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### WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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# SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-1) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (1-1)

WEEK 3, GAME 3  
SUNDAY, SEPT. 25  
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT UP: WEEK 4, GAME 4  
OCT. 2 VS. BUFFALO

### GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. EDT.

**Television:** FOX broadcast with Ron Pitts (play-by-play), Jim Mora (analyst) and Jennifer Hale (sideline reporter). The game will not be a sellout and will not be aired in the Bengals home market cities of Cincinnati, Dayton and Lexington, Ky.

**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).

National coverage on the Sports USA Radio Network, with Bob Fitzgerald (play-by-play), Ross Tucker (analyst) and Tony Graziani (sideline reporter).

**Setting the scene:** Two road games, two fourth-quarter comeback wins, and the undisputed division lead. That's what the Bengals seemed on the verge of accomplishing last week in Denver.

But the prize got away. Cincinnati had three fourth-quarter possessions that reached Broncos territory, all of them with Denver leading by only two. But all three failed to produce points, and the Broncos claimed a 24-22 win.

Now the Bengals face San Francisco, 1-1 and coming off an overtime loss, in the home opener at Paul Brown Stadium. Among other things, the 49ers feature the NFL's No. 1 rush defense, with Seattle and Dallas having combined to average a sickly 54.5 yards per game and 2.5 per carry.

Cincinnati's AFC North Division is in a two-week dead heat, with all four teams at 1-1. It's not the situation it could have been with one more big play in Denver, but it's not so bad a spot for a team that was picked last in nearly all preseason NFL forecasts. Rookie QB Andy Dalton, poised and effective, has been the symbol of the team's promise. He is the first rookie QB since Dan Marino in 1983 to record 100-plus passer ratings in each of his first two starts.

"We got down 17-3 (at Denver), which is our own fault, but we battled back in a hostile environment and nearly got it done," said LOT Andrew Whitworth. "A bad football team can't do that."

The Bengals had a plus-two turnover differential at Denver and led the Broncos 382-318 in net yards. That's a tough combination any NFL foe to overcome. But Denver did it with a striking edge on crucial downs. The Broncos held the Bengals to one-for-11 on third-down conversions and zero-for-two on fourth down. The Denver offense was a respectable five-for-12 on third down and did not have a fourth-down try.

"There were a lot of plays that could have gone a lot of different ways," said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis, "and we've got 46 players who all have something to think about that they could have done better. We fought our butts off to come back, but we're sitting here with a loss. My point to them is that we fix it man-by-man and come back and get a win against San Francisco in front of our home fans."

QB Dalton set a Bengals rookie record with 332 passing yards a Denver. But this rookie is no wild flinger of footballs. Dalton's leadership and steadiness (105.7 season passer rating) are the most prized aspects of his game.

"It doesn't matter what I did in the game," Dalton said in Denver. "I also took a sack in the two-minute drill and that can't happen. We've got talent and we showed some of that. But we didn't win, and I've got to do things better."

**The series:** The 49ers lead, 10-3, including of course close victories in each of the Bengals' two Super Bowls. Summaries of Super Bowl XVI and XXIII, including full lineups, are on pages 208-09 of the Bengals' 2011 media guide.

The Bengals are 2-3 as the home team against San Francisco in regular season, including wins in the last two Ohio encounters. The Bengals won 44-30 at Cinergy Field in 1999 and 41-38 at Paul Brown Stadium in 2003. The last meeting was in 2007 at San Francisco, the 49ers winning 20-13.

The 49ers hold the highest winning percentage (.769) against the Bengals of any NFL team.

In Super Bowls, the 49ers prevailed 26-21 in Super Bowl XVI at Pontiac, Mich. (1981 season) and won 20-16 win in Super Bowl XXIII at Miami ('88).

The complete series results can be found on page 158 of the 2011 Bengals media guide.

Seven of the last nine San Francisco victories over the Bengals have come by seven or fewer points.

#### Team bests from the series:

**Bengals — MOST POINTS:** 44, in a 44-30 win at Cinergy Field in 1999. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 18, in a 21-3 victory at San Francisco in 1974. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in the 21-3 win in 1974.

**49ers — MOST POINTS:** 38, in a 41-38 loss in 2003 at Paul Brown Stadium. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 18, in a 21-3 victory at Cincinnati in 1981. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in the 21-3 win in '81.

**The last meetings:** Complete summaries of the two Bengals-49ers meetings — in 2003 at Cincinnati and in '07 at San Francisco — are on page 11 of this news release.

**Home openers:** The Bengals are 25-18 all-time in home openers, including a 15-10 victory over Baltimore on Sept. 19 of last season.

The Bengals are 12-7 in home openers that have not been the season opener, also including last season's Baltimore game.

Under head coach Marvin Lewis, the Bengals are 5-3 in all home openers and 4-1 in home openers that were not the season opener.

This season marks only the third time for the Bengals to not open at home until the season's third game. Cincinnati is 1-1 in the previous two instances, having lost 20-14 to New England on Sept. 16, 1979 and defeating New Orleans 30-15 on Sept. 15, 1996.

The Sept. 25 date for the 49ers game marks the latest home opener in Bengals history. The previous latest home opener was in 1972, a Sept. 24 game that Cincinnati won 15-10 over Pittsburgh.

**Bengals and 'Niners get turnovers right:** The Bengals are off to a plus-three start in 2011 in turnover differential. Cincinnati's offense has yet to have a giveaway, and the defense has made two fumble recoveries and an interception.

But the 49ers are one better at plus-four. They have five takeaways (three INTs and two FR) and only one giveaway (INT).

Plus-three is a welcome return to form for a Bengals team that was minus-eight last season and minus-seven in the 2011 preseason. Prior to 2010, the

Bengals were consistently on top of the turnover game under head coach Marvin Lewis, and for Lewis' Cincinnati career (since 2003), they still rank fourth in the NFL with a plus-35 differential.

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. In Week 2 play, the Bengals passed San Diego to move from fifth to fourth.

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England	254	171	+83
Indianapolis	237	164	+73
Baltimore	265	226	+39
Cincinnati	248	213	+35
San Diego	222	188	+34

Since 2003, the Bengals rank fifth in the NFL in most takeaways (248) and fifth in points off turnovers (748).

Another wild one? The last two Bengals-49ers games in Cincinnati saw the Bengals withstand San Francisco yardage explosions to win by scores of 44-30 (in 1999) and 41-38 (in 2003).

The 49ers produced 542 and 502 yards, respectively, in the two games. The Bengals survived on somewhat more modest yardage totals of 476 and 393. The 49ers passed for 768 yards in the two contests, including 437 in 1999. Jeff Garcia's 437 yards in the '99 game ranks fourth in Bengals opponents' history.

The 153 total points from the two games are the most in Bengals history for consecutive games against an opponent.

NFC beware: The Bengals are 12-4-1 in their last 17 home games against NFC teams, for a winning percentage of .694.

The last 16 of the 17 games have been played under head coach Marvin Lewis (11-4-1). The first game of the 17 was a home win over New Orleans on Dec. 22, 2002, under head coach Dick LeBeau.

Going back a bit farther, the Bengals are 23-11-1 (.671) at home against the NFC since 1993.

Last season, however, the Bengals were 0-2 against NFC visitors, falling by three points to Tampa Bay and by four to New Orleans.

Bengals-49ers connections: Bengals CB Nate Clements played with the 49ers from 2007-10 ... Bengals LB Manny Lawson was a first-round draft choice of the 49ers in 2006 and played there from 2006-10 ... Bengals S Taylor Mays was a 2010 second-round draft choice of the 49ers and played there during the 2010 season ... Bengals LB Rey Mauuluga is from Eureka, Calif. ... Bengals WR Ryan Whalen is from Alamo, Calif. and played at Stanford ... Bengals S Gibril Wilson is from San Jose, Calif. ... 49ers LB Ahmad Brooks was a third-round supplemental draft choice of the Bengals in 2006 and played there from 2006-07 ... 49ers DE Justin Smith was a 2001 first-round draft choice of the Bengals and played there from 2001-07 ... 49ers S Madiou Williams was a second-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2004 and played there from 2004-07 ... 49ers OT Alex Boone, WR Ted Ginn Jr., S Donte Whitner and LB Larry Grant all played at Ohio State ... 49ers K David Akers is from Lexington, Ky. and played at Louisville ... 49ers S C.J. Spillman is from

Louisville, Ky. ... Bengals running backs coach Jim Anderson coached at Stanford from 1981-83 ... Bengals defensive backs coach Kevin Coyle coached at Fresno State from 1997-2000 ... Bengals offensive coordinator Jay Gruden played for the Sacramento Surge (WLAF) in 1990 ... Bengals quarterbacks coach Ken Zampese is from Santa Maria, Calif. ... 49ers head coach Jim Harbaugh was born in Toledo, Ohio, and coached at Western Kentucky ... 49ers secondary coach Ed Donatell coached at Kent State from 1979-80 ... 49ers offensive coordinator Greg Roman coached at John Carroll University from 1990-94 ... 49ers offensive line coach Mike Solari coached at the University of Cincinnati from 1981-82.

**BENGALS-49ERS NFL RANKINGS**

	BENGALS	49ERS
<b>SCORING (AVG. POINTS):</b>		
Points scored	T-13th (24.5)	T-9th (28.5)
Points allowed	8th (20.5)	12th (22.0)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):</b>		
Total	19th (338.0)	31st (207.5)
Rushing	15th (105.5)	26th (79.5)
Passing	T-18th (332.5)	29th (128.0)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):</b>		
Total	9th (301.5)	T-17th (345.5)
Rushing	16th (107.0)	1st (54.5)
Passing	8th (194.5)	25th (291.0)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential	T-6th (plus-3)	T-3rd (plus-4)

Red zone reports: Very incomplete. That's the Bengals' early season grade in red-zone play. The offense has cashed all six of its possessions, but only three for touchdowns. The defense has allowed only two of four chances to become touchdowns, but it has no stops without points.

The 49ers' red-zone TD percentage on defense is lower than the Bengals, but so is the San Francisco percentage on offense.

**BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 6	Inside-20 poss.: 4
Total scores: 6 (100.0%)	Total scores: 4 (100.0%)
TDs: 3 (50.0%)	TDs: 2 (50.0%)
FGs: 3 (50.0%)	FGs: 2 (50.0%)
TD% rank: T-10th	TD% rank: T-14th
No scores: 0 (0.0%)	No scores: 0 (0.0%)

**49ERS RED-ZONE REPORT**

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 7	Inside-20 poss.: 5
Total scores: 7 (100.0%)	Total scores: 4 (80.0%)
TDs: 3 (42.9%)	TDs: 2 (40.0%)
FGs: 4 (57.1%)	FGs: 2 (40.0%)
TD% rank: T-19th	TD% rank: T-9th
No scores: 0 (0.0%)	No scores: 0 (0.0%)

**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 61-68-1 in regular season, 0-2 in postseason and 61-70-1 overall.

He was named the ninth Bengals head coach on Jan. 14, 2003. In 2002, he directed the NFL's fifth-ranked defense with Washington, serving as assistant head coach in addition to his role as defensive coordinator. Prior to his year with the Redskins, he was a record-setting defensive coordinator for the Baltimore

Ravens. His six seasons (1996-2001) with the Ravens included a Super Bowl victory following the 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.

Jim Harbaugh is in his first season as 49ers head coach. From 2007-10, he was head coach at Stanford University, leading the Cardinal to its first BCS game appearance and victory in the Orange Bowl.

His first NFL coaching job was as an offensive assistant with the Oakland

Raiders from 2002-03. From 2004-06, he was head coach at the University of San Diego.

Harbaugh played QB for 14 seasons in the NFL (1987), seeing action for the Bears, Colts, Ravens, Chargers and Panthers. He appeared in one Pro Bowl (1995 season for Indianapolis) and was placed in the Colts Ring of Honor in 2005. He was a first-team All-American as a senior QB at the University of Michigan, earning Big Ten Player of the Year honors and finishing third in

balloting for the Heisman Trophy. His hometown is Toledo, Ohio.

His older brother, John, is head coach of the Baltimore Ravens.

Lewis vs. 49ers: Tied 1-1, with a home win in 2003 and a road loss in 2007.

Lewis vs. Harbaugh: No previous meetings.

Harbaugh vs. Bengals: No previous meetings.

## BENGALS NOTES

**Dalton is delivering:** Rookie QB Andy Dalton has taken two games — and really only a game and a half — to establish himself as the respected leader of the Bengals offense. His statistics are excellent (105.7 passer rating) and his reviews as a field general are perhaps even better.

"The kid shows gumption; he's in our face," OT Andrew Whitworth said after the offense's 289-yard second half at Denver. "He was doing it ticked off this time. He knew we were better than what we showed in the first half. He knew he was going to play well. It takes a lot for a rookie to do that."

Dalton was not a winner last week, as the Bengals fell two points short at 24-22, and he was not about to brag on a 27-for-41 passing performance for a Bengals rookie-record 332 yards — with two TDs and no INTs.

"It was a game to learn from," Dalton said. "We were put in a lot of different situations and that will help us as we go through the season."

But the 23-year-old's most telling words came when he was asked how difficult it has been to establish himself as a leader.

"That's my job," he said with quiet ease. "The quarterback is the leader of the team. It's expected of me, and I expect it of myself."

Dalton faulted himself for "taking a sack in the two-minute drill," a play that helped kill the Bengals' final opportunity in the fourth quarter.

"I can't do that," he said. "I've got to feel it coming and get rid of the ball."

But Dalton clearly was pleased with how the offense piled up yards in the second half. Two wide receivers finished with 100-yard days — Jerome Simpson at 136 and A.J. Green at 124. Also, Dalton has yet to throw an interception in six quarters. He missed the final two quarters at Cleveland due to a wrist injury.

"We've got a lot of guys with a lot of talent," Dalton said. "We threw the ball around some at Denver and we made some plays. We didn't make enough, and nobody can be satisfied, but I guess you saw some of what we think we're going to be able to do."

**Hello, Mr. Marino:** There's nothing like cozying up to a Hall of Famer two games into your NFL career. Bengals QB Andy Dalton has done it, joining Dan Marino as the only rookies since the 1970 merger to record 100-plus passer ratings in each of their first two starts.

Marino did it in his first three games, so Dalton will have a chance to tie that mark this week against the 49ers.

Dalton played only a half on Sept. 11 at Cleveland, sidelined for the second half with a wrist injury, but that shouldn't minimize his accomplishment. He had 15 attempts, which is considered a valid sample, given that the NFL requires only 14 attempts per game for passers to qualify for the league rankings.

**It's a record:** QB Andy Dalton's 332 passing yards at Denver last week set a Bengals rookie record. The previous mark was 327 yards by Greg Cook on Sept. 21, 1969 in an American Football League game against San Diego at the University of Cincinnati's Nippert Stadium.

Dalton got his 332 on 27-for-41 passing (65.9 percent) with two TDs and no INTs. Cook got his 327 by passing 14-for-22 (63.6) with three TDs and one INT.

**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."

**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, and so far the results are encouraging. Dalton's No. 1 spot on the depth chart is unquestioned.

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."

**Youth is served:** An NFL analysis of Week 1 rosters showed the Bengals to be the youngest team in the AFC, with an average age of 25.74 years. The Bengals were tied for third-youngest in the NFL, older than Tampa Bay (25.17) and Seattle (25.72) and tied with defending Super Bowl champion Green Bay (25.74).

The Bengals' Week 1 roster had the AFC's second-lowest average of NFL experience at 3.6 years. Only Cleveland (3.5) was less experienced. The Bengals were fourth-lowest in the NFL. Tampa Bay had the league low at 3.3 and Seattle was second at 3.4.

The Bengals had the fewest players age 30 and over — two. They were CB Nate Clements and S Chris Crocker (31), both only 31. Since Week 1, the Bengals have added one more 31-year-old player, TE Donald Lee.

Clements is the oldest Bengal. He'll turn 32 on Dec. 12.

**Strong and silent:** The atmosphere is quieter this year in the Bengals locker room. Less music. Fewer distractions. More study.

"Chemistry has a lot to do with who we are this year," said eighth-year DE Robert Geathers. "It's like the leadership we have. It's under the radar, with guys like Whit (OT Andrew Whitworth). The young guys are going to follow us. We come in, go to work, put last week behind us and only think about the next week. That's important and that's the way this locker room is. It's not like guys are worried about how many catches they're getting or anything like that."

To Whitworth, it's all designed to ultimately impact the product on the field.

"We are trying to be a football team that is going to execute, not make mistakes," said the sixth-year vet. "We want to play physical, nasty, fast-style football. We want to make people pay every time they get in our way. We are trying to get all these younger guys to understand the style of this team is going to be. And I think they are falling right in line."

The vets are sounding a theme that head coach Marvin Lewis voiced early in preseason:

"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."

An on-time takeoff: While Bengals rookie QB Andy Dalton is exceeding early expectations (see previous items), rookie WR A.J. Green is just meeting them. But Green's accomplishment can be seen as equally impressive, because for him, the bar could hardly have been set any higher.

Due to a high-profile college career that spotlighted his array of physical talents, perhaps no Bengals first-rounder has ever been seen as such a cinch to stand out immediately. He was the fourth overall selection in the 2011 draft.

And so far, it's so good.

Green's 11 receptions lead all NFL rookies, with Atlanta's Julio Jones in second place at seven. Green also leads all rookies with 165 receiving yards, with Oakland's Denarius Moore second at 146. Green is also the only rookie with two TD receptions, though two other rookies also have two TDs. Carolina QB Cam Newton has two rushing TDs, and Green Bay WR Randall Cobb has one receiving score and one on a kick return.

Green struggled through much of his pro debut at Cleveland on Sept. 11, but his lone catch of the day was historic. It was a 41-yard TD in the fourth quarter that put the Bengals ahead to stay, and the NFL has certified it as the longest game-winning TD catch in league history by a rookie playing in his team's first game.

Last week at Denver, Green had a more traditional big day. He had 10 catches for 124 yards, including a TD. The TD catch was for only five yards, but it showcased the skills that made him the consensus best WR available in the draft. He beat tight coverage to make a contested catch, and he did an acrobatic job of keeping both feet in bounds.

"The pass was just high, back-shoulder, and I was thinking 'I've got to drag my feet,'" Green said of the catch. "I feel like I had a pretty good game catching the ball. But you know, I'd rather catch zero balls and get the 'W' than have 10 catches for whatever yards. We just have to get better this week and open the home schedule with a win. We've just got to get better at finishing."

Lewis on Green: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis has not shied from stating the team's high expectations for rookie WR A.J. Green.

"A.J. brings as nearly a complete package as you could ask of a player at any position," Lewis says. "Hands, athleticism, agility, speed ... He's well-schooled, has very good knowledge of the game, and he has a great work ethic. You have to have things on offense that push people, and he's a guy who will push the defense and make them defend him over the top. He'll open things up for other guys."

Green on Green: Comments from Bengals WR A.J. Green as he launches into his rookie season:

- "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."

Lewis the lyrical: Marvin Lewis' recent mention of WR A.J. Green "pushing" opposing defenses evokes memories of one of the head coach's most expressive past comments. Speaking from his experience as a defensive coordinator, he said this about facing an offense with a big-play weapon:

"It's when they strike up that band, you know? When that big bird drops the bomb on you. You know it's over, and they're striking up the fight song. It's a bad day, it's a bad deal. Those are the things that are important as an offense. Otherwise, you don't put any fear in the defense. When I was coaching defense, if I didn't think the other team could go over our heads, well, we'd just keep doing what we do and pressing them up front."

Benson sights top five: The 49ers game will mark only the 42nd Bengals regular-season start for HB Cedric Benson, but Benson has been a consistent force ever since being given his first start in Game 7 of 2008. He led that team in season rushing, and he averaged 1181 yards in leading the team

over 2009 and 2010. He is now in sight of the team's all-time top five in rushing yards, as his 3289 total is 438 short of fifth-place Harold Green's 3727.

Benson has less than three full Bengals seasons under his belt, while Green played in six campaigns (1990-95).

But while Benson figures to pass Green this season, it'll be another hike to reach fourth place. FB Pete Johnson holds that spot, with 5421 yards in a seven-season career. Corey Dillon, with 8061 yards in seven seasons, is the Bengals all-time leader.

The 5-11, 227-pound Benson 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.

Benson's ratio is best: HB Cedric Benson has 14 games of 100-plus rushing yards in 42 career Bengals starts (including postseason), and his ratio of one 100-yarder for every 3.00 starts is best in team history. In second place 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), had a ratio of one 100-yarder for every 3.43 games (96 total games).

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), Cedric Benson (14), Pete Johnson (14).

- Five-to-nine games — Harold Green (eight), Paul Robinson (six), Essex Johnson (five), Ickey Woods (five).

- One-to-four games — Larry Kinnebrew (four), Boobie Clark (three), Archie Griffin (three), Jess Phillips (three), Kenny Watson (two), Ki-Jana Carter (one), Virgil Carter (one), Doug Dressler (one), Larry Johnson (one), Marc Logan (one), Bernard Scott (one), Deacon Turner (one), Stanley Wilson (one).

25 does the trick: With HB Cedric Benson's 25-carry game at Cleveland Sept. 11, the Bengals upped their record to 31-2 under head coach Marvin Lewis when a rusher has 25 or carries. That's a .939 winning percentage.

Benson has hit the 25 mark 12 times, and the Bengals are 11-1 in those contests.

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 (11-3 including one postseason game).

Three-man team: They'll never be as famous as the Three Musketeers. Or even the Three Amigos. But in a football world of competition and change, the Bengals HB trio of Cedric Benson, Bernard Scott and Brian Leonard is unusual.

The 2011 season marks their third straight in the 1-2-3 spots on the depth chart. Benson is the bell cow, a battering ram with a good burst. Scott provides an explosive change of pace. And Leonard has proven himself a clutch performer in converting key third and fourth downs, particularly as a receiver.

Benson was the headliner in the Sept. 11 season-opening win at Cleveland, with 121 rushing yards and a TD. He was held to 59 yards on 16 carries in last week's two-point loss at Denver, but for the season he has a 4.4-yard per-carry average, with 180 yards on 41 carries and a TD. Leonard, who has been particularly effective as a third and fourth-down receiver and rusher in his Bengals career, has averaged 8.2 yards per touch thus far this season, going four-for-34 receiving and two-for-15 rushing.

Scott, a sixth-round find from the 2009 draft, has been held in check thus far this season, with 13 yards on six rushes. But he remains considered a potentially explosive change of pace when spelling Benson with the first offense. Scott entered this season with a 4.6-yard career rushing average. He had a 119-yard rushing game when replacing an injured Benson in 2009. He has a long rush of 61 yards, the Bengals' longest rush since 2002, and he had a 100-yard kickoff return for a TD in 2009.

The rotation is rolling: NFL trends of recent years have blurred the distinction between starters and reserves on defensive lines. Though the ideal of having an unstoppable pass rushing star or an immovable interior line behemoth has not died, the goal for a successful line includes having the depth to use as many as eight players for significant snap counts.

The goal is keeping everyone fresh — particularly the top players for crunch time — and the Bengals are on that track. None of the eight defensive linemen had fewer than 23 snaps in the season opener at Cleveland. Only seven played last week, as starting DE Robert Geathers was out with a shoulder injury, but again every active player had at least 23 snaps.

"It's a really good rotation," said Domata Peko, the starter at NT, "and you hope it keeps going because you're able to keep that same high motor at the end of the game when you really need it."

Can '11 model be Zimmer's best? The Bengals are a top 10 NFL defense through two games, ranking ninth in fewest yards allowed per game at 301.5.

Under coordinator Mike Zimmer, now in his fourth Bengals season, the defense has undergone a definite upgrade compared to recent pre-Zimmer years. The Bengals was a rock in the 2009 division title season, ranking fourth in the NFL. Last season the results were so-so, with a ranking of 15th, but the injury situation was severe. This year the expectation of maybe Zimmer's best defense yet has been an in-house Bengals feeling, but perhaps one not fully pondered yet by national prognosticators.

"In '09 we played pretty damn good," says Zimmer. "We're not there yet. Too many new guys. I've got to continue to develop that. We'll see how we do in these next few games."

NT Domata Peko, a veteran unit leader, says the defense has been inspired by the Bengals' low rankings from many NFL analysts.

"Everybody was doubting us going into the (season-opening) Cleveland game," Peko said. "It gives you a chip on your shoulder. It really makes you angry. I think it makes you play harder because it's you against the world."

**Defense looking deep:** The Bengals defense was a bit undermanned in preseason, with DT Pat Sims (knee), DE Carlos Dunlap (knee), CB Adam Jones (neck), LB Keith Rivers (wrist) and LB Dontay Moch (foot) all missing most if not all of August due to injuries.

But things have been looking up as the regular season has begun. Sims and Dunlap have proven ready to play extensively in each of the first two regular-season games. Moch's availability can be seen as not too far away, as he was carried through to the 53-player roster in final cuts. CB Jones and LB Rivers are currently on reserve lists, but they will be eligible for activation, pending continued progress, as soon as Game 7.

Even at the height of the injury situation, the defense's depth looked good. Unrestricted free agents Manny Lawson and Thomas Howard have bolstered the LB corps, and on the line, there was no shortage of healthy talent among DEs Michael Johnson, Jonathan Fanene and Frostee Rucker. DE Robert Geathers missed last week's game with a shoulder injury, but he was healthy through preseason and for the opener, and he has a chance to play this week. Interior line starters Domata Peko and Geno Atkins have been healthy all the way. In the secondary, the only player besides Adam Jones who was unable to play at Cleveland was recently acquired CB Kelly Jennings, and Jennings made his Cincinnati debut in last week's Denver game.

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

One among this group was unfortunately lost for the season in the Denver game. WR Jordan Shipley must look to 2012 after suffering two torn left knee ligaments (ACL and MCL) against the Broncos. Shipley led all AFC rookies last season in receiving yards (600) and he tied for the conference rookie lead in catches (52).

But the sophomores to watch in 2011 still include:

- 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." Dunlap incurred a knee strain early in training camp and did not play in the preseason games, but he logged two tackles at Cleveland and was credited by the coaching staff with a team-leading four QB pressures. He had five tackles and another pressure last week at Denver.

- TE Jermaine Gresham has the potential to reach multiple Pro Bowls, and he showed it in the season opener at Cleveland, with team-leading figures for catches (six) and receiving yards (58). Included was a deft grab of a high-speed delivery from QB Andy Dalton in a crowded end zone in the first quarter, for a two-yard TD. He had two catches for eight yards at Denver. The Bengals' No. 1 draft pick last season, Gresham tied 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. He is a 260-pounder with the strength and attitude to develop into a top blocker as well.

**Mauluga in the middle:** The player to watch on the Bengals defense as the 2011 season opens is LB Rey Mauluga. The third-year pro played his first two Cincinnati seasons on the outside, and this year he moves inside to replace departed veteran Dhani Jones. He leads the team through two games with 19 tackles. He was the club leader in total tackles (12) and solos (eight) last week at Denver, but he was in anything but a satisfied mood after the loss.

"I'm frustrated with how I performed," he said. "I take full responsibility for (Denver's) running game. I had a couple plays where I had (Willis McGahee) for a 1-yard gain (and missed the tackle). I'm bigger than him, no way he can run through me, but I let him do that. I didn't wrap up, I didn't move my feet, I stopped. If I made all the tackles I would have missed, I would have had a solid game. I hope I get my butt ripped when we watch the film. I was just another dude out there."

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

**Lewis on Rey:** Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis' on Rey Mauluga's move to middle linebacker:

"A guy that plays the interior of the defense has to have the ability to feel people around him. There's an innateness that comes with that. If you're an outside linebacker, you're generally playing from one side in, as opposed to inside-out. We actually made the decision last year (to move Mauluga inside). But we had some injuries. Rey got injured and we had some other injuries at some other spots and it just didn't work out that way at that point."

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

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

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

"People get a certain number of chances. For me, it's now or never. 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."

**Howard thrives with change of scenery:** Students of only recent history may not have thought much of the Bengals' July 30 signing of LB Thomas Howard as an unrestricted free agent. Howard played in only 12 games last season for Oakland, with four games on the inactive list, and most of his action was on special teams. He logged only four tackles on defense.

But sometimes players just aren't seen to fit the plans of a changed coaching staff, and the Bengals are betting that staff changes in Oakland had more to do with Howard's status than Howard himself. He played in every game and started all but two in the previous four seasons for Oakland (2006-09), with averaging 96 tackles per season, with seven INTs and 26 passes defended.

So far, the Bengals' bet looks good. He has tied for second on the team in tackles in each of the first two games, and he ranks third for the full season with 15 total stops.

"Thomas really has seized the moment," says Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "From the physical aspect to the mental aspect of being prepared and understanding the opponent, he's embraced it all. He's been a great addition for his abilities but also his mental makeup and what he adds to the football team."

Bengals linebackers coach Jeff FitzGerald got a tip heading into free agency on Howard from former Raiders' linebacker coach, Mike Haluchak, who is also a former Bengals assistant.

"Mike is a trusted source of mine, and he got us pointed in the right direction," said FitzGerald. "I looked at tape and watched (Howard) from seasons before and I liked what I saw."

This guy reports for work: Bengals CB Leon Hall has not missed a regular-season or postseason game in his Bengals career. The fifth-year pro has played in all 67 games since his 2007 signing, and he has started the last 59 (57 at RCB and two at LCB).

He has played more Bengals games without missing one than anyone on the current roster, and his streak of consecutive starts is also the current team's longest.

In addition to his defensive workload, Hall is among the most active special teams players of the team's regular starters.

"Whatever you ask him to do, he'll do it and not say a word," said defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer. "If you tell him to play the best receiver, he'll do it. If you tell him to play the nickel, he'll do it. If you tell him to run down on a kickoff, he'll do it. Left side, right side, he does it. He's tough, smart, practices every day and he's passionate about football. Just the kind of guy we like."

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 season sees Smith slimmer and working as the starting ROT. He has not missed a practice since completing foot injury rehab early in training camp, and he has helped the team's running backs average 4.2 yards per carry through two games. Also, he recovered a fumble by QB Andy Dalton at the Bengals eight-yard line in the second quarter, averting a major giveaway and allowing Cincinnati to punt its way out of danger.

All in all, if Smith 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. He's taken leaps and bounds with his assignments 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."

Securing the foundation: The Bengals made late preseason moves to extend the contracts of three starters. On Aug. 31, LOT Andrew

Whitworth agreed to an extension through 2015, and on Sept. 2, RCB Leon Hall and C Kyle Cook also agreed to extensions through '15.

All three players have started every game, including postseason, since the start of the 2008 campaign.

"These are steps in securing our young starting players and leaders for the present and the future," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "We've strengthened the foundation on both sides of the ball."

Hall's starting streak goes beyond two seasons. He has started 59 straight games, dating back to his rookie season of 2006, when he was a Bengals first-round draft choice. He has played in all 67 games of his career, the current team's longest streak of playing every game in a career.

"I've always had faith in this team and these players, and it means a lot to me that the Bengals have faith in me as a person and a player," Hall said. "Any team has to keep its core in place to be good in the long run, and with Whit (Whitworth) and Kyle signing on, too, it's good for the team and good for the locker room."

In four seasons, Hall has led the team in interceptions three times and tied for the lead once. His 18 career INTs rank sixth all-time on the Bengals.

Whitworth was a second-round Cincinnati draft choice in 2006 and has 76 career games and 72 starts. He has started 10 or more games every season since his rookie year. He also has served as a team captain.

Unlike Hall and Whitworth, Cook was not a high draft choice. He has become an NFL starter after entering the league as an undrafted free agent with Minnesota in 2007.

"As I tell all our players every year, it's not how you get here, it's how you do once you are here," said Lewis. "Kyle is a great example of that."

A stat that matters: Last week's 24-22 Bengals loss at Denver was a rarity in one sense. The Bengals were plus-two in turnover differential (two takeaways, no giveaways), suffering only their 10th loss with a plus in Lewis' tenure of more than eight seasons. The team's record with a plus, including the Denver loss, is 41-10-1, a winning percentage of .798.

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.....	670-302-1	.689
Plus-2.....	555-111-0	.833
Plus-3.....	342-43-1	.887
Plus-4.....	176-8-0	.957
Plus-5 or more .....	90-3-0	.968

In this season's Week 2 play, teams with a plus posted a 10-2 record, a winning percentage of .833. The combined record for the season is 19-4 (.826). Since 2000, NFL teams with any plus have a combined winning percentage of .797. The combined W-L record is 1834-467-2.

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

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L	PCT.
Orange	Black.....	3-0-0	1.000
Orange	White.....	8-3-0	.727
Black	Black.....	9-6-1	.594
Black	White.....	15-21-0	.417
White	Black.....	11-18-0	.379
White	White.....	7-14-0	.333

Bengals tie high-water mark: A season-opening win at Cleveland left the Bengals in a tie for their largest-ever lead in the Battle of Ohio series. They have a four-game edge at 40-36. Cincinnati's only previous four-game lead was 24-20 — established with a win in the first game of 1992.

Starting with the second meeting of '92, the Browns posted a series-record winning streak of seven, taking a three-game lead at 27-24 at the end of the '95

campaign. The Bengals would not lead the series again until late 2006. They climbed back on top when they gained a 34-33 edge with a two-game '06 sweep.

The Browns have since pulled into a couple of ties, but they have now endured roughly a five-year stretch without a lead in the series, and they cannot lead again until late 2013 at the earliest.

If the Bengals win at home against the Browns on Nov. 27 of this year, they will tie the largest lead by either team in series history. That record remains five games by the Browns, who led 6-1 after the first meeting of 1973.

**Defense rules on two-pointers:** The Bengals missed a two-point conversion attempt last week at Denver. Since 1994, when the two-point option was added to NFL rules, the Bengals are 17-for-46 (37.0 percent), and their opponents are 17-for-40 (42.5 percent).

**Bengal bites:** The Bengals record for most penalty yards incurred in a game (133) was set against San Francisco, in a 28-12 loss at Candlestick Park on Oct. 1, 1978 ... In the last Bengals-49ers meeting, at Monster Park in 2007, Cincinnati's Carson Palmer threw his 100th career TD pass. It came in his 59th game, making him the fifth-fastest passer in NFL history to hit the 100 mark ... 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 the 1982 season ... Five Bengals players have changed their uniform numbers since the publication of the team's 2011 media guide. LB Manny Lawson now wears No. 99, S Taylor Mays wears No. 26, S Robert Sands wears No. 31, LB DeQuin Evans (practice squad) wears No. 41 and WR Andrew Hawkins (practice squad) wears No. 16.

**TV streak should hit 98:** In each of the last 97 Cincinnati TV ratings weeks that have included a Bengals regular-season or postseason

broadcast — a period dating back to 2004 — the Bengals have ruled the Cincinnati airwaves. They have been the top-rated show among all programming in the Cincinnati market, and usually by a wide margin.

It's expected that the streak will officially hit 98 when Cincinnati rankings become available for the week of Sept. 12-18. The Bengals' Sept. 18 game at Denver drew a local rating of 28.8, a number few other programs have come close to approaching in recent years.

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

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

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

**Bengals programming:** This week's Bengals TV and radio programming lineup:

**TELEVISION:**

• Sun., Sept. 25 — Bengals Weekly, 11:30 a.m.-noon, WKRC-TV (Channel 12).

• Sun., Sept. 25 — Bengals Backstage, 11:30 p.m.-midnight, WKRC-TV (Channel 12).

**RADIO:**

• Wed., Sept. 21 — Bengals Game Plan, with Dan Hoard and Dave Lapham, 6-8 p.m. (ESPN 1530).

• Fri., Sept. 23 — Bengals Pep Rally, with Dan Hoard and Artrell Hawkins, 3-6 p.m. (ESPN 1530).

• Mon., Sept. 26 — Bengals Line, with Dave Lapham and Lance McAlister, 6-9 p.m. (WLW 700).

## BENGALS QUOTES

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on QB Andy Dalton's adjustments in the Denver game:

"They came with pressure, they came with dropping eight, they came with a four-man rush. He saw five-man, he saw six-man, he saw three-man, he saw four-man and he handled it all. He was decisive with it. That's a good thing and an opportunity to keep building upon. Our other offensive guys know they have to get in the right spots and let him read the coverage and do what he is coached to do. When the ball comes, you make the catch and let's go from there."

Lewis, on the offense:

"We've done a good job taking care of the football. That's going to have to be a consistent theme throughout our season, to not turn the ball over. But we've had some opportunities to get touchdowns and ended up coming away with field goals. And obviously the most critical negative from last week was the third downs, the third-and-ones in particular. We've got to convert those. We have to do a better job at that."

Lewis, on the defense:

"The biggest positive is that we're creating turnovers. We're getting some balls batted in the air; and hopefully those will start falling our way. We've got to tighten in coverage and get more of those (batted balls) downfield. We have to do a better job in gap integrity throughout the defensive 11 guys, and make sure we're in the right spots and taking care of our jobs and responsibilities, and not trying to get too much done."

Lewis, on the loss of WR Jordan Shipley to a season-ending knee injury:

"It's a setback, but Jordan and Andre Caldwell had been splitting the repetitions (at slot receiver) anyway. Andre's been in there a lot in practice, and we'll give Brandon (Tate) some more opportunity at wide receiver as well."

Lewis, on the team's plus-three turnover differential:

"We're going to harp on it all the time. We reinforce taking care of the football with the runners and receivers in everything they do. Not that we didn't (emphasize it) a year ago, when we happened to put the ball on the ground more, but we have to stay after it. We took long looks in the offseason at why we had the fumbles we did and when they occurred and what was going on with the

ball when those fumbles did occur. Sometimes the defense makes a good play and happens to get the hat or the arms right on the ball at an inopportune moment. We just have to continue to do a good job of taking care of it. I hate the fact that we're talking about it too much right now, but knock on wood. It's important that you take care of the football. We've got to keep getting more turnovers on defense and stay after it."

OT Andrew Whitworth, on team personality and chemistry:

"The biggest thing (compared to last year) is just the lack of distractions, and seeing guys working hard and just having a good attitude. 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."

QB Andy Dalton, on taking a leadership position as a rookie:

"It depends on the guys you have around you. We have a lot of great guys here and they've made my job a whole lot easier. I feel confident with everyone, that I can step in the huddle and take control, and that guys are responding. As time goes and the more experience that I get, that will come easier. It can be tough being a rookie, but you can't let that affect you."

CB Leon Hall, on making Cincinnati his home through at least 2015 with a contract extension:

"I love the city. I'd never been here, before but the people here have been tremendous to me and my family. I feel like I have the greatest neighbors anyone can have, and that makes the biggest difference, too."

Offensive coordinator Jay Gruden, on wide receiver A.J. Green:

"On draft day I felt like I just got up on Christmas and opened up my favorite present. Not only is he a great player, but you meet with him and you see he's a great person. He's got a great attitude. He wants to work. He can do everything a receiver needs to do to be great — already. The sky is the limit for him. With his desire to work and his ability to make plays, he's going to make a lot of them. The beauty of throwing to him is that he might be covered, but you can put ball up and he'll get it. Just give him a chance. He can make circus catches look easy."

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've been in preseason."

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 why it's a tough position. You're asked to block defensive ends sometimes."

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."

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."

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."

WR Andre Caldwell, on this year's changes to 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

**Quarterbacks:** Rookie Andy Dalton of TCU came back to play every offensive snap at Denver after missing the second half of his pro debut at Cleveland due to a wrist injury. He posted a 107.0 passer rating, completing 27 of 41 for a Bengals rookie-record 332 yards, with two TDs and no INTs. He has a 105.7 rating for the season, and joins Hall of Famer Dan Marino as the only rookies since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger to get 100-plus passer ratings in each of their first two starts. Dalton's TD passes at Denver were of 10 yards to WR Andre Caldwell in the third quarter and five yards to WR A.J. Green in the fourth quarter. He also connected with WR Jerome Simpson for an 84-yard completion that set up a TD. For the season Dalton is 37-for-56 passing (66.1 percent) for 413 yards with three TDs and no INTs. Sixth-year NFL vet Bruce Gradkowski is in the No. 2 QB role. He did not play at Denver, but in the opener at Cleveland, he replaced an injured Dalton in the second half, directing an offense that came back to win with two TDs in the last 4:28 of play. He had a 41-yard TD pass to A.J. Green that put the Bengals ahead to stay. Gradkowski joined the Bengals as an unrestricted free agent signee from Oakland for 2011. His Cleveland passing totals were five-for-12 for 92 yards, with the one TD and no INTs.

**Running backs:** HB Cedric Benson rushed 16 times for 59 yards in the Denver game, pushing his two-game totals to 180 yards on 41 carries, a 4.4-yard average. Benson rushed 25-for-121 with a 39-yard TD in the season opener at Cleveland. The Bengals are 11-1 when Benson has 25 carries in a game and are 11-2 when he rushes for 100 yards. The seventh-year pro re-signed with Cincinnati for this season as an unrestricted free agent. He has led Cincinnati in rushing and in yards from scrimmage for the last three years. He has the Bengals' best all-time ratio of 100-yard rushing games per start (14 of 42 including postseason, ratio of one every 3.00 games). Fifth-year pro Brian Leonard did not have a rushing attempt at Denver but gained five net yards on two receptions. For the season Leonard is four-for-34 receiving and two-for-15 rushing, an average of 8.2 yards per touch. Leonard has been particularly productive on third and fourth-down plays during his Bengals tenure. Completing the Bengals' incumbent HB trio is third-year pro Bernard Scott. Scott rushed two-for-10 at Denver and is six-for-13 for the season. Though he has yet to break out in 2011, he is considered a potentially explosive change of pace as Benson's main rushing backup. He entered this season with a 4.6-yard career rushing average. Also making the roster to start the season was second-year pro Cedric

Peerman, a darting runner with good burst. Peerman was a game-day inactive at Cleveland and saw action on special teams at Denver. FB Chris Pressley has played in the first two games. He had several key blocks in aiding Benson's 121-yard rushing day at Cleveland.

**Wide receivers:** First-round draft choice A.J. Green is quickly delivering on the promise that led the Bengals to make him the No. 4 overall choice in the 2011 draft. His 41-yard TD catch on Sept. 11 at Cleveland was the longest game-winning reception in NFL history by a rookie playing in his team's first game, and last week at Denver, he had 10 catches for 124 yards with a TD. His TD catch against the Broncos was for only five yards, but it showed the skills that made him a consensus early first-round value in the draft, as he beat tight coverage to make a contested catch and did an acrobatic job of keeping both feet in bounds. For the season, the ex-Georgia star has 11 catches for 165 yards, both figures leading all NFL rookies. He is also the only rookie with two receiving TDs. Despite his 124 yards, Green was only second on the Bengals in receiving yards at Denver, as fourth-year pro Jerome Simpson gained 136 yards on just four catches. The key for Simpson was a medium-range catch in the fourth quarter on which he used his speed to make an 84-yard gain, setting up a TD. Simpson's 180 receiving yards through two games lead the team, and he has a 22.5-yard average on his eight catches. The fourth-year pro, originally a signee from the FCS college ranks (Coastal Carolina), had a slow start in the NFL but is now making good on promise he showed in the last three games of 2010. Fourth-year pro Andre Caldwell also had a strong finish in 2010, and at Denver, his three catches for 27 yards included a 10-yard TD in the third quarter. Caldwell ended last season with modest totals of 25 catches and 345 yards, but he caught 51 during the division title season of 2009, including two game-clinching TDs with less than a minute to play. Slot receiver Jordan Shipley had three catches for 15 yards at Denver, but he suffered a serious left knee injury (torn ACL and MCL) in the third quarter. He was placed Sept. 19 on the Reserve/Injured list. Shipley led AFC rookies last year in receiving yards (600) and tied for the conference rookie lead in catches (52). Third-year pro Brandon Tate, acquired Sept. 4 on waivers from New England, has not seen action on offense but is serving as the team's No. 1 kickoff and punt returner. Sixth-round 2011 draft choice Ryan Whalen of Stanford has been inactive for Games 1-2.

**Tight ends:** Second-year pro Jermaine Gresham had two receptions

for eight yards at Denver and is eight-for-66 with a TD on the season. He led the team in receptions (six) and receiving yards (58) in the season opener at Cleveland while also blocking for HB Cedric Benson's 121-yard rushing day. Cincinnati's No. 1 draft pick in 2010, Gresham made a big impact on the passing game last season. His 52 receptions 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. Rookie Colin Cochart of South Dakota State has played in each of the first two games (no receptions). Cochart was the only player from the Bengals' crop of 2011 college free agents to make the 53-player roster for the season opener. He played in all four preseason games and had four catches for 25 yards. Ninth-year NFL vet Donald Lee signed with the Bengals on Sept. 14 and was inactive at Denver.

**Offensive linemen:** Starting LOT and team leader Andrew Whitworth leads the Bengals line into the 2011 season. The Denver game marked his 35th straight start (including postseason) at the position. Whitworth has been a key player on the line since his rookie campaign. His 72 career starts include 47 at OT and 25 at G. Third-year pro Andre Smith, the Bengals' top pick in the 2009 draft, has opened the season as a starter for the first time, manning the ROT spot, and he also started at Denver. In the season opening win at Cleveland, Smith recovered a fumble by QB Andy Dalton at the Bengals eight-yard line in the second quarter, averting a major offensive giveaway. Smith started only four games last year, slowed by a foot injury, but he reported for training camp in the best shape of his career and carries high hopes into the 2011 campaign. Nate Livings, a fourth-year player this season, has opened at LG in Games 1-2. He started every game last year. Rookie Clint Boling, fourth-round draft pick from Georgia, has begun his career as a starter, opening Games 1-2 at RG. Boling is replacing 12-year vet Bobbie Williams, who was levied an NFL suspension for Games 1-4, for violation of the policy on performance-enhancing substitutes. Since joining the Bengals in 2004, Williams has not missed a start for any football-related reason. His only previous missed time was three games for an emergency appendectomy in 2006. Kyle Cook is back for his third season in the starting center role. He has started every game since the opening of the 2009 season. Two experienced veterans are backing up OT. Dennis Roland started 12 games at ROT last season, and Anthony Collins was promoted to No. 1 ROT for the campaign's final two games. Roland and Collins are both fourth-year players in 2011. Roland has played in Games 1-2, and his role includes serving as an extra TE in the base offense in short-yardage situations. Collins played in Game 1 and was active-DNP at Denver. C/G Mike McGlynn was acquired on waivers from Philadelphia on Sept. 4 and has been active-DNP for Games 1-2. McGlynn played in every Eagles game last year, starting the last 14 plus a playoff game at center, after a September injury to Jamaal Jackson. First-year G Otis Hudson made the roster despite missing all four preseason games with a knee injury. He has been inactive for Games 1-2, but is slated to return to practice this week. Hudson spent all of last season on the Bengals' practice squad and entered camp rated by coaches as a promising prospect.

**Defensive linemen:** Starting RDE Michael Johnson and starting NT Domata Peko led the line charge in the Denver game. Each player had seven tackles, tied for the line lead, and they combined to give the offense a big opportunity late in the third quarter, when Johnson sacked Kyle Orton and forced a fumble that Peko recovered at the Denver 14. (The Bengals offense was held to a field goal, however.) Peko, last year's line leader in tackles, leads the line for the season again this year, with 11 stops. Johnson has eight tackles, and his three passes defended rank second on the team while leading the front seven. Johnson also has the team's only INT of the season, claimed in the opener at Cleveland. Johnson is in the starting role after starting 10 games last year, including the last eight. Starting DT Geno Atkins had five tackles with an eight-yard sack at Denver, plus two QB pressures. Atkins' sack came on third-and-goal from the Cincinnati eight late in the second quarter and forced the Broncos to settle for a field goal. For the season, Atkins has 12 tackles (fourth on team), with the one sack and one pass defended. Atkins was productive as a rookie in 2010, playing in every game and leading the team in coaches' compilation of QB pressures (19). DT/DE Jonathan Fanene started his first game of the season in the Denver contest as an injury replacement at LDE. Fanene's four tackles included a seven-yard loss against RB Willis McGahee on a third down in the second quarter, forcing a Broncos punt. Fanene, a seventh-year player, is off to a good start on a comeback year, with 11 on the season. One of his tackles on

Sept. 11 at Cleveland stopped RB Peyton Hillis for a four-yard loss. He missed almost all of 2010 with a hamstring injury but had a productive 2009 season, including six sacks. Fanene started in Denver in place of eighth-year pro Robert Geathers, who was out with a shoulder injury suffered Sept. 11 at Cleveland. Geathers' status for San Francisco is undetermined as of early this week. A longtime starter at LDE, Geathers was credited with three QB pressures and a pass defended, along with one tackle, at Cleveland. He is a two-time team leader in sacks. Second-year DE Carlos Dunlap had five tackles and a QB pressure at Denver. He has seven tackles and a team-best five QB pressures on the season. One of his pressures Sept. 11 at Cleveland led to an INT by Johnson. Dunlap sat out all four preseason games to rest a knee strain, but is being counted on for a big season. Playing mostly as a situational pass rusher last season, Dunlap set a Bengals rookie record with 9.5 sacks, finishing second in the NFL in sacks by a rookie. DE Frostee Rucker is a veteran who can contribute if he can avoid injury trouble that has limited him in past seasons. This year, he has played in all four preseason games and Games 1-2, and he has seven tackles with two passes defended. Rucker had five tackles and two passes defended at Denver, and one of his PDs forced a Bronco punt in the fourth quarter. Rucker has been credited with one QB pressure on the season. 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. Fourth-year pro Pat Sims made eight starts at DT last season and is slated for considerable playing time. He had five tackles at Denver and has two for the season. Sims has been a line rotation regular in all three of his previous seasons, logging 22 career starts.

**Linebackers:** Transition in the middle highlights the Bengals' LB picture for 2011. Third-year pro Rey Mauluga, a high second-round Bengals draft choice in 2008, has taken over as starting MLB. Through two games he leads the defense with 19 tackles, including a team-best 12 last week at Denver. Third on the team with 15 tackles on the season is Thomas Howard, one of the Bengals two new starting OLBs. Howard has two tackles-for-loss. The sixth-year NFL vet was signed July 30 as a free agent from Oakland. He was a second-round Raiders draftee in 2006. He had eight tackles, tied for second on the team, along with a QB pressure in the Denver game. The other starting OLB is Manny Lawson, signed Aug. 3 as an unrestricted free agent from San Francisco. Lawson had six tackles and two passes defended at Denver. He has nine tackles on the season. He 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). 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 saw action for the second straight game in the Denver contest, both on defense and special teams, but had no statistics. 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 led the special teams in tackles (16) last season, and this preseason, he led the defense in tackles (18). He saw brief action on defense at Denver and had one tackle, and he had his second special teams stop of the year. Second-year pro Vincent Rey, a 2010 Bengals college free agent signee, has made the season-opening roster after seeing action in two games last year. He has played in Games 1-2 on special teams and leads the special units with three tackles. The Bengals have high expectations for third-round draft choice Dontay Moch as an edge rusher, but his debut will be delayed, due to a foot injury suffered in the preseason opener. The 248-pounder has exceptional speed for his size, and in college he logged 30 sacks and 63 tackles-for-loss. Keith Rivers, a starter when healthy at WLB from 2008-10, was placed Sept. 3 on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list. He did not practice or play in preseason due to rehab from wrist surgery, but he will be eligible for possible activation after Week 6.

**Defensive backs:** 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. Hall had two tackles at Denver, plus his team-leading fourth pass defended of the year. Also at Denver, Hall a fumble recovery and a 10-yard return to the Denver 41, setting up a field goal. Hall has six tackles on the season. The fumble Hall recovered at Denver was forced by FS Reggie Nelson, who knocked the ball loose from WR Eric Decker. Nelson had eight tackles in the Denver game, tied for second on the team. Nelson is second on the team for the season in tackles (17), and he also has a sack and a pass defended. Joining Hall in the starting lineup at CB is veteran Nate Clements, who was signed as an unrestricted free agent on Aug. 1. Clements had eight

tackles at Denver, and for the season he has 11 tackles with two passes defended. A ninth-year NFL player entering his fourth Bengals campaign, SS Chris Crocker is the veteran leader of the Bengals' safety corps. Crocker had three tackles at Denver, and for the season he has six tackles, a sack, a pass defended and a forced fumble. Veteran S Gibril Wilson, acquired last season as a free agent, has played in the first two games and has five tackles on the season. He also has two special teams tackles, tied for second on the team. He was credited with two stops on defense at Denver. Wilson is making his Bengals debut this season, as he missed all of last season with a serious knee injury suffered in preseason. On Aug. 29, the Bengals acquired sixth-year CB Kelly Jennings in a trade with Seattle, sending DT Clinton McDonald to the Seahawks. Jennings was inactive due to a hamstring strain in the season opener, but he played on defense and on special teams at Denver (no statistics). Jennings played and started 14 games last season for a Seahawks club that won the NFC West Division. Morgan Trent, a third-year CB, has played in Games 1-2, though he saw action only on special teams at Denver. He 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. On Aug. 23, the Bengals obtained second-year S Taylor Mays in a trade with San Francisco for an undisclosed future draft pick. Mays, a second-round 49ers draft choice in 2010, played 16 games for San Francisco last season, with six starts. He played in the last two preseason games for the Bengals, with three tackles, but later suffered a knee injury. He has been inactive for Games 1-2 but is slated to return to practice this week. S 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 on special teams in Games 1-2 and has one tackle. Fifth-round draft pick Robert Sands of West Virginia made the roster out of preseason but has been

inactive for Games 1-2. Sands played in all four preseason games and had 10 tackles. Veteran CB Adam Jones played well early last season after being acquired as a free agent, but he has not been cleared to practice or play since training camp began, due to rehab from a neck injury. Jones was placed Sept. 3 on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list, and he will be eligible for possible activation after Week 6. CB Rico Murray was waived on Sept. 14.

Special teams: K Mike Nugent has made a successful return to action from a knee injury that ended his 2010 season in Game 9. Nugent's preseason work included a 55-yard field goal, equaling the Bengals' regular-season record (55 by Chris Bahr in 1979), and Nugent is five-for-five on FGs in the regular season. His three-for-three performance at Denver included kicks of 45, 37 and 23 yards. He is four-for-four on PATs. He has reached the end zone on 11 of his 12 kickoffs, and eight of those have gone for touchbacks. Nugent is having a second straight hot September. Last September he was AFC Special Teams Player of the Week for a five-FG game vs. Baltimore, and he also was AFC Special Teams Player of the Month. P Kevin Huber, a Cincinnati native, averaged 41.0 yards on five kicks at Denver Cleveland, with a 37.0-yard net. He had two inside-20 kicks and one touchback. Huber is in his third NFL and Bengals season. He also is the team's holder on place kicks. For the season he is averaging 45.2 yards with a 37.6 net and has four inside-20s against two touchbacks. The Bengals made a move in their kick return game on Sept. 4, acquiring WR Brandon Tate on waivers from New England. Tate opens the year as the primary returner on both kickoffs and punts, through two games he is averaging 7.3 yards on six punt returns and 23.0 yards on four kickoff returns. Last season for New England, he had two kickoff returns for TDs, including a 97-yarder against the Bengals. LBs Vincent Rey and Dan Skuta each had a special teams tackle at Denver, and Rey leads the special teams for the season with three stops. Third-year pro Clark Harris is in the No. 1 long snapper spot. He has made 251 snaps with no unplayable deliveries since joining the Bengals in 2009.

THE LAST BENGALS-49ERS MEETINGS

2003 SEASON / WEEK 15, GAME 14

Cincinnati Bengals 41, San Francisco 49ers 38  
Sunday, Dec. 14, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals regained a tie with Baltimore for first place in the AFC North at 8-6, despite giving up the most points in franchise history in a victory. Cincinnati became the first NFL team in 2003 to give up 500 yards in a game (502) and win. The Bengals never trailed after taking a 21-14 second-quarter lead on a 31-yard pass from QB Jon Kitna to WR Peter Warrick, but the 49ers kept things interesting with a 21-point fourth quarter. Kitna threw for two TD passes with no INTs, and HB Rudi Johnson rushed for 174 yards and two TDs. Johnson became the first back in Bengals history to rush for 150 yards three times in a season. The 49ers fell to 6-8.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
San Francisco	0	17	0	21	—	38
Cincinnati	7	14	10	10	—	41

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — C.Johnson 10 pass from J.Kitna (S.Graham kick)	1:5:27
Cin. — K.Hardy 10 fumble return (S.Graham kick)	2:13:03
S.F. — T.Owens 58 pass from J.Garcia (T.Peterson kick)	2:11:30
S.F. — T.Streets 41 pass from J.Garcia (T.Peterson kick)	2:7:29
Cin. — P.Warrick 31 pass from J.Kitna (S.Graham kick)	2:3:26
S.F. — T.Peterson 23 field goal	2:0:00
Cin. — Ru.Johnson 49 run (S.Graham kick)	3:11:41
Cin. — S.Graham 34 field goal	3:1:52
S.F. — J.Garcia 6 run (T.Peterson kick)	4:12:59
Cin. — S.Graham 30 field goal	4:6:58
S.F. — K.Barlow 1 run (T.Peterson kick)	4:3:49
Cin. — Ru.Johnson 3 run (S.Graham kick)	4:2:18
S.F. — K.Barlow 3 run (T.Peterson kick)	4:1:13

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 64,666. Time: 3:12.

TEAM STATISTICS	S.F.	CIN.
First downs	31	23
Third down conversions-attempts	6-9	7-13
Total net yards	502	393
Net yards rushing	171	225
Net yards passing	331	168
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	33-26-0	25-18-0
Sacks against-yards lost	1-13	2-21
Punts-average	1-36.0	2-43.5
Punt returns-yards	1-9	1-12
Kickoff returns-yards	8-174	5-102
Penalties-yards	7-50	4-40
Fumbles-lost	4-3	0-0
Time of possession	26:49	33:11

RUSHING

S.F.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
K.Barlow	18	85	17	2	Ru.Johnson	21	174	49t	2
J.Garcia	4	51	17	1	C.Dillon	9	24	7	0
J.Robertson	4	33	11	0	B.Bennett	2	14	10	0
F.Beasley	1	2	2	0	P.Warrick	2	12	16	0
					J.Kitna	3	1	3	0
TOTALS	27	171	17	3	TOTALS	37	225	49t	2

PASSING

S.F.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Garcia	33	26	344	2-0	J.Kitna	25	18	189	2-0
TOTALS	33	26	344	2-0	TOTALS	25	18	189	2-0

RECEIVING

S.F.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Owens	8	127	58t	1	C.Johnson	6	91	26	1
T.Streets	6	89	41t	1	P.Warrick	5	58	31t	1
K.Barlow	6	66	48	0	M.Schobel	2	15	9	0
C.Wilson	2	30	20	0	Ru.Johnson	2	8	4	0
J.Weaver	2	27	18	0	J.Johnson	1	13	13	0
F.Beasley	1	3	3	0	R.Kelly	1	2	2	0
B.Lloyd	1	2	2	0	B.Bennett	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	26	344	58t	2	TOTALS	18	189	31t	2

DEFENSE

San Francisco (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Smith 4-8-12, J.Ulrich 6-1-7, Z.Bronson 4-3-7, J.Peterson 4-3-7, T.Kirschke 4-1-5, T.Parrish 3-2-5, M.Rumph 2-2-4, C.Ahanotu 2-2-4, B.Young 3-0-3, A.Plummer 1-2-3, A.Carter 2-0-2, D.Carpenter 1-0-1, R.Holman 1-0-1, S.Moran 1-0-1, A.Adams 1-0-1, J.Engelberger 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Carter 1-8, C.Ahanotu 0.5-6.5, D.Smith 0.5-6.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: D.Carpenter 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: T.Roberts 12-1-13, B.Simmons 7-0-7, M.Manuel 6-1-7, J.Smith 5-2-7, K.Hardy 4-3-7, M.Roman 3-2-5, T.Williams 3-2-5, K.Kaesviharn 4-0-4, D.Clements 3-0-3, O.Gibson 0-3-3, T.James 1-1-2, J.Burris 0-2-2, R.Beckett 1-0-1, A.Hawkins 1-0-1, A.Ross 1-0-1, J.Thornton 1-0-1, G.Steele 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Roberts 1-13. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: K.Kaesviharn 1. FF: T.Roberts 1, M.Roman 1, T.Williams 1. FR-YDS.: B.Simmons 2-13, K.Hardy 1-10.

2007 SEASON / WEEK 15, GAME 14

San Francisco 49ers 20, Cincinnati Bengals 13  
Saturday night, Dec. 15, at Monster Park

The Bengals lost the key battles of rushing yards and third-down conversions in falling to a 49ers team that rallied after having lost 10 of its previous 11 games. HB Frank Gore's 138 yards led a 156-yard San Francisco rushing attack, while Cincinnati managed only 61 yards on the ground. The 49ers doubled the Bengals in third-down conversion percentage (60-30) and led by nearly 12 minutes in time of possession. Bengals QB Carson Palmer threw his 100th TD pass in his 59th career game — the fifth-fastest to 100 in NFL history — and the 52-yard score to WR Chris Henry gave Cincinnati a 10-7 lead in the second quarter. But the 49ers scored just before halftime for a 14-10 lead and added two Joe Nedney FGs in the third quarter. The Bengals fell to 5-9 while the 49ers improved to 4-10.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	10	0	3	—	13
San Francisco	0	14	6	0	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
S.F. — S.Hill 3 run (J.Nedney kick)	2:12:57
Cin. — S.Graham 24 field goal	2:8:27
Cin. — C.Henry 52 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	2:4:38
S.F. — V.Davis 17 pass from S.Hill (J.Nedney kick)	2:0:09
S.F. — J.Nedney 29 field goal	3:8:15
S.F. — J.Nedney 38 field goal	3:0:54
Cin. — S.Graham 35 field goal	4:11:18

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 68,053. Time: 2:38.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	S.F.
First downs	15	22
Third down conversions-attempts	3-10	9-15
Total net yards	313	337
Net yards rushing	61	156
Net yards passing	252	181
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	31-19-0	28-21-0
Sacks against-yards lost	0-0	2-16
Punts-average	3-41.0	2-45.5
Punt returns-yards	1-1	2-18
Kickoff returns-yards	5-79	4-99
Penalties-yards	1-15	3-15
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-0
Time of possession	24:01	35:59

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	S.F.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
K.Watson	8	33	8	0	F.Gore	29	138	20	0
R.Johnson	7	16	9	0	S.Hill	5	12	12	1
D.Dorsey	2	11	8	0	M.Hicks	2	3	2	0
C.Palmer	2	1	2	0	M.Norris	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	19	61	9	0	TOTALS	37	156	20	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	S.F.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	31	19	252	1-0	S.Hill	28	21	197	1-0
TOTALS	31	19	252	1-0	TOTALS	28	21	197	1-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	S.F.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Johnson	6	78	25	0	D.Jackson	8	86	19	0
T.Houshmandzadeh	5	62	18	0	V.Davis	5	46	17t	1
K.Watson	4	21	13	0	A.Battle	2	23	17	0
C.Henry	1	52	52t	1	M.Hicks	2	17	10	0
D.Coats	1	25	25	0	D.Walker	2	13	7	0
R.Johnson	1	7	7	0	F.Gore	1	9	9	0
A.Chatman	1	7	7	0	M.Robinson	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	19	252	52t	1	TOTALS	21	197	19	1

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Johnson 6-8-14, D.Jackson 7-5-12, Dh.Jones 4-6-10, R.Geathers 4-5-9, D.Peko 4-4-8, J.Smith 4-4-8, L.Hall 4-2-6, M.Williams 4-2-6, J.Thornton 3-3-6, C.Mays 2-1-3, D.O'Neal 2-1-3, J.Joseph 2-0-2, M.Myers 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Geathers 1-9, D.Jackson 0.5-3.5, D.Peko 0.5-3.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Joseph 4, L.Hall 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

San Francisco (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: P.Willis 5-1-6, D.Strickland 3-3-6, J.Ulrich 2-3-5, M.Roman 4-0-4, M.Douglas 3-1-4, N.Clements 2-2-4, M.Lewis 2-2-4, W.Harris 2-1-3, T.Banta-Cain 2-0-2, R.Fields 0-2-2, B.Young 1-0-1, P.Haralson 1-0-1, A.Franklin 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: T.Banta-Cain 1, W.Harris 1, D.Smith 1, D.Strickland 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

# GAME SUMMARIES

## WEEK 1, GAME 1

### Cincinnati Bengals 27, Cleveland Browns 17 Sunday, Sept. 11, at Cleveland Browns Stadium

The Bengals rallied for two TDs in the final five minutes to win the first 2011 renewal of the Battle of Ohio. Lightning struck with 4:28 to play, when the offense broke a long period of sluggishness with a 41-yard TD pass from backup QB Bruce Gradkowski to rookie WR A.J. Green. The Browns defense appeared not ready for the play, but officials ruled the Bengals lined up and snapped the ball legally. The issue was not decided at that point, with the Bengals leading 20-17, but Cincinnati's defense continued some tenacious second-half play, and the Bengals iced the game on a 39-yard Cedric Benson TD run with 1:49 left. Benson rushed for 121 yards on 25 carries. Gradkowski played the second half in relief of starter Andy Dalton, who suffered a wrist injury late in the second quarter. The Bengals took a 40-36 all-time series lead against Cleveland, tying their largest-ever leading margin.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	10	3	0	14	—	27
Cleveland.....	0	14	3	0	—	17

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 24 field goal.....	1-8:20
Cin. — J.Gresham 2 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	1-2:22
Cin. — M.Nugent 47 field goal.....	2-11:30
Cle. — B.Watson 34 pass from C.McCoy (P.Dawson kick).....	2-9:17
Cle. — E.Moore 2 pass from C.McCoy (P.Dawson kick).....	2-4:14
Cle. — P.Dawson 20 field goal.....	3-8:36
Cin. — A.Green 41 pass from B.Gradkowski (M.Nugent kick).....	4-4:28
Cin. — C.Benson 39 run (M.Nugent kick).....	4-1:49

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 67,321. Time: 3:22.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs.....	17	17
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-17	4-15
Total net yards.....	294	285
Net yards rushing.....	139	83
Net yards passing.....	155	202
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	27-15-0	40-19-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-18	2-11
Punts-average.....	8-47.8	8-36.0
Punt returns-yards.....	1-15	6-58
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-92	3-91
Penalties-yards.....	3-22	11-72
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	30:23	29:37

#### RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	25	121	39t	1	P.Hillis	17	57	17	0
B.Leonard	2	15	11	0	M.Hardesty	5	18	7	0
B.Scott	4	3	3	0	C.McCoy	3	11	9	0
B.Gradkowski	2	0	0	0	J.Cribbs	1	-3	-3	0
TOTALS	33	139	39t	1	TOTALS	26	83	17	0

#### PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	15	10	81	1-0	C.McCoy	40	19	213	2-1
B.Gradkowski	12	5	92	1-0					
TOTALS	27	15	173	2-0	TOTALS	40	19	213	2-1

#### RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Gresham	6	58	22	1	P.Hillis	6	30	11	0
J.Simpson	4	44	20	0	M.Massaquoi	3	77	56	0
B.Leonard	2	29	22	0	B.Watson	3	45	34t	1
A.Green	1	41	41t	1	E.Moore	3	35	17	1
C.Benson	1	2	2	0	J.Cribbs	1	13	13	0
J.Shipley	1	-1	-1	0	G.Little	1	12	12	0
					J.Norwood	1	6	6	0
					C.McCoy	1	-5	-5	0
TOTALS	15	173	41t	2	TOTALS	19	213	56	2

#### DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Nelson 6-3-9, T.Howard 4-3-7, G.Atkins 3-4-7, J.Fanene 3-4-7, R.Mauluga 1-6-7, D.Peko 3-1-4, L.Hall 2-2-4, N.Clements 3-0-3, C.Crocker 3-0-3, M.Lawson 2-1-3, G.Wilson 1-2-3, C.Dunlap 1-1-2, F.Rucker 1-1-2, P.Sims 1-1-2, R.Geathers 1-0-1, M.Johnson 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Nelson 1-8, C.Crocker 1-3. INT.-YDS.: M.Johnson 1-0. PD: L.Hall 3, M.Johnson 3, N.Clements 2, G.Atkins 1, C.Crocker 1, R.Geathers 1, R.Nelson 1. FF: C.Crocker 1. FR-YDS.: None.

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Jackson 10-1-11, P.Taylor 5-1-6, T.Ward 5-1-6, U.Young 3-2-5, M.Adams 3-1-4, J.Mitchell 3-1-4, J.Sheard 3-0-3, S.Brown 2-1-3, S.Fujita 2-1-3, J.Haden 1-2-3, A.Rubin 1-2-3, C.Gocong 1-1-2, B.Schaefering 1-1-2, M.Benard 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: D.Jackson 2-16, J.Haden 1-0, M.Benard 0.5-1, B.Schaefering 0.5-1. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Haden 5, D.Patterson 1. FF: S.Brown 1, D.Jackson 1. FR-YDS.: None.

## WEEK 2, GAME 2

### Denver Broncos 24, Cincinnati Bengals 22 Sunday, Sept. 18, at Sport Authority Field at Mile High

The Bengals had their chances to open the season with a second straight comeback victory on the road, but they were denied points on three fourth-quarter possessions that reached Denver territory while they were trailing by the eventual final score of 24-22. Cincinnati had a plus-two margin in turnover differential and outgained the Broncos 382-318, but the Broncos prevailed by dominating on third and fourth downs, particularly on defense. The Bengals offense was held to one-for-11 on third-down conversions and zero-for-two on fourth down. The most encouraging signs for the Bengals were big outputs by their top two draft choices, WR A.J. Green and QB Andy Dalton. Green caught 10 passes for 124 yards with an acrobatic TD catch, and Dalton posted a 107.0 passer rating, completing 27 of 41 for 332 yards with two TDs and no INTs. The Bengals fell to 1-1 and the Broncos improved to 1-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	3	12	7	—	22
Denver.....	7	3	7	7	—	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Den. — W.McGahee 1 run (M.Prater kick).....	1-6:30
Cin. — M.Nugent 45 field goal.....	2-6:33
Den. — M.Prater 34 field goal.....	2-0:12
Den. — E.Decker 25 pass from K.Orton (M.Prater kick).....	3-10:57
Cin. — M.Nugent 37 field goal.....	3-8:54
Cin. — A.Caldwell 10 pass from A.Dalton (pass failed).....	3-3:36
Cin. — M.Nugent 23 field goal.....	3-1:05
Den. — E.Decker 52 pass from K.Orton (M.Prater kick).....	4-13:30
Cin. — A.Green 5 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	4-11:17

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 73,281. Time: 3:05.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	DEN.
First downs.....	18	19
Third down conversions-attempts.....	1-11	5-12
Total net yards.....	382	318
Net yards rushing.....	72	131
Net yards passing.....	310	187
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	41-27-0	25-15-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-22	2-8
Punts-average.....	5-41.0	6-55.8
Punt returns-yards.....	5-29	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	0-0	1-23
Penalties-yards.....	7-69	7-55
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-2
Time of possession.....	29:45	30:15

#### RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	DEN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	16	59	14	0	W.McGahee	28	101	12	1
B.Scott	2	10	9	0	L.Ball	6	28	17	0
A.Dalton	2	3	5	0	S.Larsen	1	4	4	0
					K.Orton	1	-2	-2	0
TOTALS	20	72	14	0	TOTALS	36	131	17	1

#### PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	DEN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	41	27	332	2-0	K.Orton	25	15	195	2-0
TOTALS	41	27	332	2-0	TOTALS	25	15	195	2-0

#### RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	DEN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	10	124	26	1	E.Decker	5	113	52t	2
J.Simpson	4	136	84	0	S.Larsen	3	23	10	0
A.Caldwell	3	27	10t	1	M.Willis	2	22	15	0
C.Benson	3	17	10	0	E.Royal	2	18	14	0
J.Shipley	3	15	5	0	D.Fells	1	9	9	0
J.Gresham	2	8	4	0	W.McGahee	1	5	5	0
B.Leonard	2	5	9	0	J.Thomas	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	27	332	84	2	TOTALS	15	195	52t	2

#### DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Mauluga 8-4-12, T.Howard 7-1-8, N.Clements 5-3-8, R.Nelson 4-4-8, M.Johnson 5-2-7, D.Peko 4-3-7, M.Lawson 2-4-6, C.Dunlap 4-1-5, F.Rucker 3-2-5, G.Atkins 2-3-5, P.Sims 2-3-5, J.Fanene 1-3-4, C.Crocker 2-1-3, L.Hall 2-0-2, G.Wilson 1-1-2, D.Skuta 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: G.Atkins 1-8, M.Johnson 1-0. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: M.Lawson 2, F.Rucker 2, L.Hall 1. FF: M.Johnson 1, R.Nelson 1. FR-YDS.: L.Hall 1-10, D.Peko 1-0.

Denver (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: W.Woodyard 10-3-13, J.Mays 5-3-8, A.Goodman 4-1-5, C.Vaughn 4-1-5, B.Dawkins 3-1-4, R.Moore 3-1-4, J.Wilhite 2-2-4, V.Miller 3-0-3, J.Hunter 2-0-2, B.Bunkley 1-1-2, R.Ayers 1-0-1, D.Harvey 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: V.Miller 1-13, J.Wilhite 1-9. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: V.Miller 2, C.Vaughn 2, R.Ayers 1, B.Dawkins 1, W.Woodyard 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

## IN 2010, THE BENGALS ARE:

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

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

## UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

36-27-1 at home  
25-41-0 on the road  
40-23-1 when scoring first  
21-45-0 when opponent scores first  
12-13-1 in games decided by three points or fewer  
30-31-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer  
44-17-1 when leading at halftime  
6-1-0 when tied at halftime  
11-50-0 when trailing at halftime  
50-9-1 when leading after three quarters  
3-2-0 when tied after three quarters  
8-57-0 when trailing after three quarters  
43-23-0 when rushing for 100 net yards

37-14-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards  
41-10-1 with plus turnover differential  
13-15-0 with even turnover differential  
7-43-0 with minus turnover differential  
18-23-0 when passing for 250 net yards  
16-23-1 when opponent passes for 250 net yards  
45-27-0 when scoring 20 points or more  
21-61-0 when opponent scores 20 points or more  
59-62-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
2-6-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
24-24-0 on natural grass  
37-44-1 on synthetic surface  
34-36-1 with fewer penalty yards

## BEST PERFORMANCES

### RUSHING YARDS

121 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 59 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 15 — Brian Leonard, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

### RUSHING ATTEMPTS

25 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 16 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 4 — Bernard Scott, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

### LONGEST RUSHES

39 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland (TD)  
 14 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 12 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

### RECEPTIONS

10 — A.J. Green, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 6 — Jermaine Gresham, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 4 — (two times)

### RECEIVING YARDS

136 — Jerome Simpson, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 127 — A.J. Green, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 58 — Jermaine Gresham, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

### PASSING YARDS

332 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 92 — Bruce Gradkowski, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 81 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

### PASS ATTEMPTS

41 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 15 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 12 — Bruce Gradkowski, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

### PASS COMPLETIONS

27 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 10 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 5 — Bruce Gradkowski, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

### LONGEST PASSES

84 — Andy Dalton to Jerome Simpson, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 41 — Bruce Gradkowski to A.J. Green, Sept. 11 at Cleveland (TD)  
 31 — Andy Dalton to Jerome Simpson, Sept. 18 at Denver

### YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

136 — Jerome Simpson, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 124 — A.J. Green, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 123 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

### LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

35 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 25 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 18 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

### LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

16 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 15 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 9 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 18 at Denver

### TOTAL TACKLES\*

12 — Rey Mauluga, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 9 — Reggie Nelson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland  
 8 — (three times)

### SOLO TACKLES\*

8 — Rey Mauluga, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 7 — Thomas Howard, Sept. 18 at Denver  
 6 — Reggie Nelson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

\* NOTE: The defensive statistics above were compiled by Bengals coaches while reviewing game film. They may differ from the totals listed in the play-by-play reports produced at the games.

# GAME-BY-GAME TEAM STATISTICS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 11	at Cleveland	294	33-139	155	15-27	2/0	4-18	17	7-17	2-0	30:23
Sept. 18	at Denver	382	20-72	310	27-41	2/0	2-22	18	1-11	0-0	29:45
Sept. 25	SAN FRANCISCO										
Oct. 2	BUFFALO										
Oct. 9	at Jacksonville										
Oct. 16	INDIANAPOLIS										
Oct. 23	— BYE —										
Oct. 30	at Seattle										
Nov. 6	at Tennessee										
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH										
Nov. 20	at Baltimore										
Nov. 27	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 11	HOUSTON										
Dec. 18	at St. Louis										
Dec. 24	ARIZONA										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		676	53-211	465	42-68	4/0	6-40	35	8-28	2-0	30:04

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	YDS	RUSH-YDS	PASS YDS	COMP-ATT	TD-P/INT	SKD-YDS	1D	3D-CONV	F-FL	POSS
Sept. 11	at Cleveland	285	26-83	202	19-40	2/1	2-11	17	4-15	1-0	29:37
Sept. 18	at Denver	318	36-131	187	15-25	2/0	2-8	19	5-12	2-2	30:15
Sept. 25	SAN FRANCISCO										
Oct. 2	BUFFALO										
Oct. 9	at Jacksonville										
Oct. 16	INDIANAPOLIS										
Oct. 23	— BYE —										
Oct. 30	at Seattle										
Nov. 6	at Tennessee										
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH										
Nov. 20	at Baltimore										
Nov. 27	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 11	HOUSTON										
Dec. 18	at St. Louis										
Dec. 24	ARIZONA										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
<b>TOTALS</b>		603	62-214	389	34-65	4/1	4-19	36	9-27	3-2	29:56

# TRANSACTIONS

(TRANSACTIONS PRIOR TO AUG. 8 ARE IN 2011 BENGALS MEDIA GUIDE.)

Aug. 8	— Waived S Brian Lainhart and G Mark Wetterer.	
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.	
Aug. 17	— Signed WR Calvin Russell (FA) and CB LeRoy Vann; TE Reggie Kelly (UFA-Cin.) signed with Atlanta.	
Aug. 23	— Acquired S Taylor Mays in a trade with San Francisco for an undisclosed future draft selection; Terminated the contract of WR John Standeford; Waived WR Landon Cox, OT Andrew Gardner, WR Bart Johnson and HB Jonathan Williams.	
Aug. 27	— Terminated the contract of CB Fred Bennett; Waived LB Stephen Franklin, WR Jamere Holland, S Tom Nelson, QB Jordan Palmer and CB LeRoy Vann.	
Aug. 29	— Acquired CB Kelly Jennings in a trade with Seattle for DT Clinton McDonald; Waived DT Lolomana Mikaele (injury settlement).	
Aug. 31	— Signed OT Andrew Whitworth* to a two-year contract extension through 2015; Signed DT Cornell Banks (FA).	
Sept. 2	— Signed CB Leon Hall* to a four-year contract extension through 2015; Signed C Kyle Cook* to a four-year contract extension through 2015.	
Sept. 3	— Terminated the contracts of DE Victor Adeyanju, G Max Jean-Gilles and CB Jonathan Wade; Placed CB Adam Jones on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Placed LB Keith Rivers on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list; Placed LB Roddrick Muckelroy and TE Bo Scaife on	
		the Reserve/Injured list; Waived the following 19 players: DT Cornell Banks, FB James Develin, LB DeQuin Evans, HB Jay Finley, CB Brandon Ghee, HB John Griffin, WR Andrew Hawkins, QB Dan LeFevour, CB Korey Lindsey, CB Rico Murray, TE John Nalbone, OT Matthew O'Donnell, CB David Pender, G Chris Riley, DE James Ruffin, WR Calvin Russell, DT Jason Shirley, FB Fui Vakapuna, K Thomas Weber; G Bobbie Williams was placed by NFL on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list.
		Sept. 4 — Acquired the following three players on waivers: G Mike McGlynn from Philadelphia, TE Mickey Shuler from Miami and WR Brandon Tate from New England; Waived TE Chase Coffman, WR Quan Cosby and C Reggie Stephens; Signed the following seven players to the practice squad: FB James Develin, LB DeQuin Evans, CB Brandon Ghee, WR Andrew Hawkins, QB Dan LeFevour, OT Matthew O'Donnell and DT Jason Shirley.
		Sept. 5 — Waived TE Mickey Shuler (failed physical); Signed TE Chase Coffman to the practice squad.
		Sept. 6 — Signed CB Rico Murray (FA); Signed QB Zac Robinson to the practice squad; Released QB Dan LeFevour from the practice squad.
		Sept. 14 — Signed TE Donald Lee (FA); Waived CB Rico Murray.
		Sept. 19 — Placed WR Jordan Shipley on the Reserve/Injured list.

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

# PARTICIPATION CHART

## LEGEND

(NOTE: Position designation indicates start.)  
 P — played as a substitute  
 DNP — did not play  
 IL — inactive list

PS — practice squad  
 RI — reserve/injured list  
 RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list  
 RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list

RNF-I — reserve/non-football illness list  
 RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list  
 REX — roster exemption  
 NWT — not with team

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @Cle.	2 @Den.	3 S.F.	4 BUFF.	5 @Jax.	6 IND.	7 @Sea.	8 @Tenn.	9 PITT.	10 @Balt.	11 CLE.	12 @Pitt.	13 HOU.	14 @StL.	15 ARIZ.	16 BALT.
Atkins, Geno	2-2	DT	DT														
Benson, Cedric	2-2	HB	HB														
Boling, Clint	2-2	RG	RG														
Caldwell, Andre	2-0	P	P														
Clements, Nate	2-2	LCB	LCB														
Cochart, Colin	2-1	2ndTE	P														
Coffman, Chase	0-0	PS	PS														
Collins, Anthony	1-0	P	DNP														
Cook, Kyle	2-2	C	C														
Crocker, Chris	2-2	SS	SS														
Dalton, Andy	2-2	QB	QB														
Develin, James	0-0	PS	PS														
Dunlap, Carlos	2-0	P	P														
Evans, DeQuin	0-0	PS	PS														
Fanene, Jonathan	2-1	P	LDE														
Geathers, Robert	1-1	LDE	IL														
Ghee, Brandon	0-0	PS	PS														
Gradkowski, Bruce	1-0	P	DNP														
Green, A.J.	2-2	WR	WR														
Gresham, Jermaine	2-2	TE	TE														
Hall, Leon	2-2	RCB	RCB														
Harris, Clark	2-0	P	P														
Hawkins, Andrew	0-0	PS	PS														
Howard, Thomas	2-2	WLB	WLB														
Huber, Kevin	2-0	P	P														
Hudson, Otis	0-0	IL	IL														
Jennings, Kelly	1-0	IL	P														
Johnson, Brandon	2-0	P	P														
Johnson, Michael	2-2	RDE	RDE														
Jones, Adam	0-0	RPUP	RPUP														
Lawson, Manny	2-2	SLB	SLB														
Lee, Donald	0-0	NWT	IL														
Leonard, Brian	2-0	P	P														
Living, Nate	2-2	LG	LG														
Maualuga, Rey	2-2	MLB	MLB														
Mays, Taylor	0-0	IL	IL														
McGlynn, Mike	0-0	DNP	DNP														
Miles, Jeromy	2-0	P	P														
Moch, Dontay	0-0	IL	IL														
Muckelroy, Rodrick	0-0	RI	RI														
Murray, Rico	1-0	P	NWT														
Nelson, Reggie	2-2	FS	FS														
Nugent, Mike	2-0	P	P														
O'Donnell, Matthew	0-0	PS	PS														
Peerman, Cedric	1-0	IL	P														
Peko, Domata	2-2	NT	NT														
Pressley, Chris	2-1	P	FB														
Rey, Vincent	2-0	P	P														
Rivers, Keith	0-0	RNFI	RNFI														
Robinson, Zac	0-0	PS	PS														
Roland, Dennis	2-0	P	P														
Rucker, Frostee	2-0	P	P														
Sands, Robert	0-0	IL	IL														
Scaife, Bo	0-0	RI	RI														
Scott, Bernard	2-0	P	P														
Shipley, Jordan	2-0	P	P														
Shirley, Jason	0-0	PS	PS														
Simpson, Jerome	2-2	WR	WR														
Sims, Pat	2-0	P	P														
Skuta, Dan	2-0	P	P														
Smith, Andre	2-2	ROT	ROT														
Tate, Brandon	2-0	P	P														
Trent, Morgan	2-0	P	P														
Whalen, Ryan	0-0	IL	IL														
Whitworth, Andrew	2-2	LOT	LOT														
Williams, Bobbie	0-0	RSBC	RSBC														
Wilson, Gibril	2-0	P	P														

# STARTING LINEUPS

## OFFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	QB	HB	FB
Sept. 11	at Cleveland	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Boling	Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Cochart(2ndTE)
Sept. 18	at Denver	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Boling	Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Pressley
Sept. 25	SAN FRANCISCO											
Oct. 2	BUFFALO											
Oct. 9	at Jacksonville											
Oct. 16	INDIANAPOLIS											
Oct. 23	— BYE —											
Oct. 30	at Seattle											
Nov. 6	at Tennessee											
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH											
Nov. 20	at Baltimore											
Nov. 27	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh											
Dec. 11	HOUSTON											
Dec. 18	at St. Louis											
Dec. 24	ARIZONA											
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE											

## DEFENSE

DATE	OPPONENT	LDE	NT	DT	RDE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
Sept. 11	at Cleveland	Geathers	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Lawson	Mauluga	Howard	Clements	Hall	Crocker	Nelson
Sept. 18	at Denver	Fanene	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Lawson	Mauluga	Howard	Clements	Hall	Crocker	Nelson
Sept. 25	SAN FRANCISCO											
Oct. 2	BUFFALO											
Oct. 9	at Jacksonville											
Oct. 16	INDIANAPOLIS											
Oct. 23	— BYE —											
Oct. 30	at Seattle											
Nov. 6	at Tennessee											
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH											
Nov. 20	at Baltimore											
Nov. 27	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh											
Dec. 11	HOUSTON											
Dec. 18	at St. Louis											
Dec. 24	ARIZONA											
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE											

# DEPTH CHART

SEPT. 20, 2011

## OFFENSE

WR	89	JEROME SIMPSON	87	Andre Caldwell	88	<u>Ryan Whalen</u>
LOT	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	73	Anthony Collins		
LG	62	NATE LIVINGS	66	Mike McGlynn		
C	64	KYLE COOK	66	Mike McGlynn		
RG	65	<u>CLINT BOLING</u>	60	Otis Hudson		
ROT	71	ANDRE SMITH	74	Dennis Roland		
TE	84	JERMAINE GRESHAM	81	<u>Colin Cochart</u>	86	Donald Lee
WR	18	<u>A.J. GREEN</u>	19	Brandon Tate		
QB	14	<u>ANDY DALTON</u>	7	Bruce Gradkowski		
HB	32	CEDRIC BENSON	28	Bernard Scott	40	Brian Leonard
					30	Cedric Peerman
FB	36	CHRIS PRESSLEY				

## DEFENSE

LDE	91	ROBERT GEATHERS	96	Carlos Dunlap		
NT	94	DOMATA PEKO	90	Pat Sims		
DT	97	GENO ATKINS	68	Jonathan Fanene		
RDE	93	MICHAEL JOHNSON	68	Jonathan Fanene	92	Frostee Rucker
SLB	99	MANNY LAWSON	52	<u>Dontay Moch</u>		
MLB	58	REY MAUALUGA	51	Dan Skuta		
WLB	53	THOMAS HOWARD	59	Brandon Johnson	57	Vincent Rey
LCB	22	NATE CLEMENTS	25	Morgan Trent		
RCB	29	LEON HALL	23	Kelly Jennings		
SS	42	CHRIS CROCKER	26	Taylor Mays	45	Jeromy Miles
FS	20	REGGIE NELSON	27	Gibril Wilson	31	<u>Robert Sands</u>

## SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	2	Mike Nugent				
H	10	Kevin Huber				
LS	46	Clark Harris				
PR	19	Brandon Tate	22	Nate Clements		
KOR	19	Brandon Tate	28	Bernard Scott	87	Andre Caldwell
					30	Cedric Peerman

NOTE: Players whose names are CAPITALIZED are expected to start in the team's base units.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Geno Atkins ..... JEE-no Colin <u>Cochart</u> ..... KO-shart <u>DeQuin</u> Evans (practice squad) ..... de-QUINN Jonathan <u>Fanene</u> ..... fuh-NAY-nay Robert <u>Geathers</u> ..... (pronounced as "gathers") Brandon <u>Ghee</u> (practice squad) ..... JEE <u>Jermaine Gresham</u> ..... jer-MAIN GRESH-em Paul <u>Guenther</u> (asst. special teams/asst. DBs coach) ..... GUN-thur	Rey <u>Mauauga</u> ..... RAY mow(rhymes with "now")-uh-LOO-guh <u>Dontay Moch</u> ..... DAWN-tay MOKE <u>Domata Peko</u> ..... DOE-mah-tah PECK-o Vincent <u>Rey</u> ..... RAY Bo <u>Scaife</u> (reserve/injured list) ..... SKAYF Dan <u>Skuta</u> ..... SKOO-tuh <u>Gibril Wilson</u> ..... jih-BRILL Ken <u>Zampese</u> (quarterbacks coach) ..... zam-PEE-zee
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# ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

SEPT. 20, 2011

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	2	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
32	Benson, Cedric	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	7	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
65	Boling, Clint	G	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
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
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
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	289	2-28-89	2	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE/DT	6-4	292	3-19-82	7	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
91	Geathers, Robert	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	8	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
7	Gratkowski, 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
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
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
23	Jennings, Kelly	CB	5-11	180	11-30-82	6	Miami (Fla.)	Live Oak, Fla.	T(Sea.)'11
59	Johnson, Brandon	LB	6-5	245	4-5-83	6	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
93	Johnson, Michael	DE	6-7	267	2-7-87	3	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
99	Lawson, Manny	LB	6-5	240	7-3-84	6	North Carolina State	Goldsboro, N.C.	UFA(S.F.)'11
86	Lee, Donald	TE	6-4	248	8-31-80	9	Mississippi State	Maben, Miss.	FA'11
40	Leonard, Brian	HB	6-1	225	2-3-84	5	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(STL.)'09
62	Living, Nate	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	4	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
58	Mauluga, Rey	LB	6-2	260	1-20-87	3	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
26	Mays, Taylor	S	6-3	230	2-7-88	2	Southern California	Seattle, Wash.	T(S.F.)'11
66	McGlynn, Mike	C/G	6-4	315	3-8-85	4	Pittsburgh	Austintown, Ohio	W(Phil.)'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
20	Nelson, Reggie	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	5	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
2	Nugent, Mike	K	5-10	183	3-2-82	7	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
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
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
74	Roland, Dennis	OT	6-9	322	3-10-83	4	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
92	Rucker, Frostee	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	6	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
31	Sands, Robert	S	6-4	209	11-3-89	R	West Virginia	Carol City, Fla.	D5'11
28	Scott, Bernard	HB	5-10	198	2-10-84	3	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
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
19	Tate, Brandon	WR	6-1	195	10-5-87	3	North Carolina	Burlington, N.C.	W(N.E.)'11
25	Trent, Morgan	CB	6-1	193	12-14-85	3	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
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
27	Wilson, Gibril	S	6-0	206	11-12-81	8	Tennessee	San Jose, Calif.	FA'10

### PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

80	Coffman, Chase (9-5)	TE	6-6	250	11-10-86	3	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09
35	Develin, James (9-4)	FB	6-3	251	7-23-88	1	Brown	Gilbertsville, Pa.	FA'10
41	Evans, DeQuin (9-4)	LB	6-2	250	5-17-87	R	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'11
21	Ghee, Brandon (9-4)	CB	6-0	193	6-6-87	2	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
16	Hawkins, Andrew (9-4)	WR	5-7	175	3-10-86	R	Toledo	Johnstown, Pa.	W(STL.)'11
76	O'Donnell, Matthew (9-4)	OT	6-9	328	3-26-89	R	Queen's (Canada)	Kingston (Ontario, Canada)	CFA'11
5	Robinson, Zac (9-6)	QB	6-3	218	9-29-86	2	Oklahoma State	Littleton, Colo.	FA'11
70	Shirley, Jason (9-4)	DT	6-5	345	9-30-85	2	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08

### RESERVE/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned; length of suspension)

63	Williams, Bobbie (9-3; four games)	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	12	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
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### RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)

24	Jones, Adam (9-3; neck)	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	5	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
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### RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned; injury)

55	Rivers, Keith (9-3; wrist)	LB	6-2	235	5-5-86	4	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
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### RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

11	Shiple, Jordan (9-19; knee)	WR	6-0	188	12-23-85	2	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10
56	Muckelroy, Rodrick (9-3; Achilles)	LB	6-2	245	10-27-86	2	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
83	Scaife, Bo (9-3; neck)	TE	6-3	249	1-6-81	7	Texas	Denver, Colo.	UFA(Tenn.)'11

**COACHING STAFF:** Head coach: Marvin Lewis. Assistants: Paul Alexander (assistant head coach/offensive line), Jim Anderson (running backs), Kyle Caskey (offensive quality control), Kevin Coyle (defensive backs), Jeff FitzGerald (linebackers), Jeff Friday (assistant strength and conditioning), Jay Gruden (offensive coordinator), Paul Guenther (assistant defensive backs/assistant special teams), Jay Hayes (defensive line), Jonathan Hayes (tight ends), David Lippincott (defensive quality control), Chip Morton (strength and conditioning), Darrin Simmons (special teams), James Urban (wide receivers), Ken Zampese (quarterbacks), Mike Zimmer (defensive coordinator).

# NUMERICAL ROSTER

SEPT. 20, 2011

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
7	Bruce Gradkowski	QB	6-1	220	1-27-83	6	Toledo	Pittsburgh, Pa.	UFA(Oak.)'11
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	208	7-16-85	3	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
14	Andy Dalton	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	R	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	207	7-31-88	R	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
19	Brandon Tate	WR	6-1	195	10-5-87	3	North Carolina	Burlington, N.C.	W(N.E.)'11
20	Reggie Nelson	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	5	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
22	Nate Clements	CB	6-0	200	12-12-79	11	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, Ohio	FA'11
23	Kelly Jennings	CB	5-11	180	11-30-82	6	Miami (Fla.)	Live Oak, Fla.	T(Sea.)'11
25	Morgan Trent	CB	6-1	193	12-14-85	3	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
26	Taylor Mays	S	6-3	230	2-7-88	2	Southern California	Seattle, Wash.	T(S.F.)'11
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	Robert Sands	S	6-4	209	11-3-89	R	West Virginia	Carol City, Fla.	D5'11
32	Cedric Benson	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	7	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
36	Chris Pressley	FB	5-11	256	8-8-86	3	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	PS(Cin.)'10
40	Brian Leonard	HB	6-1	225	2-3-84	5	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(STL.)'09
42	Chris Crocker	S	5-11	197	3-9-80	9	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
45	Jerome Miles	S	6-2	210	7-20-87	2	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
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53	Thomas Howard	LB	6-3	240	7-14-83	6	Texas-El Paso	Lubbock, Texas	UFA(Oak.)'11
57	Vincent Rey	LB	6-2	247	9-6-87	1	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
58	Rey Mauluga	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
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99	Manny Lawson	LB	6-5	240	7-3-84	6	North Carolina State	Goldsboro, N.C.	UFA(S.F.)'11

**PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)**

5	Zac Robinson (9-6)	QB	6-3	218	9-29-86	2	Oklahoma State	Littleton, Colo.	FA'11
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76	Matthew O'Donnell (9-4)	OT	6-9	328	3-26-89	R	Queen's (Canada)	Kingston (Ontario, Canada)	CFA'11
80	Chase Coffman (9-5)	TE	6-6	250	11-10-86	3	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09

**RESERVE/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned; length of suspension)**

63	Bobbie Williams (9-3; four games)	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	12	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
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**RESERVE/PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM (date assigned; injury)**

24	Adam Jones (9-3; neck)	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	5	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
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**RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned; injury)**

55	Keith Rivers (9-3; wrist)	LB	6-2	235	5-5-86	4	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
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**RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)**

11	Jordan Shipley (9-19; knee)	WR	6-0	188	12-23-85	2	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10
56	Rodrick Muckelroy (9-3; Achilles)	LB	6-2	245	10-27-86	2	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
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# STATISTICS

RECORD: 1-1

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-11	W	27-17	at Cleveland	67,321
9-18	L	22-24	at Denver	73,281
9-25			SAN FRANCISCO	
10-2			BUFFALO	
10-9			at Jacksonville	
10-16			INDIANAPOLIS	
10-23			— BYE —	
10-30			at Seattle	
11-6			at Tennessee	
11-13			PITTSBURGH	
11-20			at Baltimore	
11-27			CLEVELAND	
12-4			at Pittsburgh	
12-11			HOUSTON	
12-18			at St. Louis	
12-24			ARIZONA	
1-1			BALTIMORE	

TEAM STATISTICS		CIN	OPP
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		35	36
Rushing		8	14
Passing		22	19
Penalty		5	3
3rd Down: Made-Att		8-28	9-27
3rd Down Pct.		28.6	33.3
4th Down: Made-Att		0-2	1-2
4th Down Pct.		0.0	50.0
POSSESSION AVG.		30:04	29:56
TOTAL NET YARDS		676	603
Avg. Per Game		338.0	301.5
Total Plays		127	131
Avg. Per Play		5.3	4.6
NET YARDS RUSHING		211	214
Avg. Per Game		105.5	107.0
Total Rushes		53	62
NET YARDS PASSING		465	389
Avg. Per Game		232.5	194.5
Sacked-Yards Lost		6-40	4-19
Gross Yards		505	408
Att.-Completions		68-42	65-34
Completion Pct.		61.8	52.3
Had Intercepted		0	1
PUNTS-AVG.		13-45.2	14-44.5
Net Punting Avg.		13-37.6	14-39.9
PENALTIES-YARDS		10-91	18-127
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST		2-0	3-2
TOUCHDOWNS		5	5
Rushing		1	1
Passing		4	4
Returns		0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	10	6	12	21	0	49
OPPONENTS	7	17	10	7	0	41

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	0	4-4	5-5	0	19
A.J. Green	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Cedric Benson	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Andre Caldwell	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Jermaine Gresham	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	5	1	4	0	4-4	5-5	0	49
OPPONENTS	5	1	4	0	5-5	2-2	0	41

Two-point conversions: None. BENGALS 0-1 (0-0 R, 0-1 P), OPPONENTS 0-0 (0-0 R, 0-0 P).

Sacks-yards: Geno Atkins 1-8, Reggie Nelson 1-8, Chris Crocker 1-3, Michael Johnson 1-0. BENGALS 4-19, OPPONENTS 6-40.

Fumbles-lost: Andy Dalton 1-0, Jordan Shipley 1-0. BENGALS 2-0, OPPONENTS 3-2.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	56	37	413	66.1	7.38	3	5.4	0	0.0	84	5-33	105.7
Bruce Gradkowski	12	5	92	41.7	7.67	1	8.3	0	0.0	41t	1-7	96.5
BENGALS	68	42	505	61.8	7.43	4	5.9	0	0.0	84	6-40	104.1
OPPONENTS	65	34	408	52.3	6.28	4	6.2	1	1.5	56	4-19	85.9

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Cedric Benson	41	180	4.4	39t	1
Brian Leonard	2	15	7.5	11	0
Bernard Scott	6	13	2.2	9	0
Andy Dalton	2	3	1.5	5	0
Bruce Gradkowski	2	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	53	211	4.0	39t	1
OPPONENTS	62	214	3.5	17	1

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	11	165	15.0	41t	2
Jerome Simpson	8	180	22.5	84	0
Jermaine Gresham	8	66	8.3	22	1
Brian Leonard	4	34	8.5	22	0
Cedric Benson	4	19	4.8	10	0
Jordan Shipley	4	14	3.5	5	0
Andre Caldwell	3	27	9.0	10t	1
BENGALS	42	505	12.0	84	4
OPPONENTS	34	408	12.0	56	4

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Michael Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	1	0	0.0	0	0
OPPONENTS	0	0	—	—	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK
Kevin Huber	13	587	45.2	37.6	2	4	60	0
BENGALS	13	587	45.2	37.6	2	4	60	0
OPPONENTS	14	623	44.5	39.9	1	1	59	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	6	4	44	7.3	16	0
BENGALS	6	4	44	7.3	16	0
OPPONENTS	6	2	58	9.7	21	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	4	92	23.0	35	0
BENGALS	4	92	23.0	35	0
OPPONENTS	4	114	28.5	51	0

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

Mike Nugent: (24G, 47G), (45G, 37G, 23G).  
Opponents: (20G), (34G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Rey Mauluga	9	10	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Reggie Nelson	10	7	17	1-8	0-0	1	1	0-0
Thomas Howard	11	4	15	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Geno Atkins	5	7	12	1-8	0-0	1	0	0-0
Nate Clements	8	3	11	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Domata Peko	7	4	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
Jonathan Fanene	4	7	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Manny Lawson	4	5	9	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	6	2	8	1-0	1-0	3	1	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Frostee Rucker	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Pat Sims	3	4	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Chris Crocker	5	1	6	1-3	0-0	1	1	0-0
Leon Hall	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	4	0	1-10
Gibril Wilson	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Robert Geathers	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Dan Skuta	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Vincent Rey	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Dan Skuta	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Gibril Wilson	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Andre Caldwell	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clark Harris	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brian Leonard	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jeromy Miles	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Rico Murray	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Reggie Nelson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mike Nugent	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

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