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WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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Pittsburgh Steelers (7-8) at Cincinnati Bengals (8-7)

*Week 17, Game 16
Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006
at Paul Brown Stadium*

Game information

Kickoff: 1 p.m. EST.

Television: CBS broadcast with Ian Eagle (play-by-play) and Solomon Wilcotts (analyst). The game is a sellout and will air in the Bengals home market on WKRC-TV (Channel 12) in Cincinnati, WHIO-TV (Channel 7) in Dayton and on WKYT-TV (Channel 27) in Lexington, Ky.

Radio: Live on the 24-station Bengals Radio Network, which is led by a "triple-cast" on flagships WLW-AM (700) "The Big One," WSAI-AM (1530) "Homer" (all sports) and WOFX-FM (92.5) "The Fox." Broadcasters are Brad Johansen (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

The game will also be broadcast nationally on the Sports USA Radio Network. Announcers are Larry Kahn (play-by-play), Charles Arbuckle (analyst) and Troy West (sideline reporter).

The series: Pittsburgh leads, 43-30, including 1-0 in postseason. The Bengals have played more games against the Steelers (73) than any other opponent.

In recent years, this series has featured plenty of success for the visitors. Pittsburgh leads only 19-17 in games in Cincinnati, but the Steelers have won their last five visits to the Queen City. The last Bengals home victory over the Steelers was a 26-23 overtime game in 2001. The Bengals, meanwhile, have won three of their last four visits to Pittsburgh, including 28-20 on Sept. 24 of this season at Heinz Field.

Team bests from the series:

Bengals — **MOST POINTS:** 42, in a 42-7 win at Riverfront Stadium in 1988. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 35, from the 1988 home win. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 3, in a 27-3 win at Riverfront in 1990.

Steelers — **MOST POINTS:** 49, in a 49-31 victory at Riverfront Stadium in 1995. **LARGEST VICTORY MARGIN:** 27 (twice), most recently in a 34-7 win in 2002 at Cincinnati. **FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED:** 0 (twice), most recently in a 15-0 win at Three Rivers Stadium in 2000.

The last meeting: A complete summary of the last Bengals-Steelers meeting, on Sept. 24 at Heinz Field, is on page 18 of this release.

Setting the scene: On the NFL's final regular-season weekend, the Bengals can secure a playoff berth for the second consecutive season, and can rise as high as the first AFC Wild Card spot. But 8-7 Cincinnati must defeat division rival Pittsburgh at Paul Brown Stadium, while also getting help in one of two forms: The N.Y. Jets must lose to Oakland, or Denver must lose to San Francisco while Kansas City wins over Jacksonville. (More detail on scenarios is in the following item).

As many complicated scenarios abound, the only real focus for Bengals coach Marvin Lewis and his players will be on beating Pittsburgh.

"It's the only thing we can control," Lewis said. "The rest will take care of itself."

The 7-8 Steelers were eliminated from playoff contention last week. The Bengals defeated Pittsburgh 28-20 in September at Heinz Field. But Cincinnati has lost five straight at home against Pittsburgh — four in regular season and one in postseason. And the Bengals have not swept a season series with the Steelers since 1998.

The Bengals kicked off at Denver last week knowing that they could clinch a playoff berth with a win, due to losses earlier in the day by Jacksonville and Buffalo. But Cincinnati lost full control of its playoff destiny in a gut-wrenching 24-23 setback. Despite a season-worst array of mistakes and missed opportunities, the Bengals appeared ready to force overtime after Carson Palmer's TD pass to T.J. Houshmandzadeh capped a 90-yard drive with 0:41 to play. But Cincinnati's PAT try was aborted, as a high and wide snap from Brad St. Louis went through the outstretched hands of holder Kyle Larson, and the Broncos held their one-point lead. The Bengals recovered an ensuing onside kick, but it was nullified by an offside penalty against Cincinnati, and the Broncos recovered the repeat onside try to seal their win.

"That one play at the end wasn't it," Lewis said of the missed PAT. "There were a number of plays throughout the game that were more significant. There were missed throws, dropped balls, turnovers (minus-2 differential) and penalties. We simply did not play well enough to beat a good opponent. We have to learn from this and play better against Pittsburgh. We have the ability to do that, but our actions will speak for themselves."

The Steelers' chief statistical strength is a rush defense ranked fourth in the NFL, allowing only 91.2 yards per game. If there's a primary statistical reason the Bengals are still alive for the playoffs while the Steelers are not, it probably is turnover differential, where the Bengals are plus-5 to Pittsburgh's minus-6.

Bengals playoff scenario: The Bengals must defeat Pittsburgh and get help on Sunday to reach the postseason. The Bengals are still alive for a possible first Wild Card spot.

All speculation below assumes a Bengals win over Pittsburgh for a 9-7 record:

The Bengals at 9-7 will qualify for the postseason if:

1) The N.Y. Jets lose at home to Oakland, falling to 9-7,

or

2) Denver goes to 9-7 with a loss at home to San Francisco, and Kansas City rises to 9-7 with a home win against Jacksonville.

Either 1) or 2) gets the Bengals in the playoffs, but both scenarios must occur for the Bengals to get the first Wild Card. If only one occurs, the Bengals will be the second Wild Card.

Here are the explanations behind the two scenarios:

1) A Jets loss means that among possible contenders for two Wild Card spots, only Denver could finish above 9-7. If Denver claims the first Wild Card at 10-6, the Bengals would win any tie for the second spot based on conference record (7-5). No team

among Kansas City, Jacksonville, Tennessee or the Jets could be above 6-6. If Denver loses and joins a pack at 9-7, the Bengals could claim the first Wild Card. The key for Cincinnati is that Kansas City would also have to win, because all ties must first be broken within a division, and Chiefs would eliminate Denver based on AFC West record. In the next step, Bengals would take the first Wild Card based on best conference record. If Kansas City is not involved, Denver still gets the first Wild Card at 9-7, based on conference record (8-4), and Cincinnati would take the second Wild Card based on second-best conference record.

2) This scenario presumes a Jets win, in which case Jets would take first Wild Card at 10-6. But as long as Kansas City wins to tie a losing Denver team at 9-7, the Broncos in any tie among 9-7 teams cannot take advantage of their best overall conference record (8-4) or their head-to-head win over the Bengals. The Broncos are first eliminated in the same AFC West tiebreak described above in 1). Jacksonville would be eliminated because it lost to Kansas City and finished 8-8. The next tiebreaker would involve Cincinnati, Kansas City, and possibly Tennessee. If the Titans defeat visiting New England to make it a three-way tie, the Bengals take the second Wild Card based on best conference record. If the Titans lose and it's just Cincinnati vs. Kansas City, the Bengals take the second Wild Card based on head-to-head play.

If the Jets and Denver both win, they will both be 10-6 and the Bengals cannot qualify. Denver would claim the first Wild Card with a better conference record, and the Jets would be the second Wild Card.

New attendance mark on horizon: The Bengals have set regular-season attendance records in each of the last two seasons, and they appear headed for a third consecutive mark. Last year's total was 526,469, and this year's total through seven games is 461,821. That's an average of 65,974 per game, compared to last season's average of 65,809.

This week's home finale against Pittsburgh has already been declared a sellout, and if the recorded attendance total is 64,649 or more, the season total will exceed last year's record 526,469.

The Bengals' single-game record dates from the 2005 season, when the Oct. 23 game vs. Pittsburgh drew an attendance mark of 66,104.

Sellout streak to hit 28: The Dec. 10 Oakland game drew attendance of 65,882 and was the 27th consecutive Bengals sellout at Paul Brown Stadium. This week's Pittsburgh game has already been declared a sellout and will extend the streak to 28.

The streak includes regular-season and postseason play. The last Bengals home game not to sell out was Nov. 9, 2003 vs. Houston. The streak began the next week, with attendance of 64,923 on Nov. 16 vs. Kansas City.

The club record for consecutive sellouts is 43, set at Riverfront Stadium from 1988-92.

Seeing Black: The Steelers last season became the Bengals' most frequently played opponent. They were tied with the Tennessee Titans (formerly Houston Oilers) at 69 games entering 2005, but three games last year (including postseason) and one game this year have brought the Pittsburgh total to 73.

The Bengals and Titans are now at 70, following one '05 regular-season meeting.

Cleveland is the Bengals' third-most played foe, at 67 games.

.792 isn't bad: The Bengals are 19-5 over the last 24 years in their final regular-season home game, a winning percentage of .792.

The Steelers were Cincinnati's final regular-season home foe in 2001. Pittsburgh entered the game with a 13-2 record and the Bengals were only 5-10, but Cincinnati prevailed, 26-23 in overtime.

Individually vs. Steelers: Emphatically signaling his complete return from the serious knee injury he suffered in the

2005 playoffs against Pittsburgh, Bengals QB Carson Palmer tied his career high with 4 TD passes in Cincinnati's victory at Heinz Field earlier this season. The 4 TD throws are tied for most in a game by an AFC player this season.

For his career, Palmer has played six games against the Steelers (including last year's all-too-brief playoff appearance). His career totals are 95-for-163 passing (58.3 percent) for 1042 yards, 10 TDs and 7 INTs (passer rating of 79.8). He also has 10 rushes for 11 yards with 1 TD.

Other Bengals' past performances for Cincinnati against Pittsburgh (including postseason):

- HB Rudi Johnson: 8 games; 115 rushes for 480 yards (4.2 avg.), 4 TDs; 8 pass receptions for 31 yards (3.9); Johnson scored on a 20-yard TD run in last year's postseason game.

- HB Kenny Watson: 3 games; 4 rushes for 35 yards (8.8); 3 pass receptions for 24 yards (8.0).

- HB Chris Perry (PUP): 4 games; 5 rushes for 4 yards (0.8); 15 pass receptions for 90 yards (6.0).

- FB Jeremi Johnson: 8 games; 1 rush for 2 yards; 4 pass receptions for 15 yards (3.8) and 1 TD.

- WR Chad Johnson: 12 games; 54 catches for 836 yards (15.5), 2 TDs.

- WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh: 9 games; 47 receptions for 519 yards (11.0), 5 TDs; 2 rushes for 24 yards (12.0). Houshmandzadeh scored on a 7-yard pass from Jon Kitna in last year's postseason game, and in this season's game at Heinz Field, he went 9-for-94 with 2 TDs, both scores coming in the fourth quarter as the Bengals went from a 17-14 deficit to a 28-17 lead.

- WR Chris Henry: 3 games; 11 catches for 187 yards (17.0), 2 TDs. Henry had both his TDs against Pittsburgh in this year's game at Heinz Field, scoring from 16 and 3 yards. He caught a 66-yard pass from Carson Palmer on the second offensive snap of last year's postseason game, but he suffered a knee injury on the play and did not return.

- WR Kelley Washington (Reserve/Injured): 6 games; 6 catches for 110 yards (18.3); 2 TDs. Washington's longest career reception was a 51-yarder for a TD in 2003 at Heinz Field.

- TE Reggie Kelly: 8 games; 11 receptions for 64 yards (5.8), 1 TD. Kelly scored his only TD of the '05 regular-season in Cincinnati's win at Pittsburgh.

- TE Tony Stewart: 7 games; 4 pass receptions for 20 yards (5.0).

Records vs. Steelers: On Oct. 11, 1998 at Cinergy Field, WR Carl Pickens became the only Bengal with 13 catches in a game, in a 25-20 win against the Steelers. Neil O'Donnell was the Cincinnati QB.

On Dec. 20, 1998 at Pittsburgh, HB Brandon Bennett set the Bengals record for most receiving yards in a game by a RB, with 119 on 3 catches.

On Dec. 30, 2001, Bengals WRs accounted for 384 receiving yards vs. Pittsburgh, the most ever in a game by Bengals WRs.

Bengals-Steelers NFL rankings

	BENGALS	STEELERS
SCORING (AVG. POINTS):		
Points scored	7th (23.7)	11th (22.0)
Points allowed	16th (20.5)	14th (19.9)
NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	8th (344.5)	7th (349.5)
Rushing	22nd (105.7)	14th (119.0)
Passing	5th (238.8)	9th (230.5)
NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):		
Total	28th (346.6)	10th (300.7)
Rushing	12th (110.4)	4th (91.2)
Passing	31st (236.2)	T-18th (209.5)
TURNOVERS:		
Differential	T-9th (plus-5)	25th (minus-6)

Bengals-Steelers connections: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis grew up in McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh. Lewis' first NFL coaching job was with the Steelers as LBs coach from 1992-95 under head coach Bill Cowher ... Steelers defensive

coordinator Dick LeBeau was a Bengals assistant coach from 1980-91 and '97-2000, and was Bengals head coach from Game 4 of '00 through '02. LeBeau is from London, Ohio ... Bengals QB Carson Palmer and Steelers S Troy Polamalu were roommates during their college playing days at USC ... Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger is from Findlay, Ohio and played in college at Miami (Ohio) ... Steelers C Jeff Hartings is from St. Henry, Ohio ... Bengals LB Andre Frazier spent the 2005 season and the 2006 preseason with Pittsburgh ... Bengals DL coach Jay Hayes and Bengals TEs coach Jonathan Hayes are brothers who grew up in South Fayette, Pa. ... Jonathan Hayes played TE for the Steelers from 1994-96, and Jay Hayes was on the Steelers coaching staff from '99-2001 ... Bengals offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski was Steelers receivers coach from 1999-2000 ... Bengals assistant head coach/offensive line coach Paul Alexander coached at Penn State from 1982-84 ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton coached at Penn State from 1987-91 ... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Ray Oliver coached at the University of Pittsburgh from 1985-88 ... Bengals RBs coach Jim Anderson and assistant offensive line coach Bob Surace both are from Harrisburg, Pa. ... Steelers assistant DBs coach Ray Horton played for the Bengals from 1983-88 and was on the Bengals coaching staff from '97-2001 ... Steelers DBs coach Darren Perry was on the Bengals staff in 2002 ... Three Bengals — S Ethan Kilmer, TE Tony Stewart and HB Kenny Watson — played at Penn State. Kilmer is from Wyalusing, Pa., Stewart is from Allentown and Watson is from Harrisburg ... Steelers DE Rodney Bailey and WR Santonio Holmes played at Ohio State.

Bengals-Steelers red-zone report: The Steelers rank seventh in the NFL in defensive touchdown percentage (46.5). Offensively, Pittsburgh is in the bottom five in overall offensive scoring percentage. The Steelers have 14 scoreless trips inside the opponent's 20 (38 of 52).

The Bengals continue to be an offensively oriented red-zone club. Cincinnati has a 90 percent offensive scoring rate and a sixth-ranked TD percentage (58.0). On defense, the Bengals rank 25th in TD percentage at 56.3.

Bengals red-zone report

BENGALS	OPPONENTS
Inside-20 poss.: 50	Inside-20 poss.: 48
Total scores: 45 (90.0%)	Total scores: 40 (83.3%)
TDs: 29 (58.0%)	TDs: 27 (56.3%)
FGs: 16 (32.0%)	FGs: 13 (27.1%)
TD% rank: 6th	TD% rank: 25th
No scores: 5 (10.0%)	No scores: 8 (16.7%)
Lost on downs: 1 (2.0%)	Interceptions: 5 (10.4%)
Interceptions: 3 (6.0%)	Lost on downs: 2 (4.2%)
End of game: 1 (2.0%)	Missed FGs: 1 (2.1%)

Steelers red-zone report

STEELERS	OPPONENTS
Inside-20 poss.: 52	Inside-20 poss.: 43
Total scores: 38 (73.1%)	Total scores: 37 (86.0%)
TDs: 26 (50.0%)	TDs: 20 (46.5%)
FGs: 12 (23.1%)	FGs: 17 (39.5%)
TD% rank: T-16th	TD% rank: 7th
No scores: 14 (26.9%)	No scores: 6 (14.0%)

The head coaches

Marvin Lewis is in his fourth season as Bengals head coach, coming off a 2005 campaign in which he guided the team to the AFC North Division championship. The Bengals gained the No. 3 seed in the AFC playoffs at 11-5 before losing to Pittsburgh, the eventual Super Bowl winner, in the first round of the playoffs.

His Bengals record is 35-29, including 0-1 in postseason.

Lewis is assured of completing his fourth campaign as the only Bengals head coach not to have experienced a losing season. Taking over in 2003 after Cincinnati had posted a franchise-worst 2-14 record, he led a pair of 8-8 finishes before breaking through to the division title in '05.

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

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

Born Sept. 23, 1958, in McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh, Lewis played linebacker at Idaho State and earned All-Big Sky Conference honors in each of his three seasons (1978-80). He began his coaching career at Idaho State in 1981.

Bill Cowher is in his 15th season as Steelers head coach, the longest current tenure with one team of any coach in the NFL. His record is 160-99-1, including an 11-9 mark in the playoffs which last year was bolstered by a 4-0 run to the Super Bowl XL title.

His teams have won division championships three of the past five seasons, and he joined Paul Brown as only the second coach to lead his team into the postseason in each of his first six

seasons. When Cowher's '95 Steelers reached Super Bowl XXX, he was the youngest head coach (38) to reach the Super Bowl.

Cowher came to the Steelers from the Kansas City Chiefs, for whom he was defensive coordinator from 1989-91. He began his coaching career in 1985 with the Cleveland Browns, and was an assistant there through '88.

Cowher was a three-year starter at linebacker for North Carolina State, and he played six years in the NFL (1979-84) with the Browns and Philadelphia Eagles.

Lewis vs. Steelers: Lewis is 3-5, including 0-1 in postseason.

Lewis vs. Cowher: Cowher leads, 5-3, including 1-0 in postseason.

Cowher vs. Bengals: Cowher leads, 20-9, including 1-0 in postseason.

Gregg by .010: Dating back to last season, Marvin Lewis and Forrest Gregg have seesawed for the designation of Bengals head coach with the top winning percentage. Lewis held the honor through 13 games this season, but Gregg at least temporarily has it back, with the Bengals having lost their last two games.

Gregg's 34-27 mark, compiled from 1980-83, computes to a .557 winning percentage. Lewis' 35-29 computes to .547. Official NFL and Bengals coaching records include postseason play, and Lewis' mark includes an 0-1 postseason record, while Gregg's includes a 2-2 postseason ledger.

In regular-season games only, Gregg leads at .561 (32-25 record), while Lewis is second at .556 (35-28).

In total victories, the all-time Bengals leader is Sam Wyche, who went 64-68 over eight seasons (1984-91). In second place is team founder Paul Brown, who started with an expansion team and finished 55-59-1 in eight seasons. Lewis is third at 35.

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Palmer numbers still strong: Carson Palmer's chances for winning the 2006 AFC passing title roughly mirror his team's chances for making the playoffs. With a fine performance on the final weekend, and a bit of help, he could get there.

The fourth-year pro, already named to his second straight Pro Bowl, ranks third in the AFC with a 94.1 passer rating. Peyton Manning is 6.8 points ahead at 100.9, and Kansas City's Damon Huard is 3.5 ahead of Palmer at 97.6.

Palmer is also only 6.8 points off the NFL lead, as that also is held by Manning. But he's in fifth place overall, as two NFC passers still rank ahead of him.

Last season, Palmer finished second in both the NFL and AFC with a Bengals-record rating of 101.1. Manning of Indianapolis was the league and conference leader at 104.1.

The last Bengal to win an NFL passing title was Boomer Esiason in 1988, at 97.4. Esiason also won an AFC title with a 92.1 rating in 1989. Prior to Esiason's era, Cincinnati's Ken Anderson claimed four NFL passing crowns (95.3 in 1982, 98.4 in '81, 93.9 in '75 and 95.7 in '74).

Palmer's AFC rankings: After a performance at Denver that was clearly not his best, Bengals QB Carson Palmer no longer ranks first in the AFC in any major passing category.

But no one can say he lacks balance. He ranks second in the AFC in all of these areas:

- TD passes at 26.
- TD-INT differential at plus-13 (26-13).
- Yards at 3784.
- Average gain per pass (7.85).
- TD percentage at 5.4.
- Completions at 304 (tied).

Palmer can reach 4000: Carson Palmer has 3784 passing yards for the season and needs 216 against the Steelers to become the first 4000-yard passer in Bengals history. Palmer has averaged 252.3 yards in the first 15 games this season.

With 176 yards against the Steelers, Palmer would not reach 4000 but would still set a new Bengals record. That total would bring him to 3960, one more than the record 3959 set by Boomer Esiason in 1986.

Palmer entered the 2005 season finale at Kansas City needing just 178 yards to break Esiason's record. But with a playoff spot already clinched, the Bengals rested numerous starters in the Chiefs game, and Palmer played only the first two offensive series, posting just 54 yards for the game and finishing with a season total of 3836 yards, second in team annals.

Tough on the sneak: Bengals QB Carson Palmer is no Vince Young or Michael Vick in the rushing game. He has 40 yards on the season, in 24 attempts (1.7-yard average).

But when the 6-5, 230-pounder has needed a crucial yard, he's gotten it. He is:

- One of only four NFL players at 100 percent on third-and-one rushes this season.
- Second among the four 100-percenters in total chances at 5-for-5. (Only a fullback, former Bengal Pro Bowler Lorenzo Neal, has more at 8-for-8).
- First among the 100-percent QBs in total chances. (Philip Rivers of San Diego is second at 4-for-4).

Fifth comeback for Carson: The Bengals' Oct. 22 win over Carolina marked the fifth time in Carson Palmer's career that he has led the Bengals to a win after facing a fourth-quarter deficit. Carolina led 14-10 after three quarters, but the Bengals got the only score of the final period on an 86-yard, 13-play drive. The drive unofficially covered 96 yards, as the Bengals overcame a 10-yard sack to their 4-yard line on the first play.

Here's a recount of Palmer's five fourth-quarter comeback wins:

DATE	OPPONENT	*4Q DEFICIT	FINAL SCORE
11-28-04	CLEVELAND	44-48	Bengals, 58-48
12-5-04	@Baltimore	3-20	Bengals, 27-26
10-16-05	@Tennessee	17-20	Bengals, 31-23
9-24-06	@Pittsburgh	14-17	Bengals, 28-20
10-22-06	CAROLINA	10-14	Bengals, 17-14

* — Largest Bengals deficit in fourth quarter.

Chad still leads NFL: No Bengal has ever led the NFL in receiving yards for a season, but that's where Chad Johnson still stands with one game left in 2006. He has 1316 yards.

Johnson doesn't have the cushion he had through 13 games, when he led the league by 118, but he is still 24 yards ahead of his closest pursuer. The No. 2 gainer is now Marvin Harrison of Indianapolis at 1292.

Johnson finished third in the NFL last season, when he led the AFC with a Bengals-record 1432 yards. In 2004, Johnson led the AFC at 1274 yards but finished fifth in the NFL. And in 2003, Johnson led the AFC at 1355 but was fourth in the NFL.

The highest finish ever by a Bengal in the NFL receiving yards race was second place by Isaac Curtis in 1975. Curtis had 934 yards that year. The NFL and AFC leader was Ken Burrough of Houston at 1063.

Chad pursues history: Bengals WR Chad Johnson is pursuing something never before accomplished in the NFL — a fourth consecutive conference receiving yards title.

Johnson has won three straight AFC crowns, and after a relatively slow start to this season, he has risen to claim the lead for the last six weeks. Entering this week's play, his 1316 yards are good for a 24-yard lead over Marvin Harrison of Indianapolis (1292). Only seven weeks ago (entering Week 10 play), Johnson was in 10th place in the AFC. He has had 834 receiving yards in the last seven games.

Johnson also leads the full NFL receiving yards standings, as noted in the previous item.

Since the establishment of the American and National conferences in 1970, Johnson is one of only three players to have won three straight receiving yards titles. Tim Brown of Oakland and Jerry Rice of San Francisco also did it, both from 1993-95, Brown in the AFC and Rice in the NFC. No one has copped four straight in either conference.

Prior to the 1970 realignment, one player won four straight league titles. Hall of Famer Don Hutson of Green Bay won the NFL crown from 1941-44.

Here's the top five in AFC receiving yards entering Week 17:

PLAYER, TEAM	REC.	YARDS
Chad Johnson, Bengals	83	1316
Marvin Harrison, Colts.....	90	1292
Reggie Wayne, Colts	80	1240
Lee Evans, Bills.....	75	1147
Andre Johnson, Texans	101	1135

Chad closes in on No. 2: WR Chad Johnson began this season in sixth place on the Bengals' all-time receiving yards list, but with just 16 yards against Pittsburgh this week, he'll finish his year in second place.

Johnson has 6872 career yards. He is currently in third place, this year having passed Darnay Scott (5975), Eddie Brown (6134) and Cris Collinsworth (6698). His target this week is No. 2 Carl Pickens, who finished his Bengals career at 6887.

Isaac Curtis, the all-time Bengals leader at 7101, apparently

will hold his crown until 2007. He leads Johnson by 229, a figure Johnson has reached in a single game only once. He had a Bengals-record 260 yards on Nov. 12 of this season vs. San Diego.

Johnson is in only his sixth Bengals and NFL season. Curtis played 12 Bengals seasons (1973-84), while Pickens, Collinsworth and Brown each played eight years in Cincinnati stripes.

69 catches to go: Bengals WR Chad Johnson raised his career receptions total to 462 with his 3 catches last week at Denver. He ranks second in Bengals history, and is now 69 away from passing all-time leader Carl Pickens (530).

Johnson has accumulated catches at a faster pace than any receiver in Bengals history, and figures to pass Pickens at some point during the 2007 season. Johnson began the year in sixth place all-time, but with 83 catches this season, he has moved past Darnay Scott, Isaac Curtis and Cris Collinsworth.

Here's a look at the all-time top five in Bengals receptions:

PLAYER	YEARS	SEASONS	CATCHES
Carl Pickens	8	1992-99	530
Chad Johnson	6	2001-06	462
Cris Collinsworth	8	1981-88	417
Isaac Curtis	12	1973-84	416
Darnay Scott.....	8	1994-2001	386

Back-to-back, it's best: Bengals WR Chad Johnson set an NFL record for most receiving yards in back-to-back games with his total of 450 for the Nov. 12 San Diego and Nov. 19 New Orleans contests. Johnson had a Bengals-record 260 yards against the Chargers, and he came back with 190 against the Saints.

The previous two-game receiving mark was 448 by San Francisco's John Taylor in 1989. Taylor had 162 yards at Atlanta on Dec. 3 of that season, and came back with 286 on Dec. 11 at the L.A. Rams.

Johnson obliterated the Bengals record for receiving yards in back-to-back games. Carl Pickens had held that mark at 324, dating from the 1998 season. Pickens had 120 yards on Sept. 27 at Baltimore, and following a bye week, he had 204 on Oct. 11 vs. Pittsburgh.

Chad ends Eddie's 18-year reign: With 260 receiving yards on Nov. 12 vs. San Diego, WR Chad Johnson broke a Bengals record that had stood since Nov. 6, 1988. Eddie Brown set the record at 216 vs. Pittsburgh at Riverfront Stadium, during the Bengals' second AFC Championship season.

Johnson's previous high was 189 yards, set last season at home against Indianapolis. Against the Chargers, Johnson tied his career high for receptions (11).

Here's the revised Bengals top five for most receiving yards in a game:

PLAYER	DATE	OPP.	YDS.	RESULT
Chad Johnson	11-12-06	SAN DIEGO	260	Chargers, 49-41
Eddie Brown	11-6-88	PITTSBURGH	216	Bengals, 42-7
Cris Collinsworth	10-2-83	BALTIMORE	206	Colts, 34-31
Carl Pickens	10-11-98	PITTSBURGH	204	Bengals, 25-20
John McDaniel	12-6-76	@Oakland	201	Raiders, 35-20

Chad's streak hits 75: The first of WR Chad Johnson's 3 catches in the Denver game marked his 75th consecutive game with at least 1 reception. His streak is second-longest in Bengals annals. The club record is 93 by Carl Pickens.

Chad now tops in 100-yarders: WR Chad Johnson's 101-yard game on Dec. 10 vs. Oakland was his fourth 100-yarder this season and the 21st of his career, moving him past Isaac Curtis (20) as the all-time Bengals leader in the category.

It took Curtis 12 seasons (1973-84) and 167 games to hit the 20 mark. Johnson has hit 21 in less than six seasons, and in 91 games. That's one 100-yard game for every 4.2 contests.

In Games 9-11 of this season (vs. S.D., at N.O., at Cle.), Johnson posted his second career streak of three straight 100-yard games. He also posted a three-game streak in 2002.

Carl Pickens is third in Bengals annals for 100-yard receiving games at 19, and Cris Collinsworth is fourth at 18.

Chad's 1500 charge slowed: Through 13 games this season, Bengals WR Chad Johnson had 1247 receiving yards and was on pace for 1534, which would have been the first 1500-yard season in Bengals history.

But after totaling just 69 yards in the last two games, Johnson is at 1316 and would need 184 against Pittsburgh to reach the 1500 mark.

Johnson has bettered 184 only three times in his career, but two of those have come this season. He had a Bengals-record 260 yards on Nov. 12 vs. San Diego, and the next week at New Orleans, he had 190. Johnson's other game above 184 was a 189 last season vs. Indianapolis.

In the last three seasons, Johnson has posted the three best receiving yards numbers in Bengals history. He re-set his own mark in 2005 with 1432 yards. To set a new record at the minimum figure of 1433 this season, he would need 117 yards against the Steelers.

T.J.'s first '1000' makes history: When WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh topped the 1000-yard season receiving mark last week at Denver, he not only achieved his first 1000-yard year, he gave the Bengals two 1000-yard receivers in a season for the first time in franchise history.

Houshmandzadeh is at 1037 yards for the season after getting 94 yards against the Broncos, and Johnson is at 1316 after getting 32 at Denver.

Though he missed the first two games of this season with a heel bruise, Houshmandzadeh has come on to pass 1000 in just 13 games. He has averaged 79.7 yards per game in the 13 he has played.

With just 66 total yards added to his 2004-05 seasons, Houshmandzadeh would have entered this year with two 1000-yard seasons already on his resume. .

In 2004, he had 978 yards. He opened that year as a No. 4 WR on the depth chart, and had a modest 484 yards after 11 games. He seized an opportunity for the No. 2 spot at midseason, but despite averaging 98.8 yards over his last five games, he fell just short of 1000.

Last year, Houshmandzadeh had 956 yards. Two games missed with a hand injury cost him a shot at 1000.

"T.J. could be No. 1 for a lot of teams," says QB Carson Palmer. "He's the kind of receiver a quarterback loves. You can put the ball up in coverage and you know he's going to get it. And he's such a consistent route runner, you always know where he's going to be."

Houshmandzadeh has 9 TDs this season (all receiving). That's his career high, bettering his total of 7 last year, and he leads Cincinnati receivers while ranking second on the team to HB Rudi Johnson (12).

Challenging Chad for a title: Chad Johnson has led the Bengals in receptions for the last four full seasons (2002-05), and he led the team through each of the first 14 games of this season.

But now there is a new leader for 2006. With 9 catches last week at Denver, T.J. Houshmandzadeh took over the season lead at 86. Johnson had 3 catches against the Broncos and is now in second at 83.

With 4 catches this week against the Steelers, Houshmandzadeh would become the third player in Bengals history to reach 90 catches in a season. Johnson has done it three times, and Carl Pickens did it twice. Pickens holds the top two receptions seasons in team history, with 100 in 1996 and 99 in 1995.

If Chad comes back: If Chad Johnson can re-take the Bengals season receptions lead from T.J. Houshmandzadeh (see previous item), he'll lead the team for the season for the fifth year in a row.

That would tie the longest such streak in Bengals history. Cris Collinsworth had a five-year run atop the team receptions chart from 1982-86.

T.J. tough on third down: Bengals WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh had three third-down receptions at Denver last week, and he enters the final game tied for the AFC lead at 28 with Laveranues Coles of the Jets.

Houshmandzadeh is tied for second in the NFL. The leader is Reggie Bush of New Orleans at 33, and Marques Colston of New Orleans also has 28.

Seventh-round steal: WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh was a seventh-round draft choice in 2001, the 204th overall selection. He posted decent numbers in his first two seasons, but when he missed virtually all of the 2003 season with a severe hamstringing injury, he was widely rated as questionable to make the '04 roster.

He has, of course, long since proved those suspicions to be groundless. And though historical comparisons are always subject to discussion, a review of past Bengals drafts leads to these debating points:

- Houshmandzadeh has already proven to be the best Bengals player drafted in the seventh round or later since 1985, when Cincinnati chose Joe Walter — an 11-year starting OT — in Round 7.

- Houshmandzadeh has proven to be the best "skill position" player drafted seventh round or later since at least 1973, when Boobie Clark, the franchise's No. 7 all-time leading rusher, was landed in the 12th round.

- Houshmandzadeh has proven the best receiver drafted in the seventh round or later since the inaugural season of 1968, when three-time Pro Bowl TE-WR Bob Trumpy was taken in Round 12.

Recalling his humble origins, Houshmandzadeh says:

"I always was confident I was better than a lot of people taken ahead of me. But until you have some numbers, it's all just talk, so you don't say that much about it."

Rudi can break 100-yard logjam: There's a Bengals record-book category that's looking for someone to take charge. And Rudi Johnson could be the man this week.

The category is most 100-yard rushing games in a season. The record is five, and it has been accomplished eight times. Corey Dillon did it three times, Johnson has done it twice (he just logged his second time last week), and three players have done it once — James Brooks, Harold Green and Ickey Woods.

To get a record-breaking sixth 100-yarder, Johnson will have to negotiate a Pittsburgh defense ranked fourth in the NFL against the run. The average *team* has gotten only 91.2 yards per game this season against the Steelers.

Johnson was held to 47 yards — tied for his second-fewest of the season — when the Bengals defeated Pittsburgh at Heinz Field in September. Johnson has had one 100-yard game against the Steelers in his career, a 24-for-123 game at Heinz Field in 2004.

'Allstate' perfection finally ends: It couldn't last forever. Last week, Denver became the first Bengals opponent in 18 tries to find a way to beat Cincinnati when HB Rudi Johnson had 25 or more carries. Perhaps not surprisingly, it took a game in which Cincinnati made an unusually large number of other mistakes. And Cincinnati lost by only one point.

And so, the Bengals still believe they are in quite "good hands" when the offense is able to frequently put the ball in the mitts of Johnson.

Here's a recap of the Bengals' 17-1 record when Johnson has carried 25 or more times:

DATE	OPPONENT	ATT.	YDS.	RESULT
10-26-03	SEATTLE	27	101	Bengals, 27-24
11-9-03	HOUSTON	43	182	Bengals, 34-27
11-7-04	DALLAS	26	95	Bengals, 26-3
11-14-04	@Washington	31	102	Bengals, 17-10
11-28-04	CLEVELAND	26	202	Bengals, 58-48
1-2-05	@Philadelphia	28	99	Bengals, 38-10
9-11-05	@Cleveland	26	126	Bengals, 27-13
9-25-05	@Chicago	25	84	Bengals, 24-7
11-6-05	@Baltimore	29	97	Bengals, 21-9
11-27-05	BALTIMORE	27	114	Bengals, 42-29
12-11-05	CLEVELAND	30	169	Bengals, 23-20
9-10-06	@Kansas City	28	96	Bengals, 23-10
9-17-06	CLEVELAND	26	145	Bengals, 34-17
10-22-06	CAROLINA	26	101	Bengals, 17-14
11-19-06	@New Orleans	27	111	Bengals, 31-16
11-26-06	@Cleveland	25	64	Bengals, 30-0
12-10-06	OAKLAND	30	117	Bengals, 27-10
12-24-06	@Denver	30	129	Broncos, 24-23

Johnson holds the Bengals record for most rushes in a season (361 in 2004). His 43 rushes in 2003 vs. Houston is also a Bengals record, and it's tied for the most in NFL history in a non-overtime game.

How about 100? The Bengals' record when HB Rudi Johnson rushes for 100 or more yards is not quite as good as the team record when he carries 25 or more times, but it'll do.

The Bengals have posted a 15-3 record with Johnson at 100 yards, compared to 17-1 when he carries 25 or more times.

Rudi on the TD chart: Bengals HB Rudi Johnson has scored 12 TDs (all rushing) for the third consecutive season. His 36 TDs over 2004-06 are the most rushing TDs in Bengals history in a three-year span.

In total rushing TDs, Johnson has now tied Corey Dillon for second place at 45. Pete Johnson (1977-83) leads the Bengals in all-time rushing TDs (64) and in all-time total TDs (70).

The Bengals record for rushing TDs in a season is 15, by Ickey Woods. Pete Johnson had a pair of 14-TD rushing seasons, so Johnson's 12-TD years are tied for fourth in Bengals history.

Rudi passes Brooks: With a Bengals-record tying five 100-yard rushing games this season, HB Rudi Johnson has passed James Brooks into second place all-time Bengals list. Johnson has 18, one ahead of Brooks and now 10 behind all-time leader Corey Dillon (28).

Johnson's 100-yarders this season have been 145 at Cleveland, 101 vs. Carolina, 111 at New Orleans, 117 vs. Oakland and 130 at Denver.

Here's a full listing of the 18 Bengals players to rush for 100 yards in a game, with their number of 100-yarders in parentheses:

- 10 or more games — Corey Dillon (28), Rudi Johnson (18), James Brooks (17), Pete Johnson (14).

- 5-through-9 games — Harold Green (8), Paul Robinson (6), Essex Johnson (5), Ickey Woods (5).

- 1-through-4 games — Larry Kinnebrew (4), Boobie Clark (3), Archie Griffin (3), Jess Phillips (3), Ki-Jana Carter (1), Virgil Carter (1), Doug Dressler (1), Marc Logan (1), Deacon Turner (1), Stanley Wilson (1).

The club record for 100-yard rushing games in a season is five. That record has been achieved eight times previously by five different players. Dillon did it three times, and Rudi Johnson has done it twice, including this season.

Rudi stays fourth in AFC: With 117 rushing yards last week at Denver, Bengals HB Rudi Johnson held fourth place in the AFC season rankings. Johnson has 1262 yards. San

Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson is the leader (AFC and NFL) at 1749. Johnson has a 142-yard lead on fifth place Fred Taylor of Jacksonville (1120).

No Bengal has ever won the AFC rushing title for a season. Cincinnati's only season rushing champion has been Paul Robinson, who led the AFL in 1968 with 1023 yards.

Since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger, the highest finish by a Bengal in the NFL season rushing race has been fifth place by Corey Dillon in 2000 (1435 yards). With his 79-yard game last week, Johnson moved up from eighth to seventh place in the NFL rushing race.

New Rudi model for '06: Bengals HB Rudi Johnson is showing a new profile in his sixth NFL season. He's leaner and a bit lighter, with an official roster weight of 214 pounds compared to last year's 228. He has increased his quickness and elusiveness while apparently losing none of his power.

Though it wasn't widely known, Johnson played almost all of last season with a nagging left knee injury. He had the knee "cleaned up" with an offseason scope job, and not only are his wheels more healthy, he is a noticeably trimmer player. His weight is distributed better for increased agility and less pressure on his knees. He did it with a new diet.

"A lot of red meat is gone," Johnson said. "A lot of the fast food is gone. Snacks are gone — the Doritos, the chips, the Philly cheese steaks, the pizzas. I ate everything. Snacks are now fruit."

And though his personal goal is 1500 yards, Johnson said he's not concerned about competing for touches with the likes of WRs Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh.

"We have a sense," he said, "that we'll do whatever it takes to win."

Midnight workout? HB Rudi Johnson's new profile for 2006 (see previous item) has been duly noted by head coach Marvin Lewis, who sees it as a prime example of a top-line player following two great seasons with a new level of dedication.

"It's been really amazing to watch the change in Rudi since last season," Lewis says. "He's taken on this goal of being as fit as he possibly can be. He called me once at 12:30 in the morning. He wanted to get into the facility and work out, and he wasn't sure if security would let him in."

"And you should see him in the food line. Before he takes anything, he'll point at things and ask, 'What's this? What's in that as far as ingredients?' He's almost possessed by the whole thing, but it shows what he's all about."

It's certified — he's tough: Bengals HB Rudi Johnson is a member of the 2006 "Tough Guy" team selected by Hall of Fame DE Howie Long, in Long's role as an NFL analyst for Fox Sports.

"I enjoy recognizing tough guys in the NFL," Long said in a letter to Johnson, which accompanied a commemorative helmet. "The guys who play each and every down the way it was meant to be played. You are truly one of the toughest."

Said Johnson:

"This means a lot to me. That's how I want to play. That's how I want to be known."

TV streak at 36: Through Dec. 10, the last 36 Bengals games (regular-season and postseason) were each the top-rated show among all TV programming in Cincinnati for their respective weeks.

Cincinnati's Dec. 10 game with Oakland drew a local rating of 34.8, and in keeping with recent results, the race wasn't close. The second-rated show in Cincinnati for the week of Dec. 4-10 was "CSI" on CBS, with a rating of 22.1

Ratings weeks run Monday through Sunday, so the ratings week of Dec. 11-17 will not apply to the streak, as there was no Bengals game during that seven-day period. The week of Dec. 18-24 will include two Bengals games, the Dec. 18 contest at Indianapolis and last week's game at Denver. Cincinnati rankings for the week of Dec. 18-24 were not yet available at press time for this release, but it's quite possible those games will rank Nos. 1-2

in Cincinnati for the week. The overnight Cincinnati rating on the Indianapolis game was a very strong 41.3, and the Denver game was at 26.5.

During the current season, the only program to make even a moderately close run to a Bengals game in Cincinnati ratings was also a sports event. The Nov. 18 Ohio State-Michigan football game drew a 28.8 rating in Cincinnati, but it finished second behind the Bengals game the following day at New Orleans. Bengals-Saints drew a Cincinnati rating of 33.4, outdrawing the college game even though the Bengals were at a low ebb with a 4-5 record at the time, having lost five of their previous six games.

The rating number indicates the percentage of market households that were tuned to the game — including households not watching television at the time.

The highest-rated game during the streak has been the Pittsburgh playoff game last Jan. 8 on CBS. That telecast drew a 45.5 rating. The highest share during the streak was also the Pittsburgh playoff, which drew a 69.

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

Going deep: The fact that the Bengals are still alive in the NFL playoff hunt is due in large part to numerous players who opened training camp without much in the way of NFL resumes.

On offense, the key players have been second-year C Eric Ghiaciuc, rookie OT Andrew Whitworth and third-year G Stacy Andrews. They entered the season with one career NFL start among them (Ghiaciuc), and they have an aggregate 27 starts this year.

On defense, the list of training camp question marks who have assumed key roles is even longer. That group includes CB Johnathan Joseph, LBs Rashad Jeanty, Caleb Miller and Ahmad Brooks, and DT Domata Peko. Entering the season, that quintet had combined for all of three NFL starts (all for Miller). This season, they have an aggregate 27 starts.

Also worthy of mention on defense are S Kevin Kaesviharn and LB Landon Johnson. Though both entered this season as proven pro players, neither was in a starting position when training camp began. Kaesviharn has started six games and leads the team with 6 INTs. Johnson has started all 15 games and leads the team in tackles (126).

Making the most of his time: Though S Kevin Kaesviharn has missed two games with an injury this season and has started only seven contests, he is about to wrap up the team interceptions title. He has 6 INTs, the most by a Bengals safety since 1989, when David Fulcher had 8. S Madiou Williams and CB Tory James are each three behind Kaesviharn at 3.

Kaesviharn is about to win his first undisputed team INTs title, but he will have had at least a piece of the team INT lead in three of his six seasons. He tied for the team lead in 2001 and 2002.

Kaesviharn also has 54 tackles, including a sack total of 3.5 that ranks third on the team and is the most by a Bengals secondary player since Darryl Williams had 3.5 in 2001.

All of that is not so bad for a player who was working as a substitute teacher in Sioux Falls, S.D. in early 2001, when the Bengals offered him a practice squad contract. Kaesviharn was 25 at the time. He had played pro football in the Arena League and the XFL since ending a Division II college career in 1997 at Augustana (S.D.), but his only NFL experience had been with Green Bay in the 2001 preseason.

Kaesviharn quickly moved from the practice squad to the Bengals roster in '01, and though he played in only 10 games, he tied for the team lead in INTs (3).

Since '01, he has played in 76 of Cincinnati's 79 games. His complete Bengals resume is now 86 games with 44 starts. He began this season in the third safety's role, behind Madiou Williams and free-agent acquisition Dexter Jackson. But he has made six starts, due mostly to injuries to Jackson, and head coach Marvin Lewis says there's essentially no "starting two" among the trio any more.

"Kevin has proven he deserved the right to play more football," Lewis says. "We don't want to pull the rug from underneath him for the good things he's been doing. He's earned

an opportunity to be out there more, and we want to keep going that way.”

Kaesviharn ranks fifth in the AFC and tied for sixth in the NFL in interceptions this season. Champ Bailey of Denver is the AFC and league leader at 9.

Safety prediction on target: Safety was forecast in preseason as the Bengals’ most improved position on defense in 2006, and thus far that call is right on target.

“It’s hard to say who the starters are,” says head coach Marvin Lewis. “Let’s just say we have three good ones.”

Details on S Kevin Kaesviharn are in the previous item, and here’s the latest on the other two of the “starting three:”

- FS Madiou Williams, sorely missed last year as he lost 12 games to a shoulder injury, is proving to be the “dynamic player in the center of the field” that coach Kevin Coyle described in August. Williams has started all 14 games and leads the secondary for the season with 73 stops (59 solo). He has 3 INTs on the year, ranked tied for second on the team, and he ranks third in passes defended (11). He also has a forced fumble that the Bengals recovered. His end-zone INT at Pittsburgh on Sept. 24 was a key early play in a big win.

- SS Dexter Jackson, signed as an unrestricted free agent, has the coaches’ highest praise for leadership and physical presence. Jackson missed Games 3-5 with an ankle injury and also missed Game 10 at New Orleans with an ankle problem, but he has returned to the starting lineup for the last five games. Last week at Denver, Jackson’s 5 tackles included a key shared sack, and he also had his first INT of the season, returning a Jay Cutler pass 46 yards to the Broncos 5-yard line on the game’s first scrimmage play. (The offense failed to capitalize as Denver intercepted a Bengals pass in the end zone). Later in the first quarter, Jackson teamed with DT Domata Peko to sack Cutler for a nine-yard loss to the Denver 1 on a third-down play, setting up a short punt which set up an 18-yard Bengals drive for a 7-0 lead. Jackson has played in 11 games with nine starts on the season, missing four games due to an ankle injury. He has 56 tackles for the season, including 1 sack, and he has 6 passes defended. “Dexter sets the whole attitude for a defense,” says defensive coordinator Chuck Bresnahan. “It’s like when Bill Romanowski came to us in Oakland. He brought a different level of physical play, and Dexter does the same thing. You have a sense of calmness. Not that these other guys can’t tackle. It’s just a different attitude when this guy is on the field. He plays fast. He plays at a high level.”

Larson No. 7 in net: Bengals P Kyle Larson ranks seventh in the NFL through 15 games with a net average of 38.5 yards per kick. With a good game against Pittsburgh, he could easily rise as high as fourth in the final NFL rankings, because fourth-place Nick Harris of Detroit is at only 38.7 yards per kick, and the two players tied for fifth – Dave Zastudil of Cleveland and Jason Baker of Carolina – are at 38.6.

The league lead, at 39.9, is held by Dustin Colquitt of the Kansas City Chiefs.

If held for the full season, Larson’s net would be the best for a Bengal since 1995, when Lee Johnson posted a 38.6. Larson’s 38.5 would rank fourth in Bengals history for a season.

Larson’s strong net average has been helped by his plus-17 differential between inside-20 kicks (25) and touchbacks (8). Last week at Denver, Larson had no touchbacks, while his 2 inside-20s pinned Denver at the 7 and at the 1.

Larson has a 44.0 gross average this season. He ranks 13th in the NFL in that category, and no Bengals punter has done as well as 44.0 for a full season since Johnson posted a 44.7 average in 1998.

Though kickers often begin NFL careers with a series of pink slips, moving from team to team trying to establish themselves, that hasn’t been the case for Larson. After joining Cincinnati as an undrafted college free agent in 2004, he won the Bengals punting job and has handled every Cincinnati punt since then.

In each of his first two seasons, Larson posted gross and net punting averages which ranked as the team’s best since 1998. He

averaged 43.2 in gross yards and had a 35.6 net last season. He launched the longest punt in Bengals history, 75 yards, at Jacksonville last season.

NFL’s best punt coverage: The Bengals lead the NFL in punt coverage, allowing foes only 5.6 yards per return. Detroit is second at 5.9.

In kickoff coverage, the Bengals rank eighth in the NFL, with 21.3 yards allowed per opponent return.

The Bengals record for fewest yards allowed per punt return is 4.0, from the strike-shortened nine-game season of 1982. Opponents gained 68 total yards on 17 returns. The punt coverage record for a longer season is 4.6 by the 1973 team, which allowed 123 yards on 27 returns in 14 games.

The Bengals’ record for fewest yards allowed per kickoff return in a single season is 18.5, set in 1987 on 62 opponent returns.

Turnover tables improve: During the tenure of head coach Marvin Lewis, the Bengals have reversed their fortunes in the crucial category of turnover differential.

Last season, the Bengals led the NFL by a wide margin at plus-24. And though Cincinnati dipped near break-even status at midseason this year, a plus-4 total over the last five games has lifted the Bengals to plus-5 for the season, ranked tied for ninth in the NFL.

Cincinnati is now plus-35 in turnover differential under Lewis (beginning in 2003). Prior to last year’s big success, Lewis’ Bengals were plus-2 in 2003 and plus-4 in 2004. And though those margins of the first two seasons weren’t huge, they represented a huge improvement from the pre-Lewis era. The Bengals had posted a minus differential for five straight years (1998-2002) before Lewis took over.

“You see turnovers as a huge factor in just about every NFL game for every season,” Lewis said. “You have to make a lot of plays to overcome a lot of turnovers, and it doesn’t happen very often. When you’re on the plus side, first and foremost, you’re getting yourself off the field defensively, limiting your exposure to bad things happening to you. And, you give your offense more opportunities to make bad things happen to the opposing team. You want to play defense on the sidelines. That’s the best way to play defense.”

A stat that matters: The Bengals are 24-2 under head coach Marvin Lewis with a plus-differential in turnovers. The only games the Bengals have lost under Lewis with a plus-differential were Oct. 17, 2004 at Cleveland, when Cincinnati fell 34-17 despite being plus-3, and Oct. 15 of this season, when Cincinnati lost 14-13 at Tampa Bay despite being plus-1.

Bengals results under Lewis show the importance of turnover differential. Along with their .923 winning percentage on the plus side, the Bengals are .538 (7-6) when the differential has been even, and are .167 (4-20) with a minus.

This season, the Bengals are 7-1 with a plus, 1-5 with a minus and 0-1 with an even differential.

More extensive league-wide numbers also 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 figures for the same numbers):

DIFFERENTIAL	W-L	PCT.
Plus-1	391-191-1	.672
Plus-2	347-69	.834
Plus-3	227-26	.897
Plus-4	116-6	.951
Plus-5 or more.....	55-1	.982

Hand Landon another crown: LB Landon Johnson had 9 tackles last week at Denver, leading the LBs and ranking second on the team. He raised his team-leading season total to 126 and has essentially clinched his second team tackling title in his three Bengals seasons.

He led the team tackles race by only one entering the Nov. 30 game vs. Baltimore, but over the last four games he has extended

his lead to 25. DE Justin Smith is now second at 101.

Johnson led the team with 133 tackles as a rookie in 2004, and last year he finished third with 99.

At 6-foot-2 and a lean 228 pounds, Johnson was considered as possibly a strong safety rather than a linebacker when he entered the NFL, as a Bengals third-round draft pick. But the Cincinnati coaching staff elected to keep the Purdue product at LB, and he has proven able to hold his own physically while taking advantage of a speed edge over many blockers.

"Landon is also one of the smartest linebackers I've been around," says Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "He understands why you do certain things and what the intricacies are of the different coverages. He applies them on the field, and you don't see him make the same mistake twice. Early in his career, he exceeded our expectations. Now we just count on him."

Holding the line: The Bengals defense has held against the opponent on eight of the opponents' last 14 snaps in third-and-one or fourth-and-one situations. Denver, however, went 2-for-2 last week.

Geathers first since '92: With 2 sacks on Dec. 10 against Oakland, third-year Bengals DE Robert Geathers raised his season total to 10.5, becoming the first Cincinnati player in double figures since 1992, when LB Alfred Williams had 10.0.

Geathers' total already ranks fifth in team history, and he is just 2.5 behind the second-best Bengals sack season ever, 13.0 by DE Eddie Edwards in 1983. The team record is a virtually unapproachable 22.0 by Coy Bacon, in the 14-game season of 1976.

Geathers is not a starter in the base defense this year, but has blossomed as an "edge" rusher on passing downs. Last season, he played a tackle position in the nickel defense, and although he was a starter in the base all year, he had only 3 sacks.

"I'd never played inside my whole career," Geathers said of '05. "I do what the team asks me to do, but now I'm back outside where I'm more comfortable, and I think it's paying off. I'm able to use my athletic abilities more effectively out there."

Geathers has put renewed emphasis on speed over bulk this season, dropping from about 285 pounds to 265.

DE Justin Smith is second on the Bengals with 7 sacks. If he could post three sacks in the season finale – the same number he had in the season opener at Kansas City — the Bengals would have their first pair of double-digit sackers since the 1981 AFC Championship season. The last double-digit Bengals pair was the 1981 duo of LB Reggie Williams (11) and DE Eddie Edwards (10).

Smith has 40.5 sacks for his Bengals career, ranked fourth on the club's all-time list.

Smith is 1.5 sacks short of his career-best season total, 8.5 in 2001. Geathers has already gone far beyond his previous season best, which was 3.5 in 2004.

Praise for Smith: Bengals DE Justin Smith is 1.5 sacks away from tying his career high of 8.5, but the sixth-year Bengal long ago proved to his coaches that he is far more than a situational pass rusher.

"He is an every-down player," says line coach Jay Hayes. "He plays well on first down, as well as in obvious passing situations. He has tackle numbers like a linebacker. To this point, he hasn't gotten the 12-15 sacks a year, but he is a very productive football player overall. Every dime you give him (in salary), he's giving you back in work. I can't ask him to work any harder than he works. I hope we're together for a lot longer."

The race is on: In each of the past five seasons (2001-05), only one Bengals player has managed to post an entry in each of the defensive stat sheet's six major categories (tackles, sacks, interceptions, passes defensed, forced fumbles, fumble recoveries).

FS Darryl Williams was the only player to do it in 2001, and he was followed by CB Artrell Hawkins in '02, LB Brian Simmons in '03 and '04, and DT John Thornton in '05.

No Bengal has done it yet for 2006, but heading into this week's final game, six players are each just one category short. Simmons needs a sack, Thornton, DE Justin Smith and LB Caleb Miller each need an interception, and S Kevin Kaesviharn joins LB Landon Johnson in needing a fumble recovery.

Here's how things stand entering the Pittsburgh game:

PLAYER	TKLS.	SACKS	INT.	PD	FF	FR
LB Landon Johnson	126	0.5	1	4	2	—
S Kevin Kaesviharn	54	3.5	6	11	1	—
LB Caleb Miller	96	1	—	2	1	1
LB Brian Simmons	69	—	2	8	1	1
DE Justin Smith	101	7	—	4	1	2
DT John Thornton	54	2	—	3	1	1

Graham is No. 1 (active): For the 14th week of the last 15, Bengals K Shayne Graham ranks as the NFL's No. 2 all-time performer in career field goal accuracy. And for the fifth straight week, Graham ranks No. 1 among active kickers.

Graham made his only FG try last week at Denver (46). He is 120-for-142 for his NFL career, an accuracy rate of 84.51 percent. The only kicker in league history to top that mark is Mike Vanderjagt at 86.47 percent, but Vanderjagt was released Nov. 27 by Dallas and had not been signed by another team at press time for this release.

Graham broke into the all-time rankings 15 weeks ago, when he acquired the 100 made field goals that are required to qualify. He entered the rankings in second place and stayed there for eight weeks before yielding to Cleveland's Phil Dawson for one week only. He moved back into second place the following week. In a tight race, Dawson has now fallen to sixth place.

Graham is 24-for-28 on FGs this season (85.71 percent).

With the exception of Vanderjagt, all the kickers in the all-time accuracy top five are active, so the numbers in this race will continue to change weekly throughout the season.

Here's a look at the all-time top five entering the final week of the 2006 season:

PLAYER	FG	FGA	PCT.
Mike Vanderjagt	230	266	86.47
Shayne Graham	120	142	84.51
Matt Stover	404	483	83.64
Adam Vinatieri	286	347	82.42
Jeff Wilkins	281	341	82.40

Better than the best? As noted in the previous item, Bengals K Shayne Graham ranks second in NFL history for career field goal accuracy (84.51 percent). He trails only Mike Vanderjagt (86.47 percent).

But so far as Bengals coaches are concerned, Graham is the true No. 1. His 120-for-142 career total includes a 19-for-26 performance (73.07 percent) in previous NFL stops at Buffalo and Carolina. As a Bengal, he is 101-for-116, an 87.07 percent accuracy rate. That rate is Cincinnati's all-time best, and it also tops Vanderjagt's career percentage of 86.47.

Streaky in a good way: Bengals K Shayne Graham holds the franchise records for most consecutive made PATs (158) and field goals (17).

Graham had never failed to execute a PAT in his NFL career until his third try on Nov. 26 at Cleveland. He entered that try at 186-for-186, including his brief time with Buffalo and Carolina. On the third try at Cleveland, a rare high snap by Brad St. Louis prevented holder Kyle Larson from getting the ball down on time, and by the time Graham made a desperation attempt to drive the ball, Cleveland's line penetration had doomed the play. (Elias Sports Bureau confirms that had Graham not actually put his foot to the ball, his streak would have stayed alive. When a kicker never makes an attempt on a failed PAT, it is officially considered an unsuccessful two-point try, since two points would be scored if the kicking team were able to advance the ball to the end zone).

With 158 straight PATs for the Bengals, Graham had long surpassed Doug Pelfrey's former Cincinnati record of 103 consecutive PATs made.

Graham also holds the Bengals record for most consecutive

field goals made (17). He began the streak in Game 10 of last season and did not miss until he went wide right from 44 yards on Sept. 17 of this season vs. Cleveland. Graham first took control of the record in the 2005 season finale at Kansas City, when he moved the streak to 14 straight. He previously had shared it at 13 with Jim Breech and Doug Pelfrey.

Mission being accomplished: Bengals K Shayne Graham set improving his kickoffs as a major goal for 2006, and the results are good.

Graham raised his season touchback total to 13 with two last week at Denver. He ranks tied for fifth in the NFL. The leader, with 20, is Jacksonville's Josh Scobee.

Top cats in Ohio: For the first time since 1993, the Bengals have the lead in the "Battle of Ohio" series with the Cleveland Browns.

Cincinnati's 30-0 win at Cleveland on Nov. 26 was its fifth in a row — establishing the longest Bengals winning streak in the series. It gave the Bengals a 34-33 all-time lead over the Browns.

The most recent previous Bengals lead in the series was at 24-23, following the second contest of the two-game set in 1993.

The Bengals had four previous four-game win streaks against the Browns (including the current one). The Browns have had only two win streaks of four or more games, but one was a seven-gamer that is the series record. The other was a five-gamer.

Shutout city: The Bengals' 30-0 win at Cleveland on Nov. 26 broke a 17-year Cincinnati streak without blanking an opponent. The last team the Bengals had shut out was Cleveland, 21-0 on Dec. 3, 1989, at the old Cleveland Stadium.

This season's shutout of the Browns was the third-most lopsided shutout win in Bengals history, just a point behind a pair of 31-0 victories. Here's a list of the eight shutout victories in Bengals history:

DATE	OPPONENT	SCORE	BENGALS COACH
11-28-71	SAN DIEGO	31-0	Paul Brown
12-2-73	MINNESOTA	27-0	Paul Brown
9-28-75	@New Orleans	21-0	Paul Brown
12-7-75	@Philadelphia	31-0	Paul Brown
10-10-76	TAMPA BAY	21-0	Bill Johnson
10-19-80	MINNESOTA	14-0	Forrest Gregg
12-3-89	@Cleveland	21-0	Sam Wyche
11-26-06	@Cleveland	30-0	Marvin Lewis

Kilmer grabs spotlight: Everyone closely following the Bengals knew Ethan Kilmer was an underdog story just waiting to happen. Few players get drafted (7th round) when their major role in college was special teams, and fewer still get there from being a walk-on with no high school football experience.

But Kilmer, from Penn State, was seen by Bengals coaches as a sure diamond in the rough. A former Shippensburg University scholarship athlete in track, he had the perfect scrappy attitude, plus the natural endowment coaches seem to prize above all others — speed. He has performed well all season on special teams, and on Nov. 19 at New Orleans, when injuries in the secondary got him into the game for the first time on defense, he responded on his fourth play with a 52-yard INT return for a TD. The TD made the score 31-10, putting the final cap on an eventual 31-16 Bengals win.

Since then, Kilmer has continued to make his presence felt. On Nov. 26 at Cleveland, he led the special teams with 3 tackles. On Nov. 30 vs. Baltimore, he recovered a muffed Ravens punt in Baltimore territory in the fourth quarter. He outfought returner Corey Ivy for the ball and then broke away with a burst to jet 35 yards to the end zone. The apparent touchdown didn't count, because muffed punt recoveries may not be advanced, but the play still provided another genuine showcase of Kilmer's ability for explosive plays.

And in the last three games, Kilmer has twice had at least a piece of the special teams tackles lead. He ranks second on the special teams for the season with 16 stops.

"You guys (media) felt the excitement the day we drafted him; you could tell what we thought of him," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "He will keep growing and getting better."

Fewest points in three and two: The Bengals allowed only 17 points over three games in Games 11-13, with Cleveland scoring zero, Baltimore 7 and Oakland 10. That broke the previous franchise mark of 23, which had been achieved three times, including Games 10-12 of this season.

Also, the Bengals' seven points allowed in Games 11-12 (Cleveland 0, Baltimore 7) is a franchise record for consecutive contests. The previous record was 10 (twice), last achieved in Games 13-14 of 1993.

Record droughts for foes: When the Bengals finished the third quarter on Nov. 30 vs. Baltimore with a 13-0 lead over Baltimore, it marked the first time in franchise history to hold opponents scoreless for seven consecutive quarters. Cincinnati had shut out Cleveland 30-0 the week before.

The Bengals had gone six quarters without allowing a point three times previously. The most recent instance had been in 1980.

Baltimore averted a shutout by scoring a touchdown with 1:01 remaining in the game. That ended a Bengals scoreless streak of 123 minutes and 20 seconds, dating back to the final 4:21 of the Nov. 19 New Orleans game. That broke the previous Cincinnati minutes record of 110:02, also set in 1980.

Celebrate? You bet: Though he's known as a pretty serious guy — mature beyond his years, perhaps — Bengals FS Madiou Williams isn't worried about his demeanor when he makes a big play. The on-field celebration, mostly the province of wide receivers and sometimes the bane of more conservative fans, is absolutely part of his game.

"A lot of times they tell you to act like you've been there before, but I don't really care," Williams says.

Hopefully, Paul Brown is just wryly smiling at that, and not turning over in his grave. The Bengals team founder is credited with having coined pro football's "been there before" wisdom.

But Williams is a paragon of civic involvement and community relations clout for the Bengals. If any player has the standing to differ with the old master, it's this talented 25-year-old, who left Sierra Leone (West Africa) with his family at age 9. The Bengals got him in the 2004 Draft from Maryland, where he starred in football while earning a degree in family studies.

"Every time I make a play is the first time," Williams says. "You never know, it might be your last time. Every time I make a play is a time for me to celebrate, because I work hard to get to that point and showcase my skills and talent."

Williams' signature move has been described as "an arms-extended, swooping dance, punctuated sometimes by a leg kick."

"That's just the dance we do back in Lanham, Md.," Williams says. "It's for my friends, back in the day when we'd go to the clubs and the parties (and) we'd get out there on the dance floor."

He's all over: Fourth-year pro Eric Steinbach has started 13 Bengals games at three different positions this season, continuing a track record of versatility which helps the team navigate injuries on the front line.

Steinbach has returned the last 10 games to his normal starting spot at LG, where he has opened a total of 13 games. But due to injuries elsewhere on the line, he started at LOT on Sept. 17 vs. Cleveland and at C on Oct. 15 vs. Tampa Bay.

He played three positions in one game in the Tampa Bay contest. After opening at center, in place of injured Rich Braham, he moved to LOT late in the second quarter, when LOT Levi Jones was sidelined by a knee injury. In the second half, he moved back to LG, with rookie Andrew Whitworth moving out to the LOT spot.

Steinbach started 15 games last season at LG, and opened the season finale at LOT when Jones was rested in advance of the playoffs.

An unusually agile and athletic offensive lineman, the 6-6, 290-pound Steinbach was named a first alternate to the AFC Pro Bowl team last year.

Of his versatility, Steinbach says:

"It's a resume booster. You get on tape showing teams that you've reached the point where you can play all three positions that, yeah, you can be a valuable asset to a team because you can be an emergency starter besides starting your position."

Winners on the road: Despite last week's loss at Denver, the Bengals stand 11-6 in their last 17 road games.

It's Thornton, again: When you talk about blocked field goals and the Bengals, you're talking John Thornton.

The eighth-year DT has authored the Bengals' last two blocks. He deflected a 48-yard Jeff Reed attempt on Sept. 24 of this season at Pittsburgh, and on Oct. 26, 2003, he blocked a 49-yard try by Seattle's Josh Brown at Paul Brown Stadium.

What's more, Thornton is also the last opponent to block a Bengals field goal. Playing for Tennessee on Oct. 8 2000, he blocked a 35-yard Neil Rackers attempt at Paul Brown Stadium.

After his block this season at Pittsburgh, Thornton joked, "I wanted to keep the record book clean."

Willie goes to 111: OT Willie Anderson made his 111th consecutive Bengals start in the Denver game. He played all the way, even though he had missed practice time prior to the game due to a foot strain that caused him to miss the entire second half on Dec. 18 at Indianapolis. Anderson's streak is the longest on the current team for consecutive starts (Bengals and/or NFL).

Anderson also leads the current roster in most consecutive Bengals and/or NFL games played (111), most total Bengals games (173) and most total Bengals and/or NFL starts (167).

DT Sam Adams, acquired this year as a free agent, leads the roster in most total NFL games played (194). But Adams trails Anderson by two in total NFL starts (167-165).

DE Justin Smith ranks second on the team in consecutive starts, with 90.

Willie ties for seventh: OT Willie Anderson played in his 173rd Bengals game last week, moving past OL Bruce Kozerski into undisputed possession of seventh place in franchise history.

Here's the top 10 on the all-time Bengals game service list:

PLAYER	YEARS	GAMES
1. CB Ken Riley	15 (1969-83)	207
2. LB Reggie Williams	14 (1976-89)	206
3. QB Ken Anderson	16 (1971-86)	192
4. NT Tim Krumrie	12 (1983-94)	188
5. OT Anthony Munoz	13 (1980-92)	185
6. K Jim Breech	13 (1980-92)	181
7. OT Willie Anderson*	11 (1996-2006)	173
8. OL Bruce Kozerski	12 (1984-95)	172
9. DE Eddie Edwards	12 (1977-88)	170
10. P Lee Johnson	11 (1988-98)	169

* — Still active.

New destinations: The Bengals last week played their first game at INVESCO Field at Mile High, the Broncos home stadium that opened in 2001.

It was the sixth game in the head coach Marvin Lewis era (2003-present) for the Bengals to play in a stadium they had not previously visited for a regular-season or postseason game. Lewis' clubs have posted a 3-3 record in the previous six such games. Here's a recap of those contests:

DATE	OPPONENT	STADIUM	RESULT
Nov. 14, 2004	Washington	FedExField	Bengals, 17-10
Dec. 12, 2004	New England	Gillette	Patriots, 35-28
Jan. 2, 2005*	Philadelphia	Lincoln Financial	Bengals, 38-10
Dec. 18, 2005	Detroit	Ford Field	Bengals, 41-17
Oct. 15, 2006	Tampa Bay	Raymond James	Bucs, 14-13
Dec. 24, 2006	Denver	INVESCO Field	Broncos, 24-23

* — 2004 season.

Cincinnati's 2005 victory at Detroit's Ford Field clinched the AFC North Division championship for the Bengals. The 2004 game at Washington's FedExField drew the largest crowd — 87,786 — of any Bengals regular-season game.

Three Bengals make Pro Bowl: Three players from the 2006 Bengals have been named to the AFC All-Star team for the Pro Bowl game, scheduled Feb. 10 in Honolulu.

OT Willie Anderson and WR Chad Johnson were named as AFC starters, while QB Carson Palmer is also on the team. Anderson and Johnson are each headed to Hawaii for the fourth straight year, Johnson for his fourth year as a starter and Anderson for his third year as a starter. This is the second Pro Bowl nod for Palmer.

"This is a great compliment to our three players, an acknowledgment of the seasons they've had, and they're very deserving," said Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis. "Willie and Chad have continued to play at the high level they established several years ago.

"But I guess the one who really stands out is Carson," Lewis added. "To come back from the injury he had last year and return to the Pro Bowl level, that's just a great tribute to him, not only to his talent, but to the work he put in."

Palmer was voted to the AFC team last season, but was unable to play due to a left knee injury he suffered in the playoffs on Jan. 8 vs. Pittsburgh. He suffered tears of two ligaments (ACL and MCL), but was able to return as the Cincinnati starter for the opening of this season. He has started all 14 games this season.

The 2005 team's total may grow higher than three, as additional Bengals could be added to the rosters due to injuries or other factors. Four Bengals earned alternate status for the AFC team — FB Jeremi Johnson as a first alternate, HB Rudi Johnson and G Eric Steinbach as second alternates, and WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh as a third alternate.

Pro Bowl spots are determined based on voting by players, coaches and fans, each group's vote having equal weight.

Bengals tough on NFC: The Bengals' Nov. 19 win at New Orleans gave them a 2-2 split in their tour of the NFC South Division this season, and since 2004, Cincinnati stands 10-2 against foes from the National Conference.

The Bengals posted 4-0 divisional sweeps against the NFC North in 2005 and the NFC East in 2004.

Joseph comes through as top pick: CB Johnathan Joseph of South Carolina, the Bengals' first-round draft choice, was right on time to training camp.

"My agents told me I wasn't going to hold out," Joseph says. "They laid out the numbers, and that was it."

And no doubt, that is also a contributing factor to where Joseph stands now. An exceptionally fast and quick player who can blitz an opposing backfield as effectively as he covers downfield, the rookie needed only a full dose of preseason work to claim the No. 3 CB position. And due to injuries and other factors, he has wound up starting eight games at LCB for Deltha O'Neal, including the last six.

Joseph leads the team passes defended (17), and he was named by writer Peter King to the Sports Illustrated mid-season all-rookie team.

"Johnathan has done everything well," says head coach Marvin Lewis. "He's been great on the blitz. He's been a good tackler. He's understanding how and what we're doing. It's what we expected when we drafted him — that he'd be able to handle the wide receivers and help us eliminate them from the game."

Familiarity breeds success: The Bengals were the only NFL team in 2005 to return all 11 offensive starters from '04. In 2006, there is still no change, though two starters on the offensive line have missed much playing time this year due to injuries.

C Rich Braham has missed the last 13 games with a knee injury, and LOT Levi Jones has missed nine after suffering a knee injury Oct. 15 at Tampa Bay. Jones also missed Game 2 of this season, due to an ankle injury.

But were all hands healthy, the offensive starting 11 would be

the same as it was in 2004 and '05. The six "skill position" starters are QB Carson Palmer, HB Rudi Johnson, FB Jeremi Johnson, TE Reggie Kelly and WRs Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh. The other starting offensive linemen who were starters the last two seasons are ROT Willie Anderson, LG Eric Steinbach and RG Bobbie Williams.

Magnificent 11: Eleven players on the Bengals roster were on the 53-player roster at the conclusion of the 2002 season, just before Marvin Lewis was hired as head coach.

The 11 survivors are:

• Offense: OT Willie Anderson, C Rich Braham, WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh, WR Chad Johnson, HB Rudi Johnson, OT Levi Jones, LS-TE Brad St. Louis, TE Tony Stewart.

• Defense: FS Kevin Kaesviharn, LB Brian Simmons, DE Justin Smith.

300-pounders rule: Years ago a rarity in the NFL, players weighing 300 or more pounds now outnumber players weighing less than 200. At least on the Bengals roster. The count is 13-8 among the 53 players.

In 1969, the veteran roster reporting for training camp included no 300-pounders and 10 players under 200 pounds.

The 13 current players over 300, in order of roster weight, are: DT Sam Adams (350), G Bobbie Williams (345), G Stacy Andrews (342), OT Willie Anderson (340), G-OT Andrew Whitworth (339), DT Shaun Smith (325), OT Scott Kooistra (320), DT Domata Peko (319), OT Levi Jones (307), C Rich Braham (305), C Ben Wilkerson (305), DE Bryan Robinson (304) and C Eric Ghiaciuc (302).

The seven players weighing less than 200, starting with the lightest, are: CB Keiwan Ratliff (188), WR Skyler Green (190), CB Tory James and WR Chad Johnson (192), CB Johnathan Joseph (193), CB Deltha O'Neal (194), S Kevin Kaesviharn (196) and WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh (199).

Tall and short, young and old: The tallest players on the Bengals roster are G Stacy Andrews and G-OT Andrew Whitworth, both at 6-7. The shortest player is WR Skyler Green at 5-9.

The youngest roster member is DT Domata Peko. He's one of four Bengals born in 1984, but he was the last to turn 22, with his birthday on Nov. 27. The oldest player is C Rich Braham. He turned 36 on Nov. 6.

It's still a landslide: The NFL has long dominated all competition in Harris Poll surveys on Americans' favorite sports, and now ESPN confirms it as well.

The ESPN Sports Poll asked respondents age 12 and over to name their favorite spectator sports. The NFL drew nearly a quarter of the votes (23.30 percent). The NFL's total was nearly double the percentage of the second-place sport (baseball at 12.97), and it nearly equaled the next three sports combined.

The NBA was third at 8.03 percent, followed by college football (7.61 percent) and NASCAR (4.40 percent).

Streak ends at 50: Attendance for the Dec. 18 Bengals game at the RCA Dome was 57,292, breaking a streak of 50 straight Bengals games (home and road) to draw crowds of 60,000 or more. The official capacity of the RCA Dome is 55,531, smallest in the NFL.

The streak of 50 included 49 regular-season games and one postseason game. Prior to last week, the last Bengals game with attendance of less than 60,000 was Nov. 30, 2003 at Pittsburgh, with attendance of 58,797. The last Bengals home game with attendance of under 60,000 was Nov. 9, 2003, with a crowd of 50,437 vs. Houston.

Uniform watch: The Bengals will wear black jerseys and white pants against Pittsburgh.

Since 2004, when the team's uniforms were redesigned, a number of different color options have been available. Below is the team record since '04 in all the different combinations:

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L	PCT.
Orange	Black	3-0	1.000
Orange	White	3-0	1.000
White	White	5-3	.625
Black	Black	5-3	.625
White	Black	6-5	.545
Black	White	5-9	.357

Bengals in domes: The Bengals played two games in domes this season, winning on Nov. 19 at New Orleans and losing Dec. 18 at Indianapolis.

Cincinnati's all-time record in domes is 24-32-1 (regular and postseason).

The Bengals have played in 10 different enclosed stadiums in their history. The list includes the retractable domes at Detroit's Ford Field and Houston's Reliant Stadium, which have been closed when the Bengals have played there.

The Bengals played their first game in a dome against Houston in the Astrodome on Nov. 9, 1969. That game resulted in the only tie in club history, a 31-31 deadlock.

Here is the Bengals' history in the 10 domes they've visited:

STADIUM	CITY	GAMES	W-L
Astrodome	Houston	28	10-17-1
RCA Dome*	Indianapolis	7	3-4-0
Kingdome	Seattle	5	3-2-0
Superdome	New Orleans	5	3-2-0
Silverdome	Pontiac, Mich.	4	3-1-0
Metrodome	Minneapolis	3	0-3-0
Edward Jones Dome**	St. Louis	2	0-2-0
Georgia Dome	Atlanta	1	0-1-0
Reliant Stadium	Houston	1	1-0-0
Ford Field	Detroit	1	1-0-0
TOTALS		56	24-31-1

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

Bengal bites: The Bengals' Dec. 10 game was Oakland was the club's first ever with a 100-yard rusher (Rudi Johnson, 117) and two 100-yard receivers (T.J. Houshmandzadeh, 117; Chad Johnson, 101) ... The Oakland game was the first since Sept. 17, 1989 in which the Bengals did not punt ... The Oakland game was only the third in Bengals history in which the opponent did not make a rushing first down. Previous instances were Sept. 19, 2004 vs. Miami and Nov. 24, 1974 vs. Kansas City. All three games were home games, and all three were Bengals victories ... For only the second time since 1989, the Bengals have four players with as many as 6 TDs. Rudi Johnson has 12, T.J. Houshmandzadeh has 9, Chris Henry has 8 and Chad Johnson has 7. After 1989, no Bengals team had four players with six until last year's AFC North championship club ... The Bengals' best quarter this season has been the second, when they've outscored foes 108-69. Cincinnati's worst quarter has been the third (58-85) ... On Nov. 12, San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson tied Bengals opponents' records for TDs (4) and points (24) in a game. Those marks were previously reached by Roland Hooks of Buffalo in 1979 and Az-Zahir Hakim of the St. Louis Rams in 1999 ... Carson Palmer's 4 TD passes on Sept. 24 at Pittsburgh is tied for the most by a passer in the AFC this season ... The Bengals have five players named Johnson on the roster — WR Chad, QB Doug, FB Jeremi, LB Landon and HB Rudi. On the all-time Bengals roster through 2005, Johnson is the most common name (17), with Smith (14) second and Williams (12) third ... Since 1994, when the two-point conversion was added NFL rules, the Bengals are 12-for-31 (38.7 percent), and opponents are 14-for-32 (43.8 percent). The only two-point try by a Bengals opponent this year was a failed pass by Atlanta on Oct. 29. The Bengals are also 0-for-1 this year, as an aborted PAT try at Denver last week counts as a two-point attempt because the

ball was never kicked. Aside from the aborted PAT, the Bengals have tried only 2 two-pointers in 63 games under head coach Marvin Lewis, with one success. Twice previously, in 2000 and 2003, the Bengals did not try a two-pointer all season ... New Orleans' 595 net offensive yards on Nov. 19 were the most ever

allowed by the Bengals in a victory. The 595 total was third-most overall, behind 661 by San Diego in 1982 and 604 by Oakland in 1968 ... New Orleans' 504 net passing yards on Nov. 19 was a Bengals' opponents record. The previous record had been 486 by San Diego in 1982 ... Bengals LB Ahmad Brooks has changed jersey numbers since the publication of the team's 2006 Media Guide. Brooks now wears No. 50.

Bengals quotes

OT Willie Anderson, on the loss at Denver:

"We need to quit saying the word 'talented' when it comes to us. Because when you say 'We've got more talent than that team,' that means you just got beat. Talent doesn't mean a thing. We've still got Pittsburgh, and we can still make the playoffs. But we need to address some things, I'll say that."

WR Chad Johnson, on the loss at Denver:

"The first half might have been my worst first half ever. I dropped a ball, I lose a ball on the fumble. It didn't play out the way it should have played out. We haven't been clicking. But we can come back. We're not out of anything yet."

QB Carson Palmer, on the aborted PAT at Denver:

"Obviously disappointing, shocking. But the truth is we shouldn't have been in that situation. It shouldn't have come down to that. We made mistakes. I made mistakes. Chad (Johnson) made mistakes. The offensive line made mistakes. It doesn't come down to one play."

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on QB Carson Palmer:

"I think Carson is overly hard on himself, harder than anybody I've ever been around that plays that position. As we know, he's modest to a fault. He doesn't want to take credit for anything. But that's just his personality."

Lewis, on scoreboard-watching during the run for the playoffs:

"I don't look. I don't root against this team or that team, because my rooting has no effect. I'm just wasting my time."

Palmer, on HB Rudi Johnson:

"As the game goes on, as the season goes on, Rudi doesn't lose his step. He doesn't get worn down, and he doesn't get tired. If anything, he gets stronger. He gets in better shape as the season goes on and just wears you out. When he's running like he was (against Oakland), and he's getting holes like he did, we're tough to beat. When they have to worry about Rudi Johnson in the backfield, then we can go with some play action and get guys to jump and bite on some certain things. Where we are right now with three games left, we're really going to be leaning on Rudi."

DT John Thornton, on SS Dexter Jackson's defense leadership role:

"He doesn't care what you think. He'll start a fight with guys to get them going. He's the most vocal guy (on the field), a guy that gets you fired up and tells you what to do."

Lewis, on the steady contributions of numerous players pressed into service due to injury:

"It's good that guys take their spot and keep us playing steady. And the other guys who have been steady performers — like Willie Anderson, Eric Steinbach and Reggie Kelly — are helping these other guys feel comfortable. It happens as much on the practice field and meeting room as it does on Sunday. As things unfold, they all feel good as it works together. The pieces of the puzzle fit together, and they all see it the same way."

Lewis, on rookie Ethan Kilmer making no celebration after his INT return for a TD on Nov. 19 at New Orleans:

"You wouldn't expect anything different from him. He just wanted to catch his breath so he could go down and make a tackle on the kickoff."

Quarterbacks coach Ken Zampese, on QB Carson Palmer:

"As much as anything, you admire his mental toughness. He hasn't had an offseason (due to knee injury rehab). And he's taken all the crap that keeps coming. Losing Richie (C Rich Braham). Losing receivers. He's just kept going. It bothers him, but he's able to stay composed."

Lewis, on whether or not rookie LOT Andrew Whitworth is "special:"

"Well, we try not to draft guys who aren't going to be special. We spend a lot of time looking at that. He's got a lot of ability. He's smart, intelligent. It's not going to be too big for him. He's got a calmness. He's got a great offensive line personality. He's a big, strong, aggressive man who doesn't like to lose. You like to have as many of those guys on your side as you can."

Defensive backs coach Kevin Coyle, on FS Madiou Williams:

"Madiou is a dynamic player in the center of the field and does a lot of things for us. He helps us a great deal both in coverage and in run support."

Palmer, on offensive statistics:

"I don't think anybody on our offense cares, as long as we get the win. We do need to keep evolving as an offense, countering what the defense does and not being quite as predictable in certain situations. But numbers, that's all they are ... numbers. All we're really worried about as a unit offensively is wins and losses."

Palmer, on one of Marvin Lewis' messages to the team:

"We don't know who's on the schedule next week. We don't know who was on it last week. We are worried about who we have to play this week."

Special teams coach Darrin Simmons, on rookie Ethan Kilmer:

"One thing you can't coach is his speed. The guy has athletic ability that's off the charts. He can run and jump and move, and he has an innate ability also to stay on his feet. He doesn't know how well he can do those things yet, and a lot of these situations he's being put in, he's seeing for the very first time. "But I've been fortunate to work with some very, very good, Pro Bowl cover players, like Bennie Thompson in Baltimore and Michael Bates in Carolina. As Ethan develops and grows, he has the opportunity to be one of those guys."

DE Justin Smith, on DT Sam Adams:

"Sam's a presence; he's a heck of a ballplayer. He's been doing this a long time. He knows how to do it and when to do it. Anytime you bring quality guys in here, you add depth. That's something we've always lacked in the past. Now everyone on the D-line rolls through. It's the first time I've been here that we've got everything we need."

C Rich Braham, on QB Carson Palmer taking extra time to sign autographs for a Braham-sponsored youth group:

"That's the kind of guy Carson is. Any time he can do something extra for a teammate, he's there. That's one reason he's such a good leader on the field."

Lewis, on DT Sam Adams:

"Sam is a very, very good player. He knows how to do things the way you ask him to do it, and yet he has the determination to

do things to try and defy people ... defy perception, I guess would be the word. He has always been that way. You like that part of him. He's very intelligent on the field and off the field. On the field he helps you in those ways. He helps guys understand the game plan. He helps the guys understand the other side of the football and things that are occurring within the scope of the game. Those are things that I'm looking forward to having on our football team, just like Dexter (Jackson) has brought to us. Those guys from outside who see things with a little different perspective and will help our other guys grow a little bit and add to the things that we're doing."

Position-by-position roundup

Quarterbacks: Fourth-year pro Carson Palmer was 21-for-40 passing for 209 yards, 2 TDs and 2 INTs at Denver. His TD passes went for 11 yards to WR Chris Henry in the second quarter and 10 yards to WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh in the fourth quarter. The pass to Houshmandzadeh completed a 12-play, 90-yard drive for an apparent tying touchdown with 0:41 remaining in the fourth quarter, but the Bengals failed to convert the PAT and wound up with the 24-23 loss. Palmer had just a 63.4 passer rating for the game, but for the season he is at 94.1, with 304 completions in 482 attempts (63.1 percent) for 3784 yards with 26 TDs and 13 INTs. Palmer has started every game, and has played every offensive snap in all but three games, when he was rested in the fourth quarter. Those games were Oct. 1 vs. New England, Nov. 26 at Cleveland and Dec. 10 vs. Oakland. Anthony Wright was the No. 2 QB at Denver and did not play. Wright has played in three games, with 3-for-3 passing for 31 yards. Doug Johnson was the designated third QB on the inactive list at Denver. He has not played this season.

Running backs: Sixth-year pro Rudi Johnson rushed for 129 yards on 30 carries at Denver. He scored his team-leading 12th TD of the season (all rushing) on a 6-yard run in the first quarter for a 7-0 Bengals lead. It was the 45th rushing TD of Johnson's career, tying him with Corey Dillon for second place all-time on the Bengals, 19 behind all-time leader Pete Johnson (64). Rudi Johnson has scored 12 TDs for three consecutive seasons. Johnson raised his team-leading season rushing total to 1262 yards. He has had 232 carries and has a 3.8-yard avg. He topped the 100-yard mark for the fifth time on the season, tying a team record he already shared. The Denver game marked the first time the Bengals have lost in 18 games in which he has had 25 or more carries. Johnson also had 2 pass receptions for 11 yards against the Broncos, and for the season, he leads the RBs in receptions (22), for 121 yards. Johnson set club rushing records the last two seasons with 1454 and 1458 yards. Fifth-year pro Kenny Watson saw action for the 15th game in the Denver contest. He had 2 rushes for 14 yards, and his 12-yard gain on a shovel pass reception converted a third-and-10 play from the Denver 18 in the first quarter, setting up Rudi Johnson's 6-yard run for the game's first score. For the season, Watson is 25-for-138 rushing (5.5) with 1 TD, and he has 19 catches for 194 yards (10.2). He leads the RBs in receiving yards. Jeremi Johnson was again in Cincinnati's No. 1 FB role for the Broncos game. Johnson has been the club's No. 1 FB for his entire four-year career. He had no rushes or receptions against the Colts, but supported Rudi Johnson's 129-yard rushing game. Jeremi Johnson has a career-high 56 rushing yards on the season (on 14 attempts) and has 6 pass receptions for 37 yards.

Wide receivers: At Denver, T.J. Houshmandzadeh led the team in catches (9) and receiving yards (94), taking over the team lead for the season in catches (86) and posting the first 1000-yard season of his career (1037). He scored his team-leading 9th receiving TD on an 11-yard play at 0:41 of the fourth quarter. It appeared the score would send the game into overtime until the Bengals failed to convert the PAT. Houshmandzadeh ranks second on the team in total TDs and receiving yards, and his catch and TD totals are career highs. Houshmandzadeh played in his 13th straight game after missing the first two contests with a heel bruise. Chad Johnson was held to 3 catches for 32 yards in the Broncos game, but he leads the team (and the NFL) for the season with 1316 receiving yards. He ranks second on the team in catches (83), and he has 7 TDs. Johnson set an NFL record for receiving yards in back-to-back games with 450 in Games 9 and 10. With 117 yards against Pittsburgh, Johnson would break the Bengals record of 1432 receiving yards that he set last season. He has secured a fourth straight Pro Bowl berth this season, and is bidding to become the first player to lead the AFC or NFC four years in a row in receiving yards. Johnson also has 24 rushing yards on 6 carries this season. Second-year pro Chris Henry played in his 12th game of the year in the Denver contest and had 3 catches for 30 yards. He scored his 8th TD of the season when he beat tight coverage from Denver's Darrent Williams for an 11-yard score late in the second quarter that gave the Bengals a 17-14 halftime lead. He also had a 75-yard TD play called back in the third quarter when the

Bengals were penalized for an illegal shift. For the season, Henry has 32 catches, for 481 yards. Rookie Glenn Holt saw action for the 10th game in the Denver contest. He had no receptions, but averaged 26.8 yards on 4 kickoff returns. He is averaging 25.5 yards on 13 returns for the season. He also has 1 catch for 3 yards on the year. Rookie Reggie McNeal made his sixth NFL appearance in the Broncos game (no statistics). For the season, he has 1 rush for 8 yards. McNeal was in uniform for Games 5-7 as the inactive designated third QB, filling the spot while No. 2 QB Anthony Wright recovered from an appendectomy. Rookie Skyler Green, obtained Dec. 15 on waivers from Dallas, was on the inactive list for the second straight game in the Denver contest.

Tight ends: Eighth-year pro Reggie Kelly made his 15th start in the Denver game. He had 2 receptions for 23 yards. He is 20-for-250 receiving on the season, his yardage total the highest of his four Bengals seasons. He has 1 TD. Sixth-year pro Tony Stewart played his 15th game of the year in the Denver contest and had 1 catch for 7 yards. He is 12-for-116 receiving on the season. On special teams against the Broncos, Stewart tipped a Denver punt in the first quarter, and the resultant short kick helped set up a short Bengals drive for a TD that produced a 7-0 lead. Brad St. Louis works in practice with the tight ends, but he is primarily the team's long snapper.

Offensive linemen: ROT Willie Anderson started his 111th consecutive Bengals game in the Denver contest, despite having missed most of the previous week's game at Indianapolis with a foot strain. Anderson's usual starting tackle mate, LOT Levi Jones, ended a streak of nine straight games missed with a knee injury in the Denver game. Jones did not start, as rookie Andrew Whitworth made his 10th straight start at LOT, but Jones entered the game in the first quarter and played the rest of the way. RG Bobbie Williams, who was out due to an appendectomy for Games 10-12, made his 12th start in the Denver game. Williams had been replaced during his appendectomy recovery by third-year player Stacy Andrews, who saw action on special teams against the Broncos. LG Eric Steinbach started at Denver, joining Anderson as the only Bengals offensive linemen to start every game this season. Steinbach has started 13 games at LG, with one start at C and one start at LOT. At Denver, for the second straight game, Steinbach preserved a Bengals possession by covering a Carson Palmer fumble after Palmer was hit by a pass rusher. Since Game 3 of this season, the Bengals have been without starting C Rich Braham, who suffered a knee injury on Sept. 17 vs. Cleveland. Second-year pro Eric Ghiaciuc continued to start in Braham's place in the Denver game. Ghiaciuc has played in 14 games on the season, with 12 starts. Veteran OT Scott Kooistra played in his 14th game in the Denver contest, seeing action on special teams. He has played in two games on offense. First-year C Ben Wilkerson, who has played in two games, was on the inactive list at Denver.

Defensive linemen: Rookie DT Domata Peko played in his 15th straight game in the Denver contest, and his 6 tackles included 1.5 sacks, giving him a total of 2 sacks for the season. He teamed with S Dexter Jackson for a 9-yard sack on third down in the first quarter, dropping Jay Cutler at the Denver 1 and forcing a short punt that set up the Bengals for an 18-yard TD drive and a 7-0 lead. Peko had a 6-yard solo sack of Cutler earlier in the first period that helped force a punt. Peko also had his first forced fumble of the year, against Tatum Bell in the second quarter, and Deltha O'Neal's recovery at the Broncos 30 set up the Bengals' TD drive for a 17-14 halftime lead. Peko has 49 tackles on the season. RDE Justin Smith started his 90th consecutive Bengals game in the Denver contest. He led the team with 10 tackles, and he moved from third to second place on the team in tackles for the season at 101. He leads the line by a prohibitive 47 tackles, en route to leading the line in tackles for a fifth straight year. Smith ranks second on the team in sacks (7.0), and he leads in defensive fumble recoveries (2). He also has a forced fumble and a line-leading 4 passes defended. Starting LDE Bryan Robinson had 1 tackle at Denver. Robinson has 46 tackles on the season with 3 sacks, 2 passes defended and a forced fumble. DE Robert Geathers had 4 tackles against the Broncos. Geathers has 51

tackles on the season, including a team-leading 10.5 sacks. He is the first Bengals double-digit sacker since Alfred Williams had 10 in 1992. RDT John Thornton had 3 tackles at Denver. He played in his third straight game after missing the Nov. 30 Baltimore game with a knee strain. The Baltimore game is the only Bengals start Thornton has missed since signing as a free agent in 2003. Thornton ranks second on the line for the season with 54 tackles, including 2 sacks. He also has a fumble recovery, a forced fumble, 3 passes defended and a blocked field goal. LDT Sam Adams, known best for his Pro Bowl style in tying up blockers, made his 15th straight Bengals start in the Denver game and had a season-best 6 tackles, including his second sack of the year. He dropped Jay Cutler for a 4-yard loss in the first quarter, helping force a punt. Adams has 24 tackles on the season. He also has 1 pass defended. DE Jonathan Fanene played in his third game of the year in the Denver contest (no statistics). He has 3 solo tackles on the year. Fanene has been on the roster for four games since being activated from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list. DT Shaun Smith, who has played in 13 games, was inactive for the second straight week in the Broncos game. Smith has 14 tackles and 1 pass defended for the year.

Linebackers: Landon Johnson led the LBs with 9 tackles at Denver and ranked second on the team. He raised his team-leading tackle total for the season to 126, and he leads the team by 25 tackles entering the regular-season finale. Johnson led the team in tackles as a rookie in 2004 and finished third on the team last year. On the season, he also has 1 INT, 4 passes defended, a team-leading 2 forced fumbles and credit for 0.5 sacks. Johnson also has 6 special teams tackles on the year. Ninth-year vet Brian Simmons made his second straight start in the Denver game, and had 5 tackles. Simmons had played but not started in Games 12-13, and he had missed four straight games prior to that, all due to a neck strain. Simmons has played in 10 games on the season, with seven starts. He has 69 tackles for the year, ranked fifth on the team despite his limited action. He leads the front seven in interceptions (2) and passes defended (8), and he also has a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Third-year pro Caleb Miller, who has played in every game with seven starts, saw action as a reserve in the Denver game and had 2 tackles. He ranks third on the team in tackles for the season with 96, including 1 sack. He also has a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and 2 passes defended. On Nov. 19 at New Orleans, Miller set team highs for the season in total tackles (16) and solos (13). Miller also has the second-most tackles by a Bengal in a game this season, having logged 15 on Oct. 1 vs. New England. Miller also ranks sixth in special teams tackles (12). Rookie Rashad Jeanty saw action at Denver and had 4 tackles. Though listed as the No. 1 SLB, he did not start due to the Bengals opening in a nickel front. He has played 11 games with eight starts on the season. He has missed four games with a foot injury. Jeanty has 49 tackles on the season, and also has a forced fumble, 3 passes defended and a special teams fumble recovery. Jeanty also has 7 special teams tackles on the year. Rookie Ahmad Brooks played in his 11th game in the Denver contest after being inactive for the previous two games. He had 1 tackle and has 46 tackles for the season. He has led the team in tackles in two games. He has 1 sack and 2 passes defended. Fifth-year player Marcus Wilkins played for the 15th game in the Denver contest (no statistics). Wilkins has 15 special teams tackles on the season, tied for third on the team, and he has 1 tackle on defense. Second-year player Andre Frazier was inactive at Denver due to a groin strain. Signed as a free agent on Sept. 27, he has played in 11 games. He ranks fifth on the year in special teams tackles with 13. Frazier has 2 tackles on defense. Rookie A.J. Nicholson was inactive at Denver. He has played in two games (no statistics) on the season, with 13 games on the inactive list.

Defensive backs: SS Dexter Jackson had 5 tackles at Denver, including a key shared sack, and he also had his first INT of the season, returning a Jay Cutler pass 46 yards to the Broncos 5-yard line on the game's first scrimmage play. (The offense failed to capitalize as Denver intercepted a Bengals pass in the end zone). Later in the first quarter, Jackson teamed with DT Domata Peko to sack Cutler for a nine-yard loss to the Denver 1 on a third-down play, setting up a short punt which set up an 18-yard Bengals drive for a 7-0 lead. Jackson has started the last five games after missing the Nov. 19 New Orleans game with an ankle injury. Jackson has played in 11 games with nine starts on the season, also having missed Games 3-5 with an ankle injury. Jackson has 56 tackles for the season, including 1 sack, and he has 6 passes defended. First-round draft pick Johnathan Joseph made his sixth straight start at LCB in the Denver game and had 3 tackles with a pass defended. It was his seventh start of the season. Joseph leads the team in passes defended (17), and he has 58 tackles, ranked sixth on the team and second in the secondary. He also has 1 fumble recovery. Joseph has played in every game, and he also had a blocked PAT at New Orleans. FS Madiou Williams started his 15th straight game in the Denver contest and led the secondary with 6 tackles while adding 2

passes defended. He leads the secondary for the season with 73 tackles, ranked fourth on the team. His 3 INTs tie him for second on the team, and he ranks third in passes defended (12). He also has a forced fumble. Starting RCB Tory James had 2 tackles at Denver. He had no passes defended but ranks second on the team for the season with 13. A 2004 season Pro Bowl selection, James has started every Bengals game at RCB since joining the team in 2003. He has 3 INTs on the season, tied for second on the team, and he has 41 INTs for his NFL career (including 3 in postseason play). His 56 tackles on the season rank tied for seventh on the team. S Kevin Kaesviharn had 2 tackles at Denver, and his 54 tackles for the season include 3.5 sacks, ranked third on the team and the most by a secondary member since S Darryl Williams had 3.5 in 2001. Kaesviharn had no INTs at Denver, but he leads the team for the season with 6. His INT total is his career high and is the most INTs by a Bengals safety since 1989, when David Fulcher had 8 in a Pro Bowl season. Kaesviharn also ranks fourth on the team for the season in passes defended (11). He has 1 forced fumble. He has played in 13 games with six starts. He started at Denver as part of a nickel package. He missed Games 8-9 due to a knee bruise suffered Oct. 29 vs. Atlanta. Starting LCB Deltha O'Neal saw action as a reserve for the second straight game in the Denver contest, after missing the previous four games. He had 1 tackle, and he recovered a Tatum Bell fumble forced by Domata Peko at the Denver 30 in the second quarter, setting up a Cincinnati drive for a 17-14 halftime lead. He has played in 11 games with seven starts and has 37 tackles for the year, with 1 INT. He also has 9 passes defended. O'Neal tied for the NFL lead last season with a Bengals-record 10 INTs. Rookie S Ethan Kilmer played on special teams at Denver (no statistics). Kilmer has played in all 15 games, with three game appearances on defense. He has 4 tackles on defense for the season, plus a 52-yard INT for a TD on Nov. 19 at New Orleans. Kilmer ranks second on the special teams for the season with 16 tackles, and he has 1 special teams fumble recovery. CB Keiwan Ratliff played on special teams at Denver (no tackles). Ratliff had 3 punt returns for a 7.2-yard average. In the first quarter, Ratliff made an alert catch of a short Broncos punt at the Denver 35 and returned 17 yards to the Broncos 18, setting up a Bengals TD drive for a 7-0 lead. Ratliff has played in all 15 games and has 16 tackles on defense on the season, with 1 pass defended and 2 special teams tackles. He leads the team in punt returns (24), with a 7.1-yard average. First-year player Herana-Daze Jones led the team at Denver with 2 special teams tackles and took over the team lead for the season in special teams stops at 17. Jones has played in every game and also has a special teams forced fumble, and 2 tackles on defense. Rookie S John Busing was inactive at Denver. He has played in seven games and has 6 special teams stops on the season.

Special teams: TE Tony Stewart had a second straight game with a big play on special teams in the Denver game. With the Broncos punting out of their end zone in the first quarter, he tipped the kick, resulting in a short punt that Cincinnati's returned 17 yards to the Denver 18, setting up a drive for a 7-0 Bengals lead. The previous week at Indianapolis, Stewart's recovery of a muffed punt set up a short drive for the only Bengals TD. Stewart also has two of the team's four special teams fumble recoveries on the season, and he ranks tied for third on the special teams in tackles (15). K Shayne Graham made his only FG attempt at Indianapolis, hitting from 46 yards in the second quarter. He is 24-for-28 on the year on FGs, an 85.7 percent accuracy rate, and he is 38-for-40 on PATs. His 110 points rank him third in scoring among AFC kickers. Graham is 120-for-142 on FGs for his NFL career, an accuracy rate of 84.51 percent that ranks him second all-time in the NFL. Earlier this season, Graham completed a run of 17 consecutive made FGs, a Bengals record, and he also completed a Bengals-record run of 158 consecutive made PATs. Graham has 13 touchbacks on kickoffs this season, tied for 5th in the NFL. The Bengals suffered a critical missed PAT at Denver, after closing to within 24-23 with 0:41 to play. Cincinnati's PAT try was aborted, as a high and wide snap from Brad St. Louis went through the outstretched hands of holder Kyle Larson, and the Broncos held their one-point lead. The Bengals recovered an ensuing onside kick, but it was nullified by an offside penalty against Cincinnati, and the Broncos recovered the repeat onside try to seal their win. Larson averaged 45.8 yards on his five punts at Denver, with 2 inside-20 kicks and no touchbacks. He pinned Denver on its 7-yard line with a first-quarter punt, and in the third quarter, his punt was downed at the Broncos 1. Larson had a 39.2-yard net average at Denver and maintained his season net average at 38.5. He ranks seventh in the NFL's net-yardage rankings. If held for the full season, Larson's net would be the best for a Bengal since 1995, when Lee Johnson posted a 38.6. Larson's strong net average has been helped by his plus-17 differential between inside-20 kicks (25) and touchbacks (8). Larson's season gross average is now 44.0. No Bengals punter has done as well as 44.0 for a full season since Johnson posted a 44.7 average in 1998. Rookie WR Glenn Holt was the player who downed Larson's third-quarter punt at the Denver 1, and also at Denver, Holt continued to show

promise on kickoff returns. He averaged 26.8 yards on 4 returns and has averaged 25.5 yards on 13 returns on the season. Holt has taken over the No. 1 KOR spot following injuries that have ended the season for Tab Perry and Chris Perry. CB Keiwan Ratliff averaged 6.7 yards on 3

returns at Denver. In the first quarter, he made an alert catch of a short Broncos punt at the Denver 35 and returned 17 yards to the Broncos 18, setting up a Bengals TD drive for a 7-0 lead. For the season, Ratliff is averaging 7.1 yards on 24 punt returns. Herana-Daze Jones led the special teams with 2 tackles at Denver and took over the special teams tackles lead for the season at 17.

Media schedule

Wed., Dec. 27	— Locker room open from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Carson Palmer news conference at 11:45 a.m.; Conference call with Steelers WR Hines Ward at 11:50 a.m.; Conference call with Steelers head coach Bill Cowher at 12:15 p.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at 12:30 p.m.; Practice from 1:15-3:30 p.m.; Practice open to media from 1:15-1:40 p.m., but no cameras after 1:35 p.m.; Assistant coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player interviews after practice must be arranged through PR at least 24 hours in advance.		1:35 p.m.; Assistant coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; Player interviews after practice must be arranged through PR at least 24 hours in advance.
Thurs., Dec. 28	— Locker room open from 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Practice from 1:15-3:30 p.m.; Practice open to media from 1:15-1:40 p.m., but no cameras after	Fri., Dec. 29	— Locker room open from 10:15 a.m.-11 a.m.; Practice from 11:15-12:50 p.m.; Practice open to media from 11:15-11:30 a.m.; Coaches available briefly coming off the practice field; No player access after practice.
		Sat., Dec. 30	— No media access.
		Sun., Dec. 31	— Game 16, Bengals vs. Pittsburgh at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m. EST.
		Mon., Jan. 1	— Schedule TBA.

2006 game summaries

GAME 1

Bengals 23, Chiefs 10
Sunday, Sept. 10, at Arrowhead Stadium

The defense led the way as the Bengals posted an impressive season-opening win at one of the NFL's toughest road locales. Chiefs quarterbacks were sacked 7 times, one short of the Bengals record, and Kansas City managed only 289 yards net offense. The Bengals forced three Chiefs turnovers — a Madiou Williams INT and a Justin Smith fumble recovery by the defense, plus a Rashad Jeanty fumble recovery on punt coverage. Smith had 3 of the Cincinnati sacks. The Chiefs scored first on a first-quarter field goal, and the game was tied 3-3 until late in the second quarter, when the Bengals bolted to a 17-3 halftime lead on TD runs of 22 yards by Rudi Johnson and 8 yards by Kenny Watson. Johnson's TD for a 10-3 lead climaxed an 11-play, 88-yard drive. Bengals QB Carson Palmer played every offensive snap, meeting the team goal of his starting the opener, despite having suffered a serious knee injury that ended his 2005 season during the playoffs.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	17	0	6	—	23
Kansas City.....	3	0	0	7	—	10

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
K.C. — L.Tynes 29 field goal.....	1-3:05
Cin. — S.Graham 37 field goal.....	2-14:53
Cin. — R.Johnson 22 run (S.Graham kick).....	2-5:15
Cin. — K.Watson 8 run (S.Graham kick).....	2-1:05
Cin. — S.Graham 42 field goal.....	4-11:35
K.C. — T.Gonzalez 9 pass from D.Huard (L.Tynes kick).....	4-3:52
Cin. — S.Graham 36 field goal.....	4-1:09

Missed FGs: L.Tynes (51WR). Attendance: 77,956. Time: 2:58.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	K.C.
First downs.....	12	18
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-13	5-15
Total net yards.....	236	289
Net yards rushing.....	116	113
Net yards passing.....	120	176
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	19-13-0	35-23-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-7	7-54
Punts-average.....	5-42.6	4-41.3
Punt returns-yards.....	1-2	3-5
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-48	4-87
Penalties-yards.....	5-40	5-40
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	4-2
Time of possession.....	28:03	31:57

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	K.C.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	28	96	22t	1	L.Johnson	17	68	18	0
C.Johnson	2	14	8	0	T.Green	4	21	9	0
K.Watson	2	7	8t	1	E.Kennison	1	9	9	0
C.Palmer	2	-1	0	0	D.Huard	1	8	8	0
					J.Page	1	4	4	0
					D.Hall	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	34	116	22	2	TOTALS	25	113	18	0

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	K.C.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	19	13	127	0-0	D.Huard	20	12	140	1-0
					T.Green	15	11	90	0-1
TOTALS	19	13	127	0-0	TOTALS	35	23	230	1-1

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	K.C.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Johnson	5	48	15	0	T.Gonzalez	10	81	21	1
T.Perry	2	44	30	0	L.Johnson	5	80	25	0
K.Washington	1	10	10	0	D.Hall	5	31	8	0
K.Watson	1	8	8	0	S.Parker	2	24	12	0
R.Kelly	1	8	8	0	E.Kennison	1	14	14	0
T.Stewart	1	7	7	0					
R.Johnson	1	7	7	0					
C.Henry	1	-5	-5	0					
TOTALS	13	127	30	0	TOTALS	23	230	25	1

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Simmons 6-3-9, L.Johnson 6-2-8, B.Robinson 6-1-7, J.Smith 6-1-7, D.Jackson 4-3-7, R.Geathers 4-2-6, M.Williams 4-1-5, J.Joseph 3-2-5, K.Kaesviharn 4-0-4, J.Thornton 3-1-4, T.James 3-0-3, D.O'Neal 2-1-3, C.Miller 2-0-2, D.Peko 2-0-2, R.Jeanty 1-1-2, S.Smith 1-0-1, M.Wilkins 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Smith 3-21, R.Geathers 2-18, B.Robinson 1-8, J.Thornton 1-7. INT.-YDS.: M.Williams 1(-1). PBU: M.Williams 2, L.Johnson 1, K.Kaesviharn 1, D.O'Neal 1, B.Robinson 1, J.Thornton 1. FF: B.Robinson 1, J.Smith 1. FR-YDS.: J.Smith 1-0.

Kansas City (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Johnson 6-2-8, J.Allen 7-0-7, T.Hali 3-4-7, J.Reed 3-3-6, K.Mitchell 4-1-5, P.Surtain 4-0-4, S.Knight 4-0-4, T.Law 4-0-4, G.Wesley 3-0-3, K.Bell 2-0-2, J.Page 2-0-2, L.Walls 1-0-1, R.Sims 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Allen 1-7. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: P.Surtain 2, K.Mitchell 1. FF: J.Allen 1. FR-YDS.: D.Johnson 1-0.

GAME 2

Bengals 34, Browns 17
Sunday, Sept. 17, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals mounted touchdown drives of 75 and 92 yards on their first two possessions, then held off the Browns the rest of the way in a somewhat sloppy but successful home opener. The result tied the "Battle of Ohio" series at 33 wins for each franchise. The Browns did not reach the end zone until early in the fourth quarter, when Reuben Droughns' 1-yard run closed the gap to 20-10, but the Bengals responded with an 80-yard drive, capped by a 1-yard Rudi Johnson TD run, to go ahead 27-10. LB Landon Johnson picked off a Cleveland pass on the next Browns possession, setting up a 26-yard drive that was capped by a 9-yard Johnson TD run. Johnson posted his fourth straight game of 126 or more rushing yards against the Browns, going for 145 on 26 carries. Bengals QB Carson Palmer passed for 352 yards, the second-most of his career, while throwing for 2 TDs and 2 INTs. The Bengals improved to 2-0 on the season, and the Browns fell to 0-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cleveland.....	3	0	0	14	—	17
Cincinnati.....	14	3	0	17	—	34

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — K.Washington 22 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	1-12:27
Cle. — P.Dawson 30 field goal.....	1-8:50
Cin. — C.Johnson 8 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	1-3:09
Cin. — S.Graham 37 field goal.....	2-0:00
Cin. — S.Graham 37 field goal.....	4-14:11
Cle. — R.Droughns 1 run (P.Dawson kick).....	4-13:06
Cin. — R.Johnson 1 run (S.Graham kick).....	4-9:50
Cin. — R.Johnson 9 run (S.Graham kick).....	4-7:08
Cle. — C.Frye 2 run (P.Dawson kick).....	4-0:58

Missed FGs: S.Graham (44WR). Attendance: 66,072. Time: 3:15.

TEAM STATISTICS	CLE.	CIN.
First downs.....	17	27
Third down conversions-attempts.....	2-10	8-15
Total net yards.....	301	481
Net yards rushing.....	57	160
Net yards passing.....	244	321
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	33-20-2	40-24-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	4-31
Punts-average.....	6-43.5	4-48.0
Punt returns-yards.....	2-8	2-15
Kickoff returns-yards.....	6-120	3-40
Penalties-yards.....	2-27	9-49
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	25:55	34:05

Rushing

CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Droughns	14	32	10	1	R.Johnson	26	145	20	2
D.Northcutt	1	16	16	0	K.Watson	1	10	10	0
C.Frye	4	10	14	1	T.Perry	2	4	2	0
J.Wright	1	-1	-1	0	C.Palmer	3	1	2	0
TOTALS	20	57	16	2	TOTALS	32	160	20	2

Passing

CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Frye	33	20	244	0-2	C.Palmer	40	24	352	2-2
TOTALS	33	20	244	0-2	TOTALS	40	24	352	2-2

Receiving

CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
B.Edwards	4	110	75	0	C.Johnson	6	78	18	1
K.Winslow	4	42	13	0	C.Henry	5	113	43	0
R.Droughns	3	30	24	0	K.Washington	5	77	22t	1
D.Northcutt	3	18	7	0	T.Perry	3	37	26	0
J.Harrison	2	17	9	0	R.Kelly	2	35	18	0
S.Heiden	2	13	10	0	R.Johnson	2	3	5	0
J.Cribbs	1	11	11	0	T.Stewart	1	9	9	0
T.Smith	1	3	3	0					
TOTALS	20	244	75	0	TOTALS	24	352	43	2

Defense

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: S.Jones 5-9-14, G.Baxter 6-4-10, B.Russell 5-2-7, A.Davis 2-3-5, B.Pool 3-1-4, C.Thompson 3-1-4, O.Royce 3-1-4, D.Jackson 1-3-4, K.Wimbley 3-0-3, T.Washington 2-0-2, R.Brown 2-0-2, A.McKinley 1-1-2, M.Stewart 1-0-1, E.Kelley 1-0-1, D.McMillan 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Thompson 1-10, M.Stewart 1-9, B.Pool 1-7, K.Wimbley 1-5. INT.-YDS.: L.Bodden 1-35, A.Davis 1-0. PD: L.Bodden 3, G.Baxter 1, A.Davis 1, B.Pool 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Simmons 5-4-9, L.Johnson 5-0-5, M.Williams 4-1-5, K.Kaesviharn 2-3-5, S.Adams 3-1-4, D.O'Neal 3-1-4, B.Robinson 3-1-4, J.Thornton 3-1-4, C.Miller 3-0-3, J.Smith 2-1-3, T.James 1-2-3, J.Joseph 1-2-3, D.Peko 2-0-2, D.Jackson 1-1-2, R.Jeanty 1-0-1, R.Geathers 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: B.Simmons 1-5, L.Johnson 1-2. PBU: L.Johnson 2, S.Adams 1, D.Jackson 1, T.James 1, R.Jeanty 1, D.O'Neal 1, B.Simmons 1, J.Thornton 1, M.Williams 1. FF: B.Simmons 1. FR-YDS.: J.Thornton 1-0.

GAME 3
Bengals 28, Steelers 20
Sunday, Sept. 24, at Heinz Field

In a wild game that featured eight turnovers, a blocked FG, and three lead changes, the Bengals went to 3-0 on the season and dropped the defending Super Bowl champions to a 1-2 mark. The Bengals improved their record at Pittsburgh under Marvin Lewis to 3-1. The Bengals struggled early, and were on the verge of a 14-0 deficit before FS Madiou Williams made the first of many big plays, an end-zone INT on the first play of the second quarter. An ensuing 97-yard TD drive led to a dominant Cincinnati second quarter, and the Bengals led 14-7 at halftime. But Pittsburgh led 17-14 up to midway in the fourth quarter, and the Steelers appeared in control until the game's most pivotal play — Cincinnati's Tony Stewart recovering a Pittsburgh muffed punt return at the Steelers 9-yard line. The Bengals roared back to take a 28-17 lead with 7:05 to play, but Pittsburgh scored a FG and forced a Bengals punt. Then the Steelers drove 73 yards to the Bengals 16 before SS Kevin Kaesviharn — at 0:10 — finally iced the game for Cincinnati with an end-zone INT. Bengals QB Carson Palmer tied his career high with 4 TD passes.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	14	0	14	—	28
Pittsburgh.....	7	0	10	3	—	20

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Pitt. — W.Parker 3 run (J.Reed kick).....	1-9:04
Cin. — C.Henry 16 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	2-6:34
Cin. — C.Henry 3 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	2-0:05
Pitt. — J.Reed 37 field goal.....	3-9:37
Pitt. — W.Parker 1 run (J.Reed kick).....	3-5:43
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 9 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	4-7:59
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 30 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	4-7:05
Pitt. — J.Reed 36 field goal.....	4-3:18

Missed FGs: J.Reed (48B). Attendance: 64,922. Time: 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	PITT.
First downs.....	15	27
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-12	7-16
Total net yards.....	246	365
Net yards rushing.....	87	170
Net yards passing.....	159	195
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	26-18-2	39-18-3
Sacks against-yards lost.....	6-34	3-13
Punts-average.....	5-53.4	2-42.0
Punt returns-yards.....	0-0	3-14
Kickoff returns-yards.....	5-106	2-26
Penalties-yards.....	5-45	2-25
Fumbles-lost.....	3-1	2-2
Time of possession.....	26:09	33:51

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	19	47	8	0	W.Parker	31	133	26	2
K.Watson	3	35	18	0	V.Haynes	5	24	8	0
C.Palmer	3	5	5	0	C.Wilson	1	14	14	0
					B.Roethlisberger	1	-1	-1	0
TOTALS	25	87	18	0	TOTALS	38	170	26	2

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	26	18	193	4-2	B.Roethlisberger	39	18	208	0-3
TOTALS	26	18	193	4-2	TOTALS	39	18	208	0-3

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Houshmandzadeh	9	94	30t	2	V.Haynes	5	33	16	0
					C.Wilson	3	73	36	0
C.Henry	5	69	21	2	H.Miller	3	34	13	0
R.Johnson	2	10	5	0	S.Holmes	3	30	14	0
C.Johnson	1	11	11	0	H.Ward	2	17	11	0
K.Watson	1	9	9	0	W.Parker	1	13	13	0
					N.Washington	1	8	8	0
TOTALS	18	193	30t	4	TOTALS	18	208	36	0

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Johnson 8-4-12, B.Simmons 7-2-9, K.Kaesviharn 6-2-8, D.O'Neal 4-2-6, J.Smith 4-1-5, M.Williams 4-1-5, D.Peko 2-3-5, R.Geathers 2-2-4, R.Jeanty 2-2-4, J.Thornton 2-2-4, T.James 1-3-4, J.Joseph 3-0-3, B.Robinson 2-1-3, K.Ratliff 0-2-2, H.Jones 1-0-1, C.Miller 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Geathers 2-8, J.Smith 1-5. INT.-YDS.: D.O'Neal 1-42, K.Kaesviharn 1-22, M.Williams 1-9. PBU: D.O'Neal 4, J.Joseph 3, M.Williams 3, K.Kaesviharn 1, B.Simmons 1, J.Smith 1, K.Ratliff 1. FF: K.Kaesviharn 1. FR-YDS.: B.Simmons 1-0.

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Foote 7-2-9, J.Farrior 7-0-7, D.Townsend 5-2-7, R.Clark 3-4-7, C.Haggans 4-1-5, A.Smith 3-2-5, T.Polamalu 3-1-4, I.Taylor 2-2-4, C.Hampton 2-2-4, B.Keisel 1-1-2, C.Hoke 1-0-1, M.Logan 1-0-1, T.Carter 1-0-1, J.Porter 0-1-1, T.Kirschke 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Haggans 2-7, D.Townsend 1-9, B.Keisel 1-8, L.Foote 1-5, A.Smith 1-5. INT.-YDS.: I.Taylor 1-34, D.Townsend 1-0. PD: D.Townsend 2, R.Clark 1, J.Porter 1, A.Smith 1, I.Taylor 1. FF: L.Foote 1, C.Haggans 1, D.Townsend 1. FR-YDS.: J.Farrior 1-0.

GAME 4
Patriots 38, Bengals 13
Sunday, Oct. 1, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals had the best of things in the first quarter, outgaining New England 117-49, but Cincinnati had to settle for two FGs and a 6-0 lead. It was all New England after that, as the Patriots roared back to deal the Bengals their most lopsided defeat of Marvin Lewis' coaching tenure. The Patriots rushed for 236 yards, including 125 on 15 carries by rookie Laurence Maroney, who scored 2 TDs. New England QB Tom Brady passed for two scores. The Bengals posted a minus in turnover differential (minus-1) for the first time on the season, and fell to a 3-1 record. New England improved to 3-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
New England.....	0	14	7	17	—	38
Cincinnati.....	6	0	7	0	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — S.Graham 40 field goal.....	1-9:17
Cin. — S.Graham 45 field goal.....	1-2:49
N.E. — L.Maroney 11 run (S.Gostkowski kick).....	2-8:38
N.E. — D.Gabriel 25 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	2-1:54
Cin. — R.Johnson 2 run (S.Graham kick).....	3-7:03
N.E. — L.Maroney 25 run (S.Gostkowski kick).....	3-4:27
N.E. — S.Gostkowski 24 field goal.....	4-14:45
N.E. — C.Dillon 1 run (S.Gostkowski kick).....	4-11:15
N.E. — D.Graham 3 pass from T.Brady (S.Gostkowski kick).....	4-7:55

Missed FGs: S.Gostkowski (48WR). Attendance: 66,035. Time: 3:00.

TEAM STATISTICS	N.E.	CIN.
First downs.....	26	17
Third down conversions-attempts.....	6-13	2-11
Total net yards.....	424	279
Net yards rushing.....	236	71
Net yards passing.....	188	208
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	26-15-1	35-20-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	4-37
Punts-average.....	3-41.7	6-44.5
Punt returns-yards.....	3-55	1-7
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-78	3-73
Penalties-yards.....	7-61	9-74
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-2
Time of possession.....	33:56	26:04

Rushing

N.E.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
L.Maroney	15	125	41	2	R.Johnson	14	65	13	1
C.Dillon	17	67	12	1	K.Watson	1	4	4	0
T.Brady	2	21	22	0	Q.Wilson	2	2	5	0
H.Evans	5	12	3	0					
C.Jackson	1	10	10	0					
K.Faulk	1	1	1	0					
TOTALS	41	236	41	3	TOTALS	17	71	13	1

Passing

N.E.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
T.Brady	26	15	188	2-1	C.Palmer	35	20	245	0-0
TOTALS	26	15	188	2-1	TOTALS	35	20	245	0-0

Receiving

N.E.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Gabriel	4	57	25t	1	C.Johnson	6	64	16	0
D.Graham	4	34	15	1	T.Houshmandzadeh	4	95	33	0
R.Caldwell	2	20	14	0					
C.Jackson	2	9	7	0	K.Washington	3	28	11	0
B.Watson	1	35	35	0	R.Johnson	3	26	18	0
K.Faulk	1	18	18	0	T.Stewart	2	10	7	0
L.Maroney	1	15	15	0	K.Watson	1	16	16	0
					J.Johnson	1	6	6	0
TOTALS	15	188	35	2	TOTALS	20	245	33	0

Defense

New England (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: T.Bruschi 3-4-7, C.Scott 5-1-6, A.Samuel 5-1-6, R.Harrison 4-1-5, A.Hawkins 2-3-5, J.Green 4-0-4, M.Vrabel 3-1-4, M.Wright 1-2-3, T.Banta-Cain 2-0-2, T.Warren 1-1-2, H.Poteat 1-1-2, R.Colvin 1-0-1, V.Wilfork 1-0-1, J.Seau 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Green 3-30, T.Warren 1-7. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: R.Colvin 1, H.Poteat 1, C.Scott 1, R.Seymour 1. FF: J.Green 1, T.Warren 1. FR-YDS.: J.Green 1-0, T.Warren 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Miller 9-6-15, J.Smith 5-6-11, B.Simmons 3-6-9, L.Johnson 5-3-8, K.Kaesviharn 5-1-6, M.Williams 5-1-6, T.James 4-2-6, S.Smith 2-2-4, J.Thornton 2-2-4, A.Brooks 3-0-3, D.Peko 1-2-3, J.Joseph 2-0-2, D.O'Neal 1-1-2, B.Robinson 1-1-2, K.Ratliff 1-0-1, H.Jones 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: T.James 1-2. PBU: T.James 2, K.Kaesviharn 1, C.Miller 1, M.Williams 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

GAME 5
Buccaneers 14, Bengals 13
Sunday, Oct. 15, at Raymond James Stadium

Aided by a controversial roughing-the-passer call against Bengals DE Justin Smith, the previously winless Bucs drove 54 yards in 9 plays in the fourth quarter to score the winning touchdown with 0:35 to play on an 8-yard pass from rookie QB Bruce Gradkowski to WR Michael Clayton. The Bengals moved into position to attempt a 62-yard field goal at the final gun, but Shayne Graham's attempt fell short. The Bengals held leads of 7-0 at halftime and 10-7 through three quarters, and lost for only the third time in 27 games with a third-quarter lead under head coach Marvin Lewis. Tampa Bay's defense was tough in the clutch all day, holding the Bengals to 3 third-down conversions in 14 attempts and stopping 1 Bengals fourth-down try. Cincinnati's offensive possession time was only 24:35, its lowest of the season through five games. The Bengals dropped to a 3-2 record on the year, and Tampa Bay improved to 1-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	7	3	3	—	13
Tampa Bay.....	0	0	7	7	—	14

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 33 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	2-9:08
T.B. — A.Smith 2 pass from B.Gradkowski (M.Bryant kick).....	3-6:37
Cin. — S.Graham 37 field goal.....	3-2:29
Cin. — S.Graham 47 field goal.....	4-10:34
T.B. — M.Clayton 8 pass from B.Gradkowski (M.Bryant kick).....	4-0:35

Missed FGs: S.Graham (62SH), M.Bryant (43WR).
Attendance: 65,732. Time: 3:23.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	T.B.
First downs.....	15	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	3-14	6-16
Total net yards.....	305	300
Net yards rushing.....	53	126
Net yards passing.....	252	174
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	37-24-0	44-25-1
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-9	2-10
Punts-average.....	7-42.0	7-46.9
Punt returns-yards.....	3-22	7-40
Kickoff returns-yards.....	2-50	2-46
Penalties-yards.....	10-84	9-75
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	24:53	35:07

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	T.B.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	17	52	13	0	C.Williams	19	94	38	0
C.Palmer	2	1	1	0	B.Gradkowski	4	19	7	0
T.Houshmandzadeh					M.Pittman	1	11	11	0
	1	0	0	0	J.Galloway	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	20	53	13	0	TOTALS	25	126	38	0

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	T.B.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	37	24	261	1-0	B.Gradkowski	44	25	184	2-1
TOTALS	37	24	261	1-0	TOTALS	44	25	184	2-1

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	T.B.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Houshmandzadeh					J.Galloway	7	67	18	0
	10	102	33t	1	M.Clayton	6	55	15	1
C.Johnson	6	99	51	0	C.Williams	3	10	7	0
K.Watson	4	18	8	0	M.Alstott	3	10	9	0
A.Chatman	2	13	10	0	A.Smith	3	10	4	1
R.Kelly	1	27	27	0	M.Pittman	2	20	10	0
R.Johnson	1	2	2	0	A.Becht	1	12	12	0
TOTALS	24	261	51	1	TOTALS	25	184	18	2

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Brooks 10-4-14, C.Miller 7-4-11, M.Williams 6-5-11, J.Smith 5-4-9, L.Johnson 4-1-5, J.Joseph 3-2-5, K.Kaesviharn 3-2-5, J.Thornton 2-3-5, T.James 3-1-4, D.O'Neal 3-1-4, R.Geathers 3-0-3, K.Ratliff 2-1-3, S.Adams 0-2-2, B.Robinson 0-2-2. SKS.-YDS.: J.Smith 1-8, R.Geathers 1-2. INT.-YDS.: K.Kaesviharn 1-0. PBU: J.Joseph 3, A.Brooks 1, T.James 1, K.Kaesviharn 1, D.O'Neal 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Tampa Bay (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: S.Quarles 5-3-8, R.Nece 6-1-7, E.Wyms 5-1-6, R.Barber 4-2-6, D.Brooks 5-0-5, J.Bolden 4-1-5, S.Rice 4-0-4, J.Phillips 3-1-4, W.Allen 2-2-4, C.Hovan 2-0-2, A.McFarland 2-0-2, G.Spires 0-2-2, K.Pearson 1-0-1, T.Cox 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: E.Wyms 2-9. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Bolden 2, D.White 2, K.Pearson 1. FF: S.Quarles 1. FR-YDS.: None.

GAME 6
Bengals 17, Panthers 14
Sunday, Oct. 22, at Paul Brown Stadium

In dire need of a win to avoid a three-game losing streak, the Bengals drove 86 yards on 13 plays in the fourth quarter for the winning score, a 1-yard TD pass from QB Carson Palmer to WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh with 8:07 to play. The winning TD was set up when Palmer threw deep on a fourth-and-one play from the Panthers 35, connecting at the 3 with WR Chad Johnson, who beat tight coverage from CB Chris Gamble to make the dramatic catch. The Panthers drove to a first down at the Bengals 10 with just over four minutes to play, but on third down from the 10, Carolina lost the chance for a go-ahead TD or a tying field goal when Cincinnati's Kevin Kaesviharn made an end-zone INT of a pass intended for WR Keyshawn Johnson. The Bengals got 101 rushing yards from HB Rudi Johnson and improved to 14-0 for Johnson's career when he rushes 25 or more times. Cincinnati's 34:32 possession time was its most of the year to date. The Bengals improved to 4-2 on the season, tying idle Baltimore for first place in the AFC North Division, and the Panthers fell to 4-3.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Car. — K.Mangum 7 pass from J.Delhomme (J.Kasay kick).....	1-2:09
Cin. — R.Kelly 16 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	2-13:16
Car. — N.Goings 20 pass from J.Delhomme (J.Kasay kick).....	2-0:47
Cin. — S.Graham 23 field goal.....	3-7:06
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 1 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	4-8:07

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 65,964. Time: 2:57.

TEAM STATISTICS	CAR.	CIN.
First downs.....	17	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	2-11	6-16
Total net yards.....	277	342
Net yards rushing.....	60	112
Net yards passing.....	217	230
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	34-20-1	39-23-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	3-21	2-10
Punts-average.....	8-41.0	8-37.6
Punt returns-yards.....	2-15	4-24
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-90	3-43
Penalties-yards.....	8-41	5-55
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	25:28	34:32

Rushing

CAR.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
D.Foster	14	59	15	0	R.Johnson	26	101	21	0
N.Goings	2	1	1	0	C.Palmer	1	6	6	0
					C.Perry	2	4	5	0
					K.Watson	1	1	5	0
TOTALS	16	60	15	0	TOTALS	30	112	21	0

Passing

CAR.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
J.Delhomme	34	20	238	2-1	C.Palmer	39	23	240	2-0
TOTALS	34	20	238	2-1	TOTALS	39	23	240	2-0

Receiving

CAR.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
S.Smith	8	126	36	0	T.Houshmandzadeh				
K.Johnson	4	41	17	0		7	61	20	1
K.Mangum	3	11	9	1	C.Johnson	6	73	32	0
D.Foster	2	20	14	0	R.Kelly	3	34	16t	1
B.Hoover	2	20	11	0	C.Perry	3	26	12	0
N.Goings	1	20	20t	1	T.Stewart	2	33	19	0
					A.Chatman	1	9	9	0
					R.Johnson	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	20	238	36	2	TOTALS	23	240	32	2

Defense

Carolina (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Anderson 6-3-9, M.Minter 4-5-9, S.Williams 5-3-8, K.Lucas 3-5-8, C.Gamble 4-3-7, C.Draft 3-3-6, N.Diggs 1-4-5, J.Peppers 2-2-4, R.Marshall 2-2-4, D.Lewis 2-0-2, K.Jenkins 2-0-2, M.Kemoeatu 2-0-2, M.Rucker 1-0-1, C.Morton 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Draft 1-10, D.Lewis 1-0. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: C.Gamble 1, K.Lucas 1, R.Marshall 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Brooks 4-4-8, C.Miller 6-1-7, M.Williams 5-0-5, T.James 4-1-5, L.Johnson 2-3-5, D.Jackson 2-2-4, B.Robinson 0-4-4, J.Thornton 0-4-4, R.Geathers 3-0-3, D.O'Neal 3-0-3, J.Joseph 2-1-3, J.Smith 1-2-3, S.Adams 1-1-2, D.Peko 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Geathers 1-9, A.Brooks 1-6, J.Smith 1-6. INT.-YDS.: K.Kaesviharn 1-0. PBU: K.Kaesviharn 2, A.Brooks 1, D.Jackson 1, J.Joseph 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

GAME 7
Falcons 29, Bengals 27
Sunday, Oct. 29, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals mounted early TD drives of 74 and 80 yards, jumping out to a 14-6 lead over the visiting Falcons. But as the game went on, Cincinnati's offense stalled while Atlanta QB Michael Vick continued turning in a masterful performance. Vick finished the game with a passer rating of 140.6, throwing for 3 TDs and no INTs, and he also rushed for 55 yards. The Bengals led 17-13 at halftime. But the Falcons gained a two-score advantage on Morton Andersen's 39-yard FG with 7:18 to play. Cincinnati closed within two points on Carson Palmer's 55-yard TD bomb to Chris Henry with 3:41 remaining, but by the time the Bengals got the ball again, they were at their 17-yard line with no timeouts and only 19 seconds left. The Bengals fell to 4-3 on the season, a game behind Baltimore in the AFC North, and saw the end of an eight-game home winning streak against NFC teams. The Falcons improved to 5-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Atlanta.....	6	7	13	3	—	29
Cincinnati.....	7	10	3	7	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Atl. — M.Andersen 42 field goal.....	1-11:24
Cin. — R.Johnson 1 run (S.Graham kick).....	1-6:56
Atl. — M.Andersen 40 field goal.....	1-0:56
Cin. — C.Johnson 12 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	2-7:13
Atl. — A.Crumpler 16 pass from M.Vick (M.Andersen kick).....	2-1:54
Cin. — S.Graham 51 field goal.....	2-0:15
Atl. — M.Jenkins 26 pass from M.Vick (M.Andersen kick).....	3-9:55
Cin. — S.Graham 26 field goal.....	3-4:34
Atl. — J.Griffith 8 pass from M.Vick (pass failed).....	3-2:21
Atl. — M.Andersen 39 field goal.....	4-7:42
Cin. — C.Henry 55 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	4-3:41

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 65,978. Time: 3:02.

TEAM STATISTICS	ATL.	CIN.
First downs.....	25	22
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-13	4-10
Total net yards.....	420	331
Net yards rushing.....	143	73
Net yards passing.....	277	258
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	27-19-0	36-24-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-14	2-8
Punts-average.....	3-55.3	4-45.0
Punt returns-yards.....	4-(-3)	2-14
Kickoff returns-yards.....	5-79	4-88
Penalties-yards.....	9-75	4-30
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	1-1
Time of possession.....	37:08	22:52

Rushing

ATL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
W.Dunn	20	57	9	0	R.Johnson	12	46	13	1
M.Vick	9	55	14	0	C.Perry	2	11	7	0
J.Norwood	9	31	10	0	C.Palmer	1	7	7	0
					T.Houshmandzadeh	2	6	13	0
					K.Watson	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	38	143	14	0	TOTALS	18	73	13	1

Passing

ATL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
M.Vick	27	19	291	3-0	C.Palmer	36	24	266	2-0
TOTALS	27	19	291	3-0	TOTALS	36	24	266	2-0

Receiving

ATL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
A.Crumpler	4	72	22	1	C.Johnson	6	78	20	1
A.Lelie	3	55	28	0	T.Houshmandzadeh	6	70	19	0
M.Jenkins	3	53	26t	1	C.Henry	5	81	55t	1
R.White	3	42	21	0	C.Perry	2	12	11	0
J.Norwood	2	39	32	0	T.Stewart	2	9	6	0
W.Dunn	2	16	11	0	R.Johnson	2	8	5	0
J.Griffith	2	14	8t	1	R.Kelly	1	8	8	0
TOTALS	19	291	32	3	TOTALS	24	266	55t	2

Defense

Atlanta (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: K.Brooking 7-2-9, J.Webster 4-3-7, D.Hall 2-3-5, L.Milloy 2-3-5, D.Williams 2-2-4, K.Mathis 3-0-3, G.Jackson 2-1-3, C.Crocker 2-0-2, J.Babineaux 2-0-2, P.Kerney 1-1-2, M.Boley 1-1-2, E.Hartwell 0-2-2, D.Shropshire 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Crocker 1-8, P.Kerney 1-0. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: D.Hall 1, P.Kerney 1, J.Webster 1. FF: P.Kerney 1. FR-YDS.: M.Boley 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Smith 6-7-13, A.Brooks 6-3-9, C.Miller 6-2-8, D.Peko 3-4-7, L.Johnson 5-1-6, D.Jackson 3-3-6, J.Thornton 1-4-5, D.O'Neal 4-0-4, T.James 3-1-4, B.Simmons 2-2-4, M.Williams 3-0-3, S.Smith 2-1-3, R.Geathers 1-2-3, J.Joseph 2-0-2, B.Robinson 1-1-2, S.Adams 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: B.Robinson 1-6, D.Peko 0.5-4, J.Smith 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PBU: T.James 2, B.Simmons 1, J.Smith 1. FF: J.Thornton 1. FR-YDS.: None.

GAME 8
Ravens 26, Bengals 20
Sunday, Nov. 5, at M&T Bank Stadium

Bidding to tie Baltimore for the AFC North Division lead, the Bengals saw a fumbled kickoff and an INT turned into TDs by the Ravens during the game's first five minutes. Cincinnati fell behind 17-0 in the second quarter before mounting a comeback that fell short. Rudi Johnson's 4-yard TD run closed Baltimore's lead to 23-17 early in the fourth quarter, and the Bengals still trailed by only six at 26-20 when they took possession at their 24 with 3:21 to play. But that drive stalled out quickly when the Bengals were unable to convert a fourth-and-4 play from their 30, effectively ending the contest. Baltimore held the Cincinnati offense to a 1-for-10 reading on third downs, and the Ravens held a plus-3 edge in turnover differential. Baltimore took a two-game lead in the AFC North Division race with a 6-2 record while the Bengals fell to 4-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	0	7	3	10	—	20
Baltimore.....	14	3	6	3	—	26

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Balt. — J.Lewis 2 run (M.Stover kick).....	1-12:01
Balt. — E.Reed 25 interception return (M.Stover kick).....	1-10:28
Balt. — M.Stover 43 field goal.....	2-5:39
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 26 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	2-1:06
Balt. — M.Stover 25 field goal.....	3-8:55
Balt. — M.Stover 36 field goal.....	3-4:27
Cin. — S.Graham 51 field goal.....	3-2:19
Cin. — R.Johnson 4 run (S.Graham kick).....	4-13:31
Balt. — M.Stover 35 field goal.....	4-8:25
Cin. — S.Graham 31 field goal.....	4-4:01

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 70,792. Time: 2:58.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BALT.
First downs.....	16	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	1-10	6-15
Total net yards.....	275	374
Net yards rushing.....	93	129
Net yards passing.....	182	245
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	26-12-2	31-21-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-12	0-0
Punts-average.....	4-48.3	4-45.5
Punt returns-yards.....	3-27	3-19
Kickoff returns-yards.....	7-124	4-74
Penalties-yards.....	4-40	8-81
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	1-0
Time of possession.....	22:36	37:24

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	18	78	17	1	J.Lewis	24	72	10	1
J.Johnson	2	9	6	0	Mu.Smith	3	46	30	0
C.Palmer	1	5	5	0	M.Anderson	4	9	5	0
C.Perry	1	1	1	0	S.McNair	7	2	10	0
TOTALS	22	93	17	1	TOTALS	38	129	30	1

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	26	12	194	1-2	S.McNair	31	21	245	0-0
TOTALS	26	12	194	1-2	TOTALS	31	21	245	0-0

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Johnson	4	31	15	0	M.Clayton	8	73	18	0
T.Houshmandzadeh	3	66	25t	1	T.Heap	4	84	28	0
	2	79	71	0	J.Lewis	3	15	7	0
C.Henry	2	16	8	0	D.Williams	2	31	20	0
R.Kelly	1	2	2	0	D.Mason	2	20	11	0
R.Johnson	1	2	2	0	D.Wilcox	1	19	19	0
					O.Mughelli	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	12	194	71	1	TOTALS	21	245	28	0

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Jeanty 6-5-11, L.Johnson 5-6-11, M.Williams 8-1-9, J.Smith 6-3-9, D.Jackson 6-0-6, B.Robinson 4-2-6, A.Brooks 3-3-6, D.Peko 2-4-6, C.Miller 5-0-5, D.O'Neal 5-0-5, R.Geathers 2-2-4, J.Thornton 1-3-4, J.Joseph 3-0-3, S.Smith 0-2-2, A.Frazier 1-0-1, T.James 1-0-1, S.Adams 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PBU: D.Jackson 2, J.Joseph 2, D.O'Neal 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Lewis 6-2-8, K.Gregg 3-2-5, B.Scott 3-2-5, D.Landry 3-1-4, T.Suggs 2-2-4, A.Thomas 3-0-3, S.Rolle 3-0-3, E.Reed 3-0-3, C.McAlister 2-0-2, T.Pryce 1-0-1, A.Franklin 1-0-1, J.Johnson 1-0-1, R.Prude 0-1-1, H.Ngata 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: T.Pryce 1-9, A.Thomas 1-3. INT.-YDS.: S.Rolle 1-24, C.McAlister 1-20, E.Reed 0-25. PD: C.McAlister 3, S.Rolle 2, R.Lewis 1, R.Prude 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

GAME 9

Chargers 49, Bengals 41

Sunday, Nov. 12, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals blew out to early leads of 21-0 and 28-7, but fell victim to a 42-point second half by the Chargers — the most points in a half ever allowed by Cincinnati. The Bengals had a chance to send the game to overtime with a TD and two-point conversion, but a final drive stalled on an incomplete pass on fourth-and-10 from the San Diego 15 with 0:44 to play. Chargers HB LaDainian Tomlinson scored 4 TDs (all rushing), tying the Bengals' opponents record. Despite the loss, the Bengals had some offensive superlatives. Chad Johnson's 260 receiving yards set a new Bengals record, surpassing the 18-year-old mark of 216 set by WR Eddie Brown in 1988. Johnson scored on TD catches of 51 and 74 yards. Cincinnati's net offense of 545 yards was the highest since a 582 posting at the L.A. Rams in 1990, and QB Carson Palmer's 440 passing yards marked his career high (third most in Bengals history). The Bengals lost for the fourth time in five games and fell to 4-5 on the season, their first sub-500 standing since they were 5-6 in 2004. The Chargers improved to 7-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
San Diego	0	7	21	21	—	49
Cincinnati	21	7	10	3	—	41

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — J.Johnson 3 run (S.Graham kick)	1-9:57
Cin. — R.Johnson 7 run (S.Graham kick)	1-1:36
Cin. — C.Johnson 51 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	1-0:09
S.D. — L.Tomlinson 9 run (N.Kaeding kick)	2-5:27
Cin. — C.Henry 7 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	2-0:16
S.D. — L.Tomlinson 4 run (N.Kaeding kick)	3-10:47
S.D. — M.Floyd 46 pass from P.Rivers (N.Kaeding kick)	3-9:08
Cin. — S.Graham 21 field goal	3-6:27
S.D. — B.Manumaleuna 9 pass from P.Rivers (N.Kaeding kick)	3-3:08
Cin. — C.Johnson 74 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	3-2:50
S.D. — L.Tomlinson 2 run (N.Kaeding kick)	4-14:55
S.D. — L.Tomlinson 9 run (N.Kaeding kick)	4-7:48
Cin. — S.Graham 44 field goal	4-7:48
S.D. — B.Manumaleuna 5 pass from P.Rivers (N.Kaeding kick)	4-2:29

Missed FGs: S.Graham (51WL). Attendance: 65,917. Time: 3:32.

TEAM STATISTICS	S.D.	CIN.
First downs	25	29
Third down conversions-attempts	9-14	5-12
Total net yards	431	545
Net yards rushing	107	128
Net yards passing	324	417
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	36-24-0	42-31-0
Sacks against-yards lost	3-14	3-23
Punts-average	5-37.2	3-35.7
Punt returns-yards	0-0	2-10
Kickoff returns-yards	7-188	7-153
Penalties-yards	4-45	5-44
Fumbles-lost	2-0	2-1
Time of possession	28:42	31:18

Rushing

S.D.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
L.Tomlinson	22	104	17	4	R.Johnson	18	85	15	1
P.Rivers	3	2	4	0	C.Perry	4	31	18	0
M.Turner	1	1	1	0	J.Johnson	3	9	6	1
					C.Palmer	1	3	3	0
					C.Johnson	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	26	107	17	4	TOTALS	27	128	18	2

Passing

S.D.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
P.Rivers	36	24	338	3-0	C.Palmer	42	31	440	3-0
TOTALS	36	24	338	3-0	TOTALS	42	31	440	3-0

Receiving

S.D.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
L.Tomlinson	6	54	19	0	C.Johnson	11	260	74t	2
M.Floyd	5	109	46t	1	T.Houshmandzadeh	7	88	22	0
A.Gates	5	69	27	0	R.Kelly	3	31	27	0
K.McCardell	2	49	25	0	K.Watson	3	14	9	0
B.Manumaleuna	2	14	9t	2	C.Perry	3	-1	4	0
L.Neal	2	11	13	0	C.Henry	2	18	11	1
V.Jackson	1	18	18	0	T.Stewart	1	26	26	0
E.Parker	1	14	14	0	R.Johnson	1	4	4	0
TOTALS	24	338	46	3	TOTALS	31	440	74	3

Defense

San Diego (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Edwards 13-3-16, T.Kiel 3-5-8, M.McCree 3-5-8, Q.Jammer 5-2-7, S.Phillips 2-5-7, C.Polk 4-1-5, D.Florence 4-1-5, S.Cooper 1-3-4, C.Hart 2-0-2, M.Harris 1-1-2, J.Williams 1-1-2, I.Olshansky 1-0-1, R.Godfrey 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: S.Phillips 1-11, I.Olshansky 1-8, C.Polk 1-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: Q.Jammer 2, C.Hart 1, D.Robinson 1. FF: S.Phillips 1. FR-YDS.: S.Phillips 1.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Johnson 8-0-8, C.Miller 2-5-7, M.Williams 6-0-6, D.Jackson 3-2-5, J.Smith 3-1-4, A.Brooks 2-2-4, T.James 2-2-4, R.Jeanty 2-2-4, R.Geathers 1-3-4, D.Peko 3-0-3, S.Adams 2-1-3, J.Thornton 2-1-3, J.Joseph 1-1-2, D.O'Neal 1-1-2. SKS.-YDS.: J.Thornton 1-6, R.Geathers 1-4, J.Smith 1-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PBU: J.Smith 2, T.James 1, D.O'Neal 1, B.Robinson 1, M.Williams 1. FF: L.Johnson 1. FR-YDS.: None.

GAME 10

Bengals 31, Saints 16

Sunday, Nov. 19, at Louisiana Superdome

The Bengals withstood a 595-yard offensive output by New Orleans, the third-most ever by a Cincinnati opponent, and escaped the Superdome in relatively easy fashion by a two-TD margin. The key for the Bengals came in the form of 4 takeaways on defense. S Madiou Williams and S Kevin Kaesviharn each quelled Saints scoring threats with end-zone INTs in the first half. And in the fourth quarter, rookie reserve S Ethan Kilmer took his first career INT 52 yards for a TD and a 31-10 Cincinnati lead. The Bengals amassed a healthy 385 yards of net offense, including 190 receiving yards with 3 TDs for WR Chad Johnson. Together with his Bengals-record 260 receiving yards the previous week against San Diego, Johnson set an NFL record for most receiving yards in back-to-back games (450). QB Carson Palmer's 127.8 passer rating for the game was his second straight over 125, and HB Rudi Johnson rushed for 111 yards on 27 carries, extending to 15-0 the Bengals' record in games in which he has carried 25 or more times. The Bengals improved to 5-5 on the season, while the Saints fell to 6-4.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	7	3	0	21	—	31
New Orleans	7	0	0	9	—	16

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — C.Johnson 41 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	1-13:08
N.O. — J.Horn 72 pass from D.Brees (J.Carney kick)	1-8:20
Cin. — S.Graham 21 field goal	2-7:30
N.O. — J.Carney 24 field goal	4-13:39
Cin. — C.Johnson 60 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	4-10:23
Cin. — C.Johnson 4 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	4-7:37
Cin. — E.Kilmer 52 interception return (S.Graham kick)	4-6:14
N.O. — T.Cooper 27 pass from D.Brees (kick blocked)	4-4:21

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 68,001. Time: 3:04.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	N.O.
First downs	15	29
Third down conversions-attempts	4-11	6-12
Total net yards	385	595
Net yards rushing	119	91
Net yards passing	266	504
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	22-14-1	52-37-3
Sacks against-yards lost	1-9	2-6
Punts-average	6-41.3	5-37.2
Punt returns-yards	3-17	4-30
Kickoff returns-yards	4-47	5-103
Penalties-yards	2-10	4-25
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Time of possession	26:27	33:33

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	N.O.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	27	111	22	0	R.Bush	13	51	8	0
J.Johnson	1	6	6	0	D.McAllister	10	40	8	0
C.Johnson	1	3	3	0					
C.Palmer	2	-1	0	0					
TOTALS	31	119	22	0	TOTALS	23	91	8	0

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	N.O.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	22	14	275	3-1	D.Brees	52	37	510	2-3
TOTALS	22	14	275	3-1	TOTALS	52	37	510	2-3

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	N.O.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Johnson	6	190	60t	3	D.Henderson	9	169	44	0
C.Henry	2	24	18	0	R.Bush	8	58	13	0
T.Houshmandzadeh	2	15	8	0	T.Copper	6	87	27t	1
R.Kelly	1	32	32	0	A.Stecker	5	53	32	0
R.Johnson	1	7	7	0	J.Horn	3	93	72t	1
C.Perry	1	5	5	0	D.McAllister	3	29	12	0
K.Watson	1	2	2	0	B.Miller	2	11	7	0
TOTALS	14	275	60t	3	TOTALS	37	510	72t	2

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Miller 13-3-16, L.Johnson 8-6-14, K.Kaesviharn 7-2-9, J.Joseph 7-0-7, T.James 3-4-7, R.Jeanty 3-2-5, M.Williams 3-2-5, B.Robinson 1-4-5, J.Thornton 3-1-4, J.Smith 2-2-4, E.Kilmer 2-1-3, R.Geathers 0-3-3, D.Peko 1-1-2, K.Ratliff 1-1-2, S.Smith 1-1-2, A.Frazier 1-0-1, S.Adams 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: K.Kaesviharn 1.5-4.5, R.Geathers 0.5-1.5. INT.-YDS.: E.Kilmer 1-52, M.Williams 1-25, K.Kaesviharn 1-0. PBU: M.Williams 2, T.James 1, L.Johnson 1, K.Kaesviharn 1, E.Kilmer 1, C.Miller 1. FF: R.Jeanty 1. FR-YDS.: C.Miller 1-0.

New Orleans (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: O.Stoutmire 6-2-8, S.Fujita 4-4-8, S.Shanle 5-2-7, J.Bullocks 6-0-6, F.Thomas 5-0-5, M.Simoneau 3-2-5, H.Thomas 4-0-4, W.Smith 2-2-4, C.Grant 2-2-4, R.Leisle 2-0-2, M.McKenzie 1-0-1, W.Whitehead 1-0-1, J.Craft 1-0-1, B.Young 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: W.Smith 1-9. INT.-YDS.: M.Simoneau 1-0. PD: C.Grant 1, M.Simoneau 1, O.Stoutmire 1. FF: F.Thomas 1. FR-YDS.: None.

GAME 11
Bengals 30, Browns 0
Sunday, Nov. 26, at Cleveland Browns Stadium

Cincinnati posted its first shutout since a 21-0 win at Cleveland on Dec. 3, 1989. In breaking the 17-year string without a shutout, the Bengals limited Cleveland to 203 net yards and 9 first downs, and Cincinnati had a season-high 5 takeaways (4 INTs, 1 FR). The victory was Cincinnati's fifth straight over Cleveland — the longest Bengals win streak in the Battle of Ohio series — and it gave Cincinnati a 34-33 all-time lead in the series. The Bengals had not led the series previously since 1993. QB Carson Palmer posted a 120.7 passer rating, his third straight game at 120 or above, throwing 2 TD passes to Chris Henry and another to WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh. Bengals WR Chad Johnson had his third straight game of more than 100 receiving yards, catching 7 for 123. HB Rudi Johnson scored a Bengals TD and rushed 25 times for 64 yards as Cincinnati ran its record to 16-0 in games in which Johnson has carried 25 or more times. The Bengals improved to 6-5, while the Browns fell to 3-8.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	7	10	6	7	—	30
Cleveland.....	0	0	0	0	—	0

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Johnson 1 run (S.Graham kick).....	1-5:54
Cin. — C.Henry 7 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	2-12:02
Cin. — S.Graham 24 field goal.....	2-0:39
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 6 pass from C.Palmer (kick blocked).....	3-10:36
Cin. — C.Henry 10 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	4-14:56
Missed FGs: P.Dawson (48WL). Attendance: 72,926. Time: 2:52.	

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	CLE.
First downs.....	24	9
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-14	4-12
Total net yards.....	388	203
Net yards rushing.....	88	51
Net yards passing.....	300	152
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	34-27-1	29-18-4
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-0	4-34
Punts-average.....	4-46.5	4-47.0
Punt returns-yards.....	1-7	1-1
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-28	5-108
Penalties-yards.....	8-75	9-93
Fumbles-lost.....	0-0	2-1
Time of possession.....	37:50	22:10

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	25	64	12	1	J.Harrison	3	18	15	0
K.Watson	5	12	4	0	J.Wright	5	12	5	0
C.Perry	1	10	10	0	D.Northcutt	1	9	9	0
C.Johnson	1	6	6	0	C.Frye	2	5	3	0
J.Johnson	2	5	3	0	R.Droughns	2	4	3	0
C.Palmer	2	0	2	0	T.Smith	1	3	3	0
A.Wright	1	-9	-9	0					
TOTALS	37	88	12	1	TOTALS	14	51	15	0

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	32	25	275	3-1	C.Frye	29	18	186	0-4
A.Wright	2	2	25	0-0					
TOTALS	34	27	300	3-1	TOTALS	29	18	186	0-4

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Johnson	7	123	43	0	K.Winslow	6	52	21	0
T.Houshmandzadeh	7	79	22	1	D.Northcutt	3	61	43	0
					B.Edwards	2	29	22	0
C.Henry	5	41	10t	2	J.Jurevicius	2	19	12	0
R.Kelly	3	25	14	0	S.Heiden	2	14	8	0
T.Stewart	2	15	12	0	J.Harrison	1	6	6	0
K.Watson	1	14	14	0	R.Droughns	1	5	5	0
G.Holt	1	3	3	0	J.Wright	1	0	0	0
R.Johnson	1	0	0	0					
TOTALS	27	300	43	3	TOTALS	18	186	43	0

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Miller 9-3-12, R.Jeanty 3-4-7, R.Geathers 5-0-5, L.Johnson 4-1-5, K.Kaesviharn 3-1-4, D.Peko 1-3-4, D.Jackson 2-1-3, T.James 1-2-3, S.Adams 2-0-2, K.Ratliff 2-0-2, M.Williams 2-0-2, J.Smith 0-2-2, A.Brooks 1-0-1, J.Joseph 1-0-1, B.Robinson 1-0-1, E.Kilmer 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Geathers 1-10, K.Kaesviharn 1-9, C.Miller 1-7, L.Johnson 0.5-4, J.Smith 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: T.James 2-14, K.Kaesviharn 2-2. PBU: K.Kaesviharn 3, T.James 3, J.Joseph 2, R.Jeanty 1. FF: L.Johnson 1, M.Williams 1. FR-YDS.: J.Smith 1-0.

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Jackson 10-4-14, S.Jones 9-2-11, A.Davis 7-4-11, D.Holly 7-0-7, B.Pool 3-3-6, A.McKinley 5-0-5, K.Wimbley 2-2-4, B.Russell 3-0-3, N.Eason 3-0-3, R.Brown 2-1-3, E.Kelley 2-1-3, W.McGinest 2-0-2, S.Fraser 1-1-2, T.Washington 1-0-1, O.Roye 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: W.McGinest 1-0. INT.-YDS.: B.Russell 1-6. PD: J.Perry 1, B.Russell 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

GAME 12
Bengals 13, Ravens 7
Thursday, Nov. 30, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals denied Baltimore's bid to clinch the AFC North Championship on Cincinnati turf, holding the Ravens scoreless until the 1:01 mark of the fourth quarter. When Cincinnati CB Keivan Ratliff covered the Ravens' ensuing onside kick, the Bengals had only to kneel on the ball for two plays against an opponent with no timeouts remaining. Cincinnati ended Baltimore's five-game winning streak, moving to a 7-5 record, two games behind the 9-3 Ravens in the AFC North. The Bengals dominated the first three quarters, but Baltimore stayed in contention by forcing Cincinnati to settle for FGs on a pair of first-half red-zone penetrations. But Cincinnati took a 13-0 lead on a 40-yard flea-flicker TD pass from QB Carson Palmer to WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh in the third quarter. Defensively, combined with the previous week's shutout at Cleveland, the Bengals set franchise records for most consecutive quarters (seven) and minutes (123:20) without allowing a point.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Baltimore.....	0	0	0	7	—	7
Cincinnati.....	0	6	7	0	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — S.Graham 23 field goal.....	2-14:49
Cin. — S.Graham 27 field goal.....	2-4:56
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 40 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	3-11:25
Balt. — D.Mason 36 pass from S.McNair (M.Stover kick).....	4-1:01
Missed FGs: S.Graham (46WR), M.Stover (29WL). Attendance: 65,973. Time: 3:02.	

TEAM STATISTICS	BALT.	CIN.
First downs.....	15	14
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-16	4-13
Total net yards.....	316	294
Net yards rushing.....	89	67
Net yards passing.....	227	227
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	43-26-0	32-21-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	0-0	2-7
Punts-average.....	7-47.1	6-46.2
Punt returns-yards.....	3-7	5-51
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-82	1-24
Penalties-yards.....	9-64	5-35
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	0-0
Time of possession.....	30:49	29:11

Rushing

BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Lewis	17	61	15	0	R.Johnson	16	47	11	0
S.McNair	2	27	19	0	J.Johnson	4	23	15	0
O.Mughelli	1	1	1	0	C.Palmer	3	-3	-1	0
TOTALS	20	89	19	0	TOTALS	23	67	15	0

Passing

BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
S.McNair	43	26	227	1-0	C.Palmer	32	21	234	1-0
TOTALS	43	26	227	1-0	TOTALS	32	21	234	1-0

Receiving

BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
D.Mason	7	90	36t	1	T.Houshmandzadeh				
T.Heap	4	29	15	0		10	106	40t	1
M.Clayton	4	29	13	0	C.Johnson	8	91	24	0
O.Mughelli	3	20	8	0	R.Johnson	2	17	10	0
J.Lewis	2	26	15	0	K.Watson	1	20	20	0
M.Anderson	2	14	10	0					
D.Williams	2	12	7	0					
M.Smith	2	7	4	0					
TOTALS	26	227	36t	1	TOTALS	21	234	40t	1

Defense

Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Scott 7-1-8, R.Lewis 5-2-7, S.Rolle 5-0-5, E.Reed 5-0-5, D.Landry 3-2-5, A.Thomas 2-3-5, T.Pryce 3-1-4, C.Ivy 2-0-2, D.Edwards 1-0-1, A.Franklin 1-0-1, K.Gregg 1-0-1, C.McAlister 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: D.Landry 1-7, B.Scott 1-0. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: S.Rolle 2, E.Reed 1, B.Scott 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Johnson 6-7-13, D.Jackson 8-0-8, J.Joseph 5-2-7, J.Smith 2-4-6, C.Miller 3-2-5, B.Simmons 3-2-5, R.Jeanty 3-1-4, K.Kaesviharn 3-1-4, B.Robinson 3-0-3, R.Geathers 2-1-3, M.Williams 2-1-3, K.Ratliff 2-0-2, S.Smith 1-1-2, D.Peko 0-2-2. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PBU: J.Joseph 4, T.James 1, R.Jeanty 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

GAME 13
Bengals 27, Raiders 10
Sunday, Dec. 10, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals rode to their fourth straight win with an unprecedented performance. HB Rudi Johnson and WRs T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Chad Johnson each gained more than 100 yards, marking the first game in club history with two receivers and one rusher in triple digits. Rudi Johnson scored 2 of Cincinnati's 4 TDs and pushed his season total to 10. Defensively, the Bengals held the Raiders to 223 yards and 14 first downs, and DE Robert Geathers had 2 sacks, raising his total to 10.5 and becoming the first Cincinnati double-digit sacker since LB/DE Alfred Williams in 1992. Oakland became the third opponent in Bengals history to be held to no first downs rushing. The Oakland result left the Bengals with only 17 points allowed in their last three games, fewest in team history for such a stretch. The Bengals improved to 8-5. The Raiders fell to 2-11.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Oakland	0	3	0	7	—	10
Cincinnati	14	0	13	0	—	27

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — C.Henry 8 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick).....	1-8:34
Cin. — R.Johnson 9 run (S.Graham kick).....	1-2:27
Oak. — S.Janikowski 33 field goal.....	2-0:22
Cin. — R.Johnson 6 run (S.Graham kick).....	3-5:31
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 20 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)....	3-0:59
Oak. — R.Curry 5 pass from A.Brooks (S.Janikowski kick).....	4-11:26

Missed FGs: S.Janikowski (51LU).
Attendance: 65,882. Time: 2:49.

TEAM STATISTICS	OAK.	CIN.
First downs	14	28
Third down conversions-attempts.....	7-14	7-11
Total net yards	223	439
Net yards rushing.....	45	136
Net yards passing.....	178	303
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	39-23-1	29-21-3
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-21	0-0
Punts-average	2-51.0	0-0.0
Punt returns-yards	0-0	2-10
Kickoff returns-yards.....	5-132	3-70
Penalties-yards.....	6-38	5-40
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Time of possession.....	24:15	35:45

Rushing

OAK.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Fargas	13	37	7	0	R.Johnson	30	117	11	2
A.Brooks	2	11	9	0	K.Watson	5	22	9	0
R.Lee	1	-3	-3	0	J.Johnson	1	0	0	0
					A.Wright	3	-3	-1	0
TOTALS	16	45	9	0	TOTALS	39	136	11	2

Passing

OAK.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
A.Brooks	39	23	199	1-1	C.Palmer	28	20	297	2-3
					A.Wright	1	1	6	0-0
TOTALS	39	23	199	1-1	TOTALS	29	21	303	2-3

Receiving

OAK.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
R.Curry	8	99	35	1	T.Houshmandzadeh	8	118	36	1
A.Whitted	5	34	19	0	C.Johnson	5	101	42	0
R.Moss	2	28	16	0	J.Johnson	3	23	17	0
J.Madsen	2	12	6	0	C.Henry	2	31	23	1
J.Fargas	2	2	3	0	K.Watson	2	25	16	0
C.Anderson	1	12	12	0	R.Johnson	1	5	5	0
R.Lee	1	6	6	0					
R.Williams	1	5	5	0					
Z.Crockett	1	1	1	0					
TOTALS	23	199	35	1	TOTALS	21	303	42	2

Defense

Oakland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: K.Morrison 8-5-13, T.Howard 4-5-9, M.Huff 4-3-7, T.Kelly 2-4-6, S.Schweigert 4-1-5, T.Sands 1-4-5, F.Washington 4-0-4, S.Williams 3-1-4, T.Brayton 2-2-4, D.Burgess 1-2-3, N.Asomugha 2-0-2, A.Hawthorne 2-0-2, K.Huntley 0-2-2, R.Thomas 0-2-2, T.Poole 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: N.Asomugha 2-16, F.Washington 1-0. PD: N.Asomugha 3, F.Washington 2. FF: K.Morrison 1. FR-YDS.: S.Schweigert 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: R.Jeanty 6-1-7, J.Joseph 6-1-7, T.James 5-2-7, L.Johnson 4-3-7, B.Simmons 2-4-6, R.Geathers 2-3-5, J.Smith 2-2-4, K.Ratliff 3-0-3, D.Jackson 2-1-3, K.Kaesviham 2-0-2, S.Adams 1-1-2, D.Peko 1-1-2, J.Thornton 0-2-2, C.Miller 1-0-1, B.Robinson 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Geathers 2-10, K.Kaesviham 1-7, D.Jackson 1-4. INT.-YDS.: B.Simmons 1-0. PBU: B.Simmons 3, D.Jackson 1, T.James 1, J.Joseph 1, K.Kaesviham 1, S.Smith 1, J.Thornton 1. FF: C.Miller 1. FR-YDS.: J.Joseph 1-0.

GAME 14
Colts 34, Bengals 16
Monday, Dec. 18, at RCA Dome

Presented with the chance to assume a commanding position in the AFC Wild Card race, the Bengals came up well short at Indianapolis on Monday Night Football, losing by their second-largest margin of the season. Colts QB Peyton Manning threw 4 TD passes, the most TD throws by a Bengals opponent on the season. WR Marvin Harrison caught 3 of those scoring aeriels. Manning compiled a 136.3 passer rating, completing 29 of 36 throws for 282 yards with no INTs. The Bengals passing game produced only 145 net yards, second-fewest of the season, as QB Carson Palmer passed for 176 but suffered 31 lost yards on 4 sacks. The Colts far outpaced the Bengals in third down play, converting 50 percent to Cincinnati's 18 percent, and the Colts scored 4 TDs in five red-zone possessions while the Bengals scored only 1 TD in four penetrations. The Bengals fell to 8-6 on the season, while the Colts improved to 11-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	3	7	3	3	—	16
Indianapolis.....	3	14	14	3	—	34

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 30 field goal	1-8:00
Cin. — S.Graham 27 field goal	1-1:05
Ind. — M.Harrison 4 pass from P.Manning (A.Vinatieri kick)	2-10:25
Cin. — R.Johnson 12 run (S.Graham kick).....	2-6:49
Ind. — M.Harrison 3 pass from P.Manning (A.Vinatieri kick)	2-0:13
Cin. — S.Graham 30 field goal	3-9:14
Ind. — M.Harrison 1 pass from P.Manning (A.Vinatieri kick)	3-6:36
Ind. — R.Wayne 18 pass from P.Manning (A.Vinatieri kick)	3-2:16
Cin. — S.Graham 28 field goal	4-13:07
Ind. — A.Vinatieri 44 field goal	4-5:25

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 57,292. Time: 3:01.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	IND.
First downs.....	20	27
Third down conversions-attempts.....	2-11	5-10
Total net yards	278	394
Net yards rushing.....	133	112
Net yards passing.....	145	282
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	28-14-0	36-29-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	4-31	1-0
Punts-average.....	4-43.0	2-50.0
Punt returns-yards	1-8	3-6
Kickoff returns-yards.....	6-120	5-119
Penalties-yards.....	2-10	5-35
Fumbles-lost	5-1	1-1
Time of possession.....	26:56	33:04

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	IND.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	22	79	21	1	D.Rhodes	19	52	16	0
K.Watson	4	30	13	0	J.Addai	8	50	41	0
C.Palmer	1	11	11	0	P.Manning	2	10	12	0
R.McNeal	1	8	8	0					
J.Johnson	1	4	4	0					
C.Johnson	1	1	1	0					
TOTALS	30	133	21	1	TOTALS	29	112	41	0

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	IND.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	28	14	176	0-0	P.Manning	36	29	282	4-0
TOTALS	28	14	176	0-0	TOTALS	36	29	282	4-0

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	IND.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Houshmandzadeh	4	49	24	0	M.Harrison	8	86	22	3
K.Watson	3	56	46	0	R.Wayne	7	84	20	1
C.Johnson	3	37	16	0	B.Utecht	4	35	14	0
R.Johnson	2	17	11	0	D.Rhodes	4	26	11	0
R.Kelly	1	11	11	0	A.Moorehead	3	15	6	0
J.Johnson	1	6	6	0	J.Addai	2	29	15	0
					R.Proehl	1	7	7	0
TOTALS	14	176	46	0	TOTALS	29	282	22	4

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.Simmons 8-5-13, J.Smith 5-6-11, L.Johnson 6-4-10, J.Thornton 6-2-8, D.Jackson 6-1-7, J.Joseph 4-1-5, D.Jackson 6-1-7, J.Joseph 4-1-5, K.Kaesviham 4-1-5, B.Robinson 2-3-5, D.Peko 0-4-4, J.Fanene 3-0-3, T.James 3-0-3, D.O'Neal 2-1-3, R.Geathers 2-0-2, M.Williams 2-0-2, C.Miller 1-0-1, K.Ratliff 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: B.Robinson 1-0. INT.-YDS.: None. PBU: B.Simmons 2. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

Indianapolis (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.June 9-4-13, G.Brackett 7-2-9, R.Morris 5-2-7, N.Harper 4-2-6, M.Giordano 3-2-5, K.Hayden 3-2-5, De.Reid 4-0-4, D.Freeney 3-1-4, A.McFarland 3-1-4, R.Brock 3-0-3, Da.Reid 3-0-3, R.Mathis 1-2-3, J.David 2-0-2, J.Thomas 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: D.Freeney 3-26, R.Brock 1-5. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: G.Brackett 1, R.Brock 1, J.David 1, M.Giordano 1, N.Harper 1, R.Mathis 1, De.Reid 1. FF: D.Freeney 3, G.Brackett 1, R.Brock 1. FR-YDS.: A.McFarland 1-0.

GAME 15

Broncos 24, Bengals 23

Sunday, Dec. 24, at INVESCO Field at Mile High

The Bengals could have clinched a playoff berth with a win, due to losses earlier in the day by Buffalo and Jacksonville, but they lost in gut-wrenching fashion. Cincinnati drove 90 yards in the closing minutes, and appeared on the verge of forcing overtime on QB Carson Palmer's 10-yard TD pass to WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh with 0:41 to play. But Cincinnati's PAT try was aborted, as a high and wide snap from Brad St. Louis went through the outstretched hands of holder Kyle Larson, and the Broncos held their one-point lead. The Bengals recovered an ensuing onside kick, but it was nullified by an offside penalty against Cincinnati, and the Broncos recovered the repeat onside try to seal their win. The missed PAT was only one of a number of Cincinnati mistakes and missed opportunities. The Bengals had a minus-2 turnover differential and had a 75-yard Palmer-to-Chris Henry TD pass nullified by an illegal shift penalty. The Broncos improved to 9-6, while the Bengals fell to 8-7 and headed for their season finale against Pittsburgh needing a win plus help from other teams to make the playoffs.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	7	10	0	6	—	23
Denver	0	14	7	3	—	24

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Johnson 6 run (S.Graham kick)	1-3:44
Den. — T.Scheffler 1 pass from J.Cutler (J.Elam kick)	2-13:24
Den. — J.Walker 39 pass from J.Cutler (J.Elam kick)	2-12:07
Cin. — S.Graham 46 field goal	2-6:49
Cin. — C.Henry 11 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	2-0:43
Den. — M.Bell 2 run (J.Elam kick)	3-3:17
Den. — J.Elam 24 field goal	4-12:54
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 10 pass from C.Palmer (kick aborted)	4-0:41

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 75,759. Time: 3:19.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	DEN.
First downs	23	17
Third down conversions-attempts	6-15	5-13
Total net yards	343	287
Net yards rushing	149	127
Net yards passing	194	160
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	40-21-2	23-12-1
Sacks against-yards lost	2-15	3-19
Punts-average	5-45.8	6-42.7
Punt returns-yards	3-20	3-33
Kickoff returns-yards	4-107	3-50
Penalties-yards	8-46	3-10
Fumbles-lost	4-2	3-1
Time of possession	30:09	29:51

Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	DEN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	30	129	13	1	M.Bell	16	69	14	1
K.Watson	2	14	7	0	T.Bell	12	50	20	0
C.Palmer	2	6	4	0	B.Marshall	1	6	6	0
					J.Walker	3	3	5	0
					J.Cutler	2	-1	0	0
TOTALS	34	149	13	1	TOTALS	34	127	20	1

Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	DEN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	40	21	209	2-2	J.Cutler	23	12	179	2-1
TOTALS	40	21	209	2-2	TOTALS	23	12	179	2-1

Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	DEN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Houshmandzadeh	9	94	26	1	B.Marshall	4	65	36	0
					J.Walker	3	52	39t	1
C.Johnson	3	32	14	0	T.Scheffler	2	26	25	1
C.Henry	3	30	11t	1	D.Kircus	1	18	18	0
R.Kelly	2	23	18	0	M.Bell	1	13	13	0
R.Johnson	2	11	7	0	R.Smith	1	5	5	0
K.Watson	1	12	12	0					
T.Stewart	1	7	7	0					
TOTALS	21	209	26	2	TOTALS	12	179	39t	2

Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Smith 8-2-10, L.Johnson 9-0-9, M.Williams 5-1-6, D.Peko 4-2-6, S.Adams 2-4-6, D.Jackson 2-3-5, B.Simmons 1-4-5, R.Geathers 2-2-4, R.Jeanty 2-2-4, J.Joseph 2-1-3, J.Thornton 1-2-3, T.James 1-1-2, K.Kaesviharn 1-1-2, C.Miller 1-1-2, B.Robinson 1-0-1, A.Brooks 0-1-1, D.O'Neal 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: Peko 1.5-10.5, S.Adams 1-4, D.Jackson 0.5-4.5. INT.-YDS.: D.Jackson 1-46. PBU: D.Jackson 2, M.Williams 2, J.Joseph 1. FF: D.Peko 1. FR-YDS.: D.O'Neal 1-0.

Denver (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: D.Foxworth 12-2-14, E.Ekuban 8-1-9, J.Lynch 6-1-7, C.Bailey 6-0-6, A.Wilson 3-3-6, M.Myers 3-2-5, Da.Williams 4-0-4, I.Gold 3-0-3, K.Lang 1-2-3, C.Cox 2-0-2, K.Paymah 2-0-2, G.Warren 2-0-2, P.Chukwurah 1-1-2, D.Veal 1-0-1, E.Dumervil 0-1-1, J.Engelberger 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: K.Lang 1-9, E.Ekuban 1-6. INT.-YDS.: C.Bailey 1-20, Da.Williams 1-0. PD: Da.Williams 2, C.Bailey 1, C.Cox 1, E.Dumervil 1, J.Lynch 1, K.Paymah. FF: E.Dumervil 1, D.Foxworth 1, J.Lynch 1, Da.Williams 1. FR-YDS.: E.Dumervil 1-13, C.Bailey 1-4.

In 2006, the Bengals are:

4-3 at home
4-4 on the road
5-4 when scoring first
3-3 when opponent scores first
1-3 in games decided by 3 points or fewer
2-4 in games decided by 7 points or fewer
7-4 when leading at halftime
0-0 when tied at halftime
1-3 when trailing at halftime
6-2 when leading after three quarters
0-0 when tied after three quarters
2-5 when trailing after three quarters
5-3 when rushing for 100 net yards

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

Under Marvin Lewis, the Bengals are:

19-12 at home
16-16 on the road
21-11 when scoring first
14-17 when opponent scores first
7-6 in games decided by 3 points or fewer
17-13 in games decided by 7 points or fewer
25-8 when leading at halftime
4-1 when tied at halftime
6-19 when trailing at halftime
28-4 when leading after three quarters
2-1 when tied after three quarters
5-23 when trailing after three quarters
22-14 when rushing for 100 net yards

19-5 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards
24-2 with plus turnover differential
7-6 with even turnover differential
4-20 with minus turnover differential
13-8 when passing for 250 net yards
13-8 when opponent passes for 250 net yards
30-11 when scoring 20 points or more
14-24 when opponent scores 20 points or more
33-26 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)
2-2 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)
17-13 on natural grass
18-15 on synthetic surface
20-15 with fewer penalty yards

Best performances

Rushing yards

145 — Rudi Johnson, Sept. 17 vs. Cleveland
129 — Rudi Johnson, Dec. 24 at Denver
117 — Rudi Johnson, Dec. 10 vs. Oakland

Rushing attempts

30 — Rudi Johnson, Dec. 10 vs. Oakland
30 — Rudi Johnson, Dec. 24 at Denver
28 — Rudi Johnson, Sept. 10 at Kansas City

Longest rushes

22 — Rudi Johnson, Sept. 10 at Kansas City (TD)
22 — Rudi Johnson, Nov. 19 at New Orleans
21 — Rudi Johnson, Oct. 22 vs. Carolina
21 — Rudi Johnson, Dec. 18 at Indianapolis

Receptions

11 — Chad Johnson, Nov. 12 vs. San Diego
10 — T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Oct. 15 at Tampa Bay
10 — T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Nov. 30 vs. Baltimore

Receiving yards

260 — Chad Johnson, Nov. 12 vs. San Diego
190 — Chad Johnson, Nov. 19 at New Orleans
123 — Chad Johnson, Nov. 26 at Cleveland

Passing yards

440 — Carson Palmer, Nov. 12 vs. San Diego
352 — Carson Palmer, Sept. 17 vs. Cleveland
297 — Carson Palmer, Dec. 10 vs. Oakland

Pass attempts

42 — Carson Palmer, Nov. 12 vs. San Diego
40 — Carson Palmer, Sept. 17 vs. Cleveland
40 — Carson Palmer, Dec. 24 at Denver

Pass completions

31 — Carson Palmer, Nov. 12 vs. San Diego
25 — Carson Palmer, Nov. 26 at Cleveland
24 — (three times)

Longest passes

74 — Carson Palmer to Chad Johnson, Nov. 12 vs. San Diego (TD)
71 — Carson Palmer to Chris Henry, Nov. 5 at Baltimore
60 — Carson Palmer to Chad Johnson, Nov. 19 at New Orleans (TD)

Yards from scrimmage

260 — Chad Johnson, Nov. 12 vs. San Diego
193 — Chad Johnson, Nov. 19 at New Orleans
148 — Rudi Johnson, Sept. 17 vs. Cleveland

Longest kickoff return

38 — Glenn Holt, Dec. 24 at Denver
36 — Chris Perry, Nov. 12 vs. San Diego
36 — Glenn Holt, Dec. 18 at Indianapolis

Longest punt return

38 — Keiwan Ratliff, Nov. 30 vs. Baltimore
19 — Antonio Chatman, Oct. 15 at Tampa Bay
17 — Keiwan Ratliff, Nov. 5 at Baltimore
17 — Keiwan Ratliff, Dec. 24 at Denver

Total tackles (coaches' statistics based on film review)

16 — Caleb Miller, Nov. 19 at New Orleans
15 — Caleb Miller, Oct. 1 vs. New England
14 — Ahmad Brooks, Oct. 15 at Tampa Bay

Solo tackles (coaches' statistics based on film review)

13 — Caleb Miller, Nov. 19 at New Orleans
10 — Ahmad Brooks, Oct. 15 at Tampa Bay
9 — (three times)

Transactions

(Transactions prior to July 13 can be found on pages 158-159 of the Bengals' 2006 media guide.)

July 13 — Selected LB Ahmad Brooks of Virginia in Round 3 of NFL Supplemental draft; Terminated the contract of G/C Larry Moore.

July 17 — Waived CB DeMarcus Rideaux.

July 26 — Signed OT Levi Jones* to a contract extension; Signed WR Bennie Brazell (D7b).

July 28 — Signed DT Domata Peko (D4) and S Ethan Kilmer (D7a).

July 29 — Signed CB Johnathan Joseph (D1), G Andrew Whitworth (D2), LB Ahmad Brooks (SD3), LB A.J. Nicholson (D5) and WR Reggie McNeal (D6).

July 30 — Signed DE Frostee Rucker (D3); Waived P Danny Baugher.

Aug. 15 — Waived DT Matthias Askew and C Jesse Boone; Acquired DT Daniel Watts as an International Practice Squad player.

Aug. 20 — Waived S Tony Bua and QB Erik Meyer.

Aug. 21 — Placed CB Rashad Bauman on the Reserve/Injured list.

Aug. 22 — Placed S Anthony Mitchell on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived HB Terrence Whitehead (injured).

Aug. 24 — HB Terrence Whitehead cleared waivers, placed on Reserve/Injured list.

Aug. 29 — Terminated the contract of LB Hannibal Navies; Waived G Steven Vieira.

Aug. 31 — Signed OT Willie Anderson* to a contract, extension.

Sept. 2 — Placed CB Patrick Body, WR Bennie Brazell and DT Marcus Lewis on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed DE Jonathan Fanene, OT Adam Kieft and HB Chris Perry on the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list; Placed LB Odell Thurman on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list; Waived S John Busing, HB DeDe Dorsey, TE Ronnie Ghent, DE Eric Henderson, WR Glenn Holt, TE David Jones, G Nate Livings, OT Pete Loughheed, FB Chris Manderino, WR Reggie McNeal, WR P.K. Sam, TE Darnell Sanders, FB Naufahu Tahī, G Kyle Takavitz and C Ben Wilkerson.

Sept. 4 — Signed the following seven players to the practice squad: S John Busing, TE Ronnie Ghent, DE Eric Henderson, WR Glenn Holt, G Nate Livings, FB Naufahu Tahī and C Ben Wilkerson.

Sept. 5 — Waived CB Patrick Body from the Reserve/Injured list with an injury settlement.

Sept. 6 — Signed WR Reggie McNeal to the practice squad.

Sept. 18 — Placed LB David Pollack on the

Reserve/Injured list.

Sept. 19 — Signed WR Reggie McNeal from the practice squad.

Sept. 20 — Signed G Kyle Takavitz to the practice squad.

Sept. 27 — Signed LB Andre Frazier; Placed DE Frostee Rucker on the Reserve/Injured list.

Oct. 3 — Signed OT Alan Reuber to the practice squad; Released G Kyle Takavitz from the practice squad.

Oct. 6 — Placed WR Chris Henry on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list.

Oct. 14 — Signed S John Busing from the practice squad.

Oct. 18 — HB Chris Perry (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list) returned to practice on a roster exemption.

Oct. 19 — Waived HB Quincy Wilson.

Oct. 20 — Placed HB Chris Perry on the 53-player roster (activated from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list); Signed WR Glenn Holt from the practice squad; Placed WR Tab Perry on the Reserve/Injured list.

Oct. 21 — Signed HB Quincy Wilson to the practice squad.

Oct. 27 — Activated WR Chris Henry from the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list; Placed WR Antonio Chatman on the Reserve/Injured list.

Nov. 1 — Signed TE Gregg Guenther and TE Tim Day to the practice squad; Placed TE Ronnie Ghent on the Practice Squad/Injured list.

Nov. 7 — Signed C Ben Wilkerson from the practice squad; Placed CB Greg Brooks (53-player roster) and OT Adam Kieft on the Reserve/Injured list; Waived DT Marcus Lewis from the Reserve/Injured list; DE Jonathan Fanene (Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list) returned to practice on a roster exemption.

Nov. 8 — Signed CB Brandon Williams to the practice squad.

Nov. 22 — FB Naufahu Tahī signed off the practice squad by Minnesota; Signed LS Adam Johnson to the practice squad.

Nov. 27 — Released LS Adam Johnson from the practice squad.

Nov. 28 — Placed DE Jonathan Fanene (roster exemption) on the 53-player roster; Placed HB Chris Perry on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed FB Chris Manderino to the practice squad.

Dec. 15 — Acquired WR Skyler Green on waivers from Dallas; Placed WR Kelley Washington on the Reserve/Injured list.

** NOTE: Signed a new contract before finishing the final season(s) of existing contract.*

Participation chart

Legend

(position abbreviation indicates start)

P — played as a substitute
 DNP — did not play
 IL — inactive list
 * — designated third quarterback
 PS — practice squad

PSI — practice squad/injured list
 IPSP — international practice squad player
 RI — reserve/injured list
 RPUP — reserve/physically unable to perform list
 RNFI — reserve/non-football injury list

RSBC — reserve/suspended by commissioner list
 REX — roster exemption
 NWT — not with team

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @K.C.	2 CLE.	3 @Pitt.	4 N.E.	5 @T.B.	6 CAR.	7 ATL.	8 @Balt.	9 S.D.	10 @N.O.	11 @Cle.	12 BALT.	13 OAK.	14 @Ind.	15 @Den.	16 PITT.
Adams, Sam	15-15	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT
Anderson, Willie	15-15	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT
Andrews, Stacy	15-3	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RG	RG	RG	P	P	P	P
Bauman, Rashad	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Braham, Rich	2-2	C	C	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL
Brazell, Bennie	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Brooks, Ahmad	10-5	DNP	IL	P	P	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	DNP	P	P	IL	IL	IL	P
Brooks, Greg	5-0	IL	IL	P	P	P	IL	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Busing, John	7-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	IL	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL
Chatman, Antonio	3-0	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Day, Tim	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Fanene, Jonathan	3-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	REX	REX	REX	P	IL	P	P	P
Frazier, Andre	11-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL
Geathers, Robert	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ghent, Ronnie	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PSI	PSI	PSI	PSI	PSI	PSI	PSI	PSI	PSI
Ghiaciu, Eric	14-12	IL	P	C	C	P	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Graham, Shayne	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Green, Skyler	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	IL	IL	IL
Guenther, Gregg	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Henderson, Eric	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Henry, Chris	12-3	WR	WR	P	IL	RSBC	RSBC	P	3rdWR	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Holt, Glenn	10-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Houshmandzadeh, T.J.	13-12	IL	IL	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	P	WR	WR
Jackson, Dexter	11-10	SS	SS	IL	IL	IL	P	SS	SS	SS	IL	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS
James, Tory	15-15	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB
Jeanty, Rashad	11-8	SLB	P	SLB	IL	IL	IL	IL	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	P	P	P
Johnson, Adam	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Johnson, Chad	15-15	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
Johnson, Doug	0-0	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*	DNP	DNP	DNP	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL*
Johnson, Jeremi	15-11	P	P	FB	P	FB	FB	FB	P	FB	P	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB	FB
Johnson, Landon	15-15	WLB	WLB	WLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	LB	LB
Johnson, Rudi	15-14	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	P	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB
Jones, Herana-Daze	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Jones, Levi	5-4	LOT	IL	LOT	LOT	LOT	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	DNP	P
Joseph, Johnathan	15-8	LCB	P	P	P	P	P	P	LCB	P	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB
Kaesviharn, Kevin	13-7	P	P	SS	SS	SS	SS	P	IL	IL	SS	P	P	P	nkIDB	nkIDB	nkIDB
Kelly, Reggie	15-15	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE
Kieft, Adam	0-0	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Kilmer, Ethan	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Kooistra, Scott	14-0	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Larson, Kyle	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lewis, Marcus	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Livingston, Nate	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Manderino, Chris	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
McNeal, Reggie	6-0	PS	PS	IL	IL	IL*	IL*	IL*	IL	IL	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Miller, Caleb	15-7	P	P	P	WLB	WLB	WLB	P	P	P	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	P	P	P
Mitchell, Anthony	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Nicholson, A.J.	2-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	IL	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL
O'Neal, Deltha	11-7	P	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	P	LCB	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	P
Palmer, Carson	15-15	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB
Peko, Domata	15-1	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	RDT	P	P	P	P
Perry, Chris	6-1	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	RPUP	P	P	P	HB	P	P	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Perry, Tab	2-0	P	P	IL	IL	IL	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Pollack, David	2-1	P	SLB	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Ratliff, Keiwan	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Reuber, Alan	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Robinson, Bryan	15-15	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE
Rucker, Frostee	0-0	IL	IL	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
St. Louis, Brad	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Simmons, Brian	10-7	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	IL	P	SLB	IL	IL	IL	IL	P	P	LB	LB	LB
Smith, Justin	15-15	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE
Smith, Shaun	13-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	IL	IL	IL
Steinbach, Eric	15-15	LG	LOT	LG	LG	C	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG
Stewart, Tony	15-3	2ndTE	2ndTE	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	2ndTE	P	P
Tahi, Naufahu	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Takavitz, Kyle	0-0	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT
Thornton, John	14-14	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	IL	RDT	RDT	RDT
Thurman, Odell	0-0	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC
Washington, Kelley	5-1	P	P	P	3rdWR	P	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	RI	RI	RI
Watson, Kenny	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Watts, Daniel	0-0	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP
Whitehead, Terrence	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI
Whitworth, Andrew	15-12	P	LG	P	P	LG	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT
Wilkerson, Ben	2-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	P	IL	IL	IL
Wilkins, Marcus	15-0	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Williams, Bobbie	12-12	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	IL	IL	IL	RG	RG	RG	RG
Williams, Brandon	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Williams, Madiou	15-15	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS
Wilson, Quincy	3-0	DNP	DNP	P	P	P	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS
Wright, Anthony	3-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	IL	IL	IL	DNP	DNP	DNP	P	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP

Starting lineups

Offense

GAME	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	QB	HB	FB
9-10 @K.C.	C.Johnson	L.Jones	Steinbach	Braham	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Henry	Palmer	R.Johnson	T.Stewart(2ndTE)
9-17 CLE.	C.Johnson	Steinbach	Whitworth	Braham	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Henry	Palmer	R.Johnson	T.Stewart(2ndTE)
9-24 @Pitt.	C.Johnson	L.Jones	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson
10-1 N.E. 10-8 (BYE)	C.Johnson	L.Jones	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	Washington(3rdWR)
10-15 @ T.B.	C.Johnson	L.Jones	Whitworth	Steinbach	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson
10-22 CAR.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson
10-29 ATL.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson
11-5 @Balt.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	C.Henry(3rdWR)
11-12 S.D.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	C.Perry	J.Johnson
11-19 @N.O.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	Andrews	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson
11-26 @Cle.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	Andrews	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson
11-30 BALT.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	Andrews	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson
12-10 OAK.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson
12-18 @Ind.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Stewart(2ndTE)	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson
12-24 @Den. 12-31 PITT.	C.Johnson	Whitworth	Steinbach	Ghiaciuc	B.Williams	Anderson	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Palmer	R.Johnson	J.Johnson

Defense

GAME	LDE	LDT	RDT	RDE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
9-10 @K.C.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Jeanty	Simmons	L.Johnson	Joseph	James	Jackson	M.Williams
9-17 CLE.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Pollack	Simmons	L.Johnson	O'Neal	James	Jackson	M.Williams
9-24 @Pitt.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Jeanty	Simmons	L.Johnson	O'Neal	James	Kaesviharn	M.Williams
10-1 N.E. 10-8 (BYE)	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	L.Johnson	Simmons	Miller	O'Neal	James	Kaesviharn	M.Williams
10-15 @ T.B.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	L.Johnson	A.Brooks	Miller	O'Neal	James	Kaesviharn	M.Williams
10-22 CAR.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	L.Johnson	A.Brooks	Miller	O'Neal	James	Kaesviharn	M.Williams
10-29 ATL.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Simmons	A.Brooks	L.Johnson	O'Neal	James	Jackson	M.Williams
11-5 @Balt.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Jeanty	A.Brooks	L.Johnson	Joseph	James	Jackson	M.Williams
11-12 S.D.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Jeanty	A.Brooks	L.Johnson	O'Neal	James	Jackson	M.Williams
11-19 @N.O.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Jeanty	Miller	L.Johnson	Joseph	James	Kaesviharn	M.Williams
11-26 @Cle.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Jeanty	Miller	L.Johnson	Joseph	James	Jackson	M.Williams
11-30 BALT.	Robinson	Adams	Peko	J.Smith	Jeanty	Miller	L.Johnson	Joseph	James	Jackson	M.Williams
12-10 OAK.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Jeanty	Miller	L.Johnson	Joseph	James	Jackson	M.Williams
12-18 @Ind.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Kaesviharn(nickel)	Simmons(LB)	L.Johnson(LB)	Joseph	James	Jackson	M.Williams
12-24 @Den. 12-31 PITT.	Robinson	Adams	Thornton	J.Smith	Kaesviharn(nickel)	Simmons(LB)	L.Johnson(LB)	Joseph	James	Jackson	M.Williams

Depth chart

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OFFENSE

WR	85	CHAD JOHNSON	<u>16</u>	<u>Glenn Holt</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Skyler Green</u>
LOT	76	LEVI JONES	<u>77</u>	<u>Andrew Whitworth</u>		
LG	65	ERIC STEINBACH	<u>77</u>	<u>Andrew Whitworth</u>		
C	74	RICH BRAHAM	53	Eric Ghiaciuc	<u>64</u>	<u>Ben Wilkerson</u>
RG	63	BOBBIE WILLIAMS	79	Stacy Andrews		
ROT	71	WILLIE ANDERSON	75	Scott Kooistra		
TE	82	REGGIE KELLY	86	Tony Stewart	48	Brad St. Louis
WR	84	T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH	15	Chris Henry	<u>10</u>	<u>Reggie McNeal</u>
QB	9	CARSON PALMER	2	Anthony Wright	11	Doug Johnson
HB	32	RUDI JOHNSON	33	Kenny Watson		
FB	31	JEREMI JOHNSON				

DEFENSE

LDE	98	BRYAN ROBINSON	91	Robert Geathers	68	Jonathan Fanene
LDT	95	SAM ADAMS	66	Shaun Smith		
RDT	97	JOHN THORNTON	<u>94</u>	<u>Domata Peko</u>		
RDE	90	JUSTIN SMITH	91	Robert Geathers		
SLB	<u>93</u>	<u>RASHAD JEANTY</u>	57	Andre Frazier		
MLB	56	BRIAN SIMMONS	<u>50</u>	<u>Ahmad Brooks</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>A.J. Nicholson</u>
WLB	59	LONDON JOHNSON	58	Caleb Miller	55	Marcus Wilkins
LCB	24	DELTA O'NEAL	25	Keiwan Ratliff		
RCB	20	TORY JAMES	<u>22</u>	<u>Johnathan Joseph</u>		
SS	28	DEXTER JACKSON	<u>44</u>	<u>Herana-Daze Jones</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>John Busing</u>
FS	40	MADIEU WILLIAMS	34	Kevin Kaesviharn	<u>43</u>	<u>Ethan Kilmer</u>

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	19	Kyle Larson				
K	17	Shayne Graham				
KO	17	Shayne Graham				
PR	25	Keiwan Ratliff	84	T.J. Houshmandzadeh	<u>18</u>	<u>Skyler Green</u>
KOR	<u>16</u>	<u>Glenn Holt</u>	33	Kenny Watson	<u>18</u>	<u>Skyler Green</u>
LS	48	Brad St. Louis	53	Eric Ghiaciuc	90	Justin Smith
H	19	Kyle Larson				

NOTE: Players whose names are CAPITALIZED are anticipated starters. Rookies and first-year players are underlined.

Pronunciation guide

Rashad <u>Bauman</u> (Reserve/Injured)	BO-men	<u>Levi Jones</u>	LEE-vye
Rich <u>Braham</u>	BRAY-um	Kevin <u>Kaesviharn</u>	CASE-vih-harn
Bob <u>Bratkowski</u> (offensive coordinator)	brat-COW-skee	Adam <u>Kieft</u> (Reserve/Injured)	KEEFT
Bennie <u>Brazell</u> (Reserve/Injured)	bruh-ZELL	Scott <u>Kooistra</u>	KOO-struh
Chuck <u>Bresnahan</u> (defensive coordinator)	BREZ-nuh-han	Chris <u>Manderino</u> (practice squad)	man-der-REEN-o
Ahmad Brooks	ah-MAHD	<u>Caleb Miller</u>	KAY-lebb
John <u>Busing</u>	BEE-sing	<u>Deltha O'Neal</u>	DELL-thuh
Louie <u>Cioffi</u> (assistant defensive backs coach)	CHO-fee	<u>Domata Peko</u>	DOE-mah-tah PECK-o
Jonathan <u>Fanene</u>	fuh-NAY-nay	<u>David Pollack</u> (Reserve/Injured)	PAH-lick
Robert <u>Geathers</u>	(pronounced as "gathers")	<u>Keiwan Ratliff</u>	KEE-wahn
Ronnie <u>Ghent</u> (practice squad)	JENT (as in "gentleman")	Alan <u>Reuber</u> (practice squad)	ROO-ber
Eric Ghiaciuc	GUY-check	Eric <u>Steinbach</u>	STINE-bock
Paul <u>Guenther</u> (coaching staff assistant)	GUN-thur	Bob <u>Surace</u> (assistant offensive line coach)	suh-RACE
T.J. <u>Houshmandzadeh</u>	hoosh(rhymes w/ "push")-mahn-ZAH-duh	<u>Odell Thurman</u> (Reserve/Suspended)	O-dell
<u>Rashad Jeanty</u>	ruh-SHAHD JENN-tee	<u>Kelley Washington</u>	(pronounced as "Kelly")
<u>Jeremi Johnson</u>	(pronounced as "Jeremy")	<u>Madieu Williams</u>	muh-DEE-oo
<u>Herana-Daze Jones</u>	(pronounced as "Hernandez")	Ken <u>Zampese</u> (quarterbacks coach)	zam-PEE-zee

Alphabetical roster

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
95	Adams, Sam	DT	6-3	350	6-13-73	13	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	UFA(Buff.)'06
71	Anderson, Willie	OT	6-5	340	7-11-75	11	Auburn	Whistler, Ala.	D1'96
79	Andrews, Stacy	G	6-7	342	6-2-81	3	Mississippi	Camden, Ark.	D4c'04
74	Braham, Rich	C	6-4	305	11-6-70	13	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	W(Ariz.)'94
50	Brooks, Ahmad	LB	6-3	259	3-14-84	R	Virginia	Woodbridge, Va.	SD3'06
36	Busing, John	S	6-2	221	9-1-83	R	Miami (Ohio)	Alpharetta, Ga.	CFA'06
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE	6-4	295	3-19-82	2	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
57	Frazier, Andre	LB	6-5	234	6-29-82	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'06
91	Geathers, Robert	DE	6-3	265	8-11-83	3	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
53	Ghiacuci, Eric	C	6-4	302	5-28-81	2	Central Michigan	Oxford, Mich.	D4'05
17	Graham, Shayne	K	6-0	200	12-9-77	6	Virginia Tech	Dublin, Va.	W(Car.)'03
18	Green, Skyler	WR	5-9	190	9-12-84	R	Louisiana State	Harvey, La.	W(Dall.)'06
15	Henry, Chris	WR	6-4	200	5-17-83	2	West Virginia	Belle Chasse, La.	D3'05
16	Holt, Glenn	WR	6-1	193	7-31-84	R	Kentucky	Miami, Fla.	CFA'06
84	Houshmandzadeh, T.J.	WR	6-1	199	9-26-77	6	Oregon State	Barstow, Calif.	D7'01
28	Jackson, Dexter	S	6-0	210	7-28-77	8	Florida State	Quincy, Fla.	UFA(T.B.)'06
20	James, Tory	CB	6-2	192	5-18-73	11	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	FA'03
93	Jeanty, Rashad	LB	6-2	245	4-17-83	R	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.	FA'06
85	Johnson, Chad	WR	6-1	192	1-9-78	6	Oregon State	Miami, Fla.	D2'01
11	Johnson, Doug	QB	6-2	218	10-27-77	6	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	FA'06
31	Johnson, Jeremi	FB	5-11	260	9-4-80	4	Western Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.	D4b'03
59	Johnson, Landon	LB	6-2	228	3-13-81	3	Purdue	Lubbock, Texas	D3b'04
32	Johnson, Rudi	HB	5-10	214	10-1-79	6	Auburn	Etrick, Va.	D4'01
44	Jones, Herana-Daze	S	5-11	205	4-15-82	1	Indiana	Louisville, Ky.	CFA'05
76	Jones, Levi	OT	6-5	307	8-24-79	5	Arizona State	Eloy, Ariz.	D1'02
22	Joseph, Johnathan	CB	5-11	193	4-16-84	R	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
34	Kaesviharn, Kevin	S	6-1	196	8-29-76	6	Augustana (S.D.)	Lakewood, Calif.	FA'01
82	Kelly, Reggie	TE	6-4	255	2-22-77	8	Mississippi State	Aberdeen, Miss.	UFA(Atl.)'03
43	Kilmer, Ethan	S	6-0	204	1-31-83	R	Penn State	Wyalusing, Pa.	D7a'06
75	Kooistra, Scott	OT	6-6	320	10-14-80	4	North Carolina State	Cary, N.C.	D7a'03
19	Larson, Kyle	P	6-1	204	9-2-80	3	Nebraska	Funk, Neb.	CFA'04
10	McNeal, Reggie	WR	6-2	205	9-20-83	R	Texas A&M	Lufkin, Texas	D6'06
58	Miller, Caleb	LB	6-3	225	9-3-80	3	Arkansas	Sulphur Springs, Texas	D3a'04
52	Nicholson, A.J.	LB	6-1	240	6-25-83	R	Florida State	Winston-Salem, N.C.	D5'06
24	O'Neal, Deltha	CB	5-11	194	1-30-77	7	California	Milpitas, Calif.	T(Den.)'04
9	Palmer, Carson	QB	6-5	230	12-27-79	4	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	319	11-27-84	R	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
25	Ratliff, Keiwan	CB	5-11	188	4-19-81	3	Florida	Columbus, Ohio	D2a'04
98	Robinson, Bryan	DE	6-4	304	6-22-74	10	Fresno State	Toledo, Ohio	UFA(Mia.)'05
48	St. Louis, Brad	LS/TE	6-3	243	8-19-76	7	Southwest Missouri St.	Belton, Mo.	D7'00
56	Simmons, Brian	LB	6-3	240	6-21-75	9	North Carolina	New Bern, N.C.	D1b'98
90	Smith, Justin	DE	6-4	275	9-30-79	6	Missouri	Holts Summit, Mo.	D1'01
66	Smith, Shaun	DT	6-2	325	8-19-81	3	South Carolina	Brooklyn, N.Y.	W(N.O.)'04
65	Steinbach, Eric	G	6-6	290	4-4-80	4	Iowa	Lockport, Ill.	D2'03
86	Stewart, Tony	TE	6-5	258	8-9-79	6	Penn State	Allentown, Pa.	PS(Phil.)'02
97	Thornton, John	DT	6-3	297	10-2-76	8	West Virginia	Philadelphia, Pa.	UFA(Tenn.)'03
33	Watson, Kenny	HB	6-0	218	3-13-78	5	Penn State	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'03
77	Whitworth, Andrew	G/OT	6-7	339	12-12-81	R	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
64	Wikerson, Ben	C	6-4	305	11-22-82	1	Louisiana State	Hemphill, Texas	CFA'05
55	Wilkins, Marcus	LB	6-2	231	1-2-80	5	Texas	Austin, Texas	W(Ariz.)'04
63	Williams, Bobbie	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	7	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
40	Williams, Madiou	S	6-1	203	10-18-81	3	Maryland	Lanham, Md.	D2b'04
2	Wright, Anthony	QB	6-1	211	2-14-76	8	South Carolina	Vanceboro, N.C.	UFA(Balt.)'06

Practice Squad

NO.	NAME (DATE)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
49	Day, Tim (Nov. 1)	TE	6-3	255	9-3-83	R	Oregon	Las Vegas, Nev.	FA'06
89	Guenther, Gregg (Nov. 1)	TE	6-8	255	1-29-82	2	Southern California	Van Nuys, Calif.	FA'06
78	Henderson, Eric (Sept. 4)	DE	6-2	266	1-8-83	R	Georgia Tech	New Orleans, La.	CFA'06
62	Livingston, Nate (Sept. 4)	G	6-4	315	3-16-82	R	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
37	Manderino, Chris (Nov. 28)	FB	6-0	233	12-22-82	R	California	Newport Beach, Calif.	CFA'06
73	Reuber, Alan (Oct. 3)	OT	6-6	307	1-26-81	2	Texas A&M	Plano, Texas	FA'06
72 =	Watts, Daniel (Sept. 4)	DT	6-6	283	4-13-82	R	(none)	London (England)	IPS'06
29	Williams, Brandon (Nov. 11)	CB	5-11	186	11-17-80	1	Michigan	Omaha, Neb.	FA'06
35	Wilson, Quincy (Oct. 21)	HB	5-9	220	4-26-81	1	West Virginia	Weirton, W.Va.	PS(Atl.)'04

Reserve/Injured

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
21	Bauman, Rashad (Aug. 21; knee)	CB	5-8	184	5-7-79	5	Oregon	Phoenix, Ariz.	W(Wash.)'04
81	Brazell, Bennie (Sept. 2; knee)	WR	6-0	176	6-2-82	R	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	D7b'06
27	Brooks, Greg (Nov. 7; knee)	LB	5-11	182	12-16-80	3	Southern Mississippi	New Orleans, La.	D6'04
83	Chatman, Antonio (Oct. 27; groin)	WR	5-8	182	2-12-79	4	Cincinnati	Los Angeles, Calif.	FA'06
70	Kieft, Adam (Nov. 7; knee)	OT	6-7	328	8-21-82	2	Central Michigan	Rockford, Mich.	D5'05
42	Mitchell, Anthony (Aug. 22; foot)	S	6-1	220	12-13-74	7	Tuskegee	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'04
23	Perry, Chris (Nov. 28; ankle)	HB	6-0	224	12-27-81	3	Michigan	Advance, N.C.	D1'04
88	Perry, Tab (Oct. 20; hip)	WR	6-3	208	1-20-82	2	UCLA	Milpitas, Calif.	D6'05
99	Pollack, David (Sept. 18; neck)	LB	6-2	255	6-19-82	2	Georgia	Snellville, Ga.	D1'05
92	Rucker, Frostee (Sept. 27; shoulder)	DE	6-3	267	9-14-83	R	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
87	Washington, Kelley (Dec. 15; leg)	WR	6-3	218	8-21-79	4	Tennessee	Stephens City, Va.	D3'03
30	Whitehead, Terrence (Aug. 24; toe)	HB	5-10	215	5-31-83	R	Oregon	Los Angeles, Calif.	CFA'06

Practice Squad/Injured

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
80	Ghent, Ronnie (Nov. 1; foot)	TE	6-2	253	1-5-80	1	Louisville	Lakeland, Fla.	FA'04

Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner

NO.	NAME (DATE)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
51	Thurman, Odell (Sept. 2)	LB	6-0	236	7-9-83	2	Georgia	Monticello, Ga.	D2'05

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

NOTE: An equals sign (=) indicates an International Practice Squad player.

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
2	Anthony Wright	QB	6-1	211	2-14-76	8	South Carolina	Vanceboro, N.C.	UFA(Balt.)'06
9	Carson Palmer	QB	6-5	230	12-27-79	4	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
10	Reggie McNeal	WR	6-2	205	9-20-83	R	Texas A&M	Lufkin, Texas	D6'06
11	Doug Johnson	QB	6-2	218	10-27-77	6	Florida	Gainesville, Fla.	FA'06
15	Chris Henry	WR	6-4	200	5-17-83	2	West Virginia	Belle Chasse, La.	D3'05
16	Glenn Holt	WR	6-1	193	7-31-84	R	Kentucky	Miami, Fla.	CFA'06
17	Shayne Graham	K	6-0	200	12-9-77	6	Virginia Tech	Dublin, Va.	W(Car.)'03
18	Skylar Green	WR	5-9	190	9-12-84	R	Louisiana State	Harvey, La.	W(Dall.)'06
19	Kyle Larson	P	6-1	204	9-2-80	3	Nebraska	Funk, Neb.	CFA'04
20	Tory James	CB	6-2	192	5-18-73	11	Louisiana State	New Orleans, La.	FA'03
22	Johnathan Joseph	CB	5-11	193	4-16-84	R	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
24	Deltha O'Neal	CB	5-11	194	1-30-77	7	California	Milpitas, Calif.	T(Den.)'04
25	Keiwan Ratliff	CB	5-11	188	4-19-81	3	Florida	Columbus, Ohio	D2a'04
28	Dexter Jackson	S	6-0	210	7-28-77	8	Florida State	Quincy, Fla.	UFA(T.B.)'06
31	Jeremi Johnson	FB	5-11	260	9-4-80	4	Western Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.	D4b'03
32	Rudi Johnson	HB	5-10	214	10-1-79	6	Auburn	Ettrick, Va.	D4'01
33	Kenny Watson	HB	6-0	218	3-13-78	5	Penn State	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'03
34	Kevin Kaesviham	S	6-1	196	8-29-76	6	Augustana (S.D.)	Lakewood, Calif.	FA'01
36	John Busing	S	6-2	221	9-1-83	R	Miami (Ohio)	Alpharetta, Ga.	CFA'06
40	Madieu Williams	S	6-1	203	10-18-81	3	Maryland	Lanham, Md.	D2b'04
43	Ethan Kilmer	S	6-0	204	1-31-83	R	Penn State	Wyalusing, Pa.	D7a'06
44	Herana-Daze Jones	S	5-11	205	4-15-82	1	Indiana	Louisville, Ky.	CFA'05
48	Brad St. Louis	LS/TE	6-3	243	8-19-76	7	Southwest Missouri St.	Belton, Mo.	D7'00
50	Ahmad Brooks	LB	6-3	259	3-14-84	R	Virginia	Woodbridge, Va.	SD3'06
52	A.J. Nicholson	LB	6-1	240	6-25-83	R	Florida State	Winston-Salem, N.C.	D5'06
53	Eric Ghiaciuc	C	6-4	302	5-28-81	2	Central Michigan	Oxford, Mich.	D4'05
55	Marcus Wilkins	LB	6-2	231	1-2-80	5	Texas	Austin, Texas	W(Ariz.)'04
56	Brian Simmons	LB	6-3	240	6-21-75	9	North Carolina	New Bern, N.C.	D1b'98
57	Andre Frazier	LB	6-5	234	6-29-82	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, Ohio	FA'06
58	Caleb Miller	LB	6-3	225	9-3-80	3	Arkansas	Sulphur Springs, Texas	D3a'04
59	Landon Johnson	LB	6-2	228	3-13-81	3	Purdue	Lubbock, Texas	D3b'04
63	Bobbie Williams	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	7	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
64	Ben Wilkerson	C	6-4	305	11-22-82	1	Louisiana State	Hemphill, Texas	CFA'05
65	Eric Steinbach	G	6-6	290	4-4-80	4	Iowa	Lockport, Ill.	D2'03
66	Shaun Smith	DT	6-2	325	8-19-81	3	South Carolina	Brooklyn, N.Y.	W(N.O.)'04
68	Jonathan Fanene	DE	6-4	295	3-19-82	2	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
71	Willie Anderson	OT	6-5	340	7-11-75	11	Auburn	Whistler, Ala.	D1'96
74	Rich Braham	C	6-4	305	11-6-70	13	West Virginia	Morgantown, W.Va.	W(Ariz.)'94
75	Scott Kooistra	OT	6-6	320	10-14-80	4	North Carolina State	Cary, N.C.	D7a'03
76	Levi Jones	OT	6-5	307	8-24-79	5	Arizona State	Eloy, Ariz.	D1'02
77	Andrew Whitworth	G/OT	6-7	339	12-12-81	R	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
79	Stacy Andrews	G	6-7	342	6-2-81	3	Mississippi	Camden, Ark.	D4c'04
82	Reggie Kelly	TE	6-4	255	2-22-77	8	Mississippi State	Aberdeen, Miss.	UFA(Atl.)'03
84	T.J. Houshmandzadeh	WR	6-1	199	9-26-77	6	Oregon State	Barstow, Calif.	D7'01
85	Chad Johnson	WR	6-1	192	1-9-78	6	Oregon State	Miami, Fla.	D2'01
86	Tony Stewart	TE	6-5	258	8-9-79	6	Penn State	Allentown, Pa.	PS(Phil.)'02
90	Justin Smith	DE	6-4	275	9-30-79	6	Missouri	Holts Summit, Mo.	D1'01
91	Robert Geathers	DE	6-3	265	8-11-83	3	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
93	Rashad Jeanty	LB	6-2	245	4-17-83	R	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.	FA'06
94	Domata Peko	DT	6-3	319	11-27-84	R	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
95	Sam Adams	DT	6-3	350	6-13-73	13	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas	UFA(Buff.)'06
97	John Thornton	DT	6-3	297	10-2-76	8	West Virginia	Philadelphia, Pa.	UFA(Tenn.)'03
98	Bryan Robinson	DE	6-4	304	6-22-74	10	Fresno State	Toledo, Ohio	UFA(Mia.)'05

Practice Squad

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29	Brandon Williams (Nov. 11)	CB	5-11	186	11-17-80	1	Michigan	Omaha, Neb.	FA'06
35	Quincy Wilson (Oct. 21)	HB	5-9	220	4-26-81	1	West Virginia	Weirton, W.Va.	PS(Atl.)'04
37	Chris Manderino (Nov. 28)	FB	6-0	233	12-22-82	R	California	Newport Beach, Calif.	CFA'06
49	Tim Day (Nov. 1)	TE	6-3	255	9-3-83	R	Oregon	Las Vegas, Nev.	FA'06
62	Nate Livings (Sept. 4)	G	6-4	315	3-16-82	R	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
72	Daniel Watts (Sept. 4)	DT	6-6	283	4-13-82	R	(none)	London (England)	IPS'06
73	Alan Reuber (Oct. 3)	OT	6-6	307	1-26-81	2	Texas A&M	Plano, Texas	FA'06
78	Eric Henderson (Sept. 4)	DE	6-2	266	1-8-83	R	Georgia Tech	New Orleans, La.	CFA'06
89	Gregg Guenther (Nov. 1)	TE	6-8	255	1-29-82	2	Southern California	Van Nuys, Calif.	FA'06

Reserve/Injured

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
21	Rashad Bauman (Aug. 21; knee)	CB	5-8	184	5-7-79	5	Oregon	Phoenix, Ariz.	W(Wash.)'04
23	Chris Perry (Nov. 28; ankle)	HB	6-0	224	12-27-81	3	Michigan	Advance, N.C.	D1'04
27	Greg Brooks (Nov. 7; knee)	CB	5-11	182	12-16-80	3	Southern Mississippi	New Orleans, La.	D6'04
30	Terrence Whitehead (Aug. 24; toe)	HB	5-10	215	5-31-83	R	Oregon	Los Angeles, Calif.	CFA'06
42	Anthony Mitchell (Aug. 22; foot)	S	6-1	220	12-13-74	7	Tuskegee	Atlanta, Ga.	FA'04
70	Adam Kieft (Nov. 7; knee)	OT	6-7	328	8-21-82	2	Central Michigan	Rockford, Mich.	D5'05
81	Bennie Brazell (Sept. 2; knee)	WR	6-0	176	6-2-82	R	Louisiana State	Houston, Texas	D7b'06
83	Antonio Chatman (Oct. 27; groin)	WR	5-8	182	2-12-79	4	Cincinnati	Los Angeles, Calif.	FA'06
87	Kelley Washington (Dec. 15; leg)	WR	6-3	218	8-21-79	4	Tennessee	Stephens City, Va.	D3'03
88	Tab Perry (Oct. 20; hip)	WR	6-3	208	1-20-82	2	UCLA	Milpitas, Calif.	D6'05
92	Frostee Rucker (Sept. 27; shoulder)	DE	6-3	267	9-14-83	R	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
99	David Pollack (Sept. 18; neck)	LB	6-2	255	6-19-82	2	Georgia	Snellville, Ga.	D1'05

Practice Squad/Injured

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
80	Ronnie Ghent (Nov. 1; foot)	TE	6-2	253	1-5-80	1	Louisville	Lakeland, Fla.	FA'04

Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner

NO.	NAME (DATE)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
51	Odell Thurman (Sept. 2)	LB	6-0	236	7-9-83	2	Georgia	Monticello, Ga.	D2'05

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

NOTE: An equals sign (=) indicates an International Practice Squad player.

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.
9-10 @K.C.	236	34-116	120	13-19	0/0	1-7	12	4-13	2-1	28:03
9-17 CLE.	481	32-160	321	24-40	2/2	4-31	27	8-15	0-0	34:05
9-24 @Pitt.	246	25-87	159	18-26	4/2	6-34	15	4-12	3-1	26:09
10-1 N.E.	279	17-71	208	20-35	0/0	4-37	17	2-11	2-2	26:04
10-8 (BYE)										
10-15 @ T.B.	305	20-53	252	24-37	1/0	2-9	14	3-14	2-0	24:53
10-22 CAR.	342	30-112	230	23-39	2/0	2-10	22	6-16	0-0	34:32
10-29 ATL.	331	18-73	258	24-36	2/0	2-8	22	4-10	1-1	22:52
11-5 @Balt.	275	22-93	182	12-26	1/2	2-12	16	1-10	2-1	22:36
11-12 S.D.	545	27-128	417	31-42	3/0	3-23	29	5-12	2-1	31:18
11-19 @N.O.	385	31-119	266	14-22	3/1	1-9	15	4-11	1-0	26:27
11-26 @Cle.	388	37-88	300	27-34	3/1	1-0	24	7-14	0-0	37:50
11-30 BALT.	294	23-67	227	21-32	1/0	2-7	14	4-13	0-0	29:11
12-10 OAK.	439	39-136	303	21-29	2/3	0-0	28	7-11	1-1	35:45
12-18 @Ind.	278	30-133	145	14-28	0/0	4-31	20	2-11	5-1	26:56
12-24 @Den.	343	34-149	194	21-40	2/2	2-15	23	6-15	4-2	30:09
12-31 PITT.										
TOTALS	5167	419-1585	3582	307-485	26/13	36-233	298	67-188	25-11	29:07

Opponents

GAME	YDS	RUSH-YDS.	PASS YDS.	COMP.-ATT.	TD-P/INT.	SKD.-YDS.	1D	3D-CONV.	F-FL	POSS.
9-10 @K.C.	289	25-113	176	23-35	1/1	7-54	18	5-15	4-2	31:57
9-17 CLE.	301	20-57	244	20-33	0/2	0-0	17	2-10	1-1	25:55
9-24 @Pitt.	365	38-170	195	18-39	0/3	3-13	27	7-16	2-2	33:51
10-1 N.E.	424	41-236	188	15-26	2/1	0-0	26	6-13	0-0	33:56
10-8 (BYE)										
10-15 @ T.B.	300	25-126	174	25-44	2/1	2-10	21	6-16	0-0	35:07
10-22 CAR.	277	16-60	217	20-34	2/1	3-21	17	2-11	0-0	25:28
10-29 ATL.	420	38-143	277	19-27	3/0	2-14	25	7-13	2-0	37:08
11-5 @Balt.	374	38-129	245	21-31	0/0	0-0	21	6-15	1-0	37:24
11-12 S.D.	431	26-107	324	24-36	3/0	3-14	25	9-14	2-0	28:42
11-19 @N.O.	595	23-91	504	37-52	2/3	2-6	29	6-12	2-1	33:33
11-26 @Cle.	203	14-51	152	18-29	0/4	4-34	9	4-12	2-1	22:10
11-30 BALT.	316	20-89	227	26-43	1/0	0-0	15	5-16	1-1	30:49
12-10 OAK.	223	16-45	178	23-39	1/1	4-21	14	7-14	2-1	24:15
12-18 @Ind.	394	29-112	282	29-36	4/0	1-0	27	5-10	1-1	33:04
12-24 @Den.	287	34-127	160	12-23	2/1	3-19	17	5-13	3-1	29:51
12-31 PITT.										
TOTALS	5199	403-1656	3543	330-527	23/18	34-206	308	82-200	23-11	30:53

Defensive statistics

The following defensive statistics were compiled by Bengals coaches while reviewing game film. They may differ from the totals listed in the play-by-play reports produced at the games.

Defense

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	SKS-YDS	INT-YDS	PBU	FF	FR-YDS
1. Landon Johnson.....	85	41	126	0.5-4	1-2	4	2	0-0
2. Justin Smith.....	57	44	101	7-48	0-0	4	1	2-0
3. Caleb Miller	68	28	96	1-7	0-0	2	1	1-0
4. Madiou Williams	59	14	73	0-0	3-33	12	1	0-0
5. Brian Simmons.....	37	32	69	0-0	2-5	8	1	1-0
6. Johnathan Joseph.....	45	13	58	0-0	0-0	17	0	1-0
7. Dexter Jackson	39	17	56	1.5-8.5	1-46	7	0	0-0
Tory James	35	21	56	0-0	3-16	13	0	0-0
9. Kevin Kaesviharn	39	15	54	3.5-20.5	6-24	11	1	0-0
John Thornton	26	28	54	2-13	0-0	3	1	1-0
11. Robert Geathers.....	29	22	51	10.5-62.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
12. Rashad Jeanty	29	20	49	0-0	0-0	3	1	0-0
Domata Peko	23	26	49	2-14.5	0-0	0	1	0-0
14. Ahmad Brooks.....	29	17	46	1-6	0-0	2	0	0-0
Bryan Robinson.....	26	20	46	3-14	0-0	2	1	0-0
16. Deltha O'Neal.....	28	9	37	0-0	1-42	9	0	1-0
17. Sam Adams.....	11	13	24	2-8	0-0	1	0	0-0
18. Keiwan Ratliff	11	5	16	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
19. Shaun Smith.....	7	7	14	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
20. Ethan Kilmer.....	2	2	4	0-0	1-52	1	0	0-0
21. Jonathan Fanene	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
22. Andre Frazier	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Herana-Daze Jones	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
24. Marcus Wilkins	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0

Special teams

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
1. Herana-Daze Jones	13	4	17	1	0-0	0	0	0
2. Ethan Kilmer.....	10	6	16	0	1-0	0	0	0
3. Tony Stewart	13	2	15	0	2-0	0	0	0
Marcus Wilkins	9	6	15	0	0-0	0	0	0
5. Andre Frazier.....	9	4	13	0	0-0	0	0	0
6. Caleb Miller	7	5	12	0	0-0	0	0	0
7. Kenny Watson.....	9	1	10	0	0-0	0	0	0
8. Madiou Williams	5	4	9	1	0-0	0	0	0
9. Rashad Jeanty	3	4	7	0	1-0	0	0	0
10. John Busing.....	5	1	6	0	0-0	0	0	0
Landon Johnson.....	5	1	6	0	0-0	0	0	0
12. Kevin Kaesviharn	3	2	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
13. Tab Perry.....	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
14. Greg Brooks	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kelley Washington.....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Shayne Graham	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Glenn Holt	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Keiwan Ratliff	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
19. Ahmad Brooks.....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brad St. Louis.....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Quincy Wilson	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
22. Johnathan Joseph.....	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	0	1
John Thornton	0	0	0	0	0-0	0	1	0

Team statistics

Record: 8-7

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-10	W	23-10	at Kansas City	77,956
9-17	W	34-17	CLEVELAND	66,072
9-24	W	28-20	at Pittsburgh	64,922
10-1	L	13-38	NEW ENGLAND	66,035
10-8			—BYE—	
10-15	L	13-14	at Tampa Bay	65,732
10-22	W	17-14	CAROLINA	65,964
10-29	L	27-29	ATLANTA	65,978
11-5	L	20-26	at Baltimore	70,792
11-12	L	41-49	SAN DIEGO	65,917
11-19	W	31-16	at New Orleans	68,001
11-26	W	30-0	at Cleveland	72,926
11-30	W	13-7	BALTIMORE	65,973
12-10	W	27-10	OAKLAND	65,882
12-18	L	16-34	at Indianapolis	57,292
12-24	L	23-24	at Denver	75,759
12-31			PITTSBURGH	

TEAM STATISTICS		CIN.	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS		298	308
Rushing		85	93
Passing		191	193
Penalty		22	22
3rd Down: Made-Att		67-188	82-200
3rd Down Pct.		35.6	41.0
4th Down: Made-Att		6-9	11-21
4th Down Pct.		66.7	52.4
POSSESSION AVG.		29:07	30:53
TOTAL NET YARDS		5167	5199
Avg. Per Game		344.5	346.6
Total Plays		940	964
Avg. Per Play		5.5	5.4
NET YARDS RUSHING		1585	1656
Avg. Per Game		105.7	110.4
Total Rushes		419	403
NET YARDS PASSING		3582	3543
Avg. Per Game		238.8	236.2
Sacked-Yards Lost		36-233	34-206
Gross Yards		3815	3749
Att.-Completions		485-307	527-330
Completion Pct.		63.3	62.6
Had Intercepted		13	18
PUNTS-AVG.		71-44.0	68-43.9
Net Punting Avg.		71-38.5	68-37.5
PENALTIES-YARDS		86-677	90-735
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST		25-11	23-11
TOUCHDOWNS		41	37
Rushing		14	13
Passing		26	23
Returns		1	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
BENGALS	86	108	58	104	0	356
OPPONENTS	50	69	85	104	0	308

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt.	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS.
Shayne Graham	0	0	0	0	38-40	24-28	0	110
Rudi Johnson	12	12	0	0	—	—	0	72
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	9	0	9	0	—	—	0	54
Chris Henry	8	0	8	0	—	—	0	48
Chad Johnson	7	0	7	0	—	—	0	42
Jeremi Johnson	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Reggie Kelly	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Ethan Kilmer	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Kelley Washington	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Kenny Watson	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
BENGALS	41	14	26	1	38-40	24-28	0	356
OPPONENTS	37	13	23	1	35-36	17-24	0	308

Two-point conversions: BENGALS 0-1 (0-1 R, 0-0 P), OPPONENTS 0-1 (0-0 R, 0-1 P).

Sacks-yards: Robert Geathers 10.5-62.5, Justin Smith 7-48, K.Kaesviharn 3.5-20.5, Bryan Robinson 3-14, Domata Peko 2-14.5, John Thornton 2-13, Sam Adams 2-8, Dexter Jackson 1.5-8.5, Caleb Miller 1-7, Ahmad Brooks 1-6, Landon Johnson 0.5-4. BENGALS 34-206, OPPONENTS 36-233.

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Rudi Johnson	328	1262	3.8	22t	12
Kenny Watson	25	138	5.5	18	1
Chris Perry	10	57	5.7	18	0
Jeremi Johnson	14	56	4.0	15	1
Carson Palmer	24	40	1.7	11	0
Chad Johnson	6	24	4.0	8	0
Reggie McNeal	1	8	8.0	8	0
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	3	6	2.0	13	0
Tab Perry	2	4	2.0	2	0
Quincy Wilson	2	2	1.0	5	0
Anthony Wright	4	-12	-3.0	-1	0
BENGALS	419	1585	3.8	22t	14
OPPONENTS	403	1656	4.1	41	13

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	86	1037	12.1	40t	9
Chad Johnson	83	1316	15.9	74t	7
Chris Henry	32	481	15.0	71	8
Rudi Johnson	22	121	5.5	18	0
Reggie Kelly	20	250	12.5	32	1
Kenny Watson	19	194	10.2	46	0
Tony Stewart	12	116	9.7	26	0
Kelley Washington	9	115	12.8	22t	1
Chris Perry	9	42	4.7	12	0
Jeremi Johnson	6	37	6.2	17	0
Tab Perry	5	81	16.2	30	0
Antonio Chatman	3	22	7.3	10	0
Glenn Holt	1	3	3.0	3	0
BENGALS	307	3815	12.4	74t	26
OPPONENTS	330	3749	11.4	75	23

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Kevin Kaesviharn	6	24	4.0	22	0
Madiou Williams	3	33	11.0	25	0
Tory James	3	16	5.3	14	0
Brian Simmons	2	5	2.5	5	0
Ethan Kilmer	1	52	52.0	52t	1
Dexter Jackson	1	46	46.0	46	0
Deltha O'Neal	1	42	42.0	42	0
Landon Johnson	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	18	220	12.2	52t	1
OPPONENTS	13	180	13.8	49t	1

PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	NET	TB	IN-20	LG.	BLK.
Kyle Larson	71	3126	44.0	38.5	8	25	67	0
BENGALS	71	3126	44.0	38.5	8	25	67	0
OPPONENTS	68	2987	43.9	37.5	10	21	65	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	FC	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Keiwan Ratliff	24	9	171	7.1	38	0
Antonio Chatman	8	3	53	6.6	19	0
Skyler Green (league totals)	5	3	26	5.2	13	0
Deltha O'Neal	1	2	10	10.0	10	0
BENGALS	33	14	234	7.1	38	0
OPPONENTS	41	9	230	5.6	43	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Chris Perry	21	412	19.6	36	0
Glenn Holt	13	331	25.5	38	0
Kenny Watson	10	198	19.8	34	0
Antonio Chatman	4	93	23.3	31	0
Tab Perry	4	69	17.3	34	0
Skyler Green (league totals)	3	59	19.7	21	0
Reggie Kelly	2	8	4.0	8	0
Tony Stewart	1	10	10.0	10	0
Keiwan Ratliff	Of	0	—	—	0
BENGALS	55	1121	20.4	38	0
OPPONENTS	65	1382	21.3	49	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Shayne Graham	0-0	9-9	7-7	6-8	2-4
BENGALS	0-0	9-9	7-7	6-8	2-4
OPPONENTS	0-0	5-6	8-8	4-8	0-2

Shayne Graham: (37G, 42G, 36G), (44WR, 37G, 37G), (—), (40G, 45G), (37G, 47G, 62SH), (23G), (51G, 26G), (51G, 31G), (51WL, 21G, 44G), (21G), (24G), (23G, 27G, 46WR), (—), (27G, 30G, 28G), (46G).

Opponents: (29G, 51WR), (30G), (48B, 37G, 36G), (48WR, 24G), (43WR), (—), (42G, 40G, 39G), (43G, 25G, 36G, 35G), (—), (24G), (48WL), (29WL), (51LU, 33G), (30G, 44G), (24G).

PASSING	ATT.	CMP.	YDS.	CMP.%	YDS./ATT.	TD	TD%	INT.	INT.%	LG	SKD.-YDS.	RAT.
Carson Palmer	482	304	3784	63.1	7.85	26	5.4	13	2.7	74t	36-233	94.1
Anthony Wright	3	3	31	100.0	10.33	0	0.0	0	0.0	22	0-0	109.7
BENGALS	485	307	3815	63.3	7.87	26	5.4	13	2.7	74t	36-233	94.3
OPPONENTS	527	330	3749	62.6	7.11	23	4.4	18	3.4	75	34-206	84.2