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## WEEKLY NEWS RELEASE

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# Pittsburgh Steelers (4-1) at Cincinnati Bengals (0-6)

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*Week 7, Game 7  
Sunday, Oct. 19, 2008  
at Paul Brown Stadium*

*Next up:  
Week 8, Game 8  
Oct. 26 at Houston*

## Game information

Kickoff: 1 p.m. EDT.

Television: CBS broadcast with Kevin Harlan (play-by-play) and Rich Gannon (analyst). The game 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: Coverage on the 27-station Bengals Radio Network, including a "triple-cast" in Cincinnati on flagships WLW-AM (700) "The Big One," WCKY-AM (1530) "Homer" (all sports) and WEBN-FM (102.7). Broadcasters are Brad Johansen (play-by-play) and Dave Lapham (analyst).

Setting the scene: The Pittsburgh Steelers, occupying a commanding position in the AFC North Division, visit Paul Brown Stadium this week to face a Bengals team weary of losing.

"Oh-and-anything stinks," Bengals LB and team captain Dhani Jones said after Cincinnati fell to 0-6 last week in a 26-14 loss at the N.Y. Jets. "We've got a bad taste in our mouths again, and it'll be there for a couple of days. The challenge is to come out Wednesday and practice like winners, and to make that carry through to Sunday."

Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis gave his players a mini-bye, cancelling their Monday meetings.

"Our level of work is not an issue," Lewis said. "We don't have any whiners on this team. The best thing now is for the players to get away from it a little, and to give our coaches some extra time to look at everything we're doing with a critical eye. Then we'll move forward and meet the Steelers."

The Bengals managed only 171 net offensive yards against the Jets. It was the team's second game this year under 200 yards, and its fourth at 215 or below. Cincinnati played without injured starting QB Carson Palmer for the second time in three games — and will do so again this week as Ryan Fitzpatrick makes his third start — but Lewis conceded that the offense's problems go beyond that.

"The most disappointing aspect of the loss is not being able again to get anything going offensively," Lewis said. "We obviously did not at all meet the objective of establishing the running game."

On 15 carries by HBs Chris Perry and Cedric Benson, the Bengals netted only 20 yards. Cincinnati's offensive line, a veteran group which has not had a starter miss a game this season, has perhaps been the winless club's biggest puzzle.

"I'll say it starts with me," said RG Bobbie Williams, another team captain. "I'm not looking past my own mirror. All I can tell you is that the Pittsburgh Steelers are going to get my best."

The Steelers will present another formidable test for the

struggling Cincinnati offense. The Steelers rank second in the NFL in net defense, including second against the run (66.8 yards per game).

The series: The Steelers lead, 46-30, including 1-0 in postseason. Pittsburgh swept the series last year en route to the AFC North championship, winning 24-13 at Paul Brown Stadium and 24-10 at Heinz Field.

Pittsburgh leads 21-17 as the road team. The Steelers won the only postseason game between the two clubs on Jan. 8, 2006 (2005 season) at Paul Brown Stadium, prevailing 31-17.

The Bengals have played more games against the Steelers (76) than any other opponent. Tennessee (formerly Houston Oilers) is second with 72 meetings, and Cleveland is third with 70.

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 meetings: Complete summaries of both 2007 Bengals-Steelers meetings are on page 12 of this release.

Defense's best: The Bengals defense, retooled for 2008 under new coordinator Mike Zimmer, continues to show some positive signs, despite the team's 0-6 record.

Cincinnati allowed a season-low 252 net yards last week at the Jets, and the defense produced the game's first score early in the first quarter, when DE Antwan Odom did a sack-and-strip on Jets QB Brett Favre, with S Chinedum Ndukwe returning the loose ball 15 yards for a touchdown.

It was the second time this season the defense has forced a turnover on the opposition's first series, and also the second time the defense has scored. Against the Jets, the defense also had a season-high two INTs (by safeties Marvin White and Corey Lynch) and a season-high three total takeaways.

"The defense has been giving us chances and decent field position," said QB Carson Palmer, "and whether it's been me or Ryan (Fitzpatrick) at quarterback, we haven't taken advantage of it. If we wore down a little on defense today, a big part of that could be how long we left them on the field in the first quarter."

The Cincinnati offense had only 2:39 of possession time in the first quarter, failing to make a first down. The Jets held the ball for 12:21.

Palmer out for Steelers: Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said on Oct. 13 that QB Carson Palmer, rehabbing an elbow injury, will not play against the Steelers. Ryan Fitzpatrick will start for the third time in the last four games. Fitzpatrick started Sept. 28 vs. Cleveland, and though Palmer returned to the starting role on Oct. 5 in Dallas, Palmer was out again last week, as the team's medical staff advised further rest for his right (throwing) elbow.

On Oct. 13, Palmer got a second opinion in New York from Dr. David Altchek, a leading figure on elbow injuries to athletes.

"Some further study and scans were done," Lewis said, "and what Dr. Altchek recommended is a further conservative approach for right now. As for down the road, I don't think any option's been closed off at this point."

Individually vs. Steelers: WR Chad Ocho Cinco passed the 1000 mark in career receiving yards against the Steelers last year, logging 86 yards in the second meeting to push his total to 1036. He has played 15 games against Pittsburgh, with 69 catches for an average of 15.0 yards per catch, and two TDs. He has averaged 4.6 catches for 69.1 yards in games against Pittsburgh.

Ocho Cinco has also played 15 career games against Cleveland and Baltimore, and has slightly bigger numbers against those division rivals. He has caught 76-for-1171 against Cleveland (most against any opponent) and has caught 71-for-1112 against Baltimore.

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

- QB Carson Palmer: Nine games; 155-for-276 passing (56.2 percent) for 1681 yards, with 13 TDs and seven INTs; passer rating of 79.4. Palmer dipped to a 51.6 rating in last outing against the Steelers (17-for-44 for 183-0-0), but he showed a 99.9 rating for his previous three matchups (61-for-95 for 649-7-2).

- HB Chris Perry: Four games; five rushes for four yards (0.8); 15 receptions for 90 yards (6.0).

- HB Kenny Watson: Six games; 28 rushes for 146 yards (5.2); 12 receptions for 69 yards (5.8).

- HB DeDe Dorsey (Reserve/Injured): Two games; one rush for 15 yards; two receptions for 10 yards.

- FB Jeremi Johnson (Reserve/Injured): 11 games; two rushes for two yards (1.0); five pass receptions for 23 yards (4.6) and one TD.

- WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh: 12 games; 63 receptions for 686 yards (10.9), six TDs; average of 5.3 catches and 57.2 yards per game; two rushes for 24 yards (12.0).

- WR Chris Henry: Five games; 17 catches for 342 yards (20.1), three TDs.

- WR Glenn Holt: Three games; two receptions for 11 yards (5.5); one rush for one yard.

- WR Antonio Chatman: Two games; one catch for six yards.

- TE Reggie Kelly: 11 games; 14 receptions for 81 yards (5.8), one TD.

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 three 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 connections: Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis grew up in McDonald, Pa., near Pittsburgh. Lewis' first NFL coaching job was with Steelers as LBs coach from 1992-95 under head coach Bill Cowher ... Steelers QBs coach Ken Anderson is a key player in Bengals history; his 16 Bengals seasons ('71-86) are most in franchise history, and he also was

on Bengals coaching staff for 10 years ('93-2002) ... Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin was on the University of Cincinnati staff in 1999-2000 ... Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau was a Bengals assistant coach from '80-91 and '97-00, 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 WR Santonio Holmes played at Ohio State ... Steelers LB Andre Frazier was with the Bengals in '06 and for the first two games of '07; Frazier is a Cincinnati native (Hughes High School) and is the son of former Bengals LB Guy Frazier ... 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 '94-96, and Jay Hayes was on the Steelers coaching staff from '99-01 ... Bengals offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski was Steelers receivers coach from '99-00 ... Bengals assistant head coach/offensive line coach Paul Alexander coached at Penn State from '83-84 ... Bengals strength and conditioning coach Chip Morton coached at Penn State from '87-91 ... Bengals assistant strength and conditioning coach Ray Oliver coached at the University of Pittsburgh from '85-88 ... Bengals HB Kenny Watson, RBs coach Jim Anderson and assistant OL coach Bob Surace are all from Harrisburg, Pa.; additionally, Watson played at Penn State ... Steelers defensive backs coach Ray Horton played for the Bengals from '83-88 and was their coaching staff from '97-01 ... Steelers CB William Gay played at Louisville ... Steelers WR Martin Nance (practice squad) played at Miami (Ohio) ... Steelers RB Gary Russell is from Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge HS) ... Steelers assistant special teams coach Amos Jones was on the University of Cincinnati staff from '99-02.

Bengals red-zone report

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 12	Inside-20 poss.: 21
Total scores: 10 (83.3%)	Total scores: 20 (95.2%)
TDs: 6 (50.0%)	TDs: 11 (52.4%)
FGs: 4 (33.3%)	FGs: 9 (42.9%)
TD% rank: T-16th	TD% rank: T-18th
No scores: 2 (16.7%)	No scores: 1 (4.8%)
Interceptions: 1 (8.3%)	End of game: 1 (4.8%)
Missed FGs: 1 (8.3%)	

Steelers red-zone report

OFFENSE	DEFENSE
Inside-20 poss.: 12	Inside-20 poss.: 12
Total scores: 11 (91.7%)	Total scores: 11 (91.7%)
TDs: 8 (66.7%)	TDs: 5 (41.7%)
FGs: 3 (25.0%)	FGs: 6 (50.0%)
TD% rank: T-4th	TD% rank: 10th
No scores: 1 (8.3%)	No scores: 1 (8.3%)

Bengals-Steelers NFL rankings

	BENGALS	STEELERS
<b>SCORING (AVG. POINTS):</b>		
Points scored .....	30th (14.7)	21st (20.6)
Points allowed .....	T-21st (24.0)	2nd (15.8)
<b>NET OFFENSE (AVG. YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	32nd (227.8)	26th (283.6)
Rushing .....	31st (72.2)	20th (106.2)
Passing .....	27th (155.7)	23rd (177.4)
<b>NET DEFENSE (AVG. YARDS):</b>		
Total .....	16th (324.2)	2nd (231.6)
Rushing .....	28th (156.8)	2nd (66.8)
Passing .....	4th (167.3)	3rd (164.8)
<b>TURNOVERS:</b>		
Differential .....	T-21st (minus-two)	T-9th (plus-three)

# The head coaches

Marvin Lewis is in his sixth season as Bengals head coach. Only Paul Brown and Sam Wyche have had longer tenures (eight seasons each), or more career victories.

Lewis' record is 42-44 in regular season, 0-1 in postseason and 42-45 overall.

Lewis guided the franchise's fourth season of 11 or more wins in 2005, when his club captured the AFC North Division championship with an 11-5 mark.

Lewis' five previous teams have drawn the five highest season attendances in Bengals history, and the Bengals have an active sellout streak of 38 home games (regular and postseason). In the last 57 TV ratings weeks in which there has been a Bengals game (all during the Lewis era), the Bengals have been the highest-rated show among all programming in the Cincinnati market.

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

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

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

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

Mike Tomlin is in his second year as Steelers head coach. He led his inaugural squad to a 10-6 record and the AFC North championship before losing to Jacksonville in the Wild Card round of the playoffs. His record is now 14-8, including the 0-1 mark in postseason.

In 2006, Tomlin was defensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings, directing a unit that ranked eighth in the NFL in fewest yards allowed and first in fewest rushing yards.

He spent the previous five seasons (2001-05) as defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. His secondary recorded four interceptions in Tampa Bay's victory over Oakland in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Tomlin has a Cincinnati connection, having coached DBs for the University of Cincinnati in 1999-2000.

A native of Hampton, Va., he played WR at William & Mary from 1990-94 and finished his career with a school-record 20 TD catches.

Lewis vs. Steelers: Lewis is 3-8, including 0-1 in postseason.

Lewis vs. Tomlin: Tomlin leads, 2-0.

Tomlin vs. Bengals: Tomlin leads, 2-0.

# Bengals information

T.J. holds fourth: Bidding to defend the NFL receptions title he shared last season with New England's Wes Welker, Bengals WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh is in fourth place through Week 6 play. He was tied for fourth the previous week. His seven-catch day against the Jets lifted him to 38 catches on the season, and he is five catches out of the lead, after being seven catches behind the leader last week.

Houshmandzadeh is in second place among wide receivers. The league leader is Denver WR Brandon Marshall with 43 catches, but the second and third spots are held by RB Reggie Bush of the New Orleans Saints (41) and TE Jason Witten of the Dallas Cowboys (39).

After a slow start to this season (only three catches in each of the first two games), Houshmandzadeh has now reached the pace for a second 100-catch season. His 38 over six games project to 101 for the full year. Last season, his NFL-best total was 112 catches, and he had a career-high 1143 receiving yards. With 400 yards this season, he's on pace for 1067.

Houshmandzadeh's 12 receptions on Sept. 21 at the N.Y. Giants are the second-most in an NFL game this year, behind only an 18-catch bonanza by Denver's Marshall against San Diego.

T.J.'s TDs: T.J. Houshmandzadeh leads the Bengals in touchdowns (three). His two TD catches on Oct. 5 at Dallas raised his career total for receiving TDs to 36, pushing him into the Bengals' top five all-time. Cris Collinsworth and Darnay Scott also have 36. The all-time leader is Carl Pickens at 63. Isaac Curtis is second at 53, current Bengal Chad Ocho Cinco is third at 50, and Eddie Brown is fourth at 41.

Houshmandzadeh has 37 TDs overall, having scored one rushing in 2005.

Houshmandzadeh led the team last year with 12 TDs (all receiving). That tied for the second-most receiving TDs by a Bengal in a season. He has scored 15 TDs in his last 22 games. He has increased his TD total every year since becoming a starter, with four in 2004, eight in '05, nine in '06 and 12 last season. He'll have to accelerate his pace this year, however, if he is to reach yet a new personal high. His current pace projects to eight TDs for the year.

Tough on third down: T.J. Houshmandzadeh has 14 third-down receptions, leading the AFC and leading all wide receivers in the NFL. The only player ahead of him is Dallas TE Jason Witten at 17. Houshmandzadeh leads the AFC by three over Jerricho Cotchery of the N.Y. Jets.

All three of Houshmandzadeh's TD catches have come on third downs. The three third-down scores tie him for the NFL lead, with Hines Ward of Pittsburgh and Greg Jennings of Green Bay.

Dhani widens tackles lead: MLB Dhani Jones, voted by his teammates as a 2008 team captain, led the team in total tackles (13) and solo stops (eight) in the Jets game, widening his big lead in the team tackling race. He has 73 tackles for the year, 23 ahead of rookie LB Keith Rivers, his nearest competition. He has the team's four highest tackle totals in a game this year, with three 15-tackle games to go along with the 13-stop effort against the Jets.

No other Bengal has more than 11 tackles in a game.

Against the Jets, Jones also had two QB hurries and his second pass defended of the year. He's tied for second on the team for the season in hurries with four.

Entering this season, Jones was credited for 665 career tackles over eight seasons with three teams, but he never had led his team in tackles for a full season. That appears likely to change this year, of course.

Last year, Jones did not join the Bengals until Game 3, but he finished second on the club with 111 stops. The University of Michigan product was something of an emergency addition, signed as a free agent when the Bengals were suffering with a rash of injuries to linebackers. Jones had been released by Philadelphia in April and by New Orleans in late August.

But, it goes without saying, the Bengals consider him to have been a most fortunate find.

"Dhani is an excellent guy in the passing lanes and the passing zones, whether it be zone or man," says head coach Marvin Lewis, "and he makes a lot of plays in preventing the ball from going in some of the areas the offense is trying to get it in. And he's got a great command of what's going on. He sees the game as the coaches are seeing the game, which makes a big difference when you're out there in the huddle on game days."

Rivers runs a strong second: LB Keith Rivers, the Bengals' top draft pick, has set a fast pace from the very start in being a part of the action. He led the Bengals in preseason tackles, and in the regular season, he ranks second on the club with 50 stops. He also had a 39-yard INT return on Oct. 5 at Dallas, a play on which he showed excellent hands and speed to go along with his well-demonstrated tackling ability.

"I thought all along that Keith would hit the ground running," says head coach Marvin Lewis. "It's not like we're asking him to learn Chinese. He's playing essentially the same position (WLB) that he played in college. And he's shown us from the very start that he knows how to be a pro, how to study and be prepared. He's having fun. He's being productive. He's making plays. And I think he'll just keep getting better and better."

Rivers puts his work habits in a slightly different light.

"I don't like to get yelled at," he says. "I try to do my job the best I can."

LBs coach Jeff FitzGerald says, "With Keith's maturity, the kind of character he has, combined with the type of football player that he is — I felt from the get-go that we could put him on an accelerated pace and not treat him like a rookie. We could treat him like a veteran."

Chad's mark at 98: With the first of his five receptions last week at New York, Chad Ocho Cinco extended to 98 his Bengals record for consecutive games with at least one catch. Ocho Cinco first established a new Bengals benchmark at 94 on Sept. 14 vs. Tennessee, breaking a tie at 93 with Carl Pickens.

Ocho Cinco has played in 114 total Bengals games and has had a catch in all but four of them. His last game without a catch was Game 4 of his second season, Sept. 29, 2002 vs. Tampa Bay. His streak does not include carryover through any games missed due to injury. He has played in 109 consecutive games.

Chad and T.J. are 1-3: Bengals WRs Chad Ocho Cinco and T.J. Houshmandzadeh rank first and third, respectively, in all-time receptions for the Bengals.

Ocho Cinco is the all-time Bengals leader with 578 receptions after grabbing five at the New York Jets last week, and Houshmandzadeh is at 453 after a seven-catch game against the Jets. Houshmandzadeh has led the team in catches for four consecutive games, and he now is 77 catches behind second-place Carl Pickens on the all-time list. Houshmandzadeh started this season in fifth place in Bengals catches, but he has passed Cris Collinsworth and Isaac Curtis.

The current top five for all-time Bengals receptions:

PLAYERS	YEARS	SEASONS	RECEPTIONS
Chad Ocho Cinco	*8	2001-08	578
Carl Pickens	8	1992-99	530
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	*8	2001-08	453
Cris Collinsworth	8	1981-88	417
Isaac Curtis	12	1973-84	416

\* — Five games into eighth season.

Chad keeps churning: Playing through a sore shoulder from a preseason injury, Bengals WR Chad Ocho Cinco is approaching the hallowed ground of the top five in all-time Bengals streaks of consecutive games played.

He ran his streak to a current team high of 109 last week at New York. He has not missed a contest since Game 9 of his rookie 2001 season. That was the fourth of a four-game absence due to a fractured left clavicle. That is the only injury that has ever caused Ocho Cinco to miss action.

If Ocho Cinco plays in every game this season, he'll end the year with a streak of 119 games. Fifth-place all-time on the Bengals is currently held by former TE Tony McGee, who logged 117 in a row from 1993-2001.

The top spot on the all-time list is held by a former punter, Lee Johnson, who played in 169 straight. Second place at 149 belongs to Pat McInally, who saw time as a Bengals receiver but was primarily a punter for his 10 seasons (1976-85). The longest

Bengals streak of consecutive games by a non-kicker is 137, set by LB Reggie Williams between 1980 and 1989.

Chad soars in career yards: Chad Ocho Cinco continues to pad his margin as the Bengals' all-time receiving yards leader. His team-leading 57 yards last week pushed his career total to 8581, more than 1400 yards ahead of second-place Isaac Curtis. Ocho Cinco has posted the top five receiving yards seasons in Bengals history.

It is easy, at this point, to ponder if any Bengal other than Ocho Cinco will ever wear the team's career receiving yards crown.

"Chad's going to shatter this record," says QB Carson Palmer. "He's just getting started."

Five games deep into 2008, here's the Bengals' top five:

PLAYERS	YEARS	SEASONS	REC. YARDS
Chad Ocho Cinco	*8	2001-08	8581
Isaac Curtis	12	1973-84	7101
Carl Pickens	8	1992-99	6887
Cris Collinsworth	8	1981-88	6698
Eddie Brown	7	1985-91	6134

\* — Still active in 2008.

WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh's 49-yard receiving day at New York lifted him to 5278 yards for his career. He became the sixth Bengal to hit the 5000 mark on Sept. 21 at the N.Y. Giants. He is 856 yards from cracking the all-time Bengals top five in receiving yards, with Eddie Brown (6134) as his target.

Dizzy heights from a numbers game: Carson Palmer exaggerated a bit when he said (previous item) that Chad Ocho Cinco is "just getting started." Ocho Cinco is 30 years old as he plays through the 2008 season.

But in the numbers exercise that follows, we'll float the idea of Ocho Cinco becoming only the second NFL player to reach 15,000 career receiving yards. Here goes:

Ocho Cinco has not missed a game since a rookie shoulder separation in 2001. If he keeps playing through 2013, when he'll be 35, he'll have the chance (injury-free) to play in 90 more games (rest of this season plus five more seasons).

Ocho Cinco has played 114 games to date, and has missed only four games due to injuries. Allowing four more games missed for injury, let's say he's fortunate enough to play 86 of those possible 90 more games. If he were to play those 86 with the 75.3-yard average he has posted through his first 114 contests, he would add 6473 yards to the 8581 he already has.

He then would have 15,054 career yards, surely in strong contention for second-most in NFL history, no matter what others may do in the meantime. The all-time NFL leader is Jerry Rice, at a stratospheric 22,895 yards, but the second-place player is currently Tim Brown at 14,934.

And no one is saying Ocho Cinco might not play beyond 2013.

Chad, Chad, Chad, Chad ... and Chad: In most major categories, the Bengals' official media guide record pages note the top five performances. Such is the case in 2008 in the category of Receiving Yards in a Season, but the entry lists only one name — Chad Johnson. (The guide was printed before Johnson changed his surname to Ocho Cinco.)

Ocho Cinco entered 2007 already claiming the top four receiving yards seasons in club history. And during his seventh season, he not only bumped Eddie Brown from the top five, he broke his own Bengals record with 1440 yards. (Brown had claimed the No. 5 spot entering 2007, by virtue of a 1273-yard year in 1988).

Here's the listing entering 2008 (with surname updated):

PLAYER	SEASON	YARDS
Chad Ocho Cinco	2007	1440
Chad Ocho Cinco	2005	1432
Chad Ocho Cinco	2006	1369
Chad Ocho Cinco	2003	1355
Chad Ocho Cinco	2004	1274

Chad and T.J. — sky's the limit: Chad Ocho Cinco and T.J. Houshmandzadeh joined the Bengals in the same draft (2001) from the same school (Oregon State).

Though they and the offense are still looking to hit full stride this season, they have become by far the most productive receiving duo in Bengals history. And based on the last few years leading up to 2008, they have been the NFL's best:

- Houshmandzadeh was the only NFL player with 200 receptions over 2006-07. He caught 202 for a 12-catch margin over second-place Reggie Wayne. Ocho Cinco ranked fourth for '06-07 with 180 catches.

- Over the last three years ('05-07), Houshmandzadeh was second in catches (280) and Ocho Cinco was third (277). The leader was Torry Holt of St. Louis at 288.

- Over the last four years ('04-07), Ocho Cinco was second in catches (372) and Houshmandzadeh was third (353). Holt of St. Louis was the leader at 382.

Though Houshmandzadeh was not in the top five in receiving yards for the last two, three or four seasons, no other teams are represented twice, either. As for Ocho Cinco in receiving yards:

- He ranked second the last two seasons, with 2809, behind 2820 by Indianapolis' Reggie Wayne.

- He ranked first over the last three years (4241) as well as first over the last four years (5515).

One more note on T.J.:

- He ranked fifth in the league in touchdown catches for the last two years (21) and also was fifth for the last three years (28).

In Bengals annals, Chad and T.J. hold the top three years by a WR duo in catches, and four of the top five years. In receiving yards by a Bengals duo, Chad and T.J. claim the top four years.

Holt climbs to ninth: Bengals WR Glenn Holt saw his kickoff return average dip a bit in Week 6 play, but it wasn't a great weekend overall for KORs. Though his season average fell from 27.1 to 26.6, Holt moved from tenth to ninth place in the NFL. Holt averaged 24.2 yards on five returns against the Jets.

Holt has an early rating of questionable, however, for the Pittsburgh game, as he suffered an ankle injury on his final return at New York.

Were Holt to hold a 26.6-yard average for the full season, it would rank second in Bengals history, behind only 27.1 by Tremain Mack in a Pro Bowl season in 1999.

A third-year pro from Kentucky, Holt joined the Bengals from the humble beginnings of unsigned tryout player status at a rookie minicamp. He has returned kickoffs in all three of his Bengals seasons, and this is his second year as the primary KOR. In all of his three seasons, he has been above average, based on the NFL's 22.6-yard average for KOR in 2007. Holt averaged 24.3 yards in '07 and was at 24.6 yards for brief action in 2006. Holt has one TD, a 100-yarder last season at Buffalo.

Holt's totals: Glenn Holt has handled every Bengals kickoff return this season, and he leads the NFL in total returns (28) and total return yards (744). His pace projects to 75 returns and 1984 yards for the full season, which would both be Bengals records by wide margins. The current record totals are 64 returns and 1562 total yards, both set by Tab Perry in the Bengals' AFC North championship season of 2005.

Holt's pace for total returns and total yards would also rank him second in NFL history. With 75 returns, he'd rank second to MarTay Jenkins of Arizona (82 in 2000) and ahead of two players tied at 73. With 1984 yards, he'd rank second to Arizona's Jenkins (2186 in '00) and ahead of third-place Josh Cribbs of Cleveland (1809 in '07).

Holt's 2007 totals of 59 returns and 1432 yards were both second-most in club history.

Hold that ball: Despite his good numbers from 2006 and 2007 (see previous items), Bengals WR Glenn Holt entered 2008 with his kickoff return spot less than secure. The reason was his three fumbles in '07, two of which were recovered by the opponent. But Holt outlasted his preseason competition to again claim the job. He has not fumbled, and he's had the most chances

to fumble of anyone in the NFL (league-leading 28 returns).

"That's my biggest thing right now, just hold on to the ball," Holt says. "Overall, I knew that all I had to do was stay competitive and do my job and try to do things right."

Chatman back in form: Antonio Chatman had a solid 8.2-yard punt return average on 110 returns from 2003-05 with Green Bay, but last year for the Bengals, he was held to a 5.2 average on 18 returns.

But this year he has nearly doubled that average to 10.1, having made all 11 Bengals punt returns.

"The difference is partly circumstances and partly Antonio," said special teams coach Darrin Simmons. "I don't want to be making excuses, but last year, we just didn't get a whole lot of opportunities. We fielded a lot of short punts without much room to operate. But this year, in addition to getting a few better opportunities, Antonio is doing more to create opportunities. He's running hard and aggressive. I'm very pleased with what we've seen from him so far."

Handling 'em all: WR Glenn Holt has handled every Bengals kickoff return this season (28), and WR Antonio Chatman has handled every punt return (11). The last time that happened in both categories over a full season was ... never.

Four Bengals teams have had only one player return punts in a season, but no Cincinnati season has seen fewer than three players have kickoff returns.

The last Bengal to return every punt was Keiwan Ratliff in 2005 (28 returns).

Holt is the only player in the NFL to return every kickoff for his team this season.

Stacy ready for spotlight: Heading into the 2008 season with the Bengals' franchise player designation, ROT Stacy Andrews surely rated as one of the lesser-known NFL players to wear that tag.

Andrews is in his fifth NFL season, but became a starter only last year. A fourth-round Bengals draft choice in 2004, the 6-7, 342-pounder was selected for his tremendous physical potential, not for his college football resume. A nationally recognized track thrower at Ole Miss, he took up football late and played in only five Rebel games.

But the Bengals saw him as an excellent long-term prospect, and when he became an unrestricted free agent after last season, the club utilized the franchise tag, proclaiming its belief that he is now ready to fulfill his promise and become much more of a household NFL name.

"Stacy is as athletic a guy as you'll see for his level of size and strength," said Paul Alexander, Bengals assistant head coach and offensive line coach. "We knew we'd have to invest a lot of time to make up for his lack of football experience, but we think that's paying off now."

Idle Graham gains a little: K Shayne Graham missed his first game as a Bengal last week, inactive due to a groin injury he suffered Oct. 5 at Dallas. He has an early listing of questionable for the Pittsburgh game.

While sitting out, Graham gained a little ground on San Diego's Nate Kaeding in his bid to re-take second place all-time in NFL field goal accuracy. Graham has made 85.64 percent of his career attempts, while Kaeding dropped from 86.21 to 85.83 when he had one miss in four tries last week against New England. Graham had a long run in second place before Week 5 play this season, when Kaeding debuted in the rankings at No. 2 after reaching the minimum qualification of 100 made FGs.

The all-time leader, not currently active in the NFL, is Mike Vanderjagt at 86.47 percent.

Here is the all-time NFL top five through Week 6:

PLAYER	FG	FGA	PCT.
Mike Vanderjagt .....	230	266	86.47
Nate Kaeding .....	103	120	85.83
Shayne Graham .....	161	188	85.64
Matt Stover .....	440	527	83.49
Phil Dawson .....	190	229	82.97

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

Though Graham (85.64) trails Mike Vanderjagt (86.47) and Nate Kaeding (85.83) in career percentage, Graham's career totals (161-for-188) include a 19-for-26 performance in previous NFL stops at Buffalo and Carolina. As a Bengal, Graham is 142-for-162, an 87.65 percent accuracy rate which is Cincinnati's all-time best and also tops Vanderjagt's and Kaeding's career marks.

Comparing the big three: In his sixth NFL season — and his fifth season of actually seeing action — Carson Palmer is holding his own in team passing records against Ken Anderson and Boomer Esiason, the Bengals' two Super Bowl quarterbacks.

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

Career records  
(minimum 1000 passes)

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

Season records  
(minimum 350 passes)

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

\* — Esiason and Palmer share record.

Game records

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

Strong fumbles pace takes a dip: In their first five seasons under Marvin Lewis, the Bengals averaged only 8.8 lost fumbles per year. That easily beat the NFL average of 12.0 fumbles lost per team for the same period. Prior to Lewis' tenure, the Bengals' average for 16-game seasons was 13.9 fumbles lost.

But Cincinnati has lost five in six games this season. That projects to a loss of 13 for the season, which would be the most by a Lewis club, topping a final figure of 11 in 2006.

A stat that matters: Though the Bengals lost to the Jets last week while posting a plus-two margin in turnover differential (three takeaways, one giveaway), Cincinnati is 29-5 in regular-season play under head coach Marvin Lewis when logging a plus. That's an .853 winning percentage.

The Bengals are .429 (9-12) under Lewis when the differential has been even, and are .129 (4-27) with a minus.

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 figure for the same numbers):

DIFFERENTIAL	W-L	PCT.
Plus-1 .....	491-222-1	.688
Plus-2 .....	419-80	.840
Plus-3 .....	260-32	.890
Plus-4 .....	133-8	.943
Plus-5 or more .....	69-2	.972

Overall, combining the five differential levels listed above, NFL teams with any plus have a winning percentage of .799 since

2000. The combined W-L record is 1372-344-1.

Week 7 NFL play was not a particularly good one for teams with a turnover plus. They went only 8-4, for a .667 winning percentage. The Bengals were one of the four plus teams that lost. For the full season, teams with a plus have a 50-16 record (.758).

Turnover tables are turned: In turnover differential under head coach Marvin Lewis, the Bengals rank third in the NFL at plus-40.

Prior to Lewis' tenure, the Bengals had posted a minus differential for five straight years (1998-2002). Here are the top five teams in differential since 2003:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	DIFFERENTIAL
Indianapolis .....	170	100	+70
New England .....	167	124	+43
Cincinnati .....	180	140	+40
San Diego .....	159	122	+37
Jacksonville .....	146	121	+25

The Bengals lead the NFL in total takeaways (180) during Lewis' tenure.

In points off turnovers, Elias Sports Bureau credits the Bengals with 542 in the Lewis era, second-most in the NFL for that span. Indianapolis leads at 545, and Baltimore is third at 533.

Record sellout streak in view: It should be over but the actual filing in. The Bengals' 2008 home season is sold out in advance, and the Dec. 28 finale against Kansas City will mark a franchise-record 44th straight sellout (including regular season and postseason).

The streak began against Kansas City on Nov. 16, 2003. It stands at 38 after a crowd of 65,541 on Sept. 28 vs. Cleveland.

The record 43-game streak that will be surpassed was set at Riverfront Stadium from the 1988 opener through the 1992 finale.

Total home attendance (regular season) was 526,320 for the 2007 campaign. That ranked third in club history, behind 527,870 in 2006 and 526,469 in 2005.

Mother of all sellouts: Last season's Pittsburgh visit to Paul Brown Stadium saw an all-time Bengals record attendance of 66,188. It edged out a franchise mark of 66,113 which had been set earlier in the year against New England.

TV streak goes to 57: For the last 57 TV ratings weeks that have included a Bengals regular-season or postseason game, the Bengals have been the top-rated show in the Cincinnati market. And usually by a wide margin.

The streak began in 2004, and it hit 57 during the week of Sept. 29-Oct. 5, when the Oct. 5 Bengals-Cowboys game drew a 27.0 rating. The second-place program in Cincinnati was "Extreme Home Makeover," with a rating of 19.4.

The streak could go to 58 with last week's Bengals-Jets game, but Cincinnati rankings for the week (Oct. 6-12) were not available for this release.

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

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

NFL's medal sweep: Twice this season, during the weeks of Sept. 1-7 and Sept. 15-21, NFL games took the top three ratings spots of all TV programming in Cincinnati. The Bengals game was first each week, and other NFL games took the 2-3 spots.

NFL tops baseball playoffs: Further illustrating the NFL's dominant position among TV sports fans, the New York Times reported that on Oct. 5, NFL games easily outpaced major league baseball playoff games in four markets which had home teams in each sport playing that day:

- In Milwaukee, the Packers-Falcons and Brewers-Phillies games aired simultaneously. The Packers drew a 28.7 rating to the Brewers' 12.7.
- In Philadelphia, the Eagles-Redskins and Phillies-Brewers games aired simultaneously. The Eagles drew a 22.7 rating to the Phillies' 13.2.
- In Chicago, the early afternoon Bears-Lions game out-rated the late-afternoon White Sox-Rays game by 21.9 to 9.6.
- In Boston, the late-afternoon Patriots-49ers game out-rated the prime-time Red Sox-Angels game by 30.7 to 24.7.

Football (especially NFL) reigns again: Pro football has long dominated all competition in major polls on Americans' favorite sports, and such was the case again during a survey by Harris Interactive following the 2007 season.

The survey asked Americans who follow more than one sport to identify one as their favorite. Pro football led at 30 percent, double the total of the second-place sport, baseball, at 15 percent. Close on the heels of baseball was college football (12 percent), giving football overall a 42-15 percent margin over baseball.

Since Harris Interactive began asking this question in 1985, pro football has always been on top, and its popularity is now six points higher than it was in '85 (24 percent).

None closer: The 41-year long "Battle of Ohio" between the Bengals and Cleveland Browns stands as the most tightly contested of all the NFL's long-running series. The Browns tied the rivalry at 35-35 with their win Sept. 28 at Paul Brown Stadium. The Browns and Bengals will break the tie — unless they tie — on Dec. 21 of this season at Cleveland.

Below are the five closest NFL series comprising 50 or more meetings, based on the leader's winning percentage (includes postseason play):

SERIES	LEADER	WINNING PCT.
Bengals vs. Browns	Tied, 35-35-0	.500
Cardinals vs. Eagles	Cardinals, 54-53-5	.504
Jets vs. Patriots	Patriots, 49-48-1	.505
49ers vs. Bears	49ers, 30-29-1	.508
Browns vs. Steelers	Steelers, 58-55-0	.513

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

Since 2004, when the Bengals' uniforms were redesigned, a number of different color options have been available. Below is the team record since 2004 in the different combinations of jerseys and pants:

JERSEY	PANTS	W-L	PCT.
Orange	Black	3-0	1.000
Orange	White	4-1	.800
Black	Black	6-5	.545
White	Black	7-8	.467
Black	White	9-13	.409
White	White	5-9	.357

\* — Orange jerseys are designated by the NFL as a specialty jersey and may be worn only twice per season.

Team captains: Bengals players have voted five of their number as 2008 team captains. The captains are WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh, S Dexter Jackson, LB Dhani Jones, QB Carson Palmer and G Bobbie Williams.

"This is a great representation of the veteran leadership of our team," said head coach Marvin Lewis. "It represents a diversity of positions, and we'll be looking to these guys many times for their professionalism in giving direction to the younger segment of our roster."

The Bengals also will designate a special teams captain for each week's game.

Final four: Only four players remain on the Bengals from the conclusion of the 2002 season, just before Marvin Lewis was hired as head coach.

No players remain from the defense of the pre-Lewis era. The four survivors are: WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh, WR Chad Ocho Cinco, OT Levi Jones and LS/TE Brad St. Louis.

Bengal bites: After last week's game at New York, future Hall of Fame QB Brett Favre has a passer rating of 82.6 in five career games against the Bengals. In five games, Favre has completed 127 of 189 passes (67.2 percent) for 1370 yards (average of 274.0 per game), with eight TD passes and nine INTs ... WR Chad Ocho Cinco made his 100th Bengals start last week at New York. He leads the current roster in Bengals starts ... LS/TE Brad St. Louis is the current roster leader for most Bengals career games played (129); Ocho Cinco is second at 114 games, followed by WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh (96), K Shayne Graham (86) and DT John Thornton (82) ... TE Reggie Kelly leads the Bengals roster in most total NFL games (142), with DT Thornton second (133) and St. Louis third (129) ... Kelly also leads the roster in career NFL starts (124), with Thornton second (117) ... The heaviest Bengal on the current roster is G Bobbie Williams at 345 pounds; the shortest Bengal is WR Antonio Chatman (5-8); and Chatman is tied with CB Jamar Fletcher for lightest Bengal (185) ... The tallest Bengals are OT Stacy Andrews and G Andrew Whitworth, both at 6-7 ... Half the Bengals' regular-season games this year will be against foes who finished in the NFL's top 10 in rushing yards last season ... The Bengals were 2-0 in 2007 in games when one player had 25 or more rushing attempts, and they are 20-1 in the last 21 regular-season games with a 25-carry runner. Cincinnati has not had a 25-carry rusher this season ... DT John Thornton holds the unusual distinction of being the last Bengal to block an opponent's field goal, as well as being the last opponent to block a Bengals field goal. He actually has authored the Bengals' last two blocks, a 49-yard attempt by Seattle's Josh Brown on 10-26-03 and a 48-yarder by Pittsburgh's Jeff Reed on 9-24-06. And the last opponent to block a Bengals field goal attempt was Thornton, playing for Tennessee against Bengals K Neil Rackers on a 35-yard attempt on 10-8-00 ... Since 1994, when the two-point conversion was added to the NFL rulebook, the Bengals are 13-for-36 (36.1 percent), and opponents are 16-for-35 (45.7 percent). The Bengals are zero-for-two on two-point tries this season, while opponents are zero-for-one ... One Bengals player — LB Keith Rivers — has a different uniform number than he did when the Bengals' 2008 Media Guide was published. Rivers, who previously was assigned No. 58, now wears No. 55.

## Bengals quotes

Head coach Marvin Lewis, on prospects for improving the struggling offense:

"We have spent a lot of time on that today (Oct. 13). Everybody involved is trying really hard to turn over every stone and find every way we can to block more consistently in the running game and be more consistent in pass protection. I will say that we are now up to speed most of the time on the perimeter (wide receivers). We may lean harder and harder on those more experienced guys on the outside to give us more. We have to find way to get those guys the ball and make some explosive plays. We are looking at everything we can do, and we will go back and

evaluate the things we are doing well in the running game, who we are doing it with."

Lewis, on Ryan Fitzpatrick being set to start at QB against Pittsburgh:

"I think Ryan will keep playing better and better for us. We've got to keep playing better and better around him, as well. That's our task. Ryan is going be the guy this week, and we've got to keep doing everything we can, in every area, to make sure everybody lives up to their task and puts us in position to win the football game."

Lewis, on the Cincinnati defense:

"We did a lot of good things against the Jets, including just 252 yards allowed, but we had opportunities to keep them to no touchdowns. We have to execute and get things done on those snaps as well. I thought we did get after the quarterback, and for the most part we played the running game pretty well. But we need to be better at tackling on the perimeter. If we had one thing that we have to keep, keep, getting better at, that would be it, because that would make a difference on third down. There were a couple of third-down opportunities where we could have gotten off the field if we make a clean tackle, or it's going to be second-and-10 or third-and-10 if we make clean tackles at times on the perimeter. Our guys have got to live up to that and get it done."

Offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski, on the team having allowed 19 sacks in six games after posting a team record with only 17 allowed all last season:

"The protection issues have varied from week to week. The backs have missed protections. Guys (receivers) haven't shaken free, so the quarterback holds the ball longer. We've had issues in individuals blocking people up front, or have had issues with sometimes the ability of two or three people to work together on a certain pass-rush stunt teams have done."

Bratkowski, on the team's 3.1-yard rushing average:

"In the effort to run the ball we have left ourselves with more third-and-longs and not converted them. Which then becomes a cycle of, 'First down, second down, third down, throw it.' So you're not generating enough first downs through the course of the game to get as many runs and passes called as you like. And of course, the longer the down and distance, the harder it is to protect the quarterback."

Bratkowski, on working WR Chris Henry back into the scheme:

"We're bringing him along, and he'll get more and more playing time. Since day one, Chris has always been an extremely coachable player. That means when you correct him or talk to him about something, he takes it to heart and tries to do it the right way. That has never been an issue with him, and that helps him when he gets in this situation to get himself back up to speed."

Lewis, on a possibly expanding role for HB Cedric Benson:

"It's going to take a little time. There will be some things that for a while, he'll be a little bit unsure of, which will cause me to be a little anxious about how much he's in the game. We can't create all the different looks and the things that perhaps could happen. Now I will tell you, he's a very diligent worker, and hopefully he'll continue to be a diligent learner at what he has to do, so that we become more comfortable with those things, and then hopefully he'll go ahead and execute it. And that's the biggest part of a running back coming in to a new situation. The natural part of carrying the football, that's the easy part. It's the other things that come with it that tax you a little bit more and can be just as important at times."

Lewis, on HB Chris Perry having fumbled five times in six games:

"He has to just keep working on it. We can't have three lost fumbles and five (total) fumbles in five games. We have to do a better job in practice, making sure we are going for the ball all the time. The hard part about doing it in practice is, you don't want a lot of guys tangled up going after the ball like you might want to do in training camp. But we have to take care of the football. We want Chris to take care of the ball and do that just like everybody else who handles the football on this team is asked to do."

Defensive coordinator Mike Zimmer, on how his first Bengals defense is shaping up:

"I want to think we are close to being a good defensive team,

but we're obviously not there yet. We'll play 63 plays and play about 58 of them pretty well. But we've got to get better against the run and limit the big plays."

WR Antonio Chatman, on taking on a larger offensive role in his third Bengals season:

"It was kind of hard to get going my first two years. The first year, I had a sports hernia. The second year, both of my hamstrings. But this year, (offensive coordinator Bob Bratkowski) came to me and told me I've got to step up and just make plays, and that's what I'm trying to do. Each game you've got to just prove that you can do it, so every day I just try to show that I can do it in practice."

OT Levi Jones, on slow starts and the accompanying criticism:

"The first thing is not listening to the media, seriously. I get back here and get back to work. This is the professional ranks. You have to keep composed. You just have to stay focused. When you stay composed and focused, you're able to move on. You have to have a short memory."

K Shayne Graham, on his physical play as a coverage player on kickoffs:

"Guys will come to me and say, 'Hey, I have a new respect for you.' Guys like to see that, because then they know I'm not just out there to kick the ball and collect a paycheck."

Lewis, on K Shayne Graham taking on a leadership role:

"I've been around few kickers and specialists, really, that have taken the leadership role that Shayne has. Sometimes those guys end up on the periphery, but Shayne takes advantage and embraces his standing on the team."

LB Dhani Jones, on K Shayne Graham:

"I get nervous for the kicker, because when you go out there, you really have to make that. You have no choice. I don't think I could really do that. But you can see Shayne's confidence in the way he walks, the way he talks. In turn, that translates to him being that confident player when he steps on the field. When everybody else might have butterflies in their stomach, his stomach is like steel. And he kicks that ball through the uprights."

WR Chad Ocho Cinco, on the '08 season:

"I've got a lot of making up to do to a lot of people. Not to just my teammates and coaches, (but) from the top all the way down. I made a lot of people mad in the offseason. I've got to become completely focused. No distractions. I have to stay an attraction and be extraordinary in what I do."

Ocho Cinco, on how friend and mentor Ray Lewis of the Ravens offered counsel about Ocho Cinco's offseason discontent:

"He really made me understand the position I'm in; how blessed I am. I'm very fortunate. He had me look at it from a different direction. Not just being frustrated by (last) season, but from a different way. There are a lot of people that want to play this game and they can't, and I'm sitting here fussing about things I really can't control."

Lewis, on QB Carson Palmer:

"Carson is so down-to-earth, you used to think it was almost an act. And he's never changed. He is what he is. That's part of his makeup, and it probably always has been. He's so unflappable. He can focus in and see right through the eye of that storm, and that may be the greatest quality he has. I think everybody around him feels the confidence that kind of oozes out of him, and it makes them feel good about things."

QB Ryan Fitzpatrick, on Palmer:

"He's one of the most down-to-earth guys I've met in this league, especially considering how high his station is. He could be such a pain if he wanted to be. But that's just not him."

# Position-by-position roundup

**Quarterbacks:** Fifth-year pro Carson Palmer missed his second game in the last three weeks last week at New York, shelved again due to elbow soreness. Palmer also missed the Sept. 28 Cleveland game, and had returned to play all the way on Oct. 5 at Dallas. He has been ruled out for the Pittsburgh game. Palmer entered this season with a Bengals-record 90.1 career passer rating, but he is at 69.0 for this season, with 75 completions in 129 attempts (58.1 percent), for 731 yards with three TDs and four INTs. Palmer is a two-time Pro Bowl selection, and last year he became the fifth-fastest passer in NFL history to reach 100 TDs, hitting the century mark in his 59th game played. Fourth-year vet Ryan Fitzpatrick made his second start in the Jets game, and he will start again this week against Pittsburgh. At New York, he completed 20 of 33 passes (60.1 percent) for 152 yards with no TDs or INTs. Fitzpatrick also led the team in rushing, with 23 yards on six carries. Fitzpatrick also subbed for the injured Palmer on Sept. 28 vs. Cleveland, and for the season, Fitzpatrick is 41-for-68 passing for 308 yards with one TD and three INTs. He also ranks second on the team in rushing, with 64 yards on 10 carries. He has played in a total of three games, as he also saw brief action (no statistics) on Sept. 14 vs. Tennessee, subbing for Palmer on the game's final series. First-year pro Jordan Palmer has not played in '08. He has been the designated third QB on the inactive list for Games 1-3 and 5, and he was active-DNP as the No. 2 QB for Game 4 vs. Cleveland and for last week at the Jets.

**Running backs:** Fifth-year pro Chris Perry is the Bengals' leading rusher, but he hasn't found the going easy. The run game has struggled to get on track this season, and Perry's 253 yards on 96 carries compute to only a 2.6-yard avg. Perry was held to a season-low 14 yards on 11 carries last week at the Jets. He does have two rushing TDs on the year. He is 14-for-47 receiving on the season after catching two for two yards at New York. Perry did not fumble in the Jets game, after suffering five fumbles in the first five contests. HB Cedric Benson was held to six net yards on four carries in the Jets game. The former Chicago Bear, who joined the NFL as a No. 4 overall draft selection, signed with the Bengals as a free agent on Sept. 30 and has played in the last two games, with 36 total rushing yards on 14 carries. He does not have a reception. HB Kenny Watson saw action on special teams against the Jets. Watson has played in five games this season, and has a 4.6-yard rushing average (seven-for-32) along with two receptions for three yards. Watson led the Bengals in rushing last season with 763 yards, and also posted career highs for receptions (52) and receiving yards (374). Second-year pro Daniel Coats was in the No. 1 FB role for the Dallas game. Coats, who also plays TE, does not have a rush or a reception on the year. He has played in all six games. Second-year FB Reagan Maui'a was waived on Oct. 11.

**Wide receivers:** Chad Ocho Cinco, who has played in the last five Pro Bowls, is off to an uncharacteristically slow start in 2008. But he posted his season-bests in catches (five) and receiving yards (57) in the Jets game. He led the team in receiving yards (and scrimmage yards) for the day. He had three catches on the 14-play TD drive that pulled the Bengals to within 17-14 at halftime. Ocho Cinco is 19-for-216 receiving on the year (11.4 avg.) with one TD. At New York, he extended to 98 his Bengals record for consecutive games with at least one reception, and he also made his 100th Bengals start. He has not missed a game in 2008 despite having missed the last two preseason games due to a shoulder injury suffered Aug. 17 vs. Detroit, and he has played in 109 straight games. Last season, he broke his own Bengals season receiving yards record, posting 1440, and he is the franchise's all-time leader in receptions (578) and receiving yards (8581). T.J. Houshmandzadeh, a Pro Bowler last season, led the team in catches for the fourth straight game in the Jets contest, snagging seven. He gained 49 yards. Houshmandzadeh leads the team by wide margins for the season in catches (38), receiving yards (400) and yards from scrimmage (400), and he also leads the team in TDs (three). Last year, Houshmandzadeh tied for the NFL receptions lead (112) and posted a career-high 1143 yards. This season, he is on a pace that projects to 101 catches and 1067 yards. Houshmandzadeh missed all four preseason games while rehabbing a hamstring pull. Sixth-year pro Antonio Chatman is having a productive year in the No. 3 WR role, though he did not have a catch against the Jets. For the season, he ranks third on the team in catches (17) and receiving yards (173). Chatman is also the team's No. 1 punt returner, with a 10.1-yard average on 10 returns. Fourth-year pro Glenn Holt played for the sixth straight game in the Jets contest. He does not have a reception this season, but is also working as the team's primary kickoff returner, averaging 26.6 yards. He suffered an ankle injury on his final return against the Jets, however, and has an early listing of questionable for Pittsburgh. Fourth-year pro Chris Henry played in his second game of the year in the Jets contest. He served an NFL suspension in Games 1-4. He had his first catch of the season in the Jets game, a 13-yarder. Henry entered this season with 17 career TD catches in 35 games. Second-round draft pick

Jerome Simpson of Coastal Carolina was inactive at New York. He has played in three games (no statistics). He led the Bengals in preseason with 11 catches and 157 receiving yards. Third-round draft choice Andre Caldwell of Florida has been inactive for five games, including at New York. He was active on Sept. 21 at the N.Y. Giants but did not play. Caldwell opened the season slowed by a foot injury he suffered in the second preseason game.

**Tight ends:** Ninth-year pro Reggie Kelly is the Bengals' rock at TE, a powerful blocker and a locker room leader. In the Jets game, he did not have a catch for the first time this season. For the season, he has 12 catches for 73 yards. Kelly has started all six games and leads the current roster in most total NFL games (142) and NFL starts (124). Ben Utecht played in his fifth game in the Jets contest (one game missed due to injury). He has started all five of his games, as the Bengals have opened in a two-TE formation. Utecht had four catches for 34 yards against the Jets and is nine-for-57 on the season. Utecht's numbers against the Jets were season highs for him, and though he has not yet hit full stride, he is being counted on for significant receiving numbers this season. The restricted free agent signee from Indianapolis caught 68-for-741 over the past two seasons for the Colts and was a starter on Indianapolis' 2006 season NFL championship club. Second-year pro Daniel Coats sees action at TE but played primarily at FB at New York. He has no offensive statistics. Veteran Brad St. Louis is on the depth chart at TE, but his primary job is as the team's long snapper. St. Louis has five special teams tackles, tied for third on the team.

**Offensive linemen:** The Bengals line returns all five primary starters from last season, and all five have started the first six games. The ROT is fifth-year pro Stacy Andrews, an emerging standout who was designated the team's franchise player for 2008. An All-American track thrower in college (Mississippi), Andrews had scant football experience when the Bengals drafted him in 2004, but he has progressed steadily to become a leading performer. Levi Jones, a former Bengals first-round draft pick, is for his seventh season in the starting LOT spot, and looks for a healthier '08 after battling through soreness from knee surgery rehab during much of '07. The Bengals have two stout returning performers at guard in ninth-year vet Bobbie Williams and third-year pro Andrew Whitworth. Williams has started 68 of 71 games (including postseason) since joining Cincinnati as a free agent in 2004, with no football-related injuries. His three missed games were due to an emergency appendectomy in 2006. Williams has been voted by his teammates as a 2008 team captain. LG Whitworth missed only six of the offense's 1047 snaps last season and has proven to be a reliable front-liner at tackle as well as guard. He would move to the LOT spot in the event of an injury to Jones. Eric Ghiaciuc played and started 12 games at center last season and is in his sixth Bengals campaign in '08. Backup C Kyle Cook, a first-year player, has seen action in Games 2-6 on special teams. Sixth-year vet Scott Kooistra provides proven depth at both G and OT and has played in all six games, primarily on special teams. OT Anthony Collins, Cincinnati's fourth-round 2008 draft pick, has been active for all six games but has played only in Game 2 vs. Tennessee, when he saw some action as an extra blocker in short-yardage plays.

**Defensive linemen:** DE Antwan Odom, Cincinnati's top unrestricted free agent signee for 2008, made his second sack-and-strip play of the season in the Jets game, prying the ball from Brett Favre at the New York 24 early in the first quarter, with teammate Chinedum Ndukwe returning the loose ball for a touchdown and a 7-0 Cincinnati lead. Odom took over the team lead with two sacks on the year. His first sack-and-strip, against Tennessee's Kerry Collins on Sept. 14, set up a Bengals TD drive. Odom had four total tackles at New York, and he has 18 tackles on the season. He is tied for the team lead in forced fumbles (two). He ranks tied for second in QB hurries (four). Odom has played in every game, but he did not start the first two games as he continued to rehab a foot injury that had caused him to miss the entire preseason schedule. LDT Domata Peko made his sixth start in the Jets game, and he led the line with a personal season high of 10 tackles, including one for a four-yard loss against HB Leon Washington. He also had one QB hurry. He leads the line for the season with 44 tackles, third on the team, and he has credit for one shared sack. He is tied for second in QB hurries (four). Peko is a third-year pro who signed a long-term Bengals contract extension in June. Third-year pro Frostee Rucker has played in every game at DE, including starts in Games 1-2. His four tackles at New York included his first sack of the year, a seven-yarder against Brett Favre on a third-down play in the third quarter, forcing a punt. Rucker has 27 tackles on the season. He leads the team in tackles-for-loss (four) and is tied for the team lead in forced fumbles (two). Rucker was a third-round Bengals draft pick in 2006, but was hampered by injuries in each of his first two seasons. LDE Robert Geathers started his sixth straight game in the Jets contest and had three tackles plus a QB hurry. Geathers has 29 tackles on the season, with a shared sack and a fumble

recovery. He leads the team for the season in QB hurries (six) and ranks tied for second in tackles-for-loss (three). RDT John Thornton failed to start for the first time this season in the Jets game, inactive due to an Achilles strain. Thornton is in his 10th NFL season and his sixth Bengals campaign. He has started 83 of 87 games (including postseason) since joining the Bengals. He has 20 tackles for the season. Orien Harris, an Aug. 31 waiver acquisition from New Orleans, has played in each of the first six games, and he made his first NFL start at New York, subbing for the injured Thornton. He had two tackles against the Jets and has 14 tackles on the season. Also competing at Thornton's spot against the Jets was Pat Sims, third-round draft pick from Auburn, who made his NFL debut and logged seven tackles, second on the line. He had one tackle-for-loss. Sims opened the season on the injury list, due to a turf toe he suffered in the second preseason game, and though he was cleared to return to practice prior to Game 3, he had been inactive for the first five games. Fourth-year DE Jonathan Fanene has played in every game and has 13 tackles on the year. He had one QB hurry at New York. He is tied for second on the team for the season in tackles-for-loss (three). Jason Shirley, a fifth-round '08 draftee, has been a game-day inactive every week this season.

**Linebackers:** MLB Dhani Jones, voted by his teammates as a 2008 team captain, led the team in total tackles (13) and solo stops (eight) in the Jets game, widening his big lead in the team tackling race. He has 73 tackles for the year, 23 ahead of his nearest competition. He has the team's four highest tackle totals in a game this year, with three 15-tackle games to go along with the 13-stop effort against the Jets. No other Bengal has more than 11 tackles in a game this season. Jones also had two QB hurries and his second pass defended of the year against the Jets. He's tied for second on the team for the season in hurries with four. Jones ranked second on the team with 111 tackles last season, despite not joining the Bengals until Game 3. Top draft pick Keith Rivers, the starting WLB, had four tackles against the Jets and ranks second on the team for the year with 50. He also has an interception, a fumble and a pass defended. Rashad Jeanty made his fifth start at SLB in the Jets game (has played in every game), and he had five tackles, along with his first pass defended of the year. Jeanty has 37 tackles on defense for the year, tied for fifth on the team, and he has a forced fumble plus an onside kickoff recovery. Jeanty also had one special teams tackle at New York and ranks second for the year in special teams stops (10). OLB Brandon Johnson has played in every game, and he had a personal season high of four tackles against the Jets. He has 12 tackles and a pass defended on the year. Backup MLB Corey Mays played in Games 1-4, but he has been inactive for the last two games due to an ankle injury. Mays has two tackles on defense and two special teams tackles. Abdul Hodge has played on special teams in the last two games after being signed from the Bengals practice squad (no statistics). OLB Darryl Blackstock has played in Games 1-5, with a start at SLB Game 2, but he is on NFL suspension for Games 6-9 for using a nutritional supplement that included a banned substance. He has four tackles on the season, plus one on special teams.

**Defensive backs:** Second-year pro Chinedum Ndukwe made his fifth straight start at SS in the Jets game and continued as one of the defense's best big-play performers. He scored his second career TD early in the first quarter, returning a Brett Favre fumble 15 yards for a 7-0 Bengals lead. Ndukwe had five tackles in the game. He has 39 for the season, ranked fifth on the team, and the total includes one sack. He also has one INT, and he ranks third on the team in passes defended (four). He missed the season opener, as well as the entire preseason schedule, due to a foot injury, but moved into the starting lineup as a replacement for Dexter Jackson. Jackson has missed the last five games with a thumb injury suffered in the season opener, and he has an early listing of questionable for the Steelers. Jackson started the season opener at SS and had five tackles. Second-year pro Marvin White made his sixth start at FS in the Jets game, and he claimed his first NFL interception, denying a scoring bid when he snagged Brett Favre's pass intended for Bubba Franks at the Bengals three. White also led the secondary in the Jets game with seven tackles, and he leads the secondary for the season with 43 stops, fourth on the team. He has two

passes defended on the year. Rookie S Corey Lynch also claimed his first INT in the Jets game, grabbing a deflected Favre pass at the Cincinnati two in the fourth quarter, with a six-yard return. Lynch has played in Games 2-6 after being inactive for the opener. He has three tackles on defense and three on special teams for the season. First-year S Kyries Hebert saw brief action on defense at New York (no statistics) and he led the special teams with three tackles. He leads the special teams for the season with 11 tackles. He also has a fumble recovery on defense. S Herana-Daze Jones, the Bengals' special teams tackling leader the last two years, has played in the last two games after missing Games 2-4 with a hamstring injury. He saw action on special teams, with two tackles, and has five special teams tackles on the year, tied for third. Johnathan Joseph, the No. 1 LCB, returned to the starting lineup for the first time since Game 2 in the New York contest, and he led the team with three passes defended, including one which led to a Lynch interception in the fourth quarter. Joseph missed Games 3-4 with an ankle injury suffered Sept. 14 vs. Tennessee, and though he played in Game 5 at Dallas, his action was limited. Joseph now leads the team in passes defended (seven) for the season. He tied for the team lead in 2007. He had three tackles at New York and has 11 stops on the season. He has one fumble recovery, which he returned 65-yards for a TD in the opener at Baltimore. Joseph was Cincinnati's top pick in the 2006 draft. Leon Hall made his sixth start at RCB in the Jets game, logging five tackles. He has 21 tackles on the season, and he ranks second in passes defended with six (none at New York). Hall does not have an INT this season, but he led the team as a rookie last season with five, tying the team rookie record and also tying for the NFL's rookie INT lead. Second-year pro David Jones has played in every game, including starts for Joseph at LCB in games 3-5. Jones had one pass defended against the Jets, a third-down play on WR Laveranues Coles in the end zone that forced the Jets to settle for a field goal. Jones has 20 tackles on the season, including one at New York, and two total passes defended. Eighth-year pro Jamar Fletcher signed with Cincinnati as a free agent on Sept. 23 and played in his third straight game in the Jets contest. He saw brief action on defense (no statistics) and also played on special teams. Fletcher has two tackles, plus a fumble recovery.

**Special teams:** Fourth-year NFL place kicker Dave Rayner was signed by the Bengals as a free agent on Oct. 11 and played at New York. He had no FG attempts, went two-for-two on PATs and had one touchback on his three kickoffs. Rayner replaced record-setting Bengals K Shayne Graham, who was inactive at New York due to a groin injury suffered Oct. 5 at Dallas. It was the first missed game in six Bengals seasons for Graham, who has an early listing of questionable for Pittsburgh. Graham is nine-for-10 on FGs for the season, his only miss coming on Sept. 14 vs. Tennessee, when he hit the right upright on a 37-yarder in winds that were gusting up to 60 mph. Graham holds the NFL's No. 3 all-time rank in FG accuracy (85.64 percent). He has made all five of his PAT tries. He has seven touchbacks on 21 kickoffs for the season. Graham's long list of Bengals records includes career FG accuracy (87.7 percent), points in a season (131), consecutive FGs made (21) FGs in a game (seven) and consecutive PATs made (158). P Kyle Larson averaged 41.7 yards on seven punts at the Jets, with a 30.7-yard net. He had no inside-20 kicks but also no touchbacks. For the season, Larson is averaging 42.9 yards, with a 34.2 net, with five inside-20s and two touchbacks. All five of his inside-20s have been downed inside the 10. Larson is also the holder on place kicks. WR Glenn Holt is averaging a strong 26.6 yards on KOR returns, having made all the team's 28 tries. He ranks ninth in the NFL this week. Holt averaged 24.2 yards on five returns at New York, but on his final return, he suffered an ankle injury, and he has an early listing of questionable for the Pittsburgh game. Holt is in his second year as the team's primary KOR after averaging 24.3 yards on 59 returns last season. WR Antonio Chatman is setting a good early pace in punt returns, averaging 10.1 yards on all 11 of the club's tries. Chatman had a 10-yarder on his only return at New York. S Kyries Hebert led the special teams at New York with three tackles, and he leads the team for the season with 11. Rashad Jeanty is second with 10. LS Brad St. Louis is in his ninth Bengals season, and he and holder Larson have helped Graham set his numerous team records. St. Louis had two special teams tackles against the Jets and has five on the year, tied for third.

# Media schedule

Tues., Oct. 14	— No media access.		
Wed., Oct. 15	— Carson Palmer news conference at 11 a.m.; Practice from 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m.; Practice open to media from 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Conference call with Pittsburgh Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger at 12:10 p.m.; Conference call with Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin at 12:40 p.m.; Locker room open from 2-2:45 p.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at 2:45 p.m.		room open 3:15-4 p.m.
Thurs., Oct. 16	— Practice from 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m.; Practice open to media from 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Locker room open from 2-2:45 p.m.	Tues., Oct. 21	— No media access.
Fri., Oct. 17	— Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; Practice open to media from 11-11:30 a.m., but no cameras.	Wed., Oct. 22	— Carson Palmer news conference at 11 a.m.; Practice from 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m.; Practice open to media from 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Locker room open from 2-2:45 p.m.; Marvin Lewis news conference at 2:45 p.m.; Conference calls with Houston Texans TBD.
Sat., Oct. 18	— No media access.	Thurs., Oct. 23	— Practice from 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m.; Practice open to media from 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Locker room open from 2-2:45 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 19	— Game 7, Bengals vs. Pittsburgh at Paul Brown Stadium, 1 p.m. EDT.	Fri., Oct. 24	— Locker room open from 10-10:45 a.m.; Practice from 11 a.m.-12:45 p.m.; Practice open to media from 11-11:30 a.m., but no cameras.
Mon., Oct. 20	— Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker	Sat., Oct. 25	— Team travels to Houston; no media access.
		Sun., Oct. 26	— Game 8, Bengals at Houston, 4:05 p.m. EDT.
		Mon., Oct. 27	— Marvin Lewis news conference at 3 p.m.; Locker room open 3:15-4 p.m.

# The last two Bengals-Steelers meetings

2007 SEASON, GAME 7  
Steelers 24, Bengals 13  
Sunday, Oct. 28, at Paul Brown Stadium

AFC North Division leader Pittsburgh downed the Bengals for the seventh consecutive year at Paul Brown Stadium, churning out a well-balanced 390 yards on 160 rushing and 230 passing. The Steelers held off the Bengals in the second half after posting a 21-6 halftime lead. The Bengals closed to 14-6 with 2:16 left in the first half on a 20-yard Shayne Graham field goal, but the Steelers drove 67 yards in nine plays to score on a one-yard Willie Parker run with just four seconds remaining in the half. Parker rushed for 126 yards, while Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger posted a 109.5 passer rating, with two TD throws to WR Hines Ward. The Bengals fell to 2-5 on the season, while the Steelers improved to 5-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Pittsburgh.....	7	14	0	3	—	24
Cincinnati.....	3	3	0	7	—	13

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — S.Graham 31 field goal .....	1-5:11
Pitt. — H.Ward 21 pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick) .....	1-2:42
Pitt. — H.Ward 6 pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick) .....	2-7:42
Cin. — S.Graham 20 field goal .....	2-2:16
Pitt. — W.Parker 1 run (J.Reed kick) .....	2-0:04
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 9 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)....	4-13:02
Pitt. — J.Reed 40 field goal .....	4-6:09

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 66,188. Time: 2:48.

TEAM STATISTICS	PITT.	CIN.
First downs .....	23	15
Third down conversions-attempts .....	8-11	6-11
Total net yards .....	390	296
Net yards rushing .....	160	91
Net yards passing .....	230	205
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions .....	26-19-1	31-23-0
Sacks against-yards lost .....	1-0	0-0
Punts-average .....	1-37.0	2-45.5
Punt returns-yards .....	1-3	0-0
Kickoff returns-yards .....	3-71	5-141
Penalties-yards .....	3-20	2-10
Fumbles-lost .....	0-0	2-1
Time of possession .....	32:43	27:17

## Rushing

PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
W.Parker	22	126	32	1	K.Watson	19	88	15	0
N.Davenport	8	23	8	0	C.Palmer	1	2	2	0
B.Roethlisberger					G.Holt	1	1	1	0
	2	9	9	0					
S.Holmes	1	2	2	0					
TOTALS	33	160	32	1	TOTALS	21	91	15	0

## Passing

PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
B.Roethlisberger	26	19	230	2-1	C.Palmer	31	23	205	1-0
TOTALS	26	19	230	2-1	TOTALS	31	23	205	1-0

## Receiving

PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
H.Ward	8	88	21t	2	T.Houshmandzadeh	7	81	28	1
S.Holmes	6	87	42	0	C.Johnson	5	51	16	0
H.Miller	2	42	23	0	K.Watson	5	26	8	0
W.Parker	2	8	4	0	G.Holt	2	11	8	0
C.Davis	1	5	5	0	D.Dorsey	1	17	17	0
					J.Johnson	1	8	8	0
					A.Chatman	1	6	6	0
					R.Kelly	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	19	230	42	2	TOTALS	23	205	28	1

## Defense

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: An.Smith 7-1-8, T.Polamalu 4-2-6, D.Townsend 5-0-5, I.Taylor 4-1-5, J.Harrison 3-2-5, B.Keisel 3-2-5, J.Farrior 2-3-5, L.Foote 2-1-3, N.Eason 1-2-3, C.Haggans 1-1-2, T.Carter 1-0-1, T.Kirschke 1-0-1, C.Hampton 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: T.Polamalu 1, I.Taylor 1, D.Townsend 1. FF: T.Carter 1, J.Harrison 1. FR-YDS.: J.Harrison 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Smith 9-2-11, L.Johnson 5-3-8, D.O'Neal 5-1-6, A.Schlegel 4-2-6, Dh.Jones 3-3-6, D.Jackson 4-1-5, J.Thornton 2-3-5, R.Geathers 1-4-5, J.Joseph 4-0-4, M.Williams 4-0-4, D.Peko 3-1-4, M.Myers 2-0-2, L.Hall 1-1-2, R.Jeanty 1-1-2, B.Robinson 1-1-2. SKS.-YDS.: D.Peko 1-0. INT.-YDS.: D.O'Neal 1-7. PD: D.O'Neal 2. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

2007 SEASON, GAME 12  
Steelers 24, Bengals 10  
Sunday night, Dec. 2, at Heinz Field

The Bengals posted a plus-three turnover differential and limited Pittsburgh to 285 net yards, but they missed opportunities to build a substantial early lead and saw the Steelers capitalize on most of their major chances. Cincinnati garnered only one TD in three red-zone possessions while the Steelers went three-for-four. The Bengals drove 75 yards in 12 plays for a TD on the game's first series. Pittsburgh held Bengals QB Carson Palmer to the lowest completion percentage of his career (38.6 on 17-of-44). The Bengals were mathematically eliminated from contention for the AFC North Division title as they fell to 4-8, five games behind the 9-3 Steelers, with four games to play.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — R.Johnson 1 run (S.Graham kick) .....	1-8:23
Pitt. — B.Roethlisberger 6 run (J.Reed kick) .....	2-8:31
Pitt. — J.Reed 21 field goal .....	2-5:45
Pitt. — H.Ward 2 pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick) .....	2-0:10
Cin. — S.Graham 24 field goal .....	3-6:58
Pitt. — H.Ward 8 pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick) .....	3-1:22

Missed FGs: S.Graham (43WR). Attendance: 58,842. Time: 3:17.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	PITT.
First downs .....	15	20
Third down conversions-attempts .....	8-18	7-14
Total net yards .....	249	285
Net yards rushing .....	74	101
Net yards passing .....	175	184
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions .....	44-17-0	32-21-2
Sacks against-yards lost .....	1-8	0-0
Punts-average .....	5-36.8	4-40.5
Punt returns-yards .....	3-19	3-5
Kickoff returns-yards .....	5-88	2-26
Penalties-yards .....	8-45	7-37
Fumbles-lost .....	2-1	2-2
Time of possession .....	25:53	34:07

## Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Johnson	14	34	4	1	W.Parker	28	87	21	0
K.Watson	5	23	8	0	B.Roethlisberger				
D.Dorsey	1	15	15	0		6	13	6t	1
C.Johnson	1	4	4	0	G.Russell	1	1	1	0
C.Palmer	2	-2	-1	0					
TOTALS	23	74	15	1	TOTALS	35	101	12	1

## Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	PITT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	44	17	183	0-0	B.Roethlisberger	32	21	184	2-2
TOTALS	44	17	183	0-0	TOTALS	32	21	184	2-2

## Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	PITT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
C.Johnson	6	86	24	0	H.Ward	11	90	19	2
T.Houshmandzadeh	5	42	12	0	H.Miller	4	30	10	0
	2	31	18	0	C.Wilson	3	34	14	0
C.Henry	2	23	12	0	N.Washington	2	16	11	0
A.Chatman	1	8	8	0	W.Parker	1	14	14	0
R.Kelly	1	-7	-7	0					
D.Dorsey	1	17	17	0					
TOTALS	17	183	24	0	TOTALS	21	184	19	2

## Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: L.Hall 6-5-11, L.Johnson 7-2-9, D.Jackson 6-2-8, J.Smith 6-2-8, J.Joseph 6-0-6, Dh.Jones 4-1-5, D.Peko 4-1-5, R.Jeanty 3-2-5, J.Thornton 2-2-4, M.Williams 2-2-4, R.Geathers 1-2-3, B.Robinson 1-2-3, J.Fanene 1-1-2, M.Myers 1-1-2, C.Ndukwe 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: J.Joseph 1-7, M.Williams 1-5. PD: D.O'Neal 2, J.Joseph 1, B.Robinson 1, M.Williams 1. FF: R.Jeanty 1, B.Robinson 1. FR-YDS.: D.Jackson 1-0, D.O'Neal 1-0.

Pittsburgh (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Farrior 5-3-8, An.Smith 6-1-7, T.Carter 2-5-7, L.Foote 4-2-6, J.Harrison 3-3-6, D.Townsend 2-4-6, C.Haggans 4-1-5, I.Taylor 3-1-4, Aa.Smith 2-0-2, B.Keisel 2-0-2, N.Eason 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: L.Foote 1-8. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: T.Carter 1, J.Farrior 1, L.Foote 1, C.Haggans 1, B.Keisel 1, I. Taylor 1, D.Townsend 1. FF: L.Foote 1. FR-YDS.: None.

# 2008 game summaries

## GAME 1

Ravens 17, Bengals 10  
Sunday, Sept. 7, at M&T Bank Stadium

Ending a streak of three straight opening-day victories, the Bengals could not muster an offensive TD and were held to 154 net yards, their lowest total since Game 3 of 2000. That contest was also at Baltimore, when Bengals head coach Marvin Lewis was Ravens defensive coordinator. The Ravens burned the Bengals for two long TDs — a 42-yard double reverse (WR Mark Clayton scoring) and an unscripted 38-yard run by QB Joe Flacco. Trailing 17-3 in the fourth quarter, the Bengals made a game of it on CB Johnathan Joseph's 65-yard return of a fumble forced by LB Rashad Jeanty. The Bengals lost for only the second time in their last eight games against Baltimore.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Balt. — M.Clayton 42 run (M.Stover kick).....	1-2:12
Balt. — M.Stover 21 field goal.....	2-1:43
Cin. — S.Graham 43 field goal.....	2-0:05
Balt. — J.Flacco 38 run (M.Stover kick).....	3-0:15
Cin. — J.Joseph 65 fumble return (S.Graham kick).....	4-10:15

Missed FGs: M.Stover (47WL). Attendance: 70,978. Time: 3:09.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	BALT.
First downs.....	8	21
Third down conversions-attempts.....	2-13	9-17
Total net yards.....	154	358
Net yards rushing.....	70	229
Net yards passing.....	84	129
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	24-9-1	29-15-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	2-10	0-0
Punts-average.....	7-45.1	5-48.2
Punt returns-yards.....	4-11	4-56
Kickoff returns-yards.....	4-118	2-25
Penalties-yards.....	5-40	9-64
Fumbles-lost.....	1-1	2-2
Time of possession.....	23:45	36:15

### Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Perry	19	42	9	0	L.McClain	19	86	12	0
C.Palmer	3	15	9	0	R.Rice	22	64	10	0
K.Watson	2	13	7	0	M.Clayton	1	42	42t	1
					J.Flacco	4	37	38t	1
TOTALS	24	70	9	0	TOTALS	46	229	42	2

### Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	BALT.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	24	9	94	0-1	J.Flacco	29	15	129	0-0
TOTALS	24	9	94	0-1	TOTALS	29	15	129	0-0

### Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	BALT.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Houshmandzadeh	3	44	24	0	D.Mason	4	44	15	0
B.Utecht	2	10	8	0	M.Clayton	3	21	8	0
K.Watson	2	3	3	0	R.Rice	3	19	8	0
C.Ocho Cinco	1	22	22	0	L.McClain	2	24	13	0
R.Kelly	1	15	15	0	L.Neal	1	13	13	0
					T.Heap	1	5	5	0
					D.Williams	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	9	94	24	0	TOTALS	15	129	15	0

### Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: K.Rivers 7-4-11, M.White 6-3-9, Dh.Jones 5-3-8, J.Joseph 5-3-8, D.Peko 3-5-8, F.Rucker 5-1-6, D.Jackson 3-2-5, L.Hall 2-2-4, J.Thornton 2-2-4, B.Johnson 3-0-3, S.Castille 2-1-3, R.Jeanty 1-2-3, O.Harris 2-0-2, C.Mays 2-0-2, J.Fanene 1-1-2, R.Geathers 1-1-2, A.Odom 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: J.Joseph 3, L.Hall 1, B.Johnson 1, Dh.Jones 1. FF: R.Jeanty 1, F.Rucker 1. FR-YDS.: J.Joseph 1-65, R.Geathers 1-0.

Baltimore (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: J.Johnson 5-1-6, R.Lewis 4-1-5, T.Suggs 4-0-4, D.Landry 4-0-4, C.McAlister 3-1-4, B.Scott 3-0-3, J.Bannan 2-1-3, H.Ngata 2-1-3, E.Reed 2-1-3, C.Ivy 2-0-2, M.Douglas 2-0-2, S.Rolle 1-1-2, T.Pryce 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Bannan 1-6, J.Johnson 1-4. INT.-YDS.: C.McAlister 1-16. PD: T.Suggs 2, C.McAlister 1, H.Ngata 1, E.Reed 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: C.McAlister 1-11.

## GAME 2

Titans 24, Bengals 7  
Sunday, Sept. 14, at Paul Brown Stadium

The Bengals' struggling offense scored its first TD of the season, tying the score at 7-7 on Chris Perry's 13-yard run in the second quarter. Overall, however, it was a second straight game of offensive frustration for Cincinnati as both teams played in exceptionally windy conditions (gusts up to 60 mph). The Titans used a 51-yard rushing gain by Chris Johnson to take a 14-7 lead at halftime, and the only TD of the second half came when Tennessee's Keith Bulluck blocked and recovered a Kyle Larson punt in the end zone. Bengals QB Carson Palmer suffered two INTs with no TD passes, while Tennessee veteran QB Kerry Collins, subbing for injured Vince Young, battled the wind conditions for a TD pass and no INTs. The Bengals fell to 0-2 — their first 0-2 start since 2003 — and the Titans improved to 2-0.

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

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Tenn. — L.White 1 run (R.Bironas kick).....	2-11:06
Cin. — C.Perry 13 run (S.Graham kick).....	2-3:16
Tenn. — J.Gage 11 pass from K.Collins (R.Bironas kick).....	2-0:38
Tenn. — R.Bironas 34 field goal.....	3-4:49
Tenn. — K.Bulluck blocked punt recovery in end zone (R.Bironas kick).....	4-14:05

Missed FGs: Graham (37RU). Attendance: 64,540. Time: 2:55.

TEAM STATISTICS	TENN.	CIN.
First downs.....	16	11
Third down conversions-attempts.....	4-13	3-13
Total net yards.....	295	215
Net yards rushing.....	177	88
Net yards passing.....	118	127
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	21-14-0	27-16-2
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-10	1-7
Punts-average.....	6-48.0	7-30.9
Punt returns-yards.....	2-6	2-42
Kickoff returns-yards.....	1-36	3-92
Penalties-yards.....	5-25	5-35
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	3-0
Time of possession.....	32:34	27:26

### Rushing

TENN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Johnson	19	109	51	0	C.Perry	21	64	13t	1
L.White	18	59	17	1	K.Watson	4	14	7	0
A.Hall	3	9	6	0	D.Dorsey	3	10	7	0
C.Hentrich	1	0	0	0					
TOTALS	41	177	51	1	TOTALS	28	88	13t	1

### Passing

TENN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
K.Collins	21	14	128	1-0	C.Palmer	27	16	134	0-2
TOTALS	21	14	128	1-0	TOTALS	27	16	134	0-2

### Receiving

TENN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
J.Gage	5	59	19	1	C.Ocho Cinco	4	37	13	0
B.Jones	2	26	19	0	T.Houshmandzadeh	3	26	9	0
A.Crumpler	2	16	9	0	R.Kelly	3	14	11	0
C.Johnson	2	12	7	0	D.Dorsey	2	49	36	0
J.McCareins	2	9	6	0	A.Chatman	2	16	8	0
B.Scaife	1	6	6	0	C.Perry	2	-8	-3	0
TOTALS	14	128	19	1	TOTALS	16	134	36	0

### Defense

Tennessee (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Hope 4-4-8, R.Fowler 4-3-7, V.Fuller 3-3-6, N.Harper 4-1-5, K.Vanden Bosch 3-2-5, M.Griffin 4-0-4, C.Finnegan 3-1-4, K.Bulluck 2-2-4, D.Thornton 2-1-3, J.Kearse 1-2-3, J.Jones 2-0-2, E.King 2-0-2, A.Haynesworth 1-0-1, T.Brown 1-0-1, S.Tulloch 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Kearse 0.5-3.5, K.Vanden Bosch 0.5-3.5. INT.-YDS.: M.Griffin 1-15, C.Finnegan 1-0. PD: C.Finnegan 1, M.Griffin 1, N.Harper 1, C.Hope 1, J.Jones 1. FF: A.Haynesworth 1, N.Harper 1, J.Kearse 1. FR-YDS.: None.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: Dh.Jones 4-11-15, K.Rivers 5-6-11, M.White 5-6-11, R.Jeanty 7-2-9, C.Ndukwe 5-3-8, D.Peko 4-4-8, F.Rucker 4-3-7, R.Geathers 2-4-6, J.Thornton 1-5-6, A.Odom 4-1-5, J.Fanene 0-4-4, L.Hall 3-0-3, J.Joseph 2-1-3, D.Blackstock 1-2-3, O.Harris 1-1-2. SKS.-YDS.: A.Odom 1-10. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: L.Hall 1, J.Joseph 1, C.Ndukwe 1. FF: A.Odom 1. FR-YDS.: K.Hebert 1-0.

## GAME 3

### Giants 26, Bengals 23 (OT)

Sunday, Sept. 21, at Giants Stadium

In a game with no turnovers or other sudden field position changes, the Bengals' offense played stride-for-stride with the defending world champions in mounting methodical drives during regulation time. But the Giants had the clincher, a 62-yard march for a FG on their second OT possession. The Bengals took a 20-16 lead with 4:39 to play on a T.J. Houshmandzadeh TD catch, fell behind 23-20 at the 1:50 mark, and then sent the game into overtime with a 71-yard drive to a 21-yard Shayne Graham FG at the fourth-quarter gun. Cincinnati forced a Giants punt to start OT, but could not muster a first down on its ensuing possession. The Giants then drove in seven plays to set up K John Carney's game-winning 22-yard FG. The Bengals fell to 0-3 on the season, and the Giants improved to 3-0.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati.....	3	10	0	10	0	23
N.Y. Giants.....	0	10	3	10	3	26

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — S.Graham 22 field goal.....	1-0:38
NYG — B.Jacobs 1 run (J.Carney kick).....	2-10:36
Cin. — C.Perry 25 run (S.Graham kick).....	2-7:20
NYG — J.Carney 24 field goal.....	2-3:55
Cin. — S.Graham 30 field goal.....	2-0:32
NYG — J.Carney 46 field goal.....	3-6:23
NYG — J.Carney 26 field goal.....	4-11:32
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 17 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)....	4-4:39
NYG — K.Boss 4 pass from E.Manning (J.Carney kick).....	4-1:50
Cin. — S.Graham 21 field goal.....	4-0:00
NYG — J.Carney 22 field goal.....	5-8:39

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 79,276. Time: 3:21.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	NYG
First downs.....	24	24
Third down conversions-attempts.....	10-17	5-12
Total net yards.....	347	406
Net yards rushing.....	102	117
Net yards passing.....	245	289
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	39-27-0	43-26-0
Sacks against-yards lost.....	6-41	0-0
Punts-average.....	5-46.6	4-43.8
Punt returns-yards.....	2-31	5-48
Kickoff returns-yards.....	6-114	4-112
Penalties-yards.....	8-57	6-40
Fumbles-lost.....	2-0	0-0
Time of possession.....	33:15	33:06

### Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	NYG	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Perry	20	74	25t	1	D.Ward	9	80	22	0
C.Palmer	3	23	15	0	B.Jacobs	14	35	9	1
K.Watson	1	5	5	0	A.Bradshaw	2	2	4	0
A.Chatman	1	2	2	0					
D.Dorsey	2	-2	2	0					
TOTALS	27	102	25t	1	TOTALS	25	117	22	1

### Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	NYG	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	39	27	286	1-0	E.Manning	43	26	289	1-0
TOTALS	39	27	286	1-0	TOTALS	43	26	289	1-0

### Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	NYG	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Houshmandzadeh	12	146	26	1	S.Smith	7	60	15	0
A.Chatman	6	70	25	0	A.Toomer	5	64	31	0
R.Kelly	4	22	12	0	K.Boss	3	51	26	1
C.Ocho Cinco	3	29	16	0	P.Burress	3	45	28	0
C.Perry	2	19	12	0	D.Hixon	3	29	15	0
					D.Ward	3	26	9	0
					M.Hedgecock	1	9	9	0
					A.Bradshaw	1	5	5	0
TOTALS	27	286	26	1	TOTALS	26	289	31	1

### Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: Dh.Jones 10-5-15, Da.Jones 7-3-10, R.Jeanty 5-4-9, C.Ndukwe 7-1-8, D.Peko 2-6-8, M.White 5-2-7, K.Rivers 2-3-5, R.Geathers 2-2-4, J.Thornton 2-2-4, L.Hall 3-0-3, S.Castille 2-1-3, F.Rucker 2-1-3, O.Harris 1-2-3, B.Johnson 1-1-2, A.Odom 1-1-2, C.Lynch 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: None. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: L.Hall 2, Da.Jones 1. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

N.Y. Giants (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Pierce 10-3-13, K.Dockery 8-1-9, C.Webster 8-0-8, A.Ross 5-0-5, J.Butler 3-2-5, D.Clark 3-2-5, M.Johnson 2-3-5, K.Phillips 4-0-4, B.Cofield 3-1-4, J.Tuck 2-2-4, F.Robbins 3-0-3, M.Kiwanuka 2-1-3, D.Tollefson 2-1-3, S.Madison 2-1-3, R.Wynn 2-0-2, J.Alford 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: F.Robbins 2-16, M.Kiwanuka 1-8, D.Tollefson 1-8, B.Cofield 1-6, C.Webster 1-3. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: K.Dockery 2, J.Butler 1, B.Cofield 1, F.Robbins 1, S.Madison 1, K.Phillips 1, C.Webster 1. FF: C.Webster 1. FR-YDS.: None.

## GAME 4

### Browns 20, Bengals 12

Sunday, Sept. 28, at Paul Brown Stadium

Playing without QB Carson Palmer for the first time in 52 games, the Bengals took a 6-3 lead into the fourth quarter against the Browns. But Cincinnati saw the game get away on two Browns TDs within a span of just under two minutes early in the fourth quarter. After Cleveland completed an 80-yard drive to move ahead 10-6 with 13:05 remaining, the Bengals lost a Chris Perry fumble at their 24. The Browns then moved 24 yards in four plays, going ahead 17-6 at the 11:06 mark. Backup QB Ryan Fitzpatrick played for Palmer, who was rested after developing elbow soreness during the practice week. Fitzpatrick had a four-yard TD pass to WR Chad Ocho Cinco with 7:46 to play, but Fitzpatrick also suffered three INTs. The Bengals managed just 211 net yards while holding the Browns to 261. Cincinnati fell to 0-4, and the Browns improved to 1-3.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cleveland.....	3	0	0	17	—	20
Cincinnati.....	0	6	0	6	—	12

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cle. — P.Dawson 25 field goal.....	1-9:29
Cin. — S.Graham 42 field goal.....	2-10:22
Cin. — S.Graham 45 field goal.....	2-0:08
Cle. — B.Edwards 4 pass from D.Anderson (P.Dawson kick).....	4-13:05
Cle. — J.Lewis 1 run (P.Dawson kick).....	4-11:06
Cin. — C.Ocho Cinco 4 pass from R.Fitzpatrick (pass failed).....	4-7:46
Cle. — P.Dawson 29 field goal.....	4-0:32

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 65,541. Time: 2:57.

TEAM STATISTICS	CLE.	CIN.
First downs.....	19	14
Third down conversions-attempts.....	5-13	4-13
Total net yards.....	261	211
Net yards rushing.....	134	69
Net yards passing.....	127	142
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions.....	24-15-1	35-21-3
Sacks against-yards lost.....	1-11	3-14
Punts-average.....	4-43.0	4-43.3
Punt returns-yards.....	2-10	1-9
Kickoff returns-yards.....	3-58	4-122
Penalties-yards.....	9-52	6-55
Fumbles-lost.....	2-1	2-2
Time of possession.....	34:02	25:58

### Rushing

CLE.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
J.Lewis	25	79	18	1	R.Fitzpatrick	4	41	13	0
J.Harrison	4	20	12	0	C.Perry	12	28	12	0
J.Wright	5	18	9	0					
D.Anderson	4	11	11	0					
L.Vickers	1	6	6	0					
J.Cribbs	1	0	0	0					
TOTALS	40	134	18	1	TOTALS	16	69	13	0

### Passing

CLE.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
D.Anderson	24	15	138	1-1	R.Fitzpatrick	35	21	156	1-3
TOTALS	24	15	138	1-1	TOTALS	35	21	156	1-3

### Receiving

CLE.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
K.Winslow	5	54	20	0	T.Houshmandzadeh				
B.Edwards	3	22	12	1		6	50	15	0
S.Stepto	2	24	17	0	C.Perry	5	15	9	0
J.Lewis	2	15	9	0	C.Ocho Cinco	3	28	13	1
J.Wright	1	10	10	0	R.Kelly	3	21	8	0
L.Vickers	1	8	8	0	A.Chatman	2	32	22	0
J.Harrison	1	5	5	0	B.Utecht	2	10	9	0
TOTALS	15	138	20	1	TOTALS	21	156	22	1

### Defense

Cleveland (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: B.McDonald 7-0-7, E.Wright 5-2-7, T.Cousin 5-1-6, L.Williams 5-1-6, S.Rogers 3-1-4, D.Jackson 1-3-4, K.Wimbley 3-0-3, C.Williams 2-0-2, M.Adams 1-1-2, A.Hall 1-0-1, S.Thomas 1-0-1, B.Pool 1-0-1, A.Davis 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: A.Hall 1-7, S.Rogers 1-5, K.Wimbley 1-2. INT.-YDS.: M.Adams 1-18, E.Wright 1-17, T.Cousin 1-4. PD: E.Wright 2, M.Adams 1, T.Cousin 1, B.McDonald 1. FF: A.Hall 1, K.Wimbley 1. FR-YDS.: M.Adams 1-0, C.Williams 1-0.

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: Dh.Jones 5-10-15, K.Rivers 9-2-11, R.Jeanty 5-3-8, R.Geathers 3-5-8, C.Ndukwe 3-4-7, M.White 6-0-6, Da.Jones 3-2-5, J.Thornton 1-4-5, D.Peko 0-5-5, J.Fanene 3-1-4, O.Harris 2-2-4, F.Rucker 1-2-3, B.Johnson 2-0-2, C.Lynch 2-0-2, A.Odom 1-1-2, J.Fletcher 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Ndukwe 1-11. INT.-YDS.: C.Ndukwe 1-12. PD: C.Ndukwe 3, L.Hall 2. FF: None. FR-YDS.: None.

## GAME 5 Cowboys 31, Bengals 22 Sunday, Oct. 5, at Texas Stadium

Bengals fans were contemplating a tie for the team's second-biggest road comeback win ever when LB Rashad Jeanty covered an onside kick at the Bengals 48 with 14:02 still remaining. After trailing 17-0, the Bengals had scored 16 unanswered points. But the Cowboys turned matters back in their favor on the next play, recovering a fumble by HB Chris Perry. Dallas scored in two plays for a 24-16 lead, and though the Bengals rebounded to within 24-22 on WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh's second TD catch of the day, Cincinnati failed on a two-point conversion try. Dallas then drove for a clinching TD, getting the score on a 15-yard pass from QB Tony Romo to WR Patrick Crayton. The Bengals fell to 0-5 on the season, and the Cowboys improved to 4-1.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	0	6	7	9	—	22
Dallas	10	7	0	14	—	31

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Dall. — N.Folk 30 field goal	1-13:06
Dall. — F.Jones 33 run (N.Folk kick)	1-6:00
Dall. — J.Witten 4 pass from T.Romo (N.Folk kick)	2-12:12
Cin. — S.Graham 41 field goal	2-8:15
Cin. — S.Graham 31 field goal	2-0:34
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 18 pass from C.Palmer (S.Graham kick)	3-7:59
Cin. — S.Graham 40 field goal	4-14:02
Dall. — T.Owens 57 pass from T.Romo (N.Folk kick)	4-11:46
Cin. — T.Houshmandzadeh 10 pass from C.Palmer (pass failed)	4-7:39
Dall. — P.Crayton 15 pass from T.Romo (N.Folk kick)	4-1:52

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 62,655. Time: 3:07.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	DALL.
First downs	18	18
Third down conversions-attempts	6-14	9-15
Total net yards	269	373
Net yards rushing	61	198
Net yards passing	208	175
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	39-23-1	23-14-1
Sacks against-yards lost	2-9	1-1
Punts-average	4-46.3	3-55.3
Punt returns-yards	1-8	2-15
Kickoff returns-yards	6-177	3-67
Penalties-yards	7-44	6-52
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-1
Time of possession	28:15	31:45

### Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	DALL.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
C.Perry	13	31	10	0	F.Jones	9	96	33t	1
C.Benson	10	30	10	0	M.Barber	23	84	16	0
					T.Owens	1	8	8	0
					T.Romo	4	7	6	0
					D.Anderson	1	3	3	0
TOTALS	23	61	10	0	TOTALS	38	198	33t	1

### Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	DALL.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
C.Palmer	39	23	217	2-1	T.Romo	23	14	176	3-1
TOTALS	39	23	217	2-1	TOTALS	23	14	176	3-1

### Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	DALL.	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Houshmandzadeh	7	85	25	2	J.Witten	8	79	29	1
A.Chatman	7	55	18	0	T.Owens	2	67	57t	1
C.Ocho Cinco	3	43	19	0	M.Barber	2	8	6	0
C.Perry	3	19	12	0	P.Crayton	1	15	15t	1
D.Coats	1	11	11	0	F.Jones	1	7	7	0
B.Utecht	1	3	3	0					
R.Kelly	1	1	1	0					
TOTALS	23	217	25	2	TOTALS	14	176	57t	3

### Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: C.Ndukwe 7-4-11, K.Rivers 5-3-8, Dh.Jones 3-4-7, R.Geathers 3-3-6, L.Hall 3-3-6, D.Peko 1-4-5, Da.Jones 4-0-4, F.Rucker 3-1-4, A.Odom 2-2-4, M.White 3-0-3, J.Fanene 2-1-3, R.Jeanty 2-1-3, D.Blackstock 1-0-1, O.Harris 1-0-1, B.Johnson 1-0-1, J.Thornton 1-0-1, J.Fletcher 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: R.Geathers 0.5-0.5, D.Peko 0.5-0.5. INT.-YDS.: K.Rivers 1-39. PD: K.Rivers 1, M.White 1. FF: K.Rivers 1, F.Rucker 1. FR-YDS.: J.Fletcher 1-0.

Dallas (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Jones 5-1-6, D.Ware 4-1-5, J.Ratliff 3-2-5, Z.Thomas 3-2-5, M.Spears 2-3-5, O.Scandrick 4-0-4, B.James 4-0-4, A.Henry 4-0-4, K.Hamlin 3-1-4, K.Davis 2-0-2, C.Canty 1-1-2, J.Hatcher 1-1-2, T.Johnson 1-0-1, M.Jenkins 1-0-1, K.Burnett 0-1-1. SKS.-YDS.: J.Ratliff 1-6, D.Ware 1-3. INT.-YDS.: G.Ellis 1-11. PD: A.Jones 2, K.Burnett 1, G.Ellis 1, K.Hamlin 1, M.Spears 1. FF: T.Johnson 1. FR-YDS.: A.Spencer 1-0.

## GAME 6 Jets 26, Bengals 14 Sunday, Oct. 12, at The Meadowlands

The Bengals scored just 1:24 into the game when S Chinedum Ndukwe ran 15 yards with a Brett Favre fumble forced by DE Antwan Odom, and Cincinnati's defense allowed a season-low 252 yards. But the struggling Bengals offense could muster only 171 yards, and Jets RB Thomas Jones provided all the points his team needed by scoring three TDs. He found the end zone on a two-yard reception in the first quarter, a seven-yard run in the second quarter and a one-yard run in the fourth quarter. Ryan Fitzpatrick started at QB for Cincinnati, subbing for the second time in three games for injured Carson Palmer (elbow). Fitzpatrick led a 14-play, 66-yard drive that brought the Bengals to within 17-14 at halftime, but the Bengals did not again reach Jets territory until their final possession of the game. Jets QB Brett Favre ran his career record against Cincinnati to 4-1 (first four games with Green Bay), and the Bengals fell to 0-10 all-time at the Meadowlands/Giants Stadium. The Bengals fell to 0-6 on the season, while the Jets improved to 3-2.

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
Cincinnati	7	7	0	0	—	14
N.Y. Jets	7	10	3	6	—	26

TEAM — SCORING PLAY	QTR.-LEFT
Cin. — C.Ndukwe 15 fumble return (D.Rayner kick)	1-13:36
NYJ — T.Jones 2 pass from B.Favre (J.Feely kick)	1-7:44
NYJ — J.Feely 38 field goal	2-10:56
NYJ — T.Jones 7 run (J.Feely kick)	2-7:57
Cin. — R.Fitzpatrick 1 run (D.Rayner kick)	2-0:08
NYJ — J.Feely 43 field goal	3-5:36
NYJ — T.Jones 1 run (pass failed)	4-2:22

Missed FGs: None. Attendance: 78,161. Time: 2:56.

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	NYJ
First downs	13	19
Third down conversions-attempts	5-15	7-14
Total net yards	171	252
Net yards rushing	43	86
Net yards passing	128	166
Pass attempts-completions-interceptions	33-20-0	33-25-2
Sacks against-yards lost	5-24	2-23
Punts-average	7-41.7	2-37.0
Punt returns-yards	1-10	5-77
Kickoff returns-yards	5-121	2-56
Penalties-yards	4-23	4-25
Fumbles-lost	2-1	1-1
Time of possession	24:42	35:18

### Rushing

CIN.	ATT	YDS	LG	TD	NYJ	ATT	YDS	LG	TD
R.Fitzpatrick	6	23	10	1	T.Jones	17	65	8	2
C.Perry	11	14	4	0	B.Smith	1	11	11	0
C.Benson	4	6	3	0	L.Washington	5	7	3	0
					L.Coles	1	3	3	0
					C.Stuckey	1	1	1	0
					J.Chatman	1	0	0	0
					B.Favre	1	-1	-1	0
TOTALS	21	43	10	1	TOTALS	27	86	11	2

### Passing

CIN.	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I	NYJ	ATT	CMP	YDS	TD-I
R.Fitzpatrick	33	20	152	0-0	B.Favre	33	25	189	1-2
TOTALS	33	20	152	0-0	TOTALS	33	25	189	1-2

### Receiving

CIN.	NO	YDS	LG	TD	NYJ	NO	YDS	LG	TD
T.Houshmandzadeh	7	49	13	0	J.Cotchery	8	85	23	0
C.Ocho Cinco	5	57	16	0	L.Coles	8	61	29	0
B.Utecht	4	34	12	0	L.Washington	4	22	12	0
C.Perry	2	2	2	0	T.Jones	3	13	6	1
C.Henry	1	13	13	0	C.Baker	1	6	6	0
R.Fitzpatrick	1	-3	-3	0	J.Chatman	1	2	2	0
TOTALS	20	152	16	0	TOTALS	25	189	29	1

### Defense

Cincinnati (coaches' stats) — ST-AT-TT: Dh.Jones 8-5-13, D.Peko 7-3-10, P.Sims 4-3-7, M.White 4-3-7, C.Ndukwe 4-1-5, L.Hall 3-2-5, R.Jeanty 3-2-5, A.Odom 4-0-4, K.Rivers 3-1-4, F.Rucker 2-2-4, B.Johnson 0-4-4, J.Joseph 3-0-3, R.Geathers 2-1-3, O.Harris 1-1-2, Da.Jones 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: Odom 1-16, F.Rucker 1-7. INT.-YDS.: C.Lynch 1-6, M.White 1-0. PD: J.Joseph 3, R.Jeanty 1, Da.Jones 1, Dh.Jones 1, C.Lynch 1, M.White 1. FF: A.Odom 1. FR-YDS.: C.Ndukwe 1-15.

N.Y. Jets (press box stats) — ST-AT-TT: A.Elam 5-1-6, D.Harris 2-4-6, D.Revis 5-0-5, K.Jenkins 4-0-4, C.Pace 4-0-4, D.Coleman 3-1-4, K.Coleman 3-0-3, S.Ellis 3-0-3, H.Poteat 3-0-3, D.Lowery 2-1-3, K.Rhodes 2-1-3, M.Devito 1-2-3, E.Barton 2-0-2, D.Bowens 1-1-2, B.Thomas 1-1-2, S.Pouha 1-1-2, D.Barrett 1-0-1, C.Mosley 1-0-1. SKS.-YDS.: C.Pace 1-6, H.Poteat 1-6, S.Ellis 1-4, E.Barton 1-0, D.Harris 0.5-4, B.Thomas 0.5-4. INT.-YDS.: None. PD: D.Lowery 2, D.Coleman 1, D.Bowens 1. FF: C.Pace 1, H.Poteat 1. FR-YDS.: C.Pace 1-0.

# In 2008, the Bengals are:

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

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

# Under Marvin Lewis, the Bengals are:

24-18 at home  
18-26 on the road  
26-17 when scoring first  
16-27 when opponent scores first  
7-8 in games decided by three points or fewer  
20-20 in games decided by seven points or fewer  
31-11 when leading at halftime  
4-1 when tied at halftime  
7-32 when trailing at halftime  
34-6 when leading after three quarters  
2-2 when tied after three quarters  
6-36 when trailing after three quarters  
26-16 when rushing for 100 net yards

24-7 when opponent rushes for less than 100 net yards  
29-5 with plus turnover differential  
9-12 with even turnover differential  
4-27 with minus turnover differential  
16-15 when passing for 250 net yards  
15-12 when opponent passes for 250 net yards  
35-18 when scoring 20 points or more  
17-39 when opponent scores 20 points or more  
40-42 when game is outdoors (open-air/open retractable roof)  
2-2 when game is inside (dome/closed retractable roof)  
18-17 on natural grass  
24-27 on synthetic surface  
24-22 with fewer penalty yards

# Best performances

## Rushing yards

74 — Chris Perry, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
64 — Chris Perry, Sept. 14 vs. Tennessee  
42 — Chris Perry, Sept. 7 at Baltimore

## Rushing attempts

21 — Chris Perry, Sept. 14 vs. Tennessee  
20 — Chris Perry, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
19 — Chris Perry, Sept. 7 at Baltimore

## Longest rushes

25 — Chris Perry, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants (TD)  
15 — Carson Palmer, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
13 — (two times)

## Receptions

12 — T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
7 — (three times)

## Receiving yards

146 — T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
85 — T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Oct. 5 at Dallas  
70 — Antonio Chatman, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants

## Passing yards

286 — Carson Palmer, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
217 — Carson Palmer, Oct. 5 at Dallas  
156 — Ryan Fitzpatrick, Sept. 28 vs. Cleveland

## Pass attempts

39 — Carson Palmer, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
39 — Carson Palmer, Oct. 5 at Dallas  
35 — Ryan Fitzpatrick, Sept. 28 vs. Cleveland

## Pass completions

27 — Carson Palmer, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
23 — Carson Palmer, Oct. 5 at Dallas  
21 — Ryan Fitzpatrick, Sept. 28 vs. Cleveland

## Longest passes

36 — Carson Palmer to DeDe Dorsey, Sept. 14 vs. Tennessee  
26 — Carson Palmer to T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
25 — (two times)

## Yards from scrimmage

146 — T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
93 — Chris Perry, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
85 — T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Oct. 5 at Dallas

## Longest kickoff return

60 — Glenn Holt, Oct. 5 at Dallas  
46 — Glenn Holt, Oct. 5 at Dallas  
44 — Glenn Holt, Sept. 7 at Baltimore

## Longest punt return

34 — Antonio Chatman, Sept. 14 vs. Tennessee  
21 — Antonio Chatman, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
11 — Antonio Chatman, Sept. 7 at Baltimore

## Total tackles (coaches' statistics based on film review)

15 — Dhani Jones, Sept. 14 vs. Tennessee  
15 — Dhani Jones, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
15 — Dhani Jones, Sept. 28 vs. Cleveland

## Solo tackles (coaches' statistics based on film review)

10 — Dhani Jones, Sept. 21 at N.Y. Giants  
9 — Keith Rivers, Sept. 28 vs. Cleveland  
8 — Dhani Jones, Oct. 12 at N.Y. Jets

# Transactions

(Transactions prior to July 7 can be found on pages 142-143 of the Bengals' 2008 media guide.)

July 7	— Waived DT Titus Adams, CB Jerrid Gaines and DT Michael Marquardt.				
July 15	— Signed DT Jason Shirley (D5); Acquired LB Carl-Johan Bjork as an international practice squad player.				Detroit and DT Orien Harris on waivers from New Orleans; Terminated the contract of DT Michael Myers; Placed C Dan Santucci on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed five players to the practice squad: LB Dan Howell, HB James Johnson, G Nate Livings, WR Maurice Purify and WR Mario Urrutia; Placed LB Carl-Johan Bjork on the Practice Squad as an International Practice Squad Player.
July 17	— Signed TE Matt Sherry (D6b) and DE Angelo Craig (D7a).				
July 22	— Signed WR Mario Urrutia (D7b).				
July 24	— Terminated the contract of CB Blue Adams.				
July 25	— Waived HB Kenny Irons (failed physical).				
July 27	— Signed G/OT Andrew Whitworth* to a contract extension; Signed WR Jerome Simpson (D2), DT Pat Sims (D3a), WR Andre Caldwell (D3b), OT Anthony Collins (D4) and S Corey Lynch (D6a).	Sept. 1	— Signed DE Eric Henderson to the practice squad.		
		Sept. 3	— Signed FB Reagan Maui'a (FA); Placed FB Jeremi Johnson on the Reserve/Injured list; Signed CB Geoffrey Pope (FA) and OT Dennis Roland (FA) to the practice squad.		
July 28	— Signed CB Jonathan Zenon (CFA, Louisiana State); Placed LB David Pollack on the Reserve/Did Not Report list; HB Kenny Irons cleared waivers and reverted to Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.	Sept. 4	— Recognized the change of WR Chad Johnson's surname to Ocho Cinco.		
Aug. 4	— Waived HB Kenny Irons from the Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform list.	Sept. 11	— Signed TE Nate Lawrie to the practice squad; Released OT Dennis Roland from the practice squad.		
Aug. 5	— Signed LB Keith Rivers (D1); Signed CB Jerrid Gaines (FA); Waived FB Tyler Whaley; Waived CB Jonathan Zenon (injury settlement).	Sept. 16	— Signed CB Geoffrey Pope from the practice squad; Waived G Frank Davis; Signed OT Dennis Roland (FA) and LB Abdul Hodge (FA) to the practice squad; Released LB Dan Howell from the practice squad.		
Aug. 6	— Waived WR Travis Brown.	Sept. 23	— Signed CB Jamar Fletcher (FA); Waived CB Geoffrey Pope; Released WR Maurice Purify from the practice squad.		
Aug. 14	— Waived G Justin Britt (injured).	Sept. 24	— Signed CB Geoffrey Pope to the practice squad.		
Aug. 15	— G Justin Britt clear waivers and reverted to Reserve/Injured list.	Sept. 29	— WR Chris Henry completed four-game suspension and was granted a roster exemption of up to one week.		
Aug. 19	— Signed WR Chris Henry(FA); Waived CB Jerrid Gaines.	Sept. 30	— Signed HB Cedric Benson (FA); Placed HB DeDe Dorsey on the Reserve/Injured list.		
Aug. 20	— Waived FB Bradley Glatthaar (injury settlement) and CB Ethan Kilmer (injured).	Oct. 3	— Signed LB Abdul Hodge from practice squad; Waived CB Simeon Castille.		
Aug. 21	— Waived WR Marcus Maxwell (injured); CB Ethan Kilmer cleared waivers and reverted to Reserve/Injured list.	Oct. 4	— Removed roster exemption from WR Chris Henry and added him to active roster; Terminated the contract of HB Kenny Watson.		
Aug. 22	— WR Marcus Maxwell cleared waivers and reverted to Reserve/Injured list.	Oct. 7	— Signed HB Kenny Watson; Placed LB Darryl Blackstock on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list; Signed CB Simeon Castille to the practice squad.		
Aug. 30	— Terminated the contracts of OT Willie Anderson, HB Rudi Johnson, TE Nate Lawrie, LB Jim Maxwell and CB Deltha O'Neal; Placed TE Matt Sherry on the Reserve/Injured list; Placed WR Chris Henry on the Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner list; Waived G James Blair, LB Ahmad Brooks, DE Antwon Burton, S John Busing, DE Angelo Craig, DE Eric Henderson, LB Anthony Hoke, LB Dan Howell, HB James Johnson, G Nate Livings, WR Clyde Logan, WR Maurice Purify, QB Jeff Rowe, OT Dane Uperesa, WR Mario Urrutia.	Oct. 9	— Waived CB Ethan Kilmer from the Reserve/Injured list.		
Aug. 31	— Acquired G Frank Davis on waivers from	Oct. 11	— Signed K Dave Rayner; Waived FB Reagan Maui'a.		

\* 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	PSI	— practice squad/injured list	RNFI	— reserve/non-football injury list
DNP	— did not play	IPSP	— international practice squad player	REX	— roster exemption
IL	— inactive list	RPUP	— reserve/physically unable to perform list	NWT	— not with team
*	— designated third quarterback	RI	— reserve/injured list		
PS	— practice squad	RSBC	— reserve/suspended by commissioner list		

NAME	Cin. G-S	1 @Balt.	2 TENN.	3 @NYG	4 CLE.	5 @Dall.	6 @NYJ	7 PITT.	8 @Hou.	9 JAX.	10 PHIL.	11 @Pitt.	12 BALT.	13 @Ind.	14 WASH.	15 @Cle.	16 K.C.
Andrews, Stacy	6-6	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT	ROT										
Benson, Cedric	2-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	P										
Bjork, Carl-Johan	0-0	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP	IPSP										
Blackstock, Darryl	5-1	P	SLB	P	P	P	RSBC										
Britt, Justin	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Caldwell, Andre	0-0	IL	IL	DNP	IL	IL	IL										
Castille, Simeon	4-0	P	P	P	P	NWT	PS										
Chatman, Antonio	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Coats, Daniel	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Collins, Anthony	1-0	DNP	P	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP										
Cook, Kyle	5-0	DNP	P	P	P	P	P										
Davis, Frank	0-0	IL	IL	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Dorsey, DeDe	4-0	P	P	P	P	RI	RI										
Fanene, Jonathan	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Fitzpatrick, Ryan	3-2	DNP	P	DNP	QB	DNP	QB										
Fletcher, Jamar	3-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	P	P	P										
Geathers, Robert	6-6	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE										
Ghiaciu, Eric	6-6	C	C	C	C	C	C										
Graham, Shayne	5-0	P	P	P	P	P	IL										
Hall, Leon	6-6	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB										
Harris, Orien	6-1	P	P	P	P	P	RDT										
Hebert, Kyries	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Henderson, Eric	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Henry, Chris	2-0	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	RSBC	P	P										
Hodge, Abdul	2-0	NWT	NWT	PS	PS	P	P										
Holt, Glenn	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Houshmandzadeh, T.J.	6-6	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR										
Howell, Dan	0-0	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Jackson, Dexter	1-1	SS	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Jeanty, Rashad	6-5	SLB	P	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB										
Johnson, Brandon	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Johnson, James	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Johnson, Jeremi	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Jones, David	6-3	P	P	LCB	LCB	LCB	P										
Jones, Dhani	6-6	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB										
Jones, Herana-Daze	3-0	P	IL	IL	IL	P	P										
Jones, Levi	6-6	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT	LOT										
Joseph, Johnathan	4-3	LCB	LCB	IL	IL	P	LCB										
Kelly, Reggie	6-6	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE										
Kilmer, Ethan	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	NWT										
Kooistra, Scott	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Larson, Kyle	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Lawrie, Nate	0-0	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Livingston, Nate	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Lynch, Corey	5-0	IL	P	P	P	P	P										
Mau'i'a, Reagan	2-2	IL	IL	FB	FB	IL	NWT										
Maxwell, Marcus	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Mays, Corey	4-0	P	P	P	P	IL	IL										
Ndukwe, Chinedum	5-5	IL	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS										
Ocho Cinco, Chad	6-5	WR	WR	WR	P	WR	WR										
Odom, Antwan	6-4	P	P	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE										
Palmer, Carson	4-4	QB	QB	QB	IL*	QB	IL*										
Palmer, Jordan	0-0	IL*	IL*	IL*	DNP	IL*	DNP										
Peko, Domata	6-6	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT	LDT										
Perry, Chris	6-6	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB	HB										
Pope, Geoffrey	1-0	PS	PS	P	PS	PS	PS										
Purify, Maurice	0-0	PS	PS	PS	NWT	NWT	NWT										
Rayner, Dave	0-0	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	NWT	P										
Rivers, Keith	6-6	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB										
Roland, Dennis	0-0	PS	NWT	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Rucker, Frostee	6-2	RDE	RDE	P	P	P	P										
St. Louis, Brad	6-0	P	P	P	P	P	P										
Santucci, Dan	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Sherry, Matt	0-0	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI	RI										
Shirley, Jason	0-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL										
Simpson, Jerome	3-0	P	P	IL	P	IL	IL										
Sims, Pat	1-0	IL	IL	IL	IL	IL	P										
Thornton, John	5-5	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	RDT	IL										
Urrutia, Mario	0-0	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS	PS										
Utecht, Ben	5-5	2ndTE	2ndTE	IL	2ndTE	2ndTE	2ndTE										
Watson, Kenny	4-0	P	P	P	IL	NWT	P										
White, Marvin	6-6	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS										
Whitworth, Andrew	6-6	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG										
Williams, Bobbie	6-6	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG										

# Starting lineups

## Offense

GAME	WR	LOT	LG	C	RG	ROT	TE	WR	QB	HB	FB
9-7 @Balt.	Ocho Cinco	L.Jones	Whitworth	Ghiaciu	Williams	Andrews	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	C.Palmer	Perry	Utecht(2ndTE)
9-14 TENN.	Ocho Cinco	L.Jones	Whitworth	Ghiaciu	Williams	Andrews	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	C.Palmer	Perry	Utecht(2ndTE)
9-21 @NYG	Ocho Cinco	L.Jones	Whitworth	Ghiaciu	Williams	Andrews	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	C.Palmer	Perry	Maui'a
9-28 CLE.	Utecht(2ndTE)	L.Jones	Whitworth	Ghiaciu	Williams	Andrews	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Fitzpatrick	Perry	Maui'a
10-5 @Dall.	Ocho Cinco	L.Jones	Whitworth	Ghiaciu	Williams	Andrews	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	C.Palmer	Perry	Utecht(2ndTE)
10-12 @NYJ	Ocho Cinco	L.Jones	Whitworth	Ghiaciu	Williams	Andrews	Kelly	Houshmandzadeh	Fitzpatrick	Perry	Utecht(2ndTE)
10-19 PITT.											
10-26 (BYE)											
11-2 JAX.											
11-9 @Hou.											
11-16 PHIL.											
11-20 @Pitt.											
11-30 BALT.											
12-7 @Ind.											
12-14 WASH.											
12-21 @Cle.											
12-28 K.C.											

## Defense

GAME	LDE	LDT	RDT	RDE	SLB	MLB	WLB	LCB	RCB	SS	FS
9-7 @Balt.	Geathers	Peko	Thornton	Rucker	Jeanty	Dh.Jones	Rivers	Joseph	Hall	Jackson	White
9-14 TENN.	Geathers	Peko	Thornton	Rucker	Blackstock	Dh.Jones	Rivers	Joseph	Hall	Ndukwe	White
9-21 @NYG	Geathers	Peko	Thornton	Odom	Jeanty	Dh.Jones	Rivers	Da.Jones	Hall	Ndukwe	White
9-28 CLE.	Geathers	Peko	Thornton	Odom	Jeanty	Dh.Jones	Rivers	Da.Jones	Hall	Ndukwe	White
10-5 @Dall.	Geathers	Peko	Thornton	Odom	Jeanty	Dh.Jones	Rivers	Da.Jones	Hall	Ndukwe	White
10-12 @NYJ	Geathers	Peko	Harris	Odom	Jeanty	Dh.Jones	Rivers	Joseph	Hall	Ndukwe	White
10-19 PITT.											
10-26 (BYE)											
11-2 JAX.											
11-9 @Hou.											
11-16 PHIL.											
11-20 @Pitt.											
11-30 BALT.											
12-7 @Ind.											
12-14 WASH.											
12-21 @Cle.											
12-28 K.C.											

# Depth chart

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## OFFENSE

WR	85	CHAD OCHO CINCO	<u>89</u>	<u>Jerome Simpson</u>	16	Glenn Holt
					15	Chris Henry
LOT	76	LEVI JONES	<u>73</u>	<u>Anthony Collins</u>		
LG	77	ANDREW WHITWORTH	75	Scott Kooistra		
C	53	ERIC GHIACIUC	<u>64</u>	<u>Kyle Cook</u>		
RG	63	BOBBIE WILLIAMS	75	Scott Kooistra		
ROT	79	STACY ANDREWS	75	Scott Kooistra		
TE	82	REGGIE KELLY	81	Ben Utecht	86	Daniel Coats
					48	Brad St. Louis
WR	84	T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH	83	Antonio Chatman	<u>87</u>	<u>Andre Caldwell</u>
QB	9	CARSON PALMER	11	Ryan Fitzpatrick	<u>5</u>	<u>Jordan Palmer</u>
HB	23	CHRIS PERRY	33	Kenny Watson	32	Cedric Benson
FB	86	DANIEL COATS				

## DEFENSE

LDE	91	ROBERT GEATHERS	68	Jonathan Fanene		
LDT	94	DOMATA PEKO	<u>95</u>	<u>Orien Harris</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>Jason Shirley</u>
RDT	97	JOHN THORNTON	<u>90</u>	<u>Pat Sims</u>		
RDE	98	ANTWAN ODOM	92	Frostee Rucker		
SLB	93	RASHAD JEANTY	51	Corey Mays		
MLB	57	DHANI JONES	52	Abdul Hodge		
WLB	<u>55</u>	<u>KEITH RIVERS</u>	59	Brandon Johnson		
LCB	22	JOHNATHAN JOSEPH	25	Jamar Fletcher		
RCB	29	LEON HALL	20	David Jones		
SS	28	DEXTER JACKSON	41	Chinedum Ndukwe	<u>34</u>	<u>Kyries Hebert</u>
FS	26	MARVIN WHITE	<u>47</u>	<u>Corey Lynch</u>	44	Herana-Daze Jones

## SPECIAL TEAMS

P	19	Kyle Larson				
K	17	Shayne Graham	3	Dave Rayner		
KO	17	Shayne Graham	3	Dave Rayner		
PR	83	Antonio Chatman	84	T.J. Houshmandzadeh	29	Leon Hall
KOR	16	Glenn Holt	<u>87</u>	<u>Andre Caldwell</u>		
LS	48	Brad St. Louis	81	Ben Utecht		
H	19	Kyle Larson				

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

## Pronunciation guide

<u>Carl-Johan Bjork</u> (international PS player) ..... CARL-YO-hahn bee-YORK	<u>Herana-Daze Jones</u> ..... (pronounced as "Hernandez")
Bob <u>Bratkowski</u> (offensive coordinator) ..... brat-COW-skee	<u>Levi Jones</u> ..... LEE-vye
<u>Simeon Castille</u> (practice squad) ..... SIM-ee-in KASS-steel	Scott <u>Kooistra</u> ..... KOO-struh
Louie <u>Cioffi</u> (assistant defensive backs coach) ..... CHO-fee	Nate <u>Lawrie</u> (practice squad) ..... LAW-ree
Jonathan <u>Fanene</u> ..... fuh-NAY-nay	Chinedum <u>Ndukwe</u> ..... CHIN-uh-doom en-DUKE-way
Robert <u>Geathers</u> ..... (pronounced as "gathers")	Chad <u>Ocho Cinco</u> ..... O-cho SEEN-ko
Eric <u>Ghiaciuc</u> ..... GUY-check	<u>Antwan Odom</u> ..... AN-twahn O-duhm
Paul <u>Guenther</u> (asst. special teams/asst. LBs coach) ..... GUN-thur	<u>Domata Peko</u> ..... DOE-mah-tah PECK-o
<u>Orien Harris</u> ..... OR-ee-un	Dan <u>Santucci</u> (reserve/injured) ..... san-TOO-chee
<u>Kyries Hebert</u> ..... KYE-riss AY-bear	Bob <u>Surace</u> (assistant offensive line coach) ..... suh-RACE
T.J. <u>Houshmandzadeh</u> ..... hoosh(rhymes w/ "push")-mahn-ZAH-duh	Mario <u>Urrutia</u> (practice squad) ..... yew-ROO-tee-uh
<u>Rashad Jeanty</u> ..... ruh-SHAHD JENN-tee	Ben <u>Utecht</u> ..... YEW-tek
<u>Jeremi Johnson</u> (reserve/injured) ..... (pronounced as "Jeremy")	Ken <u>Zampese</u> (quarterbacks coach) ..... zam-PEE-zee
<u>Dhani Jones</u> ..... duh-HAH-nee	

# Alphabetical roster

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
79	Andrews, Stacy	OT	6-7	342	6-2-81	5	Mississippi	Camden, Ark.	D4c'04
32	Benson, Cedric	HB	5-11	220	12-28-82	4	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
87	Caldwell, Andre	WR	6-0	204	4-15-85	R	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
83	Chatman, Antonio	WR	5-8	185	2-12-79	6	Cincinnati	Los Angeles, Calif.	FA'06
86	Coats, Daniel	TE/FB	6-3	264	4-16-84	2	Brigham Young	Layton, Utah	CFA'07
73	Collins, Anthony	OT	6-5	317	11-2-85	R	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
64	Cook, Kyle	C	6-3	306	7-25-83	1	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
68	Fanene, Jonathan	DE	6-4	295	3-19-82	4	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
11	Fitzpatrick, Ryan	QB	6-2	225	11-24-82	4	Harvard	Gilbert, Ariz.	T(StL.)'07
25	Fletcher, Jamar	CB	5-10	185	8-28-79	8	Wisconsin	St. Louis, Mo.	FA'08
91	Geathers, Robert	DE	6-3	272	8-11-83	5	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
53	Ghiaciuc, Eric	C	6-4	303	5-28-81	4	Central Michigan	Oxford, Mich.	D4'05
17	Graham, Shayne	K	6-0	205	12-9-77	8	Virginia Tech	Dublin, Va.	W(Car.)'03
29	Hall, Leon	CB	5-11	199	12-9-84	2	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
95	Harris, Orien	DT	6-3	300	6-3-83	1	Miami (Fla.)	Newark, Del.	W(N.O.)'08
34	Hebert, Kyries	S	6-3	220	10-9-80	1	Louisiana-Lafayette	Lafayette, La.	FA'08
15	Henry, Chris	WR	6-4	200	5-17-83	4	West Virginia	Belle Chasse, La.	FA'08
52	Hodge, Abdul	LB	6-0	236	9-9-82	3	Iowa	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	FA'08
16	Holt, Glenn	WR	6-1	193	7-31-84	3	Kentucky	Miami, Fla.	CFA'06
84	Houshmandzadeh, T.J.	WR	6-1	199	9-26-77	8	Oregon State	Barstow, Calif.	D7'01
28	Jackson, Dexter	S	6-0	210	7-28-77	10	Florida State	Quincy, Fla.	UFA(T.B.)'06
93	Jeanty, Rashad	LB	6-2	245	4-17-83	3	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.	FA'06
59	Johnson, Brandon	LB	6-5	245	4-5-83	3	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
20	Jones, David	CB	6-0	196	9-19-85	2	Wingate	Greenville, S.C.	W(N.O.)'07
57	Jones, Dhani	LB	6-1	240	2-22-78	9	Michigan	Potomac, Md.	FA'07
44	Jones, Herana-Daze	S	5-11	205	4-15-82	3	Indiana	Louisville, Ky.	CFA'05
76	Jones, Levi	OT	6-5	307	8-24-79	7	Arizona State	Eloy, Ariz.	D1'02
22	Joseph, Johnathan	CB	5-11	193	4-16-84	3	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
82	Kelly, Reggie	TE	6-4	256	2-22-77	10	Mississippi State	Aberdeen, Miss.	UFA(Atl.)'03
75	Kooistra, Scott	G/OT	6-6	335	10-14-80	6	North Carolina State	Cary, N.C.	D7a'03
19	Larson, Kyle	P	6-1	204	9-2-80	5	Nebraska	Funk, Neb.	CFA'04
47	Lynch, Corey	S	6-0	206	5-7-85	R	Appalachian State	Cape Coral, Fla.	D6a'08
51	Mays, Corey	LB	6-1	245	11-27-83	3	Notre Dame	Chicago, Ill.	W(N.E.)'07
41	Ndukwe, Chinedum	S	6-2	220	3-4-85	2	Notre Dame	Powell, Ohio	D7b'07
85	Ocho Cinco, Chad	WR	6-1	192	1-9-78	8	Oregon State	Miami, Fla.	D2'01
98	Odom, Antwan	DE	6-5	260	9-24-81	5	Alabama	Bayou La Batre, Ala.	UFA(Tenn.)'08
9	Palmer, Carson	QB	6-5	230	12-27-79	6	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
5	Palmer, Jordan	QB	6-5	232	5-30-84	1	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
94	Peko, Domata	DT	6-3	325	11-27-84	3	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
23	Perry, Chris	HB	6-0	224	12-27-81	5	Michigan	Advance, N.C.	D1'04
3	Rayner, Dave	K	6-2	210	10-26-82	4	Michigan State	Oxford, Mich.	FA'08
55	Rivers, Keith	LB	6-2	241	5-5-86	R	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
92	Rucker, Frostee	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	3	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
48	St. Louis, Brad	LS/TE	6-3	243	8-19-76	9	Southwest Missouri State	Belton, Mo.	D7'00
99	Shirley, Jason	DT	6-5	338	9-30-85	R	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08
89	Simpson, Jerome	WR	6-2	195	2-4-86	R	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Sims, Pat	DT	6-2	320	11-29-85	R	Auburn	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
97	Thornton, John	DT	6-3	297	10-2-76	10	West Virginia	Philadelphia, Pa.	UFA(Tenn.)'03
81	Utecht, Ben	TE	6-6	250	6-30-81	4	Minnesota	Hastings, Minn.	RFA(Ind.)'08
33	Watson, Kenny	HB	6-0	220	3-13-78	7	Penn State	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'03
26	White, Marvin	S	6-1	199	12-5-83	2	Texas Christian	Port Barre, La.	D4'07
77	Whitworth, Andrew	G	6-7	330	12-12-81	3	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
63	Williams, Bobbie	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	9	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04

## Practice Squad

NO.	NAME (DATE)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
45 =	Bjork, Carl-Johan (Aug. 31)	LB	6-0	250	2-26-82	1	(none)	Stockholm (Sweden)	IPS'08
21	Castille, Simeon (Oct. 7)	CB	6-0	195	10-12-85	R	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	CFA'08
50	Henderson, Eric (Sept. 1)	DE	6-2	256	1-8-83	2	Georgia Tech	New Orleans, La.	CFA'06
39	Johnson, James (Aug. 31)	HB	5-11	202	9-6-84	R	Kansas State	Port Arthur, Texas	CFA'08
80	Lawrie, Nate (Sept. 11)	TE	6-6	255	10-7-81	4	Yale	Indianapolis, Ind.	FA'07
62	Livingston, Nate (Aug. 31)	G	6-5	335	3-16-82	1	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
24	Pope, Geoffrey (Sept. 24)	CB	6-0	186	6-21-84	1	Howard	Detroit, Mich.	FA'08
74	Roland, Dennis (Sept. 16)	OT	6-9	325	3-10-83	1	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
18	Urrutia, Mario (Aug. 31)	WR	6-5	232	1-18-86	R	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	D7b'08

## Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner

NO.	NAME (DATE)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
56	Blackstock, Darryl (Oct. 7)	LB	6-3	255	5-30-83	4	Virginia	Newport News, Va.	FA'08

## Reserve/Injured

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
72	Britt, Justin (Aug. 15; shoulder)	G	6-4	302	10-12-85	R	Alabama	Cullman, Ala.	CFA'08
27	Dorsey, DeDe (Sept. 30; hamstring)	HB	5-11	203	8-1-84	3	Lindenwood	Broken Arrow, Okla.	FA'07
31	Johnson, Jeremi (Sept. 3; knee)	FB	5-11	270	9-4-80	6	Western Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.	D4b'03
10	Maxwell, Marcus (Aug. 22; thigh)	WR	6-3	210	7-8-83	3	Oregon	Hercules, Calif.	FA'07
65	Santucci, Dan (Aug. 31; ankle)	C	6-4	304	9-6-83	2	Notre Dame	Harwood Heights, Ill.	PS(Ind.)'07
88	Sherry, Matt (Aug. 30; shoulder)	TE	6-4	250	12-11-84	R	Villanova	Rumford, R.I.	D6b'08

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NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
3	Dave Rayner	K	6-2	210	10-26-82	4	Michigan State	Oxford, Mich.	FA'08
5	Jordan Palmer	QB	6-5	232	5-30-84	1	Texas-El Paso	Mission Viejo, Calif.	FA'08
9	Carson Palmer	QB	6-5	230	12-27-79	6	Southern California	Mission Viejo, Calif.	D1'03
11	Ryan Fitzpatrick	QB	6-2	225	11-24-82	4	Harvard	Gilbert, Ariz.	T(StL.)'07
15	Chris Henry	WR	6-4	200	5-17-83	4	West Virginia	Belle Chasse, La.	FA'08
16	Glenn Holt	WR	6-1	193	7-31-84	3	Kentucky	Miami, Fla.	CFA'06
17	Shayne Graham	K	6-0	205	12-9-77	8	Virginia Tech	Dublin, Va.	W(Car.)'03
19	Kyle Larson	P	6-1	204	9-2-80	5	Nebraska	Funk, Neb.	CFA'04
20	David Jones	CB	6-0	196	9-19-85	2	Wingate	Greenville, S.C.	W(N.O.)'07
22	Johnathan Joseph	CB	5-11	193	4-16-84	3	South Carolina	Rock Hill, S.C.	D1'06
23	Chris Perry	HB	6-0	224	12-27-81	5	Michigan	Advance, N.C.	D1'04
25	Jamar Fletcher	CB	5-10	185	8-28-79	8	Wisconsin	St. Louis, Mo.	FA'08
26	Marvin White	S	6-1	199	12-5-83	2	Texas Christian	Port Barre, La.	D4'07
28	Dexter Jackson	S	6-0	210	7-28-77	10	Florida State	Quincy, Fla.	UFA(T.B.)'06
29	Leon Hall	CB	5-11	199	12-9-84	2	Michigan	Vista, Calif.	D1'07
32	Cedric Benson	HB	5-11	220	12-28-82	4	Texas	Midland, Texas	FA'08
33	Kenny Watson	HB	6-0	220	3-13-78	7	Penn State	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA'03
34	Kyries Hebert	S	6-3	220	10-9-80	1	Louisiana-Lafayette	Lafayette, La.	FA'08
41	Chinedum Ndukwe	S	6-2	220	3-4-85	2	Notre Dame	Powell, Ohio	D7b'07
44	Herana-Daze Jones	S	5-11	205	4-15-82	3	Indiana	Louisville, Ky.	CFA'05
47	Corey Lynch	S	6-0	206	5-7-85	R	Appalachian State	Cape Coral, Fla.	D6a'08
48	Brad St. Louis	LS/TE	6-3	243	8-19-76	9	Southwest Missouri State	Belton, Mo.	D7'00
51	Corey Mays	LB	6-1	245	11-27-83	3	Notre Dame	Chicago, Ill.	W(N.E.)'07
52	Abdul Hodge	LB	6-0	236	9-9-82	3	Iowa	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.	FA'08
53	Eric Ghiaciuc	C	6-4	303	5-28-81	4	Central Michigan	Oxford, Mich.	D4'05
55	Keith Rivers	LB	6-2	241	5-5-86	R	Southern California	Lake Mary, Fla.	D1'08
57	Dhani Jones	LB	6-1	240	2-22-78	9	Michigan	Potomac, Md.	FA'07
59	Brandon Johnson	LB	6-5	245	4-5-83	3	Louisville	Birmingham, Ala.	FA'08
63	Bobbie Williams	G	6-4	345	9-25-76	9	Arkansas	Jefferson, Texas	UFA(Phil.)'04
64	Kyle Cook	C	6-3	306	7-25-83	1	Michigan State	Macomb, Mich.	FA'07
68	Jonathan Fanene	DE	6-4	295	3-19-82	4	Utah	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D7'05
73	Anthony Collins	OT	6-5	317	11-2-85	R	Kansas	Beaumont, Texas	D4'08
75	Scott Kooistra	G/OT	6-6	335	10-14-80	6	North Carolina State	Cary, N.C.	D7a'03
76	Levi Jones	OT	6-5	307	8-24-79	7	Arizona State	Eloy, Ariz.	D1'02
77	Andrew Whitworth	G	6-7	330	12-12-81	3	Louisiana State	West Monroe, La.	D2'06
79	Stacy Andrews	OT	6-7	342	6-2-81	5	Mississippi	Camden, Ark.	D4c'04
81	Ben Utecht	TE	6-6	250	6-30-81	4	Minnesota	Hastings, Minn.	RFA(Ind.)'08
82	Reggie Kelly	TE	6-4	256	2-22-77	10	Mississippi State	Aberdeen, Miss.	UFA(Atl.)'03
83	Antonio Chatman	WR	5-8	185	2-12-79	6	Cincinnati	Los Angeles, Calif.	FA'06
84	T.J. Houshmandzadeh	WR	6-1	199	9-26-77	8	Oregon State	Barstow, Calif.	D7'01
85	Chad Ocho Cinco	WR	6-1	192	1-9-78	8	Oregon State	Miami, Fla.	D2'01
86	Daniel Coats	TE/FB	6-3	264	4-16-84	2	Brigham Young	Layton, Utah	CFA'07
87	Andre Caldwell	WR	6-0	204	4-15-85	R	Florida	Tampa, Fla.	D3b'08
89	Jerome Simpson	WR	6-2	195	2-4-86	R	Coastal Carolina	Reidsville, N.C.	D2'08
90	Pat Sims	DT	6-2	320	11-29-85	R	Auburn	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.	D3a'08
91	Robert Geathers	DE	6-3	272	8-11-83	5	Georgia	Georgetown, S.C.	D4b'04
92	Frostee Rucker	DE	6-3	280	9-14-83	3	Southern California	Tustin, Calif.	D3'06
93	Rashad Jeanty	LB	6-2	245	4-17-83	3	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.	FA'06
94	Domata Peko	DT	6-3	325	11-27-84	3	Michigan State	Pago Pago (American Samoa)	D4'06
95	Orien Harris	DT	6-3	300	6-3-83	1	Miami (Fla.)	Newark, Del.	W(N.O.)'08
97	John Thornton	DT	6-3	297	10-2-76	10	West Virginia	Philadelphia, Pa.	UFA(Tenn.)'03
98	Antwan Odom	DE	6-5	260	9-24-81	5	Alabama	Bayou La Batre, Ala.	UFA(Tenn.)'08
99	Jason Shirley	DT	6-5	338	9-30-85	R	Fresno State	Fontana, Calif.	D5'08

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18	Mario Urrutia (Aug. 31)	WR	6-5	232	1-18-86	R	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.	D7b'08
21	Simeon Castille (Oct. 7)	CB	6-0	195	10-12-85	R	Alabama	Birmingham, Ala.	CFA'08
24	Geoffrey Pope (Sept. 24)	CB	6-0	186	6-21-84	1	Howard	Detroit, Mich.	FA'08
39	James Johnson (Aug. 31)	HB	5-11	202	9-6-84	R	Kansas State	Port Arthur, Texas	CFA'08
45 =	Carl-Johan Bjork (Aug. 31)	LB	6-0	250	2-26-82	1	(none)	Stockholm (Sweden)	IPS'08
50	Eric Henderson (Sept. 1)	DE	6-2	256	1-8-83	2	Georgia Tech	New Orleans, La.	CFA'06
62	Nate Livings (Aug. 31)	G	6-5	335	3-16-82	1	Louisiana State	Lake Charles, La.	CFA'06
74	Dennis Roland (Sept. 16)	OT	6-9	325	3-10-83	1	Georgia	Bolivar, Mo.	FA'08
80	Nate Lawrie (Sept. 11)	TE	6-6	255	10-7-81	4	Yale	Indianapolis, Ind.	FA'07

## Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner

NO.	NAME (DATE)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
56	Darryl Blackstock (Oct. 7)	LB	6-3	255	5-30-83	4	Virginia	Newport News, Va.	FA'08

## Reserve/Injured

NO.	NAME (DATE; INJURY)	POS.	HT.	WT.	BORN	EXP.	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ.
10	Marcus Maxwell (Aug. 22; thigh)	WR	6-3	210	7-8-83	3	Oregon	Hercules, Calif.	FA'07
27	DeDe Dorsey (Sept. 30; hamstring)	HB	5-11	203	8-1-84	3	Lindenwood	Broken Arrow, Okla.	FA'07
31	Jeremi Johnson (Sept. 3; knee)	FB	5-11	270	9-4-80	6	Western Kentucky	Louisville, Ky.	D4b'03
65	Dan Santucci (Aug. 31; ankle)	C	6-4	304	9-6-83	2	Notre Dame	Harwood Heights, Ill.	PS(Ind.)'07
72	Justin Britt (Aug. 15; shoulder)	G	6-4	302	10-12-85	R	Alabama	Cullman, Ala.	CFA'08
88	Matt Sherry (Aug. 30; shoulder)	TE	6-4	250	12-11-84	R	Villanova	Rumford, R.I.	D6b'08

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# 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.
9-7 @Balt.	154	24-70	84	9-24	0/1	2-10	8	2-13	1-1	23:45
9-14 TENN.	215	28-88	127	16-27	0/2	1-7	11	3-13	3-0	27:26
9-21 @NYG	347	27-102	245	27-39	1/0	6-41	24	10-17	2-0	33:15
9-28 CLE.	211	16-69	142	21-35	1/3	3-14	14	4-13	2-2	25:58
10-5 @Dall.	269	23-61	208	23-39	2/1	2-9	18	6-14	1-1	28:15
10-12 @NYJ	171	21-43	128	20-33	0/0	5-24	13	5-15	2-1	24:42
10-19 PITT.										
10-26 @Hou.										
11-2 JAX.										
11-9 (BYE)										
11-16 PHIL.										
11-20 @Pitt.										
11-30 BALT.										
12-7 @Ind.										
12-14 WASH.										
12-21 @Cle.										
12-28 K.C.										
TOTALS	1367	139-433	934	116-197	4/7	19-105	88	30-85	11-5	26:45

## Opponents

GAME	YDS	RUSH-YDS.	PASS YDS.	COMP.-ATT.	TD-P/INT.	SKD.-YDS.	1D	3D-CONV.	F-FL	POSS.
9-7 @Balt.	358	46-229	129	15-29	0/0	0-0	21	9-17	2-2	36:15
9-14 TENN.	295	41-177	118	14-21	1/0	1-10	16	4-13	2-1	32:34
9-21 @NYG	406	25-117	289	26-43	1/0	0-0	24	5-12	0-0	33:06
9-28 CLE.	261	40-134	127	15-24	1/1	1-11	19	5-13	2-1	34:02
10-5 @Dall.	373	38-198	175	14-23	3/1	1-1	18	9-15	2-1	31:45
10-12 @NYJ	252	27-86	166	25-33	1/2	2-23	19	7-14	1-1	35:18
10-19 PITT.										
10-26 @Hou.										
11-2 JAX.										
11-9 (BYE)										
11-16 PHIL.										
11-20 @Pitt.										
11-30 BALT.										
12-7 @Ind.										
12-14 WASH.										
12-21 @Cle.										
12-28 K.C.										
TOTALS	1945	217-941	1004	109-173	7/4	5-45	117	39-84	9-6	33:15

# 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	PD	FF	FR-YDS
1. Dhani Jones .....	35	38	73	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
2. Keith Rivers .....	31	19	50	0-0	1-39	1	1	0-0
3. Domata Peko .....	17	27	44	0.5-0.5	0-0	0	0	0-0
4. Marvin White .....	29	14	43	0-0	1-0	2	0	0-0
5. Chinedum Ndukwe .....	26	13	39	1-11	1-12	4	0	1-15
6. Rashad Jeanty .....	23	14	37	0-0	0-0	1	1	0-0
7. Robert Geathers .....	13	16	29	0.5-0.5	0-0	0	0	1-0
8. Frostee Rucker .....	17	10	27	1-7	0-0	0	2	0-0
9. Leon Hall .....	14	7	21	0-0	0-0	6	0	0-0
10. David Jones .....	15	5	20	0-0	0-0	2	0	0-0
John Thornton .....	7	13	20	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
12. Antwan Odom .....	13	5	18	2-26	0-0	0	2	0-0
13. Johnathan Joseph .....	10	4	14	0-0	0-0	7	0	1-65
Orien Harris .....	8	6	14	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
15. Jonathan Fanene .....	6	7	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
16. Brandon Johnson .....	7	5	12	0-0	0-0	1	0	0-0
17. Pat Sims .....	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
18. Simeon Castille .....	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
19. Dexter Jackson .....	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
20. Darryl Blackstock .....	2	2	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
21. Corey Lynch .....	3	0	3	0-0	1-6	1	0	0-0
22. Corey Mays .....	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0
Jamar Fletcher .....	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0
24. Kyries Hebert .....	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0

## Special teams

RANK BY TT/PLAYER	ST	AT	TT	FF	FR-YDS	BP	BFG	BXP
1. Kyries Hebert .....	6	5	11	0	0-0	0	0	0
2. Rashad Jeanty .....	8	2	10	0	0-0	0	0	0
3. Brad St. Louis .....	4	1	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
Herana-Daze Jones .....	3	2	5	0	0-0	0	0	0
5. Dhani Jones .....	2	1	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
Corey Lynch .....	1	2	3	0	0-0	0	0	0
7. Shayne Graham .....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Corey Mays .....	2	0	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandon Johnson .....	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
Kyle Larson .....	1	1	2	0	0-0	0	0	0
11. Darryl Blackstock .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Leon Hall .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Keith Rivers .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Marvin White .....	1	0	1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Glenn Holt .....	0	1	1	0	0-0	0	0	0

# Team statistics

Record: 0-6

DATE	W-L	SCORE	OPPONENT	ATTENDANCE
9-7	L	10-17	at Baltimore	70,978
9-14	L	7-24	TENNESSEE	64,540
9-21	L	23-26 (OT)	at N.Y. Giants	79,276
9-28	L	12-20	CLEVELAND	65,541
10-5	L	22-31	at Dallas	62,655
10-12	L	14-26	at N.Y. Jets	78,161
10-19			PITTSBURGH	
10-26			at Houston	
11-2			JACKSONVILLE	
11-9			—BYE—	
11-16			PHILADELPHIA	
11-20			at Pittsburgh	
11-30			BALTIMORE	
12-7			at Indianapolis	
12-14			WASHINGTON	
12-21			at Cleveland	
12-28			Kansas City	

TEAM STATISTICS	CIN.	OPP.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	88	117
Rushing	21	48
Passing	60	58
Penalty	7	11
3rd Down: Made-Att	30-85	39-84
3rd Down Pct.	35.3	46.4
4th Down: Made-Att	4-7	2-6
4th Down Pct.	57.1	33.3
POSSESSION AVG.	26:45	33:15
TOTAL NET YARDS	1367	1945
Avg. Per Game	227.8	324.2
Total Plays	355	395
Avg. Per Play	3.9	4.9
NET YARDS RUSHING	433	941
Avg. Per Game	72.2	156.8
Total Rushes	139	217
NET YARDS PASSING	934	1004
Avg. Per Game	155.7	167.3
Sacked-Yards Lost	19-105	5-45
Gross Yards	1039	1049
Att.-Completions	197-116	173-109
Completion Pct.	58.9	63.0
Had Intercepted	7	4
PUNTS-AVE	34-41.6	24-46.5
Net Punting Avg.	34-34.2	24-38.5
PENALTIES-YARDS	35-254	39-258
FUMBLES-BALLS LOST	11-5	9-6
TOUCHDOWNS	9	16
Rushing	3	8
Passing	4	7
Returns	2	1

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	OT	PTS.
BENGALS	10	39	7	32	0	88
OPPONENTS	27	44	16	54	3	144

SCORING	TD	TD-R	TD-P	TD-Rt.	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS.
Shayne Graham	0	0	0	0	5-5	9-10	0	32
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	3	0	3	0	—	—	0	18
Chris Perry	2	2	0	0	—	—	0	12
Ryan Fitzpatrick	1	1	0	0	—	—	0	6
Chad Ocho Cinco	1	0	1	0	—	—	0	6
Johnathan Joseph	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Chinedum Ndukwe	1	0	0	1	—	—	0	6
Dave Rayner	0	0	0	0	2-2	0-0	0	2
BENGALS	9	3	4	2	7-7	9-10	0	88
OPPONENTS	16	8	7	1	15-15	11-12	0	144

Two-point conversions: BENGALS 0-2 (0-0 R, 0-2 P), OPPONENTS 0-1 (0-0 R, 0-1 P).

Sacks-yards: Antwan Odom 2-26, Chinedum Ndukwe 1-11, Frostee Rucker 1-7, Robert Geathers 0.5-0.5, Domata Peko 0.5-0.5. BENGALS 5-45, OPPONENTS 19-105.

Fumbles-lost: Chris Perry 5-3, Ryan Fitzpatrick 3-2, Carson Palmer 2-0, Eric Ghiaciuc 1-0. BENGALS 11-5, OPPONENTS 9-6.

RUSHING	ATT.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Chris Perry	96	253	2.6	25t	2
Ryan Fitzpatrick	10	64	6.4	13	1
Carson Palmer	6	38	6.3	15	0
Cedric Benson	14	36	2.6	10	0
Kenny Watson	7	32	4.6	7	0
DeDe Dorsey	5	8	1.6	7	0
Antonio Chatman	1	2	2.0	2	0
BENGALS	139	433	3.1	25t	3
OPPONENTS	217	941	4.3	51	8

RECEIVING	REC.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	38	400	10.5	26	3
Chad Ocho Cinco	19	216	11.4	22	1
Antonio Chatman	17	173	10.2	25	0
Chris Perry	14	47	3.4	12	0
Reggie Kelly	12	73	6.1	15	0
Ben Utecht	9	57	6.3	12	0
DeDe Dorsey	2	49	24.5	36	0
Kenny Watson	2	3	1.5	3	0
Chris Henry	1	13	13.0	13	0
Daniel Coats	1	11	11.0	11	0
Ryan Fitzpatrick	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
BENGALS	116	1039	9.0	36	4
OPPONENTS	109	1049	9.6	57t	7

INTERCEPTIONS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Keith Rivers	1	39	39.0	39	0
Chinedum Ndukwe	1	12	12.0	12	0
Corey Lynch	1	6	6.0	6	0
Marvin White	1	0	0.0	0	0
BENGALS	4	57	14.3	39	0
OPPONENTS	7	81	11.6	18	0

PUNTING	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	NET	TB	IN-20	LG.	BLK.
Kyle Larson	33	1415	42.9	34.2	2	5	57	1
BENGALS	34	1415	41.6	34.2	2	5	57	1
OPPONENTS	24	1116	46.5	38.5	4	6	70	0

PUNT RETURNS	NO.	FC	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Antonio Chatman	11	2	111	10.1	34	0
BENGALS	11	2	111	10.1	34	0
OPPONENTS	20	4	212	10.6	35	0

KICKOFF RETURNS	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	LG.	TD
Glenn Holt	28	744	26.6	60	0
BENGALS	28	744	26.6	60	0
OPPONENTS	15	363	24.2	46	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Shayne Graham	0-0	2-2	2-3	5-5	0-0
BENGALS	0-0	2-2	2-3	5-5	0-0
OPPONENTS	0-0	6-6	3-3	2-3	0-0

Shayne Graham: (43G), (37RU), (22G, 30G, 21G), (42G, 45G), (41G, 31G, 40G), (—).

Opponents: (47WL, 21G), (34G), (24G, 46G, 26G, 22G), (25G, 29G), (30G), (38G, 43G).

PASSING	ATT.	CMP.	YDS.	CMP.%	YDS./ATT.	TD	TD%	INT.	INT.%	LG	SKD.-YDS.	RAT.
Carson Palmer	129	75	731	58.1	5.67	3	2.3	4	3.1	36	11-67	69.0
Ryan Fitzpatrick	68	41	308	60.3	4.53	1	1.5	3	4.4	22	8-38	57.7
BENGALS	197	116	1039	58.9	5.27	4	2.0	7	3.6	36	19-105	65.1
OPPONENTS	173	109	1049	63.0	6.06	7	4.0	4	2.3	57t	5-45	83.7