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**2022 KICKOFF GUIDE**

# KICKOFF 2022



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The NFL returns for the 2022 season as Kickoff Weekend signals the start of a 272-game journey, one that promises hope for each of the league's 32 teams as they set their sights on Super Bowl LVII, which will be played on Sunday, February 12, 2023, at State Farm Stadium in Arizona.

2021 was one of the most competitive seasons in league annals and was the first year of an enhanced season structure which featured each team playing 17 regular-season games. The 2022 season will be filled with memorable moments, as young players emerge, familiar faces continue their climb up the record books and teams vie to make their mark in the postseason. Every team enters the season with hope and a trip to Arizona for Super Bowl LVII in mind. Below are a few reasons why:

- o Eighteen teams remained in Super Bowl contention on the final day of the 2021 regular season, tied for the most such teams since 2006 (20).
- o Four teams clinched a division title after not winning their division last year (Cincinnati, Dallas, the Los Angeles Rams and Tampa Bay) and at least two teams have won their divisions the season after missing the playoffs in 18 of the past 19 years.
- o Cincinnati clinched the AFC North after finishing in last place in the division in 2020 and in 17 of the past 19 seasons, at least one team finished in first place in their division the season after finishing in last or tied for last.
- o Seven teams clinched playoff berths after missing the postseason in 2020 (Arizona, Cincinnati, Dallas, Las Vegas, New England, Philadelphia and San Francisco) and since 1990 - a streak of 32 consecutive seasons - at least four teams have qualified for the playoffs in every season that were not in the postseason the year before.
- o There were 21 overtime games last season, including three in Week 18 which featured teams winning in overtime to qualify for the postseason (Las Vegas, Pittsburgh and San Francisco), marking the first time since 1993 that multiple playoff teams won in overtime in the final week of the season.

The competitiveness of the 2021 regular season fed into one of the most exciting and dramatic postseasons to date.

- o The Los Angeles Rams won Super Bowl LVI and for a 17th consecutive season, the NFL has a new Super Bowl champion, extending the longest streak without a repeat winner in league history. Only eight teams have repeated as champions since the first Super Bowl in 1967, with the 2004 Patriots (Super Bowls XXXVIII and XXXIX) being the last team to accomplish the feat. It also marked the second-consecutive season in which a team won the Super Bowl in their home stadium, after Tampa Bay also did so in Super Bowl LV.
- o From the Divisional Playoffs through Super Bowl LVI, six of the seven games were decided by exactly three points. The only game that wasn't was Kansas City and Buffalo in the AFC Divisional Playoffs, which was decided by an overtime touchdown.
- o The total margin of victory across the final seven playoff games (Super Bowl LVI, Conference Championship and Divisional Playoffs) was 24 points (3.4 points per game).

Among the many notable accomplishments players and coaches can achieve during the 2022 season ...

- o Tampa Bay quarterback **TOM BRADY** (84,520 passing yards and 624 touchdown passes) enters the 2022 season as the league's all-time regular-season leader in both categories and can become the first player in NFL history with 100,000 career passing yards, including the postseason.
- o Green Bay quarterback **AARON RODGERS**, who ranks fifth all-time in touchdown passes (449) and 10th in passing yards (55,360), can become the first player ever to win three consecutive Most Valuable Player awards.
- o Indianapolis quarterback **MATT RYAN** (59,735 passing yards and 367 touchdown passes) can become the eighth quarterback ever with 60,000 passing yards and ninth quarterback all-time with 400 touchdown passes.

- o Tennessee running back **DERRICK HENRY** needs 10 rushing touchdowns to become the fifth running back all-time with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in five consecutive seasons.
- o Tampa Bay wide receiver **MIKE EVANS** needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the first player with at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of his first nine seasons in NFL history.
- o Kansas City tight end **TRAVIS KELCE** (704 receptions and 9,006 receiving yards) can become the fifth tight end all-time with 800 receptions and fifth tight end ever with 10,000 receiving yards.
- o Los Angeles Rams defensive lineman **AARON DONALD** (98 sacks) needs 12 sacks to become the fourth player since 1982 with at least 110 sacks in his first nine seasons.
- o New Orleans defensive end **CAMERON JORDAN** needs seven sacks to become the sixth player since 1982 to record at least seven sacks in 11 consecutive seasons.
- o Pittsburgh linebacker **T.J. WATT** can become the first player to lead the league in sacks in three different seasons since 1982.
- o New England head coach **BILL BELICHICK** ranks third all-time with 321 total victories (regular-season and playoffs combined) and needs four wins to surpass George Halas (324 combined wins) for the second-most total victories by a head coach in NFL history.
- o Green Bay head coach **MATT LAFLEUR** can become the first coach since 1970 to win at least 13 games in each of his first four seasons as an NFL head coach.
- o Kansas City head coach **ANDY REID** needs 10 wins to become the third coach in NFL history to record at least 10 wins in eight consecutive seasons.

### 2022 KICKOFF WEEKEND SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	TIME (ET)	TV
Thursday, September 8	Buffalo Bills at Los Angeles Rams	8:20p	NBC
Sunday, September 11	New Orleans Saints at Atlanta Falcons	1:00p	FOX
	Cleveland Browns at Carolina Panthers	1:00p	CBS
	San Francisco 49ers at Chicago Bears	1:00p	FOX
	Pittsburgh Steelers at Cincinnati Bengals	1:00p	CBS
	Philadelphia Eagles at Detroit Lions	1:00p	FOX
	Indianapolis Colts at Houston Texans	1:00p	CBS
	New England Patriots at Miami Dolphins	1:00p	CBS
	Baltimore Ravens at New York Jets	1:00p	CBS
	Jacksonville Jaguars at Washington Commanders	1:00p	FOX
	Kansas City Chiefs at Arizona Cardinals	4:25p	CBS
	Las Vegas Raiders at Los Angeles Chargers	4:25p	CBS
	Green Bay Packers at Minnesota Vikings	4:25p	FOX
	New York Giants at Tennessee Titans	4:25p	FOX
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Dallas Cowboys	8:20p	NBC
Monday, September 12	Denver Broncos at Seattle Seahawks	8:15p	ESPN/ABC

Beginning with the 2021 season, NFL clubs approved an enhanced season structure that will feature each team playing 17 regular-season games and three preseason games.

The NFL-NFLPA Collective Bargaining Agreement signed in March of 2020 enabled the league, with the approval of the union and its players, to enhance the regular season with a move to 17 games, marking the first change to the season structure since the 1978 campaign ushered in an era of 16 regular-season and four preseason games.

The 17th game features teams from opposing conferences that finished in the same place within their division the previous season. The NFC was determined to be the home conference for the 17th game in 2022.

AWAY TEAM	HOME TEAM
AFC East	NFC West
1. Buffalo Bills	1. Los Angeles Rams
2. New England Patriots	2. Arizona Cardinals
3. Miami Dolphins	3. San Francisco 49ers
4. New York Jets	4. Seattle Seahawks

AWAY TEAM	HOME TEAM
AFC North	NFC East
1. Cincinnati Bengals	1. Dallas Cowboys
2. Pittsburgh Steelers	2. Philadelphia Eagles
3. Cleveland Browns	3. Washington Commanders
4. Baltimore Ravens	4. New York Giants

AWAY TEAM	HOME TEAM
AFC South	NFC North
1. Tennessee Titans	1. Green Bay Packers
2. Indianapolis Colts	2. Minnesota Vikings
3. Houston Texans	3. Chicago Bears
4. Jacksonville Jaguars	4. Detroit Lions

AWAY TEAM	HOME TEAM
AFC West	NFC South
1. Kansas City Chiefs	1. Tampa Bay Buccaneers
2. Las Vegas Raiders	2. New Orleans Saints
3. Los Angeles Chargers	3. Atlanta Falcons
4. Denver Broncos	4. Carolina Panthers

Under the scheduling formula below, every team plays 17 regular-season games with one bye week. Clubs will host 10 games overall - either nine regular-season games and one preseason game or eight regular-season games and two preseason games.

- o Home and away against its three division opponents (six games).
- o The four teams from another division within its conference on a rotating three-year cycle (four games).
- o The four teams from a division in the other conference on a rotating four-year cycle (four games).
- o Two intraconference games based on the prior year's standings (two games). These games match a first-place team against the first-place teams in the two same-conference divisions the team is not scheduled to play that season. The second-place, third-place and fourth-place teams in a conference are matched in the same way each year.
- o One interconference game based on the prior year's standings on a rotating four-year cycle (one game). These games match a first-place team from one division against a first-place team in an opposite conference division that the team is not scheduled to play that season. The second-place, third-place and fourth-place teams in each division are matched in the same way each year. The home conference for this game will rotate each season.

NFL Kickoff Weekend will begin Thursday night, September 8, and the regular season will end Sunday, January 8, 2023. The season will conclude with Super Bowl LVII at State Farm Stadium in Arizona on Sunday, February 12, 2023.

The enhanced season will ensure that beginning in 2022, all 32 clubs will play internationally at least once every eight years. The scheduling of up to four neutral-site games per year in a country outside the United States will focus initially on Canada, Europe, Mexico, South America and the United Kingdom. In addition, interested clubs can continue to volunteer to play home games internationally, as is currently the case.

It's time to get "Back to Football!"

The 2022 season begins with the NFL's annual primetime kickoff game. The opener on Thursday, September 8 on NBC (8:20 PM ET) will feature the Super Bowl Champion Los Angeles Rams hosting the Buffalo Bills at SoFi Stadium.

The NFL primetime kickoff games since 2002:

DATE	SITE	RESULT (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)	RECAP
Sept. 5, 2002	Giants Stadium	San Francisco 16, NY GIANTS 13	San Francisco's Jose Cortez kicks a 36-yard field goal with six seconds remaining in the NFL's first Thursday-night opener since 1949.
Sept. 4, 2003	FedExField	WASHINGTON 16, NY Jets 13	Washington kicker John Hall converts a game-winning 50-yard field goal with five seconds remaining to lift the Redskins.
Sept. 9, 2004	Gillette Stadium	NEW ENGLAND 27, Indianapolis 24	New England quarterback Tom Brady passes for 335 yards and three TDs as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat the Colts.
Sept. 8, 2005	Gillette Stadium	NEW ENGLAND 30, Oakland 20	New England quarterback Tom Brady throws for 306 yards and two TDs while running back Corey Dillon adds two scores for the defending Super Bowl champions.
Sept. 7, 2006	Heinz Field	PITTSBURGH 28, Miami 17	Pittsburgh quarterback Charlie Batch passes for three TDs and running back Willie Parker adds 115 rushing yards as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat Miami.
Sept. 6, 2007	RCA Dome	INDIANAPOLIS 41, New Orleans 10	The Super Bowl champion Colts rack up 452 yards of offense as quarterback Peyton Manning passes for 288 yards and three TDs.
Sept. 4, 2008	Giants Stadium	NY GIANTS 16, Washington 7	Quarterback Eli Manning scores a TD and the Giants' defense allows just 209 total yards as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat division-rival Washington.
Sept. 9, 2010	Louisiana Superdome	NEW ORLEANS 14, Minnesota 9	New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees throws for 237 yards and a TD to lead the Saints past the Vikings in a rematch of the 2009 NFC Championship Game.
Sept. 8, 2011	Lambeau Field	GREEN BAY 42, New Orleans 34	Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers passes for 312 yards and three TDs and the Packers' defense makes a goal-line stand on the game's final play as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat the Saints.
Sept. 5, 2012	MetLife Stadium	Dallas 24, NY GIANTS 17	Dallas quarterback Tony Romo throws for 307 yards and three TDs, including two to Kevin Ogletree, as the Cowboys defeat the defending Super Bowl champion Giants.

DATE	SITE	RESULT (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)	RECAP
Sept. 5, 2013	Sports Authority Field at Mile High	DENVER 49, Baltimore 27	Denver quarterback Peyton Manning ties an NFL single-game record with seven TD passes as the Broncos knock off the defending Super Bowl champion Ravens.
Sept. 4, 2014	CenturyLink Field	SEATTLE 36, Green Bay 16	Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson throws two TDs while running back Marshawn Lynch rushes for 110 yards and two scores as the defending champion Seahawks win at home.
Sept. 10, 2015	Gillette Stadium	NEW ENGLAND 28, Pittsburgh 21	New England quarterback Tom Brady throws four touchdown passes as the defending champion Patriots defeat the Steelers.
Sept. 8, 2016	Sports Authority Field at Mile High	DENVER 21, Carolina 20	Denver running back C.J. Anderson scores two touchdowns as the Broncos defeat the Panthers in a rematch of Super Bowl 50.
Sept. 7, 2017	Gillette Stadium	Kansas City 42, NEW ENGLAND 27	Kansas City quarterback Alex Smith throws four touchdowns while rookie running back Kareem Hunt totals 246 yards from scrimmage and three scores as the Chiefs defeat the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots.
Sept. 6, 2018	Lincoln Financial Field	PHILADELPHIA 18, Atlanta 12	Philadelphia running back Jay Ajayi rushes for two touchdowns as the defending champion Eagles defeat the Falcons.
Sept. 5, 2019	Soldier Field	Green Bay 10, CHICAGO 3	Kicking off the league's 100th season with its oldest rivalry, Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers throws for the game's only touchdown, while safety Adrian Amos records a late interception in his own end zone as the Packers defeat the Bears.
Sept. 10, 2020	Arrowhead Stadium	CHIEFS 34, Texans 20	Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes throws three touchdown passes with a 123.3 passer rating and rookie running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire rushes for 138 yards and one touchdown in his NFL debut as the defending champion Chiefs defeat the Texans.
Sept. 9, 2021	Raymond James Stadium	BUCCANEERS 31, Cowboys 29	Tampa Bay quarterback Tom Brady throws four touchdown passes, including two to tight end Rob Gronkowski, as the defending champion Buccaneers defeat the Cowboys after Ryan Succop's game-winning 36-yard field goal in the final seconds.

Kickoff Weekend begins on Thursday, September 8 in primetime on NBC as the defending Super Bowl champion Los Angeles Rams welcome the Buffalo Bills to SoFi Stadium. Below is a sampling of notable active NFL Kickoff streaks:

- o The **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** visit the **ARIZONA CARDINALS** on Kickoff Weekend. The Chiefs have won their past seven Kickoff Weekend games, the longest active streak in the NFL.
- o The **LOS ANGELES RAMS**, who welcome the **BUFFALO BILLS** on Thursday of Week 1 to kick off the 2022 season, have won their last five Kickoff Weekend games, the longest active streak in the NFC. Since head coach **SEAN MCVAY** was hired by the club in 2017, the Rams have outscored their opponents 163-80 on Kickoff Weekend.
- o Four other teams - the **LAS VEGAS RAIDERS**, **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS**, **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** and **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** - have won each of their past three season-opening games. The Raiders visit the Chargers to open the 2022 season.
- o The reigning NFC North division champion **GREEN BAY PACKERS** open their season on the road against the **MINNESOTA VIKINGS**. The Packers have won 58 games on Kickoff Weekend, the most in the NFL. The **CHICAGO BEARS**, who rank second with 55 wins in season-opening games, host the **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** in Week 1.



**HEAD COACHES:** New England's **BILL BELICHICK** is 18-9 (.667) on Kickoff Weekend and his 18 wins are the most among active head coaches ... Belichick, Seattle's **PETE CARROLL** (10-6; .625), Baltimore's **JOHN HARBAUGH** (10-4; .714) and Kansas City's **ANDY REID** (15-8; .652) are the only active head coaches who have won at least 10 Kickoff Weekend games ... Reid has won seven consecutive games on Kickoff Weekend, the longest current streak among active head coaches ... Los Angeles Rams' **SEAN MCVAY** (5-0), Philadelphia's **NICK SIRIANNI** (1-0) and Los Angeles Chargers' **BRANDON STALEY** (1-0) are the only active head coaches with perfect records on Kickoff Weekend ... Five head coaches - the New York Giants' **BRIAN DABOLL**, Chicago's **MATT EBERFLUS**, Denver's **NATHANIEL HACKETT**, Miami's **MIKE MCDANIEL** and Minnesota's **KEVIN O'CONNELL** - make their Kickoff Weekend debuts ... Five head coaches - Houston's **LOVIE SMITH** (5-6), Jacksonville's **DOUG PEDERSON** (4-1), Las Vegas' **JOSH MCDANIELS** (1-1), New Orleans' **DENNIS ALLEN** (0-3) and Tampa Bay's **TODD BOWLES** (2-2) - will be coaching the first game with their new club in Week 1.



Introduced in 2020 and continuing for a third-consecutive season, a total of 14 teams - seven each in the American and National Football Conferences - will make the postseason.

Three Wild Card teams from each conference will qualify for the postseason, with the No. 1 seed in each conference receiving a bye in the Wild Card round.

The remaining division champions in each conference with the best records will be seeded 2, 3, and 4, followed by the next three teams per conference with the best records seeded 5, 6, and 7.

AFC and NFC Wild Card games will feature the 2 seed hosting the 7 seed, the 3 seed hosting the 6 seed and the 4 seed hosting the 5 seed.

Super Wild Card Weekend for the 2022 season will feature six games, starting on Saturday, January 14.

Super Wild Card Weekend winners join the top seeds in each conference in the Divisional Playoffs on Saturday and Sunday, January 21-22. The AFC and NFC Championship Games will be played on Sunday, January 29. The winners meet two weeks later on Sunday, February 12, in Super Bowl LVII at Arizona's State Farm Stadium (FOX), marking the first time the league's final game is played in Arizona since Super Bowl XLIX following the 2014 season.

Since 1990 - a streak of 32 consecutive seasons - at least four new teams have qualified for the playoffs that missed the postseason the year before, including seven of the 14 playoff teams in 2021.

### THE 2021 POSTSEASON WAS ONE OF THE MOST EXCITING AND DRAMATIC IN NFL HISTORY.

- o The Los Angeles Rams won Super Bowl LVI and for a 17th consecutive season, the NFL has a new Super Bowl champion, extending the longest streak without a repeat winner in league history.
- o From the Divisional Playoffs through Super Bowl LVI, six of the seven games were decided by exactly three points. The only game that wasn't was Kansas City and Buffalo in the AFC Divisional Playoffs, which was decided by an overtime touchdown.

All seven games were decided by a game-winning score in the final two minutes of regulation or in overtime.

Five games were decided by a game-winning score on the final play.

- o The total margin of victory across the final seven playoff games (Super Bowl LVI, Conference Championship and Divisional Playoffs) was 24 points (3.4 points per game).
- o Both Conference Championship games were decided by three or fewer points for the second time ever (2011).
- o For the first time ever, all four Divisional Round games were decided by a game-winning score on the final play, the most such games in a single postseason all-time.
- o Three road teams won in the Divisional Round for third time in NFL history (2008 and 1971).



With only 17 games per team, every game is important. Below is a sampling of some notable matchups this year:

WEEK	MATCHUP	DESCRIPTION
<b>Week 1</b>	Denver at Seattle	Russell Wilson, who spent the first 10 seasons of his career with the Seahawks and helped them win Super Bowl XLVIII, returns to Seattle for the first time.
<b>Week 2</b>	L.A. Chargers at Kansas City	On Thursday Night Football, the AFC West rivals kickoff Prime Video's slate of 15 Thursday night games from Week 2-17 (excluding Thanksgiving night) during the 2022 season.
<b>Week 3</b>	Green Bay at Tampa Bay	Reigning back-to-back MVP Aaron Rodgers visits seven-time Super Bowl champion and all-time leading passer Tom Brady in the first meeting between the two clubs since the 2020 NFC Championship Game.
<b>Week 4</b>	New Orleans vs. Minnesota	The first 2022 international game at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and the 100th game (preseason and regular-season combined) played outside the United States in league history.
<b>Week 5</b>	Green Bay vs. N.Y. Giants	The second international game on the 2022 schedule at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, as Green Bay becomes the 32nd team to play in London since 2007.
<b>Week 6</b>	Buffalo at Kansas	Kansas City hosts Buffalo in a rematch of the 2021 AFC Divisional playoffs and 2020 AFC Championship Game, both won by the Chiefs.
<b>Week 7</b>	Pittsburgh at Miami	On Sunday Night Football, the Dolphins will honor the 50th anniversary of their undefeated 1972 season, when they went a perfect 17-0, including a victory over Pittsburgh in the AFC Championship Game en route to the Super Bowl VII title.
<b>Week 8</b>	Denver vs. Jacksonville	Denver makes their first trip to the UK since 2010 while Jacksonville, who played at Tottenham last season, returns to Wembley Stadium for the first time since 2019.
<b>Week 9</b>	L.A. Rams at Tampa Bay	The Buccaneers host the Rams in a rematch of the 2021 NFC Divisional playoffs, when Los Angeles held off a furious 24-point Tampa Bay comeback to win on a field goal with no time remaining.
<b>Week 10</b>	Tampa Bay vs. Seattle	The first-ever regular-season NFL game in Germany will take place at Allianz Arena - Home of FC Bayern Munich.
<b>Week 11</b>	San Francisco vs. Arizona	The 2022 international slate concludes with a return to Mexico City for Monday Night Football with an NFC West matchup at Estadio Azteca.
<b>Week 12</b>	Thanksgiving Tripleheader	Thanksgiving will feature a tripleheader on Thursday, November 24 with the Bills at Lions (12:30 PM ET), Giants at Cowboys (4:30 PM ET) and Patriots at Vikings (8:20 PM ET)
<b>Week 13</b>	Jacksonville at Detroit	The top two picks in the 2022 NFL Draft, Travon Walker and Aidan Hutchinson, are scheduled to meet on the field for the first time.
<b>Week 14</b>	Las Vegas at L.A. Rams	Cooper Kupp, the fourth wide receiver since 1970 to lead the league in receptions, receiving yards and touchdown receptions, and Davante Adams, who leads the NFL in touchdown receptions since 2016, meet on Thursday Night Football.
<b>Week 15</b>	Cincinnati at Tampa Bay	Joe Burrow and Tom Brady meet for the first time.
<b>Week 16</b>	Las Vegas at Pittsburgh	On Saturday night (December 24), the Steelers host the Raiders, 50 years after the "Immaculate Reception" in the AFC Divisional playoffs on December 23, 1972.
<b>Week 17</b>	L.A. Rams at L.A. Chargers	On Sunday Night Football, the Chargers will play host to the Rams in the first regular-season meeting between the two clubs at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles.
<b>Week 18</b>	16 Division Matchups	For the 13th consecutive season, the final weekend of the regular season features all division matchups with playoff berths on the line.

New teams making the playoffs and winning divisions, consistent teams excelling once again, records falling and young players making their mark all combined to help shape the story of the 2021 season.

The final week of the season once again came right down to the wire as three playoff spots and two division titles - the AFC East and NFC West - were decided on the last day of the season. There were 18 teams still in Super Bowl contention with one week to play last season, tied for the fourth-most teams still in Super Bowl contention with one week to play, trailing only 1982 (22 teams), 2006 (20 teams) and 2002 (19 teams). The season-ending excitement was due in part to having 16 divisional games played on the season's final weekend, a tradition instituted in 2010.

Every team enters the 2022 season with a trip to Arizona and Super Bowl LVII in mind, and below are a few reasons why.

- o The **CINCINNATI BENGALS** (AFC North) and **DALLAS COWBOYS** (NFC East) won their division after missing the postseason in 2020 and at least two teams have won their divisions the season after missing the playoffs in 18 of the past 19 years.

Cincinnati clinched the AFC North after finishing in last place in the division in 2020. In 17 of the past 19 seasons, at least one team finished in first place the season after finishing in last or tied for last.



### TEAMS TO WIN THEIR DIVISION A SEASON AFTER MISSING THE POSTSEASON SINCE 2003:

SEASON	NEW DIVISION WINNERS AFTER MISSING POSTSEASON THE PREVIOUS SEASON
2021	Cincinnati*, Dallas
2020	Pittsburgh, Washington*
2019	Green Bay, San Francisco
2018	Baltimore, Chicago*, Dallas, Houston*
2017	Jacksonville*, L.A. Rams, New Orleans, Minnesota, Philadelphia*
2016	Atlanta, Dallas*
2015	Houston, Minnesota, Washington*
2014	Dallas, Pittsburgh
2013	Carolina*, Philadelphia*
2012	Washington*
2011	Denver*, Houston*, New York Giants, San Francisco
2010	Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City*, Pittsburgh, Seattle
2009	Cincinnati, Dallas, New England, New Orleans*
2008	Arizona, Carolina, Miami*, Minnesota
2007	Green Bay, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay*
2006	Baltimore*, New Orleans*, Philadelphia*, San Diego
2005	Chicago*, Cincinnati, New York Giants, Tampa Bay*
2004	Atlanta*, Pittsburgh, San Diego*
2003	Baltimore, Carolina*, Kansas City*, New England, St. Louis Rams

\*worst to first

Competitive balance, one of the hallmarks of the NFL, gives fans hope entering each season.

In 17 of the past 19 seasons, at least one team finished in first place in its division the season after finishing in last or tied for last place. In fact, of the 50 teams in league history to go from "worst-to-first," 27 of them have done so in the past 19 years (2003-21), including an NFL-record three such teams in 2005 and 2006.

Two teams during that span, the 2009 New Orleans Saints and the 2017 Philadelphia Eagles, won the Super Bowl after finishing in last place in their division the season before.

Last year, the **CINCINNATI BENGALS** advanced to Super Bowl LVI after finishing in last place in the AFC North in 2020. They became the fifth team since 2000 to advance to the Super Bowl the season after finishing in last place in its division.

### THE TEAMS TO GO FROM "WORST-TO-FIRST" IN THEIR DIVISION SINCE 2003:

SEASON	TEAM	RECORD	PRIOR SEASON RECORD
2003	Carolina	11-5	7-9
2003	Kansas City	13-3	8-8*
2004	Atlanta	11-5	5-11
2004	San Diego	12-4	4-12*
2005	Chicago	11-5	5-11
2005	New York Giants	11-5	6-10*
2005	Tampa Bay	11-5	5-11
2006	Baltimore	13-3	6-10*
2006	New Orleans	10-6	3-13
2006	Philadelphia	10-6	6-10
2007	Tampa Bay	9-7	4-12
2008	Miami	11-5	1-15
2009	New Orleans**	13-3	8-8
2010	Kansas City	10-6	4-12
2011	Denver	8-8	4-12
2011	Houston	10-6	6-10*
2012	Washington	10-6	5-11
2013	Carolina	12-4	7-9*
2013	Philadelphia	10-6	4-12
2015	Washington	9-7	4-12
2016	Dallas	4-12	13-3
2017	Jacksonville	10-6	3-13
2017	Philadelphia**	13-3	7-9
2018	Chicago	13-3	5-11
2018	Houston	11-5	4-12*
2020	Washington	7-9	3-13
2021	Cincinnati	10-7	4-11-1

\* Tied for last place

\*\* Won Super Bowl



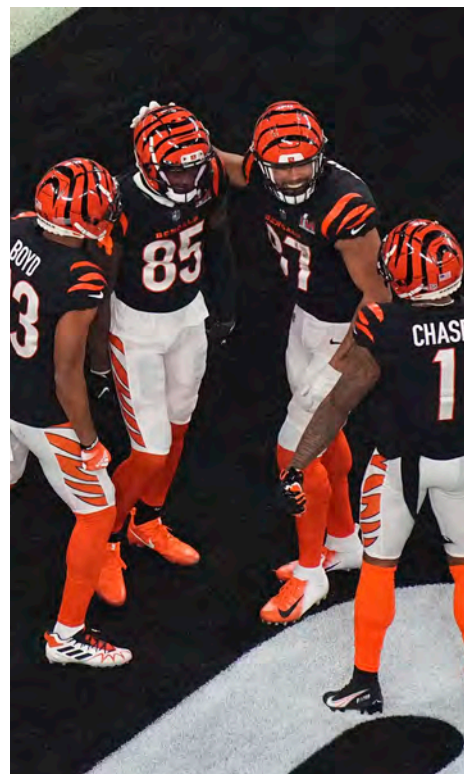
In the 20 seasons since realignment in 2002, 30 different teams have won division titles. In 2021, four divisions - AFC North (Cincinnati), NFC East (Dallas), NFC South (Tampa Bay) and NFC West (L.A. Rams) - saw a new team finish in first place.

Both the Cincinnati Bengals (AFC North) and Dallas Cowboys (NFC East) won their division after missing the postseason in 2020 and at least two teams have won their divisions the season after missing the playoffs in 18 of the past 19 years.

Cincinnati completed the "worst-to-first" turnaround, winning the AFC North the season after finishing in last place in the division. At least one team has won its division the season after finishing in or tied for last place in 17 of the past 19 seasons.

### THE MOST DIVISION TITLES AND PLAYOFF BERTHS SINCE REALIGNMENT IN 2002:

TEAM	DIVISION TITLES	PLAYOFF BERTHS
New England	16	17
Green Bay	12	15
Indianapolis	9	14
Seattle	9	14
Pittsburgh	9	13
Philadelphia	8	12
Kansas City	8	11
New Orleans	7	9
Baltimore	6	11
Dallas	6	8
Denver	6	8
Houston	6	6
Cincinnati	5	8
Carolina	5	7
L.A. Chargers	5	7
Atlanta	4	8
Tennessee	4	8
Minnesota	4	7
L.A. Rams	4	6
San Francisco	4	6
Chicago	4	5
Tampa Bay	4	5
N.Y. Giants	3	7
Washington	3	5
Arizona	3	5
Buffalo	2	4
N.Y. Jets	1	5
Jacksonville	1	3
Las Vegas	1	3
Miami	1	2
Detroit	0	3
Cleveland	0	2



AFC	W	L	T	PCT.	LONGEST WINNING STREAK	LONGEST LOSING STREAK	CURRENT STREAK
Denver	40	21	1	.656	7	4	W-1
Kansas City	35	27	0	.565	7	4	W-7
L.A. Chargers	35	27	0	.565	6	6	W-3
New England	35	27	0	.565	10	3	L-1
Pittsburgh	45	37	5	.548	8	3	W-2
Miami	30	25	1	.545	11	5	W-1
Baltimore	14	12	0	.538	5	4	L-1
Jacksonville	14	13	0	.519	6	5	L-1
Tennessee	32	30	0	.516	4	3	L-1
Houston	10	10	0	.500	5	4	W-1
Las Vegas	30	32	0	.484	5	6	W-3
Indianapolis	33	36	0	.478	8	8	L-8
Cincinnati	25	29	0	.463	4	4	W-1
N.Y. Jets	28	34	0	.452	5	5	L-3
Buffalo	26	36	0	.419	6	5	L-1
Cleveland	27	41	1	.399	5	13	L-3

NFC	W	L	T	PCT.	LONGEST WINNING STREAK	LONGEST LOSING STREAK	CURRENT STREAK
Dallas	39	22	1	.639	17	5	L-2
Green Bay	58	40	3	.592	6	6	L-1
Chicago	55	42	5	.567	9	6	L-1
Minnesota	34	26	1	.567	5	3	L-2
San Francisco	39	32	1	.549	6	3	W-1
N.Y. Giants	50	42	5	.543	4	5	L-5
Detroit	48	41	3	.539	10	4	L-2
L.A. Rams	45	39	0	.536	5	6	W-5
Atlanta	28	28	0	.500	5	4	L-4
Washington	42	44	4	.488	6	5	L-1
Philadelphia	40	47	1	.460	5	9	W-1
Arizona	42	56	3	.429	6	7	W-2
Seattle	19	27	0	.413	3	8	W-3
Tampa Bay	19	27	0	.413	3	5	W-1
Carolina	11	16	0	.407	3	5	W-1
New Orleans	20	35	0	.364	3	6	W-3

HEAD COACH	TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.
Sean McVay	L.A. Rams	5	0	0	1.000
Nick Sirianni	Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000
Brandon Staley	L.A. Chargers	1	0	0	1.000
Kliff Kingsbury	Arizona	2	0	1	.833
Doug Pederson	Jacksonville	4	1	0	.800
John Harbaugh	Baltimore	10	4	0	.714
Bill Belichick	New England	18	9	0	.667
Matt LaFleur	Green Bay	2	1	0	.667
Andy Reid	Kansas City	15	8	0	.652
Mike Tomlin	Pittsburgh	9	5	1	.633
Pete Carroll	Seattle	10	6	0	.625
Mike McCarthy	Dallas	9	6	0	.600
Sean McDermott	Buffalo	3	2	0	.600
Todd Bowles	Tampa Bay	2	2	0	.500
Josh McDaniels	Las Vegas	1	1	0	.500
Matt Rhule	Carolina	1	1	0	.500
Mike Vrabel	Tennessee	2	2	0	.500
Ron Rivera	Washington	5	6	0	.455
Lovie Smith	Houston	5	6	0	.455
Kyle Shanahan	San Francisco	2	3	0	.400
Zac Taylor	Cincinnati	1	2	0	.333
Dennis Allen	New Orleans	0	3	0	.000
Dan Campbell	Detroit	0	1	0	.000
Frank Reich	Indianapolis	0	4	0	.000
Robert Saleh	N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000
Arthur Smith	Atlanta	0	1	0	.000
Kevin Stefanski	Cleveland	0	2	0	.000
Brian Daboll	N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	--
Matt Eberflus	Chicago	0	0	0	--
Nathaniel Hackett	Denver	0	0	0	--
Mike McDaniel	Miami	0	0	0	--
Kevin O'Connell	Minnesota	0	0	0	--



SEAN MCVAY



NICK SIRIANNI



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MOST YARDS RUSHING	YARDS	ATT	LG	TD
O.J. Simpson, Buffalo vs. New England, 9/16/73	250	29	80t	2
Arian Foster, Houston vs. Indianapolis, 9/12/10	231	33	42	3
Michael Turner, Atlanta vs. Detroit, 9/7/08	220	22	66t	2
Eddie George, Tennessee vs. Oakland, 8/31/97	216	35	29t	1
George Rogers, New Orleans vs. St. Louis, 9/4/83	206	24	76t	2
Gerald Riggs, Atlanta vs. New Orleans, 9/2/84	202	35	57	2
Duce Staley, Philadelphia vs. Dallas, 9/3/00	201	26	60	1
Norm Bulaich, Baltimore vs. N.Y. Jets, 9/19/71	198	22	67t	1
Curtis Martin, N.Y. Jets vs. Cincinnati, 9/12/04	196	29	24t	1
Alan Ameche, Baltimore vs. Chicago, 9/25/55	194	21	79t	1

MOST YARDS PASSING	YARDS	ATT	COMP	TD	INT
Norm Van Brocklin, L.A. Rams vs. N.Y. Yanks, 9/28/51	554	41	27	5	2
Tom Brady, New England vs. Miami, 9/12/11	517	48	32	4	1
Dan Marino, Miami vs. New England, 9/4/94	473	42	23	5	1
Peyton Manning, Denver vs. Baltimore, 9/5/13	462	42	27	7	0
Eli Manning, N.Y. Giants vs. Dallas, 9/8/13	450	42	27	4	3
Matt Ryan, Atlanta vs. Seattle, 9/13/20	450	54	37	2	1
Matt Ryan, Atlanta vs. New Orleans, 9/7/14	448	43	31	3	0
Kurt Warner, St. Louis vs. Denver, 9/4/00	441	35	25	3	3
Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	439	45	37	3	0
<b>Derek Carr, Las Vegas vs. Baltimore, 9/13/21</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>

MOST YARDS RECEIVING	YARDS	REC	LG	TD
Frank Clarke, Dallas vs. Washington, 9/16/62	241	10	58t	3
Anquan Boldin, Arizona vs. Detroit, 9/7/03	217	10	71t	2
Hugh Taylor, Washington vs. Philadelphia, 9/28/47	212	8	62t	3
Lance Alworth, San Diego vs. Denver, 9/11/65	211	7	48	1
Irving Fryar, Miami vs. New England, 9/4/94	211	5	54t	3
Anquan Boldin, San Francisco vs. Green Bay, 9/8/13	208	13	43	1
Wes Chandler, New Orleans vs. Atlanta, 9/2/79	205	6	42	1
Don Maynard, N.Y. Jets vs. Kansas City, 9/15/68	203	8	57t	2
Marty Booker, Chicago vs. Minnesota, 9/8/02	198	8	54	1
Sammy Watkins, Kansas City vs. Jacksonville, 9/8/19	198	9	68t	3

2021 Performances in Bold

MOST YARDS RUSHING	YARDS	ATT	LG	TD
LeSean McCoy, Philadelphia vs. Washington, 9/9/13	184	31	34t	1
Marlon Mack, Indianapolis vs. L.A. Chargers, 9/8/19	174	25	63t	1
C.J. Spiller, Buffalo vs. N.Y. Jets, 9/9/12	169	14	56t	1
Carlos Hyde, San Francisco vs. Minnesota, 9/14/15	168	26	18	2
Kareem Hunt, Kansas City vs. New England, 9/17/17	148	17	58	1
DeAngelo Williams, Pittsburgh vs. Washington, 9/12/16	143	26	17	2
Matt Forte, Chicago vs. Green Bay, 9/13/15	141	24	23	1
Clyde Edwards-Helaire, Kansas City vs. Houston, 9/10/20	138	25	27t	1
James Conner, Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland, 9/9/18	135	31	22t	2
Knowshon Moreno, Miami vs. New England, 9/7/14	134	24	15	1

MOST YARDS PASSING	YARDS	ATT	COMP	TD	INT
Peyton Manning, Denver vs. Baltimore, 9/5/13	462	42	27	7	0
Eli Manning, N.Y. Giants vs. Dallas, 9/8/13	450	42	27	4	3
Matt Ryan, Atlanta vs. Seattle, 9/13/20	450	54	37	2	1
Matt Ryan, Atlanta vs. New Orleans, 9/7/14	448	43	31	3	0
Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	439	45	37	3	0
<b>Derek Carr, Las Vegas vs. Baltimore, 9/13/21</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
Philip Rivers, L.A. Chargers vs. Kansas City, 9/9/18	424	51	34	3	1
Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Oakland, 9/11/16	423	42	28	4	0
Andy Dalton, Cincinnati vs. Seattle, 9/8/19	418	35	51	2	0
Ryan Fitzpatrick, Tampa Bay vs. New Orleans, 9/9/18	417	21	28	4	0

MOST YARDS RECEIVING	YARDS	REC	LG	TD
Anquan Boldin, San Francisco vs. Green Bay, 9/8/13	208	13	43	1
Sammy Watkins, Kansas City vs. Jacksonville, 9/8/19	198	9	68t	3
<b>Tyreek Hill, Kansas City vs. Cleveland, 9/12/21</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>75t</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Deebo Samuel, San Francisco vs. Detroit, 9/12/21</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>79t</b>	<b>1</b>
Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland, 9/10/17	182	11	50	0
Jared Cook, Oakland vs. L.A. Rams, 9/10/18	180	9	45	0
A.J. Green, Cincinnati vs. New York Jets, 9/11/16	180	12	54	1
Michael Thomas, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	180	16	35	1
Willie Snead, New Orleans vs. Oakland, 9/11/16	198	8	54	1
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City vs. L.A. Chargers, 9/9/18	198	9	68t	3

2021 Performances in Bold

### THE TEAMS WITH THE BEST OPENING MONTH RECORDS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS (2012-21):

Getting off to a strong start is important.

Over the past 10 years, eight teams - **NEW ENGLAND, KANSAS CITY, GREEN BAY, DENVER, BALTIMORE, DALLAS**, the **LOS ANGELES RAMS** and **SEATTLE** - have a winning percentage of at least .600 through the season's first month. Those eight clubs have combined for 50 playoff berths and 13 Super Bowl appearances - including eight Super Bowl championships - during that span.

In 2021, the four teams to appear on Championship Weekend - **CINCINNATI, KANSAS CITY**, the **LOS ANGELES RAMS** and **SAN FRANCISCO** - began with a combined 9-4 record during the first month of the season.

AFC	W	L	T	PCT.	PLAYOFF BERTHS	SUPER BOWL BERTHS	SUPER BOWL WINS
New England	25	10	0	.714	9	4	3
Kansas City	24	10	0	.706	8	2	1
Green Bay	23	11	1	.671	8	0	0
Denver	21	12	0	.636	4	2	1
Baltimore	22	13	0	.629	5	1	1
Dallas	21	13	0	.618	4	0	0
L.A. Rams	21	13	0	.618	4	2	1
Seattle	21	13	0	.618	8	2	1

### THE TEAMS WITH THE BEST REGULAR-SEASON RECORDS OVER PAST 10 YEARS (2012-21):

Over the past 10 years, six NFL teams have a winning percentage of .600-or-higher - **NEW ENGLAND** (115-46, .714), **SEATTLE** (105-55-1, .655), **KANSAS CITY** (105-56, .652), **GREEN BAY** (103-56-2, .646), **PITTSBURGH** (99-60-2, .621) and **NEW ORLEANS** (97-64, .602). Those six clubs have combined for 44 playoff berths, eight Super Bowl appearances and five Super Bowl championships in that span.

The New England Patriots, under the guidance of head coach **BILL BELICHICK**, have the best regular season record over the past 10 years, qualifying for the postseason nine times and winning Super Bowls XLIX, LI and LIII.

"When you look at these guys and what they've done in terms of consistency, that really is the truest measure of performance," Los Angeles Rams head coach **SEAN MCVAY** said about the Patriots. "Nobody has done it better than they have over the last handful of years and that's why you have so much respect and appreciation for them."

AFC	W	L	T	PCT.	PLAYOFF BERTHS	SUPER BOWL BERTHS	SUPER BOWL WINS
New England	115	46	0	.714	9	4	3
Seattle	105	55	1	.655	8	2	1
Kansas City	105	56	0	.652	8	2	1
Green Bay	103	56	2	.646	8	0	0
Pittsburgh	99	60	2	.621	6	0	0
New Orleans	97	64	0	.602	5	0	0

During the 2021 season, 21 games went to overtime, tied with 2015 (21) and 1995 (21) for the fourth-most all-time. Only 2002 (25), 2003 (23) and 2012 (22) had more.

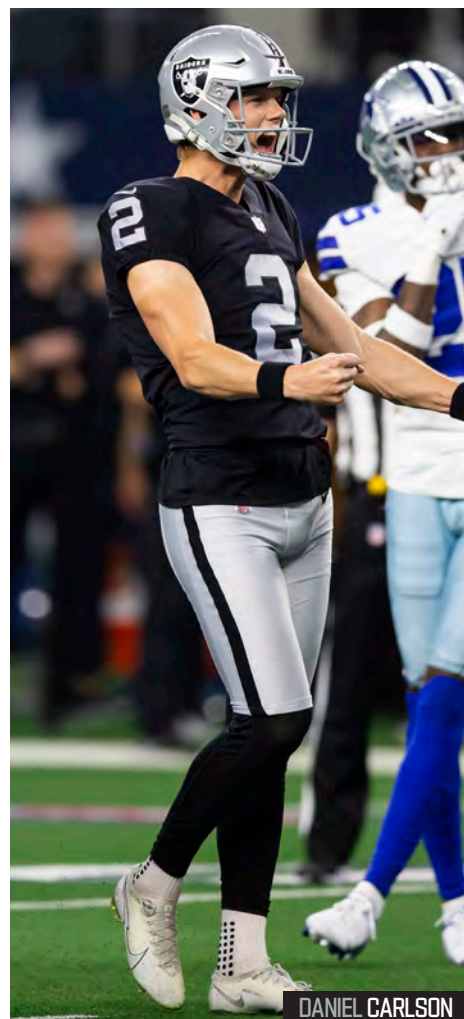
At least one game went to overtime last season in nine of the first 10 weeks for just the third time (2003 and 2010) since overtime was instituted in 1974. Week 18 featured three teams - Las Vegas, Pittsburgh and San Francisco - winning in overtime to qualify for the postseason, marking the first time since Week 18, 1993 that multiple playoff teams won in overtime in the final week of the season. Additionally, for the third time in the past four years, multiple postseason games went into overtime.

The **LAS VEGAS RAIDERS** became the second team ever to win four overtime games in a single season, joining the 2011 Arizona Cardinals, while kicker **DANIEL CARLSON** converted all five of his overtime field goal attempts, the most made overtime field goals in a single season all-time.

**BALTIMORE** also appeared in four overtime contests last year while **CINCINNATI**, **MINNESOTA**, **PITTSBURGH** and **TENNESSEE** each went into overtime three times.

### THE NFL TEAMS WITH THE BEST REGULAR-SEASON OVERTIME RECORDS SINCE OVERTIME WAS INSTITUTED IN 1974:

TEAM	W	L	T	WIN PCT.
Arizona	27	16	4	.617
Denver	28	18	2	.604
Washington	25	17	2	.591
N.Y. Giants	23	16	2	.585
Las Vegas	24	18	0	.571



DANIEL CARLSON

### A SAMPLING OF INDIVIDUAL REGULAR-SEASON OVERTIME RECORDS :

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS	
99 Yards	Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17 (11/10/85)
87 Yards	Teddy Bridgewater to Jarius Wright Minnesota 30, N.Y. Jets 24 (12/7/14)
82 Yards	Tom Brady to Troy Brown New England 19, Miami 13 (10/19/03)
	Brett Favre to Greg Jennings Green Bay 19, Denver 13 (10/29/07)

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PLAYS	
99 Yards	(Pass) Ron Jaworski to Mike Quick Philadelphia 23, Atlanta 17 (11/10/85)
	(Punt return) Patrick Peterson, Arizona 19, St. Louis Rams 13 (11/6/11)
96 Yards	(Run) Garrison Hearst San Francisco 36, N.Y. Jets 30 (9/6/98)
	(Kickoff return) Chad Morton N.Y. Jets 37, Buffalo 31 (9/8/02)

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN	
96 Yards	Garrison Hearst San Francisco 36, N.Y. Jets 30 (9/6/98)
60 Yards	Herschel Walker Dallas 23, New England 17 (11/15/87)
50 Yards	Rashard Mendenhall Pittsburgh 15, Atlanta 9 (9/12/10)

LONGEST FIELD GOAL	
59 Yards	Chandler Catanzaro, Tampa Bay 26, Cleveland 23 (10/21/18)
58 Yards	Harrison Butker Kansas City 23, L.A. Chargers 20 (9/20/20)
57 Yards	Sebastian Janikowski Oakland Raiders 16, N.Y. Jets 13 (10/19/08)

Below is a list of the estimated round-trip distance for every regular-season road game, including international games, for each team in 2022.

TEAM		MILES
1.	Seattle	29,446
2.	Denver	27,398
3.	Jacksonville	25,534
4.	Miami	25,178
5.	New Orleans	24,976
6.	Tampa Bay	23,764
7.	Los Angeles Chargers	23,266
8.	San Francisco	20,792
9.	Las Vegas	20,734
10.	New York Giants	20,614
11.	Arizona	19,616
12.	Dallas	19,566
13.	New England	18,944
14.	Minnesota	18,360
15.	Green Bay	17,794
16.	Los Angeles Rams	17,204

- o The total distance traveled by all teams during the regular season will be 557,988 miles.
- o The teams from the AFC West (88,144) have the highest combined mileage total of all divisions.
- o The remaining division totals ranking from highest to lowest are the NFC West (87,058), NFC South (80,882), AFC East (74,260), AFC South (68,502), NFC East (67,790), NFC North (54,588) and AFC North (36,764).
- o Four teams - the **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** (29,446), **DENVER BRONCOS** (27,398), **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** (25,534) and **MIAMI DOLPHINS** (25,178) - will "travel around the world" at least once. A trip around the globe is 25,000 miles.
- o **DALLAS**, **DETROIT** and the **L.A. RAMS** begin the 2022 season with back-to-back home games. **INDIANAPOLIS**, **NEW ENGLAND** and **TAMPA BAY** start the 2022 season with road games in Weeks 1 and 2.
- o Seven teams finish the 2022 season with back-to-back home games: **ATLANTA**, **CINCINNATI**, **GREEN BAY**, **LAS VEGAS**, **PHILADELPHIA**, **SEATTLE** and **WASHINGTON**.
- o Seven teams finish the 2022 season with back-to-back road games: **ARIZONA**, **CAROLINA**, **CLEVELAND**, **DALLAS**, **L.A. RAMS**, **MINNESOTA** and **N.Y. JETS**.

TEAM		MILES
17.	Kansas City	16,746
18.	Carolina	16,494
19.	Houston	16,224
20.	New York Jets	16,154
21.	Atlanta	15,648
22.	Indianapolis	14,260
23.	Buffalo	13,984
24.	Philadelphia	13,940
25.	Washington	13,670
26.	Tennessee	12,484
27.	Cincinnati	10,836
28.	Chicago	10,086
29.	Cleveland	9,986
30.	Baltimore	9,500
31.	Detroit	8,348
32.	Pittsburgh	6,442

### THREE-GAME ROAD TRIPS DURING THE 2022 SEASON

TEAM	WEEKS	OPPONENTS
Green Bay	7-9	WAS, BUF, DET
Kansas City	13-15	CIN, DEN, HOU
Miami	13-15	SF, LAC, BUF
Philadelphia	14-16	NYG, CHI, DAL

### THREE-GAME HOME STANDS DURING THE 2022 SEASON

TEAM	WEEKS	OPPONENTS
N.Y. Giants	2-4	CAR, DAL, CHI
Tampa Bay	3-5	GB, KC, ATL
Carolina	3-5	NO, ARI, SF
L.A. Rams	5-8^	DAL, CAR, SF
Minnesota	11-13	DAL, NE, NYJ
San Francisco	12-14	NO, MIA, TB
Dallas	12-14	NYG, IND, HOU
Detroit	12-14	BUF, JAX, MIN
Chicago	13-16^	GB, PHI, BUF

^includes bye week in span

TEAM	WIN PCT.	W	L	T	GAMES VS. TEAMS WITH .500+ WIN PCT. IN 2021	GAMES VS. 2021 PLAYOFF TEAMS
Los Angeles Rams	0.567	164	125	0	12	10
Arizona Cardinals	0.543	157	132	0	11	9
Cincinnati Bengals	0.536	154	133	2	10	8
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0.535	154	134	1	10	8
San Francisco 49ers	0.533	154	135	0	10	7
Kansas City Chiefs	0.533	154	135	0	12	9
Las Vegas Raiders	0.528	152	136	1	12	8
New Orleans Saints	0.528	152	136	1	9	9
Atlanta Falcons	0.524	151	137	1	10	7
Los Angeles Chargers	0.519	150	139	0	10	8
Seattle Seahawks	0.517	149	139	1	11	9
Carolina Panthers	0.512	147	140	2	9	7
Pittsburgh Steelers	0.512	148	141	0	10	7
Buffalo Bills	0.512	147	140	2	10	8
Denver Broncos	0.509	147	142	0	11	8
New England Patriots	0.498	143	144	2	10	7
New York Jets	0.495	142	145	2	9	7
Cleveland Browns	0.495	142	145	2	10	7
Houston Texans	0.488	141	148	0	10	6
Minnesota Vikings	0.484	139	148	2	10	7
Miami Dolphins	0.481	138	149	2	9	8
Green Bay Packers	0.478	137	150	2	8	7
Baltimore Ravens	0.474	136	151	2	9	7
Chicago Bears	0.471	135	152	2	8	7
Tennessee Titans	0.471	136	153	0	10	7
Jacksonville Jaguars	0.469	135	153	1	9	6
Indianapolis Colts	0.469	135	153	1	9	8
Detroit Lions	0.467	135	154	0	7	6
New York Giants	0.465	134	154	1	7	6
Philadelphia Eagles	0.464	133	154	2	8	6
Dallas Cowboys	0.462	133	155	1	8	7
Washington Commanders	0.462	133	155	1	8	7

## THE LAST TIME IN THE REGULAR SEASON ... (2021 GAMES ARE IN BOLD)

PASSING (SINGLE GAME)	
500 YARDS	<b>525, Joe Burrow, Cincinnati vs. Baltimore, December 26, 2021</b>
7 TD PASSES	Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. New York Giants, November 1, 2015
60 ATTEMPTS	<b>64, Justin Herbert, L.A. Chargers vs. Las Vegas, January 9, 2022</b>
20 CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS	21, Baker Mayfield, Cleveland vs. Cincinnati, October 25, 2020
99-YARD TD PASS	Eli Manning to Victor Cruz, New York Giants vs. New York Jets, December 24, 2011

RECEIVING (SINGLE GAME)	
3 100-YARD GAMES, SAME TEAM	Atlanta vs. Seattle, September 13, 2020 Julio Jones, 9-157-0; Calvin Ridley 9-130-2; Russell Gage 9-114-0
300 YARDS	300, Julio Jones, Atlanta vs. Carolina, October 2, 2016
15 RECEPTIONS	<b>15, Chris Godwin, Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta, December 5, 2021</b>
4 TOUCHDOWNS	Marvin Jones, Detroit vs. Minnesota, October 20, 2019

RUSHING (SINGLE GAME)	
5 TOUCHDOWNS	6, Alvin Kamara, New Orleans vs. Minnesota, December 25, 2020
4 TOUCHDOWNS	<b>4, Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis vs. Buffalo, November 21, 2021</b>
40 ATTEMPTS	40, Shaun Alexander, Seattle vs. Green Bay, November 27, 2006
250 YARDS	253, Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis vs. Jacksonville, January 3, 2021 250, Derrick Henry, Tennessee vs. Houston, January 3, 2021
99-YARD TD RUN	Derrick Henry, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, December 6, 2018

INTERCEPTIONS (SINGLE GAME)	
4 INTERCEPTIONS	DeAngelo Hall, Washington vs. Chicago, October 24, 2010
3 INTERCEPTIONS	Andrew Adams, Tampa Bay vs. Carolina, December 2, 2018
2 TOUCHDOWNS	<b>Mike Edwards, Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta, September 19, 2021</b>
100-YARD TD RETURN	101, Justin Reid, Houston vs. Washington, November 18, 2018

SCORING (SINGLE GAME)	
8 PATS	<b>8, Greg Zuerlein, Dallas vs. Washington, December 26, 2021</b>
3 FGs, 50 YARDS OR MORE	<b>Evan McPherson, Cincinnati vs. Las Vegas, November 21, 2021</b>
60 OR MORE POINTS, TEAM	New Orleans (62) vs. Indianapolis (7), October 23, 2011
100 OR MORE POINTS, BOTH TEAMS	105, Los Angeles Rams (54) vs. Kansas City (51), November 19, 2018
SCORELESS TIE	New York Giants vs. Detroit, November 7, 1943

RETURNS (SINGLE GAME)	
2 TOUCHDOWNS	Leon Washington, Seattle vs. San Diego, September 26, 2010
2 CONSECUTIVE KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS, BOTH TEAMS	New England vs. Oakland, December 14, 2008
2 PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS	Nyheim Hines, Indianapolis vs. Carolina, December 22, 2019

## A SAMPLING OF 2022 NFL ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARY	CELEBRATION
130th	William "Pudge" Heffelfinger becomes the first professional football player (1892).
125th	The Latrobe Athletic Association football team becomes the first team to play a full season with only professional players (1897).
120th	A precursor to what would eventually become the Super Bowl called the World Series of Pro Football is played for the first time (1902).
100th	The American Professional Football Association changes its name to the National Football League (1922).
90th	The Washington franchise plays its first season. The team is founded in Boston and is called the Braves (1932).
90th	Official statistics are kept for the first time (1932).
90th	On December 18, 1932, the NFL has its first playoff game and first indoor game. Chicago's Wrigley Field is scheduled to host the game but a blizzard makes it impossible to play, and the game is moved indoors to Chicago Stadium.
90th Season	The Pittsburgh Steelers franchise plays its first season. The team is called the Pirates (1933). The Philadelphia Eagles franchise plays its first season (1933).
70th	The Pittsburgh Steelers are the last pro team to abandon the single-wing in favor of the T-formation (1952).
60th	The NFL reaches a single-network agreement with CBS for telecasting all regular-season games for \$4.65 million annually (1962).
60th Season	The Pro Football Hall of Fame is established (1963).
60th Season	The Chiefs franchise moves to Kansas City (1963).
55th	The Green Bay Packers defeat the Dallas Cowboys, 21-17, in the coldest NFL game on record: the 1967 NFL Championship dubbed forevermore as the "Ice Bowl."
55th	On August 15, 1967, Denver defeats Detroit in a preseason game, 13-7, to notch the AFL's first win over an NFL team.
50th	The Miami Dolphins complete the NFL's only perfect championship season (1972).
50th	The "Immaculate Reception" touchdown was scored in an AFC Divisional playoff game by the Pittsburgh Steelers' Franco Harris on December 23, 1972.
50th	The inbounds lines are moved closer to the center of the field so that they are 23 yards, 1 foot, 9 inches from the sidelines (1972).
35th	The first two NFL games on ESPN produce the two highest-rated and most-watched sports programs in basic cable history (1987).
20th	The NFL kicks off the season on Thursday night for the first time (2002).
20th	The Houston Texans franchise is founded (2002).
15th	The first regular season game is played in London, as the New York Giants defeat the Miami Dolphins 13-10 at Wembley Stadium (2007).
15th	The New England Patriots become the first team to complete a perfect regular season since the league expanded to a 16-game season (2007).
5th	The Chargers exercised their option to move from San Diego to Los Angeles, beginning with the 2017 season.
5th	The New England Patriots overcame a 25-point deficit to defeat the Atlanta Falcons, 34-28, in Super Bowl LI, the first Super Bowl to go to overtime (2017).

Great players. Great coaches. Great plays. Arctic weather. They all combined for one of the most memorable games in NFL history.

Fifty-five years ago, the Green Bay Packers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 21-17 in the coldest NFL game on record: the 1967 NFL Championship dubbed forevermore as the "Ice Bowl."

The Cowboys came to Green Bay as upstarts seeking their first NFL title and had the momentum of a 52-14 win over the Cleveland Browns in the Eastern Conference Championship Game the week before. In addition, the Cowboys had gained experience from their narrow 34-27 loss to Green Bay in the 1966 NFL Championship when quarterback **DON MEREDITH**'s possible game-tying pass was intercepted in the end zone with 28 seconds remaining.

Green Bay entered the contest as two-time defending NFL champions, vying to become the first team in league history to win three consecutive championships since the playoff system was instituted in 1933. But the Packers were not the same club that had dominated the league in the early and mid-1960s. They were older, had struggled to a 9-4-1 record, and were without future Pro Football Hall of Fame running backs **PAUL HORNUNG** (retired) and **JIM TAYLOR** (with New Orleans) for the first time. Packers quarterback **BART STARR** knew his team was in for a stiff challenge.



"Coach (**VINCE**) **LOMBARDI** was quick to point out all week long how good the Cowboys were and what respect he had for them," said Starr. "We had seen the year before when they were a younger team how well they had played against us in the championship game down in Dallas. We knew this was going to be a special game and it was."

What was already a great matchup was made more intriguing by the sub-zero temperature. The official game-time temperature was 13 degrees below zero with the wind chill at minus 48 degrees. It was - and remains - the coldest game in NFL history.

"It was 20 degrees the day before," said Cowboys head coach **TOM LANDRY**. "It was great. Vince (Lombardi) and I were together that night and we talked about how good the conditions were and what a great game it would be."

But a cold front was moving in, and by the next morning, it had arrived.

"The operator said, 'It's 7:30 AM and 19 below,'" said Cowboys linebacker **LEE ROY JORDAN**. "I got up out of bed, looked out the window and saw 40 other guys staring out in disbelief. It was cold."

"We weren't prepared for that kind of cold," said **JIM TUNNEY**, who served as the alternate referee for the game and patrolled the Packers' sidelines. "We went out that morning and roused the store owners out of bed. We got more thermals and gloves."

When the teams arrived at the stadium, they found the field nearly frozen. A layer of condensation had built up between the field and the covering tarpaulin the night before. When the tarpaulin was removed and the field was exposed to the bitter cold, it froze.

"Astroturf was like a pillow compared to this," said Packers running back **CHUCK MERCEIN**.

The Packers began the game like two-time defending champions. Starr hit wide receiver **BOYD DOWLER** with an eight-yard touchdown pass to give Green Bay a 7-0 first-quarter lead. In the second quarter on third-and-one, Starr connected with Dowler again, this time for a 46-yard touchdown and a 14-0 advantage.

But the Cowboys began adjusting to the cold and came to life in the second quarter.

"After you forget about how cold it is and all the other things that are going through your mind, you just figure you've got to go play football," said Cowboys cornerback **CORNELL GREEN**. "They weren't going to cancel the game or call it off so you better get it in, try to play and try to win. That's when we started playing better."

The Dallas defense stepped up. Defensive end **GEORGE ANDRIE** recovered a Starr fumble and returned it seven yards for a touchdown, cutting the Packers' lead to 14-7. Another Green Bay fumble led to a second Dallas score - a 21-yard field goal by kicker **DANNY VILLANUEVA**. The Cowboys had stormed back and trailed by only 14-10 at halftime.

Despite the freezing temperatures, 50,861 fans braved the cold. The game was a sellout.

"The fans were tough to stay out there and watch that game," said Green. "I have to give them a lot of credit. There's some tough people in Green Bay."

When the second half began, the Cowboys continued their defensive dominance and stifled the Packers. The Dallas offense started to move the ball and was poised for a score at the beginning of the fourth quarter. Running back **DAN REEVES** took a handoff, ran to his left, stopped to throw and hit a wide-open **LANCE RENTZEL** for a 50-yard touchdown and the Cowboys' first lead of the game, 17-14.

"It was a difficult play," said Landry. "I don't think the Packers expected it. They didn't expect that we would throw a pass like that. It was a big play and it put us into position to win the game."

It was the biggest play of the game to that point. But Green Bay wasn't finished.

After playing 37:15 without scoring, the Packers found themselves down to their last chance. With 5:04 remaining in the game and trailing 17-14, Green Bay received a punt at its own 32-yard line and began one of the greatest touchdown drives in NFL history. A third NFL championship awaited 68 yards away.

"We were ready on that last drive," said Starr. "We were totally focused on what we needed to do in order to go down and win the ballgame. As I looked into the eyes of my teammates, I knew all I had to do was call the play."

And to add that last bit of incentive, linebacker **RAY NITSCHKE** roared from the sidelines, "Don't let me down! Don't let me down!"

On first down, Starr passed to running back **DONNY ANDERSON** for six yards. Mercein ran around right end for seven. Starr completed his second pass of the drive to Dowler for 13 yards. The Packers had crossed midfield, but on the next play, Anderson lost nine yards on a handoff. Starr regained those yards with a 12-yard pass to Anderson, but now faced third-and-seven at the Dallas 39.



"One thing most people don't know about that game," said Starr, "was the excellent awareness of our two running backs, Anderson and Mercein. Twice during the final drive, they made me aware that they were open as secondary receivers."

Starr completed his fourth pass of the drive to Anderson for nine yards and a first down. On the next play, he connected with a wide-open Mercein in the left flat who then ran to the Dallas 11 for a 19-yard gain. It was Starr's final pass of the game. He finished a perfect five-for-five on the drive.

On the next play, with 1:11 remaining, Starr called "30 Give." Tackle **BOB SKORONSKI** opened a hole with a powerful block and Mercein charged through the middle to the three-yard line for a gain of eight.

"It is the best play I ever called in my career," said Starr. "It's hard to explain why we had not run it before that. I just didn't feel that the time was correct, but at that moment I knew it was the play to call."

Anderson took a handoff and gained two yards to give the Packers a first-and-goal at the one-yard line with 30 seconds remaining. Starr handed off to Anderson again, but he slipped and fell short of the goal line. They tried the same play again and got the same result.

Starr called the Packers' final timeout and asked his linemen if they had enough footing to run "31 Wedge." They said they did. "31 Wedge" was put into the Packers' playbook by Lombardi during the week after guard **JERRY KRAMER** had noticed a weakness in the Cowboys' short-yardage defense and suggested the play.

On the sidelines, Starr suggested to Lombardi that he run it instead of the backs because of the poor traction. Lombardi replied, "Then run it and let's get the hell out of here."

When the ball was snapped, Kramer and Bowman plowed into Cowboys defensive tackle **JETHRO PUGH**, opened a hole and Starr lunged through for the game-winning touchdown and a third consecutive NFL championship.

"I understood my responsibility," said Kramer. "If I don't get a great block, we don't do it. I understood perfectly."

"I don't know if the execution on that drive, under those conditions, will ever be surpassed," said Packers tackle **FORREST GREGG**.

The Cowboys had time to try some desperation passes, but they all fell incomplete. The "Ice Bowl" was over. Packers 21, Cowboys 17. The Green Bay Packers were NFL champions again. They went on to win Super Bowl II two weeks later in somewhat warmer conditions in Miami, Florida.

"What that game meant was unbelievable," said Starr. "We had fought through a very tough year. We won two consecutive championships prior to that and to have it come down to such brutal conditions and to win it in that fashion, from our perspective, we think it was the greatest game of all time."

## DECEMBER 31, 1967

### ICE BOWL SCORING

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Dallas	0	10	0	7	17
Green Bay	7	7	0	7	21

GB: Dowler 8 pass from Starr (Chandler kick), 1st

GB: Dowler 46 pass from Starr (Chandler kick), 2nd

Dal: Andrie 7 fumble return (Villanueva kick), 2nd

Dal: FG Villanueva 21, 2nd

Dal: Rentzel 50 pass from Reeves (Villanueva kick), 4th

GB: Starr 1 run (Chandler kick), 4th



It is fitting that the only team to achieve perfection in NFL history has a keepsake from that season that is special. The 1972 **MIAMI DOLPHINS'** championship ring features one large diamond to represent their Super Bowl VII victory surrounded by 16 smaller diamonds - symbolizing the 16 victories it took to get there. In addition, one side of the ring is inscribed "Perfect Season" in honor of the club's unprecedented 17-0 championship season.

"That season is special because nobody has ever done it," said the team's Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback **BOB GRIESE**, of the Dolphins' "Perfect Season," whose 50th anniversary will be celebrated this year.

"It was the ultimate victory," said **DON SHULA**, the Dolphins' head coach from 1970-95, the winningest coach in NFL history (347 victories) and a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. "It was so special because it was my first Super Bowl win and to have it come with a team that accomplished what that team accomplished made it all the more memorable."

But the road to the Super Bowl was not always smooth. In the fifth game of the season, the club lost Griese to an injury in the first quarter. Backup **EARL MORRALL** came in and threw two scoring passes in Miami's 24-10 win over San Diego. The 38-year-old Morrall started the next 11 games for the Dolphins.



"When I was coaching the Colts in 1968, Earl came on when **JOHNNY UNITAS** got hurt and did a great job to get us to the Super Bowl," Shula recalled. "When he became available, I didn't hesitate to bring him down to Miami as insurance for Griese. Earl just stepped in and gave us great confidence in the games that he started."

While Morrall's leadership was essential, it was the Dolphins' ground game which carried the offensive load.

**LARRY CSONKA** (1,117) and **MERCURY MORRIS** (1,000) comprised the first teammate duo in NFL history to each reach the 1,000-yard rushing mark in the same season. The success of the running game epitomized the team's selflessness.

"We were a very unselfish team," said former Dolphins defensive tackle **MANNY FERNANDEZ**. "A lot of players sacrificed their personal ambitions for the good of the team. **PAUL WARFIELD**, for example, was playing for a team that threw him the ball three times per game. In today's game he would be the 'go-to guy' with 10 passes a week going to him. He was more than willing to take that backseat to become a blocker in the running game."



Warfield, the Hall of Fame receiver who led the '72 Dolphins with 606 receiving yards - a total lower than in any of his previous six seasons - agreed with Fernandez' assessment. "The success of the team was paramount," he said. "Everyone's focus was to win and win at the highest level."

That desire to reach the highest level was fueled by failure one year earlier. "The drive for the whole season was the Super Bowl VI loss to Dallas," said Griese. "There was nothing that was going to stop us from going to the Super Bowl and winning it."

"Our 17-0 happened because the Miami Dolphins football team had something to prove," Warfield added. "We were humiliated in Super Bowl VI and when we came to training camp in 1972, our objective was to get back to the Super Bowl and to reinforce in our own minds - as well as those of the fans across the country - that we were a better football team."

"It was a very well-balanced team," said Fernandez, who posted 10 tackles and one sack in the Super Bowl while playing for the team's unsung defense, aptly called the "No-Name" defense.

"The 'No-Name' defense took pride in the 11-man concept," said Shula of a unit which allowed an NFL season-low 171 points.

It was a concept embraced by the entire team. "The group was the essence of the word team," said Warfield. "That is why we accomplished something that no one else has ever accomplished, and perhaps, something that no other team will ever accomplish in the history of this game."



"To me," said Shula, "every team is separate and distinct. I have always felt that the reason you keep scores and the reason you keep records is to make determinations. Nobody has done what this team has done."

### 1972 DOLPHINS "DID YOU KNOW?"

- o The 1972 Miami Dolphins played the AFC Championship Game on the road at Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh due to a rotating playoff site system. "We were a team that had more wins than anyone else and we had to take our show on the road," said Warfield.
- o "The game I remember most," recalled Shula, "is the (October 1) Minnesota game." The Dolphins trailed the Vikings 14-6 in the fourth quarter. "We needed 10 points to win it," Shula said. "I chose to go for the field goal first and **GARO YEPREMIAN** kicked a 51-yarder. Then we had to get the ball back, which we did, and we drove down for the touchdown. We needed those points and we got them."

The man who pulled it off wasn't where he was supposed to be. Two others involved didn't even see it. The fourth participant didn't believe it happened - legally, that is. And the man who would have been thrilled to see it was staring at elevator doors.

Pittsburgh Steelers running back **FRANCO HARRIS**, fullback **FRENCHY FUQUA**, and quarterback **TERRY BRADSHAW**, former Oakland Raiders safety **JACK TATUM** and Steelers owner **ART ROONEY** were the main players in a moment that may be the most memorable in the history of the National Football League - the "Immaculate Reception" touchdown scored in the AFC Divisional Playoff game by the rookie Harris that magically occurred 50 years ago on December 23, 1972.

**The Participants** - The Oakland Raiders, 1972 champions of the AFC Western Division with a 10-3-1 record, traveled to Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh to face the 11-3 AFC Central champion Steelers in the Divisional Playoff game. It was the Steelers' second playoff contest in their 40-year history. In 1947, they lost their first postseason game to Philadelphia 21-0.

"The Immaculate Reception," said Harris, "was really the start of a great decade for the Pittsburgh Steelers." Pittsburgh would collect four Super Bowl titles in six years during the 1970s.

**The Prologue** - With 50,350 fans - many of whom had attended a raucous pep rally the night before directly across the street from the Raiders' Hilton Hotel - looking on, the teams maneuvered to a relatively quiet first half.



Eleven minutes into the fourth quarter, the Steelers were up 6-0 thanks to two **ROY GERELA** field goals. That is where things got interesting. With three-and-a-half minutes left in the game, Oakland rookie quarterback **KENNY STABLER**, taking over for a flu-weakened **DARYLE LAMONICA**, took the Raiders 80 yards in a 12-play sequence that culminated with a 30-yard touchdown run.

After the kickoff, the Steelers were at their own 20 with 1:13 left.

**The Play** - After completing his first two passes, Bradshaw threw three consecutive incomplete passes before he was faced with a fourth-and-10 play from his own 40-yard line with 22 seconds left. After desperately scrambling in the pocket, Bradshaw rifled a pass to fullback Fuqua.

All three - Fuqua, Tatum and the ball - collided. "I hit him and I thought the game was ours," said Tatum. "I looked down at him on the ground and he didn't have the ball."

The ball had rebounded like a rubber ball off a house, and headed straight for Harris. He was supposed to be in the backfield protecting Bradshaw, but he leaked out and tried to get open when he noticed the quarterback looking for a receiver.

"I saw Frenchy and Tatum go up," said Harris. "I saw the ball go up in the air and I said 'Oh no!' But then I saw the ball coming toward me and I figured we're not out of this yet."

The ball caromed nearly eight yards backwards and was caught in full stride by Harris, a mere hair's length away from the artificial turf at Three Rivers Stadium. Harris rumbled 60 yards for a touchdown and was surrounded by fans as he entered the end zone.

**The Postscript** - There was no signal by referee **FRED SWEARINGEN** on whether the touchdown counted. Both teams - and fans - ran onto the field, trying to find out what had happened, and what was going to be ruled. There were still 15 seconds to go in the game.

The lingering question surrounding the play was whom did the ball carom off of: Fuqua or Tatum? The 1972 NFL rulebook stated "If a defensive player touches a pass first, or simultaneously with or subsequent to its having been touched by only one eligible offensive player, then all offensive players become and remain eligible."

The Raiders said the ball bounced from Fuqua to Harris. "I came up and hit him from behind, and there wasn't any way I could have made contact with that ball," Tatum said.

After a conference with the officiating crew, Swearingen disappeared into a dugout, and got on the phone to the press box to speak to **ART McNALLY**, the NFL supervisor of officials. Swearingen said to McNally: "Two of my men ruled that the ball was touched by opposing players (Tatum and Fuqua), and caught by Harris," and that therefore the reception was legal, as was the touchdown. He then put the receiver down, ran back to the field, and signaled ... touchdown! And 50,350 fans erupted.

Prior to the miraculous play and expecting a Steelers loss, Rooney, who purchased the team for \$2,500 in 1933, snuffed out his cigar and entered an elevator for the long journey down to the field. By the time he reached the field, his club had completed the most improbable play in team history.



After the game, Fuqua approached Rooney and told him exactly what transpired during the play. Fuqua then asked Rooney if he could say what really happened during the play. Fuqua said, "Chief, I want to tell what happened so bad. What do you think?"

Rooney replied, "Frenchy, let it stay immaculate."

## DECEMBER 23, 1972

### THE "IMMACULATE RECEPTION" SCORING

TEAM	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Oakland Raiders	0	0	0	7	7
Pittsburgh Steelers	0	0	3	10	13

Pit: FG Gerela 18, 3rd

Pit: FG Gerela 29, 4th

Oak: Stabler 30 run (Blanda kick), 4th

Pit: Harris 60 pass from Bradshaw (Gerela kick), 4th

Los Angeles Rams quarterback **NORM "THE DUTCHMAN" VAN BROCKLIN** entered the 1951 season entrenched in a duel for the starting position with veteran **BOB WATERFIELD**. A Waterfield injury sidelined the incumbent quarterback prior to the season opener against the New York Yanks on September 28 and opened the door for Van Brocklin to show his worth. He took advantage of the opportunity by producing the most prolific passing performance in NFL history. Van Brocklin threw for an NFL-record 554 yards in a 54-14 rout of the Yanks at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback tossed five touchdowns and completed 27 of 41 passes.

"It's the finest exhibition of passing I've ever seen," said Rams coach **JIMMY PHELAN** after the game. "Van Brocklin was hitting them in the eye practically every time he threw the ball."

Van Brocklin, who passed away in 1983, remained subdued about the performance. "Everything I threw seemed to be caught and run for a long gain," he said.

The Rams' **TOM FEARS** averaged 23.1 yards on his seven catches and **ELROY "CRAZYLEGS" HIRSCH** averaged 19.2 yards on nine receptions. Los Angeles amassed an NFL-record 735 total yards and 34 first downs.

"They don't need me out here anymore," said Waterfield after the game. The two quarterbacks would split time for the rest of the season as the Rams captured the 1951 NFL Championship.

Van Brocklin's record has stood for the past 71 years. Quarterbacks **MATT SCHAUB** and **WARREN MOON** have come the closest to breaking Van Brocklin's mark. In 2012, Schaub, then with the Houston Texans, passed for 527 yards against Jacksonville on November 18, while Moon had a 527-yard day for the Houston Oilers against Kansas City on December 16, 1990.



### THE TOP PASSING PERFORMANCES IN VARIOUS LEVELS OF FOOTBALL:

LEAGUE	QUARTERBACK	DATE	PERFORMANCE
High School	Will Grier, Davidson Day (NC)	November 9, 2012	837 yards vs. Harrells Christian (NC)
NCAA Division III	Sam Durley, Eureka	September 1, 2012	736 yards vs. Knox
NCAA Division I-A (FBS)	Connor Halliday, Washington State	October 4, 2014	734 yards vs. California
NCAA Division I-A (FBS)	Patrick Mahomes, Texas Tech	October 22, 2016	734 yards vs. Oklahoma
NCAA Division I-AA (FCS)	Taylor Heinicke, Old Dominion	September 22, 2012	730 yards vs. New Hampshire
Canadian Football League	Matt Dunigan, Winnipeg	July 14, 1994	713 yards vs. Edmonton
NCAA Division II	J.J. Harp, Eastern New Mexico	September 12, 2009	695 yards vs. Southeastern OK.
NFL	Norm Van Brocklin, L.A. Rams	September 28, 1951	554 yards vs. N.Y. Yanks

State Farm Stadium, home of the Arizona Cardinals, will host Super Bowl LVII on February 12, 2023. "We look forward to making this the most fan-friendly Super Bowl in the history of Super Bowls, and bigger and better than any Super Bowl," said Cardinals team owner Michael Bidwill.

This marks the third Super Bowl to be played at the site and the fourth time overall that Arizona hosts the Super Bowl.

THE THREE PREVIOUS SUPER BOWLS PLAYED IN ARIZONA:

SUPER BOWL	SITE	CITY	DATE	RESULT
XLIX	University of Phoenix Stadium*	Glendale	2/1/15	New England 28, Seattle 24
XLII	University of Phoenix Stadium*	Glendale	2/3/08	N.Y. Giants 17, New England 14
XXX	Sun Devil Stadium	Tempe	1/28/96	Dallas 27, Pittsburgh 17

\*previous name for State Farm Stadium

"Arizona is an unmatched destination, from the top of Camelback Mountain to the glory of the Grand Canyon, from the beauty of the desert to the pristine rivers that run through the state - the ecological richness and diversity in Arizona is unrivaled," said former Cardinals wide receiver and Executive Chair of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee Larry Fitzgerald. "I can't wait for everyone to experience what we have to offer."

State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Arizona, is one of the most unique stadiums in the NFL, as it is equipped with the first retractable natural grass playing surface and the first fully retractable roof which operates at an incline. These features allow for sporting events to be held on a natural grass field while still being indoors and enables the stadium to host different events at any given time, including in air-conditioned comfort. The fans also get to experience different desert horizon views from inside the stadium with the help of the 21 vertical glass-walled slots on the exterior of the building.

Since its completion in 2006, the stadium has received multiple recognitions including Event Site of the Year by Event Solutions Magazine in 2007, Best NFL Facility by Sports Business Journal and Sports Business Daily in 2006 and 2007, NFL's best playing surface in 2008 and Best New Venue of the 2000s by Sports Illustrated.com. It has also established itself as a multi-purpose NFL facility, hosting events like the annual Fiesta Bowl, two National College Football Championship Games, the 2017 NCAA Final Four Basketball Championship, international soccer matches, Cardinal's home games and even motorsports.

Two years ago, the Cardinals began upgrading the stadium and by the time Arizona hosts Super Bowl LVII, over \$100 million in recent renovations will have occurred in and around State Farm Stadium. "We want to make sure the building constantly feels fresh," said Bidwill. "This is what the game is about. It's about the fans."

SUPER BOWL HOST CITIES (I-LVII)

CITY/REGION	SUPER BOWLS	CITY/REGION	SUPER BOWLS
Miami/South Florida	11	Detroit	2
New Orleans	10	Minneapolis	2
Los Angeles	8	San Francisco/Bay Area	2
Tampa Bay	5	Indianapolis	1
<b>Arizona</b>	<b>4*</b>	Jacksonville	1
Atlanta	3	New York/New Jersey	1
Houston	3	North Texas	1
San Diego	3		

\*Includes Super Bowl LVII

FUTURE SUPER BOWL SITES

SUPER BOWL
<b>LVII</b> February 12, 2023 State Farm Stadium, Arizona
<b>LVIII</b> February 11, 2024* Allegiant Stadium, Las Vegas
<b>LIX</b> February 9, 2025* Caesars Superdome, New Orleans

\*tentative date

The NFL announced its 18-week, 272-game regular-season schedule for 2022, which kicks off on Thursday night, September 8, in Los Angeles and concludes with 16 division games in Week 18 - two on Saturday, January 7, and 14 on Sunday, January 8.

The 2022 NFL schedule, powered by AWS, will feature each team playing 17 regular-season games and three preseason games for the second consecutive year.

The 17th game will feature teams from opposing conferences that finished in the same standing within their respective divisions the previous season. The NFC will be the home conference for the 17th game in 2022.

The NFL's 103rd season begins with the league's annual primetime kickoff game, as the defending Super Bowl Champion Los Angeles Rams host the Buffalo Bills at SoFi Stadium on Thursday, September 8 (8:20 PM ET, NBC).

Week 1 continues Sunday, September 11, with a double-doubleheader featuring four Sunday afternoon games in every market, highlighted by reigning division winners and a rematch of last year's regular-season finale. On CBS at 4:25 PM ET, two 2021 playoff teams meet as Kansas City visits Arizona while Las Vegas travels to Los Angeles to face the Chargers in a rematch of last year's Week 18 overtime thriller. On FOX at 4:25 PM ET, the two No. 1 seeds from last year's postseason will be in action, as Green Bay visits Minnesota and Tennessee hosts the New York Giants.

Later that day, NBC's Sunday Night Football begins with the Dallas Cowboys hosting the Tampa Bay Buccaneers (8:20 PM ET) at AT&T Stadium, in a rematch of last year's exciting kickoff game.

Kickoff Weekend concludes on Monday, September 12, with ESPN/ABC's Monday Night Football, featuring Russell Wilson and the Denver Broncos traveling to Seattle to face the Seahawks (8:15 PM ET), where Wilson spent the first 10 years of his career and helped the Seahawks win Super Bowl XLVIII. He can become the fifth quarterback in NFL history to win at least 100 games with one franchise and face that team later in his career.

ESPN will televise one game each Monday night in Weeks 1-17 and will be simulcast on ABC in Weeks 1, 3, 15 and 17. In Week 2, there will be two games on Monday night as Buffalo hosts Tennessee on ESPN (7:15 PM ET) while Minnesota visits Philadelphia on ABC (8:30 PM ET). There will be no Monday night game on the final regular-season weekend (Week 18) to provide more flexibility for the scheduling of the opening weekend of the NFL playoffs.

Additionally, ESPN/ABC will air two games with playoff implications on the Saturday of Week 18, January 7. These games will be selected following the conclusion of Week 17.

Thursday Night Football will air exclusively on Prime Video, kicking off its slate in Week 2 as the Kansas City Chiefs host the Los Angeles Chargers (8:15 PM ET). Prime Video will broadcast 15 Thursday Night Football games between Weeks 2-17 (excluding Thanksgiving night).

Thursday, Saturday and Monday night games will kick off at 8:15 PM ET. Sunday night games will kick at 8:20 PM ET. Once again this season, all 32 clubs will have at least one nationally televised game.



A select number of games will be "cross-flexed," moving between CBS and FOX to bring potentially under-distributed games to wider audiences. Some of those contests were announced today and other "cross-flexed" games will be decided during the season.

NFL Network will exclusively televise seven games (three international games, three games in Week 15 on Saturday, December 17 and the Las Vegas Raiders visiting the Pittsburgh Steelers on Saturday, December 24 [8:15 PM ET]).

The NFL schedule features five international regular-season games - three in the UK, the first-ever NFL regular-season game in Germany and one in Mexico. Last year, as part of the League's expansion of the regular season to 17 games, it was determined that, beginning with the 2022 season, up to four of the teams from the conference whose teams were eligible for a ninth regular-season home game would instead be designated to play a neutral-site international game each year.

The international series kicks off with games on back-to-back weekends at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London, as New Orleans and Minnesota meet in Week 4 (9:30 AM ET, NFL Network) followed by Green Bay and the New York Giants in Week 5 (9:30 AM ET, NFL Network). The first international game on the 2022 schedule will mark the 100th game in league history (preseason and regular-season combined) played outside the United States.

In Week 8 (9:30 AM ET, ESPN+), the London action shifts to Wembley Stadium, where the Jacksonville Jaguars will face the Denver Broncos. In Week 10 (9:30 AM ET, NFL Network), the first-ever regular-season NFL game in Germany will take place at Allianz Arena - Home of FC Bayern Munich between Tampa Bay and Seattle. The 2022 international slate wraps up with a return to Mexico City in Week 11 on Monday Night Football (8:15 PM ET, ESPN) with a matchup between NFC West rivals San Francisco and Arizona at Estadio Azteca.

Thanksgiving will feature a tripleheader on Thursday, November 24. The first game will feature the Buffalo Bills traveling to Detroit to face the Lions (12:30 PM ET, CBS). The late afternoon game will match two NFC East rivals, as the New York Giants visit the Dallas Cowboys (4:30 PM ET, FOX). The Thanksgiving Day festivities conclude with an interconference matchup as the Patriots travel to Minnesota to face the Vikings on NBC (8:20 PM ET).

Week 16 begins with Thursday Night Football on December 22, followed by 11 games on Saturday, December 24, the first-ever Christmas tripleheader on Sunday, December 25, and finishes with Monday Night Football on December 26. The Christmas Day tripleheader features Green Bay at Miami at 1:00 PM ET (FOX), Denver at the Los Angeles Rams at 4:30 PM ET (CBS/Nickelodeon) and Tampa Bay at Arizona at 8:20 PM ET (NBC).

The regular season will conclude with Week 18 on Saturday, January 7, and Sunday, January 8. For the 13th consecutive year, all 16 games scheduled for the final week of the season are division contests, enhancing the potential for more games with playoff ramifications.

For the second time ever, the NFL's 32 teams will each play 17 games over 18 weeks. Byes will begin in Week 6 and end in Week 14.

The NFL will honor two historic anniversaries during the 2022 season:

- o In Week 7 on Sunday Night Football (8:20 PM ET, NBC), the Dolphins welcome the Steelers and will honor the 50th anniversary of their undefeated 1972 season, when they went a perfect 17-0, including a victory over Pittsburgh in the AFC Championship game en route to the Super Bowl VII title.
- o In Week 16 on Saturday, December 24 (8:15 PM ET, NFL Network), the Steelers host the Raiders, 50 years after the "Immaculate Reception" occurred during the AFC Divisional playoffs on December 23, 1972.
- o Additional 2022 schedule notes:
- o Twelve games will be Super Bowl rematches, including two of the past three Super Bowls: Kansas City at Tampa Bay (Week 4, Super Bowl LV) and Kansas City at San Francisco (Week 7, Super Bowl LIV).

- o Ten 2022 games are rematches of the 2021 playoffs, including the Kansas City Chiefs visiting the Cincinnati Bengals in Week 13 (4:25 PM ET, CBS), a rematch of the AFC Championship Game.
- o In Week 17 on Sunday Night Football (8:20 PM ET, NBC), the Chargers will play host to the Rams in the first regular-season meeting between the two clubs at SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles.
- o The top two picks in the 2022 NFL Draft, Travon Walker and Aidan Hutchinson, are scheduled to meet in Week 13 when the Jacksonville Jaguars travel to play the Detroit Lions (1:00 PM ET, FOX).

This season, "Flexible scheduling" for Sunday night may be used twice between Weeks 5-10, and during Weeks 11-15 and Week 17. In weeks of the season eligible for "flexible scheduling," the games listed for the Sunday night window are tentative and subject to change. Only Sunday afternoon games are eligible to be moved to Sunday night, in which case the tentatively scheduled Sunday night game would be moved to a Sunday afternoon.

In Week 15, three of five designated matchups will be played on Saturday with the remainder to be played on Sunday. Specific dates and start times for the designated Week 15 matchups will be determined and announced at a later date during the season.

In Week 18, two games will be played on Saturday (4:30 PM ET and 8:15 PM ET) with the remainder to be played on Sunday afternoon (1:00 PM ET and 4:25 PM ET) and one matchup to be played on Sunday night (8:20 PM ET). Specific dates, start times, and networks for Week 18 matchups will be determined and announced following the conclusion of Week 17.

Introduced in 2020 and continuing for a third-consecutive year, a total of 14 teams - seven each in the American and National Football Conferences - will make the postseason. The No. 1 seed in each conference will receive a bye in the Wild Card round. The remaining division champions in each conference with the best records will be seeded 2, 3, and 4, followed by the next three teams per conference with the best records seeded 5, 6, and 7.

Since 1990 - a streak of 32 consecutive seasons - at least four new teams have qualified for the playoffs that missed the postseason the year before, including seven of the 14 playoff teams in 2021.

AFC and NFC Wild Card games will feature the 2 seed hosting the 7 seed, the 3 seed hosting the 6 seed and the 4 seed hosting the 5 seed.

Super Wild Card Weekend for the 2022 season will feature six games, starting on Saturday, January 14.

Wild Card winners join the top seeds in each conference in the Divisional Playoffs on Saturday and Sunday, January 21-22. The AFC and NFC Championship Games will be played on Sunday, January 29. The winners meet two weeks later on Sunday, February 12, in Super Bowl LVII at Arizona's State Farm Stadium (FOX), marking the first time the league's final game is played in Arizona since Super Bowl XLIX following the 2014 season.

The NFL is the only sports league that presents all regular-season and postseason games on free, over-the-air television in local markets. All postseason games are televised nationally.

**WESTWOOD ONE** is the official network radio partner of the NFL for the 36th consecutive season.



## Westwood One SPORTS

The Westwood One NFL schedule features 80 national games, including the Opening night Kickoff game, Monday Night Football, Sunday Night Football, Thursday Night Football, the Thanksgiving Day tripleheader, the International Series, late-season Saturday games, and the entire postseason, culminating with Super Bowl LVII in Arizona. This year marks the 50th time that the network will broadcast the Super Bowl to a national radio audience. Westwood One also produces weekly specialty programs, including NFL Preview, NFL Insider, NFL Sunday and NFL Fantasy Football Forecast.

**KEVIN HARLAN** and Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** will once again be the lead broadcast crew for Westwood One, calling opening night, Monday Night Football and Super Bowl LVII. This will be Harlan's 13th full season behind the microphone and Warner's ninth season as an analyst for the network. **RYAN RADTKE** and **MIKE GOLIC** will be the primary announcers for Sunday Night Football, while **IAN EAGLE** and Hall of Famer **TONY BOSELLI** return as the main broadcast team for Thursday Night Football. **KEVIN KUGLER** and recently retired NFL defensive back **JASON McCOURTY** will broadcast select games on Thursday Night Football as well.

**TOM MCCARTHY**, **BRANDON GAUDIN**, **SPERO DEDES**, **DAVE PASCH** and **BILL ROSINSKI** will also serve as play-by-play announcers for the national package. Other game analysts this season will include Hall of Famer **JAMES LOFTON**, **ROSS TUCKER**, **RYAN HARRIS**, **RYAN LEAF**, **BEN LEBER**, **DEREK RACKLEY** and **RON JAWORSKI**.

NFL Network's **RICH EISEN** returns to anchor the pregame and halftime shows of Monday Night Football. Scott Graham will once again be the host for the pregame/halftime/postgame portions of all the remaining games in the national radio package.

Westwood One's NFL game broadcasts can be heard on over 500 radio stations across the United States, as well as on SiriusXM, [westwoodonesports.com](https://www.westwoodonesports.com), and via the NFL App.

For complete information regarding Westwood One's NFL coverage, including schedules, links to listen, announcers, highlights, features, interviews and more, log on to [westwoodonesports.com](https://www.westwoodonesports.com).

This year will mark the NFL's 19th season on SiriusXM, the exclusive third-party audio provider of every NFL game across North America. Subscribers get every NFL game live on SiriusXM radio and on the SXM App, as well as SiriusXM NFL Radio, SiriusXM's 24/7 radio channel dedicated entirely to the NFL. The SXM App offers 32 NFL team channels, each dedicated to carrying the official radio broadcast for each NFL team. Starting this season, subscribers will get additional team focused content, including pre- and post-game shows.



SiriusXM NFL Radio (channel 88) offers a daily lineup of exclusive talk programming hosted by former NFL stars and radio personalities. Subscribers can also get SiriusXM NFL Radio programming on demand, allowing them to listen to their favorite shows when they want them, and giving them more chances to hear SiriusXM's exclusive programming, team preview shows, interviews with coaches, players and executives and more. For more information visit [siriusxm.com/nflonsxm](https://siriusxm.com/nflonsxm).

WEEKDAY PROGRAMMING	TIME (All times ET)	HOSTS
"The Opening Drive"	7:00-10:00 AM	Solomon Wilcotts, Ed McCaffrey, Bruce Gradkowski, Torrey Smith, Torrey Holt
"Airing It Out"	10:00 AM-Noon	Bob Papa & Charlie Weis
"The SiriusXM Blitz"	Noon-3:00 PM	Bruce Murray, Rich Gannon, Kirk Morrison, Bruce Gradkowski
"The SiriusXM Blitz with Brett Favre"	11:00 AM - Noon Tuesdays	Brett Favre and Bruce Murray
"Movin' the Chains"	3:00-7:00 PM	Jim Miller, Pat Kirwan
"Late Hits"	7:00-10:00 PM	Alex Marvez, Gil Brandt, Bill Polian
"Let's Go!" (Monday replay)	6:30 - 7:30 PM Mondays	Tom Brady, Larry Fitzgerald, Jim Gray

SATURDAY PROGRAMMING	TIME (All times ET)	HOSTS
"The Weekend Kickoff"	9:00-11:00 AM	Alex Marvez & Tim Brown
"Press Coverage"	11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Vic Carucci, Dan Leberfeld
"Movin' the Chains"	2:00 - 5:00 PM	Jim Miller & Pat Kirwan
"The End Zone"	5:00-8:00 PM	Zig Fracassi & Todd Haley
"Football Diehards"	8:00-11:00 PM	Mike Dempsey & Bob Harris

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING	TIME (All times ET)	HOSTS
"The Sunday Kickoff"	7:00 AM-9:00 AM	Alex Marvez & Brad Hopkins
"The Stadium Tailgate Show"	9:00 AM-Noon	Amber Theoharis
"The Sunday Drive"	Noon-8:00 PM	Steve Torre, Bill Lekan

The National Football League recognizes the enormous contributions former players – NFL Legends – have had in the development and success of the league. Launched in 2013, the NFL Legends Community celebrates, embraces, and connects players with each other, their teams, and the league. To date, more than 13,000 players are registered in the NFL Legends Community.



In addition to communicating available benefits and opportunities, the NFL Legends Community provides unique offerings for Legends to engage year-round, including:

- o **Legends Business Network** - The NFL Legends Business Network is a resource for NFL Legends who own a business. The directory provides elevated visibility for business opportunities within the NFL, its member clubs, partners, and the broader NFL Legends Community.
- o **Legends Coaches Network** - The NFL Legends Community Coaches Network provides Legends coaching with resources, development opportunities, and a support system for the Legend and their programs. Legends registered in the network will receive exclusive offers to virtual coaching tools and platforms. Legends can directly contribute to the NFL Way to Play platform and provide feedback to the Legends Youth Advisory Committee. The network holds events such as information sessions, coaching clinics, and coach connection events.
- o **Legends Community Directors and Coordinators** - Legends Community Directors and Coordinators lead the efforts across the country. They streamline communication and serve as a central resource for players to learn about programs and benefits available to them. They played in different eras, for multiple teams and at various positions, but they are passionate about helping their fellow Legends.

NFL LEGEND	TITLE
Chad Pennington	Legends Executive Director
Leonard Wheeler	Legends Executive Director
Garry Cobb	Legends Community Coordinator
Thomas Davis	Legends Community Player Relations Coordinator
Warrick Dunn	Legends Community Coordinator
Torry Holt	Legends Community Coordinator
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	Legends Community Coordinator
Rocket Ismail	Legends Community Coordinator
Steven Jackson	Legends Community Coordinator
Marty Moore	Legends Community Coordinator

NFL LEGEND	TITLE
Orlando Pace <sup>HOF</sup>	Legends Community Coordinator
Chester Pitts	Legends Community Coordinator
John Randle <sup>HOF</sup>	Legends Community Director
Ed Reynolds	Legends Community Director
Tony Richardson	Legends Community Coordinator
Mike Rucker	Legends Community Director
Will Shields <sup>HOF</sup>	Legends Community Director
Mack Strong	Legends Community Director
Darryl Talley	Legends Community Coordinator
Frank Winters	Legends Community Coordinator

- o **Legends Development Program** - Provides NFL Legends the opportunity to explore careers in football by gaining business experience and exposure in the New York League office. The program exposes players to opportunities in football that are not in front of the camera or in a coaching capacity.
- o **Legends Brotherhood Events** - The Legends Lounge is a free and private hospitality space open exclusively to current players and NFL Legends. Available at major NFL calendar events, it is a place for the game's greats to relax and reengage with other Legends.
- o **Legends Newsletter** - A monthly newsletter designed to keep the Legends Community informed on all upcoming offers, events, and opportunities available for them.
- o **Players Podcast** - An unscripted weekly podcast series sharing the stories and personal journeys of NFL Players and Legends. Hosted by Charles "Peanut" Tillman, guests talk about everything from their lives on and off the field, to NFL game analysis, to pop culture trends.
- o **Legends Portal** - The Legends Portal contains trustworthy information in a safe and personalized environment, while connecting all players and Legends with the benefits, programs, and resources available to them.
- o **Lunch and Learn Series** - The Legends Lunch and Learn series consists of an interactive hour-long event where Legends learn more about the Legends Community and all that is offered to them through partners and collectively bargained benefits.
- o **The Legends Welcome** - The Legends Community hosts an annual welcome event for newly retired NFL players and their families. Legends meet with different NFL departments and select partners to make them aware of all the benefits and resources available to them and to keep them connected to the game.

For more information, visit <https://operations.nfl.com/the-players/nfl-legends-community> and follow [@NFLLegends](#) to join the social conversation.

NFL Player Engagement aims to serve, equip, empower, and support the player and his entire ecosystem through the pillars of **Continuing Education**, **Financial Literacy**, **Professional Development**, and **Personal Development**.

The **Continuing Education Pillar** provides players and Legends with the tools to reach their educational goals. In partnership with colleges and universities across the country, the pillar offers individualized education plans for degree completion with undergraduate, graduate or certification programs.

The **Financial Education Pillar** provides engaging and unbiased education through programs and seminars that seek to improve the financial decision-making ability of players and Legends.

The **Professional Development Pillar** creates meaningful development opportunities for players and Legends, including football relevant onboarding and future career skills.

The **Personal Development Pillar** assists players, Legends and their families as they live healthy and fulfilling lives mentally, physically and holistically before, during, and after their playing experiences.

The Player Engagement department is also responsible for administering the rookie readiness program and mandatory player programming. This is a collaborative effort between Player Engagement, the NFL Management Council, the NFLPA, and other departments at the league office. The purpose is to ensure compliance with the CBA, policy manual, and create the most engaging and impactful educational sessions.

Heads of Player Engagement at the club level serve as a key resource in assisting players with their off-field professional development during and beyond their NFL experiences. With a relationship predicated on trust, the Head of Player Engagement can be critical to the team's success in managing players and providing support to their families.

For more information on NFL Player Engagement, visit <https://operations.nfl.com/the-players/nfl-player-engagement/>.

**MATHEW SLATER WINS ART ROONEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

New England Patriots wide receiver **MATTHEW SLATER** was voted the winner of the **2021 ART ROONEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**, which recognizes the NFL player who best demonstrates the qualities of outstanding sportsmanship on the playing field, including fair play, respect for opponents and integrity in competition.

"As a 10-time Pro Bowl selection and three-time Super Bowl Champion, Matthew is already recognized as the most accomplished special teams performer in NFL history," said Patriots Chairman and CEO Robert Kraft. "He is an even better person. He is a man of tremendous faith whose character shines bright. His leadership, on and off the field, has earned him the respect and admiration of his coaches and teammates, who have voted him as their team captain for the past 11 years. In my opinion, there is no player more deserving of the Art Rooney Sportsmanship award than Matthew Slater. He is a tremendous ambassador for the New England Patriots and the National Football League."

The award was created in 2014 in honor of the late founding owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pro Football Hall of Famer **ART ROONEY SR.** Past recipients of the Art Rooney Sportsmanship Award are **TEDDY BRIDGEWATER** of the Carolina Panthers (2020), **ADRIAN PETERSON** of the Washington Football Team (2019), **DREW BREES** of the New Orleans Saints (2018), **LUKE KUECHLY** of the Carolina Panthers (2017), **FRANK GORE** of the Indianapolis Colts (2016), **CHARLES WOODSON** of the Oakland Raiders (2015) and **LARRY FITZGERALD** of the Arizona Cardinals (2014).

Each NFL team nominated one of its players for the award, which recognizes players who exemplify outstanding sportsmanship on the field. A panel of former players from the NFL Legends Community selected eight finalists (four in the AFC; four in the NFC) from the 32 nominees. The panel was comprised of Pro Football Hall of Famer **CURTIS MARTIN**, and NFL Legends **WARRICK DUNN**, **KARL MECKLENBURG** and **LEONARD WHEELER**.

The eight finalists were listed on the Pro Bowl ballot under the Art Rooney Sportsmanship Award. From the finalists, each team's players submitted a consensus vote of their choice for the winner. As in Pro Bowl voting, a team could not vote for its own player.

The Art Rooney Trophy represents the important role that sportsmanship plays in the game and how NFL players that demonstrate integrity and honor on the field serve as role models for other players at all levels. The award design was inspired by the upward arc of a football in motion and contains a gold line embedded in glass that represents the path of sportsmanship throughout a career. Etched into the award are the words "integrity," "honor," "respect," and "fairness," the values that define excellent sportsmanship.

The finalists, featuring four players from each conference, were quarterback **JOSH ALLEN** (Buffalo), wide receiver **BRANDIN COOKS** (Houston), defensive back **JASON MCCOURTY** (Miami) and wide receiver **MATTHEW SLATER** (New England) in the AFC, and linebacker **LAVONTE DAVID** (Tampa Bay), defensive end **CAMERON JORDAN** (New Orleans), fullback **KYLE JUSZCZYK** (San Francisco) and wide receiver **ADAM THIELEN** (Minnesota) in the NFC.



## NFL EXPANDS WAY TO PLAY INITIATIVE FUELED BY GATORADE

The NFL has partnered with Gatorade to expand the Way to Play Initiative. The NFL Way to Play Awards fueled by Gatorade highlights proper playing technique to protect players from unnecessary risk and fosters culture change across all levels of the sport.

For the fifth year, the **NFL WAY TO PLAY AWARD** will recognize the excellence demonstrated by NFL players who exemplify proper technique to make impactful plays. Each recipient of the Way to Play Award will receive a \$5,000 equipment grant through USA Football to be awarded to the local youth or high school football program of the player's choosing.



"The Way to Play Award recognizes players for using proper techniques on the field which protect players from unnecessary risk," said **TROY VINCENT**, NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations. "This award also benefits youth and high school football; incentivizes strong fundamental playing techniques; and demonstrates best practices."

The NFL Football Operations department will select the top nominees for the award, recognizing current NFL players. The expert panel consists of **MERRIL HOGE**, **RONNIE LOTT**, **WILLIE MCGINEST**, **ORLANDO PACE**, **MICHAEL ROBINSON** and **BOBBY TAYLOR**. The recipient will be announced on NFL Network's Good Morning Football every Thursday morning.

In partnership with Hudl and in its fourth year, the **NFL WAY TO PLAY HIGH SCHOOL AWARD** will honor one high school football player weekly for demonstrating exceptional in-game playing technique. The high school award recipient will be announced on NFL Network each Thursday morning, and the school of each honoree will receive either a \$3,000 equipment grant through USA Football or MVP Robotics' Mobile Virtual Player.

The NFL has created several videos NFL head coaches, current players and NFL Legends to assist in educating coaches and players. The videos provide coaching points of emphasis to execute proper technique and are to be used as educational tools.

Here is a look at each of the **NFL Way to Play Awards fueled by Gatorade**:

- o **NFL Way to Play High School Award** - for domestic high school football players, in partnership with Hudl. Weekly recipients each will receive either a \$3,000 equipment grant through USA Football for their school or MVP Robotics' Mobile Virtual Player.
- o **NFL Canada Way to Play Award** - for Canadian high school football players, in partnership with Hudl. Weekly recipients each earn a \$3,000 grant for their school.
- o **NFL Way to Play FLAG Player of the Week** - for flag football players, in partnership with RCX Sports. Weekly recipients each earn a \$3,000 grant for their program.
- o **NFL Way to Play Award** - for current NFL players. Recipients are each given a \$5,000 grant to dedicate to a youth or high school program of their choice.

The NFL Way to Play educational curriculum, which focuses on teaching coaches and players proper techniques, drill selection, and tips to excel at each position, was developed by a select group of NFL Legends coaching across all levels of the game. Please view the [playbook curriculum, along with educational videos](#), that has been shared with youth and high school programs nationwide. Additional videos can be found on the [Play Football YouTube channel](#).

For more information on NFL Way to Play, please visit [PlayFootball.com](https://www.playfootball.com).

# THE TEAMS



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## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**11-6**

DIVISION RANK

**1ST**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**28.4**

RANK: 3RD

OFFENSE (YPG)

**381.9**

RANK: 5TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**17.0**

RANK: 1ST

DEFENSE (YPG)

**272.8**

RANK: 1ST



- o Won the AFC East division title for the second consecutive season, marking the first time they won consecutive divisions titles since 1988-91.
- o Only team in the NFL to rank in the top-five in both total offense and total defense last season and was the third team since 2010 to rank in the top-three in both scoring offense and scoring defense in the same season, joining the 2019 Ravens and 2016 Patriots.

## TOP-5 OFFENSE

- o Ranked third in the league with 28.4 points per game and fifth with 381.9 total yards of offense per game.
- o One of four teams in the NFL and the only AFC team to total over 4,000 passing yards (4,284) and 2,000 rushing yards (2,209).
- o Only team in the league with five players each recording at least 500 receiving yards and the first team to accomplish the feat since the 2018 Patriots and 2018 Buccaneers each did so.

## NO. 1 RANKED DEFENSE

- o Led NFL in total defense (272.8 yards allowed per game) and scoring defense (17.0 points allowed per game) and ranked tied for third with 30 takeaways (19 interceptions, 11 fumble recoveries). It marks the fewest yards allowed per game by a team since the 2014 Seahawks (267.1).
- o Allowed 163.0 passing yards per game, the fewest by any team in the NFL since 2010.

## TEAMS TO ALLOW THE FEWEST PASSING YARDS PER GAME IN A SEASON SINCE 2010

2021 BUFFALO BILLS	163.0
2019 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	169.2
2017 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	169.9

- o LB Tremaine Edmunds led the team with 108 tackles last season and since entering the NFL in 2018, is one of three players with at least 400 tackles (463), 25 tackles for loss (26) and 25 passes defended (28), along with Demario Davis and Shaquille Leonard.
- o CB Tre'Davious White is one of three players with at least 60 passes defended (60) and 15 interceptions (16) since 2017, along with Xavier Howard and Darius Slay.

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

### SEAN McDERMOTT

YEARS AS NFL HC

**6**

NFL EXPERIENCE

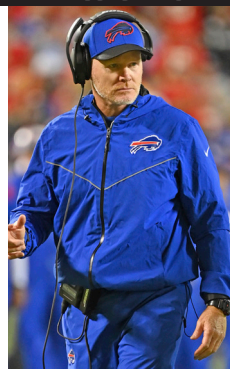
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REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**49-32**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**3-4**



- o McDermott's 49 regular-season victories are the third-most by a head coach in franchise history, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer Marv Levy (112 wins from 1986-97) and Lou Saban (68 wins from 1962-76).

## OFFSEASON NEWS

### PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o WR Stefon Diggs signed a four-year extension with the club to keep him in Buffalo for years to come.
- o Signed eight-time Pro Bowler and former Super Bowl MVP LB Von Miller in free agency.
- o Also added WR Jamison Crowder, QB Case Keenum and G Rodger Saffold.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- o Selected Florida CB Kairi Elam with the 23rd overall pick, the third time since 2012 the Bills have used their first-round selection on a cornerback (Tre'Davious White in 2017 and Stephon Gilmore in 2012).
- o Selected Georgia RB James Cook in the second round (No. 63 overall), the team's highest-selected running back since C.J. Spiller (No. 9 overall) in 2010.



## PLAYER PROFILE

### JOSH ALLEN

POS

**QB**

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**6-5**

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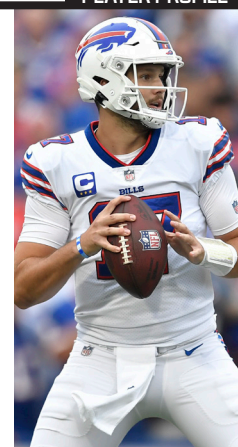
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EXP

**5**

NUM

**17**



## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league in 2018, Allen has totaled 14,114 passing yards, 2,325 rushing yards and 135 total touchdowns (103 passing, 31 rushing, one receiving), becoming the first player in NFL history with at least 100 touchdown passes and 30 rushing touchdowns in his first four seasons.
- o His 31 rushing touchdowns trail only Cam Newton (33) for the most by a quarterback in his first four seasons in league history and he is the only quarterback ever to record at least six rushing touchdowns in each of his first four seasons.

## QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST RUSHING TDs IN THEIR 1ST 4 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

CAM NEWTON (CAR)	33
JOSH ALLEN (BUF)	31
DAUNTE CULPEPPER (MIN)	22

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Allen totaled 4,407 passing yards and 36 touchdown passes last season, becoming the first player in franchise history to record at least 4,000 passing yards consecutive seasons.
- o Is one of two quarterbacks in NFL history, along with Pro Football Hall of Famer Steve Young, to record at least 35 touchdown passes and five rushing touchdowns in multiple career seasons.
- o In Week 14 of last season, he became the third player ever to record at least 300 passing yards and 100 rushing yards in a single game.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Needs five rushing touchdowns to join Cam Newton (seven consecutive seasons from 2011-17) as the only quarterbacks all-time with at least five rushing touchdowns in five consecutive seasons.

PLAYER PROFILE

STEFON DIGGS

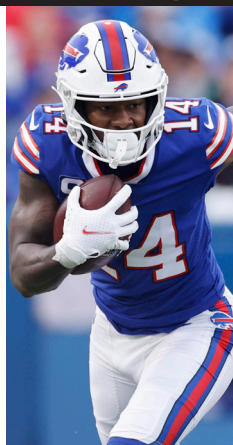
POS  
**WR**

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**6-0**

WT  
**191**

EXP  
**8**

NUM  
**14**



AT A GLANCE

- o Diggs enters the season with 595 receptions, 7,383 receiving yards and 48 touchdown receptions in his seven-year career and is one of two players in the league with at least 1,000 receiving yards and six touchdown receptions in each of the past four seasons.
- o Since joining Buffalo in 2020, Diggs ranks third among all players with 230 receptions and fourth with 2,760 receiving yards.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS SINCE 2020

DAVANTE ADAMS (GB)	238
COOPER KUPP (LAR)	237
STEFON DIGGS (BUF)	230

NOTE TO KNOW

- o Totaled 103 receptions and 1,225 receiving yards last season, becoming the first player in franchise history with at least 100 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons.

PLAYER PROFILE

VON MILLER

POS  
**LB**

HT  
**6-3**

WT  
**250**

EXP  
**12**

NUM  
**40**



AT A GLANCE

- o Miller spent the first 11 and a half years of his career with Denver, before being traded to the Rams in the middle of last season and becoming an integral part of their Super Bowl run.
- o He recorded nine sacks in 12 total games with the Rams, including four in the postseason, two of which came in Super Bowl LVI. After recording 2.5 sacks and earning MVP in Super Bowl 50 with Denver, Miller's 4.5 career sacks in the Super Bowl are tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Charles Haley for the most all-time.
- o Enters the season with 115.5 sacks in 150 career games, the most sacks among all active players.

ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAREER SACKS

VON MILLER (DEN, LAR)	115.5
CHANDLER JONES (NE, AZ)	107.5
CAMERON JORDAN (NO)	107

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Miller Looks to join Matt Millen (XV and XVIII with the Oakland Raiders, XXIV with San Francisco and XXVI with Washington) as the only players ever to win a Super Bowl with three different franchises.

PLAYERS PROFILE



JORDAN POYER

POS  
**S**

HT  
**6-0**

WT  
**191**

EXP  
**10**

NUM  
**21**

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POS  
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**6-0**

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**197**

EXP  
**10**

NUM  
**23**

NOTES TO KNOW

- o Hyde and Poyer tied for the team lead with five interceptions last season and were the only pair of teammates in the league each with at least five interceptions.
- o Poyer ranked second on the team with 91 tackles last season and is the only defensive back in the NFL to record at least 90 tackles in each of the past five seasons.
- o Since entering the league in 2013, Hyde ranks tied for fifth among all safeties with 22 interceptions.

TOP BILLING



**THE BILLS ARE SCHEDULED TO PLAY IN FIVE PRIMETIME GAMES IN 2022, TIED FOR THE MOST OF ANY TEAM IN THE LEAGUE. ONE OF THOSE PRIMETIME MATCHUPS IS THE LEAGUE'S ANNUAL KICKOFF GAME, WHEN THEY WILL TRAVEL TO SOFI STADIUM TO TAKE ON THE DEFENDING CHAMPION LOS ANGELES RAMS ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8. THIS WILL MARK THE FIRST TIME BUFFALO IS PARTICIPATING IN THE GAME SINCE THE NFL BEGAN FEATURING A STANDALONE PRIMETIME KICKOFF GAME IN 2002.**

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**9-8**

DIVISION RANK

**3RD**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**20.1**

RANK: 22ND

OFFENSE (YPG)

**307.0**

RANK: 25TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.9**

RANK: T-15TH

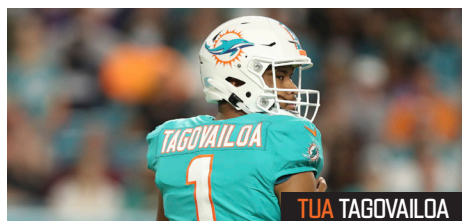
DEFENSE (YPG)

**337.5**

RANK: 15TH



- o Miami finished with a winning record for the second-consecutive season, the first time they have done so since securing a winning record in seven straight seasons from 1997-2003.
- o Although failing to make the postseason, Miami won seven consecutive games between Weeks 9-16, tied for the second-longest winning streak of any team last season, and won eight of their final nine games. They became the first team in NFL history to win seven consecutive games following a seven-game losing streak.



TUA TAGOVAILOA

- o QB Tua Tagovailoa set career highs in passing yards (2,653), touchdown passes (16) and passer rating (90.1) and ranked third in the AFC with a 67.8 completion percentage.
- o From Weeks 11-12, Tagovailoa became the fourth player ever with a completion percentage of 80-or-higher (min. 30 attempts) in consecutive games.

## TOP-5 IN SACKS

- o Tied for fifth in the league with 48 sacks, tied for the third-most in a season in franchise history.
- o One of two teams in the league (Tampa Bay) to have six different players record at least four sacks: Emmanuel Ogbah (nine), Jaelan Phillips (8.5), Jerome Baker (5.5) Brandon Jones (five), Christian Wilkins (4.5), Andrew Van Ginkel (four).
- o Ogbah is one of three players in the AFC (Myles Garrett and T.J. Watt) to record at least nine sacks in each of the past two seasons.



EMMANUEL OGBAH

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

### MIKE MCDANIEL

YEARS AS NFL HC

**1**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**16**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**0-0**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-0**



- o McDaniel was hired to lead the Dolphins following a five-year stint with the 49ers, where he served as offensive coordinator (2021), run game coordinator (2018-20) and run game specialist (2017).
- o In his lone season as offensive coordinator, San Francisco ranked among the top-10 in both total offense and rushing offense on their way to an NFC Championship Game appearance.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

### PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Retained several key contributors, including TE Mike Gesicki and DE Emmanuel Ogbah, and extended CB Xavien Howard.
- o Gesicki set career highs in receptions (73) and receiving yards (780) last season and is one of five tight ends with at least 50 receptions and 500 receiving yards in each of the past three seasons.
- o Acquired six-time Pro Bowl WR Tyreek Hill from Kansas City and signed him to an extension.
- o Signed three-time Pro Bowl T Terron Armstead, three-time Pro Bowl LB Melvin Ingram, QB Teddy Bridgewater and RBs Chase Edmonds and Raheem Mostert in free agency.



TERRON ARMSTEAD

- o Armstead started 93 games over nine seasons with New Orleans, making the Pro Bowl each season from 2018-20.

After a nine-year career with the Chargers, Ingram spent the 2021 season with Pittsburgh and Kansas City and has recorded 51 sacks and 14 forced fumbles over his career.

Edmonds recorded a career-high 903 scrimmage yards last season with Arizona.

## PLAYER PROFILE

### TYREEK HILL

POS

**WR**

HT

**5-10**

WT

**185**

EXP

**7**

NUM

**10**



## AT A GLANCE

- o Hill comes to Miami after a six-year career in Kansas City, where he made the Pro Bowl each season and totaled 479 receptions, 6,630 receiving yards and 62 scrimmage touchdowns (56 receiving, six rushing).
- o He joined Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice (197 receiving touchdowns, 10 rushing touchdowns) as the only players in the Super Bowl era with at least 50 receiving touchdowns and five rushing touchdowns in their career.
- o Since entering the league in 2016, Hill's 56 receiving touchdowns rank third among all players.
- o Became the fourth player in the Super Bowl era with at least six touchdown receptions in each of his first six seasons, joining Larry Fitzgerald and Pro Football Hall of Famers Marvin Harrison and Randy Moss.

## PLAYERS WITH 6+ TD RECEPTIONS IN MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS TO BEGIN CAREER IN NFL HISTORY

MARVIN HARRISON <sup>HOF</sup>	11
LARRY FITZGERALD	8
RANDY MOSS <sup>HOF</sup>	8
TYREEK HILL (ACTIVE STREAK)	6*

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Ranked third in the NFL last season with a career-high 111 receptions and had 1,239 receiving yards and nine touchdown receptions. Hill is one of four players in the league with at least 1,200 receiving yards in each of the past two seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Needs seven touchdowns to join Randy Moss as the only wide receivers in NFL history with at least seven touchdowns in each of their first seven seasons.

PLAYER PROFILE

JAYLEN WADDLE

POS  
**WR**

HT  
**5-10**

WT  
**182**

EXP  
**2**

NUM  
**17**



NOTE TO KNOW

- o Led the team with 104 receptions, 1,015 receiving yards and seven touchdowns (six receiving, one rushing) last season, surpassing Anquan Boldin (101 receptions in 2003) for the most receptions by a rookie in NFL history.

ROOKIE WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

JAYLEN WADDLE (MIA - 2021)	104
ANQUAN BOLDIN (AZ - 2003)	101
MICHAEL THOMAS (NO - 2016)	92

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Needs 93 receptions to surpass Justin Jefferson (196 receptions) and Michael Thomas (196) for the most-ever by a player in his first two seasons and can become the first player in league history to record at least 100 receptions in each of his first two seasons.
- o Needs two games with at least 10 receptions to surpass Odell Beckham Jr. (four games) and Christian McCaffrey (four) for the most such games by a player in his first two seasons in NFL history. Waddle had three such games as a rookie in 2021.



PLAYER PROFILE

XAVIEN HOWARD

POS  
**CB**

HT  
**6-1**

WT  
**203**

EXP  
**7**

NUM  
**25**



AT A GLANCE

- o Leads the NFL with 27 interceptions since entering the league in 2016 and became the second-fastest player (67 games) since 1990 to reach 25 interceptions. Only J.C. Jackson (61 games) reached the mark in fewer games.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST INTERCEPTIONS SINCE 2016

XAVIEN HOWARD (MIA)	27
J.C. JACKSON (NE)	25
KEVIN BYARD (TEN)	23
MARCUS PETERS (KC, LAR, BAL)	23

NOTE TO KNOW

- o Led the team with five interceptions last season and is one of four players in the league to record at least five interceptions in each of the past two seasons.

MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE

- o In Week 10 of last season, Howard was named AFC Defensive Player of the Week following Miami's 22-10 victory over Baltimore. He totaled five tackles, a forced fumble and a 49-yard fumble-recovery for a touchdown in the win.

It marked the third time Howard has earned the honor, also winning 2018, Week 13 and 2017, Week 14. He is one of two Dolphins defensive backs, along with Sam Madison, to win three Player of the Week awards.

50 YEARS SINCE PERFECTION

MIAMI'S WEEK 7 GAME AGAINST PITTSBURGH WILL BE USED TO CELEBRATE THEIR 1972 TEAM. AS PART OF THE CELEBRATION, THE DOLPHINS WILL BE WEARING A 50TH ANNIVERSARY PATCH ON THEIR JERSEYS.

50 YEARS SINCE PERFECTION

THROUGHOUT THE 2022 SEASON, THE DOLPHINS WILL BE CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THEIR 1972 TEAM, WHICH UNDER HALL OF FAME COACH DON SHULA, WENT A PERFECT 17-0, INCLUDING A VICTORY OVER WASHINGTON IN SUPER BOWL VII. THEY REMAIN THE ONLY TEAM IN LEAGUE HISTORY TO GO AN ENTIRE REGULAR-SEASON AND POSTSEASON WITHOUT RECORDING A LOSS.

1972 MIAMI DOLPHINS ROAD TO PERFECTION

WEEK 1	W 20-10 @ KANSAS CITY
WEEK 2	W 34-13 vs. HOUSTON
WEEK 3	W 16-14 @ MINNESOTA
WEEK 4	W 27-17 @ N.Y. JETS
WEEK 5	W 24-10 vs. SAN DIEGO
WEEK 6	W 24-23 vs. BUFFALO
WEEK 7	W 23-0 @ BALTIMORE
WEEK 8	W 30-16 @ BUFFALO
WEEK 9	W 52-0 vs. NEW ENGLAND
WEEK 10	W 28-24 vs. N.Y. JETS
WEEK 11	W 31-10 vs. ST. LOUIS
WEEK 12	W 37-21 @ NEW ENGLAND
WEEK 13	W 23-13 @ N.Y. GIANTS
WEEK 14	W 16-0 vs. BALTIMORE
DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS	W 20-14 vs. CLEVELAND
AFC CHAMP. GAME	W 21-17 @ PITTSBURGH
SUPER BOWL VII	W 14-7 vs. WASHINGTON



DON SHULA

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**10-7**

DIVISION RANK

**2ND**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**27.2**

RANK: 6TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**353.4**

RANK: 15TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**17.8**

RANK: 2ND

DEFENSE (YPG)

**310.8**

RANK: 4TH



- Returned to the postseason in 2021, marking the 11th time in the past 12 seasons they have made the playoffs. They also won at least 10 games for the 18th time in the last 19 seasons.
- Won seven consecutive games from Weeks 7-13, one of five teams in the league to have a winning streak of seven-or-more games last season.
- Scored at least 45 points in three games last season, the most by any team in the league. Also was one of two teams (Dallas) to score at least 50 points twice.

## TOP-5 DEFENSE

- Ranked second in the league in scoring defense (17.8 points per game allowed) and pass defense (187.1 passing yards allowed per game) and fourth in the NFL in total defense (310.8 yards allowed per game).



KYLE DUGGER &amp; DEVIN MCCOURTY

- Tied for third in the league with 30 takeaways and second with 23 interceptions.
- New England forced at least three turnovers in six games last season, more than any other team in the league.

## TEAMS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 3+ TAKEAWAYS IN 2021

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	6
ARIZONA CARDINALS	5
BUFFALO BILLS	5
DALLAS COWBOYS	5

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## BILL BELICHICK

YEARS AS NFL HC

**28** - 23RD WITH NE

NFL EXPERIENCE

**48**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**290-143**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**31-13**

- Belichick enters the 2022 season with the most-ever Super Bowl titles (six) and postseason wins (31) by a head coach, while ranking third all-time in regular-season wins (290) and total wins (321).

## HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST SUPER BOWL VICTORIES IN NFL HISTORY

BILL BELICHICK (NE)	6
CHUCK NOLL <sup>HOF</sup> (PIT)	4
JOE GIBBS <sup>HOF</sup> (WAS)	3
BILL WALSH <sup>HOF</sup> (SF)	3

- With four wins, he will surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer George Halas (324 wins) for the second-most total wins, including the postseason, in league history.

## HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST TOTAL WINS IN NFL HISTORY

DON SHULA <sup>HOF</sup> (BAL. COLTS, MIA)	347
GEORGE HALAS <sup>HOF</sup> (CHI)	324
BILL BELICHICK (CLE, NE)	321

- Last year marked Belichick's 20th season with at least 10 regular-season wins and his 19th postseason berth as a head coach, tying Pro Football Hall of Famer Don Shula for the most-ever in each category.

## HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST SEASONS WITH 10+ WINS IN NFL HISTORY

BILL BELICHICK (CLE, NE)	20*
DON SHULA <sup>HOF</sup> (BAL. COLTS, MIA)	20
TOM LANDRY <sup>HOF</sup> (DAL)	16
ANDY REID (PHI, KC)	16*

\*Active

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Retained several key contributors, including T Trent Brown, two-time Pro Bowl DB Devin McCourty, WR Jakobi Meyers and 10-time Pro Bowl special teamer Matthew Slater.

Slater is one of three active players to be selected to at least 10 Pro Bowls, along with QBs Tom Brady (15) and Aaron Rodgers (10).

McCourty's 31 career interceptions are tied with Marcus Peters for the most among all active players.

Meyers led the team with a career-high 83 receptions and 866 receiving yards last season.

- Acquired WR DeVante Parker from Miami and signed S Jabrill Peppers in free agency.

Parker comes to New England after a seven-year career with Miami, totaling 338 receptions, 4,727 receiving yards and 24 receiving touchdowns.

Peppers enters his sixth NFL season with 25 passes defended and 21 tackles for loss in his career.



DEVANTE PARKER

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- New England selected Chattanooga G Cole Strange with the 29th overall selection, marking the first time a Chattanooga player was ever selected in the first round of the NFL Draft.

The previous highest-selected player from the school was Pro Football Hall of Fame WR Terrell Owens (No. 89 overall by San Francisco in 1996).



COLE STRANGE

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MAC JONES

POS

QB

HT

6-3

WT

217

EXP

2

NUM

10



## NOTES TO KNOW

- After being selected No. 15 overall in the 2021 NFL Draft, Jones started all 17 games last season and led all rookie quarterbacks with a 67.6 completion percentage, 3,801 passing yards, 22 touchdown passes and a 92.5 passer rating (minimum 100 attempts).
- He is one of four rookie quarterbacks all-time to record at least 3,500 passing yards with a passer rating of 90-or-higher.

## ROOKIE QBS WITH 3,500+ PASSING YARDS &amp; 90+ PASSER RATING IN NFL HISTORY

MAC JONES (NE) - 2021	3,801	92.5
	PASS YARDS	RATING
JUSTIN HERBERT (LAC) - 2020	4,336	98.3
	PASS YARDS	RATING
BAKER MAYFIELD (CLE) - 2018	3,725	93.7
	PASS YARDS	RATING
DAK PRESCOTT (DAL) - 2016	3,667	104.9
	PASS YARDS	RATING

- Jones had a completion percentage of 70-or-higher in nine games last season, tied with Dak Prescott (2016) for the most-ever by a rookie quarterback.

## PATS IN PRIMETIME

THE PATRIOTS' 2022 SCHEDULE FEATURES FIVE PRIMETIME GAMES, TIED FOR THE MOST IN THE LEAGUE, INCLUDING EACH WEEK FROM WEEKS 12-15.

NEW ENGLAND WILL TRAVEL TO MINNESOTA ON THANKSGIVING NIGHT BEFORE HOSTING BUFFALO A WEEK LATER ON THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL. THEY WILL THEN GO ON THE ROAD FOR A PAIR OF WEST COAST TRIPS, TAKING ON THE CARDINALS ON MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BEFORE FACING THE RAIDERS IN LAS VEGAS ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL.

IF EACH OF THOSE GAMES REMAINS AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED, NEW ENGLAND WILL BECOME JUST THE THIRD TEAM SINCE 2000 TO PLAY IN FOUR CONSECUTIVE PRIMETIME GAMES, JOINING THE 2017 PITTSBURGH STEELERS AND 2016 DALLAS COWBOYS.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MATTHEW JUDON

POS

LB

HT

6-3

WT

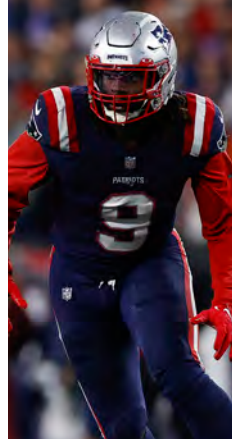
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EXP

7

NUM

9



## AT A GLANCE

- Judon enters his second season in New England with 47 sacks, 68 tackles for loss and seven forced fumbles in his six-year career. His 64 tackles for loss since 2017 are the fifth-most in the league.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS SINCE 2017

AARON DONALD (LAR)	93
T.J. WATT (PIT)	81
CAMERON JORDAN (NO)	74
CHANDLER JONES (AZ)	66
MATTHEW JUDON (BAL, NE)	64

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Led the team with a career-high 12.5 sacks last season, tied for the third-most in a single season in franchise history.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DAMIEN HARRIS

POS

RB

HT

5-11

WT

213

EXP

4

NUM

37



## PLAYER PROFILE

## RHAMONDRE STEVENSON

POS

RB

HT

6-0

WT

230

EXP

2

NUM

38



## NOTES TO KNOW

- Harris and Stevenson were the only pair of running back teammates to each record at least 600 rushing yards and five rushing touchdowns last season.
- Harris ranked tied for second in the league in 2021 with a career-high 15 rushing touchdowns, the second-most in franchise history.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN 2021

JONATHAN TAYLOR (IND)	18
JAMES CONNER (AZ)	15
DAMIEN HARRIS (NE)	15

- Stevenson ranked tied for second among all rookies with five rushing touchdowns last season, the fourth Patriot rookie to record at least five rushing touchdowns since 2000.

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

4-13

DIVISION RANK

4TH

OFFENSE (PPG)

18.2

OFFENSE (YPG)

306.4

RANK: 28TH

RANK: 26TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

29.6

DEFENSE (YPG)

397.6

RANK: 32ND

RANK: 32ND



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## ROBERT SALEH

YEARS AS NFL HC

2

NFL EXPERIENCE

18

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

4-13

POSTSEASON RECORD

0-0



- When Saleh was hired last year by the Jets, he became the third-ever Arab-American NFL head coach, joining Abe Giron and Rich Kotite, and the first Muslim-American head coach in the league's history.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Retained several key contributors, including WR Braxton Berrios, RB Tevin Coleman and S Lamarcus Joyner.
- G Laken Tomlinson, CB D.J. Reed, TE C.J. Uzomah and S Jordan Whitehead highlighted the team's acquisitions in free agency.



LAKEN TOMLINSON

- Tomlinson, a 2022 Pro Bowl selection, has started 104 games since entering the NFL in 2015 (2015-16 with Detroit, 2017-21 with San Francisco). He is one of nine offensive linemen in the league to have started every regular-season game since 2018.
- Reed set career highs in tackles (78) and passes defended (10) last season with Seattle and has recorded two interceptions in each of the past two seasons.

## PLAYER MOVEMENT (CONT.)

- Uzomah set career highs in catches (49), receiving yards (493) and receiving touchdowns (five) last season with Cincinnati.



C.J. UZOMAH

- Whitehead started 55 games over four seasons with Tampa Bay and is one of eight players in the league to record multiple interceptions and a forced fumble in each of the past two seasons.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- For the second time in the common-draft era (four first-round selections in 2000), the Jets selected at least three players in the first round of the NFL Draft - Cincinnati CB Sauce Gardner (No. 4 overall), Ohio State WR Garrett Wilson (No. 10 overall) and Florida State DE Jermaine Johnson (No. 26). It also marked the first time in franchise history in which they selected multiple players among the top-10.



- Gardner became the highest-drafted defensive back in franchise history and is the fourth defensive back to be selected among the top-four in the NFL Draft since 2000.
- Wilson is the first wide receiver the team has selected in the first round since Santana Moss (No. 16 overall) in 2001.
- The team made Iowa State RB Breece Hall the first running back taken in the Draft, selecting him in the second round (No. 36 overall). Hall became the highest-drafted running back by the franchise since Blair Thomas (No. 2 overall) in 1990.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## ZACH WILSON

POS

QB

HT

6-2

WT

214

EXP

2

NUM

2



## NOTES TO KNOW

- Wilson, the No. 2 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft, totaled 2,334 passing yards and 13 total touchdowns (nine passing, four rushing) in 13 starts last season. He became the fourth rookie quarterback in franchise history to start at least 13 games.
- Over the last five games of the season (Weeks 14-18), Wilson recorded five touchdowns (three passing, two rushing) with no interceptions and was one of three quarterbacks (min. 100 attempts) with no interceptions in that span, along with Joe Burrow and Aaron Rodgers.

## ROOKIE QBs WITH THE MOST RUSH TDS IN 2021

ZACH WILSON (NYJ)	4
JUSTIN FIELDS (CHI)	2
TREVOR LAWRENCE (JAX)	2

## NORTHERN EXPOSURE

- The Jets open the 2022 season with four consecutive games against AFC North opponents. Since realignment in 2002, 11 teams have faced four opponents from the same division in four consecutive weeks and only twice (2002 New York Giants vs. NFC West and 2004 New Orleans Saints vs. NFC West) have those games occurred in the first four weeks of a season.

Of the 11 previous occurrences, the 2002 Philadelphia Eagles (Weeks 11-14 vs. NFC West) were the only team to win all four games.

NYJ 2021 SCHEDULE  
FIRST 4 WEEKS

WEEK 1: BALTIMORE	1:00 PM ET
WEEK 2: AT CLEVELAND	1:00 PM ET
WEEK 3: CINCINNATI	1:00 PM ET
WEEK 4: AT PITTSBURGH	1:00 PM ET

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MICHAEL CARTER

POS

RB

HT

5-8

WT

201

EXP

2

NUM

32



## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Carter's 964 scrimmage yards (639 rushing, 325 receiving) ranked fourth among all rookie running backs last season and he was one of three rookies (Najee Harris and Javonte Williams) to record at least 600 rushing yards and 300 receiving yards.

## ROOKIE RBs WITH THE MOST SCRIMMAGE YARDS IN 2021

NAJEE HARRIS (PIT)	1,667
JAVONTE WILLIAMS (DEN)	1,219
ELIJAH MITCHELL (SF)	1,100
MICHAEL CARTER (NYJ)	964
CHUBA HUBBARD (CAR)	786

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Carter can join Clark Gaines (1976-77), Pro Football Hall of Famer John Riggins (1971-72) and Matt Snell (1964-65) as the only players in franchise history to record at least 900 scrimmage yards in each of their first two seasons.

## OH, BROTHER

- o Defensive tackle Quinnen Williams and linebacker Quincy Williams are each vitals members of the Jets defense and also happen to be brothers. Quinnen, the No. 3 overall selection in the 2019 NFL Draft, tied for the team-lead with six sacks last season, while Quincy led the team with nine tackles for loss and three forced fumbles and ranked second with a career-high 107 tackles in his first season in New York. In Week 4, they became the first pair of brothers to each record a sack in the same game for the same team since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic.



QUINNEN WILLIAMS

## PLAYER PROFILE

## C.J. MOSLEY

POS

LB

HT

6-2

WT

231

EXP

8

NUM

57



## AT A GLANCE

- o Entering his eighth NFL season and third with the Jets, Mosley is one of two active linebackers in the league (Lavonte David) with at least 700 career tackles (751) and 10 career interceptions (10).

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Ranked fourth in the NFL with a career-high 168 tackles last season, the most by a Jet since 2005 (Jonathan Vilma - 173).

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES IN 2021

FOYESADE OLUOKUN (ATL)	192
JORDYN BROOKS (SEA)	183
BOBBY WAGNER (SEA)	170
C.J. MOSLEY (NYJ)	168
ROQUAN SMITH (CHI)	163

## MEMORABLE MOMENT FROM 2021

- o In Week 8 of the 2021 season, the Jets overcame an 11-point deficit to defeat Cincinnati, 34-31, as quarterback Mike White, making his first career start, threw the game-winning 13-yard touchdown pass with under four minutes remaining.

White completed 37 of 45 pass attempts (82.2 percent) for 405 yards and three touchdowns for a 107.9 rating in the win, marking the most completions ever by a quarterback in his first career start.

- o He joined Cam Newton (422 yards on September 11, 2011) as the only quarterbacks since 1950 to pass for at least 400 yards in their first career start.
- o White became the first Jets quarterback to surpass 400 passing yards in a game since Vinny Testaverde in 2000 (481 yards, vs. Baltimore, 12/24/00).



MIKE WHITE

## GREG THE LEG

- o Kicker Greg Zuerlein joins the Jets in 2022 after spending the past two seasons with Dallas. Since entering the league in 2012, Zuerlein's 264 made field goals are the second-most in the league.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST MADE FIELD GOALS SINCE 2012

JUSTIN TUCKER (BAL)	326
GREG ZUERLEIN (STL/LAR, DAL)	264
MATT PRATER (DEN, DET, AZ)	260



GREG ZUERLEIN



QUINCY WILLIAMS

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

8-9

DIVISION RANK

4TH

OFFENSE (PPG)

22.8

RANK: 17TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

378.8

RANK: 6TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

23.1

RANK: 19TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

363.4

RANK: 25TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## JOHN HARBAUGH

YEARS AS NFL HC

15

NFL EXPERIENCE

25

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

137-88

POSTSEASON RECORD

11-8



- Since Harbaugh was hired in 2008, Baltimore's 11 postseason wins are tied for the second-most in the league. Eight of those 11 wins have been on the road, the most by a head coach in NFL history.

## HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST ROAD PLAYOFF WINS IN NFL HISTORY

JOHN HARBAUGH (BAL)	8
TOM COUGHLIN (JAX, NYG)	7
TOM LANDRY <sup>HOF</sup> (DAL)	7

## TOP-3 RUSHING ATTACK

- Baltimore ranked third in the league with 2,479 rushing yards (145.8 rushing yards per game) in 2021, marking the fourth-consecutive season in which they finished among the top-three in rushing offense.
- Joined the Chicago Bears (1977-80 and 1983-86) as the only teams in league history to eclipse 2,400 rushing yards in four consecutive seasons.
- The only team in the league last season to feature three players each with at least 500 rushing yards: QB Lamar Jackson (767), RB Devonta Freeman (576) and RB Latavius Murray (501).
- RBs J.K. Dobbins and Gus Edwards are each expected to return to the field in 2022.

Dobbins rushed for 805 yards and nine touchdowns as a rookie in 2020 and Edwards eclipsed 700 rushing yards in each season from 2018-20.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Retained several impact veterans, including six-time Pro Bowl DT Calais Campbell, four-time Pro Bowl LB Justin Houston, S Tony Jefferson and three-time Pro Bowl FB Patrick Ricard.
- Campbell ranks second among all active players with 161 career tackles for loss, while his 93.5 sacks rank seventh.
- Made several key free agent additions, including RB Mike Davis, CB Kyle Fuller, T Morgan Moses, DT Michael Pierce and S Marcus Williams.

Since entering the league in 2011, Houston ranks tied for fourth among all players with 102 sacks, including 4.5 last season in his first year as a Raven.

Moses is one of three offensive linemen in the league to start at least 16 regular-season games in each of the past seven seasons, along with Jason Kelce and Jake Matthews.

Williams started 76 games over the past five seasons with New Orleans, totaling 38 passes defended and 15 interceptions. He recorded a career-high 74 tackles in 2021 and is one of six players in the league with multiple interceptions in each of the past five seasons.



## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- For the second-consecutive year, the Ravens made two selections in the first round, drafting Notre Dame S Kyle Hamilton (No. 14 overall) and Iowa C Tyler Linderbaum (No. 25).
- Hamilton became the third safety ever chosen in the first round by the franchise, joining Matt Elam (No. 32 overall in 2013) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Ed Reed (No. 24 overall in 2002).
- Linderbaum is the fifth offensive lineman selected in the first round by the Ravens and the first-ever center.
- Baltimore selected a total of 11 players in the 2022 NFL Draft, tied for the most among all teams.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## LAMAR JACKSON

POS

QB

HT

6-2

WT

212

EXP

5

NUM

8



## AT A GLANCE

- Jackson enters his fifth season with 9,967 passing yards, 3,673 rushing yards and 105 total touchdowns (84 passing, 21 rushing) in 58 career games (49 starts).
- He has the most rushing yards by a quarterback in his first four seasons in league history and became the first quarterback ever to record at least 600 rushing yards in each of his first four seasons.
- His 21 career rushing touchdowns are tied for the fourth-most ever by a quarterback in his first four seasons.

## QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS IN THEIR 1ST 4 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

LAMAR JACKSON (BAL)	3,673
CAM NEWTON (CAR)	2,571
RUSSELL WILSON (SEA)	2,430

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Ranked second among quarterbacks with 767 rushing yards last season and led all quarterbacks with nine games of 50-or-more rushing yards in 2021.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Jackson eclipsed 100 rushing yards twice last season and now has 10 career 100-yard rushing games, tied with Michael Vick for the most-ever by a quarterback. If Jackson records at least 100 rushing yards in a game this season, he will surpass Vick for the all-time record.

## QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST CAREER GAMES WITH 100+ RUSHING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

LAMAR JACKSON (BAL)	10
MICHAEL VICK (ATL, PHI)	10

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MARK ANDREWS

POS

TE

HT

6-5

WT

256

EXP

5

NUM

89



## AT A GLANCE

- Since entering the league in 2018, Andrews ranks second among all tight ends with 29 receiving touchdowns, third with 3,466 receiving yards and fourth with 263 receptions.
- Is one of five players in the league and the only tight end with at least seven touchdown receptions in each of the past three seasons.

## TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST TD RECEPTIONS SINCE 2018

TRAVIS KELCE (KC)	35
MARK ANDREWS (BAL)	29
JARED COOK (OAK, NO, LAC)	26

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Led all tight ends with career-highs in receptions (107) and receiving yards (1,361) last season, the third-most receiving yards and tied for the third-most receptions ever by a tight end in a single season.

## TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

TRAVIS KELCE (KC - 2020)	1,416
GEORGE KITTLE (SF - 2018)	1,377
MARK ANDREWS (BAL - 2021)	1,361

## TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

ZACH ERTZ (PHI - 2018)	116
JASON WITTEN (DAL - 2012)	110
MARK ANDREWS (BAL - 2021)	107
DARREN WALLER (LV - 2020)	107

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Can become the first tight end ever to record at least 100 receptions in consecutive seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MARLON HUMPHREY

POS

CB

HT

6-0

WT

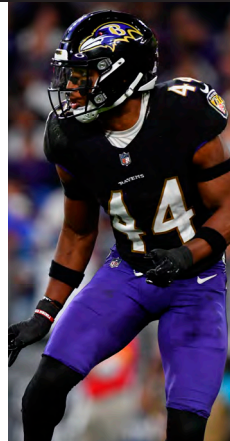
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EXP

6

NUM

44



## PLAYER PROFILE

## MARCUS PETERS

POS

CB

HT

6-0

WT

197

EXP

8

NUM

24



## AT A GLANCE

- Humphrey enters his sixth season with 64 passes defended, 12 forced fumbles and nine interceptions during his career.

His 12 forced fumbles are the third-most among all active defensive backs and he is one of three players (James Bradberry and Marshon Lattimore) with at least 10 passes defended in each of the past five seasons.

- Since entering the league in 2015, Peters leads all players with 31 interceptions and ranks fourth with 86 passes defended.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST INTERCEPTIONS SINCE 2015

MARCUS PETERS (KC, LAR, BAL)	31
XAVIEN HOWARD (MIA)	27
J.C. JACKSON (NE)	25

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JUSTIN TUCKER

POS

K

HT

6-1

WT

183

EXP

11

NUM

9



## AT A GLANCE

- Tucker enters his 11th NFL season as a five-time Pro Bowl selection, including each of the past three seasons. His 91.1 career field goal percentage is the highest in NFL history, among players with at least 100 made field goals.
- Since entering the league in 2012, Tucker leads the NFL in kicking points (1,360), field goals made (326) and point after attempt percentage (99.0).
- Tucker has eight career games with multiple 50-yard field goals, including two last season, tied for the most in NFL history.

## KICKERS WITH THE HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE IN NFL HISTORY (MIN. 100 MADE FIELD GOALS)

JUSTIN TUCKER (BAL)	91.1 (326 OF 358)
HARRISON BUTKER (KC)	90.1 (146 OF 162)
CHRIS BOSWELL (PIT)	90.1 (146 OF 162)

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Tucker made 94.6 percent of his field goals (35 of 37) last season, the highest field-goal percentage in the league.
- In Week 3, converted a game-winning 66-yard field goal as time expired, the longest made field goal in NFL history.

## KICKERS WITH THE HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE IN 2021

JUSTIN TUCKER (BAL)	94.6 (35 OF 37)
MATT GAY (LAR)	94.1 (32 OF 34)
YOUNGHOE KOO (ATL)	93.1 (27 OF 29)

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Enters the season with 48 career 50-yard field goals and can become the fourth kicker all-time with 50 career made field goals of at least 50 yards, joining Matt Prater (66), Sebastian Janikowski (58) and Jason Hanson (52).

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**10-7**

DIVISION RANK

**1ST**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**27.1**

OFFENSE (YPG)

**361.5**

RANK: T-7TH

RANK: 13TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**22.1**

DEFENSE (YPG)

**350.8**

RANK: 17TH

RANK: 18TH



- After finishing the regular-season 10-7 and capturing their first AFC North division title since 2015, Cincinnati won three postseason games and advanced to Super Bowl LVI, marking the third Super Bowl appearance in franchise history (XVI, XXIII).
- The Bengals defeated Las Vegas at home in the Wild Card round, before knocking off the top-seeded Titans and No. 2 seeded Chiefs, both on the road.



- After finishing 4-11-1 and last place in the AFC North in 2020, Cincinnati became the fifth team since 2000 to go from "worst to first" in their division and make the Super Bowl in the same season.

## TEAMS TO APPEAR IN THE SUPER BOWL THE SEASON AFTER FINISHING IN LAST PLACE IN THEIR DIVISION SINCE 2000

## 2021 CINCINNATI BENGALS

2017 PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

2009 NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

2003 CAROLINA PANTHERS

2001 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

- Became the first team ever with a 4,000-yard passer (Joe Burrow), 1,000-yard rusher (Joe Mixon) and two 1,000-yard receivers (Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins) each under the age of 26.
- Chase and Higgins became the first pair of teammates each under the age of 23 to record at least 1,000 receiving yards in the same season.
- With Chase, Higgins and Tyler Boyd (828 receiving yards), Cincinnati was the only team in the league last season to have three wide receivers each record at least 800 receiving yards.

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## ZAC TAYLOR

YEARS WITH CLUB

**4**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**11**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**16-32**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**3-1**

- With wins in each of the first three rounds of the 2021 postseason, Taylor became the sixth individual in league history to win each of his first three career postseason games as an NFL head coach and the first since Doug Pederson in 2017.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Placed the franchise tag on S Jessie Bates.

Since entering the NFL in 2018, Bates has totaled 35 passes defended and 10 interceptions and his 406 tackles rank third among all defensive backs over the past four seasons.

- Retained CB Eli Apple and DT B.J. Hill after each made impacts in their first seasons in Cincinnati.

Apple ranked second on the team with 10 passes defended, while Hill tied a career-high with 5.5 sacks.

- Signed G Alex Cappa, T La'el Collins, TE Hayden Hurst and C Ted Karras in free agency.

Cappa has started 46 games over the past three seasons with Tampa Bay.

Since entering the league in 2015, Collins has started 71 games for Dallas.

Karras has started 44 games over the past three seasons with New England and Miami.



LA'EL COLLINS

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- The Bengals used each of their first two picks on defensive backs, selecting Michigan S Dax Hill in the first round (No. 31 overall) and Nebraska CB Cam Taylor-Britt in the second (No. 60 overall).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JOE BURROW

POS

**QB**

HT

**6-4**

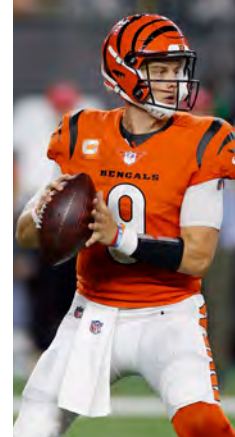
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**221**

EXP

**3**

NUM

**9**

## AT A GLANCE

- Through his first two seasons, Burrow has 11 career games with at least 300 passing yards, the second-most by a player in his first two seasons all-time.
- Has four career games with at least 400 passing yards, tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino as the most-ever by a player in his first two seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 300+ PASSING YARDS IN THEIR 1ST 2 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

JUSTIN HERBERT (LAC) 17

JOE BURROW (CIN) 11

PATRICK MAHOMES (KC) 10

DAN MARINO<sup>HOF</sup> (MIA) 10

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Burrow recorded 4,611 passing yards and 34 touchdown passes in 2021, both single-season franchise records, and ranked second in the league with a 108.3 passer rating.
- After being selected No. 1 overall in the 2020 NFL Draft, Burrow became the third quarterback selected in the first round to start a Super Bowl within his first two seasons in NFL history, joining Marino and Ben Roethlisberger.
- Recorded 525 passing yards in Week 16 last season, the fourth-most in a single game in league history, and a combined 971 passing yards from Weeks 16-17, the second-most by a quarterback in a two-game span ever.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Can become the first player in league history to record at least 4,500 passing yards in two of his first three seasons and can enter the top-three for most passing yards by a player in his first three seasons all-time.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JA'MARR CHASE

POS

WR

HT

6-0

WT

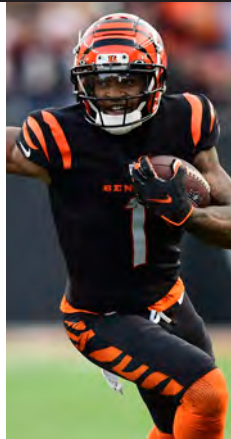
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EXP

2

NUM

1



## NOTES TO KNOW

- After being selected No. 5 overall in the 2021 NFL Draft, Chase ranked fourth in the NFL with 1,455 receiving yards, the most by a rookie in the Super Bowl era.

## ROOKIES WITH THE MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN THE SUPER BOWL ERA

JA'MARR CHASE (CIN - 2021)	1,455
JUSTIN JEFFERSON (MIN - 2020)	1,400
ANQUAN BOLDIN (AZ - 2003)	1,377

- Recorded 266 receiving yards in Week 17, the most-ever by a rookie in a single game, and became the first rookie ever and the fifth player in the Super Bowl era to record multiple games with at least 200 receiving yards in the same season.
- Totaled 368 receiving yards across four games in the postseason, the most-ever by a rookie in the playoffs.

## ROOKIES WITH THE MOST POSTSEASON RECEIVING YARDS IN THE SUPER BOWL ERA

JA'MARR CHASE (CIN - 2021)	368
TORRY HOLT (STL - 1999)	242
AUSTIN COLLIE (IND - 2009)	241

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Chase needs 1,562 receiving yards to surpass Justin Jefferson (3,016) for the most receiving yards by a player through his first two seasons in NFL history and can become the fourth player ever to record at least 1,250 receiving yards in each of his first two seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JOE MIXON

POS

RB

HT

6-1

WT

220

EXP

6

NUM

28



## AT A GLANCE

- Mixon enters his sixth NFL season with 5,886 scrimmage yards (4,564 rushing, 1,322 receiving) and 41 touchdowns (33 rushing, eight receiving).

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Ranked fourth among all running backs last season with a career-high 1,519 scrimmage yards (1,205 rushing, 314 receiving) and 16 touchdowns (13 rushing, three receiving).
- Became the first player in franchise history with at least 1,500 scrimmage yards and 15 touchdowns in a single season.
- Scored a touchdown in nine consecutive games from Weeks 4-13, tied for the longest streak within a single season in franchise history. (A.J. Green - nine consecutive games in 2012).

## MONEY MCPHERSON

- Rookie kicker Evan McPherson led the league with nine made field goals of at least 50 yards last season, the second-most all-time by a rookie kicker. Only Blair Walsh (10 50-yard field goals) in 2012 had more.
- Converted all 14 of his attempted field goals in the 2021 postseason, tied with Adam Vinatieri (14 of 15 in 2006) for the most made field goals in a single postseason all-time.
- He also joined Brandon McManus (10 of 10 in 2015) as the only kickers ever to make 100 percent of their field goal attempts in a single postseason (min. 10 field goals attempts).



EVAN MCPHERSON

## PLAYER PROFILE

## TREY HENDRICKSON

POS

DE

HT

6-4

WT

270

EXP

6

NUM

91



## NOTES TO KNOW

- Ranked fifth in the NFL with a franchise-record 14 sacks last season in his first year in Cincinnati.
- Is one of two players in the league (T.J. Watt) with at least 13 sacks in each of the past two seasons.
- From Weeks 5-16, became the second player since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to register at least half of a sack in 11 consecutive games within a single season, joining Chris Jones (2018).

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Hendrickson can become the fourth player since 2000 to record at least 13 sacks in at least three consecutive seasons, joining Jared Allen (2007-09), Chandler Jones (2017-19) and T.J. Watt (2018-21).

## WHITE BENGAL

This past summer, the Bengals announced the introduction of a long anticipated 'White Bengal' helmet that they will wear during parts of the 2022 season.



Beginning this year, the NFL is allowing clubs to wear multiple helmets during the season, allowing the introduction of the 'White Bengal'.

The white-shelled alternate helmet will match the team's all-white color rush uniforms.

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**8-9**

DIVISION RANK

**3RD**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**20.5**

OFFENSE (YPG)

**340.6**

RANK: 20TH

RANK: 18TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.8**

DEFENSE (YPG)

**311.5**

RANK: T-13TH

RANK: 5TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## KEVIN STEFANSKI

YEARS AS NFL HC

**3**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**17**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**19-14**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**1-1**

- Stefanski was named *Associated Press* NFL Coach of the Year in 2020 and led the Browns to the postseason in his first year in Cleveland. He is the first Browns head coach to win at least eight games in consecutive seasons since Marty Schottenheimer did so in four straight seasons from 1985-88.

## TOP-5 DEFENSE

- Ranked fifth in the league in both total defense and pass defense last season, allowing 311.5 yards per game and 202.3 passing yards per game.
- It marked the team's fewest yards allowed per game since 2003 (309.9).
- Cleveland was one of four teams to allow fewer than 100 passing yards in multiple games last season.
- With DEs Myles Garrett (16 sacks) and Jadeveon Clowney (nine), Cleveland was one of three AFC teams (Pittsburgh and Tennessee) with multiple players to record at least nine sacks last season.



JADEVEON CLOWNEY &amp; MYLES GARRETT

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Extended the contracts of key veterans TE David Njoku and CB Denzel Ward.

Njoku has totaled 148 receptions, 1,754 receiving yards and 15 touchdown receptions over the past five seasons.



DAVID NJOKU

- Retained three-time Pro Bowl DE Jadeveon Clowney.
- Ranked second on the team with 11 tackles for loss and nine sacks in 2021, his third-career season with at least nine sacks.
- Made notable trades, acquiring four-time Pro Bowl WR Amari Cooper from Dallas and three-time Pro Bowl QB Deshaun Watson from Houston.

Watson led the league with 4,823 passing yards in 2020 and has totaled 14,539 passing yards and 122 touchdowns (104 passing, 17 rushing, one receiving) since entering the league in 2017.

- Signed several key veterans in free agency, including QB Jacoby Brissett, WR Jakeem Grant and C Ethan Pocic.

Brissett has started 37 games over his six-year career, totaling 7,742 passing yards and 49 touchdowns (36 passing, 13 rushing).

Grant has totaled 14 touchdowns (seven receiving, four punt-return, two kickoff-return and one rushing) since entering the league in 2016 and is the only player in the NFL with a punt-return touchdown in each of the past two seasons.

Pocic has started 40 games for Seattle over the past five seasons, including 10 last year.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- Cleveland's first pick came in the third round and their draft class consisted of nine players - four on offense, four on defense and one kicker (LSU's Cade York).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MYLES GARRETT

POS

**DE**

HT

**6-4**

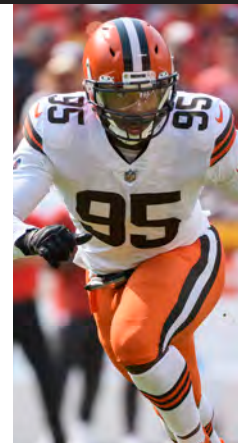
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**272**

EXP

**6**

NUM

**95**

## AT A GLANCE

- Garrett enters his sixth season with 58.5 career sacks, the fifth-most in the league since 2017. He is one of five players to record at least seven sacks in each of the past five seasons.
- Totaled 54.5 sacks through his first 60 career games, the third-most by a player in his first 60 NFL games since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN THEIR 1ST 60 CAREER GAMES SINCE 1982

REGGIE WHITE <sup>HOF</sup> (PHI)	72.5
DERRICK THOMAS <sup>HOF</sup> (KC)	55
MYLES GARRETT (CLE)	54.5

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Ranked third in the league with a franchise-record 16 sacks in 2021 and is one of three players (Aaron Donald and T.J. Watt) with at least 10 sacks in each of the past four seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Garrett enters the season with 58.5 sacks in 68 career games and can move into the top five for most sacks by a player in his first 75 career games since 1982.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN THEIR 1ST 75 CAREER GAMES SINCE 1982

REGGIE WHITE <sup>HOF</sup> (PHI)	83
J.J. WATT (HOU)	70.5
T.J. WATT (PIT)	67
VON MILLER (DEN)	65
DERRICK THOMAS <sup>HOF</sup> (KC)	65

## PLAYER PROFILE

## NICK CHUBB

POS

RB

HT

5-11

WT

227

EXP

5

NUM

24



## KAREEM HUNT

POS

RB

HT

5-11

WT

216

EXP

6

NUM

27



## PLAYER PROFILE

## AMARI COOPER

POS

WR

HT

6-1

WT

210

EXP

8

NUM

2



## PLAYER PROFILE

## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league in 2018, Chubb ranks second among all players with 4,816 rushing yards.
- o Chubb is the only player in the league with at least 950 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns in each of the past four seasons and is one of six players all-time to do so in each of his first four seasons.
- o Hunt enters his sixth season (fourth with Cleveland) with 5,153 scrimmage yards (3,557 rushing, 1,596 receiving) and 44 touchdowns (28 rushing, 16 receiving). He is one of three players to register at least 25 rushing touchdowns and 15 touchdown receptions since 2017.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS IN 2021

JONATHAN TAYLOR (IND)	1,811
NICK CHUBB (CLE)	1,259
JOE MIXON (CIN)	1,205

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS SINCE 2018

DERRICK HENRY (TEN)	5,563
NICK CHUBB (CLE)	4,816
EZEKIEL ELLIOTT (DAL)	4,772

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Chubb ranked second in the league with 1,259 rushing yards in 2021, his second-career season with at least 1,250 rushing yards (1,494 in 2019).
- o Chubb recorded eight rushing touchdowns last year and Hunt totaled five. They are the only pair of running back teammates to each record at least five rushing touchdowns in each of the past two seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Chubb needs eight rushing touchdowns in 2022 to become the fifth player ever to accomplish the feat in each of his first five seasons.
- o Hunt needs two rushing touchdowns and four touchdown receptions this season to become the fourth player ever to record at least 30 rushing touchdowns and 20 touchdown receptions in his first six seasons, joining Chuck Foreman, Alvin Kamara and Lenny Moore

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DENZEL WARD

POS

CB

HT

5-11

WT

190

EXP

5

NUM

21



## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league in 2018, Ward has totaled 50 passes defended and 10 interceptions and is the only player in the NFL with at least 10 passes defended and multiple interceptions in each of the past four seasons.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Tied a career-high with three interceptions last season, including a 99-yard interception-return for a touchdown in Week 9, marking the second-longest interception-return in franchise history (Brodney Pool's 100-yard interception-return in 2007).

## AT A GLANCE

- o Cooper comes to Cleveland with 517 receptions, 7,076 receiving yards and 46 touchdown receptions since entering the league in 2015.

He is one of four players in the league to record at least 650 receiving yards in each of the past seven seasons.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Tied his career-high with eight touchdown receptions last season with Dallas.
- o Is the only player in the league with at least five touchdown receptions in each season since 2015.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Can become the sixth player in the Super Bowl era to record at least five touchdown receptions in each of his first eight seasons.

## PLAYERS TO RECORD 5+ TD RECEPTIONS IN THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS TO BEGIN THEIR CAREER IN NFL HISTORY

MARVIN HARRISON <sup>HOF</sup> (1996-06)	11
MARQUES COLSTON (2006-14)	9
GARY CLARK (1985-92)	8
LARRY FITZGERALD (2004-11)	8
RANDY MOSS <sup>HOF</sup> (1998-05)	8
AMARI COOPER (2015-21)	7*

\*active streak

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**9-7-1**

DIVISION RANK

**2ND**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**20.2**

RANK: 21ST

OFFENSE (YPG)

**315.4**

RANK: 23RD

DEFENSE (PPG)

**23.4**

RANK: 20TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**361.1**

RANK: 24TH



- Advanced to the postseason for the second-consecutive season and for the 10th time since Mike Tomlin became head coach in 2007.
- Finished with a .500-or-better winning percentage for the 18th consecutive season, the third-longest such streak in NFL history.

### TEAMS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS FINISHING WITH A .500-OR-BETTER RECORD IN NFL HISTORY

DALLAS (1965-85)	21
NEW ENGLAND (2001-19)	19
<b>PITTSBURGH (2004-21)</b>	<b>18*</b>

\*Active streak

#### NO. 1 IN SACKS

- Led the NFL with 55 sacks last season, becoming the first team ever to lead the league in sacks in five consecutive seasons and the fourth team ever to record at least 50 sacks in five consecutive seasons.

### TEAMS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 50+ SACKS - NFL HISTORY

<b>PITTSBURGH (2017-21)</b>	<b>5*</b>
CHICAGO (1983-87)	5
DALLAS (1983-87)	5
WASHINGTON (1983-87)	5

\*Active streak

- LB T.J. Watt (22.5 sacks) and DL Cameron Heyward (10) were one of two pair of teammates (Arizona's Markus Golden and Chandler Jones) to each record at least 10 sacks last season.



T.J. WATT &amp; CAMERON HEYWARD

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## MIKE TOMLIN

YEARS AS NFL HC

**16**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**22**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**154-85**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**8-9**

- Tomlin's 154 career wins are the third-most among active head coaches and tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Don Shula for the most-ever by a head coach in his first 15 career seasons.

### ACTIVE HEAD COACHES WITH MOST REGULAR-SEASON VICTORIES

BILL BELICHICK (CLE, NE)	290
ANDY REID (PHI, KC)	233
<b>MIKE TOMLIN (PIT)</b>	<b>154</b>

#### OFFSEASON NEWS

#### PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Retained S Terrell Edmunds, who has started 60 games since being selected in the first round in 2018, and extended S Minkah Fitzpatrick.



TERRELL EDMUNDS

- Signed several notable players in free agency, including LB Myles Jack, DT Larry Ogunjobi, QB Mitch Trubisky and CB Levi Wallace.

Over six seasons with Jacksonville, Jack has started in 82 games and totaled over 100 tackles in each of the past two seasons.

Ogunjobi set career highs in sacks (seven) and tackles for loss (12) last season with Cincinnati, making 16 starts.

Trubisky has started 50 games over a five-year career, totaling 73 touchdowns (64 passing, nine rushing) and 10,652 passing yards.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## T.J. WATT

POS

**LB**

HT

**6-4**

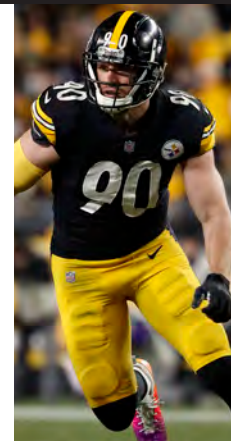
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**252**

EXP

**6**

NUM

**90**

#### AT A GLANCE

- Since entering the NFL in 2017, Watt's 72 sacks lead the league and are the third-most by a player in his first five seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic.

### PLAYERS WITH MOST SACKS IN THEIR 1ST 5 SEASONS SINCE 1982

REGGIE WHITE <sup>HOF</sup> (PHI)	81
J.J. WATT (HOU)	74.5
<b>T.J. WATT (PIT)</b>	<b>72</b>

- Watt is the second player since 1982 to record at least 13 sacks in four consecutive seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Reggie White (1985-88; 1990-93).

#### NOTE TO KNOW

- Named *Associated Press* Defensive Player of the Year in 2021 after leading the league with 22.5 sacks, tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Michael Strahan (22.5 sacks in 2001) for the most in a season since 1982.

### PLAYERS WITH MOST SACKS IN SINGLE SEASON SINCE 1982

MICHAEL STRAHAN <sup>HOF</sup> (NYG) - 2001	22.5
<b>T.J. WATT (PIT) - 2021</b>	<b>22.5</b>
JARED ALLEN (MIN) - 2001	22
MARK GASTINEAU <sup>HOF</sup> (NYJ) - 1984	22
JUSTIN HOUSTON (KC) - 2014	22

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Watt can become the first player to lead the league in sacks in three different seasons since 1982 and can join Reggie White (1986-88) as the only players to record at least 15 sacks in three consecutive seasons since 1982.
- With nine sacks, Watt will surpass DeMarcus Ware (80 sacks) for the second-most sacks by a player in his first six seasons since 1982.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## NAJEE HARRIS

POS

RB

HT

6-1

WT

232

EXP

2

NUM

22



## NOTES TO KNOW

- After being selected with the No. 24 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft, Harris led all rookies with 1,667 scrimmage yards (1,200 rushing, 467 receiving), the most-ever by a Pittsburgh rookie, and ranked second among rookies with 10 touchdowns (seven rushing, three receiving).
- Harris is the fourth rookie over the past five seasons to record at least 1,500 scrimmage yards and 10 touchdowns, joining Saquon Barkley (2018), Kareem Hunt (2017) and Alvin Kamara (2017).
- Led all running backs with 74 receptions last season.

## RUNNING BACKS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS IN 2021

NAJEE HARRIS (PIT)	74
AUSTIN EKELER (LAC)	70
LEONARD FOURNETTE (TB)	69

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- With at least 88 receptions in 2022, Harris would surpass Alvin Kamara (162 receptions) for the second-most by a running back in his first two seasons in NFL history. Only Christian McCaffrey (187) has more.

## TOP PICK-ETT



**THE STEELERS SELECTED PITTSBURGH QB KENNY PICKETT WITH THE NO. 20 OVERALL PICK IN THE 2022 NFL DRAFT, MAKING HIM THE FIRST QUARTERBACK SELECTED FROM THIS YEAR'S CLASS. IT MARKS THE FOURTH TIME IN THE COMMON-DRAFT ERA THE FRANCHISE HAS CHOSEN A QUARTERBACK IN THE FIRST ROUND.**

**PICKETT JOINS PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER DAN MARINO (NO. 27 OVERALL BY MIAMI IN 1983) AS THE ONLY PITTSBURGH QUARTERBACKS TO BE SELECTED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE NFL DRAFT.**

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DIONTAE JOHNSON

POS

WR

HT

5-10

WT

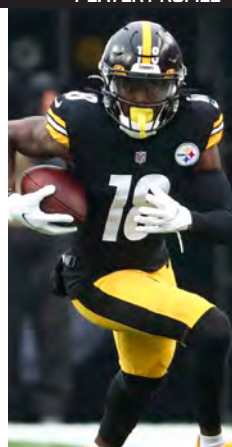
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EXP

4

NUM

18



## AT A GLANCE

- Since entering the league in 2019, Johnson has totaled 254 receptions, 2,764 receiving yards and 20 receiving touchdowns and is the third Steeler in the Super Bowl era with at least five touchdown receptions in each of his first three seasons, joining Heath Miller and Mike Wallace.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Set career highs in catches (107), receiving yards (1,161) and touchdown receptions (eight) and became the fourth player in franchise history with at least 100 receptions in a season.
- Johnson totaled at least five receptions in 15 of his 16 games in 2021, one of three players with at least 15 games with at least five receptions last season.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 5+ RECEPTIONS IN 2021

COOPER KUPP (LAR)	17
DAVANTE ADAMS (GB)	15
DIONTAE JOHNSON (PIT)	15

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MINKAH FITZPATRICK

POS

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HT

6-1

WT

207

EXP

5

NUM

39



## AT A GLANCE

- Entering his fifth NFL season, Fitzpatrick has totaled 13 interceptions and 36 passes defended in his career, the fourth-most passes defended among all safeties since 2018.
- Is one of two safeties (Daniel Sorensen) with three interception-return touchdowns since 2018.
- Led all defensive backs with a career-high 124 tackles last season.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS WITH THE MOST TACKLES IN 2021

MINKAH FITZPATRICK (PIT)	124
JALEN THOMPSON (AZ)	120
DERWIN JAMES (LAC)	117
LOGAN RYAN (NYG)	117

## IMMACULATE RECEPTION - 50 YEARS

When the Steelers host the Raiders on Saturday, December 24, it will mark almost 50 years to the day of the 'Immaculate Reception', crowned the greatest play in NFL history. On December 23, 1972, Franco Harris caught Terry Bradshaw's deflected pass out of the air and turned it into the 40-yard touchdown that provided the deciding points in the Steelers 13-7 victory over the Raiders for the first playoff win in franchise history.

As part of the celebrations, the Steelers will be wearing commemorate patches in the game to honor the historic play.



## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**4-13**

DIVISION RANK

**3RD**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**16.5**

RANK: 30TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**278.1**

RANK: 32ND

DEFENSE (PPG)

**26.6**

RANK: 27TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**384.4**

RANK: 31ST



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## LOVIE SMITH

YEARS AS NFL HC

**12**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**21**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**89-87**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**3-3**

- Smith was hired as the fifth head coach in franchise history this past offseason after serving the 2021 season as the team's defensive coordinator.
- Under Smith, Houston recorded 25 total takeaways last season, tied for the 10th-most in the league.
- Prior to joining the Texans, Smith was the head coach at the University of Illinois for five seasons (2016-20), leading the Illini to a Redbox Bowl berth following the 2019 season.
- Smith also has previous NFL head coaching experience, with both Tampa Bay (2014-15) and Chicago (2004-12), where he led the Bears to a Super Bowl XLII appearance following the 2006 season and was named Associated Press Coach of the Year in 2005.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- DT Maliek Collins, WR Chris Conley, LB Kamu Grugier-Hill, CB Desmond King and LB Christian Kirksey are among the players returning to Houston for the 2022 season.

In his first season with the Texans, King tied for the team lead with three interceptions and recorded a career-high 86 tackles.

Kirksey enters his ninth NFL season (second with Houston) and ranked tied for second among all linebackers last year with a career-high eight passes defended, while his 93 tackles were second-most on the team.

## PLAYER MOVEMENT (CONT.)

- Signed several notable players in free agency, including DL Mario Addison, G A.J. Cann, DL Jerry Hughes and CB Steven Nelson

Cann has started 94 games over the past seven seasons with Jacksonville.

Addison comes to Houston with 67 career sacks and is one of five players in the league with at least five sacks in each of the past eight seasons.



Hughes has appeared in 184 games since entering the NFL in 2010 and has 82 tackles for loss, 58 sacks and 16 forced fumbles.

Since entering the league in 2015, Nelson has totaled 59 passes defended and eight interceptions, including at least seven passes defended in each of the past four seasons.



## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- For the second time in franchise history (2004), the Texans made multiple selections in the first round of the NFL Draft, choosing LSU CB Derek Stingley with the No. 3 overall selection and Texas A&M G Kenyon Green No. 15 overall.
- Stingley became the fifth cornerback in the common-draft era to be selected among the top-three overall picks, joining Jeff Okudah (2020), Shawn Springs (1997), Bruce Pickens (1991) and Bennie Blades (1988).
- Green is the third offensive lineman selected in the first round in franchise history, joining Tytus Howard (No. 23 overall in 2019) and Duane Brown (No. 26 in 2008).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DAVIS MILLS

POS

**QB**

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**6-4**

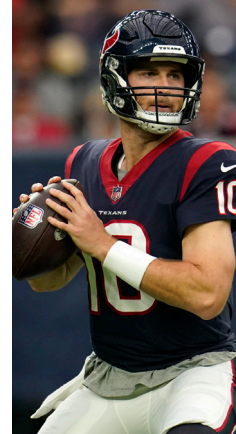
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## NOTE TO KNOW

- After being selected in the third round of the 2021 NFL Draft, Mills started 11 games last season and ranked second among qualified rookie quarterbacks in rating (88.8), touchdown passes (16) and completion percentage (66.8 percent), while ranking third in passing yards (2,664).
- Most passing yards and completions by a rookie in franchise history.
- In Week 5, became the first rookie quarterback to record at least 300 passing yards, three touchdown passes and a passer rating of 140-or-higher in a single game in NFL history.
- Finished the season with nine touchdown passes versus two interceptions for a 102.4 rating over the final five games.
- Mills recorded at least 300 passing yards in four games, two more than any other rookie last season.



## PLAYER PROFILE

## BRANDIN COOKS

POS

WR

HT

5-9

WT

219

EXP

3

NUM

25



## AT A GLANCE

- o Cooks enters his ninth NFL season (third with Houston) and is one of five wide receivers with at least 500 receptions, 7,500 receiving yards and 45 receiving touchdowns since 2014, along with Davante Adams, Antonio Brown, Mike Evans and DeAndre Hopkins.
- o Is one of two players (Mike Evans) with at least 1,000 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions in six of the past seven seasons.
- o Is one of two players all-time (Brandon Marshall) to record at least 1,000 receiving yards with four-or-more different teams.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SEASONS WITH 1,000+ RECEIVING YARDS SINCE 2015

MIKE EVANS (TB)	7
BRANDIN COOKS (NO, NE, LAR, HOU)	6
TRAVIS KELCE (KC)	6

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Led the Texans with a career-high 90 receptions last season with 1,037 receiving yards and six touchdown receptions.

## BACK-TO-BACK PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

- o Last season, the Texans earned Players of the Week honors in consecutive weeks for standout performances.

In Week 15, DB Tremon Smith earned Special Teams Player of the Week after returning a kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown and downing a punt inside the five-yard line in the team's victory over Jacksonville.

In Week 16, DB Tavierre Thomas recorded a 48-yard interception return for a touchdown in the Texans' win over the Chargers.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## KAMU GRUGIER-HILL

POS

LB

HT

6-2

WT

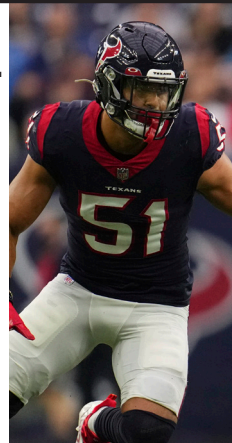
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51



## AT A GLANCE

- o In his first season with Houston, Grugier-Hill led the team with a career-high 106 tackles and 13 tackles for loss in 2021. He was one of five players in the league with at least 100 tackles and 10 tackles for loss.

## PLAYERS WITH 100+ TACKLES AND 10+ TACKLES FOR LOSS IN 2021

NICK BOLTON (KC)	112 TACKLES & 11 TFL
JORDYN BROOKS (SEA)	183 TACKLES & 10 TFL
DEMARIO DAVIS (NO)	105 TACKLES & 13 TFL
KAMU GRUGIER-HILL (HOU)	106 TACKLES & 13 TFL
ROQUAN SMITH (CHI)	163 TACKLES & 12 TFL

- o Was one of three players to record at least 20 tackles in a single game last season (20 tackles in Week 13), along with Jordyn Brooks and Bobby Wagner.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Can become the third Texan since 2010 to record at least 100 tackles in consecutive seasons, joining Zach Cunningham (2018-20) and Benardrick McKinney (2018-19).

## SUCCESS IN THE THIRD

- o Houston has made the most of their third round picks in both the 2020 and 2021 NFL Drafts. In 2020, the Texans picked LB Jonathan Greenard (No. 90 overall), who led the team in sacks with eight in 2021 - tied for the league-lead among players that entered the NFL two seasons ago. In 2021, Houston selected QB Davis Mills (No. 67) and WR Nico Collins (No. 89) in the third round. Collins finished last season with 33 receptions for 446 yards and one touchdown and from Weeks 14-18, ranked third among rookie receivers in receiving yards (218).



NICO COLLINS

## BATTLE RED

- o The Texans revealed their alternate helmet, Battle Red, that they will wear during the 2022 season. Since the team's inception, the Texans have exclusively worn Deep Steel Blue helmets. Last season, the NFL announced that teams would be permitted to wear a second helmet in 2022.

The updated policy allows teams to wear an alternate color helmet to pair with throwback, color rush or alternate uniforms. The glossy red helmet will be paired with the team's Battle Red jerseys and white pants. It will also feature a blue facemask. The Texans will don the new helmet for the first time in the regular-season when they take on the Philadelphia Eagles in Week 9.



## LOVIE RETURNS TO CHICAGO

- o Head coach Lovie Smith will make his return to Chicago in Week 3, when the Texans travel to face the Bears. Smith totaled 81 regular-season wins during his nine years in Chicago (2004-12), the third-most wins in franchise history, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famers George Halas (318 wins) and Mike Ditka (106). Smith led the Bears to Super Bowl XLI following the 2006 season, marking the team's first Super Bowl appearance since 1985. As head coach of Tampa Bay, Smith faced the Bears twice and lost both matchups, as they remain the only NFC team he has not yet defeated as a head coach.



JONATHAN GREENARD

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**9-8**

DIVISION RANK

**2ND**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**26.5**

RANK: T-9TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**347.1**

RANK: 16TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.5**

RANK: T-9TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**343.2**

RANK: 16TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## FRANK REICH

YEARS AS NFL HC

**5**

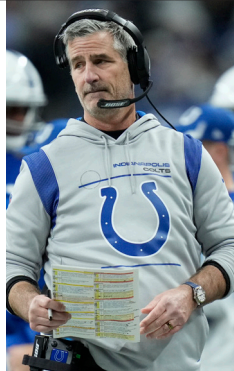
NFL EXPERIENCE

**17**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**37-28**

POST-SEASON RECORD

**1-2**

## TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL

- Indianapolis ranked tied for first with Dallas in turnover differential (+14) and ranked second behind the Cowboys in total takeaways (33) last season. The Colts tied for the league-lead with 14 fumble recoveries and ranked tied for third with 19 interceptions. Indianapolis recorded at least two takeaways in 12 games last season, tied with Dallas for the most in the NFL.



KENNY MOORE

- Shaquille Leonard (seven takeaways, 122 tackles), Kenny Moore (four takeaways, 101 tackles) and Bobby Okereke (two interceptions, 130 tackles) were the only trio of teammates to each record at least 100 tackles and multiple takeaways during the 2021 season.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- Indianapolis had four selections on Day 2 of the 2022 NFL Draft, choosing Cincinnati WR Alec Pierce in the second round (No. 53 overall) and Virginia TE Jelani Woods (No. 73), Central Michigan T Bernhard Raimann (No. 77) and Maryland S Nick Cross (No. 96) in the third round.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Acquired QB Matt Ryan and DE Yannick Ngakoue via trade this offseason.



YANNICK NGAKOUE

- Since entering the NFL in 2016, Ngakoue has 55.5 sacks and 57 tackles for loss in 95 career games and is one of two players with at least eight sacks in each of the past six seasons, along with Aaron Donald. Over the past six seasons, he is one of five players with at least 50 sacks and 20 forced fumbles (20).

## PLAYERS WITH 50+ SACKS &amp; 20+ FORCED FUMBLES SINCE 2016

AARON DONALD	78 SACKS & 21 FFs
CHANDLER JONES	71.5 SACKS & 23 FFs
KHALIL MACK	57.5 SACKS & 20 FFs
YANNICK NGAKOUE	55.5 SACKS & 20 FFs
T.J. WATT	72 SACKS & 22 FFs

- Signed QB Nick Foles, CB Stephon Gilmore and CB Rodney McLeod as free agents.

Gilmore, the 2019 Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year and a five-time Pro Bowl selection, is one of five players with at least 20 interceptions (27) and 100 passes defended (116) since he entered the NFL in 2012.

## PLAYERS WITH 20+ INTERCEPTIONS &amp; 100+ PASSES DEFENSED SINCE 2012

STEPHON GILMORE	24 INTs & 109 PD
JOE HADEN	23 INTs & 118 PD
CASEY HAYWARD	24 INTs & 109 PD
JANORIS JENKINS	27 INTs & 125 PD
DARIUS SLAY	23 INTs & 119 PD

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JONATHAN TAYLOR

POS

**RB**

HT

**5-10**

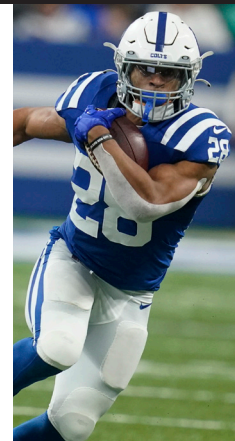
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**28**

## AT A GLANCE

- Taylor led the NFL with 2,171 scrimmage yards (1,811 rushing, 360 receiving) and 20 touchdowns (18 rushing, two receiving) and became the first player in franchise history and youngest player in NFL history with at least 2,000 scrimmage yards and 20 touchdowns in a season.
- Became the fourth player since 2000 to record at least 1,000 rushing yards and 10-or-more rushing touchdowns in each of his first two seasons, joining Adrian Peterson (2007-08), Clinton Portis (2002-03) and Pro Football Hall of Famer LaDainian Tomlinson (2001-02).

## NOTES TO KNOW

- From Weeks 4-15 of the 2021 season, Taylor became the fifth player all-time with a rushing touchdown in at least 11 consecutive games within a single season.
- In Week 11, he became the first player to record at least 175 rushing yards, four rushing touchdowns and one touchdown reception in a single game in NFL history.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Taylor needs 2,062 scrimmage yards to surpass Jamal Lewis (5,700 scrimmage yards) for the third-most scrimmage yards by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SCRIMMAGE YARDS IN THEIR 1ST 3 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

LADAINIAN TOMLINSON <sup>HOF</sup>	6,145
ERIC DICKERSON <sup>HOF</sup>	5,816
JAMAL LEWIS	5,700

- Taylor has 32 career touchdowns and needs 16 touchdowns to surpass Barry Sanders (47 touchdowns) for the most-ever by a player in his first three seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MATT RYAN

POS

QB

HT

6-4

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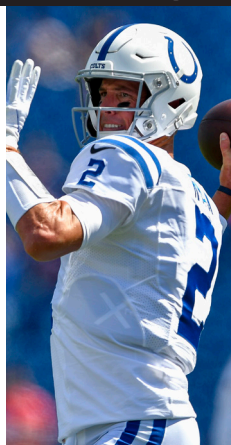
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## AT A GLANCE

- Originally selected No. 3 overall in the 2008 NFL Draft, Ryan has started all 222 games in which he has appeared over his 14-year career and ranks seventh in completions (5,242), eighth in passing yards (59,735) and ninth in touchdown passes (367) in NFL history.
- Ryan has 73 career games with at least 300 passing yards, tied with Philip Rivers for the fourth-most such games all time. Only Drew Brees (123), Tom Brady (108) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning (93) have more.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Recorded 3,968 passing yards in 2021 and became the fifth player ever to record at least 3,500 passing yards in 12 consecutive seasons. With 3,500 passing yards in 2022, he can join Drew Brees (14), Tom Brady (13), Peyton Manning (13) and Philip Rivers (13) as the only players in NFL history to reach the mark in 13 consecutive seasons.
- Ryan has recorded at least 20 touchdown passes in 13 consecutive seasons, tied with Tom Brady and Manning for the third-longest streak in NFL history. Only Brees (17) and Rivers (15) have a longer streak.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Needs 265 passing yards in his first game to become the second-fastest player ever (223 games) to reach 60,000 career passing yards. Only Drew Brees (215) reached the mark in fewer games.
- Needs 4,354 passing yards to move into fifth all-time in passing yards.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PASSING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

NO. 5 - BEN ROETHLISBERGER	64,088
NO. 6 - PHILIP RIVERS	63,440
NO. 7 - DAN MARINO <sup>HOF</sup>	61,361
NO. 8 - MATT RYAN	59,735

## SHAQUILLE LEONARD

POS

LB

HT

6-2

WT

230

EXP

5

NUM

53



## AT A GLANCE

- Since entering the NFL in 2018, Leonard has totaled 538 tackles, 30 tackles for loss, 30 passes defended, 17 forced fumbles, 15 sacks and 11 interceptions in 58 career games.
- Leonard is the first player since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to record at least 15 sacks (15) and 10 interceptions (11) in his first four career seasons.
- He recorded 122 tackles last season and is one of two players, along with Bobby Wagner, to record at least 120 tackles in each of the past four seasons.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Leonard led the NFL with a career-high eight forced fumbles last season. Over the past four seasons, he is one of two players, along with T.J. Watt, to record at least 15 sacks (15) and 15 forced fumbles (17).

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- With four interceptions, he can become the third linebacker in the Super Bowl era with at least 15 interceptions in his first five seasons.
- Needs three forced fumbles to become the fifth player since 1999 with at least 20 forced fumbles in his first five seasons.

## SECOND &amp; 1,000

- WR Michael Pittman recorded 88 receptions for 1,082 yards and six touchdowns in 2021. He was one of five second-year players to reach 1,000 receiving yards last season, along with Justin Jefferson, CeeDee Lamb, Tee Higgins and Darnell Mooney.



MICHAEL PITTMAN

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DEFOREST BUCKNER

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6-7

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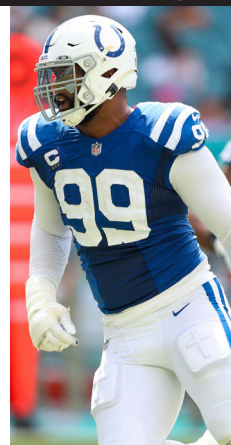
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EXP

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## AT A GLANCE

- Buckner has 388 tackles, 58 tackles for loss, 45 sacks and 17 passes defended in his first six career seasons. He is the only defensive lineman to record at least 50 tackles in each of the past six seasons.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Last season, Buckner had seven sacks and 10 tackles for loss. He is one of four defensive linemen with at least seven sacks and nine tackles for loss in each of the past four seasons, along with Aaron Donald, Myles Garrett and Cameron Jordan.

## PRO BOWL COLTS

- Indianapolis led all clubs with seven selections to the original 2022 Pro Bowl roster: DT DeForest Buckner, C Ryan Kelly, LB Shaquille Leonard, CB Kenny Moore, G Quenton Nelson, LS Luke Rhodes and RB Jonathan Taylor.



RYAN KELLY

## SCHEDULE BREAKDOWN

- To open the season, the Colts will play on the road in Weeks 1 and 2 for only the fifth time since moving to Indianapolis (1985, 1986, 2004 and 2019). Indianapolis will play five of their six divisional games - including both matchups against the Jaguars and Titans - by the end of Week 7. The Colts will host Monday night games in Week 12 (vs. Pittsburgh) and Week 16 (vs. Los Angeles Chargers), marking the first time since 2005 that the Colts will host multiple games on Monday Night Football. It will be the first time since 2015 that Indianapolis will host a Monday night game.

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**3-14**

DIVISION RANK

**4TH**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**14.9**

RANK: 32ND

OFFENSE (YPG)

**305.4**

RANK: 27TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**26.9**

RANK: 28TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**353.1**

RANK: 20TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## DOUG PEDERSON

YEARS AS NFL HC

**6 - 1ST WITH JAX**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**13**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**42-37-1**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**4-2**

- o The Jaguars made Doug Pederson the seventh head coach in franchise history this offseason.
- o Joins Jacksonville after serving as the head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles for five seasons (2016-2020), where he brought the franchise their first Super Bowl championship, leading the Eagles to a Super Bowl LII victory following the 2017 season.
- o Prior to entering the coaching ranks, Pederson was a 12-year NFL quarterback, spending time with Green Bay, Miami, Philadelphia and Carolina, and was a member of Green Bay's Super Bowl XXXI-winning team.
- o Pederson is the only active head coach to win a Super Bowl championship as both a player and a coach.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Signed T Cam Robinson to a three-year extension to keep him in Jacksonville through the 2024 season.

Robinson has started 61 games since entering the league in 2017.

- o Signed several notable players in free agency, including TE Evan Engram, DT Folorunso Fatukasi, WR Zay Jones, DE Arden Key, WR Christian Kirk, LB Foyesade Olukun and G Brandon Scherff.
- o Engram was a first-round pick of the Giants in 2017 and is one of three tight ends (Travis Kelce and George Kittle) with at least 40 receptions in each of the past five seasons.

## PLAYER MOVEMENT (CONT.)

- o Jones totaled 546 receiving yards with Las Vegas last season, his second-career season with at least 500 receiving yards.
- o Key recorded a career-high 6.5 sacks in 2021 with San Francisco.
- o Kirk spent the past four seasons with Arizona and set career highs in catches (77) and receiving yards (982) in 2021 and had at least five touchdown receptions in each of the past two seasons.
- o Scherff has started 89 games for Washington since entering the league in 2015 and has been selected to five Pro Bowls, including in each of the past three seasons.



## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- o For the third-consecutive year, the Jaguars made multiple first-round selections in the NFL Draft, including the second-consecutive year in which they selected first overall. In 2022, Jacksonville selected Georgia LB Travon Walker with the No. 1 overall selection and Utah LB Devin Lloyd with the No. 27 pick.

Walker became the fifth defensive player to be selected first overall since 2000, joining Myles Garrett (2017), Jadeveon Clowney (2014), Mario Williams (2006) and Courtney Brown (2000)

Walker joined quarterback Matthew Stafford (2009) as the only former Georgia players to be selected first overall in the common-draft era.



## PLAYER PROFILE

## TREVOR LAWRENCE

POS

**QB**

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**6-6**

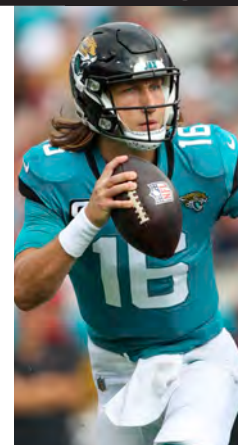
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EXP

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NUM

**16**

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o After being selected No. 1 overall in the 2021 NFL Draft, Lawrence started all 17 games for Jacksonville last season and ranked second among all rookies with a franchise rookie-record 3,641 passing yards.
- o Led all rookies with 359 completions, the third-most by a rookie in NFL history.

## ROOKIE QBs WITH THE MOST COMPLETIONS IN NFL HISTORY

JUSTIN HERBERT (LAC) - 2020	396
CARSON WENTZ (PHI) - 2016	379
TREVOR LAWRENCE (JAX) - 2021	359

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Needs 341 completions in 2022 to become the third player in NFL history with at least 700 completions through his first two seasons, joining Justin Herbert (839 completions) and Kyler Murray (724).
- o Can become the third player in franchise history to record at least 3,500 passing yards in consecutive seasons, joining Blake Bortles (2015-17) and David Garrard (2008-09).

## FROM TIGERS TO JAGUARS

- o In 2021, Jacksonville selected Clemson teammates QB Trevor Lawrence (No. 1 overall) and RB Travis Etienne (No. 25) in the first round, marking the first time that a quarterback and running back duo from the same college were each selected in the first round of the same NFL Draft by the same team in the common-draft era.

Etienne is expected to make his NFL debut in 2022 after missing the 2021 season.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JAMES ROBINSON

POS

RB

HT

5-9

WT

219

EXP

3

NUM

25



## AT A GLANCE

- Robinson has totaled 2,403 scrimmage yards (1,837 rushing, 566 receiving) since entering the league in 2020, the fourth-most by an undrafted player in his first two seasons in the common-draft era.
- Has 18 career touchdowns (15 rushing, three receiving) and is the fourth undrafted player in the common-draft era with at least 15 rushing touchdowns in his first two seasons, joining Arian Foster (19 rushing touchdowns), Kevin Mack (17) and Phillip Lindsay (16).

## UNDRAFTED PLAYERS WITH MOST SCRIMMAGE YARDS IN THEIR FIRST TWO SEASONS IN THE COMMON-DRAFT ERA

ARIAN FOSTER (HOU)	2,570
PHILLIP LINDSAY (DEN)	2,485
RYAN GRANT (GB)	2,420
JAMES ROBINSON (JAX)	2,403
CLARK GAINES (NYJ)	2,188

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Recorded 767 rushing yards and a career-high eight rushing touchdowns in 2021 and joined Maurice Jones-Drew as the only players in franchise history with at least 750 rushing yards in each of their first two seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Needs eight touchdowns to become the first undrafted player in the common-draft era to record at least eight touchdowns in each of his first three seasons.
- Can become the third undrafted player in the common-draft era with at least 3,500 scrimmage yards in his first three seasons, joining Arian Foster and Ryan Grant.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MARVIN JONES

POS

WR

HT

6-2

WT

199

EXP

11

NUM

11



## AT A GLANCE

- Enters his 11th NFL season (second with Jacksonville) and is one of four players in the league with at least 500 receiving yards and four touchdown receptions in each of the past seven seasons, along with Amari Cooper, DeAndre Hopkins and Travis Kelce.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Led the team last year with 73 receptions, 832 receiving yards and four receiving touchdowns in his first season in Jacksonville.

## BACK ACROSS THE POND

- The Jaguars are scheduled to return to London in 2022, when they meet the Denver Broncos at Wembley Stadium in Week 8. This will mark the ninth game the franchise has played in London, and the eighth at Wembley Stadium. Last season, Jacksonville defeated Miami, 23-20, at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium (below). Over the team's eight games played in London since 2013, they have averaged 22.4 points per game, almost four points more than their average of 18.7 points per game in all games since 2013.



## RETURN SPECIALIST

- Last season, WR Jamal Agnew, in his first season with Jacksonville, returned a kickoff 102 yards for a touchdown in Week 2 and the following week, he returned a missed field goal 109 yards for a touchdown, tied for the longest return of any kind in league annals.
- Agnew became the first player in NFL history to register a touchdown of at least 100 yards in consecutive games. Over the past five seasons, he leads all players in special teams touchdowns (seven) and punt return touchdowns (four).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JOSH ALLEN

POS

DE/LB

HT

6-5

WT

262

EXP

4

NUM

41



## PLAYER PROFILE

## FOYESADE OLUOKUN

POS

LB

HT

6-2

WT

229

EXP

5

NUM

54



## NOTES TO KNOW

- Allen led the team with 7.5 sacks and 12 tackles for loss last season, his second season with at least seven sacks since entering the league in 2019.
- Oluokun comes to Jacksonville having recorded over 100 tackles in each of the past two seasons with Atlanta, including a league-leading 192 tackles last season, the most by any player in a season since 2000.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 2000

FOYESADE OLUOKUN (ATL, 2021)	192
JORDYN BROOKS (SEA, 2021)	183
JEROD MAYO (NE, 2010)	174
PATRICK WILLIS (SF, 2007)	174

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**12-5**

DIVISION RANK

**1ST**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**24.6**

RANK: 15TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**342.5**

RANK: 17TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**329.8**

RANK: 12TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**20.8**

RANK: T-5TH



- o Won the AFC South for the second consecutive season, marking the first time they have repeated as division champions since the division's inception in 2002.
- o Won 12 regular-season games for the first time since 2008 and earned the top seed in the AFC playoffs.
- o One of four teams (Buffalo, Green Bay and Kansas City) to make the playoffs each of the past three seasons.



## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Retained several key pieces, including C Ben Jones, LB Harold Landry and WR Nick Westbrook-Ikhine.

Jones enters his 11th season with 139 starts throughout his career, including every game each of the past two seasons.

- o Acquired WR Robert Woods from the Rams and signed TE Austin Hooper in free agency.

Since entering the league in 2016, Hooper ranks fourth among all tight ends with 298 receptions.

Woods comes to Tennessee with 570 receptions, 7,077 receiving yards and 40 touchdowns (35 receiving, five rushing) in his career and is one of three players in the league (DeAndre Hopkins and Emmanuel Sanders) with at least 500 receiving yards in each of the past nine seasons.



ROBERT WOODS

## MIKE VRABEL

YEARS AS NFL HC

**5**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**9**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

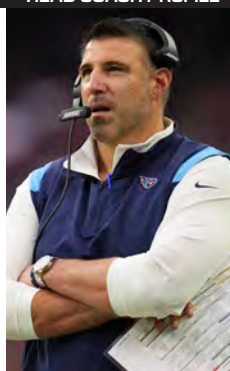
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POSTSEASON RECORD

**2-3**

- o Vrabel's 41 wins are the fifth-most among head coaches since he was hired in 2018 and he has led the Titans to a winning record in each of his first four seasons in Tennessee.

## HEAD COACH PROFILE



## PLAYER PROFILE

## DERRICK HENRY

POS

**RB**

HT

**6-3**

WT

**247**

EXP

**7**

NUM

**22**


## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Totaled 1,091 scrimmage yards (937 rushing, 154 receiving) in eight games (136.4 per game) with 10 rushing touchdowns last season. His 117.1 rushing yards per game led all players in 2021 (minimum 200 rushing attempts).

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Henry can become the fourth player ever with at least 10 rushing touchdowns and 1,000 scrimmage yards in five consecutive seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH 10+ RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS AND 1,000+ SCRIMMAGE YARDS IN MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS

LADAINIAN TOMLINSON <sup>HOF</sup> (SD)	8 (2001-08)
ADRIAN PETERSON (MIN)	7 (2007-13)
SHAUN ALEXANDER (SEA)	5 (2001-05)

DERRICK HENRY (TEN) **4\* (2018-21)**

\*ACTIVE STREAK

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- o Tennessee selected Arkansas WR Treyton Burks with the No. 18 overall pick, the third-highest drafted wide receiver by the franchise since 1967.
- o Selected Liberty QB Malik Willis in the third round, making him the first-ever Liberty quarterback to be picked in the NFL Draft.



MALIK WILLIS

- o Willis was the only quarterback in college football to record at least 850 rushing yards in each of the past two seasons.

## AT A GLANCE

- o Since 2017, Henry leads all players with 6,307 rushing yards and 60 rushing touchdowns. He is also the only player in the league with at least 10 touchdowns in each of the past four seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS SINCE 2017

DERRICK HENRY (TEN)	6,307
EZEKIEL ELLIOTT (DAL)	5,755
DALVIN COOK (MIN)	4,820

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS SINCE 2017

DERRICK HENRY (TEN)	60
TODD GURLEY (STL/LAR, ATL)	51
ALVIN KAMARA (NO)	47

- o Henry has 10 career games with at least 150 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns, tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Barry Sanders the fourth-most in NFL history.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 150+ RUSHING YARDS AND 2+ RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN NFL HISTORY

JIM BROWN <sup>HOF</sup> (CLE)	13
LADAINIAN TOMLINSON <sup>HOF</sup> (SD)	12
DERRICK HENRY (TEN)	10
BARRY SANDERS <sup>HOF</sup> (DET)	10

PLAYER PROFILE

# RYAN TANNEHILL

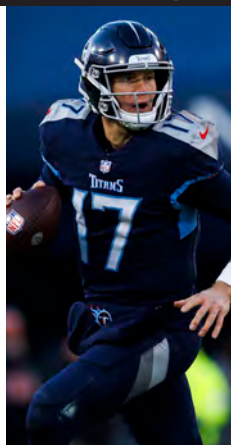
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**QB**

HT  
**6-4**

WT  
**217**

EXP  
**11**

NUM  
**17**



AT A GLANCE

- Tannehill enters his 11th NFL season with 30,729 passing yards. Since joining the Titans in 2019, he has 94 touchdowns (76 passing, 18 rushing) against 27 interceptions for a 102 rating.

NOTES TO KNOW

- Ranked second among all quarterbacks with seven rushing touchdowns last season and is the only quarterback in the NFL with at least seven rushing touchdowns in each of the past two seasons.
- Since joining Tennessee in 2019, Tannehill ranks third among all quarterbacks with 18 rushing touchdowns.

## QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS SINCE 2019

JOSH ALLEN (BUF)	23
KYLER MURRAY (AZ)	20
RYAN TANNEHILL (TEN)	18

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Tannehill enters 2022 with 30,729 career passing yards, 199 career touchdown passes and 24 career rushing touchdowns and can become the fifth quarterback in NFL history with 30,000 passing yards, 200 touchdown passes and 30 rushing touchdowns, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers John Elway, Fran Tarkenton and Steve Young, as well as Aaron Rodgers.

2,000-YARD BENCHMARK

- The Titans have recorded at least 2,000 rushing yards in each of the past four seasons, one of only two teams (Baltimore) to do so in that span. It is only the second time the franchise has accomplished the feat (2006-09).

# HAROLD LANDRY

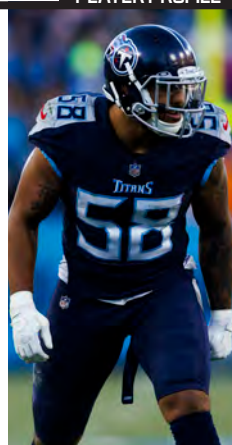
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**LB**

HT  
**6-2**

WT  
**252**

EXP  
**5**

NUM  
**58**



NOTES TO KNOW

- Landry led the team with a career-high 12 sacks and 14 tackles for loss last season.
- He became the third Titan since 2000 to record at least 12 sacks in a season, joining Jason Babin (12.5 in 2010) and Kyle Vanden Bosh (12.5 in 2005 and 12 in 2007).

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Can become the third Titan/Oiler since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to record at least 10 sacks in consecutive seasons, joining Sean Jones (1990-91) and Jevon Kearse (1999-2001).

TITANS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- Tennessee has four primetime games as part of their 2022 schedule: at Buffalo on *Monday Night Football* in (Week 2), at Kansas City on *Sunday Night Football* in Week 9, at Green Bay on *Thursday Night Football* in Week 11 and home against Dallas on *Thursday Night Football* in Week 17.
- The Titans were a perfect 3-0 in primetime games last season, one of three teams in the league (Green Bay and Miami) to play multiple games in primetime and win each of them.



PLAYER PROFILE

# KEVIN BYARD

POS  
**S**

HT  
**5-11**

WT  
**212**

EXP  
**7**

NUM  
**31**



AT A GLANCE

- Byard has started every game for the Titans since 2017, with career totals of 57 passes defended, 23 interceptions and 15 tackles for loss.
- Since entering the league in 2016, Byard's 23 interceptions are the most among all safeties.

## SAFETIES WITH THE MOST INTERCEPTIONS SINCE 2016

KEVIN BYARD (TEN)	23
JUSTIN SIMMONS (DEN)	21
QUANDRE DIGGS (DET, SEA)	19

NOTE TO KNOW

- Led the team with 88 tackles and five interceptions last season and was one of four players in the NFL with at least 85 tackles and five interceptions.

## PLAYERS WITH 85+ TACKLES AND 5+ INTERCEPTIONS IN 2021

KEVIN BYARD (TEN)	88 TACKLES & 5 INTs
QUANDRE DIGGS (SEA)	94 TACKLES & 5 INTs
XAVIER MCKINNEY (NYG)	93 TACKLES & 5 INTs
JORDAN POYER (BUF)	91 TACKLES & 5 INTs

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**7-10**

DIVISION RANK

**4TH**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**19.7**

RANK: T-23RD

OFFENSE (YPG)

**330.5**

RANK: 19TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**18.9**

RANK: 3RD

DEFENSE (YPG)

**326.1**

RANK: 8TH



## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Acquired nine-time Pro Bowl QB Russell Wilson from Seattle.
- o Retained S Kareem Jackson, LB Josey Jewell and LB Malik Reed.

Jackson enters his 13th NFL season (fourth with Denver) and has totaled 104 passes defended and 20 interceptions in his career. He is one of five active players with at least 100 passes defended.

Since entering the league in 2019, Reed has started 34 games for Denver and has recorded at least five sacks in each of the past two seasons.

- o Made several key signings in free agency, including DE Randy Gregory, DT D.J. Jones, LB Alex Singleton, G Billy Turner and CB K'Wuan Williams.

Gregory entered the league in 2015 and tied career-highs in sacks (six) and forced fumbles (three) with Dallas in 2021.



RANDY GREGORY

Jones has started 46 games for San Francisco since entering the league in 2017, including all 17 last season, and has 23 tackles for loss and seven sacks in his career.

Singleton recorded a career-high 130 tackles in 2021 and has totaled over 100 tackles in each of the past two seasons.

Turner enters his ninth NFL season and has started 43 games for Green Bay over the past three seasons.

Williams has started 46 games over his seven-year career and has 27 passes defended, 21 tackles for loss and 11 forced fumbles.

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## NATHANIEL HACKETT

YEARS AS NFL HC

**1**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**14**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**0-0**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-0**

- o Hackett was hired as the 18th head coach in Broncos history this past offseason after spending the past three seasons as Green Bay's offensive coordinator. Under Hackett's leadership, the Packers have scored the second-most offensive touchdowns (160) in the league since 2019, while recording the fewest giveaways (37).

## TOP-3 SCORING DEFENSE

- o Ranked third in the league in scoring defense (18.9 points per game allowed), the fewest points per game the team has allowed in a season since 2016 (18.6).
- o Allowed fewer than 20 points in 10 games last season, tied for the most such games in the league.

## TEAMS TO ALLOW FEWER THAN 20 POINTS IN THE MOST GAMES IN 2021

BUFFALO BILLS	10
DENVER BRONCOS	10
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	10
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	10



BRADLEY CHUBB

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- o The Broncos' first selection came in the second round, choosing Oklahoma LB Nik Bonitto with the No. 64 overall pick. Denver selected a total of nine players, six on defense and three on offense.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## RUSSELL WILSON

POS

**QB**

HT

**5-11**

WT

**215**

EXP

**11**

NUM

**3**

## AT A GLANCE

- o Wilson comes to Denver after a 10-year career in Seattle where he totaled 37,059 passing yards and 292 passing yards, the fifth-most passing yards and second-most touchdown passes by a player in his first 10 seasons in league history.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN THEIR 1ST 10 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

PEYTON MANNING <sup>HOF</sup> (IND)	306
RUSSELL WILSON (SEA)	292
DAN MARINO <sup>HOF</sup> (MIA)	291

- o Seattle finished with a winning record in nine of the 10 seasons with Wilson as a starter, and his 113 career wins, including the postseason, surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning (112 wins) for the most-ever by a quarterback in his first 10 seasons.
- o Has 92 games with at least two touchdown passes, tied with Manning for the most-ever by a player in his first 10 seasons, and 17 games with at least four touchdown passes, tied with Manning and Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino for the most-ever through 10 seasons.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o In 14 starts last year, Wilson finished with 3,113 passing yards, joining Manning as the only players ever to record at least 3,000 passing yards in each of their first 10 seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Wilson has recorded a passer rating of 100-or-higher in each of the past four seasons and can become the third player ever with a 100-or-higher passer rating in five consecutive seasons (minimum 250 attempts).
- o Needs 3,000 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes to join Peyton Manning as the only players to reach those marks in each of their first 11 seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MELVIN GORDON

POS  
**RB**

HT  
**6-1**

WT  
**215**

EXP  
**8**

NUM  
**25**



## PLAYER PROFILE

## PAT SURTAIN II

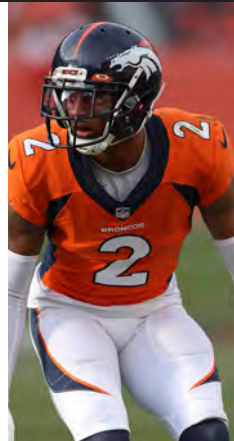
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HT  
**6-2**

WT  
**202**

EXP  
**2**

NUM  
**2**



## PLAYER PROFILE

## JUSTIN SIMMONS

POS  
**S**

HT  
**6-2**

WT  
**202**

EXP  
**7**

NUM  
**31**



## PLAYER PROFILE

## JAVONTE WILLIAMS

POS  
**RB**

HT  
**5-10**

WT  
**220**

EXP  
**2**

NUM  
**33**



## NOTES TO KNOW

- In 2021, Gordon (918 rushing yards) and Williams (903) became the first pair of running back teammates to each rush for at least 900 yards in the same season since 2011 (Houston's Arian Foster and Ben Tate).
- Gordon had 10 total touchdowns last season (eight rushing, two receiving) and became the fifth player ever to record at least eight rushing touchdowns in six consecutive seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 8+ RUSH TDS IN NFL HISTORY

LADAINIAN TOMLINSON <sup>HOF</sup> (S.D.)	9 (2001-09)
JIM BROWN <sup>HOF</sup> (CLE)	7 (1957-63)
ADRIAN PETERSON (MIN)	7 (2007-13)
EMMITT SMITH <sup>HOF</sup> (DAL)	7 (1990-96)
MELVIN GORDON* (S.D./L.A.C., DEN)	6* (2016-21)

\*active streak

- Since entering the league in 2015, Gordon ranks second among all running backs with 8,388 scrimmage yards and tied for fourth with 67 touchdowns.
- Williams ranked third among rookies in scrimmage yards (1,219) and rushing yards (903) and tied for third with seven scrimmage touchdowns (four rushing, three receiving).

## NOTES TO KNOW

- After being selected with the No. 9 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft, Surtain led all rookies with four interceptions and led the team with 14 passes defended, tied for the most among first-year players.
- Had the most interceptions by a Denver rookie since Steve Foley (four) in 1976.

## ROOKIES WITH THE MOST PASSES DEFENSED IN 2021

ERIC STOKES (GB)	14
PAT SURTAIN II (DEN)	14
ASANTE SAMUEL JR. (LAC)	11

## SEATTLE HOMECOMING

- Quarterback Russell Wilson will make his Broncos debut in a familiar setting, when Denver travels to face the Seattle Seahawks on Monday Night Football in Week 1. In his 10 years with Seattle, Wilson became the franchise's all-time leader in every major passing category and led the team to their first-ever Super Bowl championship, a victory over Denver in Super Bowl XLVIII following the 2013 season.

The Seahawks are one of two teams that Wilson has not beaten as a starter, along with the Chargers, who Denver plays both in Week 6 and Week 18 this season.

If he defeats both teams in 2022, Wilson will become the fifth quarterback all-time to register at least one win against 32 different NFL franchises, joining Tom Brady, Drew Brees and Pro Football Hall of Famers Brett Favre and Peyton Manning.

## AT A GLANCE

- Since entering the league in 2016, ranks second among all safeties with 21 interceptions and third with 49 passes defended. He is the only player in the league with multiple interceptions in each of the past six seasons.

## SAFETIES WITH THE MOST INTERCEPTIONS SINCE 2016

KEVIN BYARD (TEN)	23
JUSTIN SIMMONS (DEN)	21
QUANDRE DIGGS (DET, SEA)	19

## SAFETIES WITH THE MOST PASSES DEFENSED SINCE 2016

LOGAN RYAN (NE, TEN, NYG)	65
KEVIN BYARD (TEN)	57
JUSTIN SIMMONS (DEN)	49

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Recorded 12 passes defended and a team-high five interceptions in 2021 and is one of two safeties (Quandre Diggs) with at least five interceptions in each of the past two seasons.

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**12-5**

DIVISION RANK

**1ST**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**28.2**

RANK: 4TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**396.8**

RANK: 3RD

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.4**

RANK: 8TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**368.9**

RANK: 27TH



## 2021 SEASON RECAP

- o Won the AFC West for the sixth consecutive season and became the fifth team ever to win at least 12 regular-season games in four consecutive seasons.
- o Became the first team in league history to host four consecutive Championship Games.
- o Finished the regular-season winning nine of their final 10 games.
- o From Weeks 9-14, became the first team since the 2014 Seattle Seahawks to allow fewer than 10 points four times in a five-game span.

## TOP-5 OFFENSE

- o Ranked third in the league with 396.8 total yards of offense per game and fourth with 28.2 points per game last season and is the only team to average at least 395 total yards of offense per game in each of the past two seasons.
- o Scored at least 30 points in nine games, tied for the second-most in the league.
- o One of two teams in the NFL (Baltimore) to have multiple players record at least 1,000 receiving yards and also have multiple players record at least 500 rushing yards.

## CHASING HISTORY

The Chiefs made NFL history last season when they became the first team ever to host four consecutive Championship Games and can again make history in 2022.

They are looking to become the third team in the league's history to advance to five consecutive Championship Games, joining the New England Patriots, who advanced to eight straight AFC Championships from 2011-18, and the Oakland Raiders, who advanced to five consecutive AFC Championships from 1973-77.

They can also become the third team ever to win at least 12 regular-season games in five-or-more consecutive seasons, joining New England (2010-17) and Indianapolis (2003-09).

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- o For the first time since 2008, the Chiefs made multiple selections in the first round, selecting Washington CB Trent McDuffie with the No. 21 overall pick and Purdue DE George Karlaftis No. 30 overall.

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## ANDY REID

YEARS AS NFL HC

**24** - 10TH WITH KC

NFL EXPERIENCE

**31**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**233-135**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**19-16**

- o Reid's 252 total wins and 233 regular-season wins are both the fifth-most among head coaches in NFL history, while his 19 postseason wins are tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Don Shula for the third-most all-time. Only Bill Belichick (31 postseason wins) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Tom Landry (20) have more.

## HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST POSTSEASON WINS IN NFL HISTORY

BILL BELICHIK (CLE, NE)	31
TOM LANDRY <sup>HOF</sup> (DAL)	20
ANDY REID (PHI, KC)	19
DON SHULA <sup>HOF</sup> (BAL, MIA)	19

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Applied franchise tag to T Orlando Brown, who started every game for the Chiefs in 2021, his first season in Kansas City. Brown has been selected to three straight Pro Bowls.
- o Made several key signings in free agency, including RB Ronald Jones, S Justin Reid and WRs JuJu Smith-Schuster and Marquez Valdes-Scantling.
- o Reid has started 53 games since entering the league in 2018, recording seven interceptions and 23 passes defended.
- o Over the past five seasons with Pittsburgh, Smith-Schuster has totaled 323 receptions, 3,855 receiving yards and 26 receiving touchdowns.
- o Valdes-Scantling had 123 receptions for 2,153 yards and 13 touchdowns in his four-year career with Green Bay, including career highs in receiving yards (690) and touchdown receptions (six) in 2020.



JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER

## PLAYER PROFILE

## PATRICK MAHOMES

POS

**QB**

HT

**6-3**

WT

**227**

EXP

**6**

NUM

**15**

## AT A GLANCE

- o Enters his sixth NFL season with 18,991 career passing yards, the fifth-most by a player in his first five seasons in league history, and 151 touchdown passes, the second-most among players in their first five career seasons all-time.

## PLAYERS WITH MOST TD PASSES IN 1ST 5 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

DAN MARINO <sup>HOF</sup> (MIA)	168
PATRICK MAHOMES (KC)	151
PEYTON MANNING <sup>HOF</sup> (IND)	138

- o Has compiled a 50-13 (.794) record in 63 career regular-season starts and has a career 105.8 passer rating, the highest passer rating among qualified passers in league history.
- o Since taking over as Kansas City's starter in 2018, Mahomes leads the league in passing yards (18,707) and touchdown passes (151).

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Ranked fourth in the NFL with 4,839 passing yards and tied for fourth with 37 touchdown passes last season.
- o 2021 marked his fourth consecutive season with at least 4,000 passing yards, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning as the only players ever to record at least 4,000 passing yards in four of their first five seasons.
- o Became the first player ever with at least 35 touchdown passes in three of his first five seasons.
- o Mahomes totaled 11 touchdown passes and a 118.8 passer rating in three postseason games last year and became the fourth player ever to record at least three touchdown passes in three games within a single postseason.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Needs at least 4,500 passing yards and 35 touchdown passes to become the fourth quarterback all-time with four such career seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## TRAVIS KELCE

POS

TE

HT

6-5

WT

256

EXP

10

NUM

87



## AT A GLANCE

- o Kelce is one of two players (Mike Evans) with at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of the past six seasons and became the first tight end ever with at least 1,000 receiving yards in six different seasons.
- o Since 2014, ranks third among all players in receptions (704), fourth in receiving yards (9,006) and fifth in receiving touchdowns (57).
- o Has 106 career postseason receptions, the third-most all time, and 12 postseason touchdown receptions, tied for the third-most all-time.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Tied for the lead-league among tight ends last season with nine touchdown receptions and ranked second with 92 receptions and 1,125 receiving yards, becoming the first tight end ever with at least 90 receptions in four consecutive seasons.
- o Is the only player in the league with at least 80 receptions in each of the past six seasons.
- o Kelce totaled 23 receptions for 299 yards and three touchdowns in the 2021 postseason and going back to the 2020 postseason, has recorded at least 95 receiving yards in six consecutive playoff games, the longest such streak in league history.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Needs 96 receptions and 994 receiving yards to become the fifth tight end ever with at least 800 career receptions and 10,000 career receiving yards.
- o Needs four games with at least 100 receiving yards to surpass Rob Gronkowski (32 games) for the most such games by a tight end ever.

## TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 100+ RECEIVING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

ROB GRONKOWSKI (NE, TB)	32
TONY GONZALEZ <sup>HOF</sup> (KC, ATL)	31
TRAVIS KELCE (K.C.)	29

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o After being selected in the second round (No. 58 overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft, Bolton led all rookies with a team-high 112 tackles and ranked second with 11 tackles for loss last season. He became the fifth rookie since 2010 to record at least 100 tackles and 10 tackles for loss.

## ROOKIES WITH 100+ TACKLES AND 10+ TACKLES FOR LOSS SINCE 2010

NICK BOLTON (2021)	112 TACKLES & 11 TFL
SHAQUILLE LEONARD (2018)	163 TACKLES & 12 TFL
KIKO ALONSO (2013)	159 TACKLES & 11 TFL
LAVONTE DAVID (2012)	139 TACKLES & 20 TFL
LUKE KUECHLY (2012)	164 TACKLES & 12 TFL

## NICK BOLTON

POS

LB

HT

6-0

WT

237

EXP

2

NUM

32



## PLAYER PROFILE

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Can become the first player in franchise history to record at least 100 tackles in each of his first two seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## CHRIS JONES

POS

DT

HT

6-6

WT

298

EXP

7

NUM

95



## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league in 2016, Jones ranks sixth among all defensive linemen with 49.5 sacks and fourth with 29 passes defended in that span.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Led the team with nine sacks in 2021, his third career season with at least nine sacks and fourth consecutive season with at least seven sacks.
- o Had three games with at least two sacks last season, tied for the third-most among defensive linemen.

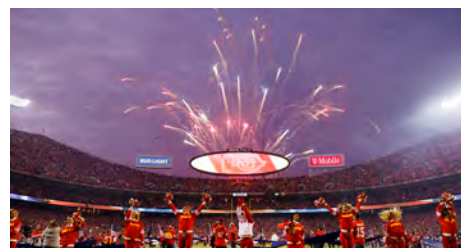
## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Can become the fourth Chiefs player to record at least seven sacks in five consecutive seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Derrick Thomas (11 consecutive seasons 1989-99), Neil Smith (six seasons from 1990-95) and Tamba Hali (five seasons from 2009-13).

## STARTING STRONG

The Chiefs have opened each of the past seven seasons (2015-21) with a victory, the NFL's longest active Kickoff Weekend winning streak.

With a win at Arizona in Week 1 of the 2022 season, Kansas City will tie the Pittsburgh Steelers (2003-10) for the league's fourth-longest season-opening winning streak since 1981, when the Dallas Cowboys established the NFL record of 17 consecutive Week 1 victories (1965-81).



## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**10-7**

DIVISION RANK

**2ND**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**22.0**

RANK: 18TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**363.8**

RANK: 11TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**25.8**

RANK: 26TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**337.2**

RANK: 14TH



- o Won their final four games of the season, including an overtime victory over the Chargers in Week 18, to secure their first postseason berth since 2016.
- o Won overtime games in Weeks 1, 3, 12 and 18, becoming the second team ever to win four overtime games in a single season, joining the 2011 Arizona Cardinals.

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## JOSH MCDANIELS

YEARS AS NFL HC

**3 - 1ST WITH LV**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**22**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**11-17**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-0**

- o McDaniels was hired as the head coach of the Raiders after spending two different stints as an offensive assistant with the New England Patriots (2001-08; 2012-21), where he helped the franchise win six Super Bowls.
- o In his 13 seasons as the Patriots offensive coordinator, McDaniels guided the offense to top-10 finishes eight times, including the NFL's No. 1 ranked offense in 2007, 2012 and 2017. He also helped the team to 12 seasons with 10-or-more wins, while the offense scored 400-or-more points in 11 seasons.
- o In addition to his time in New England, McDaniels spent two seasons as the head coach of the Denver Broncos (2009-10) and one season as the Rams offensive coordinator (2011).



CHANDLER JONES

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Secured contract extensions with QB Derek Carr, DE Maxx Crosby and WR Hunter Renfrow.

Since entering the league in 2019, Crosby has totaled 25 sacks and ranks third among all players with 43 tackles for loss. He is the third Raider to record at least seven sacks in each of his first three seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, joining Anthony Smith and Greg Townsend.



MAXX CROSBY

- o Renfrow led the team with career-highs in catches (103), receiving yards (1,038) and touchdown receptions (nine), joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Tim Brown (104 receptions in 1997) as the only wide receivers in franchise history with at least 100 receptions in a season.
- o Acquired five-time Pro Bowl WR Davante Adams from Green Bay and CB Rock Ya-Sin from Indianapolis in separate trades.

Ya-Sin has started 29 games over the past three seasons and recorded a career-high eight passes defended in 2021.

- o CB Anthony Averett, RB Brandon Bolden, LB Kyler Fackrell, S Duron Harmon, DE Chandler Jones and DT Bilal Nichols were among the players the team signed in free agency.

Averett spent the past four seasons with Baltimore and set career-highs in tackles (53), passes defended (11) and interceptions (three) in 2021.

Bolden enters his 10th NFL season and recorded a career-high 631 scrimmage yards (405 receiving, 226 rushing) last year with New England.

Harmon started all 17 games for Atlanta in 2021 and is one of six players in the league with multiple interceptions in each of the past five seasons

Jones recorded 10.5 sacks last season and has at least 10 sacks in six of the last seven seasons and has seven total such seasons - tied for the most among active players. He has 107.5 career sacks since entering the league in 2012, the most in that time period.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DEREK CARR

POS

**QB**

HT

**6-3**

WT

**210**

EXP

**9**

NUM

**4**

## AT A GLANCE

- o Carr enters his ninth NFL season with 31,700 passing yards and 193 touchdown passes in 127 career starts. He became the fourth quarterback in league history to record at least 3,000 passing yards in each of his first eight seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SEASONS WITH 3,000+ PASSING YARDS TO BEGIN THEIR CAREER IN NFL HISTORY

PEYTON MANNING <sup>HOF</sup> (IND)	13
RUSSELL WILSON (SEA)	10*
DEREK CARR (OAK/LV)	8*
CAM NEWTON (CAR)	8

\*Active streak

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Ranked fifth in the league with a career-high and franchise-record 4,804 passing yards last season and is one of four quarterbacks in the league with at least 4,000 passing yards in each of the past four seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Carr needs 3,300 passing yards this season to become the fourth player ever with at least 35,000 passing yards in his first nine seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PASSING YARDS IN THEIR 1ST 9 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

MATT RYAN (ATL)	37,701
PEYTON MANNING <sup>HOF</sup> (IND)	37,586
DAN MARINO <sup>HOF</sup> (MIA)	35,386
DEREK CARR* (OAK/LV)	31,700

\*Entering ninth season

PLAYER PROFILE

DAVANTE ADAMS

POS  
**WR**

HT  
**6-1**

WT  
**215**

EXP  
**9**

NUM  
**17**



AT A GLANCE

- Adams comes to Las Vegas after an eight-year career in Green Bay where he became the seventh player in league history with at least 600 receptions (669), 8,000 receiving yards (8,121) and 70 touchdown receptions (73) in his first eight seasons.
- Since 2016, Adams leads all players in receptions (581) and touchdown receptions (69) and ranks second in receiving yards (7,192).

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS SINCE 2016

DAVANTE ADAMS (GB)	581
TRAVIS KELCE (KC)	565
DEANDRE HOPKINS (HOU, ARZ)	550

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TD RECEPTIONS SINCE 2016

DAVANTE ADAMS (GB)	69
MIKE EVANS (TB)	60
TYREEK HILL (KC)	56

NOTE TO KNOW

- In 2021, ranked second in the league with 123 receptions, third with 1,553 receiving yards and fifth with 11 touchdown receptions, becoming the fourth player in league history to record 110 receptions and 1,300 receiving yards in three different seasons.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Adams has recorded at least 115 receptions in each of the past two seasons and can become the first player ever to do so in three consecutive seasons.
- Can become the fourth player ever with at least 10 touchdown receptions in at least six of his first nine seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers Jerry Rice (seven seasons), Marvin Harrison (six) and Randy Moss (six).

PLAYER PROFILE

DARREN WALLER

POS  
**TE**

HT  
**6-6**

WT  
**255**

EXP  
**6**

NUM  
**83**



NOTES TO KNOW

- Waller recorded 55 receptions for 665 receiving yards last season and is one of three tight ends (Mark Andrews and Travis Kelce) with at least 650 receiving yards in each of the past three seasons.
- Since 2019, Waller ranks second among all tight ends in receptions (252) and receiving yards (3,006).

TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST RECEIVING YARDS SINCE 2019

TRAVIS KELCE (KC)	3,770
DARREN WALLER (OAK/LV)	3,006
MARK ANDREWS (BAL)	2,914

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Waller totaled at least 90 receptions and 1,100 receiving yards in both 2019 and 2020 and can become the third tight end ever to do so in three-or-more different seasons, joining Travis Kelce (four seasons) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Tony Gonzalez (three).

TOP TACKLER

- Last season, LB Denzel Perryman ranked second in the AFC and sixth in the NFL with a career-high 154 tackles. He was one of five players to average at least 10 tackles per game and his 10 games with at least 10 tackles were tied for the third-most among all players during the 2021 season.



DENZEL PERRYMAN

PLAYER PROFILE

JOSH JACOBS

POS  
**RB**

HT  
**5-10**

WT  
**220**

EXP  
**4**

NUM  
**28**



AT A GLANCE

- Jacobs enters his fourth season with 3,839 scrimmage yards and 28 touchdowns, both the second-most ever by a Raider in his first three seasons, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen.
- Since entering the NFL, Jacobs has eight games with at least two rushing touchdowns, the second-most in the league, trailing only Derrick Henry (13 games).

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 2+ RUSHING TDs SINCE 2019

DERRICK HENRY (TEN)	13
JOSH JACOBS (OAK/LV)	8
THREE PLAYERS	7

NOTE TO KNOW

- Jacobs totaled 1,220 scrimmage yards (872 rushing, career-high 348 receiving) and nine rushing touchdowns in 2021 and is one of three players in the league (Nick Chubb and Ezekiel Elliott) with at least 1,200 scrimmage yards and seven touchdowns in each of the past three seasons.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 10+ TACKLES IN 2021

FOYESADE OLUOKUN (ATL)	12
C.J. MOSLEY (NYJ)	11
JORDYN BROOKS (SEA)	10
DENZEL PERRYMAN (LV)	10
BOBBY WAGNER (SEA)	10

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

9-8

DIVISION RANK

3RD

OFFENSE (PPG)

27.9

RANK: 5TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

390.2

RANK: 4TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

27.0

RANK: T-29TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

360.1

RANK: 23RD



## TOP-5 OFFENSE

- Ranked fourth in the league with 390.2 total yards of offense per game and fifth with 27.9 points per game last season, the team's highest yards-per-game total since 2013 (393.3) and highest points-per-game total since 2009 (28.4).
- Recorded over 400 total yards of offense in nine games last year, the third-most in the league.
- With Keenan Allen (1,138 receiving yards) and Mike Williams (1,146), the Chargers were the only team in the league last season with two wide receivers each recording at least 1,100 receiving yards.

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## BRANDON STALEY

YEARS AS NFL HC

2

NFL EXPERIENCE

6

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

9-8

POSTSEASON RECORD

0-0



- After leading Los Angeles to a 9-8 record last year, Staley became the sixth consecutive Chargers head coach to finish with a .500-or-better record in his first season. He can become the fourth consecutive Chargers head coach to finish with a .500-or-better record in each of his first two seasons.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Extended the contract of WR Mike Williams.

Last season, Williams set career-highs in receptions (76) and receiving yards (1,146), while adding nine touchdown receptions. Since 2019, his 2,903 receiving yards are the fourth-most among AFC wide receivers.

- Retained several other key contributors, including DT Sebastian Joseph-Day, WR Jalen Guyton, K Dustin Hopkins, TE Donald Parham and LB Troy Reeder.

## PLAYER MOVEMENT (CONT.)

- Acquired six-time Pro Bowl LB Khalil Mack from Chicago.

Mack enters his ninth NFL season with 76.5 career sacks and is one of four players (Aaron Donald, Carlos Dunlap and Cameron Jordan) with at least six sacks in each of the past seven seasons.

Since 2014, Mack ranks tied for third in the league with 23 forced fumbles.



- CB Bryce Callahan, TE Gerald Everett, CB J.C. Jackson, DT Austin Johnson and LB Kyle Van Noy were among the players the team signed in free agency.

Callahan has 45 career starts since entering the league in 2015.

Everett set career-highs in receptions (48), receiving yards (478) and touchdown receptions (four) last season with Seattle.

Johnson started all 17 games last season for the Giants.

Van Noy enters his ninth NFL season and has recorded at least five sacks and two forced fumbles in each of the past three seasons.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- The Chargers selected Boston College G Zion Johnson with the No. 17 overall pick in the first round, marking the second-consecutive year the team has used their first-round pick on an offensive lineman. In 2021, the team chose T Rashawn Slater No. 13 overall.



## PLAYER PROFILE

## JUSTIN HERBERT

POS

QB

HT

6-6

WT

236

EXP

3

NUM

10



## AT A GLANCE

- Herbert has totaled 9,350 passing yards and 69 touchdown passes since entering the league in 2020, both the most-ever by a quarterback in his first two seasons. He has the third-most passing yards in the league over the past two seasons and the fifth-most touchdown passes.
- Has 13 career games with at least three touchdown passes and 22 career games with at least two touchdown passes, both tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino for the most-ever by a player in his first two seasons.
- Has 17 career games with at least 300 passing yards, the most such games by a quarterback in his first two seasons in NFL history.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Ranked second in the NFL with a career-high 5,014 passing yards and third with a career-high 38 touchdown passes last season, becoming the third player ever to record 5,000 passing yards in one of his first two seasons, joining Patrick Mahomes (5,097 in 2018) and Marino (5,084 in 1984).
- Recorded at least 300 passing yards in nine games last season, tied with Tom Brady for the most among all players.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- With 30 touchdown passes in 2022, Herbert will surpass Marino (98 touchdown passes) for the most by a player in his first three seasons in league history and will become the first player ever to record at least 30 touchdown passes in each of his first three seasons.
- Needs 3,608 passing yards to surpass Andrew Luck (12,957 passing yards) for the most by a player through his first three seasons in NFL history and can become the first player ever to record at least 4,000 passing yards in each of his first three seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## KEENAN ALLEN

POS  
**WR**HT  
**6-2**WT  
**211**EXP  
**10**NUM  
**13**

## AT A GLANCE

- Allen enters his 10th NFL season with 730 receptions, 8,535 receiving yards and 48 touchdown receptions in 116 career games.
- Since 2017, he has recorded at least 95 receptions and 950 receiving yards in each season. His 509 receptions are the most in the league during that span, while his 5,918 receiving yards rank fifth.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS SINCE 2017

KEENAN ALLEN (LAC)	509
DAVANTE ADAMS (GB)	506
TRAVIS KELCE (KC)	480

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Led the team with a career-high 106 receptions last season and is the only player in the league with at least 100 receptions in each of the past three seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Allen can become the third player ever to record at least 100 receptions in four consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Brown and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marvin Harrison.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 100+ RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

ANTONIO BROWN (PIT, 2013-18)	6
MARVIN HARRISON <sup>HOF</sup> (IND, 1999-02)	4
KEENAN ALLEN (LAC, 2019-21)	3*

\*Active streak

## PLAYER PROFILE

## AUSTIN EKELER

POS  
**RB**HT  
**5-10**WT  
**200**EXP  
**6**NUM  
**30**

## AT A GLANCE

- After not being selected in the 2017 NFL Draft, Ekeler has totaled 5,538 scrimmage yards (2,812 rushing, 2,726 receiving) and 45 touchdowns (24 receiving, 21 rushing) in 72 career games, the third-most scrimmage yards by an undrafted player in his first five seasons in the common-draft era and the second-most touchdowns.
- Ekeler is one of four players all-time with at least 20 rushing touchdowns and 20 receiving touchdowns in his first five seasons, along with Chuck Foreman, Alvin Kamara and Lenny Moore.

## UNDRAFTED PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN THEIR 1ST 5 SEASONS SINCE 1967

ARIAN FOSTER (HOU)	52
AUSTIN EKELER (LAC)	45
ANTONIO GATES (LAC)	43

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Recorded a career-high 1,558 scrimmage yards (911 rushing, 647 receiving) and tied for the league lead with a career-high 20 touchdowns (12 rushing, eight receiving) last season.
- Became the second undrafted player ever to record at least 20 touchdowns in a season, joining Priest Holmes (27 touchdowns in 2003 and 24 in 2002).
- Ranked second among running backs with 70 receptions last season and since 2019, his 216 receptions lead the position.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- With one touchdown reception, Ekeler will become the first running back in the Super Bowl era to record at least 25 touchdown receptions in his first six seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JOEY BOSA

POS  
**LB**HT  
**6-5**WT  
**280**EXP  
**7**NUM  
**97**

## AT A GLANCE

- Bosa has totaled 58 sacks, 73 tackles for loss and 13 forced fumbles since entering the league in 2016 and is the only player in the AFC to record at least five sacks in each of the past six seasons.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Led the team with 10.5 sacks in 2021, his fourth-career season with at least 10 sacks.
- Ranked tied for second in the league with a career-high seven forced fumbles, the most by a Charger in a single season since 2009 (Shaun Phillips - seven).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## J.C. JACKSON

POS  
**CB**HT  
**6-1**WT  
**198**EXP  
**5**NUM  
**27**

## AT A GLANCE

- Jackson comes to Los Angeles after spending the past four seasons in New England, where he totaled 25 interceptions and 53 passes defended, the most interceptions in the league and tied for the third-most passes defended in that span.
- Became the fourth player in the Super Bowl era with at least 25 interceptions in his first four seasons.
- Led the NFL with a career-high 23 passes defended in 2021 and ranked second with eight interceptions. Became the first player since Richard Sherman (2012-13) to record at least seven interceptions in consecutive seasons.

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**12-5**

DIVISION RANK

**1ST**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**31.2**

OFFENSE (YPG)

**407.0**

RANK: 1ST

RANK: 1ST

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.1**

DEFENSE (YPG)

**351.0**

RANK: 7TH

RANK: 19TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## MIKE MCCARTHY

YEARS AS NFL HC

**16 - 3RD WITH DAL**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**29**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**143-92**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**10-9**

- Won Super Bowl XLV with Green Bay and is one of eight active head coaches that have won a Super Bowl. One of five active coaches with 150-or-more wins.

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

- Won the NFC East for the first time since 2018 and finished with 12 wins, their most since 2016.
- Started the season at 6-1, including a six-game winning streak, and closed the season winning five of their final six to land the No. 3 seed in the NFC.
- Dallas had six players selected to the Pro Bowl: Bryan Anger, Trevon Diggs, CeeDee Lamb, Zack Martin, Micah Parsons and Tyron Smith.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- The Cowboys extended WR Michael Gallup while P Bryan Anger, S Jayron Kearse and LB Leighton Vander Esch each resigned with the team.
- Kearse led Dallas with a career-high 98 tackles last season while Vander Esch ranked third on the team with 77 tackles.
- Signed DE Dante Fowler and WR James Washington in free agency.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- In the 2022 NFL Draft, selected Tulsa OL Tyler Smith with the 24th overall pick, the first offensive lineman taken in the first round by the team since Zack Martin in 2014.

## NO. 1 OFFENSE

- Led by QB Dak Prescott, Dallas led the league with 31.2 points per game and recorded a NFL-best five games with at least 40 points scored - no other team had more than three such games. The Cowboys also led the league in yards per game (407.0), totaling 10 games with at least 400 total yards of offense, tied for most in the NFL (Tampa Bay).

## TEAMS TO SCORE AT LEAST 40 POINTS IN THE MOST 2021 REGULAR-SEASON GAMES

DALLAS	5
6 TEAMS	3
3 TEAMS	2

## TEAMS WITH 400+ YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE IN THE MOST 2021 REGULAR-SEASON GAMES

DALLAS	10
TAMPA BAY	10
L.A. CHARGERS	9

- WR CeeDee Lamb had a career-high 1,178 scrimmage yards (1,102 receiving, 76 rushing) and became the first wide receiver in franchise history with at least 1,000 scrimmage yards in each of his first two seasons.



## SHINING STARS

- The Cowboys enter the 2022 season with five primetime games on their schedule, including a Week 1 matchup with Tampa Bay on Sunday Night Football. The two teams also met in Week 1 last season in the league's annual Kickoff Game when quarterback Dak Prescott recorded the most completions (42) ever by a quarterback in Week 1 in NFL history.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DAK PRESCOTT

POS

**QB**

HT

**6-2**

WT

**238**

EXP

**7**

NUM

**4**

## AT A GLANCE

- Entering his seventh season, Prescott has 22,083 career passing yards and 143 touchdown passes with a 98.7 rating.
- He is one of three quarterbacks (Daunte Culpepper and Cam Newton) with at least 125 touchdown passes (143) and 25 rushing touchdowns (25) in their first six seasons in NFL history.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Finished 2021 with 4,449 passing yards and a franchise-record 37 touchdown passes while ranking third in the league with a 104.2 passer rating.
- In Week 18 last season, he tied a franchise record with five touchdown passes.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Needs five rushing touchdowns to become the fifth quarterback in NFL history with at least 30 rushing touchdowns in his first seven seasons.
- Needs 4,015 passing yards in his first 15 games to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer Kurt Warner (26,097) for the third-most passing yards by a player in his first 100 career games since 1970.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PASSING YARDS IN THEIR 1ST 100 CAREER GAMES SINCE 1970

MATTHEW STAFFORD (DET)	27,890
DAN MARINO <sup>HOF</sup> (MIA)	27,064
KURT WARNER <sup>HOF</sup> (STL, NYG, ARI)	26,097
PEYTON MANNING <sup>HOF</sup> (IND)	26,008
DAK PRESCOTT (DAL)	22,083*

\*in 85 career games

## PLAYER PROFILE

## EZEKIEL ELLIOTT

POS

RB

HT

6-0

WT

228

EXP

7

NUM

21



## AT A GLANCE

- Has 9,630 scrimmage yards and 7,386 rushing yards in his six-year career, both the most since he entered the league in 2016.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SCRIMMAGE YARDS SINCE 2016

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT (DAL)	9,630
DERRICK HENRY (TEN)	7,643
MELVIN GORDON (SD/LAC, DEN)	7,555

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS SINCE 2016

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT (DAL)	7,386
DERRICK HENRY (TEN)	6,797
MELVIN GORDON (SD/LAC, DEN)	5,503

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Recorded 1,289 scrimmage yards (1,002 rushing, 287 receiving) and 12 touchdowns (10 rushing, two receiving) in 2021 and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer LaDainian Tomlinson as the only players in NFL history with at least 1,250 scrimmage yards and eight touchdowns in each of their first six seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Needs at least 950 rushing yards and six rushing touchdowns to become the fourth player ever to reach those marks in each of their first seven seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers Eric Dickerson and Tomlinson, as well as Adrian Peterson.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MICAH PARSONS

POS

LB

HT

6-3

WT

245

EXP

2

NUM

11



## AT A GLANCE

- After being selected in the first round (No. 11 overall) in the 2021 NFL Draft, Parsons led all rookies with 13 sacks and 20 tackles for loss to earn *Associated Press* Defensive Rookie of the Year and Pro Bowl honors.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- His 13 sacks were tied for the third-most by a rookie since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic while his 20 tackles for loss were the most a rookie since Lavonte David (20 tackles for loss in 2012).

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Parsons can become the third player since 1982 to record at least 13 sacks in each of his first two seasons, joining Aldon Smith and Pro Football Hall of Famer Reggie White.

## BALL BANDITS

- Dallas led the league in both takeaways (34) and interceptions (26) in 2021. Led by Diggs and Parsons, the Cowboys recorded multiple turnovers in 12 games - tied for the most in the NFL (Indianapolis). Dallas' 26 interceptions are the most by a team since 2018.

## TEAMS WITH THE MOST TAKEAWAYS IN 2021

DALLAS	34
INDIANAPOLIS	33
BUFFALO/NEW ENGLAND	30

## PLAYER PROFILE

## TREVON DIGGS

POS

CB

HT

6-2

WT

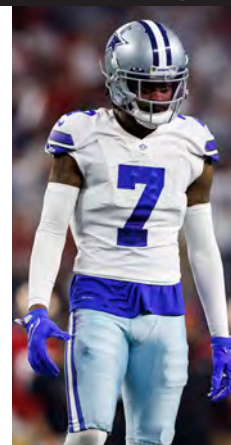
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EXP

3

NUM

7



## AT A GLANCE

- Has 14 career interceptions, tied for the third-most by a player in his first two seasons in the Super Bowl era.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Last season, led the NFL with 11 interceptions, the most by a player in a single season since 1981 and returned two for touchdowns. He also ranked second in the NFL with 21 passes defended.
- In 2021, he became the second player in the Super Bowl era to record at least one interception in each of his team's first six games of a season, joining Brian Russell (first six games in 2003).

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Diggs needs six interceptions to become the fifth player in the Super Bowl era with at least 20 interceptions in his first three seasons.
- Needs 10 interceptions to join Don Doll (1949-50) and Tom Keane (1952-53) as the only players in NFL history to record at least 10 interceptions in consecutive seasons.

## TEAMS WITH THE MOST INTERCEPTIONS IN 2021

DALLAS	26
NEW ENGLAND	23
3 TEAMS	19

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

4-13

DIVISION RANK

4TH

OFFENSE (PPG)

15.2

OFFENSE (YPG)

287.3

RANK: 31ST

RANK: 31ST

DEFENSE (PPG)

24.5

DEFENSE (YPG)

354.8

RANK: 23RD

RANK: 21ST



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## BRIAN DABOLL

YEARS AS NFL HC

1

NFL EXPERIENCE

21

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

0-0

POSTSEASON RECORD

0-0



- o Brian Daboll enters his first season as head coach of the New York Giants after spending the past four seasons as Buffalo's offensive coordinator.
- o Under Daboll, the 2020 *Associated Press* Assistant Coach of the Year, the Bills ranked second in the NFL with an average of 29.8 points per game over the past two seasons.
- o Prior to joining Buffalo in 2018, he served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for the University of Alabama during their 2017 national championship season. Daboll spent 11 seasons with New England (2000-06, 2013-16) in a variety of roles and helped the franchise win five Super Bowls.

## MCKINNEY'S LEAP

- o In his second season, S Xavier McKinney started 16 of 17 games and recorded 93 tackles, 10 passes defended and five interceptions - the only player in the league with at least 90 tackles, 10 passes defended and five interceptions.



## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Signed QB Tyrod Taylor, RB Matt Breida and G Mark Glowinski as free agents.

Taylor is an 11-year veteran that started six games for the Texans last season. He is one of four active quarterbacks with 10,000 passing yards (10,736) and 2,000 rushing yards (2,001).

Breida enters his sixth season and has 3,010 career scrimmage yards.

Glowinski has started every game in two of the last three seasons and has 74 career starts.



## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- o In the 2022 NFL Draft, the Giants selected Oregon DE Kayvon Thibodeaux (No. 5 overall) and Alabama OL Evan Neal (No. 7) in the first round.



- o Thibodeaux appeared in 32 games across three seasons at Oregon (2019-21), totaling 82 tackles, 35.5 tackles for loss, 19 sacks and three forced fumbles.

He is the second defensive end (Jason Pierre-Paul, 2011) the Giants have selected in the first round since 2000.

- o Neal started in all 40 games he appeared in from 2019-21.
- o In the second round, the Giants selected Kentucky WR Wan'Dale Robinson, who totaled 104 receptions for 1,334 yards and seven touchdowns last season.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DANIEL JONES

POS

QB

HT

6-5

WT

230

EXP

4

NUM

8



## AT A GLANCE

- o Entering his fourth season, Jones has 8,398 passing yards with 45 touchdown passes and 1,000 rushing yards.
- o He is one of four quarterbacks with at least 250 rushing yards each of the last three seasons.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o In 2021, Jones totaled 2,428 passing yards and 10 touchdown passes in 11 games.
- o Won his final three home starts of the season last year and recorded a passer rating of 90-or-higher with no interceptions in five of his six home starts in 2021.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Jones (37 starts) can become the sixth quarterback since 1970 to record at least 11,000 passing yards and 1,250 rushing yards in his first 50 starts.

## PLAYERS WITH 11,000+ CAREER PASSING YARDS AND 1,250+ CAREER RUSHING YARDS IN THEIR 1ST 50 STARTS SINCE 1970

	PASSING YARDS	RUSHING YARDS
JOSH ALLEN	11,605	1,805
DAUNTE CULPEPPER	12,006	1,685
KYLER MURRAY	11,480	1,786
CAM NEWTON	11,830	2,058
DESHAUN WATSON	13,375	1,586
DANIEL JONES*	8,381	995

\*Has 37 starts

## PLAYER PROFILE

## SAQUON BARKLEY

POS

RB

HT

6-0

WT

232

EXP

5

NUM

26



## AT A GLANCE

- Barkley has 4,419 scrimmage yards (2,937 rushing, 1,482 receiving) in 44 career games and is one of six players to average at least 100 scrimmage yards per game (100.4) since he entered the league in 2018.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Can become the second player in New York Giants franchise history to record 4,000 rushing yards in his first five seasons, joining Rodney Hampton (4,807).

## LONDON CALLING

- The Giants will play their third regular-season game in London (each at a different stadium) as they travel to Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in Week 5 to face off against the Green Bay Packers.
- New York participated in the first-ever regular-season game at Wembley Stadium, defeating Miami, 13-10, on October 28, 2007. The Giants also earned a victory over the Los Angeles Rams, 17-10, at Twickenham Stadium on October 23, 2016.



WEMBLEY STADIUM (2007)



TWICKENHAM STADIUM (2016)

## PLAYER PROFILE

## LEONARD WILLIAMS

POS

DL

HT

6-5

WT

302

EXP

8

NUM

99



## AT A GLANCE

- Williams enters his eighth season with 404 tackles, 35.5 sacks and five forced fumbles in 112 career games. Since 2015, he is the only player in the NFL with at least 400 tackles and 35 sacks.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Williams recorded a career-high 81 tackles with 6.5 sacks and five tackles for loss in 2021, the fourth-most tackles by a defensive lineman last year.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN WITH THE MOST TACKLES IN 2021

CAMERON HEYWARD (PIT)	89
CHRISTIAN WILKINS (MIA)	89
AARON DONALD (LAR)	84
LEONARD WILLIAMS (NYG)	81

## LEGACY UNIFORMS

- The Giants announced this offseason that they will be bringing back their classic blue uniforms from the '80s and '90s for two "Legacy Games" during the 2022 season.
- They will wear them in Week 4 vs. Chicago and Week 13 vs. Washington, both games at MetLife Stadium.



KENNY GOLLADAY

## PLAYER PROFILE

## AZEEL OJULARI

POS

LB

HT

6-3

WT

240

EXP

2

NUM

51



## AT A GLANCE

- As a rookie, Ojulari recorded eight sacks - third-most among first-year players - and added 49 tackles with a forced fumble while becoming the fifth rookie since 2000 to record at least one sack in each of his first three games.

## ROOKIES WITH THE MOST SACKS IN 2021

MICAH PARSONS (DAL)	13
JAELAN PHILLIPS (MIA)	8.5
AZEEL OJULARI (NYG)	8

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Since 2010, only five players - Joey Bosa, Aaron Donald, Von Miller, Yannick Ngakoue and Aldon Smith - have recorded at least eight sacks in each of their first two career seasons.

## BUILDING UP FRONT

- T Andrew Thomas, the No. 4 overall pick by the Giants in 2020, has started 28 games over his first two seasons.
- In 2021, Thomas played 763 offensive snaps over 13 games.



ANDREW THOMAS

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD  
**9-8**

DIVISION RANK  
**2ND**

OFFENSE (PPG)  
**26.1**

OFFENSE (YPG)  
**359.9**

RANK: 12TH

RANK: 14TH

DEFENSE (PPG)  
**22.6**

DEFENSE (YPG)  
**328.8**

RANK: 18TH

RANK: 10TH



- o Made the postseason for the fourth time in the last five years, winning six of their final eight games to secure a Wild Card berth.
- o Had five players named to the Pro Bowl: K Jake Elliott, DT Javon Hargrave, C Jason Kelce, CB Darius Slay and DE Josh Sweat.

## TOP-RANKED RUSHING ATTACK

- o Philadelphia led the NFL with 2,715 rushing yards (159.7 per game), the most in franchise history, and 25 rushing touchdowns, tied for the most in franchise history.
- o Recorded at least 100 rushing yards in 15 games, the most in the league.

## TEAMS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 100+ RUSHING YARDS IN 2021

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	15
BALTIMORE RAVENS	14
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	14
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	14

- o From Weeks 8-15, became the fifth team in the Super Bowl era and first since the 1985 Bears to rush for at least 175 yards in seven consecutive games.
- o Became the first team since the 1988 Cincinnati Bengals and fourth since 1980 to rush for at least 2,700 yards and rush for 25 touchdowns in a single season.

## TEAMS WITH 2,700+ RUSHING YARDS AND 25+ RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 1980

	RUSHING YARDS	RUSHING TDs
PHILADELPHIA (2021)	2,715	25
CINCINNATI (1988)	2,710	27
CHICAGO (1985)	2,761	27
DETROIT (1981)	2,795	26

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

### NICK SIRIANNI

YEARS AS NFL HC

**2**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**14**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**9-8**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-1**



- o Nick Sirianni became the third head coach in franchise history to lead the Eagles to a playoff berth in his first season, joining Chip Kelly (2013) and Ray Rhodes (1995). He was the only rookie head coach last season to lead his team to the playoffs.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

### PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Retained several key veterans, including six-time Pro Bowl DT Fletcher Cox and five-time Pro Bowl C Jason Kelce.

Since entering the league in 2012, Cox's 58 sacks rank fourth among all defensive tackles.

Kelce has started 159 games for Philadelphia since entering the league in 2011.

- o Signed CB James Bradberry, WR Zach Pascal, LB Haason Reddick and LB Kyzir White in free agency.

Reddick recorded 11 sacks last season with Carolina and is one of five players to record at least 10 sacks in each of the past two seasons. Reddick's 23.5 sacks since 2020 are the fifth-most in the NFL.



- o Acquired WR A.J. Brown from Tennessee.

Since entering the league in 2019, Brown has totaled 185 receptions, 2,995 receiving yards and 25 touchdowns (24 receiving, one rushing).

Last season, Brown recorded three games with at least 125 receiving yards and a touchdown reception, tied for the second-most such games in the league.

## PLAYER PROFILE

### JALEN HURTS

POS

**QB**

HT

**6-1**

WT

**223**

EXP

**3**

NUM

**1**



## NOTES TO KNOW

- o In his first full season as a starting quarterback, Hurts passed for 3,144 yards and 16 touchdowns in 2021 and led all quarterbacks with 784 rushing yards and 10 rushing touchdowns.
- o Became the third quarterback all-time with at least 3,000 passing yards, 700 rushing yards and 10 rushing touchdowns in a season, joining Kyle Murray (2020) and Cam Newton (2011).

## THE QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS IN 2021

JALEN HURTS (PHI)	784
LAMAR JACKSON (BAL)	767
JOSH ALLEN (BUF)	763

## THE QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST RUSHING TDs IN 2021

JALEN HURTS (PHI)	10
RYAN Tannehill (TEN)	7
JOSH ALLEN (BUF)	6

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Enters the 2022 season with 13 career rushing touchdowns and can become the fourth quarterback all-time with at least 20 rushing touchdowns in his first three seasons, joining Cam Newton (28 rushing touchdowns), Josh Allen (25) and Kyle Murray (20).



## DEVONTA SMITH

POS  
**WR**

HT  
**6-0**

WT  
**170**

EXP  
**2**

NUM  
**6**



### PLAYER PROFILE

#### NOTE TO KNOW

- After being selected No. 10 overall in the 2021 NFL Draft, Smith led the team with a franchise rookie-record 916 receiving yards and added five touchdown receptions last season. He was one of four rookies in the league to record at least 900 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions.

### ROOKIES WITH 900+ RECEIVING YARDS AND 5+ TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS IN 2021

	RECEIVING YARDS	RECEIVING TDs
JAMARR CHASE (CIN)	1,455	13
JAYLEN WADDLE (MIA)	1,015	6
DEVONTA SMITH (PHI)	916	5
AMON-RA ST. BROWN (DET)	912	5

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Smith can become the first player in Eagles history to record at least 900 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions in each of his first two seasons.

#### FINDING DALLAS

- TE Dallas Goedert recorded 56 receptions, a career-high 830 receiving yards and four touchdowns last season - all second-most on the team. He is one of six tight ends to total at least 40 receptions, 500 receiving yards and three touchdown receptions in each of the past three seasons.



DALLAS GOEDERT

## MILES SANDERS

POS  
**RB**

HT  
**5-11**

WT  
**211**

EXP  
**4**

NUM  
**26**



### PLAYER PROFILE

#### AT A GLANCE

- Enters his fourth season with 3,303 scrimmage yards (2,439 rushing, 864 receiving) and 12 touchdowns (nine rushing, three receiving) in his career and is one of nine running backs with at least 750 rushing yards in each of the past three seasons.

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Can become the third player in franchise history to record at least 900 scrimmage yards in each of his first four seasons, joining DeSean Jackson and LeSean McCoy.

#### TOP DAWGS

- In the 2022 NFL Draft, The Eagles drafted a pair of All-Americans from the defending College Football Playoff National Champion Georgia Bulldogs, selecting DT Jordan Davis in the first round (No. 13 overall) and LB Nakobe Dean in the third (No. 83).

Davis became the first defensive tackle drafted in the first round by the team since Fletcher Cox (No. 12 overall) in 2012.



JORDAN DAVIS



NAKOBÉ DEAN

## JAMES BRADBERRY

POS  
**CB**

HT  
**6-1**

WT  
**210**

EXP  
**7**

NUM  
**24**



### PLAYER PROFILE

## DARIUS SLAY

POS  
**CB**

HT  
**6-0**

WT  
**190**

EXP  
**10**

NUM  
**2**



#### AT A GLANCE

- Bradberry comes to Philadelphia after spending the past two seasons with the Giants and has totaled 82 passes defended since entering the league in 2016.
- Slay enters his 10th season (third with Philadelphia) and leads all active players with 119 passes defended.
- Since 2016 when Bradberry entered the NFL, they rank first and second among all players in passes defended.

### PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PASSES DEFENSED SINCE 2016

DARIUS SLAY (DET, PHI)	84
JAMES BRADBERRY (CAR, NYG)	82
JANORIS JENKINS (NYG, NO, TEN)	76

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**7-10**

DIVISION RANK

**3RD**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**19.7**

RANK: T-23RD

OFFENSE (YPG)

**323.6**

RANK: 21ST

DEFENSE (PPG)

**25.5**

RANK: 25TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**359.3**

RANK: 22ND



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## RON RIVERA

YEARS AS NFL HC

**12 - 3RD WITH WAS**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**26**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**90-82-1**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**3-5**

- Rivera led the 2015 Carolina Panthers (15-1) to Super Bowl 50. He is also a two-time *Associated Press* NFL Coach of the Year (2013 and 2015) and is one of two active head coaches (Bill Belichick) to win the award multiple times. Rivera is one of seven active coaches with at least 90 regular-season wins.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Washington acquired QB Carson Wentz from Indianapolis in March. Last season, Wentz recorded 3,563 passing yards and 27 touchdown passes with seven interceptions for a 94.6 passer rating.

He was one of four quarterbacks with at least 25 touchdown passes and seven-or-fewer interceptions last season.



- Re-signed running back J.D. McKissic, who ranks third among running backs in receptions (123) and receiving yards (986) over the past two seasons.

## PLAYER MOVEMENT (CONT.)

- The team picked up DE Montez Sweat's fifth-year option and signed guards Trai Turner and Andrew Norwell.



- Sweat has 21 sacks in his first three career seasons, the fourth-most by a Washington player in his first three career seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic. He is one of three NFC players (Shaquil Barrett and Aaron Donald) with at least five sacks and two forced fumbles in each of the past two seasons.
- Turner, who played under Rivera in Carolina, has 106 starts in his first eight seasons, including 17 starts with the Steelers last season.
- Norwell, who also played under Rivera in Carolina, has started every game in two of the last three seasons and has 111 career starts.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- Drafted Penn State WR Jahan Dotson with the No. 16 overall pick in the first round, the franchise's first wide receiver selected in the first round since Josh Doctson in 2016.
- With their next two picks, Washington selected a pair of Alabama players in DT Phidarian Mathis (No. 47 overall) and RB Brian Robinson (No. 98).
- Since 2017, Washington has selected seven players from Alabama, more than any other team in that span.

## ALABAMA PLAYERS DRAFTED BY WASHINGTON SINCE 2017

DT PHIDARIAN MATHIS - 2ND ROUND (2022)

RB BRIAN ROBINSON - 3RD ROUND (2022)

C ROSS PIERSCHBACHER - 5TH ROUND (2019)

DT DARON PAYNE - 1ST ROUND (2018)

LB SHAUN DION HAMILTON - 6TH ROUND (2018)

DT JONATHAN ALLEN - 1ST ROUND (2017)

LB RYAN ANDERSON - 2ND ROUND (2017)

## PLAYER PROFILE

## TERRY MCLAURIN

POS

**WR**

HT

**6-0**

WT

**210**

EXP

**4**

NUM

**17**

## AT A GLANCE

- McLaurin, who signed a contract extension this summer, has had at least 900 receiving yards in each of his first three seasons, including back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons in 2020 and 2021.
- His 222 receptions and 3,090 receiving yards are both second-most among players that entered the league in 2019.

## MOST RECEIVING YARDS AMONG PLAYERS THAT ENTERED THE NFL IN 2019

DK METCALF (SEA) 3,170

TERRY MCLAURIN (WAS) 3,090

A.J. BROWN (TEN) 2,995

## MOST RECEPTIONS AMONG PLAYERS THAT ENTERED THE NFL IN 2019

DIONTAE JOHNSON (PIT) 254

TERRY MCLAURIN (WAS) 222

DK METCALF (SEA) 216

## NOTE TO KNOW

- He became the third player in franchise history with at least 75 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards in consecutive seasons, joining Gary Clark (1989-90) and Art Monk (1984-85). No player has done so in three consecutive seasons in franchise history.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- McLaurin can join Gary Clark as the only players in Washington franchise history to have at least 4,000 receiving yards and 20 touchdown receptions in their first four career seasons. He has 3,090 receiving yards and 16 touchdown receptions in his first three seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## ANTONIO GIBSON

POS

RB

HT

6-2

WT

220

EXP

3

NUM

24



## AT A GLANCE

- Gibson's 1,832 rushing yards and 2,373 scrimmage yards are both third-most among running backs that entered the league in 2020, trailing only Jonathan Taylor and James Robinson.
- In 2021, rushed for a career-high 1,037 yards with seven rushing touchdowns and added 294 receiving yards and three touchdown receptions.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Gibson became the first player in franchise history with at least 1,000 scrimmage yards and 10 total touchdowns in each of his first two career seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- He can become the fifth running back since 2000 with at least 1,000 scrimmage yards and 10 total touchdowns in each of his first three seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer LaDainian Tomlinson, Chris Johnson, Maurice Jones-Drew and Adrian Peterson.

## TRUST IN TRESS

- Since becoming Washington's punter in 2014, Tress Way has anchored Washington's special teams. Since entering the league, his 47.0 punting average ranks fourth among all punters and his 207 punts inside the 20-yard line are the fourth-most.



TRESS WAY

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JONATHAN ALLEN

POS

DL

HT

6-3

WT

300

EXP

6

NUM

93



## PLAYER PROFILE

## CHASE YOUNG

POS

DE

HT

6-5

WT

264

EXP

3

NUM

99



## AT A GLANCE

- A 2022 Pro Bowl selection, Allen has recorded at least 60 tackles in each of the last four seasons and has 26 sacks and 31 tackles for loss since entering the NFL in 2017.
- After being selected No. 2 overall in the 2020 NFL Draft, Young earned *Associated Press* Defensive Rookie of the Year honors and was selected to the Pro Bowl after recording 7.5 sacks and 10 tackles for loss.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- In 2021, Allen led the team with 10 tackles for loss and nine sacks, tied for the third-most sacks among all defensive tackles last season.

## NEW THREADS

- Washington unveiled a new name, logo and uniforms this offseason. Maintaining the burgundy and gold color scheme, the new Commander uniforms are full of references to the team's history and connections to the military, including stars and stripes on the shoulders, a new font that alludes to stylized military fonts, gradient design on the numbers of the away jerseys, alternate black uniforms and two new helmets.



JAHAN DOTSON



## NOVEMBER STRIDES

- Washington has found their groove over the last two seasons in November, winning each of their last five games played in the month. They have the fourth-highest winning percentage (.714) during November since 2020 and are one of four teams with an active November winning streak of at least five games (Kansas City, Miami, New England).

## 2022 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**6-11**

DIVISION RANK

**3RD**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**18.2**

RANK: 27TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**306.4**

RANK: 24TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**29.6**

RANK: 22ND

DEFENSE (YPG)

**397.6**

RANK: 6TH



## TOP-5 IN SACKS

- Chicago ranked fourth in the league with 49 sacks last season, the team's second-highest sack total since 1990 (50 sacks in 2018).

## TEAMS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 3+ SACKS IN 2021

L.A. RAMS	12
CHICAGO	11
MINNESOTA	11

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Made several notable signings in free agency, including LB Nicholas Morrow, DL Al-Quadin Muhammad, G Lucas Patrick and WR Byron Pringle.

Morrow set career-highs in tackles (76), tackles for loss (eight), sacks (three) and passes defended (nine) last season with Las Vegas.

Muhammad started all 17 games for Indianapolis last season and recorded a career-high six sacks.

Patrick has started 28 games for Green Bay over the past two seasons.

Pringle's 568 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions last season with Kansas City were both career-highs.



AL-QUADIN MUHAMMAD

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## MATT EBERFLUS

YEARS WITH CLUB

**1**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**14**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**0-0**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-0**

- Eberflus was named the 17th head coach in Bears franchise history this past offseason after spending the last four seasons as the defensive coordinator for Indianapolis.

- Over the past two years, the Colts were the only team in the league to rank in the top-10 in scoring defense, run defense and takeaways. Additionally, Indianapolis ranked in the top-10 in run defense and takeaways in each of Eberflus' four years as defensive coordinator.

- Prior to joining Indianapolis, Eberflus spent time with Dallas (2011-17) and Cleveland (2009-10), while also having experience in the college ranks with Missouri (2001-08) and his alma mater, Toledo (1992-2000).

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- The Bears selected Washington DB Kyler Gordon (No. 39 overall) and Penn State DB Jaquan Brisker (No. 48) in the second round of the 2022 NFL Draft. They represented the highest-drafted defensive backs by the team since they selected Kyle Fuller in the first round (No. 14) in 2014.



JAQUAN BRISKER

## TOP-THREE PASS DEFENSE

- The Bears finished the 2021 season allowing the third-fewest passing yards against per game (191.6), the team's best passing defense since 2005 (179.5).

## TEAMS WITH THE FEWEST PASSING YARDS ALLOWED PER GAME IN 2021

BUFFALO BILLS	163.0
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	187.1
CHICAGO BEARS	191.6

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JUSTIN FIELDS

POS

**QB**

HT

**6-3**

WT

**228**

EXP

**2**

NUM

**1**

## NOTES TO KNOW

- After being selected with the No. 11 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft, Fields started 10 games last season and totaled 1,870 passing yards and nine touchdowns (seven passing, two rushing), while leading all rookie quarterbacks with 420 rushing yards.
- In Week 8, became the third rookie quarterback in NFL history to record a passing touchdown, rushing touchdown and at least 100 rushing yards in a single game, joining Robert Griffin III (October 14, 2012) and Marcus Mariota (December 6, 2015).

## ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS IN 2021

JUSTIN FIELDS (CHI)	420
TREVOR LAWRENCE (JAX)	334
ZACH WILSON (NYJ)	185

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Fields can become the seventh quarterback ever to rush for at least 400 yards in each of his first two seasons.

## SOPHOMORES ON THE SCHEDULE

- Justin Fields enters his second season in 2022 and is scheduled to face several quarterbacks this year that were also selected in the 2021 NFL Draft. The Bears host Trey Lance (No. 3 overall pick in 2021) and the 49ers on Kickoff Weekend before welcoming Davis Mills (No. 67 overall) and the Texans in Week 3. Chicago will then travel to meet Mac Jones (No. 15 overall) and the Patriots in Week 7 and Zach Wilson (No. 2 overall) and the Jets in Week 12.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DAVID MONTGOMERY

POS

RB

HT

5-11

WT

224

EXP

4

NUM

32



## AT A GLANCE

- Montgomery has recorded 3,732 career scrimmage yards (2,808 rushing, 924 receiving) with 24 touchdowns (21 rushing, three receiving) through his first three seasons.
- He is one of six running backs in the league to record at least 1,000 scrimmage yards and seven touchdowns in each of the past three seasons.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Montgomery led the team with 1,150 scrimmage yards (849 rushing, 301 receiving) and seven rushing touchdowns in 2021, becoming the fourth player in franchise history to record at least 1,000 scrimmage yards in each of his first three seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Can join Matt Forte as the only running backs in Chicago Bears franchise history to total 1,000 scrimmage yards in each of his first four seasons.
- Montgomery can become the third Bear player in the Super Bowl era to record at least 30 touchdowns in his first four seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Walter Payton (47) and Neal Anderson (34).

## BEARS PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN THEIR FIRST FOUR SEASONS IN THE SUPER BOWL ERA

WALTER PAYTON <sup>HOF</sup>	47
NEAL ANDERSON	34
MATT FORTE	29
DAVID MONTGOMERY*	24

\*Entering 4th season

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DARNELL MOONEY

POS

WR

HT

5-11

WT

173

EXP

3

NUM

11



## NOTES TO KNOW

- Mooney led the team with 81 receptions for a career-high 1,055 receiving yards and recorded five total touchdowns (four receiving, one rushing) last season.
- Recorded at least 120 receiving yards in four games last season, tied for the third-most in the league. He was one of five NFC players to record at least five catches in 12-or-more games.

## NFC PLAYERS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 5+ RECEPTIONS IN 2021

COOPER KUPP (LAR)	17
DAVANTE ADAMS (GB)	15
JUSTIN JEFFERSON (MIN)	13
DARNELL MOONEY (CHI)	12
DJ MOORE (CAR)	12

## ALTERNATE HELMETS

- Twice this season (Week 6 vs. Washington and Week 8 at Dallas), the Bears will wear their new orange alternate helmet. This marks the first time in team history that the primary helmet color is anything other than navy blue.



## PLAYER PROFILE

## ROBERT QUINN

POS

LB

HT

6-4

WT

245

EXP

12

NUM

94



## AT A GLANCE

- Since entering the league in 2011, Quinn ranks sixth among all players with 101 sacks, while his 31 forced fumbles rank second.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST FORCED FUMBLES SINCE 2011

CHANDLER JONES (NE, AZ)	33
ROBERT QUINN (STL/LAR, MIA, DAL, CHI)	31
FOUR PLAYERS	26

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Ranked second in the NFL with 18.5 sacks last season, the most in Bears franchise history.
- Quinn, who recorded a career-high 19 sacks in 2013, is the sixth player since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to record at least 18 sacks in multiple seasons. Only Pro Football Hall of Famer Reggie White has accomplished the feat in three different seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN 2021

T.J. WATT (PIT)	22.5
ROBERT QUINN (CHI)	18.5
MYLES GARRETT (CLV)	16

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**3-13-1**

DIVISION RANK

**4TH**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**19.1**

RANK: 25TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**322.6**

RANK: 22ND

DEFENSE (PPG)

**27.5**

RANK: 31ST

DEFENSE (YPG)

**379.8**

RANK: 29TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## DAN CAMPBELL

YEARS WITH CLUB

**2**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**23**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**8-20-1**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-0**

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Resigned WR Josh Reynolds and S Tracy Walker

Reynolds joined Detroit midseason last year and recorded 306 receiving yards and two touchdowns in seven games (five starts).

Walker led Detroit with a career-high 105 tackles during the 2021 season and was one of four NFC defensive backs with five-or-more games (five) with at least nine tackles last season.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 9+ TACKLES IN 2021

JONATHAN ABRAM (LV)	7
MINKAH FITZPATRICK (PIT)	7
LOGAN RYAN (NYG)	7
HARRISON SMITH (MIN)	6
JALEN THOMPSON (ARI)	6
TRACY WALKER (DET)	5

- Signed WR DJ Chark in free agency, who has at least 50 receptions, 700 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions in two of his past three seasons.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- Drafted Michigan DE Aidan Hutchinson with the No. 2 overall pick in the 2022 NFL Draft.
- A Plymouth, Michigan native who played high school football at Divine Child High School (30 minutes outside of Detroit), Hutchinson was a Heisman finalist, consensus All-American and All Big Ten selection after recording a school-record 14 sacks during the 2021 season.



- He is tied for the highest selected defensive linemen by the Lions in the common-draft era, joining Ndamukong Suh (2010). He is the second Michigan player (OL Jeff Backus in 2011) to be drafted by Detroit with a first-round pick since 1967.
- Selected WR Jameson Williams with their second pick in the first round (No. 12 overall), who recorded 1,572 receiving yards and 15 touchdown receptions in 2021 - both top-five among college players from FBS schools last season.
- Williams is the first receiver selected by the Lions in the first round since Pro Football Hall of Famer Calvin Johnson (No. 2 overall) in 2007. He is also the first Alabama player to be selected by the club in the first round since 1967.



## TOP TWO PICKS MEET AS ROOKIES

- When the Lions host the Jaguars in Week 13, the top two picks of the 2022 NFL Draft - Jacksonville's Travon Walker (No. 1 overall) and Detroit's Aidan Hutchinson (No. 2) - will face off for the first time in their careers. It marks the sixth consecutive season that the No. 1 and No. 2 overall selections will play each other during their rookie seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JARED GOFF

POS

**QB**

HT

**6-4**

WT

**217**

EXP

**7**

NUM

**16**

## AT A GLANCE

- Goff has 21,416 passing yards and 126 touchdown passes in his first six career seasons. In his first season as a Lion last year, he passed for 3,245 yards and 19 touchdowns and set a career-high in completion percentage (67.2 percent).

## NOTE TO KNOW

- He is one of six quarterbacks to throw for at least 3,000 passing yards in each of the last five seasons and since 2017, is one of five quarterbacks with at least 300 passing yards in 25-or-more games (26), along with Tom Brady, Kirk Cousins, Patrick Mahomes and Matt Ryan.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Goff can become the ninth quarterback to pass for at least 25,000 yards and 150 touchdowns in the first seven career seasons in NFL history.
- Goff needs eight games with at least 300 passing yards to surpass Andrew Luck (33 games) for the second-most such games by a player in his first seven seasons in NFL history.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 300+ PASSING YARDS IN THEIR 1ST 7 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

DAN MARINO (MIA)	37
ANDREW LUCK (IND)	33
PATRICK MAHOMES (KC)	31
JARED GOFF (LAR, DET)	26

\*entering 7th season

## PLAYER PROFILE

AMON-RA  
ST. BROWN

POS

WR

HT

6-0

WT

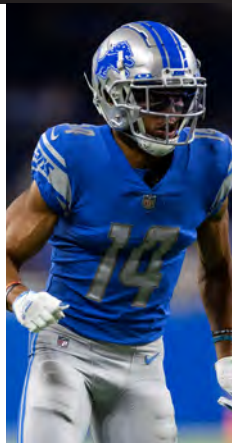
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EXP

2

NUM

14



## AT A GLANCE

- St. Brown ranked second among rookies with 90 receptions and had a franchise rookie-record 912 receiving yards, fifth-most among all-first year players in 2021. He also led the team with five touchdown receptions.
- In Week 13 of the 2021 season, he became the third rookie to record his first career touchdown reception with no time remaining in the fourth quarter since 2000, joining K.J. Hamler (Week 8, 2020) and Ernest Wilford (Week 1, 2004).

## NOTE TO KNOW

- From Week 13-18, St. Brown became the first rookie all-time with at least eight receptions in six consecutive games and from Week 15-18, joined Odell Beckham Jr. (2014) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss (1998) as the only rookies all-time with at least 90 receiving yards and a touchdown catch in four consecutive games.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- St. Brown needs eight receptions in his first game of the 2022 season to become the fifth player ever to record at least eight receptions in seven consecutive games.

PLAYERS WITH 8+ RECEPTIONS  
IN THE MOST CONSECUTIVE  
GAMES IN NFL HISTORY

ANTONIO BROWN (PIT - 2014)	8
MICHAEL THOMAS (NO - 2019)	8
ANQUAN BOLDIN (ARI - 2005)	7
TRAVIS KELCE (KC - 2020)	7
AMON-RA ST. BROWN (DET - 2021)	6*

\*active streak

## PLAYER PROFILE

T.J.  
HOCKENSON

POS

TE

HT

6-5

WT

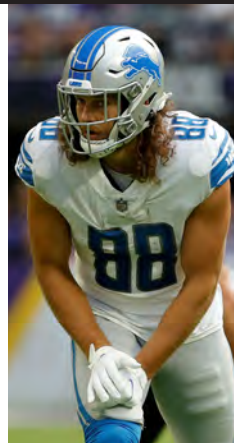
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EXP

4

NUM

88



## AT A GLANCE

- Hockenson is one of four tight ends with at least 60 receptions and 500 receiving yards in each of the last two seasons, along with Travis Kelce, Noah Fant and Dalton Schultz.
- Since entering the NFL in 2019, he is one of five NFC tight ends with at least 160 receptions (160).

NFC TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST  
RECEPTIONS SINCE 2019

GEORGE KITTLE (SF)	204
ZACH ERTZ (PHI/ARI)	198
TYLER HIGBEE (LAR)	174
DALLAS GOEDERT (PHI)	160
T.J. HOCKENSON (DET)	160

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Was one of two tight ends, along with Mark Andrews, to record at least eight receptions in four-or-more games (four) during the 2021 season.

## THANKSGIVING IN THE MOTOR CITY

- The Lions will play their 83rd Thanksgiving Day game dating back to 1934 when they host the Buffalo Bills in Week 12. Last year, Jared Goff completed 21 of 25 pass attempts (84 percent) for 171 yards and two touchdowns with no interceptions for a 121.8 rating, the highest single-game completion percentage (minimum 20 attempts) on Thanksgiving in NFL history.

## PLAYER PROFILE

D'ANDRE  
SWIFT

POS

RB

HT

5-9

WT

208

EXP

3

NUM

32



## AT A GLANCE

- Among running backs that entered the NFL in 2020, Swift ranks first in receptions (108) and receiving yards (809) and ranks fourth in scrimmage yards (1,947) and scrimmage touchdowns (17).

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Recorded his first-career season with at least 1,000 scrimmage yards (1,069) in 2021 and became the first Lions running backs with 1,000 scrimmage yards in a single season since 2014 (Joique Bell - 1,182 scrimmage yards)

## PLAYER PROFILE

AMANI  
ORUWARIYE

POS

CB

HT

6-2

WT

202

EXP

4

NUM

24



## NOTE TO KNOW

- Ranked third in the NFL with a career-high six interceptions last season and became the third Lions defensive back since 2010 to record at least six interceptions and 10 passes defensed (11) in a single season, along with Glover Quin (2014) and Darius Slay (2017).

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**13-4**

DIVISION RANK

**1ST**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**26.5**

RANK: T-9TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**365.5**

RANK: 10TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.8**

RANK: T-13TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**328.2**

RANK: 9TH



- o Won their third-consecutive NFC North division title and became the first team in NFL history to win 13 games in four consecutive seasons.
- o The only team to go undefeated (8-0) at home during the regular season.
- o Quarterback Aaron Rodgers earned *Associated Press* Most Valuable Player honors for the second-consecutive season.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Signed CB Jaire Alexander, QB Aaron Rodgers and LB Preston Smith to contract extensions and resigned LB De'Vondre Campbell.

Smith recorded nine sacks last season, the second-most on the team. He has 25 sacks in three seasons with Green Bay.

Campbell led the team with a career-high 145 tackles in his first season with Green Bay.



- o Signed veteran WR Sammy Watkins in free agency. Watkins has 5,059 receiving yards and 34 touchdown receptions in his eight-year career.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- o Selected Georgia LB Quay Walker (No. 22 overall) and Georgia DL Devonte Wyatt (No. 28) in the first round.

It marked the second time in the past four seasons that the Packers have made multiple selections in the first round (2019 - Rashan Gary and Darnell Savage). It is also the second-consecutive season in which Green Bay used a first-round pick on a player from Georgia (CB Eric Stokes, 2021).

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## MATT LAFLEUR

YEARS AS NFL HC

**4**

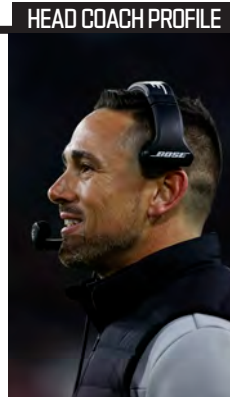
NFL EXPERIENCE

**14**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**39-10**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**2-3**

- o Has led Green Bay to three consecutive division titles and two Conference Championship games in his first three seasons.
- o The fourth-year coach can become the first coach since 1970 to win at least 13 games in each of his first four seasons as an NFL head coach.
- o Needs 14 wins to surpass George Seifert (52 wins) for the most-ever by a head coach in his first four seasons.

## PACKING ACROSS THE POND

- o Green Bay will play its first regular-season international game in Week 5 when they face the New York Giants at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, becoming the 32nd NFL team to play in London since 2007. Green Bay has previously participated in three international preseason games, with the most recent in Winnipeg, Canada in 2019 against the Oakland Raiders.



## BACK-TO-BACK MVP

- o Aaron Rodgers earned his second consecutive Most Valuable Player award last season and is one of two players all-time with at least four career MVP awards, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning (five). No player has ever won three straight MVP trophies.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## AARON RODGERS

POS

**QB**

HT

**6-2**

WT

**225**

EXP

**18**

NUM

**12**

## AT A GLANCE

- o Enters the 2022 season ranked third all-time in passer rating (104.5), fifth in touchdown passes (449) and 10th in passing yards (55,360). He is the only player in NFL history with at least 400 career touchdown passes and fewer than 100 interceptions (93).

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN NFL HISTORY

TOM BRADY (NE, TB)	624
DREW BREES (SD, NO)	571
PEYTON MANNING <sup>HOF</sup> (IND, DEN)	539
BRETT FAVRE <sup>HOF</sup> (GB, NYJ, MIN)	508
AARON RODGERS (GB)	449

- o Has 117 career games with a passer rating of 100-or-higher, third-most in NFL history, trailing only Tom Brady (152) and Drew Brees (141).

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Led the NFL with a 111.9 passer rating in 2021 and joined Pro Football Hall of Famers Steve Young (six times) and Roger Staubach (four) as well as Ken Anderson (four) as the only players to lead the league in rating at least four times since 1970.
- o Recorded 37 touchdown passes last season and became the fifth quarterback all-time with at least eight seasons of 30-or-more touchdown passes, joining Drew Brees (10 seasons), Tom Brady (nine) and Pro Football Hall of Famers Brett Favre (nine) and Peyton Manning (nine).

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Can become the first player ever with at least 40 touchdown passes in four different seasons and at least 35 touchdown passes in seven different seasons.
- o Rodgers needs 4,000 passing yards to become the fifth quarterback to reach the mark in 11 different seasons, joining Manning (14), Brady (13), Brees (12) and Philip Rivers (12).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## AARON JONES

POS  
**RB**HT  
**5-9**WT  
**208**EXP  
**6**NUM  
**33**

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Jones is one of two players to record at least 1,000 scrimmage yards and 10 touchdowns in each of the past three seasons, along with Derrick Henry.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Jones, who has 41 career rushing touchdowns and 12 career touchdown receptions, can become the third player in NFL history to record at least 50 rushing touchdowns and 15 touchdown receptions in the first six career seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen and Chuck Foreman.

## PLAYERS WITH 50+ RUSH TDS &amp; 15+ REC. TDS IN THEIR 1ST 6 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

MARCUS ALLEN<sup>HOF</sup> (L.A. RAIDERS) **54 RUSH, 15 REC.**CHUCK FOREMAN (MIN) **50 RUSH, 23 REC.**AARON JONES\* (GB) **41 RUSH, 12 REC.**

\*Entering 6th season

## DYNAMIC DUO

- o A.J. Dillon and Aaron Jones were one of three running back duos to each total 1,000 scrimmage yards last season, joining Dallas' Ezekiel Elliott and Tony Pollard and Denver's Melvin Gordon and Javonte Williams. Dillon finished with 1,116 scrimmage yards, his first-career season with at least 1,000 scrimmage yards, and seven touchdowns while Jones totaled 1,190 scrimmage yards and 10 touchdowns.



A.J. DILLON

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JAIRE ALEXANDER

POS  
**CB**HT  
**5-10**WT  
**196**EXP  
**5**NUM  
**23**

## AT A GLANCE

- o A 2020 Pro Bowl selection, Alexander is one of three defensive backs from the 2018 NFL Draft with at least 40 passes defended (44) over the past four seasons, along with Carlton Davis (52) and Denzel Ward (50).

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Alexander, who has 44 passes defended in 48 career games, can become the fifth player since 2012 to record at least 50 passes defended in their first 50 games.

## PLAYERS WITH 50+ PASSES DEFENSED IN THEIR 1ST 50 CAREER GAMES SINCE 2012

RONALD DARBY (BUF/PHI) **60**MARCUS PETERS (KC) **57**CARLTON DAVIS (TB) **51**DAVID AMERSON (WAS/OAK) **51**JAIRE ALEXANDER\* (GB) **44**

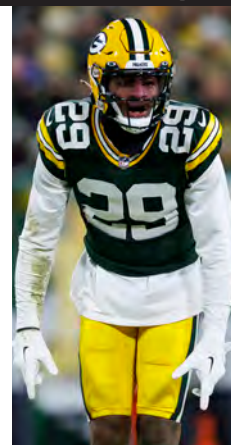
\*In 48 career games

## HOME COOKING

- o Dating back to Week 10 of the 2020 season, the Packers have won 13 consecutive regular-season home games at Lambeau Field.
- o With wins in each of their first two home games in 2022 (Week 2 vs. Chicago and Week 4 vs. New England), Green Bay can become the third franchise in the past 15 seasons to record at least 15 consecutive home victories, joining Baltimore (15 consecutive home wins from Week 15, 2010 to Week 10, 2012) and New England (three times: 20 from Week 16, 2008 to Week 6, 2011; 18 from Week 7, 2017 to Week 12, 2019 and 16 from Week 17, 2012 to Week 15, 2014).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## RASUL DOUGLAS

POS  
**CB**HT  
**6-2**WT  
**209**EXP  
**6**NUM  
**29**

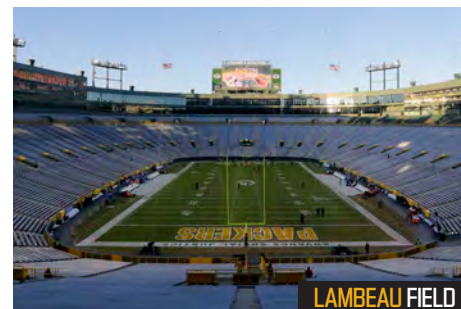
## PLAYER PROFILE

## ERIC STOKES

POS  
**CB**HT  
**6-0**WT  
**194**EXP  
**2**NUM  
**21**

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Douglas was one of five players last season to record at least 13 passes defended and five interceptions, joining Kevin Byard, Trevon Diggs, Xavier Howard and J.C. Jackson.
- o Douglas recorded defensive touchdowns in both Week 13 and Week 14 last season, becoming the first Packers player with interception-return touchdowns in consecutive games since Pro Football Hall of Famer Herb Adderley in 1965.
- o Stokes ranked tied for first among rookies with 14 passes defended last year and became the third Packers rookie since 2000 with 10-or-more games (11) with at least one pass defense, joining Casey Hayward (2012) and Damarious Randall (2015).



LAMBEAU FIELD

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

8-9

DIVISION RANK

2ND

OFFENSE (PPG)

25.0

RANK: 14TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

362.8

RANK: 12TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

25.1

RANK: 24TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

383.6

RANK: 30TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## KEVIN O'CONNELL

YEARS AS NFL HC

1

NFL EXPERIENCE

8

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

0-0

POSTSEASON RECORD

0-0



- Kevin O'Connell became the 10th Minnesota Vikings head coach in February after serving two seasons as the offensive coordinator for the Los Angeles Rams.
- Under his guidance, the Rams ranked as a top-10 offense during the 2021 regular season (tied-seventh in points per game [27.1] and ninth in total yards of offense per game [372.1]) and earned a victory in Super Bowl LVI.
- Prior to Los Angeles, O'Connell spent three seasons with Washington as offensive coordinator (2019) and quarterbacks coach (2017-18).

## VIKINGS IN LONDON

- On Sunday, October 2, Minnesota makes their return to London in a Week 4 matchup against New Orleans at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. This will be the team's third regular season international game and first since 2017. With a win against the Saints, the Vikings will be 3-0 in regular season international games.

2013

Wembley Stadium vs Steelers, 34-17 (W)

2017

Twickenham Stadium vs Browns, 33-16 (W)

2022

Tottenham Hotspur Stadium vs Saints

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Signed linebackers Za'Darius Smith and Jordan Hicks in free agency.



ZA'DARIUS SMITH

- Smith registered 30 sacks and 32 tackles for loss in 38 games, including the playoffs, with Green Bay over the past three seasons (2019-21). He is one of four players that have recorded at least one sack in each of the past three postseasons.

Hicks is one of four players with at least 115 tackles in each of the past three seasons, along with Shaquille Leonard, Bobby Wagner and Fred Warner. He totaled 116 tackles with a career-high five sacks last season and ranks fifth in the NFL with 384 tackles since 2019.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- The Vikings selected Georgia S Lewis Cine in the first round (No. 32 overall) and Clemson cornerback Andrew Booth in the second round (No. 42). Cine is the first safety selected by Minnesota in the first round since the Vikings drafted current team captain Harrison Smith in 2012.



LEWIS CINE

## ROOKIE RETURN SUCCESS

- Minnesota RB Kene Nwangwu, who recorded a 99-yard kickoff-return for a touchdown in Week 12 and a 98-yard kickoff-return touchdown in Week 9 last season, became the first rookie with two kickoff-return touchdowns in a season since Cordarrelle Patterson in 2013.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## KIRK COUSINS

POS

QB

HT

6-3

WT

205

EXP

11

NUM

8



## AT A GLANCE

- Has 32,593 passing yards and 223 touchdown passes with a 98.6 passer rating in 125 career games.
- He has 25 career games with at least 300 passing yards and three touchdown passes, surpassing Aaron Rodgers (24 games) for the second-most such games by a quarterback in his first 10 seasons in NFL history. Only Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino (26) had more.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Had 4,211 passing yards and 33 touchdown passes last season and was one of two quarterbacks (Aaron Rodgers) with at least 30 touchdown passes and fewer than 10 interceptions (seven).
- From Week 16 of the 2020 season to Week 10 of the 2021 season, he became the sixth player ever with at least two touchdown passes and a passer rating of 100-or-higher in seven consecutive road games.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Needs at least 25 touchdown passes to become the fifth player to accomplish the feat in at least eight consecutive seasons in NFL history.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 25+ TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN NFL HISTORY

PEYTON MANNING (HOF) (IND, DEN) 13

DREW BREES (NO) 11

PHILIP RIVERS (SD/LAC) 11

TOM BRADY (NE) 10

KIRK COUSINS (MIN) 7\*

\*Active streak

- Can become the fourth player ever to record a season passer rating of 100-or-higher (min. 300 attempts) in at least four consecutive seasons, joining Drew Brees (six seasons from 2015-20), Aaron Rodgers (four seasons from 2009-12) and Russell Wilson (four seasons from 2018-21).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JUSTIN JEFFERSON

POS  
**WR**HT  
**6-1**WT  
**195**EXP  
**3**NUM  
**18**

## AT A GLANCE

- Jefferson has 3,016 career receiving yards, the most-ever by a player in his first two seasons in NFL history, and 196 career receptions, tied with Michael Thomas for the most receptions by a player in his first two seasons all-time.
- Has 14 career games with at least 100 receiving yards, the second-most by a player in his first two seasons. Only Odell Beckham Jr. (15 games) had more.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Jefferson ranked second in the NFL with a career-high 1,616 receiving yards and ranked fourth with a career-high 108 receptions. He is the only player in the NFL with at least 1,400 receiving yards in each of the past two seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Can become the first player ever to record 1,400 receiving yards in each of his first three seasons.
- Jefferson needs 1,148 receiving yards to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss (4,163) for the most receiving yards by a player through his first three seasons in NFL history.
- Needs 104 receptions to join Michael Thomas (321 receptions) and Christian McCaffrey (303) as the only players ever with at least 300 receptions through their first three seasons.

## TOP SAFETY

- Harrison Smith, in his 11th season, is the only player with at least 25 interceptions (29) and 15 sacks (16.5) since entering the league in 2012.

He recorded a career-high 114 tackles last season and has seven seasons with at least 80 tackles since 2012, most among all defensive backs.

## ADAM THIELEN

POS  
**WR**HT  
**6-2**WT  
**200**EXP  
**9**NUM  
**19**

## AT A GLANCE

- Had 10 touchdown receptions in 2021 and is one of four players in the NFL with at least 10 touchdown receptions in each of the past two seasons, along with Davante Adams, Mike Evans and DK Metcalf.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Needs 10 touchdown receptions to join Antonio Gates (four seasons) as the only undrafted players in the common-draft era to record at least 10 touchdown receptions in three different seasons.
- Needs two touchdown receptions to surpass Wes Welker (50 touchdown receptions) for the third-most by an undrafted player in the common-draft era. Only Antonio Gates (116) and Rod Smith (68) have more.

## UNDRAFTED PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS IN THE COMMON-DRAFT ERA

ANTONIO GATES (SD/LAC)	116
ROD SMITH (DEN)	68
WES WELKER (MIA, NE, DEN)	50
ADAM THIELEN (MIN)	49

## COMING OFF THE EDGE

- In addition to the acquisition of Za'Darius Smith, the Vikings boast two premier edge rushers in defensive ends Danielle Hunter and D.J. Wonnum.

Since entering the NFL in 2015, Hunter is one of six players to record at least three seasons with 12-or-more sacks and in 2019, became the youngest player (25 years and five days old) to reach 50 career sacks since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic.

Wonnum led Minnesota with a career-high eight sacks last season.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DALVIN COOK

POS  
**RB**HT  
**5-10**WT  
**210**EXP  
**6**NUM  
**4**

## AT A GLANCE

- Cook has 6,319 scrimmage yards (4,820 rushing, 1,499 receiving) and 42 touchdowns (39 rushing, three receiving) in five seasons with Minnesota. He is the only player in the NFL with at least 1,100 rushing yards in each of the last three seasons.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Cook recorded 1,383 scrimmage yards (1,159 rushing, 224 receiving) with six rushing touchdowns in 2021.
- Cook rushed for 205 yards in Week 14 and was the only player to rush for 200 yards in a game last season. He has 19 games with at least 100 rushing yards since entering the league in 2017, fourth-most in that timeframe.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## ERIC KENDRICKS

POS  
**LB**HT  
**6-0**WT  
**232**EXP  
**8**NUM  
**54**

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Set career-highs in tackles (143) and sacks (five) during the 2021 season and was one of two players with at least 100 tackles and five sacks last season, along with new teammate Jordan Hicks.
- Is one of two players (Bobby Wagner) with at least 100 tackles in each of the past six seasons and his 782 tackles since entering the NFL in 2015 are third-most among all players.

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**7-10**

DIVISION RANK

**3RD**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**18.4**

OFFENSE (YPG)

**303.8**

RANK: 26TH

RANK: 29TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**27.0**

DEFENSE (YPG)

**364.4**

RANK: T-29TH

RANK: 26TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## ARTHUR SMITH

YEARS AS NFL HC

**2**

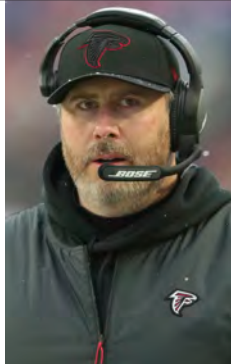
NFL EXPERIENCE

**14**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**7-10**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-0**

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Signed several key veterans to contract extensions, including K Youngbue Koo, T Jake Matthews and RB Cordarrelle Patterson.

Koo ranked third in the league with a 93.1 field goal percentage last season, converting 27-of-29 attempts.

- Signed several notable players in free agency, including LB Lorenzo Carter, CB Casey Hayward, G Germain Ifedi, and QB Marcus Mariota.

Carter recorded a career-high five sacks and two forced fumbles last season with the Giants.

Ifedi has started 83 games since entering the league in 2016, including 23 over the past two seasons with Chicago.

Since entering the league in 2012, Hayward ranks tied for fifth among all players with 109 passes defended. He started every game for Las Vegas last season and recorded nine passes defended.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PASSES DEFENDED SINCE 2012

JANORIS JENKINS (STL, NYG, NO, TEN) 125

DARIUS SLAY (DET, PHI) 119

JOE HADEN (CLE, PIT) 118

STEPHON GILMORE (BUF, NE, CAR) 116

JONATHAN JOSEPH (HOU, TEN, AZ) 109

CASEY HAYWARD (GB, STL/LAC, LV) 109

## PLAYER MOVEMENT (CONT.)

- Mariota enters his eighth season with 61 career starts and has 13,437 passing yards and 77 touchdown passes, along with 1,574 rushing yards and 13 rushing touchdowns, in 74 career games. Since entering the league in 2015, he is one of six quarterbacks with at least 13,000 passing yards and 1,500 rushing yards.



MARCUS MARIOTA

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- Selected WR Drake London of USC with the No. 8 overall pick, the team's second highest-selected wide receiver in the common-draft era, behind only Julio Jones (No. 6 overall in 2011).



DRAKE LONDON

- Selected Cincinnati QB Desmond Ridder in the third round (No. 74 overall), becoming the fourth quarterback the team has chosen among the first three rounds since 2000, joining Matt Ryan (No. 3 overall in 2008), Matt Schaub (No. 90 overall in 2004) and Michael Vick (No. 1 overall in 2001).



DESMOND RIDDER

## PLAYER PROFILE

## KYLE PITTS

POS

**TE**

HT

**6-6**

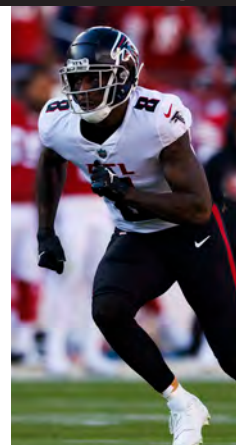
WT

**246**

EXP

**2**

NUM

**8**

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Pitts' historic rookie season included 1,026 receiving yards and 68 receptions, the second-most receiving yards and third-most receptions ever by a rookie tight end. He also became the third rookie tight end in league history to record three 100-yard receiving games.

## ROOKIE TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

MIKE DITKA<sup>HOF</sup> (CHI - 1961) 1,076

KYLE PITTS (ATL - 2021) 1,026

JEREMY SHOCKEY (NYG - 2002) 894

## ROOKIE TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

KEITH JACKSON (PHI - 1988) 81

JEREMY SHOCKEY (NYG - 2002) 74

KYLE PITTS (ATL - 2021) 68

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Pitts can become the first tight end in NFL history to record 1,000 receiving yards in each of his first two seasons and needs 995 receiving yards to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer Mike Ditka (1,980 receiving yards) for the most-ever by a tight in his first two career seasons.
- Needs 77 receptions to surpass Keith Jackson (144 receptions) for the most receptions by a tight end in his first two career seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## CORDARRELLE PATTERSON

POS

RB

HT

6-2

WT

220

EXP

10

NUM

84



## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league in 2013, Patterson has totaled 4,270 scrimmage yards (2,635 receiving, 1,635 rushing) and 37 total touchdowns (15 receiving, 14 rushing, eight kickoff return). His eight kickoff return touchdowns are tied for the most in league history.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Last season, Patterson set career-highs across the board with 618 rushing yards, 548 receiving yards, six rushing touchdowns and five receiving touchdowns.
- o Was one of two players (Austin Ekeler) with at least 600 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards and one of three players (Ekeler and Deebo Samuel) with at least five rushing touchdowns and five touchdown receptions.

## EIGHT YEARS &amp; COUNTING

- o Atlanta OL Jake Matthews is entering his ninth season with the Falcons after being selected No. 6 overall in the 2014 draft. Matthews is one of two offensive linemen (Jason Kelce) to have started every regular-season game since 2015. His 128 career starts are the most by a player in his first eight seasons in franchise history.



JAKE MATTHEWS

## PLAYER PROFILE

## A.J. TERRELL

POS

CB

HT

6-1

WT

195

EXP

3

NUM

24



## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the NFL as the No. 16 overall pick in the 2020 NFL Draft, Terrell has totaled 155 tackles, 23 passes defended, four interceptions and four forced fumbles in 30 career games. Terrell is one of three defensive backs in the last 10 years to have at least 150 tackles and 20 passes defended in his first two career seasons, joining Landon Collins and John Johnson.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Terrell was the only player in the league last year to record at least 80 tackles (81) and 15 passes defended (16).

## RETURN OF RED HELMETS

- o The Falcons announced during the offseason they will bring back their throwback red helmets to be paired with the team's 1966 throwback uniforms for their Week 6 game against San Francisco. Paying homage to the club's inaugural squad, the red helmet features a grey facemask with a throwback black Falcon crest logo trimmed in white and a black stripe down the middle of the helmet trimmed in white and gold. The helmet's color scheme was designed to represent rival schools Georgia Tech and the University of Georgia. Atlanta wore this version of the helmet from 1966 to 1969 before removing the gold trim for the 1970 season.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DEION JONES

POS

LB

HT

6-1

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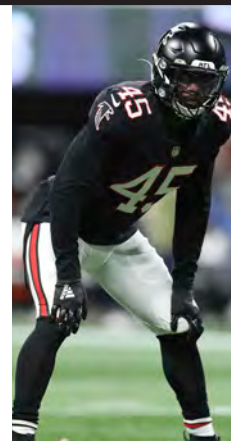
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EXP

7

NUM

45



## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league in 2016, Jones ranks fifth among all players with 650 combined tackles.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES SINCE 2016

BOBBY WAGNER (SEA)	905
ERIC KENDRICKS (MIN)	690
BLAKE MARTINEZ (GB, NYG)	680
DEMARIO DAVIS (CLE, NYJ, NO)	679
DEION JONES (ATL)	650

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Ranked second on the team with 137 tackles last season, his second-career season with at least 135 tackles (138 in 2017).



## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**5-12**

DIVISION RANK

**4TH**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**17.9**

RANK: 29TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**298.9**

RANK: 30TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**23.8**

RANK: 21ST

DEFENSE (YPG)

**305.9**

RANK: 2ND



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## MATT RHULE

YEARS AS NFL HC

**3**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**4**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**10-23**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-0**

## TOP-FIVE TOTAL DEFENSE

- o The Panthers ranked second in the league in 2021 in total defense, the fewest yards per game allowed by the club since 2013 (301.3). Carolina held their opponent to 300-or-fewer total yards of offense in eight games last season, tied for third-most in the NFL.
- o LB Shaq Thompson recorded 104 tackles and nine tackles for loss last season, his third consecutive season with at least 100 tackles. He is one of six players in the NFL with at least 100 tackles and five tackles for loss in each of the previous three seasons.



SHAQ THOMPSON

- o S Jeremy Chinn led the team in tackles with 106, his second-consecutive 100-tackle season, and leads all defensive backs with 222 tackles since entering the NFL in 2020.



JEREMY CHINN

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Acquired QB Baker Mayfield in a trade with Cleveland.
- o Resigned K Zane Gonzalez and extended WR DJ Moore.
- o Signed DT Matt Ioannidis, G Austin Corbett and P Johnny Hekker.

Ioannidis comes to Carolina after spending his first six seasons in Washington. He has 24.5 career sacks and 25 tackles for loss.

Corbett started every game for the Rams in each of the past two seasons and won Super Bowl LVI with the club last year.

Hekker ranks second all-time in net punting average (42.9 yards) and fifth all-time in average punting distance (46.7 yards).

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- o The Panthers selected North Carolina State T Ikem Ekwonu with the No. 6 overall pick, the highest drafted offensive lineman in franchise history.



IKEM EKWONU

- o Carolina also selected Mississippi QB Matt Corral in the third round (No. 94 overall). Corral passed for 8,287 yards and 57 touchdowns during his college career.

## TOP-FIVE PASS DEFENSE

- o Carolina held their opponents to 192.1 passing yards per game last season, fourth best in the league. It is the fewest passing yards per game the franchise has allowed since 2009 (191.0). The Panthers held opponents to under 200 passing yards in eight games last season.



DONTÉ JACKSON

## PLAYER PROFILE

## CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY

POS

**RB**

HT

**5-11**

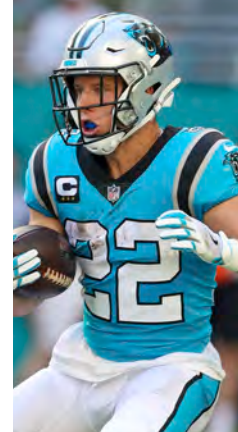
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**205**

EXP

**6**

NUM

**22**

## AT A GLANCE

- o McCaffrey has 357 receptions, 6,602 scrimmage yards (3,587 rushing, 3,015 receiving) and 47 scrimmage touchdowns (30 rushing, 17 receiving) in his first five career seasons. Since entering the NFL in 2017, McCaffrey leads all players with 113.8 scrimmage yards per game.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SCRIMMAGE YARDS PER GAME SINCE 2017

CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY (CAR)	113.8
JONATHAN TAYLOR (IND)	113.7
DALVIN COOK (MIN)	112.8

- o Had 116 receptions in 2019, the most catches in a single season by a running back in NFL history, and is the only running back in league annals with multiple career seasons of at least 100 receptions (107 receptions in 2018).

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Has 11 career games with at least 10 receptions, the most by a running back in NFL history, and surpassed Julio Jones (10 games) for the third-most such games by a player in his first five career seasons all-time. Only Michael Thomas (18 games) and Brandon Marshall (12) have more.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Needs 78 receptions to surpass Roger Craig (434 receptions) for the most receptions by a running back in his first six seasons in NFL history.
- o Needs 838 receiving yards to surpass Marshall Faulk (3,852 receiving yards) for the most receiving yards by a running back in his first six seasons in NFL history.
- o Needs one game with both a rushing touchdown and receiving touchdown to become the first player ever with 10 such games within his first six seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

BAKER  
MAYFIELD

POS

QB

HT

6-1

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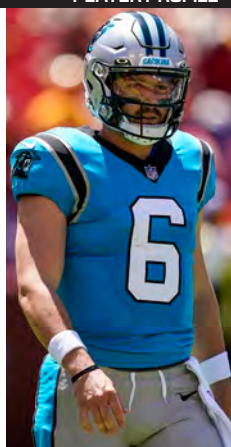
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EXP

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NUM

6



## NOTE TO KNOW

- o The No. 1 overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft, Mayfield has 14,125 passing yards and 92 touchdown passes for an 87.8 rating in 60 career games (59 starts) and is one of nine quarterbacks all-time with at least 3,000 passing yards in each of his first four seasons.

## KEEP POUNDING

- o Carolina's Week 4 matchup against Arizona has been designated as their 'Keep Pounding Game', in which they will honor former linebacker and 2022 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee Sam Mills and present his Hall of Fame bust at halftime.
- o In Week 10 against Atlanta on Thursday Night Football, the Panthers will debut their new alternate black helmets and pair them with the club's all-black color rush uniforms.



## PLAYER PROFILE

DJ  
MOORE

POS

WR

HT

6-0

WT

210

EXP

5

NUM

2



## AT A GLANCE

- o Moore has 301 receptions for 4,313 yards and 14 touchdowns in his first four seasons. He is one of three players in the league to record at least 1,100 receiving yards in each of the last three seasons, along with Stefon Diggs and Travis Kelce.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o In addition to setting a career-high with 93 receptions in 2021, Moore totaled 1,157 receiving yards and joined Steve Smith (four consecutive seasons) as the only wide receivers in franchise history with at least 1,000 receiving yards in three consecutive seasons.

## FIRST-YEAR IMPACT

- o Carolina RB Chuba Hubbard recorded 786 scrimmage yards (612 rushing, 174 receiving) and six touchdowns (five rushing, one receiving) in his rookie season in 2021. His 612 rushing yards were the fifth-most among rookies last season and the third-most rushing yards by a rookie running back in franchise history.



CHUBA HUBBARD

## PLAYER PROFILE

BRIAN  
BURNS

POS

DE

HT

6-5

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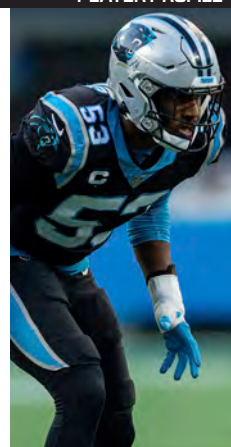
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EXP

4

NUM

53



## AT A GLANCE

- o Burns has 25.5 sacks and 26 tackles for loss in his first three seasons. He leads all players that entered the league in 2019 in sacks and joined Julius Peppers as the only players in franchise history to have at least seven sacks in each of their first three seasons.

PLAYERS WITH THE  
MOST SACKS AMONG THOSE  
WHO ENTERED THE NFL IN 2019

BRIAN BURNS (CAR)	25.5
MAXX CROSBY (LV)	25
NICK BOSA (SF)	24

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**9-8**

DIVISION RANK

**2ND**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**21.4**

RANK: 19TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**304.5**

RANK: 28TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**19.7**

RANK: 4TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**318.2**

RANK: 7TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## DENNIS ALLEN

YEARS AS NFL HC

**4 - 1ST WITH NO**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**21**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**8-28**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-0**

- o The Saints named Allen head coach in February after serving as the team's defensive coordinator since 2015.
- o Under Allen's leadership, New Orleans has finished in the top 10 in both points allowed per game and yards allowed per game in each of the past two seasons and helped the Saints win four consecutive division titles from 2017-20.
- o This will mark Allen's second NFL head-coaching stint, after leading the Raiders from 2012-14.

## TOP-5 SCORING DEFENSE

- o The Saints won four of their final five games last season to remain in playoff contention, in large part due to their defense. In their final five games, New Orleans allowed an average of 11.8 points per game, including a shutout in Week 15, and allowed 20 or fewer points in each contest during that span.
- o Tied for third in the NFC with 18 interceptions and led the league in opponent red zone efficiency (43.5 percent).
- o LB Demario Davis led the team with 105 tackles, his fifth-consecutive season with at least 100 tackles.



DEMARIO DAVIS

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Brought back QB Jameis Winston, who is set to spend his third season with New Orleans.

Winston started seven games in 2021 before an injury cut his season short, totaling 1,170 passing yards with 14 touchdowns and three interceptions for a 102.8 rating.

Since being chosen as the No. 1 overall pick in the 2015 NFL Draft, Winston enters his eighth season with 20,982 passing yards and 146 touchdowns (135 passing, 11 rushing).



JAMEIS WINSTON

- o Signed several notable free agents, including QB Andy Dalton, WR Jarvis Landry and safeties Tyrann Mathieu, Marcus Maye and Daniel Sorensen.

Mathieu spent the past three seasons with Kansas City and is a three-time All-Pro and three-time Pro Bowl selection. Entering his 10th season, he has 76 passes defended and 26 interceptions in his career, including three in 2021. Since entering the league in 2013, only three other players have at least 75 passes defended and 25 interceptions.

## PLAYERS WITH 75+ PASSES DEFENSED AND 25+ INTERCEPTIONS SINCE 2013

STEPHON GILMORE	100 PD & 26 INT
TYRANN MATHIEU	76 PD & 26 INT
MARCUS PETERS	86 PD & 31 INT
RICHARD SHERMAN	75 PD & 25 INT

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- o For the first time since 2017, the Saints made multiple selections in the first round of the NFL Draft, drafting Ohio State WR Chris Olave (No. 11 overall) and Northern Iowa T Trevor Penning (No. 19).
- o Olave became the highest-selected wide receiver by the club since Wes Chandler (No. 3 overall) in 1978.
- o Penning is the first Northern Iowa player to be selected in the first round in the common-draft era.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## CAMERON JORDAN

POS

**DE**

HT

**6-4**

WT

**287**

EXP

**12**

NUM

**94**

## AT A GLANCE

- o Jordan enters his 12th NFL season with 107 career sacks, the third most among active players, and 137 tackles for loss. Since entering the league in 2011, he has started 175 games of 176 games played.

## ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAREER SACKS

VON MILLER (DEN, LAR)	115.5
CHANDLER JONES (NE, AZ)	107.5
CAMERON JORDAN (NO)	107

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Jordan led the team with 12.5 sacks in 2021 and has posted double-digit sacks in four of the last five seasons.
- o He is one of 10 players since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to record at least seven sacks in 10 consecutive seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Needs 12 sacks to become the sixth player since 1982 to record at least 12 sacks in six different seasons. Recording seven sacks would make Jordan the sixth player since 1982 to do so in 11 consecutive seasons.

## ALTERNATE HELMETS

- o This past offseason, the Saints unveiled plans to wear an alternate black helmet for at least one game during the 2022 season. The new helmet looks much like New Orleans' standard shell, except the team has reversed the colors of its primary elements. The shell has shifted from gold to black, while the Saints' fleur-de-lis logo swaps black for gold.



## PLAYER PROFILE

## ALVIN KAMARA

POS

RB

HT

5-10

WT

215

EXP

6

NUM

41



## AT A GLANCE

- Since entering the league in 2017, Kamara has totaled 7,501 scrimmage yards (4,238 rushing, 3,263 receiving yards) with 68 touchdowns (47 rushing, 20 receiving and one kickoff return) in his career.
- His 68 touchdowns are fifth-most all-time by a running back in his first five seasons.

## RUNNING BACKS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN THEIR 1ST 5 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

LADAINIAN TOMLINSON <sup>HOF</sup> (SD)	80
EMMITT SMITH <sup>HOF</sup> (DAL)	75
SHAUN ALEXANDER (SEA)	72
TODD GURLEY (STL/LAR)	70
ALVIN KAMARA (NO)	68

- Kamara's 373 career receptions surpassed Roger Craig (358 receptions) for the most ever by a running back in his first five seasons.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- In 2021, Kamara totaled 1,337 scrimmage yards (898 rushing, 439 receiving) with nine touchdowns (five receiving, four rushing) in 13 games. He has recorded at least 700 rushing yards and 400 receiving yards in each of his first five seasons, the only player in league history to do so.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Needs 62 receptions for the most-ever by a running back in his first six seasons and five touchdown receptions to become the first running back since 1970 to record at least five touchdown receptions in four different seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JARVIS LANDRY

POS

WR

HT

5-11

WT

202

EXP

9

NUM

80



## PLAYER PROFILE

## MICHAEL THOMAS

POS

WR

HT

6-3

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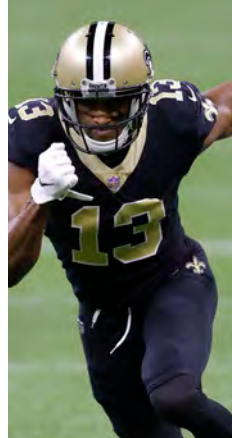
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EXP

7

NUM

13



## AT A GLANCE

- Landry joins the Saints with 688 receptions, 7,598 receiving yards and 44 touchdowns (37 receiving, five rushing, one passing, one punt return) in his career. He has the fourth-most receptions since entering the league in 2014 and is one of three players with at least 50 receptions in each of the past eight seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS SINCE 2014

DEANDRE HOPKINS (HOU, ARI)	737
JULIO JONES (ATL, TEN)	705
TRAVIS KELCE (KC)	704
JARVIS LANDRY (MIA, CLE)	688

- Thomas is expected to return to the field after missing the entire 2021 season. His 510 career receptions were the most-ever by a player in his first five seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Thomas has 510 receptions in 70 career games and can become the fastest player ever to record 600 career receptions, surpassing Keenan Allen (96 games) and Antonio Brown (96).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MARSHON LATTIMORE

POS

CB

HT

6-0

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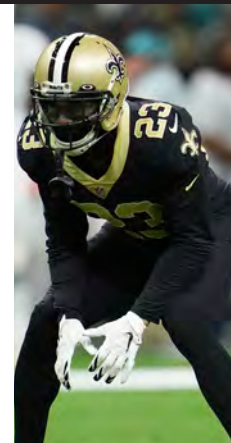
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EXP

6

NUM

23



## AT A GLANCE

- Since entering the league in 2017, Lattimore leads all players with 74 passes defended and is one of three defensive backs (James Bradberry and Marlon Humphrey) with at least 10 passes defended in each of the past five seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PASSES DEFENSED SINCE 2017

MARSHON LATTIMORE (NO)	74
JAMES BRADBERRY (CAR, NYG)	72
DARIUS SLAY (DET, PHI)	71

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Ranked third in the league with a career-high 19 passes defended last season.

## HOMETOWN HEROES

- Both WR Jarvis Landry and S Tyrann Mathieu signed with the Saints this offseason, marking a return to state of Louisiana for each player. Landry attended Litcher High School, while Mathieu attended St. Augustine High School, less than four miles from Caesars Superdome. Both players went on to star at LSU and were teammates during the 2011 season.



JARVIS LANDRY

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**13-4**

DIVISION RANK

**1ST**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**30.1**

RANK: 2ND

OFFENSE (YPG)

**405.9**

RANK: 2ND

DEFENSE (PPG)

**20.8**

RANK: T-5TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**331.5**

RANK: 13TH



- o Won NFC South division title for first time since 2007 and won 13 regular-season games for the first time in franchise history.
- o Advanced to the Divisional round of the postseason in 2021 after winning Super Bowl LV in 2020, marking the first time in franchise history the team advanced to the divisional round in consecutive seasons.
- o Including alternates, Tampa Bay had nine players selected to the 2022 Pro Bowl, more than any other team.

## TOP-5 OFFENSE

- o Ranked second in the NFL in yards per game (405.9) and points per game (30.1), both the second-highest ranks in franchise history.
- o Scored at least 30 points in 10 regular-season games, more than any other team.
- o Led the league with 307.6 passing yards per game, marking the fourth consecutive year in which they finished either first or second in the category.

## TEAMS TO SCORE 30+ POINTS IN THE MOST 2021 REGULAR-SEASON GAMES

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	10
ARIZONA CARDINALS	9
BUFFALO BILLS	9
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	9

## TOP-5 RUN DEFENSE

- o Ranked third in the NFL, allowing 92.5 rushing yards per game. It marks the third consecutive season in which Tampa Bay has finished among the top-three in the league in the category.
- o Since 2019, the Buccaneers have allowed fewer than 100 rushing yards in 34 games, more than any other team in the league.

## THE TEAMS TO ALLOW FEWER THAN 100 RUSHING YARDS IN THE MOST GAMES SINCE 2019

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	34
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	32
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	28

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## TODD BOWLES

YEARS AS NFL HC

**5 - 1ST WITH TB**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**23**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**26-41**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-0**

- o Bowles was named the 13th head coach of the Buccaneers on March 30, 2022, after serving three seasons as the team's defensive coordinator.
- o Under Bowles' leadership, Tampa Bay's defense allowed the fewest rushing yards in the NFL and the fifth-lowest yards-per-play average, while producing both the third-most takeaways and third-most sacks since 2019.
- o This marks Bowles' second stint as a head coach, after leading the Jets for four seasons (2015-18).

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Retained several key players, including CB Carlton Davis, RB Leonard Fournette, WR Chris Godwin and C Ryan Jensen.
- o Signed WRs Russell Gage and Julio Jones and DB Logan Ryan as free agents.

Jones comes to Tampa Bay as a seven-time Pro Bowler and leads all active players with 879 career receptions and 13,330 receiving yards (among players on active rosters as of August 1).



## MR. WORLDWIDE

- o In Week 10, Tampa Bay will take part in the first-ever NFL regular-season game in Germany when they face Seattle on November 13 at Munich's Allianz Arena - Home of FC Bayern Munich.
- o QB Tom Brady has compiled a 3-0 career record in international games (wins in London in 2009 and 2012 and Mexico City in 2017, all as a member of the Patriots). He can become the first-ever quarterback to start a game in three different foreign countries and surpass Blake Bortles for the most quarterback wins in international games.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## TOM BRADY

POS

**QB**

HT

**6-4**

WT

**225**

EXP

**23**

NUM

**12**

## AT A GLANCE

- o Enters his 23rd NFL season (third with Tampa Bay) as the league's all-time regular-season leader in starts (316), passing yards (84,520), completions (7,263) and touchdown passes (624).
- o Brady is the league's all-time playoff leader in games started by a quarterback (47), wins by a starting quarterback (35), passing yards (13,049), touchdown passes (86), Super Bowl titles (seven) and Super Bowl MVPs (five).

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Last season, Brady led the league with a career-high 5,316 passing yards, the third-most passing yards in a single season all-time. He joined Drew Brees as the only players ever to record at least 5,000 passing yards in multiple seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PASSING YARDS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

PEYTON MANNING <sup>HOF</sup> (DEN) - 2013	5,477
DREW BREES (NO) - 2011	5,476
TOM BRADY (TB) - 2021	5,316

- o Also led the NFL with 43 touchdown passes in 2021, joining Aaron Rodgers as the only players ever with at least 40 touchdown passes in three career seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Including the postseason, Brady enters the 2022 season with 97,569 passing yards. He can become the first player ever with 100,000 career passing yards, including the postseason.
- o Can become the first player ever to record at least 40 touchdown passes in three consecutive seasons.
- o Can tie Peyton Manning (14 seasons) for the most seasons with at least 4,000 passing yards in NFL history and can tie Brees (10 seasons) for the most seasons ever with at least 30 touchdown passes.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MIKE EVANS

POS

WR

HT

6-5

WT

231

EXP

9

NUM

13



## AT A GLANCE

- o Last season, Evans became the first player ever to record at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of his first eight seasons.
- o Since entering the league in 2014, Evans leads all players with 75 touchdown receptions and ranks third with 9,301 receiving yards.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TD RECEPTIONS SINCE 2014

MIKE EVANS (TB)	75	JULIO JONES (ATL, TEN)	10,593
DAVANTE ADAMS (GB)	73	DEANDRE HOPKINS (HOU, AZ)	9,779
ANTONIO BROWN (PIT, NE, TB)	68	MIKE EVANS (TB)	9,301

## NOTES TO KNOW

- o Godwin (1,103 receiving yards) and Evans (1,045) were one of three pairs of wide receiver teammates to each record at least 1,000 receiving yards last season, joining Cincinnati's Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins and the Chargers' Keenan Allen and Mike Williams.
- o Godwin totaled a career-high 98 receptions in 14 games (seven receptions per game) and joined Cooper Kupp (8.5) and Davante Adams (7.7) as the only players to average at least seven catches per game last season.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Evans ranked second in the league with a career-high 14 touchdown receptions last season after ranking fourth in the NFL with 13 touchdown receptions in 2020. He can become the fourth player ever to record at least 13 touchdown receptions in three consecutive seasons.

## PLAYOFF LENNY

Leonard Fournette scored two touchdowns in Tampa Bay's Divisional playoff game last season and going back to his 2017 postseason with Jacksonville, has scored a touchdown in seven consecutive playoff games, tied for the third-longest streak in NFL history.



## RUNNING BACKS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE PLAYOFF GAMES WITH A TD IN NFL HISTORY

THURMAN THOMAS <sup>HOF</sup> (BUF)	9
EMMITT SMITH <sup>HOF</sup> (DAL)	8
MARCUS ALLEN <sup>HOF</sup> (L.A. RAIDERS)	7
TERRELL DAVIS <sup>HOF</sup> (DEN)	7
LEONARD FOURNETTE (JAX, TB)	7*
JOHN RIGGINS <sup>HOF</sup> (WAS)	7

\*Active streak

## PLAYER PROFILE

## CHRIS GODWIN

POS

WR

HT

6-1

WT

208

EXP

6

NUM

14



## ELITE LINEBACKERS

- o Shaquil Barrett (below, 58), Lavonte David (54) and Devin White (45) have established themselves as one of the most dominant linebacker trios in the league.



- o Since entering the league in 2012, David ranks second in the NFL with 1,220 total tackles and fourth with 134 tackles for loss.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOTAL TACKLES SINCE 2012

BOBBY WAGNER (SEA)	1,377
LAVONTE DAVID (TB)	1,220
LUKE KUECHLY (CAR)	1,092

- o White led the team with 128 tackles last season and his 268 total tackles since 2020 are the fourth-most in the NFL. He is one of four players in the league with at least 125 tackles in each of the past two seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOTAL TACKLES SINCE 2020

FOYESADE OLUJOKUN (ATL)	309
BOBBY WAGNER (SEA)	308
ROQUAN SMITH (CHI)	302
DEVIN WHITE (TB)	268

- o Barrett led the team with 10 sacks last season and his 37.5 sacks since joining Tampa Bay in 2019 are the fourth-most in the NFL.

Barrett, who led the league with 19 sacks in 2019, is the third Buccaneers player since 1982 to record at least 10 sacks in multiple seasons, joining Simeon Rice (five seasons) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Warren Sapp (three).

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS SINCE 2019

T.J. WATT (PIT)	52
AARON DONALD (LAR)	38.5
MYLES GARRETT (CLE)	38
SHAQUIL BARRETT (TB)	37.5

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**11-6**

DIVISION RANK

**2ND**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**26.4**

RANK: 11TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**373.6**

RANK: 8TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.5**

RANK: T-9TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**329.2**

RANK: 11TH



- o The Cardinals won 11 games and made the playoffs for the first time since 2015. They opened the season by winning their first seven games, tying a franchise record for wins to start a season (1974).
- o Arizona also won their first seven road games of the season, becoming the third team ever to win seven consecutive road games each by at least 10 points within a single season, joining the 1984 San Francisco 49ers and 1968 Dallas Cowboys.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- o Retained several key veterans, including TE Zach Ertz, RB James Conner, and WR A.J. Green.



A.J. GREEN

- o Ertz was acquired from Philadelphia midseason last year and totaled 74 receptions for 763 receiving yards in 2021. He enters the season ranking second among active tight ends in career receptions (635), receiving yards (6,841) and touchdown receptions (41).

In his first season in Arizona, Green totaled 54 receptions and 848 receiving yards. Since entering the league in 2011, he ranks fourth among all players with 10,278 receiving yards.

- o Acquired WR Marquise Brown from Baltimore.

Brown set career-highs in receptions (91) and receiving yards (1,008) last season and has recorded at least six touchdown receptions in each of his first three career seasons.



MARQUISE BROWN

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## KLIFF KINGSBURY

YEARS AS HC

**4**

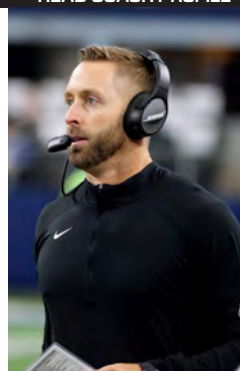
NFL EXPERIENCE

**4**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**24-24-1**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**0-1**

- o Kingsbury is looking to become the fourth Cardinals coach in the Super Bowl era to lead the team to the postseason in consecutive seasons, joining Bruce Arians (2014-15), Ken Whisenhunt (2008-09) and Don Coryell (1974-75).

## FLYING SOUTH OF THE BORDER

- o Arizona will face San Francisco in Mexico City in Week 11 on Monday Night Football at Azteca Stadium. It will be the fifth regular-season NFL game played in Mexico and the first since 2019.
- o The game will be a rematch of the league's first-ever regular-season international game, when the Cardinals defeated the 49ers, 31-14, at Estadio Azteca in 2005 (below).
- o Overall, this will be Arizona's third regular-season international game, having also played in London in 2017.



## SUPER BOWL HOSTS

- o State Farm Stadium, home of the Cardinals, will host Super Bowl LVII on February 12, 2023. The team whose home field has hosted the Super Bowl has gone on to win the championship each of the past two seasons (Los Angeles Rams in 2021 and Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2020).



## PLAYER PROFILE

## KYLER MURRAY

POS

**QB**

HT

**5-10**

WT

**207**

EXP

**4**

NUM

**1**

## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league as the No. 1 overall pick in the 2019 NFL Draft, Murray has totaled 11,480 passing yards and 70 touchdown passes along with 1,786 rushing yards and 20 rushing touchdowns.
- o He is the first player ever with at least 70 touchdown passes and 20 rushing touchdowns in his first three career seasons and he has the third-most rushing touchdowns by a quarterback in his first three seasons in the Super Bowl era.
- o Has five career games with at least three touchdown passes and one rushing touchdown, the most by a quarterback in his first three seasons all-time.

## QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN THEIR 1ST 3 SEASONS IN THE SUPER BOWL ERA

CAM NEWTON (CAR)	28
JOSH ALLEN (BUF)	25
KYLER MURRAY (AZ)	20

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Recorded 3,787 passing yards and 423 rushing yards in 2021 and became the first player ever with at least 3,500 passing yards and 400 rushing yards in each of his first three seasons.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- o Needs 3,500 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes to join Pro Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning as the only players ever to reach those marks in each of their first four seasons.
- o Can become the fifth quarterback all-time with at least 15,000 passing yards in his first four seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## J.J. WATT

POS

DE

HT

6-5

WT

288

EXP

12

NUM

99



## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league in 2011, Watt leads all players with 177 tackles for loss and ranks tied for fourth with 102 sacks.
- o Watt has four seasons with at least 15 sacks (2012, 2014-15, 2018), joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Reggie White (five seasons) as the only players with at least four such seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## BUDDA BAKER

POS

S

HT

5-10

WT

195

EXP

6

NUM

3



## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league in 2017, Baker leads all defensive backs with 521 career tackles. He is also one of four players to have at least 500 career tackles, five interceptions and five forced fumbles in that span.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Started all 17 games last season and recorded 98 tackles, seven passes defended and a career-high three interceptions.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DEANDRE HOPKINS

POS

WR

HT

6-1

WT

212

EXP

9

NUM

10



## AT A GLANCE

- o Since entering the league in 2013, Hopkins leads all players with 789 receptions, the fifth-most ever by a player in his first nine seasons. His 10,581 receiving yards rank second in the league during that span, while his 68 touchdown receptions rank fourth.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Hopkins appeared in 10 games last season and recorded eight touchdown receptions. He is one of four players in the league with at least six touchdown receptions in each of the past five seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS IN THEIR 1ST 9 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

MARVIN HARRISON (HOF) (IND)	845
ANTONIO BROWN (PIT)	837
TORRY HOLT (STL)	805
JULIO JONES (ATL)	797
DEANDRE HOPKINS (HOU, AZ)	789

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JAMES CONNER

POS

RB

HT

6-1

WT

233

EXP

6

NUM

6



## AT A GLANCE

- o Conner enters his sixth season (second with Arizona) with 4,392 scrimmage yards (3,054 rushing, 1,338 receiving) and 44 touchdowns (37 rushing, seven receiving).

## NOTE TO KNOW

- o Ranked third in the league last season with a career-high 18 touchdowns and tied for second with 15 rushing touchdowns, both the second-most ever in a single season in franchise history.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN 2021

AUSTIN EKKER (LAC)	20
JONATHAN TAYLOR (IND)	20
JAMES CONNER (AZ)	18

## 2022 SCHEDULE

- o The Cardinals open their season at home in Week 1 against Kansas City, and then alternate between home and away games each week up until Week 11 when they face the 49ers in Mexico City.

Week 1: Kansas City Chiefs

Week 2: at Las Vegas Raiders

Week 3: Los Angeles Rams

Week 4: at Carolina Panthers

Week 5: Philadelphia Eagles

Week 6: at Seattle Seahawks

Week 7: New Orleans Saints

Week 8: at Minnesota Vikings

Week 9: Seattle Seahawks

Week 10: at Los Angeles Rams

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**12-5**

DIVISION RANK

**1ST**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**27.1**

RANK: T-7TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**372.1**

RANK: 9TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.9**

RANK: T-15TH

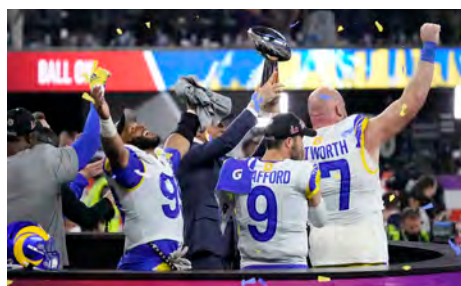
DEFENSE (YPG)

**344.9**

RANK: 17TH



- The Rams won their second Super Bowl in franchise history by defeating Cincinnati, 23-20, in Super Bowl LVI at SoFi Stadium. They are the second team ever to win the Super Bowl in their home stadium following Tampa Bay in 2021.



- En route to their Super Bowl run, the Rams won their third NFC West title in the last five years. After securing wins over Arizona, Tampa Bay and San Francisco in the NFC playoffs, QB Matthew Stafford engineered a 15-play drive in the final seven minutes of the Super Bowl that culminated in a game-winning touchdown pass to game MVP Cooper Kupp.
- The Rams defense totaled seven sacks in Super Bowl LVI, the most-ever by a team in the Super Bowl.

## RAMS 2021 POSTSEASON RESULTS

WILD CARD: VS. ARIZONA **W 34-11**DIVISIONAL: AT TAMPA BAY **W 30-27**NFC CHAMPIONSHIP: VS. SAN FRANCISCO **W 20-17**SUPER BOWL LVI: VS. CINCINNATI **W 23-20**

## QUEST TO REPEAT

- The Rams are aiming to become the ninth team ever to win consecutive Super Bowl titles and the first since the New England Patriots did so following the 2003 and 2004 seasons.

The nation will get a front-row seat to the team's quest to repeat, as the Rams have five primetime games featured on their 2022 schedule. Included on that slate is the league's annual Primetime Kickoff Game, when they host the Buffalo Bills at SoFi Stadium, on the same field they hoisted the Lombardi Trophy in February.

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## SEAN MCVAY

YEARS AS NFL HC

**6**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**9**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**55-26**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**7-3**

- When McVay was named head coach of the Rams on January 12, 2017, he became the youngest head coach in NFL history at 30 years old. He has recorded a winning season in each of his first five seasons and last year, at 36 years and 20 days old, became the youngest head coach ever to win a Super Bowl title.

## YOUNGEST HEAD COACHES TO WIN A SUPER BOWL TITLE IN NFL HISTORY

SEAN MCVAY (LAR) - SB LVI 36 YEARS, 20 DAYS

MIKE TOMLIN (PIT) - SB XLIII 36 YEARS, 323 DAYS

JON GRUDEN (TB) - SB XXXVII 36 YEARS, 162 DAYS

\* AGE ON DAY OF SUPER BOWL VICTORY

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Retained several key players, including C Brian Allen, T Joe Noteboom and K Matt Gay.

Gay ranked second in the league with a 94.1 field goal percentage last season, converting 32-of-34 attempts. He also converted game-winning field goals in the final two minutes of both the Divisional Playoffs and the NFC Championship.

- Made significant additions in free agency, signing WR Allen Robinson and LB Bobby Wagner.

Since entering the league in 2014, Robinson has totaled 495 receptions, 6,409 receiving yards and 40 touchdown receptions. He has recorded at least 1,000 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions in two of the past three seasons with Chicago.



## PLAYER PROFILE

## COOPER KUPP

POS

**WR**

HT

**6-2**

WT

**208**

EXP

**6**

NUM

**10**

## AT A GLANCE

- Through his first five seasons, Kupp has 433 career receptions, 5,517 receiving yards and 40 touchdown receptions. He is one of three players (Keenan Allen and Travis Kelce) with at least 90 receptions in each of the past three seasons.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- In 2021, Kupp became the fourth player since 1970 to lead the NFL in receptions (145), receiving yards (1,947) and touchdown receptions (16) in the same season. His receptions and receiving yards were the second-most ever in a single season.
- Recorded 16 games with at least 90 receiving yards, the most in a season all-time.
- In the 2021 postseason, recorded the most receptions (33), second-most receiving yards (478) and tied for the second-most touchdown receptions (six) by a player in a single postseason in league history.
- Earned Super Bowl MVP honors after totaling eight receptions for 92 yards and two touchdowns, including the game-winning score with under two minutes remaining.
- Became the ninth wide receiver to ever earn the honor and the first since Julian Edelman (Super Bowl LII with New England).

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Kupp will look to become the fourth player since 1970 to lead the league or tie for the lead in touchdown receptions in consecutive seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers Jerry Rice (1986-87; 1989-91) and Terrell Owens (2001-02), as well as Larry Fitzgerald (2008-09).
- Needs at least five receptions in each of his first three games to surpass DeAndre Hopkins (23 consecutive games from 2018-20) for the second-longest such streak in NFL history.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## MATTHEW STAFFORD

POS

QB

HT

6-3

WT

220

EXP

14

NUM

9



## AT A GLANCE

- Through his first 13 seasons, has recorded 4,302 completions, 49,995 passing yards and 323 touchdown passes. Since entering the league in 2009, he ranks fifth in completions and sixth in both passing yards and touchdown passes.
- Has 29 career games with at least 300 passing yards and three touchdown passes, including five last season, the fifth-most such games by a quarterback in his first 13 seasons in NFL history.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- In his first season with the Rams, Stafford set a franchise record with 4,886 passing and added a career-high 41 touchdown passes, tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Kurt Warner (41 in 1999) for the most-ever by a Ram.
- 2021 marked his fourth career season with at least 4,500 passing yards, the third-most such seasons among active players.
- In four postseason games last year, Stafford totaled 1,188 passing yards, the second-most ever in a single postseason, and 11 touchdowns (nine passing, two rushing) for a 108.3 rating. He became the fourth player in league history to record at least two touchdown passes in four playoff games within a single postseason.

## PLAYERS WITH MOST PASSING YARDS IN A SINGLE POSTSEASON IN NFL HISTORY

ELI MANNING (NYG) - 2011	1,219
MATTHEW STAFFORD (LAR) - 2021	1,188
KURT WARNER <sup>HOF</sup> (AZ) - 2008	1,147

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- With five passing yards in his first game of the season, Stafford will tie Drew Brees (183 games) as the fastest player ever to reach 50,000 career passing yards.
- Needs 4,000 passing yards to become the seventh player ever to have 10 such seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## AARON DONALD

POS

DL

HT

6-1

WT

280

EXP

9

NUM

99



## AT A GLANCE

- Donald has 98 career sacks since entering the league in 2014, the most among all players during that span and the fourth-most by a player in his first eight seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic. He is also the only player in the NFL with at least 10 sacks in each of the last five seasons.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN THEIR 1ST 8 SEASONS SINCE 1982

REGGIE WHITE <sup>HOF</sup> (PHI)	124
DEMARCUS WARE (DAL)	111
JARED ALLEN (KC, MIN)	105
AARON DONALD (LAR)	98
VON MILLER (DEN)	98
DERRICK THOMAS <sup>HOF</sup> (KC)	98

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Donald's 12.5 sacks led the Rams last season and he became the fourth player since 1982 to record at least eight sacks in each of his first eight seasons.
- Totaled 3.5 sacks in the 2021 postseason, including two in Super Bowl LVI.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Needs 12 sacks to become the fourth player since 1982 with at least 110 sacks in his first nine seasons. This would also make him the second player since 1982 with at least 12 sacks in five consecutive seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor (five consecutive seasons from 1985-89).

## PLAYER PROFILE

## BOBBY WAGNER

POS

LB

HT

6-0

WT

241

EXP

11

NUM

45



## AT A GLANCE

- Wagner comes to the Rams after a 10-year career with Seattle where he totaled over 100 tackles in each season since entering the league in 2012. He joined London Fletcher (14 seasons) as the only players since 2000 with at least 100 tackles in 10 consecutive seasons.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- In 2021, ranked third in the league with a career-high 170 tackles.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES SINCE 2012

BOBBY WAGNER (SEA)	1,377
LAVONTE DAVID (TB)	1,220
LUKE KUECHLY (CAR)	1,092

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JALEN RAMSEY

POS

DB

HT

6-1

WT

201

EXP

7

NUM

5



## NOTES TO KNOW

- Set career-highs in tackles (77) and tackles for loss (nine) last season and was the only player with at least 15 passes defended (16) and five tackles for loss in 2021.
- Including the postseason, Ramsey recorded at least one pass defense in 16 games last year, the most such games among all players.

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**10-7**

DIVISION RANK

**3RD**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**25.1**

RANK: 13TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**375.7**

RANK: 7TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.5**

RANK: T-9TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**310.0**

RANK: 3RD



- Advanced to the NFC Championship Game for the second time in the last three seasons and were the only non-division champion to win in the Divisional playoffs.
- San Francisco, along with Buffalo and Green Bay, were the only teams last year to rank in the top-10 in both total offense and total defense.
- QB Jimmy Garoppolo finished with 3,810 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes, his second career season with at least 3,500 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes.
- QB Trey Lance, the No. 3 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft, appeared in six games (two starts) last season and registered six total touchdowns (five passing, one rushing).

## STOUT DEFENSE

- Since 2019, the 49ers have had one of the top defenses in the NFL, ranking third (2021), fifth (2020) and second (2019) in yards allowed per game over the past three seasons.
- They are the only team to rank in the top-five in total defense in each of the past three seasons and their 302.2 yards per game allowed are the fewest among all teams in that span.



ARIK ARMSTEAD

## RUN AND STOP THE RUN

- San Francisco ranked seventh in both rushing offense (127.4 yards per game) and rushing defense (103.5 yards per game allowed) during the 2021 season.
- Offensively, they were one of four teams to record at least 10 games (10) with 125-or-more rushing yards, along with Philadelphia (12), New England (11) and Cleveland (10).
- Defensively, they held opponents to fewer than 100 rushing yards in nine games, tied for the fifth-most in the NFL last season.

## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## KYLE SHANAHAN

YEARS AS NFL HC

**7**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**19**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**39-42**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**4-2**

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Signed DL Kerry Hyder, WR Ray-Ray McCloud, S George Odum and CB Charvarius Ward in free agency.

Hyder recorded a career-high 8.5 sacks with San Francisco during the 2020 season.

Ward has at least 10 passes defended and two interceptions in two of the past three seasons.



JIMMIE WARD

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- Selected USC DL Drake Jackson (second round, No. 61 overall), LSU RB Tyrion Davis-Price (third round, No. 93) and SMU WR Danny Gray (third round, No. 105) with their first three selections in the 2022 NFL Draft.

## ROAD SUCCESS

- San Francisco finished the 2021 regular-season with a 6-3 record on the road and have won at least five road games in three consecutive seasons. Since 2019, their 18 road victories are the third-most among all teams and their .720 winning percentage is the third-highest in that span.

## TEAMS WITH THE MOST ROAD WINS SINCE 2019

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	20
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	19
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	18

## PLAYER PROFILE

## GEORGE KITTLE

POS

**TE**

HT

**6-4**

WT

**250**

EXP

**6**

NUM

**85**

## AT A GLANCE

- Since entering the NFL in 2017, Kittle has 335 receptions for 4,489 yards and 20 touchdowns in 67 career games, the third-most receiving yards by a tight end in his first five seasons in NFL history. Over the past five seasons, he ranks second among all tight ends in receiving yards and third in receptions.

## NOTES TO KNOW

- Among NFC tight ends in 2021, Kittle ranked second with 910 receiving yards and third with 71 receptions. Registered 13 receptions in Week 13 last season and became the fourth tight end ever with at least 13 receptions in three career games, joining Zach Ertz (four games), Jason Witten (four) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Kellen Winslow Sr. (three).
- Recorded 181 receiving yards and two touchdowns in Week 13 and 151 receiving yards with one touchdown in Week 14 last year, becoming the first tight end in NFL history to record at least 150 receiving yards and a touchdown catch in consecutive games.

## TEs WITH THE MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN THEIR FIRST 5 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

JIMMY GRAHAM (NO)	4,752
KEELEN WINSLOW <sup>HOF</sup> (SD)	4,513
GEORGE KITTLE (SF)	4,489

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Kittle needs at least 65 receptions to become the sixth tight end ever to reach 400 receptions in his first six seasons and needs at least 511 receiving yards to become the sixth tight end in NFL history with at least 5,000 receiving yards in his first six seasons. He can also join Rob Gronkowski, Keith Jackson, Pro Football Hall of Famer Ozzie Newsome and Jeremy Shockey as the only tight ends all-time with at least 500 receiving yards in each of his first six seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DEEBO SAMUEL

POS

WR

HT

6-0

WT

215

EXP

4

NUM

19



## AT A GLANCE

- Samuel ranked third in the NFL with a career-high 1,770 scrimmage yards (1,405 receiving, 365 rushing) and is the only player all-time with at least 1,400 receiving yards and 300 rushing yards in the same season.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SCRIMMAGE YARDS IN 2021

JONATHAN TAYLOR (IND)	2,171
COOPER KUPP (LAR)	1,965
DEEBO SAMUEL (SF)	1,770

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Had eight rushing touchdowns, the most by a wide receiver in a season in NFL history and is one of three players all-time with at least 1,000 receiving yards, five receiving touchdowns (six) and five rushing touchdowns, joining Roger Craig (1995) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk (1999).

## OFFENSIVE PRO BOWLERS

- Two key factors in the 49ers offensive success are T Trent Williams and FB Kyle Juszczyk. Williams, acquired by San Francisco ahead of the 2020 season, has been selected to nine Pro Bowls since 2012, tied with New England's Matthew Slater for the most among all players in the span. Since 2016, Juszczyk is one of four players to be selected to each of the past six Pro Bowls (five with San Francisco), along with Travis Kelce, Tyreek Hill and Bobby Wagner.



TRENT WILLIAMS

## PLAYER PROFILE

## FRED WARNER

POS

LB

HT

6-3

WT

230

EXP

5

NUM

54



## AT A GLANCE

- Warner has totaled 503 tackles in his first four seasons, the fourth most tackles since entering the league in 2018. He is one of five players with at least 500 tackles and five forced fumbles (six) in his first four seasons since 2000.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Led team with a career-high 137 tackles in 2021 and is one of three players with at least 115 tackles in each of the past four seasons, along with Shaquille Leonard and Bobby Wagner.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES SINCE 2018

LAVONTE DAVID (TB)	605
SHAQUILLE LEONARD (IND)	538
DEMECO RYANS (HOU)	523
FRED WARNER (SF)	503



KYLE JUSZCZYK

## PLAYER PROFILE

## NICK BOSA

POS

DE

HT

6-4

WT

266

EXP

4

NUM

97



## AT A GLANCE

- Has 24.5 sacks with 37 tackles for loss in his first three seasons. The former No. 2 overall pick is a two-time Pro Bowl selection (2019 and 2021) and was named the 2019 Defensive Rookie of the Year.
- Bosa, who had four sacks in the 2019 postseason as a rookie and four sacks during the 2021 playoffs, joined Von Miller (2015 and 2021), Terrell Suggs (2008 and 2010) and Willie McGinest (2003 and 2005) as the only players since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to record at least four sacks in multiple postseasons.
- Has recorded at least 0.5 sacks in each of his first six career playoff games and joined Mark Gastineau (six consecutive postseason games from 1982 to 1986) and LaMarr Woodley (seven consecutive postseason games from 2007 to 2010) as the only players since 1982 to record at least 0.5 sacks in six consecutive playoff games.

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR

- Bosa needs at least 15 sacks to become the fifth player since 1982 to record at least 15 sacks in two of his first four career seasons.

## PLAYERS TO RECORD 15 SACKS+ IN AT LEAST TWO OF THEIR FIRST FOUR SEASONS SINCE 1982

REGGIE WHITE <sup>HOF</sup> (PHI)	3
RICHARD DENT <sup>HOF</sup> (CHI)	2
ANDRE TIPPETT (NE)	2
J.J. WATT (HOU)	2

## 2021 SEASON RECAP

2021 RECORD

**7-10**

DIVISION RANK

**4TH**

OFFENSE (PPG)

**23.2**

RANK: 16TH

OFFENSE (YPG)

**323.9**

RANK: 20TH

DEFENSE (PPG)

**21.5**

RANK: T-9TH

DEFENSE (YPG)

**379.1**

RANK: 26TH



## HEAD COACH PROFILE

## PETE CARROLL

YEARS AS NFL HC

**17 - 13TH WITH SEA**

NFL EXPERIENCE

**28**

REGULAR-SEASON RECORD

**152-104-1**

POSTSEASON RECORD

**11-10**

- Over the past 12 seasons in Seattle, Carroll has a 119-73-1 record, notched back-to-back Super Bowl appearances in 2013-14, posted 10-plus wins in five consecutive seasons (2012-16) for the first time in franchise history, including eight of the last 10 seasons, and won five NFC West Division titles.
- Carroll led Seattle to its first Super Bowl title (XLVIII) following a franchise-best 13-3 regular season during the 2013 season.
- In 2021, he became the 22nd head coach in NFL history with 150 wins in the regular season.

## OFFSEASON NEWS

## PLAYER MOVEMENT

- Resigned S Quandre Diggs, TE Will Dissly, RB Rashaad Penny and QB Geno Smith.

Diggs set a career-high 94 tackles last season and tied his career-best with five interceptions, tied for the most among safeties during the 2021 season. He is the only player with at least three interceptions in each of the past five seasons.

Smith appeared in four games (three starts) in 2021 and recorded six touchdowns (five passing, one rushing) against one interception for a 103.0 rating.



## PLAYER MOVEMENT CONT.

- Penny appeared in 10 games (six starts) and led the team with career-highs in rushing yards (749) and rushing touchdowns (six) in 2021.

He was the only player in the NFL to record at least 180 scrimmage yards in consecutive games (Weeks 17-18) and at least 135 rushing yards in three consecutive games (Weeks 16-18). Over the final five weeks of the season (Weeks 14-18), Penny started all five games and led the NFL in scrimmage yards per game (138.4).



RASHAAD PENNY

- Acquired TE Noah Fant, DT Shelby Harris and QB Drew Lock via trade in March.

Lock, entering his fourth season, has 4,740 passing yards and 25 touchdown passes, along with five rushing touchdowns, in 25 career games.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## DK METCALF

POS

**WR**

HT

**6-4**

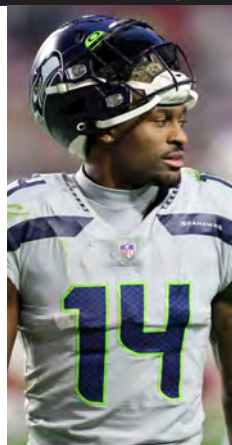
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**235**

EXP

**4**

NUM

**14**

## AT A GLANCE

- Metcalf had 75 receptions for 967 yards and 12 touchdowns last season and became the fifth player since 1990 with at least 900 receiving yards and seven touchdown receptions in each of his first three seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Randy Moss along with Odell Beckham Jr., Joey Galloway and A.J. Green.
- Metcalf joined Moss (36 touchdown receptions) and Beckham Jr. (34) as the only wide receivers since 1990 with at least 25 touchdown receptions (25) in their first 40 career games.
- Lockett recorded 1,175 receiving yards and eight touchdown receptions last season and he is one of four wide receivers with at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of the past three seasons, joining Stefon Diggs, Mike Evans and D.J. Moore.
- In Weeks 1-2 of the 2021 season, Lockett became the fourth player since 1990 to record multiple touchdown receptions of at least 60 yards in his team's first two games of a season, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers Moss (2005) and Jerry Rice (1991), as well as Steve Smith (2007).

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Over the past two seasons (2020-21), Lockett and Metcalf have combined for third-most receiving yards (4,499) and tied for the fourth-most touchdown receptions (40) among all teammate duos in the NFL.

## 2022 NFL DRAFT

- Selected Mississippi State OL Charles Cross in the first round (No. 9 overall), the team's third-highest drafted offensive lineman in the common-draft era, following Russell Okung (No. 6 overall in 2010) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Walter Jones (No. 6 in 1997).



CHARLES CROSS

- Selected Minnesota LB Boye Mafe (No. 40 overall) and Michigan State RB Kenneth Walker (No. 41) in the second round. Walker, a unanimous All-American in 2021 and winner of the Walter Camp and Doak Walker awards, recorded 1,636 rushing yards and 18 rushing touchdowns in his final college season.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## TYLER LOCKETT

POS

**WR**

HT

**5-10**

WT

**182**

EXP

**8**

NUM

**16**

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JAMAL ADAMS

POS

S

HT

6-1

WT

213

EXP

5

NUM

33



## AT A GLANCE

- Adams has 442 career tackles, 43 tackles for loss and 33 passes defended since entering the NFL in 2017.
- He is one of four players and the only defensive back with at least 40 tackles for loss and 30 passes defended over the past five seasons, along with Demario Davis, Carlos Dunlap and T.J. Watt.
- His 21.5 career sacks rank sixth among all defensive backs since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, and his 9.5 sacks during the 2019 season are the most in a single season by a defensive back since 1982.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS WITH THE MOST SACKS SINCE 1982

RODNEY HARRISON (SD, NE)	30.5
RONDE BARBER (TB)	28.0
BRIAN DAWKINS <sup>HOF</sup> (PHI, DEN)	26.0
ADRIAN WILSON (AZ)	25.5
CARNELL LAKE (PIT, JAX, BAL)	25.0
JAMAL ADAMS (NYJ, SEA)	21.5

## NOTE TO KNOW

- Adams is one of five defensive backs since 2000 to record at least 75 tackles in each of his first five career seasons, joining Vonn Bell, Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, Landon Collins and Richard Marshall.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## NOAH FANT

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## AT A GLANCE

- Fant enters his fourth season (first with Seattle) with 170 receptions for 1,905 yards and 10 touchdowns in 47 career games. He leads all tight ends that entered the league in 2019 in both receptions and receiving yards.

## NOTE TO KNOW

- In 2021, Fant set career-highs in receptions (68) and touchdown receptions (four) and is one of three tight ends, along with Travis Kelce and Dalton Schultz, to record at least 60 receptions and 600 receiving yards in each of the last two seasons.

## PLAYER PROFILE

## JORDYN BROOKS

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## AT A GLANCE

- Brooks started all 17 games last season and ranked second in the league with a career-high 183 tackles. He is the only player with at least 180 tackles and 10 tackles for loss (10) in a season since 2000.
- Was one of five players to record at least 10 games with 10-or-more tackles during the 2021 season and was one of three players to record at least 20 tackles in a single game (20 tackles in Week 18), along with Kamu Grugier-Hill and Bobby Wagner.

## MONDAY NIGHT OPENER

- The Seahawks open the 2021 season on *Monday Night Football* as they host the Denver Broncos in Week 1. This marks the second time in franchise history that the team will play their first game of the season on Monday. Seattle opened the 1984 season with a 33-0 shutout victory over Cleveland.

## MUNICH BOUND

- Seattle is set to meet the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Week 10 at Allianz Arena - Home of FC Bayern Munich, the first-ever NFL regular-season game in Germany. The Seahawks won each of their first two regular-season games outside of the United States, defeating Buffalo at Rogers Centre in Toronto, Ontario, Canada during the 2012 season and the Oakland Raiders at Wembley Stadium in London, England during the 2018 season.



# BY THE NUMBERS



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- o **DAVANTE ADAMS**, Las Vegas, needs 115 receptions to become the first player ever to reach the mark in three consecutive seasons. Adams also:
  - Needs 10 touchdown receptions to become the fourth player ever with at least 10 touchdown receptions in at least six of his first nine seasons, joining Jerry Rice (seven seasons), Marvin Harrison (six) and Randy Moss (six).
- o **JAMAL ADAMS**, Seattle, needs 3.5 sacks to become the sixth defensive back since 1982 with at least 25 career sacks, joining Rodney Harrison (30.5 sacks), Ronde Barber (28), Brian Dawkins (26), Adrian Wilson (25.5) and Cornell Lake (25). Adams also:
  - Needs five sacks to become the first defensive back since 1982 with three career seasons with at least five sacks. Adams had 9.5 sacks in 2020 and 6.5 sacks in 2019.
- o **JOSH ALLEN**, Buffalo, needs 4,000 passing yards and 35 touchdown passes to join Patrick Mahomes as the only quarterbacks all-time with at least 4,000 passing yards and 35 touchdown passes in three of their first five seasons. Allen also:
  - Needs five rushing touchdowns to join Cam Newton (seven consecutive seasons from 2011-17) as the only quarterbacks all-time with at least five rushing touchdowns in five consecutive seasons.
- o **KEENAN ALLEN**, Los Angeles Chargers, needs 100 receptions to join Antonio Brown (six seasons from 2013-18) and Marvin Harrison (four seasons from 1999-2002) as the only players ever to record at least 100 receptions in four consecutive seasons. Allen also:
  - Needs 95 receptions to join Antonio Brown (2013-18) as the only players ever to reach the mark in six consecutive seasons.
- o **MARK ANDREWS**, Baltimore, needs 1,034 receiving yards to become the third tight end ever with at least 4,500 receiving yards in his first five seasons, joining Jimmy Graham (4,752 receiving yards) and Kellen Winslow Sr. (4,513). Andrews has 3,466 career receiving yards. Andrews also:
  - Needs seven receiving touchdowns to become the third tight end all-time with at least seven touchdown receptions in four consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Gates (nine consecutive seasons from 2004-12) and Jimmy Graham (four from 2011-14).

- o **BILL BELICHICK**, New England, ranks third all-time with 321 total victories (regular-season and playoffs combined) and needs four wins to surpass George Halas (324 combined wins) for the second-most total victories by a head coach in NFL history. Belichick also:
  - Needs 10 regular-season wins to become the third head coach ever with 300 career regular-season victories, joining Don Shula (328 regular-season wins) and George Halas (318).
  - Can surpass Don Shula (19) for the most postseason berths as a head coach. Belichick-led teams have earned playoff berths in 19 different seasons.
- o **NICK BOSA**, San Francisco, needs 15 sacks to become the fifth player since 1982 to record at least 15 sacks in two of his first four career seasons, joining Reggie White (three seasons), Richard Dent (two), Andre Tippett (two) and J.J. Watt (two). Bosa had 15.5 sacks in 2021.
- o **TOM BRADY**, Tampa Bay, needs at least 5,000 passing yards to join Drew Brees (2011-13) as the only players in NFL history to record 5,000 passing yards in consecutive seasons and can join Brees (five seasons) as the only players with at least 5,000 passing yards in three different seasons. Brady also:
  - Needs at least 4,000 passing yards to tie Peyton Manning (14 seasons) for the most such seasons in NFL history.
  - Needs 2,431 passing yards to become the first player in NFL history with 100,000 career passing yards, including the postseason. Brady enters the season with 97,569 career passing yards, including the postseason, the most in NFL history.
  - Needs at least 40 touchdown passes to become the first player in NFL history to record 40 touchdown passes in three consecutive seasons and can become the first player with at least 40 touchdown passes in four different seasons.
  - Needs at least 30 touchdown passes to tie Drew Brees (10 seasons) for the most such seasons in NFL history.
  - Needs 25 touchdown passes to surpass Peyton Manning (16 seasons) for the most such seasons in NFL history.



- o **JOE BURROW**, Cincinnati, needs 4,338 passing yards to surpass Jameis Winston (11,636) for the third-most passing yards by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history. Only Andrew Luck (12,957) and Peyton Manning (12,287) have more. Burrow also:
  - Needs 4,500 passing yards to become the first player in NFL history to record at least 4,500 passing yards in two of his first three seasons.
  - Needs nine games with at least 300 passing yards to surpass Andrew Luck (19 games) for the most such games by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history.
  - Needs one game with at least 400 passing yards to surpass Dan Marino (four games) for the most such games by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history.
- o **DEREK CARR**, Las Vegas, needs 3,300 passing yards to become the fourth player in NFL history with at least 35,000 passing yards in his first nine seasons, joining Matt Ryan (37,701), Peyton Manning (37,586) and Dan Marino (35,386). Carr enters the season with 31,700 career passing yards. Carr also:
  - Needs 3,000 passing yards to become the third player in NFL history to record at least 3,000 passing yards in each of his first nine seasons, joining Peyton Manning and Russell Wilson.
- o **JA'MARR CHASE**, Cincinnati, needs 1,562 receiving yards to surpass Justin Jefferson. (3,016) for the most receiving yards by a player through his first two seasons in NFL history. Jefferson also:
  - Needs 1,250 receiving yards to join Odell Beckham Jr., Justin Jefferson and Randy Moss as the only players to accomplish the feat in each of their first two seasons in NFL history.

- o **NICK CHUBB**, Cleveland, needs eight rushing touchdowns to become the fifth player in NFL history to accomplish the feat in each of his first five seasons, joining Jim Brown, Adrian Peterson, Emmitt Smith and LaDainian Tomlinson.

- o **AMARI COOPER**, Cleveland, needs five touchdown receptions to become the sixth player in the Super Bowl era to accomplish the feat in each of his first eight seasons, joining Gary Clark, Marques Colston, Larry Fitzgerald, Marvin Harrison and Randy Moss.

- o **KIRK COUSINS**, Minnesota, needs at least 25 touchdown passes to become the fifth player to accomplish the feat in at least eight consecutive seasons in NFL history, joining Peyton Manning (13 seasons), Drew Brees (11), Philip Rivers (11) and Tom Brady (10). Cousins also:

Needs a season passer rating of 100-or-higher (min. 300 attempts) to become the fourth player ever to accomplish the feat in at least four consecutive seasons, joining Drew Brees (six seasons from 2015-20), Aaron Rodgers (four seasons from 2009-12) and Russell Wilson (four seasons from 2018-21).

- o **STEFON DIGGS**, Buffalo, needs 105 receptions to become the sixth player ever with 700 receptions in his first eight career seasons, joining Marvin Harrison (759 receptions), DeAndre Hopkins (747), Antonio Brown (733), Torry Holt (712) and Brandon Marshall (712). Diggs has 595 receptions in his first seven seasons.

- o **TREVON DIGGS**, Dallas, needs six interceptions to become the fifth player in the Super Bowl era with at least 20 interceptions in his first three seasons, joining Lem Barney (25 interceptions), Everson Walls (22), Ed Reed (21) and Richard Sherman (20). Diggs enters the season with 14 career interceptions. Diggs also:

Needs 10 interceptions to join Don Doll (1949-50) and Tom Keane (1952-53) as the only players in NFL history to record at least 10 interceptions in consecutive seasons.

- o **AARON DONALD**, Los Angeles Rams, needs 12 sacks to become the fourth player since 1982 with at least 110 sacks in his first nine seasons, joining Reggie White (137 sacks), Jared Allen (117) and DeMarcus Ware (117). Donald has 98 sacks in his first eight seasons. Donald also:

Needs 12 sacks to become the second player since 1982 with at least 12 sacks in five consecutive seasons, joining Lawrence Taylor (five consecutive seasons from 1985-89).

Needs eight sacks to become the third player since 1982 with at least eight sacks in each of his first nine seasons, joining Derrick Thomas (first 10 seasons) and Reggie White (14 seasons).



AARON DONALD

- o **AUSTIN EKELER**, Los Angeles Chargers, needs one touchdown reception to surpass James White (24 touchdown receptions) for the most touchdown receptions by a running back in his first six seasons since 1970. Ekeler also:

Needs four games with both a rushing touchdown and receiving touchdown to become the first player ever with 10 such games within his first six seasons.

Needs 237 receiving yards to surpass Priest Holmes (2,962 receiving yards) for the most receiving yards by an undrafted running back in the common-draft era. Ekeler enters the season with 2,726 career receiving yards.

- o **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT**, Dallas, needs at least 1,250 scrimmage yards and eight touchdowns to join LaDainian Tomlinson as the only players to accomplish the feat in each of their first seven seasons in NFL history. Elliott also:

Needs at least 950 rushing yards and six rushing touchdowns to join Eric Dickerson, Adrian Peterson and LaDainian Tomlinson as the only players ever to accomplish the feat in each of their first seven seasons.

- o **MIKE EVANS**, Tampa Bay, needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the first player with at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of his first nine seasons in NFL history and can join Jerry Rice (11 seasons; 1986-96) and Tim Brown (nine; 1993-2001) as the only players with at least 1,000 receiving yards in nine consecutive seasons. Evans also:

Needs 13 touchdown receptions to become the fourth player in NFL history with at least 13 touchdown receptions in three consecutive seasons, joining Lance Alworth (1964-66), Terrell Owens (2000-02) and Jerry Rice (1989-91; 1993-95).

- o **MYLES GARRETT**, Cleveland, needs seven sacks within his first seven games of the season to surpass Von Miller (65 sacks) and Derrick Thomas (65) for the fourth-most sacks by a player in his first 75 career games since 1982. Only Reggie White (83), J.J. Watt (70.5) and T.J. Watt (67) have more. Garrett enters the season with 58.5 sacks in 68 career games.

- o **JARED GOFF**, Detroit, needs seven games with at least 300 passing yards to tie Andrew Luck (33 games) for the second-most such games by a player in his first seven seasons in NFL history. Only Dan Marino (37) has more. Goff enters the season with 26 career games of at least 300 passing yards.

- o **MELVIN GORDON**, Denver, needs eight rushing touchdowns to become the fifth running back in NFL history with at least eight rushing touchdowns in six consecutive seasons, joining LaDainian Tomlinson (nine seasons), Jim Brown (seven), Adrian Peterson (seven) and Emmitt Smith (seven).

- o **NAJEE HARRIS**, Pittsburgh, needs 89 receptions to surpass Alvin Kamara (162 receptions) for the second-most by a running back in his first two seasons in NFL history. Only Christian McCaffrey (187) has more. Harris totaled 74 receptions in his rookie season.



EZEKIEL ELLIOTT

- o **DERRICK HENRY**, Tennessee, needs 10 rushing touchdowns to become the fifth running back all-time with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in five consecutive seasons, joining LaDainian Tomlinson (nine consecutive seasons), Adrian Peterson (seven), Shaun Alexander (five) and Michael Turner (five). Henry also:

Needs two games with at least 200 rushing yards to surpass Adrian Peterson (six games) and O.J. Simpson (six) for the most such games in NFL history.

Needs three games with at least 150 rushing yards to surpass Jim Brown (13 games) and LaDainian Tomlinson (12) for the second-most such games in NFL history. Only Barry Sanders (25 games) has more.

- o **JUSTIN HERBERT**, L.A. Chargers, needs 30 touchdown passes to surpass Dan Marino (98 touchdown passes) for the most by a player through his first three seasons in NFL history. Herbert enters the season with 69 touchdown passes. Herbert also:

Needs 30 touchdown passes to become the first player ever to record at least 30 touchdown passes in each of his first three seasons.

Needs 3,608 passing yards to surpass Andrew Luck (12,957 passing yards) for the most by a player through his first three seasons in NFL history. Herbert enters the season with 9,350 passing yards.

Needs 4,000 passing yards to become the first player ever to record at least 4,000 passing yards in each of his first three seasons.



- o **TYREEK HILL**, Miami, needs six touchdown receptions to become the fifth player in NFL history to record at least six touchdown receptions in each of his first seven seasons, joining Larry Fitzgerald, Marvin Harrison, Don Hutson and Randy Moss. Hill also:

Needs seven touchdowns to join Randy Moss as the only wide receivers in NFL history with at least seven touchdowns in each of his first seven seasons.

- o **DEANDRE HOPKINS**, Arizona, needs 61 receptions to become the fourth player with at least 850 receptions in his first 10 career seasons, joining Marvin Harrison (927 receptions), Brandon Marshall (882) and Torry Holt (869). Hopkins has 789 receptions in his first nine seasons.

- o **JALEN HURTS**, Philadelphia, needs seven rushing touchdowns to become the fourth quarterback all-time with at least 20 rushing touchdowns in his first three seasons, joining Cam Newton (28 rushing touchdowns), Josh Allen (25) and Kyler Murray (20). Hurts has 13 rushing touchdowns in his first two seasons. Hurts also:

Needs 10 rushing touchdowns to become the first quarterback ever with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in consecutive seasons.

Needs 10 rushing touchdowns to join Cam Newton (three seasons) as the only quarterbacks in league annals with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in multiple seasons.

- o **J.C. JACKSON**, Los Angeles Chargers, needs eight interceptions to become the first player ever to record at least eight interceptions in three consecutive seasons. Jackson also:

Needs five interceptions to become the fourth player in the Super Bowl era with at least 30 interceptions through his first five seasons, joining Lem Barney (35 interceptions), Everson Walls (34) and Gary Barbaro (31). Jackson has 25 career interceptions.

- o **LAMAR JACKSON**, Baltimore, needs 827 rushing yards to become the fifth quarterback all-time with at least 4,500 career rushing yards, joining Michael Vick (6,109 rushing yards), Cam Newton (5,628), Randall Cunningham (4,928) and Russell Wilson (4,689). Jackson has 3,673 career rushing yards. Jackson also:

Needs one game with at least 100 rushing yards to surpass Michael Vick (10 games) for the most such games by a quarterback all-time. Jackson has 10 career 100-yard rushing games.

- o **JUSTIN JEFFERSON**, Minnesota, needs 1,148 receiving yards to surpass Randy Moss (4,163) for the most receiving yards by a player through his first three seasons in NFL history. Jefferson has 3,016 career receiving yards. Jefferson also:

Needs 1,400 receiving yards to become the first player ever to accomplish the feat in each of his first three seasons.

Needs 104 receptions to join Michael Thomas (321 receptions) and Christian McCaffrey (303) as the only players ever with at least 300 receptions through their first three seasons. Jefferson has 196 career receptions.

Needs six games with at least 100 receiving yards to surpass Odell Beckham Jr. (19 games) and Randy Moss (19) for the most such games by a player through his first three seasons in NFL history. Jefferson has 14 career games with at least 100 receiving yards.

- o **MAC JONES**, New England, needs eight games with a passer rating of 100-or-higher to become the fifth quarterback all-time to have 15 such games in his first two seasons, joining Russell Wilson (17), Dak Prescott (16), Justin Herbert (15) and Dan Marino (15). Jones had seven games with a passer rating of 100-or-higher as a rookie in 2021. Jones also:

Needs 348 completions to become the third quarterback with at least 700 completions in his first two career seasons all-time, joining Justin Herbert (839 completions) and Kyler Murray (724). Jones has 352 career completions.

- o **CAMERON JORDAN**, New Orleans, needs seven sacks to become the sixth player since 1982 to record at least seven sacks in 11 consecutive seasons, joining Reggie White (14 consecutive seasons), Chris Doleman (13), John Randle (12), Robert Mathis (11) and Derrick Thomas (11). Jordan also:

Needs 12 sacks to become the sixth player since 1982 to record at least six career seasons with at least 12 sacks, joining Reggie White (10 seasons), Kevin Greene (eight), Bruce Smith (eight), Leslie O'Neal (seven) and Simeon Rice (six).

- o **ALVIN KAMARA**, New Orleans, needs 62 receptions to surpass Roger Craig (434 receptions) for the most receptions by a running back in his first six seasons in NFL history. Kamara has 373 career receptions. Kamara also:

Needs five touchdown receptions to become the first running back with at least five touchdown receptions in four career seasons since 1970. Kamara had five touchdown receptions in 2017, 2020 and 2021.

- o **TRAVIS KELCE**, Kansas City, needs 96 receptions to become the fifth tight end in NFL history with at least 800 career receptions, joining Tony Gonzalez (1,325), Jason Witten (1,228), Antonio Gates (955) and Shannon Sharpe (815). Kelce has 704 receptions in nine career seasons. Kelce also:

Needs 994 receiving yards to become the fifth tight end in NFL history with at least 10,000 career receiving yards, joining Tony Gonzalez (15,127), Jason Witten (13,046), Antonio Gates (11,841) and Shannon Sharpe (10,060).

Needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the first tight end in NFL history with seven career seasons of at least 1,000 receiving yards. Kelce has at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of the past six seasons.

Needs 103 receptions to surpass Jason Witten (806 receptions) for the most receptions by a tight end in his first 10 seasons in NFL history.

Needs four games with at least 100 receiving yards to surpass Rob Gronkowski (32 games) and Tony Gonzalez (31 games) for the most such games by a tight end in NFL history. Kelce has 29 career games with at least 100 receiving yards.



- o **GEORGE KITTLE**, San Francisco, needs 65 receptions to become the sixth tight end ever with at least 400 receptions in his first six seasons, joining Zach Ertz (437 receptions), Jimmy Graham (434), Jason Witten (429), Travis Kelce (410) and Antonio Gates (400). Kittle has 335 career receptions. Kittle also:

Needs 511 receiving yards to become the sixth tight end in NFL history with at least 5,000 receiving yards in his first six seasons, joining Rob Gronkowski (5,555), Jimmy Graham (5,357), Travis Kelce (5,236), Kellen Winslow Sr. (5,176) and Antonio Gates (5,066). Kittle has 4,489 career receiving yards.

Needs 500 receiving yards to become the fifth tight end all-time with at least 500 receiving yards in each of his first six seasons, joining Rob Gronkowski, Keith Jackson, Ozzie Newsome and Jeremy Shockey.

- o **COOPER KUPP**, Los Angeles Rams, can become the fourth player since 1970 to lead the league or tie for the lead in touchdown receptions in consecutive seasons, joining Jerry Rice (1986-87; 1989-91), Terrell Owens (2001-02) and Larry Fitzgerald (2008-09). Kupp led the NFL with 16 touchdown receptions in 2021. Kupp also:

Needs at least five receptions in each of his first three games to surpass DeAndre Hopkins (23 consecutive games from 2018-20) for the second-longest such streak in NFL history. Since Week 13 of the 2020 season, Kupp has recorded at least five receptions in 21 consecutive games.

- o **MATT LAFLEUR**, Green Bay, can become the first coach since 1970 to win at least 13 games in each of his first four seasons as an NFL head coach. LaFleur also:

Needs 14 wins to surpass George Seifert (52 wins) for the most-ever by a head coach in his first four seasons. LaFleur has 39 career regular-season wins through three seasons.

Needs 11 wins within the team's first 12 games of the season to surpass Paul Brown (62 games) and George Seifert (62) as the fastest head coach in NFL history to reach 50 career wins. LaFleur has 39 wins in 49 career games.

- o **TREVOR LAWRENCE**, Jacksonville, needs 341 completions to become the third player in NFL history with at least 700 completions through his first two seasons, joining Justin Herbert (839 completions) and Kyler Murray (724). Lawrence totaled 359 completions in his rookie season.

- o **SHAQUILLE LEONARD**, Indianapolis, needs four interceptions to become the third linebacker in the Super Bowl era with at least 15 interceptions in his first five seasons, joining Jack Ham (17 interceptions) and Stan White (16). Leonard has 11 career interceptions.

- o **PATRICK MAHOMES**, Kansas City, needs at least 4,500 passing yards and 35 touchdown passes to become the fourth quarterback all-time with four such career seasons, joining Tom Brady (five), Drew Brees (four) and Peyton Manning (four). Mahomes also:

Needs 35 touchdown passes to become the fifth quarterback all-time with four career seasons with at least 35 touchdown passes, joining Tom Brady (six), Aaron Rodgers (six), Drew Brees (four) and Peyton Manning (four).

Needs 4,000 passing yards to join Peyton Manning as the only players in NFL history to throw for at least 4,000 passing yards in five of their first six seasons.

Needs 2,264 passing yards in his first 12 starts to surpass Matthew Stafford (21,254) for the most ever by a player in his first 75 career starts. Mahomes has 18,991 career passing yards.

Needs 23 touchdown passes in his first 12 starts to surpass Dan Marino (173) for the most ever by a player in his first 75 career starts.

- o **CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY**, Carolina, needs 78 receptions to surpass Roger Craig (434 receptions) for the most receptions by a running back in his first six seasons in NFL history. McCaffrey enters the season with 357 career receptions. McCaffrey also:

Needs 838 receiving yards to surpass Marshall Faulk (3,852 receiving yards) for the most receiving yards by a running back in his first six seasons since 1970. McCaffrey enters the season with 3,015 career receiving yards.

Needs one game with both a rushing touchdown and receiving touchdown to become the first player ever with 10 such games within his first six seasons.

- o **DK METCALF**, Seattle, needs 900 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions to become the fifth player since 1970 to reach those marks in each of his first four seasons, joining Joey Galloway, A.J. Green, Randy Moss and Michael Thomas. Metcalf also:

Needs seven touchdown receptions to become the fourth player all-time with at least seven touchdown receptions in each of his first four seasons, joining Joey Galloway, Bob Hayes and Randy Moss.

- o **VON MILLER**, Buffalo, needs 14.5 sacks to become the fifth player since 1982 with at least 130 sacks in his first 12 seasons, joining Reggie White (165.5 sacks), Bruce Smith (140), DeMarcus Ware (138.5) and Jared Allen (136). Miller has 115.5 career sacks.



KYLE PITTS

- o **KYLER MURRAY**, Arizona, needs 3,520 passing yards to become the fifth quarterback all-time with at least 15,000 passing yards in his first four seasons, joining Peyton Manning (16,418), Dan Marino (16,177), Dak Prescott (15,778) and Ryan Tannehill (15,460). Murray has 11,480 career passing yards. Murray also:

Needs 3,500 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes to join Peyton Manning as the only players ever to reach those marks in each of their first four seasons.

Needs 214 rushing yards to become the fourth quarterback all-time with at least 2,000 rushing yards and 20 rushing touchdowns in his first four seasons, joining Josh Allen, Lamar Jackson and Cam Newton. Murray has 1,786 career rushing yards and 20 career rushing touchdowns.

Needs five rushing touchdowns to join Cam Newton (33) and Josh Allen (31) as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to rush for at least 25 rushing touchdowns in their first four seasons.

- o **YANNICK NGAKOUE**, Indianapolis, needs eight sacks to become the fifth player to record at least eight sacks in each of his first seven seasons since 1982, joining Aaron Donald, Derrick Thomas, DeMarcus Ware and Reggie White.

- o **MICAH PARSONS**, Dallas, needs 13 sacks to become the third player since 1982 to record at least 13 sacks in each of his first two seasons, joining Aldon Smith (2011-12) and Reggie White (1985-86).

- o **CORDARELLE PATTERSON**, Atlanta, needs one kickoff return touchdown to surpass Josh Cribbs (eight) and Leon Washington (eight) for the most in NFL history.

- o **KYLE PITTS**, Atlanta, needs 955 receiving yards to surpass Mike Ditka (1,980) for the most receiving yards by a tight end in his first two seasons all-time. Pitts had 1,026 receiving yards as a rookie. Pitts also:

Needs 77 receptions to surpass Keith Jackson (144) for the most receptions by a tight end in his first two seasons in NFL history. Pitts had 68 receptions as a rookie.

- o **DAK PRESCOTT**, Dallas, needs five rushing touchdowns to become the fourth quarterback in NFL history with at least 30 rushing touchdowns in his first seven seasons, joining Cam Newton (54 rushing touchdowns), Jack Kemp (33), and Josh Allen (31). Prescott has 25 career rushing touchdowns. Prescott also:

Needs three games with both a passing and rushing touchdown to become the fourth player in NFL history with 20 such games within his first seven seasons, joining Cam Newton (37 games), Josh Allen (20) and Daunte Culpepper (20).

- o **ANDY REID**, Kansas City, needs 10 wins to surpass Tom Landry (16 seasons) for the third-most 10-win seasons by a head coach in NFL history. Only Bill Belichick (20 seasons) and Don Shula (20) have more. Reid also:

Needs 10 wins to become the third coach in NFL history to record at least 10 wins in eight consecutive seasons, joining Bill Belichick (17 consecutive seasons from 2003-19) and George Seifert (eight consecutive seasons from 1989-96).

- o **JAMES ROBINSON**, Jacksonville, needs eight touchdowns to become the first undrafted player in the common-draft era to record at least eight touchdowns in each of his first three seasons. Robinson also:

Needs seven touchdowns to become the third undrafted player in the common-draft era to record at least 25 touchdowns through his first three seasons, joining Arian Foster (33 touchdowns) and Antonio Gates (25). Robinson has 18 career touchdowns.

Needs 1,097 scrimmage yards to become the third undrafted player in the common-draft era to record at least 3,500 scrimmage yards through his first three seasons, joining Arian Foster (4,411 scrimmage yards) and Ryan Grant (3,870). Robinson has 2,403 career scrimmage yards.

- o **AARON RODGERS**, Green Bay, can become the first player all-time to win three consecutive Most Valuable Player awards and can tie Peyton Manning (five) for the most Most Valuable Player awards all-time. Rodgers was named the Most Valuable Player of the 2011, 2014, 2020 and 2021 seasons. Rodgers also:

Needs 4,000 passing yards to become the fifth quarterback to reach the mark in 11 different seasons, joining Peyton Manning (14), Tom Brady (13), Drew Brees (12) and Philip Rivers (12).

Can become the first player ever with at least 40 touchdown passes in four different seasons and at least 35 touchdown passes in seven different seasons.

Needs 30 passing touchdowns to become the fifth quarterback in NFL history with nine such seasons, joining Drew Brees (10), Tom Brady (nine), Brett Favre (nine) and Peyton Manning (nine).

Needs two games with at least four touchdown passes to become the fourth quarterback all-time with 35 such career games, joining Tom Brady (39), Drew Brees (37) and Peyton Manning (35). Rodgers has 33 career games with at least four touchdown passes.



AARON RODGERS

- o **MATT RYAN**, Indianapolis, needs at least 3,500 passing yards to become the fifth player in NFL history to reach the mark in 13 consecutive seasons, joining Drew Brees (14), Tom Brady (13), Peyton Manning (13) and Philip Rivers (13). Ryan also:

Needs 265 passing yards in his first game to become the second-fastest player ever (223 games) to reach 60,000 career passing yards. Only Drew Brees (215) reached the mark in fewer games.

Needs one game with at least 300 passing yards to surpass Philip Rivers (73 games) for the fourth-most such games in NFL history, trailing only Drew Brees (123), Tom Brady (108) and Peyton Manning (93).

Needs 20 touchdown passes to become the third player in NFL history to reach the mark in 14 consecutive seasons, joining Drew Brees (17 seasons) and Philip Rivers (15).

- o **AMON-RA ST. BROWN**, Detroit, needs eight receptions in his first game to become the fifth player ever to record at least eight receptions in seven consecutive games, joining Antonio Brown (eight consecutive games in 2014), Michael Thomas (eight in 2019), Anquan Boldin (seven in 2005) and Travis Kelce (seven in 2020). St. Brown recorded at least eight receptions in each of his final six games of the 2021 season.

- o **MATTHEW STAFFORD**, Los Angeles Rams, needs 4,000 passing yards to become the seventh player ever to have 10 such career seasons, joining Peyton Manning (14), Tom Brady (13), Drew Brees (12), Philip Rivers (12), Aaron Rodgers (10) and Matt Ryan (10). Stafford also:

Needs 381 completions to surpass Peyton Manning (4,682) for the third-most all-time completions by a quarterback in his first 14 seasons. Stafford has 4,302 career completions.



JONATHAN TAYLOR

- o **JONATHAN TAYLOR**, Indianapolis, needs 2,062 scrimmage yards to surpass Jamal Lewis (5,700 scrimmage yards) for the third-most scrimmage yards by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history. Only LaDainian Tomlinson (6,145) and Eric Dickerson (5,816) have more. Taylor has 3,639 scrimmage yards. Taylor also:

Needs 16 touchdowns to surpass Barry Sanders (47 touchdowns) for the most-ever by a player in his first three seasons. Taylor has 32 career touchdowns.

Needs eight games with at least 100 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown to surpass Earl Campbell (19 games) and Eric Dickerson (19) for the most such games by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history. Taylor has 12 career games with at least 100 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown.

Needs six games with at least two touchdowns to surpass Marcus Allen (13 games), Jim Brown (13), Eric Dickerson (13), Larry Johnson (13) and Alvin Kamara (13) for the most such games by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history. Taylor has eight career games with at least two touchdowns.



T.J. WATT

- o **ADAM THIELEN**, Minnesota, needs 10 touchdown receptions to join Antonio Gates (four seasons) as the only undrafted players in the common-draft era to record at least 10 touchdown receptions in three different seasons. Thielen also:

Needs five touchdown receptions to join Antonio Gates (12 seasons) and Rod Smith (seven seasons) as the only undrafted players in the common-draft era to record at least five touchdown receptions in six different seasons.

Needs two touchdown receptions to surpass Wes Welker (50 touchdown receptions) for the third-most by an undrafted player in the common-draft era. Only Antonio Gates (116) and Rod Smith (68) have more.

- o **JAYLEN WADDLE**, Miami, needs 93 receptions to surpass Justin Jefferson (196 receptions) and Michael Thomas (196) for the most-ever by a player in his first two seasons. Waddle had an NFL rookie-record 104 receptions in 2021. Waddle also:

Needs 100 receptions to become the first player ever to record at least 100 receptions in each of his first two seasons.

Needs two games with at least 10 receptions to surpass Odell Beckham Jr. (four games) and Christian McCaffrey (four) for the most such games by a player in his first two seasons in NFL history. Waddle had three such games as a rookie in 2021.

- o **T.J. WATT**, Pittsburgh, can become the first player to lead the league in sacks in three different seasons since 1982. Watt also:

Needs nine sacks to surpass DeMarcus Ware (80 sacks) for the second-most sacks by a player in his first six seasons since 1982. Only Reggie White (95) has more. Watt has 72 career sacks.

Needs 13 sacks to become the first player since 1982 to record at least 13 sacks in five consecutive seasons.

Needs 15 sacks to join Reggie White (1986-88) as the only players since 1982 to record at least 15 sacks in three consecutive seasons.

Needs 20 sacks to become the first player since 1982 to record at least 20 sacks in consecutive seasons.

- o **RUSSELL WILSON**, Denver, needs 13 wins to surpass Tom Brady (125) for the most wins, including the postseason, by a quarterback in his first 11 seasons. Wilson has won 113 games, including the postseason, since entering the NFL in 2012. Wilson also:

Needs 3,000 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes to join Peyton Manning as the only players to reach those marks in each of their first 11 seasons.

Needs 42 touchdown passes to surpass Peyton Manning (333) for the most by a player in his first 11 seasons in NFL history. Wilson has 292 career touchdown passes.

Needs 10 games with at least two touchdown passes to surpass Peyton Manning (101) for the most such games by a player in his first 11 seasons all-time. Wilson has 92 career games with at least two touchdown passes.

How Super Bowl winners fared the following season, with teams that repeated in bold (eight Super Bowl winners won the title game the next year and six lost it):

SEASON	SUPER BOWL	WINNER	NEXT SEASON
<b>1966</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1967	II	Green Bay	Missed playoffs
1968	III	New York Jets	Lost in first round
1969	IV	Kansas City	Missed playoffs
1970	V	Baltimore	Lost AFC Championship Game
1971	VI	Dallas	Lost NFC Championship Game
<b>1972</b>	<b>VII</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1973	VIII	Miami	Lost in first round
<b>1974</b>	<b>IX</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1975	X	Pittsburgh	Lost AFC Championship Game
1976	XI	Oakland	Lost AFC Championship Game
1977	XII	Dallas	Lost Super Bowl
<b>1978</b>	<b>XIII</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1979	XIV	Pittsburgh	Missed playoffs
1980	XV	Oakland	Missed playoffs
1981	XVI	San Francisco	Missed playoffs
1982	XVII	Washington	Lost Super Bowl
1983	XVIII	L.A. Raiders	Lost Wild Card Game
1984	XIX	San Francisco	Lost Wild Card Game
1985	XX	Chicago	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1986	XXI	New York Giants	Missed playoffs
1987	XXII	Washington	Missed playoffs
<b>1988</b>	<b>XXIII</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1989	XXIV	San Francisco	Lost NFC Championship Game
1990	XXV	New York Giants	Missed playoffs
1991	XXVI	Washington	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
<b>1992</b>	<b>XXVII</b>	<b>Dallas</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1993	XXVIII	Dallas	Lost NFC Championship Game
1994	XXIX	San Francisco	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1995	XXX	Dallas	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1996	XXXI	Green Bay	Lost Super Bowl

SEASON	SUPER BOWL	WINNER	NEXT SEASON
1997	XXXII	Denver	Won Super Bowl
1998	XXXIII	Denver	Missed playoffs
1999	XXXIV	St. Louis	Lost Wild Card Game
2000	XXXV	Baltimore	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
2001	XXXVI	New England	Missed playoffs
2002	XXXVII	Tampa Bay	Missed playoffs
2003	XXXVIII	New England	Won Super Bowl
2004	XXXIX	New England	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
2005	XL	Pittsburgh	Missed playoffs
2006	XLI	Indianapolis	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
2007	XLII	New York Giants	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
2008	XLIII	Pittsburgh	Missed playoffs
2009	XLIV	New Orleans	Lost NFC Wild Card Game
2010	XLV	Green Bay	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
2011	XLVI	New York Giants	Missed playoffs
2012	XLVII	Baltimore	Missed playoffs
2013	XLVIII	Seattle	Lost Super Bowl
2014	XLIX	New England	Lost AFC Championship Game
2015	50	Denver	Missed playoffs
2016	LI	New England	Lost Super Bowl
2017	LII	Philadelphia	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
2018	LIII	New England	Lost Wild Card Game
2019	LIV	Kansas City	Lost Super Bowl
2020	LV	Tampa Bay	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
2021	LVI	Los Angeles Rams	???



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A tough, reliable running game allows an offense to command a game's pace. In the majority of contests, it can also control the game's result.

In 2021, NFL teams with a 100-yard rusher posted a 73-28-2 record for a .718 winning percentage. That rated higher than clubs with a 100-yard receiver (105-61, .633) or a 300-yard passer (68-44, .607).

Indianapolis running back **JONATHAN TAYLOR** led the NFL with 1,811 rushing yards and had 10 games in which he rushed for at least 100 yards, the most in the league. The Colts were 9-1 in those games, accounting for all their wins last season.

Since 2017, including the postseason:

- o Tennessee running back **DERRICK HENRY** leads the NFL with 28 games of at least 100 rushing yards. In those games, the Titans have a .893 winning percentage (25-3).
- o Dallas running back **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT** ranks second with 24 games of 100-or-more rushing yards and the Cowboys have a .875 winning percentage (21-3) in those games.
- o Cleveland running back **NICK CHUBB**, who entered the NFL in 2018, is the only other player with at least 20 games (22) with 100-or-more rushing yards over the past five seasons. In those games, the Browns have a .727 winning percentage (16-6).

Over the past five years, teams have compiled a 363-122-3 record (.747) when a player has eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark. By comparison, clubs with a 100-yard receiver have a .568 winning percentage (476-362-6), while offenses with a 300-yard passer have a .551 winning percentage (331-269-5).



DERRICK HENRY



EZEKIEL ELLIOTT

### THE WINNING PERCENTAGE OF TEAMS WITH A 100-YARD RUSHER, 100-YARD RECEIVER OR 300-YARD PASSER OVER THE PAST FIVE SEASONS:

100-YARD RUSHERS		
YEAR	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
2017	68-17	.800
2018	80-26-1	.752
2019	78-28	.736
2020	64-23	.736
2021	73-28-2	.718
<b>Total</b>	<b>363-122-3</b>	<b>.747</b>

100-YARD RECEIVERS		
YEAR	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
2017	77-52	.597
2018	95-81-3	.539
2019	96-84-2	.533
2020	103-84-1	.551
2021	105-61	.633
<b>Total</b>	<b>476-362-6</b>	<b>.568</b>

300-YARD PASSERS		
YEAR	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
2017	58-39	.598
2018	65-65-2	.500
2019	69-61-2	.530
2020	71-60-1	.542
2021	68-44	.607
<b>Total</b>	<b>331-269-5</b>	<b>.551</b>

What is one of the most important keys to success in the NFL? Winning the turnover battle certainly ranks high on the list.

Last season, four of the top seven teams in net turnover differential won their division: the **DALLAS COWBOYS** (+14, NFC East), **GREEN BAY PACKERS** (+13, NFC North), **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** (+10, NFC South) and **BUFFALO BILLS** (+8, AFC East). Nine of the 15 teams with a positive turnover differential qualified for the postseason, including six division winners.

Dallas paced the NFL with 34 takeaways last season, including a league-leading 11 interceptions from cornerback **TREVON DIGGS**. Green Bay, **MINNESOTA** and **SEATTLE** totaled the fewest giveaways (13 each) in 2021. The Packers ranked in the top-two in fewest giveaways for the fourth-consecutive season after recording a league-low 11 giveaways in 2020 and the second fewest giveaways in both 2019 (13) and 2018 (15).

#### THE TEAMS WITH A POSITIVE NET TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL IN 2021:

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	NET DIFFERENTIAL	RECORD
Dallas <sup>^</sup>	34	20	+14	12-5
Indianapolis	33	19	+14	9-8
Green Bay <sup>^</sup>	26	13	+13	13-4
Arizona <sup>#</sup>	27	15	+12	11-6
Minnesota	24	13	+11	8-9
Tampa Bay <sup>^</sup>	29	19	+10	13-4
Buffalo <sup>^</sup>	30	22	+8	11-6
New England <sup>#</sup>	30	23	+7	10-7
New Orleans	25	18	+7	9-8
Seattle	18	13	+5	7-10
Kansas City <sup>^</sup>	29	25	+4	12-5
Houston	25	22	+3	4-13
L.A. Rams <sup>^</sup>	25	23	+2	12-5
Pittsburgh <sup>#</sup>	22	20	+2	9-7-1
Denver	19	18	+1	7-10

<sup>^</sup>Won division

<sup>#</sup>Qualified for postseason



Excelling on third down extends drives and keeps your opponent off the field, which can be an important factor in winning games.

Last season, each of the top three teams in third-down conversion percentage won their division - **KANSAS CITY** (52.2 percent), **TAMPA BAY** (47.1 percent) and **BUFFALO** (46.4 percent) - while 11 of the 14 teams to convert at least 40 percent of their third-down chances qualified for the postseason.

The Chiefs became the fifth team since 2000 to convert at least 52 percent of their third down chances, joining the 2011 New Orleans Saints (56.7 percent), 2006 Indianapolis Colts (56.1 percent), 2004 Minnesota Vikings (52.3 percent) and 2002 San Francisco 49ers (52.3 percent).

#### HOW THE DIVISION WINNERS FARED ON THIRD-DOWN IN 2021:

TEAM	3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	3RD DOWN ATTEMPTS	3RD DOWN PERCENTAGE	LEAGUE RANK
Kansas City	107	205	52.2	1st
Tampa Bay	105	223	47.1	2nd
Buffalo	103	222	46.4	3rd
L.A. Rams	90	205	43.9	7th
Tennessee	103	236	43.6	8th
Green Bay	88	202	43.6	9th
Dallas	99	228	43.4	11th
Cincinnati	82	207	39.6	16th

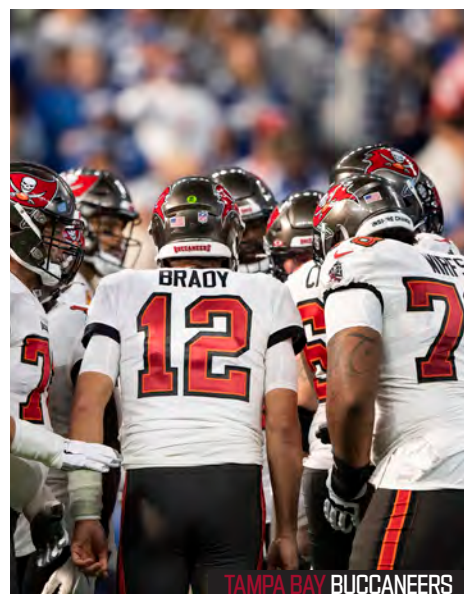


Converting on third down extends drives ultimately leading toward the end zone. Last season, seven of the eight teams to score at least 50 offensive touchdowns and convert at least 40 percent of third downs made the playoffs.

#### THE TEAMS TO SCORE AT LEAST 50 OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS IN 2021:

TEAM	OFFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	3RD DOWN PCT
Tampa Bay*	61	47.1
Buffalo*	56	46.4
L.A. Chargers	56	45.2
Dallas*	55	43.4
Kansas City*	53	52.2
Cincinnati*	52	39.6
Green Bay*	52	43.6
L.A. Rams*	51	43.9
Arizona*	50	45.2

\*Qualified for playoffs



The two-point conversion is as popular as ever and has proven to be an increasingly important play in the NFL in recent years.

Last year, the **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS** led the league and became the fourth team since 1994, when the two-point conversion was instituted, to convert seven two-point tries in a single season, joining the 2020 Minnesota Vikings (eight), 2015 Pittsburgh Steelers (eight) and 2020 Philadelphia Eagles (seven).

In total, 75 two-point conversions were successful in 2021, surpassing the 2018 season (66) for the most in a single season since 1994. Five of the top six highest single-season totals for successful two-point conversions have occurred in the past six years.

Teams attempted a total of 154 two-point conversions in 2021, the most in a single season since 1994. Almost half of the league (15 teams) attempted at least five two-point conversions, led by the Chargers (11), **DALLAS** (10) and **NEW YORK JETS** (nine).

In 2021, almost two-thirds of the league (22 teams) converted multiple two-point conversions throughout the regular season and 11 teams were successful on at least three conversions. Four teams - the Los Angeles Chargers (seven), Dallas (six), **DETROIT** (five) and **PHILADELPHIA** (five) - each registered at least five successful two-point conversions, marking the first time since 1994 that four teams each recorded five-or-more successful two-point tries.

#### THE TEAMS WITH AT LEAST THREE SUCCESSFUL TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS IN 2021:

TEAM	CONVERSIONS	ATTEMPTS	PCT.
L.A. Chargers	7	11	63.5
Dallas	6	10	60
Philadelphia	5	6	83.3
Detroit	5	6	83.3
N.Y. Giants	4	5	80
N.Y. Jets	4	9	44.4
Buffalo	3	6	50
Carolina	3	4	75
Chicago	3	4	75
Cleveland	3	4	75
New England	3	4	75

#### THE SEASONS WITH THE MOST SUCCESSFUL TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS SINCE 1994:

SEASON	TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS
<b>2021</b>	<b>75</b>
2018	66
2020	63
1994	59
2019	54
2016	51

#### THE SEASONS WITH THE MOST ATTEMPTED TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS SINCE 1994:

SEASON	TWO-POINT ATTEMPTS
<b>2021</b>	<b>154</b>
2020	131
2018	130
2019	113
1994	113



JUSTIN HERBERT

The 2021 rookie class made an immediate impact during their first season in the NFL, chasing down some of the league's longest standing rookie records. Among the notable accomplishments (listed alphabetically):

- o Cincinnati wide receiver **JAMARR CHASE** ranked fourth in the NFL with 1,455 receiving yards, the most by a rookie in the Super Bowl era. In Week 17, he recorded 266 receiving yards, the most-ever by a rookie in a single game. In Week 7, at 21 years and 237 days old, Chase became the second-youngest player in NFL history to record at least 200 receiving yards in a single game, trailing only **MIKE EVANS** (21 years, 87 days old) and was also the first rookie ever and the fifth player in the Super Bowl era to record multiple games with at least 200 receiving yards in a single season. In the postseason, Chase totaled 368 receiving yards, the most-ever by a rookie in the playoffs.
- o Pittsburgh saw an impressive pair of rookie performances, as tight end **PAT FREIERMUTH** ranked second among all rookies with seven touchdown receptions, tied for the most-ever by a rookie tight end in franchise history, while running back **NAJEE HARRIS** led rookies with 1,667 scrimmage yards (1,200 rushing, 467 receiving), the most-ever by a Pittsburgh rookie.
- o New England quarterback **MAC JONES** led all rookie quarterbacks with a 67.6 completion percentage, 3,801 passing yards, 22 touchdown passes and a 92.5 passer rating (minimum 100 attempts). He had a completion percentage of 70-or-higher in nine games, tied with **DAK PRESCOTT** (2016) for the most-ever by a rookie quarterback. Jones won six road games, tied with **DAK PRESCOTT** (2016) and **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (2004) for the most-ever by a rookie quarterback.
- o Jacksonville quarterback **TREVOR LAWRENCE** led all rookies with 359 completions, the third-most completions by a rookie all-time, trailing **JUSTIN HERBERT** (396 in 2020) and **CARSON WENTZ** (379 in 2016). At London's Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in London in Week 6, Lawrence and Dolphins second-year quarterback **TUA TAGOVAILOA** (23 years old) each recorded at least 300 passing yards, marking the second game in NFL history in which two quarterbacks under the age of 24 each passed for at least 300 yards in the same game. He also became the first rookie quarterback to ever win a game played in London.
- o San Francisco running back **ELIJAH MITCHELL** ranked second among rookies with a franchise rookie-record 963 rushing yards and became the fourth rookie since 1990 with at least 100 rushing yards in five of his first 10 career games, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **EDGERRIN JAMES** (seven games in 1999), **ADRIAN PETERSON** (six in 2007) and **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT** (five in 2016).
- o Dallas linebacker **MICAH PARSONS** led all rookies with 13 sacks, tied for the fourth-most by a rookie since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic. He ranked third in NFL with 20 tackles for loss, most by rookie since **LAVONTE DAVID** (20 in 2012) and tied for the lead among rookies with three forced fumbles.
- o Atlanta tight end **KYLE PITTS** recorded 68 receptions and 1,026 receiving yards, the second-most receiving yards and third-most receptions ever by a rookie tight end. He became the third rookie tight end in league history with 100 receiving yards in at least three games, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **MIKE DITKA** (five games in 1961) and **CHARLE YOUNG** (four games in 1973). In Weeks 5 and 7, Pitts became the second rookie tight end in NFL history with at least 100 receiving yards in consecutive games, joining **RAYMOND CHESTER** (Weeks 5-6, 1970).
- o Detroit wide receiver **AMON-RA ST. BROWN** ranked second among rookies with 90 receptions and had a franchise rookie-record 912 receiving yards, fifth-most among all-first year players. In Week 13, he became the third rookie to record his first career touchdown reception with no time remaining in the fourth quarter since 2000, joining **K.J. HAMLER** (Week 8, 2020) and **ERNEST WILFORD** (Week 1, 2004). From Week 13-18, St. Brown became the first rookie all-time with at least eight receptions in six consecutive games and from Week 15-18, joined **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** (2014) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **RANDY MOSS** (1998) as the only rookies all-time with at least 90 receiving yards and a touchdown catch in four consecutive games.
- o Miami wide receiver **JAYLEN WADDLE** recorded 104 receptions, surpassing **ANQUAN BOLDIN** (101 receptions in 2003) for the most receptions by a rookie all-time. He had seven games with at least eight receptions, the most such by a rookie all-time. Waddle recorded at least eight receptions in four consecutive games from Weeks 11-16 and is one of three rookies all-time (**ODELL BECKHAM JR.** and **AMON-RA ST. BROWN**) with at least eight receptions in four consecutive games.

### NFL PASSING STATISTICS (PER GAME AVERAGES)

	1966-2020	2002-2020	2021
Net Passing Yards Per Game	406.2	449.0	456.6
Passer Rating	78.2	85.8	90.8
Passing Attempts Per Game	63.5	67.8	68.8
Completions Per Game	36.7	41.8	44.6
Completion Percentage	57.8	61.6	64.8
Touchdown Passes Per Game	2.7	2.9	3.1
Yards Per Attempt	6.9	7.1	7.1



TOM BRADY

Passing figures league-wide trended at a historic rate in 2021, as the totals for completions (12,121 - first), completion percentage (64.8 percent - third), passer rating (90.8 - third) and touchdown passes (840 - fourth) all ranked in the top five in NFL history.

SEASON	COMPLETIONS
2021	12,121
2020	11,756
2015	11,527
2016	11,526
2018	11,462

SEASON	COMPLETION PCT.
2020	65.2
2018	64.9
2021	64.8
2018	63.5
2016	63.0

SEASON	RATING
2020	93.6
2018	92.9
2021	90.8
2019	90.4
2015	90.2

SEASON	TD PASSES
2020	871
2018	847
2015	842
2021	840
2014	807



JUSTIN HERBERT

From 1966-2020, there was an individual 300-yard passing performance an average of once every 3.6 games (3,457 300-yard passers in 12,455 games).

In 2021, there has been an individual 300-yard passing performance an average of once every 2.4 games (112 300-yard passers in 272 games).

### THE QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST 300-YARD PASSING GAMES IN 2021

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES WITH 300+ PASS YARDS
Tom Brady	Tampa Bay	9
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	9
Matthew Stafford	L.A. Rams	7
Josh Allen	Buffalo	6
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati	6
Derek Carr	Las Vegas	6
Kirk Cousins	Minnesota	6



MATTHEW STAFFORD

## THE QUARTERBACKS WITH A 100+ PASSER RATING IN 2021

PLAYER	TEAM	PASSER RATING
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	111.9
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati	108.3
Dak Prescott	Dallas	104.2
Kirk Cousins	Minnesota	103.1
Russell Wilson	Seattle	103.1
Matthew Stafford	L.A. Rams	102.9
Tom Brady	Tampa Bay	102.1
Kyler Murray	Arizona	100.6



The 2021 season was prolific across many quarterback categories as it marked ...

- o ... the **fourth season in NFL history** with multiple players passing for at least **5,000 yards**, joining 2011 (three players), 2018 (two) and 2013 (two).
- o ... the **third season ever** with six quarterbacks passing for at least **4,500 yards**, joining 2012 (six players) and 2011 (six).
- o ... the **third season all-time** with multiple quarterbacks throwing at least **40 touchdown passes**, joining 2020 (three players) and 2011 (three).
- o ... the **first season ever** with seven quarterbacks passing for at least **35 touchdowns**, surpassing six players in 2020 for the most in a single season.

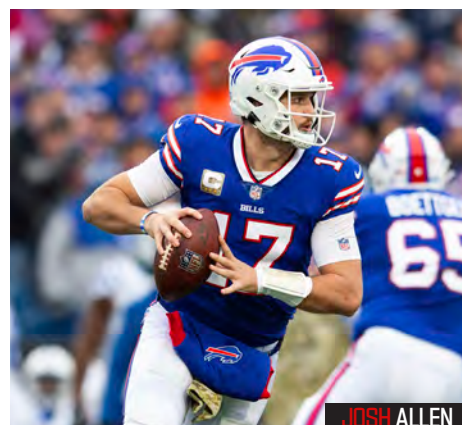
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PLAYER	TEAM	PASSING YARDS
Tom Brady	Tampa Bay	5,316
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	5,014
Matthew Stafford	L.A. Rams	4,886
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City	4,839
Derek Carr	Las Vegas	4,804
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati	4,611



## THE QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN 2021

PLAYER	TEAM	TD PASSES
Tom Brady	Tampa Bay	43
Matthew Stafford	L.A. Rams	41
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers	38
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City	37
Dak Prescott	Dallas	37
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	37
Josh Allen	Buffalo	36



Quarterback **TOM BRADY**, who has started 93 consecutive games over the past six seasons (60 with New England from 2016-19 and 33 with Tampa Bay from 2020-21), has the longest active streak of consecutive games started among quarterbacks.

He is the only quarterback all-time with multiple streaks of 100-or-more consecutive starts, having accomplished the feat from 2001-08 (111 consecutive starts) and 2009-15 (112). With seven consecutive starts to open the 2022 season, he can record his third-career streak of 100+ consecutive starts.

If Brady is the starter for every one of Tampa Bay's 17 games this season, he will join Pro Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning as the only quarterbacks all-time to register 50-or-more consecutive starts with multiple franchises.



TOM BRADY

### THE ACTIVE QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES STARTED:

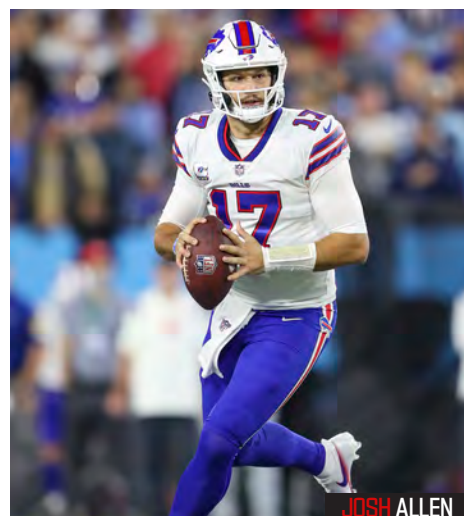
PLAYER	TEAM(S)	CONSECUTIVE STARTS	FIRST START OF STREAK
Tom Brady	NE, TB	93	10/9/16
Derek Carr	OAK/LV	76	10/15/17
Josh Allen	BUF	55	11/25/18
Ryan Tannehill	TEN	43	11/20/19
Matt Ryan	ATL	41	11/10/19
Matthew Stafford	DET, LAR	33	9/13/20
Justin Herbert	LAC	32	9/20/20



DEREK CARR

### 11 QUARTERBACKS STARTED ALL 17 GAMES FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE CLUBS DURING THE 2021 SEASON:

QUARTERBACK	2021 TEAM
Josh Allen	Buffalo
Tom Brady	Tampa Bay
Derek Carr	Las Vegas
Justin Herbert	L.A. Chargers
Mac Jones	New England
Trevor Lawrence	Jacksonville
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City
Matt Ryan	Atlanta
Matthew Stafford	L.A. Rams
Ryan Tannehill	Tennessee
Carson Wentz	Indianapolis



JOSH ALLEN

## ACTIVE QUARTERBACKS WIN-LOSS-TIE RECORD (MINIMUM 10 STARTS, AS OF JUNE 22, 2022)

NAME	W	L	T	PCT.
Patrick Mahomes	50	13	0	.794
Tom Brady	243	73	0	.769
Lamar Jackson	37	12	0	.755
Jimmy Garoppolo	33	14	0	.702
Aaron Rodgers	139	66	1	.677
Russell Wilson	104	53	1	.661
Josh Allen	39	21	0	.650
Dak Prescott	53	32	0	.624
Tua Tagovailoa	13	8	0	.619
Mac Jones	10	7	0	.588
Mitchell Trubisky	29	21	0	.580
Joe Flacco	98	78	0	.557
Mason Rudolph	5	4	1	.550
Ryan Tannehill	72	59	0	.550
Jared Goff	45	37	1	.548
Matt Ryan	120	102	0	.541
Deshaun Watson	28	25	0	.528
Andy Dalton	77	69	2	.527
Teddy Bridgewater	33	30	0	.524
Carson Wentz	44	40	1	.524
Nick Foles	29	27	0	.518
Tyrod Taylor	26	25	1	.510
Kirk Cousins	59	59	2	.500
Baker Mayfield	29	30	0	.492
Kyler Murray	22	23	1	.489
Joe Burrow	12	13	1	.481

NAME	W	L	T	PCT.
Marcus Mariota	29	32	0	.475
Matthew Stafford	86	95	1	.475
Jalen Hurts	9	10	0	.474
Justin Herbert	15	17	0	.469
Case Keenum	29	35	0	.453
Derek Carr	57	70	0	.449
Trevor Siemian	13	16	0	.448
Taylor Heinicke	7	9	0	.438
Jameis Winston	33	44	0	.429
Kyle Allen	7	10	0	.412
Brian Hoyer	16	23	0	.410
Geno Smith	13	21	0	.382
Drew Lock	8	13	0	.381
Jacoby Brissett	14	23	0	.378
Gardner Minshew	8	14	0	.364
Sam Darnold	17	32	0	.347
Chad Henne	18	36	0	.333
Daniel Jones	12	25	0	.324
Colt McCoy	10	23	0	.303
Nick Mullens	5	12	0	.294
Blaine Gabbert	13	35	0	.271
Zach Wilson	3	10	0	.231
Justin Fields	2	8	0	.200
Davis Mills	2	9	0	.182
Trevor Lawrence	3	14	0	.176
C.J. Beathard	2	10	0	.167

Seven running backs - all under the age of 27 - rushed for at least 1,000 yards in 2021:

PLAYER	TEAM	RUSHING YARDS	AGE
Jonathan Taylor	Indianapolis	1,811	22
Nick Chubb	Cleveland	1,259	25
Joe Mixon	Cincinnati	1,205	25
Najee Harris	Pittsburgh	1,200	23
Dalvin Cook	Minnesota	1,159	26
Antonio Gibson	Washington	1,037	23
Ezekiel Elliott	Dallas	1,002	26

\*Age entering the 2021 season

- o Indianapolis' **JONATHAN TAYLOR** set a franchise record with 1,811 rushing yards and became the first player under the age of 23 in NFL history with at least 1,800 rushing yards in a single season.
- o Cleveland's **NICK CHUBB** became the fifth player in team history and first since Mike Pruitt (1979-81) to rush for at least 1,000 yards in three consecutive seasons. Chubb also became the first player in franchise history with at least 1,000 scrimmage yards in each of his first four seasons.
- o Cincinnati's **JOE MIXON** had a career-high 1,205 rushing yards and joined Corey Dillon (six seasons) and Rudi Johnson (three) as the only players in franchise history with at least three career seasons with at least 1,100 rushing yards.
- o With Pittsburgh's **NAJEE HARRIS** setting a franchise-record for rookie rushing yards, 2021 marked the 10th consecutive season (2012-21) with at least one rookie rushing for at least 1,000 yards, the second-longest streak (17 consecutive seasons from 1992-2008) in the common-draft era.
- o Minnesota's **DALVIN COOK** became the second player in franchise history to rush for at least 1,100 yards in three consecutive seasons, joining Adrian Peterson (four consecutive seasons from 2007-10).
- o Washington's **ANTONIO GIBSON** became the sixth running back under the age of 24 in franchise history and first since Alfred Morris in 2012 to rush for at least 1,000 yards in a single season.
- o Dallas' **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT** joined Pro Football Hall of Famers Emmitt Smith (11 seasons) and Tony Dorsett (eight) as the only running backs in franchise history with at least four career seasons with 1,000-or-more rushing yards.



JONATHAN TAYLOR



NICK CHUBB



JOE MIXON



NAJEE HARRIS

As quick passing attacks continue to become more prevalent in today's game, additional yards after the catch have become an increasingly important part of an offense's success.

Los Angeles Rams wide receiver **COOPER KUPP** led the league with 846 yards after the catch last season, while San Francisco wide receiver **DEEBO SAMUEL** finished second with 722, representing the two highest single-season marks in the category by a wide receiver since 2006. Kupp became the first wide receiver to lead the league in yards after the catch since 2013 (**DEMARIUS THOMAS**, 697).

#### THE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST YARDS AFTER CATCH IN 2021:

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	POS	REC.	YARDS	AVG	TD	YAC
Cooper Kupp	L.A. Rams	WR	145	1,947	13.4	16	<b>846</b>
Deebo Samuel	San Francisco	WR	77	1,405	18.2	6	<b>722</b>
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati	WR	81	1,455	18.0	13	<b>651</b>
Austin Ekeler	L.A. Chargers	RB	70	647	9.2	8	<b>627</b>
Davante Adams	Green Bay	WR	123	1,553	12.6	11	<b>613</b>

Cincinnati's **JA'MARR CHASE** totaled 651 yards after the catch as a rookie in 2021, the most by a first-year wide receiver in the past 16 seasons and the fourth-highest total by a rookie since 2006, trailing running backs **SAQUON BARKLEY** in 2018 (768 yards after the catch), **ALVIN KAMARA** in 2017 (683) and **REGGIE BUSH** in 2006 (680).



COOPER KUPP



DEEBO SAMUEL



JA'MARR CHASE

Elite wide receivers capture the attention of opposing defensive backs, but still earn plenty of it from their quarterbacks, too.

In 2021, six players received at least 160 targets in the same season for the first time since 2015, led by Los Angeles Rams wide receiver **COOPER KUPP** with 191 targets, the most by a Rams wide receiver since Pro Football Hall of Famer **ISAAC BRUCE** in 1995 (199 targets). Buffalo wide receiver **STEFON DIGGS** totaled 166 targets last season and is the only player in the NFL with at least 150 targets in each of the past two seasons.



#### THE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TARGETS IN 2021:

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	TARGETS	TARGETS/GAME	REC	YARDS	AVG
Cooper Kupp	L.A. Rams	191	11.2	145	1,947	13.4
Davante Adams	Green Bay	169	10.6	123	1,553	12.6
Diontae Johnson	Pittsburgh	169	10.6	107	1,161	10.9
Justin Jefferson	Minnesota	167	9.8	108	1,616	15.0
Stefon Diggs	Buffalo	165	9.7	103	1,225	11.9
DJ Moore	Carolina	163	9.6	93	1,157	12.4

Three players were targeted at least 10 times per game in 2021: Kupp (11.2 targets per game), **DAVANTE ADAMS** (10.6 targets per game) and **DIONTAE JOHNSON** (10.6).

#### AMONG PLAYERS WITH AT LEAST 50 RECEPTIONS IN 2021, FIVE PLAYERS CAUGHT AT LEAST 80 PERCENT OF THEIR INTENDED TARGETS:

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	POSITION	TARGETS	RECEPTIONS	RECEPTION PERCENTAGE
Josh Jacobs	Las Vegas	RB	64	54	84.4
Rondale Moore	Arizona	WR	64	54	84.4
Leonard Fournette	Tampa Bay	RB	84	69	82.1
Hunter Renfrow	Las Vegas	WR	128	103	80.5
Aaron Jones	Green Bay	RB	65	52	80.0

With **JOSH JACOBS** (84.4 percent) and **HUNTER RENFROW** (80.5 percent), Las Vegas became the third team since 2009 to have multiple players register at least 50 receptions and catch at least 80 percent of their targets in the same season, joining New Orleans in 2017 (**MARK INGRAM** and **ALVIN KAMARA**) and 2019 (**ALVIN KAMARA** and **MICHAEL THOMAS**).



A precise route can be the difference between a game-changing play and an appearance by the punt team. It's a skill for a receiver to know exactly where he needs to go in order to move the chains and keep a drive going.

As part of his record-breaking season in 2021, Los Angeles Rams wide receiver **COOPER KUPP** led the NFL with 89 first-down receptions, the sixth-most in a single season since 1994. Former Green Bay and current Las Vegas wide receiver **DAVANTE ADAMS** ranked second with 84 first-down receptions, followed by Baltimore tight end **MARK ANDREWS** (75), former Kansas City and current Miami wide receiver **TYREEK HILL** (75) and Minnesota wide receiver **JUSTIN JEFFERSON** (75).

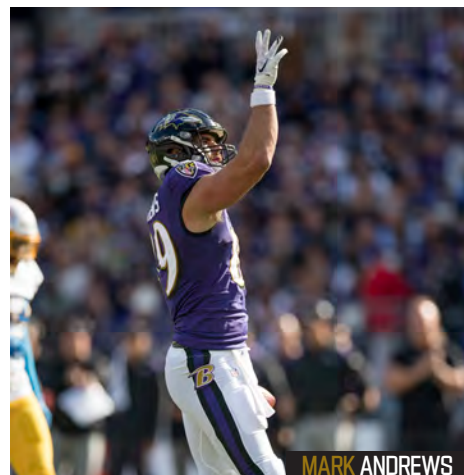
**THE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST FIRST-DOWN RECEPTIONS IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 1994:**

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	FIRST DOWNS
Julio Jones	Atlanta	2015	93
Marvin Harrison <sup>HOF</sup>	Indianapolis	2002	92
Calvin Johnson <sup>HOF</sup>	Detroit	2012	92
Michael Thomas	New Orleans	2019	91
Herman Moore	Detroit	1995	90
Cooper Kupp	L.A. Rams	2021	89

Andrews' 75 first-down receptions were the second-most by a tight end in a single season since 1994, trailing only Kansas City tight end **TRAVIS KELCE** in 2020 (79 first-down receptions). Kelce and Tampa Bay wide receiver **MIKE EVANS** are the only players to record at least 50 first-down receptions in each of the past six seasons.



COOPER KUPP



MARK ANDREWS

In 2021, the top offenses successfully balanced their up-tempo schemes with the ability to gain chunk yardage at any time.

- o Tampa Bay's **TOM BRADY** led the league with 75 completions of at least 20 yards, tied for the second-most in a single season since 2000, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer Kurt Warner in 2001 (81 completions of at least 20 yards).

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	20+ YARD COMPLETIONS IN 2021
Tom Brady	Tampa Bay	75
Derek Carr	Las Vegas	67
Matthew Stafford	L.A. Rams	65



TOM BRADY

- o Cincinnati's **JOE BURROW** had 12 completions of at least 50 yards, surpassing Donovan McNabb in 2004 (11 completions of at least 50 yards) for the most in a single season since 2000, while Burrow and Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford became the sixth and seventh quarterbacks in the past 22 seasons with at least 10 such completions in a single season.

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	50+ YARD COMPLETIONS IN 2021
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati	12
Matthew Stafford	L.A. Rams	10
Russell Wilson	Seattle	7



JOE BURROW

- o Indianapolis' **JONATHAN TAYLOR** led the NFL with 50 rushes of at least 10 yards, becoming the first player with at least 50 such runs in a single season since 2012 (Adrian Peterson, 61 rushes of 50+ yards, and Alfred Morris, 55 rushes for 50+ yards).

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	10+ YARD RUSHES IN 2021
Jonathan Taylor	Indianapolis	50
Nick Chubb	Cleveland	41
Dalvin Cook	Minnesota	36



JONATHAN TAYLOR

- o Cleveland's **NICK CHUBB** has at least 10 rushes of 20-or-more yards in each of his first four career seasons and is the only player with 10 such rushes in four consecutive seasons since 2000.

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	20+ YARD RUSHES IN 2021
Jonathan Taylor	Indianapolis	14
Nick Chubb	Cleveland	12
Rashaad Penny	Seattle	11



NICK CHUBB

- o Tennessee's **DERRICK HENRY** is the only player since 2000 with multiple rushes of 50-or-more yards in five consecutive seasons.

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	50+ YARD RUSHES IN 2021
Jonathan Taylor	Indianapolis	3
Nick Chubb	Cleveland	2
Derrick Henry	Tennessee	2



DERRICK HENRY

- o Los Angeles Rams wide receiver **COOPER KUPP** became the first player with at least 30 receptions of 20-or-more yards in a single season since 2015 (Allen Robinson, 31 receptions of at least 20 yards).

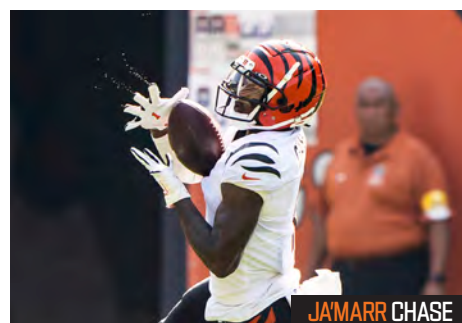
PLAYER	2021 TEAM	20+ YARD RECEPTIONS IN 2021
Cooper Kupp	L.A. Rams	30
Justin Jefferson	Minnesota	27
Deebo Samuel	San Francisco	23



COOPER KUPP

- o Cincinnati's **JA'MARR CHASE** led the league with six receptions of at least 50 yards, tied with A.J. Brown (six in 2019) for the most such receptions by a rookie in a season since 2000.

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	50+ YARD RECEPTIONS IN 2021
Ja'Marr Chase	Cincinnati	6
Tyler Lockett	Seattle	5
Deebo Samuel	San Francisco	5



JA'MARR CHASE

Last season, there were five offensive plays that gained at least 80 scrimmage yards and 14 offensive touchdowns of at least 75 yards. The top five longest plays from scrimmage during the 2021 season:

WEEK	TEAM	PLAY	YARDS GAINED
2	PHI	Jalen Hurts pass to Quez Watkins	91
7	SEA	Geno Smith touchdown pass to DK Metcalf	84
8	SF	Jimmy Garoppolo pass to Deebo Samuel	83
6	IND	Jonathan Taylor run	83
7	CIN	Joe Burrow touchdown pass to Ja'Marr Chase	82



QUEZ WATKINS

Ten players recorded at 15 tackles for loss in 2021, topped by San Francisco defensive lineman **NICK BOSA** and Pittsburgh linebacker **T.J. WATT**, who tied with an NFL-high 21 tackles for loss in 2021. Dallas rookie linebacker **MICAH PARSONS** ranked third with 20 tackles for loss, becoming the first rookie to record at least 20 tackles for loss since **LAVONTE DAVID** (20 in 2012).

#### THE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS IN 2021:

PLAYER	2021 TEAM(S)	TACKLES FOR LOSS
Nick Bosa	San Francisco	21
T.J. Watt	Pittsburgh	21
Micah Parsons	Dallas	20
Aaron Donald	L.A. Rams	19
Von Miller	Denver, L.A. Rams	19
Myles Garrett	Cleveland	17
Robert Quinn	Chicago	17
Cameron Heyward	Pittsburgh	15
Alex Highsmith	Pittsburgh	15
Matt Milano	Buffalo	15

Watt, who led the NFL with 23 tackles for loss in 2020, joined J.J. WATT (four seasons), **AARON DONALD** (three) and David (two) as the only active players with at least 20 tackles for loss in multiple career seasons. He is also one of four players with at least 10 tackles for loss in each of the past five seasons, joining Donald (eight consecutive seasons), **CAMERON JORDAN** (seven) and **DEMARIO DAVIS** (five).

Donald leads all players with 150 tackles for loss since he entered the NFL in 2014 and is one of four active players with at least 150 career tackles for loss, joining J.J. Watt (177 tackles for loss), **CALAIS CAMPBELL** (161) and **VON MILLER** (154).



NICK BOSA



ROBERT QUINN



CAMERON HEYWARD

Throughout the NFL, pass rushers reached the quarterback at a record-setting pace in 2021. Seventeen players recorded at least 10 sacks last season, including four with at least 15 sacks: **T.J. WATT** (22.5), **ROBERT QUINN** (18.5), **MYLES GARRETT** (16) and **NICK BOSA** (15.5).

Watt tied Pro Football Hall of Famer **MICHAEL STRAHAN** (22.5 sacks in 2001) for the most sacks in a single season since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, and became the third player since 1982 to lead the NFL in sacks in consecutive seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **REGGIE WHITE** (1987-88) and **MARK GASTINEAU** (1983-84).

Quinn, who set a Chicago franchise record with 18.5 sacks in 2021 and had a career-high 19 sacks in 2013, became the sixth player since 1982 to record at least 18 sacks in multiple seasons, joining White (three seasons), Gastineau (two), Strahan (two), **DEMARCUS WARE** (two) and **J.J. WATT** (two).

**AARON DONALD** (five consecutive seasons), Garrett (four) and T.J. Watt (four) are the only players to record at least 10 sacks in each of the past four seasons. Among active players, **CHANDLER JONES** and **VON MILLER** have the most career seasons with double-digit sacks with seven, followed by Donald and **CAMERON JORDAN**, each with six such seasons.

On Kickoff Weekend, Jones became the sixth player to record at least five sacks and two forced fumbles in a single game since 2002 and became the fourth player since 1982 with three NFL games of at least four sacks, joining **LESLIE O'NEAL** (four), Pro Football Hall of Famer **DERRICK THOMAS** (four games) and White (three).

**TREY HENDRICKSON**, one of two players (T.J. Watt) with at least 13 sacks in each of the past two seasons, became the second player since 1982 to register at least half of a sack in 11 consecutive games (Weeks 5-16) within a single season, joining **CHRIS JONES** (2018).

**MICAH PARSONS** led all rookies last season with 13 sacks, tied with **DWIGHT FREENEY** (2002) for the third-most by a rookie since 1982. Only **JEVON KEARSE** (14.5 sacks in 1999) and **ALDON SMITH** (14 sacks in 2011) had more.



T.J. WATT



AARON DONALD



MICAH PARSONS

### THE PLAYERS WITH AT LEAST 10 SACKS IN 2021:

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	SACKS
T.J. Watt	Pittsburgh	22.5
Robert Quinn	Chicago	18.5
Myles Garrett	Cleveland	16
Nick Bosa	San Francisco	15.5
Trey Hendrickson	Cincinnati	14
Micah Parsons	Dallas	13
Aaron Donald	L.A. Rams	12.5
Cameron Jordan	New Orleans	12.5
Matthew Judon	New England	12.5

PLAYER	2021 TEAM	SACKS
Harold Landry	Tennessee	12
Markus Golden	Arizona	11
Haason Reddick	Carolina	11
Joey Bosa	L.A. Chargers	10.5
Chandler Jones	Arizona	10.5
Shaquil Barrett	Tampa Bay	10
Cameron Heyward	Pittsburgh	10
Yannick Ngakoue	Last Vegas	10

Creating takeaways at key moments can swing the momentum of a game.

In 2021, three players recorded at least six interceptions - Dallas' **TREVON DIGGS** (11), former New England Patriot and current Los Angeles Charger **J.C. JACKSON** (eight) and Detroit's **AMANI ORUWARIYE** (six) - while eight other players registered at least five interceptions.

Diggs' 11 interceptions were the most by a player in a single season since 1981 and he became the second player in the Super Bowl era to record at least one interception in each of his team's first six games of a season, joining **BRIAN RUSSELL** (first six games in 2003). Jackson, who had a career-high nine interceptions in 2020, became the first player since **RICHARD SHERMAN** (2012-13) to record at least eight interceptions in consecutive seasons.

Last season, six players registered at least five forced fumbles - Indianapolis' **SHAQUILLE LEONARD** (eight), Los Angeles Chargers' **JOEY BOSA** (seven), San Francisco's **JOSH NORMAN** (seven), Arizona's **CHANDLER JONES** (six), Chicago's **TREVIS GIPSON** (five) and Pittsburgh's **T.J. WATT** (five) - while six other players recorded four forced fumbles.

Six players registered multiple defensive touchdowns, led by Philadelphia's **DARIUS SLAY** with three (two fumble-return touchdowns, one interception-return touchdown). Diggs, Green Bay's **RASUL DOUGLAS** and Tampa Bay's **MIKE EDWARDS** each returned two interceptions for touchdowns while Tennessee's **KEVIN BYARD** and Miami's **XAVIEN HOWARD** each recorded one fumble return for a touchdown and one interception return for a touchdown.

In Weeks 10-11, Slay became the third player since 2000 with a defensive touchdown of at least 50 yards in consecutive games, joining **SHELDON BROWN** (Weeks 13-14, 2009) and **VINCENT FULLER** (Week 3 and Week 5, 2007).



AMANI ORUWARIYE



DARIUS SLAY

Protecting the quarterback is vital to NFL success.

With such a premium placed on keeping the quarterback out of harm's way, it is no surprise that teams have made it a priority to draft offensive linemen. Nine offensive linemen were selected in the first round of the 2022 NFL Draft, marking the third time since 1967 that at least nine offensive linemen were chosen in the first round, joining 1968 (10) and 2013 (nine). Four offensive linemen were selected within the top-15 picks - **IKEM EKWONU** (Carolina, No. 6), **EVAN NEAL** (New York Giants, No. 7), **CHARLES CROSS** (Seattle, No. 9) and **KENYON GREEN** (Houston, No. 15) - the fourth NFL Draft since 2000 to feature at least four offensive linemen chosen among the top-15, joining 2013 (six), 2020 (four) and 2008 (four).

Last season, 11 of the 13 teams that allowed fewer than 35 sacks in 2021 finished with better than a .500 record and of those 13, nine earned postseason berths, including six division winners.

Each of the past four Super Bowl winners have allowed fewer than 35 sacks during the regular season of their championship year:

SUPER BOWL	WINNING TEAM	SACKS ALLOWED
LVI	L.A. Rams	31
LV	Tampa Bay	22
LIV	Kansas City	25
LIII	New England	21

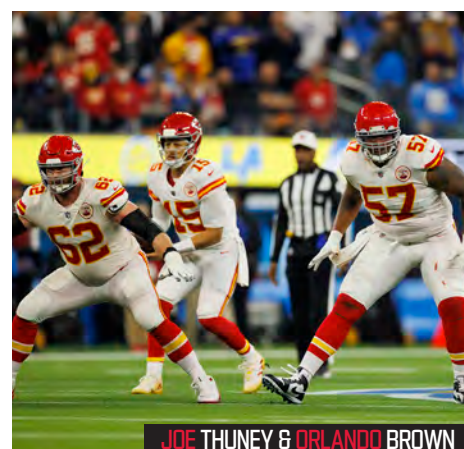
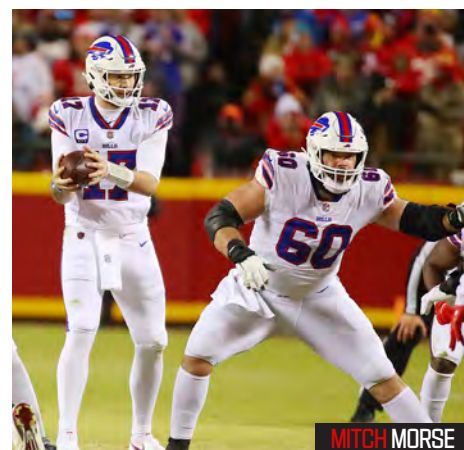
The **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** are the only team to allow 30-or-fewer sacks in each of the past four seasons, while the **BUFFALO BILLS** and **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** have each allowed 30-or-fewer sacks in each of the past two years.

## THE TEAMS WITH THE FEWEST SACKS ALLOWED IN 2021:

TEAM	2021 RECORD	SACKS ALLOWED
Tampa Bay*#	13-4	23
Buffalo*#	11-6	27
Kansas City*#	12-5	28
New England*	10-7	28
Minnesota	8-9	30
L.A. Chargers	9-8	31
L.A. Rams*#	12-5	31
Philadelphia*	9-8	31
Indianapolis	9-8	32
Jacksonville	3-14	32
Dallas*#	12-5	33
Green Bay*#	13-4	33
San Francisco*	10-7	33

\*Advanced to playoffs

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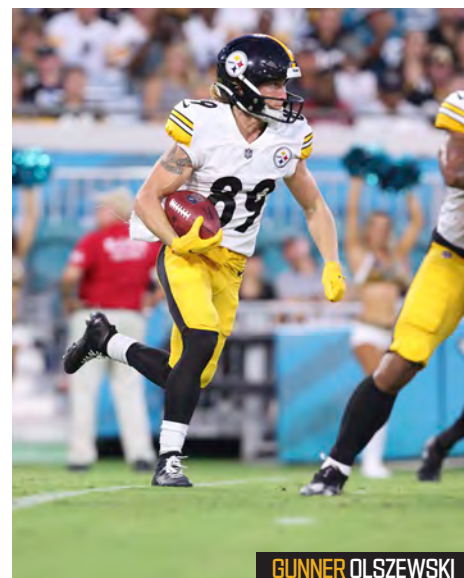


The 2021 season featured many exciting plays in the return game, as players from around the league provided exhilarating action throughout the season.

Among qualified players, Baltimore's **DEVIN DUVERNAY** led the NFL in punt-return average (13.8 yards), followed by **JAKEEM GRANT** (11.9) and **GUNNER OLSZEWSKI** (11.9 - signed with Pittsburgh this offseason). Among players with at least 60 career punt returns, Olszewski's career 12.6 punt-return average (66 punt returns for 834 yards) is the highest among all players in the Super Bowl era.

#### THE QUALIFIED PLAYERS WITH THE HIGHEST PUNT-RETURN AVERAGE IN 2021:

PLAYER	2021 TEAM(S)	PUNT-RETURN AVERAGE
Devin Duvernay	Baltimore	13.8
Jakeem Grant	Miami, Chicago	11.9
Gunner Olszewski	New England	11.9



**GUNNER OLSZEWSKI**

#### THE PLAYERS WITH THE HIGHEST PUNT-RETURN AVERAGE SINCE 1966 (MINIMUM 60 RETURNS):

PLAYER	TEAM	PUNT RETURNS	PUNT RETURN YARDS	PUNT-RETURN AVG.
Gunner Olszewski	New England	66	834	12.6
Rick Upchurch	Denver	248	3,008	12.1
Lynn Swann <sup>HOF</sup>	Pittsburgh	61	739	12.1

Grant and **BRANDON POWELL** were the only two players to record a punt return for a touchdown in 2021. Eight players registered a kickoff return for a touchdown, including rookie **KENE NWANGWU**, who recorded a 99-yard kickoff-return for a touchdown in Week 12 and a 98-yard kickoff-return touchdown in Week 9. He became the first rookie with two kickoff-return touchdowns in a season since **CORDARRELLE PATTERSON** in 2013.

Since 2016, Grant and **JAMAL AGNEW** are the only two players with four punt-return touchdowns and two kick-return touchdowns. Last season, Agnew also returned a missed field goal 109 yards for a touchdown in Week 3, tied for the longest return of any kind in league annals. In Week 2, he returned a kickoff 102 yards for a touchdown and became the first player in NFL history to register a touchdown of at least 100 yards in consecutive games.



**JAMAL AGNEW**

**BRAXTON BERRIOS** led all qualified players in kick-return average (30.4 yards) last season, followed by **ANDRE ROBERTS** (27.3), who is the only player to finish among the top-five in the category in each of the past four seasons.

Patterson (29.4 yards) has the highest kickoff-return average among active players with at least 50 career kickoff returns, followed by **BRANDON WILSON** (26.6) and Roberts (26.0). Patterson has eight career kick-return touchdowns, tied with **JOSH CRIBBS** (eight) and **LEON WASHINGTON** (eight) for the most in NFL history.

#### THE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS IN NFL HISTORY:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	KICK-RETURN TOUCHDOWNS
Josh Cribbs	Cleveland	8
Cordarrelle Patterson	Minnesota, New England, Chicago	8
Leon Washington	N.Y. Jets, Seattle	8

Having a productive, reliable kicker is as important as ever in the NFL, as close games are a fixture. This was evident during the postseason last year, as each of the final seven playoff games saw game-winning scores in the final two minutes of regulation or in overtime, five of which were field goals.

Cincinnati rookie kicker **EVAN MCPHERSON** converted all 14 of his field goal attempts during the postseason, tying Adam Vinatieri (14 made field goals during the 2006 postseason) for the most-ever in a single playoff run. He sent the Bengals to the AFC Championship game with a 52-yard field goal as time expired at Tennessee and sent Cincinnati to the Super Bowl with 31-yard field goal in overtime at Kansas City.

Across the league, kickers made 874 of 1,027 (85.1 percent) of their field goal attempts last season, the most made field goals in a season and second-highest single-season percentage in league history.

#### THE SEASONS WITH THE HIGHEST FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE IN NFL HISTORY:

SEASON	FIELD GOALS MADE	FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS	FIELD GOAL PERCENTAGE
2013	863	998	86.5
<b>2021</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>1,027</b>	<b>85.1</b>
2018	802	947	84.7

Among kickers who appeared in at least 10 games during the 2021 season, Baltimore's **JUSTIN TUCKER** converted the highest percentage of his field goal attempts [94.6 percent (35 of 37)], including a game-winning 66-yard field goal as time expired in Week 3, the longest made field goal in NFL history. Los Angeles Rams kicker **MATT GAY**, who kicked game-winning field goals in the final two minutes of both the Divisional Playoffs and NFC Championship, ranked second at 94.1 percent (32 of 34).

Las Vegas' **DANIEL CARLSON** made an NFL-best 40 field goals and became the third kicker ever to make at least 40 field goals in a single season, joining David Akers (44 made field goals in 2011) and Neil Rackers (40 in 2005). Carlson also converted all five of his field goal attempts in overtime during the 2021 season, the most overtime field goals by a kicker since 1991.

In addition to kickers being historically efficient last season, they were also productive from long range. A total of 120 field goals were converted from at least 50 yards, the most in a single season in NFL history.

McPherson led the NFL with nine made field goals of at least 50 yards, the second-most all-time by a rookie kicker, trailing only Blair Walsh in 2012 (10 50-yard field goals).

Arizona's **MATT PRATER** has 66 career made field goals of at least 50 yards, including seven last season, the most in NFL history, while Tucker ranks fourth all-time with 48. Tucker has eight career games with multiple 50-yard field goals, the most in league annals.

#### THE KICKERS WITH THE MOST MADE FIELD GOALS OF AT LEAST 50 YARDS IN NFL HISTORY:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	FIELD GOALS OF 50+ YARDS
Matt Prater	Denver, Detroit, Arizona	66
Sebastian Janikowski	Oakland Raiders, Seattle	58
Jason Hanson	Detroit	52
Justin Tucker	Baltimore	48

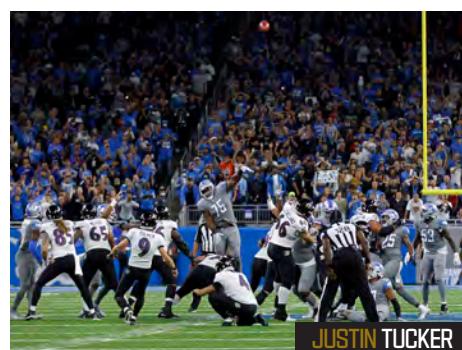


#### THE SEASONS WITH THE MOST MADE FIELD GOALS IN NFL HISTORY:

SEASON	FIELD GOALS MADE
<b>2021</b>	<b>874</b>
2017	866
2013	863

#### THE SEASONS WITH THE MOST MADE FIELD GOALS OF AT LEAST 50 YARDS IN NFL HISTORY:

SEASON	FIELD GOALS OF 50+ YARDS
<b>2021</b>	<b>120</b>
2017	107
2020	106



Nine undrafted players were selected to the 2022 Pro Bowl last season, including defensive back **J.C. JACKSON** and linebacker **SHAQUIL BARRETT**.

Among undrafted players since 1967, Jackson, who signed with the Los Angeles Chargers this offseason, became the first defensive back to record at least eight interceptions in consecutive seasons and tied **EVERSON WALLS** (25 interceptions) for the most interceptions by an undrafted player in his first four seasons in the common-draft era.

Barrett registered 10 sacks last season and is one of five undrafted players since 2000 to register at least eight sacks in three consecutive seasons, joining **JAMES HARRISON** (five from 2007-11), **CAMERON WAKE** (five consecutive seasons from 2010-14), **MARIO ADDISON** (four from 2016-19) and **CHRIS CLEMONS** (three from 2010-12).

### THE UNDRAFTED PLAYERS SELECTED TO THE 2022 PRO BOWL:

POSITION	PLAYER	2021 TEAM
LB	Shaquil Barrett	Tampa Bay
P	AJ Cole	Las Vegas
ST	J.T. Gray	New Orleans
LS	Josh Harris	Atlanta
DB	J.C. Jackson	New England
CB	Kenny Moore	Indianapolis
FB	Patrick Ricard	Baltimore
LS	Luke Rhodes	Indianapolis
K	Justin Tucker	Baltimore



There are 22 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who began their careers as undrafted free agents, with **SAM MILLS** being the most recent inductee as part of the Class of 2022.

### THE UNDRAFTED PLAYERS IN THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME:

HOF CLASS	PLAYER	TEAM
1967	Emlen Tunnell	N.Y. Giants
1968	Marion Motley	Cleveland
1969	Joe Perry	San Francisco
1974	Lou Groza	Cleveland
1974	Dick "Night Train" Lane	L.A. Rams
1977	Bill Willis	Cleveland
1984	Willie Brown	Houston Oilers
1985	Frank Gatski	Cleveland
1987	Jim Langer	Cleveland
1989	Willie Wood	Green Bay
1993	Larry Little	San Diego

HOF CLASS	PLAYER	TEAM
2006	Warren Moon	Houston Oilers
2008	Emmitt Thomas	Kansas City
2010	John Randle	Minnesota
2012	Jack Butler	Pittsburgh
2015	Mick Tingelhoff	Minnesota
2017	Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams
2020	Cliff Harris	Dallas Cowboys
2020	Donnie Shell	Pittsburgh
2020	Ed Sprinkle	Chicago
2021	Drew Pearson	Dallas
2022	Sam Mills	New Orleans

They may not come from big-time schools in major NCAA conferences, but their NFL contributions cannot go unnoticed. Productive players from small schools are proof-positive of the old adage, "If you can play, the NFL will find you."

"I tell all these guys when I talk to them, whether they are playing for some big school or some small school, I don't care where you came from," says Tennessee general manager **JON ROBINSON**. "If you can play football, if you can buy into our philosophy, our style of football, then you can play for the Tennessee Titans."

Possibly no player demonstrates the potential worth of small-school players more than Indianapolis linebacker **SHAQUILLE LEONARD**. A product of South Carolina State, a member of the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, Leonard has recorded 538 tackles since entering the NFL in 2018, the second-most by any player during that span. A three-time Pro Bowl selection, Leonard is also the only player with at least 15 sacks (15) and 10 interceptions (11) since 2018.

Los Angeles Rams wide receiver **COOPER KUPP**, a third-round pick (69th overall) in the 2017 NFL Draft of out Eastern Washington, became the fourth player since 1970 to win the receiving triple crown, leading the league in receptions (145), receiving yards (1,947) and touchdown receptions (16). His 1,947 receiving yards were the second-most in a single season all-time behind Pro Football Hall of Famer **CALVIN JOHNSON** (1,964 receiving yards in 2012).

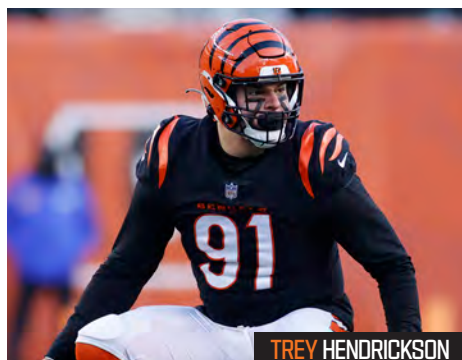
### THE PLAYERS TO WIN RECEIVING TRIPLE CROWN

PLAYER	SEASON	SCHOOL	TEAM
Cooper Kupp	2021	Eastern Washington	L.A. Rams
Steve Smith Sr.	2005	Utah	Carolina
Sterling Sharpe	1992	South Carolina	Green Bay
Jerry Rice <sup>HOF</sup>	1990	Mississippi Valley State	San Francisco

A sampling of some of the most productive and high-profile small-school stars in the NFL today:

PLAYER, TEAM	COLLEGE	CAREER HIGHLIGHT
DE Mario Addison, Hou.	Troy	One of five players in the NFL with at least 5 sacks in each of the last eight seasons
QB Josh Allen, Buf.	Wyoming	Became the first player in NFL history with at least 100 touchdown passes (103) and 30 rushing touchdowns (31) in his first four seasons.
T Terron Armstead, Mia.	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Three-time Pro Bowler
CB Justin Bethel, NE	Presbyterian	Three-time Pro Bowler
CB James Bradberry, Phi.	Samford	Only player with at least 10 passes defended in each of the past six seasons.
CB Malcolm Butler, NE	West Alabama	Two-time Pro Bowler; Had game-sealing INT in SB XLIX
S Kevin Byard, Ten.	Middle Tennessee St.	Has 23 interceptions since 2017, third-most in the NFL
DE Maxx Crosby, LV	Eastern Michigan	Named to 2022 Pro Bowl; Has 25 sacks in first three career seasons
RB Austin Ekeler, LAC	Western St. Colorado	Is one of three undrafted players in the common-draft era with at least 1,500 scrimmage yards in multiple seasons
QB Joe Flacco, NYJ	Delaware	Super Bowl XLVII MVP; Ravens franchise-record 212 career TD passes
QB Jimmy Garoppolo, SF	Eastern Illinois	Is 31-14 (.702) as a starter and led 49ers to SB LIV appearance
RB Antonio Gibson, Was.	Memphis	One of five running backs with at least 1,000 scrimmage yards and 10 scrimmage touchdowns in each of the past two seasons

PLAYER, TEAM	COLLEGE	CAREER HIGHLIGHT
FB C.J. Ham, Min.	Augustana	Named to 2020 Pro Bowl
RS Deonte Harty, NO	Assumption	Named to 2020 Pro Bowl
DE Trey Hendrickson, Cin.	Florida Atlantic	Named to 2022 Pro Bowl; In 2021, became the second player since 1982 to register at least half of a sack in 11 consecutive games within a single season
DT Akiem Hicks, TB	Regina (Canada)	Named to 2019 Pro Bowl; Has 40.5 career sacks
WR Tyreek Hill, Mia.	West Alabama	Named to Pro Bowl in each of first six seasons; Became fourth player in the Super Bowl era with at least six touchdown receptions in each of his first six seasons
WR Diontae Johnson, Pit.	Toledo	Led Steelers in receptions (107), receiving yards (1,161) and touchdown receptions (8) in 2021
LB Matthew Judon, NE	Grand Valley State	Pro Bowler in each of the past three seasons; Has 47 career sacks
FB Kyle Juszczyk, SF	Harvard	Pro Bowler in each of the last six seasons
K Youngbue Koo, Atl.	Georgia Southern	Named to 2021 Pro Bowl
WR Cooper Kupp, LAR	Eastern Washington	One of four players since 1970 to win receiving triple crown; Named Super Bowl LVI MVP
LB Shaquille Leonard, Ind.	South Carolina State	2018 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year; Has 538 tackles, second-most in the league since entering NFL in 2018
LB Khalil Mack, LAC	Buffalo	Pro Bowler in six of the last seven seasons and three-time All-Pro; Has 76.5 career sacks
RB Elijah Mitchell, SF	Louisiana	Totaled 1,100 scrimmage yard and six total touchdowns as a rookie
WR Darnell Mooney, Chi.	Tulane	Led Bears with career-high 1,055 receiving yards and had four touchdown receptions in 2021
CB Kenny Moore, Ind.	Valdosta State	Named to 2022 Pro Bowl
K Jason Myers, Sea.	Marist	Named to 2019 Pro Bowl; Is one of seven kickers all-time to convert all of their field goal attempts (min. 15 attempts) in a single season
FB Patrick Ricard, Bal.	Maine	Three-time Pro Bowler
LB Haason Reddick, Phi.	Temple	Is one of five players with at least 10 sacks in each of the last two seasons
WR/KR Andre Roberts, Car.	The Citadel	Three-time Pro Bowler
WR Adam Thielen, Min.	Minn. State-Mankato	Two-time Pro Bowler; Is 1 of 3 undrafted players with 100+ receptions & 1,300+ receiving yards in a season
QB Carson Wentz, Was.	North Dakota State	Named to 2018 Pro Bowl; Had at least 3,000 passing yards in five of his first six seasons


**TREY HENDRICKSON**

**DIONTAE JOHNSON**

**PATRICK RICARD**

The NFL is a family game for players, coaches and fans. Not only can they all share the experience, but brothers also can share the field and sidelines.

The 2022 NFL Draft featured many players that continued NFL family legacies, including running back **JAMES COOK** (brother of Vikings running back Dalvin Cook), running back **BREECE HALL** (cousin of 11-year NFL veteran Roger Craig), tight end/full back **CONNOR HEYWARD** (brother of Steelers defensive tackle Cameron Heyward and son of 11-year NFL veteran Craig Heyward), cornerback **DEREK STINGLEY JR.** (grandson of five-year NFL veteran Darryl Stingley) and wide receiver **CHRISTIAN WATSON** (son of five-year NFL veteran Tim Watson).

The 2021 NFL Draft also saw the continuation of NFL family legacies, with the selections of **JAYCEE HORN** (No. 8 overall, son of 12-year NFL veteran Joe Horn), **PAT SURTAIN II** (No. 9, son of 11-year NFL veteran Patrick Surtain) and **ASANTE SAMUEL JR.** (No. 47, son of 11-year NFL veteran Asante Samuel) in the first two rounds.

Two years ago, Day 2 of the 2020 NFL Draft saw three players join their brothers in the NFL: cornerback **TREVON DIGGS** (No. 51 overall, brother of Buffalo wide receiver Stefon Diggs), defensive end **JULIAN OKWARA** (No. 67, brother of Detroit defensive end Romeo Okwara) and center **MATT HENNESSY** (No. 78, brother of N.Y. Jets long snapper Thomas Hennessy).

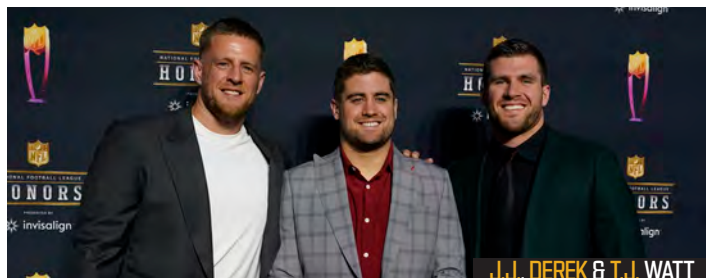
During the 2019 NFL Draft, the San Francisco 49ers selected defensive end **NICK BOSA** with the second overall pick, joining his brother, Los Angeles Chargers defensive end **JOEY BOSA**, the No. 3 overall selection in 2016, in the NFL. Along with their father, **JOHN BOSA**, who was a first-round pick of the Dolphins in 1987, the Bosa family became the second family in NFL history to have a father and two sons chosen in the first round of the NFL Draft, joining **ARCHIE MANNING** and sons **ELI** and **PEYTON**.

The 2018 NFL Draft featured the first pair of brothers to be drafted in the first round of the same draft, as Pittsburgh safety **TERRELL EDMUNDS** was selected 28th overall and Buffalo linebacker **TREMAINE EDMUNDS** was selected 16th overall. Terrell and Tremaine's brother, running back **TREY EDMUNDS**, spent the last four seasons (2018-21) as Terrell's teammate in Pittsburgh. Their father, **FERRELL EDMUNDS**, was a two-time Pro Bowl selection at tight end during his seven-year NFL career with Miami and Seattle.

The **ELLISS'** - New Orleans linebacker **KADEN** and Philadelphia linebacker **CHRISTIAN** and defensive tackle **NOAH - QUESSENBERRY's** - Buffalo guard **DAVID** and Houston fullback **PAUL** and offensive lineman **SCOTT** - and the **WATT's** - Arizona defensive end **J.J.** and Pittsburgh fullback **DEREK** and linebacker **T.J.** - are the only other sets of three brothers currently in the league.

The Watt brothers enter this season with 174 combined sacks (J.J. - 102, T.J. - 72), which ranks as the most combined sacks among brothers or father-son duos since 1982, where each player recorded at least one sack.

PLAYERS	COMBINED SACKS
<b>J.J./T.J. Watt</b>	<b>174</b>
Clay/Clay Matthews	161
Howie <sup>HOF</sup> /Chris Long	154
John <sup>HOF</sup> /Ervin Randle	145.5
Arthur/Chandler Jones	117.5



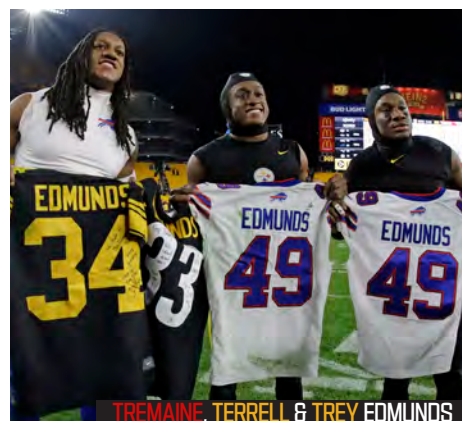
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**NOTABLE 2022 NFL BROTHERS, INCLUDING WHEN THEY PLAY EACH OTHER IN THE REGULAR SEASON:**

FAMIL	BROTHERS	DATE OF GAME(S)
Bosa	DE Joey, LAC DE Nick, SF	LAC at SF 11/13
Cook	RB Dalvin, MIN RB James, BUF	MIN at BUF 11/13
Diggs	WR Stefon, BUF CB Trevon, DAL	
Edmunds	S Terrell, PIT LB Tremaine, BUF RB Trey, PIT	PIT at BUF 10/9
Elliss	LB Christian, PHI LB Kaden, NO DT Noah, PHI	NO at PHI 1/1
Fuller	CB Kendall, WAS CB Kyle, BAL	
Hennessy	C Matt, ATL LS Thomas, NYJ	
Heyward	FB/TE Connor, PIT DT Cameron, PIT	
Hill	DB Dax, CIN RB Justice, BAL	CIN at BAL 10/9 BAL at CIN 1/8
Hollister	WR Cody, TEN TE Jacob, LV	LV at TEN 9/25
Kelce	C Jason, PHI TE Travis, KC	
Niemann	LB Ben, AZ LB Nick, LAC	LAC at AZ 11/27
Okwara	LB Julian, DET LB Romeo, DET	
Quessenberry	G David, BUF FB Paul, HOU C Scott, HOU	
Sewell	T Penei, DET LB Nephi, NO	
St. Brown	WR Amon-Ra, DET WR Equanimeous, CHI	DET at CHI 11/13 CHI at DET 1/1
Watt	FB Derek, PIT DE J.J., AZ LB T.J., PIT	
Williams	LB Quincy, NYJ DT Quinnen, NYJ	



NICK &amp; JOEY BOSA



TREMINE, TERRELL &amp; TREY EDMUNDS



TRAVIS &amp; JASON KELCE



EQUANIMEOUS &amp; AMON-RA ST. BROWN

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# STRENGTHENING THE PIPELINE



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As part of its ongoing commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, the NFL offers innovative career development programs aimed to inspire, engage, and connect women with careers in football. Hosting these events is part of the League's overall effort to develop a pipeline of qualified women for football operations positions and provides women with critical knowledge, tools and resources to pursue careers in football.

As part of this outreach, the NFL created the NFL Women's Forum. The Forum educates and connects female candidates working in football operations. Participants interact with NFL club owners, general managers, head coaches and club executives in the NFL and college football programs.

Prior to the Forum's inception in 2017, there had been one full-time female coach and one female coaching internship. In its first six years, the Forum has resulted in 229 opportunities for women to work in football operations across the professional, collegiate, and high school levels.

Among the participants of the program, there were many "firsts" including the NFL's first Black full-time female coach (Jennifer King - Washington Football Team) and scout (Salli Clavelle - San Francisco 49ers), as well as NCAA college football's first Division 1 football coach (Callie Brownson - Dartmouth College, now Chief of Staff to head coach Kevin Stefanski for the Cleveland Browns since the 2020 season) and positional coach (Heather Marini - Brown University). Additionally, Lo Locust and Maral Javadifar were both members of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers Super Bowl LV champion coaching staff.

During the 2022 offseason, the New York Giants hired their first female coach who was a 2017 Women's Forum participant, Angela Baker as their offensive assistant. Seven Women's Forum participants also landed Bill Walsh coaching fellowships during offseason programming and training camp this year.

The 2022 Women's Forum took place virtually again this year and invited 40 women who hold roles in college and high school football programs were selected to participate in the Forum. This year's participants learned and networked with NFL coaches, general managers and club owners. In addition to placements across the NFL in previous years, several NFL clubs have hired women in coaching and/or personnel roles. The NFL has also worked with several NCAA programs and head coaches who have learned about these efforts and have committed to interviewing more women for openings on their staff.

While the NFL is encouraged by the progress, it is dedicated to further advancement and the normalization of women on the sidelines.



*Commissioner Roger Goodell and Jane Skinner Goodell opened this year's Forum with NFL Network's MJ Acosta Ruiz who hosted a discussion with the Falcons, Bills, Browns, Rams, Giants, Buccaneers and Commanders to kick off the opening virtual panel of the 2022 Women's Forum.*

In 2015, Jen Welter became the first female coaching intern in the NFL, working with the Arizona Cardinals' linebackers during training camp and preseason. The next year, Kathryn Smith became the first female to be hired full-time by an NFL club, joining the Buffalo Bills as a quality control coach.

Since 2017 and the launch of the NFL Women's Forum, women have earned 38 coaching opportunities with NFL clubs.

YEAR	NAME	CLUB	POSITION
2015	Jen Welter	ARZ	Bill Walsh Fellow
2016	Kathryn Smith	BUF	Quality Control Coach
	Katie Sowers	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow
2017	Katie Sowers	SF	Offensive Assistant
	Phoebe Schecter	BUF	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Odessa Jenkins	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Collette Smith	NYJ	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Stephanie Balachko	PIT	Bill Walsh Fellow
2018	Kelsey Martinez	OAK	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Katie Sowers	SF	WR Assistant
	Phoebe Schecter	BUF	Coaching Intern
	Elena Grigeevich	BLT	Bill Walsh Fellow - Analytics
	Lo Locust	BLT	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Jennifer King	CAR	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Stephanie Sharpe	ATL/WAS	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Erica Vinson-Ondecko	BLT	Intern
	Shaakira Hassell	CAR	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Mickey Grace	TB	Intern
	Elizabeth Gore	CIN	Bill Walsh Fellow - Strength & Conditioning
2019	Lo Locust	TB	DL Assistant
	Maral Javadifar	TB	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Katie Sowers	SF	WR Assistant
	Callie Brownson	BUF/ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Sam Mullet	BLT	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Jennifer King	CAR	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Autumn Lockwood	ATL	Strength & Conditioning Intern
	Chelsea Romero	LAR	Strength & Conditioning Intern
	Tracy Zimmer	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow - Strength & Conditioning

YEAR	NAME	CLUB	POSITION
2020	Katie Sowers	SF	WR Assistant
	Jennifer King	WAS	Offensive Asst Coach
	Callie Brownson	CLV	Chief of Staff
	Lo Locust	TB	DL Assistant
	Maral Javadifar	TB	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Emily Zaler	DEN	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Cristi Bartlett	TEN	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Chelsea Romero	LAR	Intern
	Melissa Tomlinson	NYG/CHI	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual
	Mickey Grace	MIA	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual
	Elena Grigevich	CLE	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual
	Angela Baker	CLE	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual
	Sophia Lewin	BUF	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual
2021	Katie Sowers	KC	Coaching Intern
	Jennifer King	WAS	Asst. RB Coach
	Callie Brownson	CLV	Chief of Staff
	Lo Locust	TB	DL Assistant
	Maral Javadifar	TB	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Emily Zaler	DEN	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Jada Gipson	CLV	Coaching Intern
	Alex Hanna	CLV	Coaching Intern
	Sophia Lewin	BUF	Offensive Assistant
	Tessa Grossman	ATL/CIN	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Heather Marini	TB	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Angellica Grayson	WAS	Bill Walsh Fellow
2022	Angela Baker	NYG	Offensive Assistant
	Callie Brownson	CLV	Chief of Staff, Asst. WR Coach
	Maral Javadifar	TB	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Jennifer King	WAS	Asst. RB Coach
	Autumn Lockwood	PHI	Strength & Conditioning Seasonal Associate
	Lo Locust	TB	DL Assistant
	Kaelyn Buskey	BLT	Strength & Conditioning Intern
	Joan Cantonese	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Ashley Cornwell	TEN	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Isabel Diaz	WAS	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Mickey Grace	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Lisa Horton	CLV	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Connor Jo Lewis	BLT	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Sam Mullet	BUF	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Amanda Ruller	SEA	Bill Walsh Fellow

## NFL HOSTS THE ANNUAL OZZIE NEWSOME GENERAL MANAGER FORUM AND THE QUARTERBACK COACHING SUMMIT

In partnership with the Black College Football Hall of Fame, the NFL held the second annual **OZZIE NEWSOME GENERAL MANAGER FORUM** and the fifth annual **QUARTERBACK COACHING SUMMIT**. From June 21-23, front office personnel along with coaches from the NFL and NCAA took part in the programs at the NFL Los Angeles office and virtually to experience professional development and networking opportunities with NFL club executives.

"The Ozzie Newsome General Manager Forum and Quarterback Coaching Summit are part of our ongoing efforts to break mobility barriers, establish a cultural norm of opportunity for all, and a steadfast commitment to developing a diverse and inclusive workforce," said NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations **TROY VINCENT, SR.** "With the in-person engagement participants will be exposed to the experienced coach and seasoned football personnel. They will have the opportunity to gain insight from these leaders in the football community."

This year, participants learned best practices from NFL coaches and front office executives. The Forum provided a platform to help prepare, educate, and identify excellent minority candidates. Additionally, it featured a variety of sessions including how to build a coaching staff, position coach roles, analytics and best practices for interview sessions.

"We want to continue to create opportunities for some of the best and brightest football minds around the country to display their knowledge to NFL club leadership and media," said Black College Football Hall of Fame Co-Founder **DOUG WILLIAMS**. "There are many quality diverse coaching candidates and front office executives that deserve to be considered for open positions in the league."

On June 21, the Ozzie Newsome General Manager Forum featured sessions and panels led by club executives and front office personnel including:

- o Tampa Bay Buccaneers Senior Director of Football Research **JACQUELINE DAVIDSON**
- o Black College Football Hall of Fame co-founder **JAMES "SHACK" HARRIS**
- o San Francisco 49ers General Manager **JOHN LYNCH**
- o Dallas Cowboys Vice President of Player Personnel **WILL MCCLAY**
- o Baltimore Ravens Executive Vice President **OZZIE NEWSOME**

The Quarterback Coaching Summit, held on June 22 and 23, featured sessions and panels led by club executives, plus current and former coaches including:

- o Indianapolis Colts Offensive Coordinator **MARCUS BRADY**
- o Buffalo Bills Defensive Coordinator **LESLIE FRAZIER**
- o Houston Texans Offensive Coordinator **PEP HAMILTON**
- o Pittsburgh Steelers President and NFL Workplace Diversity Committee Chair **ART ROONEY II**
- o San Francisco 49ers Defensive Coordinator **DEMECO RYANS**

**BILL WALSH DIVERSITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP**

Established in 1987, the Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship provides annual NFL coaching experience to outstanding coaches from diverse backgrounds. The program, which was named after the man who conceived the idea - late Pro Football Hall of Fame head coach Bill Walsh - exposes talented coaches from other levels of football and NFL Legends to the methods and philosophies of NFL coaching staffs. Walsh introduced the concept to the league in 1987 when he brought a group of minority coaches into his San Francisco 49ers' training camp.

The fellowship was designed as a vocational tool to increase the number of full-time NFL minority coaches within the League. There are currently 170 coaches participating in the 2022 fellowship from 31 teams across the League; of this number, eight fellows are women.

The Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship is just one NFL program aimed at developing a diverse pipeline for club personnel.

**NUNN-WOOTEN SCOUTING FELLOWSHIP**

The Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship has served to expose former NFL players, former football student-athletes, and college recruiting and personnel staff members to careers in professional scouting since 2015. Named after longtime NFL executives Bill Nunn and John Wooten, the fellowship provides participants rare access to an NFL front office, giving them an on-site, inside look at the skills needed for a career in NFL scouting. There are currently 26 fellows participating in the 2022 fellowship from 16 teams across the League, five of which are female.

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Since the inception of these programs, all 32 NFL clubs have helped tutor more than 2,000 minority coaches through the years and now participate during offseason workout programs, minicamps and training camp.

In addition to the annual in-person fellowships, virtual programs were established in 2020 by Football Operations and continued as an additional developmental opportunity for current fellows of both programs. These virtual sessions, hosted by coaches and personnel executives at clubs, focused on advancement and mentorship, providing an opportunity for minority coaches and scouts to further their skillset, enhance their knowledge of the game, and engage with other colleagues around the league.

Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin, who at the time was the youngest head coach (36) in NFL history to win a Super Bowl when he led Pittsburgh to a victory in Super Bowl XLIII, completed a Bill Walsh fellowship with the Cleveland Browns in the summer of 2000 while the defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati.

Washington Commanders head coach Ron Rivera understands the value of the program and serves on the Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship Advisory Council. The council is comprised of club presidents, general managers, head coaches and assistant coaches, who focus on developing a pipeline of diverse coaches, including former NFL players pursuing opportunities in the coaching profession.

"The Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship is essential in creating opportunities," said Rivera. "You can see the benefits of the fellowship program on virtually every coaching staff in the league and the education provided through the program has been invaluable in the development of many young coaches who may not have received exposure to the NFL without it."

For the past 35 years, The Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship proves to be a strong pipeline for diverse talent with a rich legacy of success stories.

## BILL WALSH NFL DIVERSITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP

### ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

NAME	TEAM	TITLE	FELLOWSHIP
Mike Tomlin	Pittsburgh Steelers	Head Coach	2000 with Cleveland Browns
Byron Leftwich	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Offensive Coordinator	2016 with Arizona Cardinals
Ronald Curry	New Orleans Saints	Quarterbacks Coach	2011 with San Diego Chargers
Duce Staley	Detroit Lions	Assistant Head Coach, Running Backs Coach	2010 with Philadelphia Eagles
Charles London	Atlanta Falcons	Quarterbacks Coach	2005 with New England Patriots
Marquice Williams	Atlanta Falcons	Special Teams Coordinator	2015 with Detroit Lions
Chris Horton	Baltimore Ravens	Special Teams Coordinator	2013 with Seattle Seahawks

This past March, the National Football League (NFL) announced the creation of the NFL Diversity Advisory Committee, following its pledge last month to retain outside experts to review the league's diversity policies and practices. The six-member committee will lend its expert, external perspective on industry best practices and will evaluate league and club diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) strategies and initiatives, including all hiring processes, policies and procedures, with a primary focus on senior-level coach and front office personnel positions.

After completing this evaluation, the committee will provide comprehensive recommendations to the league office and club ownership for consideration.

Comprising top experts from the academic, legal, DEI, football and corporate worlds, the committee's membership, which will convene initially in the coming weeks, is as follows:

- o Pamela Carlton, Founder and President, Springboard
- o Peter Harvey, Former Attorney General of New Jersey; Partner, Patterson Belknap
- o Patricia Brown Holmes, Managing Partner, Riley Safer Holmes & Cancila
- o Stefanie K. Johnson, Associate Professor, University of Colorado Boulder's Leeds School of Business
- o Rick Smith, Former General Manager, Houston Texans
- o Don Thompson, Founder and CEO, Cleveland Avenue, and Former President and CEO, McDonald's Corporation

"We've worked for years and made progress in many areas to ensure that staff and leaders in our office and at our clubs reflect the racial and gender makeup of America, but we have more work to do, particularly at the head coach and front-office level," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "This esteemed group's work will help us build a more inclusive league. We look forward to their recommendations - and to continuing our conversations with other outside experts, community and civil rights leaders, Fritz Pollard Alliance and current and former players and coaches - to make our efforts and those of the clubs more effective so that real and tangible results will be achieved."

"I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with the NFL, a vitally important organization in the world of sports and in American culture, on such critical matters like DEI and its policies and practices related to hiring and retention," said Pamela Carlton. "The other committee members and I look forward to completing a rigorous, independent analysis of how the NFL and its clubs approach diversity and inclusion to ensure that minority candidates have equitable opportunities at the highest levels."

### **MINORITY OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT**

Beginning with the 2022 season, each Club will hire a diverse person (female or a member of an ethnic or racial minority) as an "Offensive Assistant." This person is to have a minimum of three (3) years of collegiate or professional coaching experience. The Offensive Assistant shall receive a one-year contract with salary and benefits to be determined by the employer Club.

## SIXTH ANNUAL CAREERS IN FOOTBALL FORUM FOR HBCU STUDENTS

*Career development program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities hosted virtually this past season*

More than 170 students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were selected to attend the 2021 NFL HBCU Careers in Football Forum. The annual forum, which was held virtually this year, took place on December 8th.

Since 2016, the Forum has introduced more than **300** students and entry-level athletic department administrators to career opportunities in professional football. Each year, the Forum invites participants to hear from sports industry professionals and creates networking opportunities for students to learn more about their desired career path. This year, attendees will represent **43** institutions.

The event opened with a panel discussion entitled "Business Operations Inside the League Office" featuring Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of NFL Media, **Hans Schroeder**, Senior Vice President and General Manager of NFL Media, **Dave Jurenka**, NFL Vice President of New Business Development, **Nana-Yaw Asamoah**, and NFL Senior Vice President of Social Responsibility, **Anna Isaacson**. The panelists shared insights on their roles and responsibilities leading the NFL's business operations at the NFL league office.

Additionally, attendees engaged with NFL league office and club executives, featuring Detroit Lions Executive Vice President and General Manager, **Brad Holmes**, Arizona Cardinals Chief People Officer, **Shaun Mayo**, Kansas City Chiefs Executive Vice President of Communications, **Ted Crews**, and NFL Senior Vice President of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion **Jonathan Beane**. Covering football administration and careers found across the sports industry, other event panelists included representatives from ESPN, Twitter, House of Athlete, the NCAA, and others from the collegiate athletic offices. The forum concluded with breakout sessions where attendees can engage with personnel in smaller settings in an open forum. Participants received advice from personnel on the ins and outs of their fields and guidance on career mobility.

Since the program's inception, **14** students from the Forum have gone on to secure internships or full-time opportunities with the NFL, NFL clubs, colleges and universities, and other sports entities.

"The HBCU Careers in Football Forum provides an unmatched level of access to professional development advice and connection to industry professionals across multiple facets of the world of sports," said **Micah Holmes**, NFL Junior Rotational Program participant. "Being able to continue my work with the Football Operations team at the Careers in Football Forum allowed me to gain hands-on experience running larger events, but also see first-hand how important events like these are to HBCU students who may not traditionally have this level of access to the NFL and representatives of other large sports entities. As a member of the Junior Rotational Program and an HBCU Alum (Morehouse College), I can attest to the fact that the networking opportunities, and encouragement from professionals at the Forum helped propel my career forward and a mandatory experience for HBCU students looking to make their mark in the sports world in the future."

During the 2020 season, the league established an online talent community to serve as a source of diverse talent for current and future career opportunities accessible by the league office and NFL clubs. Through the platform, HBCU students can submit an expression of interest which outlines their professional experience, career goals and specific interest in working in professional football. Individuals can also interact with an NFL Talent Specialist to learn about league news, careers, networking opportunities and recruitment events after the Forum.

The Careers in Football Forum is just one component of a larger initiative to increase career development opportunities for students and athletic administrators from HBCUs.

## 2022 NFL HBCU COMBINE PRESENTED BY MICROSOFT SURFACE

This past January, the NFL in partnership with the Senior Bowl, announced the names of players that will attend the 2022 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Combine presented by Microsoft Surface, which was held Friday, January 28 - Saturday, January 29, at the University of South Alabama Jaguar Training Center in Mobile, Alabama.

The full list of players who attended this year can be found below:

PLAYER	POS.	COLLEGE
Dee Anderson	TE	Alabama A&M
Aqeel Glass	QB	Alabama A&M
Ezra Gray	RB	Alabama State
Felix Harper	QB	Alcorn State
Juwan Taylor	DS	Alcorn State
Solomon Wise	OLB	Alcorn State
Josh Wilkes	WR	Arkansas Pine-Bluff
KeShawn Williams	RB	Arkansas Pine-Bluff
Untareo Johnson	OLB	Bethune-Cookman
Jamal Savage	OT	Bethune-Cookman
Trey Gross	WR	Delaware State
Kwannah Kollie	WR	Delaware State
Elvin De La Rosa	DS	Fayetteville State
Keyshawn James	DE	Fayetteville State
Antwan Collier	DS	Florida A&M
Keenan Forbes	OG	Florida A&M
Shemar Bridges	WR	Fort Valley State
James Fagan	OT	Hampton
Jett Duffey	QB	Hampton
Keith Corbin	WR	Jackson State

PLAYER	POS.	COLLEGE
Kingston Davis	RB	Miles
Jerry Garner	OLB	Mississippi Valley State
Juwan Carter	QB	Norfolk State
Chris Myers	OLB	Norfolk State
Korey Banks	WR	North Carolina A&T
Ron Hunt	WR	North Carolina A&T
Jah-Maine Martin	RB	North Carolina A&T
Jawon Pass	QB	Prairie View A&M
Chad Gilchrist	ILB	South Carolina State
Zafir Kelly	DC	South Carolina State
Will Vereen	WR	South Carolina State
Marquis McClain	WR	Southern
Ladarius Skelton	QB	Southern
Cam Durley	OT	Tennessee State
Cory Rahman	DS	Tennessee State
Jonathan Giles	WR	Texas Southern
Jeff Proctor	RB	Texas Southern
Will Adams	DS	Virginia State
Javon Frazier	OLB	Virginia State
Zachary Wilcox	OT	Virginia State

This year's Combine also included members of the HBCU Development and Women's Pipeline Initiative, including **Lauren Askevold** (Jackson State) - Athletic Trainer, **Regyn Davis-Young** (Winston-Salem State University) - Athletic Trainer, **Brianna Robinson** (Florida Memorial University) - Athletic Trainer, **Annie Wilkerson** (Alabama A&M University) - Athletic Trainer, **Vikaya Powell** (North Carolina A&T) - Equipment Manager, **George Stubbs** (Grambling State University) - Equipment Manager, **Jamel Askew** (Virginia State University) - Video Personnel, and **Mia Stephens** (Minnesota Vikings) - Video Personnel.



**EAST-WEST SHRINE BOWL RETURNS TO LAS VEGAS IN 2023**

The East-West Shrine Bowl™, America's longest-running college football all-star game, which supports Shriners Hospitals for Children®, will be played on February 2, 2023, at Allegiant Stadium, the home of the Las Vegas Raiders, as part of Pro Bowl week.

Televised nationally during primetime on NFL Network, the game features 125 of the nation's top college seniors will be at the Thursday evening event. They will have the opportunity to showcase their talent in front of hundreds of NFL scouts, professional agents and media, all leading up to the 2023 NFL Draft.



## More than just a game

"In addition to this being the first in-person post-collegiate evaluation of skills and talent, East-West Shrine athletes participate in the life changing humanitarian service and engagement that greatly encourages children and families at the Shriner Hospital," said **TROY VINCENT, SR.**, NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations. "The game is also about opportunity, both for the athletes and the development of assistant coaches and other football staff. Everyone wins."

Throughout the 98-year storied history of the East-West Shrine Bowl, the legendary game has produced players that have combined for more than 500 NFL Pro Bowl appearances. The 2023 game will mark the second time that both the Shrine Bowl and Pro Bowl align during the same week. The Shrine Bowl is a part of Pro Bowl week in order to strengthen the relationship between the two events. It was previously played in St. Petersburg, Florida, for the past 10 years.

"This is a historic day for the East-West Shrine Bowl and Shriners Hospitals for Children," said **BOB ROLLER**, director of national sports management for Shriners Hospitals. "Our goal was to expand the reach and mission of our healthcare system and to hold a world-class sporting event, and this partnership with the NFL and Pro Bowl Week greatly enhances our on-going mission that has helped more than 1.5 million children since opening in 1922."

Many East West Shrine Bowl players have transitioned to the NFL. This includes 78 who went on to be enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Some notable names of players that participated in past games include Tom Brady, Gale Sayers, John Elway, Lawrence Taylor, Pat Tillman, Brett Favre, Dick Butkus, Mike Ditka, Frank Gifford and Roger Staubach.

"We're thrilled that the East-West Shrine Bowl will be played in Las Vegas as part of NFL Pro Bowl Week, and to welcome such a prestigious event for the student-athletes and their fans," said **STEVE HILL**, CEO/president of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. "Las Vegas has become the Sports Capital of the World and adding this bowl game showcasing college football's elite certainly enhances that standing."

Since 1925, the East-West Shrine Bowl has benefitted Shriners Hospitals for Children. Its primary mission is to provide excellent care for children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the families' ability to pay.

**NFL AND RCX SPORTS ANNOUNCE WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL GRANT RECIPIENTS**

The NFL will provide a \$150,000 grant to the NJCAA Foundation for distribution to NJCAA member colleges that declare their intent to participate in women's flag football over the next two years. The NJCAA Foundation, along with the NFL and RCX, will award \$10,000 grants to 10 member colleges to move women's flag a step closer towards becoming a full championship sport over the next few years.

"The NJCAA Foundation is passionate about the value women's flag football brings to institutions' overall growth, the student-athlete experience, and equality across playing fields," stated **BRIAN LUCKETT**, NJCAA Foundation Executive Director. "This is an opportunity for women of the association to compete at the highest level and we are fortunate to work hand in hand with NFL FLAG and RCX Sports during this exciting time."

"The NJCAA expanding NFL Flag opportunities for female student athletes at member institutions demonstrates clearly that football is for all," said NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations **TROY VINCENT, SR.** "The values, fun and competitive environment of football can be enjoyed by anyone and everyone who wishes to participate. It is exciting to see junior colleges offer NFL FLAG as a varsity sport to female athletes."

As the official operating partner of NFL FLAG, RCX Sports is a proactive leader in building awareness and promoting participation in women's flag football across the nation. With the grant the NJCAA women's flag football programs have exclusive access to different invitational events lead by RXC.

"For so many young girls in flag football, the idea of playing the game they love in college has seemed like an impossible dream," **IZELL REESE**, executive director of NFL FLAG and general manager of RCX, said. "RCX and NFL FLAG have been working hard to make that dream a reality and we're proud to work with the NJCAA to help create a viable path for female athletes to potentially earn a scholarship to compete at the collegiate level and earn a degree."

NJCAA women's flag football competition has been active at institutions since spring 2022. NFL FLAG and RCX will continue to assist the NJCAA women's flag football committee as it works with participating NJCAA institutions, providing resources and rulings as they relate to the sport's success.

The list of recipient institutions:

COLLEGE	LOCATION
Kennedy King College	Chicago, IL
Bryant & Stratton College - Wisconsin	Wauwatosa, WI
Hesston College	Hesston, KS
Pratt Community College	Pratt, KS
Fort Scott Community College	Fort Scott, KS

COLLEGE	LOCATION
Florida Gateway College	Lake City, FL
Dabney S. Lancaster Community College	Clifton Forge, VA
Hocking College	Nelsonville, OH
Nassau Community College	Garden City, NY
Union County College	Cranford, NJ

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## LEAGUE WILL PLAY FIVE INTERNATIONAL GAMES IN 2022

The National Football League announced that five international games will be played in 2022. The New Orleans Saints and Minnesota Vikings will each play in the UK for the third time. Both teams have won on two previous occasions in the UK and will make their debut at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium on Sunday, October 2. The following Sunday, October 9, the Green Bay Packers will face the New York Giants in their first international trip, becoming the 32nd NFL team to play in London since 2007. The Giants will play in the UK for the third time, having won both the inaugural London game at Wembley Stadium in 2007 and the first game played at Twickenham Stadium in 2016. This will be their first game at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

On Sunday, October 30, the Jacksonville Jaguars, who played at Tottenham last season, return to Wembley for the first time since 2019, having played there for seven straight seasons from 2013-19. They will face the Denver Broncos who are making their first trip to the UK since they last played at Wembley in 2010.

The reigning NFC South champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers, led by quarterback Tom Brady, will face the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday, November 13, in the first-ever NFL regular-season game in Germany, played at Allianz Arena - Home of FC Bayern Munich.

The NFL will return to Mexico City on November 21 with Monday Night Football. Estadio Azteca will host a matchup between NFC West rivals San Francisco 49ers and Arizona Cardinals in a rematch of the NFL's first regular-season game played outside the United States. In 2005, the teams played at Estadio Azteca with 103,467 fans in attendance, the eighth-largest crowd in NFL history.

"We are very excited to be staging five games outside the United States in 2022 and thank the clubs for their continued commitment to growing the sport internationally," said **PETER O'REILLY**, NFL Executive Vice President, Club Business and League Events. "Our fans in Germany, Mexico and the UK can look forward to seeing some of the most iconic names and biggest stars in the League and enjoying an incredible series of events."

"It's always an honor when we are selected to play in the United Kingdom. We have enjoyed successful trips in the past and look forward to representing New Orleans and our fans from around the globe. Clearly a lot goes into the planning and the logistics of a trip of that magnitude and we have already began making the necessary preparations and will continue to do so in the coming months." - **Mickey Loomis, New Orleans Saints**

"London has served as the Jaguars' home away from home since 2013. Wembley is a significant part of our identity and brand in London and throughout the UK and our fans are looking forward to returning. After a three-year absence, the Jacksonville Jaguars are coming back to Wembley Stadium. We're looking forward to the homecoming!" - **Shad Khan, Jacksonville Jaguars**



"The Green Bay Packers are excited to make our international debut during the 2022 season. Our fans in the UK and elsewhere in Europe have been eagerly awaiting an opportunity to see the Packers play in their backyard, and we know that many of our fans in the United States will travel to London. It will be an honor to represent the NFL, as well as Green Bay and the state of Wisconsin, internationally. This will be a great opportunity to introduce the Packers, as well Green Bay and our area, to an international audience and encourage fans in the UK to visit us in person at Lambeau Field." - **Mark Murphy, Green Bay Packers**

## OWNERS, PLAYERS, COACHES &amp; EXECUTIVES DISCUSS PLAYING IN LONDON THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

PLAYER/COACH/EXECUTIVE	COMMENT
Rich McKay Atlanta Falcons	"We're honored to return to London for the first time since 2014 as part of the NFL International Series and look forward to the world-class experience at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Our league receives great support from passionate NFL fans in the UK and we're looking to gain more Falcons fans with the trip."
Russell Wilson Denver Broncos (with the Seattle Seahawks in 2018)	"When I was a young kid growing up, I never thought I'd be playing football in London. But now the fact that it's real and the fact that the NFL is growing worldwide, and how much that means to the sport and everything else, and how the fans can really get into it around the world - the more they get to see the better it's going to be."
Ron Rivera Washington Commanders (with the Carolina Panthers in 2019)	"I've had the chance to play and coach in London before and those were unbelievable experiences. The fans are outstanding, and they have such fervor for the game."
Efe Obada Buffalo Bills (with the Carolina Panthers in 2019)	"Honestly, just the full circle of, you know, starting from over there and then going back and having the opportunity to play in front of local Brits and people that are inspiring to be who I am, as well just in front of my family."
Sean McVay Los Angeles Rams	"It does offer a great opportunity to compete in a different place."
Odell Beckham Jr. (with the New York Giants in 2016)	"It's an amazing place. I was thankful for the opportunity. The fans were great, it was an amazing atmosphere."

## FIRST EVER REGULAR SEASON GAME IN GERMANY TO BE HOSTED IN MUNICH

Following an intense application process and an enhanced season structure, the National Football League announced that Munich, will be hosting the first regular season game ever in Germany during the 2022 season. Including the first game, Allianz Arena - home of FC Bayern Munich' was chosen as the venue to host two of the four international games in Germany over the next four years. Frankfurt Stadium will host the other two of the four games.

"We are very pleased to welcome Munich and Frankfurt to the NFL family and are excited to reward our fans in Germany for their passion by bringing them the spectacle of regular-season NFL football," said NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell. "We look forward to staging our first game in Germany at FC Bayern Munich's fantastic stadium later this year and to exploring areas of broader collaboration with the Bundesliga."

The partnerships between the NFL and Munich and Frankfurt include a joint commitment to deliver fan engagements activities, community participation programs and other NFL initiatives.



## NFL HOSTS FIRST OFFICIAL EVENTS IN AFRICA

On June 21, 2022, the NFL hosted its first official events in Africa. The scheduled events involved a week of activities including a talent identification camp, a fan event and a flag football clinic. In these events the league highlighted the contribution of its 100+ players with African decent (born in Africa or first generation born in the U.S.), while introducing the sport to the next generation of fans across the continent. Many current NFL players took part on-site, including Seattle Seahawks linebacker Uchenna Nwosu (Nigeria), Houston Texans defensive lineman Ogbornia Okoronkwo (Nigeria), Cleveland Browns linebacker Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah (Ghana), and Indianapolis Colts defensive end Kwity Paye (Liberia), as well as NFL Legends Mathias Kiwanuka (Uganda), Roman Oben (Cameroon), and Osi Umenyiora (Nigeria).

The talent identification camp brought in 49 athletes from across Africa. The top prospects progressed to various exit pathways (International Player Pathway Program, NFL Academy, International Combine). Of the 49 athletes, 11 participants were invited to the International Combine, and six participants identified for the NFL Academy. "This is a truly remarkable initiative," said Umenyiora. "This camp is not only giving opportunities to great African athletes, it is also highlighting the incredible African athletes already in the NFL. The positive impact of this cannot be overstated."

The NFL Fan Zone gave fans the opportunity to interact with the sport by learning about the history of the game, engaging with NFL players and putting their skills to the test via combine-style activities. There were almost 2000 attendees including the Ghanaian Vice President, the Deputy Minister of Youth & Sports and the Chief Director (Ministry of Sports), and over 15 media outlets present.

100 kids from 10 schools participated in the flag football event. The NFL, alongside the Philadelphia Eagles, hosted the NFL Flag experience days for both teachers and students to launch NFL Flag-In-Schools in Accra. The Activities included on-field drills, individual and small group coaching, player question and answer sessions and combine-style activities.

After the successful week of NFL Africa, the vision for the program is the first NFL Academy in Asia-Pacific Region around 2024.



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Among the prospects eligible for the 2022 NFL Draft, many had international ties, including:

**GEORGE KARLAFTIS**, a defensive end from Purdue who was born in Athens, Greece, was selected in the first round (No. 30 overall) by the Kansas City Chiefs. He moved to Indiana with his mother and two siblings in 2014 and began playing football in the eighth grade.

The second round of the 2022 NFL Draft saw a run on internationally born players selected. **ARNOLD EBIKETIE**, a native of Yaoundé, Cameroon who moved to Maryland with his family when he was 12 and began playing football as a sophomore in high school, was selected No. 38 overall by the Atlanta Falcons.

**JOHN METCHIE III** was also selected in the second round (No. 44 overall) by the Houston Texans. Originally born in Taiwan, the Alabama wide receiver has lived internationally for a large portion of his life. His family moved to Ghana when he was young before emigrating to Canada when he was six years old. They then moved from Brampton, Ontario, Canada to Maryland for high school.

**DAVID OJABO**, a linebacker from the University of Michigan and born in Port Harcourt, Nigeria, was selected with the No. 45 pick by the Baltimore Ravens. His family moved to Aberdeen, Scotland, in 2007 before he came to the United States for high school.

In the third round, the Indianapolis Colts used the No. 77 overall pick to select Central Michigan offensive tackle **BERNHARD RAIMANN**, a native of Steinbrunn, Austria. He moved to Michigan as part of a high school exchange program and previously played American football in Austria before moving to the United States.

Other players with international ties that were selected during the 2022 NFL Draft included Minnesota offensive lineman **DANIEL FAALELE**, a native of Melbourne, Australia, who was chosen in the fourth round by the Ravens, and Penn State linebacker **JESSE LUKETA**, a native of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, who was selected in the seventh round by the Arizona Cardinals.



**A SAMPLE OF ACTIVE FOREIGN-BORN PLAYERS IN THE NFL (AS OF 7/27/22)**

COUNTRY	PLAYERS
AMERICAN SAMOA	T Penei Sewell, DET
AUSTRALIA	P Jordan Berry, MIN; P Michael Dickson, SEA; DE Adam Gotsis, JAX; P Cameron Johnston, HOU;
AUSTRIA	RB Sandro Platzgummer, NYG; TE Bernhard Seikovits, AZ
BELIZE	DT Rakeem Nuñez-Roches, TB
BRAZIL	K Cairo Santos, CHI
CANADA	DT Eli Ankou, BUF; TE Antony Auclair, HOU; CB Tevaughn Campbell, LAC; WR Chase Claypool, PIT; DT Christian Covington, LAC; G Drew Desjarlais NE; S Jevon Holland MIA; RB Chuba Hubbard CAR; G Ryan Hunter LAC; T Alaric Jackson LAR; C Brett Jones; TE Nikola Kalinic IND; DE Jonathan Kongbo DEN; TE Bruno Labelle; WR Brayden Lenius ATL; LB Jesse Luketa, ARI; T Carter O'Donnell, IND; WR Joshua Palmer, LAC; C Dakoda Shepley, SEA; CB Benjamin St-Juste, WAS; DE Brent Urban, BAL
CHILE	TE Sammis Reyes, WAS
DENMARK	G Hjalte Froholdt, CLE
ENGLAND	DT Jack Crawford; G Jermaine Eluemunor, LV; DE Josh Mauro; T Bamidele Olaseni LV; G Ayo Oyelola, JAX
GERMANY	DE David Bada, WAS; CB Marcel Dabo, IND; T Devery Hamilton, NYG; RB Jakob Johnson, LV
HAITI	S Lewis Cine, MIN
ITALY	OL Max Pircher, LAR
JAMAICA	DE Danielle Hunter, MIN; OL Laken Tomlinson, NYJ
LIBERIA	WR Jehu Chesson, NYJ; RB Gus Edwards, BAL; WR Kelvin Harmon, WAS
MEXICO	OT Isaac Alarcon, DAL; OL Alfredo Gutierrez, SF
NIGERIA	WR Nelson Agholor, NE; LB Jeremiah Attaochu, CHI; LB Ben Banogu, IND; G Sam Cooper, BAL; LB Victor Dimukeje, AZ; LB Samson Ebukam, SF; LB Leon Jacobs, JAX; DE Jegs Jegede, IND; DE Efe Obada, BUF; DE Emmanuel Ogbah, MIA; LB Amen Ogbongbemiga, LAC; OL Chukwuma Okorafor, PIT; DE Romeo Okwara, DET; DT David Onyemata, NO; DE Joseph Ossai, CIN; T Prince Tega Wanogho, KC
SCOTLAND	K Graham Gano, NYG
SIERRA LEONE	WR Amara Darboh, DEN
SOUTH AFRICA	K Greg Joseph, MIN
SOUTH KOREA	K Younghoe Koo, ATL
SPAIN	WR J.J. Arcega-Whiteside, PHI
TONGA	OL Netane Muti, DEN
VENEZUELA	K Jose Borregales, TB
WEST AFRICA	DE Kemoko Turay, SF

The International Player Pathway Program was instituted in 2017 and aims to provide international athletes the chance to compete at the NFL level, improve their skills and ultimately compete for a spot on an NFL roster. This season, the AFC South was chosen to participate in the International Player Pathway Program in a random draw. It becomes the sixth division to participate in the program.



This year, three players that were discovered through The Uprise - which is a football program established in Nigeria by NFL Legend Osi Umenyiora and former Nigerian pro basketball player Ejike Ugboajaand - went on to participate in the International Combine and IPP Pro Day. The three players have since signed with NFL teams - Chigbo Roy Mbaeteka (New York Giants), Haggai Chisom Ndubuisi, (Arizona Cardinals), and Kehinde Hassan Oginni (Kansas City Chiefs).

"The IPP program is instrumental in the discovery and development of international players, and we are excited the quality of players continues to increase each year," said Damani Leech, former NFL Chief Operating Officer of International and current Denver Broncos President. "We've seen great momentum in the program with Roy and Haggai having already signed with teams this year. They, along with the players allocated to teams through the program, will now have the chance to further develop their skills in an NFL environment. Teams are looking forward to welcoming the players to their camps this summer."

The 2022 players are: **MARCEL DABO** (Indianapolis Colts), a defensive back from Germany who played for the European Football League. He was the league's defensive rookie of the year. **ADEDAYO ODELEYE** (Houston Texans), a defensive lineman born in Nigeria and raised in the UK since age nine. He spent that last season in the European football league after playing at Loughborough University; **THOMAS ODUKOYA** (Tennessee Titans), a tight end from the Netherlands who played college football at East Michigan University; and **AYO OYELOLA** (Jacksonville Jaguars) a defensive back who played football at the University of Nottingham where he graduated in 2020 and spent last season with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

PLAYER	BIO
DB <b>MARCEL DABO</b> Indianapolis Colts (Germany)	Played in the Stuttgart Scorpions youth football program before entering the European League of Football as a cornerback and kick returner for the Stuttgart Surge last season, recording 28 tackles and one interception. Earned a spot on the 2021 ELF All-Star team and won the league's defensive rookie of the year award.
DL <b>ADEDAYO ODELEYE</b> Houston Texans (United Kingdom)	Born in Nigeria and raised in the UK since age nine. Started playing football in 2017 at Loughborough University where he played defensive line for three years and was named a team captain in his second year. Participated in the 2021 International Player Pathway training phase but was not allocated to a team. Spent last season with the Berlin Thunder of the European League of Football where he was named to the ELF All-Star team.
TE <b>THOMAS ODUKOYA</b> Tennessee Titans (Netherlands)	Started playing football at age 16 in the Netherlands where he was named the Dutch National MVP. Played college football at Eastern Michigan University, where he was team captain for two seasons and received Academic All-MAC honors.
DB <b>AYO OYELOLA</b> Jacksonville Jaguars (United Kingdom)	Introduced to football at the University of Nottingham where he graduated from in 2020. Participated in the 2021 International Player Pathway training phase but was not allocated to a team. Spent last season with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

## RETURNING PARTICIPANTS FROM 2021

Players that participated in the program in 2021 will rejoin their NFC West teams. - Aaron Donkor (Seattle Seahawks), Alfredo Gutierrez (San Francisco 49ers), Max Pircher (Los Angeles Rams) and Bernhard Seikovits (Arizona Cardinals). This is in addition to Isaac Alarcon (Dallas Cowboys), David Bada (Washington Football Team), Matt Leo (Philadelphia Eagles) and Sandro Platzgummer (New York Giants), who are set to enter their third year of the program with their NFC East teams.

PLAYER	BIO
<b>LB AARON DONKOR</b> Seattle Seahawks (Germany)	A native of Germany, played with the German Football League's Dusseldorf Panthers in 2016. In 2017, joined the New Mexico Military Institute. Saw action in 12 games over two seasons and accumulated 32 tackles, 12.5 sacks, 4.5 tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble. Transferred to Arkansas State for his remaining eligibility and posted 25 tackles during the 2019 season.
<b>OL ALFREDO GUTIERREZ</b> San Francisco 49ers (Mexico)	Grew up playing youth football in Mexico before moving to the U.S. Upon graduating high school, Gutierrez enrolled in junior college before returning home to Mexico and joining Tec de Monterrey on a full athletic scholarship. Graduated from Tec de Monterrey, where he won a National Championship in 2019.
<b>OL MAX PIRCHER</b> Los Angeles Rams (Italy)	After attending a Swarco Raiders football game in Austria, Pircher tried out for the very same team that introduced him to the game. He tested out positions such as tight end and defensive end before settling on offensive line. During the 2019 season, Pircher was named the starting right tackle for the Swarco Raiders and also played on the Italian National Team (Blue Team). Pircher has since moved on to play for the Hildesheim Invaders in Germany, where he balances playing football and attending school.
<b>TE BERNARD SEIKOVITS</b> Arizona Cardinals (Austria)	Seikovits was first introduced to football when he started playing flag football at age 10. He transitioned to tackle football with the Vienna Vikings youth team at the age of 12. Seikovits was selected as a quarterback for the Austrian U19 national team when he was 16-years old. During his time in the program, he competed in two world championships and won a European championship. Following discussions with his coaches, Seikovits began transitioning to wide receiver. The position change did not slow him down, as he was selected to the men's national team at the age of 21.
<b>OT ISAAC ALARCON</b> Dallas Cowboys (Mexico)	Represented Mexico at the U19 World Championships facing Team USA, Canada and Japan. Attended ITESM Monterrey, where he saw action at both right and left tackle. While at the university, he won the 2019 national championship and was selected to the CONADEIP all-star team. Spent the 2020 season on the Dallas Cowboys' practice squad.
<b>DE DAVID BADA</b> Washington Commanders (Germany)	Competed in the German Football League's top division for the Schwabisch Hall Unicorns. Had previously played for the Ingolstadt Dukes, where he developed as a pass rusher. Spent the 2020 season on the Washington Football Team's practice squad.
<b>DE MATT LEO</b> Philadelphia Eagles (Australia)	Played rugby while growing up in Australia. Earned a scholarship to Arizona Western College, then transferred to Iowa State. Was redshirted for one year and finished his eligibility by playing for two years as a defensive end. In 2019, Leo played in all 13 games, posting 14 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and one sack. A liberal studies major, he was First-Team Academic All-Big 12 Conference in 2019. Spent the 2020 season on the Philadelphia Eagles' practice squad.
<b>RB SANDRO PLATZGUMMER</b> New York Giants (Austria)	Participated in youth football leagues while growing up in Austria. Represented Austria on their U19 team and competed on the senior team in the 2018 European Championships. In 2019, Platzgummer played running back for the Swarco Raiders Tirol of the Austrian Football League with nearly 1,000 total yards and 15 total touchdowns. Spent the 2020 season on the New York Giants' practice squad.

It's been three years since the NFL Academy opened its doors in London. The Academy, the first of its kind outside of the US, was initially based at Barnet and Southgate College in North London and gives student athletes aged 16-18 the opportunity to experience a high school-type program, combining education and life skills with intensive training in the sport under full-time professional coaches.

During the first year, 90 students were selected as the inaugural intake, since then a total 175 players have been part of the Academy. The program has seen its popularity soar in the UK - with more than 4,000 registering their interest in the Academy and more than 1,300 people having applied to join from the UK, Europe and around the world.

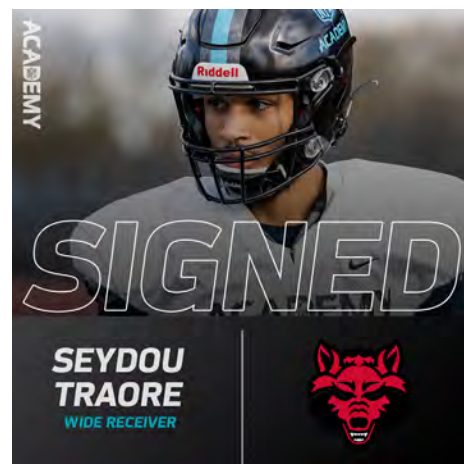
Here's a look at some of the key highlights from the first three years:

## SCHOLARSHIP OFFERS

So far there have been 39 NCAA Division I scholarship offers to NFL Academy students, including offers from Alabama, Auburn, Arkansas State, Akron, Brown, Ole Miss, Michigan State, Florida State, Notre Dame and West Kentucky, with students committing to Arkansas State, University of Ottawa in Canada and Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico. There were also successes on home soil with offers from UK universities such as Nottingham, where five students currently have offers.

A great example of the success so far is Seydou Traore, who started with the NFL Academy in 2019 and this autumn will attend Arkansas State on a football scholarship:

"The game of football has completely changed my life," said Traore. "From BAFA (British American Football Association) to the NFL Academy in London, high school football in Florida and now to Division I FBS football. This sport has given me a career plan and something I loved and had a real passion for. It all started playing American football in south London as a youth having been given the opportunity to watch live NFL games in London, which was a great experience. I have had the opportunity to reach this stage because of the growth of football in the UK, with great coaches and mentors to help me along my path."



## ROGER GOODELL VISITS THE NFL ACADEMY

During the 2019 NFL London Games in October, NFL Academy students were able to spend time learning from the legends of the game, taking part in practice sessions with the Los Angeles Rams and Jacksonville Jaguars. The students even had a special training session with NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell.



## NFL LEGEND JERRY RICE SPRINKLES HIS STARDUST

In November 2019, the NFL Academy opened a new state of the art facility where an old drama hall was changed into a fully functioning NFL gym.

And when it came to its opening ceremony, only an NFL legend would do. Pro Football Hall of Fame wide receiver and NFL Academy ambassador Jerry Rice travelled from the US to give the Academy team a training session they would never forget.

"This is an amazing Academy, just being here feels amazing," said **JERRY RICE**. "The NFL is doing a fantastic job of growing the game. We didn't have these kinds of facilities when I was learning the game. The students here have everything they need to be successful in life. The NFL Academy is about the sport, the education and the character and those things are very important. It's important to get your education first and everything that follows is the icing on the cake."



## UK NFL STARS GIVE THEIR BACKING

In 2019, Rice wasn't the only NFL player to take an interest in the NFL Academy. UK NFL players Efe Obada, Christian Wade and Jamie Gillan all took time out of their busy schedules to train with the players and have spoken of their excitement for the future of the Academy.

"As someone that wishes they had the opportunity to take part in the NFL Academy, it's amazing," said **OBADA**. "It's an amazing experience that's going to put you in touch with great coaches and people who can help you succeed. You'll watch your life change the way the game has changed mine. I really want everyone to follow these guys and follow their stories because they are the future. I want to increase the awareness of the sport in the UK because it's changed my life and I just want it to change lives for everyone else."



## NFL ACADEMY TACKLES PRO BOWL 2020

In January 2020, the NFL Academy students experienced a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the NFL Pro Bowl, where the students got to take part in a Skills Showcase and met up with the NFL all-stars.



## TRAINING IN A PANDEMIC

As with every sport, in 2020 the NFL Academy was disrupted by the on-going challenges of the pandemic, but it didn't stop the hard work. The academy launched its first ever virtual tryouts to find the next generation of talent. The students were also able to keep up with their training at home and returned to on the field training later in the year.

This year the NFL Academy was able to host its first scrimmages as the students battled against each other with many more scrimmages and formal games planned throughout 2021 and beyond.

To keep up to date with everything going on at the NFL Academy, head over to @nflacademy on Instagram.



## NFL ACADEMY RELOCATES TO LOUGHBOROUGH

The National Football League's UK-based NFL Academy will relocate to Loughborough College

and Loughborough University for the start of the 2022-23 academic year. It is currently based at Barnet and Southgate College in London. From September 2022, all football and academic operations will move to Loughborough, where a partnership between the College and the University will provide an opportunity for young players to become part of a world-renowned centre of sporting excellence.

Throughout the partnership, the College will provide high-quality coaching, education, accommodation and pastoral support to its cohort of players, while the University will provide performance staff and world-class facilities to focus on the physical development of students. Both Loughborough College and Loughborough University have a proven track record of developing hundreds of elite level athletes including Olympic and Paralympic champions.

"Barnet and Southgate College has been an excellent partner in getting the Academy established, and we are now very excited about the opportunity to further develop both the academic and athletic offering in a move to Loughborough," said Brett Gosper, NFL Head of Europe and UK. "Operating at an elite athletic performance centre with a global reputation, combined with the excellent classroom offering, gives the students the greatest chance of future achievement in all fields. It will allow us to achieve our aim of creating life-changing opportunities for young people through the sport of American football."

# NFL AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



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# BEYOND THE GAME

2021 NFL Social Responsibility Report



# OUR MISSION

Inspire and unify players, fans and communities to leave a positive, meaningful impact.

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# OUR VISION

The NFL embraces its role in unifying our communities, addressing key social issues and serving as a force for positive change.

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# LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER

**THE 2021 NFL SEASON MADE HISTORY IN MANY WAYS. THE SUPER BOWL RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 29 YEARS. IN TWO FIRSTS, THE NFL DRAFT DESCENDED ON CLEVELAND AND NORTHEAST OHIO AND THE PRO BOWL VISITED LAS VEGAS. THE GAME HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER, WE EXPANDED TO A 17-GAME REGULAR SEASON AND MORE FANS THAN EVER WATCHING HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENTS, THRILLING ACTION ON THE FIELD AND A RECORD NUMBER OF GAMES DECIDED ON THE FINAL PLAY. WHILE MILLIONS OF FANS TUNED IN TO WATCH THEIR FAVORITE PLAYERS AND TEAMS, THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR COLLECTIVE NFL FAMILY TO CREATE A LASTING AND POSITIVE IMPACT IN THESE COMMUNITIES STANDS OUT.**

Our game is at its best when we have full, vibrant and energetic stadiums, and as we welcomed fans back to full stadiums, we also recognize the responsibility to use our stadiums as civic centers and community pillars both on game day and beyond. We are taking steps to make sure our stadiums are more inclusive than ever before, from sensory inclusion rooms to private nursing areas and a host of other enhancements. And we are proud of the role our stadiums served during the past two seasons as voting sites, vaccination centers and beyond.

Our communities continue to experience challenges old and new, and so this year we also focused on critical topics like closing the digital divide through grant funding and programs aimed at reducing barriers to digital access, improving digital literacy, and creating more equitable education outcomes. And we worked to fight food insecurities, delivering and prepping meals to thousands of families. Virtual and in-person events enabled us to get back on the ground in communities to continue the push for positive change off the field.

As we do every year, we used our major events to leave a community legacy. We restored green spaces and watched NFL Flag Champions take center stage at Pro Bowl. At Super Bowl LVI, the league celebrated the 15th anniversary of PLAY 60 with hundreds of local kids. We also partnered with LA-based organizations to use our platform to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community and recognize the importance of allyship.

As always, we honor, empower, and connect our military heroes here at home and around the world through Salute to Service, while our Inspire Change campaign has seen the collective NFL family, particularly our Clubs and players, utilizing resources and their platform to help create a more equitable society and end racism. This work has helped grant



partners and community members launch innovative social justice programs, release insightful reports, host trainings and workshops, succeed in advancing legislative reforms, and expand their own reach.

We also continue to recognize the absolute best in our players, who exemplify the values and commitment that stands at the heart of our game, highlighted by the 32 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year nominees and winner, Andrew Whitworth. Since the start of his career, Andrew has dedicated himself to making a lasting impact in his communities and his teams. During his five seasons in Los Angeles, he has dedicated his time and resources to social justice efforts that are working to tackle food insecurity, homelessness, and education inequities. These are just a few examples of an extensive philanthropic legacy that Andrew has created. He is incredibly deserving of this prestigious award and we are proud he is the 2021 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year.

These examples are just the beginning. It is our responsibility to use the power of the NFL platform to continue to push for societal change. The work is never done, and we must always strive to be better. As we close the book on another great year, we recognize the opportunity ahead to continue inspiring our fans, players, clubs, partners, and communities to do more. Thank you.

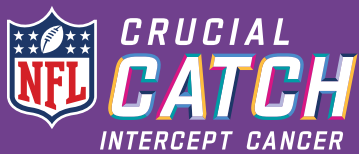


**ROGER GOODELL**  
NFL COMMISSIONER

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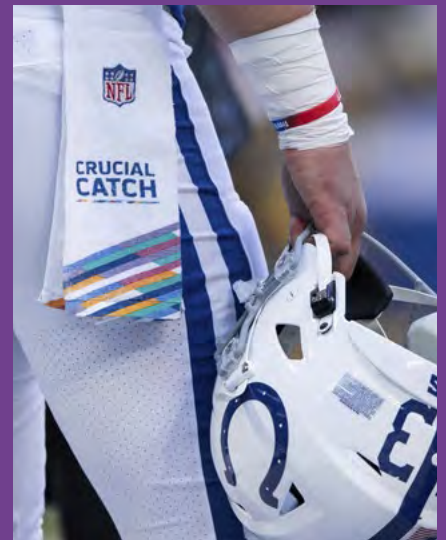


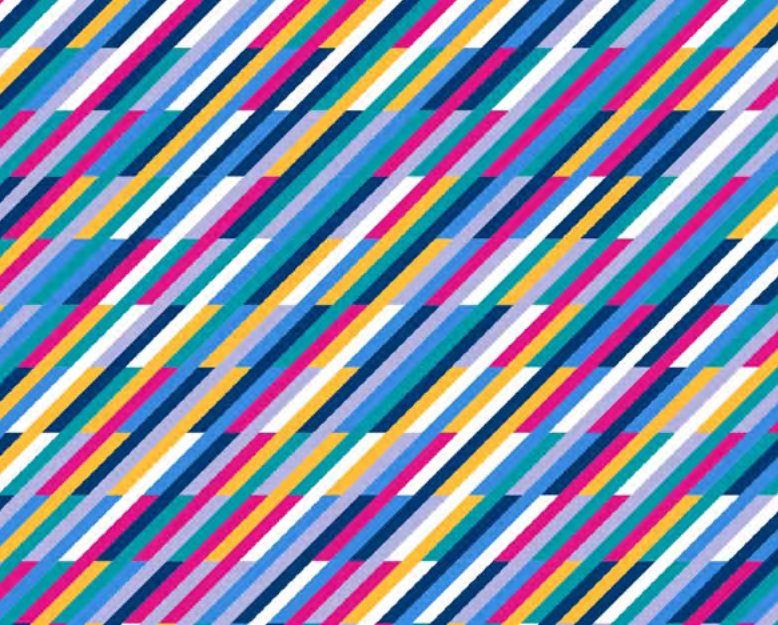


For the 13th consecutive year, the NFL and **American Cancer Society (ACS)** worked together to support the fight against cancer through Crucial Catch: Intercept Cancer.

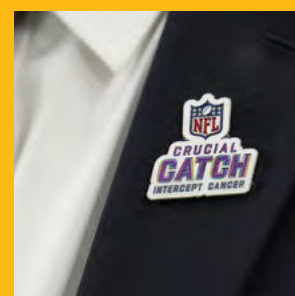
## THE NFL'S CRUCIAL CATCH MISSION IS TO FIGHT CANCER THROUGH EARLY DETECTION AND RISK REDUCTION.

The League, its clubs and players, the **NFL Player Association** and the American Cancer Society are committed to providing individuals with the tools they need to help them better understand early detection and ways to reduce their cancer risk. Each year, every NFL team raises awareness during their Crucial Catch game, which features on-field and in-stadium Crucial Catch elements. Crucial Catch games also present a special opportunity to honor cancer survivors and those currently battling cancer.





The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on screening. At the height of it, some cancer screenings declined by 90%. Through Crucial Catch, the NFL and ACS have allocated resources dedicated to safely restarting cancer screenings in communities with the most need. For many forms of cancer (breast, cervical, colorectal and prostate), the five-year survival rate is above 90% when detected early before it has a chance to spread.



## **NFL-ISSUED CRUCIAL CATCH GAMEDAY APPAREL FEATURED A MULTI-COLORED LOGO REPRESENTING ALL CANCERS.**

This year, New Era and Nike designed Crucial Catch gear that highlighted the NFL's commitment to drawing awareness to and supporting multiple cancer prevention efforts. Fans could purchase NFL-licensed Crucial Catch apparel on [NFLShop.com](https://www.nflshop.com) and game-worn merchandise was auctioned on [nfl.com/auction](https://www.nfl.com/auction).

Additional partners in this year's Crucial Catch initiative included mobile games platform **Skillz**, **Fan Creations** and **Fathead**.

## CHANGE GRANTS

Since 2012, the NFL has funded ACS' **Community Health Advocates Implementation Nationwide Grants for Empowerment and Equity (CHANGE)** grants, which have contributed to over 600,000 screenings in underserved communities and reached more than 1,100,000 individuals with education, screening reminders and patient navigation, bringing these life-saving messages and screening services to those who need them most.

**MORE THAN  
600,000 CANCER  
SCREENINGS  
SINCE 2012**

**MORE THAN  
1.1 MILLION  
INDIVIDUALS  
REACHED  
SINCE 2009**

**\$24 MILLION  
RAISED SINCE 2009**

## IT TAKES ALL OF US TO FIGHT CANCER

This year's Crucial Catch TV spot included cancer survivors and advocates with NFL ties, including: **COACH BRUCE ARIANS, COACH RON RIVERA, CALVIN JOHNSON** and **LAURENT DUVERNAY-TARDIF**. Social and digital specific vignettes featured NFL ACS ambassadors **JAMES ROBINSON, QUINCY** and **QUINNEN WILLIAMS**, and **NAJEE HARRIS**.

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## YOUTH CRUCIAL CATCH

Each season, youth football teams from across the country participate in **Youth Crucial Catch** to host their own Crucial Catch football games to raise both awareness for multiple cancers and money for ACS. At the end of the season, the youth team with the most funds raised is named the youth team champion. This season, several NFL players—including Pittsburgh Steelers rookie running back **NAJEE HARRIS**—conducted local and national meet and greets with the youth team winners. During Pro Bowl week in Las Vegas, American Youth Football's top 8th grade football players competed in an All-Star game at **Bishop Gorman High School** to support the initiative. Arizona Cardinals running back **JONATHAN WARD** and Detroit Lions offensive tackle **TYRELL CROSBY** served as honorary assistant coaches, and the players showcased their skills on the field to raise awareness for the fight against cancer.



NFL players reveal their passions beyond the game and wear their hearts on their feet through **My Cause My Cleats**. Players have the opportunity to pick a cause that is important to them and represent their chosen organization on custom designed cleats to wear during Week 13.

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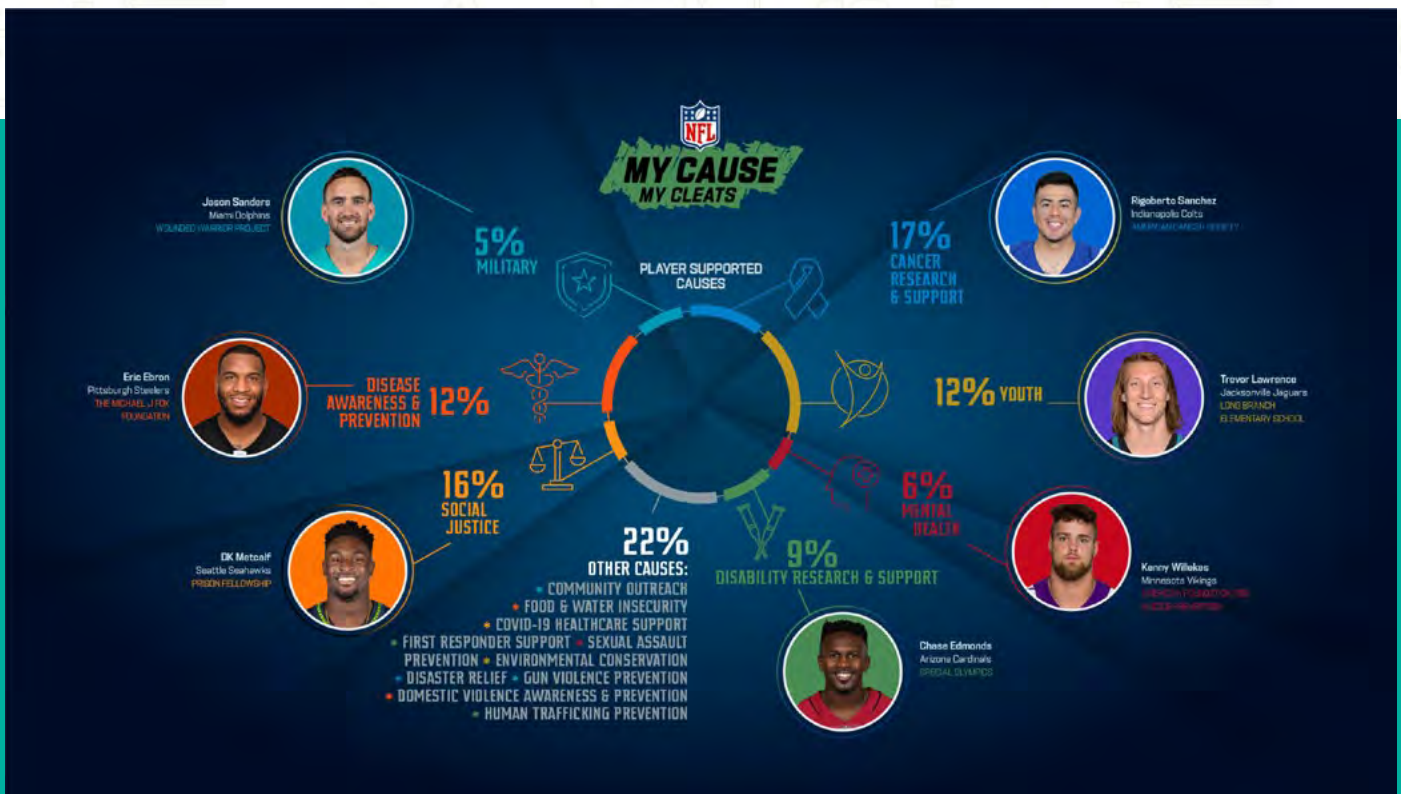


**THE CAMPAIGN BEGAN IN 2016 AND HAS SINCE PROVIDED PLAYERS A PLATFORM TO BRING CAUSES THEY ARE MOST PASSIONATE ABOUT TO THE FOREFRONT ON GAMEDAY.**

This year's causes included topics such as tackling social injustice, supporting youth education, addressing mental health, raising awareness for disability research, and empowering veterans. NFL Network also aired features that highlighted the charitable efforts of players and their chosen initiatives.

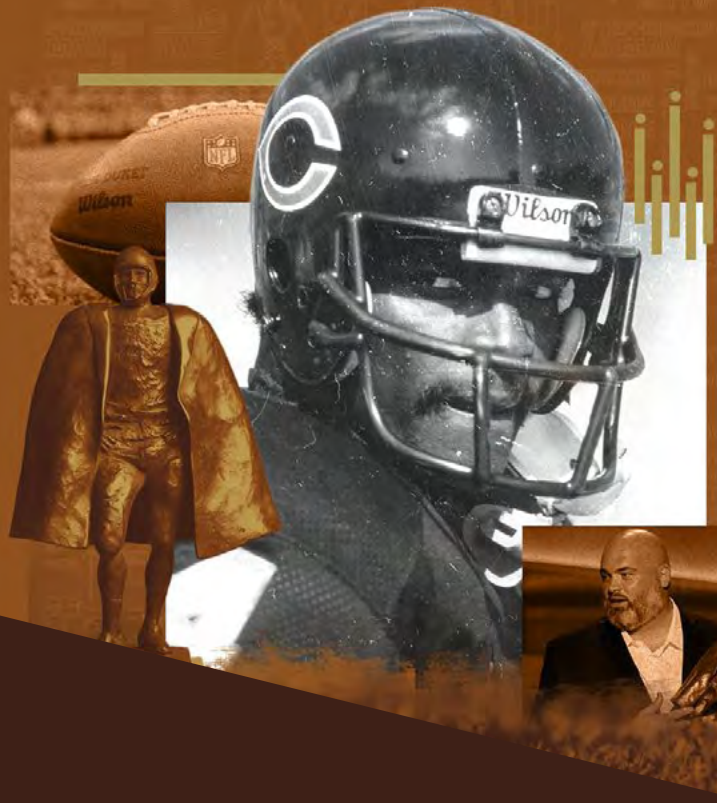
Following Week 13 games, hundreds of players donated their cleats through **NFL Auction**, where 100% of funds raised are donated to the charities they select. Since its inception, My Cause My Cleats has raised more than \$1 million through NFL Auction to support player causes.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT EACH PLAYER'S CAUSE, VISIT [NFL.COM/MYCAUSEMYCLEATS](https://nfl.com/mycausemycleats)**



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WADL  
LANIER  
DAWSON  
BLAND  
ANDERSON  
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CARMICHAEL  
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LYONS  
STEPHENSON  
WILLIAMS  
DUNSTON  
LARBENT  
MOON  
SINGLETERRY  
MUNOZ  
ELWAY  
THOMAS  
SEAU  
BRIASON  
GREEN  
AIXMAN  
MARINO  
KENDRICK



Considered the League's most prestigious honor, the **Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award Presented by Nationwide** recognizes an NFL player for outstanding community service activities off the field, as well as excellence on the field. First established in 1970, the national award was renamed in 1999 after the late Hall of Fame Chicago Bears running back **WALTER PAYTON**.

Representing the best of the NFL's commitment to philanthropy and community impact, each team selects their own Man of the Year who is then eligible to win the national award. For the fourth year in a row, all team winners were highlighted as nominees and recognized for their important work during the week leading up to **Super Bowl LVI**.

Each of the 31 runner-up nominees received up to a \$40,000 donation in their name to their charity of choice, with the winner of the 2021 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award receiving a \$250,000 donation to the charity of their choice. All donations were courtesy of the NFL Foundation and Nationwide.

The nominees support many different causes, including social justice work, supporting veterans, fighting homelessness and more.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AWARD AND ALL 32 TEAM NOMINEES, VISIT [NFL.COM/HONORS/MAN-OF-THE-YEAR](https://www.nfl.com/honors/man-of-the-year)**



**31 RUNNER-UP NOMINEES =  
UP TO \$40,000/EACH**

**WINNER = \$250,000**

**TOTAL: UP TO  
\$1.49 MILLION**



**BEGINNING IN 2017, THE WALTER PAYTON NFL MAN OF THE YEAR TROPHY SILHOUETTE CAME TO LIFE IN UNIFORM ELEMENTS TO FURTHER RECOGNIZE PAST AWARD WINNERS AND CURRENT NOMINEES.**

All nominees wear a Man of the Year helmet decal beginning in Week 14 through the end of the season in recognition of their accomplishments both on and off the field.

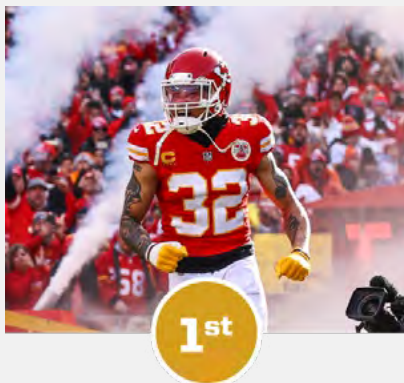


## MAN OF THE YEAR CHARITY CHALLENGE

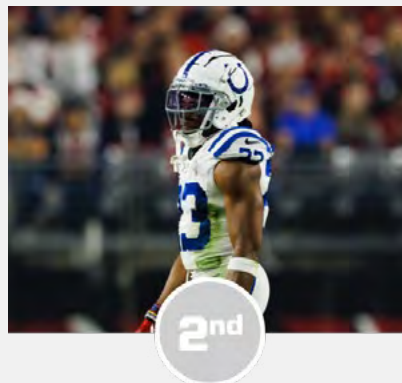
The League encouraged fans to participate in Nationwide's seventh annual **Charity Challenge**, a social media campaign designed to support and promote team nominees. Fans voted on Twitter by using #WPMOYChallenge followed by their favorite nominee's last name, and the player whose unique hashtag was used the most between December 7th and January 17th received an additional \$25,000 contribution to their charity of choice.

**TYRANN MATHIEU**, who received the most votes in Nationwide's 7th annual Charity Challenge, was announced as the winner and a \$25,000 contribution was made to the Tyrann Mathieu Foundation courtesy of Nationwide.

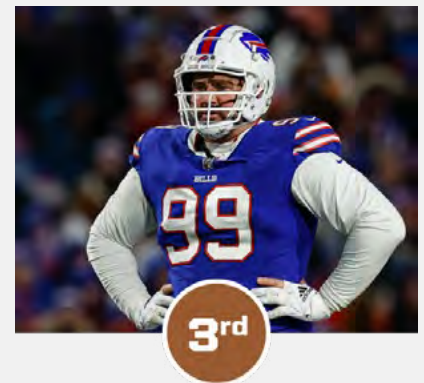
An additional congratulations to **KENNY MOORE II** and **HARRISON PHILLIPS**, the second and third place finishers, who received \$10,000 and \$5,000 donations, respectively. All donations are courtesy of Nationwide.



**TYRANN MATHIEU**  
(\$25,000)

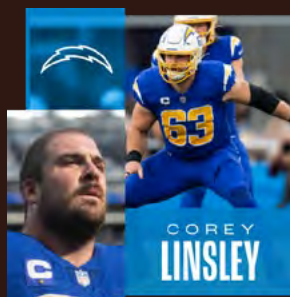
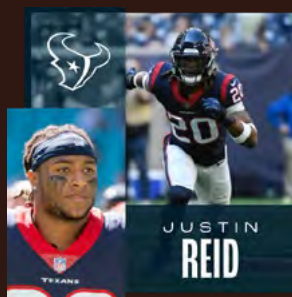
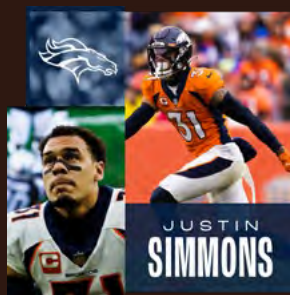
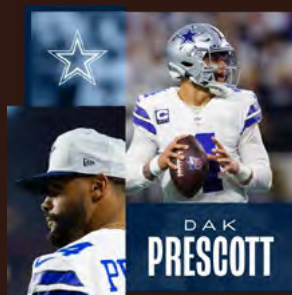
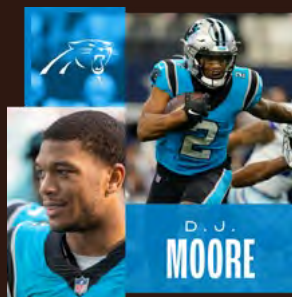


**KENNY MOORE II**  
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**HARRISON PHILLIPS**  
(\$5,000)

# 2021 NOMINEES



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## 2021 WALTER PAYTON NFL MAN OF THE YEAR

Los Angeles Rams tackle **ANDREW WHITWORTH** was named the **2021 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Presented by Nationwide** for his commitment to making a lasting impact in his communities and for his teams, dedicating his time and resources to social justice efforts that work to tackle food insecurity, homelessness and education inequities.

This marked the fourth time Whitworth was nominated for the award over his 16-year NFL career. He remains a core pillar of a Rams offense, becoming the first 40-year-old offensive lineman to start an NFL game in nearly two decades. A four-time Pro-Bowler and two-time All-Pro, Whitworth has over 239 career games with 235 starts.

**16 NFL SEASONS**

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**4X PRO-BOWLER**  
(2X ALL-PRO)

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**239 CAREER GAMES**  
(235 STARTS)

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**SB LVI CHAMPION**



Whitworth's work addresses the often-unseen issues that continue to plague underserved communities in Los Angeles and beyond. At the beginning of the 2021 season, Andrew launched his **Big Whit for LA Families** program, donating \$20,000 after each home game to repair homes in his home state of Louisiana and move Angelenos facing housing insecurity into affordable homes. In Los Angeles, Andrew works with nonprofits to help individuals pay for rent and groceries, support down payments and furnish homes.

Every year, Andrew actively recruits teammates to join him and Make-A-Wish to help grant wishes for children battling life-threatening illnesses. Over the past three years, he has been a significant catalyst in raising more than \$875,000 to grant wishes. For the holidays, Andrew and his family purchased wish list items for 53 families living in crisis motels and shelters, buying gifts for nearly 100 children and providing \$500 local grocery store gift cards and packaged holiday meals for the families.

From 2017-2019, Whitworth purchased 50 tickets for each Rams home game and donated them to local charities and schools. During the 2021 season, he continued this tradition and purchased game tickets for community members who otherwise might not have had an opportunity to experience the thrill of an NFL game at **SoFi Stadium**.

**DONATED**

**\$160,000**

**THIS YEAR AS PART OF  
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In the wake of civil unrest that struck the nation following the death of **GEORGE FLOYD**, Whitworth agreed to match all proceeds raised through his team's **Social Justice Fund** throughout the 2020 season, resulting in a \$215,000 personal donation.

**\$215,000**

**PERSONAL DONATION TO  
TEAM'S SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND**



In March 2020, Whitworth made a \$250,000 donation to the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to kick off the team's virtual Te'LA'thon for Los Angeles and support COVID-19 response efforts. His contribution financed a total of one million meals that were distributed to Angelenos in need. He has also funded STEAM Labs at elementary and middle schools to help close the technology gap for low-income students and provide them opportunities to achieve upward mobility.

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Aside from his efforts in Los Angeles, Whitworth was also a community steward in Cincinnati during his time with the Bengals. Before joining the Rams, Andrew started The Big Whit 77 Foundation, which impacts the lives of youth and families in his home state of Louisiana. One of the foundation's programs, Whit's Warriors, offers financial assistance to high school seniors in Louisiana, having awarded \$400,000 in scholarships and school supplies.

Whitworth received a donation of \$250,000 to go to a charity of his choice, courtesy of the NFL Foundation and Nationwide.

## WHIT'S WARRIORS HAS AWARDED \$400,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS & SCHOOL SUPPLIES

### NFL & PANINI AMERICA LAUNCHED THE WALTER PAYTON NFL MAN OF THE YEAR TRADING CARD NFTS, BEGINNING WITH WALTER PAYTON

To complement the physical award, the NFL, in collaboration with Panini America, launched the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Trading Card NFTs, beginning with Walter Payton.

A 1-of-1 trading card was minted and gifted to the Walter and Connie Payton Family Foundation with a parallel base set (500 units) being made available for public auction. The public auction benefited the Walter and Connie Payton Family Foundation. Past and future Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year winners have the option to participate in this NFT program with all proceeds of each initial sale going to the player's selected foundation.





**NFL Inspire Change** is the League's social justice platform, open to all teams and players. It includes an acknowledgment of the ways that systemic racism contributes to barriers to opportunity. Inspire Change work encompasses programs and initiatives in four key areas: Education, Economic Advancement, Police-Community Relations and Criminal Justice Reform.

For the first time during the NFL regular season, all teams hosted Inspire Change games with in-stadium elements and video content during in-game broadcasts, amplifying ongoing social justice work by players, clubs, the League and nonprofit social justice grant partners.



**CLUBS SHOWCASED IN-STADIUM ACTIVATIONS INCLUDING END ZONE STENCILS WITH THE SOCIAL JUSTICE MESSAGING “IT TAKES ALL OF US” AND “ADVANCE SOCIAL JUSTICE,” GOALPOST WRAPS AND BANNERS, SIDELINE BRANDING, HELMET STICKERS AND INSPIRE CHANGE-BRANDED TOWELS FOR PLAYERS.**

Fans were also able to watch video compilations—both in-stadium and during in-game broadcasts—of players taking part in social justice activities, as well as view Inspire Change grant partner features and public service announcements.



In addition, during Inspire Change games, the NFL worked with New Era and the Players Coalition to offer an Inspire Change knit hat that could be worn during Weeks 17 and 18 by players, coaches and team personnel. The hat featured the messaging “Justice, Opportunity, Equity, Freedom” and was also available for sale with 100% of the League’s proceeds donated to Inspire Change grant recipients.

Since 2017, the NFL family has committed more than \$237 million to national grant partners and hundreds of grassroots organizations across the country. This includes more than 1,800 grants provided by the **NFL Foundation** to current NFL players and Legends towards social justice nonprofits of their choice.

These donations are part of the NFL family’s larger \$250 million commitment to social justice efforts over 10 years.

**SINCE 2017, THE NFL HAS PROVIDED MORE THAN**

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**TO NATIONAL GRANT PARTNERS & HUNDREDS OF GRASSROOTS ORGANIZATIONS**

For the first time ever, the NFL held a playoff game on **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day** with a matchup between the **Los Angeles Rams** and the **Arizona Cardinals**. The NFL worked alongside Inspire Change social justice grant partner **The King Center** and its CEO, **DR. BERNICE KING**, to celebrate Dr. King's life and legacy on-field. Building upon the social justice in-stadium activations throughout the season, player helmets featured a circular "MLK" sticker. Helmet decals also featured the messages "BE LOVE" and "STOP HATE." The phrase "Be LOVE" is a nod to The King Center's **Be Love** movement, which was also incorporated into the end-zone stencils along with the phrase "End Racism."

To help explain the Inspire Change initiative, the NFL launched a content series that highlighted the League's social justice efforts. The **Inspire Change Explainer Essay** examined how the NFL and its players, clubs and partners address social injustice across the country while the **Where the Money Goes** vignette broke down how the social justice funds are allocated.

Also during the season, NFL Media aired a four-part docuseries that featured New Orleans Saints All-Pro and team captain CAM JORDAN and his community partnership with Crescent City Corps, a New Orleans-based nonprofit that equips police officers with leadership development, racial equity and community engagement training so they can work alongside citizens to build a more just, safe and inclusive city.

At the team level, Inspire Change comes to life through club and player community engagement throughout the season. NFL clubs and players support local social justice nonprofits and participate in events, including advocacy for criminal justice reform, financial commitments to assist in closing the digital divide for youth without access to technology, and joint work with local law enforcement to help build trust within the community.

During the 2021 season, the **Player-Owner Social Justice Working Group**, comprised of five team owners and five NFL players, approved renewals of nine national grant partners, as well as four new national grant partners: **Year Up**, **Wall Street Bound**, **Free Minds Book Club** and **Writing Workshop** and **Get Schooled**. Grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations that focus on the four Inspire Change pillars.

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▶ **WATCH VIDEO:**  
**INSPIRE CHANGE | NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE**

▶ **WATCH VIDEO:**  
**INSPIRE CHANGE PILLAR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM**

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In schools, the League expanded its partnership with digital learning curriculum leader EVERFI on 306, a high school focused African-American History education program. Schools nationwide received access to the 306 curriculum, where students took part in modules including Black Business Titans, the Civil Rights Movement, and Black Contributions to Medicine.

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▶ **WATCH VIDEO:**  
**INSPIRE CHANGE | HOW CAM JORDAN & CRESCENT CITY CORPS LED POLICE REFORM IN NEW ORLEANS**

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# SINCE 2017, THE NFL HAS PROVIDED FUNDING TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:



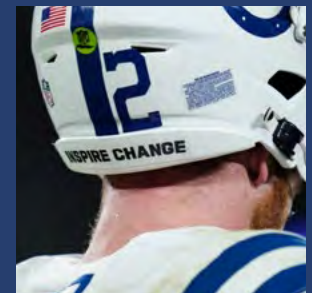
= new partner

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= past recipient

Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice  
Alliance for Safety and Justice\*  
Anti-Recidivism Coalition  
Association for Enterprise Opportunity  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of America  
Boys & Girls Clubs of America  
Breakthrough Miami  
CBMA\*  
Center for Policing Equity  
City Year  
Civil Rights Corps\*  
Community Justice Exchange  
Council on Legal Education Opportunity  
Covenant House  
Dream Corps\*  
[Free Minds Book Club and Writing Workshop](#)  
[Get Schooled](#)  
Gideon's Promise  
Just City – Memphis

King Center  
Ladies of Hope Ministries  
MENTOR  
Metro Family Services  
NAF\*  
National Urban League  
Operation HOPE  
Oregon Justice Resource Center  
Per Scholas  
Success for All Foundation\*  
Texas Appleseed  
United Negro College Fund  
United Way Worldwide  
US Dream Academy  
Vera Institute of Justice  
VOTE  
[Wall Street Bound](#)  
[Year Up](#)





**Salute to Service**—the NFL's year-long initiative to honor, empower and connect our nation's service members, veterans and their families—has raised more than \$57 million for military and veteran support organizations since 2011. The NFL is proud to support its core military nonprofit partners to fund programs and provide resources that improve the lives of service members, veterans and their families.

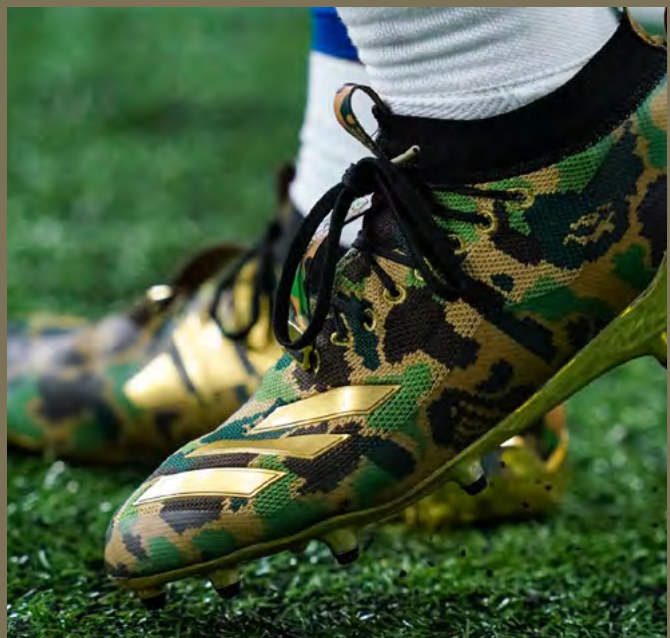


**SINCE 2011, SALUTE TO SERVICE HAS RAISED MORE THAN**  
**\$57 MILLION**  
**FOR ITS SALUTE TO SERVICE CHARITABLE PARTNERS.**

**THIS YEAR, SALUTE TO SERVICE CAME TO LIFE IN-STADIUM DURING GAMES IN WEEKS 9-11 AND IN OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS AROUND THE LEAGUE AS FANS AND THE NFL'S 32 CLUBS DEMONSTRATED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR MILITARY COMMUNITY.**

On-field, this included field stencils, banners, goal post wraps, game balls, helmet decals, and player gear. There was also Salute to Service apparel available for purchase with all league proceeds donated to initiative partners. In addition, fans were able to bid on game-worn jerseys and gear from Salute to Service games to raise money for the NFL's Salute to Service nonprofit partners.

The League also partners with **USAA**, an Official NFL Salute to Service Partner, to work together to honor and recognize service members and veterans with unique experiences around NFL calendar events.



# NEW ACTIVATIONS

## USO LAKENHEATH

In the United Kingdom, the NFL helped fund the November opening of **USO Lakenheath**, which supports more than 22,000 military personnel stationed in the area. USO Lakenheath provides a place for service members and military families to enjoy a variety of programs and services that help them relax, recharge and connect with family and friends around the world. The center also conducts outreach with the Royal Air Force Station Mildenhall in Suffolk, England, which is home to the U.S. Air Force's 100th Air Refueling Wing.

## USA WHEELCHAIR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

In 2019, **Move United** launched the first ever **USA Wheelchair Football League** for wounded veterans and other adults with disabilities, with support from an NFL and Bob Woodruff Foundation Salute to Service grant. Move United worked with **USA Football** and experts in adaptive sports to create the rules and infrastructure for the new wheelchair football league. This season, Move United hosted the first two tournaments for the Wheelchair Football League, with teams competing from Birmingham, Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Kansas City, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Phoenix and Tampa. Many teams also engaged with the local club in their market, wearing team colors and helmets with the club's logo on it.



## PARTNER SUPPORT

### ROCKET MORTGAGE

With its **Six for Service** program, **Rocket Mortgage** donated \$1,000 toward the fight to end veteran homelessness for every touchdown scored during November's Salute to Service games. During the initiative, Rocket Mortgage donated a total of \$210,000 for the cause.

### CROWN ROYAL

**Crown Royal** partnered with the NFL and the USO around Salute to Service to donate care packages to service members around the world as part of its **Purple Bag Project**, which has packed and provided over one million bags.

### ROCKET MORTGAGE

Throughout November, **NBC Sports Next** helped generate funds through its **GolfNow** round-up campaign. Anyone who booked tee times on GolfNow or its TeeOff brand during that month was offered the opportunity to round up the total cost of the reservation to an even-dollar figure, with all additional contributions going to Salute to Service. A total of \$100,000 was raised for the NFL's Salute to Service partners through this initiative.

## TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS

The NFL partners with Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors (TAPS) to fund programs that support the families of fallen military service members. Many thousands of survivors are able to access youth and mentor programs and services to support all those grieving the loss of a military loved one. Through this partnership, more than 5,500 survivors who are part of TAPS have been able to participate in NFL events and honor their loved one.

**MORE THAN  
5,500 SURVIVORS  
HAVE PARTICIPATED IN NFL  
EVENTS**



### PAT TILLMAN FOUNDATION

To help honor leaders who exemplify PAT TILLMAN's enduring legacy of service, the NFL partners with the Pat Tillman Foundation, which has provided more than \$22 million in academic scholarships and lifelong leadership development for nearly 750 Tillman Scholars.

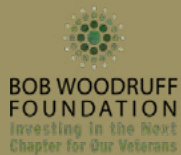
**MORE THAN \$22 MILLION IN ACADEMIC  
SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NEARLY 750 TILLMAN  
SCHOLARS**



### WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

The NFL partners with Wounded Warrior Project® to provide over 200,000 wounded veterans and family support members access to free programs and resources in mental health, career counseling and long-term rehabilitative care. Since 2011, the NFL has donated more than \$9 million to help injured veterans and their families tackle their next mission in life.

**SINCE 2011, NFL HAS DONATED MORE THAN  
\$9 MILLION TO HELP OVER 200,000 INJURED  
VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES**



## BOB WOODRUFF FOUNDATION

In 2019, the NFL and the Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF) established an \$8 million, three-year partnership designed to optimize the positive impact that the NFL and its 32 clubs have on the veteran community by leveraging BWF's national network. To date, BWF has invested nearly \$7.8 million in 62 best-in-class organizations supporting veterans and their families through NFL-BWF Healthy Lifestyles and Creating Communities grants. Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, the NFL and BWF also invested \$250,000 in four organizations tackling urgent service coordination and emergency financial assistance, and provided an additional \$334,000 in stimulus funding to 101 local community organizations serving veterans.

## NEARLY \$7.8 MILLION TOWARD 62 ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES

### \$250,000 INVESTED IN FOUR ORGANIZATIONS FOR EARLY COVID-19 SERVICE COORDINATION AND

### \$334,000 INVESTED IN 101 LOCAL COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS SERVING VETERANS



## USO

For more than half a century, the United Service Organizations (USO) and the NFL have partnered to express gratitude to the Armed Forces and to bring communities of fans and supporters together to give more than thanks to the military. Leveraging American football as the cornerstone of the partnership, the USO and NFL honor, empower and connect service members and military families. Through support of USO center expansions, holiday programming and a variety of other events and activations, the NFL helps to deliver sports, entertainment and gaming to troops being called to serve missions around the world. Since 2007, NFL players and coaches have traveled on USO Tours to 26 countries to meet and thank more than 97,000 service members.

## 55+ YEARS PARTNERSHIP

**SINCE 2007, NFL PLAYERS & COACHES HAVE TRAVELED ON USO TOURS TO 28 COUNTRIES (INCLUDING THE U.S.) TO MEET WITH MORE THAN 107,000 SERVICE MEMBERS**

**2021****SALUTE TO SERVICE  
AWARD****PRESENTED BY USAA**

For the 11th consecutive season, the NFL and **USAA**—an Official NFL Salute to Service Partner—recognized inspiring leaders within the NFL community who are committed to honoring and serving our military members, veterans and their families. The 2021 recipient of the **Salute to Service Award Presented by USAA** was Denver Broncos tight end **ANDREW BECK**.



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**SINCE JOINING THE NFL DURING THE 2019 SEASON, BECK'S DEDICATION TO SERVING THE MILITARY HAS BEEN EVIDENT. IN TOTAL, HE'S IMPACTED MORE THAN 425 MILITARY FAMILIES THROUGH HIS STRATEGIC OUTREACH DURING HIS TIME WITH THE BRONCOS.**

Beck, who comes from a military family due to his father's current service in the U.S. Army as a Brigadier General, knows firsthand some of the sacrifices made by our military community. While volunteering at a Salute to Service PLAY 60 Clinic in 2019, Beck learned that kids drove from Fort Carson Army Base in Colorado Springs. Beck's face immediately lit up, as he had played high school football in the area while his dad was stationed at the same base.

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**MORE THAN 425 MILITARY FAMILIES IMPACTED THROUGH BECK'S  
STRATEGIC OUTREACH**

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Despite cancellations, protocols and restrictions, Beck refused to let the pandemic impact his commitment to support the military. In November of 2020, he assembled Salute to Service care packages for military bases across Colorado and helped host a virtual visit with Wounded Warrior Project veterans.

In the 2021 offseason, Beck participated in a virtual visit with Buckley Space Force Base and USO Colorado to celebrate WingMan Week, a program dedicated to strengthening connection, relaxation and the rejuvenation of the fighting spirit. He also partnered with Freedom Service Dogs of America on multiple initiatives, including highlighting the organization on his cleats for **My Cause My Cleats**.



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## OVER 3 NFL SEASONS, BECK HAS PARTNERED WITH:

- AMERICA'S GOLD STAR FAMILIES
- BUCKLEY SPACE FORCE BASE
- FORT CARSON ARMY BASE
- FREEDOM SERVICE DOGS
- TAPS
- USO COLORADO
- VA EASTERN COLORADO HEALTH CARE SYSTEM
- VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA: COLORADO
- WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

**USAA CONTRIBUTED  
\$25,000 IN BECK'S NAME  
TO THE OFFICIAL AID  
SOCIETIES REPRESENTING  
ALL 5 MILITARY BRANCHES**

**NFL MATCHED \$25,000  
TO BE DONATED TO THE  
BECK'S MILITARY CHARITY  
OF CHOICE**





## NFL FOUNDATION

The National Football League Foundation is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those touched by the game of football. The NFL Foundation—in conjunction with the 32 NFL clubs—supports the health, safety and wellness of athletes across all levels, including youth football and the communities that support the game.

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## NFL FOUNDATION GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

**MORE THAN \$100,000** TO SUPPORT YOUTH FOOTBALL COVID-19 RELIEF AND RETURN TO PLAY IN LOCAL NFL CLUB MARKETS

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**NEARLY \$1 MILLION** IN GRANTS TO CLUB MARKETS TO HELP CLOSE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

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**MORE THAN \$2.5 MILLION** IN GRANTS TO CURRENT AND FORMER PLAYERS IN THEIR SUPPORT OF YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

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**MORE THAN \$7.5 MILLION** PROVIDED TO CLUB MARKETS TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND YOUTH FOOTBALL



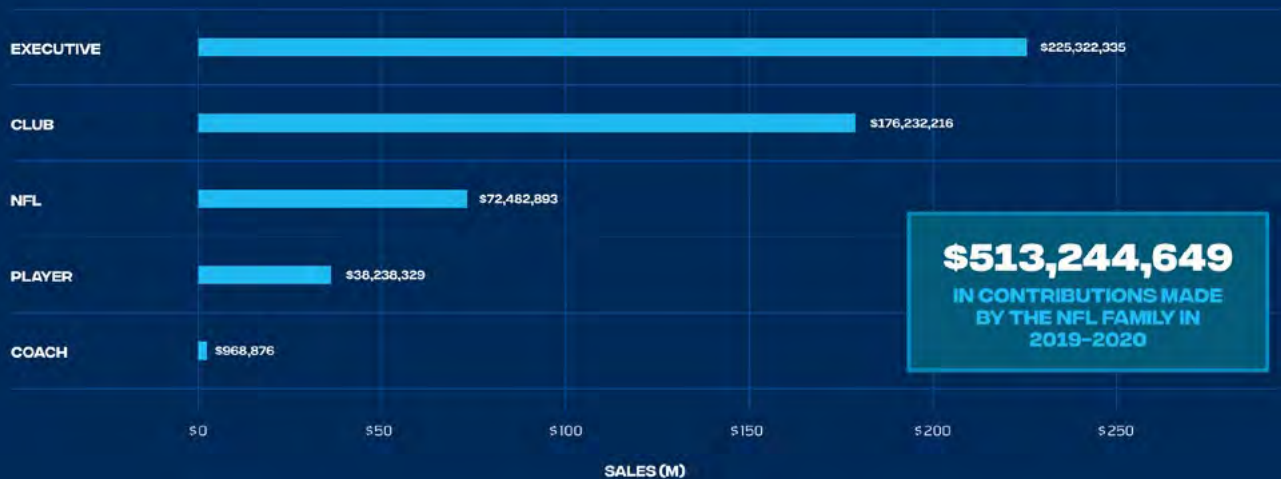
## PLAYER MATCHING COMMUNITY GRANTS

In 2021, the NFL Foundation further expanded its grant programs, offering players matching funds to support a wide range of community projects. This year, the NFL Foundation granted \$500,000 to more than 100 Legends and current players impacting their local communities.

\* based on latest public data from 2019 and 2020

## NFL PHILANTHROPY

2019-2020 TOTAL NFL CONTRIBUTIONS



CAUSES SUPPORTED: Disaster Relief, Cancer Awareness & Prevention, Youth Support, Athletics, Holistic Community Support



## PANDEMIC RECOVERY & SUPPORT

This season, the NFL Foundation announced a \$500,000 donation to Team Rubicon and a \$750,000 donation to the CDC Foundation to help continue the fight to eliminate health disparities and roll out COVID-19 vaccine services to vulnerable communities across the country. Additional pandemic recovery fundraising through Draft-a-Thon brought the total donation to nearly \$2 million to help communities across the country.

The NFL also worked closely with the White House COVID Response Team to announce during Global Citizen's VAX Live: The Concert to Reunite the World show that 50 free tickets to Super Bowl LVI would be provided for fans who shared their story on why they got vaccinated or would soon get vaccinated.

## TEAM RUBICON

**Team Rubicon** pairs the skills and experiences of military veterans with first responders, civilian volunteers and technology solutions, aiming to provide the greatest service and impact possible to those affected by disaster and humanitarian crises. As vaccines became available, the organization shifted its focus to prioritize the delivery of COVID-19 vaccinations to rural and underserved communities.

With its \$500,000 donation from the NFL Foundation, Team Rubicon was able to deliver free, timely and equitable vaccine services through ten vaccination sites in rural, marginalized and vulnerable communities across the country.

## CDC FOUNDATION

The **CDC Foundation** is an independent nonprofit created by Congress to mobilize philanthropic and private-sector resources to support health protection work. The COVID-19 pandemic exposed and intensified health inequities facing Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) communities, older and rural Americans, and other marginalized and under-resourced communities.

With its \$750,000 donation from the NFL Foundation, the CDC Foundation bolstered its support of COVID-19 vaccine rollout efforts in underserved areas across the country and in NFL markets. Local health departments and community-based organizations were also able to receive microgrants for under-resourced and at-risk communities.

NEARLY **\$2 MILLION** TO HELP COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY

**\$500,000** DONATION TO TEAM RUBICON

**\$750,000** DONATION TO THE CDC FOUNDATION

**50 FREE SUPER BOWL LVI TICKETS** FOR VACCINATED FANS

## DISASTER RELIEF

The NFL Foundation continues to play a key role in recovery and relief efforts following major disasters around the country.

### DISASTER RELIEF 2021

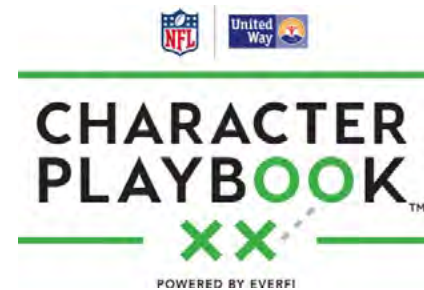
**TOTAL DONATION \$1,847,868**

DISASTER	ACTIVITY	FUNDING SOURCE
AFGHAN EVACUEES SUPPORT	Contributed to the <b>CDC Foundation</b> , <b>Catholic Charities Diocese of Trenton</b> , <b>Army Morale Welfare &amp; Recreation Department</b> , and the <b>Marine Corps Community Service Office</b> to support urgent communication and public health needs of families evacuating from Afghanistan and coming to the United States.	NFL Foundation – COVID Fines & NFL Auction
HURRICANE IDA	Contributed to help support those impacted by Hurricane Ida through the <b>Gulf Coast Renewal Fund</b> and <b>American Red Cross</b> .	NFL Foundation & NFL Auction
MIDWEST & SOUTHERN TORNADOES	Contributed to the <b>American Red Cross</b> to help support relief efforts associated with the tornadoes that devastated the Midwest and South in December.	NFL Foundation & NFL Auction
WESTERN WILDFIRES	Contributed to the <b>American Red Cross</b> to help support relief efforts associated with the Western Wildfires.	NFL Foundation & NFL Auction
BRONX APARTMENT FIRE	Contributed to the <b>American Red Cross</b> to support relief efforts associated with the tragic fire that killed many in a Bronx, NY apartment building.	NFL Foundation & NFL Auction
UKRAINE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS	Contributed to help the <b>USO</b> , one of the NFL's <b>Salute to Service</b> nonprofit partners, and its work to support service members deployed in Eastern Europe.	NFL Foundation – Salute to Service Budget

# CHARACTER PLAYBOOK

## CHARACTER PLAYBOOK POWERED BY EVERFI

Character Playbook is a digital education resource that helps middle school students learn how to cultivate and maintain healthy relationships. Powered by learning innovator EVERFI, Inc. and presented by the NFL and United Way Worldwide, the program has reached over one million students since its launch in 2016.



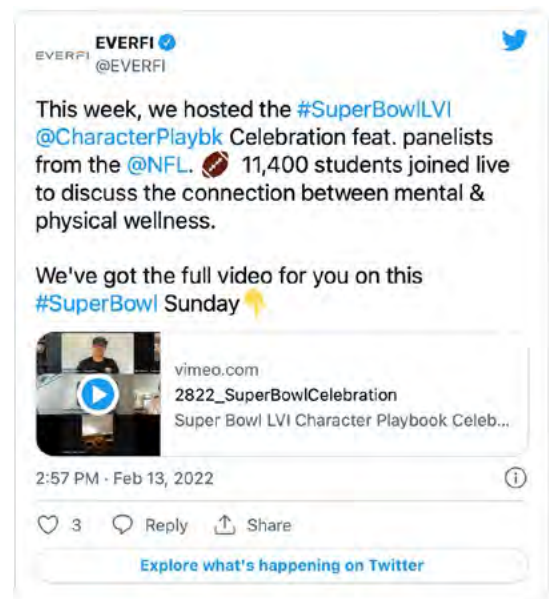
SINCE 2016, CHARACTER PLAYBOOK HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN OVER **12,000 SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE & REACHED OVER 1,000,000 STUDENTS**

NEARLY **260,000 STUDENTS** COMPLETED OVER **460,000 HOURS OF LEARNING** DURING THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Designed for grades six through 12, Character Playbook is composed of two module-based experiential learning courses: **Healthy Relationships** and **Mental Wellness Basics**. Together, these virtual learning experiences equip students with tools to help address their interpersonal relationships and mental well-being on a foundational level. The program is available to U.S. schools at no cost and has been implemented in over 12,000 schools nationwide.

The NFL and United Way have consistently risen to meet the increasing demand for character education, especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic. With widespread school closures that began in mid-March 2020, students and schools continued to access and benefit from Character Playbook's free educational resources. Nearly 260,000 students completed over 460,000 hours of learning during the 2020-2021 academic year, with almost 1,500 more schools leveraging the program.

Hosting virtual events was a central part of the Character Playbook program's success during the pandemic, allowing students to interact with NFL players, coaches and local United Way staff and executives to showcase their learnings. During the Super Bowl LVI Week in Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Chargers and Los Angeles Rams participated in a virtual panel for Character Playbook students across the country focusing on mental wellness.



▶ **WATCH VIDEO:**  
**JOSHUA DOBBS & ISS ASTRONAUTS TALK CHARACTER AND STEM**

# SPEAKER SERIES

In the fall of 2020, EVERFI, along with the NFL and United Way, created the 'Character Playbook: Speaker Series' to further enhance the Character Playbook program. The events series continued in the 2021 school year and was designed to align with history and heritage months throughout the year, highlight individuals and invite them to share their own personal stories.

## LATINX HERITAGE MONTH

OCTOBER 12TH

## NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

NOVEMBER 9TH

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

FEBRUARY 22ND

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARCH 16TH

## JEWISH HISTORY MONTH

MAY 3RD

## ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC

## ISLANDER MONTH

MAY 24TH

## PRIDE MONTH

JUNE 5TH



Top Left – **RAYSHAWN JENKINS** – Safety, Jacksonville Jaguars, (host)  
**ETHEL BRANCH** – Former Attorney General, Navajo Nation Bottom  
Left – **DANIELLE LOTE** – Advancement, Smithsonian's National  
Museum of the American Indian, **LYLE THOMPSON** – Attack, Premier  
Lacrosse League



Top left – **LILIANA PEREZ** – Cultural Affairs Director, LA Chargers,  
(host) **FRANCISCO PINTO** – Spanish Radio Analyst, LA Chargers  
/ Bottom Left – **WILL HERNANDEZ** – Guard, NY Giants **LUIS  
ZENDEJAS** – Former NFL Kicker

# INSIDEOUT

The InSideOut Initiative is an evidence-based, systems-level approach that aligns school communities around the value of purpose-based sports, connecting student-athletes to transformational coaches and a culture of belonging for their social-emotional and character development.

Now in its 6th year, the InSideOut Initiative continues to develop and implement effective strategies and publish its evidenced-based findings as it helps reclaim the educational and social-emotional value of youth and high school sports.

As the pandemic continued through 2021, the InSideOut Initiative provided professional development to thousands of educational leaders, athletic administrators and coaches through multimedia outreach that included Zoom trainings, course development, website posts, email outreach and social media strategies.

## FLAG-IN-SCHOOLS

With a renewed commitment of \$1.5 million from the NFL Foundation, the NFL, GENYOUth, Fuel Up to Play 60 and Reigning Champs Experiences (RCX) were able to extend GENYOUth's NFL FLAG-In-Schools (FIS) national program. Since 2014, NFL FIS has provided a total of 28,000 kits to U.S. schools, helping an estimated 15 million students become more active before, during and after school.

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NFL FIS came at a critical time as COVID-related school disruptions left millions of kids at home and severely limited their access to sports, increasing the level of interest in turn-key solutions for student engagement in physical activity. Scalable and sustainable, NFL FLAG-In-Schools is a proven resource that inspires boys and girls to participate in school-based sports.

The program's positive impact on girls has been especially significant with schools reporting increased female students' participation in physical activity, and even a movement toward girls flag as a varsity sport due to NFL FIS.

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### NFL FOUNDATION COMMITTED **\$1.5 MILLION** TO NFL FIS THIS YEAR

**SINCE 2014, NFL FIS HAS PROVIDED 28,000 KITS TO HELP 15 MILLION STUDENTS BECOME MORE ACTIVE**

**3000 + PHYSICAL EDUCATORS TRAINED**

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### NFL FIS BUILT ON THE SUCCESS OF PREVIOUS YEARS WITH NEW AND ENGAGING PROGRAM ELEMENTS, INCLUDING:

#### NERF BELTS AND FOOTBALLS

Global play and entertainment company Hasbro, Inc. supplied iconic NERF footballs and flag belts to the NFL FIS kits, infusing the equipment with a new level of flexibility, size and softness.

#### CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENTS

30 new online videos were made available to teach students the fundamentals of flag football and provide nutritional tips.

A dual English-Spanish language "Rules of the Game" resource was introduced in conjunction with the NFL's celebration of Spanish Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, helping more parents familiarize themselves with the NFL FIS program.

#### EXPANDED PROGRAM REACH

NFL FIS continued to support the Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), providing kits to nearly 200 clubs selected by BGCA on Native Lands and introducing 90,000 Native youth in American Indian, Alaskan Native, American Samoan and Hawaiian tribal communities to flag football.

NFL FIS forged a three-year partnership with Special Olympics, which will provide kits to Special Olympics Unified Sports® coaches and Unified physical education teachers who offer flag football instruction within Special Olympics Unified Champion Schools®.



## FIELD GRANTS

The NFL Foundation/Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Grassroots Field Grant Program—a partnership of the NFL Foundation and LISC, the nation's leading community development support organization—bestowed grants totaling \$6 million to community organizations, schools and parks in 30 cities and towns across the country.

This marked the most awards given in a single year since the NFL Foundation/LISC Grassroots Field Grant Program began in 1998, bringing the program's total commitment to \$58 million, resulting in the creation or refurbishment of 416 fields nationwide.

LISC identifies local, nonprofit and community-based agencies that have an interest in building or refurbishing football fields in schools and neighborhood parks. Through the program, the local agencies are provided with the necessary financing and technical assistance to improve the quality and safety of fields in their communities. The agencies oversee the construction, maintenance and programming of the fields.

The fields are newly built or significantly renovated, with improvements such as irrigation systems, lights, bleachers, scoreboards, goal posts and turf. Grassroots grants are issued once established funding thresholds are reached for each project.

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**\$6 MILLION**  
**TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS,  
SCHOOLS & PARKS**

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# NFL AUCTION

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**THERE'S ONLY ONE PLACE TO BID ON EXCLUSIVE SUPER BOWL PACKAGES, UNIQUE EXPERIENCES, AND AUTHENTIC SIGNED AND GAME-USED ITEMS FROM NFL TEAMS AND PLAYERS: [NFLAUCTION.NFL.COM](https://nflauction.nfl.com)**

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Game-used and game-issued items are featured on the site so that money can be raised for charitable partners. NFL Auction plays a key role in the NFL's Crucial Catch cancer awareness, Salute to Service military appreciation and My Cause My Cleats player cause campaigns. In 2021, NFL Auction raised more than \$1.5 million for these causes.

The NFL does not profit from the sale or auction of items, packages or experiences on the NFL Auction platform. Charitable contributions are awarded by the NFL Foundation to the NFL's nonprofit partners, including the American Cancer Society, USO, Wounded Warrior Project, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, NFL Player Care Foundation, and many team and player charities. This has included more than \$8.5 million in charitable contributions made over the past seven years.

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NFL Auction also provides a fundraising platform when disasters strike. After the devastation in New Orleans from Hurricane Ida, the Green Bay Packers and New Orleans Saints teamed up to fundraise. Select game-worn jerseys from each team, along with a curation of signed memorabilia, were auctioned off following Week 1. The auction raised nearly \$150,000 for local hurricane relief efforts in Louisiana.

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**MORE THAN \$8.5 MILLION IN CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS OVER THE PAST 7 YEARS**

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**MORE THAN [\\$250,000](#) RAISED FROM SAINTS & PACKERS JERSEYS FOR HURRICANE IDA RELIEF EFFORTS**

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**TOM BRADY JERSEY [RAISED \\$320,500](#) TO SUPPORT THE TB12 FOUNDATION**

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**JOE BURROW CLEATS RAISED [\\$35,150](#) TO SUPPORT JOE BURROW HUNGER RELIEF & THE ATHENS COUNTY FOOD PANTRY**

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**JOE BURROW JERSEY RAISED [\\$81,600](#) TO SUPPORT CRUCIAL CATCH & AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

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# USA FOOTBALL

The NFL Foundation has been a strong supporter of USA Football since its formation as the sport's national governing body. USA Football helps make the game smarter, safer and more fun for the kids who play it. Through training, education and events, USA Football gets everyone on the same page—from parents and players to coaches and commissioners. The organization was endowed in 2002 by the NFL and the NFL Players' Association.



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VISIT [USAFOOTBALL.COM](https://usafootball.com) TO LEARN MORE.

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## YOUTH FOOTBALL EQUIPMENT PACKAGES

USA Football partnered with **Good Sports**, a nationally recognized youth sports nonprofit that drives equitable access in youth sports and physical activity, to deliver more than \$450,000 in youth football equipment packages for children nationwide. Thousands of children across 57 youth football organizations in high-need communities spanning 30 states now have the opportunity to enjoy the fun and fitness of football through this partnership and its awarded equipment packages.

USA Football and Good Sports' partnership represents an expansion of USA Football's annual grant program, which awarded more than \$2 million in equipment and other resources to youth football programs in 2021.

## FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT MODEL

### FOOTBALL FOR ALL™

USA Football's Football Development Model is a new approach to youth football. It's designed to help coaches teach athletes based on their age, the skill they are learning and game type. This approach assists with the development of young athletes and allows them to learn the game and related skills in a progression that best suits them, as well as offers young athletes more opportunities to play the game and choose the type of football they want to play. Like many sports, football has changed and evolved over time. Regardless of challenges it has faced, the sport remains "America's game," with millions of young athletes participating nationwide.

Learn more at [FDM.USAFOOTBALL.COM](https://fdm.usafootball.com)

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## FIRST DOWN

### FOOTBALL FOR ALL™

**First Down** is a fun and free introduction to football for kids and their parents. Young athletes get active and learn the basics like running, jumping, passing and catching. Through hundreds of events, tens of thousands of kids experience football for the first time. All skills and drills selected are based on the Football Development Model.

Learn more at [USAFOOTBALL.COM/FIRSTDOWN](https://usafootball.com/firstdown)

## COACH CERTIFICATION

### BECOME A BETTER COACH

The **USA Football Coach Certification** program is a way for coaches to "step up to the standard" and be the best leaders for their athletes. Through certification, coaches pledge to make athletes their top priority and are given access to new and useful videos, resources and tools to enhance the game.

### IN THE PROGRAM, COACHES LEARN ABOUT:

- **Football Development Model:** How to develop and teach athletes.
- **Health & Safety:** Head, heart and heat, plus so much more.
- **Anti-Abuse & Coach 101:** Protecting the well-being of athletes.



## DON SHULA NFL HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

The **Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Award** honors high school football coaches who demonstrate the integrity, achievement and leadership exemplified by the winningest coach in NFL history, **DON SHULA**.

Each year, the 32 NFL clubs nominate a deserving high school football coach from their market as their Coach of the Year.

All Don Shula Award nominees were again invited to attend the **2022 Pro Bowl** in Las Vegas and were recognized in special ways during the NFL's week-long celebration of football.

This year's winner, **COACH BOB PALKO** from Mt. Lebanon High School in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was announced during the 2022 Pro Bowl. Coach Palko not only led his team to a 15-0 record and a State Championship, but his program also has a 100% graduation rate among players and the team gives back to their school and community through volunteerism and support of charitable causes.

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***"OUR PROGRAM IS MORE THAN JUST THE GAME OF FOOTBALL. WE BELIEVE IN DEVELOPING THE WHOLE PERSON WITHIN OUR STUDENT ATHLETES. WE TAKE A BIG PICTURE PERSPECTIVE AND USE FOOTBALL AS A VEHICLE TO ENHANCE FUTURE SUCCESS."***

**COACH BOB PALKO**

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## NFL PLAY 60

FOR 15 YEARS (SINCE 2007), THE NFL PLAY 60 INITIATIVE has served as the League's national youth health and wellness initiative to encourage millions of kids across the country to get physically active for at least 60 minutes a day and fuel the body with nutritious foods.



With more than \$360 million to youth health and fitness through PLAY 60 programming, grants and awareness campaigns, the NFL, its 32 clubs and its PLAY 60 partners have provided more than 38 million children the resources they need to boost their activity levels by supporting programs in over 73,000 schools and constructing more than 280 youth fitness zones nationwide.



With the continued impact of COVID-19, the NFL and its PLAY 60 partners—including Fuel Up to Play 60, the American Heart Association (AHA), GoNoodle and Special Olympics—have teamed up to provide parents, teachers and students with free digital resources to stay physically active and healthy. These online resources are specifically designed to help students lead healthy lifestyles no matter where they are learning.

Visit [NFL.COM/PLAY60](https://www.nfl.com/play60) to learn more.

**NFL HAS COMMITTED MORE THAN  
\$360 MILLION TO YOUTH HEALTH  
AND FITNESS**



## AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

The **American Heart Association** and the NFL have provided free digital programming that delivers physical, activity-themed content to students in the classroom and at home. The American Heart Association and the NFL, in collaboration with **Go Noodle**, have provided PLAY 60-themed video content, classroom curriculum, family challenges and an interactive **NFL PLAY 60 app**. The PLAY 60 app has new features that allow for parents to track their child's fitness and for teachers to set up and save a group for each of their classes. Rooted in science, PLAY 60 digital content prioritizes physical activity and healthy nutrition to empower children to create healthy routines and habits that are fun for the whole family.



VISIT [HEART.ORG/NFLPLAY60](https://heart.org/nflplay60) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## FUEL UP TO PLAY 60

**Fuel Up to Play 60**, the leading in-school health and wellness program launched by the NFL and the **National Dairy Council** (which was founded by dairy farmers, in collaboration with the **USDA**), has empowered students and educators to work together to build healthier schools and students for more than 10 years.

With school looking different the past two years, the program introduced new digital resources, including the **Fuel Up to Play 60 Homeroom**, with an assortment of fun videos featuring NFL players and learning activities on health, wellness and building strong communities.

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LEARN MORE AT [FUELUPTOPLAY60.COM](https://fueluptoplay60.com)

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## PLAY WITH PURPOSE

GoNoodle and the NFL teamed for **Play With Purpose**, a program that includes custom video content and a playbook to encourage kids to be a team player, practice inclusivity, stay positive and be active. The partnership helps improve physical activity, confidence and social skills while developing lifelong values, morals and mental agility.

**TO LEARN MORE, VISIT [GONOODLE.COM/NFLPLAY60](https://gonoodle.com/nflplay60)**



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The NFL and Special Olympics are committed to building inclusive communities, providing opportunities to PLAY 60 for athletes of all abilities and allowing them to participate in sports through the expansion of Special Olympics Unified Flag Football, where individuals with and without intellectual disabilities play on the same team.

Despite delays of reopening in-person sports events across the country due to the pandemic, the NFL, Special Olympics and NFL clubs found innovative ways to provide resources to Special Olympics athletes across the country. This season, the NFL Foundation increased its financial support of Unified Flag Football, which added crucial funding to local Special Olympics Programs that had been hit hard financially due to COVID-19.



### **NFL PLAY 60 SUPER KID**

Indio, California native **AUBREY ANAYA**, 11, was this year's **NFL PLAY 60 Super Kid**. She was the official NFL PLAY 60 Ambassador during **Super Bowl Week** in Los Angeles and was recognized at the second half of **Super Bowl LVI** at SoFi Stadium. Aubrey is also a student ambassador for the Fuel Up to Play 60 program.

## **FITNESSGRAM®**

The Cooper Institute®

### **FITNESSGRAM THE COOPER INSTITUTE**

Research conducted by **The Cooper Institute** through its **NFL PLAY 60 FitnessGram® Project** revealed annual improvements in aerobic capacity and body mass index for students participating in NFL PLAY 60 programming when compared to schools not utilizing NFL PLAY 60 programs.



### **HEALTHY LIVING GRANTS**

The **NFL Foundation** encourages active and healthy living by providing grants to the **American Heart Association** and **The Cooper Institute**. These grants power the NFL PLAY 60 initiative. NFL clubs also receive grants from the NFL Foundation to fund NFL PLAY 60 programs in their areas.

## **ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL®**

NFL PLAY 60 is the "Official Champion of Play" at **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, which is leading the way the world understands, treats, and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

Since 2015, NFL Network personality **RICH EISEN** has capped off the **NFL Scouting Combine Presented by Verizon** with his signature 40-yard dash in a suit for the "Run Rich Run" charitable campaign in support of St. Jude Research Hospital. Eisen completed his first ever dash at the **2021 NFL Draft** and this year he will compete in Run Rich Run leading up to the **2022 NFL Draft**.

**FOR MORE DETAILS, VISIT**  
**[NFLNETWORK.COM/RUNRICHRUN](https://NFLNETWORK.COM/RUNRICHRUN)**

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**'RUN RICH RUN' HAS RAISED  
APPROXIMATELY \$4.2 MILLION  
TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE**



**THE NFL AND ITS PARTNERS ARE COMMITTED TO CONTINUING THE PLAY 60  
MOVEMENT FOR AN ACTIVE AND HEALTHIER GENERATION FOR YEARS TO COME.**

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# NFL EVENTS



## 2021 NFL DRAFT WEEK

From local efforts to fight hunger, to youth football events and character-building initiatives, to community greening projects, the NFL left a lasting, positive legacy in Cleveland and throughout Ohio during **2021 NFL Draft Week**.

### DRAFT-A-THON

The 2021 Draft-a-Thon drove awareness and action, working to close critical gaps at the intersection of pandemic recovery and social wellbeing in the hardest hit communities. Draft-a-Thon raised funds on behalf of four national nonprofit organizations that support underserved communities in these areas: the digital divide in education, health disparities, food insecurity and mental health. The CDC Foundation, The Education Trust, Feeding America and Mental Health America were all beneficiaries of this year's Draft-a-Thon, which raised nearly \$700,000.



## INSPIRE CHANGE HUDDLE LEGACY PROGRAM

The Cleveland Public Library hosted the kickoff of the Inspire Change Huddle Legacy Program, a season-long commitment to help close the digital divide. As part of the program, the NFL Foundation and Cisco each donated \$75,000 to The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland and the Cleveland Public Library Foundation. The donations allowed for upgraded technology for children's programming at the Cleveland Public Library and created new technology justice hubs for families with children to access Legal Aid's services while at library branches.

## GREATER CLEVELAND FOOD BANK

To kick off the week, the NFL partnered with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to fight food insecurity by making a \$35,000 donation and handing out NFL-themed items to those who came to receive fresh produce and shelf-stable food.

## \$35,000 DONATED TO FOOD BANK

## NFL-DRAFT YWCA RACIAL EQUITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGE

In advance of the Draft, the NFL worked with the YWCA of Greater Cleveland to curate a 21-day challenge. Members of the NFL family participated in the challenge by listening to podcasts, reading articles and watching videos to deepen their understanding of topics such as racism and identity, systemic racism and intersectionality.

To learn more visit [YWCAOFCLEVELAND.ORG/ELIMINATE-RACISM/NFLDRAFTCHALLENGE](https://ywcaofcleveland.org/eliminate-racism/nfldraftchallenge)

## ADDITIONAL 2021 DRAFT WEEK EVENTS:

- Greater Cleveland Food Bank Distribution
- Play Football Town Hall
- Field Refurbishment Groundbreaking Ceremony at Shaw High School Stadium
- NFL FLAG Regional Tournament
- NFL Foundation Draft Prospect Grants
- Character Playbook Panel Discussion on Mental Health (virtual)
- NFL Green Projects

**21 DAY RACIAL EQUITY & SOCIAL JUSTICE CHALLENGE** | **2021 NFL DRAFT**

**LAUNCHING WEDNESDAY APRIL 8**  
#NFLDraftChallenge

eliminating racism  
empowering women  
**ywca**  
Greater Cleveland

**INSPIRE CHANGE**



# 2021 NFL KICKOFF WEEK

In the lead up to the Dallas-Tampa Bay Kickoff Game in Tampa, the NFL hosted a series of community and service events to celebrate the start of the season. With events including local efforts to fight hunger, honoring military members and community greening projects, the NFL united and strengthened the community, leaving a lasting, positive impact on Tampa and its surrounding areas.

## SEPTEMBER 11TH

As the League kicked off its 102nd season, the NFL family joined together to recognize the 20th anniversary of the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and honor those who have lost and sacrificed their lives over the last two decades. The NFL pledged its continued commitment to **Tuesday's Children**, which works to ensure that families who have suffered losses due to the events of 9/11, post-9/11 military service, or other acts of mass violence and terrorism always have a comforting place to turn to for support and community. Tuesday's Children helped the NFL identify families to honor in-stadium during the game.

## INSPIRE CHANGE HUDDLE LEGACY PROGRAM

The **Inspire Change Huddle Legacy Program** honored the League's commitment to helping close the digital divide. As part of the program, the **NFL Foundation** and **Cisco** each donated \$75,000 to **Safe & Sound Hillsborough**. The donation helped to fund technology infrastructure at the reporting center and support online STEM curriculum for the youth.

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## SCHOOL SUPPLIES DROP-OFF

The NFL worked with **The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay** and **The Spring of Tampa Bay** to drop off backpacks full of school supplies, allowing both organizations to directly support families in the Tampa Bay community.

## SALUTE TO SERVICE

To honor military members and their families, the NFL, **Tampa Bay Sports Commission** and **FORCE BLUE** hosted a **Salute to Service** event to share the documentary, **100 Yards of Hope**, with hundreds of Tampa Bay service members. The film focuses on the collective partnership between the NFL, special operations military divers, scientists and natural resource managers who came together to restore a football field-sized coral reef for Super Bowl LVI and LV.

The NFL and United Service Organizations (USO) also hosted an event inside of the NFL Kickoff Experience that invited fans to prepare care packages for service members.

## HUDDLES TO TACKLE HUNGER

Ahead of Kickoff, the NFL worked with **Feeding Tampa Bay (FTB)** to host two **Huddle to Tackle Hunger** events. These built upon the initial program that was launched at **Super Bowl LV**, where the **NFL Foundation** made a \$250,000 donation to FTB to combat food insecurity in the region—an issue that has been exacerbated by the pandemic. The events were hosted at FTB's **Trinity Café** locations as a part of its daily commitment to serve food to those in need. NFL Legends were on site to help hand out healthy meals and NFL-branded merchandise.

## ADDITIONAL 2021 KICKOFF WEEK EVENTS:

- Huddle for Change: Racial Equity & Mental Health
- Character Playbook 2021 Kickoff Event (virtual)
- NFL Green Projects

# 2022 NFL PRO BOWL WEEK



The impact of the **2022 Pro Bowl Presented By Verizon** extended far beyond Allegiant Stadium, coming to life through the NFL's many community and youth football events that took place during **Pro Bowl Week** in Las Vegas. From a park refurbishment project to flag football games and greening projects, thousands of local children and their families were able to experience the positive impact and community spirit of the NFL.

## PRO BOWL COMMUNITY DAY

NFL Legends participated in hands-on volunteering activities alongside local youth for Pro Bowl Community Day. Activities included refurbishing Wells Park by painting graffitied picnic tables, planting trees and contributing to a community mural. Other activities included packing care bags for community members impacted by domestic violence and sexual assault, as well as writing positive messages as part of an allyship wall that promotes acceptance and inclusion for the LGBTQ+ community.



## INSPIRE CHANGE HUDDLE LEGACY PROGRAM

To help close the digital divide through the continuation of the NFL Foundation's Inspire Change Huddle Legacy Program, the NFL partnered with Comp-U-Dopt—with support of the Latin Chamber of Commerce Nevada Inc.—to provide laptops, technical support and digital literacy curriculum to more than 200 Latinx families in need. The event aimed to break down barriers to education, particularly for individuals who speak English as a second language.

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## ADDITIONAL 2022 NFL PRO BOWL WEEK EVENTS:

- NFL FLAG Championship
- NFL Green Projects

# SUPER BOWL LVI WEEK



Super Bowl LVI left a positive impact on Los Angeles with more than 30 charitable activities and community outreach events to enrich the community and provide lasting legacies long after the game was over.

Super Bowl Week activities included community projects made possible by NFL Foundation Super Bowl Legacy Grants and the Super Bowl LVI Host Committee, community greening projects, Salute to Service events to honor our military and veterans, and NFL PLAY 60 Kids Day.

## SUPER BOWL LEGACY GRANT

Each year the NFL, via the **NFL Foundation**, seeks to leave a lasting legacy in the Super Bowl host community through its **Super Bowl Legacy Grant** initiative. A \$1 million grant is matched by the **Super Bowl Host Committee** and allocated to nonprofit organizations in the surrounding community. This year, the **Super Bowl LVI Legacy Grant Program—Champions Live Here—** recognized 56 “unsung hero” grassroots organizations through grant assistance and other support for making a transformative impact in their communities. Each organization received a \$10,000 grant, professionally produced marketing videos and public recognition of their work. Six of these organizations received a total grant award of \$50,000 to make an even bigger impact in their community.

## SALUTE TO SERVICE

With support from an **NFL** and **Bob Woodruff Foundation Salute to Service Grant**, Move United launched the first ever **USA Wheelchair Football League** for athletes with disabilities, including veterans. The NFL was proud to host a tournament and Championship Game during Super Bowl Week.

With a visit to **Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos**, NFL representatives and players were able to personally interact with the pilots and service members who performed the Super Bowl flyover and thank them for their service to our country.





## INSPIRE CHANGE

As part of the ongoing social justice work through its **Inspire Change** initiative, the **NFL Foundation** joined **Cisco** to address the digital divide for the children of incarcerated parents, as part of the season-long **NFL Foundation's Inspire Change Huddle Legacy Program**.

Working with nonprofits the **Anti Recidivism Coalition** and **The Place 4 Grace**, the NFL and Cisco provided funding to outfit 30 children with much-needed technology at home, including computers, WiFi hotspots, tablets and more. The contribution, which was part of the NFL Foundation and Cisco's \$150,000 donation to address the digital divide in Los Angeles, not only improved the kids' learning at home, but also provided them with the tools they need to virtually connect with their incarcerated parents on an on-going basis.

As part of the initiative, these children took part in a special event at the **NFL Network** studios, where they recorded messages on-set with the help of NFL Network talent, and were surprised with a video compilation from their parents.

## PLAY 60 KIDS DAY

In celebration of the 15th anniversary of the **NFL PLAY 60** initiative, the NFL hosted **NFL PLAY 60 Kids Day: Huddle Up to Make A Difference** at **Edward Vincent Park**. Nearly 600 local **Inglewood Unified School District** students had the opportunity to participate in this festival-style event centered around youth health and wellness and community impact. The event included fun-filled activities for kids to get active as well as opportunities for them to give back to their local community on key causes important to the NFL and the City of Los Angeles. Students participated in packing 1,000 care bags in support of a local nonprofit **Peace Over Violence**, a garden restoration and tree planting project hosted by the **American Heart Association** and the NFL, a **PLAY 60** fitness zone area, and painting a mural alongside a local Inglewood artist.

## MAKE-A-WISH®

As one of the longest-standing partners of **Make-A-Wish**, the NFL helped celebrate 40 years of partnership together by working to grant the wishes of 15 children with critical illnesses to attend Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles.

## CELEBRATION OF PRIDE & ALLYSHIP

The NFL celebrated the LGBTQ+ community and recognized the importance of allyship together with **Covenant House of California** and the **LGBT Center**. NFL players joined the celebration and delivered notes of allyship and support for the LGBTQ+ community that were completed by players throughout the League.



## BUSINESS CONNECT CELEBRATION

For 18 months, the **NFL Business Connect** program worked with 225 local diverse business owners in Los Angeles to prepare them to compete for and win contracts related to Super Bowl LVI. The program hosted professional development workshops and networking events designed to grow the business acumen of women, minority, veteran and LGBTQ+-owned businesses.

## COVID-19 VACCINATION CLINIC

The NFL partnered with the **Los Angeles County Department of Public Health** to host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic at **Super Bowl Experience Presented by Lowe's**, the NFL's interactive football theme park.

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## ADDITIONAL SUPER BOWL WEEK EVENTS:

- Hispanic Heritage Foundation Youth Awards Ceremony
- Salute to Service 100 Yards of Hope Screening
- Vincent Country Safe Zone Activity Day
- Gold House Salon: Off the Sidelines
- Local Artist Collaboration & Auction
- Forward Progress: Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Breakfast
- 'A Night of Pride' with GLAAD
- NFL Player Care Foundation Super Bowl Career Fair
- Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Event
- Play Football High School Day
- Girls FLAG Football Exhibition
- Players Coalition & Cafe Momentum Dinner to Create Change
- Taste of the NFL
- RISE Champions of Change Fan Experience
- RISE Seventh Annual Super Bowl Critical Conversation (virtual)
- Character Playbook Panel (virtual)
- NFL PLAY 60 Super Bowl LVI Brain Break (virtual)
- NFL Green Projects

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



## DUI PREVENTION

The NFL is proud to team up with Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) for the 12th season. Together, the organizations are working to educate players and fans that the most valuable position is the designated driver.



Drunk driving is the biggest killer on America's roads, causing more than 11,000 deaths and 300,000 injuries every year. Countless more lives are changed forever. All these tragedies are 100% preventable. MADD is zeroing in on a day when there are No More Victims® of impaired driving. Through education and awareness campaigns and new advancements in auto technology, the end of drunk and drugged driving is closer than ever.

Since 2015, MADD and the NFL have engaged more than one million NFL fans to take the Most Valuable Position (MVP) pledge to be a non-drinking designated driver. Together, the organizations have also been able to inspire players and team staff through meaningful discussions, training and impact stories to make safe choices that protect themselves and others from the consequences of driving impaired. In addition, MADD has been there to support players, staff and their communities when lives have been changed because of an impaired driving crash.

This partnership focuses on MADD's lifesaving message, "If you drink, don't drive." MADD remains focused on one number: ZERO. Together with the NFL and the fans, MADD is creating a nation of zero deaths, zero injuries, zero families impacted by impaired driving.

**DRUNK DRIVING DEATHS CUT BY 50%**

**400,000+ LIVES SAVED, AND COUNTING**

**900,000+ VICTIMS SERVED**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO GET INVOLVED,  
VISIT [MADD.ORG](http://MADD.ORG)**

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / SEXUAL ASSAULT

The NFL is committed to addressing and preventing domestic violence and sexual assault. Through national and local partnerships, the NFL works year-round to provide resources to educate communities and support survivors. During Super Bowl Week, the NFL also works annually to recognize and assist local domestic violence and sexual assault resources through its **Unsung Heroes Gathering**. At the 2022 gathering, attendees enjoyed brunch and took part in painting activities to benefit a local domestic violence shelter, while hearing words of support from **COMMISSIONER GOODELL**, NFL players and inspirational speakers.

NFL clubs continue to work in their communities on efforts including abuse intervention programs, crisis center fundraisers, high school healthy relationship assemblies and local public service campaigns.

## ADDRESSING & PREVENTING RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

Since 2014, the NFL has provided financial support to the **National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline)** in its mission to shift power back to people affected by relationship abuse. The Hotline remains the only national, 24-hour, year-round resource for survivors offering services via call, chat and text.

In addition to intervention services, the organization is leading the way on preventing relationship abuse with **love is respect**, an initiative that engages, educates and empowers young people to prevent and end abusive relationships. It is the first 24-hour national resource for teens and is a safe, inclusive space where young people can access information and get help in an environment designed specifically for them.

Support from the NFL continued to make a positive impact at The Hotline. The Hotline answered 408,370 calls, online chats and text messages from people across the country. The Hotline also advocates for strong survivor-centered policies and legislation, including the passage of the reauthorized **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** and the **Family Violence Prevention Services Act**. Financial support provided by the NFL helped The Hotline further its policy work in Washington, D.C., helping to shape the way government, communities and providers approach this issue and best serve survivors.

Finally, support from the NFL helped advocates offer 208,765 referrals to shelter and domestic violence service providers and 192,898 referrals to additional resources across the nation.

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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HOTLINE, PLEASE VISIT **THEHOTLINE.ORG**

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## RALIANCE

The NFL continues to support **RALIANCE**, a trusted adviser for organizations committed to building cultures that are equitable, respectful and safe. RALIANCE offers unparalleled expertise in serving survivors of sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse, which drives its mission to help organizations across sectors create inclusive environments for all.

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Every day, RALIANCE helps organizations establish safer workplaces and communities by supporting innovative prevention programs and providing expert consulting services such as organizational assessment, policy review, customized trainings, internal auditing and crisis communications guidance. RALIANCE helped expand resources for businesses and organizations, including co-publishing **The New World of Work**, a report on how employers have adapted due to COVID-19 with insights on how to address and prevent workplace harassment.

RALIANCE continued to engage the sport community as a partner in ending sexual violence, including highlighting best practices in preventing sexual violence in sport at the **National Conference on Health and Domestic Violence** and the **American Public Health Association Conference**. In addition, RALIANCE supported the passage of the **Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual**

**Harassment Act**. This included organizing a sign-on letter with seven other national groups, securing 64 signers and briefing Senate Judiciary staff.

With the NFL's support since 2016, RALIANCE has awarded nearly \$3 million in one-year grants to prevention programs and projects that advance policy and practices in support of survivors and make communities safer. RALIANCE uses an intersectional approach to prevention, therefore the majority of the 68 projects funded to date have been awarded to programs serving people of color, LGBTQ+ communities, people with disabilities, religious minorities, immigrants, young people and others who often are heavily impacted by sexual violence and yet historically overlooked by funders.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [RALIANCE.ORG](https://raliance.org)**

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**WITH THE SUPPORT OF NFL FUNDING, RALIANCE HAS INVESTED NEARLY \$3 MILLION IN ONE-YEAR GRANTS SINCE 2016**

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## TRAFFICKING PREVENTION

Human and sex trafficking are issues that the NFL works to address, particularly as it relates to Super Bowl host cities. Each year, the Super Bowl Host Committee selects a local organization to head up trafficking awareness and prevention work in advance of Super Bowl. The NFL provides financial support to the selected organization, which then coordinates all ongoing efforts between nonprofits, law enforcement, and the hospitality and transportation industries, among others.

The **Los Angeles Super Bowl LVI Host Committee** selected the **U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking (USIAHT)** to head up trafficking prevention and awareness work in the region ahead of Super Bowl. USIAHT assembled the **Alliance Against Human Trafficking & Exploitation** to raise awareness, offer community trainings, provide victim services and coordinate with local law enforcement agencies in Los Angeles. The Alliance is made up of the following organizations: **It's A Penalty**, **A21**, **Inner City Visions** and **kNot Today**. The Alliance worked jointly with the **South Los Angeles Anti-Trafficking Committee (SLAATC)**, comprised of many local Los Angeles nonprofits, to educate the public on the warning signs of human trafficking, empowering them to report suspicious activity and provide resources to victims and those most vulnerable to exploitation.

# EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS & EMPLOYEE INTEREST GROUPS

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## APEX

Asian Professional Exchange (APEX) is an NFL Employee Affinity Group open to all NFL employees. APEX aims to serve as a bridge between the AAPI community, AAPI employees and allies, adjacent NFL affinity groups, and the NFL's corporate culture and brand.

## PIN

The Parents Initiative Network (PIN) is a parenthood community dedicated to fostering unbiased inclusion, transparency and support for working parents within the NFL.

## PRIDE

NFL Pride is an employee resource group that aims to heighten the visibility of the LGBTQ+ community in the NFL offices so that employees of all sexual orientations feel comfortable being themselves in the workplace. Through networking events, guest speakers, community outreach and employee education, NFL Pride serves LGBTQ+ employees and their "allies" who support a culture of inclusion.



## WIN

NFL Women's Interactive Network (WIN) aims to empower and inspire those within the NFL dedicated to the professional development and advancement of women, while deepening the engagement of all employees at the League.

## BEN

Black Engagement Network (BEN) is an employee affinity group established to develop, acquire and retain Black talent at the NFL while also serving as an employee resource group for League leadership. BEN's mission is to create a diverse and inclusive culture within the NFL for employees at every level and strengthen the NFL's commitment to Black employees through professional development, career management, mentoring, networking and community outreach.

## LIGA

LIGA is a coalition of employees focused on supporting the engagement and professional development of Latinx employees at the NFL while bringing a greater understanding and appreciation of the Latinx community to NFL employees of all walks of life. By facilitating discussions around cultural inclusivity and important diversity issues, LIGA hopes to identify opportunities that expand on the NFL's positive work environment while celebrating the richness of Latinx cultural diversity and driving cultural engagement.



## COMMUNITY TEAMMATES

Community Teammates is a cross-departmental affinity group of employees dedicated to volunteering together in their communities. Its mission is to build a culture of community service and volunteerism at the NFL in order to enhance meaningful team building, company morale and impact.

## GREEN TEAM

The Green Team helps to lead the charge in environmental stewardship at the NFL, creating a strong culture of sustainability and awareness of environmental impact.

# WOMEN'S FORUM

The NFL virtually hosted its sixth annual **Women's Forum** as part of its ongoing, League-wide commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. The Forum connected 45 women, 64% of whom are women of color, with leaders in the professional football space to provide insight and opportunities into open positions, as well as coaching, scouting and football operations.

The Women's Forum aims to connect female participants with leaders in professional football. There have been 23 NFL clubs that have hired past Forum participants and over 200 opportunities have emerged for women in all levels of football since its inception in 2017.

For the second consecutive year, participants took part in the two-day virtual event. This included panel discussions, breakout sessions and networking activities with owners, executives, coaches, industry experts and hiring managers representing organizations including the NFL and **Women Leaders in College Sports**. Most participants who attended the forum work in entry-level college football roles and learned what could be next for them in a career in professional football.

Featured speakers included NFL Commissioner ROGER GOODELL and JANE SKINNER GOODELL, as well as three club owners, eight head coaches and seven general managers (listed below).

## NFL CLUB OWNERS

**DEE HASLAM**, Cleveland Browns Managing and Principal Partner

**DARCIE GLAZER KASSEWITZ**, Tampa Bay Buccaneers Co-Owner; President of Tampa Bay Buccaneers Foundation and the Glazer Vision Foundation

**KIM PEGULA**, President and CEO of Pegula Sports and Entertainment; President of the Buffalo Bills

## NFL HEAD COACHES

**BRUCE ARIANS**, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**SEAN McDERMOTT**, Buffalo Bills

**SEAN McVAY**, Los Angeles Rams

**RON RIVERA**, Washington Football Team

**ARTHUR SMITH**, Atlanta Falcons

**BRANDON STALEY**, Los Angeles Chargers

**KEVIN STEFANSKI**, Cleveland Browns

**MIKE VRABEL**, Tennessee Titans

## NFL GENERAL MANAGERS

**BRANDON BEANE**, Buffalo Bills

**NICK CASERIO**, Houston Texans

**TERRY FONTENOT**, Atlanta Falcons

**CHRIS GRIER**, Miami Dolphins

**HOWIE ROSEMAN**, Philadelphia Eagles

**JOE SCHOEN**, New York Giants

**LES SNEAD**, Los Angeles Rams





## SUPPORTING THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

The NFL supports **The Trevor Project**, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to end suicide among lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) young people. NFL funding has supported The Trevor Project in the scaling and growth of its crisis intervention services and suicide prevention programming, enabling the organization to provide more LGBTQ youth with life-affirming support.

Another partner the NFL works with to enhance its efforts in the LGBTQ+ space is **GLAAD**, an American non-governmental media monitoring organization that was founded as a protest against defamatory coverage of LGBT people. This year, during **Super Bowl Week**, the NFL and GLAAD teamed up for '**A Night of Pride with GLAAD**,' which provided an evening of music, cocktails and conversations to spotlight advances in—and the future of—LGBTQ+ inclusion in professional sports, as well as the NFL's commitment to LGBTQ+ former and current players.

At NFL tentpole events throughout the season, the League consults and works with a variety of organizations—both local and national—that are focused on providing an inclusive, positive environment for the LGBTQ+ community.



## RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

During the 2021 season, the NFL launched an extensive, integrated League-wide responsible betting public awareness program designed to educate fans who choose to engage in sports betting to do so responsibly. The key message encourages people to play responsibly by sticking to a game plan, including setting a budget to know their limits, using licensed, regulated operators, and asking for help if they need it.

As part of the initiative, the NFL made a multimillion-dollar, multi-year commitment to significantly expand its long-standing partnership with the **National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG)**, the leading advocacy group committed to addressing problem gambling through public education programs and help services. The NFL's funding enabled the NCPG to launch a national grant program to fund enhanced services offered by local and statewide providers, as well as innovative prevention programs, including expansion of youth-facing curricula.

The League's support also helped transform the national problem gambling **Helpline** system and allowed for the development of improved communications tools, including a new website, [www.responsibleplay.org](http://www.responsibleplay.org), which provides the public with quick tips about betting safely and support resources for those in need.

# NFL GREEN

**NFL Green** is the League's environmental program and works to mitigate the environmental impact of the NFL's major events and create a "green" legacy in each community that hosts the NFL's biggest events.



## 2021 NFL DRAFT WEEK

NFL Green, in partnership with the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission, planted trees, built community gardens, donated unserved food, repurposed event materials and supported a harbor cleanup during 2021 NFL Draft Week. NFL Green also premiered the 100 Yards of Hope Coral Reef Restoration documentary virtually with the Greater Cleveland Aquarium.

### NFL GREEN EVENTS INCLUDED:

- Tree Restoration at Big Creek Reservation
- Community Garden Build
- North Harbor Waterfront Cleanup



## 2021 KICKOFF WEEK

As a follow-up event to Super Bowl LV, the NFL began **2021 Kickoff Week** by celebrating the **Passing of the Golden Shovel** from Tampa to Los Angeles, which further progressed its dedication to sustainability across the country. NFL Green worked alongside **Verizon**, **Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful**, **The Tampa Bay Estuary Program** and the **Tampa Bay Sports Commission** to restore and plant sand dunes on Picnic Island.

Together, the partners also built and installed a hydroponic garden and pollinator gardens at the **Forest Hills Park Community Center**. In addition, NFL Green teamed up with **FORCE BLUE**, **Pepsi Stronger Together**, **Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission**, **NAUI**, **Keep Florida Beautiful** and **The Florida Aquarium** for a marine debris and ghost fishing gear removal operation, as well as a pier cleanup at Anna Maria Island.



## 2022 PRO BOWL WEEK

The NFL kicked off Pro Bowl Week with the NFL Green Wetlands Restoration Project. Together with Clark County, the NFL worked to revitalize portions of the Clark County Wetlands Park by planting 1,200 trees and native plants with students and community volunteers.

### NFL GREEN EVENTS INCLUDED:

- **Swag for Seedlings:** NFL Green and **Verizon** partnered with the **White Mountain Apache Forestry Teams** to plant 5,000 trees to reforest areas damaged by wildfire. Fans at **Allegiant Stadium** and the **Las Vegas Ballpark** who showed their team spirit and wore team swag had the opportunity to have trees planted in their honor.
- **Food Recovery:** The NFL teamed with **Three Square** to recover unserved, prepared food and beverages from Pro Bowl events to minimize food waste.
- **Material Recovery:** An intensive drive was held to collect and donate all items left over from Pro Bowl events. In partnership with the **Salvation Army**, **Habitat for Humanity** and other local organizations, the NFL donated decorative materials, office supplies and other items that could be reused or repurposed.
- **Renewable Energy Project:** Emissions from energy use at **Allegiant Stadium** were offset using renewable energy certificates (RECs).



## SUPER BOWL LVI WEEK

The NFL, the Los Angeles Super Bowl LVI Host Committee and Verizon teamed up to develop a series of initiatives to reduce the environmental impact of Super Bowl LVI and create a “green” legacy in the greater Los Angeles area. The focus was on increasing tree canopy to provide shade, beauty and improve air quality, building community gardens to increase food security, and restoring a kelp forest off California’s coast.

### COMMUNITY GREENING EVENTS

- **NFL Green Huddle** consisted of building and planting vegetable garden beds and installing garden walls. Garden wall kits, soil and vegetable plants were also given to families enrolled in **A Place Called Home’s** urban agriculture program.
- 56 trees were planted and beautification projects were completed at **Edward Vincent Junior Park** in partnership with the **City of Inglewood Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department**.
- In partnership with Los Angeles County Supervisor **HILDA L. SOLIS**, dozens of trees and a large vertical wall garden were planted at **CultivaLA’s Westlake Community Garden** to provide fruit, vegetables and herbs to a neighborhood that had been highly impacted by Covid-19.
- The **Mott Street Community Garden** in the **Boyle Heights** neighborhood was refurbished and expanded in partnership with the **LA Conservation Corps**.
- In partnership with **California Greenworks**, 25 Brisbane Box trees and Australian Willows were planted along the north side of **Jefferson Boulevard** to increase tree canopy, provide shade and improve air quality in the neighborhood.
- 30 evergreen trees were planted along **Huntington Street** in the **City of San Fernando** to provide critical public health and environmental benefits, in partnership with **TreePeople**.
- Dozens of street trees were planted in the **Watts** neighborhood to add shade, beauty and additional tree canopy, in partnership with **TreePeople**.
- A large California Oak “Wishing Tree” was planted at **Wishing Tree Park** in **West Carson** as part of an initiative to create much needed greenspace in the neighborhood in partnership with the **Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust**.
- A garden revitalization project took place in partnership with the **City of Inglewood Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department** to replace soil and plant garden beds, plant trees, paint, clean and beautify **Queen Park Community Garden**.

## REFORESTATION

NFL sustainability partner **Verizon** planted 5,600 trees (100 trees for each Super Bowl) in the **Angeles** and **Los Padres National Forests**. The project was focused on reestablishing native ecosystems, and the recovery of lands and watersheds damaged by wildfire.

## FORCE BLUE CHAMPIONSHIP DIVE

NFL Green and the **Los Angeles Super Bowl Host Committee** teamed up with **Pepsi Stronger Together**, **PepsiCo VALOR**, special operations veterans from **FORCE BLUE**, scientists and researchers from the **Bay Foundation** and the **Cabrillo Marine Aquarium**—as well as commercial urchin harvesters, local volunteers and **Environmental Charter Middle School** students—for a kelp restoration project and beach cleanup at **Cabrillo Beach**.



## SUPER KIDS-SUPER SHARING

NFL Green, the **YMCA of Metropolitan Los Angeles**, the **Los Angeles Super Bowl Host Committee**, **Verizon**, the **Los Angeles Rams** and the **Los Angeles Chargers** teamed up with local schools and **YMCA-LA** branches for **Super Kids-Super Sharing**, where 22,000 books, pieces of sports equipment, school supplies and games were donated to local children.

### ADDITIONAL NFL GREEN PROJECTS INCLUDED:

- **Green and Win:** Fans caught in the act of recycling were able to win a unique Super Bowl hat and have their photos posted on NFL social media.
- **Food Recovery and Donation:** Prepared, unserved food from Super Bowl events was recovered and distributed to shelters and feeding programs in partnership with the **Los Angeles Food Bank** and **Los Angeles Mission**
- **Material Recovery:** An intensive drive was held to collect and donate items from the Super Bowl, including building materials, décor fabric, carpeting and sign materials. In partnership with the **Salvation Army**, these items were donated to local organizations to reuse, repurpose or remanufacture the material.
- **Green Energy:** “Green” energy was used to power major Super Bowl event venues, including **SoFi Stadium**, the AFC and NFC team hotels, and the NFL headquarters hotel. Renewable energy certificates (RECs) equivalent to the electricity usage at these facilities helped to mitigate the climate impact of energy emissions.

# BETWEEN THE GAME



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# PLAYER HEALTH AND SAFETY



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# HOW THE NFL IS ADVANCING PLAYER HEALTH AND SAFETY



The National Football League is committed to advancing progress in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of sports-related injuries, enhancing medical protocols, improving how the game is taught and played, and protecting players' overall health, safety and wellbeing.

## PLAYER HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The NFL continues to make changes on and off the field to protect the health and safety of every player.

## CARING FOR PLAYERS ON GAME DAY

On average, there are 30 healthcare providers at a stadium on game day to provide immediate care to players, including:

- » **Unaffiliated Neurotrauma Consultant:** Three credentialed neurotrauma consultants, who are unaffiliated with either team, staff the sidelines, monitor the broadcast of the game, and work with the team medical staffs to identify, screen for and diagnose concussions.
- » **Visiting Team Medical Liaisons:** When traveling across state lines, every visiting team is required to retain a local board-certified and locally licensed emergency physician, who is typically affiliated with the trauma center nearest the NFL stadium.
- » **Booth ATC Spotters and the Medical Timeout:** For all NFL games, two certified athletic trainers – retained by the league and unaffiliated with any NFL teams – observe the game from a booth above the field and monitor the broadcast to identify potential injuries, especially concussions and other head and neck injuries. The booth ATC spotter has the authority to call a medical timeout to permit the medical evaluation of a player who may have suffered a concussion or head injury.

## NFL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

NFL medical professionals follow the NFL Concussion Protocol when identifying, diagnosing and treating player concussions. The Concussion Protocol, developed in 2011, is reviewed and revised each year to ensure that care reflects the most up-to-date medical information.

To ensure consistent implementation of the protocol, the NFL and NFLPA developed an enforcement policy, which includes a process to investigate clubs that fail to follow the protocol and determine appropriate discipline - including fines and possible forfeiture of draft picks.

## NFL RETURN-TO-PARTICIPATION PROTOCOL

The NFL and NFLPA established a five-step process that every NFL player diagnosed with a concussion must follow before being cleared to fully practice or participate in an NFL game. After a player goes through the process and is cleared for full participation by his club physician, he must also be cleared by an Independent Neurological Consultant, who is jointly approved by the NFL and NFLPA and who is not affiliated with any NFL club. Until a player is cleared by this independent physician, he may not return to contact practice or play in an NFL game.

## NFL MEDICAL COMMITTEES

The NFL is advised by many of the world's preeminent experts in medicine and science. NFL medical committees frequently review player health and injury data and recommend policies, programs and protocols for the League. An overarching Health and Safety Committee—including chairs of the General Medical Committee, the Head, Neck and Spine Committee and the Musculoskeletal Committee—oversees committee efforts and facilitates collaboration among subject matter experts, team physicians and athletic trainers. The NFL also works closely with the NFLPA and its medical advisors on player health and safety issues. More information on NFL Medical Committees and their membership can be found [here](#).

## MEDICAL RESEARCH

The NFL supports preeminent experts and institutions in their research on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sports-related injuries and other issues affecting NFL players' health, safety and wellbeing.

- » **NFL Scientific Advisory Board:** In 2016, the NFL allotted \$40 million for medical research primarily dedicated to neuroscience. The NFL assembled a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)—chaired by Peter Chiarelli, U.S. Army General (Retired)—comprising leading independent researchers, experts, doctors, scientists and clinicians to identify and support research proposals on the diagnosis, treatment and natural history of concussion and associated comorbid conditions.
- » In 2018, the SAB granted \$35 million in total funding to five projects for research being conducted by investigative teams related to the diagnosis, treatment, and natural history of concussion (mild traumatic brain injury) and associated comorbid conditions.
- » In July 2021, the SAB announced a four-year, \$4 million award to a team of medical researchers led by the University of Wisconsin who are investigating the prevention and treatment of hamstring injuries in elite football players.
- » The remaining \$1 million in SAB funding was awarded to two teams of medical researchers at the University of California San Diego and University of Regina in February 2022 through a separate request for proposals process for studies investigating the effects of cannabis and CBD on the pain management of elite athletes.

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH

The NFL has also allotted more than \$30 million to support brain injury research conducted by the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH), Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In collaboration with the NFLPA, the NFL fosters a positive culture around mental health by providing players and the NFL family with resources and tools to succeed, on and off the field, over the course of their lives.

## JOINT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGREEMENT

The Comprehensive Mental Health and Wellness Committee, which develops mental health and wellness programs and resources for players and the wider NFL family, requires each club to retain a Behavioral Health Team Clinician to support players' emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

The league provides mental wellness benefits and resources to current and former players, including:

- » **Team Clinicians**, who are available to players at all team facilities for at least 8-12 hours per week. Six NFL clubs currently have full-time clinicians on staff.
- » **NFL Total Wellness**, which provides wellness resources to all members of the NFL family, including education at every stage of a player's career.
- » **The NFL Player Care Foundation**, which staffs licensed clinical social workers who provide expert consultation and help facilitate specialized treatment services for former players.
- » **NFL Life Line**, a free, confidential, and independently operated resource that connects current and former players with trained counselors who can help individuals work through personal or emotional crises 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
- » **Cigna Work/Life Resources Benefit**, which provides active players and Legends—and their loved ones—with eight free, in-person or virtual counseling sessions per topic, per year and unlimited telephonic consulting.
- » **Additional mental health benefits** for qualified members of the NFL Family, including through the NFL Player Insurance Plan and the NFL Dedicated Hospital Network Program.

## PAIN MANAGEMENT

The NFL-NFLPA Pain Management Committee educates players and personnel on best clinical practices in pain management, awards grant funding for research to advance understanding of alternative treatments, and sets standards for club policies regarding pain management and the use of prescription medications by NFL players.

The Pain Management Committee also focuses on finding alternatives to opioids for pain management. The Committee conducts informational forums on the state of cannabidiol science and manufacturing, and as mentioned above, awarded \$1 million in research funding in February 2022 to two teams of medical researchers at the University of California San Diego and University of Regina to study the effects of cannabis and CBD on the performance and pain management of elite athletes.

## PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Before the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the NFL was working with epidemiologists and infectious disease experts to prevent the spread of infection in the NFL team environment and to prepare for potential viral outbreaks. For the past two NFL seasons, the NFL, together with the National Football League Players Association (NFLPA), have worked with medical experts and clinicians to develop COVID-related player safety protocols and were able to complete the 2020 and 2021 seasons on schedule. In addition, the NFL has worked closely with the NFLPA and club medical staffs to educate and encourage players to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, resulting in a nearly 95% vaccination rate for NFL players and nearly 100% for personnel. More information on the NFL's COVID-19 protocols can be found [here](#).

- » **Contributing to COVID-19 Medical Science:** Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the NFL has been working in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and local public health officials to ensure the safety of NFL players, personnel and fans, and to share our learnings navigating the COVID-19 environment that can be applicable to the rest of society. In November 2021, the CDC published a case study featuring the NFL's vaccination education efforts as a success story and model for society. In January 2021, the CDC featured the NFL's mitigation, testing, and contact tracing measures in their Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, detailing how the league used data to evolve the definition of close contacts and put in place protective measures such as masking to successfully carry out the 2020 season.

## DIVERSIFYING SPORTS MEDICINE:

As part of the NFL's overall commitment to ensuring that staff and leaders in the league office and at NFL clubs reflect the racial and gender makeup of America, leaders in NFL Player Health and Safety are working to diversify the pipeline of people interested in pursuing careers in sports medicine and, over time, to help diversify NFL club medical staff. These efforts include, but are not limited to, a new NFL Diversity in Sports Medicine Pipeline Initiative that will provide medical students at the four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) medical schools with the opportunity to complete a clinical rotation with NFL club medical staff. More information on diversity efforts in NFL Player Health and Safety can be found [here](#).

## EQUIPMENT, DATA AND INNOVATION

The NFL is championing new developments in engineering, biomechanics and material science to better protect against injuries. The league collaborates with the NFLPA and the world's foremost engineers and scientists as advisors.

## LEVERAGING DATA

Data is at the heart of the NFL's decisions about player health and safety.

- » **Injury Data:** Throughout the year, comprehensive NFL player injury data is compiled and analyzed by IQVIA, an independent, third-party company that provides results to the league, the NFLPA and medical and football committees. The NFL then shares this data publicly each year. Guided by the experts at IQVIA, NFL medical committee members identify trends in how, where and when injuries happen, and assess how protocols and rules changes affect player safety. Notably, the 2021 season saw the lowest number of concussions in regular season games for the period of 2015 to 2021. The league has sustained a 25 percent reduction in concussions for each of the past four seasons (2018-2021).

- » **Electronic Medical Records:** Every club's medical staff has access to its players' complete medical records via the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. Players can access their records at any time using a secure online portal, which remains active after the player retires. The EMR system helps the league make data-driven decisions on rules changes and permissible techniques used in play.
- » **Comprehensive Video Review:** Each season, biomechanical engineers complete a comprehensive video review of all reported concussions sustained in NFL games. The league shares the data with helmet manufacturers, designers, innovators, entrepreneurs, universities and others to stimulate new designs for protective equipment.
- » **Mouthguard Sensors to Measure On-Field Head Impacts:** In 2019, the NFL introduced a novel program in which NFL players wore mouthguards retrofitted with high-tech sensors designed to collect kinematic data, including impact speed, direction, force, location and severity. As of 2022, this program includes four universities at the collegiate level : The University of Alabama, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, The University of Washington, and the University of Wisconsin. Insights gleaned from the data collected help inform the NFL's approach to injury reduction and decrease head impacts overall.
- » **Taking Data to the Next Level:** In 2019, the NFL partnered with Amazon Web Services to transform player health and safety using cloud computing, machine learning and artificial intelligence. The NFL and AWS are developing tools to generate better insights into injuries, specifically the impact of game rules, equipment, and rehabilitation and recovery strategies. One of the partnership's primary goals is building the capacity to predict injuries before they occur.
  - The NFL and AWS are building the Digital Athlete, a virtual representation of an NFL player using actual NFL games and data that can run infinite in-game scenarios to understand the impact on player health and safety.
  - In 2022, the NFL and AWS awarded \$100,000 to the winners of its artificial intelligence competition, which challenged data scientists to teach computers to automatically detect players involved in head impacts from NFL game footage. The groundbreaking new computer vision models further strengthen the already-robust data and insights at the heart of the NFL's effort to understand and reduce head injuries.

## USING DATA TO DRIVE RULES CHANGES

The NFL improves player safety by taking a data-driven approach to eliminating potentially dangerous tactics and reducing the risk of injuries. Over the past decade, these include changes that protect "defenseless" players and penalize dangerous techniques and other plays, such as using the helmet as part of a bull rush.

## SEASON STRUCTURE

Under the 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement, the NFL and NFLPA agreed to a new season structure, moving from 16 regular season and four preseason games to 17 regular season and three preseason games. These adjustments to the training camp schedule aim to better prepare players for the start of the preseason and regular season. There was no substantial change in injury rates over the course of the 2021 season following the 17-3 format.

## USE OF THE GUARDIAN CAP IN PRESEASON

New for the 2022 season, the NFL has mandated the use of Guardian Cap, a helmet shell add-on device that is worn over the helmet, for certain positions during every preseason practice up to the second preseason game. Engineers appointed by the NFL and NFLPA have conducted laboratory tests that found Guardian Cap results in at least a 10% reduction in severity of impact force if one player is wearing it, and at least a 20% reduction in impact force if two players in a collision are wearing it. This mandate is the latest development in the league's broader efforts to reduce head impacts.

## THE ENGINEERING ROADMAP

Since 2016, the NFL has allocated over \$60 million to the creation and funding of the Engineering Roadmap. It's a comprehensive effort—funded by the NFL and managed by Football Research, Inc. (FRI)—to improve the understanding of the biomechanics of head injuries in professional football and to create incentives for helmet manufacturers, small businesses, entrepreneurs, universities and others to develop and commercialize new and improved protective equipment, including helmets.

- » **HeadHealthTECH Challenges:** For five years, HeadHealthTECH Challenges have attracted innovative grant proposals from institutions, individuals and corporations interested in designing the next generation of protective equipment. The Challenges are operated and managed by Duke University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute, which provides constructive feedback for all applicants. Thus far, the NFL and FRI have awarded grants totaling nearly \$3 million to help advance the development of 17 new technologies.
- » **The NFL Helmet Challenge:** In 2019, the league launched the NFL Helmet Challenge to stimulate the development of a new helmet that outperforms all helmet models currently worn by NFL players. In 2020, the NFL and FRI awarded \$1.37 million to help four teams create their helmet prototypes to be submitted as part of the challenge. The challenge culminated in 2021 with the award of \$1.55 million in grant funding to three teams - Impressio, Kollide, and Xenith - to advance their innovative designs and technologies and to help get their projects on the field as soon as possible. NFL Helmet Challenge submissions achieved up to a 13% improvement above the top-performing helmet currently worn in the NFL, based on the laboratory testing the NFL and NFLPA use to test and rank helmets each year. Heading into the 2022 season, the NFL continues to work with awardees to drive forward innovation, with winning projects currently under continued development.
- » **1st and Future:** From 2016 to 2021, the NFL hosted a start-up competition at the Super Bowl to drive innovation in athlete safety and performance. Innovators and entrepreneurs share technologies to improve player health and safety, including protective equipment, medical devices, sensors and training devices. 1st and Future includes an Analytics Competition that enables data scientists to analyze NFL game data and propose new ideas for reducing injuries.



## EQUIPMENT TESTING AND EVALUATION

The NFL and NFLPA work together to evaluate the performance of protective equipment and to ensure players are informed about the latest advances in equipment technology when making decisions about their helmets, cleats and other equipment.

In collaboration with the NFLPA, this includes cleat evaluations conducted by the NFL Musculoskeletal Committee, helmet laboratory testing, and playing field assessments by the Field Surface Safety & Performance Committee.

## SHARING PROGRESS

The NFL is committed to sharing its progress in health and safety across all levels of football, with other sports around the world and for the benefit of society at large. This includes publishing peer-reviewed research, convening leaders in sports medicine for important conversations, sharing data and crowdsourcing new ideas.





# 2022 HELMET LABORATORY TESTING PERFORMANCE RESULTS

THE NFL, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NFLPA, THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE APPOINTED BIOMECHANICAL EXPERTS, ANNUALLY COORDINATE EXTENSIVE LABORATORY RESEARCH TO EVALUATE WHICH HELMETS BEST REDUCE HEAD IMPACT SEVERITY. THE RESULTS OF THOSE TESTS, WHICH ARE GENERALLY SUPPORTED BY ON-FIELD PERFORMANCE, ARE SET FORTH ON THIS POSTER.

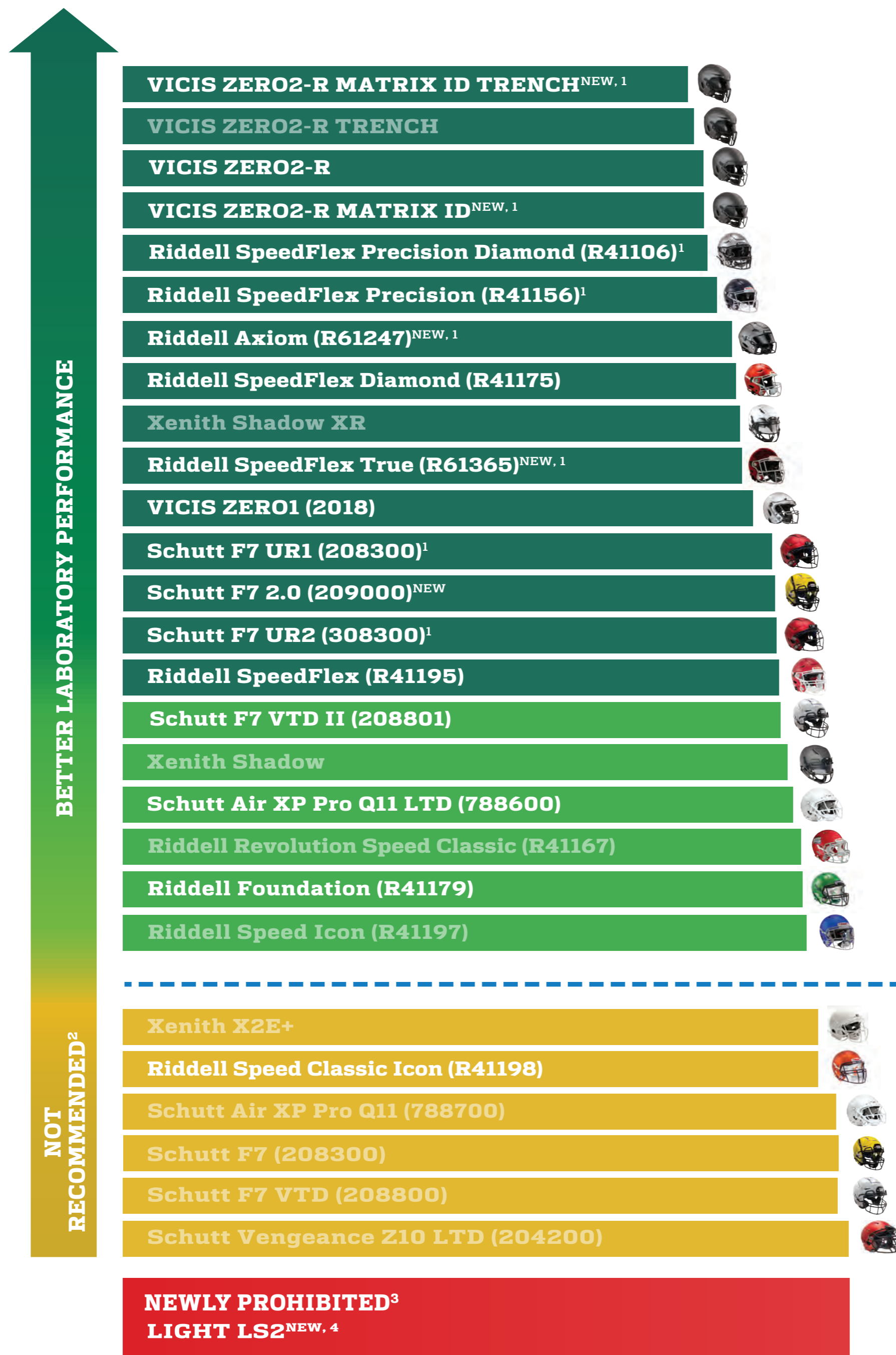
The helmet models are listed in order of their performance, with a shorter bar representing better performance. The rankings are based exclusively on the ability of the helmet to reduce head impact severity measures in laboratory testing. Performance variation related to helmet fit, retention, temperature-dependence, and long-term durability are not addressed in these rankings.

All helmets in green are recommended for use by NFL players. Based on a statistical grouping analysis, helmets in the Top-Performing group have been further distinguished into two green categories. The dark green group represents those that performed similar to the top-performing helmets from the 2022 poster, while the light green group performed better or similar to the lowest ranked dark green helmet from the 2021 poster. Helmets with poorer laboratory performance were placed in the yellow (not recommended) or red (prohibited) groups. Helmets in the yellow group may be worn only by players who wore them during the 2021 NFL season. Players may wear helmets that are: (1) certified based on the standards established by NOCSAE (National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment); (2) less than 10 years old; and (3) not prohibited pursuant to the NFL and NFLPA's joint Helmet Laboratory Testing program. The information presented here is based solely upon the results of this research and the expert opinions of the scientists involved.

The laboratory conditions are intended to represent potentially concussive head impacts in the NFL. The results of this study should not be extrapolated to collegiate, high school, or youth football.



Use this QR code to view the full list of prohibited helmets and an additional list of approved legacy helmets.



<sup>1</sup>Results shown are for a helmet with interior padding customized for the testing headform. Actual performance and ranking may vary since these helmets are customized for each player's head shape.

<sup>2</sup>These helmets are not permitted for new players and players who did not wear them during the 2021 NFL season.

<sup>3</sup>Refer to the QR code on this poster to view the full list of prohibited helmets. These prohibited models performed poorly in laboratory testing or were produced by companies no longer manufacturing football helmets.

<sup>4</sup>This helmet was tested but not ranked because damage to the shell in the highest velocity impacts suggested that the helmet may not be able to withstand the rigors of NFL practices and games.

**Note: Models worn by less than 1% of NFL players are grayed out.**

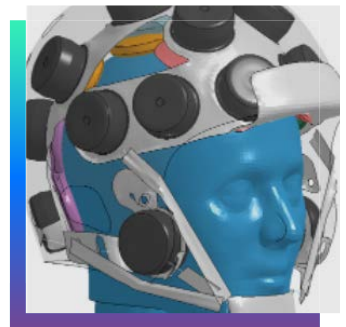
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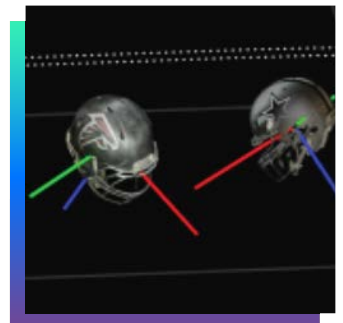
## DRIVEN BY EXPERTS : BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERS

FRI, a nonprofit corporation formed and financially supported by the NFL, manages the Engineering Roadmap. The Board of Directors includes leading engineers and experts who advise FRI on how best to advance the understanding of biomechanics in football and create an environment where new and improved protective equipment will be developed. Jeff Crandall, Ph.D., chairman of the NFL Engineering Committee, serves a leading role in managing the Engineering Roadmap. Dr. Crandall is the Nancy and Neal Wade Professor of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Virginia and Principal Scientist and Consultant at Biocore. The Board also works closely with Dr. Kristy Arbogast and Dr. Barry Myers, consultants to the NFL Players Association, who each serve as co-leads on essential elements of the Engineering Roadmap.



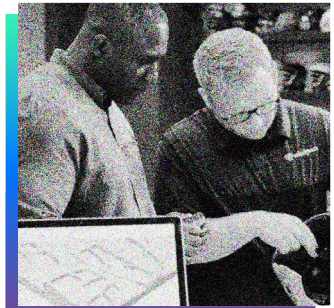
## RESEARCH : MEASURING THE ON-FIELD ENVIRONMENT AND SHARING TOOLS

The NFL is advised by many of the world's preeminent experts in medicine and football. As part of the Engineering Roadmap, biomechanical engineers completed a comprehensive video review of all reported concussions sustained in NFL games since the 2015 season to better understand concussion-causing impacts. The data is shared widely with helmet manufacturers, designers, innovators, entrepreneurs, universities and others to stimulate new ideas and designs for protective equipment. FRI has also collaborated with university partners to develop new tools to encourage innovation and advance equipment design, including finite element models of modern football helmets, impact test dummy components and test conditions simulating on-field impacts.



## EDUCATION : EXPERTS AND INNOVATORS LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

Experts share the latest knowledge regarding the causes of concussion in professional football, including the best tools available for assessing and optimizing the design and manufacturing of protective equipment. These discussions are an important step in educating and creating incentives for those in the marketplace to design and manufacture protective equipment that performs better than current models. Periodic symposia, webinars and other educational efforts allow experts to share the most up-to-date biomechanical and biomedical information.



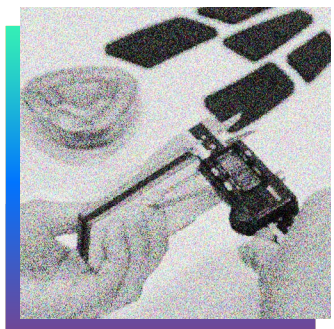
## CROWD SOURCED CHALLENGES OFFER INCENTIVES FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESSES TO ACCELERATE INNOVATION

The NFL engages experts to stimulate new developments in engineering, biomechanics and materials science designed to better protect against injuries.



### » The NFL Helmet Challenge

In 2019, the league launched the two-year NFL Helmet Challenge, an innovation challenge that aims to stimulate the development by experts, innovators and helmet manufacturers of a new helmet that outperforms all helmet models currently worn by NFL players. The challenge culminated in 2021 with the award of \$1.55 million in grant funding to three teams - Impressio, Kollide, and Xenith - to advance their innovative designs and technologies and to help get their projects on the field as soon as possible. NFL Helmet Challenge submissions achieved up to a 13% improvement above the top-performing helmet currently worn in the NFL, based on the laboratory testing the NFL and NFLPA use to test and rank helmets each year. Heading into the 2022 season, the NFL continues to work with awardees to drive forward innovation, with funded projects currently under continued development.



### » HeadHealthTECH Challenges

For five years, HeadHealthTECH Challenges have attracted innovative grant proposals from institutions, individuals and corporations interested in designing the next generation of protective equipment. The Challenges are operated and managed by Duke University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute, which provides constructive feedback for all applicants. Thus far, the NFL and FRI have awarded grants totaling nearly \$3 million to help advance the development of 17 new technologies.



# CONCUSSION GAME DAY CHECKLIST



Player receives impact to the head

and

Player exhibits or reports symptoms or signs suggestive of a concussion or stinger

or

ATC, booth ATC, team physician, NFL official, coach, teammate or UNC initiates protocol

Player is immediately removed to sideline or stabilized on field, as needed.

## SIDELINE SURVEY

Remove helmet. Team Physician and UNC perform sideline survey:

- » No-Go
- » History of Event
- » Concussion Signs/Symptoms
- » Maddock's Questions
- » Video Review
- » **Focused Neurological Exam:**
  - Cervical Spine Exam (including range of motion- pain)
  - Evaluation of Speech
  - Observation of Gait
  - Eye Movements and Pupillary Exam

If any elements are positive, inconclusive or suspicious of concussion, player is escorted to locker room.

## LOCKER ROOM EXAM

Team Physician/ UNC/ ATC OR

Team Physician/ UNC perform locker room exam:

- » Complete NFL SCAT
- » Complete Neurological Exam

**If abnormal, NO RETURN TO PLAY:**

- » Player stays in locker room
- » Periodic evaluation by medical team
- » Follow-up neurological exam

If normal sideline survey and "benign" video, player may **RETURN TO PLAY.**

## No-Go

- » LOC
- » Gross Motor Instability\*
- » Confusion
- » Amnesia

If observed at any point, **NO RETURN TO PLAY**

\*Determined by team physician, in consultation with the UNC, to be neurologically caused.

If normal assessment, player may **RETURN TO PLAY.**

During above checklist, if player demonstrates progressive/worsening concussion symptoms, **NO RETURN TO PLAY**

# RETURN-TO-PARTICIPATION PROTOCOL



PHASE

1

## SYMPTOM LIMITED ACTIVITY

The player is prescribed rest, limiting or, if necessary, avoiding activities (both physical and cognitive) which increase or aggravate symptoms. Under athletic training staff supervision, limited stretching and balance training can be introduced, progressing to light aerobic exercise, all as tolerated.

## AEROBIC EXERCISE

Under direct oversight of the team's medical staff, the player should begin graduated cardiovascular exercise and may also engage in dynamic stretching and balance training. Neurocognitive and balance testing can be administered after completion of Phase Two and the results should be interpreted as back to baseline.

PHASE

2

PHASE

3

## FOOTBALL-SPECIFIC EXERCISE

The player continues with supervised cardiovascular exercises that are increased and may mimic sport-specific activities, and supervised strength training is introduced. The player is allowed to practice with the team in sport-specific exercise for 30 minutes or less with ongoing and careful monitoring.

## CLUB-BASED NON-CONTACT TRAINING DRILLS

The player continues cardiovascular, strength and balance training, team-based sports-specific exercise, and participates in non-contact football activities (e.g. throwing, catching, running, and other position-specific activities). Neurocognitive and balance testing should be completed no later than the end of Phase Four with the results interpreted as back to baseline.

PHASE

4

PHASE

5

## FULL FOOTBALL ACTIVITY / CLEARANCE

Upon clearance by the Club physician for full football activity involving contact, the player must be examined by the Independent Neurological Consultant (INC) assigned to his Club. If the INC concurs with the Club physician that the player's concussion has resolved, he may participate in his Club's next practice or game.

# NFL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

THE PROTOCOL MAY BE TRIGGERED BY:

Teammate

Game Official

Coach

ATC Spotters or Booth UNC

Team or Unaffiliated Medical Personnel



# NFL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

PLAYER IS REMOVED TO:

Locker Room

Sideline Medical Tent

If any element of Sideline Medical Survey is positive, inconclusive, or suspicious of concussion, then the player is escorted to the locker room for further evaluation.



# THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAM

## 30 GAME DAY MEDICAL STAFF

### ON AVERAGE, EACH TEAM HAS:



#### 4 ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Assess and treat player injuries in conjunction with team doctors



#### 2 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS

Evaluate players for general medical conditions and concussions



#### 2 ORTHOPEDISTS

Evaluate and treat players for injuries to the bones and joints



#### 1 UNAFFILIATED NEUROTRAUMA CONSULTANT

Evaluates players for possible head injuries and concussions



#### 1 CHIROPRACTOR

Provides back/spinal adjustments for players and treats muscular injuries

### STADIUM MEDICAL TEAM:



#### 2 INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Notify on-field medical staff of possible injuries from press box. The independent AT spotters can call a medical timeout to stop the game to have a player receive medical attention



#### 1 VISITING TEAM MEDICAL LIAISON

Local emergency physician certified to practice medicine in the state where the game is being played. The VTML works with the team to provide access to care, medication and first-rate medical facilities



#### 1 AIRWAY MANAGEMENT PHYSICIAN

Provides emergency intubation to severely injured, non-breathing players



#### 1 RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN

Takes x-rays of injured players at the stadium



#### 2 EMTS/ PARAMEDIC CREW

Transport players to hospital in the event of serious injuries



#### 1 UNAFFILIATED NEUROTRAUMA CONSULTANT

Monitors broadcast video/audio and notifies on-field UNC's of possible head, neck or spine injuries



#### 1 DENTIST

Treats dental issues



#### 1 OPHTHALMOLOGIST

Treats eye injuries

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Information provided by the National Football League Physicians Society (NFLPS). Numbers reflect the average number of medical staff present and should not be considered official NFL protocol.



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