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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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BUFFALO BILLS (3-0) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (1-2)

WEEK 4, GAME 4
SUNDAY, OCT. 2
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT UP: WEEK 5, GAME 5
OCT. 9 AT JACKSONVILLE

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. EDT.

Television: CBS broadcast with Andrew Catalon (play-by-play) and Steve Tasker (analyst). 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 a "triple-cast" on Cincinnati flagship stations WLW-AM (700), WCKY-AM (ESPN 1530) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Dan Hoard (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

Setting the scene: A young Bengals team will be called on to show youth's resilience this week, taking on one of the NFL's early season headliners, the unbeaten Buffalo Bills. The 1 p.m. Sunday game at Paul Brown Stadium comes for the Bengals on the heels of a tough 13-8 home defeat to San Francisco. The Bengals' two losses have come by a total of seven points.

"Work harder, work smarter, make the plays to push us over the top — it's as simple as that," said head coach Marvin Lewis, after watching his team lose two leads in the second half.

The Bengals enter the Buffalo game with the NFL's No. 3 defense. But the defense faltered down the stretch against the 49ers, and that was enough on a day when the offense — the younger half of a young team — showed growing pains.

"Coach tells us the good teams win games by making plays in the fourth quarter," said LB Rey Mauluga, "and obviously we didn't do that. We had the lead. We had some great opportunities."

Following a 49ers fumble forced by Mauluga and recovered by DE Jonathan Fanene, Cincinnati pushed to a 6-3 over San Francisco with 9:04 left in the fourth quarter. But the three points were a disappointment, as the Bengals had taken possession on the San Francisco 16. And the 49ers responded with a 72-yard drive for the game's only touchdown. As time wound down, they added a field goal and gave up an intentional safety.

The Bengals' first priority is better offensive work on third down conversions. Cincinnati was one-for-10 against San Francisco, after one-for-11 the previous week in Denver.

"We are not making the conversions, and that's making a huge difference in the games," Lewis said. "And in the red zone, we are not coming away with touchdowns. Right now those are our biggest deficiencies."

Last week was a hit-rookie-wall game for Bengals QB Andy Dalton. He threw his first two pro interceptions — both in the fourth quarter — and saw his season passer rating drop from 105.7 to 82.1. The Buffalo game will be a spotlight test particularly for him, as the appointed 23-year-old leader of the team. But Dalton has been impressive so far in showing poise in the leader role, including some forthright remarks after the 49ers game.

"The first interception was a bad decision on my part," Dalton said. "They undercut the route and I never should have thrown it. Again, bad decision on my part, and I've got to correct that."

The Bengals held the 49ers to 226 net yards, including just 50 rushing yards on 29 carries. Cincinnati's No. 3 ranking is based on its average yield of only 276.3 yards per game. The Bengals are in the top 10 against the rush (seventh at 88.0) and the pass (fifth at 188.3).

"We want to provide a foundation to build on," said NT Domata Peko. "We weren't good enough in the end against San Francisco but I think we did some good things. Now we've got another home game, against an AFC team. It's time to step up."

The series: The Bengals are hungry for a win over the Bills. Though the all-time series is relatively close, with Buffalo leading 15-11, the Bills have won 10 straight, erasing what once was an 11-5 Cincinnati lead.

The official series record includes postseason play, and the Bengals lead 2-0 in that department. But the Bengals haven't downed Buffalo since their biggest and best win over the Bills, a 21-10 verdict at Riverfront Stadium in the 1988 AFC Championship game.

Buffalo's 10-game win streak is the longest by any opponent in Bengals history. The Bengals' longest win streak against an opponent is six, over Pittsburgh from 1988-90. The Bengals have several five-game win streaks over other clubs, including one against Buffalo from 1984-88. The '88 AFC Championship win was No. 5 in that streak.

The Bengals lead 8-6 in all games in Cincinnati, but the Bills lead 3-0 at Paul Brown Stadium, including a 49-31 win last season.

The Bengals knocked the Bills out of the playoffs in both 1981 and '88, en route to winning the AFC title both years. The 1981 game was a Divisional round contest, won 28-21 and advancing Cincinnati into its "Freezer Bowl" AFC title win against San Diego.

Cincinnati's last regular-season win in the series was in 1988, a 35-21 win at Riverfront Stadium. In '88, the Bengals defeated the Bills in preseason, regular season and postseason.

A complete recap of the series appears on pages 155-156 of the 2011 Bengals Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 52, in a 52-21 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1984. LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN: 31, from the 1984 victory at Riverfront. FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED: 5, in a 5-0 loss to the Bills at Buffalo in 1978.

Bills — MOST POINTS: 51, in a 51-24 victory at Buffalo in 1979. LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN: 27, in the 1979 game at Buffalo. FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED: 0 (twice), most recently in a 14-0 win at Cincinnati in 1980.

The last meetings: Complete summaries of the last two Bengals-Bills meetings — in 2007 at Buffalo and in '10 at Cincinnati — are on page 12 of this news release.

Records vs. Bills: On Sept. 9, 1979, Buffalo's Roland Hooks became the first opponent to score four touchdowns in a game against the Bengals. He is now one of three players to share that record, and he also shares the record for total points in a game against Cincinnati (24).

On Oct. 21, 1991, Bills QB Jim Kelly became the second opponent to pass for five TDs against Cincinnati. Five players now share that record.

On Nov. 4, 2007, Bengals WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh scored a TD vs. Buffalo, giving him at least one TD in eight straight games to open the season, the longest in Bengals history to open a campaign. He was not able to extend the streak to nine in the next game.

(Records vs. Bills, continued)

On Nov. 21 of last season, Bills WR Stevie Johnson tied a Bengals opponents' record with three TD receptions, becoming the eighth player to reach that mark against Cincinnati.

BENGALS-BILLS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	BILLS
SCORING (AVG. POINTS):		
Points scored	T-24th (19.0)	1st (37.7)
Points allowed	6th (18.0)	21st (24.3)
NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	25th (301.3)	T-3rd (431.0)
Rushing	17th (96.7)	4th (155.0)
Passing	24th (204.7)	11th (276.0)
NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	3rd (276.3)	26th (387.3)
Rushing	7th (88.0)	24th (115.7)
Passing	5th (188.3)	24th (271.7)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-13th (plus-1)	4th (plus-5)

Bengals-Bills connections: Bengals CB Nate Clements played for the Bills from 2001-06 ... Bills QB Ryan Fitzpatrick played for the Bengals in 2007-08 ... Bills C Eric Wood played at Louisville and is a Cincinnati native (Elder HS) ... Bills WR Stevie Johnson played at Kentucky ... Bengals assistant head coach/OL coach Paul Alexander is from Rochester, N.Y. and played in college at Cortland State ... Bengals OT Matthew O'Donnell (practice squad) played at Queen's College (Ontario, Canada) ... Bills DBs coach George Catavolos coached at Louisville in 1970 and at Kentucky from 1977-81 ... Bills WRs coach

Stan Hixon coached at Morehead State from 1980-82 ... Bills assistant OL coach Bobby Johnson played OL at Miami (Ohio) and was on its staff from 1999-2004 ... Bengals DBs coach Kevin Coyle coached at Syracuse from 1991-93.

Red zone reports: The Bills are a red-zone juggernaut through three games, tied for third in the NFL in most chances (14) and tied for the lead in TDs (11). Their TD percentage (68.8) ranks third.

Red-zone play was a major fault of the Bengals' 13-8 loss to San Francisco, as the offense cashed only a pair of field goals from drives that reached the San Francisco two and five-yard lines.

Defensively, neither the Bengals nor their opponents have forced a turnover or held on downs in the red zone this season.

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 8	Inside-20 poss.: 6
Total scores: 8 (100.0%)	Total scores: 6 (100.0%)
TDs: 3 (37.5%)	TDs: 3 (50.0%)
FGs: 5 (62.5%)	FGs: 3 (50.0%)
TD% rank: T-23rd	TD% rank: T-19th
No scores: 0 (0.0%)	No scores: 0 (0.0%)

BILLS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 14	Inside-20 poss.: 11
Total scores: 14 (100.0%)	Total scores: 9 (81.8%)
TDs: 11 (68.8%)	TDs: 8 (72.7%)
FGs: 3 (31.2%)	FGs: 1 (9.1%)
TD% rank: 3rd	TD% rank: 30th
No scores: 0 (0.0%)	No scores: 2 (18.2%)

THE HEAD COACHES

Marvin Lewis is in his ninth season as Bengals head coach, posting the longest tenure in franchise history. He breaks the record of eight seasons he had shared with club founder Paul Brown (1968-75) and Sam Wyche ('84-91).

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 61-69-1 in regular season, 0-2 in postseason and 61-71-1 overall.

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

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

Born Sept. 23, 1958, in McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh, Lewis played

linebacker at Idaho State and earned All-Big Sky Conference honors in each of his three seasons ('78-80). He began his coaching career as an assistant at Idaho State University in 1981.

Chan Gailey is in his second season as Bills head coach. His record is 7-12. He was head coach of the Dallas Cowboys in 1998-99. He led the Cowboys to the NFC East championship in '98 and to a Wild Card playoff berth in '99. His record was 18-16, including 0-2 in postseason. His full NFL coaching record is now 25-28, including 0-2 in postseason.

Gailey also has had four stints as an NFL offensive coordinator, with Denver (1989-90), Pittsburgh ('96-97), Miami (2000-01) and Kansas City ('08).

From 2002-07, he was head coach at Georgia Tech, compiling a 44-33 record and leading the Yellow Jackets to bowl games in each of his six seasons. He entered coaching in 1974 at Florida, his alma mater. He was a three-year letter winner as a quarterback for the Gators and was an all-state quarterback in high school in Americus, Ga. He was born in Gainesville, Ga.

Lewis vs. Bills: Bills lead, 5-0.

Lewis vs. Gailey: Gailey leads 1-0, from last season's Bills win in Cincinnati.

Gailey vs. Bengals: Same as Lewis vs. Gailey.

BENGALS NOTES

Yard yield not a problem: Only Tennessee (261.0) and Pittsburgh (263.3) have allowed fewer yards per game than the Bengals in the 2011 NFL season. The Bengals' average yield of 276.3 yards, if held through season's end, would be the club's lowest since 1983. The Bengals rank fifth in pass defense (188.3) and eighth in rush defense (88.0).

Cincinnati leads the NFL in fewest yards allowed per rushing play at 2.9. Granted, the rush defense got a statistical gift last week when 49ers punter Andy Lee took a voluntary 18-yard loss as time ran out. But without that play the Bengals' average yield would still be only 3.1, tied for third-best in the NFL.

The Bengals rank second in the league in average yield for all scrimmage plays (4.3 yards). Only Tennessee is better (4.2).

The defense will recall last week's loss to San Francisco as a failure in crunch time, as the 49ers drove 72 yards for the game's only TD in the fourth quarter. But the 49ers gained only 226 total yards, and the defense overall holds promise of becoming the best in coordinator Mike Zimmer's four-year tenure.

The defense 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."

Early track for a sacks record: Cincinnati's 9.0 sacks rank tied for seventh in the NFL, and the Bengals are fourth in most sacks per passing play (.087). An early projection of the Bengals' season total computes to 48, which would tie the club record set in 2001.

The Bengals posted 5.0 sacks last week, their most in a game since getting six at Green Bay in Game 2 of 2009. The pass rush thus far has been a team effort, with seven players sharing in the 9.0 total. DT Geno Atkins and DE/DT Jonathan Fanene share the individual lead at 2.0 each.

Bills offense a showcase test: The Bengals defense has promising early numbers (see previous items), and this week's matchup with Buffalo's prodigious offense presents an excellent chance to establish more credibility.

The Bills lead the NFL in scoring (37.7 points per game) They are averaging 431 yards — 155 more per contest than Bengals opponents have managed. Their net offense is third in the NFL, including fourth in rushing offense (155.0).

And as the Bengals show an early pace that projects to a big year in sacks, the Bills come in with only two sacks allowed, tied for the NFL's fewest.

The defense speaks: Comments from Bengals players on the defense's encouraging but still frustrating start to the season:

- CB Leon Hall: "At the end of the day, we're 1-2, whether we played good or played bad. One bad possession can be all it takes. We have to play better for one drive. When you tell me we played well, you know I'm going to say we have to play well for 60 minutes."
- MLB Rey Mauluga: "We played well against the 49ers, fundamentally sound most of the game. We were in our gaps. We're almost there. We don't have that finish we're looking for. We have the qualities of having a good team. We're just not finishing."
- CB Nate Clements: "I knew we were going to fly around, give effort, execute and play with technique. And we did those things (against San Francisco). But we just have to manage doing it the whole game."

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. No active defensive lineman has had less than 23 snaps in a game this season. The Bengals played with eight linemen in the season opener at Cleveland, and have gone with seven the last two games while starting DE Robert Geathers has rested a shoulder strain. Geathers' injury is not considered long-term.

"It's a really good rotation," says 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."

Defense looking deep: From a personnel standpoint, the Bengals defense figures to get better as the season moves on. Yet to play or practice in the regular season are three potentially key players — CB Adam Jones, LB Dontay Moch and LB Keith Rivers.

Jones, a former No. 6 overall draft choice by Tennessee, showed much promise early for the 2010 Bengals, before suffering a neck injury in Game 6. He has been on the shelf due to that injury since training camp began, but because his injury pre-dated the start of camp, he was eligible to start the regular season on reserve status that leaves him eligible for possible activation after Game 6. Medically, he stands a chance of being cleared to meet that timetable.

Moch, Cincinnati's third-round draft pick this past April, came to the team carrying high expectations as an edge rusher. The 241-pounder has exceptional speed for his size, and in college (Nevada) he logged 30 sacks and 63 tackles-for-loss. He suffered a foot injury in the preseason opener and has not played or practiced since, but he could be back in a few weeks. He was carried on the active roster through final cuts and can resume practice without any procedural roster moves.

Rivers was Cincinnati's first-round draft choice in 2008, and he finished second on the team in tackles in both 2009 and '10. He had 95 tackles last year despite playing most of the season with a painful foot condition (plantar fasciitis).

He underwent wrist surgery in July and was unable to open training camp, and like CB Jones, he is on reserve status that allows him to come back after Game 6. He is not as medically close to being cleared as Jones, but he has by no means been ruled out for 2011 play.

An on-time takeoff: High expectations accompanied Bengals rookie WR A.J. Green into the 2011 season, and through three games he is meeting them. The No. 4 overall selection in the 2011 draft leads all NFL rookies in receptions (15) and ranks second among rookies in receiving yards (194).

Green's 15 catches are good for an NFL lead of two over Atlanta WR Julio Jones (13). Green has a lead of six in AFC rookie receptions, with Oakland's Denarius Moore second in the conference at nine.

Green's 194 receiving yards trail only Atlanta's Jones (215) in the NFL, and Green holds the yardage lead among AFC rookies, with Moore in second place at 180.

Green is among five players sharing the NFL rookie lead in touchdowns (two). He and Chicago's Dane Sanzenbacher are the only two rookies with two TDs via receptions.

Two weeks, two 'firsts': Bengals WR A.J. Green had his first hush game last week vs. San Francisco. With the offense producing only 228 total yards, he settled for four catches and 29 yards.

But in each of his first two games, Green was an NFL history maker:

In his pro debut at Cleveland on Sept. 11, he put the Bengals ahead to stay with a 41-yard TD catch from Bruce Gradkowski that later was certified as longest game-winning TD catch in league history by a rookie playing in his team's first game.

On Sept. 18 at Denver, Green hooked up with rookie QB Andy Dalton for 10 receptions. It stands as the only time in league annals that a rookie passing duo has hit double figures in completions. Green gained 124 yards on his 10 catches, including a TD that showcased some 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.

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 moves on in 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."

Dalton looks to rebound: Three games into an NFL career that he began as a starter, Bengals QB Andy Dalton has suffered his first rookie

blues. After posting a 105.7 passer rating in his first two games, he dipped to a 40.8 reading in a loss to San Francisco, passing 17-for-32 for 157 yards with no TDs and two INTs.

But it's still two-out-of-three for the rookie in terms of good performances, and his teammates will be expecting him to make it three-out-of-four in the Bills game this week.

"The kid shows gumption; he's in our face," says OT Andrew Whitworth. "It takes a lot for a rookie to do that."

Dalton has reacted with quiet ease to the pressure of establishing himself as a leader.

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

And from Games 1-2, Dalton still has an impressive list of accomplishments: He and Hall of Famer Dan Marino are the only rookies since the 1970 merger to achieve a passer rating of 100-plus in their first two starts.

His 332 passing yards on Sept. 18 at Denver is a Bengals rookie record.

Also at Denver, he and WR A.J. Green became the first rookie pair in NFL history to combine for 10 completions in a game.

On Sept. 11 at Cleveland, he directed the offense to scores on the first three possessions, the first time that had happened in a Bengals season opener.

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."

QB's 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, 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 on the sound system. 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 an atmosphere that can nurture the kind of comeback the Bengals need to make this week.

"We are focused on 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 about this group right here, and this group is all about football," Lewis said. "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."

Benson sights top five: The Bills game will mark only the 43rd 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 3353 total is 374 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 43 career Bengals starts (including postseason), and his ratio of one 100-yarder for every 3.07 starts is best in team history. In second place in this category is Rudi Johnson (played 2001-07) at 19-for-60, a ratio of 3.16.

Corey Dillon, who holds the Bengals record for total 100-yard games (28), 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 on Sept. 11, the Bengals upped their record to 31-2 under head coach Marvin Lewis when a rusher has 25 or more carries. That's a winning percentage of .939.

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 averaged 61.5 yards over Games 2-3 and for the season he has a 4.2-yard per-carry average, with 244 yards on 58 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 8.0 yards per touch thus far this season, going five-for-51 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 23 yards on eight 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.

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 Sept. 18 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. Dunlap does not have a sack yet this season, but he leads the team in coaches' compilation of QB hurries (6), including one that led to a teammate's interception. During this year's training camp, Dunlap 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."

- TE Jermaine Gresham has the potential to reach multiple Pro Bowls, and over Games 1-3 he ranks second on the team in receptions (12) and third in receiving yards (117). He has one TD. 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 unfolds 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. Through three games, he leads the front seven in tackles (28) and ranks second on the team. He led the front seven and was second on the team last week with nine tackles, and with the game tied 3-3 in the fourth quarter, he forced a Frank Gore fumble that the Bengals recovered at the San Francisco 16, setting up a go-ahead field goal.

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.

Head coach Marvin Lewis says the coaching staff saw Mauluga as the Bengals' MLB of the future when he was drafted in the second round in 2009.

"We actually made the decision last year (to move Mauluga inside)," Lewis said. "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. But there's no doubt we see him as our guy for the middle. 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, and we know he has that quality."

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 the quality of the player himself. Howard played in every game and started all but two in the previous four seasons for Oakland (2006-09), averaging 96 tackles per season, with seven INTs and 26 passes defended.

So far, the Bengals' bet looks good. Howard tied for second on the team in tackles in each of the first two games, and he ranks third for the full season with 22 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 68 games since his 2007 signing, and he has started the last 60 (58 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 club's running backs average 4.1 yards per carry through Games 1-3. He also has an offensive fumble recovery that prevented a Bengals turnover in the red zone.

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, the things I'm supposed to do and be the Andre I'm supposed to be. 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 60 straight games, dating back to his rookie season of 2006, when he was a Bengals first-round draft choice. He has played in all 68 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 77 career games and 73 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."

Turnover tables are turned: It's by only one at this point, but for 2011 the Bengals are back in the plus column in turnover differential. They had three giveaways and only one takeaway in last week's loss to San Francisco, but for the season they have four takes and three gives.

It's a start, at least, on 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 tied for fourth in the NFL with a plus-33 differential.

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

This week's opponent, Buffalo, is plus-four in differential.

Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England.....	256.....	175.....	+81
Indianapolis.....	240.....	165.....	+75
Baltimore.....	267.....	227.....	+40
Cincinnati.....	249.....	216.....	+33
San Diego.....	223.....	190.....	+33

Since 2003, the Bengals rank fifth in the NFL in most takeaways (249) and sixth in points off turnovers (751).

A stat that matters: For the Bengals term of coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), a plus-differential in turnovers reflects a big plus in the win column. The team's record is 41-10-1, a winning percentage of .798.

But with a minus differential, the record under Lewis is 7-44 (.137). The Bengals were minus-two in differential in their 13-8 loss to San Francisco.

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.....	675-304-1	.689
Plus-2.....	558-112-0	.833
Plus-3.....	343-43-1	.888
Plus-4.....	176-8-0	.957
Plus-5 or more.....	90-3-0	.968

In this season's Week 3 play, teams with a plus posted a 9-3 record, a winning percentage of .750. That was the lowest weekly percentage of the season. The best week this season for plus teams has been Week 2, when they went 10-2 (.833). The combined record for the season is 28-7 (.800). Since 2000, NFL teams with any plus have a combined winning percentage of .796. The combined W-L record is 1843-470-2.

TV streak at 98: In each of the last 98 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.

The streak hit 98 with the release of Cincinnati rankings for the week of Sept. 12-18. The Bengals' Sept. 18 game at Denver drew a local rating of 28.8, winner for the week by a wide margin.

The streak began on Dec. 5, 2004, when a wild Bengals win at Baltimore outpooled 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.

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

In 2004, when the Bengals' uniforms were redesigned, a number of different color options became available. Below is the team record since 2004 (regular season and postseason) in the different 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.....	9-7-1	.559
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 are zero for one on two-point conversions this season. 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: Research by the NFL Network determined that the 13-8 final score of last week's Bengals-49ers game was more than just a bit odd — it

was the first 13-8 final score in NFL history ... The tallest Bengal on the current roster is OT Dennis Roland at 6-9; the shortest is WR Andrew Hawkins at 5-7 ... The heaviest Bengals on the roster are starting OTs Andre Smith and Andrew Whitworth, both at 335; the lightest is Andrew Hawkins at 175 ... The oldest Bengal is CB Nate Clements at 31, the only Bengal born before 1980 (birthday of 12-12-79); the youngest Bengal is S Robert Sands at 21 (born 11-3-89) ... 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, WR Andrew Hawkins wears No. 16, and LB DeQuin Evans (practice squad) wears No. 41.

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

TELEVISION:

- Sun., Oct. 2 — Bengals Weekly, 11:30 a.m.-noon, WKRC-TV (Ch. 12).
- Sun., Oct. 2 — Bengals Backstage, 11:30 p.m.-midnight, WKRC-TV (Ch. 12).

RADIO:

- Wed., Sept. 28 — Bengals Game Plan, with Dan Hoard and Dave Lapham, 6-8 p.m. (ESPN 1530).
- Fri., Sept. 30 — Bengals Pep Rally, with Dan Hoard and Artrell Hawkins, 3-6 p.m. (ESPN 1530).
- Mon., Oct. 3 — Bengals Line, with Dave Lapham and Lance McAlister, 6-9 p.m. (WLW 700).

BENGALS QUOTES

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on the team standing at 1-2:

"We're early in the year. We've got a lot of season ahead of us. Everybody's kind of feeling things out, getting better at the things they want to get better at, and I think a lot of the teams are in the same situation. There are teams that are 3-0 that are surprising, there's teams that are 0-3 that are surprising. So we've just got to keep working and doing our things right and at the end we'll be all right. I'm happy with a lot of the things we're doing. I know our football team will work. We'll play physical. We've just got to make sure we execute for 60 minutes, (and make sure) we don't beat ourselves by penalties or turnovers or missed assignments. We'll be fine."

Lewis, on whether the San Francisco game exposed "limitations" to playing with a rookie QB in Andy Dalton:

"(Laughs) You guys sat in here and sang Andy's praises a week ago, and now we have 'limitations.' No, I don't think we have any (limitations). I think we'll continue to attack the corners. Andy missed a couple of (deep) shots against the 49ers that we've got to hit."

DE Frostee Rucker, on the defense's high NFL rankings:

"We should be there. We want to be. We like that. The line is our most experienced group, with Robert (Geathers) leading the way, and with a great group of young guys, we're all maturing at the same time. We've got a bunch of guys that are fighting each other for sacks, fumbles, whatever it is; we've got guys that are just hungry to make plays."

Offensive coordinator Jay Gruden, on picking up the pace against Buffalo:

"San Francisco wasn't Andy Dalton's greatest game, but we have to do better around him. They were playing tight man-to-man coverage, and we have to do a better job of receivers getting open and with formations that get guys open. They were doubling AJ or our X. I didn't do a good enough job of getting Jermaine (Gresham) and our back the ball."

Lewis, on third-year P Kevin Huber:

"He's been more consistent this year. He's gotten more balls up in the air, where we want them. We really do a good job of directionally punting — we don't just let him whale away at it. I think he's done a nice job of that so far. All-in-all, from the beginning of training camp all the way through, he's been a much more consistent player. He made some changes, and so far so good."

Lewis, on 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."

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."

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."

TE Jermaine Gresham, on 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."

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

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

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

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

CB Leon Hall, on CB Nate Clements:

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

WR Andre Caldwell, on the changes made to this year's 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's first subpar performance came in his third NFL game, as he posted only a 40.8 passer rating against San Francisco. He was 17-for-32 passing for 157 yards, with no TDs and his first two interceptions. He played every offensive snap for the second straight game, after missing the second half of the season opener with a wrist injury. Dalton posted a 105.7 passer rating for his first two games. He now is at 82.1, at 54-for-88 (61.4 percent) for 570 yards with three TDs and two INTs. Dalton passed for a Bengals rookie-record 332 yards on Sept. 18 at Denver, and in Games 1-2 he joined Hall of Famer Dan Marino as the only rookies since the 1970 merger to get 100-plus passer ratings in each of their first two starts. Sixth-year NFL vet Bruce Gradkowski is in the No. 2 QB role. He has not played in the last two games, 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. 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 one TD and no INTs.

Running backs: HB Cedric Benson rushed 17 times for 64 yards in the San Francisco game, pushing his three-game totals to 244 yards on 58 carries, a 4.2-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 43 including postseason, ratio of one every 3.07 games). Fifth-year pro Brian Leonard did not have a rushing attempt vs. San Francisco but had a seven-yard reception. For the season, Leonard is five-for-41 receiving and two-for-15 rushing, an average of 8.0 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 vs. San Francisco and is eight-for-23 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 in the opener and has played on special teams in Games 2-3. FB Chris Pressley has played in the first three games, including starts in Games 2-3.

Wide receivers: First-round draft choice A.J. Green had four catches for 29 yards vs. San Francisco. He leads the team for the season in receptions (15), receiving yards (194) and touchdowns (two). He leads all NFL rookies in catches, and he ranks second among rookies in receiving yards. He is tied for the NFL rookie lead in TDs. 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 on Sept. 18 at Denver, he had 10 catches for 124 yards with a TD. Fourth-year pro Andre Caldwell led the team in catches (six) and receiving yards (53) in the 49ers game. He has nine catches for 80 yards, including one TD. The third-year pro's numbers were down last season, but he caught 51 passes during the division title season of 2009, with two game-clinching TDs in the final minute of play. Caldwell started against the 49ers in place of Jerome Simpson, who was in a reserve role after missing two days of the practice week. Simpson had one catch for six yards against San Francisco and is nine-for-186. He had an 84-yard reception, sixth-longest in Bengals

history, in the Sept. 18 Denver game. Third-year pro Brandon Tate, acquired Sept. 4 on waivers from New England, has seen only limited 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 made his NFL debut in the 49ers game (no receptions) after being on the inactive list for Games 1-2. Rookie Andrew Hawkins, signed to the roster from the Bengals practice squad on Sept. 20, was inactive vs. San Francisco.

Tight ends: Second-year pro Jermaine Gresham had four receptions for 51 yards vs. San Francisco. For the season, he ranks second on the team in catches (12) and third in receiving yards (117), with one TD. 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. Ninth-year NFL vet Donald Lee signed with the Bengals on Sept. 14. He was inactive on Sept. 18 at Denver but made his Cincinnati debut against the 49ers, with an 11-yard reception. Rookie Colin Cochart of South Dakota State played in Games 1-2 (no receptions) and was inactive (coaches' decision) vs. San Francisco. Cochart was the only player from the Bengals' crop of 2011 college free agents to make the 53-player roster for the season opener.

Offensive linemen: Starting LOT and team leader Andrew Whitworth leads the Bengals line into the 2011 season. The San Francisco game marked his 36th straight start (including postseason) at the position. Whitworth has been a key player on the line since his rookie campaign. His 73 career starts include 48 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 for Games 1-3. 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 1-3. He started every game last year. Rookie Clint Boling, fourth-round draft pick from Georgia, has begun his career as a starter, opening Games 1-3 at RG, but he was replaced (coaches' decision) early in the San Francisco game by fourth-year vet Mike McGlynn. McGlynn was acquired on waivers from Philadelphia on Sept. 4 and was 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. Boling and Glynn have filled the spot of 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 at ROT. Dennis Roland started 12 games at ROT last season, and Anthony Collins was promoted to the No. 1 spot for the campaign's final two games. Roland and Collins are both fourth-year players in 2011. Roland has played in Games 1-3, and his role includes serving as an extra TE in the base offense in short-yardage situations. Collins played in Game 1 and has been active-DNP for Games 2-3. First-year G Otis Hudson is considered a prospect for significant playing time as the season goes on. He made the roster despite missing all four preseason games with a knee injury. He returned to practice the week before the San Francisco game but has been on

the inactive list for Games 1-3.

Defensive linemen: Starting DT Geno Atkins leads the line in tackles for the season (18), and he shares the team lead in sacks (2.0). He tied for the line lead in tackles (six) vs. San Francisco, including a third-down sack of Alex Smith at the Bengals five in the third quarter, forcing the 49ers to settle for a field goal. Atkins' earlier sack also was on a third down, on Sept. 18 at Denver, forcing the Broncos to settle for a field goal. Coaches have credited Atkins with three QB hurries, tied for second on the team. He has one pass defended. Atkins was productive as a rookie in 2010, playing in every game and leading the team in QB pressures (19). Sixth-year DE Frostee Rucker has battled injuries through much of his career but has always shown a knack for making plays, and he has stayed healthy this year through four preseason and three regular-season games. He tied for the line lead vs. San Francisco with six tackles, including a sack and one for-loss on a running play. He dropped RB Frank Gore for a three-yard loss in the second quarter and had a four-yard sack on Alex Smith in the third period. For the season Rucker has 13 tackles, the one sack and two passes defended. DT/DE Jonathan Fanene has started the last two games as an injury replacement and looks better than ever in his seventh NFL season. He had two sacks among his five tackles in the 49ers game, and he recovered a Frank Gore fumble at the San Francisco 16 in the fourth quarter, setting up a field goal. His sacks included an eight-yarder on Alex Smith that forced a punt in the second quarter. Fanene has 16 tackles, second on the line, and his 2.0 sacks tie him for the team lead. He is tied for the team lead in tackles-for-loss (3). Fanene missed almost all of 2010 with a hamstring injury but had a productive 2009 season, including six sacks. Fanene has started the last two games in place of eighth-year pro Robert Geathers, who has been out with a shoulder injury suffered Sept. 11 at Cleveland. Geathers' status for Buffalo is undetermined as of early this week. He is a two-time team leader in sacks. Starting RDE Michael Johnson had four tackles vs. San Francisco. He has 12 tackles, including a sack. He also has three passes defended (leads front seven), the team's only INT of the season and has forced a fumble. Johnson is in the starting role after starting 10 games last year, including the last eight. Starting NT Domata Peko had four tackles against the 49ers. Peko has 15 tackles on the season, with a fumble recovery and also a forced fumble. Peko led the line in tackles last season. Second-year DE Carlos Dunlap had a QB pressure vs. San Francisco and leads the team for the season in the category, with six. He has played in all three games and has seven tackles. 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. Fourth-year pro Pat Sims made eight starts at DT last season and is slated for considerable playing time. He had three tackles vs. San Francisco and has 10 stops 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 three games he ranks second on the team in tackles (28), with one forced fumble. He got the forced fumble last week vs. San Francisco, prying the ball from RB Frank Gore to set up a Bengals recovery at the San Francisco 16. He was second on the team in tackles (nine) against the 49ers. Third on the team with 22 tackles is Thomas Howard, one of the Bengals' two new starting OLBs. Howard has three tackles-for-loss, tied for the team lead. The sixth-year NFL vet was signed July 30 as a free agent from Oakland. He was a second-round Raiders draftee in 2006. The other starting OLB is Manny Lawson, signed Aug. 3 as an unrestricted free agent from San Francisco. Lawson had one tackle vs. San Francisco and has 10 stops, including two passes defended. 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). Second-year pro Dan Skuta had four tackles on just 12 defensive snaps against San Francisco, including a shared sack. He also had a forced fumble against TE Vernon Davis in the fourth quarter, but the 49ers retained possession as the ball went out of bounds. An NCAA Division II product (Grand Valley State in Michigan), Skuta 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 has five tackles and two special teams tackles this

season. 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 1-3 on special teams and is tied for the special teams lead in tackles (three). Sixth-year pro Brandon Johnson is in his fourth Bengals season. He has played in all 50 games (including postseason), with 15 starts. Johnson played on special teams (no statistics) vs. San Francisco. The Bengals have high expectations for third-round draft choice Dontay Moch as an edge rusher, but his debut has been delayed, due to a foot injury suffered in the preseason opener. The 241-pounder has exceptional speed for his size, and in college he logged 30 sacks and 63 tackles-for-loss. Keith Rivers, a starter when at WLB healthy 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 in July. He will be eligible for roster activation later this season.

Defensive backs: FS Reggie Nelson is proving to be a physical force in the Bengals secondary. He had a team season-high of 13 tackles in the San Francisco game, and for the season he leads the team with 30 tackles, including a sack. He also has a forced fumble and a pass defended. Nelson is a former Jacksonville first-round draft choice who came to the Bengals last season in a trade for CB David Jones. A ninth-year NFL player in his fourth Bengals campaign, SS Chris Crocker had five tackles, including a shared sack, against San Francisco. For the season Crocker has 11 tackles, 1.5 sacks, a forced fumble and a pass defended. 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 four tackles vs. San Francisco, and he logged his team-leading fifth pass defended. Hall has 10 tackles and a fumble recovery. Joining Hall in the starting lineup is veteran Nate Clements, who was signed as an unrestricted free agent on Aug. 1. Clements had seven tackles and a pass defended vs. San Francisco, and for the season he ranks tied for fourth in tackles (18). He is tied for second on the team in passes defended (three). Veteran S Gibril Wilson, acquired last season as a free agent, has played in the first three games and has seven tackles on defense while sharing the team lead in special teams tackles (three). He had two tackles on defense and one on special teams in the 49ers game. Wilson is making his Bengals debut this season, as he missed all of last season with a serious knee injury suffered in preseason. He has 87 career NFL games and 80 starts. 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 has played in the last two games. He has one tackle, logged last week vs. San Francisco. 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 1-3. He played on defense in the season opener and has played on special teams in the last two games. He had a special teams tackle vs. San Francisco. S Jeromy Miles has played in all three games on special teams and has two tackles, including one last week. Miles made the team last year as a college free agent. Fifth-round draft pick Robert Sands of West Virginia made the roster out of preseason but has been inactive for Games 1-3. Sands played in all four preseason games and had 10 tackles. 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 1-3 but he returned to practice the week of the 49ers game. 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.

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 seven-for-seven on FGs in the regular season. His two-for-two performance vs. San Francisco included kicks of 22 and 23 yards. He is four-for-four on PATs. He has reached the end zone on 14 of his 15 kickoffs, and nine 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

(Position by position, continued)

Huber, a Cincinnati native, averaged 45.3 yards on seven kicks vs. San Francisco, with a 39.7-yard net. He had three 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 38.4 net and has seven inside-20s against three 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 8.3 yards on six punt returns and 23.7 yards on six kickoff returns. Last season for New England, he had two kickoff returns for TDs, including a 97-yarder against the Bengals. LB Vincent Rey and S Gibril Wilson are tied for the special teams tackles lead, with three each. Wilson was one of five players with one special teams tackle vs. San Francisco. Third-year pro Clark Harris is in the No. 1 long snapper spot. He has made 260 snaps with no unplayable deliveries since joining the Bengals in 2009.

THE LAST BENGALS-BILLS MEETINGS

2007 SEASON / WEEK 9, GAME 8

Buffalo Bills 33, Cincinnati Bengals 21
Sunday, Nov. 4, at Ralph Wilson Stadium

The Bengals held leads at 14-10 and 21-16, and with six minutes to play, Cincinnati still had a 21-19 edge. But the Bills went ahead 26-21 at the 5:51 mark, finishing a drive of only 32 yards that was set up by a short Bengals punt and also included a Bengals holding penalty. The Bengals made only one first down on their next possession, and with 2:22 to play, Buffalo RB Marshawn Lynch scored on a 56-yard run, completing a 153-yard rushing day for the rookie. The Bengals were limited to a season-low rushing total of 28 yards. Glenn Holt had a 100-yard KOR for a Bengals TD, and WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh scored his 10th TD. The Bengals fell to 2-6 while the Bills won their third straight to stand at 4-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	7	7	0	—	21
Buffalo.....	7	6	3	17	—	33

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Buff. — L.Evans 8 pas from J.Losman (R.Lindell kick).....	1-11:44
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 15 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	1-8:35
Buff. — R.Lindell 23 field goal.....	2-1:56
Cin. — G.Holt 100 kickoff return (S.Graham kick).....	2-1:44
Buff. — R.Lindell 21 field goal.....	2-0:03
Buff. — R.Lindell 29 field goal.....	3-7:31
Cin. — J.Johnson 1 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	3-3:07
Buff. — R.Lindell 38 field goal.....	4-13:54
Buff. — R.Royal 8 pass from M.Lynch (R.Lindell kick).....	4-5:51
Buff. — M.Lynch 56 run (R.Lindell kick).....	4-2:22

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 70,745. Time: 3:08.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BUFF.
First downs.....	16	23
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-12	8-13
Total net yards.....	299	479
Net yards rushing.....	28	176
Net yards passing.....	271	303
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	39-26-1	35-25-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	0-0
Punts-average.....	6-39.0	2-33.0
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	4-36
Kickoff returns-yards.....	6-176	4-81
Penalties-yards.....	5-45	3-25
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	24:18	35:42

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BUFF.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	9	11	6	0	M.Lynch	29	153	56t	1
K.Watson	4	11	3	0	J.Losman	4	21	13	0
C.Palmer	3	5	7	0	D.Wright	1	2	2	0
C.Johnson	1	1	1	0	J.Reed	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	17	28	7	0	TOTALS	35	176	56t	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BUFF.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	39	26	271	2-1	J.Losman	34	24	295	1-1
					M.Lynch	1	1	8	1-0
TOTALS	39	26	271	2-1	TOTALS	35	25	303	2-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BUFF.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
K.Watson	7	90	43	0	L.Evans	9	165	38	1
T.Houshmandzadeh	4	45	17	1	J.Reed	6	55	16	0
C.Johnson	3	48	24	0	M.Gaines	3	22	11	0
D.Coats	3	24	10	0	R.Royal	2	35	27	1
R.Kelly	2	15	8	0	D.Schouman	2	10	10	0
G.Holt	2	13	8	0	A.Thomas	1	11	11	0
A.Chatman	1	15	15	0	M.Lynch	1	7	7	0
D.Dorsey	1	9	9	0	R.Parrish	1	-2	-2	0
R.Johnson	1	6	6	0					
M.Maxwell	1	5	5	0					
J.Johnson	1	1	1t	1					
TOTALS	26	271	43	2	TOTALS	25	303	38	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: Dh.Jones 7-4-11, L.Johnson 5-5-10, D.O'Neal 6-2-8, D.Jackson 5-2-7, J.Smith 4-3-7, D.Peko 0-7-7, J.Joseph 4-2-6, A.Schlegel 4-1-5, L.Hall 3-2-5, R.Jeanty 3-1-4, M.Williams 3-0-3, B.Robinson 2-1-3, R.Geathers 1-2-3, M.Myers 1-2-3. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: L.Hall 1-0. PD: L.Hall 1, Dh.Jones 1, D.O'Neal 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Buffalo (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Crowell 11-3-14, G.Wilson 4-2-6, J.Greer 5-0-5, D.Whitner 4-0-4, J.DiGiorgio 3-0-3, A.Hargrove 1-2-3, A.Schobel 1-2-3, K.Thomas 2-0-2, K.Williams 2-0-2, T.McGee 1-1-2, L.Tripplett 1-1-2, J.McCargio 1-0-1, C.Kelsay 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: K.Thomas 1-8. PD: T.McGee 4, K.Ellison 1, J.McCargio 1, K.Thomas, L.Tripplett 1, G.Wilson 1. FF: J.Greer 1. FR-YDS.: None.

2010 SEASON / WEEK 11, GAME 10

Buffalo Bills 49, Cincinnati Bengals 31
Sunday, Nov. 21, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals led 31-14 at halftime and allowed the Bills to become the first team in NFL history to win by 18 or more after trailing by 17 or more at halftime. The Bengals fell to 2-8 while the Bills improved to 2-8. The Bills defeated Cincinnati for the 10th straight time, a new record streak for a Bengals opponent.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Buffalo.....	7	7	14	21	—	49
Cincinnati.....	7	24	0	0	—	31

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — C.Ochocinco 2 pass from C.Palmer (A.Pettrey kick).....	1-8:07
Buff. — F.Jackson 7 run (R.Lindell kick).....	1-2:04
Cin. — T.Owens 4 pass from C.Palmer (A.Pettrey kick).....	2-14:10
Cin. — C.Benson 1 run (A.Pettrey kick).....	2-10:59
Cin. — J.Joseph 21 interception return (A.Pettrey kick).....	2-10:10
Buff. — D.Jones 28 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (R.Lindell kick).....	2-1:17
Cin. — A.Pettrey 19 field goal.....	2-0:00
Buff. — St. Johnson 28 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (R.Lindell kick).....	3-10:43
Buff. — D.Florence 27 fumble return (R.Lindell kick).....	3-9:54
Buff. — St. Johnson 11 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (R.Lindell kick).....	4-14:13
Buff. — St. Johnson 32 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (R.Lindell kick).....	4-11:36
Buff. — F.Jackson 30 run (R.Lindell kick).....	4-1:52

Missed FGs: R.Lindell (33WR), A.Pettrey (43WL).
Attendance: 55,654. Time: 3:12.

TEAM STATISTICS	BUFF.	CIN.
First downs.....	23	26
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-10	9-16
Total net yards.....	449	361
Net yards rushing.....	141	133
Net yards passing.....	308	228
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	34-21-2	37-22-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-8	2-20
Punts-average.....	1-44.0	2-35.5
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-70	7-166
Penalties-yards.....	10-58	7-57
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-1
Time of possession.....	27:51	32:09

RUSHING

BUFF.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
F.Jackson	21	116	30t	2	C.Benson	25	124	26	1
R.Fitzpatrick	1	11	11	0	C.Palmer	2	12	9	0
Q.Ganther	1	11	11	0	B.Scott	3	-3	0	0
J.Caulcrick	1	2	2	0					
D.Jones	1	1	1	0					
TOTALS	25	141	30t	2	TOTALS	30	133	26	1

PASSING

BUFF.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
R.Fitzpatrick	34	21	316	4-2	C.Palmer	34	19	230	2-2
					J.Palmer	3	3	18	0-0
TOTALS	34	21	316	4-2	TOTALS	37	22	248	2-2

RECEIVING

BUFF.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
St. Johnson	8	137	36	3	J.Shipley	5	71	37	0
D.Jones	5	70	28t	1	T.Owens	3	63	48	1
F.Jackson	3	13	7	0	C.Ochocinco	3	28	17	1
L.Evans	2	72	54	0	B.Leonard	3	23	10	0
D.Martin	2	15	15	0	C.Benson	3	22	11	0
S.Nelson	1	9	9	0	J.Gresham	2	33	18	0
					A.Caldwell	1	9	9	0
					Q.Cosby	1	5	5	0
					B.Scott	1	-6	-6	0
TOTALS	21	316	54	4	TOTALS	22	248	48	2

DEFENSE

Buffalo (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: P.Posluszny 6-4-10, A.Ayodele 3-4-7, R.Comer 4-2-6, D.Whitner 4-2-6, R.Torbor 2-4-6, M.Stroud 3-1-4, D.Edwards 1-3-4, D.Florence 3-0-3, Br.Scott 3-0-3, G.Wilson 3-0-3, J.Byrd 2-1-3, K.Williams 1-2-3, C.Kelsay 2-0-2, T.McGee 1-1-2, A.Carrington 1-0-1, T.Troup 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: Br.Scott 1-11, C.Kelsay 1-9. INT.-YDS.: G.Wilson 1-56, D.Florence 1-2. PD: D.Florence 2, G.Wilson 2, R.Comer 1, C.Kelsay 1, P.Posluszny 1, M.Stroud 1, D.Whitner 1. FF: M.Stroud 1. FR-YDS.: D.Florence 1-27.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Jones 6-2-8, K.Rivers 5-1-6, R.Murray 4-2-6, R.Nelson 4-1-5, C.Ndukwe 3-2-5, L.Hall 3-0-3, J.Joseph 2-1-3, B.Johnson 2-0-2, M.Johnson 2-0-2, T.Nelson 2-0-2, R.Mauluga 1-1-2, R.Williams 1-1-2, P.Sims 0-2-2, C.Crocker 1-0-1, C.Dunlap 1-0-1, R.Geathers 1-0-1, B.Ghee 1-0-1, D.Peko 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: D.Peko 0-5-4, P.Sims 0-5-4. INT.-YDS.: J.Joseph 2-27. PD: R.Nelson 3, M.Johnson 2, J.Joseph 2, L.Hall 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.

WEEK 3, GAME 3

**San Francisco 49ers 13, Cincinnati Bengals 8
Sunday, Sept. 25, at Paul Brown Stadium**

San Francisco trailed for most of the day in the Bengals' 2011 home opener, but after falling behind 6-3 with 9:04 left in the fourth quarter, the 49ers mounted the game's only TD drive, going 72 yards in 10 plays for a 10-6 lead. San Francisco raised its lead to 13-6 on a 53-yard FG by K David Akers with 2:16 to play, and the 49ers gave up an intentional safety as time was running out. On a day when both offenses struggled, the most glaring statistic was a one-for-10 Bengals performance on third-down conversions. Cincinnati settled for a FG after gaining a second-and-goal from the 49ers' two on the game's opening drive. And in the fourth quarter, after DE Jonathan Fanene recovered a fumble forced by LB Rey Maulaluga at the San Francisco 16, Cincinnati was again forced to settle for a FG. The Bengals fell to 1-2 while the 49ers improved to 2-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
San Francisco	0	0	3	10	—	13
Cincinnati.....	3	0	0	5	—	8

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 22 field goal.....	1-8:44
S.F. — D.Akers 23 field goal	3-3:29
Cin. — M.Nugent 23 field goal.....	4-9:04
S.F. — K.Hunter 7 run (D.Akers kick).....	4-3:59
S.F. — D.Akers 53 field goal	4-2:16
Cin. — A.Lee out of bounds in end zone for safety.....	4-0:02

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 43,363. Time: 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS	S.F.	CIN.
First downs	16	14
Third down conversions-attempts	5-15	1-10
Total net yards	226	228
Net yards rushing	50	79
Net yards passing	176	149
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	30-20-0	32-17-2
Sacks against-yards lost	5-25	1-8
Punts-average	7-45.7	7-45.3
Punt returns-yards	3-19	3-31
Kickoff returns-yards	2-59	3-54
Penalties-yards	12-70	6-40
Fumbles-lost	3-1	1-1
Time of possession	35:20	24:40

RUSHING

S.F.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
F.Gore	17	42	12	0	C.Benson	17	64	10	0
K.Hunter	9	26	11	1	B.Scott	2	10	8	0
B.Miller	1	2	2	0	A.Dalton	1	5	5	0
V.Davis	1	-2	-2	0					
A.Lee	1	-18	-18	0					
TOTALS	29	50	12	1	TOTALS	20	79	10	0

PASSING

S.F.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
Ale.Smith	30	20	201	0-0	A.Dalton	32	17	157	0-2
TOTALS	30	20	201	0-0	TOTALS	32	17	157	0-2

RECEIVING

S.F.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
V.Davis	8	114	39	0	A.Caldwell	6	53	14	0
B.Miller	4	25	11	0	J.Gresham	4	51	22	0
M.Crabtree	3	24	8	0	A.Green	4	29	18	0
J.Morgan	2	17	12	0	D.Lee	1	11	11	0
K.Hunter	2	12	10	0	B.Leonard	1	7	7	0
D.Walker	1	9	9	0	J.Simpson	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	20	201	39	0	TOTALS	17	157	22	0

DEFENSE

San Francisco (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: N.Bowman 7-4-11, D.Goldson 5-3-8, P.Willis 3-5-8, C.Rogers 3-1-4, A.Brooks 1-3-4, I.Sopoaga 0-4-4, M.Williams 2-1-3, T.Brown 1-1-2, D.Whitner 1-1-2, J.Smith 0-2-2, B.Costanzo 0-1-1, P.Haralson 0-1-1, S.Spencer 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Brooks 1-8. INT.-YDS.: R.Smith 1-11, C.Rogers 1-0. PD: C.Rogers 2, T.Brown 1, R.Smith 1, S.Spencer 1, D.Whitner 1, P.Willis 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Nelson 7-6-13, R.Maulaluga 7-2-9, N.Clements 7-0-7, T.Howard 2-5-7, G.Atkins 3-3-6, F.Rucker 3-3-6, C.Crocker 3-2-5, J.Fanene 3-2-5, L.Hall 3-1-4, D.Skuta 3-1-4, M.Johnson 2-2-4, D.Peko 2-2-4, P.Sims 2-1-3, G.Wilson 0-2-2, K.Jennings 1-0-1, M.Lawson 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Fanene 2-13, F.Rucker 1-4, G.Atkins 1-0, C.Crocker 0.5-4, D.Skuta 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: N.Clements 1, L.Hall 1. FF: R.Maulaluga 1, D.Peko 1, D.Skuta 1. FR-YDS.: J.Fanene 1-0.

IN 2010, THE BENGALS ARE:

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

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

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS, THE BENGALS ARE:

36-28-1 at home
25-41-0 on the road
40-24-1 when scoring first
21-45-0 when opponent scores first
12-13-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
30-32-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
44-18-1 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
3-3-0 when tied after three quarters
8-57-0 when trailing after three quarters
43-23-0 when rushing for 100 net yards

37-15-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
41-10-1 with plus turnover differential
13-15-0 with even turnover differential
7-44-0 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
59-63-1 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
37-45-1 on synthetic surface
34-37-1 with fewer penalty yards

BEST PERFORMANCES

RUSHING YARDS

121 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland
 64 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco
 59 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 18 at Denver

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

25 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland
 17 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco
 16 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 18 at Denver

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
 6 — Andre Caldwell, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco

RECEIVING YARDS

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

PASSING YARDS

332 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Denver
 157 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco
 92 — Bruce Gradkowski, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

PASS ATTEMPTS

41 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Denver
 32 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco
 15 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

PASS COMPLETIONS

27 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Denver
 17 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco
 10 — Andy Dalton, 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 — (three times)

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

16 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 18 at Denver
 15 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 11 at Cleveland
 14 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco

TOTAL TACKLES*

13 — Reggie Nelson, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco
 12 — Rey Mauluga, Sept. 18 at Denver
 9 — (two times)

SOLO TACKLES*

8 — Rey Mauluga, Sept. 18 at Denver
 7 — (four times)

* 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	228	20-79	149	17-32	0/2	1-8	14	1-10	1-1	24:40
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										
TOTALS		904	73-290	614	59-100	4/2	7-48	49	9-38	3-1	28:16

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	226	29-50	176	20-30	0/0	5-25	16	5-15	3-1	35:20
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										
TOTALS		829	91-264	565	54-95	4/1	9-44	52	14-42	6-3	31:44

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.		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.
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.	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.
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).	Sept. 5	— Waived TE Mickey Shuler (failed physical); Signed TE Chase Coffman to the practice squad.
Aug. 31	— Signed OT Andrew Whitworth* to a two-year contract extension through 2015; Signed DT Cornell Banks (FA).	Sept. 6	— Signed CB Rico Murray (FA); Signed QB Zac Robinson to the practice squad; Released QB Dan LeFevour from the practice squad.
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. 14	— Signed TE Donald Lee (FA); Waived CB Rico Murray.
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:	Sept. 19	— Placed WR Jordan Shipley on the Reserve/Injured list.
		Sept. 20	— Signed WR Andrew Hawkins from the practice squad; Signed WR Armon Binns to the practice squad.

* 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	3-3	DT	DT	DT													
Benson, Cedric	3-3	HB	HB	HB													
Binns, Armon	0-0	NWT	NWT	PS													
Boling, Clint	3-3	RG	RG	RG													
Caldwell, Andre	3-1	P	P	WR													
Clements, Nate	3-3	LCB	LCB	LCB													
Cochart, Colin	2-1	2ndTE	P	IL													
Coffman, Chase	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Collins, Anthony	1-0	P	DNP	DNP													
Cook, Kyle	3-3	C	C	C													
Crocker, Chris	3-3	SS	SS	SS													
Dalton, Andy	3-3	QB	QB	QB													
Develin, James	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Dunlap, Carlos	3-0	P	P	P													
Evans, DeQuin	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Fanene, Jonathan	3-2	P	LDE	LDE													
Geathers, Robert	1-1	LDE	IL	IL													
Ghee, Brandon	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Gradkowski, Bruce	1-0	P	DNP	DNP													
Green, A.J.	3-3	WR	WR	WR													
Gresham, Jermaine	3-3	TE	TE	TE													
Hall, Leon	3-3	RCB	RCB	RCB													
Harris, Clark	3-0	P	P	P													
Hawkins, Andrew	0-0	PS	PS	IL													
Howard, Thomas	3-3	WLB	WLB	WLB													
Huber, Kevin	3-0	P	P	P													
Hudson, Otis	0-0	IL	IL	IL													
Jennings, Kelly	2-0	IL	P	P													
Johnson, Brandon	3-0	P	P	P													
Johnson, Michael	3-3	RDE	RDE	RDE													
Jones, Adam	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP													
Lawson, Manny	3-3	SLB	SLB	SLB													
Lee, Donald	1-0	NWT	IL	P													
Leonard, Brian	3-0	P	P	P													
Livingston, Nate	3-3	LG	LG	LG													
Mauluga, Rey	3-3	MLB	MLB	MLB													
Mays, Taylor	0-0	IL	IL	IL													
McGlynn, Mike	1-0	DNP	DNP	P													
Miles, Jeromy	3-0	P	P	P													
Moch, Dontay	0-0	IL	IL	IL													
Muckelroy, Rodrick	0-0	RI	RI	RI													
Murray, Rico	1-0	P	NWT	NWT													
Nelson, Reggie	3-3	FS	FS	FS													
Nugent, Mike	3-0	P	P	P													
O'Donnell, Matthew	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Peerman, Cedric	2-0	IL	P	P													
Peko, Domata	3-3	NT	NT	NT													
Pressley, Chris	3-2	P	FB	FB													
Rey, Vincent	3-0	P	P	P													
Rivers, Keith	0-0	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI													
Robinson, Zac	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Roland, Dennis	3-0	P	P	P													
Rucker, Frostee	3-0	P	P	P													
Sands, Robert	0-0	IL	IL	IL													
Scaife, Bo	0-0	RI	RI	RI													
Scott, Bernard	3-0	P	P	P													
Shipley, Jordan	2-0	P	P	RI													
Shirley, Jason	0-0	PS	PS	PS													
Simpson, Jerome	3-2	WR	WR	P													
Sims, Pat	3-0	P	P	P													
Skuta, Dan	3-0	P	P	P													
Smith, Andre	3-3	ROT	ROT	ROT													
Tate, Brandon	3-0	P	P	P													
Trent, Morgan	3-0	P	P	P													
Whalen, Ryan	1-0	IL	IL	P													
Whitworth, Andrew	3-3	LOT	LOT	LOT													
Williams, Bobbie	0-0	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC													
Wilson, Gibril	3-0	P	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	Caldwell	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Boling	Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Pressley
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	Mauualuga	Howard	Clements	Hall	Crocker	Nelson
Sept. 18	at Denver	Fanene	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Lawson	Mauualuga	Howard	Clements	Hall	Crocker	Nelson
Sept. 25	SAN FRANCISCO	Fanene	Peko	Atkins	M.Johnson	Lawson	Mauualuga	Howard	Clements	Hall	Crocker	Nelson
Oct. 2	BUFFALO											
Oct. 9	at Jacksonville											
Oct. 16	INDIANAPOLIS											
Oct. 23	— BYE —											
Oct. 30	at Seattle											
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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											

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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	16	<u>Andrew Hawkins</u>
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	16	<u>Andrew Hawkins</u>
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 DeQuin Evans (practice squad) de-QUINN Jonathan <u>Fanene</u> fuh-NAY-nay Robert Geathers (pronounced as "gathers") Brandon <u>Ghee</u> (practice squad) JEE Jermaine <u>Gresham</u> jer-MAIN GRESH-em Paul <u>Guenther</u> (asst. special teams/asst. DBs coach) GUN-thur	Rey <u>Maua</u> luga 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 Gibril <u>Wilson</u> jih-BRILL Ken <u>Zampese</u> (quarterbacks coach) zam-PEE-zee
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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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	Gradkowski, Bruce	QB	6-1	220	1-27-83	6	Toledo	Pittsburgh, Pa.	UFA(Oak.)'11
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	207	7-31-88	R	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
84	Gresham, Jermaine	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	2	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
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
16	Hawkins, Andrew	WR	5-7	175	3-10-86	R	Toledo	Johnstown, Pa.	W(STL.)'11
53	Howard, Thomas	LB	6-3	240	7-14-83	6	Texas-El Paso	Lubbock, Texas	UFA(Oak.)'11
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	208	7-16-85	3	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
60	Hudson, Otis	G	6-5	311	7-19-86	1	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
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	Goldboro, 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	Livingston, 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, Jeromy	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.)'11
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)

85	Binns, Armon (9-20)	WR	6-3	209	9-8-89	R	Cincinnati	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'11
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
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

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
2	Mike Nugent	K	5-10	183	3-2-82	7	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
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
16	Andrew Hawkins	WR	5-7	175	3-10-86	R	Toledo	Johnstown, Pa.	W(STL.)'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	Jeromy Miles	S	6-2	210	7-20-87	2	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	252	7-10-84	3	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
51	Dan Skuta	LB	6-2	248	4-21-86	3	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
52	Dontay Moch	LB	6-2	241	7-19-88	R	Nevada	Phoenix, Ariz.	D3'11
53	Thomas Howard	LB	6-3	240	7-14-83	6	Texas-El Paso	Lubbock, Texas	UFA(Oak.)'11
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
60	Otis Hudson	G	6-5	311	7-19-86	1	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
62	Nate Livings	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	4	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
64	Kyle Cook	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	4	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
65	Clint Boling	G	6-5	311	5-9-89	R	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
66	Mike McGlynn	C/G	6-4	315	3-8-85	4	Pittsburgh	Austintown, Ohio	W(Phil.)'11
68	Jonathan Fanene	DE/DT	6-4	292	3-19-82	7	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
71	Andre Smith	OT	6-4	335	1-25-87	3	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
73	Anthony Collins	OT	6-5	315	11-2-85	4	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
74	Dennis Roland	OT	6-9	322	3-10-83	4	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
77	Andrew Whitworth	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	6	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
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84	Jermaine Gresham	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	2	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	8-31-80	9	Mississippi State	Maben, Miss.	FA'11
87	Andre Caldwell	WR	6-0	190	4-15-85	4	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
88	Ryan Whalen	WR	6-1	202	7-26-89	R	Stanford	Alamo, Calif.	D6'11
89	Jerome Simpson	WR	6-2	190	2-4-86	4	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Pat Sims	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	4	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
91	Robert Geathers	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	8	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
92	Froste Rucker	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	6	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
93	Michael Johnson	DE	6-7	267	2-7-87	3	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
94	Domata Peko	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	6	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
96	Carlos Dunlap	DE	6-6	289	2-28-89	2	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	2	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
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
21	Brandon Ghee (9-4)	CB	6-0	193	6-6-87	2	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
35	James Develin (9-4)	FB	6-3	251	7-23-88	1	Brown	Gilbertsville, Pa.	FA'10
41	DeQuin Evans (9-4)	LB	6-2	250	5-17-87	R	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'11
70	Jason Shirley (9-4)	DT	6-5	345	9-30-85	2	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08
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
85	Armon Binns (9-20)	WR	6-3	209	9-8-89	R	Cincinnati	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'11

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
83	Bo Scaife (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).

STATISTICS

RECORD: 1-2

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	L	8-13	SAN FRANCISCO	43,363
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		49	52
Rushing		13	20
Passing		31	28
Penalty		5	4
3rd Down: Made-Att		9-38	14-42
3rd Down Pct.		23.7	33.3
4th Down: Made-Att		0-2	1-3
4th Down Pct.		0.0	33.3
POSSESSION AVG.		28:16	31:44
TOTAL NET YARDS		904	829
Avg. Per Game		301.3	276.3
Total Plays		180	195
Avg. Per Play		5.0	4.3
NET YARDS RUSHING		290	264
Avg. Per Game		96.7	88.0
Total Rushes		73	91
NET YARDS PASSING		614	565
Avg. Per Game		204.7	188.3
Sacked-Yards Lost		7-48	9-44
Gross Yards		662	609
Att.-Completions		100-59	95-54
Completion Pct.		59.0	56.8
Had Intercepted		2	1
PUNTS-AVG.		20-45.2	21-44.9
Net Punting Avg.		20-38.4	21-40.4
PENALTIES-YARDS		16-131	30-197
FUMBLES-BALL LOST		3-1	6-3
TOUCHDOWNS		5	6
Rushing		1	2
Passing		4	4
Returns		0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	13	6	12	26	0	57
OPPONENTS	7	17	13	17	0	54

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	0	4-4	7-7	0	25
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	7-7	1	57
OPPONENTS	6	2	4	0	6-6	4-4	0	54

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

Sacks-yards: Jonathan Fanene 2-13, Geno Atkins 2-8, Chris Crocker 1.5-7, Reggie Nelson 1-8, Frostee Rucker 1-4, Michael Johnson 1-0, Dan Skuta 0.5-4. BENGALS 9-44, OPPONENTS 7-48.

Fumbles-lost: Nate Clements 1-1, Andy Dalton 1-0, Jordan Shipley 1-0. BENGALS 3-1, OPPONENTS 6-3.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	88	54	570	61.4	6.48	3	3.4	2	2.3	84	6-41	82.1
Bruce Gradkowski	12	5	92	41.7	7.67	1	8.3	0	0.0	41t	1-7	96.5
BENGALS	100	59	662	59.0	6.62	4	4.0	2	2.0	84	7-48	83.8
OPPONENTS	95	54	609	56.8	6.41	4	4.2	1	1.1	56	9-44	85.8

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Cedric Benson	58	244	4.2	39t	1
Bernard Scott	8	23	2.9	9	0
Brian Leonard	2	15	7.5	11	0
Andy Dalton	3	8	2.7	5	0
Bruce Gradkowski	2	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	73	290	4.0	39t	1
OPPONENTS	91	264	2.9	17	2

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	15	194	12.9	41t	2
Jermaine Gresham	12	117	9.8	22	1
Jerome Simpson	9	186	20.7	84	0
Andre Caldwell	9	80	8.9	14	1
Brian Leonard	5	41	8.2	22	0
Cedric Benson	4	19	4.8	10	0
Jordan Shipley	4	14	3.5	5	0
Donald Lee	1	11	11.0	11	0
BENGALS	59	662	11.2	84	4
OPPONENTS	54	609	11.3	56	4

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Michael Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	1	0	0.0	0	0
OPPONENTS	2	11	5.5	11	0

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	20	904	45.2	38.4	3	7	60	0
BENGALS	20	904	45.2	38.4	3	7	60	0
OPPONENTS	21	943	44.9	40.4	1	3	60	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	9	7	75	8.3	16	0
BENGALS	9	7	75	8.3	16	0
OPPONENTS	9	4	77	8.6	21	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	6	142	23.7	35	0
Nate Clements	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	7	146	20.9	35	0
OPPONENTS	6	173	28.8	51	0

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

Mike Nugent: (24G, 47G), (45G, 37G, 23G), (22G, 23G).
Opponents: (20G), (34G), (23G, 53G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Reggie Nelson	17	13	30	1-8	0-0	1	1	0-0
Rey Mauluga	16	12	28	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
Thomas Howard	13	9	22	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Nate Clements	15	3	18	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Geno Atkins	8	10	18	2-8	0-0	1	0	0-0
Jonathan Fanene	7	9	16	2-13	0-0	0	0	1-0
Domata Peko	9	6	15	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0
Frostee Rucker	7	6	13	1-4	0-0	2	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	8	4	12	1-0	1-0	3	1	0-0
Chris Crocker	8	3	11	1.5-7	0-0	1	1	0-0
Leon Hall	7	3	10	0-0	0-0	5	0	1-10
Manny Lawson	5	5	10	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
Pat Sims	5	5	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Gibril Wilson	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dan Skuta	3	2	5	0.5-4	0-0	0	1	0-0
Robert Geathers	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Kelly Jennings	1	0	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
Gibril Wilson	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jeremy Miles	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Reggie Nelson	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brian Leonard	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Dan Skuta	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
Rico Murray	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Cedric Peerman	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Morgan Trent	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Mike Nugent	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

*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.