7-7-87	R	South Dakota State	Kewaunee, Wis.	CFA'11
80	Coffman, Chase	TE	6-6	250	11-10-86	3	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09
73	Collins, Anthony	OT	6-5	315	11-2-85	4	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
64	Cook, Kyle	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	4	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
12	Cosby, Quan	WR	5-9	189	12-23-82	3	Texas	Mart, Texas	CFA'09
16	Cox, Landon	WR	6-2	218	6-19-89	R	Northern Illinois	South Holland, Ill.	CFA'11
42	Crocker, Chris	S	5-11	197	3-9-80	9	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	R	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
35	Develin, James	FB	6-3	251	7-23-88	1	Brown	Gilbertville, Pa.	FA'10
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	289	2-28-89	2	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
54	Evans, DeQuin	LB	6-2	250	5-17-87	R	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'11
33	Finley, Jay	HB	5-11	202	5-15-88	R	Baylor	Corsicana, Texas	D7b'11
41	Franklin, Stephen	LB	5-11	236	9-26-88	R	Southern Illinois	Kansas City, Mo.	CFA'11
75	Gardner, Andrew	OT	6-6	310	4-4-86	2	Georgia Tech	Tyrone, Ga.	FA'10
91	Geathers, Robert	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	8	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
21	Ghee, Brandon	CB	6-0	193	6-6-87	2	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
7	Gradkowski, Bruce	QB	6-1	220	1-27-83	6	Toledo	Pittsburgh, Pa.	UFA(Oak.)'11
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	207	7-31-88	R	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
84	Gresham, Jermaine	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	2	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
34	Griffin, John	HB	5-11	203	12-17-88	R	Massachusetts	Austin, Texas	CFA'11
29	Hall, Leon	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	5	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
46	Harris, Clark	LS	6-5	252	7-10-84	3	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
19	Hawkins, Andrew	WR	5-7	175	3-10-86	R	Toledo	Johnstown, Pa.	W(STL.)'11
17	Holland, Jamere	WR	5-11	183	3-6-88	R	Lindenwood	Flint, Mich.	CFA'11
53	Howard, Thomas	LB	6-3	240	7-14-83	6	Texas-El Paso	Lubbock, Texas	UFA(Oak.)'11
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	208	7-16-85	3	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
60	Hudson, Otis	G	6-5	311	7-19-86	1	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
66	Jean-Gilles, Max	G	6-3	325	11-19-83	6	Georgia	Miami, Fla.	UFA(Phil.)'11
13	Johnson, Bart	WR	5-11	190	5-2-88	R	Texas Christian	Brownwood, Texas	CFA'11
59	Johnson, Brandon	LB	6-5	245	4-5-83	6	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
93	Johnson, Michael	DE	6-7	267	2-7-87	3	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
99	Johnson, Tank	DT	6-3	320	12-7-81	8	Washington	Tempe, Ariz.	UFA(Dall.)'09
24	Jones, Adam	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	5	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
50	Lawson, Manny	LB	6-5	240	7-3-84	6	North Carolina State	Goldboro, N.C.	UFA(S.F.)'11
8	LeFevour, Dan	QB	6-3	225	3-19-87	2	Central Michigan	Downers Grove, Ill.	W(Chi.)'10
40	Leonard, Brian	HB	6-1	225	2-3-84	5	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(STL.)'09
38	Lindsey, Korey	CB	5-10	189	2-3-89	R	Southern Illinois	Baton Rouge, La.	D7a'11
62	Livingston, Nate	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	4	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
58	Maulaluga, Rey	LB	6-2	360	1-20-87	3	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
69	McDonald, Clinton	DT	6-2	305	1-6-87	2	Memphis	Jacksonville, Ark.	D7b'09
98	Mikaele, Lolomana	DT	6-1	308	11-18-87	R	Arizona	Honolulu, Hawaii	CFA'11
45	Miles, Jeremy	S	6-2	210	7-20-87	2	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
86	Mills, Garrett	TE	6-1	235	10-12-83	6	Tulsa	Jenks, Okla.	W(Phil.)'10
52	Moch, Dontay	LB	6-2	241	7-19-88	R	Nevada	Phoenix, Ariz.	D3'11
56	Muckelroy, Rodrick	LB	6-2	245	10-27-86	2	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
44	Murray, Rico	CB	5-11	196	8-21-87	2	Kent State	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'09
48	Nalbone, John	TE	6-4	255	5-14-86	2	Monmouth University	Lawrenceville, N.J.	W(Phil.)'11
20	Nelson, Reggie	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	5	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
43	Nelson, Tom	S	5-11	201	12-4-86	3	Illinois State	Arlington Heights, Ill.	CFA'09
2	Nugent, Mike	K	5-10	183	3-2-82	7	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
76	O'Donnell, Matthew	OT	6-9	328	3-26-89	R	Queen's (Canada)	Kingston (Ontario, Canada)	CFA'11
5	Palmer, Jordan	QB	6-5	228	5-30-84	4	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
30	Peerman, Cedric	HB	5-10	211	10-10-86	2	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	6	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
39	Pender, David	CB	6-0	177	12-4-87	1	Purdue	Folkston, Ga.	W(Ind.)'10
36	Pressley, Chris	FB	5-11	256	8-8-86	3	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	PS(Cin.)'10
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-2	247	9-6-87	1	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
72	Riley, Chris	G	6-4	304	10-25-87	R	Illinois State	Wadsworth, Ill.	CFA'11
55	Rivers, Keith	LB	6-2	235	5-5-86	4	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
74	Roland, Dennis	OT	6-9	322	3-10-83	4	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
92	Rucker, Frostee	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	6	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
67	Ruffin, James	DE	6-4	271	2-6-87	1	Northern Iowa	Burnsville, Minn.	FA'10
49	Sands, Robert	S	6-4	209	11-3-89	R	West Virginia	Carol City, Fla.	D5'11
83	Scaife, Bo	TE	6-3	249	1-6-81	7	Texas	Denver, Colo.	UFA(Tenn.)'11
28	Scott, Bernard	HB	5-10	198	2-10-84	3	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
11	Shiple, Jordan	WR	6-0	188	12-23-85	2	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10
70	Shirley, Jason	DT	6-5	345	9-30-85	2	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08
89	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	190	2-4-86	4	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	4	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
51	Skuta, Dan	LB	6-2	248	4-21-86	3	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
71	Smith, Andre	OT	6-4	335	1-25-87	3	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
85	Standeford, John	WR	6-4	200	4-15-82	2	Purdue	Monrovia, Ind.	FA'11
61	Stephens, Reggie	C	6-3	325	8-28-87	2	Iowa State	Rowlett, Texas	D7'10
25	Trent, Morgan	CB	6-1	193	12-14-85	3	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
37	Vakapuna, Fui	FB	6-0	257	3-9-84	3	Brigham Young	Glendale, Utah	PS(Ariz.)'09
26	Wade, Jonathan	CB	5-11	195	3-27-84	5	Tennessee	Shreveport, La.	FA'10
3	Weber, Thomas	K	6-0	204	9-27-87	R	Arizona State	Downey, Calif.	CFA'11
88	Whalen, Ryan	WR	6-1	202	7-26-89	R	Stanford	Alamo, Calif.	D6'11
77	Whitworth, Andrew	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	6	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
63	Williams, Bobbie	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	12	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
38	Williams, Jonathan	HB	6-0	204	8-21-88	R	East Carolina	Greenville, N.C.	CFA'11
27	Wilson, Gibril	S	6-0	206	11-12-81	8	Tennessee	San Jose, Calif.	FA'10

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Numerical roster

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
2	Mike Nugent	K	5-10	183	3-2-82	7	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
3	Thomas Weber	K	6-0	204	9-27-87	R	Arizona State	Downey, Calif.	CFA'11
5	Jordan Palmer	QB	6-5	228	5-30-84	4	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
7	Bruce Gradkowski	QB	6-1	220	1-27-83	6	Toledo	Pittsburgh, Pa.	UFA(Oak.)'11
8	Dan LeFevour	QB	6-3	225	3-19-87	2	Central Michigan	Downers Grove, Ill.	W(Chi.)'10
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	208	7-16-85	3	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Jordan Shipley	WR	6-0	188	12-23-85	2	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10
12	Quan Cosby	WR	5-9	189	12-23-82	3	Texas	Mart, Texas	CFA'09
13	Bart Johnson	WR	5-11	190	5-2-88	R	Texas Christian	Brownwood, Texas	CFA'11
14	Andy Dalton	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	R	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
16	Landon Cox	WR	6-2	218	6-19-89	R	Northern Illinois	South Holland, Ill.	CFA'11
17	Jamere Holland	WR	5-11	183	3-6-88	R	Lindenwood	Pacoima, Calif.	CFA'11
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	207	7-31-88	R	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
19	Andrew Hawkins	WR	5-7	175	3-10-86	R	Toledo	Johnstown, Pa.	W(STL.)'11
20	Reggie Nelson	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	5	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
21	Brandon Ghee	CB	6-0	193	6-6-87	2	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
22	Nate Clements	CB	6-0	200	12-12-79	11	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, Ohio	FA'11
23	Fred Bennett	CB	6-1	200	12-31-83	5	South Carolina	Manning, S.C.	FA'10
24	Adam Jones	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	5	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
25	Morgan Trent	CB	6-1	193	12-14-85	3	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
26	Jonathan Wade	CB	5-11	195	3-27-84	5	Tennessee	Shreveport, La.	FA'10
27	Gibril Wilson	S	6-0	206	11-12-81	8	Tennessee	San Jose, Calif.	FA'10
28	Bernard Scott	HB	5-10	198	2-10-84	3	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
29	Leon Hall	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	5	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
30	Cedric Peerman	HB	5-10	211	10-10-86	2	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
32	Cedric Benson	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	7	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
33	Jay Finley	HB	5-11	202	5-15-88	R	Baylor	Corsicana, Texas	D7b'11
34	John Griffin	HB	5-11	203	12-17-88	R	Massachusetts	Austin, Texas	CFA'11
35	James Develin	FB	6-3	251	7-23-88	1	Brown	Gilbertsville, Pa.	FA'10
36	Chris Pressley	FB	5-11	256	8-8-86	3	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	PS(Cin.)'10
37	Fui Vakapuna	FB	6-0	257	3-9-84	3	Brigham Young	Glendale, Utah	PS(Ariz.)'09
38	Korey Lindsey	CB	5-10	189	2-3-89	R	Southern Illinois	Baton Rouge, La.	D7a'11
38	Jonathan Williams	HB	6-0	204	8-21-88	R	East Carolina	Greenville, N.C.	CFA'11
39	David Pender	CB	6-0	177	12-4-87	1	Purdue	Folkston, Ga.	W(Ind.)'10
40	Brian Leonard	HB	6-1	225	2-3-84	5	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(STL.)'09
41	Stephen Franklin	LB	5-11	236	9-26-88	R	Southern Illinois	Kansas City, Mo.	CFA'11
42	Chris Crocker	S	5-11	197	3-9-80	9	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
43	Tom Nelson	S	5-11	201	12-4-86	3	Illinois State	Arlington Heights, Ill.	CFA'09
44	Rico Murray	CB	5-11	196	8-21-87	2	Kent State	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'09
45	Jeromy Miles	S	6-2	210	7-20-87	2	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	252	7-10-84	3	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
48	John Nalbhone	TE	6-4	255	5-14-86	2	Monmouth University	Lawrenceville, N.J.	W(Phil.)'11
49	Robert Sands	S	6-4	209	11-3-89	R	West Virginia	Carol City, Fla.	D5'11
50	Manny Lawson	LB	6-5	240	7-3-84	6	North Carolina State	Goldsboro, N.C.	UFA(S.F.)'11
51	Dan Skuta	LB	6-2	248	4-21-86	3	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
52	Dontay Moch	LB	6-2	241	7-19-88	R	Nevada	Phoenix, Ariz.	D3'11
53	Thomas Howard	LB	6-3	240	7-14-83	6	Texas-El Paso	Lubbock, Texas	UFA(Oak.)'11
54	DeQuin Evans	LB	6-2	250	5-17-87	R	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'11
55	Keith Rivers	LB	6-2	235	5-5-86	4	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
56	Roddrick Muckelroy	LB	6-2	245	10-27-86	2	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
57	Vincent Rey	LB	6-2	247	9-6-87	1	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
58	Rey Maulaluga	LB	6-2	260	1-20-87	3	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
59	Brandon Johnson	LB	6-5	245	4-5-83	6	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
60	Otis Hudson	G	6-5	311	7-19-86	1	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
61	Reggie Stephens	C	6-3	325	8-28-87	2	Iowa State	Rowlett, Texas	D7'10
62	Nate Livings	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	4	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
63	Bobbie Williams	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	12	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
64	Kyle Cook	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	4	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
65	Clint Boling	G/C	6-5	311	5-9-89	R	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
66	Max Jean-Gilles	G	6-3	325	11-19-83	6	Georgia	Miami, Fla.	UFA(Phil.)'11
67	James Ruffin	DE	6-4	271	2-6-87	1	Northern Iowa	Burnsville, Minn.	FA'10
69	Clinton McDonald	DT	6-2	305	1-6-87	2	Memphis	Jacksonville, Ark.	D7b'09
70	Jason Shirley	DT	6-5	345	9-30-85	2	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08
71	Andre Smith	OT	6-4	335	1-25-87	3	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
72	Chris Riley	G	6-4	304	10-25-87	R	Illinois State	Wadsworth, Ill.	CFA'11
73	Anthony Collins	OT	6-5	315	11-2-85	4	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
74	Dennis Roland	OT	6-9	322	3-10-83	4	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
75	Andrew Gardner	OT	6-6	310	4-4-86	2	Georgia Tech	Tyrone, Ga.	FA'10
76	Matthew O'Donnell	OT	6-9	328	3-26-89	R	Queen's (Canada)	Kingston (Ontario, Canada)	CFA'11
77	Andrew Whitworth	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	6	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
80	Chase Coffman	TE	6-6	250	11-10-86	3	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09
81	Colin Cochart	TE	6-4	254	7-7-87	R	South Dakota State	Kewaunee, Wis.	CFA'11
83	Bo Scaife	TE	6-3	249	1-6-81	7	Texas	Denver, Colo.	UFA(Tenn.)'11
84	Jermaine Gresham	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	2	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
85	John Standeford	WR	6-4	200	4-15-82	2	Purdue	Monrovia, Ind.	FA'11
86	Garrett Mills	TE	6-1	235	10-12-83	6	Tulsa	Jenks, Okla.	W(Phil.)'10
87	Andre Caldwell	WR	6-0	190	4-15-85	4	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
88	Ryan Whalen	WR	6-1	202	7-26-89	R	Stanford	Alamo, Calif.	D6'11
89	Jerome Simpson	WR	6-2	190	2-4-86	4	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Pat Sims	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	4	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
91	Robert Geathers	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	8	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
92	Frostee Rucker	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	6	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
93	Michael Johnson	DE	6-7	267	2-7-87	3	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
94	Domata Peko	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	6	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
95	Victor Adeyanju	DE	6-4	270	2-11-83	6	Indiana	Chicago, Ill.	FA'10
96	Carlos Dunlap	DE	6-6	289	2-28-89	2	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	2	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
98	Lolomana Mikaele	DT	6-1	308	11-18-87	R	Arizona	Honolulu, Hawaii	CFA'11
99	Tank Johnson	DT	6-3	320	12-7-81	8	Washington	Tempe, Ariz.	UFA(Dall.)'09

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2011 preseason defensive statistics

(The following statistics were compiled using 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. Clinton McDonald.....	5	3	8	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
2. Dan Skuta	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
3. Rey Maualuga.....	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
4. Vincent Rey.....	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Robert Sands.....	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Victor Adeyanju.....	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Stephen Franklin.....	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Frostee Rucker.....	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
9. Leon Hall.....	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Brandon Johnson.....	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jason Shirley.....	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
12. Jeromy Miles.....	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Manny Lawson.....	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tom Nelson.....	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
15. Geno Atkins.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Fred Bennett.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Chris Crocker.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
DeQuin Evans.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Rico Murray.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Reggie Nelson.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Morgan Trent.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Robert Geathers.....	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Thomas Howard.....	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Domata Peko.....	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
James Ruffin.....	0	1	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. Tom Nelson.....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
2. Fred Bennett.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brian Leonard.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Dontay Moch.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

2011 preseason statistics

Record: 0-1

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
8-12	L	3-34	at Detroit	42,768
8-21			at N.Y. Jets	
8-25			CAROLINA	
9-1			INDIANAPOLIS	

TEAM STATISTICS		CIN.	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		14	18
Rushing		4	3
Passing		7	14
Penalty		3	1
3rd Down: Made-Att		4-13	8-17
3rd Down Pct.		30.8	47.1
4th Down: Made-Att		0-1	1-1
4th Down Pct.		0.0	100.0
POSSESSION AVG.		27:34	32:26
TOTAL NET YARDS		205	350
Avg. Per Game		205.0	350.0
Total Plays		53	66
Avg. Per Play		3.9	5.3
NET YARDS RUSHING		70	70
Avg. Per Game		70.0	70.0
Total Rushes		21	33
NET YARDS PASSING		135	280
Avg. Per Game		135.0	280.0
Sacked-Yards Lost		1-6	0-0
Gross Yards		141	280
Att.-Completions		31-19	33-23
Completion Pct.		61.3	69.7
Had Intercepted		2	0
PUNTS-AVG.		5-50.6	5-42.2
Net Punting Avg.		5-39.8	5-33.2
PENALTIES-YARDS		4-49	6-74
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST		1-1	1-0
TOUCHDOWNS		0	4
Rushing		0	1
Passing		0	3
Returns		0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
BENGALS	0	3	0	0	0	3
OPPONENTS	14	10	0	10	0	34

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt.	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS.
Nugent	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-2	0	3
BENGALS	0	0	0	0	0-0	1-2	0	3
OPPONENTS	4	1	3	0	4-4	2-2	0	34

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

Sacks-yards: None. BENGALS 0-0, OPPONENTS 1-6.

Fumbles-lost: John Griffin 1-1. BENGALS 1-1, OPPONENTS 1-0.

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Cedric Benson	6	37	6.2	16	0
Jay Finley	7	15	2.1	8	0
Brian Leonard	4	10	2.5	4	0
John Griffin	2	8	4.0	5	0
Jonathan Williams	2	0	0.0	2	0
BENGALS	21	70	3.3	16	0
OPPONENTS	33	70	2.1	17	1

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Jordan Shipley	4	37	9.3	12	0
A.J. Green	4	29	7.3	11	0
Jay Finley	3	14	4.7	8	0
John Standeford	2	25	12.5	18	0
Jerome Simpson	2	17	8.5	10	0
Chase Coffman	1	9	9.0	9	0
Jonathan Williams	1	7	7.0	7	0
Jermaine Gresham	1	3	3.0	3	0
Bo Scaife	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	19	141	7.4	18	0
OPPONENTS	23	280	12.2	32	3

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
(None)	0	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	2	0	0.0	0	0

PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	NET	TB	IN-20	LG.	BLK.
Kevin Huber	5	253	50.6	39.8	2	1	59	0
BENGALS	5	253	50.6	39.8	2	1	59	0
OPPONENTS	5	211	42.2	33.2	2	0	54	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	FC	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Shipley	1	1	5	5.0	5	0
BENGALS	1	1	5	5.0	5	0
OPPONENTS	2	1	14	7.0	8	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
John Griffin	2	34	17.0	20	0
Jay Finley	1	32	32.0	32	0
BENGALS	3	66	22.0	32	0
OPPONENTS	2	55	27.5	31	0

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

Mike Nugent: (27G, 42WR).

Opponents: (37G, 44G).

PASSING	ATT.	CMP.	YDS.	CMP.%	YDS./ATT.	TD	TD%	INT.	INT.%	LG	SKD.-YDS.	RAT.
Andy Dalton	15	11	69	73.3	4.60	0	0.0	1	6.7	11	1-6	54.6
Bruce Gradkowski	11	6	58	54.5	5.27	0	0.0	0	0.0	18	0-0	69.5
Jordan Palmer	4	1	7	25.0	1.75	0	0.0	1	25.0	7	0-0	0.0
Dan LeFevour	1	1	7	100.0	7.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	7	0-0	95.8
BENGALS	31	19	141	61.3	4.55	0	0.0	2	6.5	18	1-6	45.2
OPPONENTS	33	23	280	69.7	8.48	3	9.1	0	0.0	32	0-0	125.8