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Carolina Panthers (1-1) at Cincinnati Bengals (0-2)

*Preseason Game 3
Thursday, Aug. 25
at Paul Brown Stadium*

*Next up:
Preseason Game 4
Sept. 1 vs. Indianapolis*

Game information

Kickoff: 7 p.m. EDT.

Television: 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 (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati. The game is not a sellout and will be aired on tape delay in the Bengals home market. Air time on Channel 12 will be at 11:35 p.m., and air time on WKEF-TV (Ch. 22) in Dayton will be 11 p.m. The game will air live in Columbus and Lima, Ohio, and in Louisville, Ky. The network affiliate in Columbus is WSYX-TV (Ch. 6), the affiliate in Lima is WLIO-TV (Ch. 35), and the affiliate in Louisville is WRB-TV (Ch. 41).

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

Setting the scene: Give or take a couple of days, it's three weeks until the first Bengals kickoff that counts. Preparing to face the Carolina Panthers this week in the preseason home opener, head coach Marvin Lewis promises that his team will be ready for the regular season.

"It's a grind, and we are going to find the way," Lewis said after last week's 27-7 loss at the New York Jets, a decision that dropped the Bengals to 0-2 in preseason. "It's the core 53 guys who will be on the field (Sept. 11) at Cleveland, and I saw some positives from that group (against the Jets). The message for our veterans is, 'Don't accept mediocrity. Look hard at yourself and keep bringing people along with you.' We're pulling together some new pieces."

Cincinnati's second and third units did not show up well at New York. But despite a minus-two turnover differential, the first units trailed the Jets only 10-7 late in the second quarter, the point where Lewis began substituting liberally. The Jets, an AFC Championship Game participant each of the last two seasons, also went with their starters until just before halftime.

The Bengals defense helped pull the offense back into the game. The Jets began three of their first six possessions inside Cincinnati territory — two of those inside the red zone — but the defense held up, yielding a touchdown and a field goal and a missed field goal. On the other three Jets possessions that matched first units, New York punted three times, and twice after three-and-outs.

Bengals rookie wide receiver A.J. Green put the defense in its first hole with a catchable pass that deflected off his hands for an interception. And rookie QB Andy Dalton put the defense in hole No. 2 with an overthrown ball for a second INT.

But Dalton led the offense 70 yards in 11 plays for a second-quarter TD, capped by a Brian Leonard one-yard scoring run. Dalton completed six-of-eight passes for 68 yards on the march.

On third-down-and-seven from the 11-yard line, against one of the NFL's most complex defenses, he read coverage and checked off into a play that produced a 10-yard connection with WR Jordan Shipley to the Jets' one.

Dalton above all others knew it was good, but nothing to crow about.

"All I want to say is that it's about time," Dalton said of his first pro TD drive. "We did some good things, but we know we have to be a lot better than we are right now."

And they will, said LOT Andrew Whitworth, a veteran leader of the offense.

"We've looked and played, quite honestly, like a young offense," Whitworth said. "We've got key guys like Andy and A.J. going through things in the NFL for the first time. But we're fighting our butts off to move forward, and I think we showed that against the Jets. Really, we've endured two of the worst starts an offense could have in these first two games, but no one is down and everyone is together. The way I look at it, we've just gotten two bad starts out of the way that we won't have to worry about in the regular season."

Added Dalton:

"I'm glad it's a short week (Sunday to Thursday) before we play Carolina. We'll be looking ahead right away, not back, and I believe we'll come up with a performance that our home fans are going to like."

Dalton, drafted by Cincinnati in the second round, will match his talents against Carolina QB Cam Newton, the first overall pick in the draft.

The series: This week's game will be the first preseason meeting between the Bengals and Panthers.

The regular-season series is tied 2-2. The Bengals drew even last year with a 20-7 win at Carolina. Only one of the regular-season games has been played in Cincinnati, a 17-14 Bengals win in 2006.

The Bengals and Panthers will not meet in the 2011 regular season.

First time since Peyton in '98: Carolina rookie QB Cam Newton of Auburn, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2011 draft, is slated to start against the Bengals this week and perhaps play as much as three quarters. In so doing he'll become the first overall No. 1 since 1998 to face Cincinnati in his inaugural NFL preseason.

The last time it happened was Aug. 17, 1998, when QB Peyton Manning started for Indianapolis against the Bengals at Cinergy Field (formerly Riverfront Stadium). Playing in only his second pro preseason game, the University of Tennessee product started in a 30-27 Colts victory, passing five-for-11 for 112 yards with one TD and no INTs.

The last time the Bengals faced a rookie drafted No. 1 overall in the regular season was in 2009, when QB Matthew Stafford of

(First time since Peyton in '98, continued)

Georgia started for Detroit in a Dec. 6 game at Paul Brown Stadium. The Bengals, en route to the AFC North Division championship, defeated the Lions 23-13, limiting Stafford to 11 completions in 26 attempts, for 143 yards, one TD and two INTs.

Bengals-Panthers 2010 NFL rankings

	BENGALS	PANTHERS
SCORING (AVG. POINTS):		
Points scored	22nd (20.1)	32nd (12.3)
Points allowed	24th (24.7)	26th (25.5)
NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	20th (330.6)	32nd (258.4)
Rushing	27th (95.1)	13th (115.4)
Passing	13th (235.4)	32nd (143.1)
NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	15th (332.0)	18th (335.9)
Rushing	19th (115.2)	23rd (123.8)
Passing	T-14th (216.8)	11th (212.1)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-25th (minus-8)	T-25th (minus-8)

Bengals-Panthers connections: Panthers QB Tony Pike is a Cincinnati native (Reading HS) and played at the University of Cincinnati ... Bengals WR A.J. Green is from Summerville, S.C. ... Bengals WR Jerome Simpson played at Coastal Carolina and is from Reidsville, N.C. ... Bengals DE Robert Geathers is from Georgetown, S.C. ... Bengals DE Carlos Dunlap is from North Charleston, S.C. ... Bengals CB Brandon Ghee played at Wake Forest and is from Fayetteville, N.C. ... Bengals CB Fred Bennett played at South Carolina and is from Manning, S.C. ... Bengals LB Manny Lawson played at North Carolina State and is from Goldsboro, N.C. ... Bengals LB Vincent Rey played at Duke ... Bengals RB Jonathan Williams played at

East Carolina and is from Greenville, N.C. ... Bengals special teams coach Darrin Simmons was assistant special teams coach and assistant strength and conditioning coach for the Panthers from 1999-2002 ... Panthers OT Garry Williams played at Kentucky and is from Louisville, Ky. ... Panthers TE Gary Barnidge played at Louisville ... Panthers CB Chris Gamble, G Bryant Browning and TE Ben Hartsock played at Ohio State; Hartsock is from Chillicothe, Ohio ... Panthers DE Malcolm Tatum and WR Trent Guy played at Louisville ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton attended the University of North Carolina and was on the Panthers' coaching staff from 1995-98 ... Panthers defensive line coach Eric Washington coached at Ohio University from 2001-03 ... Panthers offensive coordinator Rod Chudzinski is from Toledo, Ohio ... Panthers offensive line coach John Matsko played at Kent State from 1970-72 and coached at Miami (Ohio) from 1974-75 ... Panthers defensive backs coach Ron Meeks was on the Bengals coaching staff from 1992-96.

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%)

Panthers 2010 red-zone report

PANTHERS OFFENSE	PANTHERS DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 33	Inside-20 poss.: 66
Total scores: 22 (66.7%)	Total scores: 54 (81.8%)
TDs: 10 (30.3%)	TDs: 32 (48.5%)
FGs: 12 (36.4%)	FGs: 22 (33.3%)
TD% rank: 32nd	TD% rank: 13th
No scores: 11 (33.3%)	No scores: 12 (18.2%)

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 17-18.

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.

Ron Rivera is in his first season with Carolina and in his debut year as an NFL head coach. He coached previously at Chicago (2004-06) and San Diego (2007-10). In Chicago he was defensive coordinator on the 2006 NFC champions, with a unit that led the NFL in takeaways (44). In San Diego last season, he led a unit that allowed the league's fewest yards (271.6 per game).

Recognized as the third Latino to be a head coach in the NFL (joining Tom Fears and Tom Flores), Rivera played nine seasons (1984-92) as an outside linebacker for Chicago, seeing action in 137 games with 56 starts. He was a second-year reserve on the Bears' legendary Super Bowl XX winners.

Rivera began his NFL coaching career as Bears quality control coach in 1997-98, and he was Philadelphia's linebackers coach from 1999-2003.

A native of Fort Ord, Calif., he played LB from 1980-83 at the University of California.

Lewis vs. Panthers: First preseason meeting; Lewis leads 2-0 in regular season.

Lewis vs. Rivera: No previous meetings.

Rivera vs. Bengals: No previous meetings

Bengals information

A.J. looks to rebound: Why does Bengals first-round draft pick A.J. Green appear poised for a big game this week? It's because the 6-4 wide receiver had rather a stinker last week at New York, and confidence in Green is so high in Bengals

circles, it's considered almost a given that he'll come back strong against the Panthers.

Green had only a five-yard catch against the Jets, though the stat sheet listed him as "targeted" on a team-high five passes.

Worse yet, on a rainy and slippery night, he let a catchable short ball bounce off his hands in the first quarter. The Jets turned it into an interception that set up a touchdown.

But again, this does not seem particularly worrisome in Bengals camp. Green tied for the team lead with four receptions in the preseason opener, and his combination of exceptional physical gifts and mature attitude are such that no Bengals rookie in years — and perhaps never — has been so widely considered a cinch to start and stand out.

Green was forthright — not at all in a pout mode — when reporters approached after the Jets game.

“I should have had them all,” he said of the balls thrown his way. “I’ve played in the rain before. It wasn’t that. It was a lack of concentration. Those are catches I make with my eyes closed. It was really frustrating. It doesn’t happen to me much.”

Green went on:

“No excuses. I’ve got to make the play. I’ve got a long way to go before I get to where I need to be. It was great going against some of the best corners in the league (Darrelle Revis and Antonio Cromartie). I felt I got open with them, but I just have to make the play. I’m going to go back to work.”

Green’s reaction was consistent with his past demeanor. Despite great success in college at Georgia, he was known to never play the “diva” wide-receiver role. And as a pro, starting with the fan-interactive days at training camp, he lived up to his college reputation of being just a regular guy with extraordinary talent. He was among the most tireless autograph signers in camp. And when a Bengals staffer thanked him recently for some hastily arranged media time, his response was, “No, thank you.”

Lewis on Greene: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis, on wide receiver A.J. Green:

“A.J. brings as nearly a complete package as you could ask of a player at any position. 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 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, 289-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. During this year’s training camp, he was singled out for praise 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.” Though Dunlap

has missed the first two preseason games with a knee strain, he may be cleared for the Panthers 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). That was the most catches by a Bengals rookie in 25 years — since Eddie Brown grabbed 53 in 1985. In this year’s two preseason games, Shipley leads the team in receptions, with seven.

- 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. He missed the New York game last week to rest an ankle strain, but he played in the preseason opener and could see action against Carolina.

Simple seems better: Just as QB Andy Dalton has skills that fit the offensive scheme of new coordinator Jay Gruden, the scheme Gruden employs seems suited to the rapid development of a rookie signal-caller.

“We are much more simple this year in what we’re doing with the quarterback, scheme-wise,” says head coach Marvin Lewis. “From week to week, we are not re-inventing the wheel against every new defense we face. Jay sees the offense through the quarterback’s eyes, and it’s more a case of building from week to week rather than starting over. The quarterback has a lot of leeway in the things he can call.”

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.

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 quarterback 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 2011, 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 (2011) 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."

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

Gone 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 Maualuga 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."

Battle at DT: Geno Atkins, a second-year player from Georgia, is in the early lead to succeed Tank Johnson at the Bengals' No. 1 DT position. (Domata Peko, the other starting interior lineman, is designated in the Bengals' scheme as a nose tackle.)

Johnson, an eighth-year pro, was released on Aug. 16. Atkins started on Aug. 12 at Detroit, when Johnson was unable to go due to minor injuries, and last week against the Jets, Atkins was officially in the No. 1 DT spot. Atkins came to the Bengals last season as a fourth-round draft choice, with some analysts questioning his size (6-1, 290). But Bengals coaches insisted he lacked nothing in the strength department, and he has proven to be a quick and aggressive player as well. He played his way into the line rotation early in 2010 training camp and played in every game last season, logging 20 tackles with three sacks and leading the team in coaches' compilation of QB pressures (19). He promises he'll have no sophomore slump.

"Tank was a starter," Atkins said, "and it shows they have

confidence in me, to step up and get the starting job. I think I'm ready for that challenge."

Still to be fully heard from, however, is fourth-year pro Pat Sims. A load in the middle at 325 pounds, Sims has logged 41 Bengals games with 22 starts. He started the last eight games last season, subbing when Johnson was injured. He had 44 tackles and 2.5 sacks. But Sims has missed the first two preseason games as he continues rehab from offseason knee surgery. It's hoped he can soon return to practice.

Also in the mix for plenty of playing time is second-year pro Clinton McDonald, who has steadily progressed since joining the Bengals as a college free agent in 2009. McDonald led the team with eight tackles in the preseason opener and had a forced fumble.

"In previous years I've played tight and kind of scared," McDonald said, "like I didn't want to have an injury or do the wrong thing. Now I'm playing more relaxed and recognizing stances and formations."

Mauuluga in the middle: The player to watch on the Bengals defense as the 2011 preseason unfolds is LB Rey Maualuga. 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 has six tackles, including two for losses, in first-half action of the first two preseason games.

A second-round draft choice in 2009, Maualuga 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.

Maualuga 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," Maualuga 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 Maualuga 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," Maualuga 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."

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 working as the starting ROT. He has not missed a practice since completing foot injury rehab early in training camp. 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 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 has started and played in the first half of both preseason games, rushing 13-for-51 with a reception.

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).

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.

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 from 2008-09 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."

Bengal bites: Bengals P Kevin Huber launched a 77-yard kick last week at the Jets. Neither the Bengals nor Elias Sports Bureau keep individual preseason records, but the Bengals record for a regular-season punt is only 75 yards, set by Kyle Larson in 2005. Huber's longest regular-season punt has been 72 yards ... 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 93-100-2 ... 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

Defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer, on the progression of his unit:

"In '09 we played pretty damn good. We're not there yet. Too many new guys. They're not all-for-one and one-for-all yet. I've got to continue to develop that. We're not near as advanced as where we were (then)."

OT Andrew Whitworth, on QB Andy Dalton's first NFL preseason:

"This isn't TCU. This isn't college football. This is the NFL. There's a lot of great players. He's growing like any rookie has to grow. Most of the time they're sitting watching a veteran ahead of them, but he's stepping in here and taking the reins. He's fighting his butt off and playing better every single day, and we have to continue to do the same thing as a team."

Whitworth, on no sacks allowed in the first half against a Jets front-line defense ranked ninth in 2010 in sacks per pass play:

"I don't think Andy (Dalton) got touched in the first half, so that's always a positive thing. To keep him clean and not get him touched so that was definitely a positive up front. I think we wish we got a little more in the running game, but we had a big negative play (botched handoff) that hurt really bad. But I know we picked up everything they brought (in the pass rush) and that's a positive. Definitely a step forward."

Head coach Marvin 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 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."

Asst. head coach/OL coach Paul Alexander, on offensive coordinator Jay Gruden calling plays during preseason games without looking at his 'call sheet':

"I've never seen that before. He knows his offense."

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.'"

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 has started each of the first two preseason games, and last week at the Jets, he played the first half. His numbers were not stellar — eight-for-19 passing for 86 yards with no TDs and two INTs — but one of the INTs was a catchable short ball that bounced off the hands of intended receiver A.J. Green. Dalton directed an 11-play, 70-yard drive for a TD, completing six of eight passes for 68 yards along the way. 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. At New York, for the second straight week, he played the third quarter. He passed three-for-seven for 50 yards with no TDs and one INT. 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 in the opener at Detroit and passed one-for-four for seven yards, but he did not see action (coaches' decision) against the Jets. 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 the fourth quarter at New York and completed two of five passes for 20 yards, with no TDs or INTs.

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. Benson played into the second quarter at New York last week and was held to 14 rushing yards on seven carries. He is 13-for-51 rushing on the preseason and also has a two-yard reception. 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). Fifth-year pro **Brian Leonard** rushed five-for-16 with a TD against the Jets, and he also had a 33-yard reception on the scoring drive that he capped with a one-yard run. Leonard has been particularly productive on third and fourth-down plays during his Bengals tenure. 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. Completing the incumbent trio 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. But Scott has missed the first two preseason games to rest a hamstring strain. 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. He was rested in the preseason opener due to an injury but played against the Jets, with three rushes for three yards. 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 in the opener at Detroit, with seven rushes for 15 yards, three receptions for 14 yards and a 32-yard kickoff return, but he was out for the Jets game with an ankle injury. Griffin rushed five-for-14 at New York and is seven-for-22 on the preseason. Williams played against the Jets but had no statistics. 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 has started the first two preseason games. 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 have seen action in the first two preseason games.

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 missed some

practice time with a leg strain prior to the Jets game and had only one catch for eight yards at New York, but he tied for the team lead 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 led the team in receptions (three) at New York, and his 20 yards included a 10-yard gain on a third-and-seven play from the Jets 11, setting up the only Cincinnati TD. 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. Caldwell, a fourth-year pro in '11, missed the preseason opener with an abdominal strain but played at New York and led the team in receiving yards (50), on two catches. Caldwell ended last season with 25 catches for 345 yards, and he caught 51 passes during the division title season of 2009, including two game-clinching TDs with less than a minute to play. Simpson, also a fourth-year pro, started his second straight game in the Jets contest but had no receptions. He caught two-for-17 in first-half action at Detroit. 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. 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, but saw action at New York. He had no receptions against the Jets but averaged 7.0 yards on two punt returns. 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, however, and he missed the Jets game with a hamstring injury. Also looking to crack the roster are first-year pros Calvin Russell of Tuskegee and Andrew Hawkins of Toledo, along with two college free agents — Jamere Holland of Lindenwood and Landon Cox of Northern Illinois. Hawkins had a 15-yard reception at New York and also downed a punt at the Jets one-yard line. Russell signed the week of the Jets game and had one reception for zero yards at New York. Holland was inactive due to injury for the opener but played at New York (no receptions). Cox has missed the first two games due to an injury.

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 was held out of the Jets game to rest an ankle strain but may be ready to play vs. Carolina. Gresham started the preseason opener 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 has played in the first two games, with two catches for 12 yards. 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 has played in the first two games and has a nine-yard catch. 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 has played in the first two games and has a five-yard catch. Colin Cochart, a college free agent from South Dakota State, earned good reviews in early practices and has played in the first two games, with one catch for 11 yards. Garrett Mills was released on Aug. 16.

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 were in the opening lineup at both Detroit and New York. 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 has played in each of the first two preseason games. Also strongly in the interior line mix are second-year pro Reggie Stephens and 2011 fourth-round draft pick Clint Boling of Georgia. Both have played in the first two preseason games, and though they are in a competition for the backup center job, Boling played guard at New York. 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, and both have played in the first two games. Roland's action at New York included seeing action with the first offense on selected plays as an extra TE. Second-year pro Andrew Gardner is listed as an OT but has also played guard this preseason. He has seen action in each of the first two games. Gardner finished last season on the Bengals practice squad and has brief NFL game experience with Miami. Also seeing action in the first two games has been college free agent Matthew O'Donnell, from Queen's College in Canada. First-year G Otis Hudson, a fifth-round Bengals draftee in 2010, was considered a promising prospect entering camp but has been sidelined for the first two games with a knee injury. A college free agent seeking a foothold at guard is Chris Riley of Illinois State, who has played in each of the first two games.

Defensive linemen: Eighth-year pro Robert Geathers started every game at LDE last season and has been in the opening lineup for each of the first two games. He had one tackle at New York. 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, Johnson led the team last season in tackles-for-loss (eight) and was second in QB pressures (17). He has started the first two preseason games, and he had two tackles at New York. Though second-year DE Carlos Dunlap has missed the first two games to rest a knee strain, he is being counted on for a big 2011 contribution. 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. Froste 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 has played in each of the first two games. He had no statistics at New York but 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 three tackles at New York and has seven for the preseason. Ruffin had two tackles at New York and has three for the preseason. 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. He has started both preseason games, and at New York, he had two tackles, one for a loss. Second-year pro Geno Atkins has started the first two preseason games at DT. He had one tackle at New York. Atkins was promoted to a starting spot on the depth chart after the Aug. 16 release of eighth-year pro Tank Johnson. Atkins was productive as a rookie in 2010, playing in every game and leading the team in coaches' compilation of QB pressures (19). Fourth-year pro Pat Sims made eight starts at DT last season and can be expected to compete for a starting job, but he has missed the first two preseason games while rehabbing from offseason knee surgery. Sims has been a line rotation regular in all three of his previous Bengals seasons, logging 22 career starts. Also looking for roster spots at DT are second-year pros Clinton McDonald and Jason Shirley. Both have played in the first two games. McDonald led the team in tackles (eight) at Detroit and also had a forced fumble, and at New York, his two tackles included a shared sack. Shirley led the line at New York with four tackles and has seven on the preseason. 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. College free agent DT Lolomana Mikaele has missed the first two games 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). Mauluga has started both preseason games and has six tackles, 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 has started both preseason games and has three tackles, including a shared sack at New York. 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 has started both preseason games and has four tackles, including three at New York. 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 defended. Johnson has played in both preseason games and has six 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 tied for the team lead in tackles (five) at New York, and he leads the team in tackles (12) for the preseason. 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, and he was out for the Jets game. 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 tied for the team lead in tackles (five) at New York and has nine stops on the preseason. Also looking for playing time at LB are college free agents DeQuin Evans of Kentucky and Stephen Franklin of Southern Illinois. Both have played in the first two preseason games. Evans had three tackles with a sack at New York, and Franklin also had three tackles. Franklin has seven tackles for the preseason. 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 has started both preseason games and has five tackles with a pass defended. 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 has started both preseason games. 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 defended. He has played in both preseason games and has the team lead in passes defended, with four. 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 and has missed the first two preseason games 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 for the preseason opener with an injury but played at New York and had four tackles. 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 has played in both preseason games and has a tackle and a pass defended, plus a special teams tackle. 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 defended. Murray has played in both preseason games and has four tackles. 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 have both played in both preseason games. Pender had two tackles at New York and Lindsey had a pass defended. 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. First-year pro LeRoy Vann was signed as a free agent on Aug. 17 but missed the Jets game due to a finger injury suffered in practice.

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 has started both preseason games and has three tackles. 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. Nelson has started both preseason games, and at New York, he had a third-down pass defended to force a punt. 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 has played in both preseason games and has four tackles. 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, but he was out at New York with an injury. 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 has played in both preseason games and has seven tackles. 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 has not played thus far in preseason, but has returned to practice. He re-signed with Cincinnati as a free agent as this year's training camp opened.

Special teams: Cincinnati native Kevin Huber is off to a good preseason start as the team's punter. He returns for his third NFL and Bengals season. On nine punts at New York, he averaged 47.1 yards with an excellent 43.4 net. His boots included a 77-yarder, two yards longer than the Bengals' regular-season record (75 by Kyle Larson in 2005). Huber had four inside-20 kicks, including one downed at the one, and he had no touchbacks. In the preseason opener at Detroit, Huber averaged 50.6 yards on five punts, though he had two touchbacks against one inside-20. Huber also is the team's holder on place kicks. 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. He did not have a FG attempt at New York and put his only kickoff in the end zone. Another K in camp is college free agent Thomas Weber of Arizona State. Weber has not had a FG attempt, but he has kicked off in both games and put his only kickoff in the end zone at New York. 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. Cosby missed the Detroit game with a hamstring strain but saw action at the Jets, averaging 7.0 yards on two 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 has missed the first two preseason games with a hamstring injury. WR Jamere Holland averaged 24.5 yards on two kickoff returns at New York, and WR Andrew Hawkins had a 26-yard return. 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 has played in both preseason games.

Pronunciation guide

Victor <u>Adeyanju</u>	ah-DAY-ahn-jew	<u>Ray Mauluga</u>	RAY mow(rhymes with "now")-uh-LOO-guh
<u>Geno Atkins</u>	JEE-no	<u>Lolomana Mikaele</u>	lo-lo-MAH-nah mee-kah-EL-ee
Colin <u>Cochart</u>	KO-shart	<u>Dontay Moch</u>	DAH-ny MOKE
<u>Quan Cosby</u>	KWAHN	John <u>Nalbone</u>	NOW-bone
<u>DeQuin Evans</u>	de-QUINN	<u>Domata Peko</u>	DOE-mah-tah PECK-o
Jonathan <u>Fanene</u>	fuh-NAY-nay	Vincent <u>Rey</u>	RAY
Robert <u>Geathers</u>	(pronounced as "gathers")	Bo <u>Scaife</u>	SKAYF (sounds like "safe" with a "K")
Brandon <u>Ghee</u>	JEE	Dan <u>Skuta</u>	SKOO-tuh
<u>Jermaine Gresham</u>	jer-MAIN GRESH-em	<u>Fui Vakapuna</u>	FOO-ee vah-kuh-POO-nuh
Paul <u>Guenther</u> (asst. special teams/asst. DBs coach).....	GUN-thur	<u>Gibril Wilson</u>	jih-BRILL
Max <u>Jean-Gilles</u>	jeen-GILL-iss	Ken <u>Zampese</u> (quarterbacks coach).....	zam-PEE-zee
Dan <u>LeFevour</u>	le-FEE-ver		

Transactions

(Transactions prior to Aug. 8 can be found on pages 136-137 of the Bengals' 2011 media guide.)

Aug. 8	— Waived S Brian Lainhart and G Mark Wetterer.	Aug. 17	— Signed WR Calvin Russell (FA) and CB LeRoy Vann; TE Reggie Kelly (UFA-Cin.) signed with Atlanta.
Aug. 11	— Signed WR John Standeford (FA); OT Kirk Chambers (UFA-Cin.) signed with Detroit.		
Aug. 15	— Signed DE Jonathan Fanene (UFA-Cin.).		
Aug. 16	— Terminated the contracts of DT Tank Johnson and TE Garrett Mills.		

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

Important dates

Aug. 24	— Deadline for Old Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents.	Aug. 30	— Possible roster reduction from 90 players to 75 (this requirement is TBD).
Aug. 25	— Preseason Game 3, Bengals vs. Carolina at Paul Brown Stadium, 7 p.m. EDT.	Sept. 1	— Preseason Game 4, Bengals vs. Indianapolis at Paul Brown Stadium, 7:30 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.	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	2-0	P	P		
Atkins, Geno	2-2	DT	DT		
Bennett, Fred	2-0	P	P		
Benson, Cedric	2-2	HB	HB		
Boling, Clint	2-0	P	P		
Caldwell, Andre	1-0	DNP	P		
Clements, Nate	2-2	LCB	LCB		
Cochart, Colin	2-0	P	P		
Coffman, Chase	2-0	P	P		
Collins, Anthony	2-0	P	P		
Cook, Kyle	2-2	C	C		
Cosby, Quan	1-0	DNP	P		
Cox, Landon	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Crocker, Chris	2-2	SS	SS		
Dalton, Andy	2-2	QB	QB		
Develin, James	2-0	P	P		
Dunlap, Carlos	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Evans, DeQuin	2-0	P	P		
Fanene, Jonathan	0-0	NWT	DNP		
Finley, Jay	1-0	P	DNP		
Franklin, Stephen	2-0	P	P		
Gardner, Andrew	2-0	P	P		
Geathers, Robert	2-2	LDE	LDE		
Ghee, Brandon	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Gradkowski, Bruce	2-0	P	P		
Green, A.J.	2-2	WR	WR		
Gresham, Jermaine	1-1	TE	DNP		
Griffin, John	2-0	P	P		
Hall, Leon	2-2	RCB	RCB		
Harris, Clark	2-0	P	P		
Hawkins, Andrew	1-0	DNP	P		
Holland, Jamere	1-0	DNP	P		
Howard, Thomas	2-2	WLB	WLB		
Huber, Kevin	2-0	P	P		
Hudson, Otis	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Jean-Gilles, Max	2-0	P	P		
Johnson, Bart	2-0	P	P		
Johnson, Brandon	2-0	P	P		
Johnson, Michael	2-2	RDE	RDE		
Johnson, Tank	0-0	DNP	NWT		
Jones, Adam	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Lawson, Manny	2-2	SLB	SLB		
LeFevour, Dan	2-0	P	P		
Leonard, Brian	2-0	P	P		
Lindsey, Korey	2-0	P	P		
Livings, Nate	2-2	LG	LG		
Mauluga, Rey	2-2	MLB	MLB		
McDonald, Clinton	2-0	P	P		
Mikaele, Lolomana	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Miles, Jeremy	2-0	P	P		
Mills, Garrett	0-0	DNP	NWT		
Moch, Dontay	1-0	P	DNP		
Muckelroy, Roddrick	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Murray, Rico	2-0	P	P		
Nalbone, John	2-0	P	P		
Nelson, Reggie	2-2	FS	FS		
Nelson, Tom	1-0	P	DNP		
Nugent, Mike	2-0	P	P		
O'Donnell, Matthew	2-0	P	P		
Palmer, Jordan	1-0	P	DNP		
Peerman, Cedric	1-0	DNP	P		
Peko, Domata	2-2	NT	NT		
Pender, David	2-0	P	P		
Pressley, Chris	2-2	FB	FB		
Rey, Vincent	2-0	P	P		
Riley, Chris	2-0	P	P		
Rivers, Keith	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Roland, Dennis	2-0	P	P		
Rucker, Frostee	2-0	P	P		
Ruffin, James	2-0	P	P		
Russell, Calvin	1-0	NWT	P		
Sands, Robert	2-0	P	P		
Scaife, Bo	2-1	P	TE		
Scott, Bernard	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Shipley, Jordan	2-0	P	P		
Shirley, Jason	2-0	P	P		
Simpson, Jerome	2-2	WR	WR		
Sims, Pat	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Skuta, Dan	2-0	P	P		
Smith, Andre	2-2	ROT	ROT		
Standeford, John	2-0	P	P		
Stephens, Reggie	2-0	P	P		
Trent, Morgan	2-0	P	P		
Vakapuna, Fui	2-0	P	P		
Vann, LeRoy	0-0	NWT	DNP		
Wade, Jonathan	1-0	DNP	P		
Weber, Thomas	2-0	P	P		
Whalen, Ryan	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Whitworth, Andrew	2-2	LOT	LOT		
Williams, Bobbie	2-2	RG	RG		
Williams, Jonathan	2-0	P	P		
Wilson, Gibril	0-0	DNP	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>
					86	Calvin Russell
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
					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	68	Jonathan Fanene
					67	James Ruffin
NT	94	DOMATA PEKO	70	Jason Shirley	98	<u>Lolomana Mikaele</u>
DT	97	GENO ATKINS	69	Clinton McDonald	(90)	Pat Sims)
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	54	<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
					38	<u>Korey Lindsey</u>
					(24)	Adam Jones)
RCB	29	LEON HALL	23	Fred Bennett	26	Jonathan Wade
					39	David Pender
					31	LeRoy Vann
SS	42	CHRIS CROCKER	27	Gibril Wilson	45	Jeromy Miles
FS	20	REGGIE NELSON	43	Tom Nelson	49	<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	17	<u>Jamere Holland</u>
KOR	28	Bernard Scott	87	Andre Caldwell	12	Quan Cosby
					30	Cedric Peerman
					17	<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	Gilbertsville, 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
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE	6-4	292	3-19-82	7	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
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	Pacoima, Calif.	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
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, Corey	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	Mauuluga, Rey	LB	6-2	260	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
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, Froste	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
86	Russell, Calvin	WR	6-0	190	6-14-83	1	Tuskegee	Fairburn, Ga.	FA'11
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
31	Vann, LeRoy	CB	5-8	177	11-18-86	1	Florida A&M	Tampa, Fla.	FA'11
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
31	LeRoy Vann	CB	5-8	177	11-18-86	1	Florida A&M	Tampa, Fla.	FA'11
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 Nailbone	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	Rodrick 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 Maualuga	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
68	Jonathan Fanene	DE	6-4	292	3-19-82	7	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
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	Calvin Russell	WR	6-0	190	6-14-83	1	Tuskegee	Fairburn, Ga.	FA'11
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

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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. Dan Skuta	7	5	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
2. Clinton McDonald.....	5	5	10	0.5-1	0-0	0	1	0-0
3. Vincent Rey.....	4	5	9	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
4. Robert Sands	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Victor Adeyanju	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Stephen Franklin.....	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jason Shirley.....	1	6	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
8. Rey Maualuga.....	6	0	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Brandon Johnson.....	1	5	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
10. Leon Hall.....	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Jeromy Miles.....	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Frostee Rucker.....	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
13. DeQuin Evans.....	3	1	4	1-8	0-0	0	0	0-0
Rico Murray.....	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jonathan Wade.....	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Thomas Howard.....	1	3	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
17. Chris Crocker.....	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Morgan Trent.....	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	4	0	0-0
Domata Peko.....	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Manny Lawson.....	0	3	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0
James Ruffin.....	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
22. Geno Atkins.....	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Reggie Nelson.....	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
David Pender.....	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Robert Geathers.....	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Michael Johnson.....	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tom Nelson.....	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
28. Fred Bennett.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Nate Clements.....	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
30. Korey Lindsey.....	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0

Special teams

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
1. Fred Bennett.....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Tom Nelson.....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jeromy Miles.....	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clark Harris.....	0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
5. Andrew Hawkins.....	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
Chase Coffman.....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Stephen Franklin.....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Korey Lindsey.....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cedric Peerman.....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Fui Vakapuna.....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

2011 preseason statistics

Record: 0-2

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
8-12	L	3-34	at Detroit	42,768
8-21	L	7-27	at N.Y. Jets	78,418
8-25			CAROLINA	
9-1			INDIANAPOLIS	

TEAM STATISTICS		CIN.	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		26	35
Rushing		7	8
Passing		15	26
Penalty		4	1
3rd Down: Made-Att		7-26	13-34
3rd Down Pct.		26.9	38.2
4th Down: Made-Att		0-1	2-2
4th Down Pct.		0.0	100.0
POSSESSION AVG.		26:40	33:20
TOTAL NET YARDS		408	728
Avg. Per Game		204.0	364.0
Total Plays		109	132
Avg. Per Play		3.7	5.5
NET YARDS RUSHING		120	226
Avg. Per Game		60.0	113.0
Total Rushes		45	67
NET YARDS PASSING		288	502
Avg. Per Game		144.0	251.0
Sacked-Yards Lost		2-9	2-10
Gross Yards		297	512
Att.-Completions		62-32	63-41
Completion Pct.		51.6	65.1
Had Intercepted		5	0
PUNTS-AVG.		14-48.4	12-43.3
Net Punting Avg.		14-42.1	12-34.6
PENALTIES-YARDS		10-85	11-100
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST		4-1	2-0
TOUCHDOWNS		1	7
Rushing		1	1
Passing		0	6
Returns		0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
BENGALS	0	10	0	0	0	10
OPPONENTS	24	17	3	17	0	61

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt.	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS.
Leonard	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Nugent	0	0	0	0	1-1	1-2	0	4
BENGALS	1	1	0	0	1-1	1-2	0	10
OPPONENTS	7	1	6	0	7-7	4-5	0	61

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

Sacks-yards: DeQuin Evans 1-8, Manny Lawson 0.5-1, Clinton McDonald 0.5-1. BENGALS 2-10, OPPONENTS 2-9.

Fumbles-lost: John Griffin 1-1, Andy Dalton 1-0, Jamere Holland 1-0, Dan LeFevour 1-0. BENGALS 4-1, OPPONENTS 2-0.

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Cedric Benson	13	51	3.9	16	0
Brian Leonard	9	26	2.9	11	1
John Griffin	7	22	3.1	6	0
Jay Finley	7	15	2.1	8	0
Dan LeFevour	1	4	4.0	4	0
Cedric Peerman	3	3	1.0	3	0
Jonathan Williams	2	0	0.0	2	0
Andy Dalton	3	-1	-3	0	0
BENGALS	45	120	2.7	16	1
OPPONENTS	67	226	3.4	69	1

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Jordan Shipley	7	57	8.1	12	0
A.J. Green	5	37	7.4	11	0
Jay Finley	3	14	4.7	8	0
Andre Caldwell	2	50	25.0	39	0
John Standeford	2	25	12.5	18	0
Jerome Simpson	2	17	8.5	10	0
Bo Scaife	2	12	6.0	12	0
Brian Leonard	1	33	33.0	33	0
Andrew Hawkins	1	15	15.0	15	0
Colin Cochart	1	11	11.0	11	0
Chase Coffman	1	9	9.0	9	0
Jonathan Williams	1	7	7.0	7	0
John Nalbone	1	5	5.0	5	0
Jermaine Gresham	1	3	3.0	3	0
Cedric Benson	1	2	2.0	2	0
Calvin Russell	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	32	297	9.3	39	0
OPPONENTS	41	512	12.5	43	6

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
(None)	0	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	5	96	19.2	35	0

PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	NET	TB	IN-20	LG.	BLK.
Kevin Huber	14	677	48.4	42.1	2	5	77	0
BENGALS	14	677	48.4	42.1	2	5	77	0
OPPONENTS	12	519	43.3	34.6	4	1	54	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	FC	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Quan Cosby	2	0	14	7.0	8	0
Jamere Holland	2	0	5	2.5	6	0
Jordan Shipley	1	1	5	5.0	5	0
BENGALS	5	1	24	4.8	8	0
OPPONENTS	8	3	47	5.9	8	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
John Griffin	2	34	17.0	20	0
Jamere Holland	2	49	24.5	26	0
Jay Finley	1	32	32.0	32	0
Andrew Hawkins	1	26	26.0	26	0
BENGALS	6	141	23.5	32	0
OPPONENTS	4	117	29.3	33	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	2-2	1-2	1-1

Mike Nugent: (27G, 42WR), (—).

Opponents: (37G, 44G), (43WR, 30G, 50G).

PASSING	ATT.	CMP.	YDS.	CMP.%	YDS./ATT.	TD	TD%	INT.	INT.%	LG	SKD.-YDS.	RAT.
Andy Dalton	34	19	155	55.9	4.56	0	0.0	3	8.8	33	1-6	30.9
Bruce Gradkowski	18	9	108	50.0	6.00	0	0.0	1	5.6	39	0-0	45.6
Dan LeFevour	6	3	27	50.0	4.50	0	0.0	0	0.0	15	1-3	62.5
Jordan Palmer	4	1	7	25.0	1.75	0	0.0	1	25.0	7	0-0	0.0
BENGALS	62	32	297	51.6	4.79	0	0.0	5	8.1	39	2-9	31.5
OPPONENTS	63	41	512	65.1	8.13	6	9.5	0	0.0	43	2-10	121.9