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ARIZONA CARDINALS (7-7) AT CINCINNATI BENGALS (8-6)

WEEK 16, GAME 15
SATURDAY, DEC. 24
AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM

NEXT UP: WEEK 17, GAME 16
JAN. 1 VS. BALTIMORE

GAME NOTES

Kickoff: 1 p.m. EST.

Television: FOX broadcast with Thom Brennaman (play-by-play), Brian Billick (analyst) and Laura Okmin (sideline reporter).

The game will not be a sellout and will not be aired in the Bengals home market cities of Cincinnati, Dayton and Lexington, Ky.

Radio: Coverage on the Bengals Radio Network, led by 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 aren't yet where they'd most like to be — with a little 'x' next to 'Cincinnati' in the standings, designating the clinching of a playoff spot. But they'll still take their situation with a smile.

The team that prognosticators ignored in preseason is in the thick of the AFC playoff race, tied with the New York Jets (both teams 8-6) for the second Wild Card berth. The Bengals pulled into the tie by winning last week at St. Louis while the Jets were losing at Philadelphia. The Bengals entered last week's play tied with Tennessee and Oakland, but both the Titans and Raiders lost, each falling a game back at 7-7. San Diego, meanwhile, rose to 7-7 with a home win over Baltimore.

And though they finish this season with a 5-3 road record, the Bengals are looking forward to having the final two regular-season games at home.

"We had to start with two on the road, and now we get the payback (from the schedule)," head coach Marvin Lewis said after the 20-13 win at St. Louis. "We've got to keep learning, keep our heads down, focus on making ourselves better and focus on the task at hand — the Arizona Cardinals. They have won a bunch lately. They're playing good football."

The Cardinals, who visit Paul Brown Stadium on Christmas Eve afternoon, have won four in a row and six of their last seven, after a 1-6 start. They are on the fringe of the NFC playoff picture, but will still be mathematically alive as of kickoff on Sunday.

The Bengals' win against a 2-11 St. Louis team was not a thing of gridiron beauty. The Rams led 6-3 at halftime, and the Bengals did not take control until the 9:12 mark of the fourth quarter, when they went up 20-6. And they allowed the Rams a late TD, unable to don ball caps or drop headphones until 1:08, when Brandon Tate covered an onside kick with the Rams drained of timeouts.

Asked if his team is playing well enough "at this point" to reach the playoffs and prosper there, Lewis responded with a grin and a flat "No."

A moment later, he elaborated.

"The first thing we need to do better is close out games when we have a chance. You have to be able to do that to beat the teams we'll need to beat. We didn't close out a game we should have won against Houston (losing 20-19 on Dec. 11 after leading 16-3), and we let the Rams stay alive too long.

"And," Lewis added, "we can't be killing ourselves with penalties. We had multiple false starts, holdings, hands to the face, roughing the passer ..."

The Bengals' penalty total at St. Louis was a season-high 11 flags, for 101 yards (season's second-most).

"The best teams, the ones that are going to succeed at this time of year, are not going to hurt themselves like that," Lewis said.

But against a struggling opponent, the Bengals did show one winner's characteristic. They took control after halftime and didn't let up until they were far enough ahead to survive. Although they scored only a field goal after receiving the second half kickoff, tying the game at 6-6, OT Andrew Whitworth said the drive set the tone for the half.

"We came out and did exactly what we wanted to do," said Whitworth, "to drive it down the field right away. "It did a lot to put away that bad feeling we had at halftime."

It took the special teams to help convert that momentum into a lead, however. With under two minutes left in the third quarter, WR Brandon Tate shot through a hole for a 56-yard punt return to the Rams 24, and an unnecessary roughness call against Tate moved the ball to the 12. The offense scored in three plays, on a one-yard run by HB Bernard Scott, and the Bengals were ahead to stay.

"I sure don't think we've played our best game yet," said Andy Dalton, the team's remarkable rookie QB. "But maybe if we go practice really well, we'll have it this week."

The series: Cincinnati leads, 5-4, but Arizona has won the last two meetings. The Cardinals' most recent victory, 35-27 at Paul Brown Stadium, marked the first time in series history for the visitor to win.

The most recent Bengals win was in 2000, by 24-13, in Paul Brown Stadium's inaugural season.

The Bengals are now 5-1 against the Cardinals in Cincinnati, including 4-0 at Riverfront Stadium/Cinergy Field and 1-1 at Paul Brown Stadium. The Cardinals are 3-0 as the home team. The last Bengals visit to Arizona was in 2003, Marvin Lewis' first season as Bengals coach, with the Cardinals winning 17-14.

The Bengals were 2-1 against the Cardinals when the franchise was based in St. Louis (prior to 1988), and the series is tied 3-3 since the Cardinals' move to Arizona.

Complete Bengals-Cardinals series results are on page 163 of the 2007 Bengals Media Guide.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — **MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 42-24 win over the St. Louis Cardinals at Riverfront Stadium in 1973. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 18, in the 42-24 win in 1973. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 13, in a 24-13 win at Paul Brown Stadium in 2000.

Cardinals — **MOST POINTS:** 41, in a 41-27 win at St. Louis in 1985. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 21, in a 28-7 win at Sun Devil Stadium in 1994. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 7, in the 28-7 win in 1994.

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

Records vs. Cardinals: The Bengals record book does not list any all-time marks set by either team in the series against the Cardinals. The closest entry on the Bengals side is 37 completions by Carson Palmer in 2007. That ranks second in Bengals history behind Ken Anderson's 40 in 1982 at San Diego.

(Game notes, continued)

BENGALS-CARDINALS NFL RANKINGS

	BENGALS	CARDINALS
SCORING (AVG. POINTS):		
Points scored	18th (21.7)	25th (19.5)
Points allowed	10th (20.2)	17th (21.8)
NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	23rd (320.1)	22nd (320.6)
Rushing	19th (107.7)	24th (102.5)
Passing	20th (212.4)	19th (218.1)
NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	6th (314.1)	20th (358.0)
Rushing	9th (99.6)	18th (117.4)
Passing	11th (214.4)	22nd (240.6)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-14th (even)	T-29th (minus-11)

Bengals-Cardinals connections: Bengals linebackers coach Jeff FitzGerald was on the Cardinals coaching staff from 2000-03 ... Bengals quarterbacks coach Ken Zampese coached at Northern Arizona from 1992-95 ... Bengals running backs coach Jim Anderson coached at Scottsdale Community College in 1973 ... Cardinals defensive backs coach Louie Cioffi was on the Bengals coaching staff from 1997-2010 ... Cardinals defensive coordinator Ray Horton played cornerback for the Bengals from 1983-88 and coached with the Bengals from 1997-2001 ... Bengals LB Brandon Johnson played for the Cardinals from 2006-07 ... Bengals K Mike Nugent played for the Cardinals in 2009 ... Bengals LB Dontay Moch is from Phoenix ... Cardinals RB Beanie Wells played at Ohio State ... Cardinals RB Alfonso Smith is from Louisville, Ky., and played at the University of Kentucky ... Cardinals S Kerry Rhodes played at the University of Louisville ... Cardinals RB Chester Taylor played at the University of Toledo ... Cardinals WR Stephen Williams played at the University of Toledo ...

Cardinals P Dave Zastudil played at Ohio University ... Cardinals CB Corey Lindsey (practice squad) was a seventh-round draft choice of the Bengals this year and played with the team during the preseason ... Cardinals DT Ricky Lumpkin (practice squad) played for the University of Kentucky.

Red zone reports: The Bengals defense pitched a red-zone TD shutout at St. Louis, holding the Rams to a field goal in the second quarter and stopping them on downs in the fourth quarter. The offense had a spotty day, with four chances netting two TDs, a field goal and an INT.

On the season, the Bengals remain in need of improvement in the TD department on both sides of the ball. The offense ranks 22nd in TD percentage (48.8), and the defense is 26th (59.5).

The Cardinals have been better, ranking 16th on offense (52.6) and eighth on defense (43.8).

BENGALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 43	Inside-20 poss.: 37
Total scores: 37 (86.0%)	Total scores: 34 (91.9%)
TDs: 21 (48.8%)	TDs: 22 (59.5%)
FGs: 16 (37.2%)	FGs: 12 (32.4%)
TD% rank: 22nd	TD% rank: 26th
No scores: 6 (14.0%)	No scores: 3 (8.1%)

CARDINALS RED-ZONE REPORT

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 38	Inside-20 poss.: 48
Total scores: 30 (78.9%)	Total scores: 40 (83.3%)
TDs: 20 (52.6%)	TDs: 21 (43.8%)
FGs: 10 (26.3%)	FGs: 19 (39.6%)
TD% rank: 16th	TD% rank: 8th
No scores: 8 (21.1%)	No scores: 8 (16.7%)

THE HEAD COACHES

Marvin Lewis last week posted his 68th career win as Bengals head coach. 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	68-73-1	0-2	68-75-1
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.

as Bengals head coach, has risen to third in the NFL in longest current tenure with one team. He trails only Andy Reid of Philadelphia (13th season) and Bill Belichick of New England (12th).

In the category of most seasons with any team by a current head coach, Lewis ranks seventh. Ahead of him are Mike Shanahan (18 with Raiders, Broncos and Redskins), Belichick (17 with Browns and Patriots), Tom Coughlin (16 with Jaguars and Giants), Norv Turner (14 with Redskins, Raiders and Chargers), Reid (13 with Eagles) and John Fox (10 with Panthers and Broncos).

Ken Whisenhunt is in his fifth season as Cardinals head coach. His record is 44-41, including 4-2 in postseason. With last week's home win over Cleveland, Whisenhunt became the franchise's all-time wins leader, passing Don Coryell (42).

He coached NFC West title winners in 2008 and '09, and the '08 team advanced to Super Bowl XLII, falling to Pittsburgh. His '09 team finished 10-6 in the regular season, which stands as the franchise's best record in 34 years, since the 1976 St. Louis Cardinals went 10-4.

Prior to taking the Cardinals job, Whisenhunt spent six seasons on the Pittsburgh Steelers staff, including 2004-06 as offensive coordinator, when he helped guide the early career of QB Ben Roethlisberger.

In 2004, after being drafted by the Steelers, Roethlisberger set an NFL record with wins in his first 13 career starts, and he won NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. In '05, Roethlisberger became the youngest QB to win a Super Bowl.

Whisenhunt entered the coaching ranks at Vanderbilt in 1995-96 and moved to the NFL in 1997 with the Baltimore Ravens.

He played nine seasons as an NFL tight end, with 62 catches for 601 yards and six touchdowns in 74 career games with the Falcons, Redskins and Jets.

He is a native of Atlanta and played in college at Georgia Tech.

Lewis vs. Cardinals: Lewis trails 0-2, with losses in 2003 at Arizona and 2007 at Cincinnati.

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

Whisenhunt vs. Bengals: Whisenhunt leads, 1-0.

Belichick, Reid, then Lewis: Marvin Lewis, in his ninth season

Chasing the Jets: Week 15 NFL play concluded with the Bengals and New York Jets tied for the sixth and final AFC playoff spot — the second Wild Card — with 8-6 records. Three teams — the Chargers, Raiders and Titans — are all still very much alive as well, with 7-7 records, and tie-breaker possibilities are varied, impossible to succinctly sum up at this point.

But if the Bengals and/or Jets win their final two games, none of the 7-7 teams has a chance. If the Bengals and Jets both win their final two games, the final spot will go to the winner of a Jets-Bengals tiebreaker, and the Jets at this point appear to have the edge.

In a Jets-Bengals tiebreaker with both teams at 10-6, the likely decisive tiebreaker would be the fourth one in the pecking order — Strength of Victory. That means the aggregate record of all the opponents each team has beaten.

Taking the current records of the 10 teams each team would have defeated, the Jets' foes show a 57-83 record, while the Bengals' foes are six games behind that at 51-89. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it would be "still possible but unlikely" for Bengals foes to make up the six-game gap in the space of two weeks.

The first three tiebreakers between the Bengals and Jets at 10-6 would not be conclusive. The Bengals and Jets do not play head-to-head, (first tiebreaker), their winning percentage in AFC games (second tiebreaker) would be the same at 7-5, and their record in common games (third tiebreaker) would be the same at 3-2.

Thus, the Bengals are in the position of likely needing to win their last two with the Jets losing or tying at least once. Based on the aggregate record of their two remaining opponents, the Jets have the easier road. Their foes (the Giants and Dolphins) show a combined 12-16 record, and the Bengals' foes (Arizona and Baltimore) are 17-11 combined. But the Bengals play their last two games at home. The Jets close on the road at Miami, and though their game this week is a home game, it is against the Giants at the stadium both teams call home (MetLife Stadium).

The Bengals have been eliminated from contention for the No. 5 playoff spot (first Wild Card). Cincinnati conceivably could still tie Baltimore and/or Pittsburgh for a share of the AFC North lead at season's end, but the Bengals would be eliminated by tiebreakers from both the division title and first Wild Card.

The chart: Given the points in the previous item, here's how the AFC playoffs would look based on the Week 15 standings:

- Division winners: New England (11-3), Baltimore (10-4), Houston (10-4), Denver (8-6). The teams would be seeded 1-4 in that order.
- Wild Cards: Pittsburgh (10-4), N.Y. Jets (8-6), in that order.
- Just missed: Cincinnati (8-6), Tennessee (7-7), Oakland (7-7), San Diego (7-7), in that order.

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

AFC North race: The Bengals still have a chance for what old-timers might call an AFC North Tri-Championship. If they would win out while Baltimore and Pittsburgh both lose out, the teams would share the best record in the division.

But the Bengals would still show up visually as No. 3, since they'd lose out to both rivals in tiebreakers.

Here's the AFC North picture entering Week 16, looking ahead at the final two weeks:

TEAM	W-L	DIVISION	NEXT TWO WEEKS
Baltimore	10-4	4-0	vs. Cleveland; at Cincinnati
Pittsburgh	10-4	3-2	vs. St. Louis; at Cleveland
Cincinnati	8-6	2-3	vs. Arizona; vs. Baltimore
Cleveland	4-10	0-4	at Baltimore; vs. Pittsburgh

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-8. The record is 23-15, for a winning percentage of .605. The NFC North has the second-best aggregate differential at plus-six, with a 22-16 record and .579 win percentage.

Both divisions dipped a bit last week, each going 1-3.

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.

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 15, Nugent is 27-for-29 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 two-for-two day on FGs last week at St. Louis, Nugent maintained the NFL lead in FG accuracy, at 93.1 percent. In second place is Tampa's Connor Barth (92.3), third is Atlanta's Matt Bryant (92.0).

Nugent's two-for-two day last week at St. Louis also moved him up in total field goals, where his 27 converted attempts now rank tied for third in the NFL.

Nugent has moved past the 100-point mark for the season, with a career best 111. He had two 100-point seasons during his time with the Jets, the high being 110 in 2007.

Nugent also handles kickoffs, and he has reached the end zone on 59 of his 70 kickoffs (84.3 percent), with 32 of those going for touchbacks (45.7 percent). He ranks tied for 14th in the NFL in touchbacks and has contributed to the Bengals' second-place ranking in starting field position after kickoffs (20.5-yard line).

Comeback candidate: Bengals K Mike Nugent has a strong case for comeback player of the year awards in 2011. He has had an excellent season (details in previous item), and he is doing it after missing the last seven games of last season with a serious knee injury (torn ACL). Moreover, Nugent's two-season Bengals tenure represents a big comeback from his fortunes just before it.

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 was succeeding as Nugent's replacement. Nugent signed with Tampa Bay as an unrestricted free agent for 2009, but he 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 continued to perform at a high level until 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, and he has been named the team winner of the annual Ed Block Courage Award.

"Mike showed focus and tenacity as he rehabilitated his knee," said Paul Sparling, the team's head athletic trainer. "The lockout added an additional degree of difficulty. It required him to be fully in charge of his recovery. It had the potential to be a career-impacting injury, but Mike did not allow that to happen."

Nugent on mechanics: Bengals K Mike Nugent credits work with special teams coach Darrin Simmons for putting his NFL career back on course:

"The big thing for me was just getting the chance here," Nugent says, "but the other thing has been sitting down with Darrin and figuring how I can hit the ball straighter. I just opened up my foot a little, and slowed down my 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."

So far, so good: With only 23 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 48.

Still, it's worth noting that Nugent's 87.5 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.

Defense climbs a notch: The Bengals last week held St. Louis to 305 net yards, and Cincinnati rose from seventh to sixth in the NFL in net defense (314.1 yards allowed per game). The Bengals are ninth against the run (99.6) and 11th against the pass (214.4).

Though not ranked as highly as it was near midseason, the defense has rankings that are still better than any Cincinnati club in recent memory, except for one.

The only recent Bengals to do better overall were the 2009 AFC North champions, who finished fourth overall, seventh against the rush and sixth against the pass.

Other than the 2009 team, the last team to finish better than No. 6 overall was the 1983 club that ranked first. In rushing, the Bengals' current No. 9 ranking would rank third for a full season since 1987. And in passing, the Bengals' current No. 11 rank has not been bettered for a full season since 1994 (No. 9 rank).

Better by the play: For what it's worth, the Bengals' defensive averages rank higher on a per-play basis than they do in the per-game listings of the previous item.

Cincinnati ranks fourth in the NFL in fewest yards allowed per play (4.9), fifth in fewest rushing yards per play (3.7) and fifth in fewest passing yards per play (6.8).

Defense climbing in sacks: With eight sacks in the last two games, including three last week at St. Louis, the Bengals have risen from 11th place to a tie for fourth in the NFL team rankings.

Cincinnati's 39-sack total trails only Philadelphia (46), Baltimore (45) and Minnesota (40). Also at 39 sacks are Oakland and Denver.

The Bengals are on pace for a total of 45 for the full season (actual current projection is 44.6). 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 tied for third in franchise history.

Cincinnati's prospects for meeting or exceeding the projection look decent over the final two games. Arizona ranks next-to-worst in the NFL with 47 sacks allowed, and Baltimore currently is in the middle of the pack, ranked tied for 15th at 31 sacks allowed.

One big party: The Bengals' sack total this season has been a team effort. Last week, CB Nate Clements became the 15th player to contribute to the total, dropping St. Louis' Kellen Clemens for an eight-yard loss on a third-down play in the third quarter.

Sacks have been an official statistic since 1976, and over that span, the only Bengals team with more than 15 players in the sack column was the 1987 club, with 16. And '87 was a true exception, as a brand-new team took the field for three games, replacing players' union members on strike.

Other than the '87 team, the only contender in this category is the 2007 team, which also had 15 players in the sack column. The 2011 team has two more games in which to add a player and exceed the '07 total.

DT Geno Atkins leads the Bengals this season with 8.0 sacks. He had one of the team's three at St. Louis. DE Michael Johnson is second at 5.0, and third place at 4.0 is shared by DE/DT Jon Fanene and DE Frostee Rucker. Fanene had one sack last week.

Atkins regains sole DT sacks lead: With his sack last week at St. Louis — a five-yarder against Kellen Clemens — Bengals second-year DT Geno Atkins raised his total to 8.0 and regained sole possession of the NFL lead among interior linemen. Atkins had been tied at 7.0 with Chicago DT Henry Melton as Week 15 play began, but Melton was shut out last week against Seattle.

But Atkins still leads this race by only a half-sack. Oakland DT Tommy Kelly, who ranked third last week with 6.5, had a sack against Detroit and jumped over Melton into second place. Kelly is now at 7.5.

Atkins ties 'Big Daddy': Geno Atkins' sack at St. Louis last week lifted him into a tie with DT Dan "Big Daddy" Wilkinson for most sacks in a season by a Bengals interior lineman. The total for both is now 8.0, Wilkinson having posted his total in 1995. Atkins, of course, has two more games to seek a new mark.

Atkins has a three-sack cushion for the Bengals' overall 2011 sacks lead — DE Michael Johnson is second at 5.0 — and if Atkins holds that lead, he'll become the first interior lineman led the Bengals in sacks for a full season since 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 sets yardage mark: With 71 punt return yards last week at St. Louis — including a 56-yarder that set up a TD to put Cincinnati ahead to stay — Brandon Tate moved to 496 yards on the season, snapping Quan Cosby's 2009 team record of 474 yards.

Tate ranks third in the NFL this season in punt return yards, behind Arizona's Patrick Peterson (636) and Houston's Jacoby Jones (502).

Tate's average gain is 10.7, ranked 12th in the NFL through Week 15. Tate will have to raise his average over the final two weeks to finish with a figure that would rank among the Bengals' all-time top five. The No. 5 mark is 11.6 yards, posted by Tony Davis in 1977. The club record for punt return average for a season is Lemar Parrish, who averaged 18.8 yards in 1974.

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 his total of 83 exceeds the former record of 75, set in 1980 when RB Cleotha Montgomery returned 31 punts and 44 kickoffs. Tate broke Montgomery's mark on Dec. 11 vs. Houston, and his 83 total entering the Arizona game includes 46 punt returns (also a club record) and 37 kickoff returns.

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).

Howard, Mauualuga vie for title: It's not a sure thing just yet, but WLB Thomas Howard has an excellent chance of finishing his first Bengals season with a team tackling title.

Howard enters the final two games with 109 stops, 13 ahead of MLB Rey Mauualuga (96) and 16 ahead of FS Reggie Nelson (93). Howard extended his lead in last week's game at St. Louis, leading the team with 12 tackles while

Mauluga had eight and Nelson just three.

An MLB — MLB Dhani Jones — led the Bengals in tackles for each of the last three full seasons. But Mauluga's chances of leading in his first year were reduced by an ankle injury that caused him to miss three games (Games 6-8). Mauluga has averaged 8.7 tackles in the 11 games he has played. Howard has averaged 7.8 tackles in his 14 games played.

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.

But the Bengals believed he was capable of much more, as he has proven this season.

"I've never been around a finer athlete at linebacker than what he is," head coach Marvin Lewis says of Howard. "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."

Howard has led the team in tackles in three of the last four games. 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 defensed.

Mauluga, in addition to his 96 tackles, leads the team in forced fumbles (three) and is tied with CB Nate Clements and DT Geno Atkins for the lead in combined forced fumbles/fumble recoveries (four).

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 has been back in his starting LCB spot the last two games.

Clements was not fully healed for the Dec. 11 game vs. Houston, and he had just one tackle in limited action. But he returned to his big-play ways in last week's win at St. Louis. Here's a roundup of Clements' many big plays on the year:

- On Dec. 18 at St. Louis, Clements made four big third-down plays. The four forced the Rams to punt three times and to settle for a field goal once. He stopped RB Steven Jackson for a two-yard loss in the first quarter, broke up a pass to WR Brandon Lloyd in the second quarter, broke up a pass to Jerious Norwood later in the second quarter and sacked Kellen Clements for eight yards in the third quarter.

- 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 defensed 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 (12). He is tied for the lead in fumble recoveries (two), ranks tied for second in forced fumbles (two) and is tied for the team lead in combined fumbles forced and recovered (four). He has one INT and one sack, and his 68 tackles ranks fifth.

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: Last week at St. Louis, the Bengals allowed only one sack for the second straight game, and they moved from a tie for third place to third place outright in the NFL in fewest sacks allowed (22) for the season.

Buffalo and Tennessee are tied for the league lead with 20 sacks allowed, so the Bengals are in range to challenge for the franchise's first No. 1 NFL full-season ranking. To date, the Bengals best rankings have been second, both with Marvin Lewis as head coach and Paul Alexander as offensive line coach. The Bengals were second in 2005 at 21 and second in '07 at a franchise record-low of 17.

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

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: The Bengals outscored St. Louis 17-7 in the second half last week, and for the season they have posted a 186-117 edge in second-half scoring. The total is 110-67 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 15, the Bengals rank No. 6 in the NFL in fewest yards allowed, No. 9 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 joins rookie 3000 club: Bengals QB Andy Dalton passed the 3000 mark in passing yards for the season last week, moving to 3012 and becoming only the fifth passer in NFL history to hit 3000 as a rookie.

Others to hit the mark have been Peyton Manning of Indianapolis (3739 in 1998), Cam Newton of Carolina (3722 this season), Sam Bradford of St. Louis (3512 in 2010) and Matt Ryan of Atlanta (3440 in 2008).

Dalton seeks strong finish to a fine year: Cincinnati's Andy Dalton ranks 18th in the NFL this week in season passer rating (81.0). He led all rookies in passer rating for most of this season, but Carolina's Newton edged past him last week, moving to 82.3 on the season after posting a 105.2 score at Houston. The other rookies with enough passes this season to qualify for the ratings rankings are Minnesota's Christian Ponder (72.3) and Jacksonville's Blaine Gabbert (65.6).

Dalton leads the rookie quartet in TD passes, with a Bengals rookie-record

18. Newton is second at 17. Dalton also leads the rookies in TD-INT differential at plus-five. He has 13 INTs. The other three rookies are at plus-one.

But pure statistics are not the reason for Dalton's growing NFL profile. He has engineered four comeback wins in the fourth quarter, and last week marked his fifth game to bring the Bengals back from a halftime deficit. 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 14 games the Bengals are still viable playoff contenders, far above the lot assigned them by preseason prognosticators.

As for "intangibles," the four fourth-quarter comeback wins — 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: With 18 touchdown passes in 14 games, Bengals QB Andy Dalton has set the club rookie record. The previous mark was 15, by Greg Cook, in the 14-game season of 1969. Dalton had thrown for at least one TD in 10 consecutive games before last week, when he failed to find the end zone at St. Louis.

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: Andy Dalton's accomplishments this season also include:

- 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."

Green leaps and grabs it: Like all good receivers with a good offensive scheme, Bengals rookie A.J. Green gets wide open sometimes. He did it last week at St. Louis and made a 55-yard gain, his second-longest of the season.

But it's what Green can do when he's not wide open that sets him apart. He quite frankly is making the one-against-two contested reception look routine to Bengals fans.

The most recent example came Dec. 11 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.

On 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."

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."

The Bengals selected Green 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."

A.J. goes deep: Bengals rookie WR A.J. Green has 11 receptions this season of 35 or more yards, most in the NFL. Detroit's Calvin Johnson is second, with nine.

Green's total is already the most by an NFL rookie since 1998, when Minnesota's Randy Moss had 14 for the full season.

Green has had at least one catch of 35-plus in each of the last five games. He has a total of six over the five-game period, as he had two on Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland. He had a 55-yard reception last week at St. Louis, carrying to the Rams two-yard line.

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 (61) and receiving yards (1006) through 15 weeks of play. He also shares the rookie lead in receiving TDs (seven) with Baltimore's Torrey Smith. Green's six catches last week at St. Louis extended his rookie receptions lead to four over Cleveland WR Greg Little (57).

Green's closest rookie challenger in receiving yards is Baltimore's Torrey Smith (Maryland), with 770.

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

Stalking Cris: WR A.J. Green needs just five receptions and only four receiving yards to set Bengals season records for a rookie in both categories. He enters the Arizona game with 61 catches and 1006 yards. The records as of now are still 65 catches and 1009 yards, by Cris Collinsworth in 1981. Green's current averages per team game are 4.4 catches and 71.9 yards.

With two 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).

Green's 115-yard receiving performance last week at St. Louis was his fourth 100-yarder of the season, breaking the previous Bengals rookie record of three. The previous record was first set in 1973 by Isaac Curtis, then equaled in 1985 by Eddie Brown.

Making Green's rookie receiving totals even more impressive is the fact that eight of the Bengals' 14 games have come against teams ranked in the top eight in the NFL in pass defense, including seven games against teams ranked in the top five (Green missed the second half against Pittsburgh on Nov. 13 and did not play at all Nov. 20 at Baltimore). Here is a list, with rankings, of the top pass defenses the Bengals have faced this year: No. 1 Pittsburgh (twice), No. 2 Houston, No. 3 Cleveland (twice), No. 4 Jacksonville, No. 5 Baltimore, No. 8 St. Louis.

Green still has shot at 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 two games to tie the Bengals' rookie record for receiving TDs.

The record of nine was set by WR Isaac Curtis in 1973, 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 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 52 Bengals starts. He is at 4068 Bengals yards after rushing for 76 last week at St. Louis.

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 13 games this season, missing one. His team-leading 959 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 5662 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)	4068	3.8	21

Benson needs two 100-yarders 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 three weeks.

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 three games and is now at 3.31, with 16 games of 100-plus in 53 starts (including one postseason). A 100-yarder against the Cardinals would put him at 3.18. Benson needs two 100-yarders in his next three starts in order to take the lead back from Johnson.

Benson was held to 76 yards on 22 carries last week at St. Louis. Two weeks ago vs. Houston, Benson's halftime stats seemed to make him 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 (959). 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 gained 20 yards on seven carries last week, including an 11-yarder and a one-yard TD. For the season he is 96-for-318 rushing (3.3), just three yards from matching his personal season-best of 321, posted in 2009. Scott has scored two fourth-quarter TDs this season — the game-deciding TD in Cincinnati's win at Jacksonville, and the one-yarder in a win at St. Louis, which proved to be the decisive score in a 20-13 victory. 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 second 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 re-took the lead after Week 13. Benson then briefly climbed back on top after Week 14, but Green outgained Benson 115-87 last week at St. Louis, thrusting him back into the lead. Both Benson and Green passed the 1000-yard mark last week in yards from scrimmage.

Green now has 1034 scrimmage yards (1006 receiving, 28 rushing). Benson is just 11 back at 1023 scrimmage yards (959 rushing, 64 receiving).

Each player has played 13 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 (77), an average of 5.5 per game. The N.Y. Jets are second with 75.

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 played his first full game of the last six contests last week. He missed four of the previous five — and played only briefly in the other game — due to a hamstring strain.

Dunlap had two tackles and two QB pressures at St. Louis. Despite his missed time, he is the team leader by a large margin in coaches' compilation of QB pressures (the category does not include sacks). Dunlap has 24 pressures on the season, seven more than second-place Geno Atkins (17).

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 two 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.

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, and the lowest total has usually been around 20 for a fully healthy lineman.

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

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 12 games played (two missed due to injury), ranks second on the team in receptions (46) and third in receiving yards (468). He had three catches for 16 yards last week at St. Louis.

Gresham needs six receptions in the final two games to match his rookie total of 52, which tied for the AFC rookie lead. And he needs only three yards to match his rookie total of 471.

Gresham also ranks third 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 as 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 two 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.

Participation streaks: C Kyle Cook and OT Andrew Whitworth share the current team's longest streaks of consecutive Bengals starts. They have both started 47 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 63. Johnson has played in every game since joining the Bengals in 2008. He has started 16 games.

Two ironmen go 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 on Dec. 11 vs. Houston. He was played on the Reserve/Injured list on Dec. 12, and last week's game at St. Louis marked 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 (47). "Finally a big injury is going to happen. Bobbie and Leon will bounce back. They are great leaders and people."

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

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

The Bengals had the fewest players age 30 and over — two. They were CB Nate Clements and S Chris Crocker, both only 31. Since Week 1, the Bengals have added two more 30-plus players, 35-year-old G Bobbie Williams and 31-year-old TE Donald Lee.

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

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

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

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

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

"It's about this group right here, and this group is all about football," Lewis said. "You know what? You don't talk yourself into anything. You have to do the work and execute. It's not about the names on the line. You have to win practice after practice and play after play, and be successful and not talk about it. Our football team is very conscious of that and they understand it. It's refreshing."

Turnover tables are turned: During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis (2003-present), the Bengals rank fifth in the NFL in turnover differential (plus-32).

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

For 2011, the Bengals are even in turnover differential, after going minus-one vs. Houston last week.

Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
New England	277	186	+91
Indianapolis	248	185	+63
Baltimore	281	246	+35
San Diego	241	207	+34
Cincinnati	264	232	+32

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

TV streak should hit 105: 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 should hit 105 this week, when Cincinnati rankings are released for the week of Dec. 12-18. The Bengals' Dec. 18 game a St. Louis drew a rating of 29.6, a number few other programs have approached in recent years.

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

The streak began on Dec. 5, 2004, when a wild Bengals win at Baltimore outpooled all other programs. The highest local Bengals rating during the streak has been 45.5 for the Pittsburgh playoff on Jan. 8, 2006.

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

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. And the same has gone for a minus.

But last week at St. Louis, the Bengals won for only the ninth time in 56 games under Lewis with a minus-differential. Cincinnati was minus-one in its 20-13 win at St. Louis, with one giveaway (an interception) and no takeaways.

In contrast to the 9-47 record with a minus, the Bengals are 44-11-1 under Lewis with a plus.

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	719-326-1	.688
Plus-2	595-118-0	.835
Plus-3	356-44-1	.889
Plus-4	188-8-0	.959
Plus-5 or more	93-3-0	.969

NFL teams with a plus in turnover differential went 8-2 last week, for a winning percentage of .800. The best week of the season for plus teams was Week 13, when they went a perfect 14-0. The worst week was Week 14, but still that was a plus-500 effort at 7-5. The combined record for this season is 137-36 (.792). Since 2000, NFL teams with any plus have a combined winning percentage of .796. The combined W-L record is 1952-499-2.

12-3 in orange: The Bengals are scheduled to wear orange jerseys and white pants in the Arizona game. Cincinnati has posted a 12-3 record in orange jerseys since they became an option with a 2004 uniform redesign. The Bengals have gone 3-0 in orange jerseys with black pants and 9-3 in orange jerseys with white pants.

The orange jerseys are designated as a "specialty jersey" and may be worn only twice per season. They have been worn only at home games. The team's standard uniform options involve black or white jerseys and black or white pants.

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	13-19-0	.406
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:

- Fri., Dec. 23 — Bengals Weekly, 7-7:30 p.m. on WKRC-TV (Ch. 12).

RADIO:

- Wed., Dec. 21— Bengals Game Plan, with Dave Lapham and Wayne "Box" Miller, 6-8 p.m. (ESPN 1530).
- Fri., Dec. 23— Bengals Pep Rally, with Artrell Hawkins and Wayne "Box" Miller,, 3-6 p.m. (ESPN 1530).
- Mon., Dec. 26 — 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.

Bengal bites: The Bengals finished their road schedule last week with a 5-3 record, for the fourth-best winning percentage (.625) in franchise history. The 1981 and 2005 teams each finished 6-2, and the 1975 team finished 5-2 ... 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. Cincinnati got another 56-yarder from Tate last week, and for the season the Bengals as a team rank fifth in the NFL in punt return average (11.9) ... 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 Bengals on the roster are OTs Andrew Whitworth and Andre Smith, at 335 pounds; the lightest is Andrew Hawkins at 175 ... The oldest Bengal is CB Nate Clements at 33; 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 Arizona game:

"Arizona is a hot team. They've won a bunch since a slow start and we are going to have to raise the level of play from what we had at St. Louis. Our expectations for our team are higher now than they were early in the season, because we've shown some of the things we're capable of when we play to our potential. The bar is set higher, and we'll have to meet it to reach the playoffs and then have success once we're there."

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."

OT Andrew Whitworth, on the challenge ahead:

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

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."

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."

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."

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."

WR Andre Caldwell, on the changes 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."

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

"It caters to anyone who gets open."

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: With 179 passing yards at St. Louis, **Andy Dalton** pushed his season total to 3012, becoming only the fifth rookie to reach 3000 in NFL history. He completed 15 of 26 passes and suffered one INT while throwing no touchdowns, but he led his fourth comeback from a halftime deficit, and the team's fifth. The Bengals have also trailed in the fourth quarter in all five of those games. Dalton failed to throw for a TD for only the second time this season and the first time since Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco. He already has set a Bengals rookie record with 18 TD passes on the season. For the season, Dalton has an 81.0 passer rating, on 260-for-441 (59.0 percent) for 3012 yards with the 18 TDs and 13 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** led all rushers in the St. Louis game, totaling 76 yards on 22 carries. He scored his sixth TD of the season — second-most on the team — on a four-yard run in the fourth quarter, scoring the eventual winning points as the Bengals went ahead 20-6. He also had an 11-yard reception. Benson leads the team for the season with 959 rushing yards on 244 carries (3.9), and he has 12 receptions for 64 yards. Benson this season has passed **Harold Green** into fifth-place all-time in Bengals rushing yards, and the St. Louis game pushed him over the 4000 mark as a Bengal, to a total of 4068. He has started Games 1-6 and 8-14, missing Game 7. He has not had a lost fumble this season. The seventh-year pro re-signed with Cincinnati for 2011 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 at St. Louis by third-year pro **Bernard Scott**. Scott had seven rushes for 20 yards, including all 12 yards on a short TD drive that gave the Bengals the lead to stay at 13-6 late in the third quarter. He rushed for 11 yards to the Rams one before going one yard for his second TD of the season. For the season he is 96-for-318 rushing (3.3) and 12-for-30 receiving. He is just three yards from matching his previous high for

rushing yards in a season (321). Earlier this season, Scott scored the game-deciding TD in Cincinnati's win at Jacksonville. Fifth-year pro **Brian Leonard** has missed his first two games of the season in the last two contests, inactive due to a knee injury. His status for Arizona 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 13 games, mostly on special teams, but he had his first two offensive touches in the St. Louis game, rushing two-for-11. He leads the special team in tackles (12). Third-year pro **Chris Pressley** missed his first game of the season with the St. Louis contest, out with a knee injury sustained Dec. 11 vs. Houston. He may be able to return to action against the Cardinals. Pressley played in Games 1-13 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 has no rushing attempts on the season.

Wide receivers: Rookie **A.J. Green** continued to pile up accomplishments in the St. Louis game. His 115 receiving yards, on a team-best six catches, gave him four 100-yard games on the season, breaking a Bengals rookie record he had shared with **Isaac Curtis** and **Eddie Brown**. Green is the team leader for the season in catches (61), receiving yards (1006), touchdowns (seven) and yards per reception (16.5). He needs just four yards to break **Cris Collinsworth's** Bengals rookie record for a season (1009 in 1981), and he needs five catches to break Collinsworth's record for catches by a rookie (65 in '81). Green added 25 more yards to his offensive contribution at St. Louis when he drew a pass interference penalty by the Rams in the second quarter. He suffered a shoulder strain when he hit the turf on the pass interference call and sat out the remainder of the half, but he returned to play the second half. 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 14 yards at St. Louis. Simpson has three 100-yard games on the year and has caught 40-for-629, good for 15.7 yards per catch. He ranks second on the team in receiving yards and second in 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. Rookie free agent **Andrew Hawkins** had a 10-yard catch and an eight-yard rush at St. Louis. Hawkins has made a high number of third-down conversions in limited action as a receiver and also as a rusher. He is 19-for-226 receiving and four-for-22

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. Sixth-round 2011 draft choice Ryan Whalen played in his second game of the season in the St. Louis contest and made his first pro catch, a seven-yarder to convert a third-and-five situation on the field goal drive that opened the second half and erased a 6-3 Rams lead. Whalen also played on Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco and has been inactive for the other 12 games. 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. He had a key 56-yard punt return at St. Louis. Fourth-year pro Andre Caldwell was inactive (coaches' decision) at St. Louis. 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.

Tight ends: Second-year standout Jermaine Gresham had three catches for 16 yards at St. Louis, continuing his push to exceed the impressive season totals he posted as a rookie. Despite missing Games 7-8 with a hamstring strain, Gresham now has 46 catches (second on the team) for 468 yards (third on the team). He needs six catches to tie his 2010 total of 52, which tied for the AFC rookie lead. He needs just three yards to tie his 471 total from last year. He has exceeded his rookie total of four touchdowns, ranking third on the team with five. Gresham was Cincinnati's No. 1 draft pick in 2010. Rookie Colin Cochart of South Dakota State played in his 10th game in the St. Louis contest and had a six-yard reception. He is five-for-44 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 did not have a catch at St. Louis, but he got credit for a start as the Bengals, without injured FB Chris Pressley, opened in a two-TE formation. Lee had not played in the previous five games. He missed Games 9-12 with a foot injury and was active-DNP in Game 13. Earlier in the season, 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 a total of seven games and is eight-for-106 receiving.

Offensive linemen: The line led pass protection that allowed only one sack at St. Louis. No. 1 ROT Andre Smith was inactive for the second straight week, due to an ankle injury suffered Dec. 4 at Pittsburgh. He may be able to return to action vs. Arizona. The Bengals' top pick in the 2009 draft, Smith manned the ROT spot for Games 1-12. Fourth-year pro Anthony Collins has replaced Smith in the lineup for the last two games. Collins has played in only five games this season, but he has been a starting OT at times throughout his Bengals career. Fourth-year pro Mike McGlynn has joined the starting lineup at RG, replacing 12th-year vet Bobbie Williams, who was lost for the season due to an ankle fracture suffered Dec. 11 vs. Houston. McGlynn replaced Williams in the lineup vs. Houston and started at St. Louis. McGlynn has played in six games, with two starts. He also started the Oct. 2 victory vs. Buffalo, when Williams was out due to an NFL suspension. LOT Andrew Whitworth has emerged as the line's leader. The St. Louis game marked his 47th 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 84 career starts include 59 at OT and 25 at G. Nate Livings, a fourth-year player this season, has opened at LG in Games 1-14. He started every game last year. 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 (47 including postseason). OT Dennis Roland has played in every game on offense, and at St. Louis 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 active but did not play at St. Louis. He has played in four games, including starts in Games 1-3 during Williams' suspension. Boling was inactive for Games 5-13.

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 DT Geno Atkins was his usual active self in the St. Louis game. He led the line in tackles (six), including a sack and two tackles-for-loss, and he also had a forced fumble (Rams recovered) and three QB pressures (tied for team lead). Atkins has 8.0 sacks on the season, leading

the team and leading all NFL interior linemen. Atkins ranks second on the team for the season in QB pressures (17), and he is tied for second in tackles-for-loss (nine). He has two passes defended. His 60 tackles rank second on the line for the season, and he also has scored a touchdown on a fumble recovery (10 yards at Jacksonville). Starting NT Domata Peko had three tackles at St. Louis, and with FB Chris Pressley down with an injury, he was called to service as a lead blocker with the offense in short yardage situations. He helped clear the way for a four-yard Cedric Benson TD run in the fourth quarter. Peko leads the line for the season with 76 tackles (fourth on the team). Peko also has season totals of one forced fumble, three tackles-for-loss, 1.5 sacks and one pass defended. Peko has led the line in tackles in each of his last two fully healthy seasons (2008 and 2010). DE Michael Johnson is one of only two Bengals this season to log an entry in every column on the defensive stat sheet. The other is CB Nate Clements. In addition to his 43 tackles, Johnson 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 at St. Louis, and he also tied for the team lead in QB pressures with three. Also, he is third on the team in QB pressures (10) and tied for third in tackles-for-loss (seven). Eighth-year starting DE Robert Geathers had one tackle at St. Louis. Geathers has played in 12 games, missing Games 2-3 with a shoulder injury. He has 39 tackles on the season, with 3.0 sacks, a pass defended and six QB pressures. Frostee Rucker started for the ninth straight game at RDE in the St. Louis contest and had two tackles, including one for-loss. He leads the team in tackles-for-loss on the season with 10, and he is tied for 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 14 regular-season games. He has a career-high 51 tackles, and he also has two passes defended and four QB pressures. Sixth-year DT/DE Jonathan Fanene had tackle at St. Louis, a six-yarder on a third down to force a Rams punt in the second quarter. He also had his second pass defended. Fanene has 32 tackles on the year, and his 4.0 sacks rank tied for third on the team. He is fourth in QB pressures (nine). He is tied for the team lead in fumble recoveries (two) and has three tackles-for-loss. Second-year DE Carlos Dunlap, who had been bothered by a hamstring strain, played his first full game since Nov. 13 in the St. Louis game. He had two tackles and two QB pressures, and despite his missed time, his 24 QB pressures on the season are seven 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 21 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, and the third-year pro has played in the last two games. He logged his first statistics in the St. Louis game, with three tackles.

Linebackers: WLB Thomas Howard led the team in tackles for the third time in the last four games in the St. Louis contest, logging 12 stops for the second straight game. He maintained his team tackling lead for the season, at 109. 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. MLB Rey Mauluga had eight tackles at St. Louis, and though he missed three games (Games 6-8) with an ankle injury, he ranks second on the team for the season in tackles (96). Mauluga is in his first season in the starting MLB role, after playing his first two Bengals campaigns as an OLB. Mauluga leads the team for the season in forced fumbles (three), and he is tied for the team lead in combined fumbles forced/recovered (four). OLB Manny Lawson, a 2011 unrestricted free agent signee from San Francisco, had five tackles at St. Louis, with one QB pressure. He has played in every game and on the season has 67 tackles, three passes defended and 1.5 sacks. He is tied for third on the team for the season in tackles-for-loss (seven), and he has six QB pressures. He started every game for San Francisco the last two seasons. Sixth-year pro Brandon Johnson had five tackles at St. Louis, plus a special teams tackle. Johnson has 31 tackles on defense and three passes defended on the season. He has played in all 63 games (including postseason) since joining the Bengals in 2008, the longest streak on the current team. Second-year pro Dan Skuta, who replaced Mauluga in the starting lineup for Games 6-8, had one tackle on defense at St. Louis, and he also had a special teams tackle. Skuta has 31 stops on defense for the season, along with a shared sack and a forced fumble. He has two QB pressures and 10 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 at St. Louis, 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 1-14, but he returned to practice on a full-time basis in Week 6.

Defensive backs: Eleventh-year pro Nate Clements, in his first Bengals season, has been the top performer in the secondary this season. He made four big third-down plays at St. Louis, forcing the Rams to punt three times and to settle for a field goal once. He finished the game with eight tackles, tied for second on the team, including one sack and two tackles-for-loss. He has played in 13 games, missing one with a hamstring strain, and his sack at St. Louis made him the second player this season to log an entry in every column on the defensive stat sheet, joining DE Michael Johnson. Clements has 60 tackles (fifth on the team), leads the team in passes defended (12), 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. FS Reggie Nelson did not have an interception at St. Louis, but he is the team leader for the season with three. He had three tackles at St. Louis, and he ranks third on the team for the season in tackles (93). 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. Fifth-year pro Adam Jones tied for the secondary lead at St. Louis with eight tackles, tying for second on the team. Jones has played on defense only in the last five games, starting all five at RCB. He has taken over for Leon Hall, who was lost for the season to an Achilles tear suffered Nov. 13 vs. Pittsburgh. Jones has 23 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 St. Louis game he had four tackles and a QB pressure. The ninth-year NFL player, in his fourth Bengals campaign, has 63 tackles on the season and leads the secondary in sacks (3.5). He also has one forced fumble, four passes defended and four QB pressures. Sixth-year CB Kelly Jennings had three tackles at St. Louis. Jennings, in his first Bengals season, has 35 tackles on the year, with a sack and four passes defended. The Bengals obtained Jennings in an Aug. 29 with Seattle, sending DT Clinton McDonald to the Seahawks. Jennings has played in 11 games, missing Games 1 and 5-6 with hamstring strains. S Gibril Wilson had one tackle on defense and one on special teams at St. Louis. Wilson has 30 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 10 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 97 career NFL games and 81 starts. S Jeromy Miles played on special teams vs. Houston and had one tackle. Miles has played in all 14 games on special teams, and his overall performance 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 second on the team for the season in special teams stops, with 11, and he has two tackles on defense. Second-year S Taylor Mays had no statistics at St. Louis, playing briefly on defense and seeing action on special teams. He has played in the last nine 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 five games. Rookie S Robert Sands, a fifth-round draft pick from West Virginia, was inactive at St. Louis. He has played in one game, Dec. 4 vs. Pittsburgh, seeing action on defense and special teams (no statistics). He has been inactive for the other 13 games. Sands played in all four preseason games and had 10 tackles.

Special teams: K Mike Nugent went two-for-two on FG attempts at St. Louis, pushing his NFL-leading accuracy percentage to 93.1. He has connected on 27 of 29 attempts, and one of his misses was a block caused by a protection breakdown. Nugent's FGs against the Rams came from 21 and 41 yards. 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 30-for-31 on PATs this season. He has reached the end zone on 59 of his 70 kickoffs, and 32 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 season-low 33.8 yards on five punts at St. Louis, but one was tipped by the Rams and traveled on 21 yards. Huber allowed no punt returns to the Rams and his net avg. was also 33.8. He had no inside-20 kicks or 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 43.8 yards with a 38.9 net. He ranks 16th in the NFL in net average. He has 22 inside-20s against seven touchbacks. He ranks tied for 11th in the NFL in total inside-20s. WR Brandon Tate had one of the biggest plays in the win at St. Louis, a 56-yard punt return in the third quarter that set up a Cincinnati TD for a 13-6 lead. Tate finished the game with a 35.5-yard average on two punt returns, and he averaged 25.3 yards on four kickoff returns. Tate has set Bengals records this season for total punt return yards (496), combined kickoff and punt return attempts (84) and punt return attempts (46). Tate ranks 12th in the NFL for the season on punt returns, his 10.8-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 13th in the NFL in kickoff return average, at 23.9 yards. Five different players had one special teams tackle each at St. Louis. The special teams tackling leader for the season is HB Cedric Peerman, with 12. Second with 11 tackles is S Jeromy Miles, who had one at St. Louis. Miles' overall special teams performance 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 374 snaps with no unplayable deliveries since joining the Bengals in 2009.

THE LAST BENGALS-CARDINALS MEETINGS

2003 SEASON / WEEK 9, GAME 8

Arizona Cardinals 17, Cincinnati Bengals 14
Sunday, Nov. 2 at Sun Devil Stadium

Falling short in a bid to post their first three-game winning streak since 1999, the Bengals opened their first offensive series with two false start penalties and struggled on offense throughout the day. Their 263 yards net total offense was their second-lowest total through eight games. Cincinnati lost the turnover battle by two to one, despite entering the game at plus-four and facing a Cardinals team that had been minus-14. Arizona got 141 rushing yards from Marcel Shipp and totaled 161 as a team, while the Bengals could manage only 48 rushing yards on 18 carries. The Bengals rebounded from a 7-0 deficit to take a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter, getting scores on a two-yard run by HB Rudi Johnson and on a 15-yard pass from QB Jon Kitna to WR Peter Warrick. But the Bengals could not advance the ball into Cardinals territory for the remainder of the game. Arizona trailed 14-10 at halftime and scored the winning TD on an 80-yard drive to open the second half, with former Bengals QB Jeff Blake passing seven yards to WR Anquan Boldin on a third-down play for the score. The result left both teams with 3-5 records.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Ariz. — F.Jones 1 pass from J.Blake (T.Duncan kick).....	1-8:24
Cin. — Ru.Johnson 2 run (S.Graham kick).....	1-1:14
Cin. — P.Warrick 15 pass from J.Kitna (S.Graham kick).....	2-13:39
Ariz. — T.Duncan 31 field goal.....	2-4:14
Ariz. — A.Boldin 7 pass from J.Blake (T.Duncan kick).....	3-8:12

Missed FGs: T.Duncan (34WR). Attendance: 23,531. Time: 3:09.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	ARIZ.
First downs.....	17	20
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-10	8-16
Total net yards.....	263	304
Net yards rushing.....	48	161
Net yards passing.....	215	143
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	38-21-2	28-18-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-3	2-23
Punts-average.....	6-43.8	6-45.2
Punt returns-yards.....	1-15	4-20
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-50	3-58
Penalties-yards.....	5-43	8-57
Fumbles-lost.....	3-0	1-1
Time of possession.....	25:08	34:52

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	ARIZ.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
Ru.Johnson	8	34	12	1	M.Shipp	29	141	36	0
P.Warrick	2	7	5	0	J.Blake	2	11	9	0
C.Dillon	7	5	4	0	D.Anderson	6	9	10	0
J.Kitna	1	2	2	0					
TOTALS	18	48	12	1	TOTALS	37	161	36	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	ARIZ.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Kitna	38	21	218	1-2	J.Blake	28	18	166	2-0
TOTALS	38	21	218	1-2	TOTALS	28	18	166	2-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	ARIZ.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
P.Warrick	7	55	15t	1	A.Boldin	6	51	17	1
C.Ochocinco	4	75	41	0	F.Jones	5	38	17	1
T.Stewart	4	40	16	0	B.Gilmore	2	40	21	0
M.Schobel	3	23	9	0	M.Shipp	2	24	15	0
K.Washington	2	17	9	0	S.Bush	2	7	5	0
C.Dillon	1	8	8	0	J.Hodgins	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	21	218	41	1	TOTALS	18	166	21	2

DEFENSE

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Beckett 11-7-18, A.Hawkins 7-3-10, A.Ross 7-3-10, B.Simmons 4-4-8, K.Hardy 4-3-7, J.Thornton 5-0-5, K.Kaesviharn 4-1-5, G.Steele 0-4-4, T.James 2-1-3, T.Williams 2-1-3, J.Smith 1-2-3, D.Clemons 1-1-2, O.Gibson 1-0-1, R.Myles 1-0-1, J.Burris 0-1-1, C.Powell 0-1-1, M.Roman 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Thornton 1-12, R.Beckett 0.5-5.5, G.Steele 0.5-5.5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: A.Hawkins 1, T.James 1. FF: A.Ross 1. FR-YDS.: T.Williams 1(-1).

Arizona (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Barrett 6-3-9, D.Jackson 6-0-6, R.Thompson 5-0-5, R.McKinnon 4-1-5, A.Wilson 4-0-4, L.Fisher 3-1-4, D.Johnson 3-1-4, R.Hill 2-0-2, C.Pace 1-0-1, J.Lucas 1-0-1, W.Bryant 1-0-1, K.King 1-0-1, R.Davis 1-0-1, E.McDaniel 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Hill 1-2, R.Thompson 1-1. INT.-YDS.: D.Jackson 1-14, R.Hill 1-7. PD: R.Hill 2, D.Jackson 2, E.McDaniel 2, R.Thompson 1. FF: R.Hill 1, R.Thompson 1. FR-YDS.: None.

2007 SEASON / WEEK 11, GAME 10

St. Louis Cardinals 35, Cincinnati Bengals 27
Sunday, Nov. 18 at Paul Brown Stadium

Arizona CB Antrel Rolle scored TDs on INT returns of 55 and 54 yards, leading the first victory by a road team in the nine-game Bengals-Cardinals series. Rolle had three INTs on the day, tying the record for a Bengals opponent. LB Carlos Dansby also had an INT for Arizona, as Bengals QB Carson Palmer suffered four thefts. The Bengals were minus-five in turnover differential. The Bengals held early leads of 7-0 and 10-7, but Arizona built a 28-13 lead by early in the second half. The Bengals closed the gap to 28-27 with more than a quarter still to play, with TDs by WR Chris Henry on a 37-yard reception and by HB DeDe Dorsey on a blocked punt/recovery/return. But Rolle's second INT return was the only score of the final period. The Cardinals improved to 5-5 while the Bengals fell to 3-7.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Arizona.....	7	14	14	0	—	35
Cincinnati.....	7	6	14	0	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 19 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	1-10:14
Ariz. — A.Rolle 55 interception return (N.Rackers kick).....	1-3:12
Cin. — S.Graham 41 field goal.....	2-12:47
Ariz. — A.Boldin 44 pass from K.Warner (N.Rackers kick).....	2-10:58
Cin. — S.Graham 38 field goal.....	2-4:28
Ariz. — L.Fitzgerald 5 pass from K.Warner (N.Rackers kick).....	2-0:13
Ariz. — E.James 3 run (N.Rackers kick).....	3-12:59
Cin. — C.Henry 37 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	3-5:02
Cin. — D.Dorsey 19 blocked punt return (S.Graham kick).....	3-3:29
Ariz. — A.Rolle 54 interception return (N.Rackers kick).....	3-0:25

Missed FGs: N.Rackers (54WL). Attendance: 65,403. Time: 3:16.

TEAM STATISTICS	ARIZ.	CIN.
First downs.....	17	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-11	8-14
Total net yards.....	247	396
Net yards rushing.....	50	72
Net yards passing.....	197	324
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	28-16-0	52-37-4
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-14	1-5
Punts-average.....	7-32.9	1-29.0
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	4-33
Kickoff returns-yards.....	6-122	5-130
Penalties-yards.....	11-101	11-79
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-1
Time of possession.....	27:33	32:27

RUSHING

ARIZ.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
E.James	22	52	7	1	R.Watson	9	45	11	0
K.Warner	2	-2	-1	0	K.Johnson	8	25	6	0
					D.Dorsey	1	3	3	0
					C.Palmer	2	-1	0	0
TOTALS	24	50	7	1	TOTALS	20	72	11	0

PASSING

ARIZ.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
K.Warner	28	16	211	2-0	C.Palmer	52	37	329	2-4
TOTALS	28	16	211	2-0	TOTALS	52	37	329	2-4

RECEIVING

ARIZ.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
L.Fitzgerald	8	93	20	1	T.Houshmandzadeh	8	87	19t	1
A.Boldin	4	71	44t	1	C.Ochocinco	8	86	20	0
L.Pope	1	22	22	0	C.Henry	8	81	37t	1
Bry.Johnson	1	13	13	0	K.Watson	8	50	11	0
E.James	1	9	9	0	A.Chatman	3	20	13	0
J.Arrington	1	3	3	0	R.Kelly	1	3	3	0
					R.Johnson	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	16	211	44t	2	TOTALS	37	329	37	2

DEFENSE

Arizona (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: E.Green 11-0-11, G.Hayes 6-3-9, K.Dansby 7-1-8, R.Hood 4-2-6, C.Pace 4-1-5, A.Rolle 3-1-4, T.Holt 2-2-4, D.Dockett 2-0-2, D.Blackstock 1-0-1, O.Celestin 1-0-1, M.Beisel 1-0-1, A.Smith 1-0-1, M.Ware 1-0-1, R.Brown 1-0-1, R.Bailey 0-1-1, G.Watson 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: D.Blackstock 1-5. INT.-YDS.: A.Rolle 3-127, K.Dansby 1-28. PD: C.Pace 3, A.Rolle 3, K.Dansby 2, O.Celestin 1, G.Hayes 1, R.Hood 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: T.Holt 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: Dh.Jones 5-3-8, M.Williams 4-3-7, L.Hall 3-4-7, L.Johnson 4-2-6, D.Jackson 3-3-6, R.Geathers 4-1-5, J.Smith 1-4-5, R.Jeanty 1-3-4, D.Peko 2-1-3, A.Schlegel 2-1-3, J.Thornton 1-2-3, M.Myers 2-0-2, D.O'Neal 2-0-2, B.Robinson 1-1-2, J.Joseph 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Geathers 1.5-9, M.Williams 1-1, B.Robinson 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Fanene 1, L.Hall 1, D.O'Neal 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

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 Browns leading 20-17, but Cincinnati's defense continued some tenacious second-half play, and the Bengals iced the game on a 39-yard Cedric Benson TD run with 1:49 left. Benson rushed for 121 yards on 25 carries. Gradkowski played the second half in relief of starter Andy Dalton, who suffered a wrist injury late in the second quarter. The Bengals took a 40-36 all-time series lead against Cleveland, tying their largest-ever leading margin.

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 2, GAME 2

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 3, GAME 3

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 4, GAME 4

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 5, GAME 5

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	JAX.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	24	53	8	0	M.Jones-Drew	19	85	25	1
B.Scott	6	20	9	1	B.Gabbert	5	11	6	0
B.Leonard	1	4	4	0	D.Karim	2	4	3	0
					M.Thomas	1	-4	-4	0
TOTALS	31	77	9	1	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
					A.Dalton	2	-1	0	0
TOTALS	23	94	18t	1	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
					C.Benson	1	5	5	0
					B.Scott	1	5	5	0
					D.Lee	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	23	188	22	1	TOTALS	25	264	32	1

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 8, GAME 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

RUSHING

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

PASSING

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

RECEIVING

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

DEFENSE

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

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

WEEK 9, GAME 8

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

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

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

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

WEEK 15, GAME 14

Cincinnati Bengals 20, St. Louis Rams 13
Sunday, Dec. 18, at Edward Jones Dome

The Bengals got off to a slow start against a 2-11 foe, trailing 6-3 at halftime, but rallied to win after trailing at halftime for the fifth time on the season. The game's single biggest play was turned in by WR Brandon Tate, whose 56-yard punt return late in the third quarter led to a TD that gave Cincinnati the lead for good at 13-6. Bengals QB Andy Dalton moved to 3012 passing yards, becoming only the fifth NFL rookie to hit the 3000 mark for a season. WR A.J. Green had 115 receiving yards, setting a Bengals rookie record with his fourth 100-yard game of the year. The Bengals got the franchise's first win in St. Louis. Cincinnati had lost twice previously to the Rams in St. Louis and once when visiting the St. Louis Cardinals. Cincinnati improved to 8-6 stayed in the thick of the race for an AFC Wild Card playoff spot. The Cardinals fell to 2-12.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	3	0	10	7	—	20
St. Louis.....	0	6	0	7	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — M.Nugent 21 field goal.....	1-8:59
StL. — Jo.Brown 26 field goal.....	2-4:18
StL. — Jo.Brown 43 field goal.....	2-0:26
Cin. — M.Nugent 41 field goal.....	3-10:22
Cin. — B.Scott 1 run (M.Nugent kick).....	3-0:12
Cin. — C.Benson 4 run (M.Nugent kick).....	4-9:14
StL. — D.Alexander 25 pass from K.Clemens (Jo.Brown kick).....	4-1:08

Missed FGs: Jo.Brown (45WR). Attendance: 56,431. Time: 3:05.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	STL.
First downs.....	19	18
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-11	2-13
Total net yards.....	283	305
Net yards rushing.....	110	95
Net yards passing.....	173	210
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	26-15-1	36-25-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-6	3-19
Punts-average.....	5-33.8	7-42.9
Punt returns-yards.....	2-71	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-101	4-83
Penalties-yards.....	11-101	10-109
Fumbles-lost.....	3-0	1-0
Time of possession.....	30:03	29:57

RUSHING

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	STL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Benson	22	76	15	1	S.Jackson	18	71	18	0
B.Scott	7	20	11	1	C.Williams	3	16	7	0
C.Peerman	2	8	11	0	K.Clemens	2	9	8	0
A.Hawkins	1	8	8	0	J.Norwood	1	-1	-1	0
A.Dalton	2	-2	-1	0					
TOTALS	34	110	15	2	TOTALS	24	95	18	0

PASSING

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	STL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Dalton	26	15	179	0-1	K.Clemens	36	25	229	1-0
TOTALS	26	15	179	0-1	TOTALS	36	25	229	1-0

RECEIVING

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	STL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Green	6	115	55	0	S.Jackson	9	72	12	0
J.Gresham	3	16	9	0	B.Lloyd	5	42	15	0
J.Simpson	2	14	10	0	A.Pettis	4	38	16	0
C.Benson	1	11	11	0	D.Alexander	3	52	25t	1
A.Hawkins	1	10	10	0	L.Kendricks	3	19	9	0
R.Whalen	1	7	7	0	C.Williams	1	6	6	0
C.Cochart	1	6	6	0					
TOTALS	15	179	55	0	TOTALS	25	229	25t	1

DEFENSE

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

St. Louis (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: Q.Mikell 8-2-10, D.Stewart 4-3-7, J.Laurinaitis 5-1-6, R.Hood 5-0-5, B.Poppinga 2-3-5, J.Bannan 4-0-4, C.Chamberlain 4-0-4, F.Robbins 2-1-3, D.Scott 2-1-3, J.Gordy 2-0-2, C.Long 2-0-2, J.Butler 1-0-1, C.Dahl 1-0-1, R.Quinn 1-0-1, E.Sims 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Long 1-6. INT.-YDS.: J.Gordy 1-30. PD: J.Gordy 2, Q.Mikell 1, B.Poppinga 1, R.Quinn 1. FF: Q.Mikell 2, D.Stewart 1. FR-YDS.: None.

THE BENGALS ARE:

IN 2011

3-3	at home	7-1	when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
5-3	on the road	4-2	with plus turnover differential
5-2	when scoring first	2-0	with even turnover differential
3-4	when opponent scores first	2-4	with minus turnover differential
2-2	in games decided by three points or fewer	3-2	when passing for 250 net yards
4-5	in games decided by seven points or fewer	2-2	when opponent passes for 250 net yards
2-2	when leading at halftime	8-2	when scoring 20 points or more
1-0	when tied at halftime	3-5	when opponent scores 20 points or more
5-4	when trailing at halftime	7-6	when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
3-1	when leading after three quarters	1-0	when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
1-1	when tied after three quarters	3-2	on natural grass
4-4	when trailing after three quarters	5-4	on synthetic surface
5-4	when rushing for 100 net yards	5-3	with fewer penalty yards

UNDER MARVIN LEWIS (2003-PRESENT)

39-30-1	at home	43-15-1	when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
29-43-0	on the road	44-11-1	with plus turnover differential
44-25-1	when scoring first	15-15-0	with even turnover differential
24-48-0	when opponent scores first	9-47-0	with minus turnover differential
14-14-1	in games decided by three points or fewer	21-24-0	when passing for 250 net yards
34-35-1	in games decided by seven points or fewer	18-25-1	when opponent passes for 250 net yards
46-19-1	when leading at halftime	52-28-0	when scoring 20 points or more
7-1-0	when tied at halftime	24-65-0	when opponent scores 20 points or more
15-53-0	when trailing at halftime	65-67-1	when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
53-10-1	when leading after three quarters	3-6-0	when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
4-3-0	when tied after three quarters	26-25-0	on natural grass
11-60-0	when trailing after three quarters	42-48-1	on synthetic surface
47-27-0	when rushing for 100 net yards	38-39-1	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 — (two times)

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
 55 — Andy Dalton to A.J. Green, Dec. 18 at St. Louis

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
 37 — Brandon Tate, Dec. 18 at St. Louis

LONGEST PUNT RETURNS

63 — Adam Jones, Oct. 30 at Seattle
 56 — Brandon Tate, Oct. 30 at Seattle (TD)
 56 — Brandon Tate, Dec. 18 at St. Louis

TOTAL TACKLES*

15 — Thomas Howard, Nov. 27 vs. Cleveland
 13 — Reggie Nelson, Sept. 25 vs. San Francisco
 12 — (four 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	283	34-110	173	15-26	0/1	1-6	19	3-11	3-0	30:03
Dec. 24	ARIZONA										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		4481	397-1508	2973	268-460	19/14	22-148	245	67-188	14-5	30:12

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	305	24-95	210	25-36	1/0	3-19	18	2-13	1-0	29:57
Dec. 24	ARIZONA										
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE										
TOTALS		4397	375-1395	3002	281-476	18/7	39-233	252	69-193	25-12	29:48

TRANSACTIONS

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

<p>Aug. 8 — Waived S Brian Lainhart and G Mark Wetterer.</p> <p>Aug. 11 — Signed WR John Standeford (FA); OT Kirk Chambers (UFA-Cin.) signed with Detroit.</p> <p>Aug. 15 — Signed DE Jonathan Fanene (UFA-Cin.).</p> <p>Aug. 16 — Terminated the contracts of DT Tank Johnson and TE Garrett Mills.</p> <p>Aug. 17 — Signed WR Calvin Russell (FA) and CB LeRoy Vann; TE Reggie Kelly (UFA-Cin.) signed with Atlanta.</p> <p>Aug. 23 — Acquired S Taylor Mays in a trade with San Francisco for an undisclosed future draft selection; Terminated the contract of WR John Standeford; Waived WR Landon Cox, OT Andrew Gardner, WR Bart Johnson and HB Jonathan Williams.</p> <p>Aug. 27 — Terminated the contract of CB Fred Bennett; Waived LB Stephen Franklin, WR Jamere Holland, S Tom Nelson, QB Jordan Palmer and CB LeRoy Vann.</p> <p>Aug. 29 — Acquired CB Kelly Jennings in a trade with Seattle for DT Clinton McDonald; Waived DT Lolomana Mikaele (injury settlement).</p> <p>Aug. 31 — Signed OT Andrew Whitworth* to a two-year contract extension through 2015; Signed DT Cornell Banks (FA).</p> <p>Sept. 2 — Signed CB Leon Hall* to a four-year contract extension through 2015; Signed C Kyle Cook* to a four-year contract extension through 2015.</p> <p>Sept. 3 — Terminated the contracts of DE Victor Adeyanju, G Max Jean-Gilles and CB Jonathan Wade; Placed CB Adam Jones on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Placed LB Keith Rivers on the Reserve/Non-Football Injury list; Placed LB Roddrick Muckelroy and TE Bo Scaife on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived the following 19 players: DT Cornell Banks, FB James Develin, LB DeQuin Evans, HB Jay Finley, CB Brandon Ghee, HB John Griffin, WR Andrew Hawkins, QB Dan LeFevour, CB Corey Lindsey, CB Rico Murray, TE John Nalbone, OT Matthew O'Donnell, CB David Pender, G Chris Riley, DE James Ruffin, WR Calvin Russell, DT Jason Shirley, FB Fui Vakapuna, K Thomas Weber; G Bobbie Williams was placed by NFL on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list.</p> <p>Sept. 4 — Acquired the following three players on waivers: G Mike McGlynn from Philadelphia, TE Mickey Shuler from Miami and WR Brandon Tate from New England; Waived TE Chase Coffman, WR Quan Cosby and C Reggie Stephens; Signed the following seven players to the Practice Squad: FB James Develin, LB DeQuin Evans, CB Brandon Ghee, WR Andrew Hawkins, QB Dan LeFevour, OT Matthew O'Donnell and DT Jason Shirley.</p> <p>Sept. 5 — Waived TE Mickey Shuler (failed physical); Signed TE Chase Coffman to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 6 — Signed CB Rico Murray (FA); Signed QB Zac Robinson to the Practice Squad; Released QB Dan LeFevour from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Sept. 14 — Signed TE Donald Lee (FA); Waived CB Rico Murray.</p> <p>Sept. 19 — Placed WR Jordan Shipley on the Reserve/Injured list.</p>	<p>Sept. 20 — Signed WR Andrew Hawkins from the Practice Squad; Signed WR Armon Binns to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 3 — The suspension of G Bobbie Williams (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) expired and he returned to practice with a roster exemption.</p> <p>Oct. 6 — Activated G Bobbie Williams from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived G Otis Hudson.</p> <p>Oct. 7 — Signed G Otis Hudson to the Practice Squad; Released DT Jason Shirley from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Oct. 18 — Traded QB Carson Palmer (Reserve/Did Not Report list) to Oakland for the Raiders' first-round draft choice in the 2012 NFL draft and their second-round choice in the '13 draft; HB Cedric Benson was placed by NFL on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list.</p> <p>Oct. 24 — CB Adam Jones (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list) returned to practice with a roster exemption.</p> <p>Oct. 28 — Activated CB Adam Jones from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.</p> <p>Oct. 31 — Announced that NFL granted HB Cedric Benson (Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list) a two-day roster exemption to participate in team activities.</p> <p>Nov. 2 — Activated HB Cedric Benson from exemption status to the 53-player roster; Waived CB Morgan Trent.</p> <p>Nov. 9 — Announced that LB Keith Rivers (Reserve/Non-Football Injury list) was eligible to return to practice on a roster exemption.</p> <p>Nov. 14 — Signed CB Brandon Ghee from the Practice Squad; Placed CB Leon Hall on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed LB DeQuin Evans on the Practice Squad/Injured list.</p> <p>Nov. 15 — Signed CB Walter McFadden (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Nov. 16 — Signed CB John Bowie (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Nov. 17 — LB DeQuin Evans was placed by NFL on the Practice Squad/Suspended by Commissioner list.</p> <p>Nov. 22 — Released CB Walter McFadden from the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Nov. 23 — Signed LB Bruce Davis (FA) to the Practice Squad.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Dec. 12 — Signed G Otis Hudson from the Practice Squad; Placed G Bobbie Williams on the Reserve/Injured list; The suspension of LB DeQuin Evans (Practice Squad/Suspended by Commissioner list) expired and he returned to the Practice Squad/Injured list).</p> <p>Dec. 13 — Signed LB Micah Johnson (FA) the Practice Squad.</p> <p>Dec. 16 — Placed CB John Bowie on the Practice Squad/Injured list.</p> <p>Dec. 19 — Signed CB Devon Torrence to the Practice Squad.</p>
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* NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.

PARTICIPATION CHART

LEGEND

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

PSI — practice squad/injured list
 PSSBC — practice squad/suspended by commissioner list
 RI — reserve/injured list
 RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list
 RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list

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

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @Cle.	2 @Den.	3 S.F.	4 BUFF.	5 @Jax.	6 IND.	7 @Sea.	8 @Tenn.	9 PITT.	10 @Balt.	11 CLE.	12 @Pitt.	13 HOU.	14 @StL.	15 ARIZ.	16 BALT.
Atkins, Geno.....	14-13	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	P	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT
Banks, Cornell.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Benson, Cedric.....	13-13	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	RSBC	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB
Binns, Armon.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	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	IL	IL	DNP
Bowie, John.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PSI
Caldwell, Andre.....	13-2	P	P	WR	P	P	P	P	P	P	WR	P	P	P	P	P	IL
Clements, Nate.....	13-13	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	IL	LCB	LCB	LCB
Cochart, Colin.....	10-3	2ndTE	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	TE	P	P	P	P	P	2ndTE	P	P	P
Coffman, Chase.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Collins, Anthony.....	5-2	P	DNP	DNP	IL	IL	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	IL	IL	P	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT
Cook, Kyle.....	14-14	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Crocker, Chris.....	14-14	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS
Dalton, Andy.....	14-14	QB	QB	QB	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	NWT	NWT	NWT
Develin, James.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Dunlap, Carlos.....	10-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P
Evans, DeQuin.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PSSBC	PSSBC	PSSBC	PSSBC	PSSBC	PSSBC	PSI
Fanene, Jonathan.....	14-2	P	LDE	LDE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Geathers, Robert.....	12-11	LDE	IL	IL	P	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE
Ghee, Brandon.....	5-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Gradkowski, Bruce.....	2-0	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Green, A.J.....	13-13	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	IL	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Gresham, Jermaine.....	12-11	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	IL	IL	P	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE
Hall, Leon.....	9-9	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Harris, Clark.....	14-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hawkins, Andrew.....	11-0	PS	PS	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hayden, Nick.....	2-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	NWT	NWT
Howard, Thomas.....	14-13	WLB	WLB	WLB	LB	WLB	WLB	P	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB
Huber, Kevin.....	14-0	P	P	P	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	PS	IL	IL
Jennings, Kelly.....	11-1	IL	P	P	P	IL	IL	P	P	P	P	P	LCB	P	P	P	P
Johnson, Brandon.....	14-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	WLB	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Johnson, Micah.....	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS
Johnson, Michael.....	14-5	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jones, Adam.....	6-5	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	P	IL	IL	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB
Lawson, Manny.....	14-13	SLB	SLB	SLB	P	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB
Lee, Donald.....	7-3	NWT	IL	P	2ndTE	P	P	TE	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	DNP	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE
Leonard, Brian.....	12-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Livingston, Nate.....	14-14	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG
Mauluga, Rey.....	11-11	MLB	MLB	MLB	LB	MLB	IL	IL	IL	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB
Mays, Taylor.....	9-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	DNP	P	P	P	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	NWT	NWT	NWT
McGlynn, Mike.....	5-2	DNP	DNP	P	RG	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	RG	RG	RG
Miles, Jeromy.....	14-0	P	P	P	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	PS	PS	PS
Moch, Dontay.....	0-0	IL	IL	IL	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	RI	RI	RI
Murray, Rico.....	1-0	P	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Nelson, Reggie.....	14-14	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS
Nugent, Mike.....	14-0	P	P	P	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	PS	PS	PS
Peerman, Cedric.....	13-0	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Peko, Domata.....	14-14	NT	NT	NT	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	IL	IL	IL
Rey, Vincent.....	14-0	P	P	P	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	RNFI	RNFI	RNFI
Robinson, Zac.....	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Roland, Dennis.....	14-3	P	P	P	P	P	2ndTE	P	TE	TE	P	2ndTE	P	P	P	P	P
Rucker, Froste.....	14-9	P	P	P	P	P	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE
Sands, Robert.....	1-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	IL
Scaife, Bo.....	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Scott, Bernard.....	14-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	HB	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Shiple, Jordan.....	2-0	P	P	RI	RI	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	NWT	NWT	NWT
Simpson, Jerome.....	14-12	WR	WR	P	WR	WR	P	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Sims, Pat.....	11-1	P	P	P	P	P	DT	P	P	P	P	P	IL	RI	RI	RI	RI
Skuta, Dan.....	14-3	P	P	P	P	P	MLB	MLB	MLB	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Smith, Andre.....	12-12	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	IL	IL	IL
Tate, Brandon.....	14-0	P	P	P	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	NWT	NWT	NWT
Whalen, Ryan.....	2-0	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P
Whitworth, Andrew.....	14-14	LOT	LOT	LOT	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	RG	RI	RI
Wilson, Gibril.....	14-1	P	P	P	nklDB	P	P	P	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	Simpson	Whitworth	Living	Cook	McGlynn	Collins	Gresham	Green	Dalton	Benson	Lee(2ndTE)
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	Geathers	Peko	Atkins	Rucker	Lawson	Mauluga	Howard	Clements	Jones	Crocker	Nelson
Dec. 24	ARIZONA											
Jan. 1	BALTIMORE											

DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

WR	89	JEROME SIMPSON	87	Andre Caldwell	88	<u>Ryan Whalen</u>
LOT	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	73	Anthony Collins		
LG	62	NATE LIVINGS	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 Maualuga	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

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
97	Atkins, Geno	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	2	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
32	Benson, Cedric	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	7	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
65	Boling, Clint	G	6-5	311	5-9-89	R	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
87	Caldwell, Andre	WR	6-0	190	4-15-85	4	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
22	Clements, Nate	CB	6-0	200	12-12-79	11	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, Ohio	FA'11
81	Cochart, Colin	TE	6-4	254	7-7-87	R	South Dakota State	Kewaunee, Wis.	CFA'11
73	Collins, Anthony	OT	6-5	315	11-2-85	4	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
64	Cook, Kyle	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	4	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
42	Crocker, Chris	S	5-11	197	3-9-80	9	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
14	Dalton, Andy	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	R	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
96	Dunlap, Carlos	DE	6-6	289	2-28-89	2	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE/DT	6-4	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	Livings, Nate	G	6-5	322	3-16-82	4	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
58	Mauluga, Rey	LB	6-2	260	1-20-87	3	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
26	Mays, Taylor	S	6-3	230	2-7-88	2	Southern California	Seattle, Wash.	T(S.F.)'11
66	McGlynn, Mike	C/G	6-4	320	3-8-85	4	Pittsburgh	Austintown, Ohio	W(Phil.)'11
45	Miles, Jeromy	S	6-2	210	7-20-87	2	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
52	Moch, Dontay	LB	6-2	241	7-19-88	R	Nevada	Phoenix, Ariz.	D3'11
20	Nelson, Reggie	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	5	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
2	Nugent, Mike	K	5-10	183	3-2-82	7	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
30	Peerman, Cedric	HB	5-10	211	10-10-86	2	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	6	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
36	Pressley, Chris	FB	5-11	256	8-8-86	3	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	PS(Cin.)'10
57	Rey, Vincent	LB	6-2	247	9-6-87	1	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
74	Roland, Dennis	OT	6-9	322	3-10-83	4	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
92	Rucker, Froste	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

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

85	Binns, Armon (9-20)	WR	6-3	210	9-8-89	R	Cincinnati	Pasadena, Calif.	FA'11
80	Coffman, Chase (9-5)	TE	6-6	250	11-10-86	3	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09
35	Develin, James (9-4)	FB	6-3	251	7-23-88	1	Brown	Gilbertsville, Pa.	FA'10
50	Johnson, Micah (12-13)	LB	6-2	258	6-22-88	1	Kentucky	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	FA'11
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
25	Torrence, Devon (12-19)	CB	6-0	190	5-3-89	R	Ohio State	Canton, Ohio	FA'11

PRACTICE SQUAD/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

37	Bowie, John (11-16; Achilles)	CB	5-11	190	5-11-84	4	Cincinnati	Columbus, Ohio	FA'11
41	Evans, DeQuin (11-14; shoulder)	LB	6-2	250	5-17-87	R	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'11

RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY (date assigned; injury)

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

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

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
2	Mike Nugent	K	5-10	183	3-2-82	7	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio	FA'10
7	Bruce Gradkowski	QB	6-1	220	1-27-83	6	Toledo	Pittsburgh, Pa.	UFA(Oak.)'11
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	208	7-16-85	3	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
14	Andy Dalton	QB	6-2	220	10-29-87	R	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D2'11
16	Andrew Hawkins	WR	5-7	175	3-10-86	R	Toledo	Johnstown, Pa.	W(STL.)'11
18	A.J. Green	WR	6-4	207	7-31-88	R	Georgia	Summerville, S.C.	D1'11
19	Brandon Tate	WR	6-1	195	10-5-87	3	North Carolina	Burlington, N.C.	W(N.E.)'11
20	Reggie Nelson	S	5-11	206	9-21-83	5	Florida	Melbourne, Fla.	T(Jax.)'10
21	Brandon Ghee	CB	6-0	193	6-6-87	2	Wake Forest	Fayetteville, N.C.	D3b'10
22	Nate Clements	CB	6-0	200	12-12-79	11	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, Ohio	FA'11
23	Kelly Jennings	CB	5-11	180	11-30-82	6	Miami (Fla.)	Live Oak, Fla.	T(Sea.)'11
24	Adam Jones	CB	5-10	185	9-30-83	5	West Virginia	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'10
26	Taylor Mays	S	6-3	230	2-7-88	2	Southern California	Seattle, Wash.	T(S.F.)'11
27	Gibril Wilson	S	6-0	206	11-12-81	8	Tennessee	San Jose, Calif.	FA'10
28	Bernard Scott	HB	5-10	198	2-10-84	3	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
30	Cedric Peerman	HB	5-10	211	10-10-86	2	Virginia	Gladys, Va.	W(Det.)'10
31	Robert Sands	S	6-4	209	11-3-89	R	West Virginia	Carol City, Fla.	D5'11
32	Cedric Benson	HB	5-11	227	12-28-82	7	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
36	Chris Pressley	FB	5-11	256	8-8-86	3	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	PS(Cin.)'10
40	Brian Leonard	HB	6-1	225	2-3-84	5	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(STL.)'09
42	Chris Crocker	S	5-11	197	3-9-80	9	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
45	Jeromy Miles	S	6-2	210	7-20-87	2	Massachusetts	Sicklerville, N.J.	CFA'10
46	Clark Harris	LS	6-5	252	7-10-84	3	Rutgers	Manahawkin, N.J.	FA'09
51	Dan Skuta	LB	6-2	248	4-21-86	3	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
52	Dontay Moch	LB	6-2	241	7-19-88	R	Nevada	Phoenix, Ariz.	D3'11
53	Thomas Howard	LB	6-3	240	7-14-83	6	Texas-El Paso	Lubbock, Texas	UFA(Oak.)'11
57	Vincent Rey	LB	6-2	247	9-6-87	1	Duke	Far Rockaway, N.Y.	CFA'10
58	Rey Mauluga	LB	6-2	260	1-20-87	3	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
59	Brandon Johnson	LB	6-5	245	4-5-83	6	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
60	Otis Hudson	G	6-5	311	7-19-86	1	Eastern Illinois	Barrington, Ill.	D5'10
62	Nate Livings	G	6-5	332	3-16-82	4	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
64	Kyle Cook	C	6-3	316	7-25-83	4	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
65	Clint Boling	G	6-5	311	5-9-89	R	Georgia	Alpharetta, Ga.	D4'11
66	Mike McGlynn	C/G	6-4	320	3-8-85	4	Pittsburgh	Austintown, Ohio	W(Phil.)'11
68	Jonathan Fanene	DE/DT	6-4	285	3-19-82	7	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
71	Andre Smith	OT	6-4	335	1-25-87	3	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
73	Anthony Collins	OT	6-5	315	11-2-85	4	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
74	Dennis Roland	OT	6-9	322	3-10-83	4	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
77	Andrew Whitworth	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	6	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
81	Colin Cochart	TE	6-4	254	7-7-87	R	South Dakota State	Kewaunee, Wis.	CFA'11
84	Jermaine Gresham	TE	6-5	260	6-16-88	2	Oklahoma	Ardmore, Okla.	D1'10
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	8-31-80	9	Mississippi State	Maben, Miss.	FA'11
87	Andre Caldwell	WR	6-0	190	4-15-85	4	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
88	Ryan Whalen	WR	6-1	202	7-26-89	R	Stanford	Alamo, Calif.	D6'11
89	Jerome Simpson	WR	6-2	190	2-4-86	4	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
91	Robert Geathers	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	8	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
92	Frostee Rucker	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	6	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
93	Michael Johnson	DE	6-7	267	2-7-87	3	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
94	Domata Peko	DT	6-3	322	11-27-84	6	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
96	Carlos Dunlap	DE	6-6	289	2-28-89	2	Florida	North Charleston, S.C.	D2'10
97	Geno Atkins	DT	6-1	300	3-28-88	2	Georgia	Pembroke Pines, Fla.	D4a'10
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

PRACTICE SQUAD (date assigned)

5	Zac Robinson (9-6)	QB	6-3	218	9-29-86	2	Oklahoma State	Littleton, Colo.	FA'11
25	Devon Torrence (12-19)	CB	6-0	190	5-3-89	R	Ohio State	Canton, Ohio	FA'11
35	James Develin (9-4)	FB	6-3	251	7-23-88	1	Brown	Gilbertsville, Pa.	FA'10
50	Micah Johnson (12-13)	LB	6-2	258	6-22-88	1	Kentucky	Ft. Campbell, Ky.	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/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

37	John Bowie (11-16; Achilles)	CB	5-11	190	5-11-84	4	Cincinnati	Columbus, Ohio	FA'11
41	DeQuin Evans (11-14; shoulder)	LB	6-2	250	5-17-87	R	Kentucky	Long Beach, Calif.	CFA'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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RESERVE/INJURED (date assigned; injury)

11	Jordan Shipley (9-19; knee)	WR	6-0	188	12-23-85	2	Texas	Burnet, Texas	D3a'10
29	Leon Hall (11-14; Achilles)	CB	5-11	195	12-9-84	5	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
56	Rodrick Muckelroy (9-3; Achilles)	LB	6-2	245	10-27-86	2	Texas	Hallsville, Texas	D4b'10
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

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STATISTICS

RECORD: 8-6

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	W	20-13	at St. Louis	56,431
12-24-11			ARIZONA	
1-1-12			BALTIMORE	

TEAM STATISTICS		CIN	OPP
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		245	252
Rushing		83	83
Passing		141	153
Penalty		25	16
3rd Down: Made-Att		67-188	69-193
3rd Down Pct.		35.6	35.8
4th Down: Made-Att		4-10	3-9
4th Down Pct.		40.0	33.3
POSSESSION AVG.		30:12	29:48
TOTAL NET YARDS		4481	4397
Avg. Per Game		320.1	314.1
Total Plays		879	890
Avg. Per Play		5.1	4.9
NET YARDS RUSHING		1508	1395
Avg. Per Game		107.7	99.6
Total Rushes		397	375
NET YARDS PASSING		2973	3002
Avg. Per Game		212.4	214.4
Sacked-Yards Lost		22-148	39-233
Gross Yards		3121	3235
Att.-Completions		460-268	476-281
Completion Pct.		58.3	59.0
Had Intercepted		14	7
PUNTS-AVG.		82-43.8	85-47.1
Net Punting Avg.		82-38.9	85-39.1
PENALTIES-YARDS		89-792	88-732
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST		14-5	25-12
TOUCHDOWNS		32	32
Rushing		9	12
Passing		19	18
Returns		4	2

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS
BENGALS	70	49	76	110	0	305
OPPONENTS	41	125	50	67	0	283

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-R	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mike Nugent	0	0	0	30-31	27-29	0	111	
A.J. Green	7	0	7	0	—	—	0	42
Cedric Benson	6	6	0	0	—	—	0	36
Jermaine Gresham	5	0	5	0	—	—	0	30
Andre Caldwell	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
Jerome Simpson	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
Bernard Scott	2	2	0	0	—	—	0	12
Geno Atkins	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Colin Cochart	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Andy Dalton	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Carlos Dunlap	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Reggie Nelson	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Brandon Tate	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	32	9	19	4	30-31	27-29	1	305
OPPONENTS	32	12	18	2	31-31	20-25	0	283

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 8-47.5, Michael Johnson 5-27.5, Jonathan Fanene 4-26, Frostee Rucker 4-24, Chris Crocker 3.5-14, Carlos Dunlap 3-31, Robert Geathers 3-18, Domata Peko 1.5-8, Manny Lawson 1.5-6, Nate Clements 1-8, Reggie Nelson 1-8, Pat Sims 1-5, Thomas Howard 1-4, Kelly Jennings 1-2, Dan Skuta 0.5-4. BENGALS 39-233, OPPONENTS 22-148.

Fumbles-lost: Andy Dalton 4-2, Brandon Tate 3-1, Cedric Benson 3-0, Geno Atkins 1-1, Nate Clements 1-1, A.J. Green 1-0, Jordan Shipley 1-0. BENGALS 14-5, OPPONENTS 25-12.

PASSING	ATT	CMP	YDS	CMP%	YDS/ATT	TD	TD%	INT	INT%	LG	SKD-YDS	RAT
Andy Dalton	441	260	3012	59.0	6.83	18	4.1	13	2.9	84	21-141	81.0
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	460	268	3121	58.3	6.78	19	4.1	14	3.0	84	22-148	80.0
OPPONENTS	476	281	3235	59.0	6.80	18	3.8	7	1.5	74t	39-233	86.1

RUSHING	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Cedric Benson	244	959	3.9	42	6
Bernard Scott	96	318	3.3	19	2
Andy Dalton	28	87	3.1	11	1
Brian Leonard	17	85	5.0	14	0
A.J. Green	3	28	9.3	15	0
Andrew Hawkins	4	22	5.5	8	0
Cedric Peerman	2	8	4.0	11	0
Bruce Gradkowski	3	1	0.3	1	0
BENGALS	397	1508	3.8	42	9
OPPONENTS	375	1395	3.7	59	12

RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
A.J. Green	61	1006	16.5	58	7
Jermaine Gresham	46	468	10.2	26	5
Jerome Simpson	40	629	15.7	84	3
Andre Caldwell	37	317	8.6	49t	3
Brian Leonard	20	191	9.6	37	0
Andrew Hawkins	19	226	11.9	25	0
Cedric Benson	12	64	5.3	11	0
Bernard Scott	12	30	2.5	14	0
Donald Lee	8	106	13.3	26	0
Colin Cochart	5	44	8.8	25	1
Jordan Shipley	4	14	3.5	5	0
Chris Pressley	3	19	6.3	9	0
Ryan Whalen	1	7	7.0	7	0
BENGALS	268	3121	11.6	84	19
OPPONENTS	281	3235	11.5	74t	18

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	14	159	11.4	43t	1

PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	NET	TB	IN-20	LG	BLK
Kevin Huber	82	3594	43.8	38.9	7	22	71	0
BENGALS	82	3594	43.8	38.9	7	22	71	0
OPPONENTS	85	4005	47.1	39.1	6	21	65	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	46	15	496	10.8	56t	1
Adam Jones	1	0	63	63.0	63	0
Nate Clements	0	1	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	47	16	559	11.9	63	1
OPPONENTS	35	24	265	7.6	60t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
Brandon Tate	37	886	23.9	45	0
Nate Clements	1	4	4.0	4	0
Cedric Peerman	1	10	10.0	10	0
Bernard Scott	1	26	26.0	26	0
Adam Jones	0	-12	—	-12	0
BENGALS	40	914	22.9	45	0
OPPONENTS	38	825	21.7	51	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mike Nugent	0-0	12-12	4-5	11-12	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	12-12	4-5	11-12	0-0
OPPONENTS	1-1	7-7	4-4	6-8	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), (21G, 41G).

Opponents: (20G), (34G), (23G, 53G), (43G, 23G), (19G, 20G), (46G, 52B), (47G, 25G), (43G), (39G), (22G), (32G, 54G, 55SH), (50WR), (46G, 47WR, 33G), (45WR, 26G, 43G).

DEFENSE*	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
Thomas Howard	66	43	109	1-4	0-0	3	2	0-0
Rey Mauluga	64	32	96	0-0	0-0	2	3	1-0
Reggie Nelson	52	41	93	1-8	3-98	7	2	0-0
Domata Peko	40	36	76	1.5-8	0-0	1	1	1-0
Nate Clements	46	22	68	1-8	1-7	12	2	2-0
Manny Lawson	32	35	67	1.5-6	0-0	3	0	0-0
Chris Crocker	47	16	63	3.5-14	0-0	4	1	0-0
Geno Atkins	37	23	60	8-47.5	0-0	2	2	2-19
Frostee Rucker	30	23	53	4-24	0-0	2	0	0-0
Michael Johnson	25	18	43	5-27.5	1-0	6	1	1-0
Robert Geathers	24	15	39	3-18	0-0	1	0	0-0
Leon Hall	31	7	38	0-0	2-15	10	0	1-10
Kelly Jennings	24	11	35	1-2	0-0	4	0	0-0
Jonathan Fanene	14	18	32	4-26	0-0	2	0	2-0
Brandon Johnson	21	10	31	0-0	0-0	3	0	0-0
Dan Skuta	19	12	31	0.5-4	0-0	0	1	0-0
Gibril Wilson	15	15	30	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-0
Pat Sims	13	15	28	1-5	0-0	0	0	0-0
Adam Jones	17	6	23	0-0	0-0	5	0	0-0
Carlos Dunlap	11	10	21	3-31	0-0	3	0	1-35
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
Nick Hayden	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jeromy Miles	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

SPECIAL TEAMS*	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
Cedric Peerman	12	0	12	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jeromy Miles	11	0	11	0	0-0	0	0	0
Gibril Wilson	8	2	10	0	0-0	0	0	0
Dan Skuta	6	4	10	0	0-0	0	0	0
Taylor Mays	6	2	8	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
Brandon Johnson	5	0	5	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.