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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CLEVELAND BROWNS (4-6) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (6-4)

WEEK 12, GAME 11
SUNDAY, NOV. 27
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT UP: WEEK 13, GAME 12
DEC. 4 AT PITTSBURGH

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. EST.

Television: CBS broadcast with Bill Macatee (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: There are two things the 2011 Bengals have proven to possess in abundance.

"A lot of heart, and a lot of fight," said DT Domata Peko.

There's another thing they still possess — the AFC's No. 2 Wild Card playoff spot based on Week 11 standings.

What the Bengals don't have in the last two weeks, however, is a win. After dramatic one-score losses to Pittsburgh and Baltimore, they are one game behind each of those teams in the AFC North Division's stellar title race.

"And now we've got Cleveland coming to our place, another big division game," Peko said. "Hopefully, we'll take out our anger on them. But they probably feel the same way. They probably feel they didn't play so great against us the first time."

The Bengals won 27-17 at Cleveland in the season opener. The Browns appeared to be in control for most of the contest, but the Bengals scored two late TDs to steal the win. The first of those scores, a 41-yard pass from Bruce Gradkowski to A.J. Green, came with the help of a Browns failure to be fully ready for the snap.

But back to the Bengals' feelings:

"Maybe these last two games were encouraging to people who didn't know if we could play with Pittsburgh and Baltimore," said OT Andrew Whitworth. "But we knew we could, so for us, it's maddening. We didn't play our best in either game."

Cincinnati trailed 31-14 at Baltimore last week as the fourth-quarter clock neared the 11-minute mark. Some likely thought the Bengals were about to be exposed as less than a strong playoff contender.

But Baltimore would make only one more first down, and the Cincinnati offense rallied behind unflappable rookie QB Andy Dalton. A 49-yard Dalton-to-Andre Caldwell TD pass closed the gap to 31-21, and with 5:43 still to play, Cincinnati apparently closed to 31-28 when TE Jermaine Gresham crossed the goal line with a Dalton pass in hand. The officials on the field signaled a touchdown.

Though the TD was reversed — on a contested ruling that Gresham did not control the ball through his fall to turf — the drama was not over. After settling for a 31-24 gap with a field goal, the Bengals got a third-and-one stop of RB Ray Rice by DT Pat Sims, and they took over following a punt at their 14, with 2:27 to play.

Five plays later, including a 43-yard Dalton pass to WR Jerome Simpson, the Bengals had stunned a crowd of 71,320 by gaining a first down at the Ravens seven. Only then did Baltimore's third-ranked NFL defense step up to

blunt the threat and claim victory.

"We fought our butts off, but that's not enough to get where we want to be," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "We did not play smart enough to deserve to win the game."

The Bengals were minus-two in turnover differential, with Dalton experiencing his first three-interception game, and the defense gave up five scrimmage plays of 25 or more yards. That was enough to offset the Cincinnati offense's 483 yards — the most in 72 games — including a new passing high (373 yards) by Dalton.

Asked for an assessment of where the Bengals now stand in their bid to win the AFC North, Lewis said:

"We just have to go out and focus on winning the next game. We go back home, lick our wounds, and get ready for the Cleveland Browns. If we focus like we should and keep focusing, everything will take care of itself."

The series: This is the 77th staging of the "Battle of Ohio." The Bengals lead the series 40-36 overall and 24-14 as the home team.

The Bengals won this year's first meeting, 27-17 at Cleveland in the season opener for both clubs. The teams have split the series in three of the last four years, the only sweep belonging to the Bengals, as part of their 6-0 division sweep in 2009. The Bengals have won 11 of the last 14 meetings. The Bengals lead 12-5 in games during the tenure of Cincinnati head coach Marvin Lewis, including 6-2 at home.

At 76 meetings entering this week's game, the Browns are the second-most frequently played Bengals opponent. Pittsburgh (83) is first on that list. The Tennessee Titans/Houston Oilers are third at 73.

The Bengals are Cleveland's second-most frequently played foe. The Browns have 118 all-time games against Pittsburgh.

More series notes:

- The Bengals' longest win streak over the Browns has been five games, posted from Game 2 of 2004 through Game 2 of '06.
- The Browns' longest win streak over Cincinnati has been seven games, extending from Game 2 of the 1992 season through Game 2 of '95.
- Since the Browns' rebirth in 1999, the Bengals lead 16-9.

Complete Bengals-Browns series results are on page 156 of the Bengals' 2011 Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 58, in a 58-48 victory at Paul Brown Stadium in 2004. LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN: 32, in a 48-16 win at Riverfront Stadium in 1978. FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED: 0 (three times), most recently in a 14-0 win at Cleveland in 2008.

Browns — MOST POINTS: 51, in a 51-45 win at Cleveland in 2007. LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN: 34, in a 34-0 victory at Cincinnati in 1987. FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED: 0 (twice), most recently in an 18-0 win at Cleveland in 2001.

The last meeting: This is the second Bengals-Browns meeting of 2011. A complete summary of the first matchup between the division rivals is on page 15 of this release.

Bengals seek biggest series margin: A victory over Cleveland this week would give the Bengals their largest-ever lead in the Battle of Ohio series, a five-game bulge at 41-36. Cincinnati's current four-game lead ties a previous four-gamer at 24-20 — established with a win in the first game of 1992.

A win also would tie the biggest series lead by either team. The Browns led by five — at 6-1 — after the first meeting of 1973.

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 '95. 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 win in game two of 2006.

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.

More Bengals-Browns facts: The first-ever Bengals-Browns meeting of any kind was Aug. 29, 1970. On that Saturday, the Browns were visitors for the second preseason game of Riverfront Stadium's debut year. The Bengals won 31-24, moving to 2-0 in preseason in their new home.

Also:

- The Bengals were 17-10 against the Browns at Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field.

- The Browns were 17-8 against the Bengals at the old Cleveland Stadium.

- The Bengals and Browns never played at Nippert Stadium, as Nippert was the Bengals' American Football League home.

- In 37 previous seasons of playing each other twice in a campaign, the Bengals have posted nine sweeps and the Browns have posted eight. The teams have split the season set 20 times. In 1982, they played only once, with the scheduled contest at Cleveland cancelled due to a players' strike.

- The first Bengals-Browns regular-season game at Cincinnati — on Nov. 15, 1970 — drew the first home crowd of 60,000 in Bengals history (60,007 at Riverfront Stadium). The Bengals won 14-10 behind a 110-yard rushing effort from QB Virgil Carter, the only 100-yard rushing game by a QB in Bengals history.

- The largest Bengals home crowd for a Browns game has been 66,072, on Sept. 17, 2006 at Paul Brown Stadium. That ranks as the fifth-largest crowd in Bengals history.

- The Browns drew the largest Bengals crowd in the Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field era — 60,284 for a 27-24 Browns win on Oct. 17, 1971.

- The first Bengals-Browns regular-season game was a 30-27 Browns win at Cleveland on Oct. 11, 1970, and the attendance of 83,520 stood for some 34 years as the largest ever to see a Bengals regular-season game. It was not eclipsed until 2004, when 87,786 saw the Bengals win at Washington.

- The Bengals and Browns met three times in preseason at Ohio Stadium in Columbus, from 1972-74. All were Sunday afternoon games, and the Browns won two of the three.

Bengals coaches in Battle of Ohio: Marvin Lewis is 12-5 overall against Cleveland, for the most total wins and best winning percentage (.706) of any Bengals head coach in the Battle of Ohio. Lewis also has coached the most total games (17) against Cleveland. Sam Wyche is in second place in all three categories, with 10 wins, a .625 winning percentage (10-6) and 16 total games.

Also, Lewis is the only Bengals head coach whose first Cincinnati victory came against Cleveland. Lewis took over as head coach in 2003, and his first win was a 21-14 decision at Cleveland on Sept. 28 of that year. The Bengals entered that game at 0-3, but went on to finish 8-8. The six-game improvement, after a 2-14 season in 2002, was the largest in the NFL for '03, and Lewis finished second to Bill Belichick of Super Bowl champion New England in voting for the Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year award.

Forrest Gregg is the only head coach to pilot both teams in the Battle of Ohio. Gregg was 1-5 as Browns coach against the Bengals from 1975-77, and he was 3-4 as Bengals coach against the Browns from 1980-83.

Here's a full roundup of Bengals' head coaches, in chronological order, and their records in the Battle of Ohio: Paul Brown (5-7), Bill "Tiger" Johnson (3-2), Homer Rice (2-1), Forrest Gregg (3-4), Sam Wyche (10-6), Dave Shula (1-7), Bruce Coslet (2-1), Dick LeBeau (2-3), Marvin Lewis (12-5).

Records vs. Browns: WR A.J. Green's 41-yard TD reception put the Bengals ahead to stay in the fourth quarter of this year's season opener at Cleveland, and it has been certified as the longest game-winning catch in NFL history by a rookie playing in his team's first game of the year. The previous long in this category was only 22 yards, and it had stood for more than 85 years, set by Cobb Rooney of the Duluth Kelleys in 1924.

More on records against the Browns:

- The two highest-scoring games in Bengals history have each been against the Browns, both coming during Marvin Lewis' tenure as head coach. On Nov. 28, 2004 at Paul Brown Stadium, the Bengals won 58-48, and the 106 total points is not only a Bengals record, it is the second-most in NFL history, behind only 113 from Washington's 72-41 win over the N.Y. Giants in 1966. And on Sept. 16, 2007, the Bengals and Browns combined for 96 points at Cleveland in a 51-45 Browns win.

- The 58-48 Bengals win on Nov. 28, 2004 stands as the only game in club history for Cincinnati to score in double figures in all four quarters (14-13-14-17 — 58).

- In the final Bengals game at Cinergy Field, on Dec. 12, 1999, Cincinnati limited the Browns to the fewest rushing yards ever by an opponent. Cleveland had only 11 net yards on 11 attempts.

- On Dec. 21, 1980 vs. Cleveland, DE Eddie Edwards set the Bengals record for sacks in a game with five. The mark stood unchallenged for 19 years, until DE Antwan Odom tied it on Sept. 20, 2009 at Green Bay.

- On Nov. 25, 2001 at Cleveland, T.J. Houshmandzadeh set the Bengals record for punt return yards in a game with 126. His 86-yarder in that game ranks tied for third-longest in club history.

- The Bengals' 23-20 overtime victory at Cleveland on Oct. 4, 2009 stands as the longest Bengals game not to end in a tie. Only four seconds remained in the overtime period when K Shayne Graham booted a 31-yard field goal to break a 20-all tie. Elapsed scoreboard clock time for the game was 74:56. The only 75-minute game in Bengals history was a 13-13 tie against Philadelphia in 2008.

Individually vs. Browns: Bengals HB Cedric Benson has thrived on action against the Browns, rushing for 576 yards on 127 carries in five previous games, an average of 115.2 yards per game. The Bengals have won four of the five games, including the 2011 season opener, in which Benson rushed 25-for-121 at Cleveland. Benson had a 171-yard game at Cleveland in 2008 and a 150-yarder at Paul Brown Stadium last season.

Benson has only two TDs against Cleveland, but they have come in the last two meetings, and they were long ones. He scored from 18 yards in the 2010 game in Cincinnati and from 39 yards this year at Cleveland.

Benson has two career receptions against the Browns, for 15 yards.

Though Benson has been with the Bengals since 2008, he did not join the Bengals until after the first Cleveland game of '08, and he missed one Browns game due to injury in '09.

Other current Bengals' career performances while playing for Cincinnati against the Browns include:

- QB Andy Dalton: One game; 10-for-15 passing (66.7 percent) for 81 yards with one TD and no INTs (passer rating of 102.4); Dalton started this year's season opener at Cleveland, but missed the second half due to a wrist injury.

- QB Bruce Gradkowski: One game; Five-for-12 passing (41.7 percent) for 92 yards with one TD and no INTs (passer rating of 96.5); In his only 2011 action to date, Gradkowski played the second half in the season opener at Cleveland, replacing injured Andy Dalton, and had a 41-yard TD pass to A.J. Green while leading the Bengals to a 27-17 win from a 17-13 deficit entering the fourth quarter.

- HB Bernard Scott: Five games; 38 rushes for 178 yards (4.9).

- HB Brian Leonard: Five games; Five rushes for 19 yards (3.8); 12 catches for 94 yards (7.8) with one TD.

- WR Andre Caldwell: Six games; 12 receptions for 156 yards (13.0); Caldwell's 53-yard catch vs. Cleveland last year is his career long.

- WR Jerome Simpson: Two games; Six catches for 74 yards (12.3).

- WR A.J. Green: One game; One catch for a 41-yard TD; Green's TD reception put the Bengals ahead to stay in the fourth quarter of this year's season opener at Cleveland, and it has been certified as the longest game-winning catch in NFL history by a rookie playing in his team's first game of the year.

- WR Jordan Shipley (Reserve/Injured): Three games; Five catches for 42 yards (8.4).

(Individually vs. Browns, continued)

● TE Jermaine Gresham; Three games; 12 catches for 99 yards (8.3) with one TD; Gresham led the Bengals in catches (six) and receiving yards (58) in this year's game at Cleveland, and his two-yard TD catch gave the Bengals a 10-0 lead in the first quarter.

BENGALS-BROWNS NFL RANKINGS		
	BENGALS	BROWNS
SCORING (AVG. POINTS):		
Points scored	T-12th (23.6)	28th (14.5)
Points allowed	T-8th (19.5)	7th (19.3)
NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	18th (329.2)	29th (298.1)
Rushing	19th (106.1)	29th (93.1)
Passing	17th (223.1)	23rd (205.0)
NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	6th (311.1)	5th (305.8)
Rushing	3rd (88.6)	29th (139.3)
Passing	T-11th (222.5)	1st (166.5)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-12th (plus-1)	T-17th (minus-1)

Bengals-Browns connections: Bengals S Chris Crocker was a Browns 2003 draft choice and played for Cleveland through '05 ... Bengals CB Nate Clements played at Ohio State and is from Shaker Heights, Ohio (Shaker Heights HS) ... Bengals K Mike Nugent also played at Ohio State ... Bengals QB Bruce Gradkowski and WR Andrew Hawkins played at the University of Toledo ... Bengals C/G Mike McGlynn is from Austintown, Ohio ... Browns G Eric Steinbach (reserve/injured) played for the Bengals from 2003-06 ... Browns QB Colt McCoy played with Bengals WR Jordan Shipley (reserve/injured) at the University of Texas ... Browns OL John Greco played at the University of Toledo ... Browns linebackers coach Bill Davis played QB and WR at the University of Cincinnati from 1984-88 ... Browns defensive coordinator Dick Jauron played for the Bengals from 1978-80 ... Browns special teams assistant Shawn Mennenga

coached at Western Kentucky in 1997 ... Browns offensive line coach George Warhop played G/C at the University of Cincinnati from 1981-82 and coached at UC in 1983.

Red zone reports: The Bengals scored touchdowns on their first two red-zone opportunities at Baltimore. But in the fourth quarter, Cincinnati had another two chances and got only a field goal. On the Bengals' fourth and last chance, the Ravens held on downs after Cincinnati had reached the Baltimore seven. The Bengals rank 13th in the NFL for the season in red-zone TD percentage, at 53.3

Cincinnati's defense gave up two TDs and a field goal on three Baltimore drives with snaps inside the Bengals 20. The Bengals are 23rd in the NFL in red-zone defensive TD percentage, at 60.0.

The Browns rank eighth in defensive TD percentage at 42.9, having allowed only 12 TDs in 28 opponent possessions. Cleveland is 24th in offensive TD percentage, however, at 45.5. Only three teams have scored fewer than the Browns' 10 TDs on red-zone chances.

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 30	Inside-20 poss.: 25
Total scores: 27 (90.0%)	Total scores: 24 (96.0%)
TDs: 16 (53.3%)	TDs: 15 (60.0%)
FGs: 11 (36.7%)	FGs: 9 (36.0%)
TD% rank: 13th	TD% rank: 23rd
No scores: 3 (10.0%)	No scores: 1 (4.0%)

BROWNS RED-ZONE REPORT	
OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 22	Inside-20 poss.: 28
Total scores: 17 (77.3%)	Total scores: 25 (89.3%)
TDs: 10 (45.5%)	TDs: 12 (42.9%)
FGs: 7 (31.8%)	FGs: 13 (46.4%)
TD% rank: 24th	TD% rank: 8th
No scores: 2 (22.7%)	No scores: 3 (10.7%)

THE HEAD COACHES

Marvin Lewis posted his 66th career win as Bengals head coach on Nov. 6 at Tennessee. This season he passed Sam Wyche (64 wins) for the most victories in franchise history. Also this season, Lewis has achieved the longest head coaching tenure in franchise history. He breaks the record of eight seasons he had shared with club founder Paul Brown (1968-75) and with Wyche ('84-91).

Below are the career Cincinnati records of the top five head coaches in Bengals history, based on total wins:

COACH	SEASONS	REG. SEASON	POSTSEASON	TOTAL
Marvin Lewis	2003-11	66-71-1	0-2	66-73-1
Sam Wyche	1984-91	61-66-0	3-2	64-68-0
Paul Brown	1968-75	55-56-1	0-3	55-59-1
Forrest Gregg	1980-83	32-25-0	2-2	34-27-0
Bruce Coslet	1996-2000	21-39-0	0-0	21-39-0

Lewis was the consensus NFL Coach of the Year in 2009, when the Bengals won the AFC North title while sweeping all six division games. The Bengals also won the AFC North under Lewis in 2005. In 2003, taking over a team that had lost 14 games the year before, Lewis directed a six-game improvement to 8-8 and placed second in Associated Press Coach of the Year balloting.

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 season (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.

Pat Shurmur was named the 13th full-time head coach in Browns history on Jan. 13 of this year. In 12 seasons as an NFL assistant before this year, he was on seven playoff teams, including five division champions.

He was offensive coordinator for St. Louis in 2009-10, helping shape the successful NFL debut of QB Sam Bradford. He was with Philadelphia from 1999-2008, spending his first three seasons as tight ends coach and his last seven as QBs coach. He was part of the 2004 Eagles team that won the NFC Championship before losing to New England in Super Bowl XXXIX.

He coached in college for 10 years, nine at Michigan State (1988-97) and one at Stanford (1998).

Born April 14, 1965 in Dearborn, Mich., Shurmur earned All-Big 10 recognition and honorable mention All-America as a center for Michigan State. He was the school's first graduate student football player, with a master's degree in financial administration.

His uncle, the late Fritz Shurmur, coached 24 years as an NFL assistant.

Lewis vs. Browns: Lewis leads, 12-5.

Lewis vs. Shurmur: Lewis leads, 1-0.

Shurmur vs. Bengals: Bengals lead, 1-0.

BENGALS NOTES

Third place, but in the party: Thanksgiving brings not only the full opening of the holiday season, but the beginning of six weeks filled with often complex NFL playoff scenarios.

The Bengals' situation entering Week 12, however, is simple. Though in third place in the AFC North Division, the Bengals have the second-best record among non-division leaders in the conference. They have the only 6-4 record

outside the division leaders. Here's how the AFC playoffs would look based on the Week 11 standings:

- Division winners: Houston (7-3), New England (7-3), Baltimore (7-3), Oakland (6-4).
- Wild Cards: Pittsburgh (7-3), Cincinnati (6-4).
- Just missed: Buffalo (5-5), Denver (5-5), N.Y. Jets (5-5), Tennessee (5-5).

The AFC North would be the first NFL division to claim both conference Wild Card spots since 2007, when the N.Y. Giants and Washington joined NFC East division winner Dallas in the postseason. The Giants, the first Wild Card, went on to defeat New England in Super Bowl XLII.

AFC North race: It's the best division race in pro football. Three AFC North teams are winning at a .600 clip or better, something only the NFC North (three teams at .700 or higher) can better. But the AFC North race is much tighter than its NFC counterpart, with only one game separating the three contenders. The Bengals (6-4) are one game back of both Baltimore (7-3) and Pittsburgh (7-3).

Five divisional games have been played to date. The Bengals have beaten Cleveland, and have lost to Pittsburgh and Baltimore. And the Ravens have downed Pittsburgh twice. This week's Bengals-Browns game will be the sixth of the 12 division games.

Here's the AFC North picture entering Week 12, looking two weeks ahead:

TEAM	W-L	DIVISION	NEXT TWO WEEKS
Baltimore	7-3	3-0	vs. San Fran. (Thurs.); at Cleveland
Pittsburgh	7-3	1-2	at Kansas City; vs. Cincinnati
Cincinnati	6-4	1-2	vs. Cleveland; at Pittsburgh
Cleveland	4-6	0-1	at Cincinnati; vs. Baltimore

The toughest road: It's a source of pride for the teams involved, but the "northern route" looks clearly like the most difficult road to reach the AFC playoffs in 2011. The AFC North is plus-eight in games outside the division (including games against NFC teams). The aggregate record is 19-11, for a .633 winning percentage. The AFC East is minus-one in games outside the division, the AFC West is also minus-one, and the AFC South is minus-10.

The North is also the toughest division in the AFC. Its four teams are a combined plus-12 in non-division games, with a 19-7 record and .731 winning percentage.

The AFC North was involved in only one non-division game last week, with Cleveland winning at home against Jacksonville. In non-division games this week, Baltimore hosts San Francisco (Thanksgiving night) and Pittsburgh visits Kansas City (Sunday night).

Offense soaring in sacks ratings: The Bengals have allowed only four sacks over the last five games. For the season, Cincinnati's 15 sacks allowed are tied third-fewest in the NFL, and the Bengals are alone in third place in fewest sacks allowed per passing play.

Buffalo has allowed the fewest sacks (12), and Tennessee is second at 14. Oakland is tied with the Bengals at 15. Buffalo and Tennessee are also ranked 1-2 in fewest sacks per passing play.

The Bengals are on pace to allow 24 sacks on the season. The team record-low is 17, set in 2007, and the No. 2 mark was 21, in the division championship season of 2005.

In addition to getting good protection from the offensive line, running backs and tight ends, the Bengals have benefitted of late from QB Andy Dalton's ability to 1) buy time with moves in the pocket and 2) know when to throw the ball away to avoid a sack. Dalton was sacked twice last week at Baltimore, but he attempted a season-most 45 passes.

"Andy does a good job of moving away from pressure," said head coach Marvin Lewis, "and he's composed and makes good decisions when he's out in space."

Defense's sacks pace rising: The Bengals defense had only one sack at Baltimore — a two-yarder by team leader Geno Atkins — but with 26 sacks on the season, Cincinnati is on pace for a season total of 42. That would be the most in Marvin Lewis' nine-season tenure as head coach, the most since a team-record 48 in 2001 and tied for fifth-most in franchise history. Cincinnati ranks tied for 10th in the NFL in total sacks and ninth in sacks per

passing play.

The Bengals' sack total has been a team effort, but Atkins opened the season's widest team lead with his sack at Baltimore. He leads at 5.5, a margin of 1.5 over DE Froste Rucker, in second place at 4.0. Three players — DE Carlos Dunlap, DE/DT Jonathan Fanene and DE Michael Johnson — are tied for third at 3.0. In all, 12 players have contributed to the 26 total.

Atkins tied for DT sacks lead: Second-year DT Geno Atkins not only leads the Bengals in sacks (5.5), his total is tied for the NFL lead among interior linemen. Also at 5.5 are DTs Cullen Jenkins of Philadelphia and Tommy Kelly of Oakland.

"Geno has come in and done the things we hoped he would when we drafted him (fourth round)," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "A year ago, he had a good kickoff to his rookie season, and he's come back and followed it up now as a starting defensive tackle. He's done a great job."

Should Atkins finish the season alone in first place on the Bengals, he will be the first interior lineman to lead the team outright since 1996, when DT Dan Wilkinson led with 6.5.

Nasty after intermission: The Bengals have outscored their first 10 opponents by 150-83 in the second half and by a dominating 97-50 in the fourth quarter. Some of the credit for this goes quite naturally to strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton and assistant Jeff Friday.

"The fourth quarter is like the first for us; we still have that energy," says defensive tackle Domata Peko. "Those guys (coaches) are tough on us, but we love it."

The defense has had three games of not allowing a touchdown in the second half.

Though the margins have for the most part not been large, the Bengals have been outscored in the fourth quarter in 12 of the last 14 full seasons.

October streak-breakers: The Bengals rose to mid-season contention by reversing a sizable chunk of negative history:

- On Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo, Cincinnati's 23-20 win ended a 10-game losing streak to the Bills, the longest Bengals losing streak against any NFL foe.
- On Oct. 9, a 27-17 win vs. Indianapolis broke a seven-game losing streak to the Colts.
- On Oct. 9 at Jacksonville, the Bengals snapped a seven-game road drought against the Jaguars with a 30-20 win.
- On Oct. 30, a 34-12 win at Seattle snapped a four-game losing streak in West Coast road games, as well as a 1-11 run on the coast.

In addition, the Bengals' five-game win streak (Games 4-8) was the club's longest since a six-gamer in 1988.

"I'm tired of hearing about how it's been 23 years, nine years, eight years, 30 years," said a smiling Thomas Howard, the team's starting WLB. "We just want to win the next game, the next week."

The road record: The Bengals are 4-2 on the road, needing wins on Dec. 4 at Pittsburgh and Dec. 18 at St. Louis to tie the 6-2 mark that is best in club history. The Bengals first went 6-2 in 1981 and tied that mark in 2005. The 6-2 record covers both most wins and best winning percentage.

The 1981 team went on to win the AFC Championship, and the 2005 team won the AFC North title.

The run stops here: There's a strong school of thought at all levels of football that rushing defense is the true foundation of a champion. It has been the bedrock for years of the dominant defenses in Pittsburgh and Baltimore, and through Week 11, the Bengals rank third in the NFL and first in the AFC in rush defense. After a 105-yard yield to Baltimore — only their third 100-yard yield in 10 games — the Bengals are allowing 88.6 yards per game.

Cincinnati is sixth in fewest total yards allowed per game, at 311.1. Baltimore's 373 yards last week was the second-most Cincinnati has allowed this season.

The Bengals have a No. 2 ranking in the less-publicized category of fewest yards allowed per rushing play (3.4). They led the NFL in this category entering the Pittsburgh game.

The Bengals are more than holding their own with the rival Steelers and Ravens in rush defense. In yards per game, they rank ahead of Baltimore (ranked fourth) and Pittsburgh (sixth). The only teams ahead of the Bengals are NFC clubs San Francisco and Atlanta. Baltimore does have the lead in fewest

yards per rushing play at 3.3, just a hair ahead of Cincinnati. Pittsburgh is a distant 16th in this category, at 4.2.

Cincinnati's defensive rushing average per play (3.4) and per game (88.6) would both set franchise records if held through season's end. The current per-play record is 3.6, set in 1980, and the current per-game record is 93.7, set in 1983.

The mind of Zim: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis has offered this recent summation of Mike Zimmer, who he brought on in 2008 as defensive coordinator:

"Zim has a great feeling for what's going on in the mind of the guy on the other side of the field. He's got an innate knack for play-calling, to know what the other team is going to do and respond to it. He puts our guys in position to win the down, and he makes sure they have the knowledge of what they and the other team are doing. You go into our meetings, and you see everybody taking notes like it's trigonometry class. And I know when he misses (a play call), he beats himself up unmercifully about it."

In his four seasons on the job, Zimmer has had his unit on a steady rise. Last season the results were so-so, with a yardage ranking of 15th, but the injury situation was severe. This year, the expectation of Zimmer's best defense yet has been an in-house Bengals feeling from the start, but perhaps one only beginning to catch the attention of the wider NFL world.

Here's a brief Zimmer timeline:

- 2000-07: Served eight seasons as an NFL defensive coordinator, in Dallas and Atlanta.
- 2008: Signs with Bengals. Inheriting a defense that had finished 27th the previous year in net yardage, he fashioned a group that finished 12th.
- 2009: The defense was the rock for a division title winner, finishing fourth at 301.4 yards allowed per game. It was the franchise's best finish since 1983.
- 2010: The defense managed a top-half finish (15th) despite an injury year that qualified as an all-timer. Nine veterans who would have started or played regularly wound up on the Reserve/Injured list.
- 2011: Through Week 11, the Bengals rank No. 6 in the NFL in fewest yards allowed, No. 3 in fewest rushing yards allowed and tied for eighth in fewest points allowed.

More on Bengals' 'D': More notes on the Bengals defense through ten games:

- The Bengals rank sixth in the NFL in fewest yards allowed per offensive play (5.1).
- The Bengals rank tied for 11th in fewest passing yards allowed (222.6).
- The Bengals have ranked No. 1 in overall defense only once at the end of a season, in 1983. That team allowed 270.4 yards per game. Since the conclusion of the '83 campaign, Weeks 4 and 5 of this season are the only two for Cincinnati to be ranked No. 1.

Dalton-doubters a rare breed indeed: Bengals QB Andy Dalton ranks only 21st in NFL passer rating (79.6) but continues to inspire great confidence as a leader and winner who can take Cincinnati to success in the postseason.

The most prominent reason is simply the standings. The Bengals are 6-4, far above the lot assigned them by preseason prognosticators, and would secure a Wild Card playoff berth based on the standings through Week 11. A less quantifiable but still unchallenged reason is Dalton's "intangibles." He has led fourth-quarter comebacks in three of Cincinnati's six wins, and he was on the verge of reversing a 17-point deficit in Baltimore last week before falling short, in some measure due to a replay call that nullified a touchdown with less than absolute clarity. Thirdly, Dalton's touchdown pass production (15) is on an historic pace for a rookie (more detail in item below).

The bottom line was that Dalton's teammates exited the loss at Baltimore — Dalton's first game with three INTs — with their stream of praise undiminished.

"He is tough," said OT Andrew Whitworth. "Having been around him, I can tell he is a special football player, a competitor. We have to play better around him. He's going to have a nice career."

"He's playing beyond his years," said TE Jermaine Gresham. "He's a great leader, he plays solid, knows the playbook very well, knows defenses. He felt we were going to win the game (at Baltimore), and we believed him."

"He played great," said HB Cedric Benson. "Smart guy. I can't say enough

about him."

The previous week, Dalton's boosters included Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger, a prime NFL example of QBs whose value go far beyond the stat tables.

"He seems to be very cerebral; he knows what's going on out there," Roethlisberger said. "I think he's playing the best out of all the rookie quarterbacks. We were on the sideline — (QB) Byron Leftwich and Charlie Batch and I — and we were saying, 'Oh, that's a good throw.' He anticipates, and I told him, 'We'll see you in a couple weeks, but you're playing lights out.'"

Dalton, predictably, was not quite so high on his performance at Baltimore. He said he "just missed it" on a second-quarter pass to a wide open Andre Caldwell that could have led to a 14-0 lead. On the last two games in general, Dalton said:

"The games were similar, both of them came down to the fourth quarter. We need to start faster in games, and that's something we need to work on. We can't let it come down to the fourth quarter. We didn't play well enough to win these two games, but there are a lot of games left. We still have a shot but we need to improve and get better."

'Firsts' since merger: Bengals QB Andy Dalton has posted rookie performances that have him rubbing elbows in the history book with a Hall of Famer (Dan Marino), a surefire future Hall of Famer (Peyton Manning) and the first overall selection in the 2010 draft (Sam Bradford).

Dalton's 15 TD passes through 10 games is tied for the most by a rookie since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger. He shares the record with Marino (1983) and Manning in (1998).

To claim a share of the top rookie number through 11 games, Dalton needs two TD throws against the Browns this week. The 11-game record is 17, set by Bradford last season.

The full-season record since 1970 for TD passes by a rookie is 26, by Manning in '98. Dalton is currently on pace for 24 through 16 games. To date, Dalton has thrown five TD passes to WR A.J. Green, four to TE Jermaine Gresham, three to WR Andre Caldwell, two to WR Jerome Simpson and one to TE Colin Cochart.

This is the second category in which Dalton has had an accomplishment spanning the post-merger era. In Games 1-2 of this season, at Cleveland and at Denver, he joined Marino in becoming only the second rookie since the merger to log a 100-plus passer rating in each of his first two starts.

The 35th is the first: Andy Dalton was only the 35th selection in the 2011 NFL Draft, but he was the NFL's No. 1 rookie last month. On Nov. 3, the league named him NFL Rookie of the Month for October.

Dalton led the Bengals to a 4-0 record in October, becoming the first Bengals rookie QB to lead four straight victories. Two of the wins featured fourth-quarter comebacks.

Dalton is the third Bengal to win an NFL Rookie of the Month Award. RB Corey Dillon was the Offensive winner in December of 1997, and LB Odell Thurman was the Defensive winner in September of 2005.

Gruden, Dalton mesh: Bengals rookie QB Andy Dalton gives much of the credit for the offense's success this season to his smooth relationship with first-year offensive coordinator Jay Gruden.

"The thing that makes this offense how it is, is the interaction and dialogue between us," Dalton says. "Jay has helped us out and has definitely put us into a position to make plays. There's a lot of give and take. We don't know anything different. With he and I coming (here) at the same time, we both were going to have new people around us. It's been great. He's done a great job calling plays."

Head coach Marvin Lewis noted some weeks ago that Gruden brings a more QB-friendly offensive scheme to the team.

"We are much more simple this year in what we're doing with the quarterback, scheme-wise," Lewis said. "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."

Adds Dalton:

"I've felt comfortable since day one here. The way we call plays is very similar to what I did in college. The words and verbiage are different, but the concept is very similar. I had a good grasp in college, and it prepared me for the transition to the NFL."

All for Andy: More praise from Bengals players for QB Andy Dalton:

- “Andy commands our attention out there,” says ROT Andre Smith. “He’s got that ‘eye of the tiger,’ as I like to say. I really enjoy blocking for him.”
- “His poise and his confidence just oozes out of him,” says RG Bobbie Williams. “He’s not playing like a kid. I’ll pat him on the back, but we’re going to keep him humble and hungry.”
- “He’s gritty,” says TE Jermaine Gresham. “He just gets the job done.”
- “I look in his eyes and I see a winner,” says WR A.J. Green. “He is used to winning, and I am so happy and blessed to have him as my quarterback.”
- “The kid shows gumption; he’s in our face,” says OT Andrew Whitworth. “It takes a lot for a rookie to do that.”

Dalton by the numbers: Despite his less-than-glitzy season statistics (see previous items), Bengals QB Andy Dalton has had his individual moments this season:

- On Sept. 18 at Denver, he set a Bengals rookie record with 332 passing yards, and he re-set that mark last week with 373 at Baltimore. The record entering this season was 327 by Greg Cook, set in 1969 vs. San Diego.
- Also at Denver, Dalton 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, Dalton directed the offense to scores on the first three possessions, the first time that had happened in a Bengals season opener.

Dalton on Dalton’s cool: Bengals QB Andy Dalton is forever having to explain himself, but in a good way. Folks want to know how he has opened his career as an immediate starter and remained unflappable through the ups and downs of seven NFL games.

Asked where his “poise comes from,” Dalton said:

“I feel like I’ve played in a lot of games (including a 42-7 record as a college starter at TCU) and have been through a lot. A game’s four quarters, and I’ve learned you can’t get too high or too low. You have to stay on an even keel, and everybody else on the team needs to see that in you. If you get too excited at times it can hurt you, and if you’re too low it can hurt you. It’s just my attitude. It’s just what I do.”

Asked about the challenge of claiming a leadership role as a rookie, he said:

“That’s just my job. The quarterback is the leader of the team. It’s expected of me, and I expect it of myself.”

Offense hopes for Green’s return: Bengals rookie WR A.J. Green has gone only a few Sundays, at most, without making some kind of signature play. Unfortunately, last week was one of them, as Green was inactive due to a knee strain suffered while making a TD catch on Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh. It was hoped for, but still uncertain as the week began, that Green would be ready for the Browns game.

“It’s one of the toughest things to be out of a big game, watching when you know you can make plays to help your team, but I’ll be back as soon as I can,” Green said. “I just came down straight-legged (on the TD catch vs. Pittsburgh). I had a similar deal in training camp and it wasn’t that serious.”

Green launched his career against Cleveland on Sept. 11, and his 41-yard TD catch in the fourth quarter was a game-changer, lifting Cincinnati from a 17-13 deficit to a 20-17 lead with 4:28 to play. The Bengals went on to win 27-17, and Green’s catch was later certified as was the longest game-winning TD catch in league history by a rookie playing in his team’s first game.

Despite missing last week, as well as the last two quarters of the Pittsburgh game, Green leads all rookie receivers in yards (635), ranks second in catches (41) and leads in TD catches (six).

Green leaps and grabs it: WR A.J. Green’s knee injury on Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh occurred as, for the second straight week, he physically defeated double coverage to make a key reception. On a second-down play from the Steelers 36, QB Andy Dalton saw no immediately open receivers and was flushed from the pocket. Then he looked to the end zone, spotted Green there with double coverage from CB Ryan Clark and S Troy Polamalu, and did what he has learned is worth a try. He lofted a ball into the area and trusted his fellow rookie to beat the traffic and come up with it.

Done. Green out-leaped and outfought the two defenders and came down with the ball. But he landed hard, suffering the knee strain.

Of his catch — for his team-leading sixth TD of the season — Green said:

“Once that thing (the ball) is in my hand, I’m not letting it go.”

Green had a similar one-against-two play the previous week, on Nov. 6 at Tennessee. It wasn’t for a touchdown, but he set up Andre Caldwell’s deciding TD catch by claiming a 20-yard gain on a third-and-18 play to the Titans seven. He beat coverage from CB Jason McCourty and S Michael Griffin. Three bodies launched, all came down hard, but it was Green with the ball.

“I want to attack the ball and come down with the tough catches,” Green said. “I heard them coming, but they weren’t attacking the ball like I was. I was going to attack it before they reached it.”

Green has rookie leads: Despite a knee injury causing him to miss the second half against Pittsburgh and the entire Baltimore game, Bengals WR A.J. Green of Georgia leads NFL rookies in receiving yards (635) and receiving TDs (six) through 11 weeks of play. Green last week fell to second place in the rookie receptions race, with his 41 receptions trailing the leader, Cleveland WR Greg Little, by just one catch.

Green’s closest rookie challenger in receiving yards is Baltimore’s Torrey Smith (Maryland), with 590. Smith is also second among rookies in TD catches (five).

Green still stands second among rookies in total TDs (six), with Carolina QB Cam Newton in first at nine (all rushing scores).

Stalking Cris: Despite his missed time due to a knee injury, rookie WR A.J. Green’s receiving totals of 41 catches and 635 yards project to 16-game numbers of 66 catches and 1016 yards. That would be just enough to break the Bengals rookie records set by Cris Collinsworth in 1981 (65 catches and 1009 yards). Green is still on pace to have better rookie numbers than current NFL standouts such as Larry Fitzgerald of Arizona (58-780) and Calvin Johnson of Detroit (48-756).

Green is the first Bengals rookie receiver since Darnay Scott in 1994 to have two 100-yard games. The Bengals rookie record is three, set in 1973 by Isaac Curtis and equaled in 1985 by Eddie Brown.

Green makes history: In three of his first five games, rookie WR A.J. Green sent pundits scurrying for the history books:

- 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. It was the longest game-winning TD catch in league history by a rookie playing in his team’s first game. The previous long in the category was only 22 yards, and it stood for more than 85 years, set by Cobb Rooney of the Duluth Kelleys in 1924.

- 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.

- On Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo, Green became the first Bengal in 23 years with two receptions of 40 or more yards in one game. He had grabs of 58 and 40 yards. The last Bengal to do it was WR Eddie Brown, who had catches of 69 and 46 yards on Dec. 17, 1988 vs. Washington.

When talking A.J., don’t forget ‘tough’: Size, speed, hands, strength — that fearsome foursome of factors is a common litany in descriptions of Bengals rookie receiver A.J. Green. He is proving he can be the same threat in the NFL that he was in college at Georgia — the player whose combination of gifts is just too much overall for most defenders to handle.

“He’s a cut above most players in the league,” says Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. “Nothing A.J. does surprises the people that watch him every day.”

But Green has gone beyond elegant and acrobatic, raising at least a few outside eyebrows with his aggressive play in the hard-knocks world of “over the middle.” It’s a task some premier wideouts seem to try to avoid. His most notable play in this area came Oct. 9 at Jacksonville, when he went over the middle in heavy traffic to convert a fourth-and-six play on what turned out to be a TD drive.

“They were playing Cover-2, and I was just able to work the middle of the field,” Green said of the fourth-and-six play. “It’s just part of my job to go over the middle a little bit.”

Lewis the lyrical: Bengals coach Marvin Lewis notes that WR A.J. Green will “push the defense and make them defend him over the top.” The comment evokes memories of one of Lewis’ most expressive past comments. Speaking from his experience as a defensive coordinator, he said this about facing an offense with a big-play weapon:

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

Benson joins Bengals' top five: HB Cedric Benson has been a quick worker for the Bengals. In 48 Bengals starts — the equivalent of three seasons — he has claimed the No. 5 spot on the franchise's all-time rushing list. With 41 yards last week at Baltimore, he moved to 3743 in his Bengals career, passing Harold Green (3727), who played in six Cincinnati campaigns (1990-95).

Benson has been a consistent force since being given his first Bengals start in Game 7 of 2008. He went on to lead that team in season rushing, and over 2009-10, he averaged 1181 yards in leading the team each year.

Benson has played nine games this season, missing one. His team-leading 634 yards rank seventh in the AFC and 14th in the NFL.

Benson's 104-yard game on Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo pushed him over the 5000 mark in career NFL rushing yards, and he now is at 5336 yards. He had 1593 in three seasons with Chicago before joining the Bengals.

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.

Here's a look at the Bengals all-time rushing leaders:

PLAYER	SEASONS	YARDS	AVG.	RUSH TDS
Corey Dillon	7 (1997-2003)	8061	4.3	45
James Brooks	8 (1984-91)	6447	4.8	37
Rudi Johnson	7 (2001-07)	5742	4.0	48
Pete Johnson	7 (1977-83)	5421	3.9	64
Cedric Benson	4 (2008-11)	3743	3.7	19

Benson needs 100 to pass Rudi again: HB Cedric Benson has had two 100-yard rushing games this season, but he has not had one in the last five games, allowing Rudi Johnson (played 2001-07) to regain the all-time franchise lead in the category of most 100-yard games per start.

Benson now has 15 games of 100-plus in 49 Bengals starts (including postseason). That's a ratio of one for every 3.27 games. Johnson's ratio was 3.16, as his 60 starts included 19 games of 100-plus. But if Benson were to reach the 100 mark this week — as he has done three times in five games against Cleveland — he would retake the ratio lead at 3.13. Benson had a team season-best of 121 yards on 25 carries in this season's opener at Cleveland.

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 (15), 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 improved to 31-2 under head coach Marvin Lewis when a rusher has 25 or more carries. That's a .939 winning percentage.

Benson has hit the 25 mark 12 times, and the Bengals are 11-1 in those contests. Benson just missed improving his total in the category on Oct. 9, as he had 24 carries in the win at Jacksonville.

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 (12-3 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 top three spots on the depth chart. Benson is the bell cow, a battering ram with a good burst. Scott can provide an explosive change of pace. And Leonard has proven himself a clutch performer in numerous key situations.

Benson leads the team in 2011 in rushing yards (634). He also led the team every year between 2008-10.

The club's pattern this season has been to have Benson spelled for a couple possessions each game by Scott, a third-year pro. Scott had trouble breaking out for big gains early this season but is beginning to hit his stride. In the last two games, against the tough rushing defenses of Pittsburgh and Baltimore, he rushed for 78 yards on 16 carries, a 4.9 avg. For the season, Scott is 74-for-263 rushing (3.6) and eight-for-13 receiving. With six games to play, Scott is just 58 rushing yards from matching his personal season-best of 321, posted in 2009. Earlier this season, Scott scored the game-deciding TD in Cincinnati's win at Jacksonville. 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 KOR for a TD in '09.

Leonard, a fifth-year pro who came to the Bengals in a 2009 trade, had a career-best 57 receiving yards last week at Baltimore. He keyed a third-quarter TD drive with a career-long 37-yard receiving gain on a third-down play. Leonard also rushed two-for-six at Baltimore and had a season-best 63 yards from scrimmage. Leonard is averaging 7.9 yards per touch this season, on 16-for-83 rushing and 16-for-171 receiving. He has developed a Bengals reputation as a key converter of third and fourth-down situations.

Bit of a battle: WR A.J. Green and HB Cedric Benson are jousting for the team lead in scrimmage yards. Green had been the leader for several weeks, but while sitting out the Baltimore game with a knee injury, he was passed by Benson.

Each player has played nine games, missing one. Benson now has 663 yards (634 rushing, 29 receiving), and Green is just 15 yards back at 648 (635 receiving, 13 rushing)

Over the last six full seasons, the Bengals' yards from scrimmage lead has been claimed three times by a running back and three times by a wide receiver. Benson led the team in 2009 and '10, and HB Rudi Johnson led in '05. WR Chad Ochocinco led in 2006 and '07, and WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh led in '08.

The best battle of recent years between a receiver and a rusher was in 2005, when Rudi Johnson had 1548 scrimmage yards to Ochocinco's 1465. Johnson had 90 receiving yards to go with his team-record 1458 rushing, and Ochocinco had 33 rushing yards to go with his 1432 receiving.

North pursues re-do of unique feat: When it happened, after Week 7 play this season, it was the very first instance in the 501 regular-season NFL weeks that had unfolded since the 1970 merger. So perhaps it's not surprising that through Weeks 8-11, it has no longer been the case.

But it's not so far off track that it couldn't happen again soon.

The subject is the unprecedented feat of one NFL division having the league's top four defenses, based on average yards allowed per game. After Week 7, the 1-2-3-4 spots were held, in order, by AFC North members Baltimore, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Cleveland.

Since then, the AFC North clubs have been close but not quite there.

Through Week 8, it was 1-2-4-5 for the AFC North. Through Week 9, 2-3-4-6. Through Week 10, 2-3-5-6. And through Week 11, it's 2-4-5-6. Pittsburgh is second, Baltimore is fourth, Cleveland is fifth and the Bengals are sixth.

First since '83: The Bengals scored a defensive TD in three straight games (Games 5-7), the first such club feat since Games 6-8 of 1983:

- On Oct. 9 at Jacksonville, S Gibril Wilson forced a Blaine Gabbert fumble on the game's final play, and DT Geno Atkins returned it 10 yards for his first TD at any level of football.
- On Oct. 16 vs. Indianapolis, the defense made a bid for highlight play of

the year on either side of the ball. With 2:36 to play, Indianapolis trailed by only three (20-17) and took possession at its 36-yard line after a missed Bengals field goal try. The Colts were on a run of 10 straight unanswered points. But on Indy's first play, which began with a five-yard pass to WR Pierre Garcon, Bengals S Reggie Nelson forced a fumble an instant before Garcon was ruled down. DE Carlos Dunlap found the ball at the Colts 35 and was impressively elusive on a run for a game-clinching touchdown.

- And on Oct. 30 at Seattle, S Reggie Nelson ended the Seahawks' last possession with a bang, streaking 75 yards with an interception in the final minute to close out the scoring at 34-12. It was the fifth-longest INT return in Bengals history, and the longest since 2002, when CB Artrell Hawkins tied the team record with a 102-yarder at Houston.

Big-play Nate: Nate Clements is the second-oldest player on the Bengals, due to turn 32 on Dec. 12. The 2011 free agent acquisition is in his 11th season as a starting NFL cornerback, and in recent games he has added to his long history as a playmaker.

Last week at Baltimore, he had the defense's only takeaway, an interception at the Cincinnati 29 late in the second quarter, thwarting a Ravens bid to expand on a 14-7 lead. Clements also had a third-down pass defended against WR Anquan Boldin in the third quarter, giving the offense the chance to regain possession with only a 17-14 deficit.

Clements is one of the NFL's best at prying the ball from foes when they are trying to break tackles for extra yardage, and he had a huge such play in Cincinnati's Nov. 6 win at Tennessee. With just under four minutes to play, and the Titans trailing by just four (21-17), he separated TE Jared Cook from the ball and recovered it himself at the Tennessee 20. Tennessee was forced to use all its timeouts as the Bengals capitalized to score a field goal, and the Titan offense never threatened again.

"I thought he was holding it a little loose, I took a shot, and fortunately the ball came out," Clements said. "What I've always been taught is, the first (tackler) holds him up, and the next one in goes for the ball."

It was Clements' second forced fumble this season (tied for team lead) and the 22nd of his 11-season career.

Clements also had big plays in the two games preceding the Tennessee contest:

On Oct. 30 at Seattle, he made the first key play to shift a close game in Cincinnati's favor. The Seahawks had scored nine straight points to close a 17-3 deficit to 17-12, but when they elected to try a two-point conversion to move within a field goal, Clements denied the bid by stripping the ball from WR Ben Obomanu in the end zone.

And on Oct. 16 vs. Indianapolis, Clements blunted a late Colts bid to tie the game, blocking a 52-yard Adam Vinatieri FG attempt with 5:43 to play. The Bengals held on to a 20-17 lead and went on to win 27-17.

In the first quarter vs. Indianapolis, Clements set up the offense for the first scoring drive of the game. He forced a fumble by Colts TE Dallas Clark that LB Thomas Howard recovered at the Indianapolis 44.

"He always makes plays," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "He's a pro, and he has never been to the playoffs. He can taste it. One reason these guys (other Bengals defenders) play hard is because of the way he goes about his business. What a role model he is for these guys."

Clements is a native Ohioan (Shaker Heights) who played at Ohio State. He is back in Ohio after spending his first 10 NFL seasons in Buffalo and San Francisco. He was a first-round draft choice of Buffalo in 2001.

Clements' career totals also include nine touchdowns and 33 INTs.

Take a swig: Bengals coach Marvin Lewis likes to say that "the best way to play defense is drinking Gatorade on the bench while your offense stays on the field."

Fittingly, according to Elias Sports Bureau, the Bengals defense leads the NFL lead through Week 11 in most opponent possessions without allowing a first down (61). That's an average of 6.1 per game. Detroit is second at 55.

This statistic does not record only "three-and-out" possessions, and thus there is some potential for padding, as it also includes such things as possessions on which the offense takes over with only seconds remaining in a half. But those anomalies can be expected to even out over time.

Dunlap returns: DE Carlos Dunlap, a significant factor in the

Cincinnati pass rush, returned to action in the Baltimore game after missing the Nov. 13 Pittsburgh contest with a hamstring strain. Dunlap didn't get a sack, but he had two QB pressures and now has been credited with 22 on the season, 12 more than second-place Geno Atkins (10).

Dunlap had his first three sacks of the season over the two games preceding Pittsburgh, sparking hope that he was priming for a late-season reign of terror against opposing QBs. In 2010, he logged a Bengals rookie-record 9.5 sacks, getting all nine in the last eight games and 8.5 in the last six.

"You'll notice when he gets back in full gear," nose tackle Domata Peko has promised. "Once he got that first one, I knew they were going to start coming."

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 six or more players for significant snap counts.

The goal is keeping everyone fresh — particularly the top players for crunch time — and the Bengals are on track with eight consistent contributors. No active defensive lineman has had less than 12 snaps in a game this season, and the lowest total has usually been around 20 for a fully healthy lineman.

"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 loses Hall, gets Jones: Bengals CB Adam Jones saw his first action on defense last week, filling the starting RCB spot vacated by injured Leon Hall. He led the secondary with six tackles, tied for second on the team.

Jones was productive in 2010, in his first Cincinnati season, but he suffered a season-ending neck injury in Game 6. He was on the shelf due to that injury all through 2011 preseason and opened the regular season on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list. He returned to action in the Oct. 30 Seattle game and returned a punt 63 yards on his first play, but he suffered a hamstring strain while doing it and was out for the remainder of that game as well as the next two.

Gresham strong after hamstring heals: Bengals TE Jermaine Gresham, aiming to top the very good numbers of his 2010 rookie season, is back on a promising pace. He has played in the last two games after missing Games 7-8 with a hamstring injury, and he now ranks tied for third on the team in catches (32), third in receiving yards (302) and tied for second in touchdowns (four). He is on pace for 51 receptions and 483 yards on the season, close to 2010, when he led AFC rookies in catches (52) while gaining 471 yards.

Gresham gained 48 yards on three catches at Baltimore, and he was denied — by the seemingly slimmest of judgment margins — what would have been a huge touchdown in the fourth quarter. On a third down from the Ravens' nine, with Cincinnati trailing 31-21, he initially bobbled a pass from Dalton, battling a defender for possession, but he wound up breaking the plane of the goal line with the ball securely palmed in one large hand. The play was signaled a touchdown on the field.

But Gresham lost control on his way to the ground, and on replay it was ruled that he had not completed the transition from receiver to runner, thereby necessitating that he maintain possession through his contact with the turf. The TD pass became an incompleteness.

"I thought I had it," Gresham said, "but you don't always get the call. It wouldn't have come to that if I had controlled the ball the first time I got my hands on it."

The previous week, Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh, in his first game back from the hamstring injury, Gresham scored his fourth TD while catching four-for-23. Gresham was Cincinnati's No. 1 draft pick in 2010.

Welcome back, Nuge: Seventh-year NFL kicker Mike Nugent has made a successful return to action this season from a knee injury that ended his 2010 season in Game 9. Through Week 11 of 2011 Nugent is 18-for-19 on field goal attempts. He ranks tied for third in the NFL in FG accuracy (94.7 percent) and tied for 10th in total field goals (18).

Nugent had his only miss on his final attempt Oct. 16 vs. Indianapolis — a 43-yarder that sailed wide right. The miss ended a streak of 14 straight made field goals, dating back to last year, and that is the third-longest streak in Bengals history. Included in Nugent's streak was a game-winning 43-yarder as

time expired vs. Buffalo on Oct. 2.

Last week at Baltimore, Nugent made his only field goal attempt, hitting a 27-yarder in the fourth quarter.

A product of Centerville, Ohio and Ohio State University, Nugent played for the Jets, Bucs and Falcons before joining the Bengals as a free agent in 2010.

Nugent also handles kickoffs, and he has reached the end zone on 46 of his 51 kickoffs (90.2 percent), with 28 of those going for touchbacks (54.9 percent). He ranks ninth in the NFL in touchbacks.

So far, so good: With only 19 Bengals games under his belt, K Mike Nugent is not in position to qualify for any all-time franchise records. A kicker needs 75 attempts, for example, to qualify for the all-time field goal percentage lead, and Nugent is only at 38.

Still, it's worth noting that Nugent's 86.8 Bengals FG percentage (on 33 of 38) matches the official all-time mark by Shayne Graham (177-of-204 from 2003-09).

Of Nugent's five missed FG tries as a Bengal, two were from 53 or more yards, and a third was blocked due to a protection breakdown. Nugent's only true misses from under 53 yards have been a 45-yarder on Nov. 8 of last season vs. Pittsburgh and a 43-yarder on Oct. 16 of this year vs. Indianapolis.

Nugent has two made Bengals field goals of 50-plus yards — a 54 and a 50 last year — and in preseason this year, he kicked a 55-yarder, matching the distance of Chris Bahr's franchise record, set in 1979.

Mauluga returns: Rey Mauluga has returned to the lineup at the starting MLB spot in the last two games, after missing three games (Games 6-8) due to an ankle sprain he suffered in practice on Oct. 13.

Despite the missed time, Mauluga has 62 tackles on the season, ranked third on the team and only six behind the leader, FS Reggie Nelson (68).

Mauluga was pegged in preseason as the player to watch on the Bengals defense, taking over the MLB position after playing his first two Cincinnati seasons on the outside. In addition to his 62 tackles, he has a forced fumble and two passes defensed.

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.

"We actually made the decision last year (to move Mauluga inside)," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "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 who 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 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 plays 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."

CB Hall's streaks end: Bengals CB Leon Hall's streaks of 74 Bengals games played and 66 Bengals games started came to an end last week. He missed the Baltimore game and will be out the rest of the season due to an Achilles tear he suffered in the second quarter of the Nov. 13 Pittsburgh game.

Hall's streaks included one postseason game and were the longest on the current team. He had played in every game since joining the Bengals in 2007 as a first-round draft pick. He ends his season with 38 tackles, two INTs (still leads

the team), 10 passes defensed and a fumble recovery.

In his first four seasons, Hall led team in INTs three times and tied for team lead once. Over his Bengals tenure, he leads the team in INTs (20) and passes defensed (94). He has moved into sixth place in all-time Bengals INTs, needing one more to tie Tory James (21).

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

"Injuries happen, but you hate to see it," said defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer. "Whatever you ask Leon to do, he'll do it and not say a word. 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."

Next up for play-time streaks: With CB Leon Hall now sidelined, C Kyle Cook and OT Andrew Whitworth take over the current team's longest streaks of consecutive Bengals starts. They have both started 43 straight, every Bengals game including postseason since the start of the 2009 campaign.

Hall also held the current team's longest streak of consecutive Bengals games played (74), but that nod now goes to LB Brandon Johnson, at 59. Johnson has played in every game since joining the Bengals in 2008. He has started 16 games.

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. 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 defensed.

So far, the Bengals' bet looks good. Howard ranks second on the team with 64 tackles. He ranks third on the team in tackles-for-loss (four), he is tied for the team lead in forced fumbles (two) and he has two passes defensed.

"I've never been around a finer athlete at linebacker than what he is," head coach Marvin Lewis says of Howard. "He's learning to fit into spots, and it's fun to watch him. He really has seized the moment at this point of his career. 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' and Bengals' linebackers coach Mike Haluchak.

"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."

Wise counsel: Despite the lack of a team conditioning program during the lockout, the Bengals navigated preseason and the early weeks of the regular season with a relatively small number of significant player injuries. Coach Marvin Lewis gives much of the credit for that to strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton and his assistant, Jeff Friday, who tried to adapt as best they could to the unusual situation.

"They talked to retired strength coaches, guys who worked in the era when there wasn't much organized offseason work," Lewis said. "They asked them, 'What were your challenges, and what would you do if you were in our situation?' They got their thoughts and put them down on paper for me, we've tried to stick to some the things they said. Hopefully, knock on wood, it has benefited us."

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 two more 30-plus players, 35-year-old G Bobbie Williams and 31-year-old TE Donald Lee.

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

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

To Whitworth, it’s an atmosphere that can nurture a young team.

“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 execute. 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.”

Turnover tables are turned: During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank fourth in the NFL in turnover differential (plus-33).

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

For 2011, the Bengals are now plus-one in turnover differential. They were plus-four through eight games, but they were minus-one on Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh (one takeaway, two giveaways) and minus-two last week at Baltimore (one takeaway, three giveaways).

Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England	269.....	185	+84
Indianapolis.....	242.....	179	+63
Baltimore.....	278.....	241	+37
Cincinnati	259.....	226	+33
San Diego	235.....	206	+29

Since 2003, the Bengals rank fifth in the NFL in most takeaways (259) and tied for fourth in points off turnovers (785).

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 44-10-1, a winning percentage of .809.

But with a minus differential, the record under Lewis is 8-46 (.148). The Bengals were minus-two in their loss last week at Baltimore, with one takeaway and three giveaways.

When the differential has been even, the results have been relatively even, with the Bengals at 14-15 (.483) 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-T	PCT.
Plus-1.....	705-317-1	.690
Plus-2.....	582-116-0	.834
Plus-3.....	353-43-1	.890
Plus-4.....	183-8-0	.958
Plus-5 or more	91-3-0	.968

Teams with a plus went 11-2 in Week 11 play for 2011, for a winning percentage of .846. The highest weekly winning percentage was .917 in Week 9,

when plus teams went 11-1. The lowest weekly percentage was in Week 6, when teams with a plus posted only a 6-4 record (.600). The combined record for this season is 100-24 (.806). Since 2000, NFL teams with any plus have a combined winning percentage of .797. The combined W-L record is 1915-487-2.

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear black jerseys and white pants vs. Cleveland.

In 2004, a uniform redesign made a number of different color options available. Below is the team record since 2004 (regular season and postseason) in the different combinations of jerseys and pants:

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L-T	PCT.
Orange	Black.....	3-0-0	1.000
Orange	White.....	9-3-0	.727
Black	Black.....	9-7-1	.559
Black	White.....	17-22-0	.436
White	Black.....	12-19-0	.387
White	White.....	8-14-0	.364

TV streak should hit 103: In each of the last 102 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.

The streak hit 102 when the Nov. 13 game vs. Pittsburgh drew a rating of 40.5, the best of the season. It’s expected that the streak will hit 103 when Cincinnati rankings are announced for the week of Nov. 14-20. The Bengals’ Nov. 20 game at Baltimore had a 34.2 rating. For most weeks during the streak, the Bengals game has claimed the top spot by a wide margin.

The rating number indicates the percentage of market households tuned to the game — including those not watching TV at the time.

The streak began on Dec. 5, 2004, when a wild Bengals win at Baltimore outpooled all other programs. The highest local Bengals rating during the streak has been 45.5 for the Pittsburgh playoff 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.

Defense rules on two-pointers: The Bengals and their opponents are both 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-41 (41.5 percent).

Happy returns: The Bengals are tied for third in the NFL in most touchdowns on returns, with four. Cincinnati has scored three TDs via defense and one via special teams.

The NFL leader is Chicago, with seven, and Green Bay is second with five. The Bengals have not had a return TD in the last three games. Their most recent was Brandon Tate’s 56-yard punt return on Oct. 30 at Seattle.

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

TELEVISION:

- Sun., Nov. 27 — Bengals Weekly, 11:30 a.m.-noon, WKRC-TV (Ch. 12).

RADIO:

- Wed., Nov. 23 — Bengals Game Plan, with Dan Hoard and Dave Lapham, 6-8 p.m. (ESPN 1530).
- Fri., Nov. 25 — Bengals Pep Rally, with Dan Hoard and Artrell Hawkins, 3-6 p.m. (ESPN 1530).
- Mon., Nov. 28 — Bengals Line, with Dave Lapham and Lance McAlister, 6-9 p.m. (WLW 700).

Bengal bites: The Bengals rank eighth in the NFL with a team punt return average of 11.6 yards ... The Oct. 30 Seattle game was the first in franchise history in which the Bengals produced two punt returns of 50 or more yards. Adam Jones had a 63-yard return, and Brandon Tate had a 56-yarder for a TD ... Also at Seattle, the Bengals scored TDs on offense, defense and special teams for first time in a span of 213 games, since Sept. 13, 1998 at Detroit ... The Bengals’ five straight wins in Games 4-8 was the franchise’s longest winning streak since Sam Wyche’s 1988 AFC Championship club opened the season at

6-0 ... The Bengals were 0-4 in October games last season and were 4-0 in October this season. Elias Sports Bureau reports they are the first NFL team to have an undefeated October the year after a winless October since Carolina in 2004-05 ... Research by the NFL Network determined that the 13-8 final score of the Sept. 25 Bengals-49ers game was the first 13-8 final score in NFL history ... In winning 24-17 on Nov. 6 at Tennessee and losing 24-17 on Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh, the Bengals had the same final score in consecutive games in the same season for the third time in franchise history. Only once, with back-to-back

23-20 Bengals wins in 2009, has the same score been repeated in consecutive games in a season with the Bengals or the opponents winning both ... 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 Bengal on the roster is G Bobbie Williams at 340 pounds; the lightest is Andrew Hawkins at 175 ... The oldest Bengal is Bobbie Williams at 35; the youngest Bengal is S Robert Sands at 22 (born 11-3-89) ... Five Bengals have changed uniform numbers since 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/injured) wears No. 41.

BENGALS QUOTES

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on the competitive situation in contending for a playoff berth:

"One play goes either way, and you win the game or lose it, which we know. We had some go against us in Baltimore, but we've had some of those plays roll the other way, and they've helped us win games. I think it speaks to the level of ability on the football team. It's the level of ability that gives you a chance to make that play and win the game, as opposed to you having no chance to make that play. We have the chance to make the play and win every game we play. That's the fun of where we are. We have to keep pushing the envelope with it."

Lewis, on the use of an up-tempo offense at Baltimore:

"Andy (Dalton) did a good job. As for running it more often, you have to understand that when you go into that no-huddle-type of offense, you limit a lot of things that you're able to do. But when we do choose to use it, Andy is very comfortable."

Lewis, on QB Andy Dalton's INT on a shot against double coverage in the end zone as the first half ended at Baltimore:

"He's trying to make something happen, but after you do it, you go back and try to understand that maybe is there another way to do it. Maybe you dial it down and we get the chance to kick a field goal. But Andy's the one with the ball in his hands, and as a rule, he makes pretty good decisions. And a good thing about him is that every time he goes out there, he learns from it and comes back and makes a better play the next time."

TE Jermaine Gresham, on coming back after losses to Pittsburgh and Baltimore:

"In my mind, we're better than those teams. They're great teams and everything, but I think big mistakes killed us in some areas. We have the ability, we just have to get better. We've got heart, and that's with everybody, from the coaching staff all the way down. We'll go back to Cincinnati, and we'll work on these things and we'll beat these teams."

NT Domata Peko, on the loss at Baltimore:

"You have to play great to beat them at their place, and we didn't do that. You have to finish the game off. Even though we made mistakes, we still had a chance to win, and that says something about us. But we don't want to do that, we want to play the game full, the whole game, and we didn't do that today. They were the better team today. But we'll be ready next time."

Lewis, on the season-ending Achilles injury to CB Leon Hall:

"It's unfortunate, obviously, because Leon has been so durable. He's one of the most durable guys I've been around. To have played as much as he has here, it's just a shame to get an injury in a non-contact situation like he did. But he'll be back and ready to go by the start of the season next year."

DE Frostee Rucker, on the changed chemistry of the 2011 team:

"It's not a one- or two-man team anymore. Nothing against anyone, but it's a great team feeling. It's not about a show or anything like that. It's just about going out with two or three units and playing effective team ball."

Lewis, on having rotating weekly captains vs. season-long appointments:

"It's about everyone having responsibility. About spreading it out. Guys like Frostee (Rucker) and (Jon) Fanene have been captains, and they're not starters in our base, but they're a big part of this team, just like everyone in here doing their job. We've kept it away from the rookies, and the veterans have been great."

OT Andrew Whitworth, on the Bengals' spirit:

"You know what I like? We're stubborn. We come in the next week still trying to do the same things, even if they didn't work the week before. If you're stubborn, you can find a way to win."

DE Carlos Dunlap, on the team's developing identity:

"The fact we're all young and no one has a name for themselves, everyone wants to make a name for this team. All the young guys, the core of our team right now, we all come from winning universities. We know how to win. All we want to do is just bring that aspect to help this team become one of those winning teams. I feel like we're starting to get everything into place."

Whitworth, on the challenge ahead:

"We've got to come in here with a mission to get better every single day. In the NFL, if you're not playing better every week as the season moves on, somebody's going to get you."

CBS analyst and former Bengals QB Boomer Esiason, on rookie QB Andy Dalton:

"He's so far ahead of me when I was a rookie, it's not even funny. After my rookie year (general manager) Paul Brown and (head coach) Sam Wyche were going into the offseason looking at each other cross-eyed."

S Chris Crocker, on defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer:

"When it comes to Xs and Os and doing what he wants you to do, he's all business. He's just a yeller. That will never change. But you realize that he's just trying to be the best coach he can be, and he's just trying to get you to be as good as you can be."

Peko, on one year making a big difference:

"Last year we won four games. That stays in your heart. It's a chip on your shoulder. Now we've got a taste of winning again. It tastes so good, you don't want to go back. Our defense is hungry and relentless. That's what you want to see. Sometimes you give up a big play, and you go on. In the fourth quarter, other teams get tired. It seems like we start to dominate."

Whitworth, on his mostly-younger teammates:

"We've got guys who are young and talented, and they come from programs where they're used to winning. They don't let themselves be told 'no.'"

Offensive coordinator Jay Gruden, on rookie 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."

Crocker, on DBs coach Kevin Coyle:

"We call him 'The Lumberjack.' He takes down more trees than any coach I've ever known. If there's anything — I mean anything — that he can put on paper and give a player to help you find an edge in winning the game, he's going to do it. He buries us in paper, and it's useful. We love the guy. He's working 24/7 to help make us better."

Gresham, on Jon Gruden's offensive scheme:
"It caters to anyone who gets open."

WR Andre Caldwell, on 2011 changes made to 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.'"

Defensive backs coach Kevin Coyle, on CB Nate Clements' contribution as a 'coach on the field':
"The other day he was making calls on the field during practice, relative to things we hadn't even covered in the game plan yet. It was because he'd been studying so much film early in the week; and that was really impressive. He was making the alerts to people before we even went over it in the meeting, because he had taken it upon himself to get into the tape and playbook."

Special teams coach Darrin Simmons, on the development of Brandon Tate on punt and kickoff returns:
"I'm teaching him how to react, and which way I want him to react. Trust me; he wants to do everything the exact way we want to do it. At the same time, he

has to play free in his mind."

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."

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."

Coyle, on Reggie Nelson taking over as starting FS for 2011:
"He's been a pleasure to coach. He's very focused. He takes a lot of pride in what he does. He takes a great deal of personal pride in being someone you can count on to do different things right, like making checks, and I think it's translating into his play. I find him to be very coachable. You can see his confidence growing each week and the confidence of those around him. I think Reggie Nelson's best football is in front of him."

POSITION BY POSITION

Quarterbacks: Rookie Andy Dalton was prolific and hard to put down at Baltimore, but his first three-interception effort gave him too much of a mountain to climb to pull off what would have been his fourth comeback from a fourth-quarter deficit. Trailing 31-14 early in the final period, he brought the Bengals to within seven yards of a tying TD in the final minute, but the Ravens held the Bengals on downs. Dalton passed for a personal-high 373 yards, with 24 completions in 45 attempts. He threw his 15th and longest TD pass of the season, a 49-yarder to WR Andre Caldwell. For the season, Dalton still has two more TD passes than interceptions (12). He is 197-for-332 passing (59.3 percent) for 2239 yards and has an 79.6 passer rating. He has had three games with a 100-plus passer rating. He has had fourth-quarter comeback wins on Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 9 at Jacksonville and Nov. 6 at Tennessee. He has played every offensive snap in the last nine games, after missing the second half of the season opener with a wrist injury. 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. Also, he has tied Marino (1983) and Peyton Manning (1998) for the most TD passes (15) in the first 10 games of a rookie season since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger. Sixth-year NFL vet Bruce Gradkowski is in the No. 2 QB role. He has not played in the last nine 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: No. 1 HB Cedric Benson was held to a season-low 41 rushing yards at Baltimore, tying his season low for carries (15). But the total was enough to move him past Harold Green into fifth-place all-time in Bengals rushing yards, at 3743. Green had 3727 in his six-season (1990-95) Bengals career. Benson also scored two TDs at Baltimore, on runs of seven and three yards. Benson has two 100-yard rushing games this season, and for the year he leads the team with 167 carries for 634 yards (3.8), with four TDs. He has started Games 1-6 and 8-10, missing Game 7. Benson has not fumbled this season. The seventh-year pro re-signed with Cincinnati for 2011 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' second-best all-time ratio of 100-yard rushing games per start (15 of 49 including postseason, ratio of one every 3.27 games). Also this season, Benson has six receptions for 29 yards. Following the club's usual offensive plan, Benson was spelled for a couple possessions at Baltimore by third-year pro Bernard Scott, and Scott rushed nine-for-40, averaging 4.4 yards per trip. For the season, Scott is 74-for-263 rushing (3.6) and eight-for-13 receiving. He is considered a potentially explosive change of pace, entering this season with a 4.6-yard career rushing average. Earlier this season, he scored the game-deciding TD in Cincinnati's win at

Jacksonville. Fifth-year pro Brian Leonard had a career-best 57 receiving yards in the Baltimore game. He keyed a third-quarter TD drive with a career-long 37-yard receiving gain on a third-down play. Leonard also rushed two-for-six at Baltimore and had a season-best 63 yards from scrimmage. Leonard is averaging 7.9 yards per touch this season, on 16-for-83 rushing and 16-for-171 receiving. He has developed a Bengals reputation as a key converter of third and fourth-down situations. Second-year HB Cedric Peerman has played in nine games, including the Baltimore contest, mostly on special teams. He leads the special team in tackles (10). He has no offensive touches to date, but has been a strong rusher in preseason for the Bengals in each of the last two years. Third-year pro Chris Pressley has played in all 10 games as the No. 1 FB, and in addition to providing consistent blocking support to the rushing and passing games, he has three receptions for 19 yards. He did not have a catch against the Ravens, and he has no rushing attempts on the season.

Wide receivers: Fourth-year pro Jerome Simpson blitzed Baltimore for a career-high 152 receiving yards, on eight catches, an average of 19.0 yards per catch. His day included gains of 47 and 43 yards. His big day followed a Pittsburgh contest in which he was held without a catch for the only time this season. Simpson has three 100-yard games on the year and has caught 34-for-562, good for a team-best 16.5 average yards per catch. He had an 84-yard reception, sixth-longest in Bengals history, in the Sept. 18 Denver game. He has scored two TDs and is on pace for 899 yards on the season. Fourth-year pro Andre Caldwell, the team's No. 1 slot receiver, had three catches for a personal season-high of 63 yards at Baltimore, including a 49-yard TD, the Bengals' longest TD pass of the year. Caldwell has 32 catches for 283 yards on the season, with two TDs. His TD catch at Tennessee on Nov. 6 gave the Bengals the lead to stay at 21-17 as they battled back from a 17-3 halftime deficit. Caldwell and Simpson both stepped up their games at Baltimore as first-round draft choice A.J. Green, the team's receiving leader in catches (41), yards (635) and TDs (six), missed his first game, inactive due to a knee injury suffered Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh. Green suffered the injury on a spectacular TD catch on which he outfought double coverage in the end zone. He has an early unofficial listing of questionable for Cleveland. The No. 4 overall selection in the 2011 draft, Green has more than lived up to his billing as one of the NFL's top rookies. He leads NFL rookies in receptions, receiving yards and receiving 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. Rookie free agent Andrew Hawkins had four catches for 47 yards at Baltimore. His catches included a pair of third-down conversions in the first quarter as the Bengals took a 7-0 lead. Hawkins has made a high number of third-down conversions in limited action as a receiver and also as a rusher. He is 14-for-159 receiving and two-for-10 rushing on the season. A player with two years experience in the Canadian Football League, Hawkins was signed to the roster from the Bengals practice squad on Sept. 20. Third-year pro Brandon Tate, acquired Sept. 4 on

waivers from New England, has seen only limited action on offense but has been the team's No. 1 kickoff and punt returner. Sixth-round 2011 draft choice Ryan Whalen of Stanford made his NFL debut Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco (no receptions) and has been inactive for Games 1-2 and 4-10.

Tight ends: Second-year standout Jermaine Gresham is cranking up his game again after missing Games 7-8 with a hamstring strain. He gained 48 yards on three catches at Baltimore, and he was denied what would have been a crucial fourth-quarter TD on a play that was called a touchdown on the field but was reversed by mandatory instant replay. Gresham has started eight games and ranks tied for third on the team in catches (32), third in receiving yards (302) and tied for second in touchdowns (four). He is on pace for 51 receptions and 483 yards on the season, similar to his productive rookie season when he led AFC rookies in catches (52) while gaining 471 yards. Gresham was Cincinnati's No. 1 draft pick in 2010. Rookie Colin Cochart of South Dakota State played in his sixth game of the season in the Baltimore contest and had a six-yard catch. Cochart is four-for-38 receiving on the season, with a one-yard TD catch at Tennessee. Cochart was the only player from the Bengals' crop of 2011 college free agents to make the 53-player roster for the season opener. Ninth-year NFL vet Donald Lee had key gains at Seattle and at Tennessee, while helping fill in for Gresham, but Lee has missed the last two games with a foot injury. Lee played on Green Bay's Super Bowl champion team last year and signed with the Bengals on Sept. 14 as a free agent. He has played in the last six games and is eight-for-106 receiving on the year.

Offensive linemen: At Baltimore, the line led protection for 483 yards of net offense, Cincinnati's most in 72 games, since a 531-yard effort at Cleveland in Game 2 of 2007. QB Andy Dalton was sacked only twice, for nine total yards, while throwing a season-most 45 passes at Baltimore, and the Bengals have allowed only four sacks in the last five games. LOT Andrew Whitworth has emerged as the line's leader. The Baltimore game marked his 43rd straight start (including postseason). Whitworth has been a key player on the line since his rookie campaign. His 80 career starts include 55 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 1-10. 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. Nate Livings, a fourth-year player this season, has opened at LG in Games 1-10. He started every game last year. Twelfth-year vet Bobbie Williams has returned to the starting lineup at RG for the last six games, after missing Games 1-4 due to an NFL suspension. Since joining the Bengals in 2004, Williams has not missed a start for any football-injury reason. His only missed time prior to this season 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 performers are backing up at OT. 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 1-10, and his role includes serving as an extra TE in the base offense in short-yardage situations. Collins was inactive at Baltimore. He has played in two games on the year. Fourth-year G Mike McGlynn was active/DNP at Baltimore. He has played in four games, including a start in the Oct. 2 victory over Buffalo, in place of Williams. Rookie fourth-round draft pick Clint Boling was inactive for the sixth straight game in the Baltimore contest, but he started Games 1-3 in place of Williams. Boling has played in four games.

Defensive linemen: All eight defensive linemen are contributing in the team's game rotation. No active DL has played fewer than 12 snaps in a game to date. Starting DT Geno Atkins had the defense's only sack at Baltimore, extending his individual sacks lead. He now has 5.5, a margin of 1.5 over the second-place player. Atkins had five total tackles in the Ravens game, with one of those for a rushing loss, and he also was credited with two QB pressures. He ranks second on the team for the season in pressures, with 10. Atkins' 43 tackles rank second on the line for the season, and he also has scored a touchdown on a fumble recovery (10 yards at Jacksonville). DE Frostee Rucker tied for the line lead at Baltimore with six tackles, including two for losses. He leads the team in TFL with seven on the season, and he is second in sacks (4.0). 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 10 regular-season games. He has 39 tackles, and he also has two passes defended and four QB pressures. Eighth-year starting

DE Robert Geathers tied for the line lead with six tackles at Baltimore, including one for a loss. Geathers has played in eight games, missing Games 2-3 with a shoulder injury. He has 26 tackles on the season, with 1.5 sacks, a pass defended and six QB pressures. Starting NT Domata Peko had five tackles at Baltimore, and he leads the line for the season with 54 stops (fourth on the team). Peko also has one forced fumble, three tackles-for-loss and 0.5 sacks. Peko has led the line in tackles in each of his last two fully healthy seasons (2008 and 2010). RDE Michael Johnson is the only Bengal this season to log an entry in every column on the defensive stat sheet. In addition to his 24 tackles, he has 3.0 sacks, one INT, five passes defended (leads front seven), one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Johnson played but had no statistics at Baltimore. He is tied for third on the team for the season in QB pressures (seven). Sixth-year DT/DE Jonathan Fanene had one QB pressure at Baltimore, his seventh on the season (tied for third). He has 27 tackles on the year, including 3.0 sacks. He also has a fumble recovery and three tackles-for-loss. Second-year DE Carlos Dunlap returned to limited action at Baltimore, after missing the Pittsburgh game due to a hamstring strain. Dunlap was credited with two QB pressures against the Ravens, and his 22 pressures on the season are 12 more than the second-place Atkins. Dunlap has 3.0 sacks. Dunlap set a Bengals rookie record last year with 9.5 sacks, and he got 8.5 of those in the final six games. Dunlap has 19 tackles for the season, and he has three passes defended. He also has a fumble recovery, and he took that 35 yards for a TD on Oct. 16 vs. Indianapolis. Fourth-year DT Pat Sims had two tackles at Baltimore, including a key stop in the fourth quarter when he halted Ray Rice for no gain on a third-and-one from the Ravens 46, forcing a punt that gave the offense its last chance to drive for a tying score. Sims has 26 tackles for the season, with a sack and two QB pressures. Sims has been a line rotation regular in all three of his previous seasons, logging 22 career starts.

Linebackers: OLB Manny Lawson, a 2011 unrestricted free agent signee from San Francisco, led the team in tackles for the second straight game in the Baltimore contest, logging 10 to hit double figures for the second straight game. He had one tackle-for-loss and ranks second on the team for the season with five. Lawson has played in every game and has 43 tackles, three passes defended and three QB pressures. He started every game for San Francisco the last two seasons. No. 1 MLB Rey Mauluga has returned to action in the last two games after missing the previous three with an ankle sprain. He logged five tackles at Baltimore, and despite his missed time, he is third on the team in tackles (62) for the season, just six off the lead. Mauluga also has two passes defended, one forced fumble and two QB hurries. A high second-round Bengals draft choice in 2009, Mauluga has taken over as starting MLB after playing OLB his first two seasons. OLB Thomas Howard had five tackles and a pass defended at Baltimore. He ranks second on the team for the season in tackles (64), he is tied for the team lead in forced fumbles (two) and he has two passes defended. Howard also is third in tackles-for-loss (four). The sixth-year NFL vet was signed July 30 as a free agent from Oakland. He was a second-round Raiders draftee in 2006. Second-year pro Dan Skuta, who replaced Mauluga in the starting lineup for Games 6-8, has played as a reserve the last two games. He had one tackle at Baltimore. Skuta has 27 stops for the season, along with a shared sack and a forced fumble. He has two QB pressures and four special teams tackles. Sixth-year pro Brandon Johnson had one tackle and a QB pressure at Baltimore. Johnson has 22 tackles and three passes defended on the season. Johnson has played in all 59 games (including postseason) since joining the Bengals in 2008, the longest streak on the current team. Second-year pro Vincent Rey, a 2010 Bengals college free agent signee, has played in every game this year on special teams. He did not have a special teams stop at Baltimore, but he ranks tied for second on the team for the season, with seven tackles. 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. He has been inactive for Games 1-10, but he returned to practice on a full-time basis in Week 6. Keith Rivers, a starter when healthy at WLB from 2008-10, was placed Sept. 3 on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list. He did not practice or play in preseason due to rehab from wrist surgery in July. He is eligible for activation if medically cleared.

Defensive backs: Fifth-year pro Adam Jones saw his first action of the season on defense in the Baltimore game, playing a full complement of snaps as he took over the starting RCB spot from Leon Hall, who was lost for the season to an Achilles injury on Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh. Jones led the secondary with six tackles against the Ravens. He missed the first six games

while in rehab from a 2010 neck injury and came back for Game 7 at Seattle, but on his first play, a 63-yard punt return, he strained a hamstring. He was inactive for the Tennessee and Pittsburgh games. Jones' punt return at Seattle was Cincinnati's longest since 2003. Starting LCB Nate Clements had two of the team's bigger defensive plays at Baltimore. He had Cincinnati's only takeaway, an interception at the Cincinnati 29 late in the second quarter, thwarting a Ravens bid to expand on a 14-7 lead. It was his first INT of the season. Clements also had a third-down pass defended against WR Anquan Boldin in the third quarter, giving the offense the chance to regain possession with only a 17-14 deficit. Clements has 52 tackles for the season (fifth on the team) and ranks tied for the team lead in passes defended (10). He also leads the team in fumble recoveries (two) and he is tied for the lead in forced fumbles (two). He has the team's only blocked kick, a FG block that proved crucial in the win over Indianapolis. FS Reggie Nelson tied his season low with just three tackles at Baltimore, but for the fourth straight week he leads the team (current total of 68). Nelson is tied for the team lead in forced fumbles (two), including one that led to a TD return by DE Carlos Dunlap on Oct. 16 vs. Indianapolis. He has one INT, a 75-yarder for a touchdown on Oct. 30 at Seattle, the fifth-longest INT return in Bengals history and the longest since 2002. Nelson also has one sack and four passes defended on the year. Nelson's 13 tackles on Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco is the team high for the season. Nelson is a former Jacksonville first-round draft choice who came to the Bengals last season in a trade for CB David Jones. SS Chris Crocker, a ninth-year NFL player in his fourth Bengals campaign, had five tackles at Baltimore. For the season, Crocker has 46 tackles, leads the secondary in sacks (2.5), and also has one forced fumble and four passes defended. On Aug. 29, the Bengals acquired sixth-year CB Kelly Jennings in a trade with Seattle, sending DT Clinton McDonald to the Seahawks, and Jennings has played in seven games (Games 2-4 and 7-10), missing Games 1 and 5-6 with hamstring strains. Jennings had one tackle vs. Baltimore and has 15 tackles with a pass defended on the season. Another CB reinforcement for the remainder of the season could be second-year pro Brandon Ghee, who was signed to the roster from the practice squad on Nov. 14. Ghee was a third-round Cincinnati draft pick in 2010. He played on special teams (no statistics) in making his 2011 debut at Baltimore. S Gibril Wilson saw brief action on defense at Baltimore and had no statistics. He has 23 tackles for the season, as well as a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. His forced fumble was returned by teammate DT Geno Atkins for a TD at Jacksonville. Wilson also is tied for second on the team season in special teams tackles (seven). 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 93 career NFL games and 81 starts.

S Jeromy Miles has played in all 10 games on special teams, and his overall performance has earned him the coaching staff's designation as Cincinnati's "special teamer" (excluding kickers and returners) on the fan ballot for this season's Pro Bowl. Miles has four special teams tackles, and he also shared in downing a punt at the two-yard line at Jacksonville, starting a chain of plays that set up good field position for the Bengals' winning TD drive. Second-year S Taylor Mays saw brief action on defense at Baltimore (no statistics) and had one special teams tackle. He has played in the last five games, primarily on special teams, and has four special teams tackles with one tackle on defense. Mays was inactive for Games 1-5, due partially to a knee injury. Fifth-round draft pick Robert Sands of West Virginia has been inactive for Games 1-10. Sands played in all four preseason games and had 10 tackles.

Special teams: K Mike Nugent has been a consistent strong performer for the Bengals since signing as a free agent for 2010. He made his only FG attempt in the Baltimore game, a 27-yarder in the fourth quarter, and he is 18-for-19 on FGs this season. His only miss, on Oct. 16 vs. Indianapolis, ended a streak dating back to last season of 14 straight made FGs, the third-longest streak in Bengals history. Nugent had a game-winning field goal, a 43-yarder as time expired, on Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo. He is 24-for-25 on PATs this season. He has reached the end zone on 46 of his 51 kickoffs, and 28 of those have gone for touchbacks. Nugent has made a successful return to action from a knee injury that ended his 2010 season in Game 9. P Kevin Huber, a Cincinnati native, averaged 38.6 yards on seven kicks at Baltimore and had a 37.7-yard net average. He had two inside-20 kicks and no touchbacks. 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 44.0 yards with a 39.3 net. He ranks 15th in the NFL in net average. He has 17 inside-20s against seven touchbacks. He ranks tied for seventh in the NFL in total inside-20s. WR Brandon Tate handled all the Bengals' kick returns at Baltimore, averaging 6.0 yards on four punt returns. He did not have a kickoff return, as all of Baltimore's kickoffs went for touchbacks. Tate ranks 14th in the NFL for the season on punt returns, his 10.2-yard average including a 56-yarder for a TD on Oct. 30 vs. Seattle. His total return effort vs. Seattle earned him AFC Special Teams Player of the Week honors. Tate also ranks 13th in the NFL in kickoff return average, at 24.3 yards on 23 attempts. HB Cedric Peerman was one of three Bengals with a special teams tackle at Baltimore, and he leads the team for the season, with 10. S Gibril Wilson and LB Vincent Rey are tied for second with seven each. For overall special teams play (coverage units and blocking units), S Jeromy Miles has earned the coaching staff's designation as Cincinnati's "special teamer" on the fan ballot for this season's Pro Bowl. Third-year pro Clark Harris is in the No. 1 long snapper spot. He has made 339 snaps with no unplayable deliveries since joining the Bengals in 2009.

2011 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	0	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.

WEEK 4, GAME 4

**Cincinnati Bengals 23, Buffalo Bills 20
Sunday, Oct. 2, at Paul Brown Stadium**

The Bengals rallied from a 17-3 halftime deficit to deal Buffalo its first defeat of the season. The Bengals won after trailing by 14 or more points in the second half for the first time since Dec. 5, 2004, when they erased a 17-point deficit to win 27-26 at Baltimore. QB Andy Dalton had a hand in both Bengals TDs in the second half, on a 17-yard pass to TE Jermaine Gresham in the third quarter and on a three-yard run in the fourth quarter. Dalton's rushing TD tied the score 20-20, and after LB Rey Maulaluga's third-down tackle on RB Fred Jackson forced a three-and-out by Buffalo's offense, the Bengals drove 56 yards in seven plays for a game-winning 43-yard FG by Mike Nugent as time expired. The Bengals got a 104-yard rushing game from HB Cedric Benson and a 118-yard receiving effort from WR A.J. Green. The Bengals improved to 2-2 and Buffalo fell to 3-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Buffalo	0	17	0	3	—	20
Cincinnati	3	0	10	10	—	23

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 31 field goal	1-2:02
Buff. — R.Lindell 43 field goal	2-13:33
Buff. — B.Scott 43 interception return (R.Lindell kick)	2-3:10
Buff. — F.Jackson 2 run (R.Lindell kick)	2-0:40
Cin. — M.Nugent 21 field goal	3-11:23
Cin. — J.Gresham 17 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	3-5:26
Buff. — R.Lindell 23 field goal	4-11:22
Cin. — A.Dalton 3 run (M.Nugent kick)	4-4:09
Cin. — M.Nugent 43 field goal	4-0:00

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 41,142. Time: 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS	BUFF.	CIN.
First downs	12	25
Third down conversions-attempts	4-14	5-12
Total net yards	273	458
Net yards rushing	83	171
Net yards passing	190	287
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	34-20-0	36-18-2
Sacks against-yards lost	1-9	2-11
Punts-average	8-51.6	5-38.4
Punt returns-yards	0-0	7-69
Kickoff returns-yards	1-23	3-66
Penalties-yards	4-26	3-15
Fumbles-lost	0-0	1-0
Time of possession	28:39	31:21

RUSHING

BUFF.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
F.Jackson	17	66	21	1	C.Benson	19	104	28	0
C.Spiller	3	12	9	0	B.Leonard	4	36	14	0
R.Fitzpatrick	1	5	5	0	B.Scott	5	13	7	0
					A.Dalton	3	12	6	1
					A.Green	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	21	83	21	1	TOTALS	32	171	28	1

PASSING

BUFF.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
R.Fitzpatrick	34	20	199	0-0	A.Dalton	36	18	298	1-2
TOTALS	34	20	199	0-0	TOTALS	36	18	298	1-2

RECEIVING

BUFF.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
F.Jackson	5	32	9	0	A.Green	4	118	58	0
St.Johnson	4	58	44	0	J.Gresham	4	70	25	1
D.Jones	3	21	9	0	J.Simpson	3	26	17	0
B.Smith	2	25	17	0	A.Hawkins	2	43	25	0
D.Nelson	2	18	12	0	A.Caldwell	2	17	9	0
S.Chandler	2	8	6	0	B.Scott	2	9	5	0
N.Roosevelt	1	28	28	0	B.Leonard	1	15	15	0
C.Spiller	1	9	9	0					
TOTALS	20	199	44	0	TOTALS	18	298	58	1

DEFENSE

Buffalo (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: G.Wilson 8-4-12, N.Barnett 5-5-10, D.Edwards 5-3-8, J.Byrd 5-2-7, L.McKelvin 3-2-5, M.Dareus 2-2-4, D.Florence 2-1-3, S.Merriman 2-1-3, A.Davis 1-2-3, T.Troup 1-1-2, K.Williams 1-1-2, Sp.Johnson 1-0-1, B.Scott 1-0-1, R.Cornor 0-1-1, C.Kelsay 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Dareus 1-8, S.Merriman 1-3. INT.-YDS.: B.Scott 1-43, G.Wilson 1-5. PD: L.McKelvin 1, B.Scott 1, K.Williams 1, G.Wilson 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Maulaluga 9-3-12, D.Peko 6-2-8, L.Hall 6-1-7, R.Nelson 6-1-7, T.Howard 5-2-7, M.Johnson 2-5-7, C.Crocker 5-1-6, R.Geathers 2-1-3, G.Wilson 0-3-3, G.Atkins 1-1-2, N.Clements 0-2-2, C.Dunlap 0-2-2, F.Rucker 0-2-2, P.Sims 0-2-2, J.Fanene 1-0-1, K.Jennings 1-0-1, M.Trent 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: G.Atkins 0.5-4.5, M.Johnson 0.5-4.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: N.Clements 2, C.Dunlap 1, T.Howard 1, K.Jennings 1, R.Maulaluga 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 5, GAME 5

Cincinnati Bengals 30, Jacksonville Jaguars 20
Sunday, Oct. 9, at EverBank Field

The Bengals played "sloppy," according to DT Domata Peko, but they had a decided edge on big plays in winning for only the second time in franchise history at Jacksonville. The defense gave a yeoman effort in the first half, as two Jacksonville drives that started with great field position wound up netting only FGs after reaching the two. The Bengals managed a 13-13 tie at halftime and won the game with a fourth-quarter TD that erased a 20-16 deficit. The winning drive featured a conversion of a fourth-down-and-six from the Jaguars' 19-yard line, as QB Andy Dalton hit TE Jermaine Gresham with a nine-yard pass, and HB Bernard Scott scored the deciding TD on a two-yard run three plays later. Cincinnati padded its margin of victory to 10 — its largest ever against Jacksonville — when DT Geno Atkins returned a fumble 10 yards for a TD on the game's final play, with the Jaguars in full desperation-lateral mode. The Bengals improved to 3-2 and Jacksonville fell to 1-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	6	0	17	—	30
Jacksonville.....	7	6	0	7	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Jax. — M.Jones-Drew 6 run (J.Scobee kick).....	1-9:35
Cin. — A.Green 37 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	1-3:17
Jax. — J.Scobee 19 field goal.....	2-12:01
Jax. — J.Scobee 20 field goal.....	2-7:06
Cin. — J.Gresham 3 pass from A.Dalton (kick failed, HRU).....	2-0:14
Cin. — M.Nugent 47 field goal.....	4-9:41
Jax. — J.Hill 74 pass from B.Gabbert (J.Scobee kick).....	4-8:24
Cin. — B.Scott 2 run (M.Nugent kick).....	4-1:56
Cin. — G.Atkins 10 fumble return (M.Nugent kick).....	4-0:00

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 61,799. Time: 3:00.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	JAX.
First downs.....	13	12
Third down conversions-attempts.....	8-19	6-16
Total net yards.....	239	296
Net yards rushing.....	77	96
Net yards passing.....	162	200
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	33-21-1	28-15-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-17	3-21
Punts-average.....	7-47.7	7-37.7
Punt returns-yards.....	3-43	3-3
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-76	2-58
Penalties-yards.....	4-33	2-15
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	4-2
Time of possession.....	32:33	27:27

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	JAX.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	24	53	8	0	M.Jones-Drew	19	85	25	1
B.Scott	6	20	9	1	B.Gabbert	5	11	6	0
B.Leonard	1	4	4	0	D.Karim	2	4	3	0
TOTALS	31	77	9	1	M.Thomas	1	-4	-4	0
TOTALS					TOTALS	27	96	25	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	JAX.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	33	21	179	2-1	B.Gabbert	28	15	221	1-0
TOTALS	33	21	179	2-1	TOTALS	28	15	221	1-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	JAX.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	5	90	37t	1	J.Hill	5	118	74t	1
J.Gresham	5	21	9	1	M.Thomas	3	53	24	0
J.Simpson	4	40	17	0	D.Karim	3	27	20	0
A.Caldwell	2	13	8	0	G.Jones	1	10	10	0
A.Hawkins	2	6	9	0	M.Lewis	1	6	6	0
B.Scott	2	-1	4	0	B.Bolen	1	4	4	0
B.Leonard	1	10	10	0	J.Dillard	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	21	179	37t	2	TOTALS	15	221	74t	1

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Mauluga 5-5-10, T.Howard 6-1-7, D.Peko 5-2-7, F.Rucker 3-4-7, N.Clements 4-1-5, L.Hall 3-2-5, M.Trent 3-1-4, R.Nelson 3-0-3, G.Atkins 2-1-3, M.Lawson 2-1-3, P.Sims 1-2-3, R.Geathers 2-0-2, C.Crocker 1-1-2, J.Fanene 1-0-1, G.Wilson 1-0-1, C.Dunlap 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: F.Rucker 1-9, J.Fanene 1-7, P.Sims 1-5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Crocker 1, L.Hall 1, R.Mauluga 1, R.Nelson 1. FF: G.Wilson 1. FR-YDS.: G.Atkins 1-10, N.Clements 1-0.

Jacksonville (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Smith 7-2-9, P.Posluszny 6-3-9, D.Landry 6-0-6, W.Middleton 5-1-6, J.Mincey 5-0-5, C.Mosley 4-0-4, T.Knighton 2-2-4, C.Session 2-2-4, T.Alualu 0-4-4, D.Lowery 2-1-3, D.Coleman 1-1-2, J.Chick 1-0-1, A.Lane 1-0-1, R.Mathis 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Chick 1-10, J.Mincey 1-7. INT.-YDS.: D.Lowery 1-30. PD: D.Coleman 2, P.Posluszny 2, J.Chick 1, D.Lowery 1, D.Smith. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 6, GAME 6

Cincinnati Bengals 27, Indianapolis Colts 17
Sunday, Oct. 16, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals had some anxious moments after Indianapolis cut a 20-7 Cincinnati lead to 20-17 with 9:33 to play. But the Colts were denied a tying score when CB Nate Clements blocked a 52-yard FG attempt at the 5:43 mark, and the Bengals sealed a win with 2:36 left when S Reggie Nelson forced a fumble by WR Pierre Garcon, with DE Carlos Dunlap recovering and making a 35-yard run for a TD. Bengals QB Andy Dalton posted his highest passer rating (111.5) of the season, and his 78.1 completion percentage was the highest by a Bengal since QB Carson Palmer's 83.3 in Game 7 of 2009. The Bengals broke a seven-game losing streak against Indianapolis and improved to 4-2. The Colts fell to 0-6.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Indianapolis.....	0	7	0	10	—	17
Cincinnati.....	7	3	10	7	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — A.Green 11 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	1-9:19
Ind. — D.Brown 18 run (A.Vinatieri kick).....	2-11:14
Cin. — M.Nugent 20 field goal.....	2-0:00
Cin. — C.Benson 1 run (M.Nugent kick).....	3-10:27
Cin. — M.Nugent 43 field goal.....	3-2:20
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 46 field goal.....	4-14:56
Ind. — D.Clark 1 pass from C.Painter (A.Vinatieri kick).....	4-9:33
Cin. — C.Dunlap 35 fumble return (M.Nugent kick).....	4-2:22

Missed FGs: A.Vinatieri (52B), M.Nugent (43WR).
Attendance: 52,068. Time: 2:56.

TEAM STATISTICS	IND.	CIN.
First downs.....	18	17
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-12	6-14
Total net yards.....	273	358
Net yards rushing.....	94	94
Net yards passing.....	179	264
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	34-23-1	32-25-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-9	0-0
Punts-average.....	4-52.0	5-44.2
Punt returns-yards.....	2-5	2-35
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-29	2-55
Penalties-yards.....	2-11	11-111
Fumbles-lost.....	2-2	0-0
Time of possession.....	26:24	33:36

RUSHING

IND.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
D.Carter	14	45	9	0	C.Benson	16	57	9	1
D.Brown	5	35	18t	1	B.Scott	11	29	9	0
C.Painter	4	14	12	0	B.Leonard	2	9	6	0
TOTALS	23	94	18t	1	A.Dalton	2	-1	0	0
TOTALS					TOTALS	31	94	9	1

PASSING

IND.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Painter	34	23	188	1-1	A.Dalton	32	25	264	1-0
TOTALS	34	23	188	1-1	TOTALS	32	25	264	1-0

RECEIVING

IND.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
P.Garcon	8	52	12	0	J.Simpson	6	101	32	0
D.Clark	6	53	17	1	A.Green	5	51	22	1
R.Wayne	5	58	22	0	A.Caldwell	4	32	14	0
D.Brown	2	16	8	0	J.Gresham	4	23	13	0
A.Collie	1	8	8	0	B.Leonard	2	38	25	0
J.Tamme	1	1	1	0	A.Hawkins	1	7	7	0
TOTALS	23	188	22	1	C.Benson	1	5	5	0
TOTALS					B.Scott	1	5	5	0
TOTALS					D.Lee	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	23	188	22	1	TOTALS	25	264	32	1

DEFENSE

Indianapolis (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: K.Conner 4-5-9, P.Angerer 5-3-8, A.Bethea 4-4-8, P.Wheeler 5-1-6, J.Powers 4-2-6, E.Sims 3-2-5, D.Caldwell 3-1-4, T.Johnson 3-1-4, J.Lacey 3-1-4, D.Muir 2-1-3, J.Lefeged 1-2-3, J.Anderson 1-0-1, R.Mathews 1-0-1, C.Rucker 1-0-1, F.Moala 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Lefeged 1, R.Mathis 1, J.Powers 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Nelson 3-5-8, N.Clements 6-1-7, B.Johnson 5-2-7, D.Skuta 5-2-7, C.Crocker 4-2-6, T.Howard 3-3-6, L.Hall 4-0-4, G.Atkins 3-1-4, R.Geathers 3-1-4, J.Fanene 2-2-4, P.Sims 2-1-3, M.Lawson 1-2-3, D.Peko 1-2-3, M.Johnson 1-1-2, G.Wilson 1-1-2, C.Dunlap 0-2-2, F.Rucker 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: M.Johnson 1-9. INT.-YDS.: L.Hall 1-15. PD: N.Clements 3, L.Hall 1, M.Lawson 1. FF: N.Clements 1, R.Nelson 1. FR-YDS.: M.Johnson 1-0, C.Dunlap 1-35.

WEEK 8, GAME 7

**Cincinnati Bengals 34, Seattle Seahawks 12
Sunday, Oct. 30, at CenturyLink Field**

The Bengals scored 17 points in the last 4:50 for the team's largest win margin since a 45-10 romp over Chicago in 2009. K Mike Nugent gave Cincinnati a 20-12 lead with a 48-yard FG, and the Bengals later scored TDs on a 56-yard punt return by WR Brandon Tate and a 75-yard interception return by S Reggie Nelson. It was the first time in a 213-game span — since Game 2 of 1998 — for the Bengals to score TDs on offense, defense and special teams. Cincinnati made a key play on the last play of the first half. Trailing 17-3, the Seahawks eschewed a FG try on a fourth-and-two from the Bengals' three-yard line. Nelson and LB Brandon Tate stopped RB Marshawn Lynch at the one, and though that was good for a Seattle first down, the clock ran out before Seattle could run another play. The Bengals won for only the second time in their last 13 games on the West Coast, and they improved to 5-2. The Seahawks fell to 2-5.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	10	7	0	17	—	34
Seattle.....	0	3	3	6	—	12

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 34 field goal.....	1-6:44
Cin. — J.Simpson 14 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	1-3:47
Sea. — S.Hauschka 47 field goal.....	2-14:55
Cin. — A.Green 43 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	2-1:51
Sea. — S.Hauschka 25 field goal.....	3-0:04
Sea. — M.Lynch 2 run (pass failed).....	4-8:55
Cin. — M.Nugent 48 field goal.....	4-4:50
Cin. — B.Tate 56 punt return (M.Nugent kick).....	4-3:22
Cin. — R.Nelson 75 interception return (M.Nugent kick).....	4-0:36

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 66,004. Time: 3:14.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	SEA.
First downs.....	18	20
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-14	5-15
Total net yards.....	252	411
Net yards rushing.....	92	61
Net yards passing.....	160	350
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	29-18-2	47-25-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-8	4-25
Punts-average.....	5-45.2	6-53.3
Punt returns-yards.....	4-136	3-38
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-113	6-153
Penalties-yards.....	7-65	11-80
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	1-1
Time of possession.....	31:27	28:33

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	SEA.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Scott	22	76	16	0	L.Washington	2	34	28	0
B.Leonard	2	7	4	0	M.Lynch	16	24	9	1
A.Hawkins	1	6	6	0	T.Jackson	1	2	2	0
A.Dalton	2	3	3	0	C.Whitehurst	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	27	92	16	0	TOTALS	20	61	28	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	SEA.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	29	18	168	2-2	T.Jackson	40	21	323	0-1
					C.Whitehurst	7	4	52	0-0
TOTALS	29	18	168	2-2	TOTALS	47	25	375	0-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	SEA.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	4	63	43t	1	S.Rice	7	102	35	0
A.Caldwell	4	31	10	0	D.Baldwin	5	73	31	0
D.Lee	3	44	26	0	B.Obomanu	4	107	55	0
B.Scott	3	0	1	0	Z.Miller	3	37	17	0
B.Leonard	2	10	6	0	C.Morraha	2	21	13	0
J.Simpson	1	14	14t	1	G.Tate	2	11	9	0
C.Pressley	1	6	6	0	J.Forsett	1	13	13	0
					M.Robinson	1	11	11	0
TOTALS	18	168	43t	2	TOTALS	25	375	55	0

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Johnson 6-3-9, L.Hall 8-0-8, D.Peko 5-2-7, R.Nelson 5-1-6, K.Jennings 5-0-5, C.Crocker 3-1-4, G.Wilson 3-1-4, N.Clements 2-2-4, C.Dunlap 2-2-4, T.Howard 2-2-4, G.Atkins 1-3-4, M.Lawson 2-1-3, D.Skuta 1-2-3, F.Rucker 1-1-2, P.Sims 1-1-2, J.Fanene 0-1-1, R.Geathers 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: F.Rucker 1-10, C.Dunlap 1-9, C.Crocker 1-5, G.Atkins 1-1. INT.-YDS.: R.Nelson 1-75. PD: C.Crocker 2, N.Clements 1, C.Dunlap 1, B.Johnson 1, R.Nelson 1. FF: T.Howard 1. FR.-YDS.: G.Wilson 1-0.

Seattle (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: E.Thomas 4-6-10, K.Chancellor 4-3-7, D.Hawthorne 4-2-6, L.Hill 5-0-5, R.Sherman 4-1-5, K.Wright 4-0-4, B.Mebane 1-3-4, B.Browner 2-0-2, T.Hargrove 1-1-2, R.Lewis 1-1-2, A.Bigby 1-0-1, A.Branch 1-0-1, C.Clemons 1-0-1, R.Brock 0-1-1, R.Bryant 0-1-1, C.McDonald 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Hargrove 1-8. INT.-YDS.: K.Chancellor 1-8, R.Sherman 1-0. PD: R.Sherman 3, K.Chancellor 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

WEEK 9, GAME 8

**Cincinnati Bengals 24, Tennessee Titans 17
Sunday, Nov. 6, at LP Field**

After a sluggish first half, the Bengals dominated Tennessee in the third and fourth quarters. Cincinnati secured its fifth straight victory, tying the team's longest winning streak since a season-opening, six-game streak by the 1988 AFC Championship club. Rookie QB Andy Dalton led his third fourth-quarter comeback of the season. The Bengals trailed 17-7 at halftime, but Dalton closed the gap to 17-14 with a 15-yard TD pass to WR Jerome Simpson in the third quarter, and he got the winning score on a five-yard pass to WR Andre Caldwell early in the fourth quarter. CB Nate Clements stopped Tennessee's last good comeback chance with a forced fumble and recovery against TE Jared Cook, and Bengals K Mike Nugent tacked on a FG for the final margin. Dalton threw three TD passes — his first game with three — and no INTs. The Bengals improved to 6-2, including 4-1 on the road, and gained a tie with Baltimore for first place in the AFC North. Tennessee fell to 4-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	7	7	10	—	24
Tennessee.....	3	14	0	0	—	17

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Tenn. — R.Bironas 43 field goal.....	1-7:20
Cin. — C.Cochart 1 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	2-10:41
Tenn. — D.Williams 8 pass from M.Hasselbeck (R.Bironas kick).....	2-5:18
Tenn. — L.Hawkins 16 pass from M.Hasselbeck (R.Bironas kick).....	2-0:08
Cin. — J.Simpson 15 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	3-6:33
Cin. — A.Caldwell 5 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	4-10:52
Cin. — M.Nugent 36 field goal.....	4-1:55

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 69,143. Time: 3:18.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	TENN.
First downs.....	20	19
Third down conversions-attempts.....	8-16	5-14
Total net yards.....	319	328
Net yards rushing.....	109	78
Net yards passing.....	210	250
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	39-22-0	41-24-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-7	2-22
Punts-average.....	7-44.0	7-45.7
Punt returns-yards.....	5-9	2-8
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-51	1-27
Penalties-yards.....	9-87	7-100
Fumbles-lost.....	1-0	3-1
Time of possession.....	32:55	27:05

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	TENN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	20	78	16	0	C.Johnson	14	64	20	0
B.Scott	6	24	7	0	J.Ringer	4	11	5	0
A.Dalton	3	4	3	0	M.Hasselbeck	2	3	2	0
B.Leonard	1	3	3	0					
TOTALS	30	109	16	0	TOTALS	20	78	20	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	TENN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	39	22	217	3-0	M.Hasselbeck	41	24	272	2-0
TOTALS	39	22	217	3-0	TOTALS	41	24	272	2-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	TENN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	7	83	23	0	L.Hawkins	5	63	30	1
A.Caldwell	5	22	7	1	J.Cook	4	47	15	0
D.Lee	3	49	25	0	C.Johnson	4	46	21	0
J.Simpson	3	43	18	1	D.Williams	4	34	10	1
C.Pressley	2	13	9	0	N.Washington	3	28	13	0
C.Cochart	2	7	6	1	C.Stevens	1	25	25	0
					J.Ringer	1	14	14	0
					A.Hall	1	9	9	0
					M.Mariani	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	22	217	25	3	TOTALS	24	272	30	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: N.Clements 7-2-9, D.Skuta 7-2-9, T.Howard 6-3-9, R.Nelson 3-3-6, B.Johnson 4-1-5, C.Crocker 2-2-4, D.Peko 1-3-4, P.Sims 1-3-4, C.Dunlap 3-0-3, R.Geathers 2-1-3, L.Hall 2-1-3, K.Jennings 2-1-3, M.Lawson 1-2-3, F.Rucker 2-0-2, G.Atkins 1-1-2, G.Wilson 1-0-1, J.Fanene 0-1-1, M.Johnson 0-1-1, T.Mays 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Dunlap 2-22. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Dunlap 1, L.Hall 1, B.Johnson 1, M.Johnson 1. FF: N.Clements 1, T.Howard 1. FR.-YDS.: N.Clements 1-0.

Tennessee (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Babineaux 9-1-10, J.McCourt 6-2-8, A.Verner 6-1-7, A.Ayers 2-3-5, S.Smith 3-1-4, M.Griffin 3-1-4, B.Ruud 2-2-4, C.Finnegan 2-1-3, J.Jones 2-1-3, J.Casey 1-2-3, D.Morgan 1-1-2, W.Witherspoon 1-1-2, K.Klug 1-0-1, G.McRath 1-0-1, S.Marks 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Smith 1-7. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Finnegan 2, J.Babineaux 1, B.Ruud 1. FF: None. FR.-YDS.: None.

WEEK 10, GAME 9

Pittsburgh Steelers 24, Cincinnati Bengals 17
Sunday, Nov. 13, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals spotted the defending AFC champions a 14-0 first-quarter lead and spent the rest of the day in comeback mode, rallying strongly but ultimately falling short. Cincinnati tied the score at 17-17 midway through the third quarter, on a one-yard TD pass from QB Andy Dalton to TE Jermaine Gresham, but the Steelers responded immediately with an 81-yard drive to get the deciding TD. The Bengals had a big opportunity with 4:28 left, taking possession at the Steelers' 49-yard line after a 16-yard punt return by WR Brandon Tate, and they moved to a first down at the Steelers' 26 on three consecutive rushes by HB Cedric Benson. But on second down from the 25, Steelers CB William Gay intercepted a Dalton pass, and after gaining two first downs, the Steelers were able to take knees until the clock expired. The Bengals fell to 6-3, seeing the end of a five-game winning streak. They fell into a second-place tie with Baltimore in the AFC North Division, a half game behind the 7-3 Steelers.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh	14	3	7	0	—	24
Cincinnati	7	3	7	0	—	17

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — J.Cotchery 16 pass from B.Roethlisberger (S.Suisham kick)	1-9:15
Pitt. — R.Mendenhall 2 run (S.Suisham kick)	1-3:37
Cin. — A.Green 36 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	1-0:14
Cin. — M.Nugent 43 field goal	2-12:02
Pitt. — S.Suisham 39 field goal	2-0:58
Cin. — J.Gresham 1 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	3-8:38
Pitt. — R.Mendenhall 9 run (S.Suisham kick)	3-1:55

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 63,262. Time: 2:58.

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT.	CIN.
First downs	24	14
Third down conversions-attempts	5-12	4-11
Total net yards	328	279
Net yards rushing	105	109
Net yards passing	223	170
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	33-21-1	30-15-2
Sacks against-yards lost	5-22	0-0
Punts-average	5-50.4	6-42.7
Punt returns-yards	3-15	4-43
Kickoff returns-yards	3-69	2-56
Penalties-yards	4-31	4-35
Fumbles-lost	0-0	0-0
Time of possession	33:53	26:07

RUSHING

PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Mendenhall	16	44	9t	2	C.Benson	15	57	16	0
M.Wallace	2	31	16	0	B.Scott	7	38	11	0
I.Redman	7	25	11	0	A.Green	1	7	7	0
M.Moore	2	7	5	0	A.Hawkins	1	4	4	0
B.Roethlisberger	3	-2	0	0	B.Leonard	2	3	4	0
TOTALS	30	105	16	2	TOTALS	26	109	16	0

PASSING

PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Roethlisberger	33	21	245	1-1	A.Dalton	30	15	170	2-2
TOTALS	33	21	245	1-1	TOTALS	30	15	170	2-2

RECEIVING

PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
M.Wallace	6	54	13	0	A.Hawkins	5	56	25	0
A.Brown	5	86	21	0	J.Gresham	4	23	10	1
H.Miller	3	31	18	0	A.Caldwell	3	25	11	0
J.Cotchery	2	29	16t	1	A.Green	1	36	36t	1
R.Mendenhall	1	26	26	0	C.Cochart	1	25	25	0
W.Saunders	1	11	11	0	C.Benson	1	5	5	0
H.Ward	1	10	10	0					
D.Johnson	1	6	6	0					
I.Redman	1	-8	-8	0					
TOTALS	21	245	26	1	TOTALS	15	170	36t	2

DEFENSE

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Clark 3-5-8, T.Polamalu 5-1-6, J.Farrior 3-3-6, B.Keisel 3-2-5, L.Timmons 3-1-4, J.Harrison 2-2-4, W.Gay 2-1-3, K.Lewis 2-1-3, C.Hampton 1-2-3, J.Worlds 1-1-2, Z.Hood 1-0-1, S.McLendon 1-0-1, R.Mundy 1-0-1, L.Foote 0-1-1, I.Taylor 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: W.Gay 1-12, L.Timmons 1-0. PD: W.Gay 4, I.Taylor 2, T.Polamalu 1, L.Timmons 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: M.Lawson 6-5-11, C.Crocker 8-0-8, R.Mauluga 5-2-7, R.Geathers 4-2-6, F.Rucker 4-2-6, G.Atkins 4-1-5, G.Wilson 4-1-5, N.Clements 3-2-5, R.Nelson 3-2-5, D.Peko 2-3-5, K.Jennings 3-1-4, T.Howard 2-2-4, J.Fanene 0-3-3, D.Skuta 1-1-2, M.Johnson 0-2-2, L.Hall 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Geathers 1-5-4, G.Atkins 1-10, M.Lawson 0-5-3, D.Peko 0-5-3, M.Johnson 0-5-1. INT.-YDS.: L.Hall 1-0. PD: L.Hall 2, M.Johnson 1, R.Nelson 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

WEEK 11, GAME 10

Baltimore Ravens 31, Cincinnati Bengals 24
Sunday, Nov. 20, at M&T Bank Stadium

The Bengals piled up 483 yards — their most in a span of 72 games — with QB Andy Dalton resetting his Bengals rookie passing record at 373 yards. Too much of that total, however, came while trying to catch up. The Ravens took a 31-14 lead early in the fourth quarter and wound up denying Cincinnati a tying TD after a Bengals drive reached the Baltimore seven-yard line with 0:50 to play. Cincinnati was minus-two in turnover differential, with Dalton suffering his first three-INT game, and the Cincinnati defense gave up five scrimmage gains of 25 or more yards. The Ravens had a 100-yard receiver (WR Torrey Smith, with 165 and a TD) and a 100-yard rusher (RB Ray Rice, with 104 and two TDs). Bengals WR Jerome Simpson had a career-high 152 receiving yards for Cincinnati. The Bengals fell to 6-4, one game behind co-leaders Baltimore and Pittsburgh (both 7-3) in the AFC North Division race.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	7	0	7	10	—	24
Baltimore	0	14	10	7	—	31

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — C.Benson 7 run (M.Nugent kick)	1-8:17
Balt. — A.Boldin 35 pass from J.Flacco (B.Cundiff kick)	2-11:17
Balt. — R.Rice 1 run (B.Cundiff kick)	2-8:33
Balt. — B.Cundiff 22 field goal	3-10:50
Cin. — C.Benson 3 run (M.Nugent kick)	3-6:51
Balt. — R.Rice 2 run (B.Cundiff kick)	3-0:36
Balt. — T.Smith 38 pass from J.Flacco (B.Cundiff kick)	4-14:02
Cin. — A.Caldwell 49 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	4-10:59
Cin. — M.Nugent 27 field goal	4-5:32

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 71,320. Time: 3:19.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BALT.
First downs	23	13
Third down conversions-attempts	5-15	5-14
Total net yards	483	373
Net yards rushing	119	105
Net yards passing	364	268
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	46-24-3	27-17-1
Sacks against-yards lost	2-9	1-2
Punts-average	7-38.6	8-48.9
Punt returns-yards	4-24	3-6
Kickoff returns-yards	0-0	1-26
Penalties-yards	6-43	6-69
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-0
Time of possession	32:53	27:07

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	15	41	9	2	R.Rice	20	104	59	2
B.Scott	9	40	18	0	R.Williams	5	3	3	0
A.Dalton	4	32	11	0	J.Flacco	3	-2	0	0
B.Leonard	2	6	3	0					
TOTALS	30	119	18	2	TOTALS	28	105	59	2

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	45	24	373	1-3	J.Flacco	27	17	270	2-1
B.Scott	1	0	0	0-0					
TOTALS	46	24	373	1-3	TOTALS	27	17	270	2-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Simpson	8	152	47	0	T.Smith	6	165	49	1
B.Leonard	5	57	37	0	R.Rice	5	43	17	0
A.Hawkins	4	47	19	0	E.Dickson	2	21	14	0
A.Caldwell	3	63	49t	1	V.Leach	2	1	1	0
J.Gresham	3	48	24	0	A.Boldin	1	35	35t	1
C.Cochart	1	6	6	0	R.Williams	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	24	373	49t	1	TOTALS	17	270	49	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: M.Lawson 4-6-10, A.Jones 5-1-6, F.Rucker 5-1-6, R.Geathers 1-5-6, C.Crocker 5-0-5, G.Atkins 4-1-5, D.Peko 4-1-5, T.Howard 3-2-5, R.Mauluga 3-2-5, R.Nelson 2-1-3, P.Sims 1-1-2, N.Clements 0-2-2, K.Jennings 0-1-1, B.Johnson 0-1-1, D.Skuta 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: G.Atkins 1-2. INT.-YDS.: N.Clements 1-7. PD: N.Clements 1, T.Howard 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.McClain 8-1-9, B.Pollard 7-2-9, Ca.Williams 5-1-6, E.Reed 5-0-5, T.Suggs 3-2-5, B.Ayanbadejo 4-0-4, L.Webb 4-0-4, C.Redding 2-2-4, J.Johnson 3-0-3, J.Smith 3-0-3, D.Ellerbe 2-1-3, P.McPhee 2-1-3, T.Cody 1-2-3, B.McKinney 1-0-1, H.Nakamura 1-0-1, H.Ngata 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: P.McPhee 1-5, B.Pollard 1-4. INT.-YDS.: J.Smith 1-16, L.Webb 1-4, E.Reed 1-0. PD: Ca.Williams 4, E.Reed 2, L.Webb 2, H.Nakamura 1, B.Pollard 1, J.Smith 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

THE BENGALS ARE:

IN 2011

2-2	at home	6-1	when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
4-2	on the road	4-1	with plus turnover differential
4-2	when scoring first	1-0	with even turnover differential
2-2	when opponent scores first	1-3	with minus turnover differential
1-1	in games decided by three points or fewer	2-2	when passing for 250 net yards
2-4	in games decided by seven points or fewer	2-1	when opponent passes for 250 net yards
2-1	when leading at halftime	6-2	when scoring 20 points or more
1-0	when tied at halftime	2-3	when opponent scores 20 points or more
3-3	when trailing at halftime	6-4	when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
2-0	when leading after three quarters	0-0	when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
1-1	when tied after three quarters	3-1	on natural grass
3-3	when trailing after three quarters	3-3	on synthetic surface
3-2	when rushing for 100 net yards	4-2	with fewer penalty yards

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS (2003-PRESENT)

38-29-1	at home	42-15-1	when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
28-42-0	on the road	44-10-1	with plus turnover differential
43-25-1	when scoring first	14-15-0	with even turnover differential
23-46-0	when opponent scores first	8-46-0	with minus turnover differential
13-13-1	in games decided by three points or fewer	20-24-0	when passing for 250 net yards
32-34-1	in games decided by seven points or fewer	18-24-1	when opponent passes for 250 net yards
46-18-1	when leading at halftime	50-28-0	when scoring 20 points or more
7-1-0	when tied at halftime	23-63-0	when opponent scores 20 points or more
13-52-0	when trailing at halftime	64-65-1	when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
52-9-1	when leading after three quarters	2-6-0	when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
4-3-0	when tied after three quarters	26-24-0	on natural grass
10-59-0	when trailing after three quarters	40-47-1	on synthetic surface
45-25-0	when rushing for 100 net yards	37-38-1	with fewer penalty yards

BEST PERFORMANCES

RUSHING YARDS

121 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland
 104 — Cedric Benson, Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo
 78 — Cedric Benson, Nov. 6 at Tennessee

RUSHING ATTEMPTS

25 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland
 24 — Cedric Benson, Oct. 9 at Jacksonville
 22 — Bernard Scott, Oct. 30 at Seattle

LONGEST RUSHES

39 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland (TD)
 28 — Cedric Benson, Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo
 18 — Bernard Scott, Nov. 20 at Baltimore

RECEPTIONS

10 — A.J. Green, Sept. 18 at Denver
 8 — Jerome Simpson, Nov. 20 at Baltimore
 7 — A.J. Green, Nov. 6 at Tennessee

RECEIVING YARDS

152 — Jerome Simpson, Nov. 20 at Baltimore
 136 — Jerome Simpson, Sept. 18 at Denver
 124 — A.J. Green, Sept. 18 at Denver

PASSING YARDS

373 — Andy Dalton, Nov. 20 at Baltimore
 332 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Denver
 298 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo

PASS ATTEMPTS

45 — Andy Dalton, Nov. 20 at Baltimore
 41 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Denver
 39 — Andy Dalton, Nov. 6 at Tennessee

PASS COMPLETIONS

27 — Andy Dalton, Sept. 18 at Denver
 25 — Andy Dalton, Oct. 16 vs. Indianapolis
 24 — Andy Dalton, Nov. 20 at Baltimore

LONGEST PASSES

84 — Andy Dalton to Jerome Simpson, Sept. 18 at Denver
 58 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo
 49 — Andy Dalton to Andre Caldwell, Nov. 20 at Baltimore (TD)

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

152 — Jerome Simpson, Nov. 20 at Baltimore
 136 — Jerome Simpson, Sept. 18 at Denver
 124 — (two times)

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURNS

45 — Brandon Tate, Oct. 30 at Seattle
 37 — Brandon Tate, Oct. 9 at Jacksonville
 35 — Brandon Tate, Sept. 11 at Cleveland

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

63 — Adam Jones, Oct. 30 at Seattle
 56 — Brandon Tate, Oct. 30 at Seattle (TD)
 33 — Brandon Tate, Oct. 16 vs. Indianapolis

TOTAL TACKLES*

13 — Reggie Nelson, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco
 12 — Rey Mauluga, Sept. 18 at Denver
 12 — Rey Mauluga, Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo

SOLO TACKLES*

9 — Rey Mauluga, Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo
 8 — (three times)

*NOTE: The defensive statistics above were compiled by Bengals coaches while reviewing game film and thus may differ from those listed in the statistics books 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	458	32-171	287	18-36	1/2	2-11	25	5-12	1-0	31:21
Oct. 9	at Jacksonville	239	31-77	162	21-33	2/1	2-17	13	8-19	1-0	32:33
Oct. 16	INDIANAPOLIS	358	31-94	264	25-32	1/0	0-0	17	6-14	0-0	33:36
Oct. 23	— BYE —										
Oct. 30	at Seattle	252	27-92	160	18-29	2/2	1-8	18	6-14	0-0	31:27
Nov. 6	at Tennessee	319	30-109	210	22-39	3/0	1-7	20	8-16	1-0	32:55
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH	279	26-109	170	15-30	2/2	0-0	14	4-11	0-0	26:07
Nov. 20	at Baltimore	483	30-119	364	24-46	1/3	2-9	23	5-15	1-0	32:53
Nov. 27	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 11	HOUSTON										
Dec. 18	at St. Louis										
Dec. 24	ARIZONA										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		3292	280-1061	2231	202-345	16/12	15-100	179	51-139	7-1	30:34

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	273	21-83	190	20-34	0/0	1-9	12	4-14	0-0	28:39
Oct. 9	at Jacksonville	296	27-96	200	15-28	1/0	3-21	12	6-16	4-2	27:27
Oct. 16	INDIANAPOLIS	273	23-94	179	23-34	1/1	1-9	18	6-12	2-2	26:24
Oct. 23	— BYE —										
Oct. 30	at Seattle	411	20-61	350	25-47	0/1	4-25	20	5-15	1-1	28:33
Nov. 6	at Tennessee	328	20-78	250	24-41	2/0	2-22	19	5-14	3-1	27:05
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH	328	30-105	223	21-33	1/1	5-22	24	5-12	0-0	33:07
Nov. 20	at Baltimore	373	28-105	268	17-27	2/1	1-2	13	5-14	3-0	27:07
Nov. 27	CLEVELAND										
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh										
Dec. 11	HOUSTON										
Dec. 18	at St. Louis										
Dec. 24	ARIZONA										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		3111	260-886	2225	199-339	11/5	26-154	170	50-139	19-9	29:26

TRANSACTIONS

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

<p>Aug. 8 — Waived S Brian Lainhart and G Mark Wetterer.</p> <p>Aug. 11 — Signed WR John Standeford (FA); OT Kirk Chambers (UFA-Cin.) signed with Detroit.</p> <p>Aug. 15 — Signed DE Jonathan Fanene (UFA-Cin.).</p> <p>Aug. 16 — Terminated the contracts of DT Tank Johnson and TE Garrett Mills.</p> <p>Aug. 17 — Signed WR Calvin Russell (FA) and CB LeRoy Vann; TE Reggie Kelly (UFA-Cin.) signed with Atlanta.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Aug. 29 — Acquired CB Kelly Jennings in a trade with Seattle for DT Clinton McDonald; Waived DT Lolomana Mikaele (injury settlement).</p> <p>Aug. 31 — Signed OT Andrew Whitworth* to a two-year contract extension through 2015; Signed DT Cornell Banks (FA).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Sept. 3 — Terminated the contracts of DE Victor Adeyanju, G Max Jean-Gilles and CB Jonathan Wade; Placed CB Adam Jones on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Placed LB Keith Rivers on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list; Placed LB Roddrick Muckelroy and TE Bo Scaife on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived the following 19 players: DT Cornell Banks, FB James Develin, LB DeQuin Evans, HB Jay Finley, CB Brandon Ghee, HB John Griffin, WR Andrew Hawkins, QB Dan LeFevour, CB Corey 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.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Sept. 5 — Waived TE Mickey Shuler (failed physical); Signed TE Chase Coffman to the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6 — Signed CB Rico Murray (FA); Signed QB Zac Robinson to the practice squad; Released QB Dan LeFevour from the practice squad.</p> <p>Sept. 14 — Signed TE Donald Lee (FA); Waived CB Rico Murray.</p> <p>Sept. 19 — Placed WR Jordan Shipley on the Reserve/Injured list.</p> <p>Sept. 20 — Signed WR Andrew Hawkins from the practice squad; Signed WR Armon Binns to the practice squad.</p> <p>Oct. 3 — The suspension of G Bobbie Williams (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) expired and he returned to practice with a roster exemption.</p> <p>Oct. 6 — Activated G Bobbie Williams from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived G Otis Hudson.</p> <p>Oct. 7 — Signed G Otis Hudson to the practice squad; Released DT Jason Shirley from the practice squad.</p> <p>Oct. 18 — Traded QB Carson Palmer (Reserve/Did Not Report list) to Oakland for the Raiders' first-round draft choice in the 2012 NFL draft and their second-round choice in the '13 draft; HB Cedric Benson was placed by NFL on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list.</p> <p>Oct. 24 — CB Adam Jones (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list) returned to practice with a roster exemption.</p> <p>Oct. 28 — Activated CB Adam Jones from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.</p> <p>Oct. 31 — Announced that NFL granted HB Cedric Benson (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a two-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.</p> <p>Nov. 2 — Activated HB Cedric Benson from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived CB Morgan Trent.</p> <p>Nov. 9 — Announced that LB Keith Rivers (Reserve/Non-Football Injury list) was eligible to return to practice on a roster exemption.</p> <p>Nov. 14 — Signed CB Brandon Ghee from the practice squad; Placed CB Leon Hall on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed LB DeQuin Evans on the Practice Squad/Injured list.</p> <p>Nov. 15 — Signed CB Walter McFadden (FA) to the practice squad.</p> <p>Nov. 16 — Signed CB John Bowie (FA) to the practice squad.</p>
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* NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.

PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

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

PSI — practice squad/injured list
 PSSBC — practice squad/suspended by commissioner list
 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
 * — eligible to practice with a 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	10-9	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	P	DT	DT	DT	DT						
Benson, Cedric	9-9	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	RSBC	HB	HB	HB						
Binns, Armon	0-0	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS						
Boling, Clint	4-3	RG	RG	RG	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL						
Bowie, John	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT						
Caldwell, Andre	10-2	P	P	WR	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						WR
Clements, Nate	10-10	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB						LCB
Cochart, Colin	6-2	2ndTE	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	TE	P	P	P						P
Coffman, Chase	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS						PS
Collins, Anthony	2-0	P	DNP	DNP	IL	IL	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	IL						
Cook, Kyle	10-10	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C						C
Crocker, Chris	10-10	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS						SS
Dalton, Andy	10-10	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB						QB
Develin, James	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS						PS
Dunlap, Carlos	9-1	P	P	P	LDE	P	P	P	P	IL	P						
Evans, DeQuin	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS						PSSBC
Fanene, Jonathan	10-2	P	LDE	LDE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
Geathers, Robert	8-7	LDE	IL	IL	P	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE						LDE
Ghee, Brandon	1-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS						P
Gradkowski, Bruce	1-0	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP						DNP
Green, A.J.	9-9	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR						IL
Gresham, Jermaine	8-7	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	IL	IL	P	TE						TE
Hall, Leon	9-9	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB						RI
Harris, Clark	10-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
Hawkins, Andrew	7-0	PS	PS	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
Howard, Thomas	10-9	WLB	WLB	WLB	LB	WLB	WLB	P	WLB	WLB	WLB						WLB
Huber, Kevin	10-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
Hudson, Otis	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS						PS
Jennings, Kelly	7-0	IL	P	P	P	IL	IL	P	P	P	P						P
Johnson, Brandon	10-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	WLB	P	P	P						P
Johnson, Michael	10-5	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	P	P	P	P	P						P
Jones, Adam	2-1	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	P	IL	IL	RCB						RCB
Lawson, Manny	10-9	SLB	SLB	SLB	P	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB						SLB
Lee, Donald	6-2	NWT	IL	P	2ndTE	P	P	P	TE	IL	IL						IL
Leonard, Brian	10-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
Livingston, Nate	10-10	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG						LG
Mauluga, Rey	7-7	MLB	MLB	MLB	LB	MLB	IL	IL	IL	MLB	MLB						MLB
Mays, Taylor	5-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	DNP	P	P	P	P	P						P
McFadden, Walter	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS						PS
McGlynn, Mike	3-1	DNP	DNP	P	RG	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP						DNP
Miles, Jeremy	10-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
Moch, Dontay	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL						IL
Muckelroy, Roddrick	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI						RI
Murray, Rico	1-0	P	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT						NWT
Nelson, Reggie	10-10	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS						FS
Nugent, Mike	10-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
O'Donnell, Matthew	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS						PS
Peerman, Cedric	9-0	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
Peko, Domata	10-10	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT						NT
Pressley, Chris	10-8	P	FB	FB	P	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB						FB
Rey, Vincent	10-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
Rivers, Keith	0-0	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI*	RNFI*						RNFI*
Robinson, Zac	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS						PS
Roland, Dennis	10-2	P	P	P	P	P	2ndTE	P	P	TE	P						P
Rucker, Frostee	10-5	P	P	P	P	P	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE						RDE
Sands, Robert	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL						IL
Scaife, Bo	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI						RI
Scott, Bernard	10-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	HB	P	P	P						P
Shipley, Jordan	2-0	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI						RI
Shirley, Jason	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT						NWT
Simpson, Jerome	10-8	WR	WR	P	WR	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	WR						WR
Sims, Pat	10-1	P	P	P	P	P	DT	P	P	P	P						P
Skuta, Dan	10-3	P	P	P	P	P	MLB	MLB	MLB	P	P						P
Smith, Andre	10-10	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT						ROT
Tate, Brandon	10-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P
Trent, Morgan	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	NWT	NWT	NWT						NWT
Whalen, Ryan	1-0	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL						IL
Whitworth, Andrew	10-10	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT						LOT
Williams, Bobbie	6-6	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG						RG
Wilson, Gibril	10-1	P	P	P	nkIDB	P	P	P	P	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	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	McGlynn	Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Lee(2ndTE)
Oct. 9	at Jacksonville	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Williams	Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Pressley
Oct. 16	INDIANAPOLIS	Roland(2ndTE)	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Williams	Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Pressley
Oct. 23	— BYE —											
Oct. 30	at Seattle	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Williams	Smith	Cochart	Green	Dalton	Scott	Pressley
Nov. 6	at Tennessee	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Williams	Smith	Lee	Green	Dalton	Benson	Pressley
Nov. 13	PITTSBURGH	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Williams	Smith	Roland	Green	Dalton	Benson	Pressley
Nov. 20	at Baltimore	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Williams	Smith	Gresham	Caldwell	Dalton	Benson	Pressley
Nov. 27	CLEVELAND											
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh											
Dec. 11	HOUSTON											
Dec. 18	at St. Louis											
Dec. 24	ARIZONA											
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE											

DEFENSE

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

DEPTH CHART

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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	63	BOBBIE WILLIAMS	65	<u>Clint Boling</u>		
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	92	Frostee Rucker	68	Jonathan Fanene
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	24	Adam Jones		
RCB	23	KELLY JENNINGS	21	Brandon Ghee		
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	24	Adam Jones	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

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

NOV. 22, 2011

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	2	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
32	Benson, Cedric	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	7	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
65	Boling, Clint	G	6-5	311	5-9-89	R	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
87	Caldwell, Andre	WR	6-0	190	4-15-85	4	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
22	Clements, Nate	CB	6-0	200	12-12-79	11	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, Ohio	FA'11
81	Cochart, Colin	TE	6-4	254	7-7-87	R	South Dakota State	Kewaunee, Wis.	CFA'11
73	Collins, Anthony	OT	6-5	315	11-2-85	4	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
64	Cook, Kyle	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	4	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
42	Crocker, Chris	S	5-11	197	3-9-80	9	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	R	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	289	2-28-89	2	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE/DT	6-4	285	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
21	Ghee, Brandon	CB	6-0	193	6-6-87	2	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
7	Gradkowski, Bruce	QB	6-1	220	1-27-83	6	Toledo	Pittsburgh, Pa.	UFA(Oak)'11
18	Green, A.J.	WR	6-4	207	7-31-88	R	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
84	Gresham, Jermaine	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	2	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
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
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
24	Jones, Adam	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	5	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
99	Lawson, Manny	LB	6-5	240	7-3-84	6	North Carolina State	Goldsboro, N.C.	UFA(S.F.)'11
86	Lee, Donald	TE	6-4	248	8-31-80	9	Mississippi State	Maben, Miss.	FA'11
40	Leonard, Brian	HB	6-1	225	2-3-84	5	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(STL)'09
62	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	320	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.)'10
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	6	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
36	Pressley, Chris	FB	5-11	256	8-8-86	3	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	PS(Cin.)'10
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-2	247	9-6-87	1	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
74	Roland, Dennis	OT	6-9	322	3-10-83	4	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
92	Rucker, Frostee	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	6	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
31	Sands, Robert	S	6-4	209	11-3-89	R	West Virginia	Carol City, Fla.	D5'11
28	Scott, Bernard	HB	5-10	198	2-10-84	3	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
89	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	190	2-4-86	4	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	4	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
51	Skuta, Dan	LB	6-2	248	4-21-86	3	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
71	Smith, Andre	OT	6-4	335	1-25-87	3	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
19	Tate, Brandon	WR	6-1	195	10-5-87	3	North Carolina	Burlington, N.C.	W(N.E.)'11
88	Whalen, Ryan	WR	6-1	202	7-26-89	R	Stanford	Alamo, Calif.	D6'11
77	Whitworth, Andrew	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	6	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
63	Williams, Bobbie	G	6-4	340	9-25-76	12	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
27	Wilson, Gibril	S	6-0	206	11-12-81	8	Tennessee	San Jose, Calif.	FA'10

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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PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

85	Binns, Armon (9-20)	WR	6-3	210	9-8-89	R	Cincinnati	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'11
37	Bowie, John (11-16)	CB	5-11	190	5-11-84	4	Cincinnati	Columbus, Ohio	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
60	Hudson, Otis (10-7)	G	6-5	311	7-19-86	1	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
25	McFadden, Walter (11-15)	CB	5-10	180	1-21-87	2	Auburn	Pompano Beach, Fla.	FA'11
76	O'Donnell, Matthew (9-4)	OT	6-9	328	3-26-89	R	Queen's (Canada)	Kingston (Ontario, Canada)	CFA'11
5	Robinson, Zac (9-6)	QB	6-3	218	9-29-86	2	Oklahoma State	Littleton, Colo.	FA'11

PRACTICE SQUAD/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

41	Evans, DeQuin (11-14; shoulder)	LB	6-2	250	5-17-87	R	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'11
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RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

29	Hall, Leon (11-14; Achilles)	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	5	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
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
11	Shiple, Jordan (9-19; knee)	WR	6-0	188	12-23-85	2	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

NOV. 22, 2011

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
2	Mike Nugent.....	K	5-10	183	3-2-82	7	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
7	Bruce Gradkowski.....	QB	6-1	220	1-27-83	6	Toledo	Pittsburgh, Pa.	UFA(Oak.)'11
10	Kevin Huber.....	P	6-1	208	7-16-85	3	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
14	Andy Dalton.....	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	R	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
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
21	Brandon Ghee.....	CB	6-0	193	6-6-87	2	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
22	Nate Clements.....	CB	6-0	200	12-12-79	11	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, Ohio	FA'11
23	Kelly Jennings.....	CB	5-11	180	11-30-82	6	Miami (Fla.)	Live Oak, Fla.	T(Sea.)'11
24	Adam Jones.....	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	5	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
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
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 Maualuga.....	LB	6-2	260	1-20-87	3	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
59	Brandon Johnson.....	LB	6-5	245	4-5-83	6	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
62	Nate Livings.....	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	4	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
63	Bobbie Williams.....	G	6-4	340	9-25-76	12	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
64	Kyle Cook.....	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	4	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
65	Clint Boling.....	G	6-5	311	5-9-89	R	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
66	Mike McGlynn.....	C/G	6-4	320	3-8-85	4	Pittsburgh	Austintown, Ohio	W(Phil.)'11
68	Jonathan Fanene.....	DE/DT	6-4	285	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
81	Colin Cochart.....	TE	6-4	254	7-7-87	R	South Dakota State	Kewaunee, Wis.	CFA'11
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	Frostee Rucker.....	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	6	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
93	Michael Johnson.....	DE	6-7	267	2-7-87	3	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
94	Domata Peko.....	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	6	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
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	Goldboro, N.C.	UFA(S.F.)'11

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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PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

5	Zac Robinson (9-6).....	QB	6-3	218	9-29-86	2	Oklahoma State	Littleton, Colo.	FA'11
25	Walter McFadden (11-15).....	CB	5-10	180	1-21-87	2	Auburn	Pompano Beach, Fla.	FA'11
35	James Develin (9-4).....	FB	6-3	251	7-23-88	1	Brown	Gilbertsville, Pa.	FA'10
37	John Bowie (11-16).....	CB	5-11	190	5-11-84	4	Cincinnati	Columbus, Ohio	FA'11
60	Otis Hudson (10-7).....	G	6-5	311	7-19-86	1	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
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	210	9-8-89	R	Cincinnati	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'11

PRACTICE SQUAD/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

41	DeQuin Evans (11-14; shoulder).....	LB	6-2	250	5-17-87	R	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'11
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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
29	Leon Hall (11-14; Achilles).....	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	5	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
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

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 6-4

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-11-11	W	27-17	at Cleveland	67,321
9-18-11	L	22-24	at Denver	73,281
9-25-11	L	8-13	SAN FRANCISCO	43,363
10-2-11	W	23-20	BUFFALO	41,142
10-9-11	W	30-20	at Jacksonville	61,799
10-16-11	W	27-17	INDIANAPOLIS	52,068
10-23-11			— BYE —	
10-30-11	W	34-12	at Seattle	66,004
11-6-11	W	24-17	at Tennessee	69,143
11-13-11	L	17-24	PITTSBURGH	63,262
11-20-11	L	24-31	at Baltimore	71,320
11-27-11			CLEVELAND	
12-4-11			at Pittsburgh	
12-11-11			HOUSTON	
12-18-11			at St. Louis	
12-24-11			ARIZONA	
1-1-12			BALTIMORE	

TEAM STATISTICS		CIN	OPP
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	.....	179	170
Rushing	.....	56	56
Passing	.....	106	106
Penalty	.....	17	8
3rd Down: Made-Att	.....	51-139	50-139
3rd Down Pct.	.....	36.7	36.0
4th Down: Made-Att	.....	2-6	3-6
4th Down Pct.	.....	33.3	50.0
POSSESSION AVG.	.....	30:34	29:26
TOTAL NET YARDS	.....	3292	3111
Avg. Per Game	.....	329.2	311.1
Total Plays	.....	640	625
Avg. Per Play	.....	5.1	5.0
NET YARDS RUSHING	.....	1061	886
Avg. Per Game	.....	106.1	88.6
Total Rushes	.....	280	260
NET YARDS PASSING	.....	2231	2225
Avg. Per Game	.....	223.1	222.5
Sacked-Yards Lost	.....	15-100	26-154
Gross Yards	.....	2331	2379
Att.-Completions	.....	345-202	339-199
Completion Pct.	.....	58.6	58.7
Had Intercepted	.....	12	5
PUNTS-AVG.	.....	62-44.0	66-47.2
Net Punting Avg.	.....	62-39.3	66-39.0
PENALTIES-YARDS	.....	60-520	66-529
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	.....	7-1	19-9
TOUCHDOWNS	.....	26	22
Rushing	.....	6	10
Passing	.....	16	11
Returns	.....	4	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	54	32	53	97	0	236
OPPONENTS	31	81	33	50	0	195

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-R	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	0	24-25	18-19	0	78
A.J. Green	6	0	6	0	—	—	0	36
Cedric Benson	4	4	0	0	—	—	0	24
Jermaine Gresham	4	0	4	0	—	—	0	24
Andre Caldwell	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
Jerome Simpson	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Geno Atkins	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Colin Cochart	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Andy Dalton	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Carlos Dunlap	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Reggie Nelson	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Bernard Scott	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Brandon Tate	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	26	6	16	4	24-25	18-19	1	236
OPPONENTS	22	10	11	1	21-21	14-15	0	195

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

Sacks-yards: Geno Atkins 5.5-25.5, Frostee Rucker 4-24, Carlos Dunlap 3-31, Jonathan Fanene 3-20, Michael Johnson 3-14.5, Chris Crocker 2.5-12, Robert Geathers 1.5-4, Reggie Nelson 1-8, Pat Sims 1-5, Dan Skuta 0.5-4, Manny Lawson 0.5-3, Domata Peko 0.5-3. BENGALS 26-154, OPPONENTS 15-100.

Fumbles-lost: Andy Dalton 2-0, Brandon Tate 2-0, Nate Clements 1-1, A.J. Green 1-0, Jordan Shipley 1-0. BENGALS 7-1, OPPONENTS 19-9.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	332	197	2239	59.3	6.74	15	4.5	12	3.6	84	14-93	79.6
Bruce Gradkowski	12	5	92	41.7	7.67	1	8.3	0	0.0	41t	1-7	96.5
Bernard Scott	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	—	0-0	39.6
BENGALS	345	202	2331	58.6	6.76	16	4.6	12	3.5	84	15-100	80.0
OPPONENTS	339	199	2379	58.7	7.02	11	3.2	5	1.5	74t	26-154	84.9

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Cedric Benson	167	634	3.8	39t	4
Bernard Scott	74	263	3.6	18	1
Brian Leonard	16	83	5.2	14	0
Andy Dalton	17	58	3.4	11	1
A.J. Green	2	13	6.5	7	0
Andrew Hawkins	2	10	5.0	6	0
Bruce Gradkowski	2	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	280	1061	3.8	39t	6
OPPONENTS	260	886	3.4	59	10

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	41	635	15.5	58	6
Jerome Simpson	34	562	16.5	84	2
Jermaine Gresham	32	302	9.4	25	4
Andre Caldwell	32	283	8.8	49t	3
Brian Leonard	16	171	10.7	37	0
Andrew Hawkins	14	159	11.4	25	0
Donald Lee	8	106	13.3	26	0
Bernard Scott	8	13	1.6	5	0
Cedric Benson	6	29	4.8	10	0
Colin Cochart	4	38	9.5	25	1
Jordan Shipley	4	14	3.5	5	0
Chris Pressley	3	19	6.3	9	0
BENGALS	202	2331	11.5	84	16
OPPONENTS	199	2379	12.0	74t	11

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Leon Hall	2	15	7.5	15	0
Reggie Nelson	1	75	75.0	75t	1
Nate Clements	1	7	7.0	7	0
Michael Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	5	97	19.4	75t	1
OPPONENTS	12	129	10.8	43t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	62	2731	44.0	39.3	7	17	71	0
BENGALS	62	2731	44.0	39.3	7	17	71	0
OPPONENTS	66	3116	47.2	39.0	5	13	65	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	37	9	376	10.2	56t	1
Adam Jones	1	0	63	63.0	63	0
Nate Clements	0	1	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	38	10	439	11.6	63	1
OPPONENTS	25	16	152	6.1	21	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	23	559	24.3	45	0
Nate Clements	1	4	4.0	4	0
BENGALS	24	563	23.5	45	0
OPPONENTS	23	558	24.3	51	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mike Nugent	0-0	7-7	4-4	7-8	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	7-7	4-4	7-8	0-0
OPPONENTS	1-1	6-6	2-2	4-4	1-2

Mike Nugent: (24G, 47G), (45G, 37G, 23G), (22G, 23G), (31G, 21G, 43G), (47G), (20G, 43G, 43WR), (34G, 48G), (36G), (43G), (27G).
Opponents: (20G), (34G), (23G, 53G), (43G, 23G), (19G, 20G), (46G, 52B), (47G, 25G), (43G), (39G), (22G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Reggie Nelson	42	26	68	1-8	1-75	4	2	0-0
Thomas Howard	40	24	64	0-0	0-0	2	2	0-0
Rey Mauluga	38	24	62	0-0	0-0	2	1	0-0
Domata Peko	33	21	54	0.5-3	0-0	0	1	1-0
Nate Clements	37	15	52	0-0	1-7	10	2	2-0
Chris Crocker	36	10	46	2.5-12	0-0	4	1	0-0
Geno Atkins	24	19	43	5.5-25.5	0-0	1	0	1-10
Manny Lawson	21	22	43	0.5-3	0-0	3	0	0-0
Frostee Rucker	22	17	39	4-24	0-0	2	0	0-0
Leon Hall	31	7	38	0-0	2-15	10	0	1-10
Dan Skuta	17	10	27	0.5-4	0-0	0	1	0-0
Jonathan Fanene	11	16	27	3-20	0-0	0	0	1-0
Robert Geathers	15	11	26	1.5-4	0-0	1	0	0-0
Pat Sims	11	15	26	1-5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	11	13	24	3-14.5	1-0	5	1	1-0
Gibril Wilson	12	11	23	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0
Brandon Johnson	15	7	22	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	10	9	19	3-31	0-0	3	0	1-35
Kelly Jennings	12	3	15	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Adam Jones	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Morgan Trent	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Taylor Mays	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Cedric Peerman	10	0	10	0	0-0	0	0	0
Gibril Wilson	5	2	7	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	4	3	7	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brian Leonard	5	1	6	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jerome Miles	4	0	4	0	0-0	0	0	0
Taylor Mays	3	1	4	0	0-0	0	0	0
Dan Skuta	3	1	4	0	0-0	0	0	0
Reggie Nelson	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Andrew Hawkins	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kelly Jennings	2	0	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
Brandon Johnson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Manny Lawson	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Rico Murray	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
Nate Clements	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	1	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.