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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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CINCINNATI BENGALS (7-6)
AT
ST. LOUIS RAMS (2-11)

WEEK 15, GAME 14
SUNDAY, DEC. 18
AT EDWARD JONES DOME
 NEXT UP: WEEK 16, GAME 15
 DEC. 24 VS. ARIZONA

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. EST.

Television: CBS broadcast with Greg Gumbel (play-by-play) and Dan Dierdorf (analyst). The game will be aired in the Bengals home market on WKRC-TV (Channel 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Channel 7) in Dayton and WKYT-TV (Channel 27) in 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: The Bengals are now on the outside looking in at the AFC playoff race, but it's not as if a door has been slammed. Heading this week to St. Louis, Cincinnati is a game behind the 8-5 New York Jets for the final Wild Card spot. Joining the Bengals as 7-6 Wild Card hopefuls are Tennessee and Oakland.

"We've still got opportunities, and we've got to take advantage of them," head coach Marvin Lewis said after watching his team lose a 13-point lead in a 20-19 home loss to Houston. "We've got to find a way to win at St. Louis, then win the next week and the week after that. I've got to pump some air into this team, make corrections and get us back on track. Then we see what happens."

"Before this game we kind of controlled our own destiny," Lewis said. "Now that's not so much the case. But a lot can still happen, and we'll see what happens."

While the Bengals are trying to take care of business against the Rams, the Jets will be playing at Philadelphia. Tennessee will visit Indianapolis, and Oakland host Detroit.

The Bengals, who have won five games this season with fourth-quarter comebacks, saw the tables turned last week. They led Houston 16-3 at halftime but lost 20-19. The Texans erased a 19-10 deficit on their last two possessions, driving 83 yards for a field goal and 80 yards for a touchdown. The TD came with :02 remaining.

"Very frustrating," said LB Rey Mauluga, who stopped an early Houston threat with a forced fumble and recovery on a first-and-goal play from the one. "We had it in our favor and seemed as if we were doing everything well. They found ways to get the ball downfield, and they got a big penalty call. It sucks because we know we had the game."

The penalty Mauluga referenced was a pass interference call against CB Adam Jones. It moved Houston from a third-and-10 at the Bengals 23 with 0:18 remaining to a first-and-goal from the six. It was a call the Bengals believed could just as well have been a no-call.

"But it is what it is," said Jones. "The call was made and it's over. I've got no excuses. I've got to make a better play on that."

Playoff-scenario talk will not be on the players' agenda this week.

"Right now our focus has to just be on us," said Mauluga, "to find ways to get better. We can't be worrying about what's ahead or on what other teams are doing. If we take care of our business, and right now that means getting ready to beat St. Louis, things sometimes have a way of taking care of themselves."

K Mike Nugent had a good day against Houston, going four-for-four on field goals, but in part that reflected an offensive performance that netted just one

touchdown and two FGs on three red-zone opportunities.

"If you don't get touchdowns and settle for field goals, you give teams a chance to come back," said OT Andrew Whitworth. "Houston is a good team, and they took advantage. We don't like it, but dwelling on it won't do any good. The only thing that will do any good is being ready to do better against the Rams."

The series: The Bengals lead 6-5 overall, but the Rams lead 3-2 as the home team and have won the only two meetings in St. Louis.

In games at St. Louis:

- In 1996, the Rich Brooks-coached Rams defeated Dave Shula's Bengals 26-16.

- In 2003, Mike Martz' Rams, en route to a 12-4 season, defeated Marvin Lewis' first Bengals team 27-10.

The Bengals won their most recent game against the Rams, 19-10 at Paul Brown Stadium in 2007.

In all games, the Bengals were 5-2 against the Los Angeles Rams but are 1-3 since the Rams moved to St. Louis.

The Bengals were 2-1 on the road against the Rams when the franchise was based in Los Angeles. They played the Rams in 1972 and 1978 at the Los Angeles Coliseum, and in 1990 at Anaheim Stadium.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — MOST POINTS: 34, in a 34-31 overtime victory at Anaheim Stadium in 1990. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 14, in a 24-10 victory at Cincinnati in 1981. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 15-3 victory at Cincinnati in 1993.

Rams — MOST POINTS: 38, in a 38-10 win at Cinergy Field in 1999. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 28, in the 38-10 victory at Cincinnati in '99. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 10 (twice), most recently in a 27-10 win at St. Louis in 2003.

The last meetings: Complete summaries of the last two Bengals-Rams meetings — in 2003 at St. Louis and in '07 at Cincinnati — are on page 15 of this release.

Records vs. Rams: The Bengals record for passing yards in a game (490) was posted by Boomer Esiason against the L.A. Rams in an overtime game at Anaheim Stadium on Oct. 7, 1990. The Bengals team record for net yards passing (483) was also set in that game.

Az-Zahir Hakim of the Rams tied the Bengals opponents' records for TDs (four) and points (24) at Cinergy Field on Oct. 3, 1999. Hakim is among three opponents to have reached those totals. Hakim also tied the Bengals opponents' record for receiving TDs in a game (three), a record now shared by eight players.

Bengals in domes: This week's game at the Edward Jones Dome will be the 62nd indoor game for the Bengals franchise in its 44 seasons, and the only indoor game this season.

The Bengals have played in 11 different domed stadiums, including games when retractable roofs have been closed. Their record is 24-36-1. That's a winning percentage of only .402, but it's better than the franchise's percentage

(Bengals in domes, continued)

for all road games (.333, 112-225-1). Almost half the games — 28 — were played against the Houston Oilers in the Astrodome.

This will be the Bengals' third game at the Edward Jones Dome (formerly TransWorld Dome), and Cincinnati will be looking for its first win at the site, having lost to the Rams by 26-16 in 1996 and 27-10 in 2003.

The most recent previous Bengals game in an indoor stadium was a 23-17 loss to Indianapolis on Nov. 14 of last season at Lucas Oil Stadium, on a day when the retractable roof was closed.

Here is the Bengals' history in the 11 domes they've visited:

STADIUM	CITY	GAMES	W-L
Astrodome	Houston.....	28	10-17-1
RCA Dome*	Indianapolis.....	7	3-4-0
Kingdome	Seattle.....	5	3-2-0
Superdome	New Orleans.....	5	3-2-0
Silverdome	Pontiac, Mich.....	4	3-1-0
Metrodome	Minneapolis.....	4	0-4-0
Edward Jones Dome**	St. Louis.....	2	0-2-0
Georgia Dome	Atlanta.....	2	0-2-0
Lucas Oil Stadium	Indianapolis.....	2	0-2-0
Reliant Stadium	Houston.....	1	1-0-0
Ford Field	Detroit.....	1	1-0-0
TOTALS		61	24-36-1

* — Formerly Hoosier Dome. ** — Formerly TransWorld Dome.

BENGALS-RAMS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	RAMS
SCORING (AVG. POINTS):		
Points scored.....	18th (21.9)	32nd (11.7)
Points allowed.....	T-12th (20.7)	25th (25.1)
NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total.....	20th (322.9)	30th (283.8)
Rushing.....	19th (107.5)	26th (99.8)
Passing.....	19th (215.4)	28th (184.0)
NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total.....	7th (314.8)	25th (365.6)
Rushing.....	7th (100.0)	32nd (156.8)
Passing.....	11th (214.8)	8th (208.8)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential.....	T-13th (plus-1)	T-22nd (minus-5)

Bengals-Rams connections: Bengals quarterbacks coach Ken Zampese was on the Rams coaching staff from 2000-02 ... Rams TE Ben

Guidugli is from the Cincinnati area (Fort Thomas, Ky.; Highlands HS) and played at the University of Cincinnati ... Rams LS Jake McQuaide is from Cincinnati (Elder HS) and played at Ohio State ... Rams LB James Laurinaitis played at Ohio State ... Bengals defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer coached at Missouri from 1979-80 ... Rams head coach Steve Spagnuolo coached at Bowling Green from 1996-97 ... Rams linebackers coach Paul Ferraro coached at Ohio University in 1990 and Bowling Green from 1991-98 ... Rams strength coach Rock Gullickson coached at Louisville from 1998-99 ... Rams special teams coordinator Tom McMahon coached at Louisville in 2006 ... Bengals HB Brian Leonard played for the Rams from 2007-08 ... Bengals OT Dennis Roland is from Bolivar, Mo. ... Bengals TE Chase Coffman (practice squad) played at Missouri and is from Peculiar, Mo. ... Bengals WR Andrew Hawkins spent time with the Rams this preseason ... Rams G Jacob Bell played at Miami (Ohio).

Red zone reports: The Bengals defense had a major red-zone stop in the second quarter vs. Houston, as MLB Rey Mauluga forced and recovered a fumble by RB Ben Tate on a first-and-goal play from the one. On three other Texans red-zone chances, the defense surrendered two TDs and a field goal. For a second straight week, the Bengals rank 29th in defensive red-zone TD percentage (62.9).

The Bengals offense scored only one TD on three red-zone chances in the Houston game, twice settling for field goals. The offense fell from tied for 16th to 20th in TD percentage, now at 48.7.

The Rams have staved off enough opponent drives to rank tied for 9th in defensive TD percentage (45.9). Offensively, they rank 30th (37.5). Offensively, they are tied for last in the NFL in total red-zone TDs (10) and last in total red-zone opportunities (26).

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 39	Inside-20 poss.: 35
Total scores: 34 (87.2%)	Total scores: 33 (94.3%)
TDs: 19 (48.7%)	TDs: 22 (62.9%)
FGs: 15 (38.5%)	FGs: 11 (31.4%)
TD% rank: 20th	TD% rank: 29th
No scores: 5 (12.8%)	No scores: 2 (5.7%)

RAMS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 26	Inside-20 poss.: 40
Total scores: 21 (80.8%)	Total scores: 36 (90.0%)
TDs: 10 (38.5%)	TDs: 18 (45.0%)
FGs: 11 (42.3%)	FGs: 18 (45.0%)
TD% rank: 30th	TD% rank: T-9th
No scores: 5 (19.2%)	No scores: 4 (10.0%)

THE HEAD COACHES

Marvin Lewis posted his 67th career win as Bengals head coach on Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland. This season he has passed Sam Wyche (64) 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.....	67-73-1.....	0-2.....	67-75-1
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.

Steve Spagnuolo is in his third season as Rams head coach. His record is 10-35.

Spagnuolo has been an NFL coach since 1999, when he began an eight-year stint as a defensive assistant with Philadelphia. He coached on Eagles teams that reached four NFC Championship games and one Super Bowl.

In 2007 and 2008, he was defensive coordinator for the New York Giants. He was hired as Rams head coach after his Giants defense helped win a league championship in 2008, capped by a 17-14 conquest of previously unbeaten New England in Super Bowl XLII.

From 1978-97, he coached in the college ranks, at Massachusetts, Lafayette, Connecticut, Maine, Rutgers and Bowling Green.

Born Dec. 21, 1959 in Whitinsville, Mass., Spagnuolo played wide receiver at Springfield (Mass.) College from 1978-91.

This week marks Spagnuolo's first head coaching assignment against the Bengals. His Rams did defeat Marvin Lewis' Bengals 24-21 in the '09 preseason.

Lewis vs. Rams: Tied, 1-1, from a 2007 win in Cincinnati and a 2003 loss at St. Louis.

Lewis vs. Spagnuolo: No previous meetings.

Spagnuolo vs. Bengals: No previous meetings.

BENGALS NOTES

Chasing the Jets: Week 14 NFL play concluded with the 7-6 Bengals one game behind the 8-5 N.Y. Jets for the sixth and final AFC playoff spot. Tennessee and Oakland also are presently Wild Card hopefuls at 7-6.

None of the above four teams will play any of the others in the final three weeks. Based on the aggregate record of their three remaining opponents, Tennessee has the easiest schedule, at 14-25. But Tennessee's total is perhaps a bit skewed, as it includes 0-13 Indianapolis. The Titans play two of their last three on the road, including a tough finale at now 10-3 Houston.

The Jets have the next-easiest schedule based on opponents' records (16-23), but New York also must play two of three on the road. Oakland (19-20) and the Bengals (18-21) have the two tougher slates, but the Raiders and Bengals both play two of their last three at home.

The Bengals have been eliminated from contention for the No. 5 playoff spot. Cincinnati conceivably could still tie 10-6 Pittsburgh or 10-6 Baltimore for that first Wild Card, but the Bengals would lose a tiebreaker to Pittsburgh based on head-to-head play and would lose a tiebreaker with Baltimore based on division record.

Should the final standings produce a three-way or four-way for No. 6 spot (second Wild Card), the first tiebreaker that could prove decisive would be winning percentage in AFC games. Tennessee holds the lead on paper through Week 14, with a 5-4 AFC record and .555 winning percentage. But the Bengals and Jets are also one game over .500 in AFC play, each at 6-5 with a .545 win percentage. The Bengals and Jets each have only one AFC game remaining, that being their season finales. The Titans play within the AFC in all three of their remaining games.

Oakland currently has the worst AFC win percentage among the four main contenders for the No. 6 spot. The Raiders are at .500 (5-5).

The chart: Given the points in the previous item, here's how the AFC playoffs would look based on the Week 14 standings:

- Division winners: Houston (10-3), Baltimore (10-3), New England (10-3), Denver (8-5). The teams would be seeded 1-4 in that order.
- Wild Cards: Pittsburgh (10-3), NY Jets (8-5), in that order.
- Just missed: Tennessee (7-6), Cincinnati (7-6), Oakland (7-6), in that order.

Houston and Baltimore would have first-round byes. The opening playoff round would have New England hosting the Jets and Denver hosting Pittsburgh.

More on playoff scenarios: Looking ahead to the possibility of the Bengals finishing the season in two-way tie for the second Wild Card spot, the first applicable tiebreaker would be head-to-head play. Covering the contenders which are now one game ahead of the Bengals or tied with the Bengals, it would play out like this:

The Bengals would win out over Tennessee, based on their Nov. 6 victory against the Titans, but Cincinnati would lose against Denver, which beat the Bengals in Game 2. The Bengals do not play Oakland or the Jets this season, so a two-way tie with either of those clubs would go to best AFC record, and if that were tied, the next step would be best record in common games.

If the Bengals join either Pittsburgh or Baltimore in gaining the two AFC Wild Cards, the AFC North would be the first NFL division to claim both spots since 2007. It happened in both conferences in '07, in the NFC East and the AFC South. Dallas won the NFC East and was joined in postseason by the N.Y. Giants (eventual Super Bowl winner) and Washington. Indianapolis won the AFC South and was joined by Jacksonville and Tennessee.

AFC North race: For the Bengals, the AFC North Division race has become secondary to the chase for AFC Wild Card spots. Cincinnati is in third place in the North, three games behind co-leaders Baltimore and Pittsburgh and three games in front of last place Cleveland.

Here's the AFC North picture entering Week 15, looking two weeks ahead:

TEAM	W-L	DIVISION	NEXT TWO WEEKS
Baltimore	10-3	4-0.....	at San Diego; vs. Cleveland
Pittsburgh	10-3	3-2.....	at San Francisco (Mon.); vs. St. Louis
Cincinnati	7-6	2-3.....	at St. Louis; vs. Arizona
Cleveland	4-9	0-3.....	at Arizona; at 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 NFL playoffs in 2011.

The AFC North has the NFL's best win-loss differential in non-division games at plus-10. The record is 22-12, for a winning percentage of .647. The NFC North has the second-best aggregate record at plus-eight, with a 21-13 record and .618 win percentage.

AFC North teams were 1-1 outside the division last week, Baltimore defeating Indianapolis and the Bengals losing to Houston. NFC North teams were also 1-1, Green Bay defeating Oakland and Chicago losing to Denver.

Double-digit comeback mark: Cincinnati's rally against Cleveland on Nov. 27 marked the third time this season the Bengals overcame a double-digit halftime deficit. That ties an NFL record with four other teams — including the 2011 Lions — for the most comeback wins when trailing by at least 10 points at halftime. Before this year's Bengals and Lions teams, the last one to have as many comebacks was the 1986 Colts.

Defense tries to hang in there: The Bengals last week allowed Houston 412 net yards, their largest yield this season, but the defense's yardage rankings are still better than any Cincinnati club in recent memory except one.

The Bengals rank seventh in the NFL in fewest total yards allowed (314.8), seventh in fewest rushing yards allowed (100.0) and 11th in fewest passing yards allowed (214.8). The only recent Bengals to do better were the 2009 AFC North champions, who finished 4-7-6 in those three categories.

Other than the 2009 team, the last team to finish better than No. 7 overall was the 1983 club that ranked first. In rushing, the Bengals' current No. 7 ranking would tie the 2009 team for best in the last 28 seasons. And in passing, the Bengals' current No. 11 rank has not been bettered for a full season since 1994 (No. 9 rank).

On a yards-per-play basis, the Bengals rank fifth in the NFL in total defense (4.9), fifth in rush defense (3.7) and eighth in pass defense (6.8).

Defense's sacks pace is healthy: The Bengals defense had five sacks vs. Houston, tying a season-high set twice previously. Houston entered the game ranked third in the NFL in fewest sacks allowed (19). Cincinnati now ranks tied for sixth in the NFL in total sacks (36)— up from a No. 11 ranking last week — and the Bengals rank eighth in sacks per passing play.

DE Michael Johnson had a sack for the second straight game and took over sole possession of second place on the team, with 5.0. Team leader Geno Atkins had a shared sack and extended his team-high total to 7.0. Also getting one sack vs. Houston were CB Kelly Jennings, FS Chris Crocker and LB Manny Lawson. DE Robert Geathers had a shared sack (with Atkins).

This week's opponent, St. Louis, has been vulnerable to the pass rush, allowing a league-high 46 sacks.

Cincinnati's defense is on pace for a total of 44 for the full season. That would be the most in Marvin Lewis' nine-season tenure as head coach, the most since a team-record 48 in 2001, and it would rank fourth in franchise history.

The Bengals' sack total has been a team effort. CB Jennings last week became the 14th player to contribute to the total.

Atkins now tied for DT sacks lead: Second-year DT Geno Atkins added a shared sack to his team-leading total in the Houston game, and is now at 7.0 for the season. But he lost the undisputed lead he had held in sacks by all NFL interior linemen. Chicago DT Henry Melton logged a solo sack vs. Denver and is now also at 7.0.

Just one sack back, in third place, is Oakland DT Tommy Kelly, who had a solo sack last week at Green Bay.

Atkins needs 1.5 sacks in the last three games to set a new Bengals record for sacks by an interior lineman. The mark is 8.0, by DT Dan Wilkinson in 1995. The last time an interior lineman led the team in sacks for a full season was 1996, when Wilkinson was tops at 6.5.

The Bengals on Geno: Comments from the locker room on Bengals DT Geno Atkins:

- "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."

- "He's got all the tools," said DE Robert Geathers. "He's not long and rangy, but he's quick and explosive. He's very strong and he's short, so he's got leverage and he gets under guys. He gets a good bull rush, and then when they sit down on the bull rush, he goes around them."

- "The 'three-technique' has to be quick, explosive," said NT Domata Peko, using defense lingo to refer to Atkins' position in the scheme. "He's got to be our Warren Sapp. I'm happy for him. He's having a great year."

Tate trots a lot: For only the second time in the last 28 seasons, the Bengals will have the same player lead the team in both punt return and kickoff return attempts.

WR Brandon Tate is the player, and last week he established a franchise record for combined kick returns in a season. His total, which obviously figures to expand in the next three weeks, is 77. He has 44 punt returns (also a club record) and 33 kickoff returns. Tate began the Houston game tied at 75 with RB Cleotha Montgomery, who returned 31 punts and 44 kickoffs in 1980.

Tate will be the first Bengal since 1993 — and only the second since 1984 — to lead the team in both categories. WR Patrick Robinson led in 1993 with 43 punt returns and 30 kickoff returns. Robinson's 43 is the punt return record Tate has broken this season.

While Tate will be only the second Bengal in 28 seasons to lead in both categories, it happened five times in the franchise's first 16 seasons (1968-83).

The full list of players to post dual leads before this season includes RB Essex Johnson (1969), CB Lemar Parrish (1970), RB Willie Shelby (1976), Montgomery (1980), CB John Simmons (1983) and Robinson (1993).

Another warrior goes down: The Bengals this season have seen two of their most durable players finally get bitten by the serious injury bug.

Bobbie Williams was the second, suffering a right ankle fracture in last week's Houston game. The St. Louis game will mark the first time for the 12th-year veteran to miss a start for a football injury reason since joining the Bengals in 2004.

On Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh, CB Leon Hall went down with an Achilles tear. Hall had never missed a Bengals game at that point, his streaks of 74 straight games and 66 straight starts being the longest on the team.

"We've had some guys who are very reliable, but injuries happen," said OT Andrew Whitworth, who now shares with C Kyle Cook the team's longest streak of consecutive starts (45). "Finally a big injury is going to happen. Bobbie and Leon will bounce back. They are great leaders and people."

Mauluga tries to set the table: Had the Bengals not squandered a nine-point lead in the fourth quarter last week, MLB Rey Mauluga might be remembered for making the defense's play of the year. And despite the loss, his play on Houston RB Ben Tate in the second quarter was highly noteworthy.

With the Texans enjoying a first down at the Bengals one-yard line, seemingly about to wipe out a 6-3 Cincinnati lead, Mauluga met Tate in the hole and made the kind of play the Bengals hope to see many more of in coming years. He stopped Tate for a two-yard loss, forced a fumble and recovered it himself at the Cincinnati three. It was a huge momentum swing at the time, and

the Cincinnati offense fed on it, responding with the team's longest TD drive of the season (97 yards) for a 13-3 lead.

Mauluga had an additional forced fumble in the fourth quarter, against RB Arian Foster. Cincinnati's Geno Atkins recovered it at the Texans 14, and with a 19-10 lead, the Bengals might have turned the play into a game-clincher. But Atkins subsequently fumbled while returning the ball. The Texans recovered at their two and responded with a field goal drive that launched their comeback win.

Mauluga is in his first season in the starting MLB role, after playing his first two Bengals campaigns as an OLB. He had 10 total tackles vs. Houston, tied for second on the team, and despite having missed three games (Games 6-8) due to an ankle sprain, he ranks third on the team for the season with 88 stops, just nine behind the leader, LB Thomas Howard. Mauluga now leads the team for the season in forced fumbles (three).

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."

Big-play Nate comes back: CB Nate Clements, a 2011 free agent signee who has been the standout player in the Cincinnati secondary in 2011, missed only one game with the hamstring injury he suffered in practice on Dec. 1. After sitting out the Dec. 4 Pittsburgh game, he was back in his starting LCB spot vs. Houston.

Clements was not fully healed against the Texans and had just one tackle in limited action. But he should be closer to 100 percent for St. Louis, and consistently this season, the 11th-year pro has added to his long history as a playmaker:

- On Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland, the Browns were seriously threatening to break a 20-20 tie, with a first down at the Bengals 37 and 2:10 to play. But on second-and-seven, Clements teamed with DE Frostee Rucker to drop RB Peyton Hillis for a three-yard loss. And on third-and-10, when Browns QB Colt McCoy hit WR Greg Little with a pass over the middle — near the first-down marker — Clements ripped the ball from Little's hands for an incompletion. The Browns then tried a 55-yard field goal and missed, and the Bengals took over at their 45 to start their own winning scoring drive.

- On Nov. 20 at Baltimore, Clements 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. He 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.

- On Nov. 6 at Tennessee, with just under four minutes to play and the Titans trailing by just four (21-17), Clements 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.

- On Oct. 30 at Seattle, Clements 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.

- 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.

Lewis on Nate: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis is of course quite aware of the Nate Clements exploits detailed in the previous item:

"He always makes plays," Lewis says. "Everyone always talks about his professionalism and his preparation. And you watch him play, and you see how smart of a player he is. He's been a great cover player. A fine player up in Buffalo, and then he went out to San Francisco and continued it. He just wanted to get into a situation (for 2011) where he felt good and comfortable, and fortunately for us that proved in his mind to be here.

"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 leads the team in passes defensed (11) and is tied for the lead in fumble recoveries (two). He has one INT, ranks tied for second in forced fumbles (two) and has 60 tackles, sixth on the team.

In his NFL career, Clements has 34 INTs and 22 forced fumbles, and he has scored nine touchdowns.

Clements is a native Ohioan (Shaker Heights) who played at Ohio State. He was a first-round draft choice of Buffalo in 2001.

Offense near top in sacks rankings: The Bengals offense allowed only one sack to Houston, the lowest opponent total in the last four games, and Cincinnati has risen to a tie for third place in the NFL in fewest sacks allowed (21). The Bengals were in fourth place entering Week 14.

Buffalo leads the NFL in fewest sacks allowed (17). Tennessee is second at 19, and the N.Y. Giants are tied with the Bengals in third place at 21. With an outstanding performance over the final three games, the Bengals could challenge for the franchise's first No. 1 NFL season ranking in fewest sacks allowed. To date, the Bengals best rankings have been second, both with Marvin Lewis as head coach and Paul Alexander as offensive line coach. The 2005 total was (21), and the '07 total was a franchise record-low of 17.

The Bengals rank sixth in the NFL in fewest sacks allowed per passing play.

The Rams have been a solid pass rushing team, ranking tied for ninth this week in sacks (35). DE Chris Long, a fourth-year pro from Virginia, ranks sixth in the NFL with 12.0 of the Rams' total.

The Bengals are on pace to allow 26 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 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.

"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."

Nasty after intermission: Despite last week's second-half meltdown vs. Houston, the Bengals have outscored their opponents by 169-110 in the second half and 103-60 in the fourth quarter. Some of the credit for this goes 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 four games of not allowing a TD 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 into playoff contention with an unbeaten (4-0) October, and in doing so they reversed 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 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 14, the Bengals rank No. 7 in the NFL in fewest yards allowed, No. 7 in fewest rushing yards allowed and No. 11 in fewest passing yards allowed. The only Bengals team in recent memory to top those rankings at season's end was Zimmer's 2009 defense.

Dalton seeks strong finish to a fine year: For Bengals QB Andy Dalton, it amounts to something of a drought. The rookie has gone two straight games without a major accomplishment. He had a good-but-not-great passer rating of 89.7 in last week's loss to Houston, and the previous he was at 77.6 in a loss at Pittsburgh.

For the third straight week, Dalton ranks 17th NFL passer rating, this week's number being 82.1. He leads rookie QBs in rating, as well as in TD passes (Bengals-rookie record 18) and best TD-INT differential (plus-six, with 12 INTs). Dalton has not thrown an interception in the last three games, and he has thrown at least one TD pass in each of the last 10 contests.

But pure statistics are not the reason for Dalton's growing NFL profile. He has engineered four comeback wins in the fourth quarter, and he continues to inspire great confidence as a leader and winner who, with a strong team finish, could take Cincinnati to success in the postseason.

Dalton's best stat is simply the standings. Through 13 games the Bengals are still viable playoff contenders, far above the lot assigned them by preseason prognosticators.

As for "intangibles," the four comeback wins in 12 games — as a rookie — could be seen as the start of a legend. As a comparison, Bengals QB Carson Palmer, despite his considerable overall success, had only 10 fourth-quarter comeback wins in 99 games (including two postseason).

"Andy has the confidence to get us out of whatever situation we are in," says Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "He has an ability to forget, whether it be a positive or negative play, and move on to the next one. That's a great quality. He's handling a lot of stuff, and it's fun to be around him. It's fun to watch him

deal with it. If he's not quite right, he comes back the next play and gets it right. Whatever the situation, he's doing well."

As a team, the Bengals have five wins with fourth-quarter comebacks this season. Backup QB Bruce Gradkowski has one, as he led Cincinnati over Cleveland in the season opener after Dalton was sidelined with a wrist injury.

The comeback recap: Here's a recap of the Bengals' five fourth-quarter comeback wins this season. Backup QB Bruce Gradkowski led the first, in the season opener at Cleveland after Andy Dalton suffered a wrist injury. The next four have come with Dalton leading the surge:

- In a 27-17 win Sept. 11 at Cleveland, the Bengals rallied with two TDs in the final five minutes. The one that put them ahead to stay came on a 41-yard pass from Gradkowski to rookie WR A.J. Green.

- In a 23-20 win Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo, the Bengals trailed 17-3 at halftime and 17-13 after three quarters. Dalton passed for a second-half TD and scored one himself, and he led a 56-yard drive for the winning field goal as time expired. The Bengals won after trailing by 14 or more points in the second half for the first time since Dec. 5, 2004 at Baltimore.

- In a 30-20 win on Oct. 9 at Jacksonville, the Bengals fell behind 20-16 with 8:24 left in the fourth quarter, but Dalton led the team to a go-ahead TD with 1:56 remaining. The key play was a nine-yard pass to TE Jermaine Gresham that reached the Jaguars 10, converting a fourth-and-six situation.

- In a 24-17 win on Nov. 6 at Tennessee, the Bengals trailed 17-7 at halftime and 17-14 after three quarters. Dalton threw a TD pass in the third quarter and passed for another TD in the fourth quarter.

- In a 23-20 win on Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland, the Bengals trailed 17-7 at halftime and 20-17 after three quarters. Dalton passed for the only TD by either team in the second half — a 22-yarder to TE Jermaine Gresham in the third quarter — and he led a pair of field goal drives in the fourth quarter. His 51-yard connection to WR A.J. Green converted a third-and-eight situation on the winning FG drive.

Bengals rookie mark: Last week vs. Houston, in the Bengals' 13th game of the season, Andy Dalton threw his 18th touchdown pass, adding to his franchise-record season total for a rookie. The previous mark was 15, by Greg Cook, in the 14-game season of 1969.

The 35th was the first: Andy Dalton was only the 35th selection in the 2011 NFL Draft, but he was the NFL's No. 1 rookie in October, named NFL Rookie of the Month.

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 on Nov. 20 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 it had occurred in a Bengals season opener.

- In Games 1-2, at Cleveland and at Denver, Dalton joined Hall of Famer Dan Marino in becoming only the second rookie since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger to log a 100-plus passer rating in each of his first two starts.

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 12 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."

No surprise — more big ones for Green: A.J. Green, the Bengals' sensational rookie wide receiver, has calmed fan fears over his missing the Nov. 20 Baltimore game with a knee strain. He has been back in action for the last three games, with 14 catches for 256 yards and a TD in those contests.

Green has made at least one signature big play in almost every one of his 12 games played. Even last week, in a loss to Houston, he converted a fourth-and-three situation with an 11-yard catch to the Houston 24 in the second quarter, keeping alive Cincinnati's only TD drive of the day, and in the third quarter, he defeated double coverage for a 36-yard catch to the Houston nine, setting up a field goal. Earlier in that same third-quarter drive, he forced Houston into a 25-yard pass interference penalty. He led the Bengals in the game in catches (five) and receiving yards (59).

The previous week at Pittsburgh, Green scored the team's only TD and also had a 43-yard reception. For the game he led all players in receptions (six) and receiving yards (87).

On Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland, Green produced 110 yards on three catches, the biggest being a 51-yard gain on a third-and-eight play late in the fourth quarter, carrying to the Browns' two-yard line and setting up the game-winning field goal.

Green leads the Bengals in catches (55), receiving yards (891), average gain per reception (16.20) and touchdowns (seven). The Bengals selected him with the No. 4 overall pick in the 2011 draft, and to say head coach Marvin Lewis thinks the team hit a winner would be a massive understatement.

"He is the best first-round draft pick that I've ever been around," Lewis says. "He continues to amaze me every day, even though I've said that nothing he can do would really surprise me. Practice, games, whatever it is. Not only his ability, but his demeanor. He's a phenomenal performer."

Green closing on Bengals' rookie mark: With a team-leading seven touchdowns this season, all on receptions, WR A.J. Green needs

two more TD catches in the last three games to tie the Bengals' rookie record for receiving TDs.

The record of nine is shared by TE/WR Bob Trumpy in 1969 and WR Isaac Curtis in 1973. Each player set his mark in a 14-game season.

The Bengals' rookie record for total TDs in a season is 15 by FB Ickey Woods in 1988. All of Woods' TDs were on rushes. Tied for a distant second are RB Corey Dillon, with 10 TDs in 1997, and HB Stan Fritts, with 10 in 1975. Dillon got all 10 of his scores on the ground, while Fritts had eight rushing and two receiving.

Green leaps and grabs it: Like all good receivers with a good offensive scheme, Bengals rookie A.J. Green gets wide open sometimes. But it's what he can do when he's not wide open that sets him apart.

The most recent example came last week vs. Houston. In the third quarter, he outfought Texans CB Johnathan Joseph and S Glover Quin for a 36-yard catch to the Houston nine, setting up a field goal. Earlier in that same third-quarter drive, he forced Houston into a 25-yard pass interference penalty against Joseph.

In the last Bengals win, Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland. Green's key 51-yard gain in the fourth quarter involved mid-air acrobatics and a passionate desire to grab every contested ball. He leaped to grab Andy Dalton's pass around the Cleveland 30-yard line, with defenders in the near vicinity, and he came down with enough balance and speed to run all the way to the Cleveland two, setting up the game-winning field goal.

QB Andy Dalton has said often that he can loft balls to Green into coverage with a high degree of confidence they will reach their destination. Recently, a reporter observed to head coach Marvin Lewis that "the area where A.J. can go up and get it is a pretty big area."

"It's a huge area," Lewis responded. "That's why he was the fourth pick in the draft. I have not seen a receiver better than he is at getting to the ball. I said that after three days of training camp."

Said Green:

"Just give me chances. Whenever my number's called, I'm going to try and make the play. When that ball is in the air, I feel it's mine. Once that thing is in my hand, I'm not letting it go. I know I'm blessed to have the talent I have, and I want the fans to know I'm out there every day working to make the most of it."

Green quite frankly is making the one-against-two contested reception look routine to Bengals fans.

On Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh, on a second-down play from the Steelers 36, Dalton saw no immediately open receivers and was flushed from the pocket. Then he looked to the end zone and spotted Green there with double coverage from CB Ryan Clark and S Troy Polamalu. Dalton 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.

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 a game and a half, Bengals WR A.J. Green of Georgia leads NFL rookies in receptions (55), receiving yards (891) and receiving TDs (seven) through 14 weeks of play. Green's five catches last week vs. Houston gave him back the undisputed rookie receptions lead (55), as Cleveland WR Greg Little (52) slipped to second place after sharing the lead with Green last week.

Green's closest rookie challenger in receptions is Little, and Baltimore's Torrey Smith (Maryland) is the closest rookie in receiving yards, with 693. Smith is also second among rookies in TD receptions (six).

Green stands second among rookies in total TDs (seven), with Carolina QB Cam Newton in first at 13 (all rushing scores).

Stalking Cris: Despite his missed time due to a knee injury, rookie WR A.J. Green's receiving totals of 55 catches and 891 yards project to 16-game

numbers of 67 catches and 1096 yards, which would break the Bengals rookie records set by Cris Collinsworth in 1981 (65 catches and 1009 yards). Green needs to average 3.3 catches and 39.3 yards per game over the final three games this season to catch Collinsworth. His current averages per team game are 4.2 catches and 68.5 yards.

With three games to go, Green already has passed the rookie receiving totals of several current NFL standouts, and he is on pace to catch several others in the coming weeks. Here is a list of those rookie receiving totals (receptions-yards): Calvin Johnson (48-756), Larry Fitzgerald (58-780), Greg Jennings (45-632), Percy Harvin (60-790), Hakeem Nicks (47-790), DeSean Jackson (62-912), Andre Johnson (66-976), Eddie Royal (91-980).

Through 13 team games, Green has tied the mark for most 100-yard receiving games by a Bengals rookie (three). The record was first set in 1973 by Isaac Curtis, then 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.

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 in Bengals' top five: HB Cedric Benson has been a quick worker for the Bengals. On Nov. 20 at Baltimore, in his 48th Bengals start — the equivalent of three seasons — he claimed the No. 5 spot on the franchise's all-time rushing list, passing Harold Green (3727).

Benson now has 51 Bengals starts. He is at 3992 Bengals yards after rushing for 92 last week at Pittsburgh.

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 12 games this season, missing one. His team-leading 883 yards ranks seventh in the AFC.

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 5586 yards. He had 1593 in three seasons with Chicago before joining the Bengals.

But while Benson passed Green this season, it will be another hike to reach the No. 4 spot. FB Pete Johnson holds that position with 5421 yards in a seven-year 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)	3992	3.8	20

Benson needs a 100-yarder to pass Rudi: In a seesaw battle for the all-time Bengals lead in most 100-yard rushing games per start,

Rudi Johnson (played 2001-07) has moved back ahead of Cedric Benson for the top spot for the last two weeks. But Benson could get back on top with a 100-yarder this week against the Rams.

Johnson had 19 games of 100-plus in 60 starts, a ratio of one every 3.16 games. Benson held the lead with a 3.13 ratio through Game 11 of this season, but he has failed to crack 100 the last two games and is now at 3.25, with 16 games of 100-plus in 52 starts (including one postseason). However, a 100-yarder against the Rams would put him back ahead of Johnson at 3.12.

At halftime vs. Houston last week, Benson seemed a cinch to log his fourth 100-yard game of this season and re-pass Johnson for the all-time ratio lead. At halftime, he had 92 yards on 13 carries. But he was held to minus-one net yards in the second half, on eight carries, finishing the game with 91 net yards.

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. He has three 100-yarders this year.

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 (16), 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: The Bengals are 31-2 under head coach Marvin Lewis when a rusher records 25 or more carries. That is a .939 winning percentage.

Current No. 1 HB Benson has hit the 25 mark 12 times, most recently in the season opener at Cleveland, 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 (13-3 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 (883). 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 was limited to four net rushing yards on six carries last week, but for the season he is 89-for-298 rushing (3.3), just 23 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, missed his first 2011 game last week, inactive due to a knee injury. Leonard is averaging 7.5 yards per touch this season, on 17-for-85 rushing and 20-for-191 receiving. He has developed a Bengals reputation as a key converter of third and fourth-down situations.

Benson or Green? Yards from scrimmage — it's a statistic that rarely gets its due in football reporting. Maybe it gets a little more on the 2011 Bengals, however, because offensive big names Cedric Benson and A.J. Green are staging a spirited competition for the team lead.

WR Green led for most of the early season, was passed by HB Benson through Weeks 11 and 12, but and re-took the lead after Week 13. Now Benson is back on top, having outgained Green 92-59 last week vs. Houston.

Benson now has 936 scrimmage yards (883 rushing, 53 receiving). Green is 17 yards back at 919 (891 receiving, 28 rushing).

Each player has played 12 games, missing one.

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.

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 14 in most opponent possessions without allowing a first down (73), an average of 5.6 per game. The N.Y. Jets are second with 71.

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 still the pressure king: DE Carlos Dunlap has missed four of the last five games — and has seen only brief action in the fifth, due to a hamstring strain.

But it's hoped he can be back at full speed this week, and if so he figures to be a significant factor in the Cincinnati pass rush. He is still the team leader by a large margin in coaches' compilation of QB pressures (the category does not include sacks). Dunlap has 22 pressures on the season, eight more than second-place Geno Atkins (14).

Dunlap had his first three sacks of the season in Games 7-8, the last two games before he suffered the hamstring problem, and there is still much hope in Bengals camp that he can stage big problems for QBs over the final four games. 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 as many as eight players contributing every week. 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. Last week there were seven linemen active, and even newcomer Nick Hayden — signed the week of the game to replace injured DT Pat Sims — had 17 snaps.

"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."

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.

Gresham keeps producing: Second-year TE Jermaine Gresham, with 11 games played (two missed due to injury), ranks second on the team in receptions (43) and third in receiving yards (452). He had three catches for 45 yards vs. Houston, second on the team in both categories.

He is on pace for 53 receptions and 556 yards for the full season, which would better his productive rookie season, when he led AFC rookies in catches (52) while gaining 471 yards.

Gresham also ranks tied for second on the team in touchdowns (five). With one more TD, he would have the most by a Bengals TE in a season since 1997, when Tony McGee had six.

Solid as he has been, Gresham can leave team followers with the feeling they've seen only the tip of the iceberg. The 260-pounder consistently shows acrobatic receiving abilities reserved mostly for wide receivers, and he also has excellent hands.

"Just like with A.J. Green, we know that if a play is there to Jermaine, Andy Dalton will let it fly and let Jermaine go up and get it," says head coach Marvin Lewis. "That ability is one big reason why Jermaine was a first-round draft pick (selected 21st overall by Cincinnati in 2010)."

Gresham would need four TDs in the last three games to tie the Bengals record for TDs by a TE (nine). That mark was set by Bob Trumpy in the 14-game season of 1969 and later tied by Rodney Holman in the 16-game season of '89.

Nugent takes FG accuracy lead: 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 14, Nugent is 25-for-27 on field goal attempts, and his 33-yard miss at Pittsburgh in Week 13 was caused not by an errant kick, but by a protection breakdown that caused the kick to be blocked.

With a four-for-four day on FGs last week vs. Houston, Nugent took over the NFL lead in FG accuracy, at 92.6 percent. In second place is Tampa's Connor Barth (92.3), third is Green Bay's Mason Crosby (92.0) and fourth is Oakland's Sebastian Janikowski (91.7).

Nugent's four-for-four day vs. Houston also moved him up in total field goals, where his 25 converted attempts now rank tied for fifth in the NFL.

A product of Centerville, Ohio (suburban Dayton) and Ohio State University, Nugent was a second-round draft choice of the N.Y. Jets in 2005 and had three successful seasons, two with more than 100 points. But he suffered a quad injury in the 2008 season opener and spent the last 15 games on the inactive list, as the Jets chose not to displace Jay Feeley, who had replaced him. Nugent signed with Tampa Bay as a free agent for 2009, but was released after four games, and later in '09 he was released by Arizona. His career was in limbo as 2010 approached.

But the Bengals signed him in April of '10, and he won the job in a preseason competition with veteran Dave Rayner. He opened his Bengals tenure by winning the AFC Special Teams Player of the Month Award for September. He was of course set back by the knee injury, suffered Nov. 14 at Indianapolis as he shifted his weight to change direction of an onside kick (which the Bengals recovered), but he is clearly back at full speed for 2011.

"The big thing for me was just getting the chance here," Nugent says, "and the other thing is I sat down with Darrin (special teams coach Darrin Simmons), and we figured out how I can hit the ball straighter. "I just opened up my foot a little and slowed down his approach and follow-through. You can see a lot of the differences watching tape. I'm not picking up my head as fast as I finish, and my body is straighter down the field when I finish rather than kind of swinging and coming to the side."

Nugent went over 100 points for the season last week, hitting 103. He had

two 100-point seasons for the Jets, the high being 110 in 2007.

Nugent also handles kickoffs, and he has reached the end zone on 55 of his 65 kickoffs (84.6 percent), with 31 of those going for touchbacks (47.7 percent). He ranks tied for 12th in the NFL in touchbacks and has contributed to the Bengals' fifth-place ranking in starting field position after kickoffs (20.7-yard line).

So far, so good: With only 22 Bengals games under his belt, K Mike Nugent is not in position to qualify for many all-time franchise records. A kicker needs 75 attempts, for example, to qualify for the all-time field goal percentage lead, and Nugent is at only 46.

Still, it's worth noting that Nugent's 87.0 Bengals FG percentage (on 40 of 46) tops the official all-time mark of 86.8 by Shayne Graham (177-of-204 from 2003-09).

Of Nugent's six missed FG tries as a Bengal, two were from 53 or more yards, and two others were blocked due to protection breakdowns. 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.

Five winners for Nuge: K Mike Nugent's game-winning field goal on Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland — a 26-yarder with 1:13 to play — was his fifth career game-winning FG in the last two minutes of regulation or in overtime.

Nugent got No. 4 on that list on Oct. 2 of this season vs. Buffalo, with a 43-yarder for a 23-20 win as the clock expired.

His first three came as a N.Y. Jet over 2006-07, one in the last two minutes of the fourth quarter and two in overtime.

Howard has tackling lead: His name may not have caught the eye of many as the 2011 season got under way, but LB Thomas Howard's play through 13 games this season has earned the respect and attention of teammates, coaches and opponents.

Howard signed July 30 as an unrestricted free agent, after spending his four previous NFL seasons with Oakland. He played in only 12 games last season for the Raiders, with four games on the inactive list, and most of his action was on special teams. He logged only four tackles on defense.

Despite those numbers, however, the Bengals' coaches believe they found a diamond in the rough with Howard, and he leads the team in tackles (97) after getting a team-best 12 last week vs. Houston. On Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland, he logged 15 tackles, the individual Bengals high for this season. He ranks fifth on the team in tackles-for-loss (six), he is tied for second in forced fumbles (two) and he has three passes defended. He has played in all 13 games, with 12 starts.

"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."

Participation streaks: C Kyle Cook and OT Andrew Whitworth share the current team's longest streaks of consecutive Bengals starts. They have both started 46 straight, every Bengals game including postseason since the start of the 2009 campaign.

The current longest streak for consecutive Bengals games played is held by LB Brandon Johnson, at 62. Johnson has played in every game since joining the Bengals in 2008. He has started 16 games.

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.”

TV streak at 104: In each of the last 104 Cincinnati TV ratings weeks that have included a Bengals regular-season or postseason broadcast — 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 104 when the Dec. 4 game at Pittsburgh drew a 30.4 rating.

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 outpolled 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.

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 plus-one in turnover differential, after going plus-two vs. Houston last week.

Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England	274	186	+88
Indianapolis	245	184	+61
Baltimore	281	244	+37
Cincinnati	264	231	+33
San Diego	239	207	+32

Since 2003, the Bengals rank fifth in the NFL in most takeaways (264) and fourth in points off turnovers (798).

A stat that matters (usually): 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 44-11-1, a winning percentage of .795.

But last week’s Houston game was an exception to the rule, as Cincinnati lost 20-19 despite a plus-two edge (season-high four takeaways; two giveaways).

With a minus differential, the record under Lewis is 8-47 (.145). When the differential has been even, the results have been even, with the Bengals at 15-15 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	718-324-1	.689
Plus-2	593-118-0	.834
Plus-3	354-44-1	.888
Plus-4	185-8-0	.959
Plus-5 or more	93-3-0	.969

NFL teams with a plus in turnover differential went only 7-5 in Week 14, for the lowest weekly winning percentage of the season (.583). But that followed the best week of the season, as plus teams went a perfect 14-0 in Week 13. The combined record for this season is 129-34 (.791). Since 2000, NFL teams with any plus have a combined winning percentage of .796. The combined W-L record is 1944-497-2.

Uniform watch: The Bengals are scheduled to wear white jerseys and black pants at St. Louis.

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	18-23-0	.439
White	Black	12-19-0	.387
White	White	8-15-0	.348

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).

Bengals claim biggest ‘Battle’ margin: The Bengals’ Nov. 27 win over Cleveland gave Cincinnati its largest-ever lead in the Battle of Ohio series against the Browns. The Bengals now have a five-game bulge, at 41-36. The edge tops previous four-game leads of 40-36 and 24-20 (in 1992).

The five-game margin ties 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 2014 at the earliest.

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

TELEVISION:

- Sun., Dec. 18 — Bengals Weekly, 11:30 a.m.-noon, WKRC-TV (Ch. 12).

RADIO:

- Wed., Dec. 14 — Bengals Game Plan, with Dan Hoard and Dave Lapham, 6-8 p.m. (ESPN 1530).
- Fri., Dec. 16 — Bengals Pep Rally, with Dan Hoard and Artrell Hawkins, 3-6 p.m. (ESPN 1530).
- Mon., Dec. 19 — Bengals Line, with Dave Lapham and Lance McAlister, 6-9 p.m. (WLW 700).

The only time: After Week 7 play this season, the NFL’s top four defenses, based on average yards allowed, were all from the AFC North. Baltimore was first, followed by Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Cleveland.

It marked the only time in 501 regular-season NFL weeks since the 1970

merger that the top four were from the same division. It now marks the only time in 506 regular-season weeks for that to have happened.

This week, AFC North teams are still all in the top 10 in defense, ranking 2-3-7-9 (Pittsburgh, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Cleveland).

Bengal bites: 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 loss to Houston:

"I thought our players played extremely hard. I'm disappointed I didn't put them in the right positions to win the football game. It's my job to get them in the right spots and help them through the critical points of the game to give us an opportunity to win. That's the thing I was disappointed in. It's my job to put them in those situations, and I didn't get it done."

Lewis, on injuries and new personnel in the secondary:

"We've had some injuries, but you've got to play. And we've got to make plays. We had opportunities against the Texans to make plays. Obviously we've got only two players back there that were with us most of last season (Chris Crocker and Reggie Nelson). Nate (Clements) has missed some but has come back. But the other two guys that are playing are kind of new — Kelly (Jennings) and Adam (Jones). They didn't have the training camp or the offseason with us. But we still have to play. They have ability the ability to make plays."

Defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer, on the loss to Houston:

"This is not the first time I've been beaten on the last play of the game. It won't be the last, I'm sure. Like I told the players, on Oct. 8, 2009 my wife passed away. I found out the world is still going to be going tomorrow, so today the sun came up, everyone kept going, and so will we."

Lewis, responding to a suggestion that the Bengals must finish 3-0 to make the playoffs:

"I don't know that. You tell me what happens with the other teams. If they all three lose all three games, we don't have to win them all."

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

"One play goes either way, and you win the game or lose it. 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."

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."

QB Andy Dalton, on Pittsburgh QB Ben Roethlisberger saying Dalton should be AFC Rookie of the Year:

"It's cool, with everything that Ben has accomplished, for him to say that about me. But the whole Rookie of the Year thing is not my focus; I'm just trying to win games and help this team in any way I can. But it's definitely nice to hear him say that."

Defensive line coach Jay Hayes, on the increasing defensive presence of DE Frostee Rucker:

"He's really matured and come into his own and become a leader of the

guys. He's taken on that role and really done things that we were hoping would have happened a bit sooner, but we're really happy with what he's doing."

OT Andrew Whitworth, with more 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."

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 (Jonathan) Fanene have been captains, and he's not a starter in our base, but he's 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."

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."

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."

NT Domata 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 WR 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."

TE Jermaine Gresham, on Jon Gruden's offensive scheme:

"It caters to anyone who gets open."

WR Andre Caldwell, on the changes the team has made to the offensive scheme in 2011:

"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':

"He'll make calls on the field during practice, relative to things we haven't even covered in the game plan yet. It's because he studies 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."

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** posted an 89.7 passer rating in the Houston game, completing 16 of 28 (57.1 percent) for 189 yards with one TD and no INTs. His TD pass was a 17-yarder to WR Jerome Simpson in the second quarter, and it extended his Bengals rookie-record for TD passes in a season to 18. Dalton has led four comeback victories after the Bengals trailed in the fourth quarter. For the season, he has an 82.1 passer rating, on 245-for-415 (59.0 percent) for 2833 yards with the 18 TDs and 12 INTs. Dalton's fourth-quarter comeback wins have come on Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo, Oct. 9 at Jacksonville, Nov. 6 at Tennessee and Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland. Dalton passed for a Bengals rookie-record 332 yards on Sept. 18 at Denver, and he broke that mark with 373 yards on Nov. 20 at Baltimore. In Games 1-2, he joined Hall of Famer Dan Marino as the only rookies since the 1970 merger to get 100-plus passer ratings in each of their first two starts. Sixth-year NFL vet **Bruce Gradkowski** has been in the No. 2 QB role all season. He has played in two games, the season opener at Cleveland and on Dec. 4 at Pittsburgh. In the game 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. For the season he is eight-for-18 passing for 109 yards with one TD and one INT.

Running backs: No. 1 HB **Cedric Benson** rushed 21-for-91 in the loss to Houston. He was 13-for-92 at halftime but had a net loss of one yard in the second half. Benson leads the team for the season with 883 rushing yards on 222 carries (4.0), and he ranks tied for second in touchdowns (five). Benson this season has passed Harold Green into fifth-place all-time in Bengals rushing yards, and the Pittsburgh game pushed his Cincinnati total to 3992. He has started Games 1-6 and 8-13, missing Game 7. He 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 three 100-yard rushing games this season. Following the club's usual offensive plan, Benson was spelled for a couple possessions vs. Houston by third-year pro **Bernard Scott**. Scott had two receptions for 15 yards but was held to four net yards on six rushing attempts. For the season he is 89-for-298 rushing (3.3) and 12-for-30 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** missed his first game of the season last week, inactive due to a knee injury. His status for St. Louis is undetermined. He has maintained his reputation this season as a key situational contributor. He is averaging 7.5 yards per touch, on

17-for-85 rushing and 20-for-191 receiving. Leonard also is tied for fifth on the team in special teams tackles (eight). Second-year HB **Cedric Peerman** has played in 12 games, all but the season opener, mostly on special teams. He leads the special team in tackles (12). 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 13 games as the No. 1 FB. 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 Texans, and he has no rushing attempts on the season.

Wide receivers: Rookie **A.J. Green** led the team in receptions (five) and receiving yards (59) vs. Houston. He converted a fourth-and-three situation with an 11-yard catch to the Houston 24 in the second quarter, keeping alive Cincinnati's only TD drive of the day, and in the third quarter, he defeated double coverage for a 36-yard catch to the Houston nine, setting up a field goal. Earlier in that same third-quarter drive, he forced Houston into a 25-yard pass interference penalty. Green has been back in action for the last three games, after missing roughly a game and a half due to a knee injury, and he is the team leader for the season in catches (55), receiving yards (891), touchdowns (seven) and receiving yards (16.20). He has tied the Bengals rookie record for 100-yard receiving games in a season (three). 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, and on Sept. 18 at Denver, he and QB Andy Dalton became the first rookie duo in NFL history to connect for 10 completions in a game. Fourth-year pro **Jerome Simpson** had two catches for 38 yards vs. Houston, including a 17-yarder in the second quarter for Cincinnati's only TD. Simpson has three 100-yard games on the year and has caught 38-for-615, good for 16.18 yards per catch. He has scored three TDs. He had an 84-yard reception, sixth-longest in Bengals history, in the Sept. 18 Denver game. Fourth-year pro **Andre Caldwell** had two catches for 10 yards vs. Houston. Caldwell has 37 catches for 317 yards on the year, with three TDs, and his 49-yard TD on Nov. 20 vs. Baltimore stands as the longest Bengals TD pass of the season. 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. Rookie free agent **Andrew Hawkins** was productive on two touches vs. Houston. On Cincinnati's TD drive in the second quarter, he had a four-yard rush to convert a third-and-two play, and he had a 22-yard reception on a FG drive later in the period. Hawkins has made a high number of third-down conversions in limited

action as a receiver and also as a rusher. He is 18-for-216 receiving and three-for-14 rushing. 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** made his NFL debut Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco (no catches) and has been inactive for Games 1-2 and 4-13.

Tight ends: Second-year standout **Jermaine Gresham** has cranked up his game again after missing Games 7-8 with a hamstring strain. He had three catches for 45 yards vs. Houston, ranking second on the team in both categories. He had a 26-yard catch on Cincinnati's second-quarter FG drive. He has played in 11 games and ranks second on the team in catches (43), third in receiving yards (452) and tied for second in touchdowns (five). He is on pace for 53 receptions and 556 yards on the season, which would better 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 ninth game in the Houston contest. He had no receptions, but he 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** returned to active status for the Houston game, but did not play. He had missed the previous four games with a foot injury. Earlier, Lee had key gains in wins at Seattle and at Tennessee. 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 six games and is eight-for-106 receiving.

Offensive linemen: The line led pass protection that allowed only one sack vs. Houston. No. 1 ROT **Andre Smith** was inactive, due to an ankle injury suffered the previous week at Pittsburgh. His status for St. Louis is questionable. The Bengals' top pick in the 2009 draft, Smith manned the ROT spot for Games 1-12. Fourth-year pro **Anthony Collins** replaced Smith in the lineup vs. Houston. Collins has played in only four games this season, but he has been a starting OT at times during his Bengals career. LOT **Andrew Whitworth** has emerged as the line's leader. The Houston game marked his 46th straight start (including postseason), tied for the longest starting streak on the current team. Whitworth has been a key player on the line since his rookie campaign. His 83 career starts include 58 at OT and 25 at G. **Nate Livings**, a fourth-year player this season, has opened at LG in Games 1-13. He started every game last year. Twelfth-year vet **Bobbie Williams** has returned to the starting lineup at RG for the last nine games, after missing Games 1-4 due to an NFL suspension, but Williams was sidelined in the second quarter vs. Houston with an ankle injury. Williams will miss the rest of the season, marking the first time since he joined the Bengals in 2004 for him to miss a start for any football-injury reason. Fourth-year G **Mike McGlynn** replaced Williams in the lineup vs. Houston. McGlynn has played in five games, including a start in the Oct. 2 victory over Buffalo, in place of Williams. **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 and he is tied with Whitworth for the current team lead for consecutive starts (46 including postseason). OT **Dennis Roland** has played in every game on offense, and vs. Houston he continued serving as an extra TE in the base offense in designated situations. Roland started 12 games at ROT last season. Rookie fourth-round draft pick **Clint Boling** was inactive for the ninth straight game in the Houston contest, but he started Games 1-3 in place of Williams. Boling has played in four games.

Defensive linemen: As many as eight defensive linemen per week are contributing in the team's game rotation. No active DL has played fewer than 12 snaps in a game to date. Starting NT **Domata Peko** led the line with seven tackles vs. Houston, and he also had his first pass defended of the season. Peko leads the line for the season with 73 stops (fourth on the team). Peko also has season totals of one forced fumble, three tackles-for-loss and 1.5 sacks. Peko has led the line in tackles in each of his last two fully healthy seasons (2008 and 2010). Starting DT **Geno Atkins** was his usual active self in the Houston game, with a shared sack, four total tackles, a fumble recovery and a forced fumble against QB T.J. Yates. The Bengals recovered Yates' fumble at the Houston 48 in the fourth quarter. Atkins recovered an Arian Foster fumble later in the fourth quarter, but gave the ball back during the return when he was separated from the ball by Texans LB Chris Myers. Atkins has 7.0 sacks on the season, leading the team and tied with Chicago DT Henry Melton for the NFL lead among interior

linemen. Atkins ranks second on the team for the season in QB pressures (14), and he is tied for second in tackles-for-loss (seven) after getting four vs. Houston, the team-high for the season. He has two passes defended. His 54 tackles rank second on the line for the season, and he also has scored a touchdown on a fumble recovery (10 yards at Jacksonville). Eighth-year starting DE **Robert Geathers** had three tackles and a shared sack vs. Houston. Geathers has played in 11 games, missing Games 2-3 with a shoulder injury. He has 38 tackles on the season, with 3.0 sacks, a pass defended and six QB pressures. **Frostee Rucker** started for the eighth straight game at RDE in the Houston contest and had four tackles, including one for-loss. He leads the team in tackles-for-loss on the season with nine, and he is third 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 13 regular-season games. He has 51 tackles, and he also has two passes defended and four QB pressures. DE **Michael Johnson** is the only Bengal this season to log an entry in every column on the defensive stat sheet. In addition to his 39 tackles, he has 5.0 sacks, one INT, six passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. His sack total ranks second on the team, and his passes defended total leads the front seven while ranking fourth on the team. Johnson had four tackles vs. Houston, three of them for losses, and he also had a five-yard sack and a pass defended. Also, he is fourth on the team in QB pressures (seven) and tied for second in tackles-for-loss (seven). Sixth-year DT/DE **Jonathan Fanene** had one tackle, one pass defended and one fumble recovery vs. Houston. He has 31 tackles on the year, including 3.0 sacks, and he is third in QB pressures (eight). He is tied for the team lead in fumble recoveries and has three tackles-for-loss. Second-year DE **Carlos Dunlap** has missed the last three games and four of the last five due to a hamstring strain, but could return to action this week. He has played only 12 snaps over the last five games, due to the injury, but his 22 QB pressures on the season are eight 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. On Dec. 7, the Bengals signed free agent DT **Nick Hayden**. The third-year pro made his Cincinnati debut in the Houston game, seeing action on defense but recording no statistics. Fourth-year DT **Pat Sims** was placed Dec. 7 on the Reserve/Injured list, due to an ankle injury suffered Dec. 1 in practice. Sims played in Games 1-11 and had 28 tackles for the season, with a sack and two QB pressures.

Linebackers: MLB **Rey Mauluga** was a playmaker vs. Houston. With the Texans enjoying a first down at the Bengals one-yard line in the second quarter, seemingly about to wipe out a 6-3 Cincinnati lead, Mauluga met RB Ben Tate in the hole and not only stopped Tate for a two-yard loss, he forced a fumble and recovered it himself at the Cincinnati three. It was a huge momentum swing at the time, and the Cincinnati offense fed on it, responding with the team's longest TD drive of the season (97 yards) for a 13-3 lead. Mauluga had an additional forced fumble in the fourth quarter, against RB Arian Foster. Cincinnati's Geno Atkins recovered it at the Texans 14, and with a 19-10 lead, the Bengals might have turned the play into a game-clincher. But Atkins subsequently fumbled while returning the ball. The Texans recovered at their two and responded with a field goal drive that launched their comeback win. Mauluga is in his first season in the starting MLB role, after playing his first two Bengals campaigns as an OLB. He had 10 total tackles vs. Houston, tied for second on the team, and despite having missed three games (Games 6-8) due to an ankle sprain, he ranks third on the team for the season with 88 stops, just nine off the lead. Mauluga now leads the team for the season in forced fumbles (three). OLB **Thomas Howard** led the team in tackles (12) vs. Houston, maintaining his team tackling lead for the season at 97. Also on the season, he has three passes defended, two forced fumbles (tied for second on team), a sack, six tackles for loss and four QB pressures. The sixth-year NFL vet was signed July 30 as a free agent from Oakland. He was a second-round Raiders draftee in 2006. OLB **Manny Lawson**, a 2011 unrestricted free agent signee from San Francisco, had five tackles vs. Houston, with a sack and two tackles-for-loss. He also had two QB pressures. He has played in every game and on the season has 62 tackles, three passes defended and 1.5 sacks. He is tied for second on the team for the season in tackles-for-loss (seven), and he has five QB pressures. He started every game for San Francisco the last two seasons. Sixth-year pro **Brandon Johnson** had two tackles vs. Houston, and he also had a team-leading three special teams tackles and a special teams forced fumble (Texans recovered). Johnson has 26 tackles and three passes defended on the

season. He has played in all 62 games (including postseason) since joining the Bengals in 2008, the longest streak on the current team. Second-year pro **Dan Skuta**, who replaced Mauauga in the starting lineup for Games 6-8, had one tackle on defense vs. Houston and he also had two special teams tackles. Skuta has 30 stops on defense for the season, along with a shared sack and a forced fumble. He has two QB pressures and nine special teams tackles (tied for third on team). Second-year pro **Vincent Rey**, a 2010 Bengals college free agent signee, has played in every game this year, mostly on special teams. He had no statistics vs. Houston, but for the season he ranks tied for fifth on the team in special teams tackles (eight). 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 1-12, 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 and will not be activated this season. He has not practiced or played, due to rehab from wrist surgery in July, and a three-week window for his possible activation expired on Nov. 29.

Defensive backs: FS **Reggie Nelson** took over the team lead in INTs (three) in the Houston game, picking off a T.J. Yates pass at the Texans 48 in the first quarter and returning 25 yards. The play set up a Bengals field goal. Nelson led the secondary vs. Houston in tackles (10, tied for second on team), and he ranks second on the team for the season in tackles (90). Nelson is tied for second on the team in forced fumbles (two), including one that led to a TD return by DE Carlos Dunlap on Oct. 16 vs. Indianapolis. His first INT was 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 his seven passes defended rank third on the team. Nelson is a former Jacksonville first-round draft choice who came to the Bengals last season in a trade for CB David Jones. Eleventh-year pro **Nate Clements** returned to the starting lineup at LCB in the Houston game, after missing the previous game with a hamstring injury, but his snaps were limited and he had only one tackle. Clements has been a consistent big-play producer in his first Bengals season. He has 60 tackles (sixth on the team) and leads the team in passes defended (11). He is tied for the team lead in fumble recoveries (two), is tied for second in forced fumbles (two) and has one INT. He also has the team's only blocked kick, a FG block that proved crucial in the Oct. 16 win over Indianapolis. Fifth-year pro **Adam Jones** has seen his first action of the season on defense in the last four games, and he has started all four at RCB, taking over for **Leon Hall**, who was lost for the season to an Achilles tear suffered Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh. Jones had five tackles and two passes defended vs. Houston. He has 15 tackles and five passes defended on the season. 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 Nov. 6 Tennessee and Nov. 13 Pittsburgh games. Jones' punt return at Seattle was Cincinnati's longest since 2003. **Chris Crocker** has started every game at SS, and in the Houston game he was used often as a blitzer, recording a sack and two additional QB pressures. The ninth-year NFL player, in his fourth Bengals campaign, has 59 tackles on the season and leads the secondary in sacks (3.5, ranked fourth on team). He also has one forced fumble, four passes defended and three QB pressures. Sixth-year CB **Kelly Jennings** saw extensive action on defense vs. Houston, due in part to Clements' limited availability, and Jennings had five tackles, including his first sack, and his fourth pass defended. Jennings, in his first Bengals season, started in place of Clements on Dec. 4 at Pittsburgh and led the team in tackles (10). The Bengals obtained Jennings in an Aug. 29

with Seattle, sending DT Clinton McDonald to the Seahawks. Jennings has played in 10 games (Games 2-4 and 7-13), missing Games 1 and 5-6 with hamstring strains. He has Jennings has 32 tackles on the season. S **Gibril Wilson** played on special teams vs. Houston (no statistics). Wilson has 29 tackles on defense 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's nine special teams tackles rank tied for third on the team for the season. 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 96 career NFL games and 81 starts. S **Jeromy Miles** played on special teams vs. Houston and had one tackle. Miles has played in all 13 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 ranks tied for second on the team for the season in special teams stops, with 10, and he has two tackles on defense. Second-year S **Taylor Mays** had one tackle on defense and two on special teams vs. Houston. He has played in the last eight games and has seven special teams tackles, with five stops on defense. Mays was inactive for Games 1-5, due partially to a knee injury. Second-year CB **Brandon Ghee** was signed to the roster from the practice squad on Nov. 14. Ghee was a third-round Cincinnati draft pick in 2010. He has played on special teams (no statistics) in the last four games. Rookie S **Robert Sands**, a fifth-round draft pick from West Virginia, was inactive vs. Houston. He was also inactive for Games 1-11 and made his NFL debut in Game 12, Dec. 4 vs. Pittsburgh, seeing action on defense and special teams (no statistics). Sands played in all four preseason games and had 10 tackles.

Special teams: K **Mike Nugent** went four-for-four on FG attempts vs. Houston, connecting from 22, 47, 49 and 28 yards. The 49-yarder was his longest of the season. Nugent is 25-for-27 on the season, and one of his misses was due to a protection breakdown. Nugent has been a strong performer for the Bengals since signing as a free agent for 2010. He has had two game-winning field goals late in the fourth quarter this season — on Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo and Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland. He is 28-for-29 on PATs this season. He has reached the end zone on 55 of his 65 kickoffs, and 31 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 a strong 46.5 yards on four kicks vs. Houston, with a 39.0 net. He had one inside-20 kick 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 44.5 yards with a 39.2 net. He ranks 14th in the NFL in net average. He has 22 inside-20s against seven touchbacks. He ranks tied for ninth in the NFL in total inside-20s. WR **Brandon Tate** had two kickoff returns for a 16.5-yard avg. vs. Houston and no punt returns (one fair catch). He has set a Bengals record this season with 77 combined kickoff and punt returns (33 and 44 respectively). Tate ranks 16th in the NFL for the season on punt returns, his 9.7-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 ranks 15th in the NFL in kickoff return average, at 23.8 yards. LB **Brandon Johnson** led the special teams with three tackles vs. Houston, and he also had the special teams' first forced fumble of the season, stripping the ball from KOR Sherrick McManis, but the Texans recovered. The special teams tackling leader for the season is HB **Cedric Peerman**, who raised his total to 12 with one stop vs. Houston. Second on the special teams with 10 tackles is S **Jeromy Miles**, who had one vs. Houston. Miles' overall special teams 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. Third-year pro **Clark Harris** is in the No. 1 long snapper spot. He has made 365 snaps with no unplayable deliveries since joining the Bengals in 2009.

THE LAST BENGALS-RAMS MEETINGS

2003 SEASON / WEEK 16, GAME 15

St. Louis Rams 27, Cincinnati Bengals 10
Sunday, Dec. 21 at Edward Jones Dome

The Bengals lost a chance to remain in control of their own destiny in the AFC North Division title race, losing to a St. Louis club that ran its record to 12-3 while winning its 14th straight game at home. Cincinnati fell to an 8-7 mark, one game behind 9-6 Baltimore in the AFC North. The Bengals trailed St. Louis only 17-10 at halftime, but they were shut out in the second half. For the game, Cincinnati converted only 31 percent of its third-down opportunities (four of 13) while St. Louis converted at a 63-percent pace (10 of 16). Bengals QB Jon Kitna suffered three INTs in a game for the first time on the season. RB Marshall Faulk led the Rams offensively with 121 rushing yards and a TD plus 33 receiving yards with another TD. Bengals HB Corey Dillon and WR Chad Ochocinco both achieved team records. Dillon's 37 scrimmage yards (all rushing) pushed him to a new Bengals career high of 9482, surpassing James Brooks (9459). Ochocinco's 115 receiving yards raised his season total to 1326, breaking the team mark of 1273 set by Eddie Brown in 1988.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
StL. — M.Faulk 1 run (J.Wilkins kick).....	1-1:59
Cin. — K.Washington 2 pass from J.Kitna (S.Graham kick).....	2-8:40
StL. — J.Wilkins 26 field goal.....	2-4:39
StL. — T.Holt 28 pass from M.Bulger (J.Wilkins kick).....	2-0:47
Cin. — S.Graham 48 field goal.....	2-0:00
StL. — J.Wilkins 50 field goal.....	3-3:25
StL. — M.Faulk 9 pass from M.Bulger (J.Wilkins kick).....	4-14:08

Missed FGs: None. **Attendance:** 66,061. **Time:** 3:01.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	STL.
First downs.....	14	23
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-13	10-16
Total net yards.....	286	371
Net yards rushing.....	99	143
Net yards passing.....	187	228
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	29-16-3	38-24-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-15	1-1
Punts-average.....	4-43.0	2-54.0
Punt returns-yards.....	2-46	1-16
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-79	2-40
Penalties-yards.....	5-38	6-40
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-0
Time of possession.....	24:42	35:18

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	STL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Dillon	7	37	22	0	M.Faulk	22	121	26	1
Ru.Johnson	11	30	16	0	L.Gordon	5	15	11	0
B.Bennett	3	21	12	0	B.Manumaleuna	1	8	8	0
J.Johnson	1	6	6	0	M.Furrey	1	1	1	0
K.Washington	1	5	5	0	M.Bulger	2	-2	-1	0
TOTALS	23	99	22	0	TOTALS	31	143	26	1

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	STL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Kitna	29	16	202	1-3	M.Bulger	38	24	229	2-1
TOTALS	29	16	202	1-3	TOTALS	38	24	229	2-1

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	STL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Ochocinco	7	115	47	0	T.Holt	10	124	28t	1
K.Washington	3	26	12	1	M.Faulk	5	33	13	1
B.Bennett	2	19	14	0	M.Furrey	3	34	16	0
Ru.Johnson	2	17	14	0	D.Looker	3	17	9	0
T.Stewart	1	21	21	0	B.Manumaleuna				
K.Walter	1	4	4	0		2	10	7	0
					S.McDonald	1	11	11	0
TOTALS	16	202	47	1	TOTALS	24	229	28t	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Hardy 8-3-11, K.Kaesvi-harn 5-4-9, J.Smith 5-4-9, R.Beckett 5-2-7, B.Simmons 5-2-7, A.Ross 4-1-5, D.Clemons 2-3-5, M.Roman 3-1-4, G.Steele 2-1-3, T.James 2-0-2, A.Hawkins 1-1-2, C.Powell 1-1-2, J.Thornton 1-1-2, T.Williams 1-1-2, R.Myles 1-0-1, O.Gibson 0-1-1, Ri.Johnson 0-1-1, T.Roberts 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Smith 1-1. **INT.-YDS.:** T.James 1-0. **PD:** T.James 2, A.Hawkins 1. **FF:** D.Clemons 1, J.Thornton 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

St. Louis (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** A.Archuleta 8-0-8, G.Wistrom 5-2-7, T.Fisher 5-0-5, J.Sehorn 4-0-4, A.Williams 3-1-4, T.Polley 3-0-3, P.Tinoisamoa 3-0-3, L.Little 2-1-3, T.Jackson 2-0-2, J.Butler 1-1-2, J.Duncan 1-1-2, R.Pickett 1-1-2, R.Coady 1-0-1, D.Lewis 1-0-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Wistrom 2-5-13.5, L.Little 0-5-1.5. **INT.-YDS.:** A.Archuleta 1-22, J.Butler 1-13, T.Polley 1-6. **PD:** T.Polley 2, A.Archuleta 1, J.Butler 1, R.Coady 1, T.Jackson 1, J.Sehorn 1, P.Tinoisamoa 1. **FF:** None. **FR-YDS.:** None.

2007 SEASON / WEEK 14, GAME 13

Cincinnati Bengals 19, St. Louis Rams 10
Sunday, Dec. 9 at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals posted a 7-0 first-quarter lead on Rudi Johnson's one-yard TD run and went on to hold the Rams at bay with K Shayne Graham's four-for-four performance on FGs. Graham's last kick was his longest — 46 yards in the fourth quarter — and it essentially killed the Rams' comeback hopes by making it a two-score game (19-10) with 2:22 to play. The Rams entered the game with veteran QBs Marc Bulger and Gus Frerotte both injured, and Brock Berlin saw his first NFL action. The Bengals held the Rams to 241 net yards and a three-for-13 reading on third down. For the second time in three games, the Bengals defense did not allow a TD, as the Rams got their only six-pointer on an INT return. HB Rudi Johnson had 92 rushing yards, and second-year HB DeDe Dorsey sparked in spots with 81 rushing yards on four trips. The Bengals had a season-high 192 team rushing yards. The Bengals improved to 5-8, and the Rams dropped to 3-10.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
St. Louis.....	0	0	7	3	—	10
Cincinnati.....	7	3	6	3	—	19

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Johnson 1 run (S.Graham kick).....	1-5:32
Cin. — S.Graham 27 field goal.....	2-9:50
StL. — F.Brown 36 interception return (J.Wilkins kick).....	3-14:06
Cin. — S.Graham 38 field goal.....	3-4:41
Cin. — S.Graham 32 field goal.....	3-0:19
StL. — J.Wilkins 50 field goal.....	4-5:08
Cin. — S.Graham 46 field goal.....	4-2:22

Missed FGs: J.Wilkins (40WR). **Attendance:** 65,143. **Time:** 2:53.

TEAM STATISTICS	STL.	CIN.
First downs.....	10	18
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-13	7-15
Total net yards.....	241	370
Net yards rushing.....	88	192
Net yards passing.....	153	178
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	28-17-1	29-21-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	1-11
Punts-average.....	6-38.3	3-50.3
Punt returns-yards.....	1-0	3-1
Kickoff returns-yards.....	6-110	3-67
Penalties-yards.....	4-53	4-20
Fumbles-lost.....	4-1	1-0
Time of possession.....	26:35	33:25

RUSHING

STL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
S.Jackson	18	91	54	0	R.Johnson	23	92	22	1
A.Pittman	2	11	7	0	D.Dorsey	4	81	45	0
B.Leonard	1	2	2	0	K.Watson	3	10	8	0
B.Berlin	3	-16	0	0	T.Houshmandzadeh	1	8	8	0
					J.Johnson	2	4	2	0
					C.Palmer	3	-3	-1	0
TOTALS	24	88	54	0	TOTALS	36	192	45	1

PASSING

STL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Berlin	28	17	153	0-1	C.Palmer	29	21	189	0-2
TOTALS	28	17	153	0-1	TOTALS	29	21	189	0-2

RECEIVING

HOU.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Holt	8	90	23	0	T.Houshmandzadeh	8	52	14	0
S.Jackson	4	26	13	0	K.Watson	6	48	25	0
R.McMichael	2	23	12	0	C.Ochocinco	2	60	52	0
A.Pittman	1	11	11	0	C.Henry	1	16	16	0
B.Leonard	1	2	2	0	A.Chatman	1	5	5	0
J.Klopfenstein	1	1	1	0	J.Johnson	1	4	4	0
					R.Kelly	1	3	3	0
					R.Johnson	1	1	1	0
TOTALS	17	153	23	0	TOTALS	21	189	52	0

DEFENSE

St. Louis (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** C.Draft 8-4-12, R.Bartell 8-0-8, O.Atogwe 6-2-8, W.Witherspoon 6-1-7, B.Chillar 5-2-7, J.Hall 4-0-4, V.Adeyanju 2-2-4, C.Chavous 2-1-3, J.Wade 2-1-3, C.Ryan 1-2-3, L.Glover 1-1-2, A.Carriker 0-2-2, E.Moore 1-0-1, F.Brown 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** E.Moore 1-11. **INT.-YDS.:** F.Brown 1-36, R.Bartell 1-1. **PD:** R.Bartell 2, F.Brown 1, C.Draft 1. **FF:** R.Bartell 1. **FR-YDS.:** None.

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

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:** 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					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.

WEEK 12, GAME 11

Cincinnati Bengals 23, Cleveland Browns 20
 Sunday, Nov. 27, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals engineered their fifth win of the season in which they trailed in the fourth quarter. Cleveland opened the final period with a 20-17 lead, but a pair of Bengals FG drives and a final-period shutout by the defense did the trick. QB Andy Dalton's 51-yard pass to WR A.J. Green carried to the Cleveland two-yard line with 0:58 left, setting up K Mike Nugent's game-deciding 26-yard FG. The Browns had a chance to break a 20-20 tie with 1:55 left, but a bad snap helped force a miss by K Phil Dawson on a 55-yard FG try. The miss allowed the Bengals to start at their 45-yard line on their winning FG drive. HB Cedric Benson had 130 yards from scrimmage for Cincinnati (106 rushing, 24 receiving), and WR Green had 110 yards on three receptions. Dalton posted a 105.6 passer rating. The Bengals improved to 7-4 and opened their widest-ever lead in the Battle of Ohio series against Cleveland (five games at 41-36). The Browns dropped to 4-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cleveland	7	10	3	0	—	20
Cincinnati	7	0	10	6	—	23

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cle. — J.Norwood 24 pass from C.McCoy (P.Dawson kick)	1-10:55
Cin. — C.Benson 16 run (M.Nugent kick)	1-0:21
Cle. — P.Dawson 32 field goal	2-9:20
Cle. — G.Little 3 pass from C.McCoy (P.Dawson kick)	2-0:07
Cin. — M.Nugent 23 field goal	3-8:51
Cle. — P.Dawson 54 field goal	3-3:50
Cin. — J.Gresham 22 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	3-1:22
Cin. — M.Nugent 40 field goal	4-10:57
Cin. — M.Nugent 26 field goal	4-0:38

Missed FGs: P.Dawson (55SH). **Attendance:** 48,260. **Time:** 3:12.

TEAM STATISTICS	CLE.	CIN.
First downs	17	18
Third down conversions-attempts	6-15	6-14
Total net yards	274	389
Net yards rushing	134	132
Net yards passing	140	257
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	34-16-1	31-21-0
Sacks against-yards lost	2-11	2-13
Punts-average	5-43.0	4-47.8
Punt returns-yards	3-18	2-(-5)
Kickoff returns-yards	5-109	5-100
Penalties-yards	3-15	5-35
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Time of possession	28:26	31:34

RUSHING

CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
P.Hillis	19	65	10	0	C.Benson	21	106	33	1
C.McCoy	6	38	20	0	A.Dalton	6	23	7	0
C.Ogbonnaya	3	16	11	0	B.Leonard	1	2	2	0
G.Little	1	13	13	0	B.Scott	4	1	6	0
J.Cribbs	1	2	2	0					
TOTALS	30	134	20	0	TOTALS	32	132	33	1

PASSING

CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.McCoy	34	16	151	2-1	A.Dalton	31	21	270	1-0
TOTALS	34	16	151	2-1	TOTALS	31	21	270	1-0

RECEIVING

CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
G.Little	5	57	19	1	J.Gresham	5	68	22t	1
J.Norwood	4	69	36	1	C.Benson	4	24	10	0
B.Watson	2	14	10	0	A.Green	3	110	51	0
P.Hillis	2	-4	-1	0	A.Caldwell	3	24	16	0
J.Cribbs	1	8	8	0	A.Hawkins	2	27	19	0
C.Ogbonnaya	1	4	4	0	J.Simpson	2	15	9	0
E.Moore	1	3	3	0	B.Scott	2	2	1	0
TOTALS	16	151	36	2	TOTALS	21	270	51	1

DEFENSE

Cleveland (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Jackson 5-4-9, A.Rubin 4-2-6, M.Adams 2-4-6, S.Brown 4-1-5, J.Haden 4-1-5, S.Fujita 3-2-5, J.Sheard 4-0-4, U.Young 3-1-4, S.Paxson 2-1-3, C.Gocong 1-2-3, E.Hagg 2-0-2, D.Patterson 2-0-2, B.Schaefering 2-0-2, P.Taylor 2-0-2, T.Brown 1-0-1, K.Maiava 0-1-1, E.Stephens 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Sheard 1-11, T.Brown 1-2. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** S.Brown 1, C.Gocong 1, E.Hagg 1. **FF:** J.Sheard 1. **FR.-YDS.:** S.Paxson 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Howard 9-6-15, R.Mauluga 6-2-8, R.Geathers 5-2-7, N.Clements 3-4-7, C.Crocker 3-3-6, R.Nelson 2-3-5, M.Lawson 0-5-5, G.Atkins 4-0-4, M.Johnson 2-2-4, D.Peko 2-2-4, F.Rucker 1-2-3, J.Fanene 2-0-2, P.Sims 2-0-2, K.Jennings 1-1-2, A.Jones 1-1-2, G.Wilson 1-1-2. **SKS.-YDS.:** G.Atkins 1-7, R.Geathers 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Nelson 1-0. **PD:** G.Atkins 1, N.Clements 1, K.Jennings 1, A.Jones 1, R.Nelson 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 13, GAME 12

Pittsburgh Steelers 35, Cincinnati Bengals 7
 Sunday, Dec. 4, at Heinz Field

The Bengals had a grand beginning, stopping Pittsburgh three-and-out on the game's first possession and then driving inside the Steelers 10 on their first series. But a four-yard TD pass on that possession was nullified by a false start penalty, and there began a series of events that proved nightmarish by halftime. Cincinnati had a FG attempt blocked on that first possession, and the Steelers went on to score 28 second-quarter points — the most allowed by Cincinnati in a quarter in 382 games, since Dec. 13, 1987. The Steeler onslaught included two rushing TDs by RB Rashard Mendenhall, a QB Ben Roethlisberger TD pass to WR Mike Wallace and a 60-yard punt return TD by WR Antonio Brown. The Bengals got their only TD on an 11-yard second-quarter pass from QB Andy Dalton to WR A.J. Green. For the first time since the season opener, when he missed the second half with a wrist injury, Dalton did not play every offensive snap. He was relieved (not injury related) by QB Bruce Gradkowski for the fourth quarter. The Bengals fell to 7-5 while Pittsburgh improved to 9-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	7	0	0	—	7
Pittsburgh	0	28	7	0	—	35

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — R.Mendenhall 3 run (S.Suisham kick)	2-12:47
Pitt. — R.Mendenhall 5 run (S.Suisham kick)	2-10:12
Pitt. — M.Wallace 12 pass from B.Roethlisberger (S.Suisham kick)	2-8:33
Cin. — A.Green 11 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick)	2-4:06
Pitt. — A.Brown 60 punt return (S.Suisham kick)	2-1:16
Pitt. — M.Wallace 19 pass from B.Roethlisberger (S.Suisham kick)	3-3:26

Missed FGs: M.Nugent (33B), S.Suisham (50WR).

Attendance: 63,697. **Time:** 2:53.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	PITT.
First downs	13	22
Third down conversions-attempts	2-11	2-10
Total net yards	232	295
Net yards rushing	104	136
Net yards passing	128	159
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	30-14-1	23-15-0
Sacks against-yards lost	3-24	3-17
Punts-average	7-45.3	5-54.2
Punt returns-yards	5-54	3-65
Kickoff returns-yards	4-103	1-16
Penalties-yards	10-109	4-29
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Time of possession	27:16	32:44

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	13	52	14	0	R.Mendenhall	16	60	15	2
B.Scott	5	30	19	0	I.Redman	8	51	27	0
A.Green	1	15	15	0	M.Moore	1	13	13	0
A.Dalton	2	6	4	0	A.Brown	1	9	9	0
B.Gradkowski	1	1	1	0	J.Dwyer	3	8	8	0
					C.Batch	3	-2	0	0
					M.Wallace	1	-3	-3	0
TOTALS	22	104	19	0	TOTALS	33	136	27	2

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	24	11	135	1-0	B.Roethlisberger	23	15	176	2-0
B.Gradkowski	6	3	17	0-1	C.Batch	0	0	0	0-0
TOTALS	30	14	152	1-1	TOTALS	23	15	176	2-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	6	87	43	1	H.Ward	5	30	12	0
B.Leonard	4	20	9	0	M.Wallace	3	38	19t	2
J.Gresham	3	37	20	0	A.Brown	2	67	45	0
A.Hawkins	1	8	8	0	H.Miller	2	12	7	0
					W.Saunders	1	14	14	0
					D.Johnson	1	9	9	0
					E.Sanders	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	14	152	43	1	TOTALS	15	176	45	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** K.Jennings 5-5-10, M.Lawson 4-5-9, R.Mauluga 6-2-8, D.Peko 2-6-8, M.Johnson 5-2-7, R.Nelson 1-6-7, T.Howard 4-2-6, F.Rucker 4-1-5, G.Wilson 1-3-4, G.Atkins 2-1-3, T.Mays 0-3-3, B.Johnson 2-0-2, A.Jones 2-0-2, J.Miles 2-0-2, Chris Crocker 1-1-2, R.Geathers 1-1-2, D.Skuta 1-1-2, J.Fanene 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Johnson 1-8, D.Peko 1-5, T.Howard 1-4. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** A.Jones 2, T.Howard 1, K.Jennings 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** R.Clark 5-3-8, I.Taylor 6-1-7, L.Timmons 5-2-7, J.Harrison 5-1-6, J.Farrior 4-2-6, B.Keisel 3-1-4, T.Polamalu 3-1-4, Z.Hood 2-2-4, C.Hampton 1-1-2, W.Gay 1-0-1, C.Heyward 0-1-1, L.Woodley 0-1-1, J.Worlds 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** J.Harrison 3-24. **INT.-YDS.:** I.Taylor 1-0. **PD:** I.Taylor 3, T.Polamalu 1. **FF:** None. **FR.-YDS.:** None.

WEEK 14, GAME 13

Houston Texans 20, Cincinnati Bengals 19
Sunday, Dec. 11, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals, with five fourth-quarter comeback victories on the books, got a taste of their own medicine as Houston erased a 19-10 final-period deficit by driving 83 yards for a FG and 80 yards for a TD on its last two possessions. The winning score was a six-yard pass from rookie QB T.J. Yates to former Bengal WR Kevin Walter with just :02 remaining. The Walter TD was set up by a pass interference call the Bengals disputed, a 17-yarder against CB Adam Jones that put the ball at the six with 0:12 to play. The Bengals, who led 16-3 at halftime, suffered the relatively rare feat of losing despite a plus-two turnover differential. Houston racked up 412 net yards, the most allowed by Cincinnati on the season to date. The Bengals fell to 7-6. Houston improved to 10-3, and its win combined with a Tennessee loss to New Orleans to clinch the Texans the AFC South championship and the franchise's first playoff berth.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Houston.....	3	0	7	10	—	20
Cincinnati.....	6	10	3	0	—	19

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Hou. — N.Rackers 46 field goal.....	1-9:51
Cin. — M.Nugent 22 field goal.....	1-4:54
Cin. — M.Nugent 47 field goal.....	1-2:31
Cin. — J.Simpson 17 pass from A.Dalton (M.Nugent kick).....	2-3:02
Cin. — M.Nugent 49 field goal.....	2-0:06
Hou. — J.Dreessen 6 pass from T.Yates (N.Rackers kick).....	3-12:27
Cin. — M.Nugent 28 field goal.....	3-2:07
Hou. — N.Rackers 33 field goal.....	4-5:31
Hou. — K.Walter 6 pass from T.Yates (N.Rackers kick).....	4-0:02

Missed FGs: N.Rackers (47WR). **Attendance:** 41,202. **Time:** 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS	HOU.	CIN.
First downs.....	25	16
Third down conversions-attempts.....	9-16	5-13
Total net yards.....	412	285
Net yards rushing.....	144	101
Net yards passing.....	268	184
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	44-26-1	28-16-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	5-32	1-5
Punts-average.....	2-51.5	4-46.5
Punt returns-yards.....	4-30	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	5-59	3-47
Penalties-yards.....	5-50	3-27
Fumbles-lost.....	4-3	2-2
Time of possession.....	31:44	28:16

RUSHING

HOU.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
B.Tate	8	67	44	0	C.Benson	12	91	42	0
A.Foster	15	41	9	0	B.Scott	6	4	4	0
T.Yates	5	36	17	0	A.Hawkins	1	4	4	0
					A.Dalton	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	28	144	44	0	TOTALS	29	101	42	0

PASSING

HOU.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
T.Yates	44	26	300	2-1	A.Dalton	28	16	189	1-0
TOTALS	44	26	300	2-1	TOTALS	28	16	189	1-0

RECEIVING

HOU.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
O.Daniels	7	100	27	0	A.Green	5	59	36	0
K.Walter	6	76	19	1	J.Gresham	3	45	26	0
A.Foster	4	33	21	0	J.Simpson	2	38	21	1
J.Jones	3	39	18	0	B.Scott	2	15	14	0
B.Tate	3	30	14	0	A.Caldwell	2	10	8	0
J.Dreessen	3	22	10	1	A.Hawkins	1	22	22	0
					C.Benson	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	26	300	27	2	TOTALS	16	189	36	1

DEFENSE

Houston (press box stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** D.Manning 8-3-11, D.Ryans 4-2-6, C.Barwin 4-1-5, J.Joseph 4-1-5, G.Quin 4-1-5, B.Cushing 3-1-4, J.Watt 3-1-4, B.Reed 2-1-3, K.Jackson 2-0-2, S.Cody 0-2-2, T.Dobbins 0-2-2, B.McCain 1-0-1, A.Smith 1-0-1, J.Allen 0-1-1, E.Mitchell 0-1-1, T.Nolan 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** C.Barwin 1-5. **INT.-YDS.:** None. **PD:** J.Joseph 2, J.Allen 1, S.Cody 1, T.Jamison 1, G.Quin 1, D.Ryans 1. **FF:** C.Barwin 1. **FR-YDS.:** B.Reed 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — **ST-AT-TT:** T.Howard 6-6-12, R.Mauluga 9-1-10, R.Nelson 6-4-10, D.Peko 3-4-7, C.Crocker 4-1-5, K.Jennings 4-1-5, A.Jones 4-1-5, M.Lawson 4-1-5, M.Johnson 4-0-4, G.Atkins 2-2-4, F.Rucker 2-2-4, R.Geathers 2-1-3, B.Johnson 1-1-2, N.Clements 0-1-1, J.Fanene 0-1-1, T.Mays 0-1-1, D.Skuta 0-1-1. **SKS.-YDS.:** M.Johnson 1-5, M.Lawson 1-3, C.Crocker 1-2, K.Jennings 1-2, G.Atkins 0.5-10, R.Geathers 0.5-10. **INT.-YDS.:** R.Nelson 1-23. **PD:** A.Jones 2, R.Nelson 2, J.Fanene 1, K.Jennings 1, M.Johnson 1, D.Peko 1. **FF:** R.Mauluga 2, G.Atkins 1. **FR-YDS.:** G.Atkins 1-9, J.Fanene 1-0, R.Mauluga 1-0.

THE BENGALS ARE:

IN 2011

3-3 at home
4-3 on the road
4-2 when scoring first
3-4 when opponent scores first
2-2 in games decided by three points or fewer
3-5 in games decided by seven points or fewer
2-2 when leading at halftime
1-0 when tied at halftime
4-4 when trailing at halftime
2-1 when leading after three quarters
1-1 when tied after three quarters
4-4 when trailing after three quarters
4-4 when rushing for 100 net yards

6-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
4-2 with plus turnover differential
2-0 with even turnover differential
1-4 with minus turnover differential
3-2 when passing for 250 net yards
2-2 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
7-2 when scoring 20 points or more
3-5 when opponent scores 20 points or more
7-6 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
0-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
3-2 on natural grass
4-4 on synthetic surface
4-3 with fewer penalty yards

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS (2003-PRESENT)

39-30-1 at home
28-43-0 on the road
43-25-1 when scoring first
24-48-0 when opponent scores first
14-14-1 in games decided by three points or fewer
33-35-1 in games decided by seven points or fewer
46-19-1 when leading at halftime
7-1-0 when tied at halftime
14-53-0 when trailing at halftime
52-10-1 when leading after three quarters
4-3-0 when tied after three quarters
11-60-0 when trailing after three quarters
46-27-0 when rushing for 100 net yards

42-15-1 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
44-11-1 with plus turnover differential
15-15-0 with even turnover differential
8-47-0 with minus turnover differential
21-24-0 when passing for 250 net yards
18-25-1 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
51-28-0 when scoring 20 points or more
24-65-0 when opponent scores 20 points or more
65-67-1 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
2-6-0 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
26-25-0 on natural grass
41-48-1 on synthetic surface
37-39-1 with fewer penalty yards

BEST PERFORMANCES

RUSHING YARDS

121 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland
 106 — Cedric Benson, Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland
 104 — Cedric Benson, Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo

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

42 — Cedric Benson, Dec. 11 vs. Houston
 39 — Cedric Benson, Sept. 11 at Cleveland (TD)
 33 — Cedric Benson, Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland

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
 51 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland

YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE

152 — Jerome Simpson, Nov. 20 at Baltimore
 136 — Jerome Simpson, Sept. 18 at Denver
 130 — Cedric Benson, Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland

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*

15 — Thomas Howard, Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland
 13 — Reggie Nelson, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco
 12 — (three times)

SOLO TACKLES*

9 — Rey Mauluga, Oct. 2 vs. Buffalo
 9 — Thomas Howard, Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland
 9 — Rey Mauluga, Dec. 11 vs. Houston

***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	389	32-132	257	21-31	1/0	2-13	18	6-14	1-1	31:34
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh	232	22-104	128	14-30	1/1	3-24	13	2-11	1-1	27:16
Dec. 11	HOUSTON	285	29-101	184	16-28	1/0	1-5	16	5-13	2-2	28:16
Dec. 18	at St. Louis										
Dec. 24	ARIZONA										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		4198	363-1398	2800	253-434	19/13	21-142	226	64-177	11-5	30:13

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	274	30-134	140	16-34	2/1	2-11	17	6-15	1-0	28:26
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh	295	33-136	159	15-23	2/0	3-17	22	2-10	0-0	32:44
Dec. 11	HOUSTON	412	28-144	268	26-44	2/1	5-32	25	9-16	4-3	31:44
Dec. 18	at St. Louis										
Dec. 24	ARIZONA										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		4092	351-1300	2792	256-440	17/7	36-214	234	67-180	24-12	29:47

TRANSACTIONS

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

Aug. 8	— Waived S Brian Lainhart and G Mark Wetterer .		
Aug. 11	— Signed WR John Standeford (FA); OT Kirk Chambers (UFA-Cin.) signed with Detroit.	Sept. 14	— Signed TE Donald Lee (FA); Waived CB Rico Murray .
Aug. 15	— Signed DE Jonathan Fanene (UFA-Cin.).	Sept. 19	— Placed WR Jordan Shipley on the Reserve/Injured list.
Aug. 16	— Terminated the contracts of DT Tank Johnson and TE Garrett Mills .	Sept. 20	— Signed WR Andrew Hawkins from the practice squad; Signed WR Armon Binns to the practice squad.
Aug. 17	— Signed WR Calvin Russell (FA) and CB LeRoy Vann ; TE Reggie Kelly (UFA-Cin.) signed with Atlanta.	Oct. 3	— The suspension of G Bobbie Williams (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) expired and he returned to practice with a roster exemption.
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 .	Oct. 6	— Activated G Bobbie Williams from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived G Otis Hudson .
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 .	Oct. 7	— Signed G Otis Hudson to the practice squad; Released DT Jason Shirley from the practice squad.
Aug. 29	— Acquired CB Kelly Jennings in a trade with Seattle for DT Clinton McDonald ; Waived DT Lolomana Mikaele (injury settlement).	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.
Aug. 31	— Signed OT Andrew Whitworth* to a two-year contract extension through 2015; Signed DT Cornell Banks (FA).	Oct. 24	— CB Adam Jones (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list) returned to practice with a roster exemption.
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.	Oct. 28	— Activated CB Adam Jones from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.
Sept. 3	— Terminated the contracts of DE Victor Adeyanju , G Max Jean-Gilles and CB Jonathan Wade ; Placed CB Adam Jones on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Placed LB Keith Rivers on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list; Placed LB Roddrick Muckelroy and TE Bo Scaife on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived the following 19 players: DT Cornell Banks , FB James Develin , LB DeQuin Evans , HB Jay Finley , CB Brandon Ghee , HB John Griffin , WR Andrew Hawkins , QB Dan LeFevour , CB Korey Lindsey , CB Rico Murray , TE John Nalbone , OT Matthew O'Donnell , CB David Pender , G Chris Riley , DE James Ruffin , WR Calvin Russell , DT Jason Shirley , FB Fui Vakapuna , K Thomas Weber ; G Bobbie Williams was placed by NFL on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list.	Oct. 31	— Announced that NFL granted HB Cedric Benson (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a two-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.
Sept. 4	— Acquired the following three players on waivers: G Mike McGlynn from Philadelphia, TE Mickey Shuler from Miami and WR Brandon Tate from New England; Waived TE Chase Coffman , WR Quan Cosby and C Reggie Stephens ; Signed the following seven players to the practice squad: FB James Develin , LB DeQuin Evans , CB Brandon Ghee , WR Andrew Hawkins , QB Dan LeFevour , OT Matthew O'Donnell and DT Jason Shirley .	Nov. 2	— Activated HB Cedric Benson from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived CB Morgan Trent .
Sept. 5	— Waived TE Mickey Shuler (failed physical); Signed TE Chase Coffman to the practice squad.	Nov. 9	— Announced that LB Keith Rivers (Reserve/Non-Football Injury list) was eligible to return to practice on a roster exemption.
Sept. 6	— Signed CB Rico Murray (FA); Signed QB Zac Robinson to the practice squad; Released QB Dan LeFevour from the	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.
		Nov. 15	— Signed CB Walter McFadden (FA) to the practice squad.
		Nov. 16	— Signed CB John Bowie (FA) to the practice squad.
		Nov. 17	— LB DeQuin Evans was placed by NFL on the Practice Squad/Suspended by Commissioner list.
		Nov. 22	— Released CB Walter McFadden from the practice squad.
		Nov. 23	— Signed LB Bruce Davis (FA) to the practice squad.
		Nov. 29	— Signed DT Cornell Banks (FA) to the practice squad; Released LB Bruce Davis from the practice squad; The roster exemption for LB Keith Rivers (Reserve/Non-Football Injury list) expired.
		Dec. 7	— Signed DT Nick Hayden (FA); Placed DT Pat Sims on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed DT Swanson Miller to the practice squad; Released DT Cornell Banks from the practice squad.
		Dec. 12	— Signed G Otis Hudson from the practice squad; Placed G Bobbie Williams on the Reserve/Injured list.

* 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
PSBC — 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.....	13-12	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	P	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT			
Banks, Cornell.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	NWT			
Benson, Cedric.....	12-12	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	RSBC	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB			
Binns, Armon.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS			
Boling, Clint.....	4-3	RG	RG	RG	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL			
Bowie, John.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS			
Caldwell, Andre.....	13-2	P	P	WR	P	P	P	P	P	P	WR	P	P	P			
Clements, Nate.....	12-12	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	IL	LCB		
Cochart, Colin.....	9-3	2ndTE	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	TE	P	P	P	P	P	2ndTE			
Coffman, Chase.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS			
Collins, Anthony.....	4-1	P	DNP	DNP	IL	IL	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	IL	IL	P	ROT			
Cook, Kyle.....	13-13	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			
Crocker, Chris.....	13-13	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS			
Dalton, Andy.....	13-13	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB			
Davis, Bruce.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	NWT	NWT			
Develin, James.....	0-0	PS	PS	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	IL	IL	IL			
Evans, DeQuin.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PSSBC	PSSBC	PSSBC	PSSBC			
Fanene, Jonathan.....	13-2	P	LDE	LDE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Geathers, Robert.....	11-10	LDE	IL	IL	P	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE			
Ghee, Brandon.....	4-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	P	P	P			
Gradkowski, Bruce.....	2-0	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	DNP			
Green, A.J.....	12-12	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	IL	WR	WR	WR			
Gresham, Jermaine.....	11-10	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	IL	IL	P	TE	TE	TE	TE			
Hall, Leon.....	9-9	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RI	RI	RI	RI			
Harris, Clark.....	13-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Hawkins, Andrew.....	10-0	PS	PS	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Hayden, Nick.....	1-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT			
Howard, Thomas.....	13-12	WLB	WLB	WLB	LB	WLB	WLB	P	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB			
Huber, Kevin.....	13-0	P	P	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	PS	PS			
Jennings, Kelly.....	10-1	IL	P	P	P	IL	IL	P	P	P	P	P	LCB	P			
Johnson, Brandon.....	13-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	WLB	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Johnson, Michael.....	13-5	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Jones, Adam.....	5-4	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	P	IL	IL	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB			
Lawson, Manny.....	13-12	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB			
Lee, Donald.....	6-2	NWT	IL	P	2ndTE	P	P	P	TE	IL	IL	IL	IL	DNP			
Leonard, Brian.....	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL			
Livingston, Nate.....	13-13	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG			
Mauluga, Rey.....	10-10	MLB	MLB	MLB	LB	MLB	IL	IL	IL	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB			
Mays, Taylor.....	8-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	DNP	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
McFadden, Walter.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT			
McGlynn, Mike.....	4-1	DNP	DNP	P	RG	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P			
Miles, Jeromy.....	13-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Miller, Swanson.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT			
Moch, Dontay.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL			
Muckelroy, Rodrick.....	0-0	RI	RI	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	NWT	NWT			
Nelson, Reggie.....	13-13	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS			
Nugent, Mike.....	13-0	P	P	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	PS	PS			
Peerman, Cedric.....	12-0	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Peko, Domata.....	13-13	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT			
Pressley, Chris.....	13-9	P	FB	FB	P	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	P	FB	P			
Rey, Vincent.....	13-0	P	P	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*	RNFI	RNFI			
Robinson, Zac.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS			
Roland, Dennis.....	13-3	P	P	P	P	P	2ndTE	P	P	TE	P	2ndTE	P	P			
Rucker, Froste.....	13-8	P	P	P	P	P	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE			
Sands, Robert.....	1-0	IL	IL	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	RI	RI			
Scott, Bernard.....	13-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	HB	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Shipley, Jordan.....	2-0	P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI			
Shirley, Jason.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT			
Simpson, Jerome.....	13-11	WR	WR	P	WR	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR			
Sims, Pat.....	11-1	P	P	P	P	P	DT	P	P	P	P	P	IL	RI			
Skuta, Dan.....	13-3	P	P	P	P	P	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	P	P	P	P			
Smith, Andre.....	12-12	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	IL			
Tate, Brandon.....	13-0	P	P	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	NWT	NWT			
Whalen, Ryan.....	1-0	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL			
Whitworth, Andrew.....	13-13	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT			
Williams, Bobbie.....	9-9	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG			
Wilson, Gibril.....	13-1	P	P	P	nKIDB	P	P	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	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Williams	Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Roland(2ndTE)
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Williams	Smith	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Pressley
Dec. 11	HOUSTON	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	Williams	Collins	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Cochart(2ndTE)
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	Geathers	Peko	Atkins	Rucker	Lawson	Mauluga	Howard	Clements	Jones	Crocker	Nelson
Dec. 4	at Pittsburgh	Geathers	Peko	Atkins	Rucker	Lawson	Mauluga	Howard	Jennings	Jones	Crocker	Nelson
Dec. 11	HOUSTON	Geathers	Peko	Atkins	Rucker	Lawson	Mauluga	Howard	Clements	Jones	Crocker	Nelson
Dec. 18	at St. Louis											
Dec. 24	ARIZONA											
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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	60	Otis Hudson		
C	64	KYLE COOK	66	Mike McGlynn		
RG	66	MIKE McGLYNN	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	98	Nick Hayden		
DT	97	GENO ATKINS	68	Jonathan Fanene		
RDE	92	FROSTEE RUCKER	93	Michael Johnson	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	21	Brandon Ghee		
RCB	24	ADAM JONES	23	Kelly Jennings		
SS	42	CHRIS CROCKER	26	Taylor Mays	45	Jeromy Miles
FS	20	REGGIE NELSON	27	Gibril Wilson	31	<u>Robert Sands</u>

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	10	Kevin Huber				
K	2	Mike Nugent				
H	10	Kevin Huber				
LS	46	Clark Harris				
PR	19	Brandon Tate	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

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

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

DEC. 13, 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
98	Hayden, Nick	DT	6-4	292	2-4-86	3	Wisconsin	Hartland, Wis.	FA'11
53	Howard, Thomas	LB	6-3	240	7-14-83	6	Texas-El Paso	Lubbock, Texas	UFA(Oak)'11
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	208	7-16-85	3	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
60	Hudson, Otis	G	6-5	311	7-19-86	1	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
23	Jennings, Kelly	CB	5-11	180	11-30-82	6	Miami (Fla.)	Live Oak, Fla.	T(Sea)'11
59	Johnson, Brandon	LB	6-5	245	4-5-83	6	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
93	Johnson, Michael	DE	6-7	267	2-7-87	3	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
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, Jeremy	S	6-2	210	7-20-87	2	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
52	Moch, Dontay	LB	6-2	241	7-19-88	R	Nevada	Phoenix, Ariz.	D3'11
20	Nelson, Reggie	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	5	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
2	Nugent, Mike	K	5-10	183	3-2-82	7	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
30	Peerman, Cedric	HB	5-10	211	10-10-86	2	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	6	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
36	Pressley, Chris	FB	5-11	256	8-8-86	3	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	PS(Cin.)'10
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-2	247	9-6-87	1	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
74	Roland, Dennis	OT	6-9	322	3-10-83	4	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
92	Rucker, Frostee	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	6	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
31	Sands, Robert	S	6-4	209	11-3-89	R	West Virginia	Carol City, Fla.	D5'11
28	Scott, Bernard	HB	5-10	198	2-10-84	3	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
89	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	190	2-4-86	4	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
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
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
95	Miller, Swanson (12-7)	DT	6-4	310	3-24-86	1	Oklahoma State	Alachua, 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/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned)

41	Evans, DeQuin (11-17)	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
90	Sims, Pat (12-7; ankle)	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	4	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
63	Williams, Bobbie (12-12; ankle)	G	6-4	340	9-25-76	12	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04

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

NUMERICAL ROSTER

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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
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18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	207	7-31-88	R	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
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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
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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
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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
98	Nick Hayden	DT	6-4	292	2-4-86	3	Wisconsin	Hartland, Wis.	FA'11
99	Manny Lawson	LB	6-5	240	7-3-84	6	North Carolina State	Goldsboro, 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
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
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
95	Swanson Miller (12-7)	DT	6-4	310	3-24-86	1	Oklahoma State	Alachua, Fla.	FA'11

PRACTICE SQUAD/SUSPENDED BY COMMISSIONER (date assigned)

41	DeQuin Evans (11-17)	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	Roddrick Muckelroy (9-3; Achilles)	LB	6-2	245	10-27-86	2	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
63	Bobbie Williams (12-12; ankle)	G	6-4	340	9-25-76	12	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
83	Bo Scaife (9-3; neck)	TE	6-3	249	1-6-81	7	Texas	Denver, Colo.	UFA(Tenn.)'11
90	Pat Sims (12-7; ankle)	DT	6-2	330	11-29-85	4	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08

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

STATISTICS

RECORD: 7-6

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	W	23-20	CLEVELAND	48,260
12-4-11	L	7-35	at Pittsburgh	63,697
12-11-11	L	19-20	HOUSTON	41,202
12-18-11			at St. Louis	
12-24-11			ARIZONA	
1-1-12			BALTIMORE	

TEAM STATISTICS		CIN	OPP
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		226	234
Rushing		72	81
Passing		134	140
Penalty		20	13
3rd Down: Made-Att		64-177	67-180
3rd Down Pct.		36.2	37.2
4th Down: Made-Att		4-9	3-8
4th Down Pct.		44.4	37.5
POSSESSION AVG.		30:13	29:47
TOTAL NET YARDS		4198	4092
Avg. Per Game		322.9	314.8
Total Plays		818	827
Avg. Per Play		5.1	4.9
NET YARDS RUSHING		1398	1300
Avg. Per Game		107.5	100.0
Total Rushes		363	351
NET YARDS PASSING		2800	2792
Avg. Per Game		215.4	214.8
Sacked-Yards Lost		21-142	36-214
Gross Yards		2942	3006
Att.-Completions		434-253	440-256
Completion Pct.		58.3	58.2
Had Intercepted		13	7
PUNTS-AVG.		77-44.5	78-47.5
Net Punting Avg.		77-39.2	78-40.0
PENALTIES-YARDS		78-69.1	78-62.3
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST		11-5	24-12
TOUCHDOWNS		30	31
Rushing		7	12
Passing		19	17
Returns		4	2

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	67	49	66	103	0	285
OPPONENTS	41	119	50	60	0	270

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	0	28-29	25-27	0	103
A.J. Green	7	0	7	0	—	—	0	42
Cedric Benson	5	5	0	0	—	—	0	30
Jermaine Gresham	5	0	5	0	—	—	0	30
Andre Caldwell	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
Jerome Simpson	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
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	30	7	19	4	28-29	25-27	1	285
OPPONENTS	31	12	17	2	30-30	18-22	0	270

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 7-42.5, Michael Johnson 5-27.5, Frostee Rucker 4-24, Chris Crocker 3.5-14, Carlos Dunlap 3-31, Jonathan Fanene 3-20, Robert Geathers 3-18, Domata Peko 1.5-8, Manny Lawson 1.5-6, Reggie Nelson 1-8, Pat Sims 1-5, Thomas Howard 1-4, Kelly Jennings 1-2, Dan Skuta 0.5-4. BENGALS 36-214, OPPONENTS 21-142.

Fumbles-lost: Andy Dalton 4-2, Brandon Tate 3-1, Geno Atkins 1-1, Nate Clements 1-1, A.J. Green 1-0, Jordan Shipley 1-0. BENGALS 11-5, OPPONENTS 24-12.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	415	245	2833	59.0	6.83	18	4.3	12	2.9	84	20-135	82.1
Bruce Gradkowski	18	8	109	44.4	6.06	1	5.6	1	5.6	41t	1-7	59.7
Bernard Scott	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	—	0-0	39.6
BENGALS	434	253	2942	58.3	6.78	19	4.4	13	3.0	84	21-142	81.0
OPPONENTS	440	256	3006	58.2	6.83	17	3.9	7	1.6	74t	36-214	85.3

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Cedric Benson	222	883	4.0	42	5
Bernard Scott	89	298	3.3	19	1
Andy Dalton	26	89	3.4	11	1
Brian Leonard	17	85	5.0	14	0
A.J. Green	3	28	9.3	15	0
Andrew Hawkins	3	14	4.7	6	0
Bruce Gradkowski	3	1	0.3	1	0
BENGALS	363	1398	3.9	42	7
OPPONENTS	351	1300	3.7	59	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	55	891	16.2	58	7
Jermaine Gresham	43	452	10.5	26	5
Jerome Simpson	38	615	16.2	84	3
Andre Caldwell	37	317	8.6	49t	3
Brian Leonard	20	191	9.6	37	0
Andrew Hawkins	18	216	12.0	25	0
Bernard Scott	12	30	2.5	14	0
Cedric Benson	11	53	4.8	10	0
Donald Lee	8	106	13.3	26	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	253	2942	11.6	84	19
OPPONENTS	256	3006	11.7	74t	17

INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Reggie Nelson	3	98	32.7	75t	1
Leon Hall	2	15	7.5	15	0
Nate Clements	1	7	7.0	7	0
Michael Johnson	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	7	120	17.1	75t	1
OPPONENTS	13	129	9.9	43t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK.
Kevin Huber	77	3425	44.5	39.2	7	22	71	0
BENGALS	77	3425	44.5	39.2	7	22	71	0
OPPONENTS	78	3705	47.5	40.0	5	18	65	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	44	12	425	9.7	56t	1
Adam Jones	1	0	63	63.0	63	0
Nate Clements	0	1	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	45	13	488	10.8	63	1
OPPONENTS	35	20	265	7.6	60t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	33	785	23.8	45	0
Nate Clements	1	4	4.0	4	0
Cedric Benson	1	10	10.0	10	0
Bernard Scott	1	26	26.0	26	0
Adam Jones	0	-12	—	-12	0
BENGALS	36	813	22.6	45	0
OPPONENTS	34	742	21.8	51	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mike Nugent	0-0	11-11	4-5	10-11	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	11-11	4-5	10-11	0-0
OPPONENTS	1-1	6-6	4-4	5-6	2-5

Mike Nugent: (24G, 47G), (45G, 37G, 23G), (22G, 23G), (31G, 21G, 43G), (47G), (20G, 43G, 43WR), (34G, 48G), (36G), (43G), (27G), (23G, 40G, 26G), (33B), (22G, 47G, 49G, 28G).

Opponents: (20G), (34G), (23G, 53G), (43G, 23G), (19G, 20G), (46G, 52B), (47G, 25G), (43G), (39G), (22G), (32G, 54G, 55SH), (50WR), (46G, 47WR, 33G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Thomas Howard	59	38	97	1-4	0-0	3	2	0-0
Reggie Nelson	51	39	90	1-8	3-98	7	2	0-0
Rey Mauluga	59	29	88	0-0	0-0	2	3	1-0
Domata Peko	40	33	73	1.5-8	0-0	1	1	1-0
Manny Lawson	29	33	62	1.5-6	0-0	3	0	0-0
Nate Clements	40	20	60	0-0	1-7	11	2	2-0
Chris Crocker	44	15	59	3.5-14	0-0	4	1	0-0
Geno Atkins	32	22	54	7-42.5	0-0	2	1	2-19
Frostee Rucker	29	22	51	4-24	0-0	2	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	22	17	39	5-27.5	1-0	6	1	1-0
Leon Hall	31	7	38	0-0	2-15	10	0	1-10
Robert Geathers	23	15	38	3-18	0-0	1	0	0-0
Kelly Jennings	22	10	32	1-2	0-0	4	0	0-0
Jonathan Fanene	13	18	31	3-20	0-0	1	0	2-0
Dan Skuta	18	12	30	0.5-4	0-0	0	1	0-0
Gibril Wilson	14	15	29	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0
Pat Sims	13	15	28	1-5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Brandon Johnson	18	8	26	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	10	9	19	3-31	0-0	3	0	1-35
Adam Jones	12	3	15	0-0	0-0	5	0	0-0
Morgan Trent	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Taylor Mays	0	5	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jeremy Miles	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FR	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Cedric Peerman	12	0	12	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jeremy Miles	10	0	10	0	0-0	0	0	0
Gibril Wilson	7	2	9	0	0-0	0	0	0
Dan Skuta	5	4	9	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brian Leonard	5	3	8	0	0-0	0	0	0
Vincent Rey	4	4	8	0	0-0	0	0	0
Taylor Mays	6	1	7	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Johnson	4	0	4	1	0-0	0	0	0
Andrew Hawkins	2	2	4	0	0-0	0	0	0
Reggie Nelson	3	0	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Clark Harris	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kelly Jennings	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Manny Lawson	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Andre Caldwell	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jermaine Gresham	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.