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2012 SEASON IN REVIEW

Biggest single season turnaround in team history from 3 to 10 wins yields Playoff berth

2012 INDIVIDUAL VIKINGS AWARDS

Adrian Peterson

MVP, Associated Press
MVP, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA
Bert Bell Award (MVP), Maxwell Football Club
Offensive Player of the Year, Associated Press
Offensive Player of the Year, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA
Comeback Player of the Year, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA
First Team All-Pro, Associated Press
All-NFL Team, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA
Pro Bowl Starter

Blair Walsh

Golden Toe Award, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA
First Team All-Pro, Associated Press
All-NFL Team, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA
All-Rookie Team, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA
Pro Bowl Selection

Jerome Felton

Second Team All-Pro, Associated Press
Pro Bowl Starter

Chad Greenway

Second Team All-Pro, Associated Press
Pro Bowl Selection

Matt Kalil

All-Rookie Team, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA
Pro Bowl Selection

Jared Allen

Pro Bowl Selection

Kyle Rudolph

Pro Bowl Selection

Harrison Smith

All-Rookie Team, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA

John Sullivan

All-NFL Team, Pro Football Weekly/PFWA

2013 IMPORTANT DATES

February 20-26

NFL Scouting Combine, Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis

March 12, 4:00 PM ET

Free Agency Begins

March 17-20

Annual League Meeting, Phoenix

April 25-27

NFL Draft, New York (Vikings draft 23rd)

May 20-22

NFL Spring League Meeting, Boston

Late July

Training Camp Opens

September 5, 8-9

NFL Kickoff 2013

September 29

NFL International Series, London, Pittsburgh vs. Minnesota

Adrian Peterson Named 2012 NFL MVP and Offensive Player of the Year

Peterson joins QB Fran Tarkenton (1975) and DT Alan Page (1971) as the only Vikings to win the AP MVP award. Peterson is the 1st Viking to win the AP OPOY award.

SEASON SUMMARY



In his 2nd full season as the head coach of the Minnesota Vikings, **Leslie Frazier** led the team to the biggest single-season turnaround in franchise history, improving from 3 wins during the 2011 season to 10 wins and their 1st playoff berth in 3 years in 2012. Contributing to the teams' newfound success was a combination of an improved defense, impressive rookie class, powerful run offense and spectacular special teams play.

After suffering a torn ACL and MCL in December of 2011, RB **Adrian Peterson** defied the odds and ran his way to being named the 2012 NFL MVP as well as the Offensive Player of the Year. Peterson became the 6th player in the NFL history to eclipse the 2,000-yard mark with a season total of 2,097 rushing yards, just 9 yards shy of Eric Dickerson's record set in 1984. Peterson ran behind an offensive line that had the same 5 starters in all 17 games and powered the Vikings to tie a franchise best with 2,634 rushing yards.

The 2012 season also saw great improvements by QB **Christian Ponder** in his 1st full season as a starter and 2nd under the tutelage of offensive coordinator **Bill Musgrave**. Ponder made strides during his sophomore season throwing 1 less interception and improving both his completion percentage (54.3 to 62.1) and his QB rating (70.1 to 81.2). Ponder started all 16 regular season games and was the only player to attempt a pass for the first time since 1979. 2nd year TE **Kyle Rudolph** also had a career year setting new career highs in catches (53), receiving yards (493) and TDs (9).

The Vikings boasted arguably the most productive rookie class in the NFL in 2012, led by Pro Football Weekly/PFWA All-Rookie Team members T **Matt Kalil**, S **Harrison Smith** and K **Blair Walsh**. Kalil and Smith became the 1st rookie combo to start all 16 games for the Vikings since 1994 while Walsh set the NFL record for the most 50-plus yard FGs in a season going 10-for-10. CB **Josh Robinson**, WR **Jarius Wright**, FB **Rhett Ellison**, S **Robert Blanton** and LB **Audie Cole** also contributed during their rookie campaigns. The Vikings set a team record against Chicago (12/9) by starting 5 different rookies in a game. Minnesota also received 45 total regular season starts from rookies.

Under first year defensive coordinator **Alan Williams**, the Vikings defense showed improvement, dropping their opponents points per game average down to 21.7 from 28.1 the previous season. The Vikings held their opponents to under 20 points 6 times. The defense was led by LB **Chad Greenway**, who set a career high with 191 tackles and led the team in tackles for the 5th straight season, CB **Antoine Winfield**, who tied a team record for tackles by a CB and DE **Jared Allen**, who recorded his 6th straight 10+ sack season and 7th overall.

The Vikings special teams units, led by coordinator **Mike Priefer**, had a strong showing in 2012. The Vikings led the League in opponent average starting field position on kickoffs and Walsh set the team record for most kickoff touchbacks with 53. Minnesota also had two special teams return TDs in the same game at Detroit (9/30) when WR **Percy Harvin** took a kickoff 105 yards and CB **Marus Sherels** returned a punt 77 yards. P **Chris Kluwe** also set a new career high with a 39.7 net punting average. Walsh also added 2 game-winning FGs in 2012, Week 1 and Week 17.

Individually, the Vikings had 7 players selected to the 2013 Pro Bowl, Allen, FB **Jerome Felton**, Greenway, Kalil, Peterson, Rudolph and Walsh. The Vikings also had 2 players named 1st Team Associated Press All-Pro (Peterson and Walsh) and 2 named 2nd Team All-Pro (Felton and Greenway).

NORSEMAN NOTABLES

- Vikings RB **Adrian Peterson** ranked 2nd in NFL history and led the NFL in 2012 with 2,097 rushing yards. Peterson's rushing total ranked better than 24 NFL teams in 2012.
- With 2,634 rushing yards as a team, the Vikings tied a franchise record set in 2007 for team rushing yards in a season. The Vikings also set a new team record with 5.4 yards per carry.
- With a +7 differential, the Vikings had their biggest jump in win totals from 1 season to the next in 2012, going from 3 to 10 wins. From 1997 to 1998, the Vikings increased their wins +6.
- Vikings K **Blair Walsh** set a new NFL record with 10 FGs of 50+ yards in a single season.
- Vikings TE **Kyle Rudolph** tied for 2nd in the League among all TEs with 9 TD catches and was 2nd in Vikings history for TDs by a TE in a season, trailing Visanthe Shiancoe's 11 set in 2009.
- The Vikings rank 1st in the NFL with 33 runs of 20+ yards and 7 runs of 50+ yards.
- LB **Chad Greenway** has set a new career high in tackles. Greenway has led the team in tackles 5 years in a row, which is 2nd only to Scott Studwell's 6 straight seasons.
- The Vikings went 10-6 in 2012, the 16th time in franchise history posting 10+ wins.
- For the 1st time since 1999, the Vikings had 3 different players record 8+ sacks



HEAD COACH LESLIE FRAZIER



NFL Head Coach: 2nd Year
Overall NFL Experience: 20th Year
Coaching Experience: 25th Year
Overall NFL Record: 16-23-0 (.410)
Regular Season: 16-22-0 (.421)
Postseason: 0-1 (.000)
Record with MIN: 16-23-0 (.410)

Leslie Frazier led the Vikings to a 2012 Wild Card playoff berth in his 2nd full season coaching the club and shattered outside expectations for a team that underwent a significant roster overhaul and relied on a talented but young core group with veteran leadership at key positions. The 2012 team marked Frazier's 8th team in 14 seasons coaching in the NFL that advanced to the playoffs, 6 of those teams as division winners, and he has suffered only 3 losing seasons.

With the unique perspective of a Super Bowl winner as a player and coach, Frazier has a proven track record of success. His 1st title came as a starting CB with the 1985 Chicago Bears in Super Bowl XX. Since taking over the head coaching duties of the Vikings for the final 6 games of the 2010 season, Frazier has been committed to building a roster with talent and character that places value on playing smart, team-oriented football.

The 2012 Vikings set a franchise record by improving by 7 victories over the season before, finishing 10-6 to earn the 6th seed in the NFC playoffs after a 3-13 campaign in 2011. The 2012 team was 1 of 4 participants in the 2012 playoffs that were not in the tournament the season before. The Vikings came together as a team when it mattered most, winning the final 4 games of the regular season, including wins over playoff-bound Houston on the road and against NFC North champion Green Bay at home in the regular season finale. The Vikings counted on several rookies and 2nd-year players making huge contributions. The team started rookies LT Matt Kalil (1st round, #4) and S Harrison Smith (1st round, #29) in all 16 games while rookie kicker Blair Walsh had an NFL record-setting debut season. All 3 newcomers earned All-Rookie honors from the PFWA while 7 players earned Pro Bowl berths- Adrian Peterson, Jerome Felton, Jared Allen, Chad Greenway and Walsh. Peterson and Walsh were 1st-Team All-Pro selections by the Associated Press while Felton and Greenway were 2nd-Team selections. The club started a team-record 5 rookies in the home game vs. Chicago when CB Josh Robinson (3rd round), TE Rhett Ellison (4th round) and WR Jarius Wright (4th round) joined Kalil and Smith in the starting lineup.

Peterson had a season for the ages in 2012, rushing for 2,097 yards and earning consensus All-Pro honors along with amassing the 2nd-highest yardage total in a single season in NFL history and shattering his own previous team rushing record of 1,760 yards. Even more remarkable, the Vikings offensive line featured new starters at 3 positions up front paving the way for Peterson, led by C John Sullivan, who earned All-Pro honors from the PFWA/Pro Football Weekly.

In his 2 full seasons coaching the Vikings in 2011 and 2012 the team has been witness to some of the top record-setting performances in franchise and NFL history. Adrian Peterson's remarkable comeback from a severe knee injury at the end of 2011 to post one of the most epic rushing seasons in NFL history was a story that captured the attention of the country. Peterson's 2,097 yards rushing ranks 2nd in NFL history. His play on the field and humility off it was an inspiration. If not for Peterson's performance, Walsh's record-setting debut season would have been the story of the team. He broke the NFL record for 50-yard FGs by going 10-of-10 and booted a game winner in the 1st game of the season and in the final regular season game of the season to seal a playoff berth. Walsh's 141 points set a Vikings rookie record and ranks 2nd in NFL history by a rookie. Jared Allen had a record-setting 2011 with 22.0 sacks, setting a new team record and falling just shy of the NFL record of 22.5 en route to finishing runner-up in Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year honors along with notching a sack in a team-record 13 games during the season.

Frazier notched a 3-3 record on an interim basis in the final 6 games of 2010, including winning his opening contest at Washington and an upset win over eventual NFC East champion Philadelphia on the road. His steady and consistent personality and coaching style helped the Vikings prepare weekly under unprecedented circumstances in a harrowing three-week span. The team endured the collapse of the roof on their home stadium, forcing the club to play consecutive "home" games at Detroit's Ford Field against the NY Giants and at TCF Bank Stadium on the campus of the University of Minnesota against the Chicago Bears. Following the chaotic two weeks, the team experienced a two-day weather delay of a Sunday Night Football game at Philadelphia to Tuesday night, turning a routine road trip into a three-night extended stay.

The Vikings 2010 defense ended the season ranked #8 in the NFL, the 3rd straight season the Vikings ranked in the top 10 in total defense for the first time since 1992-94. Offensively, the Vikings were stifled by injuries and started 3 QBs and centers during the season. The running game continued to excel as Pro Bowler Adrian Peterson notched 1,298 yards and 12 TDs. team was forced through injuries to turn to rookie QB Joe Webb to start the final 2 games of the season, winning his debut in an upset at Philadelphia.

Frazier's defense led the NFL in 2009 with 48.0 sacks and the team ranks 5th in the NFL with 162.0 sacks from 2007-10. The Vikings defense ranked #6 in the NFL in 2009, the 2nd straight season ranked #6 in total defense. The mark was the 1st time since 1993-94 the team ranked in the NFL's top 10 in consecutive seasons.

The 2009 Vikings used a dynamic front line to continue their tradition of stopping the run and put pressure on opposing QBs. The unit ranked #2 in the NFL against the run after leading the league for the previous 3 seasons. The Vikings tied for the NFL lead by allowing only 5 rushing TDs. The NFL-best 48 sacks posted by the Vikings was the 5th-most in team history and Allen led the way with 14.5. Allen and DT Kevin Williams were both recognized as Associated Press 1st Team All-Pros and were named to the Pro Bowl along with CB Antoine Winfield.

Frazier's 2008 defensive unit ranked #6 overall in the NFL and #1 in the league against the run, making the Vikings the 1st squad since the 1970 AFL/NFL merger to lead the league in rushing defense for 3 straight seasons. The Vikings #6 rank in total defense was the highest since the 1994 season. Of the teams ranked in the top 6 in the NFL, the other 5 had ranked in the NFL's top 10 in 2007 while the Vikings were #20 in 2007, making a 14-position improvement in 2008. The 2008 Vikings defense featured 4 players earning Pro Bowl berths, including 3 defensive linemen with Allen, DTs Kevin Williams and Pat Williams and rounded out with 10th-year CB Winfield earning his 1st Pro Bowl honors. The Vikings dominant line showed prowess as pass rushers as well as against the run. Allen tied for 5th in the NFL with 14.5 sacks and the team total of 45 ranked 4th in the NFL. The Vikings ranked 3rd in the NFL in 2008 by allowing only a 33.5% conversion rate on 3rd down and were 5th in the NFL by allowing 15.8 offensive points per game.

In his debut season with the Vikings in 2007, the team maintained its dominance against the run, posting the #1 rush defense in the NFL and allowed a mere 3.1 yards per carry. The anchors of the Vikings defense, DTs Kevin Williams and Pat Williams, were joined by S Darren Sharper as Pro Bowl honorees, the most defensive Vikings to earn trips to Hawaii since 1992.

Frazier's defense was opportunistic, scoring on 6 interception returns to tie a Vikings record and added a pair of TDs on fumble recoveries. The Vikings' 6 scores by interception return ranks tied for 5th-most in a season in NFL history. The team scored on 3 interceptions in a key road game against the NY Giants to set a team record against the eventual Super Bowl XLII champions. The Vikings tied for 3rd in the NFL in 2007 by allowing only 7 rushing TDs and were 5th in the NFC in total offensive points allowed, an average of 17.8 points per game.

The 2007 Vikings rush defense was the envy of the NFL, allowing 74.1 yards per game on the ground and allowed only 1 opponent RB to break the 100-yard mark.

Frazier came to Minnesota after coaching DBs with Indianapolis and serving as Special Assistant to Head Coach Tony Dungy for 2 seasons. The 2006 Colts defense clamped down on opponents throughout the playoff run that brought the franchise its 1st Super Bowl title since 1970.

In his 1st season with Indianapolis in 2005, Frazier helped S Bob Sanders earn a berth in the Pro Bowl in his 1st season as a full-time starter and became the 1st Colts DB to play in the game since 1971. The Colts ranked 11th in the NFL in total defense after ranking 29th overall in 2004 and improved in yards allowed per game from 370.6 per game to 307.1.

Prior to his tenure with Indianapolis, Frazier served as defensive coordinator with Cincinnati in 2003 and '04 where he helped the Bengals go .500 in consecutive seasons for the 1st time in 12 seasons. Frazier's NFL coaching debut came from 1999-2002 with Philadelphia where he worked with the Eagles DBs. Frazier helped CB Troy Vincent earn 4 Pro Bowl berths, S Brian Dawkins went to the game 3 times and Bobby Taylor appear in the all-star game once. The trio all earned Pro Bowl recognition in 2002. Frazier was part of an impressive program-building project in Philadelphia that saw the team improve from a 5-11 record in 1999 to 11-5 in 2000, 11-5 in 2001 and 12-4 in 2002. The team advanced to the playoffs in each of Frazier's final 3 seasons with the Eagles, including winning the NFC East in 2001 and '02 and advancing to the NFC Championship game in both seasons.

As a player, Frazier was part of the legendary Chicago Bears defense that keyed the Super Bowl XX win over New England. He was a starter at CB on the 1985 Super Bowl team and played for the Bears from 1981-86. He led Chicago in interceptions in 1983, '84 and '85 but his career was cut short by a severe knee injury suffered in the Super Bowl. During his career he had 20 INTs in 65 games and returned a pair for TDs. Frazier was an All-America DB and baseball standout at Alcorn State University. In 2007, Frazier was inducted into the SWAC Hall of Fame and in 2012 he earned induction into the Alcorn State Hall of Fame.

Frazier was born (4/3/59) in Columbus, MS and attended S.D. Lee High. Frazier and wife, Gale, have 3 children- Kieron, Chantel and Corey, who plays DB at Rice. He holds a degree in business administration and was active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes throughout his playing career. Frazier works closely with All-Pro Dad, an organization that stresses fathers taking an active role and putting family first.

FRAZIER'S COACHING/PLAYING BACKGROUND

Coach		
2011-Present	Minnesota Vikings	Head Coach
2010*	Minnesota Vikings	Interim Head Coach
2007-10	Minnesota Vikings	Defensive Coordinator
2005-06	Indianapolis Colts	Defensive Backs
2003-04	Cincinnati Bengals	Defensive Coordinator
1999-02	Philadelphia Eagles	Defensive Backs
1997-98	University of Illinois	Defensive Backs
1988-96	Trinity International Univ.	Head Coach
Player		
1981-86	Chicago Bears	Cornerback
1977-80	Alcorn State	Defensive Back

* Named Interim Head Coach for final six games.



Head Coach Leslie Frazier
January 8, 2013

Good afternoon guys. Good to see you guys. I wasn't expecting to be doing a media event postseason at this point. We were looking forward to continuing our season. Unfortunately, that didn't happen, but very, very proud of our football team and what they accomplished this season. Our guys worked extremely hard going all the way back to, as you heard me say this before, April 23rd when they came back in the building to really set a foundation for this 2012 season and because of their hard work, we were able to secure a playoff berth, something we are extremely pleased with. The foundation has really been set with our team without question. Our core identity showed up, the traits that we talked about throughout the year, being a tough, smart, disciplined football team were exemplified through this group of young men. Really appreciate our coaching staff for developing such a young roster. When you have more than 50 percent of your team in their first and second season, to see our coaches work with them, bring them along and get them to the point where they could go out and function and function well and play at a high level, much credit to those guys for their work and their efforts. So many individual players who had great seasons, looking at what Adrian (Peterson) did, Blair (Walsh), the development of Christian (Ponder), so many players. Seeing our defense come along and improve over the course of the year, Chad Greenway, Jared (Allen), Kevin (Williams), great leadership on our football team. It really helped me a great deal during the course of the season and so for us, I think we have a great foundation for the future. I think we have some things in place that should help us long term and help us to improve as we go forward. We have a lot of work to do this offseason. We understand that. Our players know that. We had a good meeting on Monday talking about what we have to do when we do get back in the building in April. They're enthused, they're excited, they weren't holding their heads down. We had a lot we wanted to get achieved, came up a little bit short. Our goal was to get to the Super Bowl and win the Super Bowl and we got a taste of what it's like to play in the playoffs and our guys are hungry to get back and finish the mission that's been put before them. But an exciting time for all of our fans, very appreciative of the support we received from the fans. They were great. Our home games, you've heard me say this before, I think for any team that comes to Mall of America Field, our goal going into the season, we wanted to make it extremely difficult for anybody to think that they could come here and win, and our guys, they got that done. To go 7-1 at home with the support we got from our fans, that was a big deal for our success during the season. Very appreciative of our fans and the support that they provided for us throughout the season. Injury-wise, we have a few guys that are going to have to take care of some things. Jared (Allen), he's going to have surgery after the Pro Bowl on a labrum tear. Chris Kluwe has to get some work done on a meniscus, he's going to have to have some surgery done, that's to be determined. Tyrone McKenzie, we missed him late in the year, last couple of games, he'll be back. He won't have to have any surgery. He'll heal on his own. Adrian is going to be evaluated for that core muscle issue that he had after the Pro Bowl. He'll get evaluated there. Christian had the contusion on his tricep, he's improving, still getting treatment. Antoine (Winfield), he's healing, won't need any surgery. He's doing fine. Other than that, we have some minor things that different guys are dealing with but nothing that should hinder anyone when we do open up training camp a year from now, at least a few months from now, from participating. Good year, good year for our football team.

Q: Is it the meniscus in Kluwe's non-kicking leg?

A: Left knee, yes.

Q: Anything to the rumors about Mike Singletary and Mike Priefer interviewing for the Bears head coach position?

A: The Bears have requested some information and I'll let their organization talk about their candidates and the rumors that you've read or the rumors you've read and heard, they have been asked to come in and interview for a job there, they have.

Q: Do you expect any changes to your coaching staff?

A: I'm hoping that we'll keep our guys intact. I think, as I mentioned earlier, our coaches did a great job in getting our players ready to play every week and barring someone getting a promotion, I'm hoping that all of our guys will be back. They did a terrific job throughout the season.

Q: What was your message to the team before they left?

A: Just tried to encourage them on what they had done this season, but also to challenge them to come back with a similar work ethic to the one they had this past offseason and understanding in our League, every year is different. You can't rest on your laurels in the NFL. For all we accomplished in 2012, 2013 will be much different. Our roster is going to be different, our schedule is going to be different. We're going to have to find a way to improve, and part of that will be, of course, through the draft and free agency and also the guys that are on our roster paying a price this offseason to improve, but just wanted to leave them with that challenge and come back with a commitment to improve.

Q: What was the importance of that four game winning streak to close out the season in terms of validating all of the things you're trying to get done?

A: Without that four game win streak, we don't get a chance to compete in the playoffs, so for our players to stand up like they did and compete and not give up, not just believe that the season was over. We were 6-6, says a lot about the character of our football team, the leadership on our football team and it meant a lot to me, meant a lot to our coaching staff that our players didn't buckle under the fact that we were a .500 team at 6-6 and kept playing and believing that they were going to win, on the road or at home.

Q: Christian had a lot of ups and downs this season. What is your outlook for him going into 2013?

A: We're excited about his progress. The way he played down the stretch, he was great. He had a lot to do with us winning those last four games the way we did and it's unfortunate that he wasn't able to play in that last ball game up at Lambeau. He wanted to play. He tried everything he could to get on the field and just wouldn't have been a wise decision to put him out there with the injury that he had. He just didn't get the flexion back in that tricep, but he did everything in his power to get out there with his rehab, his work ethic was tremendous. We're pleased with the progress he's made. We saw glimpses of what he can bring to our football team and the way he led us down the stretch, you feel like you have a chance to win every game when your quarterback plays the way he played. We're excited about his development and looking forward to him getting better through this offseason.

Q: Will Christian be your starter for 2013?

A: He's our starter, yeah, he's our starter.

Q: Where are you at backup quarterback after what happened Saturday?

A: It was a tough day for Joe [Webb], tough day all the way around. He was put in a tough situation having to go start a playoff game in that environment against a good football team. We still have a lot of confidence in Joe, we understand the circumstances that he was placed in. He'll be a guy competing for that number two spot again next year, barring something that we may end up doing in our personnel meetings. We're going to discuss Joe's position and everyone's position in our personnel meetings, and then we'll make a decision on what's best.

Q: Is McLeod Bethel-Thompson going to be your number three quarterback?

A: It's so hard to say, just two days after our season, what three days now? Our roster is going to change, we know that, all of us in this building that have been around this League as long as we have. It's hard to say today that Bethel is going to be number three until we see how the roster unfolds.

Q: Would there be a situation where you go and get a number two quarterback and let Joe Webb become number three?

A: Once again, it's so hard today to determine that. We need to have a lot of discussions personnel-wise, which is what we're going to be doing throughout this week and next week as well with the staff along with Rick [Spielman] and the scouts as well. Just discussing our personnel and trying to figure out before we start having draft conversations, what about our current roster? We're going to have some of those discussions.

Q: Do you have any regrets in the Packer game that you guys didn't approach it offensively to appeal more to Joe Webb's strengths?

A: Not at all. We really put together a game plan that we felt like played to his strengths. We did some things with bootlegs, we did some things with play action, which he's very good at. We ran some option football, some zone read, and we also had some drop back in there. We had a mix that we felt very comfortable with that he had executed very well in practice. When he had his opportunities throughout the course of the year he executed well also. So no, no regrets about the game plan or the approach that we took. It was the right approach, their defense really didn't change. The things that we saw on tape were there for Joe, just like they were for Christian [Ponder]. He's shown that he can function in our offense. As I mentioned, we had some things in that we felt real good about.

Q: Why hasn't Percy Harvin been here with the team, is that unusual?

A: Percy, I know he rooted for his teammates throughout this process. There is probably nobody more excited about what we achieved as a team than Percy. He's going to be coming through for his exit physical so he and I will get a chance to chat and talk a little bit. He's enthused about what has happened with our football team. We have some other guys who are on injured reserve who weren't around as much either. There will be guys that are injured this offseason that will do their rehab in other places as well. It's not unusual in that regard, I know he's very supportive of his teammates.



Q: When you have a chance to meet with him face-to-face, what are some of the things you want to talk to him about and get on the same page with him about?

A: It will be more to see how he is physically and just to talk to him a little. I know Eric Sugarman and his staff will bring me up to date on him but it will be more reconnecting as opposed to getting on the same page.

Q: What do you think it's going to take for him to coexist peacefully?

A: I don't know if there's anything that needs to be done. He'll coexist peacefully, he exists peacefully now. Just get back, get healthy and get back on the football field.

Q: What's the decision with Percy going to be like contract-wise?

A: I've made a point to not get in too deep with those contract conversations. I trust Rick Spielman and Rob Brzezinski in that area and they'll bring me up to speed on where guys are when it comes to their contract. I try to separate the two between being head coach and staying out of contract negotiations. His agent, they'll have those discussions and they'll figure out what needs to be done.

Q: Why wasn't the entire offense more productive on Saturday?

A: I think it comes back to what I mentioned earlier; the environment I'm sure has something to do with it along with the fact that Green Bay did a good job of putting people in the right places and making some things happen. Joe [Webb] and I have talked, execution needs to be a little bit better in some areas. There were some opportunities there for sure in the passing game we weren't able to connect with, much like there were the week before, and we didn't connect. So it had nothing to do with the game plan per se but our execution as a whole. We did not execute as well as we needed to and that's the difference in the ball game for us from an offensive standpoint.

Q: With Joe not having any opportunities during the season, did you see him hit some of those same throws that he missed in the game during practice last week?

A: Oh yeah, otherwise we wouldn't keep him in the game plan. There were things that he did and did well. We had confidence going into the game, but you have to understand what you just said, the fact that his opportunities are limited when you are the backup quarterback, you're limited. It was a tall task for him. He fought, tried to give us a chance to win, we just weren't able to get over the hump.

Q: Have you had a chance to evaluate the job you did this year?

A: I'm so, as I mentioned earlier, very appreciative of what our players accomplished and the commitment they made going all the way back to the spring. For our coaches, when we got together at the Senior Bowl, and some of you guys came down for that and witnessed our coaches coming together, and having that minicamp that we hadn't the year before because of the lockout. Just to develop that camaraderie on our staff leading up to the season was a big deal. The reflection for me is just seeing how things came together through this offseason so that we could set a foundation for the regular season. That's something I'm pleased about, the way our players responded and the way our coaches were able to develop our players. It's a big deal.

Q: Have you had a chance to talk to all with the Wilfs about an extension? How important is that to resolve quickly?

A: I haven't had a chance to talk with them at this point. These last 48 hours in the building have been meeting with players and talking with them about the future and so on and some other things in their lives, but eventually we will talk. I'm not worried about it. Things will work out just fine. I'm not worried at all.

Q: Have they spoken with your agent about your contract?

A: Not at this point, but we will have those discussions.

Q: How is Percy's health? Do you have an update on his ankle?

A: When he comes in to do his physical – everything I've been told, it's heading in the right direction – but he has to go through this physical and I'll learn more after he gets through with his physical.

Q: When you guys evaluate Kevin Williams and Antoine Winfield and how to address them, how much do you weigh their presence? How much does that add to their value compared to production?

A: The intangible in this is a big deal when you're trying to get the locker room the way you want it. Both Antoine and Kevin are guys who've achieved a lot in our league, a lot of success. To have star players with the demeanor and the leadership qualities that they both possess helped our football team in 2012. There's no question about it. We'd love to have those guys on our team going forward. That's something that we're going to talk about when we have our personnel meetings with Rick and the personnel department, just talking about their fit going forward, but from my vantage point, I'm very appreciative of the leadership they provided for us this season and what they meant to me in my time here in Minnesota. I want them to remain Minnesota Vikings. They are great, great players and great people as well.

Q: Have you gotten any indications that the Wilfs are interested in extending your contract?

A: I've been told a number of times from Mark and Zygi and Rick they're pleased with the job we've done this season, a number of times, so I'm very appreciative of their support throughout the year. Very appreciative.

Q: Did you get a sense talking to Antoine Winfield yesterday of his desire to come back for another year?

A: I think he wants to do it. All indications are, but there are some things, of course, he wants to think about this offseason, but all indications are he wants to give it another try.

Q: A couple years ago you were close to getting that Buffalo job. Could you imagine how things would have been different had you went there?

A: So happy I'm in Minnesota, my friend. I love the Minnesota Vikings.

Q: You guys went through the year relatively unscathed injury-wise. How much of that contributed to the 10-win season?

A: That's a great point. I've thought about that a number of times. When I looked at our secondary this season, and most of you remember what it's been like the last couple years in '11 and '10 where we were pretty much depleted when we get to December, and this year, with the exception of Antoine, we pretty much were whole in the secondary throughout the year. We were whole most of the year at other positions as well. That's a big deal in our league. When you can keep your key players on the field late in the season, you have a chance because there is such a thin margin between teams when it comes to winning and losing. The fact that we were able to stay healthy this season definitely made a difference in our being able to finish the season strong. I don't know if that would have been possible if we had lost a number of guys in that month of December when we needed to get those four wins. You don't know what 2013 is going to be like, but I'm hoping that we're going to be healthy again throughout the season, but for sure this year was great in that regard. We lost very few players to injury over the course of the season. I think our numbers as far as guys on injured reserve were probably the lowest it's been in 2 or 3 years. It definitely made a difference in our success.

Q: How important is it to upgrade the receiver position?

A: We're going to take the same approach, and I know Rick will talk to you about this later in the week, that we have taken the last year or two. Looking at every position and figuring out how we can make this football team better. That will include the wide receiver position, offensive line position, defensive back position, linebacker position, on and on and on. We're going to discuss every one of those positions to try to figure out how can we get his team better to the point where we can bring that Lombardi Trophy to Minnesota. It will be a part of the discussion.

Q: What is the schedule the next couple of weeks?

A: We have to go through our personnel here and talk about our guys and then we'll eventually get with Rick and begin to talk about the free agents across the League and then we'll move on to the draft eligible college players. We have a lot to do from a personnel standpoint. We'll be watching tape on a lot of different players trying to figure out if they fit and eventually getting out and interviewing and talking to college players so there is a lot of work to be done to make sure that we keep moving forward in 2013.

Q: Do you get a break at some point?

A: Yes I do. I'm looking forward to it, too. I do want to say this, thank you guys for your support this year, as well. We don't get a chance to converse very often, but I appreciate it. I mean, you guys want to see our team win as much as we do. It's a lot better story when we win so we want to keep this going. Thanks.

2012 COACHING STAFF



BILL MUSGRAVE
Offensive Coordinator

Bill Musgrave, in his 2nd season as the Vikings offensive coordinator, led an offense that tied the franchise record with 2,634 rushing yards. The 2012 season also saw great improvements by QB Christian Ponder in his 1st full season as a starter and 2nd under the tutelage of Musgrave. Ponder made strides during his sophomore season throwing 1 less interception and improving both his completion percentage (54.3 to 62.1) and his QB rating (70.1 to 81.2). Ponder started all 16 regular season games and was the only player to attempt a pass for the first time since 1979. 2nd year TE Kyle Rudolph also had a career year setting new career highs in catches (53), receiving yards (493) and TDs (9).

The 2011 Vikings offense tallied 75 rushes of 10+ yards, keeping defenses off balance through creative personnel packages. WR Percy Harvin's role in the offense was greatly enhanced as the 3rd-year player set a career-high with 87 receptions, the 6th-most in the NFL for the season and 4th-most among WRs. Harvin set a Vikings record with 52 carries for 345 yards and 2 TDs on the ground, ranking among the NFL's all-time leaders for rushing by a WR.

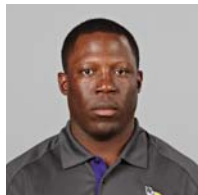
A former NFL signal-caller himself, Musgrave was a backup to Joe Montana and Steve Young in San Francisco from 1991-94, working under coaches Mike Holmgren, Mike Shanahan and Gary Kubiak. He played from 1995-96 with Denver where he backed up John Elway when Shanahan took over the reins as Broncos head coach.

With Atlanta from 2006-10, Musgrave helped mold the Falcons offense, highlighted by an impressive 2010 season, leading the way for a 13-3 regular season mark.

Prior to coaching in Atlanta, Musgrave worked with the Redskins QBs in 2005. Musgrave worked with Jacksonville in 2003-04, serving as offensive coordinator/QBs coach.

During the 1999 and 2000 campaigns, Musgrave worked with the QBs in Carolina and also served as offensive coordinator in 2000 under George Seifert. Musgrave's first NFL coaching experience came at Oakland in 1997 as QBs coach and he worked at Philadelphia under Ray Rhodes in 1999, serving as offensive coordinator for the final 10 games of the season.

A standout QB at Oregon from 1987-90, Musgrave was a 3-year team captain for the Ducks and led the team to consecutive bowl bids in 1989 and 1990. A native of Grand Junction, CO, Musgrave and wife, Neely, have 4 children.



ALAN WILLIAMS
Defensive Coordinator

Under first year defensive coordinator Alan Williams, the Vikings defense showed improvement, dropping their opponents points per game average down to 21.7 from 28.1 the previous season. The Vikings held their opponents to under 20 points 6 times. The defense was led by LB Chad Greenway, who set a career high with 191

tackles and led the team in tackles for the 5th straight season, CB Antoine Winfield, who tied a team record for tackles by a CB and DE Jared Allen, who recorded his 6th straight 10+ sack season and 7th overall.

Williams, who just completed his 12th year of coaching, reunited with Leslie Frazier in Minnesota. Williams and Frazier served on the Indianapolis staff in 2005-06, working with the defensive backs. The duo reached the pinnacle following the 2006 season when the Colts won Super Bowl XLI over Chicago. Williams got his first taste of NFL coaching in 2001 with Tampa Bay as part of Tony Dungy's staff, who he followed to Indianapolis the following season.

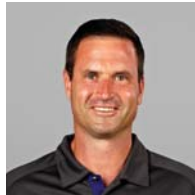
In Williams' decade working with the Colts DBs, the club ranked in the top 6 in NFL passing defense 5 times and finished out of the top 15 only once.

The Colts' playoff success was in part due in part to the defense snaring interceptions at record rate. In the 9 straight Colts playoff appearances from 2002-10 the team snared 18 INTs, 2nd in the NFL over that span to only New England's 22. From 2002-10 the Colts allowed 20+ TD passes only 2 times and had 10+ INTs each year.

Williams got his break as an NFL coach in 2001 with Tampa Bay under head coach Tony Dungy where he joined a defensive staff that included Monte Kiffin and Mike Tomlin along with John Lynch, Ronde Barber and Donnie Abraham in the backfield. The Bucs went 9-7 and advanced to the NFC Wild Card playoffs.

Williams grew to pursue football as a career during 9 seasons as a player and coach at William & Mary. He was a standout RB from 1988-91, ending his career with over 2,500 yards of total offense and set a school record with 4 TDs in playoff action against Massachusetts. After graduation from the College in 1992 he coached prep football and track at Norview High in his home town of Norfolk, VA from 1992-95 before returning to his alma mater. From 1996-2000, the opening 2 seasons as RBs coach and the final 3 as DBs coach from 1998-2000.

Williams and wife, Lisa, have 3 sons- Christian, Solomon and Nathan.



MIKE PRIEFER
Special Teams Coordinator

The Vikings special teams units, led by 2nd year coordinator Mike Priefer, had a strong showing in 2012. The Vikings led the NFL in opponent average starting field position on kickoffs and Walsh set the team record for most kickoff touchbacks with 53. Minnesota also had two special teams return TDs in the same game at Detroit (9/30) when WR Percy Harvin took a kickoff 105 yards and CB Marus Sherels returned a punt 77 yards. P Chris Kluwe also set a new career high with a 39.7 net punting average. Walsh also added 2 game-winning FGs in 2012, Week 1 and Week 17.

The 11-year NFL coaching veteran has held the same title with the Denver Broncos and Kansas City Chiefs in years past.

Priefer's special teams units are known for creating big-play opportunities. Since joining the Vikings, Priefer's special teams units have posted some of the NFL's best performances. Since 2011 the Vikings rank 1st in KOR avg with 26.8, tied for 1st with 2 KOR TDs and 3rd in avg. starting position after kickoffs. The Vikings coverage units also had success ranking 1st in opponent KOR of 20+ yards allowed.

During the 2010 season in Denver, Priefer had 3 players rank in the Top 10 in each of their respective categories. Eddie Royal was 6th in the NFL with an 11.9 punt return average. Rookie Eric Decker was 10th in KOR average at 25.3 per return. Kicker Matt Prater was tied for 6th in TBs with 20.

Before joining the Broncos, Priefer coordinated Kansas City's special teams from 2006-08 following stints as an assistant special teams coach with the New York Giants (2003-05) and Jacksonville Jaguars (2002). His coaching career began at his alma mater, the U.S. Naval Academy, as a graduate assistant in 1994, and he owns 17 years of coaching experience at the professional and collegiate levels.

Priefer entered the NFL coaching ranks with the Jaguars in 2002 as their assistant special teams coach. That season, punter Chris Hanson earned the first Pro Bowl selection of his career.

From 1994-2001, Priefer helped coach special teams at the collegiate level, working for Navy (1994-96), Youngstown State University (1997-98), Virginia Military Institute (1999) and Northern Illinois University (2000-01).

Priefer was born on Aug. 21, 1966, in Cleveland. He is married to Debbie, and the couple has four children: Samantha, Michael Jr., Wilson and Katie.

2012 ASSISTANT COACHES

BRENDAN DALY Defensive Line

JEFF DAVIDSON Offensive Line

RYAN FICKEN Assistant Wide Receivers

JEFF IMAMURA Defensive Assistant/Defensive Backs

CRAIG JOHNSON Quarterbacks

JIMMIE JOHNSON Tight Ends

TOM KANAVY Strength and Conditioning

AARON MCLAURIN Assistant Strength and Conditioning

FRED PAGAC Linebackers

DIRON REYNOLDS Assistant Defensive Line

JAMES SAXON Running Backs

RYAN SILVERFIELD Assistant Offensive Line

MIKE SINGLETARY Special Asst. to the Head Coach/LBs

KEVIN STEFANSKI Assistant Quarterbacks

GEORGE STEWART Wide Receivers

MARTIN STREIGHT Assistant Strength and Conditioning

CAMERON TURNER Assistant to the Head Coach

CHRIS WHITE Assistant Special Teams

JOE WOODS Defensive Backs



2012 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL MILESTONES

DE Jared Allen

- Recorded 10+ sacks for the 6th straight season and the 7th time in his 9-year career.
- Marked a team high 12.0 sacks in the 2012 season.
- Leads the NFL in sacks since 2004 with 117.0
- Ranks 2nd in career sacks (117) in the NFL by an active player.
- Ties Kevin Williams for most interceptions by a Vikings defensive lineman in a career with 4.
- Shares the NFL record of 4 career safeties and owns the record for a Viking.

RB Toby Gerhart

- Marked his 1,000th career rushing yard against Houston (12/23).

LB Chad Greenway

- Set a new career high in tackles. Greenway has led the team in tackles 5 years in a row, which is 2nd only to Scott Studwell's 6 straight seasons in team history.
- Tied for the NFL lead in most opponent fumble recoveries since 2007 with 11.

DE Everson Griffen

- Recorded a career high 3.0 sacks in a game vs. Green Bay (12/30).
- 29-yard INT return TD ranks 5th for longest INT return TD by a lineman in Vikings history.
- Had the 3rd longest sack in franchise history with a 22-yard loss at Indianapolis (9/16).

WR/KR Percy Harvin

- Recorded the longest play in Vikings history with a 105-yard touch-down return on the opening kickoff against Detroit (9/30/12).
- Led the NFL with a 38.3 kick return average in the month of September.
- Ranks 2nd in most receptions by a Viking in their first 4 seasons with 280.
- Notched his 8th career game with 200+ combined net yards against Washington (10/14) to set a new franchise record.
- Marked the fastest score in Vikings history with his 105t KO return 12 seconds elapsed.
- Leads the Vikings in most career combined kick/punt return TDs with 5.
- Harvin now owns the Vikings record with 8 50+ yard career kickoff returns.
- Set the Vikings single season kickoff return average of 35.9 (16 for 574).

T Matt Kalil

- Became only the 3rd Vikings rookie T to start all 16 games.

P Chris Kluwe

- Since entering the League in 2005, Kluwe has left opponents inside the 20-yard line 198 times, marking a new franchise record.
- Leads the Vikings with 197 career punts of 50+ yards in 96 games.
- His net punting average of 39.7 in 2012 was a career high and ranks 2nd in Vikings history.

RB Adrian Peterson

- Ranked 2nd in NFL history and led the NFL in 2012 with 2,097 rushing yards. Peterson's rushing total ranked better than 24 NFL teams in 2012.
- His 2,097 rushing yards in 2012 marked a new Vikings single season rushing yards record.
- Ranks 1st in team history in career rushing yards with 8,849, surpassing Robert Smith's franchise record Week 1 of 2012 against the Jaguars (9/9).
- Had a career long 82-yard TD on 2 occasions, vs. Green Bay (12/2) and St. Louis (12/16).
- Had a career high 34 rushing attempts against Green Bay (12/30).
- Broke the record for most rushing yards in an 8-game span in NFL history in a single season from Week 7 to Week 15, rushing for a total of 1,313 yards.
- Over the last 6 seasons, Peterson ranks 1st in rushing yards with 8,849 and rushing yards per game at 99.4.
- From 2007-2012, he ranks 1st in the NFL in with 80 TDs, racking up the

2012 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL MILESTONES

- most points scored by a non-kicker with 482.
- Through 89 career games, Peterson holds the franchise record for most career rushing TDs with 76.
- Holds the Vikings career record with 37 regular season games of 100+ yards rushing.
- Led the NFL in 2012 in 50+ runs in a season with 7, tying the NFL record.
- With 18 runs of 50+ yards, Peterson tops the franchise record held by Robert Smith (12).
- Holds the new franchise record of most games with 2+ rushing TDs with 18.
- First player in Vikings history to notch 6 seasons with 10+ rushing TDs.
- Ranks 2nd in most career combined net yards for the Vikings with 10,799.
- Set the NFL record for rushing yards in a month in December with 861 yards
- Tied his own team record with 10 games of 100+ rushing yards.

QB Christian Ponder

- His 23-yard rushing TD against San Francisco (9/23/12) marked the 5th longest rushing TD by a QB in Vikings history
- Is the 6th Vikings QB to start every game in the 16-game era.
- Ranks second in games without an INT by Vikings QBs in a season with 8, only behind Brett Favre's 10 in 2009.

DE Brian Robison

- Tied for 2nd in Vikings history for single-season passes defended by a defensive lineman with 8.

TE Kyle Rudolph

- Tied for 2nd in the League among all TEs with 9 TD catches.
- Ranks 2nd in Vikings history for TDs by a TE in a season (9), trailing Visanthe Shiancoe's 11 set in 2009.

S Harrison Smith

- Opening all 16 games in 2012, Smith set a new team mark for starts by a rookie safety.
- Matched a Vikings rookie record with his 2nd INT-return TD of his rookie season.
- Tied for 2nd in the NFL with INT return TDs with 2.
- Ranks 3rd all-time in franchise history for INT return yards by a rookie with 87.

K Blair Walsh

- Made 3 50+ yard FGs (50,53,51) at St. Louis (12/16/12) which is tied for the most in NFL history.
- Set a new NFL record with 10 FGs of 50+ yards in a single season.
- Set a team record with 7 kickoff touchbacks in a game against Washington (10/14/12)
- Ranks 1st in team history in most kickoff touchbacks in a season with 53.
- Tied the Vikings record for most FGs made in season with 35.
- Led the NFL in FGs made in 2012 (35) and in FG % by a rookie (92.1).
- Scored 141 points in 2012, most in a season by a rookie in Vikings history, surpassing Randy Moss' 106 points in 1998.
- Hit a 56-yard FG at Houston (12/23/12) to tie Paul Edinger's record for the longest FG in franchise history.

DT Kevin Williams

- With 56.5 career sacks, Williams ranks 2nd in the NFL with the most sacks by a DT since 2003.
- Ranks second in Vikings career starts at DT with 156, falling only one short of Alan Page.

CB Antoine Winfield

- With 110 tackles in 2012, Winfield tied his own franchise record for most tackles by a cornerback in a single season.
- Ranks 4th in most career sacks by a Vikings DB with 6.5.
- With 191 games (119 w/Vikings), he holds the most career games played by a current Viking.
- Holds the 2nd most career return defensive TDs in franchise history with 5.



2012 STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT

Vikings	Total (League Rank)	NFL Avg.
10-6	Record	8-8
379 (14)	Total Points Scored	364.1
23.7 (14)	Points Per Game	22.8
344 (16)	Offensive Points Scored	333
306 (18)	First Downs	317
336.6 (20)	Total Offense Per Game	347.2
5.4 (17)	Avg. Yards Per Play	5.4
164.6 (2)	Net Rushing Yards Per Game	115.9
171.9 (31)	Net Passing Yards Per Game	231.23
12/72 (8t)	Had Intercepted/Yards Returned	14.6
23 (12t)	Total Giveaways	25
32/184 (11)	Sacks Allowed/Yards Lost	37/235
28:36 (27)	Possession Average	30:00
37.1 % (19)	Third Down Efficiency	38.2 %
63.6 % (7)	Fourth Down Efficiency	49.9 %
90/830 (5)	Penalties/Yards	100/851
348 (14t)	Opp. Total Points Scored	364
21.8 (14t)	Opp. Points Per Game	22.8
341 (19)	Total Offensive Points Allowed	333
345 (27t)	Opp. First Downs	317.6
350 (16)	Opp. Total Offense Per Game	347.2
5.2 (11)	Opp. Avg. Yards Per Play	5.4
105.8 (11)	Opp. Net Rushing Yards Per Game	115.9
244.3 (24)	Opp. Net Passing Yards Per Game	231.3
111/949 (26)	Opp. Penalties/Yards	100/851
10/224 (27t)	Defensive Interceptions/Yards Returned	14.6
22 (22)	Total Takeaways	25
44/284 (5t)	Defensive Sacks/Yards	37/235
-1 (17t)	Turnover Ratio	0
72/39.7 (14)	Punts/Net Punting Avg.	77.2/39.3

2012 INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

(Qualifying players only/2012 regular season NFL rankings)

Category	Player	2012 Minnesota Vikings		
		Total	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
Scoring	Walsh.....	141#	3	4
Passing Yds.	Ponder.....	2,935#	13	25
Passing TDs	Ponder.....	18#	13	23
Passer Rating	Ponder.....	81.2#	12	21
Completion Pct.	Ponder.....	62.1#	7	13
Rushing Att.	Peterson.....	348	1	2
Rushing Yds.	Peterson.....	2,097#	1	1
Rushing TDs	Peterson.....	12	2	3t
Receptions	Harvin.....	62	25	42t
Receiving Yds.	Harvin.....	677	31t	60t
Receiving TDs	Rudolph.....	9#	5t	11t
Tackles	Greenway.....	148	2	2
Interceptions	Winfield/Smith#	3#	17t	29t
Sacks	Allen.....	12	4	8
FGs Made	Walsh.....	35#	1	1
FG Pct.	Walsh.....	92.1#	3	4
Net Punting Avg.	Kluwe.....	39.7#	7	17
Punt Ret. Avg.	Sherels.....	9.0#	7	17
KO Ret. Avg.	Harvin.....	35.9	DNQ	

Indicates career-high



2012 SCHEDULE NOTES



Date	Opponent	All-Time Series	Notes
9/9	JACKSONVILLE	4-1-0	The Vikings kicked off the season with a thrilling 26-23 overtime victory at Mall of America Field over the Jacksonville Jaguars. Rookie K Blair Walsh drilled a 55-yard FG as time expired to force overtime, before kicking a 38-yard game-winning FG.
9/16	at Indianapolis	7-16-1	The Colts defeated the Vikings 23-20 on a late 53-yard FG by Adam Vinatieri. The Vikings are now 0-11 all-time on the road against the Colts.
9/23	SAN FRANCISCO	22-22-1	The Vikings evened up the all-time series with the 49ers at 22 wins apiece with a 24-13 victory. The Vikings turned over the steady 49er offense 3 times while QB Christian Ponder found pay dirt 3 times, including his 1st career rushing TD.
9/30	at Detroit	67-33-2	The Minnesota Vikings captured their first NFC North triumph since 2009 after besting the Lions, 30-13, in Detroit. In the Vikings 1st road win of the season, special teams provided 2 return TDs, a 105-yard kickoff return by Percy Harvin and a 77-yard punt return by Marcus Sherels.
10/7	TENNESSEE	8-4-0	The Vikings improved to 4-1 on the season with a 30-7 win over the Titans in week 5. Minnesota was powered by 2 Percy Harvin TDs (1 rush, 1 rec.) and a stout defensive performance.
10/14	at Washington	10-12-0	The Minnesota Vikings couldn't overcome costly turnovers as Robert Griffin III led the Redskins to a 38-26 victory. Griffin ran for 138 yards, including a late 76-yard TD that sealed the win for Washington.
10/21	ARIZONA	15-10-0	The Minnesota Vikings remained undefeated at home after a 21-14 victory over the Arizona Cardinals. The Vikings were led by Adrian Peterson's 153 rushing yards, while both Peterson and Percy Harvin found the endzone. Rookie Harrison Smith also added a 31-yard interception return TD.
10/25	TAMPA BAY	31-22-0	Tampa Bay handed the Vikings their 1st home loss of the 2012 season behind strong performances from rookie RB Doug Martin and QB Josh Freeman.
11/4	at Seattle	5-7-0	Vikings RB Adrian Peterson handed in his 3rd consecutive 100+ yard performance but it wasn't enough as the Seahawks remained undefeated at home with a 30-20 win.
11/11	DETROIT	68-33-2	The Vikings completed the season sweep of Detroit with a 34-24 win at home. Minnesota was led by Adrian Peterson's 171 rushing yards and Christian Ponder's 2 passing TDs. It was Peterson's 4th straight game with over 100 rushing yards.
11/25	at Chicago	52-49-2	With 25 1st half points, the Chicago Bears put away the Vikings, 28-10, in their 1st meeting of the season. The Vikings had 3 turnovers in the loss.
12/2	at Green Bay	48-54-1	Despite a 210-yard performance from Adrian Peterson, the Vikings fell to the Packers 23-14. It was the 6th straight game Peterson had over 100 yards rushing.
12/9	CHICAGO	53-49-2	The Vikings split the season series with the Chicago Bears after defeating them 21-14 at Mall of America Field. Adrian Peterson ran for his 7th straight game of 100+ rushing yards with 154 yards on a career high 31 carries.
12/16	at St. Louis	24-16-2	Powered by a 212-yard performance by Adrian Peterson and a perfect 5-for-5 FG day by Blair Walsh, the Vikings defeated the Rams 36-22 in St. Louis. Peterson had an 82-yard TD paired with another 52-yard run, while Walsh nailed 3 50+ yard FGs.
12/23	at Houston	3-0-0	The Vikings won their second straight road game with a 23-6 victory against AFC South leading Texans. Blair Walsh went 3-for-3 on FGs, Kyle Rudolph caught a 3-yard TD and Toby Gerhart added a 3-yard TD run, his 1st of the season.
12/30	GREEN BAY	49-53-1	The Minnesota Vikings secured their 1st playoff berth since 2009 with a win at home against the Green Bay Packers. Adrian Peterson ran for 199 yards and secured the 2nd highest single season rushing total in NFL history with 2,097 yards.
1/5/13	at Green Bay	49-54-1	In their 1st playoff game since 2009, the Vikings were defeated by the Packers 24-10 at Lambeau Field. QB Christian Ponder missed the game due to an arm injury.

2012 SCHEDULE STRENGTH

A look at the most difficult schedules in 2012 based on opponents' 2011 record.

Rank	Team	Combined W-L	Pct.
1.	Giants*	140-116	.547
2.	Broncos*	139-117	.543
3.	Browns	135-121	.527
T4.	Rams	134-122	.523
T4.	Ravens*	134-122	.523
6.	Chargers	133-123	.520
7.	Eagles	132-124	.516
T8.	VIKINGS	131-125	.512
T8.	Arizona	131-125	.512
10.	Panthers	130-126	.508
T11.	Seahawks	129-127	.504
T11.	Cowboys	129-127	.504
T11.	Saints*	129-127	.504
T14.	Jaguars	128-128	.500
T14.	Bengals*	128-128	.500
T14.	Steelers*	128-128	.500
T14.	Colts	128-128	.500
T18.	Raiders	127-129	.496
T18.	Dolphins	127-129	.496
T20.	Jets	126-130	.492
T20.	Chiefs	126-130	.492
T20.	Bears	126-130	.492
T20.	Lions*	126-130	.492
T24.	Redskins	125-131	.488
T24.	Falcons*	125-131	.488
T24.	49ers*	125-131	.488
27.	Buccaneers	124-132	.484
28.	Titans	123-133	.480
T29.	Texans*	121-135	.473
T29.	Bills	121-135	.473
31.	Packers*	120-136	.469
32.	Patriots*	116-140	.453

*Indicates team made the 2011 playoffs



2012 CAPTAINS BY GAME

Game.....	Name
Jacksonville (9/9)	Chad Greenway, John Sullivan, Kevin Williams
Indianapolis (9/16)	Jared Allen, Charlie Johnson, Michael Jenkins
San Francisco (9/23)	Adrian Peterson, Phil Loadholt, Chris Kluwe
Detroit (9/30).....	John Sullivan, Brian Robison, Antoine Winfield
Tennessee (10/7).....	Christian Ponder, Antoine Winfield, Chris Kluwe
Washington (10/14)	Kevin Williams, Michael Jenkins, Brian Robison
Arizona (10/21).....	Percy Harvin, Adrian Peterson, Jared Allen, Charlie Johnson
Tampa Bay (10/25)	Christian Ponder, Chad Greenway, Phil Loadholt
Seattle (11/4).....	Antoine Winfield, Michael Jenkins, Kevin Williams
Detroit (11/11)	Chris Kluwe, Adrian Peterson, Jared Allen
Chicago (11/25).....	Chad Greenway, Charlie Johnson, Brian Robison
Green Bay (12/2)	Chad Greenway, Phil Loadholt, John Sullivan, Adrian Peterson
Chicago (12/9)	Antoine Winfield, Michael Jenkins, Kevin Williams
St. Louis (12/16).....	Chris Kluwe, Christian Ponder, Jared Allen
Houston (12/23)	Charlie Johnson, Adrian Peterson, Chad Greenway, Antoine Winfield
Green Bay (12/30).....	John Sullivan, Phil Loadholt, Brian Robison
Green Bay (1/5).....	Jared Allen, Adrian Peterson and Michael Jenkins

2012 GJALLARHORN SOUNDERS

Game.....	Name
Buffalo (8/17)	Jack Jablonski..... Paralyzed Former High School Hockey Player
San Diego (8/24)	Ted Brown..... Former Viking RB (1979-86)
Jacksonville (9/9)	Larry Spooner..... Vikings Stadium Grassroots Activist/Fan
San Francisco (9/23)	Josh Duhamel Actor/Vikings Fan
Tennessee (10/7).....	Flip Saunders..... Former Minnesota Timberwolves Head Coach
Arizona (10/21).....	Juan Berenguer ...Former Minnesota Twins Pitcher
Tampa Bay (10/25)	Matt Blair..... Former Viking LB and Ring of Honor Member
Detroit (11/11)	Betty Strohfus World War II Military Pilot
Chicago (12/9)	John Gagliardi..... Former St. Johns University Football Coach
Green Bay (12/30).....	Nicholas David..... Runner up on 'The Voice' and Minnesota native

DOMESTIC FIELD ADVANTAGE

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 164-89 (.648) all-time at Mall of America Field, which includes a 6-4 mark in post-season 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 team has never been shut out at the current stadium and hasn't been shut out at a home stadium since 10/7/62, when they lost 13-0 to Chicago at Met Stadium.

VIKINGS BUILD PRACTICE SQUAD

The following eight players make up the Vikings practice squad in 2012:

Player	Pos.	School	Exp.
62 Chase Baker	DT.....	Boise State.....	R
23 Joe Banyard	RB.....	Texas-El Paso	R
87 LaMark Brown.....	TE	Minnesota State, Mankato	R
31 Bobby Felder	CB.....	Nicholls State	R
86 Chase Ford	TE	Miami.....	R
66 Tyler Holmes.....	G.....	Tulsa	R
68 Kevin Murphy.....	T.....	Harvard.....	R
15 Chris Summers	WR.....	Liberty	R

2012 NFC NORTH STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
y-Green Bay	11	5	0	.688	433	336	7-1	4-4	8-4	5-1
x-Minnesota	10	6	0	.625	379	348	7-1	3-5	7-5	4-2
Chicago	10	6	0	.625	375	277	5-3	5-3	7-5	3-3
Detroit Lions	4	12	0	.250	372	437	2-6	2-6	3-9	0-6

x-playoff berth; y-division winner; z-first round byes

VIKINGS VS. NFC NORTH

Team	Total Games	All-Time Series	Titles*
Chicago Bears	104.....	53-49-2	2
Green Bay Packers	104.....	49-54-1	5
Detroit Lions	103.....	68-33-2	0

* Since 2002 division realignment

The following numbers are combined NFC Central and NFC North:

Playoff Appearances	Division Titles
27 Minnesota Vikings..... 18	Minnesota Vikings
18..... Green Bay Packers	12..... Green Bay Packers
14..... Chicago Bears	10..... Chicago Bears
10..... Detroit Lions	3..... Detroit Lions
7..... Tampa Bay Buccaneers	3..... Tampa Bay Buccaneers

2012 NEW FACES

TRADES

Player	Pos.	School
A.J. Jefferson (ARI)	CB.....	Fresno State

FREE AGENTS

Player	Pos.	School
Joe Banyard (PS).....	RB.....	Texas-El Paso
McLeod Bethel-Thompson.....	QB.....	Sacramento State
LaMark Brown (PS)	TE.....	Minnesota State-Mankato
John Carlson.....	TE.....	Notre Dame
Jerome Felton.....	FB.....	Furman
Chase Ford (PS).....	TE.....	Miami
George Johnson.....	DE.....	Rutgers
Troy Kropog.....	T.....	Tulane
Marvin Mitchell.....	LB.....	Tennessee
Kevin Murphy (PS).....	T.....	Harvard
Geoff Schwartz.....	G.....	Oregon
Jerome Simpson.....	WR.....	Coastal Carolina
Chris Summers (PS).....	WR.....	Liberty

DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND

Player	Pos.	School
1a) Matt Kalil	T.....	USC
1b) Harrison Smith	S.....	Notre Dame
3) Josh Robinson.....	CB.....	Central Florida
4a) Jarius Wright	WR.....	Arkansas
4b) Rhett Ellison.....	FB.....	USC
4c) Greg Childs	WR.....	Arkansas
5) Robert Blanton	S.....	Notre Dame
6) Blair Walsh.....	K.....	Georgia
7) Audie Cole.....	LB.....	NC State

UNDRAFTED ROOKIE FREE AGENTS

Player	Pos.	School
Chase Baker (PS)	DT.....	Boise State
Bobby Felder (PS)	CB.....	Nicholls State
Tyler Holmes (PS).....	G.....	Tulsa



NFC PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Minnesota has 8 current players that have earned 17 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.

Percy Harvin - Special Teams Player of the Week - vs. SF (9/27/09)
- Returned four kickoffs for 180 yards, including a 101-yard TD; averaged 45.0 yards per return.
- Also finished with four receptions for 51 yards (12.8 avg.) on offense.

Percy Harvin - Special Teams Player of the Week - vs. DAL (10/17/10)
- Returned three kickoffs for 134 yards (44.7 avg.), including a 95-yard touchdown to open the second half of the game.

Chris Kluwe - Special Teams Player of the Week - vs. ARI (11/7/10)
- Punted four times for 191 yards (47.8 avg. and 46.0 net avg.)
- All four punts landed inside the Cardinals' 20-yard line, including one at the 1-yard line.

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. 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 - 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. 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 NFC Offensive Player of the Week vs. Arizona (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. 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 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 (12/30/12)
- Walsh sent the Vikings into the playoffs with a 29-yard FG as time expired.
- He also connected on FGs of 54 and 37 yards in the 37-34 win. This was Walsh's second game-winning kick of the 2012 season (Week 1 vs. JAX)

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

Antoine Winfield - Defensive Player of the Week - vs. NO (10/6/08)
- Finished with 8 tackles, a sack, a FF and a FR.
- Also returned a blocked field goal 59 yards for a TD.

Antoine Winfield - Defensive Player of the Week - at PHI (10/28/10)
- Finished with 9 tackles, 2.0 sacks, a FF, a FR and a touchdown.
- Notched a sack, a FF, a FR and a 45-yard TD on the same play.

VIKINGS BY THE NUMBERS

5

Career kickoff returns for touchdowns for WR/KR **Percy Harvin**. Harvin is the only Vikings player in team history to have more than one KR for a TD.

11

Team record consecutive games with at least a half sack by DE **Jared Allen**.

22

Tackles for LB **Chad Greenway** vs. Oakland on 11/20/11, the 2nd most in a game by a Viking.

36

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

56.5

Career sacks for **Kevin Williams** - the 2nd most by an NFL defensive tackle since 2003 and 9th overall in Vikings history.

76

Career rushing TDs for RB **Adrian Peterson**. He is 1st in Vikings history after surpassing Chuck Foreman (52) in 2011 during week 2 vs. Tampa Bay.

94

Team sacks for the Vikings since the beginning of the 2011 season are the 2nd most in the NFL.

77

Yard punt return for a TD by CB **Marcus Sherels** against the Lions (9/30) in 2012 on his 25th birthday.

107

Career rushes for WR **Percy Harvin**. He is 1st in Vikings history for a WR.

109

Career high rushing yards for **Toby Gerhart** in a 33-26 victory over the Washington Redskins on December 24, 2011.

144

Christian Ponder's career-high streak of pass attempts without an interception.

198

Career punts inside the 20-yard line for P **Chris Kluwe**, a team record and the 4th-most among all players since Kluwe joined the Vikings in 2005.

212

Rushing yards Adrian Peterson had against the Rams on Dec. 16, 2012. It was his 4th career game with 200+ rushing yards.

426

All time regular season wins in Vikings history, which is good for 13th in league history.

1,313

Rushing yards for Adrian Peterson from Week 7 to Week 15. It is the most rushing yards in an 8-game span in NFL history in a single season.

8,849

Career rushing yards for RB **Adrian Peterson** in 5 seasons, which ranks 1st in team history. Peterson surpassed Robert Smith's franchise record Week 1 against the Jaguars (9/9).



2012 NFL STANDINGS

AFC East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
New England	12	4	0	.750	557	331	6-2	6-2	11-1	6-0
Miami	7	9	0	.438	288	317	5-3	2-6	5-7	2-4
New York Jets	6	10	0	.375	281	375	3-5	3-5	4-8	2-4
Buffalo	6	10	0	.375	344	435	4-4	2-6	5-7	2-4

AFC North

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
Baltimore	10	6	0	.625	398	344	6-2	4-4	8-4	4-2
Cincinnati	10	6	0	.625	391	320	4-4	6-2	7-5	3-3
Pittsburgh	8	8	0	.500	336	314	5-3	3-5	5-7	3-3
Cleveland	5	11	0	.313	302	368	4-4	1-7	5-7	2-4

AFC South

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
Houston	12	4	0	.750	416	331	6-2	6-2	10-2	5-1
Indianapolis	11	5	0	.688	357	387	7-1	4-4	8-4	4-2
Tennessee	6	10	0	.375	330	471	4-4	2-6	5-7	1-5
Jacksonville	2	14	0	.125	255	444	1-7	1-7	2-10	2-4

AFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
Denver	13	3	0	.813	481	289	7-1	6-2	10-2	6-0
San Diego	7	9	0	.438	350	350	3-5	4-4	7-5	4-2
Oakland	4	12	0	.250	290	443	3-5	1-7	4-8	2-4
Kansas City	2	14	0	.125	211	425	1-7	1-7	0-12	0-6

NFC East

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
Washington	10	6	0	.625	436	388	5-3	5-3	8-4	5-1
New York Giants	9	7	0	.563	429	344	6-2	3-5	8-4	3-3
Dallas	8	8	0	.500	376	400	4-4	4-4	5-7	3-3
Philadelphia	4	12	0	.250	280	444	2-6	2-6	2-10	1-5

NFC North

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
Green Bay	11	5	0	.688	433	336	7-1	4-4	8-4	5-1
Minnesota	10	6	0	.625	379	348	7-1	3-5	7-5	4-2
Chicago	10	6	0	.625	375	277	5-3	5-3	7-5	3-3
Detroit Lions	4	12	0	.250	372	437	2-6	2-6	3-9	0-6

NFC South

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
Atlanta	13	3	0	.813	419	299	7-1	6-2	9-3	3-3
Carolina	7	9	0	.438	357	363	3-5	4-4	5-7	3-3
New Orleans	7	9	0	.438	461	454	4-4	3-5	5-7	3-3
Tampa Bay	7	9	0	.438	389	394	3-5	4-4	4-8	3-3

NFC West

Team	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA	Home	Away	Conf.	Div.
San Francisco	11	4	1	.719	397	273	6-1-1	5-3	7-4-1	3-2-1
Seattle	11	5	0	.688	412	245	8-0	3-5	8-4	3-3
St. Louis	7	8	1	.469	299	348	4-4	3-4-1	6-5-1	4-1-1
Arizona	5	11	0	.313	250	357	4-4	1-7	3-9	1-5

2012 PLAYERS OF THE WEEK/MONTH

K Blair Walsh

NFC Special Teams Player of the Week 1

- 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.

NFC Special Teams Player of the Week 15

- 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) in a game for only the 2nd time this season (Phil Dawson @ BAL 9/27).

NFC Special Teams Player of the Week 17

- Walsh sent the Vikings into the playoffs with a 29-yard FG as time expired.
- He also connected on FGs of 54 and 37 yards in the 37-34 win. This was Walsh's second game-winning kick of the 2012 season (Week 1 vs. Jacksonville).

NFC Special Teams Player of the Month - December 2012

- Walsh connected on 11 of 12 field goals (91.7%) and was a perfect 14 of 14 on PATs over the month of December. His field goals included a perfect 5 of 5 on field goals from 50+ yards as he set an NFL single-season record in 2012 with 10 field goals from that range.
- Walsh tied a team-record 56-yard field goal vs. Houston. He also finished tied for 2nd in the NFC with 12 kickoff touchbacks in the month.

WR/KR Percy Harvin

NFC Special Teams Player of the Month - September 2012

- Recorded the longest play in Vikings history with a 105-yard touchdown return on the opening kickoff against Detroit (9/30/12).
- Led the NFL with a 38.3 kick return average in the month of September.

RB Adrian Peterson

NFC Offensive Player of the Week - Week 7

- Ran for a 153 yards and 1 TD on 23 carries against the Cardinals.
- Averaged 6.7 yards per carry and caught 2 passes for 6 yards.

FedEx Ground Player of the Week - Week 10

- Had 171 yards on 27 carries, his 4th consecutive 100+ yard game.
- Ran for a 61-yard TD, his 3rd straight game with a 60+ yard run.

FedEx Ground Player of the Week - Week 13

- Had his 3rd career 200 yard rushing game with a 210-yard performance.
- Had an 82-yard TD run, the longest of his career.

NFC Offensive Player of the Week & FedEx Ground Player of the Week - Week 14

- 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.

NFC Offensive Player of the Month - December 2012

- Peterson led the League with 135 carries and had an NFL record for rushing yards in a month with 861.
- Peterson was also tied for 3rd with 5 rushing TDs. The 6th year player out of Oklahoma eclipsed the 200-yard mark 2 times while setting a new career long rush of 82 yards on 2 separate occasions.

Vikings Offensive Line

Madden Most Valuable Protectors Award - Week 10

- As a team, the Vikings rushed for 189 yards on 35 carries (5.4 avg.) and a 61-yard TD.
- Marked the 4th straight game the offensive line paved the way for 100+ rushing yards for Adrian Peterson.

Madden Most Valuable Protectors Award - Week 14

- The Vikings rushed for 171 yards on 38 carries (4.5 avg.) and 2 TDs.
- Adrian Peterson ran for his 7th straight 100+ yard game and recorded a 51-yard run, his League-leading 5th of the season.

Madden Most Valuable Protectors Award - Week 17

- The Vikings rushed for 217 yards on 37 carries (5.9 avg.) and 1 TD.
- Adrian Peterson ran for his 191 yards and Christian Ponder was only sacked once in the playoff-clinching win over Green Bay.



ROSTER NOTES

Oldest Viking Player	Antoine Winfield	35, born 6/24/77
Youngest Viking Player	Josh Robinson	22, born 1/8/91
Most Seasons as a Viking	Kevin Williams	10
Most NFL Seasons	Antoine Winfield	14
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	9 players on roster
Largest Viking	Phil Loadholt	6-8, 343 lbs
Smallest Vikings	Antoine Winfield Jarius Wright Marcus Sherels	5-9, 180 lbs 5-10, 180 lbs 5-10, 175 lbs
Former 1st-Round Draft Picks	8	Chad Greenway Percy Harvin Matt Kalil Adrian Peterson Christian Ponder Harrison Smith Kevin Williams Antoine Winfield
Pro Bowlers	10	Jared Allen Jerome Felton Chad Greenway Percy Harvin Matt Kalil Adrian Peterson Kyle Rudolph Kevin Williams Antoine Winfield Blair Walsh
Coaches who played in the NFL	7	Jeff Davidson Leslie Frazier Jimmie Johnson Bill Musgrave Fred Pagac James Saxon Mike Singletary

60 AND UP

DT **Kevin Williams** tops the list of most games played as a Viking on the current roster with 156, but several others have logged 60 or more.

Player	GP
Kevin Williams.....	156
Cullen Loeffler	139
Chris Kluge	127
Antoine Winfield.....	119
Chad Greenway.....	96
Brian Robison.....	95
Adrian Peterson	89
Jared Allen	80
Fred Evans.....	80
John Sullivan.....	75
Phil Loadholt.....	63

2013 NFL DRAFT ORDER

#	Team	Win	Loss	Tie
1.	Kansas City Chiefs	2	14	-
2.	Jacksonville Jaguars	2	14	-
3.	Oakland Raiders	4	12	-
4.	Philadelphia Eagles	4	12	-
5.	Detroit Lions	4	12	-
6.	Cleveland Browns	5	11	-
7.	Arizona Cardinals	5	11	-
8.	Buffalo Bills	6	10	-
9.	New York Jets	6	10	-
10.	Tennessee Titans	6	10	-
11.	San Diego Chargers	7	9	-
12.	Miami Dolphins	7	9	-
13.	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	7	9	-
14.	Carolina Panthers	7	9	-
15.	New Orleans Saints	7	9	-
16.	St. Louis Rams	7	8	1
17.	Pittsburgh Steelers	8	8	-
18.	Dallas Cowboys	8	8	-
19.	New York Giants	9	7	-
20.	Chicago Bears	10	6	-
21.	Cincinnati Bengals	10	6	-
22.	St. Louis Rams (via Was)	10	6	-
23.	Minnesota Vikings	10	6	-
24.	Indianapolis Colts	11	5	-
25.	Seattle Seahawks	11	5	-
26.	Green Bay Packers	11	5	-
27.	Houston Texans	12	4	-
28.	Denver Broncos	13	3	-
29.	New England Patriots	12	4	-
30.	Atlanta Falcons	13	3	-
31.	San Francisco 49ers	11	4	1
32.	Baltimore Ravens	10	6	-

2013 OPPONENTS

Home	Away
Chicago Bears	Chicago Bears
Detroit Lions	Detroit Lions
Green Bay Packers	Green Bay Packers
Carolina Panthers	Baltimore Ravens
Cleveland Browns	Cincinnati Bengals
Philadelphia Eagles	Dallas Cowboys
*Pittsburgh Steelers	New York Giants
Washington Redskins	Seattle Seahawks

2012 Playoff teams in **bold**

*The Pittsburgh game will be played in London on September 29, 2013.

The regular season schedule is determined by a formula devised by the NFL back in 2002 following expansion (Houston Texans) and realignment. Here is the breakdown of how the schedule is determined:

- 6 games against your division (3 on the road, 3 at home)
- 4 games against a division in the NFC (2 on the road, 2 at home)
- 4 games against a division in the AFC (2 on the road, 2 at home)
- 2 games against teams that finished in the same spot in their division as the Vikings did the previous year in the NFC outside of the division they play four games against already (1 on the road, 1 at home).
- In 2013, the Vikings play all four teams in the NFC East, so they play one game each against the NFC South and NFC West.



SEVEN VIKINGS HONORED WITH PRO BOWL SELECTIONS

The NFL has announced that 7 Vikings have earned Pro Bowl honors. Vikings who earned Pro Bowl selections are DE **Jared Allen**, FB **Jerome Felton**, LB **Chad Greenway**, T **Matt Kalil**, RB **Adrian Peterson**, TE **Kyle Rudolph** and K **Blair Walsh**. Of the 7 selected to attend the All-star game in Honolulu, Hawaii, 5 were drafted by the Vikings, 1 was acquired via trade and 1 was signed as a free agent. The Vikings had 2 Pro Bowl selections last season, Allen and Greenway.

Since 2006, the Vikings have had 20 different players recognized with 38 Pro Bowl honors.

Allen was named to his 5th Pro Bowl after posting 12.0 sacks on the season. Since 2004, Allen leads all players in sacks with 117.0. Allen, with 4 Pro Bowl selections as a Viking, trails only Chris Doleman (6) and Carl Eller (6) for most appearances by a Vikings DE.



Felton is selected to his first Pro Bowl after paving the way for Peterson to rush for a League-high 2,097 rushing yards. Felton becomes the 3rd FB in team history to be voted to the Pro Bowl, joining Bill Brown who played in 4 (1964, '65, '67, '68) and Tony Richardson who played in 1 (2007).

Greenway has been named to his 2nd Pro Bowl after recording a personal-best 191 tackles in 2012. The South Dakota native will replace Dallas LB DeMarcus Ware who is unable to play due to an injury. Greenway becomes the first Vikings linebacker to attend back-to-back Pro Bowls since Scott Studwell went in 1987 and 1988.

Kalil was part of the offensive line that allowed RB Adrian Peterson to rush for the 2nd highest single-season total (2,097) in NFL history. The Vikings rushing attack ranked 2nd in the NFL over the 2012 season and tied a team record ('07) for most rushing yards in a season with 2,634. Kalil becomes the 4th Vikings rookie to make the Pro Bowl since 2007 joining: Adrian Peterson ('07), Percy Harvin ('09) and Blair Walsh ('12).

Peterson had his best season as a pro in 2012, leading the NFL in rushing yards with a team record 2,097 and tied for 3rd with 12 rushing TDs. Peterson set a team record and led the League in yards from scrimmage with 2,314. His 7 runs of 50+ yards in 2012 tied for the most in NFL history in a single season with Barry Sanders in 1997. This is Peterson's 5th Pro Bowl in his six seasons in the NFL, most of any active running back in the NFL.

Rudolph is the 1st TE selected to the Pro Bowl since Byron Chamberlain in 2001. Rudolph led the Vikings with 9 receiving TDs, the 2nd most in franchise history among TEs in a single season. Rudolph, who was drafted in the 2nd round in 2011, set a career high in catches, yards and TDs.

Walsh becomes the first-ever Vikings rookie kicker to be selected to the Pro Bowl. Drafted by the Vikings in the 6th round out of the University of Georgia, Walsh has made 35 of his 38 field goal attempts (92.1%) and hit on all 34 PATs in 2012. He was 10-for-10 on field goal attempts of 50+ yards, a single-season NFL record. His 53 kickoff touchbacks are a team record and ranked 3rd in the League. Walsh becomes the first rookie kicker to be selected to the Pro Bowl since Dallas' Nick Folk was selected in 2007. Walsh is the 1st Pro Bowl Vikings kicker since Gary Anderson in 1998.

2012 VIKINGS PRO BOWLERS

PLAYER	SEASONS
Jared Allen, DE, 5	2007, '08, '09, '11, '12
Adrian Peterson, RB, 5	2007, '08, '09, '10, '12
Chad Greenway, LB, 2	2011, '12
Jerome Felton, FB, 1	2012
Matt Kalil, T, 1	2012
Kyle Rudolph, TE, 1	2012
Blair Walsh, K, 1	2012

PICKING UP PRO BOWLERS

Overall, the team has 9 Pro Bowl players on the roster. Of those 9 players, 5 were original draft picks by the Vikings, 1 was acquired via trade and 2 was signed as a free agent:

- Jared Allen** ('08, '09, '10, '11, '12) - acquired via trade with Chiefs before 2008 season.
- Jerome Felton** ('12) - FA signee in 2012.
- Percy Harvin** ('10) - Drafted in 1st round (22nd overall) in 2009.
- Chad Greenway** ('11, '12) - Drafted in the 1st round (17th overall) in 2006.
- Matt Kalil** ('12) - Drafted in the 1st round 4th overall) in 2012.
- Adrian Peterson** ('08, '09, '10, '11, '12) - Drafted in 1st round (7th overall) in 2007.
- Kyle Rudolph** ('12) - Drafted in the 2nd round (43rd overall)
- Kevin Williams** ('05, '07, '08, '09, '10) - Drafted in 1st round (9th overall) in 2003.
- Blair Walsh** ('12) - Drafted in 6th round (175th overall) in 2012
- Antoine Winfield** ('09, '10, '11) - FA signee in 2004.

2012 INDIVIDUAL STATS

- Jared Allen:** 60 tackles, 17.0 TFL, 12.0 sacks, 40 QB hurries, 1 FF, 3 passes defensed...Led team in sacks.
- Jerome Felton:** Paved the way for Adrian Peterson to rush for 2,097 yards, the 2nd highest season total in NFL history... 3 receptions, 35 yards (11.7 avg.).
- Chad Greenway:** 191 tackles (121 solo), 7.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, 6 QB hurries, 2 FR, 1 INT, 7 passes defensed...5th straight season leading team in tackles.
- Matt Kalil:** Was part of the offensive line that allowed RB Adrian Peterson to rush for the 2nd highest single-season total (2,097) in NFL history.
- Adrian Peterson:** 348 carries, 2,097 yards (6.0 avg.), 12 TD, 82t long, 40 receptions, 217 yards, 1 TD...Rushed for 2,097 yards, the 2nd highest total in NFL history.
- Kyle Rudolph:** 53 receptions, 493 yards and a team best 9 TD... 2nd in franchise history among all TEs with 9 TDs in a season.
- Blair Walsh:** 32-of-35 on FG attempts (92.1%), 32-of-32 on PATs, 49 kickoff touchbacks, 9-for-9 on FG attempts of 50+ yards...9 field goals of 50+ yards is single-season NFL record.

