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# St. Louis Rams (1-1) at Cincinnati Bengals (1-1)

*Preseason Game 3  
Thursday, Aug. 27, 2009  
at Paul Brown Stadium*

*Next up:  
Preseason Game 4  
Sept. 3 vs. Indianapolis*

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## Game information

Kickoff: 7:30 p.m. EDT.

**Television:** Coverage on the Bengals Preseason Network with Paul Keels (play-by-play), Anthony Munoz (analyst) and Mike Valpreto (sideline reporter). The network is led by flagship WKRC-TV (Ch. 12) in Cincinnati. It is not anticipated that the game will be a sellout by 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 24, the deadline for live local television coverage, and in that case the game will air on Channel 12 on tape delay at 11:30 p.m. In Dayton, which is also in the Bengals' local TV market, the game if not sold out will air on tape delay at 11 p.m. on WKEF-TV (Ch. 22), and an additional replay will air in Dayton on WRGT-TV (Ch. 45) at noon on Sunday, Aug. 30. The game will air live on Thursday in Columbus and in Louisville, Ky. The network affiliate in Columbus is WSYX-TV (Ch. 6), and the affiliate in Louisville is WTTE-TV (Ch. 28).

**Radio:** Live coverage on the 28-station Bengals Radio Network, including a "triple-cast" in Cincinnati on flagships WLW-AM (700) "The Big One," WCKY-AM (1530) "Homer" (all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Brad Johansen (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

**Setting the scene:** The Bengals have a bit of extra pep in their steps as they head into their preseason home opener, thanks to a gritty win in a tough road stadium and another new twist from the always innovative Chad Ochocinco.

"It will be great to get back in front of our own fans, playing the Rams in the Jungle," head coach Marvin Lewis said after last week's 7-6 win at New England, "and I hope the fans are feeling the same way we are. You're not going to get too excited about a preseason game, but whatever happened out there, we kept on playing, kept on making the plays we needed to win. It won't mean a thing next month, but it sure feels better than the first week."

The Bengals fell 17-7 at New Orleans in their preseason opener, losing the second half 10-0. But against the Patriots, they scratched out a 7-6 halftime lead and held on through a scoreless second half.

"The atmosphere in New England is big-time football," said Lewis, "because of what the Patriots have accomplished winning multiple Super Bowls and because of the following they've built. It's a good challenge, even in preseason, and we wouldn't mind being back there again, very late this year, playing them when it will mean a little more."

The deciding point at New England came on a "SportsCenter moment." Ochocinco, Cincinnati's five-time Pro Bowler and all-time entertainer, slammed home the first PAT try of his career late in the second quarter, pressed into service as an emergency replacement for K Shayne Graham. Nursing a moderate groin

strain, Graham was held out of action as a precautionary measure.

"I kicked in high school (in Miami Beach)," Ochocinco said. "It's just like riding a bicycle, something you don't forget. I bet Ronaldinho (the Brazilian soccer star) would be proud of me right now."

Perhaps more memorable for things that will matter in the long run, the Bengals rushed for 173 yards at New England, with a 4.9 average. Also, Cincinnati got impressive play from a defense that finished strong last season and has the highest expectations for 2009.

Not only was New England held to just two field goals, the Bengals' first unit limited a Tom Brady-led first Patriots offense to 58 net yards in the first quarter.

"It was good to have to play and respond against Brady and against their no-huddle," Lewis said. "I was happy with our defensive performance overall. Now it's time to give our fans some reason to make a lot of noise."

The Bengals will play their next three games at home, following the Rams game with a Sept. 3 preseason finale vs. Indianapolis and a Sept. 13 regular-season opener against Denver.

**The series:** The Bengals and Rams have met only once previously in preseason. In the 1988 Pro Football Hall of Fame Game at Canton, Ohio, Cincinnati beat the Los Angeles Rams 14-7, launching the team's second AFC Championship season.

In regular-season play, the Bengals lead 6-5, having broken a series tie with a 19-10 win at Paul Brown Stadium in 2007. That victory broke a three-game Rams series win streak.

The Bengals were 5-2 against the Los Angeles Rams in the regular season and have posted a 1-3 regular-season mark against the St. Louis Rams.

The Bengals and Rams will not meet in the regular season in 2009 or '10. Future opponents beyond 2010 have not been set.

**Palmer update:** Bengals QB Carson Palmer has an early listing of questionable for this week's preseason home opener. Palmer suffered a mild high ankle sprain in the Aug. 14 preseason opener at New Orleans and was held out of action last week at New England.

"We would like him to play, and he would like to play (against St. Louis)," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "If last week had been a regular-season game, he probably would have played. But we are going to continue to be cautious, because it is just preseason. We'd like him to get some more time with our first unit, and I think we will do that before the preseason is over. But the most important thing is to have him 100 percent for Denver (the regular-season opener on Sept. 13)."

*(Game information, continued)*

Red-zone reports: The Bengals and Rams are both looking for major 2009 improvements in their offensive red zone performances. The Rams ranked last in the NFL in total possessions inside the opponent's 20-yard line with 29, and the Bengals were 31st with 33. The Rams also were last in red-zone TD percentage (34.5), and the Bengals were 27th (45.5).

Bengals final 2008 red-zone report

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 33	Inside-20 poss.: 49
Total scores: 27 (81.8%)	Total scores: 46 (93.9%)
TDs: 15 (45.5%)	TDs: 29 (60.0%)
FGs: 12 (36.4%)	FGs: 17 (34.7%)
TD% rank: 27th	TD% rank: 26th
No scores: 6 (18.2%)	No scores: 3 (6.1%)
Interceptions: 2 (6.1%)	Fumbles: 2 (4.1%)
End of game: 2 (6.1%)	End of game: 1 (2.0%)
Fumbles: 1 (3.0%)	
Missed FGs: 1 (3.0%)	

Rams final 2008 red-zone report

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 29	Inside-20 poss.: 53
Total scores: 24 (82.8%)	Total scores: 48 (87.5%)
TDs: 10 (34.5%)	TDs: 34 (64.2%)
FGs: 14 (48.3%)	FGs: 14 (23.3%)
TD% rank: 32nd	TD% rank: 30th
No scores: 5 (17.2%)	No scores: 5 (12.5%)

Bengals-Rams connections: Bengals HB Brian Leonard played for the Rams in 2007-08 and was obtained in a trade this past May for DT Orien Harris ... Bengals CB Jamar Fletcher is a St. Louis native ... Bengals TE Chase Coffman

played at Missouri and is from Peculiar, Mo. ... Bengals TE Darius Hill is from Blue Springs, Mo. ... Bengals LS-TE Brad St. Louis played at SW Missouri State and is from Belton, Mo. ... Bengals HB DeDe Dorsey played at Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Mo. ... Bengals QBs coach Ken Zampese was on the Rams staff from 2000-02 ... Bengals defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer was on the University of Missouri staff in 1979-80 ... Three Rams — LB Larry Grant, LB James Laurinaitis and RB Antonio Pittman — played at Ohio State ... Rams DT Antwan Burton was with the Bengals in the 2008 preseason ... Rams G Jacob Bell played at Miami (Ohio) ... Rams WR Keenan Burton played at Kentucky and is from Louisville ... Rams T Renardo Foster played at Louisville ... Rams WRs coach Charlie Baggett coached at Bowling Green from 1977-80 ... Rams LBs coach Paul Ferraro coached at Ohio University in 1990 and at Bowling Green from 1991-98 ... Rams strength coach Rock Gullickson was at Louisville in 1998-99 ... Rams special teams coordinator Tom McMahon coached at Louisville in 2006 ... Rams assistant offensive line coach Art Valero coached at Louisville from 1998-2001.

Bengals-Rams final 2008 NFL rankings

	BENGALS	RAMS
<b>SCORING (AVG. POINTS):</b>		
Points scored .....	32nd (12.8)	T-30th (14.5)
Points allowed .....	19th (22.8)	31st (29.1)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	32nd (245.4)	27th (287.3)
Rushing .....	29th (95.0)	25th (103.1)
Passing .....	30th (150.4)	26th (184.2)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	12th (325.5)	28th (371.9)
Rushing .....	21st (120.1)	29th (154.7)
Passing .....	15th (205.4)	19th (217.2)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential .....	20th (minus-2)	23rd (minus-6)

## The head coaches

Marvin Lewis is in his seventh season as Bengals head coach, one year from tying Paul Brown and Sam Wyche for the franchise's longest tenure of eight seasons. In Bengals head coaching victories, he also ranks third (behind Wyche and Brown).

Lewis' record over his six previous campaigns is 46-49-1 in the regular season, 0-1 in postseason and 46-50-1 overall. He needs nine victories to tie Paul Brown (55-59-1) in Bengals annals and is 18 wins behind Wyche (64-68). His Bengals log includes an AFC North Division championship in 2005, and he coached his first five years (2003-07) without experiencing a losing season, the club's longest such streak since a six-year span from 1972-77.

Lewis enters 2009 tied for fifth in the NFL for current consecutive seasons as a head coach (seven). He has also cracked the active top 10 for most total seasons as an NFL head coach, sharing ninth place at seven with Jacksonville head coach Jack Del Rio.

Lewis' preseason record with the Bengals is 13-13.

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

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

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

Lewis played linebacker at Idaho State and earned All-Big Sky Conference honors in each of his three seasons (1978-80). He began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Idaho State in 1981.

Steve Spagnuolo was named the 25th head coach in Rams history on Jan. 19 of this year. He was defensive coordinator of the New York Giants in 2007-08. In his first season, when the Giants defeated New England in Super Bowl XLII, the defense rose to a seventh-place NFL ranking after finishing 25th the previous year. The 2007 Giants led the NFL in sacks (53) and were in the league top 10 in seven other statistical categories.

In 2008, the Giants defense rose to a No. 5 yardage ranking as the team won the NFC East title.

Spagnuolo began his NFL coaching career in 1999 with Philadelphia and stayed with the Eagles through 2006, coaching DBs and later linebackers.

Born in Whitinsville, Mass., he began his coaching career at the University of Massachusetts in 1982. His last college assignment was at Bowling Green in 1996-97. In 1998, he was defensive coordinator for the Frankfurt Galaxy in NFL Europe.

Lewis vs. Rams: Lewis has not faced the Rams in preseason and is 1-1 in the regular season, with a 27-10 loss at St. Louis in 2003 and a 19-10 win at Cincinnati in 2007.

Lewis vs. Spagnuolo: No previous meetings in preseason or regular season.

Spagnuolo vs. Bengals: No previous meetings in preseason or regular season.

# Bengals information

**Dirty dozen:** In addition to four sacks, the official stat book from last week's New England game credited the Bengals defense with two tackles-for-loss (aside from sacks) and a whopping 12 QB hits. Elias Sports Bureau reports it is the highest QB hit total in an NFL game this preseason through Aug. 23.

During the fourth quarter of the Bengals Network telecast of the game, play-by-play broadcaster Paul Keels said the defense had pressured "everyone including the popcorn vendor."

For one preseason game, at least, it was mission accomplished for a unit which has made increased "pressure plays" its prime goal for 2009 after showing significant overall yardage improvement from '07-08. The Bengals closed strongly in 2008 to finish 12th in the NFL in fewest yards allowed, but their total of only 17 sacks was reflective of insufficient pressure plays.

DE Robert Geathers, DT Pat Sims and S Tom Nelson all had individual sacks against the Patriots, while LB Dan Skuta and DE Chris Harrington shared a sack. Sims had two tackles-for-loss and two QB hits. Harrington also had two QB hits.

"We've got to show some more firepower," says Mike Zimmer, who was in his first year as Bengals defensive coordinator last season after eight previous seasons as a coordinator with other teams. "We obviously need to rush the passer a lot better than last year. I'm not just saying sacks, I know we've got to get more sacks, but we've got to get to the quarterback more in order to create a few more negative plays. My emphasis going in last year was making sure we got the run stopped, guys were in the right places. I think they understand that part now, and we want to turn them loose more up front. That was my big project in the offseason."

**Big plays welcome:** Though points mean everything in NFL regular-season games, Bengals coach Marvin Lewis is not overly distressed that his team has scored just seven in each preseason outing while posting a 1-1 record.

"We've had too many turnovers (four) and offensive penalties, but those are things we can take care of," Lewis says. "The important thing for now is that we are moving the ball. We've had more explosive plays in two preseason games than we had all last (regular) season."

Though perhaps subject to numerical debate, Lewis' last statement makes a point. The Bengals' preseason offensive average of 362.5 net yards is 117 more than in the 2008 regular season, and in posting that number, Cincinnati has had receiving gains of 55 and 35 yards by Chad Ochocinco, a 39-yard catch by WR Chris Henry, a 27-yard gain by TE Daniel Coats and a 45-yard rush by HB DeDe Dorsey. All last season, the Bengals' longest gain by a WR was 46 yards, and the next-longest were 26 (three times). The team's longest 2008 run was 46 by HB Cedric Benson. The year's longest play, by 33 yards, was Benson's 79-yard breakout on a screen pass vs. Washington.

Bottom line, if the Bengals can match their "explosive play" performance of the first two preseason games against St. Louis this week, it may indeed be literally true that they'll be ahead of the 2008 regular season. And in the first two games, QB Carson Palmer has logged less than a full quarter.

**More signs of progress:** During an injury-plagued 2008 season in which QB Carson Palmer's absence for 12 games was just the tip of the iceberg, the Bengals finished last in the NFL in net offense (245.4 yards per game). It was the first time in the franchise's then-41 seasons to be at the bottom of the category.

But other numbers from this year's first two preseason games also offer evidence of improvement. In the opener at New Orleans, with nearly all the first offensive unit playing nearly all the first quarter, Cincinnati rolled to a prodigious total of 170 yards. QB Carson Palmer had 133 passing yards. In the second quarter, with QB J.T. O'Sullivan and other reserves mixing in, the offense tacked on another 121 yards and finished with 291 for the half.

And last week at New England, with Palmer sitting out to rest a sore ankle, the highlight was a 173-yard team rushing effort, on 35 carries for a 4.9-yard avg.

"We had a lot of different people in the game, obviously," said

Lewis, "and some of them won't be with us when the regular season starts. But our line played well and we were able to support a good defensive effort by controlling the ball and the clock when we needed to. It was big at the end of the game, when we were pinned back a little (at the 12-yard line with 3:43 to play), and we were able to move it out with a first down, making them use all their timeouts."

**O-line is holding up:** One major story line in the Bengals preseason is the performance of the offensive line, which has only one player — RG Bobbie Williams — starting in a position where he played at least half the season a year ago.

So far, so good, through two preseason games. The first-team line paved the way for 170 first-quarter yards at New Orleans, and playing most of the first half last week at New England, the line supported a 212-yard output. QB J.T. O'Sullivan, who started in place of injured Carson Palmer and played most of the half, finished with a 137.0 passer rating, completing 10-of-13 for 141 yards with a TD and no INTs.

"We gave up some sacks (four) in the first half," Lewis said, "but one of those was when we were just trying to make something happen on a fourth-down play, because we didn't have our kicker (injured Shayne Graham) to try a field goal. And another one came on the last play of the half, with J.T. just trying not to give anything up. Overall, I was pretty pleased with our protection. I think we had a good pocket, and J.T.'s passing results support that."

Elsewhere on the line this season, Andrew Whitworth has moved to LOT after playing LG last year, Nate Livings is out to put a firm hold on the LG spot he claimed late last year, and C Kyle Cook steps up for his first NFL starting assignment. At ROT, second-year man Andre Collins is in the starting role, after starting the last six games at LOT last season. First-round draft pick Andre Smith, unsigned at press time for this release, is slated to compete when ready for the ROT spot.

"We like our raw material, we think we can be much better than last year," says offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski. "But it's a unit that will need some time to come together. In preseason, we've got to walk a fine line, not getting the guys beat up, but giving them enough reps to get better."

Whitworth says "our talent is going to show," and he is a booster of the line's chemistry.

"I love the energy," he says. "We have a lot to prove, but history shows that more often than not, the team that has something to prove is more successful than a team that doesn't think it has a lot to prove. I like our mixture of guys. I think that a lot of times, the experience factor is exaggerated. We've got two guys who have played a lot of games (Whitworth and Williams), and then young guys who are talented and hungry. I'll take it."

**Benson gets some grabs:** HB Cedric Benson saw action only in the first period at New England, but had a very busy quarter. He had 13 touches, and three of those were receptions. He gained 25 yards on the catches, for an 8.3-yard average.

Two of the catches came on third down, a fit with Benson's goal of being an every-down player in 2009.

"One thing I really want to turn around is that I usually played just on first and second downs last year," Benson has said. "Now I want to be able to play on third down and be featured in the passing game. I don't want to be singled out as a two-down player. And it all starts here (in preseason)."

Despite not playing as much as he would have liked on passing downs last year, Benson logged career highs in catches (20) and yards (185). He broke a screen pass against Washington for 79 yards, the Bengals' longest play of the year. Over 35 games in three seasons (2005-07) for Chicago, he totaled just 26 catches for 180 yards.

Benson is 18-for-56 rushing in the first two preseason games.

**Comeback player, comeback team?** HB Cedric Benson and the Bengals have been on roughly parallel paths since 2005.

In 2005, the Bengals won a division championship, and

Benson joined the Chicago Bears with high hopes as the No. 4 overall pick in the NFL draft. But the Bengals have been out of the playoffs since, and Benson has been largely out of the spotlight. He was released by the Bears after 2007, carrying mediocre numbers and a reputation of not being a good team player.

But things started picking up again in 2008. An injury-ridden Bengals team rallied from a disastrous start to post a 4-3-1 record over the season's second half, and Benson was a big part of it. Rescued from the ranks of the NFL unemployed in late September, he went on to post three 100-yard rushing games, to lead the team in rushing yards (747) and yards from scrimmage (932), and to earn a new reputation as a valued teammate and friendly figure to media.

"Ced has not taken a play off since he's been here," says QB Carson Palmer, "in a game or in practice. Even in T-shirts and shorts, he's going 100 miles an hour. Maybe some people wondered about him personally when he first got here, but he put that to rest in a hurry and earned everyone's respect."

Benson was completely exonerated from some off-field charges which helped lead to Chicago's decision to release him in June of 2008. But he concedes he did not always carry himself or his emotions well while with Chicago. He says the rough period after his release helped effect the changes his teammates and Bengals fans have seen.

"I'm proud to have gone through what I did, and to have turned things around," he says.

Kicker update: Head coach Marvin Lewis told reporters on Aug. 22 that the Bengals may sign a kicker this week, covering the possibility that K Shayne Graham will need more rest before the regular-season opener Sept. 13 vs. Denver.

Graham sat out last week's win at New England with a sore groin.

"I'm going to just do what I do (in rehab) and take it one day at a time," Graham said. "I'm not worried about it. I know I'll come back strong. I've had injuries like this in the preseason before and had some of my best years. I've been to the Pro Bowl after having a couple weeks off in the preseason (in 2005), and I've been a Pro Bowl alternate when I've had a preseason injury."

A boot for the books: Was it possibly the most celebrated PAT kick in NFL preseason history?

Admittedly that's an obscure category, but the Bengals will challenge anyone to come up with a better nomination after WR Chad Ochocinco's successful one-pointer at New England last week. Ochocinco was employed as coach Marvin Lewis' "emergency kicker" because it had been determined in pregame warmups that Shayne Graham, the only true placekicker on the roster, was better off sitting out to rest a groin strain.

The soccer-style kick deserves consideration because 1) Ochocinco is always a national media magnet, 2) he has expressed for years his affinity for both playing and watching soccer, 3) he drilled a strong kick that might have been good from 35 yards, and 4) without it, a 7-6 Bengals win could have been a 6-6 game headed for every coach's nightmare — preseason overtime.

"Tell the world that 'Esteban' Ochocinco is back, the most entertaining all-round footballer in the world," Ochocinco joked after the boot. "Remember, I've always said that soccer is my true No. 1 sport."

It was left to QB J.T. O'Sullivan, whose TD pass to Chris Henry provided the chance, to give the kick a more serious analysis.

"All joking aside, he kicked the ball through the uprights in an NFL preseason game, and it won the game," O'Sullivan said. "Whatever you say, those things (injuries) are going to happen in this in this league, and it's nice to have that insurance."

Ochocinco also had one not-so-bad kickoff — a 61-yarder to the New England nine-yard line.

Lewis has said that Ochocinco, who was his team's kicker in high school, will remain the Bengals' emergency kicker, but that he will not be used to replace Graham on a full-game basis if Graham needs further rest this week or later in the season.

M.J. keeps it coming: The Bengals still expect a fine season from unsigned OT Andre Smith, their first-round draft pick, and the club remains very enthused over the prospects of LB Rey Mauluga, taken in the second round. But halfway through preseason, no other rookie has received the unreserved praise head coach Marvin Lewis bestowed on DE Michael Johnson, third-round pick from Georgia Tech.

"Mike has exceeded my expectations, and my expectations were high," Lewis said prior to the Bengals' preseason opener. "Of all the rookie players that I've been around in the NFL, he's played as fast and as physical and has made as many football plays early in camp as any of them. I have been really pleased with Mike."

Lewis' comment came after Johnson had been credited with two sacks in the team's Intrasquad Scrimmage, and Johnson did not get off pace in his first live action against another team. He had three tackles against the Saints on Aug. 14, one for a loss, and he used his considerable 6-foot-7 wingspan to impressively swat down a Drew Brees pass. Last week at New England, he had two tackles on defense and two special teams tackles. He leads the special teams for the preseason in tackles (three).

It's unusual, to say the least, for Lewis to speak so plainly in touting a rookie. But the Bengals have noted since draft day that Johnson came with exceedingly high potential for a player who lasted until the third round. At 6-7 and 265 pounds, Johnson is an imposing player physically. He inspires best-scenario hopes of a career like the one enjoyed by Hall of Famer Ted "The Stork" Hendricks, but he weights 30 pounds more than Hendricks did.

At his best in college, he clearly played like a first-round NFL draft pick, but he came out of Georgia Tech with a reputation for not getting the most of himself on an every-play basis. Hence, he had to wait until the draft's second day, selected with the No. 70 overall pick.

"When you watched him on tape," said Bengals defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer, "there were plays that made you say, 'Oh wow, I can't believe he could do that. On other plays, you said, 'Heck, he didn't do very good there.' But he's a first-class kid — top notch, 100 percent — and it's our job as coaches to get the best out of him on every play."

Johnson has vowed he will listen to all critiques "from people who have my best interests at heart," and that he will work to make teams holding those first 69 draft picks regret they didn't keep him from becoming a Bengal.

Three threats to QBs: The Bengals defense, though greatly improved in 2008 under new coordinator Mike Zimmer, was not much of a pass-rushing force. Cincinnati managed only 17 sacks, and improving the club's pass pressure has been proclaimed as Job One by Zimmer for 2009.

Three good reasons to think Zimmer will succeed are DE Robert Geathers, DE Antwan Odom and DT Tank Johnson. All three are NFL veterans in their prime — 27 years old — and all three are motivated to show more than they did last year.

Geathers, whose 10.5 sacks in 2006 were the most by a Bengal since 1983, has had only six over the last two seasons. Last year, he missed five games with a knee injury. Odom, who had eight sacks and a team-high 29 pressures for Tennessee in 2007, was slowed by injuries in his 2008 Bengals debut and had just three sacks. And Johnson, known for some years as one of the NFL's better interior pass rushers with Chicago and Dallas, played every game for the Cowboys last year but had only one sack.

"We all want the same thing," says Geathers. "I think that's going to make a difference. Antwan, Tank and I, we've all had years where we haven't been as productive as we have been before. We want to get back to where our numbers were before and be respected among our peers. When I set foot on the field, I want offenses to have to account for me."

Return of Jeremi: When the Bengals released FB Jeremi Johnson in November of last season, it appeared his once-promising Cincinnati career had reached its end. Though Johnson had finished his rehab from a September knee injury, his prospects had faded due to two seasons which saw him get off to very slow starts due to weight and conditioning issues. It seemed he would be unable to regain the level of play that earned him

first-alternate status for the Pro Bowl after the 2006 season.

But Johnson, who held the team's No. 1 FB job from his rookie season of 2003 through 2007, did not give up the quest. He convinced the Bengals to re-sign him as a free agent this past April, and on Aug. 10, with his weight not far from a goal of 265 pounds, he was moved to the No. 1 spot on the team's depth chart. Though the starting FB job for the regular season seemed wide open entering training camp, it now seems clearly to be within Johnson's grasp.

"We're doing less with him; he's playing football now," says Bengals strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton, who joined associate S/C coach Ray Oliver in working extensively with Johnson during the offseason. "The key was him taking ownership of the other 22 hours of the day. The five weeks between minicamp and training camp, the lion's share was him because he took ownership of it."

Of his several months as an unsigned player, Johnson said:

"I knew I still had a love for football, and that the Bengals still needed me. They called and stayed in touch the whole time. I wasn't going anywhere. You all just thought I was gone. I was never gone."

The Louisville, Ky., native says he was spurred to a more dedicated lifestyle by the birth last October of a daughter, Jai.

"It helped a lot, a whole lot, I'm not going to lie," Johnson said. "It makes you grow up. Even if you don't want to."

Palmer rates with greats: The Bengals look with much anticipation to QB Carson Palmer's full return in 2009, and a comparison of top Cincinnati QBs shows why. Despite not playing as a rookie in 2004, as well as playing only four games in 2008, Palmer already holds his own in team passing records against Ken Anderson and Boomer Esiason, the Bengals' two Super Bowl quarterbacks.

Palmer owns the franchise's career records for passer rating and completion percentage, and he holds season marks for TD passes, rating, yards and completions. He also holds the game record for TD passes.

Here's how Anderson, Esiason and Palmer compare, with a chart of team records held by each player:

Career records  
(minimum 1000 passes)

ANDERSON	ESIASON	PALMER
Attempts (4475)	Yds./att. (7.62)	Comp. pct (63.7)
Completions (2654)	300-yd. games (23)	Rating (88.9)
Yards (32,838)		TD/INT ratio (1.6/1)
TD passes (197)		

Season records  
(minimum 350 passes)

ANDERSON	ESIASON	PALMER
Comp. pct. (70.6)	300-yd. games (5)*	Completions (373)
TD/INT ratio (2.9/1)		Yards (4131)
		TD passes (32)
		Rating (101.1)
		300-yd. games (5)*

\* — Esiason and Palmer share record.

Game records

ANDERSON	ESIASON	PALMER
Completions (40)	Yards (490)	TD passes (6)
Comp. pct. (90.9)		
Longest pass (94)		

Chad still best, by far: Though WR Chad Ochocinco experienced the first down year of his career last season, set back by a chronic sore shoulder and the absence of QB Carson Palmer from the lineup, the "Ocho" enters 2009 in full health and is bent on further extending his already wide leads in Bengals all-time receptions and receiving yards.

He will bid for his sixth selection for the Pro Bowl, which he missed last year after making the game the previous five seasons.

Over the five seasons 2003-07, he posted the five highest receiving yards totals in Bengals history, topped by a record 1440 yards in '07.

Ochocinco finished 2008 with 612 catches for his career (all with Cincinnati). He is the only Bengal to reach the 600 mark for a Cincinnati career and is now 82 ahead of second-place Carl Pickens. In receiving yards, he pushed his total to 8905, more than 1800 yards ahead of second-place Isaac Curtis.

And Ochocinco is just 31 years old entering this season, presumably with many more opportunities to fatten his leads.

The current top five for all-time Bengals receptions:

PLAYERS	YEARS	SEASONS	RECEPTIONS
Chad Ochocinco	8	2001-08	612
Carl Pickens	8	1992-99	530
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	8	2001-08	507
Cris Collinsworth	8	1981-88	417
Isaac Curtis	12	1973-84	416

And the current top five for all-time Bengals receiving yards:

PLAYERS	YEARS	SEASONS	REC. YARDS
Chad Ochocinco	8	2001-08	8905
Isaac Curtis	12	1973-84	7101
Carl Pickens	8	1992-99	6887
Cris Collinsworth	8	1981-88	6698
Eddie Brown	7	1985-91	6134

Chad ties Curtis: WR Chad Ochocinco ended the 2008 season with 53 receiving TDs, tying Isaac Curtis for second place all-time on the Bengals. Curtis played 12 seasons (1973-84), while Ochocinco has played eight. Ochocinco is now within 10 of the all-time Bengals leader in receiving TDs, Carl Pickens with 63. Pickens played eight seasons for Cincinnati (1992-99).

Ochocinco now ranks tied for fourth with Curtis in total Bengals TDs (both at 53). The record is 70 by FB Pete Johnson, while Pickens shares second place with RB James Brooks at 64.

Chad at 105 straight: WR Chad Ochocinco has caught at least one pass in 105 consecutive games, a Bengals record. He hit the 105 mark on Dec. 14 of last season vs. Washington. He was inactive the last two weeks of the season, due to a hamstring injury, but games missed do not affect such a streak, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. Thus, the streak is active heading into the 2009 regular season.

Ochocinco first established a new Bengals mark at 94 on Sept. 14 of last season vs. Tennessee, breaking a tie at 93 with Carl Pickens.

Ochocinco has played in 121 total Bengals games and has had a catch in all but four of them. His last game played without a catch was Game 4 of his second season, in 2002 vs. Tampa Bay.

Graham a close fourth: Bengals K Shayne Graham will open the 2009 regular season in fourth place in NFL history for career field goal percentage (85.64), and he is less than one percentage point off the lead in a very close race.

Mike Vanderjagt (no longer active) is No. 1 in league history at 86.47 percent. Nate Kaeding of San Diego is second at 86.13 and Robbie Gould of Chicago is third at 85.94.

Graham converted 21 of 24 FGs (87.5 percent) in 2008.

Here's the top five entering 2009 (all except Vanderjagt figure to be active):

PLAYER	FG	FGA	PCT.
Mike Vanderjagt.....	230	266	86.47
Nate Kaeding.....	118	137	86.13
Robbie Gould.....	110	128	85.94
Shayne Graham.....	173	202	85.64
Rob Bironas.....	109	129	84.50

Better than the best? As far as Bengals coaches are concerned, K Shayne Graham is the true No. 1 in all-time field goal accuracy.

Though Graham (85.64) ranks fourth in career NFL percentage, his career totals (173-for-202) include a 19-for-26

performance in previous NFL stops at Buffalo and Carolina. As a Bengal, Graham is 154-for-176, an 87.50 percent accuracy rate which is Cincinnati's all-time best and also tops leader Mike Vanderjagt's career mark (86.47).

Graham's record case: K Shayne Graham completed his sixth Bengals season in 2008. He enters 2009 holding the following club records:

- Points in a season: 131 in 2005.
- Field goals in a season: 31 in 2007
- Field goals in a game: Seven (in seven attempts), on Nov. 11, 2007 at Baltimore.
- Consecutive FGs made: 21, compiled from Games 1-10 of 2007.
- Career FG percentage: 87.5, on 154 of 176.
- Season FG percentage: 91.2 (made 31 of 34 in 2007).
- Consecutive PATs made: 158, compiled from Game 1 of 2003 through Game 11 of 2006.
- Career PAT percentage: 99.1, on 220 of 222.
- Season PAT percentage: 100.0 (shares percentage record with other kickers, but his 47-for-47 in 2005 is the most attempts in a season by a Bengals without a miss).

Turnover tables are turned: Though the Bengals had a minus-two turnover differential in 2008, it was their first season minus under head coach Marvin Lewis. During Lewis' full tenure (2003-08), Cincinnati ranks third in the NFL in best differential at plus-40.

Prior to 2003, the Bengals had posted a minus differential for five straight years (1998-2002).

Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
Indianapolis .....	186 .....	111 .....	+75
New England .....	183 .....	138 .....	+45
Cincinnati.....	194 .....	154 .....	+40
San Diego.....	173 .....	136 .....	+37
Carolina.....	183 .....	158 .....	+25

Since 2003, when Lewis took over, Cincinnati has logged 194 takeaways, second in the league during that span to Baltimore (198). The Bengals have reached their 194 total with 115 interceptions and 79 fumble recoveries.

In points off turnovers since 2003, Elias Sports Bureau reports that the Bengals rank third at 579. Baltimore leads the NFL during that span with 626, and Indianapolis is second at 594.

A stat that matters: The Bengals are 32-5-1 in regular-season play under Marvin Lewis when logging a plus in turnover differential. That's an .855 winning percentage.

With a minus differential, Cincinnati's record under Lewis is almost a mirror image at 5-31-0 (.139).

The Bengals are 9-13 under Lewis (.409) when the differential has been even.

More extensive league-wide numbers bear out the Bengals' experience. Since the start of the 2000 season, here are the aggregate records of NFL teams with varying turnover differentials (minus differentials are not included because they are the exact reverse of the plus figure for the same numbers):

DIFFERENTIAL	W-L	PCT.
Plus-1 .....	532-241-1	.688
Plus-2 .....	451-86	.840
Plus-3 .....	278-39-1	.876
Plus-4 .....	144-8	.947
Plus-5 or more.....	73-2	.973

Overall, combining the five differential levels listed above, NFL teams with any plus have a winning percentage of .797 since 2000. The combined W-L record is 1478-376-2.

Dhani's margin was tops: Bengals MLB Dhani Jones not only won the team's 2008 tackling title, he won by a wider margin in his coaches' analysis than any previous player in the Marvin Lewis era.

With 165 stops on the season, Jones finished 53 ahead of second-place Brandon Johnson (112). For a full season under Lewis, the previous largest margin had been 46, from 2005, when LB Odell Thurman had 148 tackles and LB Brian Simmons had 102 stops.

Bengals mix with The Champ: On Monday, Aug. 17 at their Georgetown (Ky.) College training camp, the Bengals were visited by former world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali.

Ali traveled to Georgetown from his home in Louisville, Ky., and was introduced to the team on the field after practice by head coach Marvin Lewis. Greg Roberts, president and CEO of the Ali Center in Louisville, said that Ali became interested in a visit after seeing HBO's ongoing "Hard Knocks" TV series about the Bengals.

"Muhammad is a big sports fan; anybody close by, he wants to see," Roberts said. "He loves the Bengals. He loves Coach Lewis. He thinks a lot of Coach Lewis. We just came to honor the college and seeing Marvin was here, he wanted to make sure he could talk to Marvin and be a part of this."

The Bengals far more than returned Ali's interest. His presence created a buzz unmatched by any celebrity to visit the team in recent memory. Players and coaches alike crowded in for the opportunity to be photographed with Ali.

"That's the man right there," said QB Carson Palmer. "It's just amazing to see him in person. I've seen all his fights on ESPN, but to see him right here in person is just awesome."

In Lewis' first season of 2003, the night before the Bengals would knock off a 9-0 Kansas City Chiefs team at Paul Brown Stadium, Lewis showed his players a movie clip that depicted Ali's stunning seventh round TKO of Sonny Liston in his first title fight.

"This is one guy who when he talked, he backed it up," Lewis told the team during Ali's Georgetown visit. "Some of you guys who like to talk ... this is the guy that backed it up."

"This is a big deal," Lewis said later about the visit. "This is someone who was at the pinnacle of sport, one of the greatest competitors and athletes of all time."

Bengals boost 'Hard Knocks:' Nielsen Media Research reports that the HBO television network has experienced significant ratings increases, compared to 2008, with the first two episodes of "Hard Knocks '09: Training Camp with the Cincinnati Bengals."

Compared to 2008, when the Dallas Cowboys were featured, national household ratings for the first two shows are up 44 percent, and national household impressions are up 53 percent.

The first two episodes — originally aired on Aug. 12 and Aug. 19 — were especially strong among the key demographic of males ages 25-to-54, delivering a 1.72 coverage rating and 333,000 impressions, up 50 percent in rating and 57 percent in impressions over 2008.

The numbers above do not include replays of the show, which air eight-to-10 times weekly. The show will have three more episodes, with first airings at 10 p.m. EDT on Aug. 26, Sept. 2 and Sept. 9.

TV streak at 68: In each of the last 68 TV ratings weeks that have included a Bengals regular-season or postseason game, the Bengals have been the top-rated show among all programming in the Cincinnati market.

The streak began on Dec. 5, 2004, when a wild Bengals win at Baltimore outpolled all other programs for the week. It hit 68 when the 2008 regular-season finale vs. Kansas City drew a 23.5 rating, easily outpolling the second-place program, which was also an NFL game — Dolphins vs. Jets at 12.5. The Bengals' rating more than doubled the top non-sports program, "Two and a Half Men," which scored 10.4.

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

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

**Almost a half-century:** For more than four decades, according to the highly respected Harris Poll, the NFL has been the most popular sport in America.

In its most recent survey, released in January of this year, Harris reported that pro football is the favorite sport of more people (31 percent) than the combined total of the next three pro sports — baseball (16 percent), auto racing (eight percent) and men's pro basketball (six percent).

Pro football moved ahead of baseball as fans' favorite in 1965 and has held the top spot ever since. Also, pro football has gained in popularity more than any other sport since 1985, with a seven percent increase (from 24 to 31 percent).

The third-favorite sport in the January 2009 survey was

college football at 12 percent, meaning that football is the favorite sport of 43 percent of America's fans.

**Bengal bites:** The Bengals are 22-19 in past preseason home openers ... Cincinnati's all-time preseason record is 89-95-2 ... WR Chad Ochocinco and LS/TE Brad St. Louis are the only players on the Bengals roster whose Cincinnati tenure predates the 2003 arrival of Marvin Lewis as head coach; St. Louis began his career in 2000 under head coach Bruce Coslet, and Ochocinco opened in '01 under Dick LeBeau ... Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis led the NFL last season in percentage of successful coaches' replay challenges, upheld on six of seven tries (85.7 percent). He tied for third in most total plays reversed with six, just one off the league lead ... In six seasons under Lewis, the Bengals have averaged only 9.2 fumbles lost per season; prior to Lewis' tenure, the Bengals average for 16-game seasons was 13.9 fumbles lost ... The Bengals were 2-0 in 2008 in games when one player had 25 or more rushing attempts, and they are 22-1 in the last 23 regular-season games with a 25-carry runner. Both of last year's 25-carry games were posted by HB Cedric Benson ... The 2008 Bengals season saw five two-point conversion tries, none successful; the Bengals went zero-for-two and opponents went zero-for-three.

## Bengals quotes

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on the upcoming season:

"This is a remade team. I believe we are upgraded at nearly every position, and we know who our leaders are. We start from scratch, knowing we've found some players who are going to be able to help us."

HB Cedric Benson, on the win at New England:

"It's a motivational builder. We've still got such a bad taste when we lose, even a preseason game, because last year wasn't a good year. Just getting a win any way you can get it feels somewhat good."

Lewis, on rebounding from last year's 4-11-1 record:

"If you look at the teams that flipped their records last year, you're going to see that they ran more effectively and didn't turn the ball over. It's about as simple as that. Miami is a good example. You keep your defense off the field and give your offense shorter fields to work with."

Lewis, on preparing for the Rams in Cincinnati after leaving the team's Georgetown, Ky., training camp:

"It's really not 'breaking' camp. We've left (Georgetown), but training camp isn't over. It's a change because we go back to a different venue, but we're still going to have training camp. I don't want the players to think we are out of training camp. We're still going to meet at night and have long days. We are going to reduce some of the work load on the field as we go forward, to help the players get their legs back, but the weather was very cool in Georgetown, so we might keep pushing on some of the work."

LB Rey Mauluga, on making his NFL preseason debut with three tackles at New England:

"It felt good. It was the fulfillment of a lifelong dream, especially on the same field as Tom Brady. I was a little nervous at first, but then you get into the physical competition, and you realize it's the same football you've played all your life."

Lewis, on the ongoing absence of unsigned top draft pick Andre Smith:

"That's the way it goes sometimes. This has happened somewhere every year. That's just part of life as a draft pick in the NFL. You just have to make do and move forward. When he gets signed, he'll work at getting up to speed as quickly as he can, and we'll look at where he will fit best."

Lewis, with more on the season to come:

"As coaches and players, I think we're in a good spot. We know the direction. We know where the enemies lie. We know we've got to win on the road, we've got to win on the West Coast

later in the year, and we've got to win in the division. When you evaluate what wins in the NFL, you have to have chunk plays — big chunks of yardage — and you have to eliminate those plays on defense. You can't turn it over, you have to get turnovers, and you have to win on third down. Year after year, of your 12 playoff teams, 11 are going to be excellent in all those areas. One might sneak in that may not be as good doing one of those things."

Lewis, on eliminating errors that plagued the Bengals in 2008:

"Every team can be as good as any team. That's why it's called a football 'team.' The differences in talent are not that great. It's a matter of making plays in critical moments. Don't make critical errors. That's how teams win."

Lewis, on WR Chad Ochocinco's bid to put a subpar 2008 behind him:

"He's got a job to do. He's got to earn his spot and get back to the way he was playing. He has to have a really good training camp, and so far, he's doing that."

WR Chad Ochocinco, on the 2009 preseason:

"I need training camp, and I really embrace it. You can work out all you want in the offseason, but there's really no substitute for these few weeks of concentrated work. It's especially important for me this season, when I'm trying to come back after a year when I struggled."

QB Carson Palmer, on the premise that on a team with much to prove in 2009, he and Chad Ochocinco have "the most to prove:"

"That's fair. With me having been out with an injury and Chad having had a down year, we have a lot to work on."

Palmer, on the offensive goal of a 1500-yard rushing season for HB Cedric Benson:

"It's easily doable if he stays healthy. He's the type of guy that always falls forward, always lunges forward. There may not be a big hole, but he'll get two or three yards out of it. If there is a big hole, he's the type of guy that can go 80 yards and no one's going to catch him from behind. That's something we haven't had in the past. He's exciting to watch."

Defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer, on the addition of S Roy Williams:

"People are going to say I'm biased, that he's my guy. (Zimmer coached Williams in Dallas). But I'm out of it. Don't ask me. Ask the secondary coaches. That's what I've asked them to do. Kevin (Coyle) and Louie (Cioffi). I want them to let me know how they think he's doing."

DBs coach Kevin Coyle, on S Roy Williams:

"With him being down (in weight), he's running better. But the thing that separates him is his anticipation. It's really good. He continues to get good breaks and he's able to close on the ball in the air. He reads the quarterback well, but he doesn't over-commit. He's a step or two ahead of other guys because of his ability to read the quarterback and move."

Lewis, on Kyle Cook taking the No. 1 center spot with just five career games played:

"Kyle has been with us for a while, so we have watched him and understand him. He's a big, strong guy, he's smart and understands the game, and he's able to make the calls and get people put in the right situations all of the time. He's also athletic enough to block guys. Can he block the big guys on the nose that we play in this division? We need a special guy to do that, and so now it's a matter of making the transition to playing real football. He was at a point last year where he was close to getting a shot, and he broke his foot in kind of a freak deal in warmups (at Dallas). So it was an opportunity which was lost, and he gets a chance now to prove that he can do the job. I think everyone who has been around Kyle has a lot of confidence in him, because they have seen him work."

Lewis, on the defensive line:

"There's no doubt we should be better. Robert (Geathers) and Antwan (Odom) weren't on the field at the same time hardly ever last year. I think one or two games. Tank (Johnson) will help upgrade the interior, Domata (Peko) has been a solid player, and

Pat Sims got his nose wet at tackle last year. He understands what it's all about. He had a really good offseason. He's excited about the opportunity to show he can be an every down player."

DT Pat Sims, on learning from DT Tank Johnson while he and Johnson compete for playing time:

"He's like my big brother. We're just gelling together. It doesn't matter who starts. Sometimes I'm going to play first and second downs and he'll play third, and sometimes it will be the other way around. There are also going to be times when we're going to be on the field at the same time. I'm just ready to play ball. It's great, I love contact. It's a physical game."

Zimmer, on the core of the 2008 defense which returns this season:

"I've coached some really good defenses, but none that I respect more than these guys. I told them that the night before the last game. They came to work every single day, they listened to me, and they didn't complain. I was on them pretty good, so I respect all of those guys."

Zimmer, with more on improving the pass rush:

"Last year we got punched in the chest a lot. As soon as you get punched, your feet stop and it's over. So we're trying to eliminate that. That's a big key."

S Roy Williams, on HB Cedric Benson:

"He has deceiving speed. He hits that hole, and you think he's jogging, and then he's in another gear. He's a great back. He's got great vision. He has a nice punch. He has lot of (tough) dog in him. He doesn't want to back down."

## Position-by-position roundup

**Quarterbacks:** Two-time Pro Bowl selection Carson Palmer sat out last week's New England game with a mild high ankle sprain, suffered Aug. 14 at New Orleans, but he is not considered in jeopardy for the regular season, though he is listed as questionable for the Rams game. Palmer played in only four games last season, due to an elbow injury, but his arm is fully recovered, and he is once again set as the cornerstone of the Bengals' bid for a return to the playoffs. At New Orleans, Palmer suffered an interception while playing nearly the entire first quarter, but he completed seven of 11 passes for 133 yards and helped lead the offense to a prodigious 170 net yards for the period. Opening the preseason at No. 2 on the depth chart is seventh-year pro J.T. O'Sullivan, signed by the Bengals in March as an unrestricted free agent. O'Sullivan had his busiest pro season in '08, starting eight games for San Francisco, and at New England, he posted his second straight preseason passer rating of more than 130, scoring 137.0 on 10 completions in 13 attempts for 141 yards, a touchdown and no INTs. His TD pass was a 24-yarder to WR Chris Henry, coming on a fourth-and-17 play late in the second quarter. He has completed 19 of 24 passes for the preseason with two TDs (both to Henry) and no INTs. O'Sullivan played most of the first half at New England, yielding for one second-quarter series to Jordan Palmer, and Jordan Palmer also played the second half. The younger Palmer, Carson's brother, directed a ball-control attack that limited New England's comeback chances while completing two of seven passes for 45 yards with no TDs or INTs.

**Halfbacks:** Free agent acquisition Cedric Benson strongly claimed the Bengals' No. 1 rushing position last season after joining the team in late September. Playing in just 12 games, he led the team in rushing yards (747) and yards from scrimmage (932), and it's expected that his contributions will accelerate after a full offseason in the Bengals system. Benson got in a good night's work in the first half against New England, rushing 10 times for 28 yards and catching three passes for 25 yards. He produced first downs with runs of seven yards on a second-and-three play and four yards on a third-and-three. The Bengals harbor high hopes that after three underachieving seasons (2005-07) in Chicago, Benson is ready show the skills that made him the No. 4 overall pick in the '05 NFL Draft. The competition for the No. 2 HB slot figures to be fierce as the preseason moves on. Speedy fourth-year player DeDe Dorsey led the team in rushing at New England, going four-for-60 with a 45-yard run. Dorsey's action was sharply limited by an injury last season. Third-year man Brian Leonard, obtained in a May trade with St. Louis, missed almost all of last season with a shoulder injury. But he played every game with seven starts for the Rams in '07, and against New England, he rushed for 34 yards on seven carries (4.9-yard avg.). Second-year pro James Johnson rushed for 22 yards on just four

carries at New England, getting his first carries of the preseason. Johnson showed potential last December after spending most of his rookie season on the Bengals practice squad, Sixth-round draft pick Bernard Scott was held to six yards on five carries at New England, but the previous week at New Orleans, he led the Bengals with 30 rushing yards on six carries and had a 12-yard catch. Scott posted consecutive 2000-yard rushing seasons in the NCAA Division II ranks at Abilene Christian. College free agent Marlon Lucky was waived Aug. 22.

**Fullbacks:** Seventh-year pro Jeremi Johnson, who did not play last season, has for now re-taken the No. 1 FB job he held for Cincinnati from 2003-07. Johnson was released by the Bengals in November of last year, after rehabbing from an injury, and his release was largely related to an inability to stay in shape. But he was re-signed in April after showing hard work in losing weight, and he has started the first two preseason games, playing at a weight of just over 270 pounds, close to his optimum weight of 265. Seventh-round draft pick Fui Vakapuna suffered a foot injury in the New Orleans game but battled back to play at New England. At Brigham Young, Vakapuna displayed excellent athleticism for a 260-pounder. A player with potential to make a run from the bottom of the depth chart is college free agent Chris Pressley, a 260-pounder who aided individual running back seasons of well over 1000 yards in each of his three years of significant playing time at Wisconsin. Pressley saw action for the second straight week in the New England game.

**Wide receivers:** Five-time Bengals Pro Bowler Chad Ochocinco has pledged a big comeback in 2009 after posting uncharacteristically low numbers in 2008, and his preseason performance lends credence to his words. He has averaged nearly 30 yards on five catches in limited action, gaining 145 total yards. He has twice eluded defenders with quick moves after catching short passes, turning those into gains of 55 and 35 yards. He was three-for-69 receiving in first-half play at New England. In the five seasons from 2003-07, Ochocinco posted the five highest season receiving yards totals in Bengals history, making the Pro Bowl each year. By wide margins, he is the Bengals' all-time leader in receptions (612) and receiving yards (8905). Running first-team with Ochocinco is unrestricted free agent signee Laveranues Coles, a consistently productive NFL player over nine previous seasons. Coles caught 70-for-850 with a team-high seven TD catches for the N.Y. Jets last season, and he has six career seasons of 70 or more catches. He has 44 career TDs and has started 16 games in seven of the last eight seasons. Coles did not have a catch in limited action at New England, after going two-for-23 at New Orleans. Making a strong bid in preseason for the No. 3 WR spot is fifth-year pro Chris Henry, a rangy (6-4, 200) and abundantly talented

player. Henry looks to fulfill his immense potential after being held back by off-field problems earlier in his career, and for this preseason, he has 11 catches for 155 yards and the team's only two touchdowns. At New England, he beat coverage to grab a 24-yard scoring pass from J.T. O'Sullivan on a fourth-and-17 play late in the second quarter. He was four-for-55 for the game. Also in the running for plenty of playing time is Andre Caldwell, a third-round selection in the 2008 draft, Caldwell started slowly last season due to injuries but showed promise in December and started the last two games in place of the injured Ochocinco. Caldwell did not have a catch at New England after going one-for-six in the opener. He had an impressive forced fumble at New Orleans against LB Jonathan Vilma after Vilma had made an INT. Caldwell made a long run to catch Vilma at the Bengals' four-yard line, and his forced fumble was recovered by teammate Andrew Whitworth, ending the scoring threat. Seventh-year pro Antonio Chatman is in his fourth Bengals season but has missed the first two preseason games with an ankle injury. He logged Bengals highs of 21 catches and 194 yards last season. Jerome Simpson, a second-round 2008 draft choice, spent most of the '08 season in a learning mode after entering the NFL from the FCS college ranks at Coastal Carolina. Simpson has big-play potential the Bengals hope to tap this season, and he has four catches for 40 yards this preseason, including one-for-10 at New England. Also bidding for spots are first-year player Maurice Purify, seventh-round draftee Freddie Brown of Utah and college free agents Quan Cosby and Greg Orton. Purify, Brown and Cosby all played at New England, but none had a catch. Orton was active-DNP for the second straight week. College free agent David Richmond was waived Aug. 22.

**Tight ends:** The Bengals opened training camp with more apparent depth at TE than at any point in recent years, but injuries struck hard early in training camp. Starter Reggie Kelly, a punishing blocker and a team leader, was lost for the season on Aug. 3 when he suffered a ruptured Achilles tendon in practice. He was placed Aug. 5 on the Reserve/Injured list. Also on Aug. 5, fifth-year pro Ben Utecht suffered a concussion in practice and had to be transported to a hospital for precautionary exams regarding a possible spinal injury. Though all tests have come back normal and Utecht is not disabled in any way, he has been held out of football activity since the injury and is listed as doubtful for St. Louis. Third-year pro Daniel Coats and third-round draft pick Chase Coffman now are at the forefront at TE. Coats, a tough blocker who also has played FB, has played in 31 of a possible 32 games since making the roster as a college free agent in 2007. Coats has played with the first offense in each of the first two preseason games. He is two-for-33 receiving, with a 27-yard gain at New England, but he fumbled on the 27-yarder, the Patriots recovering. Coffman closed his Missouri career as the all-time NCAA receptions leader (247) among tight ends, and he won the John Mackey Award as the nation's best at his position. He caught 90 (NCAA tight end record) for 987 yards and 10 TDs last season. He had two catches for 11 yards while making his NFL debut in the Saints game but did not have a catch at New England. Also looking for playing time is CFA Darius Hill, Ball State's all-time TD receptions leader (31). Hill has played in the first two games but has no catches. On Aug. 17, the Bengals signed free agent TEs J.P. Foschi and Kolomona Kapanui. Foschi played (no catches) at New England, and Kapanui was active-DNP. Veteran Brad St. Louis works in practice with the tight ends, but his primary job is as the team's long snapper.

**Offensive linemen:** The Bengals' starting line all played in the first half at New England. The entire line contributed to a game rushing total of 173 yards with a 4.9 per-carry average, with all OL members seeing action. The line features a new look at the tackle positions in 2009. Opening at the key LOT spot is fourth-year pro Andrew Whitworth. Whitworth started Games 1-10 at LG last season, missing the last six games due to an ankle injury, but he is fully recovered and has experience at LOT from both 2006 and '07. A second-round Bengals draft choice in '06, he had not missed a game and had started 38 of 42 contests before being injured last season. Second-year pro Anthony Collins now holds the No. 1 ROT spot. Collins earned good reviews as a rookie last season, called on to start the last six games at LOT as an injury replacement. Hot competition at ROT could commence when Andre Smith of Alabama, the Bengals' top pick in the 2009 draft (sixth overall), reports to the team. But at press time for this release, Smith remained unsigned. The veteran mainstay of the Bengals line is RG Bobbie Williams, who has started 78 of a possible 81 games since joining the Bengals in 2004. His only missed games were due to an emergency appendectomy in 2006. Second-year pro Nate Livings is the starting LG. Livings saw his first NFL regular-season action in '08, starting the final six games as an injury replacement, and he helped the club average 167.0 rushing yards over the final three games. Looking to upgrade the center position, the coaching staff has given the early inside track to second-year pro Kyle Cook. Cook delivered a strong performance in '09 offseason work, and

the 312-pounder promises to bring more power to the spot. A new prospect at center is fourth-round draft pick Jonathan Luigs, a three-time finalist for college football's Rimington Award (top center), and the winner of the award in 2007. The top backup tackle currently is Dennis Roland, a second-year pro who spent most of last season on the Bengals practice squad but played in the last two games and started the season finale. Roland played at New Orleans, as did Scott Kooistra, a valuable and versatile line member, opening this camp with a listing as the No. 2 RG. The seventh-year pro has seen action at both guard and tackle during his Bengals career. Fifth-year pro Evan Mathis joined the Bengals as a free agent in November of last year and played in one game. He opens camp as the backup LG, carrying 33 total games of NFL experience. Second-year pro Andrew Crummey, who played in six games last year, is listed at guard but can also play center. Rookie free agent OT Augustus Parrish of Kent State has been with Cincinnati since Aug. 3. Jason Shirley was switched from DT to G in practice as of Aug. 10, has played in each of the first two games. Third-year pro Dan Santucci was waived/injured (foot) on Aug. 18 and after clearing waivers on Aug. 19, he reverted to the Bengals' Reserve/Injured list.

**Defensive linemen:** Bolstered by injury comebacks, new additions and added experience, the defensive line could be one of Cincinnati's most improved areas in 2009. Robert Geathers and Antwan Odom, two veterans in their prime with good sack production in their pasts, will look for fully healthy years after battling injuries last season. Each has started the first two preseason games. Geathers' three tackles at New England included a seven-yard sack of Tom Brady. Geathers missed five games with a knee injury last year but has 23 career sacks, and he looks to replicate his 2006 performance of 10.5 sacks, most by a Bengal since 1983. Odom had one tackle at New England, plus a QB hurry on third down that helped lead to a Patriots punt. Odom came to the Bengals last season as an unrestricted free agent, following a 2006 season with Tennessee in which he had a career-high eight sacks and a team-high 29 QB hurries. Odom had injury woes from early in training camp last year, however, and he was limited to 12 games with eight starts. Listed No. 2 at the ends are fifth-year pro Jonathan Fanene and rookie third-round draft pick Michael Johnson. Fanene had his first 16-game season last year and posted a career-best 50 tackles. He had a tackle-for-loss and a QB hurry at New England. Johnson, from Georgia Tech, has been an impressive player in preseason and had two tackles at New England. He had three tackles (one for a loss) and a pass deflection at New Orleans. Fourth-year pro Frostee Rucker has potential to challenge for playing time, but he has battled injury problems in his pro career. He played at New England, however, after missing the New Orleans game with a hip injury, and against the Patriots, he had a tackle and a QB hurry. The former third-round draft pick has been a playmaker when healthy, with five fumble plays (three forced, two recovered) in just 16 career games. First-year DE Chris Harrington is also looking for a roster spot after playing in three games late last season. Harrington has played in the first two preseason games, and at New England, he had three tackles, a shared sack and two QB hurries. The starting tackles at New England, for the second straight week, were fourth-year pro Domata Peko, an original Bengals draftee, and seventh-year player Tank Johnson, an unrestricted free agent signee from Dallas. Each player had one tackle in limited action against the Patriots. Peko started every game at LDT for the second straight year in 2008, and he led the line in tackles (108), ranked third on the team. Johnson has an NFL track record of providing pressure up the middle. He started in Super Bowl XLI (2006 season) for Chicago, played in every game for Dallas last season and has 12 career regular-season sacks, plus 2.5 more in postseason play. Also solid in the DT rotation is Pat Sims, who started six of the last seven games as a rookie last season. Sims led the team with seven tackles at New England, and he is tied for the team lead for the preseason with 10. His total at New England included a six-yard sack, an additional tackle-for-loss, and two QB hurries. Two rookie DTs are looking for an NFL foothold. Seventh-round draft choice Clinton McDonald of Memphis had three tackles at New Orleans but did not record stats at New England. College free agent Pernell Phillips of Central State has missed the first two games with a groin strain. Phillips is a Cincinnati native.

**Linebackers:** The Bengals got good production from the LB corps last season and look for an even better year in 2009. Talented Keith Rivers, Cincinnati's top pick in the 2008 draft, returns as the No. 1 WLB, but Rivers was able to play in only seven games last season, due to a broken jaw suffered in Game 7 vs. Pittsburgh. Through Week 7 last season, Rivers' 50 tackles ranked second on the team. In the first two preseason games, Rivers has taken up where he left off, as he is tied for the team lead with 10 tackles despite seeing limited action. He has had five in each game. At New England, he also had a QB hurry and a pass defended. The LB corps also has a high-profile new addition in second-round draft pick Rey Mauluga, who like Rivers is a product of the University of Southern California. Mauluga was rated by many analysts as a first-round talent, boasting great speed and a reputation as a

devastating hitter, and after missing the New Orleans game with a tight hamstring, he had an impressive debut at New England. His three tackles included one for a loss, and he also had a QB hurry. Mauaunga has opened his first pro camp as the backup SLB behind fourth-year vet Rashad Jeanty, who started 15 games last season and ranked fourth on the team with 97 tackles. The 247-pound Jeanty lends a physical presence to the front seven, and he had two tackles in limited action at New England. The starting MLB is Dhani Jones, a 10th-year vet who has been an impact player since jump-starting his career as a Bengals free agent signee during the 2007 season. Last year, in his first full Bengals season, Jones led the team in tackles (165) by a wide margin. Jones has started the first two preseason games, and he had five tackles at New England. With the return of Rivers to the lineup, Brandon Johnson has been pushed back to the No. 2 WLB position, but Johnson played like a starter and then some in '08 as he replaced the injured Rivers. Over the nine games he started (Games 8-16), Johnson's tackle total of 90 was tops on the team. Johnson has missed the first two preseason games with an ankle injury, but he has an early listing of probable for St. Louis. The No. 2 MLB is Abdul Hodge, a fourth-year pro in his first full Bengals campaign. Hodge led the team with six tackles at New Orleans, and he came back with three stops at New England. He also has a forced fumble. Hodge played in six games last season and also has prior experience with Green Bay. Rounding out the OLB corps are two NFL veterans, Darryl Blackstock and Jim Maxwell. Maxwell had three tackles for the second straight week in the New England game. Blackstock had no stats at New England after getting two tackles at New Orleans. Blackstock played in 12 games for Cincinnati last season, and Maxwell saw action in two contests after signing late as a free agent. Another MLB looking to crack the roster is college free agent Dan Skuta, who had a shared sack at New England.

**Cornerbacks:** Two recent Bengals first-round draft picks — Leon Hall (2007) and Johnathan Joseph (2006) — are in their NFL prime and back to man the starting positions in 2009. Hall, entering his third season, leads the team in INTs (eight) and passes defended (37) over the past two seasons. He also has led the secondary in tackles for the past two seasons, totaling 84 last year. Hall had two tackles in limited action at New England. Joseph looks to increase his contribution after being slowed by injuries each of the last two years. Joseph had a third-down pass defended in the red zone in the first quarter at New England that forced the Patriots to settle for a field goal. He also had one tackle. Despite Joseph's missed time last year, he finished second on the team in passes defended (14), and he has scored a TD in each of the past two seasons. Rookie Morgan Trent of Michigan is making a strong bid in preseason for the No. 3 CB role. He had five tackles and a pass defended at New England. Third-year pro David Jones opened preseason in the nickel CB position, but he suffered a foot injury in practice, has missed the first two preseason games, and will be out an estimated one-to-three more weeks. Jones played in 14 games with seven starts last year and had 44 tackles and seven passes defended. Second-year NFL player Geoffrey Pope is in his first full Bengals campaign after joining Cincinnati just before the '08 regular season. The former N.Y. Giant played in eight Cincinnati games last year, and he has played in the first two preseason games (no statistics at New England). On Aug. 2, the Bengals signed free agent veteran Jamar Fletcher, and Fletcher has played in the first two games. He had three tackles at New England. Cincinnati native Rico Murray, a college free agent signee from Kent State, is earning notice in preseason. Murray had five tackles at New England and has seven for the preseason.

**Safeties:** The safety spot looks like the Bengals' deepest in terms of proven NFL talent. Five-time Pro Bowl selection Roy Williams signed with Cincinnati in May as a free agent, after seven seasons with Dallas, and opens camp as the No. 1 SS. He was limited by injuries to three games last season, but has earned recognition as one of the NFL's most powerful hitters among secondary players. He had one tackle at New England. The No. 1 FS is seventh-year vet Chris Crocker, who

had a highly productive second half of the '08 season for Cincinnati after signing as a free agent. Crocker had one tackle in limited playing time at New England. Also pushing strongly for playing time will be third-year pros Chinedum Ndukwe and Marvin White. Ndukwe missed five games due to injuries last year, but the 2007 seventh-round draft choice has 25 games with 13 starts over his first two seasons, and he has logged five sacks (second on the team over 2007-08), Ndukwe had two tackles at New England. White was felled last season by a serious knee injury (two torn ligaments) on Nov. 30, but he's back at full speed in 2009. He had two tackles at New England and leads the secondary for the preseason with eight. He also had a key fumble recovery at New England, corralling a fumble by BenJarvus Green-Ellis at the Bengals 12 in the fourth quarter, preserving Cincinnati's 7-6 lead. White has ability as a big hitter, and despite missing the last four games last year, he finished second among the DBs in tackles (81). Rookie free agent Tom Nelson of Illinois State had a big game in New England. He forced the Green-Ellis fumble that White recovered late in the fourth quarter, and he had a 10-yard sack of Brian Hoyer among his four tackles. The Bengals' excellent depth at safety continues with second-year NFL players Kyries Hebert and Corey Lynch. Hebert, a former Canadian League star, played in every game last season and had 19 tackles on defense while leading the special teams with 23 tackles. Hebert had one tackle at New England. Lynch was limited to seven games by a knee injury last year, but he logged his first pro INT, and he looks to build on his Appalachian State reputation as one of the FCS ranks' premier playmakers. He had three tackles at New England and has six on the preseason, including a forced fumble.

**Special teams:** Record-setting K Shayne Graham enters his seventh Bengals season in 2009. He sat out the New England game as a precautionary measure, resting a tender groin, but is rated questionable for the St. Louis game. Graham ranks fourth all-time in the NFL in career field goal accuracy (85.64 percent), and his Bengals-only percentage is even better at 87.5, by far the best in franchise history. His list of club records also includes points in a season (131), consecutive FGs made (21) and most FGs in a game (seven). He also handles kickoffs. With Graham out at New England, the Bengals declined a couple of apparent field goal situations, choosing to try for a first down instead, but after a TD in the second quarter, WR Chad Ochocinco subbed for Graham and kicked a successful PAT. Ochocinco split kickoff duties in the game with P Kevin Huber, each player taking one. Huber, a Cincinnati native and fifth-round draft pick from the University of Cincinnati, presents the Bengals with an opportunity to significantly upgrade their punting game in 2009. Huber led the nation in net punting in each of the last two seasons. He led the nation in gross punting average (46.9) in 2007 and posted a 45.0 mark last season. Huber had only a middling start in the preseason opener at New Orleans, but he aided the victory in New England with a 44.0-yard average on six punts and an even stronger 41.5 net. He had two inside-20 kicks and no touchbacks. His inside-20 kicks were downed at the four-yard line in the second quarter and at the five-yard line in the fourth quarter. For the preseason, he has four inside-20 kicks and no touchbacks. Huber is also the holder for place kicks, and at New England, he had a special teams tackle. The Bengals' kickoff return and punt return jobs are still up for grabs, but college free agent WR Quan Cosby has gotten most of the action thus far. He had two KOR for a 24.5-yard avg. at New England. He had an 11-yard punt return at New Orleans but was held to one net yard on two returns at New England. Cosby had the team's only KORs at New England, but at New Orleans, HB DeDe Dorsey averaged 22.0 on two returns and WR Andre Caldwell averaged 15.5 on two returns. Caldwell finished last season as the No. 1 KOR, with a 26.3 avg. in limited action. Veteran WR Antonio Chatman had most of the team's punt returns last season, but he has missed the first two preseason games with an ankle injury. Cincinnati's kickoff and punt coverage teams both yielded averages in the NFL's top half last season, and four of last season's top six special teams tacklers are back, led by S Kyries Hebert (23 tackles in '08). Thus far in preseason, DEs Michael Johnson and Chris Harrington share the tackles lead with two each.

# Pronunciation guide

Bob <u>Bratkowski</u> (offensive coordinator).....brat-COW-skee	Scott <u>Kooistra</u> .....KOO-struh
Louie <u>Cioffi</u> (assistant defensive backs coach).....CHO-fee	Jonathan <u>Luigs</u> .....LOO-igs
<u>Laveranues</u> Coles.....luh-VER-nee-us	<u>Ray Maualuga</u> .....RAY mow(rhymes w/ "now")-uh-LOO-guh
<u>Quan</u> Cosby.....KWAHN	<u>Chinedum Ndukwe</u> .....CHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Andrew <u>Crummey</u> .....KRUM-ee	Chad <u>Ochocinco</u> .....o-cho-SEEN-ko
Jonathan <u>Fanene</u> .....fuh-NAY-nay	<u>Antwan Odom</u> .....AN-twahn O-duhm
<u>Jamar</u> Fletcher.....juh-MAR	<u>Domata Peko</u> .....DOE-mah-tah PECK-o
J.P. <u>Foschi</u> .....FAH-shee	<u>Pernell Phillips</u> .....per-NELL
Robert <u>Geathers</u> .....(pronounced as "gathers")	Brad <u>St. Louis</u> .....(pronounced as "Saint Lewis")
Paul <u>Guenther</u> (asst. special teams/asst. LBs coach).....GUN-thur	Dan <u>Santucci</u> (Reserve/Injured list).....san-TOO-chee
<u>Kyries Hebert</u> .....KYE-riss AY-bear	Dan <u>Skuta</u> .....SKOO-tuh
<u>Rashad Jeanty</u> .....ruh-SHAHD JENN-tee	Bob <u>Surace</u> (assistant offensive line coach).....suh-RACE
<u>Jeremi</u> Johnson.....(pronounced as "Jeremy")	Ben <u>Utecht</u> .....YEW-tek
<u>Dhani</u> Jones.....duh-HAH-nee	<u>Fui Vakapuna</u> .....FOO-ee vah-kuh-POO-nuh
<u>Kolomona Kapanui</u> .....coal-o-MO-nuh kah-pah-NEW-ee	Ken <u>Zampese</u> (quarterbacks coach).....zam-PEE-zee

## Transactions

*(Transactions prior to June 22 can be found on pages 138-139 of the Bengals' 2009 media guide.)*

June 22	— Signed DT Clinton McDonald (D7b).		
July 9	— Signed FB Fui Vakapuna (D7a).	Aug. 6	— Signed TE Matt Sherry (FA).
July 16	— Signed P Kevin Huber (D5).	Aug. 10	— Terminated the contract of HB Kenny Watson; Waived FB J.D. Runnels Jr.
July 21	— Signed C Jonathan Luigs (D4); Waived CB Simeon Castille.	Aug. 17	— Signed TE J.P. Foschi (FA) and TE Kolomona Kapanui (FA).
July 28	— Signed TE Chase Coffman (D3b).	Aug. 18	— Waived C Dan Santucci (injured).
July 29	— Signed LB Rey Maualuga (D2) and DE Michael Johnson (D3a).	Aug. 19	— C Dan Santucci cleared waivers and reverted to the Reserve/Injured list.
July 31	— Waived G Colin Dow.	Aug. 22	— Waived HB Marlon Lucky and WR David Richmond.
Aug. 2	— Signed CB Jamar Fletcher (FA).		
Aug. 3	— Signed OT Augustus Parrish (FA).		
Aug. 5	— Placed TE Reggie Kelly on the Reserve/Injured list.		

## Important dates

Aug. 27	— Bengals Preseason Game 3, vs. St. Louis at Paul Brown Stadium, 7:30 p.m. EDT.		
Sept. 1	— Roster cutdown to maximum of 75 players on Active List by 4 p.m. EDT.		
Sept. 2	— All tryouts on this date and for the remainder of the season must be reported to the League office.		
Sept. 3	— Bengals Preseason Game 4, vs. Indianapolis at Paul Brown Stadium, 7:30 p.m. EDT.		
Sept. 5	— Roster cutdown to maximum of 53 players on Active/Inactive List by 4 p.m. EDT. Clubs may dress a minimum of 42 and a maximum of 45 players and a Third Quarterback for each regular-season and postseason game.		
Sept. 5	— Simultaneously with the cutdown to 53, clubs that have players in the categories of Active/Physically Unable to Perform or Active/Non-Football Injury or Illness must take one of the following options: place player on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform or Reserve/Non-Football Injury or Illness, whichever is applicable; ask waivers; terminate; trade; or continue to count him on Active List.	Sept. 6	— After noon EDT, clubs may establish a Practice Squad of eight players by signing free agents who do not have an accrued season of free-agency credit, or who were on the 45-player Active List for less than nine regular-season games during their only Accrued Season(s). A player cannot participate on the Practice Squad for more than three seasons.
		Sept. 13	— Bengals regular-season opener, vs. Denver at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m. EDT.

# 2009 preseason participation chart

## Legend

(position abbreviation indicates start)

P — played as a substitute  
DNP — did not play

RI — reserve/injured list  
RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list

NWT — not with team  
# — unsigned draft pick

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @N.O.	2 @N.E.	3 STL.	4 IND.
Benson, Cedric	2-2	HB	HB		
Blackstock, Darryl	2-0	P	P		
Brown, Freddie	2-0	P	P		
Caldwell, Andre	2-1	3rdWR	P		
Chatman, Antonio	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Coats, Daniel	2-1	P	TE		
Coffman, Chase	2-0	P	P		
Coles, Laveranues	2-2	WR	WR		
Collins, Anthony	2-2	ROT	ROT		
Cook, Kyle	2-2	C	C		
Cosby, Quan	2-0	P	P		
Crocker, Chris	2-2	FS	FS		
Crummey, Andrew	2-0	P	P		
Dorsey, DeDe	2-0	P	P		
Fanene, Jonathan	2-0	P	P		
Fletcher, Jamar	2-0	P	P		
Foschi, J.P.	1-0	NWT	P		
Geathers, Robert	2-2	LDE	LDE		
Graham, Shayne	1-0	P	DNP		
Hall, Leon	2-2	RCB	RCB		
Harrington, Chris	2-0	P	P		
Hebert, Kyries	2-0	P	P		
Henry, Chris	2-0	P	P		
Hill, Darius	2-0	P	P		
Hodge, Abdul	2-0	P	P		
Huber, Kevin	2-0	P	P		
Jeanty, Rashad	2-1	SLB	P		
Johnson, Brandon	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Johnson, James	2-0	P	P		
Johnson, Jeremi	2-2	FB	FB		
Johnson, Michael	2-0	P	P		
Johnson, Tank	2-2	RDT	RDT		
Jones, David	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Jones, Dhani	2-2	MLB	LB		
Joseph, Johnathan	2-2	LCB	LCB		
Kapanui, Kolomona	0-0	NWT	DNP		
Kelly, Reggie	0-0	RI	RI		
Kooistra, Scott	2-0	P	P		
Leonard, Brian	2-0	P	P		
Livings, Nate	2-2	LG	LG		
Lucky, Marlon	1-0	DNP	P		
Luigs, Jonathan	2-0	P	P		
Lynch, Corey	2-0	P	P		
Mathis, Evan	1-0	DNP	P		
Maualuga, Rey	1-0	DNP	P		
Maxwell, Jim	2-0	P	P		
McDonald, Clinton	2-0	P	P		
Murray, Rico	2-0	P	P		
Ndukwe, Chinedum	2-0	P	P		
Nelson, Tom	2-0	P	P		
Ochocinco, Chad	2-2	WR	WR		
Odom, Antwan	2-2	RDE	RDE		
Orton, Greg	0-0	DNP	DNP		
O'Sullivan, J.T.	2-1	P	QB		
Palmer, Carson	1-1	QB	DNP		
Palmer, Jordan	2-0	P	P		
Parrish, Augustus	2-0	P	P		
Peko, Domata	2-2	LDT	LDT		
Phillips, Pernell	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Pope, Geoffrey	2-0	P	P		
Pressley, Chris	2-0	P	P		
Purify, Maurice	2-0	P	P		
Richmond, David	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Rivers, Keith	2-2	WLB	LB		
Roland, Dennis	2-0	P	P		
Rucker, Frostee	1-0	DNP	P		
St. Louis, Brad	2-0	P	P		
Santucci, Dan	0-0	DNP	RI		
Scott, Bernard	2-0	P	P		
Sherry, Matt	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Shirley, Jason	2-0	P	P		
Simpson, Jerome	2-0	P	P		
Sims, Pat	2-0	P	P		
Skuta, Dan	2-0	P	P		
Smith, Andre	0-0	#	#		
Trent, Morgan	2-1	P	nKIDB		
Utecht, Ben	0-0	DNP	DNP		
Vakapuna, Fui	2-0	P	P		
White, Marvin	2-0	P	P		
Whitworth, Andrew	2-2	LOT	LOT		
Williams, Bobbie	2-2	RG	RG		
Williams, Roy	2-2	SS	SS		

# Depth chart

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## OFFENSE

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WR	85	CHAD OCHOCINCO	15	Chris Henry	89	Jerome Simpson
					<u>84</u>	<u>Freddie Brown</u>
					<u>16</u>	<u>Greg Orton</u>
LOT	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	<u>67</u>	<u>Augustus Parrish</u>		
LG	62	NATE LIVINGS	66	Evan Mathis	70	Jason Shirley
C	64	KYLE COOK	<u>50</u>	<u>Jonathan Luigs</u>		
RG	63	BOBBIE WILLIAMS	75	Scott Kooistra	60	Andrew Crummey
ROT	73	ANTHONY COLLINS	74	Dennis Roland	# <u>71</u>	<u>Andre Smith</u>
TE	86	DANIEL COATS	81	Ben Utecht	<u>80</u>	<u>Chase Coffman</u>
					<u>49</u>	<u>Darius Hill</u>
					88	Matt Sherry
					45	J.P. Foschi
					<u>47</u>	<u>Kolomona Kapanui</u>
					48	Brad St. Louis
WR	11	LAVERANUES COLES	87	Andre Caldwell	83	Antonio Chatman
					<u>14</u>	<u>Maurice Purify</u>
					<u>12</u>	<u>Quan Cosby</u>
QB	9	CARSON PALMER	4	J.T. O'Sullivan	5	Jordan Palmer
HB	32	CEDRIC BENSON	40	Brian Leonard	27	DeDe Dorsey
					<u>39</u>	<u>James Johnson</u>
					<u>28</u>	<u>Bernard Scott</u>
FB	23	JEREMI JOHNSON	<u>37</u>	<u>Fui Vakapuna</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>Chris Pressley</u>

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## DEFENSE

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LDE	91	ROBERT GEATHERS	68	Jonathan Fanene	<u>96</u>	<u>Chris Harrington</u>
LDT	94	DOMATA PEKO	<u>79</u>	<u>Pernell Phillips</u>		
RDT	99	TANK JOHNSON	90	Pat Sims	<u>69</u>	<u>Clinton McDonald</u>
RDE	98	ANTWAN ODOM	<u>93</u>	<u>Michael Johnson</u>	92	Frostee Rucker
SLB	53	RASHAD JEANTY	<u>58</u>	<u>Rey Maualuga</u>	56	Darryl Blackstock
MLB	57	DHANI JONES	52	Abdul Hodge	<u>46</u>	<u>Dan Skuta</u>
WLB	55	KEITH RIVERS	59	Brandon Johnson	51	Jim Maxwell
LCB	22	JOHNATHAN JOSEPH	20	David Jones	21	Jamar Fletcher
					<u>44</u>	<u>Rico Murray</u>
RCB	29	LEON HALL	24	Geoffrey Pope	<u>25</u>	<u>Morgan Trent</u>
SS	31	ROY WILLIAMS	41	Chinedum Ndukwe	34	Kyries Hebert
					<u>43</u>	<u>Tom Nelson</u>
FS	42	CHRIS CROCKER	26	Marvin White	47	Corey Lynch

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## SPECIAL TEAMS

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P	<u>10</u>	<u>Kevin Huber</u>				
K	17	Shayne Graham				
KO	17	Shayne Graham				
PR	83	Antonio Chatman	<u>12</u>	<u>Quan Cosby</u>	<u>43</u>	<u>Tom Nelson</u>
KOR	87	Andre Caldwell	<u>12</u>	<u>Quan Cosby</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>Bernard Scott</u>
					<u>39</u>	<u>James Johnson</u>
LS	48	Brad St. Louis	81	Ben Utecht		
H	<u>10</u>	<u>Kevin Huber</u>				

NOTE: Players whose names are CAPITALIZED are anticipated starters. Rookies and first-year players are underlined. A number sign (#) indicates an unsigned draft pick.

# Alphabetical roster

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
32	Benson, Cedric	HB	5-11	225	12-28-82	5	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
56	Blackstock, Darryl	LB	6-3	240	5-30-83	5	Virginia	Newport News, Va.	FA'08
84	Brown, Freddie	WR	6-4	210	6-24-86	R	Utah	La Verne, Calif.	D7c'09
87	Caldwell, Andre	WR	6-0	200	4-15-85	2	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
83	Chatman, Antonio	WR	5-8	185	2-12-79	7	Cincinnati	Los Angeles, Calif.	FA'06
86	Coats, Daniel	TE	6-3	264	4-16-84	3	Brigham Young	Layton, Utah	CFA'07
80	Coffman, Chase	TE	6-6	257	11-10-86	R	Missouri	Peculiar, Mo.	D3b'09
11	Coles, Laveranues	WR	5-11	200	12-29-77	10	Florida State	Jacksonville, Fla.	UFA(NYJ)'09
73	Collins, Anthony	OT	6-5	315	11-2-85	2	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
64	Cook, Kyle	C	6-3	312	7-25-83	2	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
12	Cosby, Quan	WR	5-9	196	12-23-82	R	Texas	Mart, Texas	CFA'09
42	Crocker, Chris	S	5-11	200	3-9-80	7	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
60	Crummey, Andrew	G	6-5	301	10-22-84	2	Maryland	Van Wert, Ohio	PS(Wash.)'08
27	Dorsey, DeDe	HB	5-11	210	8-1-84	4	Lindenwood	Broken Arrow, Okla.	FA'07
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE	6-4	292	3-19-82	5	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
21	Fletcher, Jamar	CB	5-10	185	8-28-79	9	Wisconsin	St. Louis, Mo.	FA'09
45	Foschi, J.P.	TE	6-3	265	5-19-82	3	Georgia Tech	Queens, N.Y.	FA'09
91	Geathers, Robert	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	6	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
17	Graham, Shayne	K	6-0	205	12-9-77	9	Virginia Tech	Dublin, Va.	W(Car.)'03
29	Hall, Leon	CB	5-11	199	12-9-84	3	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
96	Harrington, Chris	DE	6-5	260	1-19-85	1	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	PS(Ariz.)'08
34	Hebert, Kyries	S	6-3	220	10-9-80	2	Louisiana-Lafayette	Lafayette, La.	FA'08
15	Henry, Chris	WR	6-4	200	5-17-83	5	West Virginia	Belle Chasse, La.	FA'08
49	Hill, Darius	TE	6-7	245	8-26-85	R	Ball State	Blue Springs, Mo.	CFA'09
52	Hodge, Abdul	LB	6-0	240	9-9-82	4	Iowa	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	FA'08
10	Huber, Kevin	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	R	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
53	Jeanty, Rashad	LB	6-2	247	4-17-83	4	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.	FA'06
59	Johnson, Brandon	LB	6-5	243	4-5-83	4	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
39	Johnson, James	HB	5-11	205	9-6-84	1	Kansas State	Port Arthur, Texas	CFA'08
23	Johnson, Jeremi	FB	5-11	275	9-4-80	7	Western Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.	FA'09
93	Johnson, Michael	DE	6-7	260	2-7-87	R	Georgia Tech	Selma, Ala.	D3a'09
99	Johnson, Tank	DT	6-3	305	12-7-81	6	Washington	Tempe, Ariz.	UFA(Dall.)'09
20	Jones, David	CB	6-0	196	9-19-85	3	Wingate	Greenville, S.C.	W(N.O.)'07
57	Jones, Dhani	LB	6-1	240	2-22-78	10	Michigan	Potomac, Md.	FA'07
22	Joseph, Johnathan	CB	5-11	193	4-16-84	4	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
47	Kapanui, Kolomona	TE	6-3	268	11-13-83	1	West Texas A&M	Palolo, Hawaii	FA'09
75	Kooistra, Scott	G	6-6	335	10-14-80	7	North Carolina State	Cary, N.C.	D7a'03
40	Leonard, Brian	HB	6-1	230	2-3-84	3	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(StL.)'09
62	Livingston, Nate	G	6-5	330	3-16-82	2	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
50	Luigs, Jonathan	C	6-4	315	8-11-86	R	Arkansas	Little Rock, Ark.	D4'09
47	Lynch, Corey	S	6-0	206	5-7-85	2	Appalachian State	Cape Coral, Fla.	D6a'08
66	Mathis, Evan	G	6-5	295	11-1-81	5	Alabama	Homewood, Ala.	FA'08
58	Mauluga, Rey	LB	6-2	255	1-20-87	R	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
51	Maxwell, Jim	LB	6-4	240	8-8-81	5	Gardner-Webb	Johnsonville, S.C.	FA'08
69	McDonald, Clinton	DT	6-2	290	1-6-87	R	Memphis	Jacksonville, Ark.	D7b'09
44	Murray, Rico	CB	5-11	202	8-21-87	R	Kent State	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'09
41	Ndukwe, Chinedum	S	6-2	224	3-4-85	3	Notre Dame	Powell, Ohio	D7b'07
43	Nelson, Tom	S	5-11	203	12-4-86	R	Illinois State	Arlington Heights, Ill.	CFA'09
85	Ochocinco, Chad	WR	6-1	192	1-9-78	9	Oregon State	Miami, Fla.	D2'01
98	Odom, Antwan	DE	6-5	280	9-24-81	6	Alabama	Bayou La Batre, Ala.	UFA(Tenn.)'08
16	Orton, Greg	WR	6-3	207	12-17-86	R	Purdue	Dayton, Ohio	CFA'09
4	O'Sullivan, J.T.	QB	6-2	230	8-25-79	7	California, Davis	Burbank, Calif.	UFA(S.F.)'09
9	Palmer, Carson	QB	6-5	235	12-27-79	7	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
5	Palmer, Jordan	QB	6-5	235	5-30-84	2	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
67	Parrish, Augustus	OT	6-4	303	3-19-87	R	Kent State	Temple Hills, Md.	FA'09
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	318	11-27-84	4	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
79	Phillips, Pernell	DT	6-0	311	4-5-85	R	Central State	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'09
24	Pope, Geoffrey	CB	6-0	186	6-21-84	2	Howard	Detroit, Mich.	FA'08
36	Pressley, Chris	FB	5-11	260	8-8-86	R	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	CFA'09
14	Purify, Maurice	WR	6-3	226	1-17-86	1	Nebraska	Eureka, Calif.	CFA'08
55	Rivers, Keith	LB	6-2	240	5-5-86	2	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
74	Roland, Dennis	OT	6-9	325	3-10-83	2	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
92	Rucker, Frostee	DE	6-3	285	9-14-83	4	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
48	St. Louis, Brad	LS/TE	6-3	243	8-19-76	10	Southwest Missouri State	Belton, Mo.	D7'00
28	Scott, Bernard	HB	5-10	200	2-10-84	R	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
88	Sherry, Matt	TE	6-4	250	12-11-84	2	Villanova	Rumford, R.I.	FA'09
70	Shirley, Jason	G	6-5	338	9-30-85	2	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08
89	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	195	2-4-86	2	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	325	11-29-85	2	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
46	Skuta, Dan	LB	6-2	251	4-21-86	R	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
71 #	Smith, Andre	OT	6-4	335	1-25-87	R	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	D1'09
25	Trent, Morgan	CB	6-1	195	12-14-85	R	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
81	Utecht, Ben	TE	6-6	245	6-30-81	5	Minnesota	Hastings, Minn.	RFA(Ind.)'08
37	Vakapuna, Fui	FB	6-0	260	3-9-84	R	Brigham Young	Glendale, Utah	D7a'09
26	White, Marvin	S	6-1	205	12-5-83	3	Texas Christian	Port Barre, La.	D4'07
77	Whitworth, Andrew	OT	6-7	335	12-12-81	4	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
63	Williams, Bobbie	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	10	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
31	Williams, Roy	S	6-0	222	8-14-80	8	Oklahoma	Union City, Calif.	FA'09

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65	Santucci, Dan (Aug. 19; foot)	C	6-4	304	9-6-83	3	Notre Dame	Harwood Heights, Ill.	PS(Ind.)'07

COACHING STAFF: Head coach: Marvin Lewis. Assistants: Paul Alexander (assistant head coach/offensive line), Jim Anderson (running backs), Bob Bratkowski (offensive coordinator), Louie Cioffi (assistant defensive backs), Kevin Coyle (defensive backs), Jeff FitzGerald (linebackers), Paul Guenther (assistant special teams/assistant linebackers), Jay Hayes (defensive line), Jonathan Hayes (tight ends), Chip Morton (strength and conditioning), Ray Oliver (associate strength and conditioning), Mike Sheppard (wide receivers), Darrin Simmons (special teams), Bob Surace (assistant offensive line), Ken Zampese (quarterbacks), Mike Zimmer (defensive coordinator).

NOTE: A number sign (#) indicates an unsigned draft pick.

# Numerical roster

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
4	J.T. O'Sullivan	QB	6-2	230	8-25-79	7	California, Davis	Burbank, Calif.	UFA(S.F.)'09
5	Jordan Palmer	QB	6-5	235	5-30-84	2	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
9	Carson Palmer	QB	6-5	235	12-27-79	7	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
10	Kevin Huber	P	6-1	210	7-16-85	R	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	D5'09
11	Laveranues Coles	WR	5-11	200	12-29-77	10	Florida State	Jacksonville, Fla.	UFA(NYJ)'09
12	Quan Cosby	WR	5-9	196	12-23-82	R	Texas	Mart, Texas	CFA'09
14	Maurice Purify	WR	6-3	226	1-17-86	1	Nebraska	Eureka, Calif.	CFA'08
15	Chris Henry	WR	6-4	200	5-17-83	5	West Virginia	Belle Chasse, La.	FA'08
16	Greg Orton	WR	6-3	207	12-17-86	R	Purdue	Dayton, Ohio	CFA'09
17	Shayne Graham	K	6-0	205	12-9-77	9	Virginia Tech	Dublin, Va.	W(Car.)'03
20	David Jones	CB	6-0	196	9-19-85	3	Wingate	Greenville, S.C.	W(N.O.)'07
21	Jamar Fletcher	CB	5-10	185	8-28-79	9	Wisconsin	St. Louis, Mo.	FA'09
22	Johnathan Joseph	CB	5-11	193	4-16-84	4	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
23	Jeremi Johnson	FB	5-11	275	9-4-80	7	Western Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.	FA'09
24	Geoffrey Pope	CB	6-0	186	6-21-84	2	Howard	Detroit, Mich.	FA'08
25	Morgan Trent	CB	6-1	195	12-14-85	R	Michigan	San Diego, Calif.	D6a'09
26	Marvin White	S	6-1	205	12-5-83	3	Texas Christian	Port Barre, La.	D4'07
27	DeDe Dorsey	HB	5-11	210	8-1-84	4	Lindenwood	Broken Arrow, Okla.	FA'07
28	Bernard Scott	HB	5-10	200	2-10-84	R	Abilene Christian	Vernon, Texas	D6b'09
29	Leon Hall	CB	5-11	199	12-9-84	3	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
31	Roy Williams	S	6-0	222	8-14-80	8	Oklahoma	Union City, Calif.	FA'09
32	Cedric Benson	HB	5-11	225	12-28-82	5	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
34	Kyries Hebert	S	6-3	220	10-9-80	2	Louisiana-Lafayette	Lafayette, La.	FA'08
36	Chris Pressley	FB	5-11	260	8-8-86	R	Wisconsin	Woodbury, N.J.	CFA'09
37	Fui Vakapuna	FB	6-0	260	3-9-84	R	Brigham Young	Glendale, Utah	D7a'09
39	James Johnson	HB	5-11	205	9-6-84	1	Kansas State	Port Arthur, Texas	CFA'08
40	Brian Leonard	HB	6-1	230	2-3-84	3	Rutgers	Gouverneur, N.Y.	T(StL.)'09
41	Chinedum Ndukwe	S	6-2	224	3-4-85	3	Notre Dame	Powell, Ohio	D7b'07
42	Chris Crocker	S	5-11	200	3-9-80	7	Marshall	Chesapeake, Va.	FA'08
43	Tom Nelson	S	5-11	203	12-4-86	R	Illinois State	Arlington Heights, Ill.	CFA'09
44	Rico Murray	CB	5-11	202	8-21-87	R	Kent State	Cincinnati, Ohio	CFA'09
45	J.P. Foschi	TE	6-3	265	5-19-82	3	Georgia Tech	Queens, N.Y.	FA'09
46	Dan Skuta	LB	6-2	251	4-21-86	R	Grand Valley State	Flint, Mich.	CFA'09
47o	Kolomona Kapanui	TE	6-3	268	11-13-83	1	West Texas A&M	Palolo, Hawaii	FA'09
47d	Corey Lynch	S	6-0	206	5-7-85	2	Appalachian State	Cape Coral, Fla.	D6a'08
48	Brad St. Louis	LS/TE	6-3	243	8-19-76	10	Southwest Missouri State	Belton, Mo.	D7'00
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50	Jonathan Luigs	C	6-4	315	8-11-86	R	Arkansas	Little Rock, Ark.	D4'09
51	Jim Maxwell	LB	6-4	240	8-8-81	5	Gardner-Webb	Johnsonville, S.C.	FA'08
52	Abdul Hodge	LB	6-0	240	9-9-82	4	Iowa	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	FA'08
53	Rashad Jeanty	LB	6-2	247	4-17-83	4	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.	FA'06
55	Keith Rivers	LB	6-2	240	5-5-86	2	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
56	Darryl Blackstock	LB	6-3	240	5-30-83	5	Virginia	Newport News, Va.	FA'08
57	Dhani Jones	LB	6-1	240	2-22-78	10	Michigan	Potomac, Md.	FA'07
58	Rey Maualuga	LB	6-2	255	1-20-87	R	Southern California	Eureka, Calif.	D2'09
59	Brandon Johnson	LB	6-5	243	4-5-83	4	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
60	Andrew Crummey	G	6-5	301	10-22-84	2	Maryland	Van Wert, Ohio	PS(Wash.)'08
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66	Evan Mathis	G	6-5	295	11-1-81	5	Alabama	Homewood, Ala.	FA'08
67	Augustus Parrish	OT	6-4	303	3-19-87	R	Kent State	Temple Hills, Md.	FA'09
68	Jonathan Fanene	DE	6-4	292	3-19-82	5	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
69	Clinton McDonald	DT	6-2	290	1-6-87	R	Memphis	Jacksonville, Ark.	D7b'09
70	Jason Shirley	G	6-5	338	9-30-85	2	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08
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90	Pat Sims	DT	6-2	325	11-29-85	2	Auburn	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
91	Robert Geathers	DE	6-3	280	8-11-83	6	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
92	Frostee Rucker	DE	6-3	285	9-14-83	4	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
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98	Antwan Odum	DE	6-5	280	9-24-81	6	Alabama	Bayou La Batre, Ala.	UFA(Tenn.)'08
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# 2009 returning veterans

## Players on 2007 roster (49):

QB Carson Palmer  
 QB Jordan Palmer  
 HB Cedric Benson  
 HB DeDe Dorsey  
 HB James Johnson  
 FB Jeremi Johnson  
 WR Andre Caldwell  
 WR Antonio Chatman  
 WR Chris Henry  
 WR Chad Ochocinco  
 WR Jerome Simpson  
 TE Daniel Coats  
 TE Ben Utecht  
 OT Anthony Collins  
 OT Dennis Roland  
 OT Andrew Whitworth  
 G Andrew Crummey  
 G Scott Kooistra  
 G Nate Livings  
 G Evan Mathis  
 G Jason Shirley  
 G Bobbie Williams  
 C Kyle Cook

DE Jonathan Fanene  
 DE Robert Geathers  
 DE Chris Harrington  
 DE Antwan Odom  
 DE Frostee Rucker  
 DT Domata Peko  
 DT Pat Sims  
 LB Darryl Blackstock  
 LB Abdul Hodge  
 LB Rashad Jeanty  
 LB Brandon Johnson  
 LB Dhani Jones  
 LB Jim Maxwell  
 LB Keith Rivers  
 CB Jamar Fletcher  
 CB Leon Hall  
 CB David Jones  
 CB Johnathan Joseph  
 CB Geoffrey Pope

S Chris Crocker  
 S Kyries Hebert  
 S Corey Lynch  
 S Chinedum Ndukwe  
 S Marvin White  
 K Shayne Graham  
 LS/TE Brad St. Louis

## 2008 non-roster players (2)

WR Maurice Purify (practice squad)  
 TE Matt Sherry (reserve/injured)

# 2009 acquisitions

## Unrestricted free agents (3):

QB J.T. O'Sullivan (San Francisco)  
 WR Laveranues Coles (N.Y. Jets)  
 DT Tank Johnson (Dallas)

## Veteran free agents (2):

TE J.P. Foschi (last with Oakland)  
 S Roy Williams (last with Dallas)

## First-year free agents (1):

TE Kolomona Kapanui (last with New Orleans)

## Trade acquisition (1):

HB Brian Leonard (from St. Louis)

## Draft Choices (11):

1-OT Andre Smith\* (Alabama)  
 2-LB Rey Mauluga (Southern California)  
 3a-DE Michael Johnson (Georgia Tech)  
 3b-TE Chase Coffman (Missouri)  
 4-C Jonathan Luigs (Arkansas)  
 5-P Kevin Huber (Cincinnati)  
 6a-CB Morgan Trent (Michigan)  
 6b-HB Bernard Scott (Abilene Christian)  
 7a-FB Fui Vakapuna (Brigham Young)  
 7b-DT Clinton McDonald (Memphis)  
 7c-WR Freddie Brown (Utah)

\*NOTE: Unsigned.

## College Free Agents (8):

WR Quan Cosby (Texas)  
 TE Darius Hill (Ball State)  
 CB Rico Murray (Kent State)  
 S Tom Nelson (Illinois State)  
 WR Greg Orton (Purdue)  
 DT Pernell Phillips (Central State)  
 FB Chris Pressley (Wisconsin)  
 LB Dan Skuta (Grand Valley State)

## Rookie Free Agents (1):

OT Augustus Parrish (Kent State)

# 2009 preseason game-by-game team statistics

## Bengals

GAME	YDS.	RUSH-YDS.	PASS YDS.	COMP.-ATT.	TD-P/INT.	SKD.-YDS.	1D	3D-CONV.	F-FL	POSS.
8-14 @N.O.	379	27-90	289	23-33	1/2	1-3	14	8-16	2-1	32:55
8-20 @N.E.	346	35-173	173	12-20	1/0	4-13	14	5-14	2-1	29:51
8-27 STL. 9-3 IND.										
TOTALS	725	62-263	462	35-53	2/2	5-16	28	13-30	4-2	31:23

## Opponents

GAME	YDS	RUSH-YDS.	PASS YDS.	COMP.-ATT.	TD-P/INT.	SKD.-YDS.	1D	3D-CONV.	F-FL	POSS.
8-14 @N.O.	316	30-86	230	16-25	2/0	0-0	15	5-12	3-2	27:05
8-20 @N.E.	336	24-108	228	23-42	0/0	4-25	20	7-17	2-1	30:09
8-27 STL. 9-3 IND.										
TOTALS	652	54-194	458	39-67	2/0	4-25	35	12-29	5-3	28:37

# 2009 preseason defensive statistics

*(The following statistics were compiled using play-by-play reports produced at the games.)*

## Defense

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PD	FF	FR-YDS
1. Pat Sims.....	8	2	10	1-6	0-0	0	0	0-0
Keith Rivers.....	7	3	10	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
3. Abdul Hodge.....	7	2	9	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
4. Marvin White.....	8	0	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
5. Rico Murray.....	6	1	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
6. Corey Lynch.....	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	1	0-0
Chinedum Ndukwe.....	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tom Nelson.....	5	1	6	1-10	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jim Maxwell.....	3	3	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
10. Michael Johnson.....	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Morgan Trent.....	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	1-0
Dhani Jones.....	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
13. Chris Crocker.....	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Robert Geathers.....	4	0	4	1-7	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jamar Fletcher.....	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
16. Chris Harrington.....	2	1	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0
Rey Maualuga.....	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Clinton McDonald.....	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Dan Skuta.....	2	1	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0-0
Rashad Jeanty.....	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
21. Darryl Blackstock.....	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Chris Harrington.....	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Leon Hall.....	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Kyries Hebert.....	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Domata Peko.....	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Johnathan Joseph.....	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
Antwan Odom.....	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
28. Jonathan Fanene.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Frostee Rucker.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Roy Williams.....	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Tank Johnson.....	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
32. Geoffrey Pope.....	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0

## Special teams

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
1. Michael Johnson.....	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
2. Chris Harrington.....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brian Leonard.....	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Jim Maxwell.....	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
5. DeDe Dorsey.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Darryl Blackstock.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kevin Huber.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Corey Lynch.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Chinedum Ndukwe.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Dan Skuta.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Marvin White.....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Bernard Scott.....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

# 2009 preseason statistics

Record: 1-1

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
8-14	L	7-17	at New Orleans	68,962
8-20	W	7-6	at New England	68,756
8-27			ST. LOUIS	
9-3			INDIANAPOLIS	

TEAM STATISTICS		CIN.	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		28	35
Rushing		10	10
Passing		17	22
Penalty		1	3
3rd Down: Made-Att		13-30	12-29
3rd Down Pct.		43.3	41.4
4th Down: Made-Att		1-3	0-0
4th Down Pct.		33.3	0.0
POSSESSION AVG.		31:23	28:37
TOTAL NET YARDS		725	652
Avg. Per Game		362.5	326.0
Total Plays		120	125
Avg. Per Play		6.0	5.2
NET YARDS RUSHING		263	194
Avg. Per Game		131.5	97.0
Total Rushes		62	54
NET YARDS PASSING		462	458
Avg. Per Game		231.0	229.0
Sacked-Yards Lost		5-16	4-25
Gross Yards		478	483
Att.-Completions		53-35	67-39
Completion Pct.		66.0	58.2
Had Intercepted		2	0
PUNTS-AVG.		12-41.8	11-37.4
Net Punting Avg.		12-37.7	11-36.3
PENALTIES-YARDS		16-132	12-121
FUMBLES-BALL LOST		4-2	5-3
TOUCHDOWNS		2	2
Rushing		0	0
Passing		2	2
Returns		0	0

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
BENGALS	0	14	0	0	0	14
OPPONENTS	3	10	7	3	0	23

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt.	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS.
Chris Henry	2	0	2	0	—	—	0	12
Shayne Graham	0	0	0	0	1-1	0-1	0	1
Chad Ochocinco	0	0	0	0	1-1	0-0	0	1
BENGALS	2	0	2	0	2-2	0-1	0	14
OPPONENTS	2	0	2	0	2-2	3-4	0	23

Two-point conversions: BENGALS 0-0 (0-0 R, 0-0 P), OPPONENTS 0-0 (0-0 R, 0-0 P).

Sacks-yards: Tom Nelson 1-10, Robert Geathers 1-7, Pat Sims 1-6, Chris Harrington 0.5-1, Dan Skuta 0.5-1. BENGALS 4-25, OPPONENTS 5-16.

Fumbles-lost: Cedric Benson 2-1, Daniel Coats 1-1, Jordan Palmer 1-0. BENGALS 4-2, OPPONENTS 5-3.

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
DeDe Dorsey	7	65	9.3	45	0
Cedric Benson	18	56	3.1	11	0
Brian Leonard	13	44	3.4	9	0
Bernard Scott	11	36	3.3	14	0
James Johnson	4	22	5.5	13	0
J.T. O'Sullivan	2	15	7.5	12	0
Marlon Lucky	2	12	6.0	7	0
Jordan Palmer	4	10	2.5	10	0
Andre Caldwell	1	3	3.0	3	0
BENGALS	62	263	4.2	45	0
OPPONENTS	54	194	3.6	17	0

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Chris Henry	11	155	14.1	39	2
Chad Ochocinco	5	142	28.4	55	0
Jerome Simpson	4	40	10.0	17	0
Cedric Benson	4	30	7.5	13	0
Daniel Coats	2	32	16.0	27	0
Laveranues Coles	2	23	11.5	16	0
Maurice Purify	2	17	8.5	9	0
Chase Coffman	2	11	5.5	6	0
Bernard Scott	1	12	12.0	12	0
Brian Leonard	1	10	10.0	10	0
Andre Caldwell	1	6	6.0	6	0
BENGALS	35	478	13.7	55	2
OPPONENTS	39	483	12.4	64t	2

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
(none)	0	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	0	0	—	—	0
OPPONENTS	2	65	32.5	65	0

PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	NET	TB	IN-20	LG.	BLK.
Kevin Huber	12	502	41.8	37.7	0	4	50	0
BENGALS	12	502	41.8	37.7	0	4	50	0
OPPONENTS	11	411	37.4	36.3	0	4	53	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	FC	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Quan Cosby	3	1	12	4.0	11	0
Tom Nelson	0	1	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	3	2	12	4.0	11	0
OPPONENTS	9	1	50	5.6	13	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Andre Caldwell	2	31	15.5	18	0
Quan Cosby	2	49	24.5	34	0
DeDe Dorsey	2	44	22.0	23	0
BENGALS	6	124	20.7	34	0
OPPONENTS	4	61	15.3	26	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Shayne Graham	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0
OPPONENTS	0-0	0-1	1-1	1-1	1-1

Shayne Graham: (30WL), (—).

Opponents: (20WL, 54G), (32G, 41G).

PASSING	ATT.	CMP.	YDS.	CMP.%	YDS./ATT.	TD	TD%	INT.	INT.%	LG	SKD.-YDS.	RAT.
J.T. O'Sullivan	24	19	241	79.2	10.04	2	8.3	0	0.0	39	4-15	136.3
Jordan Palmer	18	9	104	50.0	5.78	0	0.0	1	5.6	35	1-1	44.7
Carson Palmer	11	7	133	63.6	12.09	0	0.0	1	9.1	55	0-0	67.6
BENGALS	53	35	478	66.0	9.02	2	3.8	2	3.8	55	5-16	91.5
OPPONENTS	67	39	483	58.2	7.21	2	3.0	0	0.0	64t	4-25	90.6