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2013 VIKINGS SEASON IN REVIEW VIKINGS HIRE MIKE ZIMMER AS 9TH COACH IN FRANCHISE HISTORY

2013 INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Cordarrelle Patterson

1st Team All-Pro, Associated Press (KR)
All-NFL, Pro Football Writers Association (KR)
All-Rookie, Pro Football Writers Association
USA Football All-Fundamentals Team (KR)
Pro Bowl Selection (Return Specialist)
Offensive Rookie of the Month (December)
Special Teams Player of the Month (September)
Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 8)
Vikings Special Teams MVP

Adrian Peterson

2nd Team All-Pro, Associated Press
Pro Bowl Selection
FedEx Ground Player of the Week (Week 4 & Week 13)
Vikings Offensive MVP

Matt Cassel

FedEx Air Player of the Week (Week 15)

Chad Greenway

Vikings Defensive MVP

Blair Walsh

Special Teams Player of the Week (Week 12)

2014 IMPORTANT DATES

January 26

NFL Pro Bowl – Aloha Stadium, Honolulu, Hawaii

February 2

Super Bowl XLVII – MetLife Stadium, New York/New Jersey

February 19-25

NFL Scouting Combine – Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

March 11

2014 League Year and Free Agency period begin at 4:00 p.m. ET

March 23-26

Annual Meeting – Orlando

May 8-10

2014 NFL Draft – New York City

May 19-21

NFL Spring League Meeting – Atlanta

Mid July

Clubs are permitted to open preseason training camp

September 4, 7-8

Kickoff Weekend 2014

VIKINGS 2014 OPPONENTS

Home (2013 record)	Road (2013 record)
Green Bay Packers (8-7-1)	Green Bay Packers (8-7-1)
Chicago Bears (8-8)	Chicago Bears (8-8)
Detroit Lions (7-9)	Detroit Lions (7-9)
New England Patriots (12-4)	Buffalo Bills (6-10)
New York Jets (8-8)	Miami Dolphins (8-8)
Atlanta Falcons (4-12)	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (4-12)
Carolina Panthers (12-4)	New Orleans Saints (11-5)
Washington Redskins (3-13)	St. Louis Rams (7-9)

SEASON SUMMARY



The 2013 season was highlighted by two All-Pro performances and special teams dominance during the 5-10-1 campaign. Vikings RB **Adrian Peterson** and rookie WR/KR **Cordarrelle Patterson** provided the team with optimism after putting together impressive 2013 seasons. The Vikings special teams units also boasted notable performances in the return game, coverage and kicking in 2013.

Peterson was selected 2nd-team All-Pro after rushing for 1,266 yards and 10 TDs. Peterson joined LaDainian Tomlinson as the only players in NFL history to rush for at least 900 yards and 10 TDs in each of their first 7 seasons. During the 2013 season Peterson became one of only 5 players in NFL history to rush for at least 10,000 yards in his first 7 seasons (10,115), joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson (11,226), Tomlinson (10,650) and Pro Football Hall of Famers Barry Sanders (10,172) and Emmitt Smith (10,160). After being selected to his 6th Pro Bowl, Peterson moves into a tie for 5th most in team history.

Patterson put together one of the most extraordinary all-purpose seasons in NFL history during his rookie year. He became the only player in NFL history with 4 receiving TDs, 3 rushing TDs and 2 KO return TDs in the same season. With 1,393 kickoff return yards and a 32.4 yard average, Patterson led the league and set the team record in both. Patterson also became the 1st player in NFL history with a 100-yard KO-return TD (109 and 105), 75-yard receiving TD (79) and 50-yard rushing touchdown (50) in a season. Patterson finished the season with nine total TDs and earned 1st-team All-Pro honors as a KR and selected to the Pro Bowl as a return specialist. He, Blair Walsh and Randy Moss are the only rookies in team history to be selected 1st-team All-Pro.

The Vikings special teams units were the most productive in 2013, in particular the return game. The Vikings led the NFL in average starting field position following a kickoff at 27.2, the most since the NFL changed the kickoff rules following the 2010 season. CB/PR **Marcus Sherels** was 2nd in the NFL and set the franchise record by 2 yards per return for PR average at 15.2 (Previous record 13.2, David Palmer, 1995). Patterson's team record 32.4 KR average is the most in the NFL since 1985 and the 4th most since the 1970 AFL/NFL merger. Rookie P **Jeff Locke** had a stellar debut season ranking third in team history with a 39.2 net average and set the team rookie record for gross average with 44.2.

On January, 15, 2014, **Mike Zimmer** was announced the 9th head coach in Vikings history. In his 20 NFL seasons, Zimmer has made 11 playoff appearances, earned 7 division titles and won a Super Bowl (Super Bowl XXX-1995).

"We are excited to welcome Mike as the new leader of the Minnesota Vikings. He has a proven track record of success at every stop in the NFL and we look forward to him maintaining that consistency here in Minnesota." - **Vikings Owner/Chairman Zygi Wilf**.

"Fans will appreciate Mike's intensity on the field and his down-to-earth attitude off the field. We strongly believe he will help us compete for division championships each year and lead us to our ultimate goal of bringing a Super Bowl championship to Minnesota." - **Vikings Owner/President Mark Wilf**.

The Vikings currently hold the 8th overall pick in the 2014 NFL Draft and a total of 8 picks.

NORSEMAN NOTABLES

- WR/KR **Cordarrelle Patterson** broke a franchise record with 1,393 kick return yards during the 2013 season. His 32.4 kick return average was the best in the NFL, set a new team record and was and the 4th-highest in NFL history since the 1970 merger.
- DE **Jared Allen's** 11.5 sacks during the 2013 season gave him his seventh-consecutive season with 10-plus sacks and the 8th time in his nine-year career.
- Patterson** scored a TD in the last 5 games of the 2013 season, becoming the 1st Vikings rookie to do so since WR **Randy Moss** scored in seven straight games in 1998.
- CB/PR **Marcus Sherels** broke a team record and finished 2nd in the NFL with a 15.2 punt return average on 21 returns.
- Since 2011, special teams coordinator **Mike Priefer's** first year in Minnesota, the Vikings are tied with the Ravens, Broncos and Titans for the most combined kick return TDs with 6 (4 kickoff returns, 2 punt returns). The 4 kickoff return TDs leads the NFL.
- With 1,266 rushing yards and 10 rushing TDs, RB **Adrian Peterson** recorded his 6th season with 1,000+ rushing yards and 10+ rushing TDs, tied for 3rd in NFL history.
- Peterson** rushed for 211 yards on a career-high and team record 35 carries vs. Chicago, marking his 5th career game with 200+ rushing yards. Peterson's 5 games of 200+ rushing yards are tied for 2nd all-time with **Tiki Barber**, trailing only trailing **O.J. Simpson** (6).
- With 167 tackles in 2013, LB **Chad Greenway** led the team in tackles for the 6th consecutive season, tying Ring of Honor member **Scott Studwell's** team record.
- Patterson** finished with 9 total TDs, 4th most in team history among rookies. Patterson also finished with the most rushing TDs by a WR in season with 3, to go along with 4 receiving TDs and 2 KR TDs.



HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

MIKE ZIMMER



NFL Head Coach: 1st Year
Overall NFL Experience: 21st Year
Coaching Experience: 36th Year
Overall NFL Record: 0-0
Regular Season: 0-0
Postseason: 0-0
Record with MIN: 0-0

Mike Zimmer was hired as the 9th Head Coach in Vikings history on January 15, 2014. A veteran defensive coordinator, Zimmer enters his 21st season on an NFL sideline, the past 14 working as defensive coordinator for Cincinnati (2008-13), Atlanta (2007) and Dallas (2000-06).

Zimmer has been a part of 11 playoff teams in his NFL tenure and teams that have won 7 Division titles. He coached the Cowboys DBs when the team won Super Bowl XXX over Pittsburgh after the 1995 season. Zimmer's Bengals defenses since 2008 have ranked in the NFL's top 10 in total defense 4 times, climbing to #3 in 2013. Since 2011, the Bengals ranked #2 in the NFL with 139 sacks (46.3 per season) and have allowed 18.8 points per game, ranking #4 in the NFL in points allowed. The 2013 Bengals posted 20 INTs, the 5th-best mark in the NFL.

Zimmer's arrival in Cincinnati for the 2008 season signaled a franchise turnaround on the defensive side of the ball. The Bengals notched top-10 defensive rankings in 2009, '11, '12 and '13 after only cracking the NFL's top 10 once in the previous 18 seasons before Zimmer joined the team. During his tenure, Zimmer coached DT Geno Atkins as he became one of the top DTs in the NFL, earning consensus All-Pro honors in 2012 and Pro Bowl berths in 2011 and 2012. In 2013, LB Vontaze Burfict continued his rise from a rookie free agent in 2012 to a Pro Bowler in 2013. Atkins became the 1st Bengals defensive lineman since Tim Krumrie in 1988 to earn a Pro Bowl trip and Burfict was the 1st Bengals linebacker to be honored since Jim LeClair in 1976. Over the 2012 and 2013 seasons the Bengals had 4 different players earn AFC Defensive Player of the Week honors- Michael Johnson, Carlos Dunlap, Atkins and Burfict.

Zimmer led top-10 defenses for Dallas in both a 4-3 and 3-4 scheme. The 2003 Cowboys defense led the NFL with only 253.3 yards per game allowed. During Zimmer's tenure in Dallas as DBs coach (1994-99) and Defensive Coordinator (2000-06) the team ranked in the top 5 of NFL scoring defense a total of 6 times. The 1995 Cowboys hoisted the Lombardi Trophy in Super Bowl XXX with a win over Pittsburgh and one of Zimmer's pupils, CB Larry Brown, won the Super Bowl MVP award with a pair of INTs in the game.

Before moving to the NFL ranks, Zimmer spent 15 seasons coaching at the collegiate level. He spent his final 5 seasons in the college ranks as defensive

coordinator at Washington State from 1989-93. Zimmer was at Weber State from 1981-88, serving as defensive coordinator from '83-88. He entered the coaching profession at Missouri where he served as an assistant from 1979-80.

Zimmer played QB and later LB at Illinois State, earning a degree in physical education. He has 3 children, son Adam and daughters Corri and Marki. Adam is an NFL coach, having spent time with Kansas City, New Orleans and Cincinnati. The father-son duo has both earned Super Bowl titles with Adam's coming following the 2009 season when the Saints won Super Bowl XLIV over Indianapolis. Coaching is a family tradition with the Zimmers as Mike's father, Bill, earned Illinois Hall of Fame honors as a prep football and wrestling coach.

Vikki Zimmer, Mike's wife of 27 years, passed away in Cincinnati on October 8, 2009. The Pro Football Writers of America recognized Zimmer overcoming the tragedy and the Bengals #4 ranked defense playing a key role in winning then AFC North title by voting him the winner of the Halas Award for the season, an annual award presented to the individual in the NFL that overcame the most adversity to succeed.

Zimmer's Background

Player	
1974-76 Illinois State (QB/LB)
Coach	
1979 Missouri (Assistant Coach)
1981-82 Weber State (Assistant Coach)
1983-88 Weber State (Defensive Coordinator)
1989-93 Washington State (Defensive Coordinator)
1994-1999 Dallas Cowboys (Assistant Coach)
2000-06 Dallas Cowboys (Defensive Coordinator)
2007 Atlanta Falcons (Defensive Coordinator)
2008-13 Cincinnati Bengals (Defensive Coordinator)



ZIMMER'S COACHING BACKGROUND

Year	Team	Position	W-L-T	Result	NFL Ranking Yds/Off Pts allowed
1979	Missouri	Assistant Coach	7-5	Hall of Fame Bowl (W)	
1980	Missouri	Assistant Coach	8-4	Liberty Bowl (L)	
1981	Weber State	Assistant Coach	7-4		
1982	Weber State	Assistant Coach	4-7		
1983	Weber State	Def. Coordinator	6-5		
1984	Weber State	Def. Coordinator	5-6		
1985	Weber State	Def. Coordinator	6-5		
1986	Weber State	Def. Coordinator	3-8		
1987	Weber State	Def. Coordinator	10-3	FCS Playoffs - 2nd Round	
1988	Weber State	Def. Coordinator	5-6		
1989	Washington State	Def. Coordinator	6-5		
1990	Washington State	Def. Coordinator	3-8		
1991	Washington State	Def. Coordinator	4-7		
1992	Washington State	Def. Coordinator	9-3	Copper Bowl	
1993	Washington State	Def. Coordinator	5-6		
1994	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, NFC Championship Game	
1995	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, Super Bowl XXX Champions	
1996	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Divisional	
1997	Dallas	DBs	6-10		
1998	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	
1999	Dallas	DBs	8-8	Wild Card	
2000	Dallas	Def. Coordinator	5-11		19/21
2001	Dallas	Def. Coordinator	5-11		4/19
2002	Dallas	Def. Coordinator	5-11		18/12
2003	Dallas	Def. Coordinator	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	1/4
2004	Dallas	Def. Coordinator	6-10		16/27
2005	Dallas	Def. Coordinator	9-7		10/11
2006	Dallas	Def. Coordinator	9-7	Wild Card	13/21t
2007	Atlanta	Def. Coordinator	4-12		29/25t
2008	Cincinnati	Def. Coordinator	4-11-1		12/1
2009	Cincinnati	Def. Coordinator	10-6	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	4/8t
2010	Cincinnati	Def. Coordinator	4-12		15/19
2011	Cincinnati	Def. Coordinator	9-7	Wild Card	7/9
2012	Cincinnati	Def. Coordinator	10-6	Wild Card	6/6
2013	Cincinnati	Def. Coordinator	11-5	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	3/4



JANUARY 17, 2013 Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer's Introductory Press Conference

Owner/President Mark Wilf:

Good morning everyone. Today is an exciting day in the history of the Minnesota Vikings. After a thorough search, led by Rick Spielman, his team and our ownership, we have selected a head coach who will be a great leader for many years to come. Mike Zimmer is a tremendous football coach. Mike Zimmer is a tremendous person. He is sincere, down to earth, no nonsense and direct. He is intense on the football field but he is respectful and he will represent the Vikings organization very well. Coach Zimmer has been a leader and a winner at every stop in the NFL and Vikings fans will love Coach Zimmer. He will help us compete for division championships each year and he will lead us to our ultimate goal of bringing a Super Bowl Championship to Minnesota. We are very excited. With that, I will turn it over to Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman.

General Manager Rick Spielman:

Thanks everybody for coming. I want to first and foremost thank the Wilf family. They were an extremely important part of this process. They were at every interview that we had went to, we did seven coaches in an eight day span and I appreciate everything giving us all the resources we needed to do to get that done. A lot of the coaches we talked to out there, there are some very, very talented coaches that I'm sure each and every one of the coaches that we talked to will eventually get an opportunity to be a head coach in the NFL. But when we talked to Mike Zimmer, there was something different about that. We interviewed him for a very long time, we brought him in for a second interview and spent another whole day with him. The thing that stuck out to us the most was not only the passion, but the football intelligence and the leadership, and that's something that we felt was very important going into this coaching search that we wanted to find. He has a great history of developing young talent; of taking veterans and having them even play beyond their ability. You don't have to stand up here and talk about what his defenses have done throughout his career. The other thing is we went through this search was talking to his former coaches, talking to former players, talking to agents who had players play for him. There was not one negative thing that was said about Mike Zimmer. The thing that stuck out the most was that he's going to coach hard, he's going to push us as hard as he can, but every person to a man said how much they love playing for Coach Zimmer. Working with him over the last couple days, there is no doubt in my mind that when we set out this process that we wanted to find the right guy. It did not have to be an offensive guy, a defensive guy, a special teams guy, it had to be a right guy for the Minnesota Vikings. As we concluded this process, there is no doubt Mike Zimmer is the guy for the Minnesota Vikings. It's a great honor and a great pleasure for me to introduce you to our new head football coach, it's a great day for the Minnesota Vikings, Mike Zimmer.

Head Coach Mike Zimmer:

Thanks Rick. My family and I are thrilled and excited to come to Minnesota, a place with such tremendous passion and proud tradition. I walk down these hallways in the building here and I see all the jerseys up on the wall of all the great players who have played here - Hall of Fame players. I can walk down to the end of the hallway and talk to Hall of Fame coaches like Bud Grant. I want to thank the Wilf Family, ownership, and to General Manager Rick Spielman for the opportunity that you presented with me. I am a Midwest guy. I grew up in an area very similar to this watching NFC North football, the black and blue division. I was hunting and fishing in areas very similar to around here. I want Vikings football to be a tough, smart and aggressive team that plays with passion and that works relentlessly for one common goal. I pride myself in making each player better with technique, and teaching them every aspect of the game. I want our fans to be proud of the way we play - tough, resilient, physical football and a team that makes big plays and represents them on the field and in the community. We don't win alone. We win as a team and I am determined to bring a championship to Minnesota and I can't wait to get to work. Thank you.

Q: Did you ever think this day would happen at any point in your career?

A: Sometimes you wonder, but I have a lot of confidence in myself. I feel like I was destined to do this and for the first couple days that I have been here that office upstairs feels really comfortable. I am excited about it and again I thank the Wilfs and Rick Spielman for giving me this opportunity. Like I have told a lot of people, I have a chip on my shoulder. I want to make sure that 31 other teams know that I am here and that I am ready to coach this football team.

Q: Have you decided on your coordinators yet?

A: No. We are still working on the staff situations on everything right now. We are going to announce the entire staff at a later time when we get them all finished.

Q: A lot has been made of your no nonsense approach to coaching, but at the same time a lot has been said from former players about your impact on their lives; what is your mentality for player development as well as impacting the people they are off the field?

A: Well I think one of the things about being a coach number one you are a teacher. You are trying to teach them about techniques, you are trying to teach them about all the different aspects of the game of football. Not just offense or defense but what the other side of the ball is thinking. Part of that though is teaching them about life and trying to get them to become better citizens, to become better fathers, to become better spouses and all of those types of things. I just think that is all part of the role that you have and luckily I have had a lot of mentors with me and I have a lot of the players I have grown close to.

Q: When you look at the roster you inherited, how do evaluate the situation and the players you now have?

A: Well I think we have a great group of young core talent. Obviously we have some very, very special players and we are still in the evaluation process of all of those things. What we are trying to do is to get everybody together, the scouts, Scott Studwell, George Paton and everybody in this organization has done a fantastic job of evaluating a lot of guys. So I think we want to just make sure to continue down that road. I am a big believer in when we get out here in the field show me what you can do. I don't ever want to pre-judge a player from what I see on film because I do not know what the previous coaches have told them and I have my own ideas on the way I want to do things.

Q: How involved do you plan on being with designing the defense?

A: Very. I plan on it being very similar to what I have done in Cincinnati. It's always going to be part of my little baby because that is who I am and what has got me here. So that will always be a big part of me.

Q: What did you want to hear from the Vikings to be sold on this job?

A: Actually there were quite a few things. I wanted to find out how Rick and I could work together because I think that's maybe the most important thing is the General Manager and the head football coach are on the same page. I talk a lot with the players about being on the same page; everybody understanding their roles, knowing what to do, and how to do it, and how we expect to do it. Him and I being on the same page is probably more important than anything and then with the Wilfs. They want to win a Super Bowl as badly as anybody in the world, and I honestly can't wait to stand on the podium with Zygi, Mark and Jonathan and we are standing on the podium, and we look up and the confetti is falling down on top of us, and we are all hand in hand, and Commissioner Goodell comes over and he hands the Super Bowl trophy to Mr. Wilf, and tells him he is World Champions. So that is my goal and that is my drive.

Q: What were your impressions of the Vikings team you played against this year?

A: Honestly I studied their offense and I was nervous as all get out that week. They were 13th in the league in offense when we played them. They've got a lot of talent, they have some physicality to them, and obviously they have some great players on the offensive side of the ball so I thought it was going to be a heck of a game. Sometimes those kind of games just turn out the way they did.

Q: There is a lot of talk about how intense you are on the field, and anyone who has seen you on Hard Knocks points to your fiery nature?

A: Let me first say about Hard Knocks, the people that do that show are extremely, extremely professional. I have never worked with as many great media people as I did those three times. But they can kind of portray you anyway they want to, and obviously on the field I am going to be a fiery kind of guy at times when I feel that I need to. There are times when I call guys into the office and talk to them, but I think that I am an honest person, I think that I am sincere and all I want to do is make each player better however that is, and honestly I coach guys differently. I am going to be passionate on the field because that is who I am, that is why they hired me is to be passionate and to be an expert in my field so those are the things that I plan on doing.

Q: What are the challenges that you face from going from coordinator to the face of a franchise, when honesty might not be the best policy in what you are trying to display?

A: I think honesty is always to the best policy. That is what players want. Players want to be coached. They want to be told what is right and what is wrong. I am doing a disservice to my players if I am not honest with them. I want people to be honest with me and I am sure you want people to be honest with you. So there is different ways to do it so I just think that that is the best way to be. I am going to try to do my very best to be as honest as I can, and sometimes they don't like the answer but they respect the answer.

Q: Do you think your bluntness hurt you in previous interviews and did you change anything in this interview with the Vikings?

A: I was never blunt in any interview. I was never direct in any interview. I told them what I think; I would wish that you could ask these guys over here how I was in that interview. I was not any different in any one. So that was a perception by whoever put that out there. That was not the case.

Q: A lot of coaches, Bill Parcells as one of them, came out unsolicited offering their praise and support of you. Is there a certain coach you look for guidance and try to fashion your head coaching style after?

A: I have several, but Bill obviously is a great Hall of Fame coach, and has always been a great mentor of mine. When I was in Dallas my office was right next door to his, and he would come in and say, "Mike, when you are a head coach write this down." It was like daily that he would tell me things like that. He called me after I accepted the job here and the first thing he said was, "Mike, get a pen, and write this down," and he had three things for me to write down that day. I am actually going to go down and see him about the first part of the process being a new head coach in a new program. But I have worked under Barry Switzer who was a Hall of Fame coach, Marvin Lewis who I was with for six years, Mike Price, and my father was a high school coach and is in three Hall of Fames, two for coaching, one for playing. I think you get molded in a lot of different ways, especially when you are growing up but hopefully I continue to learn as the process goes and hopefully some of the coaches that we hire learn from me someday.

Q: Every team but the Vikings has a franchise quarterback in place in the NFC North. How big of a challenge will it be for you to address that issue and get a quarterback to lead your team?

A: We are going to do our very best to have the best quarterback in the division. I understand that there are some very good quarterbacks in this division. But my job is to win football games, it is not to worry about if our quarterback is fourth best in the division or first best in the division. What we want to try to do is win football games however we have to. It doesn't matter what type of offense, I have ran the four-three, and I have run the three-four, and quite honestly as long as everyone is on the same page, everybody knows what they are supposed to do, everyone does it to the best of their ability, you can win football games. A lot of times if you don't make mistakes you beat half of the teams in this league.

Q: Bill Parcells has a saying that hiring a coach's son is always a wise move. What are your thoughts on this?

A: Bill did tell me he is a very good friend of yours. You were actually the first name that he mentioned when he called me on the phone about a week before. But I am just hoping that this coach's son succeeds.

Q: Do any of the quarterbacks on the roster work for what you are trying to accomplish?

A: I have honestly been here 48 hours. I am trying to get coaches hired number one. I am looking at some of the defensive players first and once we get the offensive coordinator hired I think we are going to sit down and start to evaluate those guys, but I think that it would be unfair for me to come up here and say so and so is not ready to play, or so and so is going to be a great quarterback. We all have to prove our worth. That is no different than myself or the quarterback or anybody else.

Q: Have you talked to any of the current Viking players?

A: I have talked to some players. Some players have called here. I plan on doing a lot more of that in the future. My message really is just to get to work and kind of the same things that I have been telling you all about working together, playing together, playing real hard. I think that if you ask any of the coaches around the league that played against my defenses they will tell you that maybe we aren't the fanciest, maybe we are not the most exotic, but they are going to have a full days work playing against us. That is kind of what I want our football team to represent. When you go play the Minnesota Vikings, you are going to have a full days work ahead of you. You are going to have to go out and beat us because we are not going to beat ourselves and we are going to give you all you want that day.

Q: Do you prefer the four-three defense and what is your defensive philosophy?

A: Honestly, I want to fit our scheme to the players to the best of their abilities. Like I said before, it really does not matter if it is a three-four or a four-three, and as far as my philosophy I want to stop the run and I want to hit the quarterback. However that is, if we got to blitz I think we have a great blitz package, but I want to be fundamentally sound in what we do. There are teams that can go out there who can go out and make a lot of big plays, but they are not fundamentally sound. Then when the game gets on the line, they do not perform in the crucial situations of the game.

Q: What is the best coach to general manager relationship that you can imagine, including who has the final say on roster moves?

A: I think that this is a collective team effort. Rick and I have been extremely honest with each other. Like I have been talking about all day is honesty, the more that we are honest with each other, are we going to disagree? Yes. We all have opinions and that is a good thing. But the most important thing is that when we walk out of there, we walk out of there together arm and arm, and it is a Minnesota Vikings decision and not a Mike Zimmer decision or a Rick Spielman decision or anything like that.

Q: Have you been encouraged to keep any coaches from Leslie Frazier's staff and do you anticipate keeping any?

A: No I haven't been encouraged. What they want to do here is get the best football staff that they can have here. We have talked about different situations and coaches but we are just trying to work through all of those things. It has been kind of a whirlwind here. I had to find the bathroom the first day so it is not like it is business as usual for me.

Q: Do you plan on calling defensive calls on game day or your defensive coordinator?

A: I may. I do think that that is one of my expertise areas. If need be I will. That will be a little bit of a transition so I will have to work through that. I think part of that for me will be some of the preseason games and how I feel about the things we are doing defensively, how I feel about the game management, taking the penalties, communicating with the offense. So I think that all of those things will be a little bit of a let's wait and see. I told Rick this same thing. I am an observer. Everybody says that you are going to go out there and chew people's butts but that is not true. I go out and I observe to find out what needs to be fixed and then I fix. I do think I am a fixer and I do think I am an observer. If guys are doing things correctly there is no issue whatsoever. I have told my players many, many times before we have had a bad game, "Here is what I do. I fix stuff. I am going to go out and I am going to fix this." They all trust that I can get it fixed and so that kind of is what my personality is.

Q: Will you retain Mike Priefer as your special teams coordinator?

A: Well really what I am going to do is evaluate all of the coaches. All of the coaches that are here, we are going to continue to evaluate all of the coaches on the outside and then we are going to make a decision on all of those collectively. I have not made any decisions on coaches so far. We are going to announce those at that time.

Q: What single element are you looking for in your coaches?

A: I want teachers, I want leaders, and I want guys that will convey the message that I am trying to convey. They don't all have to be like me. That is hard to do anyway. I want guys to be themselves but most importantly I want guys to be great teachers, great motivators, great leaders, and, obviously, great technicians and football coaches.

Q: You talk a lot of being a teacher and a guy who can fix players flaws, so accountability must be important; how do you expect players and coaches to gain or attain that accountability?

A: Players learn in so many different ways. But you are right; accountability is a big, big factor. Our players are going to be accountable here. They are going to be accountable to me and I am going to be accountable to ownership and the general manager and that is the first step. There is a great quote by Vince Lombardi that says, "Once you have their hearts, they will follow you anywhere." That is really what I want to do. I want to grab these players' hearts and get them to follow me.

Q: Is it safe to say your son will be on your staff, or does he first have to blow you away in the interview process?

A: It is not safe to say that. I have worked with my son, but as I said before, our most important thing right now is to evaluate the coaches and see where everybody fits.

Q: Are you looking for someone to run the offensive side of the ball as your offensive coordinator?

A: No, I want to be the head coach. I want to hire an offensive coordinator, yes, and I want him to have his ideas, but I want to be the head coach and I want to be in charge of this football team and I want to be in charge of everything that we do here so there will be times when I'll go in the offensive room and talk to them about certain plays and doing different things and what I have seen on tape and being a defensive coach and knowing a lot of things that hurt certain defenses and I know a lot of coaches in this league from playing against them for so long. But my goal is to be the head coach, not the defensive coach, and then have an offensive coach to be the offensive coach.

Q: You have been known to help struggling players with their careers. Do you want to be hands on like you have in the past with players like that on this team?

A: Definitely. Hopefully that is one of my strengths. I love players like that. I love players that have something to prove. I love taking guys that people said can't play anymore or they are not smart enough to play, or whatever the reason is, because a lot of people said that about me, so I kind of feel a special bond to those type of guys. It makes me feel good when I can take players who haven't worked out at other places and turn them into good football players and good people. So I guess the short answer is yes.

Q: Do you think that your relationship with players will change from going from a coordinator to head coach?

A: I don't know. I haven't been in this role long enough. My role on defense was always a leader. I wasn't buddy-buddy with them, and I didn't go out and have dinner with them. I told them that the first day I walked in in Cincinnati I don't need their cell phone numbers, I am not going to call them and go out to dinner, but if I need to find them I will find them. That is kind of how I am going to be here. But I think you develop relationships with people, you don't walk in and say, "Hey, I am your new coach now we are buddy-buddy." It doesn't work that way.

Q: Who helped you most overcome the tragic loss of your wife in 2009 and was there any emotions with her not being here to see you today?

A: It was an extremely hard time. The people in Cincinnati were fantastic. Marvin Lewis was fantastic. The football team, the defensive players were really fantastic, yes she would be really proud today. She would be really proud today.

Q: Have you talked to Adrian Peterson yet since being named head coach?

A: I have reached out to Adrian. We have not been able to talk yet. I look forward to doing that and I look forward to visiting with all of the players.

Q: It was 35 years ago that you took your first job as a college assistant. Did you see yourself being where you are today?

A: Yes. Like I said before I have always had a lot of confidence in myself. Obviously I have become a better football coach in 35 years, I hope. I just know that I am pretty good at my job. I am pretty good at what I do. It has shown by the players that have talked about me, honestly I am paying most of them anyway, and honestly that makes me more proud than anything is to have players unsolicited talk about me and those type of things.

Q: Do you have a timeline for when your staff will be in place?

A: We don't have a timeline. Obviously you would like to get it done as fast as you can, but it is more important to get the right people. It is not like the draft is coming up and we have to have it on a certain day. We have to find the right people in the right mixture and nucleus for this football team and for this football staff. That is the most important thing and if it takes two months, I don't think it will, but if it takes two months, then that is the best thing.

Q: Are there some coaches that you may have targeted that are still playing in the championship games this weekend?

A: I think always you have people that you know and have a list, like I am sure that Rick had a list of guys that he wanted to talk to. I think you always have a list. I don't know if it is targeted, and I don't know if any of them are in championship games or not, but all I know is that we will get it done as fast as we can to the best that we can.

VIKINGS 2013 INFORMATION



2013 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

2013 Minnesota Vikings				
Category	Player	Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Walsh.....	121	7	15
Passing Yds.	Cassel.....	1,807	16	31
Passing TDs	Cassel.....	11	17	29t
Passer Rating	Cassel.....	81.6	16	25
Completion Pct.	Ponder.....	63.6	7	10
Rushing Att.	Peterson.....	279	5	6t
Rushing Yds.	Peterson.....	1,266	4	5
Rushing TDs	Peterson.....	10	3	4t
Receptions	Jennings.....	68	21	39
Receiving Yds.	Jennings.....	804	24	41
Receiving TDs	Jennings/Patterson#.....	4	32t	57t
Tackles	Greenway.....	134	5	9
Interceptions	Greenway.....	3	18t	32t
Sacks	Allen.....	11.5	5t	7t
FGs Made	Walsh.....	26	6t	13t
FG Pct.	Walsh.....	86.7	10	19
Net Punting Avg.	Locke#.....	39.2	9	18
Punt Ret. Avg.	Sherels.....	15.2	1	2
KO Ret. Avg.	Patterson#.....	32.4	1	1



2013 STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

Vikings	NFL Average
5-10-1.....	Record 8-8
391.....	Total Points Scored 374.5
24.4.....	Points Per Game 23.4
363.....	Offensive Points Scored 346
309.....	First Downs 319.1
344.3.....	Total Offense Per Game 348.5
5.4.....	Avg. Yards Per Play 5.36
130.1.....	Net Rushing Yards Per Game 112.9
214.2.....	Net Passing Yards Per Game 235.6
19/370.....	Had Intercepted/Yards Returned 15.7/219.9
32.....	Total Giveaways 25.4
44/218.....	Sacks Allowed/Yards Lost 40.5/267.2
27:39.....	Possession Average 30:00
78/214.....	Third Down Efficiency 83/217.8
10/19.....	Fourth Down Efficiency 7/14.8
70/695.....	Penalties/Yards 98/844.9
480.....	Opp. Total Points Scored 375
30.0.....	Opp. Points Per Game 23.4
438.....	Total Offensive Points Allowed 346
368.....	Opp. First Downs 319
397.6.....	Opp. Total Offense Per Game 348.5
5.6.....	Opp. Avg. Yards Per Play 5.4
110.4.....	Opp. Net Rushing Yards Per Game 112.9
287.2.....	Opp. Net Passing Yards Per Game 235.6
100/1003.....	Opp. Penalties/Yards 98/845
12/78.....	Defensive Interceptions/Yards Returned 15.7
20.....	Total Takeaways 25
41/274.....	Defensive Sacks/Yards 40/267
-12.....	Turnover Ratio 0
75/39.2.....	Punts/Net Punting Avg. 79/39.4

2013 NFC NORTH STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
Green Bay	8	7	1	.531	417	428	4-3-1	4-4-0	6-5-1	3-2-1
Chicago	8	8	0	.500	445	478	5-3-0	3-5-0	4-8-0	2-4-0
Detroit	7	9	0	.438	395	376	4-4-0	3-5-0	6-6-0	4-2-0
Minnesota	5	10	1	.344	391	480	5-3-0	0-7-1	4-7-1	2-3-1

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VIKINGS VS. NFC NORTH

Team	Total Games	All-Time Series	Titles*
Green Bay Packers.....	107	49-56-2	7
Chicago Bears.....	106	54-50-2	2
Detroit Lions.....	105	69-34-2	0

* Since 2002 division realignment

The following numbers are combined NFC Central and NFC North:

Playoff Appearances		Division Titles	
27.....	Minnesota Vikings	16.....	Minnesota Vikings
24.....	Green Bay Packers	11.....	Green Bay Packers
15.....	Chicago Bears	10.....	Chicago Bears
11.....	Detroit Lions	3.....	Detroit Lions
6.....	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3.....	Tampa Bay Buccaneers

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2013 SCHEDULE NOTES



Date	Opponent	Series	Notable
9/8	at Detroit	69-34-2	The Detroit Lions handed the Minnesota Vikings a 24-34 loss to open the 2013 season despite a 78-yard TD run by Adrian Peterson and a 140-receiving yard effort from Jerome Simpson. After sweeping the season series in 2012, the Vikings lost their 1st game against the Lions since 2011.
9/15	at Chicago	54-50-2	Despite 4 takeaways, a special teams TD and a defensive TD, the Minnesota Vikings dropped their second consecutive game to begin the 2013 season, 31-30. The loss hands the Vikings their 6th straight loss at Chicago. Adrian Peterson ran for his 38th game of 100+ rushing yards.
9/22	Cleveland	11-4-0	The Cleveland Browns spoiled the Minnesota Vikings home opener with a 31-27 score. Erin Henderson led the defense recording 8 tackles, 2.0 sacks and an interception with a 9-yard return. QB Christian Ponder rushed for 2 touchdowns in the game that saw him become the 3rd Viking to complete 500 passes in his first three NFL seasons.
9/29	Pittsburgh	9-8-0	The Vikings earned their first win of the 2013 season with a 34-27 victory over the Steelers in the 8th game of the NFL International Series. Matt Cassel earned his first start as the Vikings quarterback filling in for an injured Christian Ponder. Adrian Peterson rushed for 140 yards, including a 60-yard touchdown run. Greg Jennings scored his first touchdown as a member of the Vikings when he caught a 70-yard pass from Matt Cassel. Jennings finished with 3 receptions for 92 yards and 2 touchdowns. Kevin Williams and Everson Griffen helped seal the victory when Griffen forced a fumble that Williams recovered with 11 seconds remaining in the 4th quarter.
10/13	Carolina	6-5-0	Following the bye week, the Vikings and Panthers squared off for their 11th meeting and the 8th time in Minnesota in Week 6. The Panthers got the better of the Vikings in a 35-10 match. Kyle Rudolph recorded a career high in catches with 9 and a career high in yards with 97 while hauling in a TD in the loss.
10/21	at NY Giants	14-12-0	In Josh Freeman's 1st start as Minnesota's quarterback, the Vikings fell to the New York Giants 23-7 on Monday Night Football. Marcus Sherels scored the lone touchdown for the Vikings on an 86-yard punt return, the 3rd-longest in franchise history. The touchdown was Sherels' second of his career, tying him for the franchise record.
10/27	Green Bay	49-56-2	The Vikings fell to the Packers 44-31 in their lone Monday Night Football appearance of the 2013 season. Rookie KR Cordarrelle Patterson returned the opening kickoff 109 yards for a touchdown, tying an NFL record for the longest play. RB Toby Gerhart rushed for his 4th career TD when he scored from 13 yards out in the 4th quarter.
11/3	at Dallas	14-15-0	In their first visit to AT&T Stadium, the Vikings lost to the Cowboys 27-23. Adrian Peterson led the Vikings with 140 rushing yards and 1 rushing TD. Brian Robison became the first Vikings to record sacks on back-to-back plays since Kevin Williams in 2003. A.J. Jefferson recorded his second career INT when he picked off a Tony Romo pass in the 4th quarter.
11/7	Washington	11-12-0	The Vikings earned their 2nd victory of the 2013 when they defeated the Washington Redskins on Thursday Night Football. John Carlson led the Vikings with 7 receptions for 98 yards and 1 TD, personal bests with the Vikings. Kevin Williams led the defense with 2.5 sacks, his first multi-sack game since 10/18/09. Christian Ponder set a career-best with an 81-percent completion percentage. Ponder finished 17-of-21 for 174 yards, 2 TD and 1 INT.
11/17	at Seattle	5-8-0	Despite Jarius Wright's 2 receiving TDs, the Vikings fell to the Seahawks 41-20. Wright scored the Vikings first TD of the game when he hauled in a 38-yard pass from Christian Ponder. Wright set a single game career high when he caught a Matt Cassel pass from 21 yards out. Brian Robison recorded his 3rd sack in as many games.
11/24	at Green Bay	49-56-2	The Packers and Vikings tied in their final meeting of the 2013 season. It was the 2nd tie between the two franchises with the last coming on 11/26/78. Adrian Peterson led the Vikings with 146 yards on 32 carries while Toby Gerhart rushed 8 times for 91 yards. Audie Cole earned his first start in place of Erin Henderson and recorded his first career sack on the first play of the game. Cole led all players with 18 tackles. Blair Walsh connected on 4-of-4 FG attempts, including a 35-yard game-tying field goal to extend the overtime period.
12/1	Chicago	54-50-2	The Vikings played in their second consecutive overtime game when they defeated the Bears 23-20. Blair Walsh kicked a 30-yard field goal with 24 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime before ultimately kicking a 34-yard game-winning field goal. Cordarrelle Patterson became the first player in Vikings history to score a touchdown three different ways (rushing, receiving and returning) when he scored on a 33-yard run. Matt Cassel connected with Jerome Simpson for 20 yards on a key 4th-down pass to extend the Vikings drive that ultimately set up Walsh's game-tying field goal.
12/8	at Baltimore	2-3-0	The Vikings fell to the defending Super Bowl champs, Baltimore Ravens, 29-26. Cordarrelle Patterson led the Vikings with 141 receiving yards, the most by a Vikings rookie since Randy Moss on 11/26/98. Patterson snagged a team season-long 79-yard touchdown reception in the final minute of the game. S Andrew Sendejo recorded his first career INT. With 4 passes defended, CB Xavier Rhodes broke a rookie franchise record.
12/15	Philadelphia	13-12-0	The Vikings earned their 4th win of the season and 3rd at Mall of America Field with a 48-30 victory over the Eagles. Matt Asiata became the first NFL player since Daunte Culpepper to have 3 rushing TDs in his first career start. Shaun Prater intercepted his first career pass, one that came against his former team. Jared Allen and Brian Robison each recorded 2.0 sacks, the 3rd-straight week each of them got to the quarterback in the backfield.
12/22	at Cincinnati	6-6-0	The Vikings fell to the Bengals in their final road game of the 2013 season. Cordarrelle Patterson led the team averaging 35.8 yards on 4 kick returns and rushed for 54 yards and a TD. Everson Griffen added 1.5 sacks on defense. Jarius Wright scored the first Vikings touchdown of the game when he hauled in a 36-yard pass from Matt Cassel.
12/29	Detroit	69-34-2	An 8-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter from QB Matt Cassel to WR Cordarrelle Patterson gave the Vikings a 14-13 victory over the Detroit Lions in the final game at Mall of America Field. The touchdown, Patterson's second of the day, was set up by Marcus Sherels 50-yard punt return in the 4th quarter. Jared Allen recored a season-best 2.5 sacks, putting him over the double-digit mark for the seventh consecutive season. RB Matt Asiata paced the offense with 115 rushing yards.



2013 INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES

DE Jared Allen

- Recorded 10+ sacks for the seventh-straight season and the eighth time in his nine-year career.
- Marked a team high 11.5 sacks in the 2013 season.
- Leads the NFL in sacks since 2004 with 128.5.
- Ranks second in career sacks (128.5) in the NFL by an active player.
- Ranks second in NFL history with most the most sacks through his first 10 seasons (Reggie White 145.0, 1985-94)
- Shares the NFL record of four career safeties and owns the record for a Viking.

RB Matt Asiata

- Record his first career 100-yard rushing game vs. Detroit (12/29/13)
- Tied a Vikings franchise record with three rushing TDs vs. Philadelphia (12/15/13)
- Became the first NFL player since Daunte Culpepper (vs. Chi., 9/3/00) to rush for three TDs in his 1st start.

LB Chad Greenway

- Led the team with 167 tackles. Greenway has led the team in tackles for six seasons in a row, which ties former LB Scott Studwell for most consecutive seasons in franchise history.
- Became the seventh player in franchise history to record 1,000+ career tackles. He is currently ranked fifth with 1,088.
- Moved into fifth place in career sacks by a Vikings LB with 14.5.

LB Erin Henderson

- Recorded the first two interceptions of his career during the 2013 season.
- Set a career highs with 4.0 sacks. and 14 TFLs

WR Greg Jennings

- Hauled in the seventh 70-plus yard receiving touchdown of his vs. Pittsburgh (9/29/13), second-most among active players (Calvin Johnson, 8).
- With 54 receiving TDs since the start of the 2007 season, Jennings has the sixth-most receiving touchdowns in the NFL over the past seven seasons.

P Jeff Locke

- Finished the season with a 39.2 net punting average, the third-highest in franchise history.
- His 44.2 gross punting average is the second-highest by a rookie in franchise history.

KR/WR Cordarrelle Patterson

- Became the first player in NFL history to score four receiving TDs, three rushing TDs and two kick return TDS in a single season.
- Finished second in the NFL with 2,020 all-purpose yards.
- Led the league with a 32.4 kickoff return average, marking the fourth-highest average in NFL history since the 1970 merger.
- One of two players in the 2013 season to have a rushing TD, receiving TD and return TD (Tavon Austin, STL).
- Only the second rookie in NFL history with multiple receiving TDs (four), rushing TDs (three) and return TDs (two).
- The first player in NFL history with a 100+ yard kick return TD, a 75+ yard receiving TD and a 50+ yard rushing TD.
- His 109-yard kick return TD vs. Green Bay (10/27/13) marked the longest kick return TD in NFL history.

RB Adrian Peterson

- His 1,266 rushing yards marked his sixth season with 1,000+ rushing yards.
- Became the third-fastest player to reach the 10,000-yard rushing mark when he did it in the 101st game of his career.
- Ranks first in team history with 10,115 rushing yards.
- Peterson took his first carry of the 2013 season 78 yards for a touchdown, the longest TD run on a player's first carry of a season since the 1970 merger.

2013 INDIVIDUAL MILESTONES

- His season-high 211 rushing yards vs. Chicago marked the fifth time in his career that he rushed for 200+ yards in a game, tied for second-most in NFL history.
- Over the last seven seasons, Peterson ranks first in rushing yards with 10,115 and in rushing yards per game at 98.2.
- From 2007-2013, he ranks first in the NFL in with 91 TDs, racking up the most points scored by a non-kicker with 548.
- Through 103 career games, Peterson holds the franchise record for most career rushing TDs with 86.
- Holds the Vikings career record with 42 regular season games of 100-plus yards rushing.
- With 21 runs of 50-plus yards, Peterson tops the franchise record held by Robert Smith (12).
- Holds the new franchise record of most games with two-plus rushing TDs with 21.
- Only player in Vikings history to notch seven seasons with ten-plus rushing TDs.
- Ranks second in most career combined net yards for the Vikings with 12,240, trailing only Cris Carter's 12,410.
- Became the fourth player in NFL history to record six-plus 10-plus TD, 1,000-plus rushing yard seasons.

CB Xavier Rhodes

- Set a Vikings rookie record with 23 passes defended, good for second in franchise history by any player.

DE Brian Robison

- Set a career high with 9.0 sacks during the 2013 season.
- Recorded the third-longest fumble recovery by a Vikings D-Lineman when he scored on a 61-yard return at Chicago (9/15/13).

PR Marcus Sherels

- Broke the franchise record averaging 15.2 yards per punt return
- Set a single-game franchise record with 119 punt return yards at New York. His 29.8 punt return average against the Giants ranks second in Vikings history.
- Had two 50-plus yard punt returns during the 2013 season gives him four for his career tying David Palmer (1994-2000) for most 50-plus yard returns in a career.
- With his punt return touchdown at New York Giants (10/21/13), he tied a Vikings franchise record for most career punt return touchdowns (2).

K Blair Walsh

- Connected on his first two 50-plus yard field goal attempts of the season, extending his NFL record to 12.
- Passed Ryan Longwell for most 50-plus yard field goals made in team history (12).

DT Kevin Williams

- With 60 career sacks, Williams ranks second in the NFL with the most sacks by a DT since 2003.
- Ranks first in Vikings career starts at DT with 171.
- Recorded his fifth career interception in his first game of the season at Chicago (9/15/13), tying an NFL record for most interceptions by a Defensive Tackle.

2013 TEAM NOTES



2013 CAPTAINS BY GAME

Game..... Captains

at Detroit (9/8) G. Jennings, J. Sanford, C. Loeffler & J. Allen
 at Chicago (9/15) C. Ponder, A. Peterson, C. Greenway, K. Williams
 vs. Cleveland (9/22)..... J. Sullivan, P. Loadholt, C. Johnson, B. Robison
 vs. Pittsburgh (9/29) G. Jennings, A. Peterson, C. Loeffler, K. Rudolph, K. Williams
 vs. Carolina (10/13) C. Loeffler, J. Allen, P. Loadholt, K. Rudolph
 at NY Giants (10/21)..... A. Peterson, J. Sanford, J. Sullivan, B. Robison
 vs. Green Bay (10/27)..... C. Ponder, G. Jennings, C. Greenway, B. Robison
 at Dallas (11/3)..... C. Ponder, A. Peterson, P. Loadholt, C. Johnson, B. Robison
 vs. Washington (11/7) G. Jennings, C. Loeffler, C. Greenway, J. Allen
 at Seattle (11/17) J. Sanford, P. Loadholt, C. Johnson
 at Green Bay (11/24)..... C. Ponder, G. Jennings, C. Loeffler, C. Greenway
 vs. Chicago (12/1) J. Allen, A. Peterson, J. Sanford, K. Williams
 vs. Baltimore (12/8) C. Loeffler, J. Sullivan, P. Loadholt, B. Robison
 vs. Philadelphia (12/15) .. J. Allen, P. Loadholt, C. Johnson, K. Williams
 at Cincinnati (12/22)..... G. Jennings, C. Loeffler, C. Greenway, B. Robison
 vs. Detroit (12/29)..... J. Sanford, C. Greenway, J. Sullivan, P. Loadholt, K. Williams,
 Matt Birk (Honorary Captain)

2013 ATTENDANCE BY GAME

Game..... Attendance

at Detroit (9/8) 62,461 (Ford Field)
 at Chicago (9/15) 62,181 (Soldier Field)
 vs. Cleveland (9/22)..... 63,672 (Mall of America Field)
 vs. Pittsburgh (9/29) 83,518 (Wembley Stadium)
 vs. Carolina (10/13) 63,963 (Mall of America Field)
 at NY Giants (10/21) 79,314 (MetLife Stadium)
 at Green Bay (10/27) 64,314 (Mall of America Field)
 at Dallas (11/3) 85,360 (AT&T Stadium)
 vs. Washington (11/7) 64,011 (Mall of America Field)
 at Seattle (11/17) 68,235 (CenturyLink Field)
 at Green Bay (11/24) 77,871 (Lambeau Field)
 vs. Chicago (12/1) 64,134 (Mall of America Field)
 at Baltimore (12/8) 70,921 (M&T Bank Stadium)
 vs. Philadelphia (12/15) .. 64,087 (Mall of America Field)
 at Cincinnati (12/22) 61,555 (Paul Brown Stadium)
 vs. Detroit (12/29) 64,134 (Mall of America Field)

2013 GJALLARHORN SOUNDERS

Game..... Sounder

vs. Cleveland (9/22)..... Hubert H. Humphrey IV
 vs. Pittsburgh (9/29) David Haye
 vs. Carolina (10/13)..... 2013 WNBA Champion Minnesota Lynx/Lindsay Whalen
 vs. Green Bay (10/27) Joey Browner (Ring of Honor Inductee)
 vs. Washington (11/7) Cris Carter (Hall of Fame Inductee)
 vs. Chicago (12/1) Jerry Reichow
 vs. Philadelphia (12/15)..... Daunte Culpepper (All-Mall of America Field Team Honoree)
 vs. Detroit (12/29) Bud Grant

PICKING UP PRO BOWLERS

The Vikings had 2 Pro Bowlers in 2013. Overall, the team has 11 Pro Bowl players on the roster. Of those 11 players, seven were original draft picks by the Vikings, one was acquired via trade and three were signed as a free agent:

- Jared Allen** ('07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12) - Acquired via trade with Chiefs in 2008
- Matt Cassel** ('10) - FA signee in 2013
- Jerome Felton** ('12) - FA signee in 2012
- Chad Greenway** ('11, '12) - Drafted in the 1st round (17th overall) in 2006.
- Greg Jennings** ('10, '11) - FA signee in 2013
- Matt Kalil** ('12) - Drafted in the 1st round (4th overall) in 2012
- Cordarrelle Patterson** ('13) - Drafted in the 1st round (29th overall) in 2013
- Adrian Peterson** ('08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13) - Drafted in the 1st round (7th overall)
- Kyle Rudolph** ('12) - Drafted in 2nd round (43rd overall) in 2011
- Blair Walsh** ('12) - Drafted in 6th round (175th overall) in 2012
- Kevin Williams** ('05, '07, '08, '09, '10) - Drafted in 1st round (9th overall) in 2003

FAREWELL DOME

After 32 seasons indoors, the Vikings played their final season at Mall of America Field in 2013. The Vikings will be moving outside to TCF Bank Stadium for 2 seasons while their new stadium is being constructed on the current site of the Metrodome. The Vikings expect to open up the 2016 season at the new state-of-the-art stadium.

The Vikings have had a significant home-field advantage since moving into Mall of America Field in 1982. The team now has a combined record of 168-92 (.646) all-time at Mall of America Field, which includes a 6-4 mark in postseason games. The Vikings have gone undefeated 3 times at Mall of America Field ('89, '98, '09) and have finished the season undefeated at home 8 total times in team history.

The Vikings were not shut out during the 32-year history of Mall of America Field and haven't been shut out at a home stadium since 10/7/62, when they lost 13-0 to Chicago at Met Stadium.



2013 NEW FACES

FREE AGENTS/WAIVERS

Player	Pos.	School
Brandan Bishop	S	North Carolina State
Desmond Bishop	LB	California
Matt Cassel	QB	USC
Kip Edwards	CB	Missouri
Josh Freeman	QB	Kansas State
Greg Jennings	WR	Westen Michigan
Spencer Nealy	DT	Texas A&M
Shaun Prater	CB	Iowa
Bradley Randle	RB	UNLV
Mike Remmers	T	Oregon State
Justin Trattou	DE	Florida
Robert Steeples	CB	Memphis
J'Marcus Webb	T	West Texas A&M

DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND

Player	Pos.	School
1a) Sharrif Floyd	DT	Florida
1b) Xavier Rhodes	CB	Florida State
1c) Cordarrelle Patterson	WR	Tennessee
4) Gerald Hodges	LB	Penn State
5) Jeff Locke	P	UCLA
6) Jeff Baca	G	UCLA
7a) Michael Mauti	LB	Penn State

UNDRAFTED FREE AGENTS

Player	Pos.	School
Zach Line	FB	SMU
Rodney Smith	WR	Florida State
Adam Thielen	WR	Minn. State - Mankato



2013 VIKINGS HONOR ROLL

QB Matt Cassel

NFC FedEx Air Player of the Week - Week 15

- Completed 25-of-36 passes for 382 yards and 2 TDs, leading the Vikings to the highest offensive output in Metrodome history.
- The 382 passing yards were the most by a Vikings QB since Brett Favre threw for a career-high 446 yards on 11/7/10.

KR Cordarrelle Patterson

NFC Special Teams Player of the Month - September

- Led the NFL averaging 33.8 yards per kick return in the first month of the season.
- One of two NFL players to return a kickoff for a touchdown during the month of September.
- The 2nd consecutive month a Vikings rookie has earned NFL Special Teams Player of the Month (Blair Walsh, December 2012).
- The 2nd Vikings kick returner to earn the award (Percy Harvin, September 2012).

KR Cordarrelle Patterson

NFC Special Teams Player of the Week - Week 8

- Set an NFL record for the longest kickoff return when he took the opening kickoff 109 yards for a TD.
- Became the 2nd player in franchise history to have 2 kickoff return TDs in the same season (Percy Harvin, 2009).
- One of five rookies in NFL history to record over 200 return yards and a 45.0+ average in a single game.

KR Cordarrelle Patterson

NFL Offensive Rookie of the Month - December

- Scored 6 TDs during the month of December, the most by any rookie and tied for the third-most by any player.
- Became first rookie to score at least three rushing TDs and three receiving TDs in a calendar month since Roger Craig in December 1983.
- In December, Patterson was one of two players to score at least three rushing TDs and three receiving TDs.

RB Adrian Peterson

NFC FedEx Ground Player of the Week - Week 4

- Rushed for 140 yards and 2 TDs in a Vikings 31-24 victory over Pittsburgh.
- Recorded his 12th rush of 60+ yards, an NFL record. The previous record was 9 set by Jim Brown.

RB Adrian Peterson

NFC FedEx Ground Player of the Week - Week 13

- Rushed for 211 yards in the Vikings 23-20 overtime victory over Chicago.
- His 211 yards put him over 10,000 rushing yards for his career, becoming the 3rd-fastest to that mark in NFL history.

K Blair Walsh

NFC Special Teams Player of the Week - Week 12

- Was a perfect 4-4 on FGs including a 47-yarder in regulation and a 35-yarder in OT.
- Registered 5 touchbacks on a cold day in Green Bay. The FGs (4) and touchbacks (5) were both season highs.
- This is Walsh's 4th POW award, joining Gary Anderson and Mitch Berger for most in team history in only his 2nd season.

VIKINGS BY THE NUMBERS

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Rushing TDs by rookie WR **Cordarrelle Patterson**, the most by a Vikings WR in a single season and most in the NFL in 2013.

5

Career 200-plus rushing yard games by **Adrian Peterson**, tied for second most in NFL history (Tiki Barber 5, O.J. Simpson 6).

5

Career INTs by **Kevin Williams**, which ties an NFL record (Dan Wilkinson) for most INTs by a Defensive Tackle.

15.2

PR **Marcus Sherels'** punt return average during the 2013 season, the highest single-season average in franchise history. Sherels finished the season second in the NFL.

22

Tackles for LB **Chad Greenway** vs. Oakland on 11/20/11, the second most in a game by a Viking.

23

Passes defensed by Vikings rookie CB **Xavier Rhodes**, the most by a rookie in franchise history and second most by any Viking.

42

Career 100-yard rushing performances for RB **Adrian Peterson**.

59.0

Career sacks for **Kevin Williams** - the second most by an NFL defensive tackle since 2003 and 9th overall in Vikings history.

91

Career TDs for RB **Adrian Peterson**. With 86 rushing TDs and 5 receiving TDs, Peterson ranks third in franchise history in total touchdowns trailing only Randy Moss (93) and Cris Carter (110).

101

Games it took **Adrian Peterson** to reach 10,000 rushing yards, the 3rd fastest in NFL history behind Eric Dickerson (91) and Jim Brown (98).

109

Longest kickoff return in NFL history, set by rookie KR **Cordarrelle Patterson** on 10/27/13 vs. Green Bay.

119

Punt return yards by PR **Marcus Sherels** against the New York Giants on 10/21/13, a single-game franchise record.

135

Team sacks for the **Vikings** since the beginning of the 2011 season, third most in the NFL during that span.

296

Rushing yards **Adrian Peterson** had against the Chargers on Nov. 4, 2007. It stands as the highest single-game rushing total in NFL history.

1,393

Kick return yards by KR **Cordarrelle Patterson**, the single-season franchise record.

2013 ROSTER NOTES



ROSTER NOTES

Oldest Viking Player	Kevin Williams	33, born 8/16/80
Youngest Viking Player	Sharrif Floyd	22, born 5/28/91
Most Seasons as a Viking	Kevin Williams	11
Most NFL Seasons	Kevin Williams	11
College with the most Vikings	Notre Dame, 5	Robert Blanton John Carlson Kyle Rudolph Harrison Smith John Sullivan
Conference with the most Vikings	Pac-12, SEC	10 players on roster
Largest Viking	Phil Loadholt	6-8, 343 lbs
Smallest Viking	Marcus Sherels	5-10, 175 lbs
Former 1st-Round Draft Picks	10	Sharrif Floyd Josh Freeman Chad Greenway Matt Kalil Cordarrelle Patterson Adrian Peterson Christian Ponder Xavier Rhodes Harrison Smith Kevin Williams
Pro Bowlers	11	Jared Allen Matt Cassel Jerome Felton Chad Greenway Greg Jennings Matt Kalil Cordarrelle Patterson Adrian Peterson Kyle Rudolph Kevin Williams Blair Walsh
Coaches who played in the NFL	6	Jeff Davidson Jimmie Johnson Bill Musgrave Fred Pagac James Saxon Mike Singletary

60 & UP

DT **Kevin Williams** tops the list of most games played as a Viking on the current roster with 171, but several others have logged 60 or more.

Player	GP (Starts)
Kevin Williams	171 (171)
Cullen Loeffler	155 (0)
Chad Greenway	112 (111)
Brian Robison	110 (54)
Adrian Peterson	103 (96)
Jared Allen	96 (96)
Fred Evans	94 (6)
John Sullivan	93 (77)
Phil Loadholt	78 (78)
Jamarca Sanford	70 (44)
Letroy Guion	68 (31)
Erin Henderson	64 (33)
Toby Gerhart	61 (6)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS	PRONUNCIATION
Matt Asiata	ah-SEE-ah-ta
Jeff Baca	BAH-ka
Joe Berger	BUR-jur
Audie Cole	ODD-ee
Brandon Fusco	FUSS-co
Toby Gerhart	GARE-heart
Letroy Guion	LA-troy guy-ON
Matt Kalil	kuh-LIL
Cullen Loeffler	LEFF-ler
Michael Mauti	MAW-tee
Cordarrelle Patterson	core-DARE-ul
Mistral Raymond	MISS-trail
Brian Robison	ROB-ah-sin
Andrew Sendejo	sin-DAY-ho
Marcus Sherels	SHARE-els
Justin Trattou	TRAW-toe



VIKINGS TEAM NOTES



2013 NFL STANDINGS

AFC East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
y-New England	12	4	0	.750	444	338	8-0-0	4-4-0	9-3-0	4-2-0
New York Jets	8	8	0	.500	290	387	6-2-0	2-6-0	5-7-0	3-3-0
Miami	8	8	0	.500	317	335	4-4-0	4-4-0	7-5-0	2-4-0
Buffalo	6	10	0	.375	339	388	4-4-0	2-6-0	5-7-0	3-3-0

AFC North

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
y-Cincinnati	11	5	0	.688	391	336	6-2-0	5-3-0	8-4-0	3-3-0
Pittsburgh	8	8	0	.500	379	370	5-3-0	3-5-0	6-6-0	4-2-0
Baltimore	8	8	0	.500	320	352	6-2-0	2-6-0	6-6-0	3-3-0
Cleveland	4	12	0	.250	308	406	3-5-0	1-7-0	3-9-0	2-4-0

AFC South

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
y-Indianapolis	11	5	0	.688	391	336	6-2-0	5-3-0	9-3-0	6-0-0
Tennessee	7	9	0	.438	362	381	3-5-0	4-4-0	6-6-0	2-4-0
Jacksonville	4	12	0	.250	247	449	1-7-0	3-5-0	4-8-0	3-3-0
Houston	2	14	0	.125	276	428	1-7-0	1-7-0	2-10-0	1-5-0

AFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
z-Denver	13	3	0	.813	606	399	7-1-0	6-2-0	9-3-0	4-2-0
x-Kansas City	11	5	0	.688	430	305	5-3-0	6-2-0	7-5-0	2-4-0
x-San Diego	9	7	0	.563	396	348	5-3-0	4-4-0	6-6-0	4-2-0
Oakland	4	12	0	.250	322	453	3-5-0	1-7-0	4-8-0	1-5-0

NFC East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
y-Philadelphia	10	6	0	.625	442	382	4-4-0	6-2-0	9-3-0	4-2-0
Dallas	8	8	0	.500	439	432	5-3-0	3-5-0	4-8-0	2-4-0
New York	7	9	0	.438	294	383	4-4-0	3-5-0	6-6-0	3-3-0
Washington	3	13	0	.188	334	478	2-6-0	1-7-0	1-11-0	0-6-0

NFC North

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
y-Green Bay	8	7	1	.531	417	428	4-3-1	4-4-0	6-5-1	3-2-1
Chicago	8	8	0	.500	445	478	5-3-0	3-5-0	4-8-0	2-4-0
Detroit	7	9	0	.438	395	376	4-4-0	3-5-0	6-6-0	4-2-0
Minnesota	5	10	1	.344	391	480	5-3-0	0-7-1	4-7-1	2-3-1

NFC South

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
y-Carolina	12	4	0	.750	366	241	7-1-0	5-3-0	9-3-0	5-1-0
x-New Orleans	11	5	0	.688	414	304	8-0-0	3-5-0	9-3-0	5-1-0
Atlanta	4	12	0	.250	353	443	3-5-0	1-7-0	3-9-0	1-5-0
Tampa Bay	4	12	0	.250	288	389	3-5-0	1-7-0	2-10-0	1-5-0

NFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
z-Seattle	13	3	0	.813	417	231	7-1-0	6-2-0	10-2-0	4-2-0
x-San Francisco	12	4	0	.750	406	272	6-2-0	6-2-0	9-3-0	5-1-0
Arizona	10	6	0	.625	379	324	6-2-0	4-4-0	6-6-0	2-4-0
St. Louis	7	9	0	.438	348	364	5-3-0	2-6-0	4-8-0	1-5-0

x - clinched playoff spot y - clinched division z - clinched conference

NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Minnesota has 6 current players that have earned 14 NFC Player of the Week honors as members of the Vikings.

Jared Allen - Defensive Player of the Week - vs. CHI (11/30/08)
- Season-high 2.5 sacks and 9 total tackles (7 solo).

Chad Greenway - Defensive Player of the Week - at DET (9/20/09)
- Finished with 4 tackles, 2 INTs, 1 FR.
- Became just the 15th player in team history to notch a 3-takeaway game and only the 3rd LB to accomplish the feat.

Cordarrelle Patterson NFC Special Teams Player of the Week vs. GB (10/27/13)
- Set an NFL record for longest kick return TD when with a 109-yard return.
- Finished with 228 return yards, 2nd-most in franchise history.

Adrian Peterson NFC Offensive Player of the Week vs. ARI (10/9/11)
- Peterson rushed for 122 yards and 3 TDs in the Vikings win vs Arizona.
- All 3 of Peterson's TDs came in the 1st quarter.

Adrian Peterson - Offensive Player of the Week - vs. DET (9/26/10)
- Rushed for 160 yards and two TDs on 23 carries (7.0 avg.).
- Also caught five passes for 30 yards.

Adrian Peterson - Offensive Player of the Week - vs. GB (11/9/08)
- Rushed for 192 yards and a TD on 30 carries (6.4 avg.).
- Also caught 3 passes for 33 yards.

Adrian Peterson - Offensive Player of the Week - vs. SD (11/4/07)
- Set an NFL record with 296 rushing yards on the day.
- Carried 30 times for 296 (9.9 avg.) and 3 TDs, including a 64-yarder.

Adrian Peterson - Offensive Player of the Week - at CHI (10/14/07)
- Rushed 20 times for 224 yards and 3 TDs, including a 73-yarder.
- Averaged 11.2 yards per carry and caught 1 pass for 9 yards.

Adrian Peterson - Offensive Player of the Week - vs. ARI (10/21/12)
- Had 153 rushing yards and 1 TD on 23 carries.
- Averaged 6.7 yards per carry and caught 2 passes for 6 yards.

Adrian Peterson - Offensive Player of the Week - vs. CHI (12/9/12)
- Recorded 154 yards on a career high 31 rushing attempts while finding the endzone twice on a pair of 1-yard runs.
- Ran for his 7th consecutive 100+ yard game and recorded his League-leading 5th 50+ yard run.

Blair Walsh - Special Teams Player of the Week - vs. JAX (9/9/12)
- Went 4/4 on FGs of 20, 42, 55 and 38 yards was 2-2 on extra points. The 55-yard kick sent the Vikings/Jaguars game to overtime.
- Walsh connected on a 38-yard FG in overtime that proved to be the game-winning kick.

Blair Walsh - Special Teams Player of the Week - vs. STL (12/16/12)
- Went 5/5 on FGs of 50, 38, 42, 53, 51 yards was 3/3 on extra points to give him 18 points against the St. Louis Rams.
- Walsh made 3 50+ yard FGs (50, 53, 51) which is tied for the most in NFL history.

Blair Walsh - Special Teams Player of the Week - vs. GB (11/24/13)
- Went a perfect 4-for-4 on FGs, including a 47-yarder in regulation and a 35-yarder in OT.
- Added 5 kickoff touchbacks, which tied a season high.

Kevin Williams - Defensive Player of the Week - vs. JAX (11/28/04)
- Finished with six tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery for a TD.