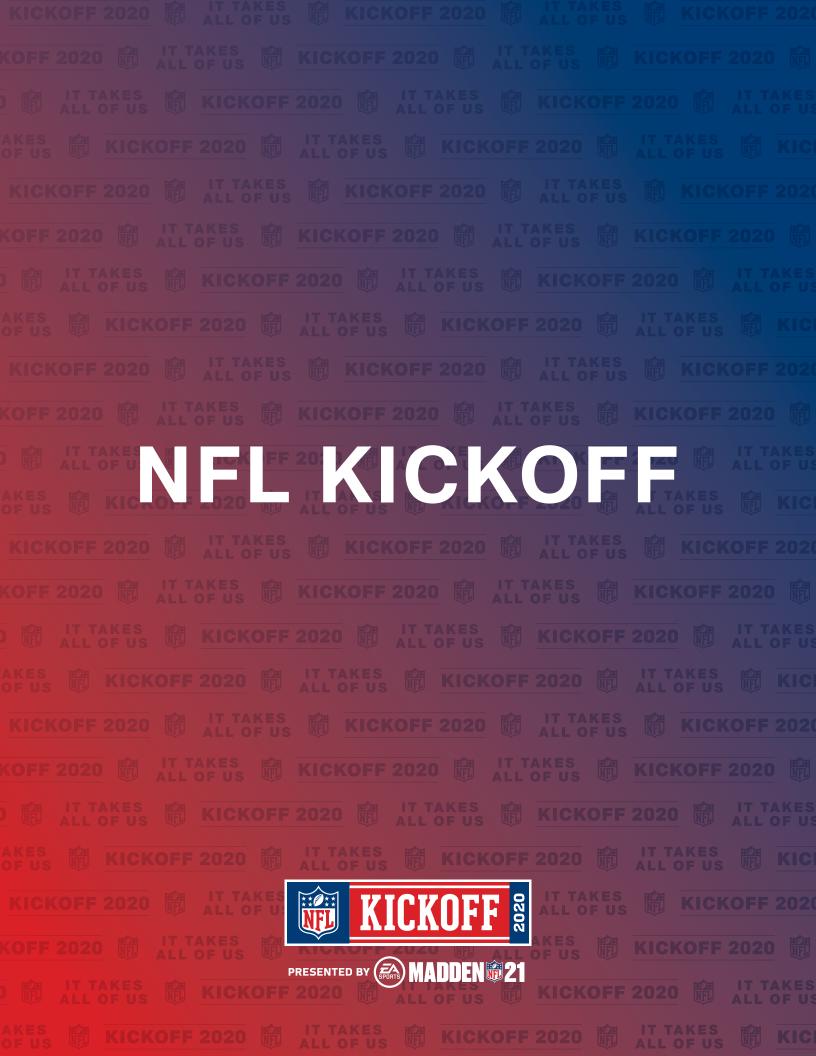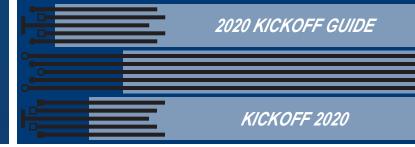# 2020
KICKOFF GUIDE

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NFL KICKOFF

CHIEFS & TEXANS KICK OFF SEASON ON THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

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

The 2020 season begins with the NFL's annual primetime kickoff game. The opener on Thursday, September 10 on NBC (8:20 PM ET) will feature the Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs hosting the Houston Texans at Arrowhead Stadium in a rematch of the 2019 AFC Divisional playoffs.

The NFL primetime kickoff games since 2002:

DATE	SITE	RESULT (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)	RECAP
Sept. 5, 2002	Giants Stadium	San Francisco 16, NY GIANTS 13	San Francisco's Jose Cortez kicks a 36-yard field goal with six seconds remaining in the NFL's first Thursday-night opener since 1949.
Sept. 4, 2003	FedExField	WASHINGTON 16, NY Jets 13	Kicker John Hall converts a game-winning 50-yard field goal with five seconds remaining to lift Washington.
Sept. 9, 2004	Gillette Stadium	NEW ENGLAND 27, Indianapolis 24	New England quarterback Tom Brady passes for 335 yards and three TDs as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat the Colts.
Sept. 8, 2005	Gillette Stadium	NEW ENGLAND 30, Oakland 20	New England quarterback Tom Brady throws for 306 yards and two TDs while running back Corey Dillon adds two scores for the defending Super Bowl champions.
Sept. 7, 2006	Heinz Field	PITTSBURGH 28, Miami 17	Pittsburgh quarterback Charlie Batch passes for three TDs and running back Willie Parker adds 115 rushing yards as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat Miami.
Sept. 6, 2007	RCA Dome	INDIANAPOLIS 41, New Orleans 10	The Super Bowl champion Colts rack up 452 yards of offense as quarterback Peyton Manning passes for 288 yards and three TDs.
Sept. 4, 2008	Giants Stadium	NY GIANTS 16, Washington 7	Quarterback Eli Manning scores a TD and the Giants' defense allows just 209 total yards as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat division-rival Washington.
Sept. 9, 2010	Louisiana Superdome	NEW ORLEANS 14, Minnesota 9	New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees throws for 237 yards and a TD to lead the Saints past the Vikings in a rematch of the 2009 NFC Championship Game.
Sept. 8, 2011	Lambeau Field	GREEN BAY 42, New Orleans 34	Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers passes for 312 yards and three TDs and the Packers' defense makes a goal-line stand on the game's final play as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat the Saints.
Sept. 5, 2012	MetLife Stadium	Dallas 24, NY GIANTS 17	Dallas quarterback Tony Romo throws for 307 yards and three TDs, including two to Kevin Ogletree, as the Cowboys defeat the defending Super Bowl champion Giants.
Sept. 5, 2013	Sports Authority Field at Mile High	DENVER 49, Baltimore 27	Denver quarterback Peyton Manning ties an NFL single-game record with seven TD passes as the Broncos knock off the defending Super Bowl champion Ravens.
Sept. 4, 2014	CenturyLink Field	SEATTLE 36, Green Bay 16	Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson throws two TDs while running back Marshawn Lynch rushes for 110 yards and two scores as the defending champion Seahawks win at home.
Sept. 10, 2015	Gillette Stadium	NEW ENGLAND 28, Pittsburgh 21	New England quarterback Tom Brady throws four touchdown passes as the defending champion Patriots defeat the Steelers.
Sept. 8, 2016	Sports Authority Field at Mile High	DENVER 21, Carolina 20	Denver running back C.J. Anderson scores two touchdowns as the Broncos defeat the Panthers in a rematch of Super Bowl 50.
Sept. 7, 2017	Gillette Stadium	Kansas City 42, NEW ENGLAND 27	Kansas City quarterback Alex Smith throws four touchdowns while rookie running back Kareem Hunt totals 246 yards from scrimmage and three scores as the Chiefs defeat the defending Super Bowl champion Patriots.
Sept. 6, 2018	Lincoln Financial Field	PHILADELPHIA 18, Atlanta 12	Philadelphia running back Jay Ajayi rushes for two touchdowns as the defending champion Eagles defeat the Falcons.
Sept. 5, 2019	Soldier Field	Green Bay 10, CHICAGO 3	Kicking off the league's 100th season with its oldest rivalry, Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers throws for the game's only touchdown, while safety Adrian Amos records a late interception in his own end zone as the Packers defeat the Bears.

Kickoff Weekend begins on Thursday, September 10 in primetime on NBC as the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs welcome Houston to Arrowhead Stadium. Below is a sampling of notable active NFL Kickoff streaks:

- The **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** host the **HOUSTON TEXANS** during the opening game of Kickoff Weekend. The Chiefs have won their past five Kickoff Weekend games, the longest active streak in the AFC and tied for the longest active streak in the NFL.

- The defending AFC North champion **BALTIMORE RAVENS**, who visit the **CLEVELAND BROWNS** in Week 1, have won their last four Kickoff Weekend games, the AFC's second-longest active streak.

- The **GREEN BAY PACKERS** open their season on the road against the **MINNESOTA VIKINGS**. The Packers have won 57 games on Kickoff Weekend, the most in the NFL. Green Bay has won their past five Kickoff Weekend games while the Vikings enter the 2020 season having won their past four on Kickoff Weekend.

- The **DALLAS COWBOYS** visit the **LOS ANGELES RAMS** on *Sunday Night Football* in Week 1. With a winning percentage of .658 (39-20-1), the Cowboys own the best Kickoff Weekend winning percentage in the NFC.

- In the first of two *Monday Night Football* games on Kickoff Weekend, the **NEW YORK GIANTS** host the **PITTSBURGH STEELERS**. The Giants have 50 wins on Kickoff Weekend, third-most among all teams, while Pittsburgh's 43 wins on Kickoff Weekend are the most among AFC teams.

- The **DENVER BRONCOS**, who begin the season by hosting the **TENNESSEE TITANS** on *Monday Night Football*, have posted a .658 winning percentage (39-20-1) on Kickoff Weekend, the top mark in the AFC. Denver has won seven of its past eight Kickoff Weekend games.

HEAD COACHES: New England's **BILL BELICHICK** is 17-8 (.680) on Kickoff Weekend and his 17 wins are the most among active head coaches…Belichick and Kansas City's **ANDY REID** (13-8; .619) are the only active head coaches who have won at least 10 Kickoff Weekend games…Reid has won five consecutive games on Kickoff Weekend, the longest current streak among active head coaches… Philadelphia's **DOUG PEDERSON** (4-0), Los Angeles Rams' **SEAN MCVAY** (3-0), Denver's **VIC FANGIO** (1-0) and Green Bay's **MATT LAFLEUR** (1-0) are the only active head coaches with perfect records on Kickoff Weekend…Three head coaches – New York Giants' **JOE JUDGE**, Carolina's **MATT RHULE** and Cleveland's **KEVIN STEFANSKI** – make their Kickoff Weekend debuts…Two coaches – Dallas' **MIKE MCCARTHY** (9-4; .692) and Washington's **RON RIVERA** (4-5; .444) – make their debut with their new clubs on Kickoff Weekend in 2020.

From 1920-71, tie games were not included in winning percentage

14 TEAMS TO QUALIFY FOR PLAYOFFS BEGINNING WITH 2020 SEASON – ONE ADDITIONAL WILD CARD TEAM ADDED IN EACH CONFERENCE

CBS, NBC TO BROADCAST ADDITIONAL WILD CARD GAME

NFL clubs voted to expand the postseason by two teams beginning with the 2020 season.

Expanding the NFL postseason was addressed in the new NFL-NFLPA Collective Bargaining Agreement. Players and clubs both recognized that nothing energizes fans like the chance to see their team qualify for the playoffs and compete for the Super Bowl.

The vote during a league meeting in March held remotely follows the recommendation of the Competition Committee, Management Council Executive Committee and Media Committee on increasing the number of playoff teams from 12 to 14.

Two additional Wild Card teams – one each in the American and National Football Conferences – will qualify for the playoffs. The No. 1 seed in each conference will receive a bye in the Wild Card round. The remaining division champions in each conference with the best records will be seeded 2, 3, and 4, followed by the next three teams per conference with the best records seeded 5, 6, and 7.

AFC and NFC Wild Card games will feature the 2 seed hosting the 7 seed, the 3 seed hosting the 6 seed and the 4 seed hosting the 5 seed.
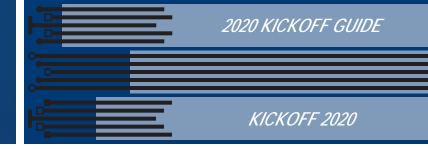
Wild Card Weekend for the 2020 season will consist of three games on Saturday, January 9, and three games on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

CBS will broadcast one additional Wild Card game on January 10 with kickoff at approximately 4:40 p.m. ET. The game will also be available via a livestream on CBS All Access. Additionally, as part of CBS' coverage, a separately produced telecast of the game will air on Nickelodeon, tailored for a younger audience.

NBC, its new streaming service Peacock, as well as Telemundo will all broadcast an additional Wild Card game on January 10 with kickoff at approximately 8:15 p.m. ET.

The NFL last expanded the playoffs for the 1990 season, increasing from 10 to 12 the number of teams to qualify for the postseason. Since 1990, at least four new teams have qualified for the playoffs that missed the postseason the year before – a streak of 30 consecutive seasons.
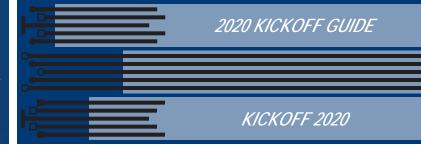
2020 HEADLINE GAMES

With only 16 games per team, every game is important, and each week brings a noteworthy contest, including a league-wide celebration in Week 2. After enjoying a season-long recognition of the league's 100th season last year, the NFL will celebrate their 100th birthday on September 17th, when the Cleveland Browns will host the Cincinnati Bengals on Thursday Night Football, with the broadcast paying tribute to the birthplace of the NFL in nearby Canton, Ohio.

Below is a sampling of some of the other most notable matchups this year:

WEEK	GAME	PREVIEW
Week 1	Dallas at L.A. Rams	Los Angeles' SoFi Stadium hosts its first regular season NFL game, in a rematch of a 2018 playoff matchup on *Sunday Night Football*.
Week 2	New Orleans at Las Vegas	On *Monday Night Football*, Allegiant Stadium play host to the first-ever regular season NFL game in Las Vegas.
Week 3	Kansas City at Baltimore	A matchup of AFC's top two teams from 2019 and the past two league MVPs, Patrick Mahomes and Lamar Jackson face off on *Monday Night Football*.
Week 4	New England at Kansas City	A meeting of two 2019 division winners and a rematch of the 2018 AFC Championship Game.
Week 5	Philadelphia at Pittsburgh	The 79th meeting between the Keystone State rivals. Philadelphia leads the all-time series 47-28-3, with the last four meetings being split.
Week 6	Green Bay at Tampa Bay	Two of the most accomplished quarterbacks in league history, Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady, meet for the third time in their careers as starters. The duo split the first two games
Week 7	San Francisco at New England	A pair of 2019 playoff teams meet, as quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo makes his return to New England for the first time since being traded in 2017.
Week 8	Dallas at Philadelphia	A key midseason NFL East division battle on *Sunday Night Football*.
Week 9	Green Bay at San Francisco	A rematch of the 2019 NFC Championship Game on *Thursday Night Football*.
Week 10	San Francisco at New Orleans	A rematch of a memorable 2019 regular season game, where the teams combined for 94 points and 982 yards, more than any other game last season.
Week 11	Tennessee at Baltimore	A rematch of the 2019 Wild Card round, where the sixth-seeded Titans upset the top-seeded Ravens.
Week 12	Houston at Detroit Washington at Dallas Baltimore at Pittsburgh	A Thanksgiving triple-header featuring two late-season division matchups and two 2019 playoff teams.
Week 13	Cincinnati at Miami	A potential matchup between the top two quarterbacks selected in the 2020 NFL Draft, Joe Burrow and Tua Tagovailoa.
Week 14	New England at L.A. Rams	*Thursday Night Football* featuring a rematch of Super Bowl LIII.
Week 15	Kansas City at New Orleans	Quarterbacks Patrick Mahomes and Drew Brees face off against each other for the first time in their careers.
Week 16	Minnesota at New Orleans	On Christmas Day, a rematch of a 2019 playoff game in the NFL's first game played on a Friday since 2009.
Week 17	16 Division Matchups	For the 11th consecutive season, the final weekend of the regular season features all division matchups with playoff berths on the line.

New teams making the playoffs and winning divisions, consistent teams excelling once again, records falling and young players making their mark all combined to help shape the story of the 2019 season.

Again, Week 17 came right down to the wire as two playoff spots and two division titles – the NFC East and NFC West – were decided on the last day of the season. The excitement of Week 17 was due in part to having 16 divisional games played on the season's final day, a tradition instituted in 2010.
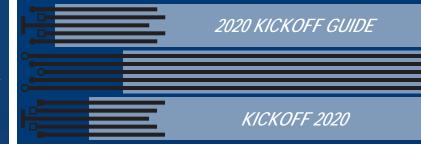
Every team enters the 2020 season with a trip to Tampa Bay and Super Bowl LV in mind, and below are a few reasons why.

• Since the NFL adopted the 12-team playoff format in 1990, at least four teams every season have qualified for the playoffs after failing to make the postseason the year before. Five teams that missed the postseason in 2018 – Buffalo (10-6), Green Bay (13-3), Minnesota (10-6), San Francisco (13-3) and Tennessee (9-7) – accomplished the feat in 2019.

<u>The teams since 1990 to make the playoffs a season after failing to qualify</u>:

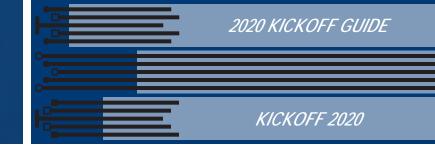| SEASON	PLAYOFF TEAMS NOT IN PREVIOUS SEASON'S PLAYOFFS
1990	7 (Cincinnati, Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles Raiders, Miami, New Orleans, Washington)
1991	5 (Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, New York Jets)
1992	6 (Miami, Minnesota, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Diego, San Francisco)
1993	5 (Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Los Angeles Raiders, New York Giants)
1994	5 (Chicago, Cleveland, Miami, New England, San Diego)
1995	4 (Atlanta, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Philadelphia)
1996	5 (Carolina, Denver, Jacksonville, Minnesota, New England)
1997	5 (Detroit, Kansas City, Miami, New York Giants, Tampa Bay)
1998	5 (Arizona, Atlanta, Buffalo, Dallas, New York Jets)
1999	7 (Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Seattle, Tampa Bay, Tennessee, Washington)
2000	6 (Baltimore, Denver, New Orleans, New York Giants, Oakland, Philadelphia)
2001	6 (Chicago, Green Bay, New England, New York Jets, Pittsburgh, San Francisco)
2002	5 (Atlanta, Cleveland, Indianapolis, New York Giants, Tennessee)
2003	8 (Baltimore, Carolina, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, New England, St. Louis, Seattle)
2004	5 (Atlanta, Minnesota, New York Jets, Pittsburgh, San Diego)
2005	7 (Carolina, Chicago, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, New York Giants, Tampa Bay, Washington)
2006	7 (Baltimore, Dallas, Kansas City, New Orleans, New York Jets, Philadelphia, San Diego)
2007	6 (Green Bay, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, Tennessee, Washington)
2008	7 (Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Carolina, Miami, Minnesota, Philadelphia)
2009	6 (Cincinnati, Dallas, Green Bay, New England, New Orleans, New York Jets)
2010	5 (Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Seattle)
2011	6 (Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, Houston, New York Giants, San Francisco)
2012	4 (Indianapolis, Minnesota, Seattle, Washington)
2013	5 (Carolina, Kansas City, New Orleans, Philadelphia, San Diego)
2014	5 (Arizona, Baltimore, Dallas, Detroit, Pittsburgh)
2015	4 (Houston, Kansas City, Minnesota, Washington)
2016	6 (Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, New York Giants, Oakland)
2017	8 (Buffalo, Carolina, Jacksonville, Los Angeles Rams, Minnesota, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Tennessee)
2018	7 (Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles Chargers, Seattle)
2019	5 (Buffalo, Green Bay, Minnesota, San Francisco, Tennessee)

- Both the **GREEN BAY PACKERS** (NFC North) and **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** (NFC West) won their division after missing the postseason in 2018 and at least two teams have won their divisions the season after missing the playoffs in 16 of the past 17 years.

  Teams to win their division a season after missing the postseason since 2003:

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

worst to first

- The **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** won their second Super Bowl title in 2019 and begin their quest to repeat as champions as the race to Tampa Bay's Raymond James Stadium for Super Bowl LV kicks off. Only eight teams have repeated as champions since the first Super Bowl in 1967, with the 2004 Patriots (Super Bowls XXXVIII and XXXIX) being the last team to accomplish the feat.

- Five teams enter the 2019 season with a new head coach – **MATT RHULE** in Carolina, **KEVIN STEFANSKI** in Cleveland, **MIKE MCCARTHY** in Dallas, **JOE JUDGE** with the New York Giants and **RON RIVERA** in Washington.

- Five rookie head coaches have led their teams to the playoffs over the last three seasons: **MATT LAFLEUR** (Green Bay) in 2019, **MATT NAGY** (Chicago) and **FRANK REICH** (Indianapolis) in 2018, and **SEAN MCVAY** (L.A. Rams) and **SEAN MCDERMOTT** (Buffalo) in 2017.

- Four quarterbacks – LSU's **JOE BURROW** (No. 1 overall, Cincinnati), Alabama's **TUA TAGOVAILOA** (No. 5, Miami), Oregon's **JUSTIN HERBERT** (No. 6, L.A. Chargers) and Utah State's **JORDAN LOVE** (No. 26, Green Bay) – were selected in the first round of the 2020 NFL Draft. At least one rookie quarterbacks has started in Week 1 in 12 consecutive seasons, the longest streak in the NFL since at least 1950.

- Several notable players were on the move during the offseason, including quarterbacks **TOM BRADY** (Tampa Bay) and **PHILIP RIVERS** (Indianapolis); running backs **MELVIN GORDON** (Denver) and **TODD GURLEY** (Atlanta); wide receivers **STEFON DIGGS** (Buffalo) and **DEANDRE HOPKINS** (Arizona); tight ends **AUSTIN HOOPER** (Cleveland) and **JASON WITTEN** (Las Vegas); offensive linemen **BRIAN BULAGA** (L.A. Chargers), **JACK CONKLIN** (Cleveland) and **RUSSELL OKUNG** (Carolina); defensive end **CALAIS CAMBELL** (Baltimore); defensive tackles **DEFOREST BUCKNER** (Indianapolis) and **JURELL CASEY** (Denver); linebackers **CORY LITTLETON** (Las Vegas) and **KYLE VAN NOY** (Miami); cornerbacks **BYRON JONES** (Miami) and **DARIUS SLAY** (Philadelphia); and safeties **HA HA CLINTON-DIX** (Dallas) and **MALCOLM JENKINS** (New Orleans).

FROM WORST TO FIRST

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

In 15 of the past 17 seasons, at least one team finished in first place in its division the season after finishing in last or tied for last place. In fact, of the 48 teams in league history to go from "worst-to-first," 25 of them have done so in the past 17 years (2003-19), including an NFL-record three such teams in 2005 and 2006.

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

The teams to go from "worst-to-first" in their division since 2003:

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

*Tied for last place

**Won Super Bowl

Since 2003, the NFL's 25 teams to go from "worst-to-first" in their division are the most among the four major professional sports leagues in the United States.

In the NBA, only three teams since the 2003-04 season have finished first in their division after placing in last or tied for last the previous season. There have been seven such teams to accomplish the feat in the past 17 seasons in both the MLB and the NHL.

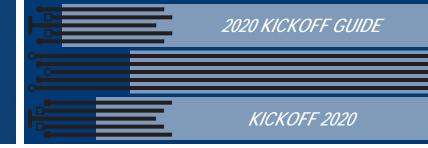| LEAGUE	NO. OF TEAMS TO GO FROM "WORST TO FIRST"	TOTAL DIVISIONS
NFL	25	8
MLB	7	6
NHL	7*	4**
NBA	3	6

*2004-05 season cancelled due to lockout

**Realigned from six divisions in 2012-13

The 2009 New Orleans Saints and 2017 Philadelphia Eagles exemplified the feeling of hope that every team enters an NFL season with, both winning the Super Bowl the season after finishing in last place in their divisions.

DIVISION TITLES?
UP FOR GRABS

In the 18 seasons since realignment in 2002, 29 different teams have won division titles. In 2019, three divisions – NFC East (Philadelphia), NFC North (Green Bay) and NFC West (San Francisco) – saw a new team finish in first place.

Both the Packers and 49ers won their division after missing the postseason in 2018 and at least two teams have won their divisions the season after missing the playoffs in 16 of the past 17 years.

The most division titles and playoff berths since realignment in 2002:

TEAM	DIVISION TITLES	PLAYOFF BERTHS
New England	16	16
Green Bay	10	13
Indianapolis	9	13
Seattle	8	13
Philadelphia	8	11
Pittsburgh	8	11
Baltimore	6	10
Kansas City	6	9
Denver	6	8
New Orleans	6	8
Houston	6	6
Carolina	5	7
Dallas	5	7
L.A. Chargers	5	7
Atlanta	4	8
Cincinnati	4	7
Minnesota	4	7
San Francisco	4	5
Chicago	4	4
N.Y. Giants	3	7
Arizona	3	4
L.A. Rams	3	4
Tampa Bay	3	3
Tennessee	2	6
Washington	2	4
N.Y. Jets	1	5
Jacksonville	1	3
Miami	1	2
Las Vegas	1	2
Detroit	0	3
Buffalo	0	2
Cleveland	0	1

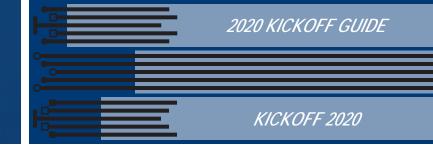*The NFC North division title was determined on Monday Night Football in Week 16, as Green Bay running back Aaron Jones ran for 154 yards and two touchdowns in the Packers 23-10 win over Minnesota.*

The NFC West division title was decided on Sunday Night Football in Week 17 of the 2019 season, as San Francisco defeated Seattle, 26-21, with a fourth-down goal-line stop with 12 seconds remaining.
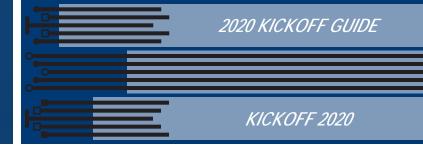
KICKOFF WEEKEND RECORDS OF NFL TEAMS

AFC	W	L	T	PCT.	LONGEST STREAKS WIN	LOSS	CURRENT
Denver	39	20	1	.651	7	4	L-1
New England	34	26	0	.567	10	3	W-2
Kansas City	33	27	0	.550	7	5	W-5
L.A. Chargers	33	27	0	.550	6	6	W-2
Miami	29	24	1	.547	11	5	L-1
Baltimore	13	11	0	.542	5	4	W-4
Pittsburgh	43	37	5	.537	8	3	L-1
Jacksonville	13	12	0	.520	6	5	L-1
Tennessee	31	29	0	.517	4	3	W-1
Houston	9	9	0	.500	5	3	L-3
Indianapolis	33	24	0	.493	8	8	L-6
Las Vegas	28	32	0	.467	5	6	W-1
N.Y. Jets	28	32	0	.467	5	5	L-1
Cincinnati	24	28	0	.462	4	4	L-1
Buffalo	25	35	0	.417	6	5	W-1
Cleveland	27	39	1	.410	5	13	L-1

NFC	W	L	T	PCT.	LONGEST STREAKS WIN	LOSS	CURRENT
Dallas	39	20	1	.661	17	5	W-1
Green Bay	57	39	3	.594	5	6	W-5
Minnesota	34	24	1	.586	5	3	W-4
Chicago	54	41	5	.568	9	6	L-6
N.Y. Giants	50	40	5	.556	4	5	L-3
Detroit	48	39	3	.551	10	4	T-1
San Francisco	38	31	1	.551	6	3	W-1
L.A. Rams	43	39	0	.524	5	6	W-3
Atlanta	28	26	0	.519	5	3	L-2
Washington	41	43	4	.488	6	5	L-1
Philadelphia	39	46	1	.459	5	9	W-4
Arizona	40	56	3	.418	6	7	T-1
Tampa Bay	18	26	0	.409	3	5	L-1
Carolina	10	15	0	.400	3	5	L-1
Seattle	17	27	0	.386	3	8	W-1
New Orleans	18	35	0	.340	3	6	W-1

OPENING-GAME RECORDS OF NFL HEAD COACHES

COACH	TEAM	W-L	PCT.
Matt LaFleur	Green Bay	1-0	1.000
Sean McVay	*L.A. Rams*	*3-0*	*1.000*
Doug Pederson	*Philadelphia*	*4-0*	*1.000*
Mike Zimmer	Minnesota	5-1	.833
John Harbaugh	Baltimore	9-3	.750
Mike McCarthy	Dallas	9-4	.692
Bill Belichick	New England	17-8	.680
Sean McDermott	Buffalo	2-1	.667
Andy Reid	Kansas City	13-8	.619
Doug Marrone	Jacksonville	3-2	.600
Mike Tomlin	Pittsburgh	7-5-1	.577
Pete Carroll	Seattle	8-6	.571
Adam Gase	N.Y. Jets	2-2	.500
Kliff Kingsbury	Arizona	0-0-1	.500
Mike Vrabel	Tennessee	1-1	.500
Sean Payton	New Orleans	6-7	.462
Ron Rivera	Washington	4-5	.444
Dan Quinn	Atlanta	2-3	.400
Jon Gruden	Las Vegas	5-8	.385
Bruce Arians	Tampa Bay	2-4	.333
Bill O'Brien	Houston	2-4	.333
Kyle Shanahan	San Francisco	1-2	.333
Anthony Lynn	L.A. Chargers	1-2	.333
Matt Patricia	Detroit	0-1-1	.250
Vic Fangio	Denver	0-1	.000
Brian Flores	Miami	0-1	.000
Matt Nagy	Chicago	0-2	.000
Frank Reich	Indianapolis	0-2	.000
Zac Taylor	Cincinnati	0-1	.000
Joe Judge	N.Y. Giants	--	--
Matt Rhule	Carolina	--	--
Kevin Stefanski	Cleveland	--	--

MOST YARDS RUSHING

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

MOST YARDS PASSING

PLAYER	YARDS	ATT	COMP	TD	INT
Norm Van Brocklin, L.A. Rams vs. N.Y. Yanks, 9/28/51	554	41	27	5	2
Tom Brady, New England vs. Miami, 9/12/11	517	48	32	4	1
Dan Marino, Miami vs. New England, 9/4/94	473	42	23	5	1
Peyton Manning, Denver vs. Baltimore, 9/5/13	462	42	27	7	0
Eli Manning, N.Y. Giants vs. Dallas, 9/8/13	450	42	27	4	3
Matt Ryan, Atlanta vs. New Orleans, 9/7/14	448	43	31	3	0
Kurt Warner, St. Louis vs. Denver, 9/4/00	441	35	25	3	3
Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	439	45	37	3	0
Peyton Manning, Indianapolis vs. Houston, 9/12/10	433	57	40	3	0
Philip Rivers, L.A. Chargers vs. Kansas City, 9/9/18	424	51	34	3	1

MOST YARDS RUSHING
(2019 PERFORMANCES IN BOLD & ITALIC)

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

BEST OPENING GAME PERFORMANCES (2010-2019)

MOST YARDS RUSHING
(2019 PERFORMANCES IN BOLD & ITALIC)

PLAYER	YARDS	ATT	LG	TD
Arian Foster, Houston vs. Indianapolis, 9/12/10	231	33	42	3
LeSean McCoy, Philadelphia vs. Washington, 9/9/13	184	31	34t	1
Marlon Mack, Indianapolis vs. L.A. Chargers, 9/8/19	*174*	*25*	*63t*	*1*
C.J. Spiller, Buffalo vs. N.Y. Jets, 9/9/12	169	14	56t	1
Carlos Hyde, San Francisco vs. Minnesota, 9/14/15	168	26	18	2
Darren McFadden, Oakland vs. Denver, 9/12/11	150	22	47	0
Kareem Hunt, Kansas City vs. New England, 9/17/17	148	17	58	1
DeAngelo Williams, Pittsburgh vs. Washington, 9/12/16	143	26	17	2
Chris Johnson, Tennessee vs. Oakland, 9/12/10	142	27	76t	2
Matt Forte, Chicago vs. Green Bay, 9/13/15	141	24	23	1

MOST YARDS PASSING

PLAYER	YARDS	ATT	COMP	TD	INT
Tom Brady, New England vs. Miami, 9/12/11	517	48	32	4	1
Peyton Manning, Denver vs. Baltimore, 9/5/13	462	42	27	7	0
Eli Manning, N.Y. Giants vs. Dallas, 9/8/13	450	42	27	4	3
Matt Ryan, Atlanta vs. New Orleans, 9/7/14	448	43	31	3	0
Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	439	45	37	3	0
Peyton Manning, Indianapolis vs. Houston, 9/12/10	433	57	40	3	0
Philip Rivers, L.A. Chargers vs. Kansas City, 9/9/18	424	51	34	3	1
Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Oakland, 9/11/16	423	42	28	4	0
Cam Newton, Carolina vs. Arizona, 9/11/11	422	37	24	2	1
Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Green Bay, 9/8/11	419	49	32	3	0

MOST YARDS RUSHING
(2019 PERFORMANCES IN BOLD & ITALIC)

PLAYER	YARDS	REC	LG	TD
Anquan Boldin, San Francisco vs. Green Bay, 9/8/13	208	13	43	1
Sammy Watkins, Kansas City vs. Jacksonville, 9/8/19	*198*	*9*	*68t*	*3*
Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland, 9/10/17	182	11	50	0
Jared Cook, Oakland vs. L.A. Rams, 9/10/18	180	9	45	0
A.J. Green, Cincinnati vs. New York Jets, 9/11/16	180	12	54	1
Michael Thomas, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	180	16	35	1
Steve Smith, Carolina vs. Arizona, 9/11/11	178	8	77t	2
Willie Snead, New Orleans vs. Oakland, 9/11/16	172	9	49	1
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City vs. L.A. Chargers, 9/9/18	169	7	58t	2
Julio Jones, Atlanta vs. Philadelphia, 9/6/18	169	10	36	0

Getting off to a strong start is important.

Over the past 10 years, six teams – **NEW ENGLAND**, **KANSAS CITY**, **GREEN BAY**, **BALTIMORE**, **DALLAS** and **DENVER** – have a winning percentage of at least .600 through the season's first month. Those six clubs have combined for 39 playoff berths and 10 Super Bowl appearances – including seven Super Bowl championships – during that span.
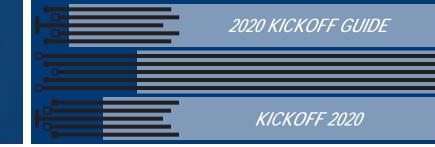
Teams with the best opening month records over the past 10 years (2010-19):

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PLAYOFF BERTHS	SUPER BOWL BERTHS	SUPER BOWL WINS
New England	26	9	0	.743	10	5	3
Kansas City	23	11	0	.676	7	1	1
Green Bay	23	11	1	.671	8	1	1
Baltimore	22	13	0	.629	6	1	1
Dallas	21	13	0	.618	3	0	0
Denver	20	13	0	.606	5	2	1

In 2019, the four teams to appear on Championship Weekend - **GREEN BAY**, **KANSAS CITY**, **SAN FRANCISCO** and **TENNESSEE** - began with a combined 12-3 record during the first month of the season, with the two Super Bowl teams, Kansas City and San Francisco, beginning a combined 7-0.

BEST NFL RECORDS - PAST 10 YEARS

Over the past 10 years, five NFL teams – **NEW ENGLAND** (125-35, .781), **PITTSBURGH** (102-57-1, .641), **GREEN BAY** (102-56-2, .644), **SEATTLE** (100-59-1, .628) and **NEW ORLEANS** (100-60, .625) – have won at least 100 regular-season games during the past decade. Those five clubs have combined for 38 playoff berths, nine Super Bowl appearances and five Super Bowl championships over that span.

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

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

The teams with the best regular-season records over past 10 years (2010-19):

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PLAYOFF BERTHS	SUPER BOWL BERTHS	SUPER BOWL WINS
New England	125	35	0	.781	10	5	3
Green Bay	102	56	2	.644	8	1	1
Pittsburgh	102	57	1	.641	6	1	0
Seattle	100	59	1	.628	8	2	1
New Orleans	100	60	0	.625	6	0	0
Baltimore	98	62	0	.613	6	1	1
Kansas City	96	64	0	.600	7	1	1

OVERTIME EXCITEMENT

With so many close games in the NFL, it's no surprise that nine contests in the regular season were sent into overtime.

Three teams – the **NEW YORK GIANTS**, **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** and **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** – each went to overtime twice during the 2019 regular season.
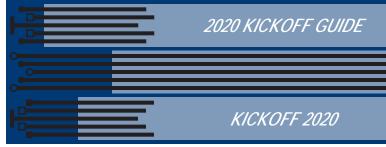
In the postseason, two of the four Wild Card games were decided in overtime. In the AFC, Houston defeated Buffalo, 22-19, as kicker **KA'IMI FAIRBAIRN** connected on a game-winning 28-yard field goal with 3:20 left in overtime. In the NFC, Minnesota quarterback **KIRK COUSINS** found tight end **KYLE RUDOLPH** on a four-yard touchdown pass on the first possession of overtime to give the Vikings a 26-20 win over New Orleans.

In Week 17, Atlanta Falcons linebacker **DEION JONES** registered a 27-yard interception return for a touchdown in overtime and became the seventh player with a game-winning interception return for a touchdown in overtime since 2002 and the first since **ROBERT ALFORD** (October 11, 2015).

The NFL teams with the best regular-season overtime records since overtime was instituted in 1974:

TEAM	W	L	T	WIN PCT.
Arizona	26	16	4	.609
Denver	28	18	2	.604
Washington	25	17	2	.591
Buffalo	21	15	0	.583
N.Y. Giants	22	16	2	.575

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

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

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

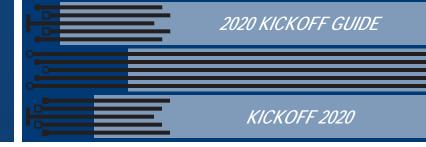|	
96 Yards	*Garrison Hearst (pictured)* *San Francisco 36, New York Jets 30* *(9/6/98)*
60 Yards	Herschel Walker Dallas 23, New England 17 (11/15/87)
50 Yards	Rashard Mendenhall Pittsburgh 15, Atlanta 9 (9/12/10)

LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PLAYS

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

LONGEST FIELD GOAL

59 Yards	Chandler Catanzaro Tampa Bay 26, Cleveland 23 (10/21/18)
57 Yards	Sebastian Janikowski Oakland 16, New York Jets 13 (10/19/08)
54 Yards	Greg Zuerlein St. Louis 16, San Francisco 13 (12/2/12)

MODIFIED SUDDEN DEATH OVERTIME

For the 2010 postseason, the NFL installed a modified sudden death overtime system to determine the winner when the score is tied at the end of regulation. In 2012, the system was expanded to cover all NFL games.

Teams have the opportunity to possess the ball at least once in the extra period unless the team that receives the overtime kickoff scores a touchdown on its first possession.

A look at the NFL's overtime procedures:

PRESEASON AND REGULAR SEASON

At the end of regulation time, the referee will immediately toss a coin at the center of the field in accordance with rules pertaining to the usual pregame toss. The captain of the visiting team will call the toss prior to the coin being flipped.

- Following a three-minute intermission after the end of the regulation game, there shall be a maximum of one 10-minute period. Each team must possess or have the opportunity to possess the ball unless the team that has the ball first scores a touchdown on its initial possession.

- Play continues in sudden death until a winner is determined, and the game automatically ends upon any score (by safety, field goal or touchdown) or when a score is awarded by the referee for a palpably unfair act. Each team shall be entitled to two timeouts, and if there is an excess timeout, the usual rules shall apply. The try is not attempted if a touchdown is scored. Disqualified players are not allowed to return.

- If the score is tied at the end of the 10-minute overtime period, the game shall result in a tie.

- Instant Replay: No challenges. Reviews to be initiated by the replay official.
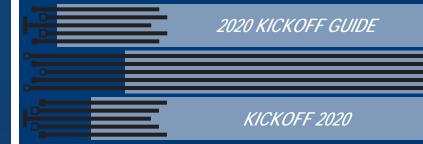
POSTSEASON

At the end of regulation time, the referee will immediately toss a coin at the center of the field in accordance with rules pertaining to the usual pregame toss. The captain of the visiting team will call the toss prior to the coin being flipped.

- Following a three-minute intermission after the end of the regulation game, play will be continued in 15-minute periods until a winner is declared. Each team must possess or have the opportunity to possess the ball unless the team that has the ball first scores a touchdown on its initial possession.

- Play continues in sudden death until a winner is determined, and the game automatically ends upon any score (by safety, field goal or touchdown) or when a score is awarded by the referee for a palpably unfair act. Each team has three timeouts per half and all general timing provisions apply as during a regular game. The try is not attempted if a touchdown is scored. Disqualified players are not allowed to return.

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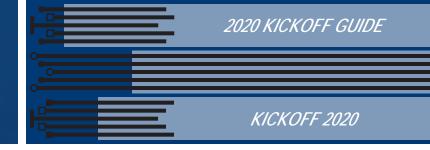
KEY DEFINITIONS

- **POSSESSION**: Actual possession of the ball with complete control. The defense gains possession when it catches, intercepts or recovers a loose ball.

- **OPPORTUNITY TO POSSESS**: The opportunity to possess occurs only during kicking plays. A kickoff is an opportunity to possess for the receiving team. If the kicking team legally recovers the kick, the receiving team is considered to have had its opportunity. A punt or a field goal that crosses the line of scrimmage and is muffed by the receiving team is considered to be an opportunity to possess for the receivers. Normal touching rules by the kicking team apply.

2020 STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

TEAM	PCT.	W	L	T	GAMES VS. TEAMS .500 OR BETTER IN 2019	GAMES VS. 2019 PLAYOFF TEAMS
New England	.537	137	118	1	8	7
N.Y. Jets	.533	136	119	1	8	7
Miami	.529	135	120	1	8	7
San Francisco	.527	134	120	2	10	7
Atlanta	.525	134	121	1	8	6
Buffalo	.525	134	121	1	8	6
Detroit	.525	134	121	1	9	7
Arizona	.518	132	123	1	10	7
Houston	.518	132	123	1	9	7
L.A. Rams	.516	131	123	2	9	7
Minnesota	.516	131	123	2	9	6
Denver	.512	131	125	0	7	6
Chicago	.508	129	125	2	8	7
Seattle	.508	129	125	2	9	6
Green Bay	.504	128	126	2	9	7
Indianapolis	.502	128	127	1	9	7
Tampa Bay	.502	128	127	1	7	5
Carolina	.500	127	127	2	6	5
Kansas City	.500	128	128	0	5	5
Tennessee	.498	127	128	1	8	6
Las Vegas	.496	127	129	0	5	5
Jacksonville	.494	126	129	1	9	7
L.A. Chargers	.492	126	130	0	5	5
New Orleans	.490	125	130	1	6	5
Philadelphia	.486	124	131	1	9	5
N.Y. Giants	.482	123	132	1	10	5
Cincinnati	.477	122	134	0	8	5
Washington	.465	118	136	2	9	5
Cleveland	.461	118	138	0	8	5
Dallas	.459	117	138	1	8	6
Pittsburgh	.457	117	139	0	7	6
Baltimore	.438	112	144	0	8	5

A SAMPLING OF 2020 NFL ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARY	CELEBRATION
100th	The National Football League was born in Canton, Ohio on August 20, 1920.
95th	Tim Mara and Billy Gibson were awarded a new NFL franchise, the New York Giants, for $500 (1925).
95th	All-America halfback Red Grange signed with the Chicago Bears. Team went on barnstorming tour of 19 games in 66 days (1925).
85th	The NFL adopted Bert Bell's proposal to hold an annual draft of college players, to begin in 1936, with teams selecting in an inverse order of finish, May 19 (1935).
85th	The New York Giants retired the uniform number of receiver Ray Flaherty (No. 1), thus becoming the first professional athlete to have his name and number retired (1935).
80th	Chicago defeated Washington 73-0 for the NFL championship in the most decisive victory in NFL history. The game popularized the Bears' T-formation with a man-in-motion. It was the first NFL championship carried on network radio (1940).
70th	The Los Angeles Rams became the first NFL team to have all of its games televised (1950).
65th	The Baltimore Colts made an 80-cent phone call to Johnny Unitas and signed him as a free agent (1955).
60th	Pete Rozelle was elected NFL Commissioner as a compromise choice on the 23rd ballot, January 26. Rozelle moved the league offices to New York City (1960).
55th	The NFL added a sixth official, the line judge, February 19. The color of the officials' penalty flags was changed from white to bright gold, April 5 (1965).
55th	Commissioner Rozelle negotiated an agreement on behalf of the NFL clubs to purchase Ed Sabol's Blair Motion Pictures, which was renamed NFL Films, April (1965).
55th	Field Judge Burl Toler became the first black official in NFL history, September 19 (1965).
55th	According to a Harris survey, sports fans chose professional football (41 percent) as their favorite sport, overtaking baseball (38 percent) for the first time, October (1965).
50th	The AFL and NFL merged into one league (1970).
45th	Referees were equipped with wireless microphones for all preseason, regular-season, and playoff games (1975).
40th	Rules changes placed greater restrictions on contact in the area of the head, neck, and face. Under the heading of "personal foul," players were prohibited from directly striking, swinging, or clubbing on the head, neck, or face. Starting in 1980, a penalty could be called for such contact whether or not the initial contact was made below the neck area (1980).
40th	The NFL Draft was televised for the first time by ESPN, April 29 (1980).
35th	The 1985 Super Bowl XX champion Chicago Bears performed the Super Bowl Shuffle.
35th	The league-wide conversion to videotape from movie film for coaching study was approved (1985).
30th	The NFL revised its playoff format to include two additional Wild Card teams (one per conference), which raised the total to six Wild Card teams (1990).
30th	The bye week was introduced and the 16-game schedule was played over 17 weeks (1990).
30th	The Super Bowl Most Valuable Player trophy was renamed the Pete Rozelle trophy, October 8 (1990).
25th	The NFL became the first major sports league to establish a site on the Internet, April 10 (1995).
15th	The NFL Network began televising regular-season NFL games (2005).
10th	NFL owners voted to amend postseason overtime rules to a modified sudden death format, guaranteeing at least one possession for each club if the receiving team fails to score a touchdown on its first overtime possession, March 23 (2010).
10th	The NFL Draft debuted a new three-day format, with the first two days broadcast in primetime. A record combined total of 45.4 million viewers tuned in to watch the 75th NFL Draft on NFL Network, ESPN and ESPN2, April 22-24 (2010).
5th	The extra point was moved from the two-yard line to the 15-yard line, essentially making the PAT a 32-yard field goal. The new rule also gave the defense the ability to score two points on PAT or two-point conversion returns (2015).

OWNER ANNIVERSARIES

Many NFL owners will be celebrating notable milestones in 2020, including the New York Giants' **JOHN MARA**, whose family has owned the team since its inception in 1925, and **STEVE TISCH**, whose family purchased half of the team in 1991. **ROBERT WOOD "WOODY" JOHNSON IV** will be celebrating two decades as an NFL owner, while **STAN KROENKE**, who pioneered the NFL's return to Los Angeles, enjoys his 10th anniversary owning the Rams.

Here are some of the notable owner milestones for 2020:

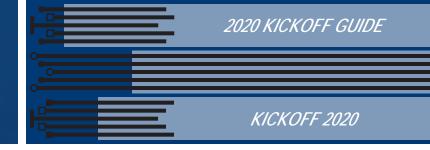| FRANCHISE	OWNER	YEAR ACQUIRED	MILESTONE
New York Giants	John K. Mara (Grandson of Tim Mara; Son of Wellington Mara)	1925	95th Anniversary
New Orleans Saints	Gayle Benson (Widow of Tom Benson)	1985	35th Anniversary
New York Giants	Steve Tisch (Son of Preston Robert Tisch)	1991	30th Season
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Glazer Family	1995	25th Anniversary
New York Jets	Robert Wood "Woody" Johnson IV	2000	20th Anniversary
Minnesota Vikings	Zygi Wilf	2005	15th Anniversary
Los Angeles Rams	Stan Kroenke	2010	10th Anniversary
Jacksonville Jaguars	Shad Khan	2011	10th Season

John Mara's (left) grandfather, Tim Mara, bought the Giants 95 years ago, while the Tisch family (Steve, right) will enjoy their 30th season as part owners of the franchise.

The groundbreaking of SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles, set to open this season, was a highlight of Stan Kroenke's (middle) first 10 years as owner of the Rams.

SPECIAL PATCHES & LOGOS IN 2020

The National Football League will celebrate the start of a new century in 2020 with the kickoff of its 101st season.

At least five NFL teams will be dawning special patches in 2020. The **DALLAS COWBOYS** and **MINNESOTA VIKINGS** will be celebrating their 60th seasons with jersey patches and/or helmet decals, while the **BALTIMORE RAVENS** will be celebrating their 25th anniversary with a jersey patch.

The **MIAMI DOLPHINS** will wear a jersey patch commemorating the life of Pro Football Hall of Famer and legendary Dolphins head coach, **DON SHULA**, with his name and the number "347", to signify his all-time career wins, the most in NFL history. The **NEW YORK JETS** will also wear a patch in memory of **BETTY WOLD JOHNSON**, mother of Jets CEO **CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON**.

Below are some of the patches and logos to honor team history or celebrate events this season:

TEAM	PATCH/DECAL
Baltimore Ravens	25th anniversary patch
Dallas Cowboys	60th season patch
Miami Dolphins	Patch honoring Don Shula
Minnesota Vikings	60th season decal
New York Jets	Patch honoring Betty Wold Johnson

A look back at statistical highlights from games played on Sunday, September 8, the first week of the 2019 season.

• There were a total of 13 offensive touchdowns of 40-or-more yards, the second-most on Kickoff Weekend in NFL history. Only Kickoff Weekend of the 1991 season (14) had more such offensive scores of at least 40 yards.

13 quarterbacks had a passer rating of 115 or higher (minimum 10 attempts) in Week 1, surpassing Week 3 of the 2017 season (12) for the most in any week since 1970.

• Four rookies – Tennessee wide receiver **A.J. BROWN** (100 receiving yards), Baltimore wide receiver **MARQUISE BROWN** (147), Detroit tight end **T.J. HOCKENSON** (131) and Washington wide receiver **TERRY MCLAURIN** (125) – each recorded at least 100 receiving yards in their NFL debuts on Kickoff Weekend.

It marked the first week in which three-or-more rookies have each recorded at least 100 receiving yards in their debuts in NFL history.

With 131 receiving yards, Hockenson surpassed **MONTY STICKLES** (123 receiving yards on September 25, 1960) for the most receiving yards by a tight end in his NFL debut in league history.

• The **BALTIMORE RAVENS** defeated Miami 59-10 on Kickoff Weekend. Baltimore scored 42 points in the first half, the most by any team in the first half of a season-opening game in NFL history. The Ravens, who scored 47 points on Kickoff Weekend in 2018, are the fifth team in league annals and first since the 1967-68 **OAKLAND RAIDERS** to score at least 40 points in consecutive season-opening games.

Baltimore quarterback **LAMAR JACKSON** completed 17 of 20 attempts for 324 yards with five touchdowns and zero interceptions for a 158.3 passer rating in the victory. Jackson is the seventh quarterback in NFL history and first since **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (November 11, 2018) with at least 300 passing yards, five touchdowns and a 158.3 passer rating, the highest attainable mark, in a single game in NFL history.

Baltimore rookie wide receiver **MARQUISE BROWN** recorded touchdowns of 47 and 83 yards on his first two catches in his NFL debut. Brown became the first player in NFL history with two touchdown receptions of at least 40 yards in his NFL debut and his 83-yard touchdown reception is the second-longest by a player in his NFL debut in the Super Bowl era, trailing only **RICK UPCHURCH** (90-yard touchdown reception on September 21, 1975).
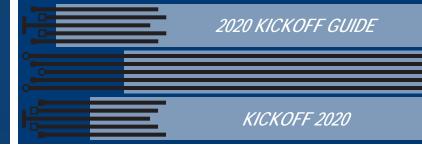
• Kansas City quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** passed for 378 yards and three touchdowns for a 143.2 passer rating in the Chiefs' 40-26 win at Jacksonville.

Mahomes, who has 5,759 passing yards in 18 career games, surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** (5,613 passing yards) for the most passing yards by a player in his first 20 career games in NFL history. Mahomes' 53 touchdown passes are also the most by any player in his first 20 career games.

Chiefs wide receiver **SAMMY WATKINS** had nine receptions for 198 yards and three touchdowns in the win. Watkins is the fourth player in NFL history to record at least 195 receiving yards and three touchdown receptions in a season-opening game, joining **FRANK CLARKE** (September 16, 1962), **IRVING FRYAR** (September 4, 1994) and **HUGH TAYLOR** (September 28, 1947).

Jaguars rookie quarterback **GARDNER MINSHEW** completed 88 percent of his pass attempts (22 of 25), the highest completion percentage (minimum 15 attempts) by a quarterback in his NFL debut in league annals. Minshew completed his first 13 pass attempts, the longest streak to start a career among players who made their NFL debut over the past 40 seasons.

- Dallas quarterback **DAK PRESCOTT** completed 25 of 32 attempts for 405 yards with four touchdowns and zero interceptions for a 158.3 rating in the Cowboys' 35-17 victory against the New York Giants.

  Prescott is the fourth quarterback to register a 158.3 passer rating, the highest attainable mark, on 30-or-more pass attempts in NFL history, joining **JARED GOFF** (33 attempts on September 27, 2018), **KEN O'BRIEN** (32 attempts on November 2, 1986) and Pro Football Hall of Famer KURT WARNER (30 attempts on October 1, 2000).

- The **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS** defeated the Indianapolis Colts 30-24 in overtime while the **ARIZONA CARDINALS** and **DETROIT LIONS** played to a 27-27 tie at State Farm Stadium on Kickoff Weekend. At least one game on Kickoff Weekend has gone to overtime in five of the past six seasons.

  Sunday's contest between the Cardinals and Lions marked the second consecutive season in which a game ended in a tie in Week 1 and the third tie overall on Kickoff Weekend. The Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns tied on September 9, 2018, while the Miami Dolphins and Denver Broncos played to a 10-10 tie on September 19, 1971.

  Chargers running back **AUSTIN EKELER** totaled 154 scrimmage yards (96 receiving, 58 rushing) and three touchdowns (two receiving, one rushing) in the victory. Ekeler is the first undrafted player to record at least 150 scrimmage yards, two receiving touchdowns and a rushing touchdown in a single game since **DAN REEVES** (156 scrimmage yards, two receiving touchdowns and two receiving touchdowns) on November 5, 1967.

  Arizona wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD** recorded eight catches for 113 yards and one touchdown, the 117th touchdown catch of his NFL career. He surpassed **ANTONIO GATES** (116 touchdown receptions) for the sixth-most in NFL history.

Other notable performances from Kickoff Weekend 2019 include:

- Carolina running back **CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY** had 129 rushing yards and two touchdowns, along with 10 receptions for 81 yards, in the Panthers' Week 1 loss.

  McCaffrey, who also had 125 rushing yards and 11 receptions in Week 12 of the 2018 season, is the first player in the Super Bowl era to record at least 120 rushing yards and 10 receptions in multiple games.

- New York Jets running back **LE'VEON BELL** totaled 92 scrimmage yards (60 rushing, 32 receiving) and a touchdown reception in the Jets' Week 1 loss.

  Bell, who has 8,088 scrimmage yards in 63 career games, surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **ERIC DICKERSON** (64 games) to become the fastest player to reach 8,000 scrimmage yards in NFL history.

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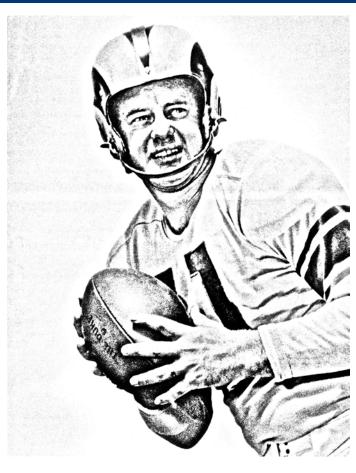
Van Brocklin threw for an NFL-record 554 yards in a 54-14 rout of the Yanks at the Los Angeles Coliseum. The Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback tossed five touchdowns and completed 27 of 41 passes.

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

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

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

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

Van Brocklin's record has stood for the past 69 years. Quarterbacks **MATT SCHAUB** and **WARREN MOON** have come the closest to breaking Van Brocklin's mark. In 2012, Schaub, then with the Houston Texans, passed for 527 yards against Jacksonville on November 18, while Moon had a 527-yard day for the Houston Oilers against Kansas City on December 16, 1990.

The top passing performances in various levels of football:

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

In 2019, quarterbacks missed a total of 52 games due to injury, a 13-percent decline from 2018 (60) and approximately 48 percent fewer that the average over the past three seasons (109).

Quarterback games missed due to injury by season since 2015:

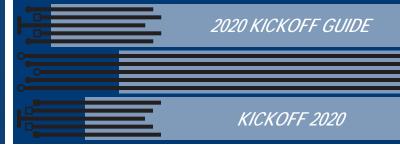| SEASON	GAMES MISSED
2019	52
2018	60
2017	111
2016	156
2015	88

Quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS**, who started 224 consecutive regular-season games for the Chargers before joining Indianapolis this offseason, has the longest active streak in the league and the second-longest streak in NFL history. Seattle quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON** has the second-longest active streak with 128 consecutive starts. Atlanta quarterback **MATT RYAN** started 154 consecutive games from 2009 to 2019, the fifth-longest streak in league annals.

The quarterbacks with the most consecutive games started in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	CONSECUTIVE STARTS	SEASONS
Brett Favre[HOF]	Green Bay, N.Y. Jets, Minnesota	297	1992-2010
Philip Rivers	*San Diego/L.A. Chargers*	*224*	*2006-present*
Eli Manning	N.Y. Giants	210	2004-2017
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	208	1998-2011
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	154	2009-2019

13 quarterbacks started all 16 games for their respective clubs during the 2019 season:

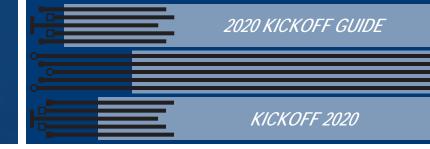| TEAM	QUARTERBACK
Arizona	Kyler Murray
Buffalo	Josh Allen
Cleveland	Baker Mayfield
Dallas	Dak Prescott
Green Bay	Aaron Rodgers
L.A. Chargers	Philip Rivers
L.A. Rams	Jared Goff
New England	Tom Brady
Oakland	Derek Carr
Philadelphia	Carson Wentz
San Francisco	Jimmy Garoppolo
Seattle	Russell Wilson
Tampa Bay	Jameis Winston

"That's one streak or one thing that has always meant a lot to me. I think there are a lot of things that go into that, right? I have been blessed enough to be healthy enough to be out there. There is an element of toughness to it. Also, it means your guys are protecting you. There are so many things involved that allow you to be able to suit up each and every week, but that's always been important to me to be available and to be out there every Sunday that I could be. I'm thankful that's been 220-something plus in a row. Certainly, the desired hope is to keep that thing going."

- Philip Rivers on his streak

The NFL roster of game officials for the 2020 season will include six individuals in their first NFL season and one new referee.

Launching their NFL officiating careers in 2020 are side judge **TRA BLAKE** (ACC), field judge **JOE BLUBAUGH** (Big 12), line judge **MIKE DOLCE** (Big Ten), down judge **FRANK LEBLANC** (Big 12), side judge **CLAY REYNARD** (Pac-12) and umpire **TAB SLAUGHTER** (Big 12). The six are graduates of the NFL Officiating Department's Officiating Development Program, which trains top college football officials in all aspects of NFL officiating.

LAND CLARK (right) has been promoted to referee for the upcoming season, following two seasons as a field judge. He was a referee in the Pac-12 Conference prior to entering the NFL and has been part of the NFL's Referee Training Program since his first season in the league.

The 2020 roster of officials includes three former NFL players – back judge **STEVE FREEMAN**, field judge **NATE JONES** and umpire **TERRY KILLENS**.

Freeman, entering his 20th season as an NFL official, was a defensive back for 13 seasons, 12 with Buffalo and one with Minnesota.

Jones joined the NFL officiating staff in 2019 from the Pac-12, following an eight-year career as a defensive back with Dallas, Miami, Denver and New England.
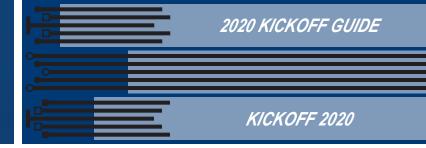
Killens, who also joined the NFL officiating ranks last season from the American Athletic Conference, was a linebacker during his seven NFL seasons, entering the league as a member of the Houston Oilers before the franchise became the Tennessee Titans. He also played for San Francisco and Seattle before beginning his officiating career.

Line judge **JEFF BERGMAN**, entering his 29th NFL season, remains the longest-serving official.

Officials will be enforcing three new playing rules that were approved by owners and will be implemented for the 2020 season, as outlined below:

- **REVIEWABLE PLAYS EXPANDED**: Makes permanent the expansion of automatic replay reviews to include scoring plays and turnovers negated by a foul, and any successful or unsuccessful Try attempt (extra point or two-point conversion).

- **EXPANDED PROTECTION OF DEFENSELESS PLAYER**: Expands defenseless player protection to a kickoff or punt returner who is in possession of the ball but who has not had time to avoid or ward off the impending contact of an opponent.

- **PREVENTION OF GAME CLOCK MANIPULATION**: Prevents teams from manipulating the game clock by committing multiple dead-ball fouls while the clock is running.

The NFL announced today its 17-week, 256-game regular-season schedule for 2020, which kicks off on Thursday night, September 10, in Kansas City and concludes with 16 division games on Sunday, January 3.

The NFL's 101st season begins with the league's annual primetime kickoff game, as the defending Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs host the Houston Texans at Arrowhead Stadium on September 10 (8:20 PM ET, NBC) in a rematch of the AFC Divisional playoffs.

Week 1 is a FOX national weekend with key divisional games on Sunday, September 13, featuring the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at the New Orleans Saints (4:25 PM ET) and the Arizona Cardinals visiting the San Francisco 49ers (4:25 PM ET). CBS kicks off its coverage in Week 1 with a host of rivalry games, including the Baltimore Ravens welcoming the Cleveland Browns (1:00 PM ET) and the Miami Dolphins traveling to New England to face the Patriots (1:00 PM ET).

The 2020 NFL schedule features the debut of two world-class venues – SoFi Stadium in Los Angeles and Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas. The Los Angeles Rams will meet the Dallas Cowboys on NBC's *Sunday Night Football* (8:20 PM ET) on September 13 in their new home, while the Los Angeles Chargers welcome the Chiefs to SoFi Stadium in Week 2 on September 20 (4:25 PM ET, CBS). Also in Week 2, the Raiders host the first-ever regular-season NFL game in Las Vegas at Allegiant Stadium when they face the New Orleans Saints on ESPN's *Monday Night Football* (8:15 PM ET, with a simulcast on ABC) on the 50th anniversary of the first *Monday Night Football* game in 1970.

The ESPN slate begins with a Kickoff Weekend doubleheader. The New York Giants will host the Pittsburgh Steelers on September 14 (7:10 PM ET) in the first game, followed by the Tennessee Titans visiting the Denver Broncos in the nightcap (10:10 PM ET).

ESPN will televise one game each Monday night in Weeks 2-16. There will be no Monday night game on the final regular-season weekend (Week 17) to provide more flexibility for the scheduling of the opening weekend of the NFL playoffs.

All 32 clubs are again scheduled for at least one nationally televised Thursday, Sunday or Monday game.

Thursday Night Football will air exclusively on NFL Network in Weeks 2-4, while FOX kicks off its Thursday night slate in Week 5. FOX will broadcast 10 *Thursday Night Football* games between Weeks 5-15 (excluding Thanksgiving night) as well as the Friday, December 25, game between the Minnesota Vikings and New Orleans Saints (4:30 PM ET). Those FOX games are slated to be simulcast via NFL Network, distributed in Spanish on FOX Deportes, and streamed on Amazon Prime Video, beginning with Tampa Bay at Chicago on October 8.

NFL Network will exclusively televise seven games – with FOX producing the full slate of 18 games – including a very special Thursday night contest on September 17. On that day, the 100th birthday of the National Football League, the Cleveland Browns will host the Cincinnati Bengals (8:20 PM ET), with the NFL Network broadcast paying tribute to the birthplace of the NFL in nearby Canton, Ohio.

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

Thanksgiving will feature a tripleheader on Thursday, November 26. The first game will send the Texans to Detroit to face the Lions (12:30 PM ET, CBS). The late afternoon game will feature Washington visiting Dallas (4:30 PM ET, FOX). The Thanksgiving Day festivities conclude with an AFC North showdown as the Ravens travel to Pittsburgh to face the Steelers on NBC (8:20 PM ET).

The regular season will conclude with Week 17 on Sunday, January 3. For the 11th consecutive year, all 16 games scheduled for Week 17 are division contests, enhancing the potential for more games with playoff ramifications.

The NFL's 32 teams will each play 16 games over 17 weeks. Byes will begin in Week 5 and end in Week 13.

"Flexible scheduling" will be used in Weeks 11-17. Additionally, in Weeks 5-10, flexible scheduling may be used in no more than two weeks. In Weeks 5-16, the schedule lists the games tentatively set for *Sunday Night Football* on NBC. Only Sunday afternoon games are eligible to be moved to Sunday night, in which case the tentatively scheduled Sunday night game would be moved to an afternoon start time.

For Week 17, the Sunday night game will be announced no later than six days prior to January 3. The schedule does not list a Sunday night game in Week 17, but an afternoon game with playoff implications will be moved to that time slot. Flexible scheduling ensures quality matchups in all Sunday time slots in those weeks and gives "surprise" teams a chance to play their way into primetime.

Flexible scheduling will not be applied to games airing on Thursday or Monday nights.

In each of Weeks 15 and 16, up to three of five designated matchups will be played on Saturday with the remainder to be played on Sunday. Specific dates and start times for such designated Week 15 and Week 16 matchups will be determined and announced no later than four weeks prior to game day.

Beginning this year, two additional Wild Card teams – one each in the American and National Football Conferences – will qualify for the playoffs. The No. 1 seed in each conference will receive a bye in the Wild Card round. The remaining division champions in each conference with the best records will be seeded 2, 3, and 4, followed by the next three teams per conference with the best records seeded 5, 6, and 7.

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

Wild Card Weekend for the 2020 season will consist of three games on Saturday, January 9, and three games on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

The NFL last expanded the playoffs for the 1990 season, increasing from 10 to 12 the number of teams to qualify for the postseason. Since 1990, at least four new teams have qualified for the playoffs that missed the postseason the year before – a streak of 30 consecutive seasons.

Wild Card Weekend winners join the top division champions in each conference in the Divisional Playoffs on Saturday and Sunday, January 16-17. The AFC and NFC Championship Games will be played on Sunday, January 24. The winners meet two weeks later on Sunday, February 7, in Super Bowl LV at Tampa Bay's Raymond James Stadium (CBS).

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

NFL fans can listen to games on the radio in a number of ways – on Westwood One and SiriusXM NFL Radio.

WESTWOOD ONE remains the official network radio partner of the NFL, its 34th consecutive season with that distinction.

The Westwood One NFL schedule features 70 national games, including the Thursday night Kickoff game, *Monday Night Football*, *Sunday Night Football*, *Thursday Night Football*, the Thanksgiving Day tripleheader and the entire postseason, culminating with Super Bowl LV in Tampa Bay. Westwood One also produces weekly specialty programs, including NFL Preview, NFL Insider, NFL Sunday and NFL Fantasy Forecast.

KEVIN HARLAN and Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** will be the lead broadcast crew, calling opening night, *Monday Night Football* and Super Bowl LV for the network. **JIM GRAY** anchors the pregame, and halftime shows. **IAN EAGLE**, **KEVIN KUGLER**, **TOM MCCARTHY**, **BRANDON GAUDIN** and **RYAN RADTKE** will also call play-by-play for the primetime package and game analysts will include Hall of Famers **JASON TAYLOR**, **JAMES LOFTON**, **ROD WOODSON**, and **TERRELL DAVIS**, as well as **TONY BOSELLI**, **BRIAN GRIESE** and **ROSS TUCKER**. **SCOTT GRAHAM** serves as the studio host for all *Sunday* and *Thursday Night Football* games, plus the NFL Playoffs.

In addition to being heard on more than 500 radio stations across the United States, all of Westwood One's primetime NFL broadcasts can also be heard on SiriusXM, via the TuneIn app, and through NFL Game Pass, which is available on NFL.com and the NFL mobile app. For complete information regarding Westwood One's NFL coverage, including schedules, announcers, highlights, features, interviews and more, log on to westwoodonesports.com.

This year will mark the NFL's 17th season on SiriusXM. SiriusXM creates and offers ad-free music, premier sports talk and live events, comedy, news, exclusive talk and entertainment programming.

SiriusXM provides live play-by-play of every NFL game from the preseason through the Super Bowl on SiriusXM radios, as well as on the SiriusXM app and online at SiriusXM.com for its subscribers.

SiriusXM NFL Radio (channel 88 on SiriusXM radios and on the SiriusXM app) offers in-depth radio coverage of the NFL 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. SiriusXM NFL Radio offers a daily lineup of exclusive talk programming hosted by former NFL stars and radio personalities. Subscribers can also get SiriusXM NFL Radio programming on demand, allowing them to listen to their favorite shows when they want them, and giving them more chances to hear SiriusXM's exclusive programming, team preview shows, interviews with coaches, players and executives and more. For more information visit siriusxm.com/nflonsxm.

FOOTBALL REMAINS MOST POPULAR HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

Football continues to lead the high school sports landscape with more than one million participants for the 21st consecutive year.

The number of participants playing high school football – totaling 11, nine, eight, six-player and flag teams – led all sports with **1,051,992**—including **13,813** girls playing football at various levels—according to the most recently published National Federation of State High School Associations participation survey (2018-19 school year.)

The **1,038,179** boys involved in the sport account for 23 percent of the 4,534,758 students that participated in athletics and is significantly larger than the next most-played sport for boys, outdoor track and field, in which 605,354 participated.

Texas tops the lists with the most high school student-athletes playing 11-player football with 165,641 participants. The state of Texas also had the most players selected in the 2020 NFL Draft with 33.
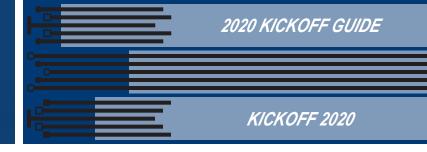
MOST PLAYED BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

SPORT	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Football (11-Player)	*1,006,013*
Outdoor Track & Field	605,354
Basketball	540,769
Baseball	482,740
Soccer	459,077

STATE	TOTAL	STATE	TOTAL
Texas	33	Louisiana	12
California	22	Alabama	11
Florida	22	Michigan	10
Georgia	21	Pennsylvania	10

A total of 234 high schools contributed to the 255 players selected in the seven rounds of the Draft on April 23-25. **IMG ACADEMY** (Florida) led the way with four players selected, **SAINT JOSEPH'S PREP** (Pennsylvania) followed with three players selected, while 16 high schools each had two players selected.

HIGH SCHOOL	TOTAL	PLAYERS (NFL TEAM/ROUND)
IMG Academy (Bradenton, Fla.)	4	Cesar Ruiz (New Orleans/1); Grant Delpit (Cleveland/2); K.J. Hamler (Denver/2); K.J. Osborn (Minnesota/5)
Saint Joseph's Prep (Philadelphia)	3	D'Andre Swift (Detroit/2); John Reid (Houston/4); Jon Runyan (Green Bay/6)
Blue Springs (Blue, Springs, Mo.)	2	Khalil Davis (Tampa Bay/6); Carlos Davis (Pittsburgh/7)
Bullis (Potomac, Md.)	2	Cam Brown (New York Giants/6); Justin Herron (New England/6)
Cass Technical (Detroit, Mich.)	2	Michael Onwenu (New England/6); Donovan Peoples-Jones (Cleveland/6)
Christopher Columbus (Miami)	2	C.J. Henderson (Jacksonville/1); Josh Uche (New England/2)
De La Salle (Warren, Mich.)	2	Devin Asiasi (New England/3); Michael Danna (Kansas City/5)
Deerfield Beach (Deerfield Beach, Fla.)	2	Jerry Jeudy (Denver/1); Jason Strowbridge (Miami/5)
Dematha Catholic (Hyattsville, Md.)	2	Chase Young (Washington/1); Anthony McFarland (Pittsburgh/4)
Desoto (Desoto, Texas)	2	Laviska Shenault (Jacksonville/2); James Proche (Baltimore/6)
Harrison (Farmington Hills, Mich.)	2	Michael Ojemudia (Denver/3); Khalid Kareem (Cincinnati/5)
Highland Springs (Highland Springs, Va.)	2	Mekhi Becton (N.Y. Jets/1); K'Von Wallace (Philadelphia/4)
Kahuku (Kahuku, Hawaii)	2	Bradlee Anae (Dallas/5); Alohi Gilman (Los Angeles Chargers/6)
Lawrence Elkins (Sugar Land, Texas)	2	Kenneth Murray (Oklahoma/1); Ross Blacklock (Houston/2)
Lee-Montgomery (Montgomery, Ala.)	2	Henry Ruggs (Las Vegas/1); Daniel Thomas (Jacksonville/5)
Oaks Christian (Westlake Village, Calif.)	2	Michael Pittman (Indianapolis/2); Colby Parkinson (Seattle/4)
Pace Academy (Atlanta)	2	Andrew Thomas (N.Y. Giants/1); Sam Sloman (L.A. Rams/7)
Wylie (Wylie, Texas)	2	Eno Benjamin (Arizona/7); Clay Johnston (L.A. Rams/7)

WOMEN'S CAREERS IN FOOTBALL FORUM

Diversity, equity and inclusion is a priority across the NFL and all 32 clubs. As part of its ongoing commitment, the NFL offers innovative career development programs aimed to inspire, engage, and connect women with careers in football. Hosting these events is part of the League's overall efforts to develop a pipeline of qualified women for Football Operations positions and provides women with critical knowledge, tools and resources to pursue careers in football.

As part of these efforts, the NFL created the NFL Women's Careers in Football Forum. The Forum educates and connects female candidates working in football operations. Participants interact with NFL club owners, general managers, head coaches and club executives in the NFL and college football programs.

Prior to the Forum's inception in 2017, there had been one full-time female coach and one female coaching internship. In its first three years, the Forum has resulted in 89 opportunities for women to work in football operations across the professional, collegiate, and high school levels.

Among the participants of the program, there were many "firsts" including the NFL's first Black full-time female coach (Jennifer King – Washington) and scout (Salli Clavelle – San Francisco 49ers), as well as NCAA college football's first Division 1 football coach (Callie Brownson – Dartmouth College) and positional coach (Heather Marini – Brown University). In January of 2020, Brownson was hired by the Cleveland Browns as the NFL's first female Chief of Staff.

During the 2020 offseason, the Atlanta Falcons hired Shelly Harvey and Kjahna O, both participants in the Forum, as full-time members of their scouting department. Harvey is the second Black full-time female scout while O is the first full-time female Asian scout in the NFL.

The 2020 Women's Careers in Football Forum took place on Feb. 25-26 in Indianapolis, IN, alongside the NFL Scouting Combine. This year, 40 women who hold roles in college and high school football programs were selected to participate in the Forum. In addition to placements across the NFL in previous years, several NFL clubs have hired women in coaching and/or personnel roles this year. Since the Forum, the NFL has also worked with several NCAA programs and head coaches who have learned about these efforts and have committed to interviewing more women for openings on their staffs. The image below is the 2020 Women's Careers in Football Forum participants.

While the NFL is encouraged by the progress, it is dedicated to further advancement and the normalization of women on the sidelines.

HISTORY OF FEMALE COACHES IN THE NFL

In 2015, Jen Welter became the first female coaching intern in the NFL, working with the Arizona Cardinals' linebackers during training camp and preseason. The next year, Kathryn Smith became the first female to be hired full-time by an NFL club, joining the Buffalo Bills as a quality control coach.

Since 2017 and the launch of the NFL Women's Careers in Football Forum, women have earned eight full-time coaching positions and 14 coaching internships with NFL clubs.

Full-time female coaches in the NFL by year:

YEAR	NAME	CLUB	POSITION
2016	Kathryn Smith	Buffalo	Quality Control Coach
2017	Katie Sowers	San Francisco	WR Assistant
2018	Kelsey Martinez	Oakland	S&C Coach
2018	Phoebe Schecter	Buffalo	TE Assistant
2018	Katie Sowers	San Francisco	WR Assistant
2019	Callie Brownson	Buffalo	Offensive Assistant
2019	Maral Javadifar	Tampa Bay	S&C Coach
2019	Lo Locust	Tampa Bay	DL Assistant
2019	Katie Sowers	San Francisco	WR Assistant
2020	Callie Brownson	Cleveland	Chief of Staff
2020	Maral Javadifar	Tampa Bay	S&C Coach
2020	Jennifer King	Washington	Offensive Assistant
2020	Lo Locust	Tampa Bay	DL Assistant
2020	Katie Sowers	San Francisco	WR Assistant

Kathryn Smith

Katie Sowers

Lori Locust

NAIA introduces Women's Flag Football as new collegiate sport

Women's flag football is on its way to becoming an official National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) varsity sport by 2021, thanks to a two-year partnership between the NAIA, the National Football League (NFL) and Reigning Champs Experiences (RCX).

With support from NFL FLAG and RCX, NAIA will work to develop league infrastructure and operations for the first women's flag football competition governed by a collegiate athletics association.

"Football is for everyone," NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations **TROY VINCENT** said. "This groundbreaking and historic joint venture provides an opportunity for the values, fun and competitive environment of football to be enjoyed as a varsity sport by female student-athletes attending NAIA institutions across America."

As the official operating partner of NFL FLAG and the NAIA Showcases, RCX will help facilitate women's collegiate flag football across the NAIA and drive participation through women's flag football NAIA Showcases. The NAIA will host its first Showcase open to female football athletes in the late summer or early fall of 2020.

"Increasing female participation in flag football has been a top priority for NFL FLAG," said **IZELL REESE**, RCX President and General Manager. "By teaming up with the NAIA, we're able to create even more opportunities for young women to continue the sport they love, and potentially receive scholarships to continue their education and compete at the next level."

"The NAIA is thrilled to partner with the NFL and RCX in launching women's flag football," said **JIM CARR**, NAIA president and CEO. "This is a fantastic opportunity for our members to expand their athletics programming with support from valuable partners like RCX and one of the most relevant and successful professional sports leagues in the world."

The NAIA will begin working with NFL FLAG and RCX immediately to outline competition guidelines and next steps for schools and conferences interested in instituting women's flag. The first competitive season will be held in the spring of 2021.

The NAIA will host an emerging sport or invitational championship in the spring of 2022. An emerging sport in the NAIA is defined as at least 15 participating institutions, while invitational can be defined as at least 25. A sport must have a minimum of 40 participating institutions to be considered for full championship status.

In addition to the women's flag football initiative, the NFL will serve the presenting sponsor of the 2020 NAIA Football National Championship, scheduled for Saturday, December 19 at Eddie G. Robinson Stadium at Grambling University in Grambling, La.

QUARTERBACK COACHING SUMMIT

In partnership with the Black College Football Hall of Fame, the NFL virtually hosted the third annual Quarterback Coaching Summit from June 22-23. NFL and NCAA assistant coaches took part in the two-day program to experience professional development and networking opportunities with NFL club executives.

"The Quarterback Summit brings together the brightest, most innovative and successful offensive minds from around the country," said **TROY VINCENT**, NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations. "From professional development to networking to coaching best practices, this summit should leave no doubt about the promising pipeline of championship play callers within the sport of football."

The Quarterback Coaching Summit is one of several NFL programs intended to build the coaching and personnel development pipeline and strengthen diversity across the league. In its third year, the program featured sessions and panels led by NFL owners, current and former NFL coaches, and college football coaches including: Pittsburgh Steelers president and NFL Workplace Diversity Committee chair **ART ROONEY II**, Buffalo Bills president **KIM PEGULA**, Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator **ERIC BIENIEMY**, Tampa Bay Buccaneers offensive coordinator **BYRON LEFTWICH**, San Francisco 49ers defensive coordinator **ROBERT SALEH**, and Buffalo Bills assistant head coach and defensive coordinator **LESLIE FRAZIER**.

Sessions focused on varying topics including building a coaching staff, quarterback position fundamentals, and other best practices for career advancement. Attendees also had an opportunity to hear from and network with members of the NFL's Workplace Diversity Committee. New this year, past NFL Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship participants were invited to attend, continuing pipeline candidate's relationship with the league.

"We are excited to continue this partnership with the National Football League as qualified coaches and executives come together to advance their careers," said **DOUG WILLIAMS**, co-founder of the Black College Football Hall of Fame (BCFHOF).

The 2019 Quarterback Coaching Summit was hosted at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia. In its first year as an NFL co-sponsored event, the Summit connected three dozen participants with NFL club coaches and executives to help identify and develop more diverse candidates for offensive coaching positions.
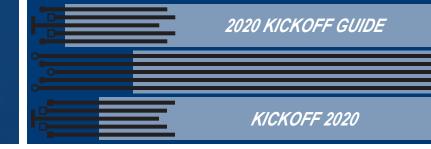
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Raymond James Stadium, home of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, will host its third Super Bowl when Super Bowl LV is played on February 7, 2021.

"The final approval of Super Bowl LV is a great source of pride for the Glazer family, the Buccaneers organization and the entire Tampa Bay region," Buccaneers Co-Chairman **BRYAN GLAZER** said. "We have made substantial improvements in recent years to ensure that Raymond James Stadium could ultimately host the game for a third time and we appreciate that our fellow owners have recognized the stadium and our area's long and distinguished history as a world-class host city."

Raymond James Stadium has proven to be a global entertainment destination since its opening in 1998, serving host to two Super Bowls (XXXV, XLIII), the 2017 College Football Playoff National Championship, other major college football bowl games and conference championships, and other various major sport and enterntainment events. In 2016, Tampa approved rennovations to the stadium, including new HD video boards, sound system, suites, concessions and lockers rooms, all of which will be on full display for Super Bowl LV.

In total, Super Bowl LV will be Tampa Bay's fifth Super Bowl and first since 2009, when **SANTONIO HOLMES**' touchdown reception in the final minute led the Pittsburgh Steelers to a 27-23 victory over the Arizona Cardinals in Super Bowl XLIII on February 1, 2009. Super Bowl XXXV marked the first Super Bowl played in Raymond James Stadium and featured the Baltimore Ravens and their historic defense, led by Pro Football Hall of Fame and Super Bowl MVP linebacker **RAY LEWIS**, domininating the New York Giants, 34-7, on January 28, 2001.

The city's first two Super Bowls were played in Tampa Stadium and featured the New York Giants defeating the Buffalo Bills, 20-19, in Super Bowl XXV on January 27, 1991, and the Los Angeles Raiders defeating Washington, 38-9, in Super Bowl XVIII on January 22, 1984.

While the economic impact of hosting the Super Bowl is clearly significant, the Tampa Bay Super Bowl Host Committee believes it is the Super Bowl's social impact that will leave an eternal legacy on the Tampa Bay community. While there will be programs that impact numerous causes and social issues, the Tampa Bay Super Bowl LV Host Committee is pleased to unveil "Forever 55", the local host committee's primary social legacy initiative representing the everlasting impression that Super Bowl LV will have on the community.

Together, the NFL and the Tampa Bay Super Bowl LV Host Committee alongside community and civic partners will collaborate in an intentional and strategic way to create, support, and implement long-lasting initiatives throughout Tampa Bay. Forever 55 includes a $2 million investment by the local Host Committee and the NFL, via the NFL Foundation, focusing on pillars that best reflect the needs in the Tampa Bay community. These pillars; early childhood education, food insecurity, families, health and wellness, sustainability, and systemic justice represent our commitment to moving our community Forward. Forever. Together.

Tampa Bay's five Super Bowls are the fourth-most of any city/region, trailing only Miami/South Florida (11), New Orleans (10) and Los Angeles (seven).

SUPER BOWL HOST CITIES (I - LV)

CITY/REGION	SUPER BOWLS	CITY/REGION	SUPER BOWLS
Miami/South Florida	11	Detroit	2
New Orleans	10	Minneapolis	2
Los Angeles	7	San Francisco/Bay Area	2
Tampa Bay	*5**	Indianapolis	1
Arizona	3	Jacksonville	1
Atlanta	3	North Texas	1
Houston	3	New York/New Jersey	1
San Diego	3		

*Includes Super Bowl LV

SUPER BOWL	DATE	SITE
LV	February 7, 2021	Raymond James Stadium, Tampa (below)
LVI	February 6, 2022*	SoFi Stadium, Los Angeles
LVII	February 5, 2023*	State Farm Stadium, Arizona
LVIII	February 4, 2024*	Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans

*Tentative date

TOTAL MILES TRAVELED IN 2020

Below is a list of the estimated round-trip distance for every regular-season road game for each team in 2020.

TEAM	MILES TO TRAVEL	TEAM	MILES TO TRAVEL
1. Seattle	28,878	17. Philadelphia	14,826
2. San Francisco	25,485	18. Houston	14,597
3. L.A. Chargers	25,387	19. New Orleans	14,013
4. New England	24,560	20. Carolina	12,634
5. Miami	24,528	21. Minnesota	12,618
6. Las Vegas	24,100	22. Green Bay	12,285
7. Arizona	22,598	23. Atlanta	12,143
8. L.A. Rams	22,062	24. N.Y. Giants	11,610
9. N.Y. Jets	21,122	25. Detroit	10,328
10. Buffalo	20,026	26. Tennessee	9,096
11, Dallas	19,295	27. Indianapolis	8,811
12. Denver	18,525	28. Chicago	8,693
13. Tampa Bay	15,834	29. Cincinnati	7,496
14. Washington	15,778	30. Cleveland	7,426
15. Kansas City	15,636	31. Pittsburgh	6,639
16. Jacksonville	15,425	32. Baltimore	6,292

All together, teams will travel approximately 508,846 miles during the 2020 season.

The teams of the NFC West (99,023) have the highest combined mileage total of all divisions.

The remaining division totals ranking from highest to lowest are the AFC East (90,236), AFC West (83,648), NFC East (61,509), NFC South (54,624), AFC South (47,929), NFC North (44,024) and AFC North (27,853).

Three teams – the **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** (28,878), **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** (25,485) and **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS** (25,387)– will "travel around the world" at least once. A trip around the globe is 25,000 miles.

THE LAST TIME ...

THE LAST TIME IN THE REGULAR SEASON… (2019 GAMES ARE IN BOLD & ITALIC)

PASSING (SINGLE GAME)

500 YARDS:	*517, Jared Goff, L.A. Rams vs. Tampa Bay, September 29, 2019*
7 TD PASSES:	Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. New York Giants, November 1, 2015
60 ATTEMPTS:	*68, Jared Goff, L.A. Rams vs. Tampa Bay, September 29, 2019*
20 CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS:	*22, Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Indianapolis, December 16, 2019*
99-YARD TD PASS:	Eli Manning to Victor Cruz, New York Giants vs. New York Jets, December 24, 2011

RECEIVING (SINGLE GAME)

3 100-YARD GAMES, SAME TEAM:	Green Bay vs. San Francisco, October 15, 2018 (Davante Adams, 10-132-2; Jimmy Graham 5-104-0; Marquez Valdes-Scantling 3-103-0)
300 YARDS:	300, Julio Jones, Atlanta vs. Carolina, October 2, 2016
15 RECEPTIONS:	*15, Christian McCaffrey, Carolina vs. Indianapolis, December 22, 2019*
4 TDs:	*Marvin Jones, Detroit vs. Minnesota, October 20, 2019*

RUSHING (SINGLE GAME)

5 TDs:	Clinton Portis, Denver vs. Kansas City, December 7, 2003
4 TDs:	*Kenyan Drake, Arizona vs. Cleveland, December 15, 2019*
40 ATTEMPTS:	40, Shaun Alexander, Seattle vs. Green Bay, November 27, 2006
250 YARDS:	251, Doug Martin, Tampa Bay vs. Oakland, November 4, 2012
99-YARD TD RUN:	Derrick Henry, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, December 6, 2018

INTERCEPTIONS (SINGLE GAME)

4 INTs:	DeAngelo Hall, Washington vs. Chicago, October 24, 2010
3 INTs:	Andrew Adams, Tampa Bay vs. Carolina, December 2, 2018
2 INT-TDs:	Zach Brown, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, December 30, 2012
100-YARD INT RETURN:	101, Justin Reid, Houston vs. Washington, November 18, 2018

SCORING (SINGLE GAME)

8 PATs:	*8, Justin Tucker, Baltimore vs. Miami, September 8, 2019*
3 FGs, 50 YARDS OR MORE:	Justin Tucker, Baltimore vs. Cincinnati, November 27, 2016
60 OR MORE POINTS, TEAM:	New Orleans (62) vs. Indianapolis (7), October 23, 2011
100 OR MORE POINTS, BOTH TEAMS:	105, Los Angeles Rams (54) vs. Kansas City (51), November 19, 2018
SCORELESS TIE:	New York Giants vs. Detroit, November 7, 1943

RETURNS (SINGLE GAME)

2 TDs:	Leon Washington, Seattle vs. San Diego, September 26, 2010
2 CONSECUTIVE KICKOFF RETURN TDs, BOTH TEAMS:	New England vs. Oakland, December 14, 2008
2 PUNT RETURN TDs:	*Nyheim Hines, Indianapolis vs. Carolina, December 22, 2019*

PLAYER HEALTH & SAFETY

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How The NFL Is Advancing Player Health And Safety

The National Football League is committed to advancing progress in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of sports-related injuries, enhancing medical protocols and further improving the way our game is taught and played.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

In preparation for the 2020 season, the NFL, together with the NFLPA, established a COVID Medical Advisory Task Force made up of a variety of medical experts and clinicians to develop COVID-related player safety protocols on screening and testing; isolation and exposure mitigation; treatment and management; disinfection and equipment; return-to-participation and acclimation; and medical ethics. These protocols have been reviewed by infectious disease and public health experts including Infection Control Education for Major Sports (ICS), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and state and local leaders in clubs' communities. Before reopening facilities to staff, clubs were required to meet criteria including the implementation of operational guidelines; acquisition of adequate amounts of protection supplies; each club's creation of an Infectious Response Team; each club's designation of an Infection Control Officer; and the completion of each returning club employee's COVID-19 hygiene and safety training. In preparation for player return, clubs were required to implement an additional set of facilities and education-focused protocols, including the creation of an Infectious Disease Emergency Response Plan and mandatory player, staff, and family education. The NFL and NFLPA continue to closely monitor developments and consult with leading experts to develop, implement, and evolve protocols that are comprehensive and measured.

PLAYER HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The NFL is making changes on and off the field in an effort to protect the health and safety of every player in the NFL.

» **The Team Behind the Team**: On average, there are 30 healthcare providers at a stadium on game day to give immediate care to players. In conjunction with the NFLPA, the league has added unaffiliated medical personnel and adopted new technology to assist in the identification and review of injuries, with a specific focus on concussions.

  – **Unaffiliated Neurotrauma Consultant (UNC):** The NFL Head, Neck and Spine Committee and the NFLPA have selected and credentialed neurotrauma consultants, who are unaffiliated with either team, to staff the sidelines and monitor the broadcast feeds of every NFL game, and to assist the team medical staffs in identifying, screening and diagnosing concussions. Three UNCs are on staff at each game; two are positioned on the sidelines and one is in a booth above the field.

  – **Visiting Team Medical Liaisons (VTML):** When traveling across state lines, every visiting team is required to retain a local board-certified and locally licensed emergency physician, who is typically affiliated with the trauma center nearest the NFL stadium. The VTML works with the visiting team to provide medical care for its players while they are traveling.

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- **Booth ATC Spotters and the Medical Timeout**: For all preseason, regular season and postseason games, two certified athletic trainers—retained by the league and unaffiliated with any NFL teams—are stationed in a booth overseeing the field to observe the game and monitor the broadcast feed to identify potential player injuries, with an emphasis on concussions and other head and neck injuries. In what was the first rule of its kind in professional sports, the booth ATC spotter has the authority to stop the game by calling a medical timeout to permit the medical evaluation of a player who the spotter believes may have suffered a concussion or head injury, yet appears likely to remain in the game without an evaluation from the team's medical staff. This medical timeout does not count against either team. Game officials also have the authority to send a player off the field for medical evaluation.

» **Chief Medical Officer**: The NFL named Dr. Allen Sills as the league's Chief Medical Officer (CMO), a new full-time position, in March 2017. Dr. Sills—a neurosurgeon who has specialized in the treatment of athletes—joined the NFL from Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where he serves as Professor of Neurological Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation and Founder and Co-Director of the Vanderbilt Sports Concussion Center. In the CMO role, he works closely with team medical staffs across the league, the NFLPA and its advisors and the many medical and scientific experts who comprise the NFL's medical committees and guide the NFL's health and safety efforts.

» **Video Monitors**: Medical staff from each team and the UNCs have access to sideline video monitors. With the Injury Video Review System (IVRS), medical staff can review the mechanism of an injury as part of their examination of the player on the sideline to focus their examination, guide their diagnosis and design the best care for a player. The sideline video and communications equipment permit both teams' medical staffs to communicate with the booth ATC spotters.

» **Electronic Medical Records**: Every club's medical staff has instant access to their players' complete medical records via the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. Players can access their records at any time via a secure online portal, which remains active after the player retires. The EMR system has greatly enhanced the NFL's Injury Surveillance System, increasing the league's ability to make data-based changes in rules and permissible techniques used in play in an effort to make the game safer.

» **Electronic Tablets**: The NFL requires clubs to use electronic tablets with specially designed applications for injury diagnosis. The C3Logix app, which includes a step-by-step checklist for assessing players suspected of head injury, as well as all players' concussion baseline tests and historical data, is now an established component of in-game concussion diagnosis and care.

» **Emergency Action Plans**: Every club is required to design and implement an Emergency Action Plan to follow in instances of severe trauma. These plans are reviewed by the NFL and NFLPA and must be approved by third-party experts prior to the start of each season. This plan, which the club is required to practice prior to the start of the season, also requires the home team to designate a Level One Trauma Center and to retain two certified crews of paramedics and advanced life support ambulances.

» **Concussion Protocol**: NFL medical professionals follow the step-by-step NFL concussion protocol when they are identifying, diagnosing and treating player concussions. The first version was developed in 2011 by the NFL Head, Neck and Spine Committee, a board of independent and NFL-affiliated physicians and scientists, including advisors to the NFLPA, revised in 2017, and updated in 2020. The concussion protocol is reviewed each year in an effort to ensure players are receiving care that reflects the most up-to-date medical consensus on the identification, diagnosis and treatment of concussions. The 2020 NFL Concussion Diagnosis and Management Protocol and the corresponding "Concussion Game Day Checklist" were adapted from the 2017 consensus statement from the Berlin Conference on Concussion in Sport. In December 2017, the NFL and NFLPA, in conjunction with the Head, Neck and Spine Committee, made additional enhancements to the protocol, including

the requirement that a player who exhibits gross motor instability or significant loss of balance must be taken to the locker room for evaluation if it is not diagnosed as an orthopaedic injury. In an effort to ensure consistent implementation of the protocol, the NFL and NFLPA have developed an enforcement policy. The NFL and NFLPA follow a strict and fair process to investigate incidents and determine appropriate discipline, including club fines and possible forfeiture of draft picks, for clubs that fail to follow the protocol. In 2018, the NFL Concussion Diagnosis and Management Protocol was published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine (BJSM), which marked the first sports league protocol of its kind to be published in a peer-reviewed medical journal. The 2020 revision reflects the ongoing process of updating the protocol in an evidence-based fashion.

» **Return-to-Participation Protocol**: The NFL and NFLPA have established a five-step process that every NFL player diagnosed with a concussion must follow before being cleared to fully practice or participate in an NFL game This process, developed from internationally accepted guidelines, seeks to ensure that every player in the NFL receives consistent treatment. After a player has progressed through the five-step process and is cleared for full participation by his club physician, he must be seen and separately cleared by an Independent Neurological Consultant (INC), who is jointly approved by the NFL and NFLPA and who is not affiliated with any NFL club. Until cleared by this independent physician, a player may not return to contact practice or play in an NFL game.

» **Sideline Medical Exam Tents**: NFL games now feature sideline medical examination tents to allow for immediate evaluations of players in private following an injury.

» **Health and Safety Education**: The NFL and NFLPA, with their medical advisors and committees, developed a standard preseason health and safety presentation that is to be shown by every team to every player at the start of training camp. The presentation was developed by subject matter experts and includes information on exertional heat stroke, concussion diagnosis and management, mental health, infection control, substance abuse and performance-enhancing substances.

» **Season Structure:** The new season structure, as defined in the 2020 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the NFL and the NFLPA, builds in more time for player acclimation and for clubs to teach and practice proper tackling techniques in an effort to reduce the risk of injury, including a five-day acclimation period at the start of training camp, a maximum of 16 padded practice days, lengthening training camp by an average of two to three days, and by limiting joint practices in training camp, and the formation of a new committee to study and advise on additional changes to the season structure. These adjustments to the training camp schedule aim to better prepare players for the start of the preseason and regular season.

» **Medical Research**: The NFL is investing in and supporting preeminent experts and institutions to advance progress in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of head injuries.

– **Funding Neuroscience**: In 2016, through the Play Smart. Play Safe. initiative, the NFL allotted $40 million in funding for medical research primarily dedicated to neuroscience. The NFL assembled a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)—chaired by Peter Chiarelli, U.S. Army General (Retired)—comprising leading independent researchers, experts, doctors, scientists and clinicians to develop and lead a clear process to identify and support compelling proposals for scientific research to be funded. The SAB's goal was to seek innovative translational research being conducted by investigative teams focusing on the diagnosis and treatment of concussion (mild traumatic brain injury) and associated comorbid conditions, including chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), in addition to the natural history of concussion and associated comorbid conditions.

In November 2018, the NFL announced the funding of five research projects recommended by the SAB. The projects being funded are as follows:

- Prevalence of Brain Health versus Neurodegeneration in Professional Football Retirees led by researchers at the University of Pittsburgh and University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)

- A Prospective, LONGitudinal and Translational Study for Former National Football League Players led by William P. Meehan III, MD at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School

- Surveillance in High Schools to Reduce Concussions in Youth led by Carolyn Emery, PhD at the University of Calgary

- Transforming Research and Clinical Knowledge in Traumatic Brain Injury (TRACK-TBI Longitudinal) led by Geoff Manley, MD, PhD at the University of California – San Francisco

- The Spectrum of Concussion: Predictors of Clinical Recovery, Treatment and Rehabilitation, and Possible Long-Term Effects led by Grant Iverson, PhD at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital and Harvard Medical School

 More information on the SAB's evaluation process and the projects being funded can be found here.

- **Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH)**: The NFL contributed approximately $14 million to the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health to advance medical research on brain injuries, especially among athletes and veterans. The grants included:

  - $12 million for pathology studies through the Sports and Health Research Program (SHRP): two $6 million cooperative agreements dedicated to defining the long-term changes that occur in the brain after a head injury or multiple concussions.

    - The Boston University School of Medicine and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs received $6 million for a study on CTE and post-traumatic neurodegeneration.

    - Mount Sinai Hospital and the University of Washington received $6 million for a study on the neuropathology of CTE and Delayed Effects of TBI.

  - Six pilot projects totaling more than $2 million, to provide support for the early stages of sports-related concussion projects.

- **Government-Funded Projects to Advance Neuroscience Research**: In January 2018, the NFL allocated $16.3 million to a series of government-funded projects—including prospective, longitudinal, multi-site, peer-reviewed efforts to answer leading questions on traumatic brain injury, concussion and provide insights on neurodegenerative diseases, including CTE, as well as other cognitive impairments related to aging:

  - $7.65 million to the Department of Defense to support the Concussion Assessment Research and Education ("CARE") Consortium Grand Alliance, which monitors all athletes for concussive injuries at 30 university sites.

  - $7.65 million to support TRACK-TBI (Transforming Research and Clinical Knowledge in TBI), an NIH-funded study that collects detailed information on patients with head injuries and their outcomes.

  - $2.25 million to support the National Institute of Aging, the branch of the NIH focused on aging processes and age-related diseases.

- **Concussion Symposium at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC)**: In October 2015, UPMC held a first-of-its-kind two-day symposium, funded by a grant from the NFL Foundation, that brought together leading concussion clinicians and researchers from around the country to propose guidelines for treating concussions and consider areas for further research. As a result of their discussions, the experts published

a Statement of Agreement in the journal Neurosurgery designed to propose and share nationally the participants' agreement on the best practices, protocols and active therapies for treating concussions.

–   **International Professional Sports Concussion Research Think Tank**: The league hosted its second international think tank on concussions in October 2015, convening representatives of the world's major sports leagues and concussion experts to share best practices and protocols and collaborate on ways to advance progress, such as a new study on the potential long-term effects of concussions in sports. These meetings have identified research priorities that are being addressed through several joint research initiatives:

  •   The NFL collaborated with the Canadian Football League (CFL) to jointly examine how an eye-movement test—the King-Devick test—may improve concussion diagnosis on the sideline.

  •   Scientists at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the Medical College of Wisconsin received a $2.6 million grant from the NFL for a study, one of the first of its kind, that will examine the efficacy of two clinically supervised management strategies, including both the international concussion return-to-play protocol and early therapeutic interventions on concussions.

  •   The NFL announced a partnership with the International Concussion and Head Injury Research Foundation (ICHIRF) to fund research into the potential long-term effects and risk factors associated with high-impact sports, including horse racing.

EQUIPMENT AND INNOVATION

The NFL is championing new developments in engineering, biomechanics and material science designed to better protect against injuries in sports and recreation, as well as for the military. In order to advance this effort, the league is collaborating with the NFLPA and bringing in the world's foremost biomechanical engineers and material scientists as advisors.

»   **Leveraging Data**: Throughout the year, comprehensive NFL player injury data is compiled and analyzed by IQVIA, an independent, third-party company. Results are then shared with the NFL, the NFL Players Association (NFLPA) and the NFL medical and football committees. Guided by the experts at IQVIA, NFL medical committee members examine the data for trends in how, where and when injuries happen. Their analysis covers all injuries impacting players, including concussions and ACL/MCL tears, and considers how protocols and rules changes are making an impact on player safety.

»   **Taking Data to the Next Level**: In 2019, the NFL began a partnership with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to transform player health and safety using cloud computing, machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI). The partnership combines the NFL's extensive set of game data with AWS technologies to provide a deeper understanding of the game than ever before. The NFL and AWS are working to develop new tools and generate deeper and better-informed insights into injuries, specifically the impact of a variety of factors such as game rules, equipment, and rehabilitation and recovery strategies. Over time, the collaboration aims to also build the capability to predict injuries before they happen.

»   **Rules on the Field**: The NFL continues to evaluate rules and evolve the game to try to improve protections for players. Since 2002, the league has made more than 50 rules changes intended to eliminate potentially dangerous tactics and reduce the risk of injuries. Recent rules changes include:

–   In 2009, the NFL prohibited a defender from using his helmet, forearm or shoulder to make contact with the head or neck area of a "defenseless" receiver.

- In 2010, the NFL expanded that rule to protect all "defenseless players" from contact to the head by an opponent's helmet, forearm or shoulder. The rule was expanded again in 2012 to include certain defensive players.

- In 2011, the NFL moved the restraining line for the kicking team from the 30- to the 35-yard line to reduce the risk of injury on kickoffs. Further, in 2016, the NFL moved the spot of the next snap after a touchback resulting from a kickoff from the 20- to the 25-yard line.

- In 2013, the league prohibited a runner or tackler from initiating contact against an opponent with the top or crown of the helmet.

- In 2016, the NFL expanded the horse-collar rule to include when a defender grabs the jersey at the name plate or above and pulls a runner toward the ground.

- In 2017, the NFL prohibited the "leaper" block attempt on field goal and extra point plays, gave a receiver running a pass route defenseless player protection and reduced the length of overtime in the preseason and regular season to 10 minutes.

- In 2018, the NFL made it a foul if a player lowers his head to initiate and make contact with his helmet against an opponent, and modified the kickoff play for one year only.

- In 2019, the NFL made permanent the kickoff rule changes that were implemented during the 2018 season and expanded protection to defenseless players, making it a foul if a player initiates a block when his path is toward or parallel to his own end line and makes forcible contact to his opponent with his helmet, forearm, or shoulder.

- In 2020, the NFL expanded defenseless player protection to include a kickoff or punt returner who will now be afforded the same protection as a pass receiver – both before, during, and after the opportunity to receive the kick. The protection extends until he can avoid or ward off impending contact from an opponent..

- In 2020, the NFL emphasized removing certain illegal techniques from line play, such as using the helmet as part of a bull rush, or any block by an offensive lineman that involves initiating contact with the helmet. Game officials continue to focus on identifying fouls in line play, specifically mobile blocks, cut blocks, and certain pass rush techniques, where initiating contact with the helmet occurs.

» **The Engineering Roadmap**: The NFL allocated $60 million from the Play Smart. Play Safe. initiative toward the Engineering Roadmap, a comprehensive effort—funded by the NFL and managed by Football Research, Inc. (FRI)—to improve the understanding of the biomechanics of head injuries in professional football and to create incentives for helmet manufacturers, small businesses, entrepreneurs, universities and others to develop and commercialize new and improved protective equipment, including helmets.

» **Comprehensive Video Review**: As part of the Engineering Roadmap, biomechanical engineers have completed a comprehensive video review of all reported concussions sustained in NFL games each season beginning in 2015 to better understand concussion-causing impacts. The data is shared widely with helmet manufacturers, designers, innovators, entrepreneurs, universities and others to stimulate new ideas and designs for protective equipment.

» **The NFL Helmet Challenge and Symposium**: In 2019, the league launched the two-year NFL Helmet Challenge, an innovation challenge that aims to stimulate the development by experts, innovators and helmet manufacturers of a new helmet for NFL players that outperforms all helmet models currently worn by NFL players. The challenge will culminate in July 2021 with teams submitting helmet prototypes for laboratory testing for the chance to win the $1 million prize. To kick off the challenge, the NFL hosted a symposium in Youngstown, Ohio in November of 2019 that brought together over 300 engineers, manufacturing experts and innovators

from across the country for information- sharing and collaboration. The symposium provided potential challenge applicants with background on the current state of the science around helmets and head injuries in the NFL.

» **HeadHealthTECH Challenges**: The NFL and FRI created the HeadHealthTECH Challenges, which are attracting innovative grant proposals from institutions, individuals and corporations that are interested in designing the next generation of protective equipment. These proposals range from concepts to commercially-ready products for use by athletes, including most recently support for Helmet Challenge applicants to develop their helmet prototypes. The TECH Challenges are structured to stimulate research and innovation, as well as encourage connections with mentors and/or venture capitalists, with the goal of spurring developments in engineering, biomechanics, advanced sensors and materials science. The TECH Challenges are operated and managed by Duke University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute, which provides constructive feedback for all applicants. Thus far, the NFL and FRI have awarded grants totaling nearly $3 million to help advance the development of 17 new technologies.

» **1st and Future**: Each year since 2016, the NFL has teamed up with partners to host the *1st and Future* Super Bowl start-up competition to drive innovation and spur technology advancements in athlete safety and performance. Innovators and entrepreneurs compete and showcase their technologies that could improve player health and safety, including but not limited to: protective equipment, medical devices, sensors and training devices. In 2019, an Analytics Competition was added to *1st and Future*, tapping the data science community to analyze NFL data sets to propose rule changes designed to reduce player injury during punt plays while maintaining the integrity of the game. In 2020, the Analytics Competition focused on strategies to reduce lower extremity injuries.

» **Head Health Initiative**: In 2013, GE and the NFL teamed up to launch the Head Health Initiative, a four-year, $60 million collaboration that has accelerated innovations designed to improve prevention, diagnosis and treatment for traumatic brain injury. The initiative included the following:

– A four-year, $40 million research and development program to develop next-generation brain imaging technologies. This includes substantial clinical trials at seven leading research centers across the country where individuals with head injuries participate in a rigorous test methodology to learn more about imaging and brain injury. The initiative has fostered the development of several novel technologies.

– An open innovation challenge fund to invest up to $20 million in grants to scientists, academics, experts and entrepreneurs worldwide across three innovation challenges to help spur advancements to better understand, diagnose and protect against traumatic brain injury. Under Armour and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) are also supporting this effort.

– More than 1,000 applicants submitted ideas through the challenge's three parts, resulting in innovations in equipment and technology:

– New diagnostic tools—such as blood tests, biomarkers and MRI technologies—to aid in the detection of traumatic brain injury

– Helmet and turf technologies designed to absorb impact

– Rate-dependent tethers that attach to a player's helmet and torso designed to provide high-force resistance during collisions

– Advanced materials designed to better absorb or mitigate force from helmets, pads and other sports and consumer products.

» **Protective Equipment and Field Surface Safety**:

- The NFL, in collaboration with the NFLPA, through their respective appointed biomechanical experts, coordinates extensive laboratory research to evaluate which helmets best reduce head impact severity in the tested conditions. Each year, the results of the laboratory tests are displayed on a poster and shared with NFL players and club medical, training, coaching and equipment staffs to help inform equipment choices. The results of the helmet study should not be extrapolated beyond the NFL, including to collegiate, high school or youth. In 2019, based on the results of this study, discontinuation of certain helmets by the manufacturer, and/or the opinions of the biomechanical experts involved, the NFL and NFLPA have prohibited 11 helmet models from being worn by NFL players. Pursuant to the NFL's rules, players are required to wear helmets that are: (1) certified based on the standards established by NOCSAE (National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment), (2) under 10 years old, and (3) not prohibited pursuant to the NFL and the NFLPA's joint Helmet Laboratory Testing program.

- The NFL Musculoskeletal Committee has coordinated extensive research on athletic shoe safety and performance, including in laboratory testing. Laboratory test conditions are intended to represent potentially injurious lower extremity loading in the NFL. That information is disseminated to teams to help inform players' selection of footwear, along with other factors, including fit, shoe structure, comfort, durability, player position and the player's medical history. The results of the cleat pattern study should not be extrapolated beyond the NFL, including to collegiate, high school, or youth football.

- The NFL requires players to wear thigh and knee pads during games to better protect them from leg injuries. As with helmets, players not wearing the mandatory protective equipment are not permitted onto the playing field and may be fined.

- In 2016, the NFL and NFLPA established the Field Surface Safety & Performance Committee to perform research and advise on injury prevention, improve testing methods and adopt tools and techniques to evaluate field surface performance and playability. It also oversees the NFL stadium inspection program, which includes testing of NFL playing surfaces by engineers retained by the NFL, under observation by NFLPA experts.

» **Sharing Progress**: Where appropriate, the NFL is sharing applicable learnings across all levels of football—and to other sports and society at large.

- **Heads Up Football**: USA Football's grant program has awarded nearly $2 million in resources to benefit youth athletes in 2018, including new equipment, uniforms and other supplies. Grants are valued up to $1,000 each and are distributed based on merit, need and a school's or sports organization's commitment to coaching education and best practices. More than 600,000 coach certifications have been completedthrough USA Football's Heads Up Football program since its 2012 inception. The Heads Up Football Program strives to improve player safety for youth and high school players by training and certifying coaches on safety fundamentals; teaching proper tackling techniques; appointing Player Safety Coaches for every youth league to enforce safety protocols; helping ensure proper equipment fitting; and teaching coaches, parents and players districts enrolled in Heads Up Football in 2018. USA Football, the sport's national governing body and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee has awarded more than $14 million in grants to school-based and youth football programs since 2006.

- **Increasing Access to Athletic Trainers**: Nearly two thirds of high schools lack a full-time athletic trainer (AT) and almost 30 percent of high schools do not have any athletic trainer at all. In 2014, the NFL Foundation established   a matching grant program designed to help NFL teams increase access to ATs in their communities. To date, 22 NFL clubs have used this grant to support local schools and leagues. In October 2016, the NFL Foundation, in collaboration with Gatorade, the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA),

the Korey Stringer Institute (KSI) and the Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society (PFATS), launched a pilot program in four states (Arizona, Illinois, Oklahoma, Oregon) which has provided funding to more than 70 public high schools with football programs that have limited or no access to an AT. Grants, each in the amount of $35,000, have been awarded over a three-year period to help fund an athletic training program.

– **Raising Awareness about Concussions**: A poster and related player fact sheet were developed by the NFL, in partnership with the CDC and others, to educate NFL players about the symptoms and possible consequences of concussions and advise them to report any related symptoms they may experience. A similar poster, endorsed by 16 national governing bodies for sport, was developed for young athletes and made available through the CDC to display in youth team locker rooms, gymnasiums and schools nationwide.

– **Youth Concussion Laws**: In 2010, NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell took up the cause to advocate for every state to pass a youth sports concussion law. These laws are modeled after Washington's Lystedt Law, which includes three components: 1) concussion education for parents, coaches and players; 2) immediate removal from play of an athlete who has sustained a concussion; and 3) clearance by a licensed medical professional before a young athlete may return to play or practice. By 2014, all 50 states and the District of Columbia had enacted return-to-play laws. In October 2017, a study was released from researchers affiliated with the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Temple University's Beasley School of Law and the Colorado School of Public Health at the University of Colorado—the study found state laws that address concussions in youth sports can help reduce the rates of recurrent concussions.

– **NFL Foundation Grassroots Program**: In 2018, the NFL Foundation Grassroots Program, a partnership between the NFL Foundation and the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, provided grants to 14 cities to improve the quality, safety and accessibility of football fields in underserved areas. Grants totaled more than $3 million to build or refurbish neighborhood football fields. Since 1998, the NFL Foundation has provided nearly $68 million to refurbish 551 fields nationwide for youth athletics.

– **NFL PLAY 60**: NFL PLAY 60 is the League's national youth health and wellness campaign to encourage kids to get physically active for at least 60 minutes a day. Since PLAY 60 launched in 2007, the NFL has committed more than $352 million to youth health and fitness through PLAY 60 programming, grants and media time for public service announcements. The NFL and its clubs have supported programs in over 73,000 schools and constructed more than 265 youth fitness zones nationwide—giving more than 38 million children an opportunity to boost their activity levels. Research conducted by The Cooper Institute through its NFL PLAY 60 FitnessGram® Project revealed annual improvements in aerobic capacity and body mass index for students participating in NFL PLAY 60 programming when compared to schools not utilizing NFL PLAY 60 programs. Visit NFL.com/PLAY60 for more information.

– **NFL FLAG**: Flag football is a great way for boys and girls of all ages to learn the fundamentals of the game. In April 2019, the NFL, USA Football, GENYOUth and Fuel Up to Play 60 announced the expansion of the NFL FLAG-In- Schools program with a nearly $1.5 million commitment from the NFL Foundation to reach 4,200 new schools and 2.3 million additional students. Since 2014, the partners' efforts have resulted in 9.1 million students becoming more active before, during and after school through the NFL FLAG-In-School program.

2020 HELMET LABORATORY TESTING PERFORMANCE RESULTS

BETTER LABORATORY PERFORMANCE ↑

- Riddell SpeedFlex Precision Diamond (R41106)[1]
- Riddell SpeedFlex Precision (R41156)[1]
- Riddell SpeedFlex Diamond (R41175)[New]
- Xenith Shadow XR[New]
- VICIS Zero1 (2018)
- Schutt F7 LTD (208400)
- Schutt Air XP Pro VTD II (789902)
- Schutt F7 UR1 (208300)[1,New]
- Schutt F7 UR2 (308300)[1,New]
- Riddell SpeedFlex (R41195)
- Schutt Vengeance DCT (204001)
- Xenith Shadow[New]
- Riddell Speed (R41190)
- Xenith Epic+
- Xenith Epic
- Riddell Revolution Speed Classic (R41167)
- Riddell Foundation (R41179)
- Riddell Speed Icon (R41197)
- Schutt Vengeance DCT VTD II (204801)
- Xenith X2E+
- Riddell Speed Classic Icon (R41198)
- Riddell Revolution (R41139)
- Xenith X2E
- Riddell Revolution IQ (R41159)
- Schutt Air XP Pro Q11 (788700)
- Schutt F7 (208000)
- Schutt F7 VTD (208800)
- Schutt F5 (208200)
- Schutt Vengeance Pro LTD (204400)
- Schutt Vengeance Z10 LTD (204200)
- Schutt Air XP Pro Q10 VTD (788910)

NOT RECOMMENDED
- Schutt Vengeance Pro (204301)
- Schutt Air XP Pro Q10 (789900)
- Schutt Vengeance Z10 (204101)

NEWLY PROHIBITED LIGHT LS1 Composite (LS1-CV)[2, New]

[1] Results shown are for a helmet with interior padding customized for the testing headform. Actual performance and ranking may vary since these helmets are customized for each player's head shape.
[2] The LIGHT LS1 Composite helmet joins a list of 12 previously prohibited helmets according to the NFL and the NFLPA's joint Helmet Laboratory Testing program.

Note: Older models worn by less than 1% of NFL players are grayed-out.

NFL **NFLPA**

THE NFL, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE NFLPA, THROUGH THEIR RESPECTIVE APPOINTED BIOMECHANICAL EXPERTS, ANNUALLY COORDINATE EXTENSIVE LABORATORY RESEARCH TO EVALUATE WHICH HELMETS BEST REDUCE HEAD IMPACT SEVERITY. THE RESULTS OF THOSE TESTS, WHICH ARE GENERALLY SUPPORTED BY ON-FIELD PERFORMANCE, ARE SET FORTH ON THIS POSTER.

The helmet models are listed in order of their performance, with a shorter bar representing better performance. The rankings are based exclusively on the ability of the helmet to reduce head impact severity measures in laboratory testing. Performance variation related to helmet fit, retention, temperature-dependence, and long-term durability are not addressed in these rankings.

All helmets in green are recommended for use by NFL players. Based on a statistical grouping analysis, helmets in the Top-Performing group have been further distinguished into two different green categories. The darker green group represents those that performed better in laboratory testing than the lighter green group. Helmets with poorer laboratory performance were placed in the Not Recommended or Prohibited groups. Players may not wear helmets in the Prohibited group. The information presented here is based solely upon the results of this research and the expert opinions of the scientists involved.

Pursuant to the NFL's rules, players are required to wear helmets that are: (1) certified based on the standards established by NOCSAE (National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment); (2) less than 10 years old; and (3) not prohibited pursuant to the NFL and the NFLPA's joint Helmet Laboratory Testing program.

The laboratory test conditions were intended to represent potentially concussive head impacts in the NFL. The results of this study should not be extrapolated to collegiate, high school, or youth football.

NO HELMET SYSTEM CAN COMPLETELY PROTECT AGAINST SERIOUS BRAIN AND/OR NECK INJURIES A PLAYER MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE PARTICIPATING IN FOOTBALL.

PLAYER
HEALTH & SAFETY

ENGINEERING ROADMAP

As part of the NFL's *Play Smart. Play Safe.* initiative, the NFL allocated $60 million toward the creation and funding of the Engineering Roadmap. It's a comprehensive effort—funded by the NFL and managed by Football Research, Inc. (FRI)—to improve the understanding of the biomechanics of head injuries in professional football and to create incentives for helmet manufacturers, small businesses, entrepreneurs, universities and others to develop and commercialize new and improved protective equipment, including helmets.

DRIVEN BY EXPERTS: BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERS

Football Research, Inc. (FRI), a nonprofit corporation formed and financially supported by the NFL, manages the Engineering Roadmap. The Board of Directors includes leading engineers and experts who advise FRI on how best to achieve the goal of advancing the understanding of biomechanics in football and creating an environment where new and improved protective equipment will be developed. Jeff Crandall, Ph.D., chairman of the NFL Engineering Committee, serves a leading role in managing the Engineering Roadmap. Dr. Crandall is the Nancy and Neal Wade Professor of Engineering and Applied Sciences at the University of Virginia and Principal Scientist and Consultant at Biocore. The Board also works closely with Dr. Kristy Arbogast and Dr. Barry Myers, consultants to the NFL Players Association, who each serve as co-leads on essential elements of the Engineering Roadmap.

RESEARCH: MEASURING THE ON-FIELD ENVIRONMENT AND SHARING TOOLS

As part of the Engineering Roadmap, biomechanical engineers completed a comprehensive video review of all reported concussions sustained in NFL games since the 2015 season to better understand concussion-causing impacts. The data is shared widely with helmet manufacturers, designers, innovators, entrepreneurs, universities and others to stimulate new ideas and designs for protective equipment. FRI has also collaborated with university partners to develop new tools to encourage innovation and advance equipment design, including finite element models of modern football helmets, impact test dummy components and test conditions simulating on-field impacts.

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EDUCATION: EXPERTS AND INNOVATORS LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

Experts share the latest knowledge regarding the causes of concussion in professional football, including the best tools available for assessing and optimizing the design and manufacturing of protective equipment. These discussions are an important step to educating and creating incentives for those in the marketplace to design and manufacture protective equipment that performs better than current models. Periodic symposia, webinars and other educational efforts allow experts to share the most up-to-date biomechanical and biomedical information.

CROWDSOURCED CHALLENGES OFFER INCENTIVES FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESSES TO ACCELERATE INNOVATION

The NFL engages experts to stimulate new developments in engineering, biomechanics and materials science designed to better protect against injuries.

THE NFL HELMET CHALLENGE

In 2019, the league launched the two-year NFL Helmet Challenge, an innovation challenge that aims to stimulate the development by experts, innovators and helmet manufacturers of a new helmet for NFL players that outperforms all helmet models currently worn by NFL players. The challenge will culminate in July 2021 with teams submitting helmet prototypes for laboratory testing for the chance to win the $1 million prize.

HEADHEALTHTECH CHALLENGES

The NFL and FRI created the HeadHealthTECH Challenges, which are attracting innovative grant proposals from institutions, individuals and corporations that are interested in designing the next generation of protective equipment. These proposals range from concepts to commercially-ready products for use by athletes, including most recently support for Helmet Challenge applicants to develop their helmet prototypes. The TECH Challenges are structured to stimulate research and innovation, as well as encourage connections with mentors and/or venture capitalists, with the goal of spurring developments in engineering, biomechanics, advanced sensors and materials science. The TECH Challenges are operated and managed by Duke University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute, which provides constructive feedback for all applicants. Thus far, the NFL and FRI have awarded grants totaling nearly $3 million to help advance the development of 17 new technologies.

CONCUSSION GAME DAY CHECKLIST

NFL | NFLPA

| Player receives impact to the head | **AND** | Player exhibits or reports symptoms or signs suggestive of a concussion or stinger | **OR** | ATC, booth ATC Spotter, team physician, NFL official, coach, teammate, booth UNC or sideline UNC initiates protocol |

Player is immediately removed to sideline or stabilized on field, as needed.

SIDELINE SURVEY

Remove helmet. Team Physician and Sideline UNC perform **sideline survey in medical tent**:
- No-Go
- History of Event
- Concussion Signs/Symptoms
- Maddock's Questions
- Video Review
- Focused Neurological Exam:
    - Cervical Spine Exam (including range of motion-pain)
    - Evaluation of Speech
    - Observation of Gait
    - Eye Movements and Pupillary Exam

If normal sideline survey and "benign" video, player may **RETURN TO PLAY.**

No-Go
- LOC (including Impact Seizure and/or "fencing posture")
- Gross Motor Instability*
- Confusion
- Amnesia

If observed at any point,
NO RETURN TO PLAY

If *any* elements are positive, inconclusive or suspicious of concussion, player is escorted to locker room.

LOCKER ROOM EXAM

Team Physician/ UNC/ ATC **OR**
Team Physician/ UNC perform **locker room exam**:
- Complete NFL SCAT
- Complete Neurological Exam

If normal assessment, player may **RETURN TO PLAY.**

If abnormal, **NO RETURN TO PLAY:**
- Player stays in locker room
- Periodic evaluation by medical team
- Follow-up neurological exam

During above checklist, if player demonstrates progressive/ worsening concussion symptoms -> **No Return to Play**

* Determined by team physician, in consultation with the UNC, to be neurologically caused

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RETURN-TO-PARTICIPATION PROTOCOL

PHASE 1

SYMPTOM LIMITED ACTIVITY

The player is prescribed rest, limiting or, if necessary, avoiding activities (both physical and cognitive) which increase or aggravate symptoms. Under athletic training staff supervision, limited stretching and balance training can be introduced, progressing to light aerobic exercise, all as tolerated.

PHASE 2

AEROBIC EXERCISE

Under direct oversight of the team's medical staff, the player should begin graduated cardiovascular exercise and may also engage in dynamic stretching and balance training. Neurocognitive and balance testing can be administered after completion of Phase Two and the results should be interpreted as back to baseline.

PHASE 3

FOOTBALL SPECIFIC EXERCISE

The player continues with supervised cardiovascular exercises that are increased and may mimic sport-specific activities, and supervised strength training is introduced. The player is allowed to practice with the team in sport-specific exercise for 30 minutes or less with ongoing and careful monitoring.

PHASE 4

CLUB-BASED NON-CONTACT TRAINING DRILLS

The player continues cardiovascular, strength and balance training, team-based sport-specific exercise, and participates in non-contact football activities (e.g. throwing, catching, running, and other position-specific activities). Neurocognitive and balance testing should be completed no later than the end of Phase Four with the results interpreted as back to baseline.

PHASE 5

FULL FOOTBALL ACTIVITY / CLEARANCE

Upon clearance by the Club physician for full football activity involving contact, the player must be examined by the Independent Neurological Consultant (INC) assigned to his Club. If the INC concurs with the Club physician that the player's concussion has resolved, he may participate in his Club's next practice or game.

HEALTH AND SAFETY RELATED RULES CHANGES SINCE 2002

As the NFL learns more about player health and safety, the league evaluates and changes rules to evolve the game and try to improve protections for players. Since 2002 alone, the NFL has made over 50 rules changes intended to eliminate potentially dangerous tactics and reduce the risk of injuries.

2020

- Expands defenseless player protection to include a kickoff or punt returner who will now be afforded the same protection as a pass receiver – both before, during, and after the opportunity to receive the kick. The protection extends until he can avoid or ward off impending contact from an opponent.

- Emphasizes removing certain illegal techniques from line play, such as using the helmet as part of a bull rush, or any block by an offensive lineman that involves initiating contact with the helmet. Game officials will continue to focus on identifying fouls in line play, specifically mobile blocks, cut blocks, and certain pass rush techniques, where initiating contact with the helmet occurs

2019

- Makes permanent the kickoff rule changes that were implemented during the 2018 season.

- Expanded protection to defenseless players, making it a foul if a player initiates a block when his path is toward or parallel to his own end line and makes forcible contact to his opponent with his helmet, forearm, or shoulder.

2018

- Makes permanent the playing rule that changes the spot of the next snap after a touchback resulting from a free kick to the 25-yard line.

- It is a foul if a player lowers his head to initiate and make contact with his helmet against an opponent. It is a penalty that will result in the loss of 15 yards. If the foul is by the defense, it is also an automatic first down. The player may be disqualified.

- Modifies the kickoff play for one year only.

2017

- Prohibits the "leaper" block attempt on field goal and extra point plays.

- Extends the rule changing the spot of the next snap after a touchback resulting from a free kick to the 25-yard line for another year.

- Gives a receiver running a pass route defenseless player protection.

- Prohibits crackback blocks by a backfield player who is in motion, even if he is not more than two yards outside the tackle when the ball is snapped.

- Reduces the length of overtime in the preseason and regular season to 10 minutes.

2016

- All chop blocks are prohibited.

- The horse collar tackle rule is expanded to include when a defender grabs the jersey at the name plate or above and pulls a runner toward the ground.

- In an effort to increase touchbacks, the spot of the next snap after a touchback resulting from a kickoff is moved from the 20- to the 25-yard line.

2015

- Rules prohibiting illegal "peel back" blocks are extended to cover all offensive players.

- Offensive backs are prohibited from chopping a defensive player engaged above the waist by another offensive player outside the tackle box.

- Defenseless player protections are expanded to cover the intended receiver of a pass in the immediate continuing action following an interception.

- When a team presents a punt, field-goal or try kick formation, defenders are prohibited from pushing teammates on the line of scrimmage.

2014

- Clipping and unnecessary roughness penalties are expanded to prohibit blockers from rolling up on the side of a defender's leg.

2013

- Players are required to wear protective knee and thigh pads.

- It is illegal for a runner or tackler to initiate forcible contact by delivering a blow with the top or crown of his helmet against an opponent when both players are clearly outside the tackle box.

- "Peel back" blocks below the waist are illegal inside the tackle box.

- The list of "defenseless players" is expanded to include long snappers on field goals and PATs (point after touchdowns).

- The "bunch" formation is eliminated on field goals and PATs. No more than six defenders may be on the line of scrimmage on either side of the snapper at the snap for these plays.

2012

- The list of "defenseless players" is expanded to include defensive players on crackback blocks, making it illegal to hit them in the head or neck area.

2011

- The restraining line for the kicking team is moved from the 30- to the 35-yard line in an effort to increase touchbacks.

- All kicking team players other than the kicker must be lined up no more than five yards behind their restraining line, eliminating the 15- to 20-yard running "head start" that had become customary for many players.

- The list of "defenseless players" is expanded to include: a kicker/punter during the kick or during the return; a quarterback at any time after a change of possession; and a player who receives a "blindside" block when the blocker is moving toward his own endline and approaches the opponent from behind or from the side. Previously, these players were protected against blows to the head, but not against blows delivered by an opponent with the top/crown or forehead/"hairline" parts of the helmet against other parts of the body.

- A receiver who has completed a catch is a "defenseless player" until he has had time to protect himself or has clearly become a runner. A receiver/runner is no longer defenseless if he is able to avoid or ward off the impending contact of an opponent. Previously, the receiver who had completed a catch was protected against an opponent who launched and delivered a blow to the receiver's head.

2010

- During a field-goal attempt, punt or try-kick, a defensive team player who is within one yard of the line of scrimmage at the snap must have his entire body outside the snapper's shoulder pads.

- After a half has expired, dead ball personal fouls by either team will be enforced on the succeeding kickoff.

- A player who has just completed a catch is protected from blows to the head or neck by an opponent who launches.

- All "defenseless players" are protected from blows to the head delivered by an opponent's helmet, forearm or shoulder.

- Kickers and punters during the kick and return, and quarterbacks after a change of possession, are protected from blows to the head delivered by an opponent's helmet, forearm or shoulder, instead of just helmet-to-helmet contact.

- The ball is declared dead at the spot if a runner's helmet comes completely off.

2009

- Teams are not permitted to intentionally form a wedge of more than two players on a kickoff return in an attempt to block for the runner.

- The "bunch" formation on kickoffs is eliminated. The kickoff team must have at least three players outside each hash mark, one of whom must be outside the yard-line number.

- It is an illegal "blindside" block if the blocker is moving toward his own endline and approaches the opponent from behind or from the side, and the initial force of the contact by the blocker's helmet, forearm or shoulder is to the head or neck area of an opponent.

- It is an illegal hit on a defenseless receiver if the initial force of the contact by the defender's helmet, forearm or shoulder is to the head or neck area of the receiver.

- The rule regarding low hits on passers is clarified:
    - A. A defender cannot initiate a roll or lunge and forcibly hit the passer in the knee area or below, even if he is being contacted by another player.
    - B. It is not a foul if the defender swipes, wraps or grabs a passer in the knee area or below in an attempt to tackle him.

2007

- A block below the waist against an eligible receiver while the quarterback is in the pocket is a 15-yard penalty instead of a 5-yard penalty (an illegal cut block).

2006

- Low hits on the quarterback are prohibited when a rushing defender has an opportunity to avoid such contact.

- Blocks in the back above the waist by the kicking team while the ball is in flight during a scrimmage kick are illegal.

- The definition of a "horse collar tackle" is expanded to include grabbing the inside collar of the jersey.

- During a field-goal attempt or a try, a defensive player who is within one yard of the line of scrimmage at the snap must have his helmet outside the snapper's shoulder pad.

- Personal or unsportsmanlike conduct fouls that occur during halftime or during intermission between the fourth period and an overtime period will be penalized on the ensuing kickoff.

- During a free kick, at least four kicking team players must be on each side of the kicker when the ball is kicked.

2005

- It is illegal to grab the inside collar of the shoulder pads to tackle a runner ("horse collar tackle").

- Unnecessarily running, diving into or throwing the body against a player who should not have reasonably anticipated such contact by an opponent is unnecessary roughness. Previously, the rule only protected a player who is out of the play.

- A kicker/punter must not be unnecessarily contacted by the receiving team through the end of the play or until he assumes a distinctly defensive position. An opponent may not unnecessarily initiate helmet-to-helmet contact to the kicker/punter during the kick or during the return.

- An offensive player who is aligned in the tackle box at the snap and moves to a position outside the box is prohibited from initiating contact on the side or below the waist of an opponent if the blocker is moving toward his own end line and approaches the opponent from behind or from the side ("peel back block"). The near shoulder of the blocker must be in front of his opponent's body.

2002

- The chop block technique is illegal on all kicking plays.

- It is illegal to hit a quarterback helmet-to-helmet any time after a change of possession.

There is a specialized squad of medical professionals, including team physicians, unaffiliated medical staff, and physicians from the local area, that watches the field for potential injuries and is available to provide immediate care to players at every NFL game.
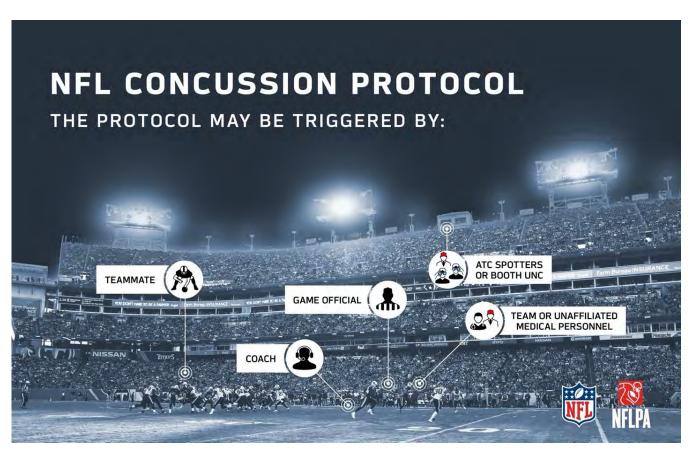
In 2012, in conjunction with the NFLPA, the NFL added two certified athletic trainers (booth ATC spotters) who provide an "eye in the sky" from a stadium box—they monitor the field and television replays to help identify players with potential injuries for team medical staffs.

The NFL added unaffiliated medical professionals in 2014—each sideline is staffed with an Unaffiliated Neurological Consultant (UNC), who supports the team medical staffs in the identification, screening and diagnosis of in-game concussions. In 2015, the NFL also authorized booth ATC spotters to stop the game and call a medical timeout—which does not count against either team—if needed to provide a player with immediate medical assistance. Game officials also have the authority to send a player off the field for medical evaluation. In 2018, a third UNC was added to monitor the broadcast video and audio feeds of each game, and notify on-field UNCs of possible head, neck or spine injuries.

Visiting Team Medical Liaisons (VTML)—board-certified physicians licensed to practice medicine in the state in which the stadium is located—work with the visiting team to provide medical care for its players, including access to leading medical centers for emergency care. Additionally, every club is required to design and implement an Emergency Action Plan to follow in instances of severe trauma. All NFL team physicians work under these plans, which are reviewed by the NFL and NFLPA and approved by third-party experts each season.

The National Football League Physicians Society (NFLPS)—a professional organization made up of world-class team doctors focused on the prevention and treatment of injuries for their patients, NFL players—compiled a list of all these professionals, illustrated in this chart:

THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAM
30 GAME DAY MEDICAL STAFF

ON AVERAGE EACH TEAM HAS:

4 ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Assess and treat player injuries in conjunction with team doctors

2 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS
Evaluate players for general medical conditions and concussions

2 ORTHOPEDISTS
Evaluate and treat players for injuries to the bones and joints

1 UNAFFILIATED NEUROTRAUMA CONSULTANT
Evaluates players for possible head injuries and concussions

1 CHIROPRACTOR
Provides back/spinal adjustments for players and treats muscular injuries

STADIUM MEDICAL TEAM:

2 INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC TRAINERS
Notify on-field medical staff of possible injuries from press box. The independent AT spotters can call a medical timeout to stop the game to have a player receive medical attention

1 RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN
Takes x-rays of injured players at the stadium

1 OPHTHALMOLOGIST OR OPTOMETRIST
Treats eye injuries

2 EMTS/PARAMEDIC CREW
Transport players to hospital in the event of serious injuries

1 UNAFFILIATED NEUROTRAUMA CONSULTANT
Monitors broadcast video/audio and notifies on-field UNCs of possible head, neck or spine injuries

1 DENTIST
Treats dental issues

1 VISITING TEAM MEDICAL LIAISON
Local emergency physician certified to practice medicine in the state where the game is being played. The VTML works with the team to provide access to care, medication and first-rate medical facilities

1 AIRWAY MANAGEMENT PHYSICIAN
Provides emergency intubation to severely injured, non-breathing players

Information provided by the National Football League Physicians Society (NFLPS). Numbers reflect the average number of medical staff present and should not be considered official NFL protocol.

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NFLPS

NFL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL
THE PROTOCOL MAY BE TRIGGERED BY:

TEAMMATE

GAME OFFICIAL

COACH

ATC SPOTTERS OR BOOTH UNC

TEAM OR UNAFFILIATED MEDICAL PERSONNEL

NFL   NFLPA

NFL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL
PLAYER IS REMOVED TO:

LOCKER ROOM

SIDELINE MEDICAL TENT

(If any element of Sideline Medical Survey is positive, inconclusive, or suspicious of concussion, then the player is escorted to the locker room for further evaluation)

NFL   NFLPA

The NFL is advised by many of the world's preeminent experts in medicine and science. Specialists in a wide variety of disciplines relevant to player health and safety volunteer their time to explore groundbreaking research and make recommendations for how the League can continually improve the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of injuries as well as invest in scientific research to promote player health and safety.

The NFL medical committees meet throughout the year to review player health and injury data and determine what policies, programs and protocols should be adopted by the League.

The diligent work of the committees normally begins in the spring at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis before the NFL draft introduces a new class of eligible players to the League. Members take this opportunity to gather for the first of several meetings throughout the year to analyze injury data from the previous season. The committees discuss statistical trends, identify outliers in the data, debate reasons for the numbers and ask important questions that need further analysis and reporting.

They also form judgments that are shared with the competition committee and the NFL about potential changes that need to be made to the rules or to medical protocols or practices.

These discussions last long after the initial annual meetings in Indianapolis and lead to a year-long effort to make the game safer.

The men and women on these committees comprise a wide range of perspectives and expertise on some of our players' most challenging health issues. They are not employed by the NFL and most receive no compensation for their involvement other than a small honorarium (less than $1500), typical in the medical field for volunteer efforts like serving on a medical committee or advisory board, and reimbursement of travel expenses for attending committee meetings.

An overarching Health and Safety Committee—including chairs of the General Medical Committee, the Head, Neck and Spine Committee and the Musculoskeletal Committee—oversees committee efforts and facilitates cross-specialization and discussion among subject matter experts, team physicians and athletic trainers.

Two new committees were formed by the NFL and NFLPA in 2019. A joint NFL-NFLPA Pain Management Committee works to establish uniform standards for club practices and policies regarding pain management and the use of prescription medications by NFL players. A joint NFL-NFLPA Comprehensive Mental Health and Wellness Committee is charged with developing mental health educational programs for players and their families, coaches, and club personnel, as well as collaborating with local and national mental health organizations to promote mental health related stigma reduction.

An ad hoc committee of equipment and field managers focuses on keeping game day surfaces safe—bolstering the league's commitment to injury protection on the field. In the league's ongoing mission to make the game safer for those who play it, each and every medical committee includes participation by representatives from the NFL Players Association (NFLPA), including its long-time Medical Director, Dr. Thom Mayer.

On the next page is an overview of how the NFL's medical committees are organized.

NFL Medical Committee Structure

NFL Chief Medical Officer

Dr. Allen Sills

Health and Safety Committee

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ADVANCING WELLNESS THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH

TOTAL WELLNESS

The NFL and NFL Players Association (NFLPA) implemented the Behavioral Health Agreement to standardize robust behavioral health resources across all 32 clubs. All NFL players, Legends, and their families have access to clinical resources including the Cigna EAP (work/life resources), the NFL Life Line, and a skilled team clinician. Through the NFL's Total Wellness platform, the Behavioral Health agreement expands those resources, ensuring a variety of avenues for players and their families, coaches, and team staff to strive for positive mental health.

TEAM CLINICIANS

Per the Behavioral Health Agreement, every NFL team has a licensed mental health clinician on staff.

PROVIDING ON-SITE CONSULTATIONS

- Clinicians spend 8-12 hours per week providing consultations and support to players and staff.

DELIVERING MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION

- Clinicians implement organization-wide education.

CREATING A REFERRAL NETWORK

- Clinicians create a referral network where players can access specialized care outside of the team clinician.

SPEARHEADING CLUB MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS TEAMS

- Clinicians collaborate with other team staff including Team Physicians, Directors of Player Engagement, Athletic Trainers, and the Team Chaplain to promote mental health services and combat stigma.

PROACTIVELY SUPPORTING VULNERABLE PLAYER GROUPS

- Clinicians actively support vulnerable player groups such as injured players.

OFFERING TRANSITION SUPPORT

- Clinicians guide and support players during their transition process.

RESPECTING CONFIDENTIALITY

- Clinicians maintain strict confidentiality, ensuring that players' information is protected.

ADVANCING WELLNESS THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH

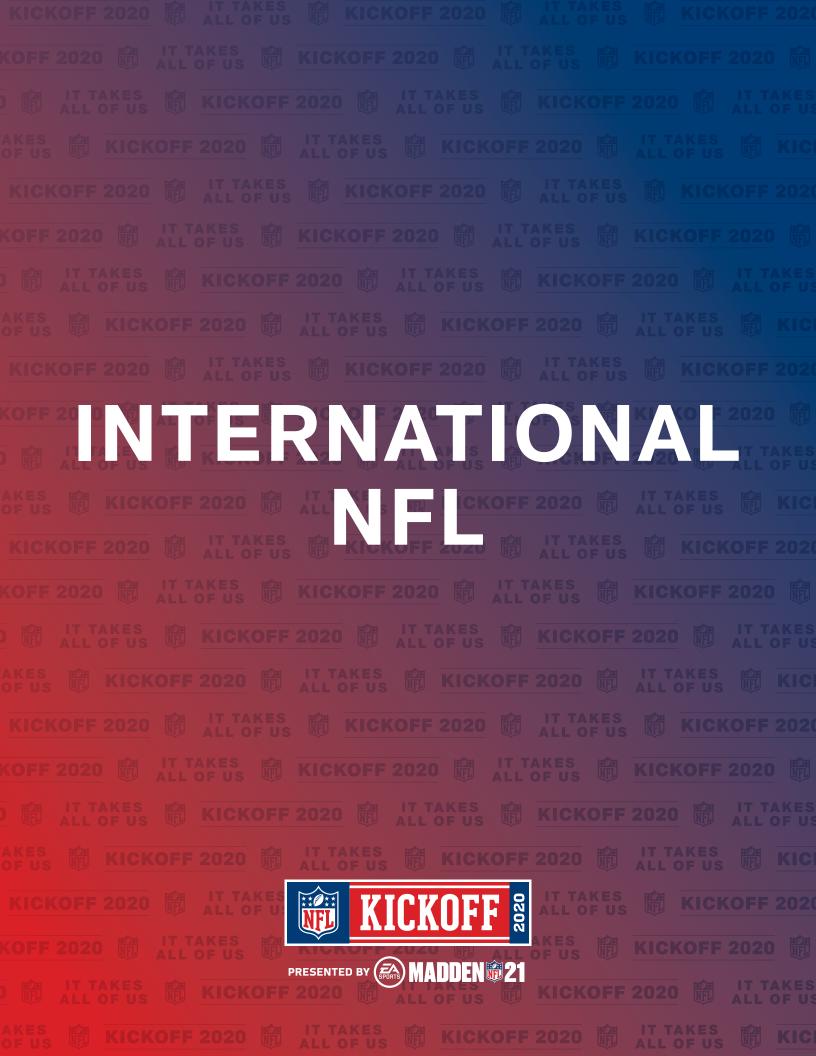**NFL TOTAL WELLNESS**

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The behavioral health agreement requires that every NFL Club have a Mental Health Emergency Action Plan outlining resources and procedures to be utilized in the event of any mental or behavioral health emergency. This includes suicidal or homicidal ideation or intent, agitated or threatening behavior, player or family member death, or other major event that could cause extreme mental stress. The plans outline the primary point of contact, appropriate referral facilities, and procedures to be followed for a range of possible scenarios.

COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

The agreement establishes a Comprehensive Mental Health and Wellness that is charged with developing mental health educational programs for players and their families, coaches, and club personnel, as well as collaborating with local and national mental health organizations to promote mental health related stigma reduction.

The committee members include:

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INTERNATIONAL NFL

INTERNATIONAL FEEL

While the NFL continues to grow in popularity across the globe, international players are making an increasing impact on the field.

For the 14th time in the past 15 seasons, at least one player who attended high school outside of the United States was selected in the NFL Draft.

This year, the Pittsburgh Steelers selected wide receiver **CHASE CLAYPOOL** (right) in the second round of the NFL Draft. The Canadian wide receiver recorded 150 receptions 2,159 receiving yards and 19 touchdowns during his career at Notre Dame. "When you get drafted to a team like the Steelers, it doesn't seem real. It's a super cool thought and idea of me playing for the Steelers," said Claypool. "Each day it's going to get more and more real."

In addition, the Dallas Cowboys selected **NEVILLE GALLIMORE** (below) in the third round of the NFL Draft. The Canadian defensive tackle was credited with 148 tackles, nine sacks, and five forced fumbles during his career at Oklahoma. "It's one of those things where I didn't know whether I was going to laugh, cry or scream," Gallimore said. "It was definitely a surreal moment. It was definitely worth the wait."

This season, seven teams will carry an oversees player on their practice squad during the 2020 season as part of the International Player Pathway program.

"The International Player Pathway program is an important part of our ongoing efforts to grow the game globally and provide pathways for international players to make it to the NFL."

-NFL International Chief Operating Officer
DAMANI LEECH

INTERNATIONAL FEEL

A SAMPLE OF ACTIVE FOREIGN-BORN PLAYERS IN THE NFL

COUNTRY	PLAYERS
American Samoa	DT Daniel Ekuale, CLE; G Mike Iupati, SEA; S Shalom Luani, HOU; LB Frankie Luvu, NYJ; OL Frederick Mauigoa, CAR
Australia	P Jordan Berry, PIT; **P Michael Dickson, SEA (pictured)**; P Cameron Johnston, PHI; DE Matt Leo, PHI; T Jordan Mailata, PHI; P Arryn Siposs, DET; P Mitch Wishnowsky, SF
Austria	RB Sandro Platzgummer, NYG
Belize	DT Rakeem Nunez-Roches, TB
Brazil	DT Durval Queiroz Neto, MIA
Canada	DT Eli Ankou, CLE; TE Antony Auclair, TB; CB Tevaughn Campbell, LAC; WR Chase Claypool, PIT; LB Christian Covington, DEN; DT Tyrone Crawford, DAL; DB Marc-Antoine Dequoy, GB; OG Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, KC; DL Neville Gallimore, DAL; WR N'Keal Harry, NE; DL Mike Hoecht, LAR; T Ryan Hunter, KC; C Brett Jones, MIN; WR Rysen John, NYG; LS Louis-Philippe (L. P.) Ladouceur, DAL; OL Carter O'Donnell, IND; DL Nathan Shepherd, NYJ; DE Brent Urban, CHI; TE Luke Willson, SEA
Democratic Republic of the Congo	DL Jonathan Kongbo SF
Denmark	G Hjalte Froholdt, NE; OL Steven Nielson, JAX
Estonia	DT Margus Hunt, NO
England	DE Jack Crawford, TEN; G Jermaine Eluemunor, NE; DE Julian Okwara, DET; RB Christian Wade, BUF; TE Christian Scotland-Williamson, PIT
Germany	DE David Bada, WAS; TE Moritz Böhringer, CIN; K Dominik Eberle, LV; CB Michael Jackson, DET; FB Jakob Johnson, NE; LB Mark Nzeocha, SF
Haiti	CB Pierre Desir, NYJ
Ivory Coast	LB Azur Kamara, DAL
Jamaica	CB Corey Ballentine, NYG; S Patrick Chung, NE; DE Danielle Hunter, MIN; CB Nevin Lawson, LV; OL Laken Tomlinson, SF
Japan	QB Robert Griffin III, BAL; WR DaeSean Hamilton, DEN
Liberia	WR Jehu Chesson, NYJ; RB Gus Edwards, BAL; WR Kelvin Harmon, WAS
Mexico	OT Isaac Alarcon, DAL
Nigeria	WR Nelson Agholor, LV; DE Ade Aruna, LV; LB Jeremiah Attaochu, DEN; LB Ben Banogu, IND; OL Caleb Benenoch, DET; OLB Samson Ebukam, LAR; LB Leon Jacobs, JAX; DE Jegs Jegede, IND; DE Efe Obada, CAR; DE George Obinna, CLE; DE Emmanuel Ogbah, MIA; OL Chukwuma Okorafor, PIT; DE Romeo Okwara, DET; DT David Onyemata, NO
Norway	P Kaare Vedvik, BUF
Scotland	K Graham Gano, CAR; P Jamie Gillan, CLE
Sierra Leone	WR Amara Darboh, PIT
South Africa	OL Dieter Eiselen, CHI; K Greg Joseph, TEN
South Korea	K Younghoe Koo, ATL
Spain	WR J.J. Arcega-Whiteside, PHI

LATINOS MAKING THEIR MARK

Latino players are making their mark on the NFL, as shown by the following players:

The 2019 season was a special one for Los Angeles Chargers cornerback **MICHAEL DAVIS** (pictured). The proud Southern California native spent portions of his childhood in Mexico and had a homecoming with 15 family members in attendance when the Chargers took on Kansas City at Estadio Azteca during *Monday Night Football*. With deep Mexican roots, Davis took the opportunity to reflect on the love he has for his mother, family and heritage.

> *"To me, being Latino means being prideful. Latinos carry a bunch of pride with us. We're headstrong and have strong character. My mom and my grandma used to say 'échale ganas'. 'Give it your all and try your best.'"*
>
> *-Los Angeles Chargers CB* **MICHAEL DAVIS**

During the 2019 season, Davis played in 12 games accumulating 39 tackles, a team-high nine passes defensed and two interceptions. Davis continues to refine his craft every day during practice and it shows when he gets into the game.

"I've got to give Michael a lot of credit; he's come a long way at accepting coaching and being accountable," said Chargers defensive backs coach **RON MILUS**. "Raw, that's what he was. I thought last year he came a long way, and now it's starting to show."

"He has always had the speed, but I think his technique is catching up to his speed," said defensive coordinator **GUS BRADLEY** of Davis, who made the Chargers as an undrafted free agent. "He's starting to do it and having success with it, so it breeds confidence with him."

Newly signed Cleveland Browns safety **ANDREW SENDEJO** has become one of the most highly regarded veterans in the NFL while entering the second decade of his playing career. Admired by coaches and teammates, Sendejo is consistently looked at as a team leader on and off the field.

"I knew he was tough," said Sendejo's former defensive backs coach **JERRY GRAY**. "I knew he was smart when we watched him on special teams, but then we got a chance to play defense … you've seen his confidence grow, 'Hey, look, I'm a starter, and I deserve to be here, and I'm going to keep proving myself that I deserve to be here."

During his ten-year career, Sendejo has recorded 380 tackles, 21 passes defensed and nine interceptions. Senjedo credits his method of preparation for the success he's seen on the field.

"If you have any downtime, you've usually got to take advantage of it to look over stuff and kind of get ready for the next week, said Sendejo. "If you go into the week already ahead of schedule, you know the things you need to look at, you're just one step ahead."

LATINOS MAKING
THEIR MARK

Some would consider Washington Head Coach **RON RIVERA** a trailblazer for Latinos in the NFL. Rivera, who was drafted by the Chicago Bears in 1984, became the first person of Puerto Rican and Mexican descent to play in the NFL. Rivera never realized the positive impact he had on the Latino community until he was drafted and quickly found himself embracing his new role.

"After I was drafted, I was like, 'Hey, I have a great opportunity to be a role model,'" said Rivera. "I've talked to lots of groups through the years. At one point, when I was in Chicago, I worked with the National Hispanic Scholarship Fund and that was a truly great experience."

While spending nine seasons in Chicago, Rivera reached the pinnacle of his playing career in 1986 when the Bears defeated the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XX. Rivera's NFL journey did not stop there; he would eventually retire from playing after the 1992 season and make his way to the sidelines. Rivera spent time assistant coaching in Chicago, Philadelphia and San Diego before landing his first head coaching position with the Carolina Panthers.

In 2011 when taking the lead in Carolina, Rivera became the third Latino to be named an NFL head coach. While with the Panthers, Rivera accumulated a 76-63-1 record and reached Super Bowl 50. In 2020, Rivera was named the head coach of Washington.

The 2020 season welcomes center **CESAR RUIZ** to New Orleans. Ruiz, a two-time All-Big Ten honoree out of Michigan, was selected by the Saints in the first round of the 2020 NFL Draft.

"Cesars's tough, he's a leader. He's just one of those players that you continue to watch, continue to watch, and I don't care what tape you put on, it all looked the same," said Saints head coach **SEAN PAYTON**. "He is one of the better interior linemen I've seen in a while. I think we're getting a player with great physical ability and we're also getting a player with fantastic makeup."

While at Michigan, Ruiz earned three varsity letters and played in 36 games throughout his career with 31 starts for the Wolverines.

A SAMPLING OF 2020 LATINO PLAYERS

PLAYER	POSITION	TEAM	PLAYER	POSITION	TEAM
Kiko Alonso	LB	New Orleans	Blake Martinez	LB	N.Y. Giants
JJ Arcega-Whiteside	WR	Philadelphia	Steven Montez	QB	Washington
Braxton Berrios	WR	N.Y. Jets	Durval Queiroz Neto	DT	Miami
Rodrigo Blakenship	K	Indianapolis	Eddy Piñeiro	K	Chicago
Corey Bojorquez	P	Buffalo	Robert Quinn	DE	Chicago
Trystan Colon-Castillo	C	Baltimore	Rakeem Nunez-Roches	DL	Tampa Bay
Michael Davis	CB	L.A. Chargers	Cesar Ruiz	C	New Orleans
Jon Feliciano	G	Buffalo	Rigoberto Sanchez	P	Indianapolis
Max Garcia	G	Arizona	Andrew Sendejo	S	Cleveland
Zane Gonzalez	K	Arizona	*Kenny Stills (pictured, above)*	*WR*	*Houston*
Will Hernandez	G	N.Y. Giants	Alejandro Villanueva	T	Pittsburgh

INTERNATIONAL PLAYER PATHWAY PROGRAM
EXPANDS TO NFC EAST

The International Player Pathway Program was instituted in 2017 and aims to provide international athletes the chance to compete at the NFL level, improve their skills and ultimately compete for a spot on an NFL roster. This season four NFC East clubs will carry an additional overseas player on their practice squad as part of the program.

On his experience, 2019 participant and New England Patriots fullback, **JAKOB JOHNSON** said, "You come in everyday to work and try to get better. If it's good enough, you get the call." Johnson said NFL interest in Germany is on the rise with more online streaming availability. "NFL has been getting bigger every year. When I started with football, the only game you could watch was the Super Bowl. Now you can watch pretty much every regular-season game."

The 2020 players are: **ISAAC ALARCON** (Dallas Cowboys), a Mexican offensive tackle who won the 2019 national championship while at ITESM Monterrey, **DAVID BADA** (Washington Football Team), a former football player in Germany where he played for the Schwabisch Hall Unicorns, **MATT LEO** (Philadelphia Eagles), a former ruby player in Australia and football player at Iowa State, and **SANDRO PLATZGUMMER** (New York Giants), a former football player in Austria where he played for the Swarco Raiders Tirol.

"For every football player, the NFL is always the biggest goal. To get a change here now makes me incredibly proud and I'm really looking forward to it."

-Washington 2020 Player Pathway Participant
DAVID BADA

This year marks the first time Austria and Mexico are represented in the program, by Sandro Platzgummer and Isaac Alarcon, as the NFL continues to expand its international reach.

After the NFL conducted an International Combine in Germany last October, the players received additional training and development alongside NFL players and draft hopefuls in Florida at IMG Academy this winter.

"On the one hand, it is a relief feeling because you have worked towards the goal for a year. I have proven myself from the invitation to the tests in Germany to the training camp in Florida. And for being looked at in the first place, you have to make a name for yourself," said Platzgummer. "The Raiders are very helpful there. But in addition to the relief, there is also a great deal of tension and anticipation, because it is only now really starting."

The NFC East was chosen in a random draw to carry an additional international player on each of their practice squads. These teams will carry the players on their rosters through training camp, then they will become eligible for an international player practice squad exemption. With such exemptions, the teams may have an extra practice squad member that is ineligible to be activated during the 2020 season.

Additionally, three participants from the 2019 program will return to their AFC East teams for the 2020 season: New England Patriots Fullback **JAKOB JOHNSON** from Germany, Miami Dolphins defensive tackle **DURVAL QUEIROZ NETO** from Brazil, and Buffalo Bills running back and kick returner **CHRISTIAN WADE** from England.

"The OTA's and mini-camps and all the playbooks, the meetings, the conditioning and the training room was so crazy, but this is what I love," said Durval Queiroz Neto. "This is what I want to do for the rest of my life."

"It has been a success to come across, learn the game, participate in practice at full-speed and to play in preseason. I just want to keep improving. I'm going to give it the same energy as I did last year and see where that gets me," said Wade.

INTERNATIONAL PLAYER PATHWAY PROGRAM
EXPANDS TO NFC EAST

NEW PLAYERS TAKING PART IN THE
2020 INTERNATIONAL PLAYER PATHWAY PROGRAM

PLAYER	BIO
ISAAC ALARCON OT, Dallas (Mexico)	Represented Mexico at the U19 World Championships facing Team USA, Canada and Japan. Attended ITESM Monterrey, where he saw action at both right and left tackle. While at the university, he won the 2019 national championship and was selected to the CONADEIP all-star team.
DAVID BADA DE, Washington (Germany)	Competed in the German Football League's top division for the Schwabisch Hall Unicorns. Had previously played for the Ingolstadt Dukes, where he developed as a pass rusher.
MATT LEO DE, Philadelphia (Australia)	Played rugby while growing up in Australia. Earned a scholarship to Arizona Western College, then transferred to Iowa State. Was redshirted for one year and finished his eligibility by playing for two years as a defensive end. In 2019, Leo played in all 13 game, posting 14 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and one sack. A liberal studies major, he was First-Team Academic All-Big 12 Conference in 2019.
SANDRO PLATZGUMMER RB, New York Giants (Austria)	Participated in youth football leagues while growing up in Austria. Represented Austria on their U19 team and competed on the senior team in the 2018 European Championships. In 2019, Platzgummer played running back for the Swarco Raiders Tirol of the Austrian Football League with nearly 1000 total yards and 15 total touchdowns.

INTERNATIONAL PLAYER PATHWAY PROGRAM
EXPANDS TO NFC EAST

RETURNING PLAYERS FROM THE
2019 INTERNATIONAL PLAYER PATHWAY PROGRAM

PLAYER	BIO
JAKOB JOHNSON FB, New England (Germany)	Johnson made his NFL debut during the 2019 season in a Week 3 win against the New York Jets. His first NFL start came the following week in Buffalo where he contributed as a lead blocker. And in Week 5 he made his first career reception for five yards against Washington. Originally assigned to the Patriots through the International Pathway Program, the Patriots elected to forgo that option and make him a regular member of their 10-man practice squad, which gave them the option of promoting him to their active roster. Prior to the NFL, Johnson played for the Stuttgart Scorpions of the German Football League before moving to Jacksonville where he played one season of high school football in the United States. He was then recruited by the University of Tennessee.
DURVAL QUEIROZ NETO DT, Miami (Brazil)	Played domestically in Brazil for the past four seasons on the two best teams in Brazil. A judo champion prior to playing football, he is known for his tremendous athletic ability and a willingness to learn. Spent the 2019 season on the Miami Dolphins' practice squad.
CHRISTIAN WADE (below) RB, Buffalo Bills (UK) 	Represented the English National Rugby Team at the U16, U18, U20 and senior levels. Was selected to the British and Irish Lions squad, the highest honor for a rugby player. His 82 Premiership Rugby tries (touchdowns) ranks third on the league's all-time list. A projected running back, he has outstanding athletic ability and a versatile skill set. Spent the 2019 season on the Buffalo Bills' practice squad. Wade raised eyebrows during the 2019 preseason with two long runs, showcasing his superior speed.

INTERNATIONAL PLAYER SPOTLIGHT:
LAURENT DUVERNAY-TARDIF

Typically, in the months of January and February, NFL players who are still contending for the Lombardi Trophy would only be able to focus on just that – the Lombardi Trophy. Kansas City Chiefs offensive lineman and Canada native, **LAURENT DUVERNAY-TARDIF**, also spent this time reading up on COVID-19, the virus that would soon affect his offseason.

This offseason was anything but the norm, especially for the six-year Kansas City veteran. Duvernay-Tardif's main responsibilities revolve around protecting his quarterback, Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes. This offseason, Duvernay-Tardif knew he would need to put a different skillset to use in order to protect a much larger group of people.

Before being drafted in 2014, the Canada native earned his medical degree from McGill University, making him the first active player in the NFL to hold that degree, by utilizing the NFL's Continuing Education Program. In conjunction with the NFLPA, the Continuing Education Program, which assists players with completing their undergraduate degree, pursuing graduate studies and utilizing other educational opportunities to prepare for life after football. Prior to COVID-19 making its way across the globe, Duvernay-Tardif planned to start his residency toward becoming a physician. However, once the virus started spreading at a more rapid pace, he knew he needed to do whatever he could to help out.

"Soon into the crisis I started to ask how I could help," Duvernay-Tardif said. "I reached out to the health ministry and public health authorities but found out that I fell into a gray area where they didn't know what to do with me, because I didn't have a license to practice – yet."

On April 24, he started what was originally supposed to be nine weeks of working in a long-term care facility outside of Montreal. However, following the agreement between the NFL and the NFLPA to allow players to opt out of the 2020 season, the Chiefs offensive lineman decided it was his duty to continue to serve his community in the battle against COVID-19.

In a statement letting the NFL community know of his decision, Duvernay-Tardif said, "I cannot allow myself to potentially transmit the virus in our communities simply to play the sport that I love. If I am to take risks, I will do it caring for patients."

Duvernay-Tardif has taken on more of a nursing role during this time - filling in for workers who had already been in place, handling the medication cart, and administering the correct dosages to patients.

"Playing in the Super Bowl versus heading back to the medical system during a pandemic is totally different. Back in February, I knew that 100 million-plus people were going to be watching, and I wanted to win," Duvernay Tardif described. "When you're going in to help, it's more about your duty as a doctor and a citizen. It's not the time to be the hero and be impulsive. You've got to do it the right way."

Currently serving on the NFLPA's task force, Duvernay-Tardif is able to put his medical knowledge to use by helping examine possible scenarios and the different types of safety measures that would need to be put in place once the NFL season kicks off in the fall. Joining the task force's conference calls has enabled him to share the perspective of a player and has given him the opportunity to gain valuable knowledge, which will benefit him during his career and after, from doctors across the country.

NFL games will be televised in more than 190 countries and territories. With 80 media partners globally, NFL games and content will be broadcasted in more than 25 languages during the 2020 season.

NFL Game Pass International is the OTT streaming platform of the NFL. Game Pass subscribers can consume NFL Football 24/7, year-round, with access to live games, NFL RedZone, NFL Network, on-demand content and much more.

NFL Game Pass International is available on desktop and mobile web at www.nflgamepass.com. Fans can also access on most smartphones, tablets and connected TV devices via the Game Pass app.

*NFL Game Pass International is not available in the U.S., Canada and China.

A LOOK AT NFL INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL HANDLES

COUNTRY	SOCIAL PLATFORM	HANDLE
Australia	Instagram	@NFLAustralia
Australia	Twitter	@NFLAustralia
Brazil	Instagram	@NFLBrasil
Brazil	Twitter	@NFLBrasil
Canada	Instragram	@NFLCanada
Canada	Twitter	@NFLCanada
Germany	Instagram	@NFLDeutschland
Germany	Twitter	@NFLDeutschland
Mexico	Instagram	@NFLMX
Mexico	Twitter	@NFLMX
United Kingdom	Instagram	@NFLUK
United Kingdom	Twitter	@NFLUK

During the 2019 season, NFL International social channels saw exponential growth. Instagram following grew at a 34% increase and Twitter following grew at a 13% increase.

Since 2017, NFL Clubs engage and communicate directly with their Chinese fans through a League-supported program which established a presence for each of the 32 NFL Clubs on Weibo – China's version of Twitter.

The NFL further expanded its offering to fans in China by launching an official NFL shop on Tmall Global, the B2C e-marketplace of Alibaba Group. The store is operated by Fanatics and provides all NFL fans in China with access to the widest selection of officially licensed NFL merchandise online.

The new shop underlines the commitment of the NFL to the Chinese market where the legue has focused on developing its growing fanbase. Fan avidity and passion for the game is increasing through strategic cooperation with national and regional media partners, and focused marketing efforts to engage fans and grow the sport of football. In the last year, the NFL in China has seen double-digit growth in total fans, digital viewership, and social engagement - demonstrating strength in fandom and loyalty.

NFL AND SKY SPORTS UNVEIL 'SKY SPORTS NFL' CHANNEL IN THE UK AND REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Sky and the NFL have agreed a new five-year deal to broadcast the NFL, and for the first time ever the league will partner with an international broadcaster to launch a channel dedicated to the sport.

The agreement marks the 25th anniversary of live NFL coverage on Sky Sports and will see 'Sky Sports NFL' launching from September 3 ahead of the 2020 season, which kicks off on September 10.

The brand new in-season channel will be the round-the-clock home of the NFL on television in the UK and Republic of Ireland from the regular season through to the playoffs, with Super Bowl LV live from Raymond James Stadium in Tampa on February 7.

Sky Sports NFL viewers can look forward to the following:

• Minimum of five live games each week
• First-pick exclusive game on Sky Sports in the 6pm and 9pm slots every Sunday
• Every Thursday Night, Sunday Night and Monday Night Football
• NFL RedZone
• Every minute of every playoff game, Pro Bowl and Super Bowl live
• Flagship programming from NFL Network, including the popular Good Morning Football and Total Access shows
• Award-winning documentaries and other content from NFL Films and NBC Sports
• Brand new weekly shows to review the action and discuss the stories of the league, including original Sky Sports programming
• Increased coverage across Sky Sports News, digital and social platforms
• And much more…

"Sky Sports has been a fantastic broadcast partner for a quarter of a century," said NFL Commissioner **ROGER GOODELL**. "This new five-year agreement and the launch of a dedicated Sky Sports NFL channel will undoubtedly continue our rapid growth in the UK and Ireland. We are excited that our expanded partnership with Sky will provide even more NFL content to our millions of UK and Irish fans."

STEPHAN VAN ROOYEN, Chief Executive Officer, Sky UK & Europe said: "We are proud of our quarter-century partnership with the NFL and are hugely excited about launching a dedicated channel, which will be a first for the NFL with an international broadcaster. Sky Sports NFL will allow us to take our customers even closer to the sport.

"Sky Sports has shown live NFL since 1995 and played a big role in growing the sport in the UK and Ireland over the last 25 years. Now, as part of Comcast, we are excited about taking our partnership to a whole new level. Our viewers are passionate sports fans and we look forward to capturing the drama of the NFL for another five years."

Sky Sports NFL, which will be Channel 407 on the Sky platform, will bring viewers the story of the entire season, which begins as reigning Super Bowl champions Kansas City Chiefs take on the Houston Texans on September 10. Sky Sports NFL joins the broadcaster's portfolio of dedicated channels for Premier League, Football, Cricket, F1 and Golf.

The channel launch marks another important step in the development of the NFL in the UK. Building on the 28 regular-season games the NFL has staged in London since 2007, the league has developed a nationwide Flag Football programme, launched its NFL Academy in London, regularly produces large-scale fans events across the UK, and partnered with local charities to deliver programmes that use the sport of American football to reach disadvantaged sectors of the community.

FLAG FOOTBALL TO JOIN
THE WORLD GAMES 2022

The World Games 2022 will look a little different with the addition of flag football to the existing lineup of 32 unique, multi-disciplinary sports. In partnership with the International World Games Association (IWGA) and International Federation of American Football (IFAF), the National Football League (NFL) will be the presenting sponsor of flag football at The World Games 2022.

"Being a part of the sports program in The World Games 2022 formalizes flag football as an international sport, which promotes the values and benefits of the game to fans around the world," said NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations **TROY VINCENT**.

Flag football affords men and women, boys and girls, of all ages, body type, and athletic skill the opportunity to enjoy the values, fun and competitive environment that only football offers."

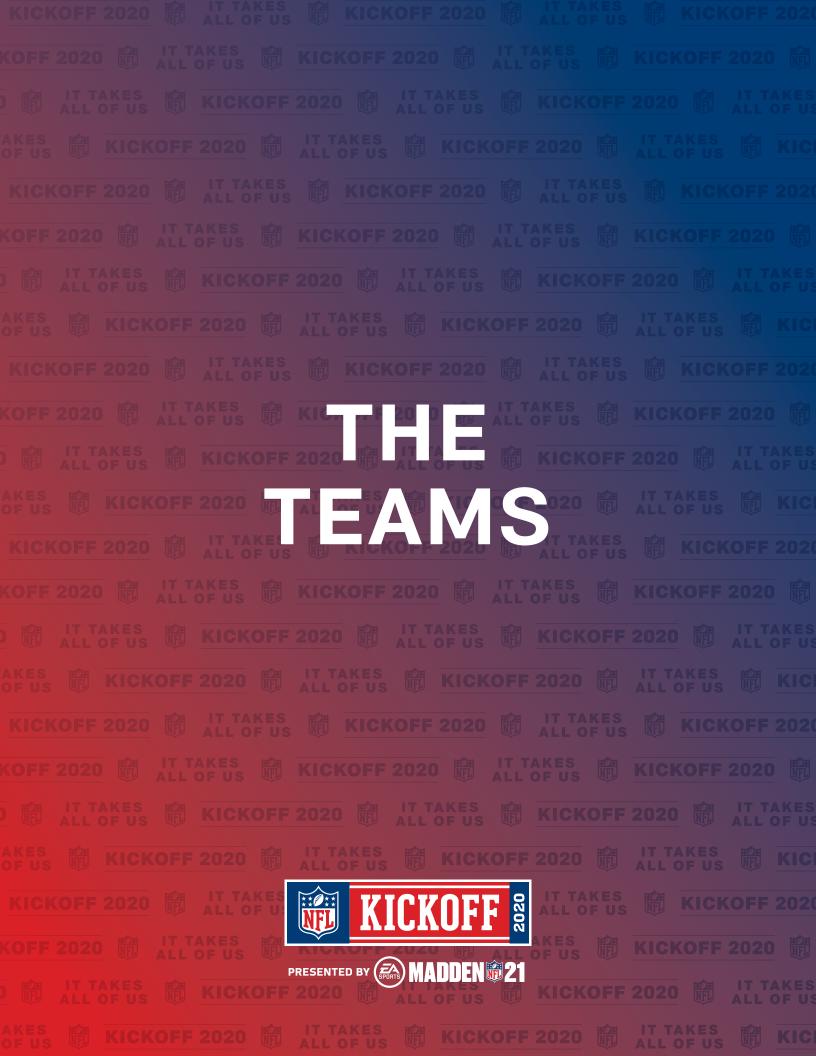*-NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations*
TROY VINCENT

Flag Football @TWG2022 Presented by the NFL will feature eight men's and women's teams who will compete from around the world at Birmingham, Alabama's historic Legion Field to capture first place and a gold medal. United States men's and women's teams pre-quality for The World Games 2022, as both groups are current reigning world champions. The remaining seven international teams will be selected through the IFAF qualifying process.

"We are excited for flag football to join the official lineup of The World Games in 2022, a competitive stage for football players from around the globe to showcase their skills," said NFL Chief Operating Officer of International **DAMANI LEECH**. "The NFL is committed to opportunities for athletes from around the world to participate in all levels of football and has been supportive of IFAF's work to bring flag football to The World Games, a great step forward in their long-term Olympic pursuits. We will be closely following the qualifying events which determine the top men's and women's flag football teams to compete in Birmingham."

The World Games 2022 will be an extraordinary Olympic-style sports experience where elite athletes from all over the world compete for gold. The World Games was established by the International World Games Association, an organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee and features 3,600 athletes from more than 100 countries, competing in 33 sports over 11 days in 25 venues. The games will take place July 7-17, 2022 in Birmingham, Alabama.

NFL FLAG

The World Games
2022 BIRMINGHAM, USA

THE TEAMS

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: TEAMS

CAROLINA PANTHERS need five wins to reach 200 regular season wins in franchise history. The Panthers all-time regular season record is 195-204-1 entering the 2020 season.

GREEN BAY PACKERS enter 2020 with 791 wins as a franchise, including the postseason – the most in NFL history – and can become the first club to reach 800 wins. The **CHICAGO BEARS** enter 2020 with 786 wins, including the postseason, and can also reach the 800-win milestone this season.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS have won at least 10 games in five consecutive seasons. With 10 wins in 2020, they can become the fifth franchise to win at least 10 games in six consecutive seasons. The Chiefs enter with 2020 with 494 wins, including the postseason, and can reach the 500-win mark this season.

LAS VEGAS RAIDERS need two wins to reach 500, including the postseason. The Raiders enter the season with a record of 498-451-11, including the postseason.

LOS ANGELES RAMS need two wins to become the seventh franchise to reach 600. The Rams have a record of 598-595-21, including the postseason.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS need 12 wins to reach 500 regular season wins in franchise history. The Vikings enter 2020 with an all-time regular season record of 488-403-11.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS have won at least 10 games in 17 consecutive seasons, the longest streak in league history. The Patriots have won at least 10 games every year since going 9-7 in 2002.

The teams with the most consecutive seasons with at least 10 wins in NFL history:

TEAM	CONSECUTIVE 10-WIN SEASONS
New England	*17 (2003-present)*
San Francisco	16 (1983-98)
Indianapolis	9 (2002-10)
Dallas	7 (1975-81)
Four tied	6

NEW YORK GIANTS need four wins to become the third franchise to reach 700 regular season wins, joining Green Bay and Chicago. The Giants enter the season with an all-time regular season record of 696-608-33.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS enter 2020 with 36 winning seasons (nine-or-more wins) since 1970, the most in the league over that span.

The teams with the most winning seasons since 1970:

TEAM	WINNING SEASONS
Pittsburgh	*36*
New England	34
Dallas	33
Minnesota	31
Miami	30

CHIEFS WIN SUPER BOWL LIV

The Kansas City Chiefs won their second Super Bowl title in franchise history and first since 1969 last season, when they defeated the San Francisco 49ers, 31-20, in Super Bowl LIV in Miami.

After trailing 20-10 entering the fourth quarter, Kansas City scored 21 unanswered points to complete the second-largest comeback in Super Bowl history.

Quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** (right, with trophy, top) was named Super Bowl MVP after passing for 286 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for 29 yards and a touchdown. At 24 years, 138 days old, Mahomes became the youngest quarterback and third-youngest player to win Super Bowl MVP.

"I think it's a tremendous accomplishment. More than anything, it's just an accomplishment for such a young kid to come out and just perform as well as he's had and remain poised under pressure," said Kansas City Offensive Coordinator **ERIC BIENIEMY** about Mahomes after the game. "He's a come early, stay late guy. He strives for perfection in order to achieve excellence. That's just who he is."

Mahomes began the Chiefs' stretch of scoring three touchdowns in the final 6:13 of the game with a one-yard touchdown pass to tight end **TRAVIS KELCE** (right, with trophy, bottom).

It marked Kelce's fourth touchdown reception in the 2019 postseason, tied for the second-most by a tight end in a single postseason.

Mahomes then threw a five-yard score to running back **DAMIEN WILLIAMS** (right, 26) with just under three minutes left, and Williams sealed the game with a 38-yard touchdown run with 1:12 remaining.

Williams totaled 133 scrimmage yards (104 rushing, 29 receiving) in the contest and his six touchdowns during the 2019 postseason are tied for the third-most by any player in a single postseason.

CHIEFS WIN SUPER BOWL LIV

Kansas City's Super Bowl performance continued their trend of comebacks in the 2019 postseason. In the Divisional Round, they defeated the Houston Texans, 51-31, after trailing 24-0, becoming the first team in NFL history to win a playoff game by at least 20 points after trailing in that game by at least 20 points.

In the AFC Championship game, the Chiefs defeated the Tennessee Titans, 35-24, after trailing 10-0. With their Super Bowl comeback, the Chiefs became the first team in league annals to win three postseason games in which they trailed by at least 10 points.

Head Coach **ANDY REID** (right, top) is one of eight head coaches in league history with at least 200 wins (207) and captured his long-awaited first Super Bowl victory in 2019.

"I don't think he needed the Lombardi Trophy to prove he's one of the best coaches of all-time," said Mahomes. "But just to do that, it puts all doubt aside, and he's going to be listed as one of the all-time great coaches in history whenever he wants to be done, which I hope is not anytime soon."

On the path to Super Bowl LIV, the Chiefs finished the regular season 12-4 and won the AFC West for the fourth consecutive year, the longest streak in franchise history. They finished fifth in scoring offense (28.2 points per game), while ranking seventh in the NFL in scoring defense (19.3 points allowed per game).

Kansas City's success as a team can be attributed to a high-level of play from the team's core group of talent, as six Chiefs earned Pro Bowl accolades in 2019, including defensive end **FRANK CLARK** (first), rookie return specialist **MECOLE HARDMAN** (first), wide receiver **TYREEK HILL** (fourth), defensive tackle **CHRIS JONES** (first), Kelce (fifth) and Mahomes (second).

"I can't think of a better conclusion to the 100th season of the NFL than receiving the Lombardi Trophy. I'm so happy for our players, coaches and fans, and especially Andy Reid. Nobody deserves this trophy more than Andy Reid."

- Chiefs Chairman and CEO CLARK HUNT (above)

SUPER BOWL FOLLOW-UPS

How Super Bowl winners fared the following season, with teams that repeated in bold and italic (eight Super Bowl winners won the title game the next year and five lost it):

Season	Super Bowl	Winner	Next Season
1966	*I*	*Green Bay*	*Won Super Bowl*
1967	II	Green Bay	Missed playoffs
1968	III	New York Jets	Lost in first round
1969	IV	Kansas City	Missed playoffs
1970	V	Baltimore	Lost AFC Championship Game
1971	VI	Dallas	Lost NFC Championship Game
1972	*VII*	*Miami*	*Won Super Bowl*
1973	VIII	Miami	Lost in first round
1974	*IX*	*Pittsburgh*	*Won Super Bowl*
1975	X	Pittsburgh	Lost AFC Championship Game
1976	XI	Oakland	Lost AFC Championship Game
1977	XII	Dallas	Lost Super Bowl
1978	*XIII*	*Pittsburgh*	*Won Super Bowl*
1979	XIV	Pittsburgh	Missed playoffs
1980	XV	Oakland	Missed playoffs
1981	XVI	San Francisco	Missed playoffs
1982	XVII	Washington	Lost Super Bowl
1983	XVIII	L.A. Raiders	Lost Wild Card Game
1984	XIX	San Francisco	Lost Wild Card Game
1985	XX	Chicago	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1986	XXI	New York Giants	Missed playoffs
1987	XXII	Washington	Missed playoffs
1988	*XXIII*	*San Francisco*	*Won Super Bowl*
1989	XXIV	San Francisco	Lost NFC Championship Game
1990	XXV	New York Giants	Missed playoffs
1991	XXVI	Washington	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1992	*XXVII*	*Dallas*	*Won Super Bowl*
1993	XXVIII	Dallas	Lost NFC Championship Game
1994	XXIX	San Francisco	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1995	XXX	Dallas	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1996	XXXI	Green Bay	Lost Super Bowl
1997	*XXXII*	*Denver*	*Won Super Bowl*
1998	XXXIII	Denver	Missed playoffs

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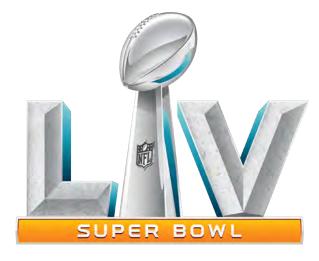
Season	Super Bowl	Winner	Next Season
1999	XXXIV	St. Louis	Lost Wild Card Game
2000	XXXV	Baltimore	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
2001	XXXVI	New England	Missed playoffs
2002	XXXVII	Tampa Bay	Missed playoffs
2003	*XXXVIII*	*New England*	*Won Super Bowl*
2004	XXXIX	New England	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
2005	XL	Pittsburgh	Missed playoffs
2006	XLI	Indianapolis	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
2007	XLII	New York Giants	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
2008	XLIII	Pittsburgh	Missed playoffs
2009	XLIV	New Orleans	Lost NFC Wild Card Game
2010	XLV	Green Bay	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
2011	XLVI	New York Giants	Missed playoffs
2012	XLVII	Baltimore	Missed playoffs
2013	XLVIII	Seattle	Lost Super Bowl
2014	XLIX	New England	Lost AFC Championship Game
2015	50	Denver	Missed playoffs
2016	LI	New England	Lost Super Bowl
2017	LII	Philadelphia	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
2018	LIII	New England	Lost Wild Card Game
2019	LIV	Kansas City	????

TAMPA BAY

LOMBARDI TROPHY
BY THE NUMBERS

Immediately following a Super Bowl victory, the winner is presented with the **VINCE LOMBARDI TROPHY**.

After the trophy is presented, it is then returned to Tiffany & Co. for any repairs and the engraving of the Super Bowl team names and the final score onto the base. It then goes back to the winning team for permanent possession.

"Tiffany & Co. creates many of the world's greatest championship trophies, and the Vince Lombardi Trophy is certainly one of them. Made by Tiffany artisans, who use age-old silversmithing techniques from the 1800's, the Vince Lombardi Trophy is a lasting tribute to the athletes' dedication and goal of greatness."

-Tiffany & Co. Vice President of Category Marketing,
VICTORIA WIRTH REYNOLDS

7 POUNDS HEAVY

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LOMBARDI TROPHY QUICK FACTS	
Made of:	Sterling Silver*
Year Designed:	1967
Sketched by	Oscar Riedener**
Crafted by:	Hand
Made in:	Cumberland, RI
Made by:	Tiffany Co.

*Including nuts and bolts

**Former Tiffany & Co. Vice President of Design

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

The **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** won the NFC West with a 13-3 record in 2019 and advanced to their first Super Bowl since the 2012 season. The 49ers, who were 4-12 in 2018, became the third team to advance to a Super Bowl after winning four-or-fewer games the prior season, joining the 1999 St. Louis Rams (4-12 in 1998) and the 1988 Cincinnati Bengals (4-11 in 1987).

San Francisco clinched their division title with a road victory on *Sunday Night Football* in Week 17, defeating Seattle, 26-21, behind a fourth down goal line stop by linebacker **DRE GREENLAW** with :12 seconds remaining.

The No. 1 seeded 49ers defeated the Vikings, 27-10, in the Divisional playoffs, as the San Francisco defense held Minnesota to 21 net rushing yards and seven total first downs. In the NFC Championship game, San Francisco earned a trip to Super Bowl LIV with a 37-20 win over Green Bay.

Running back **RAHEEM MOSTERT** rushed for 220 yards against the Packers, the second-most ever in an NFL postseason game, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer **ERIC DICKERSON**'s 248 rushing yards for the Los Angeles Rams on January 4, 1986. Mostert also became the third player in postseason history to rush for at least four touchdowns in a single game, joining **RICKY WATTERS** (five) and **LEGARRETTE BLOUNT** (four).

During the 2019 regular season, the 49ers offense ranked second in points per game (29.9) and fourth in total offense (381.1 yards per game). Quarterback **JIMMY GAROPPOLO**, who finished with a 102 passer rating, joined Pro Football Hall of Famers **JOE MONTANA** and **STEVE YOUNG** as the only 49ers players to finish a season with a passer rating of 100 or higher since 1950. Garoppolo, who has a regular-season career .808 winning percentage as a starter (21-5), became the sixth quarterback to win at least 20 of his first 25 starts during the Super Bowl era.

Tight end **GEORGE KITTLE** led the team with 85 receptions for 1,053 receiving yards, the third-most among tight ends during the 2019 season. Kittle has 2,945 career receiving yards and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **MIKE DITKA** (2,774) for the most receiving yards by a tight end in their first three seasons in league annals.

Rookie wide receiver **DEEBO SAMUEL** emerged as one of Garopollo's primary targets, ranking fourth among all rookies in receptions (57) and receiving yards (802). He totaled three games with at least 100 receiving yards in 2019, the most by a rookie in franchise history.

Defensively, the 49ers allowed the second-fewest total yards of offense in the league (281.8 per game) and led the NFL with 21 forced fumbles. From Weeks 5-7, they became the sixth team since 1990 and the first since the 2005 **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** (Weeks 13-15) to allow seven or fewer points and 200 or fewer net yards of offense in three consecutive games.

Cornerback **RICHARD SHERMAN**, as part of a San Francisco defense that allowed the fewest pass yards against per game (169.2) last season, led the team with 11 passes defensed and three interceptions. Sherman is the league's active leader with 35 career interceptions.

The No. 2 overall selection in the 2019 NFL Draft, defensive lineman **NICK BOSA** made his presence felt immediately, recording seven sacks in his first seven games, tied for the second-most by a player in his first seven games since 1982. The 2019 Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year, he continued his excellent first year through the postseason, becoming the third rookie since 1982 to record at least four sacks in a single postseason.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

In 2019, the **GREEN BAY PACKERS** (13-3) won the NFC North for the sixth time in the past nine seasons and advanced to the NFC Championship Game for the first time since 2016. With 13 regular season wins, head coach **MATT LAFLEUR** became the fifth coach in NFL history to win at least 13 games during his first season and became the first head coach to reach the Conference Championship in his first season since **JIM HARBAUGH** led San Francisco to the NFC Championship in 2011.

COACH	TEAM	SEASON	RECORD
Matt LaFleur	*GB*	*2019*	*13-3*
Jim Harbaugh	SF	2011	13-3
Jim Caldwell	IND	2009	14-2
Steve Mariucci	SF	1997	13-3
George Seifert	SF	1989	14-2

Offensively last season, quarterback **AARON RODGERS** registered his eighth career season with at least 4,000 passing yards (4,002), while throwing 26 touchdowns to just four interceptions. In Week 7, he became the third player with at least 400 passing yards, five touchdown passes and a rushing touchdown in a single game in NFL history, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **NORM VAN BROCKLIN** (Week 1, 1951) and **MARK RYPIEN** (Week 11, 1991).

Additionally, running back **AARON JONES** tied for the league lead in both scrimmage touchdowns (19) and rushing touchdowns (16), the second-most rushing touchdowns in a single season in franchise history. In Week 5, he became the fourth player since 1950 with at least 100 rushing yards, 75 receiving yards and four rushing touchdowns in a single game.

Defensively, linebackers **ZA'DARIUS SMITH** (13.5 sacks) and **PRESTON SMITH** (12) made instant impacts during their first seasons with the team, becoming the first pair of Green Bay teammates each with at least 12 sacks in a single season since the individual sack became an official statistic in 1982. Additionally, cornerbacks **JAIRE ALEXANDER** (17 passes defensed) and **KEVIN KING** (15) were one of two pairs of teammates to each register at least 15 passes defensed during the 2019 season.

Five Packers earned Pro Bowl accolades in 2019, including wide receiver **DAVANTE ADAMS** (third), tackle **DAVID BAKHTIARI** (second), defensive lineman **KENNY CLARK** (first), quarterback **AARON RODGERS** (eighth) and linebacker **ZA'DARIUS SMITH** (first).

TENNESSEE TITANS

In 2019, the Tennessee Titans advanced to their first AFC Championship Game since the 2002 season after going 9-7 in the regular season and pulling off a pair of postseason road upsets.

In the Wild Card round, the sixth-seeded Titans traveled to New England to defeat the Patriots, 20-13, led by running back **DERRICK HENRY**'s 182 rushing yards.

Next week in the Divisional round, Tennessee defeated the top-seeded Ravens in Baltimore, 28-12, becoming the first six seed to reach the Conference Championship since 2010.

Henry, who rushed for 195 yards in the Divisional playoffs, became the first player in league history with two games of at least 175 rushing yards in the same postseason and his 377 combined rushing yards in the Wild Card and Divisional round were the most by a player in the first two games of a single postseason in NFL history.

In addition to Henry, Tennessee's offense in 2019 featured an impressive season from quarterback **RYAN TANNEHILL**. He led the league with a 117.5 passer rating after taking over at the team's starter in Week 7, the fourth-highest single-season mark in league annals (minimum 100 attempts).

PLAYERS WITH THE HIGHEST SINGLE-SEASON PASSER RATING IN NFL HISTORY (MIN. 100 ATTEMPTS)

Player	Rating
AARON RODGERS GREEN BAY (2011)	122.5
PEYTON MANNING INDIANAPOLIS (2004)	121.1
NICK FOLES PHILADELPHIA (2013)	119.2
RYAN TANNEHILL TENNESSEE (2019)	117.5
TOM BRADY NEW ENGLAND (2007)	117.2

One of Tannehill's favorite weapons throughout the season proved to be rookie wide receiver **A.J. BROWN**, who led all rookies with 1,051 receiving yards in 2019, becoming the second rookie in franchise history with at least 1,000 receiving yards.

He became the first rookie with at least 1,000 receiving yards since **MICHAEL THOMAS** in 2016.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS IN THE FIRST TWO GAMES OF A SINGLE POSTSEASON IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Yards
DERRICK HENRY TENNESSEE (2019)	377
TERRELL DAVIS^{HOF} DENVER (1998)	366
LE'VEON BELL PITTSBURGH (2016)	337

The Titans also joined the 2007 Chargers (**LA'DANIAN TOMLINSON**) and 2005 Seahawks (**SHAUN ALEXANDER**) as the only teams to make a championship game in the same season they have the league's leading rusher since 2000.

In 2020, the Titans will look to make the postseason for consecutive seasons for the first time since 2007-08. Head Coach **MIKE VRABEL**, who went 9-7 in each of his first two seasons as head coach, will look to finish with a winning record in each of his first three seasons as head coach.

HISTORIC OFFENSE
2019 RAVENS

The 2019 Baltimore Ravens finished the season with a league-high and franchise-record 14 regular season wins, while their offense rewrote several NFL records along the way.

Led by quarterback **LAMAR JACKSON** (1,206 rushing yards) and running back **MARK INGRAM** (1,018), the Ravens offense totaled 3,296 rushing yards, the most by a team in a single season in league annals.

Quarterback Lamar Jackson's 1,206 rushing yards were the most by a quarterback in a single season in league annals, while running back Mark Ingram rushed for 1,018 yards in his first season with Baltimore and became the first Ravens running back to surpass 1,000 rushing yards since 2014.

With Jackson and Ingram, the 2019 Ravens became the seventh team in NFL history and first since the 2009 Carolina Panthers to have two players with at least 1,000 rushing yards in a single season.

TEAMS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

Team	Yards
2019 BALTIMORE RAVENS	3,296
1978 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	3,165
1973 BUFFALO BILLS	3,088

Baltimore averaged 206 rushing yards per game, becoming the first team since the 1977 Chicago Bears to average more than 200 rushing yards per game in a single season.

In total, they rushed for at least 200 yards in nine different games in 2019, tied for the third-most such games in a single season in NFL history.

TEAMS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 200+ RUSHING YARDS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

Team	Games
1978 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	11 GAMES
1973 BUFFALO BILLS	10 GAMES
2019 BALTIMORE RAVENS	9 GAMES
1976 PITTSBURGH STEELERS	9 GAMES
1973 LOS ANGELES RAMS	9 GAMES
1936 DETROIT LIONS	9 GAMES

TEAMS WITH TWO PLAYERS EACH RECORDING 1,000+ RUSHING YARDS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

Team	Players
2019 RAVENS	LAMAR JACKSON (1,206) / MARK INGRAM (1,018)
2009 PANTHERS	JONATHAN STEWART (1,133) / DEANGELO WILLIAMS (1,117)
2008 GIANTS	BRANDON JACOBS (1,089) / DERRICK WARD (1,025)
2006 FALCONS	WARRICK DUNN (1,140) / MICHAEL VICK (1,039)
1985 BROWNS	KEVIN MACK (1,104) / EARNEST BYNER (1,002)
1976 STEELERS	FRANCO HARRIS[HOF] (1,128) / ROCKY BLEIER (1,036)
1972 DOLPHINS	LARRY CSONKA[HOF] (1,117) / MERCURY MORRIS (1,000)

HISTORIC DEFENSE
2019 PATRIOTS

En route to their 11th consecutive AFC East division title, the New England Patriots featured a historic defense that led the league in scoring defense (14.1 points allowed per game) and total defense (275.9 yards allowed per game) last season. The team's scoring defense ranked fourth among all teams over the past 15 seasons.

THE TEAMS WITH THE FEWEST POINTS ALLOWED PER GAME SINCE 2005

2006 BALTIMORE RAVENS	12.6
2005 CHICAGO BEARS	12.6
2008 PITTSBURGH STEELERS	13.9
2019 NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	14.1
2011 PITTSBURGH STEELERS	14.2

Beginning the season 8-0, the Patriots had a +189-point differential through their first eight games, tied with the 1942 **CHICAGO BEARS** (+189) for the third-highest point different through a team's first eight games in NFL history.

Led by Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year **STEPHON GILMORE** (six interceptions), New England also led the NFL with 25 interceptions. Along with defensive backs **J.C. JACKSON** (five) and **DEVIN MCCOURTY** (five), the Patriots became the seventh team since 2000 and the first since the 2008 Green Bay Packers with three players with at least five interceptions each.

The teams with at least three players with five-or-more interceptions in a single season since 2000:

"FOR US, IT'S GETTING OFF ON THIRD DOWN AND TURNING THE FOOTBALL OVER. THAT GETS US FIRED UP BECAUSE WHEN YOU CAN DO THAT, YOU'RE GOING TO FRUSTRATE ANY TEAM."

- PATRIOTS DEFENSIVE BACK DEVIN MCCOURTY

TEAM	SEASON	PLAYERS
New England	*2019*	*3 (Stephon Gilmore, J.C. Jackson, Devin McCourty)*
Green Bay	2008	3 (Nick Collins, Tramon Williams, Charles Woodson)
Ravens	2006	3 (Dawan Landry, Chris McAlister, Ed Reed)
Cincinnati	2005	3 (Tory James, Deltha O'Neal, Odell Thurman)
Seattle	2004	3 (Michael Boulware, Ken Lucas, Marcus Trufant)
Minnesota	2003	3 (Corey Chavious, Brian Russell, Brian Williams)
Miami	2000	4 (Sam Madison, Brock Marion, Patrick Surtain, Brian Walker)

BEST INDICATOR?
RUN THE BALL

A tough, reliable running game allows an offense to command a game's pace. In the majority of contests, it can also control the game's result.

In 2019, NFL teams with a 100-yard rusher posted a 78-28 record for a .736 winning percentage. That rated higher than clubs with a 100-yard receiver (96-84-2, .533) or a 300-yard passer (69-61-2, .530).

Tennessee running back **DERRICK HENRY** led the NFL with 1,530 rushing yards and, including the postseason, had eight games in which he rushed for at least 100 yards, the most in the league.

The Titans were 8-0 in those games, accounting for all but three of their wins last season, as Henry helped the franchise reach their first AFC Championship Game since 2002.

Over the past five years, teams have compiled a 366-121-2 record (.751) when a player has eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark. By comparison, clubs with a 100-yard receiver have a .554 winning percentage (471-379-7), while offenses with a 300-yard passer have a .524 winning percentage (317-288-6).

"You see his size, that's the first thing you notice, there's not too many backs his size playing in the NFL. Then you pair that with his open field abilities, his speed that he can finish off those strong runs with, is what makes him extremely rare. "

-Tennessee QB Ryan Tannehil on Derrick Henry

100-YARD RUSHERS

YEAR	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
2015	73-23	.760
2016	68-27-1	.714
2017	68-17	.800
2018	79-26-1	.749
2019	78-28	.736
Total	*366-121-2*	*.751*

100-YARD RECEIVERS

YEAR	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
2015	120-96	.556
2016	94-73-2	.562
2017	78-52	.600
2018	83-74-3	.524
2019	96-84-2	.533
Total	*471-379-7*	*.554*

300-YARD PASSERS

YEAR	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
2015	69-63	.522
2016	56-60-2	.483
2017	58-39	.598
2018	65-65-2	.496
2019	69-61-2	.530
Total	*317-288-6*	*.524*

TURNOVERS ARE KEY
TO VICTORY

What is one of the keys to success in the NFL? Winning the turnover battle certainly ranks high on the list.

Last season, four of the top six teams in net turnover differential won their division: the **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** (+21, AFC East), **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** (+15, NFC South), **GREEN BAY PACKERS** (+12, NFC North) and **BALTIMORE RAVENS** (+10, AFC North), while all six made the postseason. The top six teams in turnover differential combined for an 73-23 record (.760).

The Patriots, led by Defensive Player of the Year cornerback **STEPHON GILMORE** (six interceptions, one fumble recovery) paced the NFL with a +21 turnover differential, the third-highest in franchise history. The **PITTSBURGH STEELERS**, led by linebacker **T.J. WATT** (eight forced fumbles, two interceptions), had a league-high 38 takeaways last season.

The teams with the best net turnover differential in 2019:

TEAM	NET DIFFERENTIAL	RECORD
New England	+21	12-4
New Orleans	+15	13-3
Green Bay	+12	13-3
Seattle	+12	11-5
Minnesota	+11	10-6
Baltimore	+10	14-2

"I DON'T THINK THERE'S A MORE IMPORTANT STAT IN PRO FOOTBALL. WHEN IT COMES TO TAKING CARE OF THE BALL AND BEING ABLE TO TAKE THE BALL AWAY, I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT OUR TIME HERE, I THINK WHEN WE'VE WON THAT BATTLE, WE'VE WON THE MAJORITY OF OUR GAMES."

– TEXANS HEAD COACH BILL O'BRIEN

THIRD-DOWN
CONVERSIONS

Excelling on third down extends drives and keeps your opponent off the field, which can be an important factor in winning games.

Last season, four of the top five teams in third-down conversion percentage won their division – **KANSAS CITY** (47.6 percent), **BALTIMORE** (47.1), **PHILADELPHIA** (45.4) and **SAN FRANCISCO** (45.0).

How the Division winners fared on third-down in 2019:

TEAM	3RD DOWN ATT	3RD DOWN CONV	3RD DOWN PCT
Kansas City	187	89	47.6
Baltimore	187	88	47.1
Philadelphia	229	104	45.4
San Francisco	200	90	45.0
Houston	193	84	43.5
New Orleans	192	81	42.2
New England	227	87	38.3
Green Bay	203	73	36.0

Converting on third down extends drives ultimately leading toward the end zone. Last season, seven of the nine teams to score at least 40 offensive touchdowns and convert at least 40 percent of third downs made the playoffs. Nine teams scored at least 45 offensive touchdowns last season, with seven advancing to the playoffs.

The teams to score at least 45 offensive touchdowns in 2019:

TEAM	OFFENSIVE TDs SCORED	3RD DOWN PCT
Baltimore*	58	47.1
San Francisco*	51	45.0
Tennessee*	50	37.8
Dallas	48	47.1
New Orleans*	48	42.2
Tampa Bay	48	41.5
Kansas City*	46	47.6
Seattle*	46	39.5
Minnesota*	45	42.8

*qualified for postseason

GOING FOR TWO

The two-point conversion has become an increasingly popular and important play in the NFL over the past few years.

Last season, the **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** and head coach **BRUCE ARIANS** (right) led the league in two-point conversions, converting on five of their six attempts (83.3 percent).

They became the eighth team since 1994, when the two-point conversion was instituted, to have at least five two-point conversions, while having a conversion rate of at least 80 percent. Only the 2014 Chicago Bears, who converted 100 percent (five of five) of their attempts, had a higher percentage.

In total, 54 two-point conversions were successful in 2019, the third-most in a single season since 1994. Three of the top four totals occurred in the last four seasons, including 66 conversions in 2018, the most since 1994.

In 2018, almost half of the league (15 teams) converted multiple two-point conversions throughout the regular season and seven teams were successful on at least three conversions.

Three teams – the **ARIZONA CARDINALS**, **BUFFALO BILLS** and **GREEN BAY PACKERS** – converted 100 percent of their two-point attempts (min. three attempts), as the 2019 season joined the 2014 season as the only seasons since 1994 featuring three teams with a 100 percent two-point conversion rate (min. three attempts).

SEASONS WITH THE MOST TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS SINCE 1994

2018: 66

1994: 59

2019: 54

2016: 51

TEAMS WITH 3+ SUCCESSFUL 2-POINT CONVERSIONS IN 2019

Team	Pct	Record
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	*83.3%*	*5-6*
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	*44.4%*	*4-9*
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	*57.1%*	*4-7*
ARIZONA CARDINALS	*100%*	*3-3*
BUFFALO BILLS	*100%*	*3-3*
GREEN BAY PACKERS	*100%*	*3-3*
NEW YORK JETS	*75%*	*3-4*

New in 2020: Allegiant Stadium

Located adjacent to the world-famous Las Vegas Strip, Allegiant Stadium will be a global events destination, highlighted by the arrival of the NFL's iconic **RAIDERS**. Allegiant Stadium will be ideally located for both visitors and locals, fully enclosed and climate-controlled with a capacity of 65,000.

The technologically advanced stadium will host world-class entertainment including concerts and sporting events such as the **PAC-12 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME** and **LAS VEGAS BOWL**, as well as become the future home of **UNLV FOOTBALL**.

STADIUM FEATURES

NFL RAIDERS
UNLV REBEL FOOTBALL
19M LB RETRACTABLE ROLLING NATURAL TURF
28,000 SF OPERABLE WALLS
127 SUITES
8,000 CLUB SEATS

STADIUM COST

$1.9B TOTAL STADIUM DEVELOPMENT

LAS VEGAS AT WORK

5M+ CRAFT-HOURS DURING CONSTRUCTION
6,000 RECURRING JOBS ONCE COMPLETED
15% SMALL LOCAL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION
FOCUSED MINORITY + FEMALE WORKFORCE GOALS

"Obviously this city, I expect it's going to be a Super Bowl city. This stadium is the jewel that will be a part of that."

-NFL Commissioner ROGER GOODELL

New in 2020:
Allegiant Stadium

895,000 CUBIC YARDS OF DIRT REMOVED

64,000 DUMP TRUCKS TO REMOVE

105,000 CUBIC YARDS OF CONCRETE

257 MILES OF SIDEWALK FROM LAS VEGAS TO LA

12 MILES OF CONCRETE DRILLER SHAFT THAT SUPPORT THE STADIUM
3X THE LENGTH OF THE LAS VEGAS STRIP

28,000 TONS OF STRUCTURAL STEEL
HEAVIER THAN THE STATUE OF LIBERTY

SLIDING FIELD TRAY IS POWERED BY **72** INDIVIDUAL MOTORS
WEIGHS **19** MILLION POUNDS LB
NEARLY AS HEAVY AS THE EIFFEL TOWER (PARIS)

21,000 LIGHT FIXTURES

9.85 MILES OF WIRE ROPES TO SUSPEND THE ETFE ROOF

7,400 GLASS AND METAL PANELS ON THE EXTERIOR

3,692 METAL STAIRS

425 TREES PLANTED

2,200 DOORS

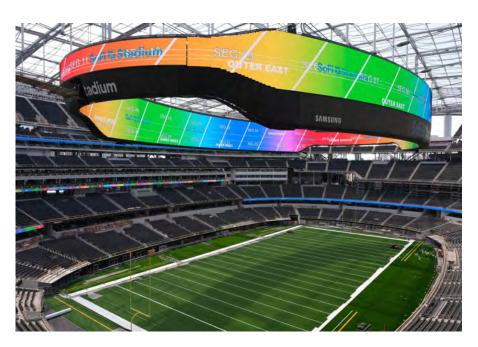**22** MILES OF HVAC PIPING

47 MILES OF WATER/WASTE PIPING

New in 2020:
SoFi Stadium

SoFi Stadium is an unprecedented and unparalleled sports and entertainment destination in Inglewood, California that will be home to the Rams and Chargers for years to come, starting with the 2020 season. See below for various facts and figures on the state-of-the-art stadium:

- Located in Inglewood, CA, Hollywood Park is a 298-acre, world-class sports and entertainment destination that was built by Los Angeles Rams Owner/Chairman **E. STANLEY KROENKE**. SoFi Stadium is the centerpiece of the development.

- Located on the site of the former Hollywood Park racetrack, SoFi Stadium will be the new home for the Los Angeles Rams and Los Angeles Chargers.

- SoFi Stadium will host a variety of sports and entertainment events throughout the year and has already secured **SUPER BOWL LVI** in February 2022, the **2023 COLLEGE FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME**, and the **OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES OF THE 2028 OLYMPIC GAMES**.

- The open-air SoFi Stadium is the first indoor-outdoor stadium to be constructed and the largest stadium in the NFL at 3.1 million square feet. It has a seating capacity of approximately 70,000, expandable up to 100,000. It will feature 260 luxury suites and more than 13,000 premium seats.
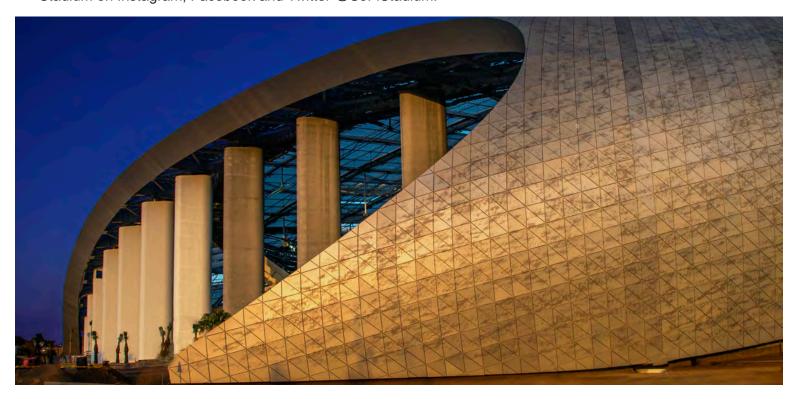

"The stadium is extraordinary, in every sense of the word. It is going to set a new standard for stadiums, on a global basis. I'm confident it will be not only the best stadium, but the best complex in the world."

- NFL Commissioner ROGER GOODELL
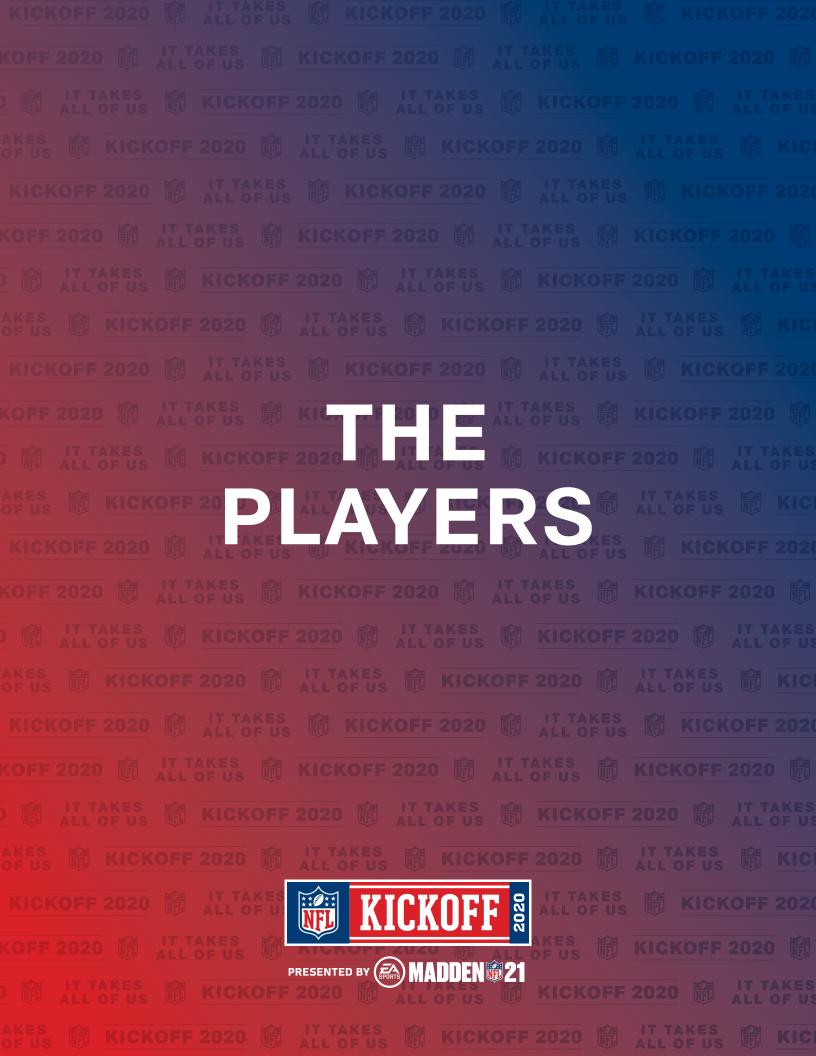
New in 2020:
SoFi Stadium

- Hollywood Park is a privately funded development that is 3.5 times the size of Disneyland park and twice as big as Vatican City.

- Adjacent to the stadium and under the same canopy are a 2.5-acre open-air plaza, American Airlines Plaza, and a 6,000-seat performance venue.

- Hollywood Park will initially feature more than 1.5 million square feet of retail and office space, and when it is complete up to 3,000 residences, a hotel, and more than 20 acres of parks. The first phase of the development for the district will open around Super Bowl LVI in February 2022.

- The stadium's event level sits 100 feet below grade level. To accomplish this, over seven million cubic yards of dirt were excavated from the stadium bowl alone and re-distributed around the site. When the stadium is complete, nearly 100,000 tons of steel and cable will have been installed. Already 80,000 cubic yards of structural concrete have been poured site-wide.

- SoFi Stadium and Hollywood Park can have up to 3,200 construction workers on-site daily, with Inglewood residents being given priority placement. More than 12 million worker hours have been completed to-date since construction began.

- Visit www.sofistadium.com to learn more, including seating options for Chargers and Rams games. Follow SoFi Stadium on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter @SoFiStadium.

"Our goal was to build the most unique and fan-friendly stadium in the world."

-L.A. Rams Owner/Chairman **STAN KROENKE**

THE
PLAYERS

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:
PLAYERS

JOSH ALLEN, Buffalo, needs three rushing touchdowns to become the second quarterback with at least 20 rushing touchdowns in his first three seasons in NFL history joining Cam Newton (28). Allen also needs eight rushing touchdowns to become the first quarterback in NFL history to rush for at least eight touchdowns in three consecutive seasons.

SAQUON BARKLEY, N.Y. Giants, needs 57 receptions to become the seventh running back in NFL history with at least 200 receptions through his first three seasons. Barkley also needs 10 games with at least 100 scrimmage yards to become the third player in NFL history with 30 such games through their first three seasons, joining Eric Dickerson (34) and Edgerrin James (32).

ODELL BECKHAM JR., Cleveland, needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the 10th player with at least 1,000 receiving yards in six of his first seven seasons in NFL history.

LE'VEON BELL, N.Y. Jets, needs 60 receptions to become the sixth running back in NFL history with five seasons of at least 60 receptions. Bell also needs 72 receptions to become the fourth running back with at least 450 receptions in his first seven seasons in NFL history. Bell enters 2020 with 378 career receptions in 77 career games.

TOM BRADY, Tampa Bay, needs 16 starts to surpass Brett Favre (298 games) for the most games started by a quarterback in NFL history. Brady also needs two games with at least 300 passing yards to surpass Peyton Manning (93 games) for the second-most such games in NFL history, trailing only Drew Brees (120). With eight games with at least three touchdown passes, Brady would surpass Drew Brees and Peyton Manning (93 games) for the most such games in NFL history.

Brady needs one more Pro Bowl berth to surpass Tony Gonzalez (14), Peyton Manning (14), Bruce Matthews (14) and Merlin Olsen (14) for the most Pro Bowl berths in NFL history.

DREW BREES, New Orleans, needs 10 starts to become the third quarterback in NFL history to start 300 games, including the postseason, joining Tom Brady (324) and Brett Favre (322). Brees also needs 25 touchdown passes to join Peyton Manning (16 seasons) as the only players in NFL history to have at least 15 seasons with at least 25 touchdown passes.

Brees needs one game with at least two touchdown passes to surpass Peyton Manning (165 games) for the second-most such games in NFL history, trailing only Tom Brady (173). With one game with at least three touchdown passes, Brees would surpass Peyton Manning (93 games) for the most such games in NFL history.

Brees needs one game with a passer rating of 125 or higher to surpass Peyton Manning (50 games) for the most such games in NFL history.

A.J. BROWN, Tennessee, needs at least 1,000 receiving yards, 50 receptions and five receiving touchdowns to become the ninth player in NFL history to accomplish the feat in each of his first two seasons. Brown also needs five games with at least 100 receiving yards to become the ninth player in NFL history with 10 such games through his first two seasons.

KEVIN BYARD, Tennessee, needs three interceptions and two sacks to become the sixth player in NFL history with at least 20 interceptions and five sacks through his first five seasons in NFL history.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: PLAYERS

KIRK COUSINS, Minnesota, needs 893 passing yards in his first three games of the 2020 season to become the third-fastest player (96 career games) to reach 25,000 career passing yards in NFL history, behind Matthew Stafford (90 games) and Dan Marino (92 games).

AARON DONALD, L.A. Rams, needs eight sacks to become the fourth player since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to record at least eight sacks in each of his first seven seasons. Donald also needs 13 sacks to become the fourth player since 1982 to record at least 85 sacks in his first seven seasons, joining Reggie White (110), DeMarcus Ware (99.5) and Derrick Thomas (85). Donald has 72 sacks in 94 career games.

AUSTIN EKELER, L.A. Chargers, needs 953 scrimmage yards to become the third undrafted player in the common draft era (since 1967) with at least 4,000 scrimmage yards in his first four seasons, joining Arian Foster (6,052) and Willie Parker (4,818). Ekeler has 3,047 scrimmage yards in his first three seasons.

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT, Dallas, needs at least 1,300 rushing yards to the eighth player with at least 1,300 rushing yards in four of their first five seasons in NFL history. Elliott also needs 1,523 yards from scrimmage to surpass Chris Johnson (8,546) for the fifth-most yards from scrimmage through a player's first five seasons in league history.

ZACH ERTZ, Philadelphia, needs 93 receptions to surpass Jason Witten (617) for the most receptions by a tight end in his first eight seasons in NFL history.

MIKE EVANS, Tampa Bay, needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the first player in NFL history to begin his career with seven consecutive 1,000-yard receiving seasons.

LARRY FITZGERALD, Arizona, needs 22 receptions for 1,400 career receptions, trailing only Jerry Rice (1,549) for most in NFL history. Fitzgerald has 1,378 receptions in 250 career games. Fitzgerald also needs nine touchdown receptions to surpass Marvin Harrison (128) for the fifth-most touchdown receptions in NFL history. Fitzgerald has 120 receiving touchdowns in 16 career seasons.

Fitzgerald needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the third player in NFL history with 10 career 1,000-yard seasons, joining Jerry Rice (14) and Randy Moss (10).

ROB GRONKOWSKI, Tampa Bay, needs 139 receiving yards to reach 8,000 career receiving yards, joining Jason Witten (8,948 receiving yards), Tony Gonzalez (8,710) and Antonio Gates (8,321) as the only tight ends with at least 8,000 receiving yards in their first 10 seasons. Gronkowski also needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the first tight end in NFL history with five career 1,000-yard seasons.

Gronkowski needs 976 receiving yards to become the fifth tight end in NFL history with 10,000 career receiving yards, including postseason. With nine receiving touchdowns, he would become the third tight end in NFL history with 100 career receiving touchdowns, including the postseason.

Gronkowski needs four games with at least 100 receiving yards to surpass Tony Gonzalez (31 games) for the most such games by a tight end in NFL history.

TODD GURLEY, Atlanta, needs 12 total touchdowns to surpass Jim Brown (81) for the fifth-most total touchdowns through a player's first six seasons in NFL history. Gurley also needs 10 rushing touchdowns to become the seventh player with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in five of their first six seasons in NFL history.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:
PLAYERS

DERRICK HENRY, Tennessee, needs 1,500 rushing yards and 15 rushing touchdowns to become the fourth player in NFL history to accomplish the feat in consecutive seasons. Henry also needs two games with at least 200 rushing yards to become the third player in NFL history with four such games in his first five seasons.

DEANDRE HOPKINS, Arizona, needs 68 receptions to become the fifth player in NFL history with 700 receptions in his first eight seasons. Hopkins has 632 receptions in 110 career games.

Hopkins also needs at least 1,300 receiving yards and 10 touchdown receptions to become the fifth player in NFL history with four such seasons. Hopkins reached those marks during the 2015, 2017 and 2018 seasons.

Hopkins needs 800 receiving yards to become the third player in NFL history with at least 800 receiving yards in each of his first eight seasons, joining Gary Clark and Jerry Rice.

DANIELLE HUNTER, Minnesota, could join Reggie White (1986-88, 1990-92) and Jared Allen (2007-09) as the only players with at least 14 sacks in three consecutive seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official NFL statistic. Hunter recorded 14.5 sacks in both the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

LAMAR JACKSON, Baltimore, needs 132 rushing yards to surpass Cam Newton (2,032 yards) for the most rushing yards by a quarterback in a player's first three seasons in NFL history. Jackson also needs four games with at least 100 rushing yards to tie Michael Vick (10 games) for the most such games by a quarterback in NFL history.

With 672 passing yards and 599 rushing yards, Jackson would become the first player with at least 5,000 passing yards and 2,500 rushing yards through his first three seasons in NFL history.

CHANDLER JONES, Arizona, needs 21.5 sacks to surpass Jared Allen (117) and DeMarcus Ware (117) for the second-most sacks by a player in his first nine seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic. Reggie White had 137 sacks in his first nine NFL seasons.

Jones also needs 17 sacks to become the third player since 1982 with three career seasons of at least 17 sacks. Jones had 17 sacks in 2017 and 19 sacks in 2019.

JULIO JONES, Atlanta, needs 1,151 receiving yards to surpass Jerry Rice (13,275 yards) for the most receiving yards through a player's first 10 seasons in NFL history. Jones also could become the first player with at least 1,250 receiving yards in seven consecutive seasons in NFL history.

Jones needs at least 100 receptions and 1,500 receiving yards to become the first player to reach those marks in four different seasons in NFL history.

ALVIN KAMARA, New Orleans, needs at least 500 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards to become the first player in NFL history to have at least 500 rushing and receiving yards in each of his first four seasons. Kamara also needs 92 rushing yards and 432 receiving yards to join Roger Craig and Christian McCaffrey as the only players with at least 2,500 rushing and 2,500 receiving yards in their first four seasons in NFL history.

If Kamara reaches 3,000 rushing yards, he would join Craig as the only players with at least 3,000 rushing yards and 2,500 receiving yards in their first four seasons. Kamara enters 2020 with 2,408 rushing yards and 2,068 receiving yards.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR:
PLAYERS

TRAVIS KELCE, Kansas City, needs 93 receptions to become the second tight end with at least 600 receptions in his first eight seasons, joining Jason Witten (617). Kelce also needs 535 receiving yards to become the third tight end in NFL history with at least 7,000 receiving yards in his first eight seasons, joining Rob Gronkowski (7,179) and Antonio Gates (7,005). Kelce has 6,465 receiving yards in 96 career games.

Kelce needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the first tight end in NFL history with five career seasons of at least 1,000 receiving yards. Kelce had at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of the past four seasons.

Kelce needs 90 receptions to become the first tight end in NFL history to record at least 90 receptions in three consecutive seasons. Kelce had 103 receptions in 2018 and 97 receptions in 2019.

RYAN KERRIGAN, Washington, needs five sacks to become the ninth player to record at least five sacks in each of his first 10 seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic. Kerrigan also needs at least five sacks and one forced fumble to join Derrick Thomas as the only players since 1982 to do so in each of their first 10 seasons.

GEORGE KITTLE, San Francisco, needs 919 receiving yards to surpass Jimmy Graham (3,863) for the most receiving yards by a tight end in his first four seasons in NFL history. Kittle has 2,945 receiving yards in 45 career games.

Kittle also needs 84 receptions to join Jimmy Graham (301) as the only tight ends in NFL history with at least 300 receptions in their first four seasons. Kittle has 216 receptions in his first three seasons.

JARVIS LANDRY, Cleveland, needs at least 80 receptions to become the first player in NFL history to record at least 80 receptions in each of his first seven seasons. Landry also needs 102 receptions to surpass Marvin Harrison (665) for the most receptions through a player's first seven seasons in NFL history.

DARIUS LEONARD, Indianapolis, needs three interceptions to become the third linebacker in NFL history with at least 10 interceptions through his first three seasons.

PHILLIP LINDSAY, Denver, needs 1,000 rushing yards to become the first undrafted player since 1967 to record at least 1,000 rushing yards in each of his first three seasons. Lindsay had 1,037 rushing yards in 2018 and 1,011 rushing yards in 2019.

Lindsay also needs 1,200 scrimmage yards to become the fifth undrafted running back since 1967 to record at least three career seasons of 1,200 scrimmage yards. Lindsay had 1,278 scrimmage yards in 2018 and 1,207 scrimmage yards in 2019.

PATRICK MAHOMES, Kansas City, needs 34 touchdown passes to become the third quarterback with at least 110 touchdown passes in his first four seasons in NFL history, joining Dan Marino (142) and Kurt Warner (111).

Mahomes can become the first quarterback in NFL history to reach 10,000 career passing yards in 35-or-fewer games. Mahomes enters 2020 with 9,412 passing yards in 31 career games. He can also become the first quarterback in NFL history with at least 4,000 passing yards in three of his first four NFL seasons. Mahomes had at least 4,000 passing yards in both 2018 and 2019.

Mahomes can become the fourth quarterback (joining Peyton Manning, Dan Marino and Russell Wilson) in NFL history with at least 25 touchdown passes in three of his first four NFL seasons. Mahomes had 50 touchdown passes in 2018 and 26 touchdown passes in 2019.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: PLAYERS

BAKER MAYFIELD, Cleveland, needs at least 3,500 passing yards to join Andrew Luck (2012-14), Peyton Manning (1998-2000) and Jameis Winston (2015-17) as the only players with at least 3,500 passing yards in each of their first three seasons in NFL history. With at least 3,500 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes, Mayfield would join Luck and Manning as the only players to do so in each of their first three seasons in league history.

CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY, Carolina, needs at least 1,000 receiving and 1,000 rushing yards to become the first player in NFL history to accomplish the feat in multiple seasons. McCaffrey also needs 97 receptions to become the third player in NFL history with 400 receptions through his first four seasons, joining Michael Thomas (470) and Jarvis Landry (400).

McCaffrey needs at least 2,000 scrimmage yards to become the 11th player in NFL history to record 2,000 scrimmage yards in consecutive seasons. With 1,557 scrimmage yards, he would become the seventh player in NFL history with at least 7,000 scrimmage yards through his first four seasons.

McCaffrey need 80 rushing yards and 477 receiving yards to become the first player in NFL history with 3,000 rushing and 3,000 receiving yards in his first four seasons. With six rushing touchdowns and five receiving touchdowns, he would become the first player in NFL history with 30 rushing touchdowns and 20 receiving touchdowns in his first four seasons.

VON MILLER, Denver, needs 14 sacks to become the fourth player with 120 sacks in his first 10 seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic. Miller has 106 sacks in his first nine career seasons. Miller also needs 10 sacks to become the seventh player since 1982 with at least 10 sacks in eight of his first 10 NFL seasons.

KYLER MURRAY, Arizona, can become the fifth quarterback in NFL history with at least 3,500 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes in each of his first two seasons. Murray also needs 500 rushing yards to become the fourth quarterback since 1970 to rush for at least 500 rushing yards in each of his first two seasons.

ADRIAN PETERSON, Washington, needs 1,054 rushing yards to surpass Barry Sanders (15,269) for fourth place on the all-time rushing list. Peterson also needs 13 rushing touchdowns to surpass Marcus Allen (123) for third place on the all-time rushing touchdown list.

Peterson needs 750 rushing yards to become the third player in NFL history to accomplish the feat in at least 11 different seasons, joining Emmitt Smith (14 seasons) and Frank Gore (12). With five rushing touchdowns, he would become the fourth player in NFL history to do so in at least 11 different seasons, joining Marcus Allen (13), Emmitt Smith (12) and Walter Payton (11).

DAK PRESCOTT, Dallas, could join Peyton Manning (1998-2002) and Russell Wilson (2012-16) as the only players with at least 3,000 passing yards and 20 touchdown passes in each of their first five seasons in NFL history. Prescott also needs four rushing touchdowns and three touchdown passes to join Cam Newton (2011-15) as the only players with at least 100 touchdown passes and 25 rushing touchdowns through their first five seasons in NFL history.

PHILIP RIVERS, Indianapolis, needs 2,091 passing yards to surpass Dan Marino (61,361) for fifth place on the all-time passing yards list. Rivers also needs 24 touchdown passes to surpass Dan Marino (420) for fifth place on the all-time passing touchdowns list.

With 60 completed passes, Rivers would surpass Dan Marino (4,967) for fifth place on the all-time completions list.

Rivers needs 4,000 passing yards for his eighth consecutive season with at least 4,000 passing yards, tied with Peyton Manning for the third-longest such streak in NFL history.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR: PLAYERS

AARON RODGERS, Green Bay, needs 3,054 passing yards to become the 11th quarterback to reach 50,000 career passing yards in NFL history. Rodgers also needs three touchdown passes to surpass Eli Manning (366) for the seventh-most career touchdown passes in NFL history.

BEN ROETHLISBERGER, Pittsburgh, needs one game with at least 300 passing yards to tie Brett Favre (62 games) for the seventh-most such career games in NFL history. Roethlisberger also needs two games with at least 300 passing yards to tie Dan Marino (63 games) for the sixth-most such games in league history.

Roethlisberger needs one game with at least three touchdown passes to become the eighth quarterback to have at least 50 games with at least three touchdown passes in NFL history.

MATT RYAN, Atlanta, needs at least 4,000 passing yards to join Drew Brees (12 seasons from 2006-17) as the only players with at least 4,000 passing yards in 10 consecutive seasons in NFL history. Ryan also needs 3,643 passing yards to surpass Peyton Manning (54,828 yards) for the most passing yards through a player's first 13 seasons in NFL history.

MATTHEW STAFFORD, Detroit, needs 4,149 passing yards to surpass Dan Marino (45,173) for the fourth-most passing yards through a player's first 12 seasons in NFL history.

MICHAEL THOMAS, New Orleans, needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the fourth player in NFL history to have at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of his first five seasons, joining Mike Evans, A.J. Green and Randy Moss. Thomas also needs 100 receptions to become the third player in NFL history to have at least 100 receptions in four consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Brown (six seasons) and Marvin Harrison (four).

Thomas needs 90 receptions to become the first player in NFL history with at least 90 receptions in each of his first five seasons. With 1,273 receiving yards he would surpass Torry Holt (6,784 receiving yards) for the most receiving yards in a player's first five seasons in NFL history. Thomas needs 12 receptions to surpass Jarvis Landry (481 receptions) for the most receptions in a player's first five seasons in NFL history.

DESHAUN WATSON, Houston, needs 29 touchdown passes to become the sixth player in NFL history with at least 100 touchdown passes in his first four seasons. Watson also needs 21 touchdown passes and six rushing touchdowns to become the first player in NFL history with at least 100 passing touchdowns and 20 rushing touchdowns in his first four seasons.

T.J. WATT, Pittsburgh, needs at least 13 sacks to join Reggie White (four seasons) and Derrick Thomas (three) as the only players to record at least 13 sacks in three of their first four seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official NFL statistic. Watt recorded 13 sacks in 2018 and 14.5 sacks in 2019.

RUSSELL WILSON, Seattle, needs seven wins to surpass Peyton Manning (92) for the most wins by a quarterback in his first nine seasons in NFL history. Wilson has won 86 games in his first eight seasons. Wilson also needs seven wins to surpass Tom Brady (101) for the most wins, including the postseason, by a quarterback in his first nine seasons in NFL history.

JASON WITTEN, Las Vegas, needs 60 receptions for his 16th career season with at least 60 receptions, the second-most in NFL history, trailing only Jerry Rice (17).

Witten needs 85 receptions to become the second tight end and fourth player in NFL history with at least 1,300 career receptions. With 23 receiving yards, he would become the second tight end in NFL history with 13,000 receiving yards, joining Tony Gonzalez (15,127).

PATRICK MAHOMES

QUARTERBACK | KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** continued the historic beginning to his NFL career, leading the Chiefs to their first Super Bowl title in nearly 50 years (Super Bowl IV).

At 24 years and 138 days old, he became the youngest quarterback and third-youngest player to be named Super Bowl MVP.

Along with his league MVP trophy from the 2018 season, Mahomes became the youngest player to win both an NFL MVP award and a Super Bowl championship, surpassing Hall of Famer **EMMITT SMITH** (24 years, 233 days old on the last day of his 1993 MVP season).

YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO WIN SUPER BOWL MVP

MARCUS ALLEN^{HOF} L.A. RAIDERS	23 years, 302 days SB XVIII
LYNN SWANN^{HOF} PITTSBURGH	23 years, 317 days SB X
PATRICK MAHOMES KANSAS CITY	24 years, 138 days SB LIV

Mahomes, who has 31 career starts, had 75 touchdown passes and 9,238 passing yards in his first 30 games, both the most by any player through his first 30 games in NFL history. He reached 70 touchdown passes in his 27th career game, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (29 games) as the fastest player to reach 70 career touchdown passes in NFL history.

Mahomes, who has 76 career touchdown passes, needs at least 24 touchdown passes in 2020 to become the sixth quarterback since 1970 to record at least 100 touchdown passes in his first four seasons.

If he records 24 touchdown passes in the first 12 games of the 2020 season, he would surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (44 games) as the fastest quarterback to reach 100 career touchdown passes in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES
Dan Marino^{HOF}	Miami	44
Kurt Warner^{HOF}	St. Louis	50
Johnny Unitas^{HOF}	Baltimore Colts	53
Andrew Luck	Indianapolis	55
Matthew Stafford	Detroit	55

Mahomes, who has 9,412 passing yards in 31 career games, can become the fastest player to reach 10,000 career passing yards in NFL history, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** (36 games).

FEWEST GAMES TO REACH 10,000 CAREER PASSING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

KURT WARNER^{HOF} ST. LOUIS RAMS	36
MATTHEW STAFFORD DETROIT	37
MARC BULGER ST. LOUIS RAMS	38
ANDREW LUCK INDIANAPOLIS	38
DAN MARINO^{HOF} MIAMI	38

Mahomes, who had at least 300 passing yards in 10 games during the 2018 season and in seven games during 2019, can become the fourth quarterback with at least seven such games in three consecutive seasons in NFL history. He would join **DREW BREES** (nine consecutive seasons; 2008-16), **PEYTON MANNING** (three; 2012-14) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** (three; 1999-2001).

Mahomes has eight career games with at least four touchdown passes, the most by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history. With two such games in 2020, he can join Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (12 games) as the only players with at least 10 games of four-or-more touchdown passes in their first four seasons in league annals.

After leading the league with 5,097 passing yards and 50 touchdown passes during his MVP campaign in 2018, Mahomes recorded 4,031 passing yards along with 26 touchdown passes in 2019.

With at least 4,000 passing yards and 25 touchdown passes during the 2020 season, he would join **PEYTON MANNING** (three) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (three) as the only quarterbacks to reach those milestones in three of their first four NFL seasons in league annals.

LAMAR JACKSON

QUARTERBACK | BALTIMORE RAVENS

Baltimore Ravens quarterback **LAMAR JACKSON** took the league by storm during his sophomore season in 2019, leading Baltimore to a league-high 14 regular-season wins while using both his arm and legs to capture a historic Most Valuable Player award. At 22 years and 358 days, the 32nd pick in the 2018 NFL Draft became the youngest quarterback to earn league MVP honors.

The first MVP in Ravens history rushed for at least 100 yards in five games in 2019, surpassing **MICHAEL VICK** (three games in both 2004 and 2006) and **RUSSELL WILSON** (three in 2014) for the most such games by a quarterback in a single season in NFL history. If Jackson, who has six career 100-yard games, rushes for at least 100 yards in five games in 2020, he would surpass Vick (10) for the most such career games by a quarterback since 1970.

YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO WIN LEAGUE MVP

JIM BROWN[HOF] CLEVELAND	21 years, 301 days 1957	
JIM BROWN[HOF] CLEVELAND	22 years, 300 days 1958	
LAMAR JACKSON BALTIMORE	22 years, 358 days 2019	
DAN MARINO[HOF] MIAMI	23 years, 92 days 1984	
PATRICK MAHOMES KANSAS CITY	23 years, 104 days 2018	

QBs WITH MOST CAREER GAMES WITH 100+ RUSHING YARDS SINCE 1970

MICHAEL VICK ATLANTA, PHILADELPHIA	10
LAMAR JACKSON BALTIMORE	6
RUSSELL WILSON SEATTLE	4

Jackson rushed for 1,206 yards and seven touchdowns last season, surpassing **MICHAEL VICK** (1,039 in 2006) for the most rushing yards by a quarterback in a single season in NFL history.

If Jackson, who also rushed for 695 yards as a rookie in 2018, rushes for at least 132 yards in 2020, he would surpass **CAM NEWTON** (2,032 rushing yards) for the most rushing yards by a quarterback in his first three seasons in NFL history. He can also become the first quarterback in league annals to rush for at least 600 yards in each of his first three seasons.

PLAYER	TEAM (SEASONS)	RUSH YARDS
Cam Newton	Carolina (2011-13)	2,032
Lamar Jackson	Baltimore (2018-19)*	1,901
Russell Wilson	Seattle (2012-14)	1,877

*Entering third season

Jackson was also a force through the air in 2019, passing for 3,127 yards with a league-high 36 touchdowns and a 113.3 passer rating, the third-highest mark among qualified passers. In Weeks 1 and 10 of last season, Jackson had a 158.3 passer rating, the highest attainable mark, joining **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (two games in 2017) as the only quarterbacks to accomplish the feat multiple times (minimum 10 attempts) in a single season in league annals.

If Jackson has another game with a passer rating of 158.3 in 2020, he would become the fourth player with at least three such career games in NFL history.

The Louisville product enters 2020 with 4,328 passing yards and 1,901 rushing yards through his first two seasons and can become the first player with at least 5,000 passing yards and 2,500 rushing yards through his first three seasons in NFL history.

TOM BRADY

QUARTERBACK | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Tampa Bay quarterback **TOM BRADY** comes to the Buccaneers after a 20-year career with the New England Patriots where he was as a six-time Super Bowl champion, three-time NFL Most Valuable Player and 14-time Pro Bowl selection.

He enters 2020 with 74,571 passing yards and 541 passing touchdowns, trailing only **DREW BREES** on each all-time list.

MOST CAREER PASSING YARDS & TD PASSES IN NFL HISTORY

DREW BREES SAN DIEGO, NEW ORLEANS	77,416 547	YARDS TDs
TOM BRADY NEW ENGLAND	74,517 541	YARDS TDs
PEYTON MANNING INDIANAPOLIS, DENVER	71,940 539	YARDS TDs

In 2019, Brady passed for 4,057 yards and 24 touchdowns, his 17th career season with at least 20 touchdown passes, surpassing Brees and **PEYTON MANNING** (16 seasons) for the most such seasons in NFL history.

MOST CAREER SEASONS WITH 20+ TD PASSES IN NFL HISTORY

TOM BRADY NEW ENGLAND	17
DREW BREES SAN DIEGO, NEW ORLEANS	16
PEYTON MANNING INDIANAPOLIS, DENVER	16

It was also his 11th season with at least 4,000 passing yards, tied with **PHILIP RIVERS** (11) for the third-most all-time.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASONS
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis, Denver	14
Drew Brees	New Orleans	12
Tom Brady	*New England*	*11*
Philip Rivers	San Diego/L.A. Chargers	11

Brady enters 2020 with the chance to continue to rewrite the NFL record books. He comes into the season having started 283 regular season games and can surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **BRETT FAVRE** (298 games started) for the most games started by a quarterback in NFL history if he starts all 16 regular season games for the Buccaneers in 2020.

QBs WITH MOST CAREER REGULAR SEASON STARTS IN NFL HISTORY

BRETT FAVRE[HOF] GREEN BAY, N.Y. JETS, MINNESOTA	298
TOM BRADY NEW ENGLAND	283
DREW BREES SAN DIEGO, NEW ORLEANS	274

Brady's star has always shined the brightest during the playoffs and hopes to bring a Tampa Bay franchise back to the postseason for the first time since 2007.

He is the league's all-time postseason leader in career completions (1,025), touchdown passes (73), passing yards (11,388) and wins by a quarterback (30) and is the only player in NFL history to win six Super Bowls.

PLAYER	COMPLETIONS
Tom Brady	*1,025*
Peyton Manning	649

PLAYER	TD PASSES
Tom Brady	*73*
Joe Montana[HOF]	45

PLAYER	PASSING YARDS
Tom Brady	*11,388*
Peyton Manning	7,399

"His hunger to stay at the top, his hunger to keep getting better and find ways to refine his game, is really remarkable."

- Patriots WR Matthew Slater on Brady

DREW BREES

QUARTERBACK | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES** enters his 20th NFL season as the league's all-time leader in passing yards (77,416) and passing touchdowns (547). He proved he was still at the top of his game in 2019, passing for 2,979 yards with 27 touchdowns against a career-low four interceptions (minimum 100 attempts) along with a career-high 116.3 passer rating.

Brees recorded a competition percentage of 74.3 last season, the second-highest single-season mark in NFL history, trailing only his 2018 season (74.4). Brees now holds five of the top-six all-time single-season completion percentages in league annals.

Brees, who registered at least two touchdown passes in eight games last season, has 165 such games during his career, tied with Manning for the second-most games with at least two touchdown passes in league annals. Only Brady (173 games) has more.

MOST CAREER GAMES WITH 2+ TD PASSES IN NFL HISTORY

TOM BRADY NEW ENGLAND	**173**
DREW BREES SAN DIEGO, NEW ORLEANS	**165**
PEYTON MANNING INDIANAPOLIS, DENVER	**165**

PLAYERS WITH THE HIGHEST SINGLE-SEASON COMPLETION PERCENTAGES IN NFL HISTORY

DREW BREES NEW ORLEANS	**74.4**	**2018**
DREW BREES NEW ORLEANS	**74.3**	**2019**
DREW BREES NEW ORLEANS	**72.0**	**2017**

Brees also had seven games with at least three touchdown passes in 2019 and his 93 career games with at least three touchdown passes are tied with Manning (93) for the most in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GAMES
Drew Brees	San Diego, New Orleans	93
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis, Denver	93
Tom Brady	New England	86

Brees recorded his 14th career season with at least 25 touchdown passes in 2019, tied with **TOM BRADY** (14) for the second-most such seasons in NFL history. Only **PEYTON MANNING** (16) had more career seasons with at least 25 touchdown passes.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASONS
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis, Denver	16
Tom Brady	New England	14
Drew Brees	*San Diego, New Orleans*	*14*
Brett Favre[HOF]	Green Bay, Minnesota	11
Philip Rivers	San Diego/L.A. Chargers	11

Brees has exemplified longevity throughout his career and with 10 starts during the 2020 season, he can join Brady (324 games started) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **BRETT FAVRE** (322) as the only quarterbacks to start at least 300 games, including the postseason, in league annals.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	STARTS
Tom Brady	New England	324
Brett Favre[HOF]	Green Bay, N.Y. Jets, Minnesota	322
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis, Denver	292
Drew Brees	*San Diego, New Orleans*	*290*
Dan Marino[HOF]	Miami	258

AARON RODGERS

QUARTERBACK | GREEN BAY PACKERS

In 2019, Green Bay Packers quarterback **AARON RODGERS** registered his eighth career season with at least 4,000 passing yards (4,002) while throwing 26 touchdowns to just four interceptions. Rodgers has three career seasons with at least 25 touchdown passes and five-or-fewer interceptions, the most such seasons by any quarterback in NFL history.

Entering his 16th season, Rodgers has a 102.4 career passer rating, the highest passer rating (min. 1,500 attempts) of any quarterback in NFL history.

QBs WITH THE HIGHEST PASSER RATING (MIN. 1,500 ATTEMPTS) IN NFL HISTORY

AARON RODGERS GREEN BAY	102.4
RUSSELL WILSON SEATTLE	101.2
DREW BREES SAN DIEGO, NEW ORLEANS	98.4

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SEASONS 25+ TD PASSES & FIVE-OR-FEWER INTERCEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

AARON RODGERS GREEN BAY	3
DREW BREES NEW ORLEANS	2
TOM BRADY NEW ENGLAND	2

Rodgers, who has 364 career touchdown passes, recorded his 350th touchdown pass in his 172nd career game, surpassing **DREW BREES** (180 games) as the fastest quarterback to reach 350 career touchdown passes in NFL history.

FASTEST PLAYERS TO REACH 350 CAREER TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN NFL HISTORY

AARON RODGERS GREEN BAY	172
DREW BREES SAN DIEGO, NEW ORLEANS	180
PEYTON MANNING INDIANAPOLIS	185
DAN MARINO[HOF] MIAMI	185

Rodgers has 46,946 passing yards in 181 career games and needs 3,054 in 2020 to become the 11th quarterback in league annals to reach 50,000 career passing yards. If he reaches the mark in his first 14 games of the 2020 season, he would be among the top-five fastest quarterbacks to reach 50,000 career passing yards in NFL history.

With at least 36 touchdown passes in 2020, a mark he has reached four times in his career, Rodgers can become the sixth quarterback and the fastest player to reach 400 career touchdown passes in NFL history, surpassing Brees (205 games).

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GAMES
Drew Brees	San Diego, New Orleans	183
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	186
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	191
Dan Marino[HOF]	Miami	193
Philip Rivers	San Diego	196

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GAMES
Drew Brees	San Diego, New Orleans	205
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis, Denver	209
Tom Brady	New England	212

RUSSELL WILSON

QUARTERBACK | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

In 2019, Seattle quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON** became the first quarterback in NFL history to finish with a winning record in each of his first eight seasons. Wilson has recorded 86 regular-season wins during his career, tied with **TOM BRADY** for the most regular-season wins by a starting quarterback in his first eight seasons.

With seven regular-season wins in 2020, Wilson can surpass **PEYTON MANNING** (92) for the most regular-season wins by a starting quarterback in his first nine seasons in league annals.

Entering his ninth season, Wilson has a 101.2 career passer rating, the second-highest passer rating (min. 1,500 attempts) of any quarterback in NFL history.

QBs WITH HIGHEST PASSER RATING (MIN. 1,500 ATTEMPTS) IN NFL HISTORY

AARON RODGERS GREEN BAY	**102.4**
RUSSELL WILSON SEATTLE	**101.2**
DREW BREES SAN DIEGO, NEW ORLEANS	**98.4**
TONY ROMO DALLAS	**97.1**

STARTING QBs WITH THE MOST WINS IN THEIR FIRST NINE SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

PEYTON MANNING INDIANAPOLIS	**92**
TOM BRADY NEW ENGLAND	**87**
BEN ROETHLISBERGER PITTSBURGH	**87**
RUSSELL WILSON SEATTLE	**86***

*ENTERING NINTH SEASON

Since entering the NFL in 2012, Wilson has 227 career touchdown passes, the third-most by a quarterback in his first eight seasons in league annals, trailing only **PEYTON MANNING** (244) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (241).

Including the postseason, Wilson has totaled 95 career wins, trailing only **TOM BRADY** (100) for the most by a starting quarterback in his first eight seasons in NFL history.

With seven wins during the 2020 season, including the postseason, he would have the most victories by a starting quarterback in his first nine seasons, including the postseason, in league annals.

Last season, Wilson passed for 4,110 yards along with 31 touchdowns against a career-low five interceptions, joining **PEYTON MANNING** as the only players in NFL history to record at least 3,000 passing yards and 20 touchdowns in each of their first eight seasons. He became the fifth quarterback in league annals to record at least three career seasons with at least 30 touchdown passes and 10-or-fewer interceptions.

PLAYER	TEAM	TOTAL WINS
Tom Brady	New England	101
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	99
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	97
Russell Wilson	*Seattle*	*95**

*Entering ninth season

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASONS
Tom Brady	New England	6
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	6
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis, Denver	3
Tony Romo	Dallas	3
Russell Wilson	*Seattle*	*3*

MATT RYAN

QUARTERBACK | ATLANTA FALCONS

Atlanta Falcons quarterback **MATT RYAN** began the 2019 season with six consecutive games with at least 300 passing yards, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers **KURT WARNER** (six) and **STEVE YOUNG** (six) as the only quarterbacks with at least 300 passing yards in each of their team's first six games of a season in NFL history.

Ryan has recorded at least 300 passing yards in 64 games since entering the league in 2008, joining **DREW BREES** (67) as the only quarterbacks with at least 60 such games in their first 12 seasons in NFL history.

QBs WITH MOST GAMES WITH 300+ PASSING YARDS THROUGH THEIR FIRST 12 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

DREW BREES NEW ORLEANS	67
MATT RYAN ATLANTA	64
PEYTON MANNING INDIANAPOLIS	56
KURT WARNER HOF ST. LOUIS RAMS, ARIZONA	52

Ryan ranked fifth in the NFL with 4,466 passing yards last season, marking his ninth-consecutive season with at least 4,000 passing yards.

If he records at least 4,000 passing yards in 2020, Ryan would join **DREW BREES** (12 seasons from 2006-17) as the only players with at least 4,000 passing yards in 10 consecutive seasons in NFL history

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS
Drew Brees	New Orleans	12
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	9*
Philip Rivers	San Diego/L.A. Chargers	7*
Matthew Stafford	Detroit	7

*active streak

Ryan has 51,186 career passing yards and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **WARREN MOON** (49,325 passing yards) for the 10th-most passing yards in NFL history.

Ryan reached 50,000 career passing yards in his 186th career game, becoming the second-fastest quarterback to reach 50,000 career passing yards in NFL history, trailing only **DREW BREES** (183 games). Ryan and Brees are the only quarterbacks to reach 50,000 career passing yards in fewer than 190 games in league history.

Additionally, Ryan surpassed **PEYTON MANNING** (50,128 yards from 1998-2009) for the most passing yards in a player's first 12 seasons in NFL history.

QBs WITH THE MOST PASSING YARDS THROUGH THEIR FIRST 12 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

MATT RYAN ATLANTA	51,186
PEYTON MANNING INDIANAPOLIS	50,128
DREW BREES SAN DIEGO, NEW ORLEANS	45,919
DAN MARINO HOF MIAMI	45,173

Last season, Ryan became the 12th player in league history with at least 300 career touchdown passes. He enters the 2020 season with 321 career touchdown passes and needs 22 to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **FRAN TARKENTON** (342) for the 10th-most touchdown passes in NFL history.

In 2020, Ryan can also surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOHN ELWAY** (51,475 yards) for the ninth-most career passing yards in league annals.

DESHAUN WATSON

QUARTERBACK | HOUSTON TEXANS

Houston quarterback **DESHAUN WATSON** enters his fourth season with 9,716 passing yards. In 2019, he surpassed 7,500 passing yards in his 29th career game, tied for the third-fewest games to reach the mark in NFL history, trailing only **PATRICK MAHOMES** (24 games) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** (27 games).

Last season, Watson passed for 26 touchdowns and added a career-high seven rushing touchdowns. Along with the 26 touchdowns passes and five rushing touchdowns he registered in in 2018, Watson joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **STEVE YOUNG** as the only players to record multiple seasons with at least 25 passing touchdowns and five rushing touchdowns in NFL history.

PLAYERS TO REACH 7,500 PASS YARDS IN FEWEST GAMES IN NFL HISTORY

	Games
PATRICK MAHOMES KANSAS CITY	24 GAMES
KURT WARNERHOF ST. LOUIS RAMS	27 GAMES
MARC BULGER ST. LOUIS RAMS	29 GAMES
DAN MARINOHOF MIAMI	29 GAMES
MATTHEW STAFFORD DETROIT	29 GAMES
DESHAUN WATSON HOUSTON	29 GAMES

QBs WITH MULTIPLE SEASONS WITH 25+ TD PASSES & 5+ RUSH TDS

DESHAUN WATSON HOUSTON	2018, 2019
STEVE YOUNGHOF SAN FRANCISCO	1994, 1998

The Texans' Week 1 contest against the Kansas City Chiefs will be Watson's 39th career game, and he needs at least 284 passing yards to become the seventh player in league annals to reach 10,000 career passing yards before their 40th career game.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES
Kurt WarnerHOF	St. Louis Rams	36
Matthew Stafford	Detroit	37
Marc Bulger	St. Louis Rams	38
Andrew Luck	Indianapolis	38
Dan MarinoHOF	Miami	38
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	39

With at least 29 passing touchdowns and six rushing touchdowns in 2020, Watson could become the first player in league annals with 100 passing touchdowns and 20 rushing touchdowns through his first four seasons.

The six rushing touchdowns would also make Watson the fifth quarterback with at least 20 rushing touchdowns through their first four seasons since 1970.

PLAYER	TEAM	RUSHING TDS
Cam Newton	Carolina	33
Daunte Culpepper	Minnesota	22
Steve Grogan	New England	21
Dak Prescott	Dallas	21

DAK PRESCOTT

QUARTERBACK | DALLAS COWBOYS

Last season, Dallas Cowboys quarterback **DAK PRESCOTT** ranked second in the league with a career-high 4,902 passing yards, the second-most passing yards in a single season in franchise history. He also registered a career-best 30 touchdown passes and became the fourth quarterback in NFL history to pass for at least 3,000 yards and 20 touchdowns in each of his first four seasons.

Since entering the NFL in 2016, Prescott has passed for 15,778 yards, the third-most by a quarterback in his first four seasons in league annals, trailing only **PEYTON MANNING** (16,418) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (16,177).

With at least 4,222 passing yards in 2020, he can join Manning (20,618) as the only quarterbacks with at least 20,000 passing yards in their first five seasons in NFL history.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SEASONS OF 3,000+ PASS YARDS & 20+ TD PASSES TO BEGIN THEIR CAREERS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	
PEYTON MANNING — INDIANAPOLIS	13
RUSSELL WILSON — SEATTLE	8
DEREK CARR — OAKLAND	4
DAK PRESCOTT — DALLAS	4

QBs WITH THE MOST PASSING YARDS THROUGH THEIR FIRST 5 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	
PEYTON MANNING — INDIANAPOLIS	20,618
JAMEIS WINSTON — TAMPA BAY	19,737
DAN MARINO[HOF] — MIAMI	19,422
ANDREW LUCK — INDIANAPOLIS	19,078
MATT RYAN — ATLANTA	18,957

In 2019, Prescott registered four games of at least 395 passing yards and two touchdown passes, tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (4 games in 1984) for the second-most such games in a single season in league annals. Only **PEYTON MANNING** (5 games in 2013) had more.

WEEK	PASS YARDS	PASS TDs
1	405	4
5	463	2
10	397	3
11	444	3

Since 2016, Prescott leads all quarterbacks with 21 rushing touchdowns. With four rushing touchdowns during the 2020 season, he would become the third quarterback in NFL history to rush for at least 25 touchdowns in his first five career seasons since 1970.

PLAYER	TEAM	RUSH TDs
Cam Newton	Carolina	43
Daunte Culpepper	Minnesota	26
Steve Grogan	New England	23
Steve McNair	Tennessee	22

VETERAN LEADERS

2020 marks the 17th season for new Indianapolis Colts quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** and Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER**, chosen fourth and 11th overall, respectively, in the 2004 NFL Draft.

Over the course of their careers, Rivers (Chargers) and Roethlisberger (Steelers) have both become their respective franchise leaders in passing yards and touchdown passes, and the duo represents two of the eight players in NFL history with at least 50,000 passing yards and 350 touchdown passes in their careers.

Led by Rivers, Roethlisberger and former New York Giant **ELI MANNING**, who retired this offseason, the 2004 quarterback draft class ranks as one of the most successful groups in the common draft era.

QB CLASSES WITH MOST REGULAR SEASON WINS SINCE 1967

1983: 499

2004: 446

QB CLASSES WITH MOST POSTSEASON WINS SINCE 1967

1983: 34

2000: 33

2004: 27

QB CLASSES WITH MOST SUPER BOWL WINS

2000: 6

1979: 5

2004: 4

1970: 4

Indianapolis quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** comes to the Colts after a 16-year career with the Chargers where he complied 59,271 passing yards and 397 passing touchdowns, both sixth-most in league history.

With at least 2,091 passing yards and 24 touchdown passes this season, he would surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** for fifth place on the all-time list for each statistic.

In 2019, Rivers led the AFC with 4,615 passing yards, his 11th career season with at least 4,000 yards, tied with **TOM BRADY** for the third-most such seasons in league annals. Only **PEYTON MANNING** (14 seasons) and **DREW BREES** (12) have more.

With at least 4,000 passing yards in 2020, Rivers will have reached that mark in eight consecutive seasons, tied with Manning (eight) for the third-longest such streak in NFL history.

Pittsburgh quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** comes into this season ranking eighth in league history with 56,545 passing yards and ninth all-time in passing touchdowns (363).

Before an injury that forced him to miss all but two games last season, he led the NFL with 5,129 passing yards in 2018 and is one of eight different players to surpass 5,000 passing yards in a single season in league annals.

"Philip is an elite quarterback in this league. He has proven that year in and year out."

- Indianapolis HC Frank Reich on Philip Rivers

YOUNG QBs IN 2019

Youth and success at the quarterback position highlighted the 2019 regular season, as 208 games featured at least one starting quarterback under the age of 27, the most in a single season in NFL history.

In total, quarterbacks under the age of 27 started 287 games in 2019 and recorded 144 wins in those starts, both the highest single-season totals since 1970.

Three quarterbacks under the age of 25 – Baltimore's **LAMAR JACKSON** (2018 NFL Draft), Kansas City's **PATRICK MAHOMES** (2017 NFL Draft) and Houston's **DESHAUN WATSON** (2017 NFL Draft) – have led their respective teams to division titles in each of the past two seasons.

Last season, the trio joined an exclusive group of quarterbacks under the age of 25 to start a postseason game for a division winner in consecutive seasons since 1970.

MOST GAMES STARTED BY QBs UNDER AGE 27, SINGLE SEASON

2019: 287 STARTS

2013: 238 STARTS

2012: 222 STARTS

2006: 222 STARTS

MOST WINS BY QBs UNDER AGE 27, SINGLE SEASON

2019: 144 WINS

2013: 116 WINS

2018: 107 WINS

2006: 107 WINS

1984: 107 WINS

QBs UNDER AGE 25 TO START A POSTSEASON GAME FOR A DIVISION WINNER IN CONSECUTIVE SEASONS SINCE 1970

Player	Team	Seasons
LAMAR JACKSON	BALTIMORE	2018-19
PATRICK MAHOMES	KANSAS CITY	2018-19
DESHAUN WATSON	HOUSTON	2018-19
JARED GOFF	L.A. RAMS	2017-18
BERNIE KOSAR	CLEVELAND	1985-87
DAN MARINO [HOF]	MIAMI	1983-85
PAT HADEN	L.A. RAMS	1976-77

SECOND-YEAR QUARTERBACKS

The 2019 class of rookie quarterbacks proved to be one of the best in league history, as they combined to rank second in the common draft era among rookie quarterback classes in starts (64), passing yards (15,168) and passing touchdowns (90), and fourth in passer rating (82.1).

ROOKIE QB CLASSES WITH MOST COMBINED PASSING YARDS SINCE 1967

2012: 20,300

2019: 15,168

2011: 13,060

ROOKIE QB CLASSES WITH MOST COMBINED TD PASSES SINCE 1967

2012: 105

2019: 90

2018: 73

2011: 73

ROOKIE QB CLASSES WITH HIGHEST COMBINED PASSER RATING SINCE 1967

2015: 87.2

2016: 85.2

2008: 83.6

2019: 82.1

2012: 81.3

2019 joined the 2012 season as the only years to feature at least three rookies with at least 3,000 passing yards, as Arizona's **KYLER MURRAY** (3,722), Jacksonville's **GARDNER MINSHEW** (3,271) and the New York Giants' **DANIEL JONES** (3,027) all reached the mark.

All three quarterbacks also threw for at least 20 touchdowns in 2019, marking the second season (2012) to feature at least three rookie quarterbacks accomplishing the feat.

Murray, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2019 NFL Draft, was named Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year after leading all rookies with 3,722 passing yards, while throwing for 20 touchdowns and posting an 87.4 passer rating.

He also led all rookie quarterbacks with 544 rushing yards and four rushing touchdowns, joining **CAM NEWTON** (2011) as the only rookie quarterbacks to record at least 3,500 passing yards and 500 rushing yards in NFL history.

If Murray rushes for at least 500 yards again in 2020, he will become the fourth quarterback to rush for at least 500 yards in each of his first two seasons since 1970.

Minshew, a sixth-round selection by the Jaguars in the 2019 NFL Draft, led all rookies with a 91.2 passer rating last season, while throwing for 3,271 yards and 21 touchdowns, both Jacksonville franchise rookie records.

Minshew also only threw six interceptions in 2019, becoming the fourth rookie in league history to throw for at least 20 touchdowns and fewer than 10 interceptions.

Jones the No. 6 overall selection in the 2019 NFL Draft, led all rookies with 24 touchdown passes, while passing for 3,027 yards and an 87.7 passer rating last season.

In his first career start, Jones became the first rookie with at least 300 passing yards, two passing touchdowns and two rushing touchdowns in a single game since 1970. He also passed for at least four touchdowns in three different games in 2019, becoming the third rookie quarterback with at least three such games in league annals.

QBs ON THE RISE

BAKER MAYFIELD (TOP)
JOSH ALLEN (MIDDLE)
JARED GOFF (BOTTOM)

The NFL is full of young starting quarterbacks aged 25 or younger who have quickly established themselves as standout performers and enter 2020 aiming to take that next step towards greatness.

Buffalo's **JOSH ALLEN** (24 years old) enters his third NFL season after having set career-highs in passing yards (3,089), touchdown passes (20), passer rating (85.3) and rushing touchdowns (nine) in 2019, while leading the Bills to 10 wins for the first time since 1999.

His nine rushing touchdowns led all quarterbacks, and his 17 career rushing touchdowns are the second-most by a quarterback through their first two seasons since 1970, trailing only **CAM NEWTON** (22). In 2020, he has the chance to become the first quarterback in league annals to rush for at least eight touchdowns in three consecutive seasons.

Cleveland's **BAKER MAYFIELD** (25 years old) threw for a career-high 3,827 yards in 2019 and became the first Browns player with at least 3,000 passing yards in consecutive seasons since **BERNIE KOSAR** (1986-87).

He also passed for 22 touchdowns last season and, along with his record-setting 27 passing touchdowns as a rookie in 2018, became the ninth player to pass for at least 20 touchdowns in each of their first two seasons in NFL history.

Mayfield enters 2020 with 7,552 passing yards and 49 passing touchdowns, becoming one of four players to pass for at least 7,500 yards and 45 touchdowns through their first two seasons in NFL history.

QBs WITH MOST RUSHING TDs IN 1ST 2 SEASONS SINCE 1970

CAM NEWTON CAROLINA	22
JOSH ALLEN BUFFALO	17
STEVE GROGAN NEW ENGLAND	16

QBs WITH 7,500+ PASS YARDS & 45+ TD PASSES IN FIRST 2 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

BAKER MAYFIELD CLEVELAND	2018-19
JAMEIS WINSTON TAMPA BAY	2015-16
ANDREW LUCK INDIANAPOLIS	2012-13
PEYTON MANNING INDIANAPOLIS	1998-99

The Los Angeles Rams' **JARED GOFF** (25 years old) ranked third in the league with 4,638 passing yards in 2019 and became the first quarterback in franchise history to pass for at least 4,500 yards in consecutive seasons. If he reaches the mark again in 2020, he would become the fifth player in league annals to do so in three consecutive seasons.

QBs WITH 4,500+ PASS YARDS IN 3+ CONSEC. SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

DREW BREES NEW ORLEANS	7 (2010-16)
MATT RYAN ATLANTA	5 (2012-16)
PEYTON MANNING DENVER	3 (2012-14)
MATTHEW STAFFORD DETROIT	3 (2011-13)

If Mayfield passes for at least 3,500 yards and 20 touchdowns again this season, he would join **ANDREW LUCK** and **PEYTON MANNING** as the only players to do so in each of their first three seasons in league history.

ROOKIE QBs IN 2020

Four quarterbacks – LSU's **JOE BURROW** (No. 1 overall, Cincinnati), Alabama's **TUA TAGOVAILOA** (No. 5, Miami), Oregon's **JUSTIN HERBERT** (No. 6, Los Angeles Chargers) and Utah State's **JORDAN LOVE** (No. 26, Green Bay) – were selected in the first round of the 2020 NFL Draft. 2020 became the sixth NFL Draft since 1967 and second in the last three years (2018) to have three quarterbacks selected in the top-10.

The 2020 NFL Draft marked the seventh consecutive draft with at least two quarterbacks chosen in the first round, the second-longest such streak in the common draft era (2002-12: 11 consecutive drafts) and the fifth consecutive draft with at least three quarterbacks selected in the first round, tied for the longest such streak in the common draft era (2002-06: five consecutive drafts).

Last season, the Arizona Cardinals started **KYLER MURRAY**, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2019 Draft, on Kickoff Weekend. At least one rookie quarterback has started in Week 1 in 12 consecutive seasons, the longest streak in the NFL since at least 1950.

SEASON	QUARTERBACK	TEAM	STARTING RECORD AS ROOKIE
2008	Joe Flacco	Baltimore	11-5
2008	Matt Ryan	Atlanta	11-5
2009	Mark Sanchez	N.Y. Jets	8-7
2009	Matthew Stafford*	Detroit	2-8
2010	Sam Bradford*	St. Louis Rams	7-9
2011	Andy Dalton	Cincinnati	9-7
2011	Cam Newton*	Carolina	6-10
2012	Robert Griffin III	Washington	9-6
2012	Andrew Luck*	Indianapolis	11-5
2012	Ryan Tannehill	Miami	7-9
2012	Brandon Weeden	Cleveland	5-10
2012	Russell Wilson	Seattle	11-5
2013	EJ Manuel	Buffalo	4-6
2013	Geno Smith	N.Y. Jets	8-8
2014	Derek Carr	Oakland	3-13
2015	Marcus Mariota	Tennessee	3-13
2015	Jameis Winston*	Tampa Bay	6-10
2016	Dak Prescott	Dallas	13-3
2016	Carson Wentz	Philadelphia	7-9
2017	DeShone Kizer	Cleveland	0-15
2018	Sam Darnold	N.Y. Jets	4-9
2019	Kyler Murray*	Arizona	5-10-1

*No. 1 overall pick

QUARTERBACK SUCCESS

In 2019, passing figures league-wide continued to trend at historic rates, as the marks for completion percentage (63.5 percent – second), passer rating (90.4 - second), completions (11,331 - fourth) and total touchdown passes (797 – fifth) all ranked in the top five in NFL history for a single season. Net passing yards (120,301 – sixth) also ranked inside the top-ten for most for a single season.

SEASON	COMPLETION PCT.
2018	64.9
2019	*63.5*
2016	63.0
2015	63.0
2014	62.6

SEASON	COMPLETIONS
2015	11,527
2016	11,526
2018	11,462
2019	*11,331*
2014	11,200

SEASON	RATING
2018	92.9
2019	*90.4*
2015	90.2
2016	89.3
2014	88.9

SEASON	TD PASSES
2018	847
2015	842
2014	807
2013	804
2019	*797*

Eleven quarterbacks passed for at least 4,000 yards in 2019, including four with at least 4,500 passing yards: Tampa Bay's **JAMEIS WINSTON** (5,109), Dallas' **DAK PRESCOTT** (4,902), the Los Angeles Rams' **JARED GOFF** (4,638) and the Los Angeles Chargers' **PHILIP RIVERS** (4,615).

Twelve quarterbacks threw at least 25 touchdown passes last season, including four with at least 30 touchdown passes: Baltimore's **LAMAR JACKSON** (36), Winston (33), Seattle's **RUSSELL WILSON** (31) and Prescott (30).

Three rookie quarterbacks – New York Giants' **DANIEL JONES**, Jacksonville's **GARDNER MINSHEW** and Arizona's **KYLER MURRAY** – each passed for at least 20 touchdowns in 2019, marking the second season in league annals in which at least three rookie quarterbacks each passed for at least 20 touchdowns (2012 – **ROBERT GRIFFIN III**, **ANDREW LUCK** and **RUSSELL WILSON**).

Nine quarterbacks had a passer rating of 100 or higher last season, including three with a passer rating of at least 110: Tennessee's **RYAN TANNEHILL** (117.5), New Orleans' **DREW BREES** (116.3) and Jackson (113.3).

The nine quarterbacks with a passer rating of 100 or higher were tied with the 2018 season for the most in a single season in NFL history.

CLUTCH PERFORMERS

The 2019 season featured many exciting games that came down to the wire.

Tennessee quarterback **RYAN TANNEHILL** led the NFL with a 123.3 passer rating in the fourth quarter and overtime last season (min. 75 pass attempts), becoming the third quarterback since 1991 to record a passer rating of 120-or-higher in the fourth quarter and overtime since 1991.

In total, ten quarterbacks registered a passer rating of 100-or-higher in the fourth quarter and overtime in 2019 (min. 75 pass attempts).

QBs WITH THE HIGHEST SINGLE SEASON PASSER RATING IN THE 4TH QUARTER & OVERTIME SINCE 1991 (MIN. 75 PASS ATTEMPTS)

Player	Rating
RUSSELL WILSON SEATTLE (2017)	**134.1**
STEVE YOUNG[HOF] SAN FRANCISCO (1994)	**130.4**
RYAN TANNEHILL TENNESSEE (2019)	**123.3**
MATT RYAN ATLANTA (2018)	**118.7**
DREW BREES NEW ORLEANS (2017)	**117.6**

Buffalo's **JOSH ALLEN**, Houston's **DESHAUN WATSON** and Seattle's **RUSSELL WILSON** tied for the league-lead with five game-winning drives last season, defined as offensive drives that result in a score that puts a team ahead for good at any time in the fourth quarter or overtime (whether tied or trailing), while Miami's **RYAN FITZPATRICK**, San Francisco's **JIMMY GAROPPOLO** and Philadelphia's **CARSON WENTZ** each recorded four game-winning drives in 2019.

Last season, New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES** recorded two game-winning drives and joined **PEYTON MANNING** (54) as the only quarterbacks since 1960 with at least 50 career game-winning drives. Tampa Bay's **TOM BRADY** (45 career game-winning drives) currently ranks fourth, while Pittsburgh's **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (42) ranks sixth since 1970.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GAME-WINNING DRIVES
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis, Denver	54
Drew Brees	San Diego, New Orleans	50
Dan Marino[HOF]	Miami	47
Tom Brady	New England	45
Brett Favre[HOF]	Green Bay, N.Y Jets, Minnesota	43

STARTING RECORDS OF
ACTIVE NFL QUARTERBACKS

QUARTERBACKS ON ROSTERS AS OF JULY 15, 2020 (MINUMUM 10 REGULAR-SEASON STARTS)

QUARTERBACK	REGULAR SEASON				POSTSEASON			OVERALL			
	W	L	T	PCT.	W	L	PCT.	W	L	T	PCT.
Lamar Jackson	19	3	0	.864	0	2	.000	19	5	0	.792
Jimmy Garoppolo	21	5	0	.808	2	1	.667	23	6	0	.793
Tom Brady	219	64	0	.774	30	11	.732	249	75	0	.769
Patrick Mahomes	24	7	0	.774	4	1	.800	28	8	0	.778
Russell Wilson	86	41	1	.676	9	6	.600	95	47	1	.668
Ben Roethlisberger	144	71	1	.669	13	8	.619	157	79	1	.665
Aaron Rodgers	113	60	1	.652	10	8	.556	123	68	1	.643
Deshaun Watson	24	13	1	.649	1	2	.333	25	15	1	.622
Teddy Bridgewater	22	12	0	.647	0	1	.000	22	13	0	.629
Dak Prescott	40	24	0	.625	1	2	.333	41	26	0	.612
Jared Goff	33	21	0	.611	2	2	.500	35	23	0	.603
Drew Brees	163	111	0	.595	8	8	.500	171	119	0	.590
Alex Smith	94	66	1	.587	2	5	.286	96	71	1	.574
Matt Ryan	109	80	0	.577	4	6	.400	113	86	0	.578
Joe Flacco	98	73	0	.573	10	5	.667	108	78	0	.581
Carson Wentz	32	24	0	.571	0	1	.000	32	25	0	.561
Mitchell Trubisky	23	18	0	.561	0	1	.000	23	19	0	.548
Josh Allen	15	12	0	.556	0	1	.000	15	13	0	.536
Cam Newton	68	55	1	.552	3	4	.429	71	59	1	.546
Philip Rivers	123	101	0	.549	5	6	.455	128	107	0	.545
Nick Foles	26	22	0	.542	4	2	.667	30	24	0	.556
Andy Dalton	70	61	2	.534	0	4	.000	70	65	2	.518
Tyrod Taylor	23	21	1	.522	0	1	.000	23	22	1	.511
Kirk Cousins	44	42	2	.511	1	2	.333	45	44	2	.505
Matt Schaub	47	46	0	.505	1	1	.500	48	47	0	.505
Gardner Minshew	6	6	0	.500	0	0	.000	6	6	0	.500
Ryan Tannehill	49	49	0	.500	2	1	.667	51	50	0	.505
Marcus Mariota	29	32	0	.475	1	1	.500	30	33	0	.476
Matthew Stafford	69	79	1	.466	0	3	.000	69	82	1	.457
Kyle Allen	6	7	0	.462	0	0	.000	6	7	0	.462
Case Keenum	27	35	0	.435	1	1	.500	28	36	0	.438
Sam Darnold	11	15	0	.423	0	0	.000	11	15	0	.423
Brian Hoyer	16	22	0	.421	0	1	.000	16	23	0	.410
Derek Carr	39	55	0	.415	0	0	.000	39	55	0	.415
Baker Mayfield	12	17	0	.414	0	0	.000	12	17	0	.414
Jameis Winston	28	42	0	.400	0	0	.000	28	42	0	.400
Ryan Fitzpatrick	55	83	1	.399	0	0	.000	55	83	1	.399
Robert Griffin III	16	25	0	.390	0	1	.000	16	26	0	.381
Geno Smith	12	19	0	.387	0	0	.000	12	19	0	.387
Jacoby Brissett	12	20	0	.375	0	0	.000	12	20	0	.375
Kyler Murray	5	10	1	.344	0	0	.000	5	10	1	.344
Chad Henne	18	35	0	.340	0	0	.000	18	35	0	.340
Mike Glennon	6	16	0	.273	0	0	.000	6	16	0	.273
Blaine Gabbert	13	35	0	.271	0	0	.000	13	35	0	.271
Daniel Jones	3	9	0	.250	0	0	.000	3	9	0	.250
Colt McCoy	7	21	0	.250	0	0	.000	7	21	0	.250
Josh Rosen	3	13	0	.188	0	0	.000	3	13	0	.188
C.J. Beathard	1	9	0	.100	0	0	.000	1	9	0	.100

CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY

RUNNING BACK | CAROLINA PANTHERS

In 2019, Carolina running back **CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY** led the league with 2,392 scrimmage yards, the third-most scrimmage yards in a single season in league annals.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SCRIMMAGE YARDS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

CHRIS JOHNSON TENNESSEE	2,509 YARDS	2009
MARSHALL FAULK[HOF] ST. LOUIS	2,429 YARDS	1999
CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY CAROLINA	2,392 YARDS	2019

McCaffrey, who also totaled 1,965 scrimmage yards in 2018, can become the fifth player in NFL history to record three consecutive seasons with at least 1,900 scrimmage yards. Additionally, he would join Pro Football Hall of Famer **ERIC DICKERSON** as the only players in league annals with at least 1,900 scrimmage yards in three of their first four NFL seasons.

PLAYERS WITH MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS OF 1,900+ SCRIMMAGE YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

MARSHALL FAULK[HOF] ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS	4
TIKI BARBER N.Y. GIANTS	3
PRIEST HOLMES KANSAS CITY	3
WALTER PAYTON[HOF] CHICAGO	3

McCaffrey ranked second in the league with 116 receptions last season, the most in a single season by a running back in league annals, surpassing the previous record he set in 2018 (107 receptions). He also became the first running back in NFL history to register multiple seasons with at least 100 receptions.

Since entering the NFL in 2017, McCaffrey has totaled 303 receptions and joined **MICHAEL THOMAS** (321) as the only players in NFL history to record at least 300 receptions in their first three seasons. With 97 receptions in 2020, he would join Thomas (470) and **JARVIS LANDRY** (400) as the only players in league annals with at least 400 receptions in their first four seasons.

McCaffrey has eight career games with both a rushing and receiving touchdown in his first three seasons, tied with **CHUCK FOREMAN** (1973-75) for the most such games in a player's first three seasons in league annals.

With two such games in 2020, he would become the fifth player to record at least 10 career games with both a rushing and receiving touchdown in league annals.

PLAYERS WITH MOST CAREER GAMES WITH BOTH A RUSHING & RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN IN NFL HISTORY

MARSHALL FAULK[HOF] ST. LOUIS, INDIANAPOLIS	15
LENNY MOORE[HOF] BALTIMORE COLTS	12
BRIAN WESTBROOK PHILADELPHIA	12
JIM BROWN[HOF] CLEVELAND	11

DERRICK HENRY

RUNNING BACK | TENNESSEE TITANS

Tennessee running back **DERRICK HENRY** had a career year in 2019, leading the league with 1,540 rushing yards and tying for the lead league with 16 rushing touchdowns.

He became only the third player to rush for at least 1,500 yards and 15 touchdowns in a single season since 2010.

In Week 17 of 2019, Henry rushed for a season-high 211 and three touchdowns.

Having also rushed for 238 yards and four touchdowns in Week 13 of the 2018 season, Henry joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **JIM BROWN** and **ADRIAN PETERSON** as the only players with multiple games of at least 200 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns in NFL history

PLAYERS WITH 1,500+ RUSHING YARDS & 15+ RUSHING TDS IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 2010

DERRICK HENRY TENNESSEE - 2019	1,540 RUSHING YARDS / 16 RUSHING TDs
EZEKIEL ELLIOTT DALLAS - 2016	1,631 RUSHING YARDS / 15 RUSHING TDs
ARIAN FOSTER HOUSTON - 2010	1,616 RUSHING YARDS / 16 RUSHING TDs

PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE GAMES OF 200+ RUSHING YARDS & 3+ RUSHING TDS IN NFL HISTORY

JIM BROWN[HOF] CLEVELAND	2 GAMES
DERRICK HENRY TENNESSEE	2 GAMES
ADRIAN PETERSON MINNESOTA	2 GAMES

Henry was at his strongest from Weeks 10-13 last season, rushing for 188 yards and two touchdowns in Week 10, 159 yards and two touchdowns in Week 12 and 149 yards and a touchdown in Week 13.

In that stretch, he became the fifth player to rush for at least 145 yards and a touchdown in three consecutive games in league annals.

Continuing into the postseason, Henry rushed for 182 yards in the AFC Wild Card round and 195 yards in the AFC Divisional playoffs, becoming the first player in NFL history with at least 180 rushing yards in three consecutive games.

Additionally, his 195 rushing yards in the Divisional round were a single-game franchise postseason record.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON
Derrick Henry	*Tennessee*	*2019*
Adrian Peterson	Minnesota	2012
Eric Dickerson[HOF]	L.A. Rams	1984
O.J. Simpson[HOF]	Buffalo	1976
Jim Brown[HOF]	Cleveland	1958

"He really does everything well as a runner. "He's got good vision. For his size, he sees things well. He has good quickness. He's the best back we saw all year."

-New England Head Coach Bill Belichick

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT

RUNNING BACK | DALLAS COWBOYS

26 100-YARD GAMES

2x RUSHING YARD LEADER

3X PRO BOWLER

Dallas Cowboys running back **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT** ranked second in the NFL with 1,777 scrimmage yards and fourth in rushing yards (1,357) last season. He has 7,024 scrimmage yards (5,405 rushing, 1,619 receiving) in 56 career games and became the sixth player in NFL history with at least 7,000 scrimmage yards in his first four seasons.

Elliott has three career seasons with at least 1,700 scrimmage yards and can become the fourth player in NFL history to reach 1,700 scrimmage yards in four of his first five seasons.

The other three players to accomplish the feat are all enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Since entering the league in 2016, Elliott has 26 career games with at least 100 rushing yards, the most in the NFL over that span.

PLAYERS WITH MOST GAMES OF 100+ RUSH YARDS SINCE 2016

Player	Games
EZEKIEL ELLIOTT, DALLAS	26
JORDAN HOWARD, CHICAGO	14
MARK INGRAM, NEW ORLEANS, BALTIMORE	13
CHRIS CARSON, SEATTLE	12
TODD GURLEY, L.A. RAMS	12
LESEAN MCCOY, BUFFALO	12

PLAYERS WITH 1,700+ SCRIMMAGE YARDS IN 4 OF THEIR FIRST 5 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Seasons
EMMITT SMITH[HOF], DALLAS	1991-94
THURMAN THOMAS[HOF], BUFFALO	1989-92
LADAINIAN TOMLINSON[HOF], SAN DIEGO	2002-05

With 476 scrimmage yards in his first four games of the 2020 season, Elliott can become the fourth player in league annals to record at least 7,500 scrimmage yards in his first 60 career games.

PLAYER	TEAM	SCRIMMAGE YARDS
Le'Veon Bell	Pittsburgh	7,734
Eric Dickerson[HOF]	L.A. Rams	7,636
Edgerrin James[HOF]	Indianapolis	7,563
LaDainian Tomlinson[HOF]	San Diego	7,489
Marcus Allen[HOF]	L.A. Raiders	7,409

"This guy is built like your perfect running back. If you had to design a running back, it would be Ezekiel Elliott."

- Washington RB Adrian Peterson

TODD GURLEY

RUNNING BACK | ATLANTA FALCONS

Since entering the NFL in 2015, running back **TODD GURLEY** leads the league in rushing touchdowns (58) and total touchdowns (70), and ranks second in both rushing yards (5,404) and scrimmage yards (7,494).

Gurley's 70 total touchdowns are tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer **JERRY RICE** (70) for the fourth-most touchdowns through a player's first five seasons in NFL history.

With at least 10 rushing touchdowns this season, Gurley could join Pro Football Hall of Famers **EARL CAMPBELL**, **ERIC DICKERSON**, **EMMITT SMITH** and **LADAINIAN TOMLINSON**, as well as **ADRIAN PETERSON** and **SHAUN ALEXANDER**, as the only players with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in five of their first six seasons in NFL history.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN THEIR FIRST FIVE SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	TDs
LADAINIAN TOMLINSON[HOF] SAN DIEGO	80
EMMITT SMITH[HOF] DALLAS	75
SHAUN ALEXANDER SEATTLE	72
TODD GURLEY ST. LOUIS/L.A. RAMS	70
JERRY RICE[HOF] SAN FRANCISCO	70

GURLEY RUSHING TDs BY SEASON

SEASON	RUSHING TDs
2019	12
2018	17*
2017	13*
2016	6
2015	10

*led NFL

This offseason, Gurley signed with Atlanta after spending the first five years of his career with the St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams.

During those first five seasons, Gurley joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **LADAINIAN TOMLINSON** as the only players with at least 5,000 rushing yards, 2,000 receiving yards and 65 scrimmage touchdowns in their first five seasons in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM	RUSH YARDS	REC. YARDS	SCRIMMAGE TDs
LaDainian Tomlinson[HOF]	San Diego	7,361	2,392	80
Todd Gurley	StL/L.A. Rams	5,404	2,090	70

"A hard worker. He's super-smart. The stuff I was telling him one day, the next day he had it done. I was really impressed with his ability to retain information."

- Atlanta QB Matt Ryan on Gurley

SAQUON BARKLEY

RUNNING BACK | NEW YORK GIANTS

New York Giants running back **SAQUON BARKLEY** enters 2020 with 3,469 career scrimmage yards (2,310 rushing, 1,159 receiving), the third-most among all players since entering the league in 2018.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SCRIMMAGE YARDS SINCE 2018

CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY CAROLINA	4,357
EZEKIEL ELLIOTT DALLAS	3,778
SAQUON BARKLEY N.Y. GIANTS	3,469

Barkley has proven to be a force through both the run and pass game early in his career.

He became the third player since 1990 and the fifth in NFL history with at least 2,000 rushing yards and 1,000 receiving yards through his first two seasons, joining **LE'VEON BELL** and Pro Football Hall of Famer **EDGERRIN JAMES**.

PLAYERS WITH 2,000+ RUSHING YARDS & 1,000+ REC. YARDS IN FIRST 2 SEASONS SINCE 1990

SAQUON BARKLEY N.Y. GIANTS 2018-19	2,310	RUSHING YARDS
	1,159	RECEIVING YARDS
LE'VEON BELL PITTSBURGH STEELERS 2013-14	2,221	RUSHING YARDS
	1,253	RECEIVING YARDS
EDGERRIN JAMES[HOF] INDIANAPOLIS 1997-98	3,262	RUSHING YARDS
	1,180	RECEIVING YARDS

The No. 2 overall selection in the 2018 Draft has 20 career games with at least 100 scrimmage yards, becoming the fifth player with at least 20 such games through his first two seasons in league annals.

If Barkley records at least 10 such games in 2020, he would join Pro Football Hall of Famers **ERIC DICKERSON** (34 games) and **EDGERRIN JAMES** (32) as the only players with at least 100 scrimmage yards in 30 games through their first three seasons in NFL history.

PLAYERS WITH 20+ GAMES OF 100+ SCRIMMAGE YARDS IN FIRST 2 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

EDGERRIN JAMES[HOF] INDIANAPOLIS	27
ERIC DICKERSON[HOF] L.A. RAMS	26
BILLY SIMS DETROIT	21
SAQUON BARKLEY N.Y. GIANTS	20
CLINTON PORTIS WASHINGTON	20

Barkley ranked second among all running backs with a career-high 91 receptions last season. Along with his 53 receptions as a rookie in 2018, his 143 career receptions are the fourth-most among running backs through his first two seasons in league annals.

If Barkley registers at least 57 receptions in 2020, he will become the seventh running back in NFL history with at least 200 receptions through his first three seasons.

ALVIN KAMARA

RUNNING BACK | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

2017 AP OFFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR
3X PRO BOWLER
38 CAREER TOUCHDOWNS

Since entering the NFL in 2017, New Orleans running back **ALVIN KAMARA** has recorded three consecutive seasons with at least 500 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards, joining **ABNER HAYNES** (1960-62) and **HERSCHEL WALKER** (1986-88) as the only players in NFL history to accomplish the feat in each of their first three seasons.

In 45 career games, Kamara has totaled 4,476 scrimmage yards (2,408 rushing, 2,068 receiving) and he joined **ROGER CRAIG** and **CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY** as the only players in league annals with at least 2,000 rushing yards and 2,000 receiving yards in their first three seasons.

Kamara, who has registered 27 rushing touchdowns and 10 receiving touchdowns in his three-year career, became the fourth player in league annals with at least 25 rushing touchdowns and 10 receiving touchdowns in his first three seasons in NFL history.

PLAYERS WITH 25+ RUSH TDs & 10+ RECEIVING TDs IN 1ST THREE SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

MARCUS ALLEN[HOF] L.A. RAIDERS	33 RUSHING 10 RECEIVING
ABNER HAYNES KANSAS CITY	31 RUSHING 12 RECEIVING
CHUCK FOREMAN MINNESOTA	26 RUSHING 17 RECEIVING
ALVIN KAMARA NEW ORLEANS	27 RUSHING 10 RECEIVING

Kamara has registered 13 career games with at least two touchdowns since entering the NFL in 2017, tied for the most such games by a player in his first three seasons in league annals.

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES
Marcus Allen[HOF]	L.A. Raiders	13
Jim Brown[HOF]	Cleveland	13
Eric Dickerson[HOF]	L.A. Rams	13
Larry Johnson	Kansas City	13
Alvin Kamara	New Orleans	13

Kamara has recorded at least 80 receptions in each of his first three NFL seasons and became the fourth running back to register three career seasons with at least 80 receptions in league annals. Kamara has 243 career receptions, the second-most by a running back and seventh-most among all players in their first three career seasons in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASONS
Marshall Faulk[HOF]	Indianapolis, St. Louis	5
Larry Centers	Arizona, Washington, Buffalo	4
Alvin Kamara	*New Orleans*	*3*
Christian McCaffrey	Carolina	3

"The combination of his athletic ability and just how fluid he is as an athlete, as a runner, how smart he is as a football player. He can do so many things, he's so versatile."

- New Orleans QB Drew Brees on Alvin Kamara

1,000-YARD RUNNING BACKS

Fifteen running backs rushed for at least 1,000 yards in 2019, the most in a single season since 2012 (16).

RUNNING BACKS WITH 1,000+ RUSHING YARDS IN 2019

DERRICK HENRY TENNESSEE	**1,540**
NICK CHUBB CLEVELAND	**1,494**
CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY CAROLINA	**1,387**
EZEKIEL ELLIOTT DALLAS	**1,357**
CHRIS CARSON SEATTLE	**1,230**
LEONARD FOURNETTE JACKSONVILLE	**1,152**
JOSH JACOBS OAKLAND	**1,150**
JOE MIXON CINCINNATI	**1,137**
DALVIN COOK MINNESOTA	**1,135**
MARLON MACK INDIANAPOLIS	**1,091**
AARON JONES GREEN BAY	**1,084**
CARLOS HYDE HOUSTON	**1,070**
MARK INGRAM BALTIMORE	**1,018**
PHILLIP LINDSAY DENVER	**1,011**
SAQUON BARKLEY N.Y. GIANTS	**1,003**

Of those 15 players, six reached the milestone for the first time in their career, tied with 2018 for the most such players to reach the mark since seven players reached 1,000 rushing yards for the first time in 2010.

Notes on the six players who reached 1,000 rushing yards for the first time in their careers:

Cleveland running back **NICK CHUBB** ranked second in the league with 1,494 rushing yards, the most in franchise history since Pro Football Hall of Famer **JIM BROWN** (1,544 rushing yards in 1965). With 2,490 rushing yards through his first two seasons, he also surpassed Brown (2,469) for the most by a player in his first two seasons in franchise history.

Raiders running back **JOSH JACOBS** led all rookies with 1,150 rushing yards, becoming the first rookie to rush for at least 1,000 yards in Raiders franchise history. 2019 marked the eighth consecutive season in which at least one rookie rushed for 1,000 yards, the second-longest streak in the common draft era.

Minnesota running back **DALVIN COOK** joined **ADRIAN PETERSON** and **CHESTER TAYLOR** as the only Minnesota running backs with 1,000 rushing yards in a single season since 2005. Cook added 519 receiving yards in 2019, joining **TED BROWN** and **CHUCK FOREMAN** as the only players in franchise history with at least 1,000 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards in a single season.

Former Houston and current Seattle running back **CARLOS HYDE** reached the 1,000-yard mark for the first time in his sixth NFL season, the deepest into a career a player reached 1,000 rushing yards for the first time since **MARK INGRAM** hit the milestone in 2016, also his sixth season. Ingram would go on to rush for 1,000 yards in two of the next three seasons, including 2019.

SECOND-YEAR RUNNING BACKS

Rookie running backs made an immediate impact in 2019, as four rookies led their respective club in rushing yards: **JOSH JACOBS** (Oakland, 1,150 rushing yards), **DAVID MONTGOMERY** (Chicago, 889), **MILES SANDERS** (Philadelphia, 818) and **DEVIN SINGLETARY** (Buffalo, 775).

Jacobs was the first running back off the board in the 2019 NFL Draft (24th overall) and led all rookies with 1,150 rushing yards and seven rushing touchdowns last season, becoming the first rookie to rush for at least 1,000 yards in Raiders franchise history. It also marked the fifth-most rushing yards by a rookie in the last five seasons.

Jacobs rushed for multiple touchdowns in three games last season, becoming the sixth rookie running back in the last 15 seasons to accomplish the feat in at least three games.

MILES SANDERS led all rookie running backs with 1,327 scrimmage yards (818 rushing, 509 receiving) in 2019, the most by a rookie in Eagles franchise history.

Sanders also added 50 receptions last season, becoming the fifth rookie with at least 500 rushing yards, 500 receiving yards and 50 receptions since 2000.

ROOKIES WITH 500+ RUSHING YARDS, 500+ REC. YARDS & 50+ RECEPTIONS SINCE 2000

MILES SANDERS PHILADELPHIA	**2019**
SAQUON BARKLEY N.Y. GIANTS	**2018**
ALVIN KAMARA NEW ORLEANS	**2017**
GIOVANI BERNARD CINCINNATI	**2013**
REGGIE BUSH NEW ORLEANS	**2006**

ROOKIE RUNNING BACKS WITH MOST GAMES WITH 2+ RUSHING TDS SINCE 2005

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT DALLAS - 2016	**5**	GAMES
ADRIAN PETERSON MINNESOTA - 2007	**4**	GAMES
MIKE BELL DENVER - 2006	**3**	GAMES
JOSH JACOBS OAKLAND - 2019	**3**	GAMES
MAURICE JONES-DREW JACKSONVILLE - 2006	**3**	GAMES
ALFRED MORRIS WASHINGTON - 2012	**3**	GAMES

"He's got slashing ability, he can break tackles, he's got a powerful stiff arm, he's a good receiver and he's going to get better. We wouldn't trade him for any back."

-Las Vegas head coach Jon Gruden on Josh Jacobs

MICHAEL THOMAS

WIDE RECEIVER | NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

During his historic 2019 season, New Orleans wide receiver **MICHAEL THOMAS** led the league with 149 catches, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer **MARVIN HARRISON** (143 receptions in 2002) for the most receptions in a single season in league history.

PLAYERS WITH MOST RECEPTIONS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

MICHAEL THOMAS NEW ORLEANS	149 REC. 2019
MARVIN HARRISON^HOF INDIANAPOLIS	143 REC. 2002
ANTONIO BROWN PITTSBURGH	136 REC. 2015
JULIO JONES ATLANTA	136 REC. 2015

Last season, Thomas became the first player in NFL history to record at least 90 receptions in each of his first four seasons. With at least 100 receptions in 2020, he would join **ANTONIO BROWN** (six seasons from 2013-18) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **MARVIN HARRISON** (four seasons from 1999-2002) as the only players in NFL history to have at least 100 receptions in four consecutive seasons.

Thomas registered nine games with at least 10 receptions during the 2019 season, the most in a single season in NFL history. He has 18 career games with at least 10 catches and needs five such games in 2020 to surpass **ANDRE JOHNSON** (22) for the most games with at least 10 receptions in league annals.

Since entering the league in 2016, Thomas has recorded 470 receptions in 63 career games and surpassed **JARVIS LANDRY** (400) for the most receptions by a player in his first four seasons in league annals. He recorded his 400th catch in his 56th career game, surpassing **ODELL BECKHAM, JR.** (61 games) as the fastest player to reach 400 career receptions in league annals.

Entering his fifth NFL season, Thomas needs 12 receptions to surpass **JARVIS LANDRY** (481) for the most catches by a player in his first five seasons in league annals. With 95 receptions in 2020, he would surpass Landry (564) for the most receptions by a player in his first six seasons in NFL history.

In 2019, Thomas led the NFL with 1,725 receiving yards and joined **MIKE EVANS** (2014-17), **A.J. GREEN** (2011-14) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **RANDY MOSS** (1998-2001) as the only players with at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of their first four seasons.

Thomas has 5,512 career receiving yards and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **RANDY MOSS** (5,396) for the most receiving yards by a player in his first four seasons. With at least 1,273 receiving yards in 2020, he would surpass **TORRY HOLT** (6,784 receiving yards) for the most receiving yards in a player's first five seasons.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GAMES
Andre Johnson	Houston	22
Antonio Brown	Pittsburgh	21
Julio Jones	Atlanta	19
Brandon Marshall	Denver, Miami, Chicago, N.Y. Jets	19

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING YARDS
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	6,784
Randy Moss^HOF	Minnesota	6,743
Jerry Rice^HOF	San Francisco	6,364

JULIO JONES

WIDE RECEIVER | ATLANTA FALCONS

Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES** ranked second in the NFL with 1,394 receiving yards in 2019, and now has 12,125 receiving yards during his nine-year career. In Week 16 of last season – his 125th career game – Jones surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **JERRY RICE** (142 games) as the fastest player to reach 12,000 receiving yards in NFL history.

PLAYERS TO REACH 12,000 RECEIVING YARDS IN FEWEST GAMES IN NFL HISTORY

JULIO JONES ATLANTA	125 GAMES
JERRY RICE[HOF] SAN FRANCISCO	142 GAMES
TORRY HOLT ST. LOUIS RAMS	146 GAMES
ANDRE JOHNSON HOUSTON	146 GAMES

In Week 1 of the 2019 season, Jones notched his 700th-career reception in his 112th career game, becoming the second-fastest player to reach 700 receptions in league history.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GAMES
Antonio Brown	Pittsburgh	111
Julio Jones	Atlanta	112
Marvin Harrison[HOF]	Indianapolis	114
Andre Johnson	Houston	120
Brandon Marshall	Denver, Miami, Chicago	121

Jones, who has 797 receptions in 126 career games, needs three receptions over his first four games of the 2020 season to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **MARVIN HARRISON** (131 games) as the second-fastest player to reach 800 career receptions in NFL history. Only **ANTONIO BROWN** (126 games) reached the mark in fewer games.

The 2019 campaign marked Jones' sixth consecutive season with at least 1,250 receiving yards, joining **TORRY HOLT** (2000-05) and **ANTONIO BROWN** (2013-18) as the only players to accomplish that feat.

If Jones has at least 1,250 receiving yards in 2020, he would become the first player to reach 1,250 receiving yards in seven consecutive seasons in league history.

Jones had six games with at least 100 receiving yards last season, tied for the second-most in the NFL. He now has 55 career games with at least 100 receiving yards, the fourth-most in league history, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famers **JERRY RICE** (76 games), **RANDY MOSS** (64) and **MARVIN HARRISON** (59).

Entering the 2020 season, Jones needs 1,151 receiving yards to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **JERRY RICE** (13,275 yards) for the most receiving yards through a player's first 10 seasons in NFL history.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN THEIR 1ST 10 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

JERRY RICE[HOF] SAN FRANCISCO	13,275
TORRY HOLT ST. LOUIS RAMS	12,660
MARVIN HARRISON[HOF] INDIANAPOLIS	12,331
RANDY MOSS[HOF] MINNESOTA, OAKLAND, NEW ENGLAND	12,193
JULIO JONES ATLANTA	12,125

DEANDRE HOPKINS

WIDE RECEIVER | ARIZONA CARDINALS

Arizona wide receiver **DEANDRE HOPKINS** comes to the Cardinals after a seven-year career with the Houston Texans, where he established himself as one of the top receivers in the league.

Since entering the NFL in 2013, Hopkins ranks second in touchdown receptions (54) and third in receptions (632) and receiving yards (8,602).

Last season, Hopkins became both the second-youngest player to reach 600 receptions and third-youngest player to reach 8,000 receiving yards in league annals.

YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO REACH 600 RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

LARRY FITZGERALD ARIZONA	27 years, 110 days
DEANDRE HOPKINS HOUSTON	27 years, 164 days

YOUNGEST PLAYERS TO REACH 8,000 REC. YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

RANDY MOSS[HOF] MINNESOTA	26 years, 297 days
LARRY FITZGERALD ARIZONA	27 years, 110 days
DEANDRE HOPKINS HOUSTON	27 years, 143 days

> *"His mentality, his fight, going into every game - he wants to be great. That's the reason why he's the receiver he is today."*
>
> *- New England DB Stephon Gilmore on Hopkins*

In 2019, Hopkins tied for third in the league with 104 receptions, while adding 1,165 receiving yards and seven touchdowns, becoming the fifth player to begin his career with seven consecutive seasons with at least 50 receptions and 800 receiving yards in league history.

If he accomplishes the feat again in 2020, he would join **GARY CLARK** as the only players to do so in each of their first eight seasons in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASONS
DeAndre Hopkins	*Houston*	*2013-2019*
T.Y. Hilton	Indianapolis	2012-18
A.J. Green	Cincinnati	2011-17
Keyshawn Johnson	N.Y. Jets, Tampa Bay	1996-2002
Gary Clark	Washington	1985-91

If Hopkins records at least 68 catches in 2020, a mark he has hit every season since 2014, he would become the fifth player with at least 700 receptions in his first eight seasons in league annals.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RECEPTIONS
Marvin Harrison[HOF]	Houston	759
Antonio Brown	Pittsburgh	733
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	712
Brandon Marshall	Denver, Miami, Chicago	712

MIKE EVANS
WIDE RECEIVER | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

CHRIS GODWIN
WIDE RECEIVER | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Tampa Bay wide receivers **CHRIS GODWIN** (white jersey) and **MIKE EVANS** (red) have established themselves as one of the most dominant receiver duos in the NFL, combining for 2,490 receiving yards in 2019, the most by any pair of teammates in the league last season.

TEAMMATES WITH MOST COMBINED RECEIVING YARDS IN 2019

CHRIS GODWIN (1,333) & MIKE EVANS (1,157) TAMPA BAY	**2,490**
MICHAEL THOMAS (1,725) & JARED COOK (705) NEW ORLEANS	**2,430**
AMARI COOPER (1,189) & MICHAEL GALLUP (1,107) DALLAS	**2,296**

Both players reached the 1,000-yard mark in Tampa Bay's first 11 games, becoming the fourth duo in NFL history each with at least 1,000 receiving yards in their team's first 11 games.

Evans totaled 67 catches for 1,157 yards and eight touchdowns in 2019, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **RANDY MOSS** (1998-2003) as the only players with at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of their first six seasons in NFL history. With at least 1,000 receiving yards in 2020, he would become the first player to do so in each of his first seven seasons in league annals.

The Buccaneers' franchise leader in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns, Evans enters 2020 with 462 receptions for 7,260 yards and 48 touchdowns through 90 career games.

This season, he can become the fourth player in league history with at least 500 receptions for 8,000 yards and 50 touchdowns through his first 100 games.

PLAYER	TEAM	REC.	YARDS	TDs
A.J. Green	Cincinnati	548	8,115	57
Calvin Johnson	Detroit	541	8,740	63
Randy Moss[HOF]	Minnesota	549	8,680	84
Mike Evans	*Tampa Bay*	*462**	*7,260**	*48**

*Through 90 games

Godwin set career-highs in every major receiving category in 2019, totaling 86 receptions for 1,333 receiving yards, the third-most in the league, and nine touchdowns, tied for the fourth-most in the league.

Godwin was one of three players, along with Miami's **DEVANTE PARKER** and New Orleans' **MICHAEL THOMAS** to finish in the top-five in both receiving yards and receiving touchdowns last season.

Godwin, who was 23 years and 305 days old on the final day of the 2019 regular season, also ranked second in the league with 95.2 receiving yards per game, becoming the seventh different player to average at least 95 yards per game in a single season before reaching the age of 24 since 1970 (minimum 10 games).

GEORGE KITTLE

TIGHT END | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

In 2019, San Francisco tight end **GEORGE KITTLE** ranked third among tight ends with 1,053 receiving yards and fourth with 85 receptions.

Since entering the NFL in 2017, Kittle has recorded 216 receptions and 2,945 receiving yards, both the most by a tight end in his first three seasons in league annals.

TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS IN THEIR FIRST THREE SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Receptions
GEORGE KITTLE — SAN FRANCISCO	216
JIMMY GRAHAM — NEW ORLEANS	215
KELLEN WINSLOW[HOF] — SAN DIEGO	202

TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST RECEIVING YARDS IN THEIR FIRST THREE SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Receiving Yards
GEORGE KITTLE — SAN FRANCISCO	2,945
MIKE DITKA[HOF] — CHICAGO	2,774
ROB GRONKOWSKI — NEW ENGLAND	2,663

Kittle, who also registered 88 receptions and 1,377 receiving yards - the most in a single season by a tight end in league annals – in 2018, needs at least 80 catches and 1,000 receiving yards to become the second tight end in NFL history to reach those marks in three consecutive seasons, joining **TRAVIS KELCE** (four seasons from 2016-19).

Kittle, who has appeared in 45 games during his three-year NFL career, needs at least 476 receiving yards to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **KELLEN WINSLOW** (3,420 receiving yards) for the most receiving yards by a tight end in his first 50 career games in league annals.

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING YARDS
Mike Ditka[HOF]	Chicago	3,436
Kellen Winlsow[HOF]	San Diego	3,420
Rob Gronkowski	New England	3,255

TRAVIS KELCE

TIGHT END | KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Kansas City tight end **TRAVIS KELCE** finished with 1,229 receiving yards in 2019, leading all tight ends and ranking fourth among all players.

Kelce became the first tight end with at least 1,000 receiving yards in four consecutive seasons in NFL history and with 6,465 career receiving yards, has the most receiving yards of any tight end through his first seven seasons in league annals.

Kelce's 97 receptions in 2019 also led tight ends and he joined **ZACH ERTZ** and **JASON WITTEN** as the only tight ends in NFL history with at least 500 receptions in their first seven seasons.

Kelce is the only tight end in the league with at least 90 receptions in each of the last two seasons and if he accomplishes the feat again in 2020, would become the first tight end with at least 90 receptions in three consecutive seasons in league annals.

TIGHT ENDS WITH MOST RECEIVING YARDS THROUGH THEIR FIRST 7 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Yards
TRAVIS KELCE — KANSAS CITY	6,465
JIMMY GRAHAM — NEW ORLEANS, SEATTLE	6,280
ANTONIO GATES — SAN DIEGO	6,223

If Kelce reaches the 1,000-yard mark for a fifth consecutive season in 2020, he would become the first tight end with at least 1,000 receiving yards in five seasons in NFL history.

TIGHT ENDS WITH MOST RECEPTIONS THROUGH THEIR FIRST 7 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Receptions
ZACH ERTZ — PHILADELPHIA	525
JASON WITTEN — DALLAS	523
TRAVIS KELCE — KANSAS CITY	507

PLAYER	TEAM	1,000+ YARD SEASONS
Tony Gonzalez[HOF]	Kansas City	4
Rob Gronkowski	New England	4
Travis Kelce	*Kansas City*	*4*
Jason Witten	Dallas	4

Kelce played a vital part in the Kansas City's Super Bowl LIV title run, leading the team in postseason receiving touchdowns (four) and receptions (19) in Chiefs' three playoff games.

Kelce became the third tight end in the Super Bowl era to record at least four touchdown receptions in a single postseason.

"Just when you watch his film, how much passion he plays with and how much fun he has in the game... I really think that he kicked down the door for how good a tight end can actually be."

-49ers TE George Kittle

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	REC. TDs
Dave Casper[HOF]	Oakland	1972	5
Vernon Davis	San Francisco	2011	4
Travis Kelce	*Kansas City*	*2019*	*4*

ZACH ERTZ

TIGHT END | PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Last season, Philadelphia tight end **ZACH ERTZ** ranked third among tight ends in receptions (88) and fourth in receiving yards (916).

It marked his fifth consecutive season with at least 70 receptions, tied for the third-longest such streak by a tight end in league annals.

Ertz has recorded at least 10 receptions in 11 career games, tied with **JASON WITTEN** (11) for the second-most such games by a tight end in NFL history. Only Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY GONZALEZ** (15 games) has more career 10-catch games among tight ends.

Since 2013, Ertz's 11 games with at least 10 receptions are the most among tight ends and fourth-most overall.

TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS OF 70+ RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	
TONY GONZALEZ[HOF] KANSAS CITY, ATLANTA	11
JASON WITTEN DALLAS	7
ZACH ERTZ PHILADELPHIA	5*
TRAVIS KELCE KANSAS CITY	5*

*active streak

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST GAMES OF 10+ RECEPTIONS SINCE 2013

Player	
ANTONIO BROWN PITTSBURGH	21
MICHAEL THOMAS NEW ORLEANS	18
JULIO JONES ATLANTA	17
ZACH ERTZ PHILADELPHIA	11

Ertz has recorded 525 receptions in 106 games since entering the league in 2013 and surpassed **JASON WITTEN** (523) for the most receptions by a tight end in his first seven seasons in NFL history.

With 93 receptions during the 2020 season, he would surpass Witten (617) for the most receptions by a tight end in his first eight seasons in league annals.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RECEPTIONS
Jason Witten	Dallas	617
Tony Gonzalez[HOF]	Kansas City	570
Jimmy Graham	New Orleans, Seattle	556

"He's tough to guard. He doesn't have to be wide open. If it's anywhere close to him, he's going to catch it."

- Washington LB Jon Bostic on Zach Ertz

ROB GRONKOWSKI

TIGHT END | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Tampa Bay tight end **ROB GRONKOWSKI** returns to the field in 2020 after a nine-year career with the New England Patriots (2010-18), where he totaled 521 receptions for 7,861 yards and 79 touchdowns.

His 79 receiving touchdowns are the most by a tight end through his first nine seasons in league history, while his 7,861 receiving yards rank second.

Gronkowski has recorded 28 games with at least 100 receiving yards during his career, the second-most among tight ends in league annals.

With at least four 100-yard games in 2020, Gronkowski would surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY GONZALEZ** (31 games) for the most such games among tight ends in NFL history.

TIGHT ENDS WITH MOST REC. TDs THROUGH THEIR FIRST 9 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	TDs
ROB GRONKOWSKI — NEW ENGLAND	79
ANTONIO GATES — SAN DIEGO	76
JIMMY GRAHAM — NEW ORLEANS, SEATTLE, GREEN BAY	71

TIGHT ENDS WITH MOST REC. YARDS THROUGH THEIR FIRST 9 SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Yards
JASON WITTEN — DALLAS	7,909
ROB GRONKOWSKI — NEW ENGLAND	7,861
TONY GONZALEZ[HOF] — KANSAS CITY	7,810

TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST GAMES WITH 100+ REC. YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Games
TONY GONZALEZ[HOF] — KANSAS CITY, ATLANTA	31
ROB GRONKOWSKI — NEW ENGLAND	28
KELLEN WINSLOW[HOF] — SAN DIEGO	24

While in New England, Gronkowski established himself as a force in the postseason, as he leads tight ends in every major career receiving category during the playoffs.

PLAYER	RECEPTIONS
Rob Gronkowski	81
Dallas Clark	64

PLAYER	REC. YARDS
Rob Gronkowski	1,163
Dallas Clark	847

PLAYER	REC. TDs
Rob Gronkowski	12
Dave Casper[HOF]	7
Vernon Davis	7

"Rob Gronkowski is one of the best tight ends in NFL history and he plays the game with the type of passion and desire that sets him apart."

-Buccaneers GM Jason Licht

SKILLED VETERANS

Every year, the league sees players reach career milestones and surpass some of the game's all-time greats. 2020 will be no different, as wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD**, running backs **FRANK GORE** and **ADRIAN PETERSON** and tight end **JASON WITTEN** can each move up among the all-time ranks.

New York Jets running back **FRANK GORE** ranks third all-time with 15,347 rushing yards, while Washington running back **ADRIAN PETERSON** ranks fifth (14,216). Gore has 15 career seasons with at least 500 rushing yards, the most in NFL history.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

Player	Rushing Yards
EMMITT SMITH[HOF] DALLAS, ARIZONA	18,355
WALTER PAYTON[HOF] CHICAGO	16,726
FRANK GORE SF, IND, MIA, BUF	15,347
BARRY SANDERS[HOF] DETROIT	15,269
ADRIAN PETERSON MIN, NO, AZ, WAS	14,216

Additionally, Gore ranks fourth all-time with 19,243 scrimmage yards. In 2020, he can become the fourth player in league annals to reach 20,000 career scrimmage yards.

Peterson enters 2020 with 111 career rushing touchdowns, the fourth-most rushing touchdowns in NFL history. With nine rushing touchdowns this season, he would become the fourth player in league annals to reach 120 career rushing touchdowns.

PLAYER	RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
Emmitt Smith[HOF]	164
LaDainian Tomlinson[HOF]	145
Marcus Allen[HOF]	123
Adrian Peterson	111
Walter Payton[HOF]	110

Arizona wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD** enters the 2020 season ranked second all-time in receptions (1,378) and receiving yards (17,083). He also ranks sixth in league annals with 120 career touchdown receptions and needs nine to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **MARVIN HARRISON** (128) for the fifth-most touchdown receptions in NFL history.

He has a catch in 243 consecutive games, the second-longest streak of consecutive games with a catch in NFL history. Pro Football Hall of Famer **JERRY RICE** holds the record with at least one catch in 274 consecutive games from 1985-2004.

Las Vegas tight end **JASON WITTEN** enters the 2020 season with 1,215 receptions (fourth-most all-time) for 12,977 yards, both second-most in NFL history among tight ends, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY GONZALEZ** (1,325 receptions for 15,157 yards).

"He's the best route runner in the business. He's a great conditioned athlete. That goes to show why he's still playing at a high level."

- Baltimore DL Calais Campbell on Fitzgerald

YARDS AFTER THE CATCH

As versatile running backs and quick passing attacks continue to become more prevalent in today's game, additional yards after the catch have become an increasingly important part of an offense's success.

Carolina running back **CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY** led the league with 1,019 yards after the catch last season, the most by any player since 2010, while Los Angeles Chargers running back **AUSTIN EKELER**'s 940 yards after the catch were the second-most by any player since 2010.

Last season, rookie wide receivers **DEEBO SAMUEL** (473) and **A.J. BROWN** (465) each recorded at least 400 yards after the catch, the third and fourth-most yards after the catch by a rookie wide receiver since 2010.

It also marked the second time since 2010 that two rookie wide receivers each eclipsed that mark in the same season, joining **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** (486) and **JARVIS LANDRY** (434) in 2014.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST YARDS AFTER THE CATCH IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 2010

CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY CAROLINA (2019)	1,019
AUSTIN EKELER L.A. CHARGERS (2019)	940
GEORGE KITTLE SAN FRANCISCO (2018)	870
CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY CAROLINA (2018)	855
LE'VEON BELL PITTSBURGH (2014)	816

ROOKIE WIDE RECEIVERS WITH THE MOST YARDS AFTER THE CATCH SINCE 2010

ODELL BECKHAM JR. N.Y. GIANTS (2014)	486
MICHAEL THOMAS NEW ORLEANS (2016)	483
DEEBO SAMUEL SAN FRANCISCO (2019)	473
A.J. BROWN TENNESSEE (2019)	465
JARVIS LANDRY MIAMI (2014)	434

Among non-running backs, San Francisco tight end **GEORGE KITTLE** led the way with 602 yards after the catch, a season after leading the league with 870 yards after the catch in 2018.

PLAYER	TEAM	POS	YAC
Christian McCaffrey	Carolina	RB	1,019
Austin Ekeler	L.A. Chargers	RB	940
George Kittle	San Francisco	TE	602
Dalvin Cook	Minnesota	RB	591
Michael Thomas	New Orleans	WR	583

"You watch the tape, it takes five, six guys at a time to bring him down. He wants to score every time he touches the football. It's really, really cool to watch."

-San Francisco T Mike McGlinchey on Deebo Samuel

ON TARGET

Elite wide receivers capture the attention of opposing defensive backs, but still earn plenty of it from their quarterbacks, too.

Last season, New Orleans wide receiver **MICHAEL THOMAS** was targeted 185 times, the most in the NFL and the most by a player in a single season since 2015.

In 2018, Thomas became the first wide receiver to record at least 100 receptions and catch at least 80 percent of passes thrown his way and he again accomplished the feat last season, catching an NFL-record 149 of his 185 targets (80.5 percent) for a league-high 1,725 yards and nine touchdowns.

After leading the league in targets in 2018 with 170, Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES** (157 targets in 2019) is the only player to finish in the top-three in targets in each of the past two seasons. Since 2012, Jones leads all players with 1,159 targets.

New Arizona wide receiver **DEANDRE HOPKINS** was targeted at least 150 times for the fifth consecutive season, the only player in the league with that distinction, and since entering the NFL in 2013, Hopkins leads all players with 1,048 targets. In 2019, the Cardinals were one of nine teams to not have a single receiver with at least 110 targets.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TARGETS IN 2019

Player	Targets
MICHAEL THOMAS NEW ORLEANS	185
JULIO JONES ATLANTA	157
ALLEN ROBINSON CHICAGO	154
JULIAN EDELMAN NEW ENGLAND	153
DEANDRE HOPKINS HOUSTON	150

MOVING THE CHAINS

A precise route can be the difference between a game-changing play and an appearance by the punt team. It's a skill for a receiver to know exactly where he needs to go in order to move the chains and keep a drive going.

As part of his record-breaking season in 2019, New Orleans wide receiver **MICHAEL THOMAS** recorded 91 first-down receptions, becoming the fifth player with at least 90 first-down receptions in a single season since 1991.

Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES** ranked second last season with 77 first-down receptions and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **MARVIN HARRISON** (four) as the only players since 1991 with four career seasons with at least 75 first-down receptions.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST FIRST-DOWN RECEPTIONS IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 1991

JULIO JONES ATLANTA (2015)	93
MARVIN HARRISON[HOF] INDIANAPOLIS (2002)	92
CALVIN JOHNSON DETROIT (2012)	92
MICHAEL THOMAS NEW ORLEANS (2019)	91
HERMAN MOORE DETROIT (1995)	90

Los Angeles Rams wide receiver **COOPER KUPP** led the NFL with 29 first-down receptions on third down last season, the most by a Rams player in a single season since 2003 (**TORRY HOLT**, 29). Chicago wide receiver **ALLEN ROBINSON** ranked third with 26 first-down receptions on third down in 2019, the most by a Bears player since **BRANDON MARSHALL** (27) in 2012.

PLAYER	TEAM	FIRST DOWNS	REC	YARDS	TDS
Cooper Kupp	L.A. Rams	29	37	571	7
Julio Jones	Atlanta	27	30	434	1
Allen Robinson	Chicago	26	28	308	1
Keenan Allen	L.A. Chargers	23	28	343	3
Michael Thomas	New Orleans	23	29	373	0

BIG PLAY EXCITEMENT

In 2019, seven players recorded at least 20 receptions of 20-or-more yards, led by Tampa Bay's **CHRIS GODWIN** (25).

Atlanta's **JULIO JONES** has recorded at least 20 receptions of 20-or-more yards in each of the past six seasons and leads all players with 193 such receptions since entering the league in 2011.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RECEPTIONS OF 20+ YARDS IN 2019

CHRIS GODWIN TAMPA BAY	25
KENNY GOLLADAY DETROIT	22
JULIO JONES ATLANTA	21
COOPER KUPP L.A. RAMS	21
DEVANTE PARKER MIAMI	21
STEFON DIGGS MINNESOTA	20
JARVIS LANDRY CLEVELAND	20

New Buffalo wide receiver **STEFON DIGGS** had a career-high 20 receptions of 20-or-more yards with Minnesota last season and comes to a Bills team that hasn't had a receiver with 20 such receptions since 2000 (**ERIC MOULDS**).

"Man, the things that he can do on the football field are unbelievable. The route running, the way he can make contested catches. Big-time playmaker, and he's going to help us out a lot this year."

-Buffalo QB Josh Allen on the addition of WR Stefon Diggs

Last season, Cleveland's **NICK CHUBB** and Baltimore's **LAMAR JACKSON** were the only players in the NFL to have at least 10 rushes of 20-or-more yards.

Jackson joined **MICHAEL VICK** (2002, 2004, 2006) as the only quarterbacks since 1990 with at least 10 runs of 20-or-more yards in a single season, while Chubb's 22 such rushes since entering the NFL in 2018 trail only the New York Giants' **SAQUON BARKLEY** (24).

Arizona's **CHASE EDMONDS** and Carolina's **CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY** led all players with four rushing touchdowns of at least 20 yards each in 2019.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHES OF 20+ YARDS IN 2019

NICK CHUBB CLEVELAND	11
LAMAR JACKSON BALTIMORE	11
DERRICK HENRY TENNESSEE	9
MARLON MACK INDIANAPOLIS	9

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST RUSHING TDS OF 20+ YARDS IN 2019

CHASE EDMONDS ARIZONA	4
CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY CAROLINA	4
SAQUON BARKLEY N.Y. GIANTS	3
DERRICK HENRY TENNESSEE	3

SECOND-YEAR WIDE RECEIVERS

In 2019, five rookies recorded at least seven touchdown receptions in 2019: Tennessee's **A.J. BROWN** (eight), the New York Giants' **DARIUS SLAYTON** (eight), Baltimore's **MARQUISE BROWN** (seven), Washington's **TERRY MCLAURIN** (seven) and Seattle's **DK METCALF** (seven).

Rookies combined for 110 touchdown receptions in 2019 and surpassed 2014 (109 touchdown catches) for the most combined touchdown receptions by rookies in a single season since 1970.

In total, rookie wide receivers in 2019 combined for 754 receptions for 10,385 yards and 77 touchdowns, all ranking the second-most among rookie wide receiver classes in the common draft era.

2019 also joined 2014 as the only seasons with at least three rookie wide receivers each with at least 900 receiving yards, as A.J. Brown (1,051 receiving yards), McLaurin (919) and Metcalf (900) all reached the mark.

ROOKIE WR CLASSES WITH MOST COMBINED RECEPTIONS SINCE 1967

2014: 943

2019: 754

ROOKIE WR CLASSES WITH MOST COMBINED REC. YARDS SINCE 1967

2014: 12,453

2019: 10,385

ROOKIE WR CLASSES WITH MOST COMBINED REC. TDS SINCE 1967

2014: 92

2019: 77

Tennessee's **A.J. BROWN** led all rookies with 1,051 receiving yards in 2019. He also tied for the league among rookies with eight receiving touchdowns, four of which were of at least 50 yards. Brown joined **ISAAC CURTIS** (five in 1973), **WILLIE GAULT** (four in 1983) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **RANDY MOSS** (five in 1998) as the only rookies with at least four touchdown receptions of 50-or-more yards since 1970.

Baltimore's **MARQUISE BROWN** led the team's wide receivers with 46 catches for 584 yards and seven touchdowns and in Week 1, became the first player in NFL history with two touchdown receptions of at least 40 yards in his NFL debut. One of those touchdowns was for 83 yards, the second-longest touchdown by a player in his NFL debut in the Super Bowl era.

Kansas City's **MECOLE HARDMAN** became the fourth player and first rookie in NFL history with a kick return touchdown of at least 100 yards (104 yards, Week 17) and touchdown reception of at least 80 yards (83 yards, Week 2) in the same season in NFL history.

Washington's **TERRY MCLAURIN** had 919 receiving yards and seven touchdown receptions in 2019, both rookie franchise records. From Week 1-3, he became the first rookie with at least five receptions and a touchdown catch in each of his first three career games in NFL history.

The New York Giants' **DARIUS SLAYTON** tied for the league lead among rookies with eight receiving touchdowns. He had three games with multiple touchdown receptions, becoming the first rookie to have three such games since **ODELL BECKHAM JR**. in 2014.

In Week 14, three rookie wide receivers – Tennessee's Brown, Pittsburgh's **DIONTAE JOHNSON** and Atlanta's **OLAMIDE ZACCHEAUS** – each had a touchdown of at least 85 yards, marking the first time since Week 11 of the 2010 season that three rookies each recorded a touchdown of at least 85 yards.

ROOKIE WIDE RECEIVERS

Thirteen wide receivers were selected in the first two rounds of the 2020 NFL Draft, the most in the first two rounds in the common draft era. The previous record was 12 in 2014.

Alabama wide receivers **JERRY JEUDY** (Denver, No. 15) and **HENRY RUGGS** (Las Vegas, No. 12) were each selected in the first round of the 2020 NFL Draft.

Jeudy and Ruggs became the fifth pair of wide receiver teammates to be drafted in the first round of the same draft since 1967 and the first pair to both be chosen in the top-15.

WIDE RECEIVERS SELECTED IN THE 1ST 2 ROUNDS OF THE 2020 NFL DRAFT

Player / Team	Round / Pick
HENRY RUGGS — LAS VEGAS	ROUND 1 #12 OVERALL
JERRY JEUDY — DENVER	ROUND 1 #15 OVERALL
CEEDEE LAMB — DALLAS	ROUND 1 #17 OVERALL
JALEN REAGOR — PHILADELPHIA	ROUND 1 #21 OVERALL
JUSTIN JEFFERSON — MINNESOTA	ROUND 1 #22 OVERALL
BRANDON AIYUK — SAN FRANCISCO	ROUND 1 #25 OVERALL
TEE HIGGINS — CINCINNATI	ROUND 2 #33 OVERALL
MICHAEL PITTMAN JR. — INDIANAPOLIS	ROUND 2 #34 OVERALL
LAVISKA SHENAULT — JACKSONVILLE	ROUND 2 #42 OVERALL
K.J. HAMLER — DENVER	ROUND 2 #46 OVERALL
CHASE CLAYPOOL — PITTSBURGH	ROUND 2 #49 OVERALL
VAN JEFFERSON — L.A. RAMS	ROUND 2 #57 OVERALL
DENZEL MIMS — N.Y. JETS	ROUND 2 #59 OVERALL

SCHOOLS WITH WIDE RECEIVER TEAMMATES SELECTED IN THE FIRST ROUND OF THE SAME NFL DRAFT SINCE 1967

ALABAMA - 2020 DRAFT
HENRY RUGGS (12TH)
JERRY JEUDY (15TH)

LSU - 2007 DRAFT
DWAYNE BOWE (23RD)
CRAIG DAVIS (30TH)

OHIO STATE - 2007 DRAFT
TED GINN JR. (9TH)
ANTHONY GONZALEZ (32ND)

MIAMI (FL) - 2001 DRAFT
SANTANA MOSS (16TH)
REGGIE WAYNE (30TH)

FLORIDA - 1997 DRAFT
IKE HILLIARD (7TH)
REIDEL ANTHONY (16TH)

"His toughness, his every-down competitiveness, that has a chance to make him a great player in this league."

- Las Vegas HC Jon Gruden on Ruggs

"For him to be a rookie, his tempo and his routes—the way he can change pace and the way he sells things, is very rare."

- Broncos safety Kareem Jackson on Jeudy

AARON DONALD

DEFENSIVE TACKLE | LOS ANGELES RAMS

Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** recorded 12.5 sacks in 2019, his third consecutive season with at least 10 sacks.

Donald also became the fourth player and first defensive tackle to record at least eight sacks in each of his first six seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic.

PLAYERS WITH 8+ SACKS IN EACH OF THEIR FIRST 6 SEASONS SINCE 1982

AARON DONALD L.A. RAMS	2014-19
DEMARCUS WARE DALLAS	2005-10
DERRICK THOMAS[HOF] KANSAS CITY	1989-94
REGGIE WHITE[HOF] PHILADELPHIA	1985-90

Donald enters 2020 with 72 sacks in 94 career games and needs 13 sacks to become the fourth player with at least 85 sacks through his first seven seasons since 1982, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **REGGIE WHITE** (110 sacks through seven seasons), **DEMARCUS WARE** (99.5) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **DERRICK THOMAS** (85).

Donald also enters 2020 with 117 tackles for loss and needs 20 tackles for loss in 2020 to surpass **J.J. WATT** (137 tackles for loss) for the most by a player through his first seven seasons since 1999.

For the second consecutive season, Donald led the league in tackles for loss, with 20.

The 2017 and 2018 NFL Defensive Player of the Year has excelled at generating pressure in the backfield through his first six seasons. Since he entered the league in 2014, Donald leads all players with 117 tackles for loss and ranks second with 72 sacks in league annals.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS SINCE 2014

AARON DONALD L.A. RAMS	117
CAMERON JORDAN NEW ORLEANS	90
MICHAEL BENNETT SEATTLE, PHILADELPHIA, DALLAS, NEW ENGLAND	89

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS SINCE 2014

CHANDLER JONES NEW ENGLAND, ARIZONA	78.5
AARON DONALD L.A. RAMS	72
VON MILLER DENVER	71

"He's somebody that you have to account for and know where he's at pre-snap at all times. He's a game wrecker."

-San Francisco FB Kyle Juszczyk

CHANDLER JONES

LINEBACKER | ARIZONA CARDINALS

In 2019, Arizona Cardinals linebacker **CHANDLER JONES** registered a career-high and franchise record 19 sacks, his second career season with at least 17 sacks (2017).

He joined **J.J. WATT** (2012, 2014-15), **ELVIS DUMERVIL** (2009 and 2014), Pro Football Hall of Famer **MICHAEL STRAHAN** (2001 and 2003) and **DEMARCUS WARE** (2008 and 2011) as the only players with at least 17 sacks in multiple seasons since 2000.

Since entering the NFL in 2012, Jones leads all players with 96 sacks over the past eight seasons. He also leads all players with 60 sacks since joining Arizona in 2016.

With 14 sacks during the 2020 season, Jones would become the fourth player with at least 110 sacks in his first nine NFL seasons since 1982.

Jones has recorded at least 11 sacks in each of his past five seasons, the longest active streak in the NFL.

With at least 11 sacks in 2020, he would be the fifth player since 1982 to record at least 11 sacks in six consecutive seasons.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 11+ SACKS SINCE 1982

REGGIE WHITE[HOF] PHILADELPHIA, GREEN BAY	**9**
JARED ALLEN KANSAS CITY, MINNESOTA	**7**
DEMARCUS WARE DALLAS	**7**
LAWRENCE TAYLOR[HOF] N.Y. GIANTS	**7**

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN THEIR FIRST NINE SEASONS SINCE 1982

REGGIE WHITE[HOF] PHILADELPHIA, GREEN BAY	**137**
JARED ALLEN KANSAS CITY, MINNESOTA	**117**
DEMARCUS WARE DALLAS	**117**
DERRICK THOMAS[HOF] KANSAS CITY	**107.5**
VON MILLER DENVER	**106**
BRUCE SMITH[HOF] BUFFALO	**106**

"You look at the production on the field – All-Decade Team, most sacks since he's come into the league. The leadership he brings, he's always positive. What he's done in the community. That's just who he is, day in and day out."

- Arizona Head Coach Kliff Kingsbury on Chandler Jones

VON MILLER

LINEBACKER | DENVER BRONCOS

Denver Broncos linebacker **VON MILLER** enters the 2020 season with 106 career sacks, the most in Denver franchise history.

He became the eighth player since 1982 with at least 105 sacks in his first nine seasons and needs at least 14 sacks this season to become the fourth player with at least 120 sacks through his first 10 seasons since 1982.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN THEIR FIRST 10 SEASONS SINCE 1982

Player	Sacks
REGGIE WHITE[HOF] — PHILADELPHIA, GREEN BAY	145
JARED ALLEN — KANSAS CITY, MINNESOTA	128.5
DEMARCUS WARE — DALLAS	127
DERRICK THOMAS[HOF] — KANSAS CITY	119.5

Miller, who has four career seasons with at least 13 sacks, can become the third player since 1982 with at least 13 sacks in five of his first 10 seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers **REGGIE WHITE** (eight) and **BRUCE SMITH** (five).

Since entering the league in 2011, Miller leads the league in sacks (106) and is the only player to record at least 100 sacks in the past nine seasons.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SACKS
Von Miller	Denver	106
Chandler Jones	New England, Arizona	96
J.J. Watt	Houston	96
Ryan Kerrigan	Washington	90

"I've been watching Von highlights since forever. To watch him, it's like art. Just watching him get off the ball is unreal."

- Las Vegas S Johnathan Abram on Von Miller

J.J. WATT

DEFENSIVE END | HOUSTON TEXANS

The name Watt has feared offensive linemen and quarterbacks since Houston's **J.J. WATT** entered the league in 2011, as his 96 career sacks rank tied for second during that span, while his 158 tackles for loss rank first.

He also ranks second among defensive linemen with 54 passes defensed.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS SINCE 2011

VON MILLER DENVER	106
CHANDLER JONES NEW ENGLAND, ARIZONA	96
J.J. WATT HOUSTON	96

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TFLs SINCE 2011

J.J. WATT HOUSTON	158
VON MILLER DENVER	135

As J.J. enters his 10th NFL season, his four seasons with at least 15 sacks (2013-15, 2018) are the second-most among all players since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer **REGGIE WHITE** (five seasons).

Last season, he became the sixth player with at least 25 career games with multiple sacks in his first nine seasons since 1982.

J.J.'s brother, Pittsburgh linebacker **T.J. WATT**, has also established himself as one of the premier pass rushers in the league. His career-high 14.5 sacks in 2019 led the AFC while his eight forced fumbles were tied for the most in the NFL.

If T.J., who also had 13 sacks in 2018, records at least 13 sacks in 2020, he would join Pro Football Hall of Famers **REGGIE WHITE** (four seasons) and **DERRICK THOMAS** (three) as the only players to record at least 13 sacks in three of their first four seasons since 1982.

The Watt brothers enter this season with 130.5 combined sacks (J.J. – 96, T.J. – 34.5), which ranks as the fourth-most combined sacks among brothers or father-son duos since 1982, where each player recorded at least one sack.

T.J. WATT

LINEBACKER | PITTSBURGH STEELERS

PLAYERS	COMBINED SACKS
Clay/Clay Matthews	161
Howie[HOF]/Chris Long	154
John[HOF]/Ervin Randle	145.5
J.J./T.J. Watt	*130.5*
Arthur/Chandler Jones	106

JOEY BOSA

NICK BOSA

Los Angeles Chargers defensive end **JOEY BOSA** (No. 3 overall in 2016) and San Francisco 49ers defensive lineman **NICK BOSA** (No. 2 overall in 2019) have made instant impacts since entering the NFL.

Last season, Joey Bosa, a two-time Pro Bowl selection and the 2016 Associated Press Defenisve Rookie of the Year, registered 11.5 sacks, while his 18 tackles for loss ranked third in the league.

He has recorded 40 sacks in 51 career games, and his .78 defensive sacks per game average ranks third in the league among players who have appeared in at least 40 games since 2016.

PLAYERS WITH THE HIGHEST SACKS PER GAME AVERAGE SINCE 2016

CHANDLER JONES ARIZONA	.94
AARON DONALD L.A. RAMS	.84
JOEY BOSA L.A. CHARGERS	.78
DANIELLE HUNTER MINNESOTA	.76
CAMERON JORDAN NEW ORLEANS	.75

The 2019 Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year, Nick Bosa burst onto the scene last season, recording seven sacks in his first seven games, tied for the second-most sacks by a player in his first seven games since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic. He finished with nine sacks and 16 tackles for loss last season, tied for the fifth-most in the NFL.

During the 2019 playoffs, Nick Bosa became the third rookie since 1982 to record at least four sacks in the postseason.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	SACKS
Greg Townsend	L.A. Raiders	1983	4.5
Nick Bosa	*San Francisco*	*2019*	*4*
Garin Veris	New England	1985	4

SACK ATTACK

Throughout the NFL, pass rushers reached the quarterback at a record-setting pace in 2019.

Eighteen players recorded at least 10 sacks last season, including five with at least 14 sacks: Tampa Bay's **SHAQUIL BARRETT** (19.5), Arizona's **CHANDLER JONES** (19), New Orleans' **CAMERON JORDAN** (15.5), Minnesota's **DANIELLE HUNTER** (14.5) and Pittsburgh's **T.J. WATT** (14.5).

In total, there were 1,276 sacks in 2019, the fifth-most in a single season since 1982.

Tampa Bay's **SHAQUIL BARRETT** led the league with a career-high 19.5 sacks last season, the second-highest single-season sack total from an undrafted player since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic.

Barrett signed with Denver as a free agent after not being selected in the 2015 NFL Draft.

UNDRAFTED PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 1982

REGGIE WHITE[HOF] PHILADELPHIA - 1987	21
SHAQUIL BARRETT TAMPA BAY - 2019	19.5
REGGIE WHITE[HOF] PHILADELPHIA - 1988	18
REGGIE WHITE[HOF] PHILADELPHIA - 1986	18
GREG BROWN PHILADELPHIA - 1984	16

Note: Reggie White was selected in the 1984 Supplemental Draft

SEASONS WITH THE MOST SACKS SINCE 1982

1984: 1,313

1985: 1,306

2013: 1,295

2018: 1,281

2019: 1,276

"The way he came in here and worked, and put himself in that position is a credit to him. Coming in after the offseason and buying in and then doing all the right things. It's really a credit to Shaq."

-Tampa Bay Defensive Coordinator Todd Bowles on LB Shaquil Barrett

AT A LOSS

Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** led the NFL with 20 tackles for loss in 2019, followed by Tampa Bay linebacker **SHAQUIL BARRETT** (19), Los Angeles Chargers defensive end **JOEY BOSA** (18) and Green Bay linebacker **ZA'DARIUS SMITH** (17).

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS IN 2019

Player	TFL
AARON DONALD — L.A. RAMS	20
SHAQUIL BARRETT — TAMPA BAY	19
JOEY BOSA — L.A. CHARGERS	18
ZA'DARIUS SMITH — GREEN BAY	17
NICK BOSA — SAN FRANCISCO	16
MAXX CROSBY — OAKLAND	16
BUD DUPREE — PITTSBURGH	16
DANTE FOWLER — L.A. RAMS	16

Donald was the league leader in tackles for loss for the second consecutive season, after leading the league with 25 tackles for loss in 2018, joining **J.J. WATT** (2014-15) as the only players to be the sole leader in tackles for loss in consecutive seasons since 2008.

Since entering the league in 2014, Donald leads all players with 117 tackles for loss.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS SINCE 2014

Player	TFL
AARON DONALD — L.A. RAMS	117
CAMERON JORDAN — NEW ORLEANS	90
MICHAEL BENNETT — SEA, PHI, NE, DAL	89

With rookies **NICK BOSA** and **MAXX CROSBY** each totaling 16 tackles for loss last season, 2019 equaled 2014 (**AARON DONALD** and **KHALIL MACK**) as the only seasons since 2008 featuring multiple rookies recording at least 15 tackles for loss.

Bosa and Crosby became the sixth and seventh rookies with at least 15 tackles for loss since 2008.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	TFL
Lavonte David	Tampa Bay	2012	20
Von Miller	Denver	2011	19
Aaron Donald	St. Louis	2014	18
Joey Bosa	San Diego	2016	17
Clay Matthews	Green Bay	2009	17
Nick Bosa	*San Francisco*	*2019*	*16*
Maxx Crosby	*Oakland*	*2019*	*16*
Khalil Mack	Oakland	2014	16

USE THE FORCE

In 2019, five players registered at least five forced fumbles: Arizona's **CHANDLER JONES** (eight), Pittsburgh's **T.J. WATT** (eight), Tampa Bay's **SHAQUIL BARRETT** (six), Washington's **RYAN ANDERSON** (five) and Chicago's **KHALIL MACK** (five).

It marked the first season since 2002 (**DWIGHT FREENEY** and **LEONARD LITTLE**, each with nine) that two players had at least eight forced fumbles in the same season.

In addition to pass rushers stripping the ball, defensive backs have become adept at knocking the ball loose.

Three defensive backs – Philadelphia's **MALCOLM JENKINS**, Tennessee's **LOGAN RYAN** and San Francisco's **K'WAUN WILLIAMS** – each recorded four forced fumbles last season, marking the first time since 2012 that at least three defensive backs recorded four forced fumbles in the same season.

Among active players, Jones leads the way with 27 career forced fumbles, while two other active players have recorded at least 25 forced fumbles.

ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAREER FORCED FUMBLES

Player	
CHANDLER JONES NEW ENGLAND, ARIZONA	27
RYAN KERRIGAN WASHINGTON	26
VON MILLER DENVER	25
ROBERT QUINN ST. LOUIS/L.A. RAMS, MIAMI, DALLAS	24
J.J. WATT HOUSTON	23

BOBBY WAGNER

LINEBACKER | SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

Last season, Seattle Seahawks linebacker **BOBBY WAGNER** led the NFL with 159 tackles, the second time he has led the league in tackles during his eight-year career (167 tackles in 2016).

Since entering the NFL in 2012, he leads all active players in total tackles with 1,073.

ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES SINCE 2012

BOBBY WAGNER SEATTLE	1,073
LAVONTE DAVID TAMPA BAY	1,006
THOMAS DAVIS CAROLINA, L.A. CHARGERS	804
DEMARIO DAVIS N.Y. JETS, CLEVELAND, NEW ORLEANS	787
K.J. WRIGHT SEATTLE	787

Wagner has recorded at least 100 tackles in each of his first eight seasons and needs 100 tackles in 2020 to become the third player since 2000 to record nine consecutive 100-tackle seasons.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 100+ TACKLES SINCE 2000

LONDON FLETCHER ST. LOUIS, BUFFALO, WASHINGTON	14	(2000-13)
KEITH BROOKING ATLANTA, DALLAS	9	(2001-09)
DERRICK BROOKS[HOF] TAMPA BAY	8	(2000-07)
DONNIE EDWARDS KANSAS CITY, SAN DIEGO	8	(2000-07)
LUKE KUECHLY CAROLINA	8	(2012-19)
BOBBY WAGNER SEATTLE	8	(2012-19)*

*active streak

"Bobby has just demonstrated the epitome of consistency and class and character and leadership in this program."

- Seattle head coach Pete Carroll on Bobby Wagner

LAVONTE DAVID

LINEBACKER | TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Tampa Bay linebacker **LAVONTE DAVID** has proven to be one of the most consistent linebackers in the NFL since entering the NFL in 2012, totaling 1,006 tackles, 22.5 sacks, 21 forced fumbles and 11 interceptions.

He joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **RAY LEWIS** as the only players with 1,000 tackles, 20 sacks and 10 interceptions through their first eight seasons since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic.

Since 2012, David ranks third in the league in tackles and tied for third in tackles for loss among all players, while ranking third among linebackers in both interceptions and forced fumbles.

LINEBACKERS WITH THE MOST INTERCEPTIONS SINCE 2012

Player	
LUKE KUECHLY CAROLINA	18
ALEC OGLETREE L.A. RAMS, N.Y. GIANTS	12
LAVONTE DAVID TAMPA BAY	11

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES SINCE 2012

Player	
LUKE KUECHLY CAROLINA	1,092
BOBBY WAGNER SEATTLE	1,073
LAVONTE DAVID TAMPA BAY	1,006

LINEBACKERS WITH THE MOST FORCED FUMBLES SINCE 2012

Player	
VON MILLER DENVER	23
RYAN KERRIGAN WASHINGTON	22
LAVONTE DAVID TAMPA BAY	21

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS SINCE 2012

Player	
J.J. WATT HOUSTON	145
AARON DONALD L.A. RAMS	117
MICHAEL BENNETT TB, SEA, PHI, NE, DAL	116
LAVONTE DAVID TAMPA BAY	116
VON MILLER DENVER	116

David has recorded at least 85 tackles in each of his first eight seasons and if he reaches the mark again in 2020, would become the sixth player to record at least 85 tackles in each of his first nine seasons in the Super Bowl era.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASONS
Derek Smith	Washington, San Francisco	1997-2005
Zach Thomas	Miami	1996-2004
Junior Seau[HOF]	San Diego	1990-98
Chris Spielman	Detroit, Buffalo	1988-96
Duance Bickett	Indianapolis	1985-93
Lavonte David	Tampa Bay	2012-19*

*Entering 9th season

DARIUS LEONARD

LINEBACKER | INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Since entering the league in 2018, Indianapolis linebacker **DARIUS LEONARD** has established himself as one of the premier young defensive players in the league, earning All-Pro honors in each of his first two seasons while recording 12 sacks, seven interceptions and six forced fumbles.

Leonard became the first player to register at least 10 sacks and five interceptions in his first 25 career games since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic.

Leonard is also the third player and first linebacker since 2000 with at least five interceptions and five forced fumbles through his first two seasons, joining defensive backs **MARSHON LATTIMORE** and **ROY WILLIAMS**.

PLAYERS WITH 5+ INTS & 5+ FFs IN FIRST 2 SEASONS SINCE 2000

MARSHON LATTIMORE NEW ORLEANS	7 INTs	5 FFs
DARIUS LEONARD INDIANAPOLIS	7 INTs	6 FFs
ROY WILLIAMS DALLAS	7 INTs	5 FFs

"He's one of the top tacklers in the NFL, his ball production is off the charts. Just a great player all around."

-Indianapolis LB Anthony Walker on Leonard

In addition to creating turnovers, Leonard has proven to be a playmaker all over the field, totaling 284 tackles, the third-most in the NFL since 2018.

Leonard is also the only player in the league with at least 200 tackles and 10 sacks in the last two seasons.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES SINCE 2018

BLAKE MARTINEZ GREEN BAY	299
BOBBY WAGNER SEATTLE	297
DARIUS LEONARD INDIANAPOLIS	284
LUKE KUECHLY CAROLINA	274
JAYLON SMITH DALLAS	263

Leonard led all linebackers with five interceptions last season and if he records at least three interceptions in 2020, he would become the third linebacker with at least 10 interceptions in his first three seasons since 1970, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **JACK HAM** (11) and **GREGG BINGHAM** (10).

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS	INTs
Jack Ham[HOF]	Pittsburgh	1971-73	11
Gregg Bingham	Houston Oilers	1973-75	10
Darius Leonard	*Indianapolis*	*2018-19*	*7**

*Through 2 seasons

STEPHON GILMORE

CORNERBACK | NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The 2019 Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year, New England Patriots cornerback **STEPHON GILMORE** led the NFL with 20 passes defensed while tying for first with a career-high six interceptions, including his first two career interception returns for touchdowns.

He is the sixth cornerback to be named AP Defensive Player of the Year since the award began in 1971 and first defensive back to win since **TROY POLAMALU** in 2010.

CORNERBACKS TO BE NAMED ASSOCIATED PRESS DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR SINCE 1971

Player	Year
STEPHON GILMORE NEW ENGLAND	2019
CHARLES WOODSON GREEN BAY	2009
DEION SANDERS[HOF] SAN FRANCISCO	1994
ROD WOODSON[HOF] PITTSBURGH	1993
LESTER HAYES OAKLAND	1980
MEL BLOUNT[HOF] PITTSBURGH	1975

A three-time Pro Bowl selection, Gilmore, who also recorded 20 passes defensed in 2018, became the first New England Patriot with multiple seasons of at least 20 passes since 1999.

Since entering the league in 2012, Gilmore is one of five players to record multiple seasons with at least 20 passes defensed and his 111 passes defensed lead the league over that span.

"He's as professional as they come. He knows the opponents inside-out, and his matchups, and the overall scheme and how to best play based on what our call is ."

-Patriots head coach Bill Belichick on Stephon Gilmore

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	PD
Stephon Gilmore	Buffalo, New England	111
Janoris Jenkins	St. Louis, N.Y. Giants, New Orleans	107
Darius Slay	Detroit	104
Johnathan Joseph	Houston	103
Joe Haden	Cleveland, Pittsburgh	100

DOMINANT DBs

As the league features more passing on offense, the importance of a stout secondary is heightened. Players like **STEPHON GILMORE**, **LOGAN RYAN** and **TRE'DAVIOUS WHITE** proved last season the impact defensive backs can have in a game.

Gilmore led the league with 20 passes defensed in 2019, followed by **CARLTON DAVIS** (19) and Ryan (18).

Players like **JOE HADEN**, **JOHNATHAN JOSEPH**, **RICHARD SHERMAN** and **EARL THOMAS** are still producing at a high level after a decade or more of NFL experience.

Each are among the active leaders in career passes defensed and interceptions.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PASSES DEFENSED IN 2019

STEPHON GILMORE NEW ENGLAND	20
CARLTON DAVIS TAMPA BAY	19
LOGAN RYAN TENNESSEE	18

Three players tied for the league lead in interceptions last season with six, while a total of 12 players had at least five interceptions, tied for the second-most in a single season since 2010.

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST INTERCEPTIONS IN 2019

ANTHONY HARRIS MINNESOTA	6
STEPHON GILMORE NEW ENGLAND	6
TRE'DAVIOUS WHITE BUFFALO	6

SEASONS WITH THE MOST PLAYERS WITH 5+ INTS SINCE 2010

2010: 19

2019: 12

2015: 12

ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAREER PASSES DEFENSED

JOHNATHAN JOSEPH CINCINNATI, HOUSTON	194
JOE HADEN CLEVELAND, PITTSBURGH	137
RICHARD SHERMAN SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO	114

ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

RICHARD SHERMAN SEATTLE, SAN FRANCISCO	35
JOHNATHAN JOSEPH CINCINNATI, HOUSTON	31
EARL THOMAS SEATTLE, BALTIMORE	30

"I would say that Tre' White is a very, very, very good corner. He tackles, he's tough, he's physical. Very good in coverage. He has really good ball skills. He has a knack where even in man coverage he has zone vision. That's why he gets his hands on so many balls."

-Miami head coach Brian Flores on Tre'Davious White

DEFENSIVE ROOKIES EXCELLED IN 2019

Rookies on the defensive side of the ball posted astounding performances throughout the 2019 campaign. Below is a sampling of statistical highlights from several of the league's top young defenders.

- Jacksonville DE/LB **JOSH ALLEN** led all rookies with 10.5 sacks in 2019 and became the first Jaguars rookie in franchise history to record at least 10 sacks.

- San Francisco defensive lineman **NICK BOSA** ranked third among rookies with nine sacks last season and tied for fifth in the NFL with 16 tackles for loss. In Week 8, at 22 years and four days old, he became the second-youngest player to record at least three sacks in a single game since 1982, trailing only **VERNON MAXWELL** (21 years, 321 days old).

- Pittsburgh linebacker **DEVIN BUSH** recorded 109 tackles, the most among rookies during the 2019 season. He also tied for second in the league with four fumble recoveries and became the first rookie since 1970 to record at least 100 tackles and four fumble recoveries in the same season.

- Oakland defensive end **MAXX CROSBY** ranked second among rookies with 10 sacks and led rookies with four forced fumbles. He became the fifth rookie since 2000 to record at least 10 sacks and four forced fumbles, joining **MARK ANDERSON** (2006), **DWIGHT FREENEY** (2002), **JULIUS PEPPERS** (2002) and **TERRELL SUGGS** (2003).

  In Week 11, Crosby became the fourth rookie with at least four sacks in a single game since 1982 and first since **BRIAN ORAKPO** (Week 14 in 2009).

- Tampa Bay linebacker **DEVIN WHITE** led all rookies with 7.0 tackles per game (91 tackles in 13 games). He also joined **T.J. WATT** as the only players to record at least four fumble recoveries and three forced fumbles last season.

  White registered fumble-return touchdowns in Week 13 (14 yards) and Week 17 (91 yards) last season, becoming the first rookie to return two opponent fumble recoveries for a touchdown in a single season since 1970.

DEFENSIVE DRAFT

For the third time in the last four years, two defensive players were taken in the top three picks of the 2020 NFL Draft – Ohio State's **CHASE YOUNG** (No. 2, Washington) and **JEFF OKUDAH** (No. 3, Detroit.).

Young and Okudah became the first pair of college teammates to be chosen with consecutive top-three selections since the 2000 NFL Draft, when Penn State saw **COURTNEY BROWN** (Cleveland, No. 1) and **LAVAR ARRINGTON** (Washington, No. 2) chosen at the top of the first round.

Additionally, along with the selections of **DENZEL WARD** (Cleveland, No. 4 overall in 2018) and **NICK BOSA** (San Francisco, No. 2 in 2019), Ohio State became the first school to have a defensive player selected in the top-five in three consecutive Drafts in the common draft era.

Okudah became the fourth cornerback to be selected in the top-three of the NFL Draft in the common draft era.

In addition to Okudah, Ohio State defensive back **DAMON ARNETTE** was selected No. 19 overall by the Las Vegas Raiders. It marked the fifth time that a school has had two defensive backs selected in the top-20 in the common draft era and the first time since 2017 [Ohio State – **MARSHON LATTIMORE** (New Orleans, No. 11) and **MALIK HOOKER** (Indianapolis, No. 15)].

Defensive tackle **DERRICK BROWN** (No. 7, Carolina), linebacker **ISAIAH SIMMONS** (No. 8, Arizona) and cornerback **C.J. HENDERSON** (No. 9, Jacksonville) were the other defensive players selected in the top 10 and will look to make immediate impacts on their new teams.

Brown became the first defensive tackle from Auburn to be selected in the top-ten in the common draft era, while Simmons became the fourth defensive player from Clemson selected in the top-ten since 2000.

HIGHEST SELECTED CORNERBACKS IN NFL DRAFT SINCE 1967

JEFF OKUDAH DETROIT	#3 OVERALL 2020 NFL DRAFT	
SHAWN SPRINGS SEATTLE	#3 OVERALL 1997 NFL DRAFT	
BRUCE PICKENS ATLANTA	#3 OVERALL 1991 NFL DRAFT	
BENNIE BLADES DETROIT	#3 OVERALL 1988 NFL DRAFT	

"He's physical, he's tough, he's got a great skill set at the cornreback position."

- Detroit HC Matt Patricia on Jeff Okudah

"I haven't seen a guy come out with that many tools. I've seen talented players come out, but not with a complete toolbox like he has."

- Washington DC Jack Del Rio on Chase Young

PROTECTING THE QUARTERBACK

Protecting the quarterback is vital to NFL success.

With such a premium placed on keeping the quarterback out of harm's way, it is no surprise that teams have made it a priority to draft offensive tackles. Four offensive linemen – **ANDREW THOMAS** (New York Giants, No. 4 overall), **JEDRICK WILLS** (Cleveland, No. 10), **MEKHI BECTON** (New York Jets, No. 11) and **TRISTAN WIRFS** (Tampa Bay, No. 13) – were chosen among the top-15 selections of the 2020 NFL Draft, marking the third Draft since 2000 in which at least four offensive linemen were selected in the top-15 picks (2013 Draft - six offensive linemen; 2008 Draft - four).

Last season, seven of the eight teams which allowed fewer than 30 sacks in 2019 finished with at least a .500 record and of those eight, five earned postseason berths.

The **LOS ANGELES RAMS**, led by four-time Pro Bowl selection **ANDREW WHITWORTH**, allowed the fewest sacks in the league (22) and held opponents to two-or-fewer sacks in nine of their final 10 games of the 2019 season.

The **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**, who tied for third with 25 sacks allowed last season, are the only team to allow 25 or fewer sacks in each of the past three seasons (20 sacks allowed in 2017 and 2018).

The teams with the fewest sacks allowed in 2019:

TEAM	2019 RECORD	SACKS ALLOWED
L.A. Rams	9-7	22
Dallas	8-8	23
Kansas City*	12-4	25
New Orleans*	13-3	25
Baltimore*	14-2	28
Minnesota*	10-6	28
New England*	12-4	28
Oakland	7-9	29

*Advanced to playoffs

"It's a credit to getting the right type of guys, and guys that have the ability to step in and play multiple positions. The versatility, the ability to play multiple positions on the offensive line, that's a skill."

- New Orleans QB Drew Brees on his offensive line

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

The 2019 season featured many exciting plays in the return game, as players from around the league provided exhilarating action throughout the season.

Among qualified players, Pittsburgh rookie wide receiver **DIONTAE JOHNSON** led the NFL in punt-return average (12.4 yards) while Cincinnati safety **BRANDON WILSON** led the league in kick-return average (31.3).

New Orleans Saints return specialist **DEONTE HARRIS**, who earned Pro Bowl honors as a rookie last season, was the only player in the league to finish in the top-five in both punt-return and kickoff-return average.

PLAYER	2019 TEAM	PR AVG.
Diontae Johnson	Pittsburgh	12.4
Braxton Berrios	N.Y. Jets	11.4
DeAndre Carter	Houston	9.7
Deonte Harris	New Orleans	9.4
Tarik Cohen	Chicago	9.2

PLAYER	2019 TEAM	KR AVG.
Brandon Wilson	Cincinnati	31.3
Cordarrelle Patterson	Chicago	29.5
Deonte Harris	New Orleans	26.8
Andre Roberts	Buffalo	26.6
Mecole Hardman	Kansas City	26.1

2019 RETURN HIGLIGHTS:

JAMAL AGNEW, Detroit – Was the only player last season to record both a punt return and kick return touchdown. He registered a 100-yard kick return for a touchdown in Week 3 and added a 64-yard punt return for a touchdown in Week 16. His three punt-return touchdowns since he entered the league in 2017 are the most in the NFL.

JAKEEM GRANT, Miami – Recorded a 101-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in Week 11 and became the fourth player in NFL history with at least two kick-return touchdowns of 100 yards and two punt-return touchdowns of 70 yards in his first four seasons.

MECOLE HARDMAN, Kansas City – Registered a 104-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in Week 17 and became the fourth player and first rookie in NFL history with a kick return touchdown of at least 100 yards and touchdown reception of at least 80 yards in the same season in NFL history.

NYHEIM HINES, Indianapolis - In Week 16, recorded punt-return touchdowns of 84 and 71 yards, becoming the fifth player with at least two punt-return touchdowns of 70-or-more yards in a single game in NFL history.

CORDARRELLE PATTERSON, Chicago - In Week 7 of the 2019 season, registered a 102-yard kickoff return for a touchdown, marking his seventh career kick return touchdown, tied for the third-most in NFL history. Only **JOSH CRIBBS** (eight) and **LEON WASHINGTON** (eight) have more.

CLUTCH KICKERS

Having a productive and reliable kicker is as important as ever in the NFL, as close games are a fixture on Sundays, when a missed or made field goal is the difference between a win or a loss.

Nobody proved that more in 2019 than Kansas City's **HARRISON BUTKER**, who led the league with 147 points scored during the Chiefs' Super Bowl season.

KICKERS WITH THE MOST POINTS IN 2019

Player	Points
HARRISON BUTKER KANSAS CITY	147
WIL LUTZ NEW ORLEANS	144
JUSTIN TUCKER BALTIMORE	141
ZANE GONZALEZ ARIZONA	127
MATT GAY TAMPA BAY	124

In Week 9, Butker made history, becoming the first kicker since **MARTIN GRAMATICA** (October 27, 2002) to make a game-tying field goal of at least 50 yards and a field goal of at least 40 yards to put his team ahead for good with both coming in the final three minutes of the fourth quarter.

Last season, Detroit's **MATT PRATER** converted seven field goals of at least 50 yards, trailing only Carolina's **JOEY SLYE** (eight).

Prater now has 53 career made field goals of at least 50 yards, trailing only **SEBASITAN JANIKOWSKI** (58) for the second-most since 1991.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	50+-YARD FGs
Sebastian Janikowski	OAK, SEA	58
Matt Prater	ATL, DEN, DET	53
Jason Hanson	DET	52

Jacksonville's **JOSH LAMBO** proved to be the most efficient kicker last season, converting 33 of his 34 field goal attempts (97.1 percent).

That mark is tied for the fourth-highest single-season field goal percentage in NFL history (minimum 20 attempts).

KICKERS WITH THE HIGHEST SINGLE-SEASON FG PERCENTAGE IN NFL HISTORY (MIN. 20 ATTEMPTS).

Player	Percentage	Record
GARY ANDERSON MINNESOTA - 1998	100%	37-37
MIKE VANDERJAGT INDIANAPOLIS - 2003	100%	35-35
JUSTIN TUCKER BALTIMORE - 2016	97.4%	38-39
ROBBIE GOULD SAN FRANCISCO - 2018	97.1%	33-34
JOSH LAMBO JACKSONVILLE - 2019	97.1%	33-34

HEY, BROTHER

The NFL is a family game for players, coaches and fans. Not only can they all share the experience, but brothers also can share the field and sidelines.

Day 2 of the 2020 NFL Draft saw three players join their brothers in the NFL: Dallas cornerback **TREVON DIGGS** (No. 51 overall, brother of Buffalo wide receiver **STEFON DIGGS**), Detroit defensive end **JULIAN OKWARA** (No. 67, brother of Detroit defensive end **ROMEO OKWARA**) and Atlanta center **MATT HENNESSY** (No. 78, brother of N.Y. Jets long snapper **THOMAS HENNESSY**).

During the 2019 NFL Draft, the San Francisco 49ers selected defensive end **NICK BOSA** with the second overall pick, joining his brother, Los Angeles Chargers defensive end **JOEY BOSA**, the No. 3 overall selection in 2016, in the NFL.

Along with their father, **JOHN BOSA**, who was a first-round pick of the Dolphins in 1987, the Bosa family became the second family in NFL history to have a father and two sons chosen in the first round of the NFL Draft, joining **ARCHIE MANNING** and sons **ELI** and **PEYTON**.

The 2018 NFL Draft featured the first pair of brothers to be drafted in the first round of the same draft, as Pittsburgh safety **TERRELL EDMUNDS** was selected 28th overall and Buffalo linebacker **TREMAINE EDMUNDS** was selected 16th overall. Terrell and Tremaine's brother, running back **TREY EDMUNDS**, spent the last two seasons (2018-19) as Terrell's teammate in Pittsburgh. Their father, **FERRELL EDMUNDS**, was a two-time Pro Bowl selection at tight end during his seven-year NFL career with Miami and Seattle.

The **WATT**s – Houston defensive end **J.J.**, and Pittsburgh's fullback **DEREK** and linebacker **T.J.** – are the only other set of three brothers currently in the league.

Detroit and Pittsburgh are two of the four teams to feature teammate brothers this season, joining the New England Patriots (safety **DEVIN** and cornerback **JASON McCOURTY**) and the Seattle Seahawks (linebacker **SHAQUEM** and cornerback **SHAQUILL GRIFFIN**).

NOTABLE 2020 NFL BROTHERS
(INCLUDING REGULAR SEASON MATCHUPS)

FAMILY	BROTHERS	DATE OF GAME
Bosa	DE Joey, LAC DE Nick, SF	
Diggs	WR Stefon, BUF CB Trevon, DAL	
Edmunds	S Terrell, PIT LB Tremaine, BUF RB Trey, PIT	PIT @ BUF (12/13)
Fuller	CB Kendall, WAS CB Kyle, CHI	
Griffin	LB Shaquem, SEA CB Shaquill, SEA	
Hennessy	C Matt, ATL LS Thomas, NYJ	
Hollister	WR Cody, TEN TE Jacob, SEA	
Kelce	C Jason, PHI TE Travis, KC	
Martin	C Nick, HOU G Zack, DAL	
McCourty	S Devin, NE CB Jason, NE	
Okwara	DE Julian, DET DE Romeo, DET	
Pouncey	C Maurkice, PIT C Mike, LAC	
Smith	LB Jaylon, DAL RB Rod, LV	
Watkins	DB Jaylen, HOU WR Sammy, KC	HOU @ KC (9/10)
Watt	FB Derek, PIT DE J.J., HOU LB T.J., PIT	HOU @ PIT (9/27)

SAME FACES, NEW PLACES

Whether through free agency or trades, this offseason contained big-name moves that may alter the landscape of the 2020 NFL season.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers headlined the offseason by luring six-time Super Bowl champion quarterback **TOM BRADY** to Tampa Bay after a 20-year career with the New England Patriots. The Bucs also completed a trade with New England to acquire formerly retired five-time Pro Bowl tight end **ROB GRONKOWSKI**.

"Tom is, quite simply, the greatest quarterback to play the game of football," said Tampa Bay General Manager Jason Licht. "Any time you can add someone of his caliber, you instantly make your organization better. Going after Tom in free agency was our number one priority this offseason because we knew he would be a perfect fit for what we are trying to do here."

Brady wasn't the only decorated quarterback on the move this past offseason, as the Chargers' franchise passing leader in every major category, **PHILIP RIVERS**, made the move from Los Angeles to Indianapolis while former Super Bowl MVPs **NICK FOLES**, (traded from Jacksonville to Chicago) and **JOE FLACCO** (signed with the New York Jets) were on the move. The 2015 league MVP, **CAM NEWTON**, signed with New England, as **TEDDY BRIDGEWATER** (right, top)is expected to take over the starting job in Carolina. Meanwhile, the top two picks from the 2015 NFL Draft, **JAMEIS WINSTON** and **MARCUS MARIOTA**, head to New Orleans and Las Vegas, respectively.

Two of the top receivers in the league were also on the move via trade this offseason, while a pair of future Hall of Fame tight ends switched teams for 2020. Wide receiver **STEFON DIGGS**, who has recorded at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of the past two seasons, was traded from Minnesota to Buffalo, while **DEANDRE HOPKINS**, who ranks third in the NFL in receiving yards since entering the league in 2013, was traded from Houston to Arizona. Tight ends **GREG OLSEN** (from Carolina to Seattle) and **JASON WITTEN** (from Dallas to Las Vegas) rank fifth and second, respectively, on the all-time tight end receiving yard list, and will don new uniforms in 2020.

A number of other former Pro Bowlers will wear new uniforms this season, including: running backs **MELVIN GORDON** (Denver, right, below), **TODD GURLEY** (Atlanta) and **LESEAN MCCOY** (Tampa Bay); wide receiver **RANDALL COBB** (Houston); tight ends **ERIC EBRON** (Pittsburgh) and **AUSTIN HOOPER** (Cleveland); offensive linemen **RUSSELL OKUNG** (Carolina) and **TRAI TURNER** (Los Angeles Chargers); defensive end **CALAIS CAMPBELL** (Baltimore); defensive tackles **DEFOREST BUCKNER** (Indianapolis), **JURRELL CASEY** (Denver) and **LINVAL JOSEPH** (Los Angeles Chargers); linebackers **VIC BEASLEY** (Tennessee), **JAMIE COLLINS** (Detroit), **THOMAS DAVIS** (Washington), **LEONARD FLOYD** (Los Angeles Rams) and **ROBERT QUINN** (Chicago); cornerbacks **A.J. BOUYE** (Denver), **CHRIS HARRIS JR.** (Los Angeles Chargers), **BYRON JONES** (Miami), **JOSH NORMAN** (Buffalo), **XAVIER RHODES** (Indianapolis) and **DESMOND TRUFANT** (Detroit); and safeties **HA HA CLINTON DIX** (Dallas) and **MALCOLM JENKINS** (New Orleans).

SAME FACES, NEW PLACES

Notable players to change teams this offseason:

PLAYER	NEW TEAM	2019 TEAM
DE Mario Addison	Buffalo	Carolina
WR Nelson Agholor	Las Vegas	Philadelphia
DT Beau Allen	New England	Tampa Bay
WR Robby Anderson	Carolina	N.Y. Jets
CB Eli Apple	Carolina	New Orleans
LB Vic Beasley	Tennessee	Atlanta
CB A.J. Bouye	Denver	Jacksonville
CB James Bradberry	N.Y. Giants	Carolina
QB Tom Brady	Tampa Bay	New England
QB Teddy Bridgewater	Carolina	New Orleans
DT Michael Brockers	Baltimore	L.A. Rams
DT DeForest Buckner	Indianapolis	San Francisco
T Brian Bulaga	L.A. Chargers	Green Bay
DE Calais Campbell	Baltimore	Jacksonville
DT Jurrell Casey	Denver	Tennessee
S Ha Ha Clinton-Dix	Dallas	Chicago
WR Randall Cobb	Houston	Dallas
LB Jamie Collins	Detroit	New England
T Jake Conklin	Cleveland	Tennessee
LB Thomas Davis	Washington	L.A. Chargers
WR Stefon Diggs	Buffalo	Minnesota
WR Phillip Dorsett	Seattle	New England
CB Quinton Dunbar	Seattle	Washington
ST Nate Ebner	N.Y. Giants	New England
TE Eric Ebron	Pittsburgh	Indianapolis
LB Kyler Fackrell	N.Y. Giants	Green Bay
T Ereck Flowers	Washington	Miami
LB Leonard Floyd	L.A. Rams	Chicago
QB Nick Foles	Chicago	Jacksonville
LB Dante Fowler	Atlanta	L.A. Rams
CB Kendall Fuller	Washington	Kansas City
RB Melvin Gordon Jr.	Denver	L.A. Chargers
TE Rob Gronkowski	Tampa Bay	New England
RB Todd Gurley	Atlanta	L.A. Rams
DT Javon Hargrave	Philadelphia	Pittsburgh
S Duron Harmon	Detroit	New England
CB Chris Harris Jr.	L.A. Chargers	Denver
TE Austin Hooper	Cleveland	Atlanta

PLAYER	NEW TEAM	2019 TEAM
WR DeAndre Hopkins	Arizona	Houston
RB Jordan Howard	Miami	Philadelphia
TE Hayden Hurst	Atlanta	Baltimore
RB Carlos Hyde	Seattle	Houston
DE Bruce Irvin	Seattle	Carolina
S Malcolm Jenkins	New Orleans	Philadelphia
RB David Johnson	Houston	Arizona
CB Byron Jones	Miami	Dallas
DT Linval Joseph	L.A. Chargers	Minnesota
T Ted Karras	Miami	New England
LB Devon Kennard	Arizona	Detroit
LB Christian Kirksey	Green Bay	Cleveland
DE Shaq Lawson	Miami	Buffalo
LB Cory Littleton	Las Vegas	L.A. Rams
QB Marcus Mariota	Las Vegas	Tennessee
LB Blake Martinez	N.Y. Giants	Green Bay
RB LeSean McCoy	Tampa Bay	Kansas City
DE Carl Nassib	Las Vegas	Tampa Bay
QB Cam Newton	New England	Carolina
CB Josh Norman	Buffalo	Washington
DE Emmanuel Ogbah	Miami	Kansas City
T Russell Okung	Carolina	L.A. Chargers
TE Greg Olsen	Seattle	Carolina
LB Patrick Onwuasor	N.Y. Jets	Baltimore
WR Breshad Perriman	N.Y. Jets	Tampa Bay
LB Robert Quinn	Chicago	Dallas
NT D.J. Reader	Cincinnati	Houston
CB Xavier Rhodes	Indianapolis	Minnesota
QB Philip Rivers	Indianapolis	L.A. Chargers
LB Joe Schobert	Jacksonville	Cleveland
DT Danny Shelton	Detroit	New England
CB Darius Slay	Philadelphia	Detroit
CB Desmond Trufant	Detroit	Atlanta
G Trai Turner	L.A. Chargers	Carolina
LB Kyle Van Noy	Miami	New England
G Stefan Wisniewski	Pittsburgh	Kansas City
QB Jameis Winston	New Orleans	Tampa Bay
TE Jason Witten	Las Vegas	Dallas

NOT DRAFTED?
NOT A PROBLEM

Undrafted out of Western Colorado in 2017, Los Angeles Chargers running back **AUSTIN EKELER** has emerged as one of the premier dual-threat running backs in the NFL. Last season, he registered 92 receptions for 993 yards and eight touchdowns, all the most by an undrafted running back in a single season in the common draft era.

In Week 1 of the 2019 season, Ekeler became the first undrafted player to record at least 150 scrimmage yards, two receiving touchdowns and a rushing touchdown in a single game since **DAN REEVES** (156 scrimmage yards, two rushing touchdowns and two receiving touchdowns) on November 5, 1967.

In Week 14, he joined **ARIAN FOSTER** (Week 7, 2011), **PRIEST HOLMES** (Week 13, 2001 and Week 12, 2002) and **PIERRE THOMAS** (Week 17, 2007) as the only undrafted running back to have at least 100 rushing yards and 100 receiving yards in a single game in the common draft era.

One of Ekeler's AFC West counterparts, Denver Broncos running back **PHILLIP LINDSAY** has shined in his first two seasons after going undrafted in 2018 out of Colorado.

Last season, he totaled 1,207 scrimmage yards and became the third undrafted player with at least 1,000 scrimmage yards in each of his first two seasons in the common draft era. With his 1,011 rushing yards in 2019, Lindsay became the first undrafted player to rush for at least 1,000 yards in each of his first two seasons since 1967.

Defensively, Tampa Bay linebacker **SHAQUIL BARRETT**, undrafted out of Colorado State in 2014, put up a historic year during his first season with the Buccaneers in 2019. He led the league with a franchise record 19.5 sacks, the second-most sacks in a single season by an undrafted player since 1982. Additionally, Barrett's 19 tackles for loss were the most by an undrafted player since **CAMERON WAKE** (21 tackles for loss) in 2010.

There are 20 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who began their careers as undrafted free agents, with **CLIFF HARRIS**, **DONNIE SHELL** and **ED SPRINKLE** being the most recent inductees as part of the Centennial Slate for the Class of 2020.

HOF CLASS	PLAYER	TEAM
1967	Emlen Tunnell	N.Y. Giants
1968	Marion Motley	Cleveland
1969	Joe Perry	San Francisco
1974	Lou Groza	Cleveland
1974	Dick "Night Train" Lane	L.A. Rams
1977	Bill Willis	Cleveland
1984	Willie Brown	Houston Oilers
1985	Frank Gatski	Cleveland
1987	Jim Langer	Cleveland
1989	Willie Wood	Green Bay
1993	Larry Little	San Diego
2006	Warren Moon	Houston Oilers
2008	Emmitt Thomas	Kansas City
2010	John Randle	Minnesota
2012	Jack Butler	Pittsburgh
2015	Mick Tingelhoff	Minnesota
2017	Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams
2020	Cliff Harris	Dallas
2020	Donnie Shell	Pittsburgh
2020	Ed Sprinkle	Chicago

SMALL SCHOOL SUCCESS

They may not come from big-time schools in major NCAA conferences, but their NFL contributions cannot go unnoticed. Productive players from small schools are proof-positive of the old adage, "If you can play, the NFL will find you."

Possibly no player shows the potential worth of small-school players more than San Francisco quarterback **JIMMY GAROPPOLO**. A product of Eastern Illinois, a member of the Ohio Valley Conference, Garoppolo owns a 21-5 (.808) record as a starting quarterback, the second-highest winning percentage by a quarterback through his first 25 career starts in NFL history. Garoppolo led the 49ers to 13 wins and a Super Bowl LIV appearance in 2019.

NFL teams continue to scout at all levels looking to find talent. The first non-NCAA Division I player selected in the 2020 NFL Draft was defensive back **KYLE DUGGER** out of Lenoir-Rhyne, who was chosen 37th overall by the New England Patriots.

"We can't control where they play. The only thing we can control is our evaluation, how we look at the player," said New England Director of Player Personnel **NICK CASERIO** about players from small schools after the selection of Dugger. "You have to take the information you have accessible. That's really what we're doing with all of these players because none of them have played a snap of NFL football regardless of where they played or have come from. It's not really about where they come from or how they do it, it's what they do while they're here."

PLAYER, TEAM	COLLEGE	CAREER HIGHLIGHT
CB Malcolm Butler, TEN	West Alabama	Named to 2016 Pro Bowl; Had game-sealing INT in SB XLIX.
S Kevin Byard, TEN	Middle Tennessee St.	Leads NFL with 17 INTs over the past three seasons.
RB Austin Ekeler, LAC	Western St. Colorado	Had eight touchdown receptions in 2019, most by an undrafted running back in a single season in the common draft era.
QB Joe Flacco, NYJ	Delaware	Super Bowl XLVII MVP; Ravens all-time record 212 career TD passes.
QB Jimmy Garoppolo, SF	*Eastern Illinois*	*Is 21-5 (.808) as a starter and led 49ers to SB LIV appearance.*
FB C.J. Ham, MIN	Augustana	Named to 2020 Pro Bowl.
DE Akiem Hicks, CHI	Regina (Canada)	Named to 2019 Pro Bowl; Has 24 sacks over the past four seasons
WR Tyreek Hill, KC	West Alabama	Named to Pro Bowl in each of first four seasons; Leads NFL with 19 receiving touchdowns since 2018.
CB Janoris Jenkins, NO	North Alabama	Named to 2017 Pro Bowl; Has 23 career interceptions.
RB David Johnson, HOU	Northern Iowa	Led NFL in TDs (20) & scrimmage yards (2,118) in 2016.
LB Matt Judon, BAL	Grand Valley State	Named to 2020 Pro Bowl after career-high 9.5 sacks and four forced fumbles in 2019.
LB Darius Leaonrd, IND	South Carolina State	2018 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year; Has 284 tackles, third-most in the league since entering NFL in 2018
LB Khalil Mack, CHI	Buffalo	Pro Bowler in each of the past five seasons and three-time All-Pro; Has 61.5 career sacks.
WR Adam Thielen, MIN	Minn. State-Mankato	Two-time Pro Bowler; Is 1 of 3 undrafted players with 100+ receptions & 1,300+ receiving yards in a season.
QB Carson Wentz, PHI	North Dakota State	Named to Pro Bowl after 2017 season; four 3,000-yard passing seasons to begin career.

ACTIVE STAT LEADERS

TOP 10 ACTIVE PASSERS (MINIMUM 1,000 ATTEMPTS)

PLAYER	ATT.	COMP.	COMP. %	YARDS	TD	INT	PASSER RATING
1. Patrick Mahomes	1,099	724	65.9	9,412	76	18	108.9
2. Aaron Rodgers	6,061	3,913	65.6	46,946	364	84	102.4
3. Russell Wilson	3,777	2,436	64.5	29,734	227	68	101.2
4. Deshaun Watson	1,204	804	66.8	9,716	71	29	101.0
5. Drew Brees	10,161	6,867	67.6	77,416	547	237	98.4
6. Dak Prescott	2,071	1,363	65.8	15,778	97	36	97.0
7. Tom Brady	9,988	6,377	63.8	74,571	541	179	97.0
8. Kirk Cousins	3,146	2,104	66.9	24,107	155	71	96.8
9. Philip Rivers	7,591	4,908	64.7	59,271	397	198	95.1
10. Matt Ryan	6,817	4,460	65.4	51,186	321	147	94.6

TOP 10 ACTIVE RUSHERS

PLAYER	ATT.	YARDS	TD
1. Frank Gore	3,548	15,347	79
2. Adrian Peterson	3,036	14,216	111
3. LeSean McCoy	2,447	11,071	73
4. Mark Ingram	1,523	7,025	60
5. Le'Veon Bell	1,474	6,125	38
6. Ezekiel Elliott	1,169	5,405	40
7. Todd Gurley	1,265	5,404	58
8. Carlos Hyde	1,072	4,370	32
9. Latavius Murray	1,045	4,335	39
10. Melvin Gordon	1,059	4,240	36

TOP 10 ACTIVE RECEIVERS

PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	TD
1. Larry Fitzgerald	1,378	17,083	120
2. Jason Witten	1,215	12,977	72
3. Julio Jones	797	12,125	57
4. DeSean Jackson	598	10,420	55
5. A.J. Green	602	8,907	63
6. DeAndre Hopkins	632	8,602	54
7. T.Y. Hilton	552	8,598	45
8. Greg Olsen	718	8,444	59
9. Emmanuel Sanders	601	7,893	42
10. Golden Tate	660	7,890	44

ACTIVE STAT LEADERS

TOP 10 ACTIVE SCORERS

PLAYER	TD	FG	PAT	POINTS
1. Robbie Gould	0	381	495	1,638
2. Mason Crosby	0	329	588	1,575
3. Matt Prater	0	300	453	1,353
4. Stephen Hauschka	0	264	355	1,147
5. Justin Tucker	0	265	298	1,093
6. Dan Bailey	0	234	346	1,048
7. Graham Gano	0	224	306	978
8. Greg Zuerlein	0	201	264	867
9. Larry Fitzgerald	120	0	0	726
10. Adrian Peterson	117	0	0	704

TOP 10 ACTIVE SACKERS

PLAYER	SACKS
1. Von Miller (Top)	106
2. Chandler Jones	96
J.J. Watt	96
4. Ryan Kerrigan	90
5. Justin Houston	89.5
6. Calais Campbell	88
7. Cameron Jordan	87
8. Carlos Dunlap	81.5
9. Robert Quinn	80.5
10. Jason Pierre-Paul	79.5

TOP 5 ACTIVE KICKOFF RETURNERS (MIN. 40 RETURNS)

PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
1. Cordarrelle Patterson	204	6,101	29.9	7
2. Ameer Abdullah	72	1,946	27.0	0
3. Tremon Smith	46	1,189	25.8	0
4. Jarvis Landry	50	1,292	25.8	0
5. Randall Cobb	76	1,926	25.3	1

TOP 10 ACTIVE PUNTERS (MIN. 50 PUNTS)

PLAYER	NO.	AVG.	LONG
1. Cameron Johnston	132	47.2	68
2. Johnny Hekker	608	47.0	78
3. Thomas Morstead	630	46.9	70
4. Michael Dickson	152	46.7	69
5. Tress Way	437	46.6	79
6. Andy Lee	1,290	46.6	82
7. Jamie Gillan	63	46.2	71
8. Bryan Anger	597	46.2	73
9. Sam Martin	473	46.0	72
10. A.J. Cole	67	46.0	74

TOP 10 ACTIVE INTERCEPTORS

PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	TD
1. Richard Sherman	35	460	3
2. Johnathan Joseph	31	638	7
3. Earl Thomas	30	455	2
4. Joe Haden	27	252	1
Marcus Peters	27	797	6
6. Devin McCourty	26	431	1
7. Patrick Peterson	25	244	1
8. Stephon Gilmore	24	437	2
9. Tashaun Gipson	23	550	3
Janoris Jenkins	23	531	7
Harrison Smith	23	397	4

TOP 5 ACTIVE PUNT RETURNERS (MIN. 40 RETURNS)

PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
1. Tyreek Hill	85	1,009	11.9	4
2. Jamal Agnew	60	679	11.3	3
3. Julian Edelman	177	1,986	11.2	4
4. Travis Benjamin	109	1,189	10.9	4
5. Tarik Cohen	95	985	10.4	1

ART ROONEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

Washington running back **ADRIAN PETERSON** was voted the winner of the 2019 **ART ROONEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**, which recognizes the NFL player who best demonstrates the qualities of outstanding sportsmanship on the playing field, including fair play, respect for opponents and integrity in competition.

"It means a lot," Peterson said. "When it came out, I was just smiling ear to ear because it goes to show the person that you are -- and it comes naturally -- is seen, is noticed and recognized by your peers. It is a blessing. There's been great winners before, and to be able to be added to that group, it's a dream come true."

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

A 13-year NFL veteran, Peterson ranks fourth all-time in rushing touchdowns (111) and fifth in rushing yards (14,216). A seven-time Pro Bowl selection, he has led the league in rushing yards three times (2008, 2012 and 2015) and twice either tied for the lead or led the NFL in rushing touchdowns (2009 and 2015). In 2012, Peterson rushed for a career-high 2,097 yards, the second-most in a single season in league annals, en route to Most Valuable Player and Offensive Player of the Year honors.

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

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

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

The finalists, featuring four players from each conference, were defensive end **CALAIS CAMPBELL** (Jacksonville), linebacker **THOMAS DAVIS** (Los Angeles Chargers), wide receiver **T.Y. HILTON** (Indianapolis) and wide receiver **MATTHEW SLATER** (New England) in the AFC, and running back **ADRIAN PETERSON** (Washington), quarterback **MATTHEW STAFFORD** (Detroit), tackle **JOE STALEY** (San Francisco) and safety **ERIC WEDDLE** (L.A. Rams) in the NFC.

32 PLAYER NOMINEES - 2019 ART ROONEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD (FINALISTS LISTED IN BOLD)

TEAM	PLAYER
Arizona	C A.Q. Shipley
Atlanta	WR Julio Jones
Baltimore	QB Lamar Jackson
Buffalo	LB Lorenzo Alexander
Carolina	RB Christian McCaffrey
Chicago	DB Kyle Fuller
Cincinnati	DE Sam Hubbard
Cleveland	RB Nick Chubb
Dallas	CB Byron Jones
Denver	LB Von Miller
Detroit	**QB Matthew Stafford**
Green Bay	CB Tramon Williams
Houston	QB Deshaun Watson
Indianapolis	**WR T.Y. Hilton**
Jacksonville	**DE Calais Campbell**
Kansas City	QB Patrick Mahomes
L.A. Chargers	**LB Thomas Davis**
L.A. Rams	**S Eric Weddle**
Miami	C Daniel Kilgore
Minnesota	DE Danielle Hunter
New England	**WR Matthew Slater**
New Orleans	T Terron Armstead
N.Y. Giants	DL Dalvin Tomlinson
N.Y. Jets	DL Steve McLendon
Oakland	QB Derek Carr
Philadelphia	QB Carson Wentz
Pittsburgh	RB James Conner
San Francisco	**T Joe Staley**
Seattle	LB K.J. Wright
Tampa Bay	LB Lavonte David
Tennessee	C Ben Jones
Washington	**RB Adrian Peterson**

FIRST LOOK AT 2021 DRAFT

It is never too early for NFL front offices to look ahead at the next crop of top college prospects that could potentially be the future faces of their franchise.

NFL Network analyst **DANIEL JEREMIAH** has taken a "first look" at some of college football's top players that are expected to be the future stars of the league in the coming years.

Jeremiah's top players that are elibile for the 2021 NFL Draft, listed by position, alphabetically:

QB JUSTIN FIELDS, Ohio State (6-3/228, junior): "Fields has a full skill set. In the passing game, he's at his best when he's on time and in rhythm. He shows the ability to deliver the ball with anticipation and accuracy on drive throws down the field. He's also very effective as a runner. When he sees a lane open up, he's quick to take those free yards. His overall competitiveness is excellent."

QB TREY LANCE, North Dakota State (6-3/224, sophomore): "I was shocked at the maturity in Lance's game. He does a wonderful job staying in the moment and executing. His ball placement is excellent. I've never evaluated a draft prospect with this stat line: 28 touchdowns, 0 interceptions. You read that correctly. He had zero interceptions last season. He has outstanding instincts to avoid and create from the pocket and excels on designed quarterback options/runs. He's very athletic and generates big plays because of it."

QB TREVOR LAWRENCE, Clemson (6-6/220, junior): "Trevor Lawrence heads into the 2020 season as the face of college football. I can't remember this much hype about a prospect at the quarterback position since Andrew Luck was entering his final season at Stanford in 2011. He has an ideal blend of size, athleticism, arm strength and toughness. The junior signal-caller is also a creative playmaker when the play breaks down and he is very dangerous on designed quarterback runs. Lawrence has all of the necessary tools to emerge as an elite quarterback at the next level."

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMER GIL BRANDT ON THE QUARTERBACK CLASS OF THE 2021 DRAFT

Inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2019, Brandt was a highly-regarded personnel administrator during his 29-year career with the Dallas Cowboys (1960-1988) and helped Dallas grow into one of the most powerful and popular sports franchises in America. His innovative management and personnel systems are standard operating procedure today.

Brandt: There are three guys that I think are first round picks.

JUSTIN FIELDS (Ohio State) completed 67.2% of his passes for 3,273 yards with 41 touchdowns and three interceptions. Very athletic. He's got a good plus arm and he can run. Last year, he rushed for 484 yards and 10 touchdowns.

TREY LANCE (North Dakota State) completed 66.9% of his passes last year for 28 touchdowns, 14 rushing touchdowns and no interceptions. He reminds me a great deal of Andrew Luck. From a small town of Marshall, Minnesota and was only lightly recruited.

TREVOR LAWRENCE (Clemson) completed 65.8% of his passes last year for 3,665 yards with 36 touchdowns and eight interceptions. Very athletic player with a good arm. He has started and won every year since his freshman year in high school.

Additionally, this a list of other quarterbacks that I think have the best chance of someday playing in the NFL that are in college football right now (alphabetical order):

PLAYER	SCHOOL	HT/WT
K.J. Costello	Mississippi State	6-5, 220
Sam Ehlinger	Texas	6-3, 225
Feleipe Franks	Arkansas	6-6, 228
Sam Howell	North Carolina	6-1, 225
Tanner Morgan	Minnesota	6-2, 215
Jamie Newman	Georgia	6-4, 230
Brock Purdy	Iowa State	6-1, 210
Kedon Slovis	USC	6-2, 200
Kyle Trask	Florida	6-5, 235

FIRST LOOK AT 2021 DRAFT

Jeremiah's top players that are elibile for the 2021 NFL Draft, listed by position, alphabetically (cont.):

RB TRAVIS ETIENNE, Clemson (5-10/210, senior): "Etienne can be best described with these three words: explosive, tough, instinctive. He has a dynamic burst whether he's running inside or outside. He has good vision and shows the power to step through tackles consistently. His contact balance is exceptional. Defenders bounce off his legs."

WR JA'MARR CHASE, LSU (6-0/208, junior): "Chase has an exceptional blend of quickness, strength and playmaking ability. He lines up outside and inside in the formation. He has strong/powerful hands to attack the ball and win in heavy traffic. He shows no fear working the middle of the field. Once the ball goes up in the air, you can see him accelerate and separate. He's a special, special talent."

WR DEVONTA SMITH, Alabama (6-1/175, senior): "Smith is a smooth, fluid route runner with outstanding body control, hands and toughness. He can play inside or outside and uses his quickness to routinely defeat press coverage. He has outstanding concentration and hands to finish in traffic. After the catch, he is extremely elusive, consistently making the first defender miss. I love guys who play big in big moments. That's what Smith has always done."

TE KYLE PITTS, Florida (6-6/239, junior): "Pitts is tall, long and ultra athletic. I love his athleticism, but I was even more impressed with his instincts and savvy as a route runner. He understands how to work and settle in space versus zone coverage and he also has a good feel for attacking the leverage of his defender. That bodes well for his adjustment to the NFL game."

T PENEI SEWELL, Oregon (6-6/330, junior): "Sewell has ideal size, quickness and power for the position. In the passing game, he's quick out of his stance and does a nice job of staying square against his opponent. In the run game, Sewell consistently gets underneath defenders, uproots and moves them off the line of scrimmage. I love his overall demeanor and toughness."

DL GREGORY ROUSSEAU, Miami (6-7/253, sophomore): "If I had to limit my evaluation to a two-word description, it would be consistently dominant. Rousseau was clearly the best player on the field in all of the games I studied. He can win with his speed/quickness and his hands are very polished. He's extremely long and does a nice job pressing out blocks before escaping to create pressure."

LB MICAH PARSONS, Penn State (6-3/244, junior): "There is plenty to like about Parsons' game. First of all, he has a big, athletic build for the position. His play speed is excellent, and he has the versatility to play off the ball or on the edge. Parsons also excels against the pass. He can cover backs and tight ends all over the field. He has phenomenal timing and burst. His overall instincts are top-notch."

CB SHAUN WADE, Ohio State (6-1/195, junior): "Wade has ideal size/length and he plays with tremendous awareness. He primarily aligns in the slot, but he will roll back to the deep middle in some of Ohio State's coverage schemes. In man coverage, Wade is patient and avoids false steps. He's a smooth, fluid mover and he can build speed to catch up down the field. He's also a very reliable tackler. I love his overall toughness and demeanor."

NFL LEGENDS COMMUNITY

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

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

- **LEGENDS BUSINESS DIRECTORY** – The Business Directory provides assistance in creating opportunities for businesses owned by NFL Legends, including networking and guidance on how to achieve their business goals.
- **LEGENDS COMMUNITY DIRECTORS AND COORDINATORS** – Legends Community Directors and Coordinators lead the efforts across the country. They streamline communication and serve as a central resource for players to learn about programs and benefits available to them. They played in different eras, for multiple teams and at various positions, but they are passionate about helping their fellow Legends.

NFL LEGEND	TITLE	NFL LEGEND	TITLE
Chad Pennington	Legends Executive Director	Luke McCown	Central South Coordinator
Leonard Wheeler	Legends Executive Director	Marty Moore	Central North Coordinator
Mark Brunell	Team Relations Director	Orlando Pace^{HOF}	Central North Coordinator
Anthony Becht	Pacific West Coordinator	Chester Pitts	Central South Coordinator
JB Brown	Northeast Coordinator	John Randle^{HOF}	Central North Director
Garry Cobb	Northeast Coordinator	Ed Reynolds	Northeast Director
Warrick Dunn	Southeast Coordinator	Tony Richardson	Northeast Coordinator
Donnie Edwards	Pacific West Coordinator	Mike Rucker	Southeast Director
Torry Holt	Southeast Coordinator	Will Shields^{HOF}	Central South Director
Rocket Ismail	Central South Coordinator	Mack Strong	Pacific West Director
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	Pacific West Coordinator	Darryl Talley	Northeast Coordinator
Steven Jackson	Pacific West Coordinator	Frank Winters	Central North Coordinator

- **LEGENDS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** – Provides NFL Legends the opportunity to explore careers in football by gaining business experience and exposure in the New York League Office. It exposes players to opportunities in football that are not in front of the camera or in a coaching capacity.
- **LEGENDS LOUNGE** – The Legends Lounge is a free and private hospitality space open exclusively to current players and NFL Legends. Available at major NFL calendar events, it is a place for the game's greats to relax and reengage with other Legends.
- **LEGENDS NEWSLETTER** – A monthly newsletter designed to keep the Legends Community informed on all upcoming offers, events and opportunities available for them.
- **LEGENDS PODCAST** – Tune into the NFL Legends Podcast, an unscripted series that discusses the challenges and personal anecdotes of NFL players. Hosted by Hall of Famer Aeneas Williams, guests have included current players, NFL Legends and club personnel. With more than 80 available episodes, topics include parenting, coaching, social justice, wellness and overcoming adversity. The podcasts are released each Wednesday and are available on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, iHeartRadio and Tidal.
- **LEGENDS PORTAL** – The Legends Portal provides trustworthy information in a safe and personalized environment, while connecting all players and Legends with the benefits, programs and resources available to them.
- **LUNCH & LEARNS** – The Legends Lunch and Learn series consists of an interactive hour-long event where Legends learn more about the Legends Community and all that is offered to them through partners and collectively bargained benefits.
- **THE LEGENDS WELCOME** – The Legends Community hosts recently transitioned players as part of continuous efforts to inform them of all that is available to them. During the Welcome, Legends will hear from NFL league and team executives, participate in networking opportunities and learn about the initiatives and programs specifically designed for them.

For more information, visit https://operations.nfl.com/the-players/nfl-legends-community and follow @NFLLegends to join the social conversation.

NFL LEGENDS IN BROADCASTING

NFL Legends offer a unique and unparalleled perspective of the game. Not only do Legends have a desire to share their love of football, but they want to grow the game and make it enjoyable for the passionate and invested fans around the world.

Many Legends, now in broadcasting roles, continuously spread their wealth of knowledge to football fans and other athletes alike on gamedays throughout the season.

"Playing in the NFL was a dream come true which is why I take so much pride in covering the game with integrity," said CBS analyst and NFL Legend **NATE BURLESON**. "Once I retired, I realized that I didn't lose my teammates, but on the contrary, I gained an even bigger team with my NFL family who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes. My goal will always be to represent the NFL on and off the field so the game is in a better place than I left it."

After years of playing on the field or coaching from the sideline, NFL Legends deeply understand the ins and outs of the game of football and allow fans to have a stronger understanding for the game and players.

"As a member of the media and NFL Legend, I love how the league has embraced the personalities and creativity of the players," said ESPN analyst and NFL Legend **MATT HASSELBECK**. "From touchdown celebrations to charitable passions, I've enjoyed reporting on the game and helping NFL fans get to know and root for players across the different markets."

By Legends highlighting player personalities, impressive offensive comebacks or an underdog story, every fan has something to root for.

A LOOK AT NFL LEGENDS CURRENTLY IN BROADCASTING ROLES

*As coach   **As player and coach   ^As executive

NFL LEGEND	BROADCAST PARTNER	FORMER TEAM(S)
Troy Aikman	FOX	DAL
Adam Archuleta	CBS	STL, WAS, CHI, OAK
Tiki Barber	CBS	NYG
Terry Bradshaw	FOX	PIT
Tony Boselli	Westwood One	JAX, HOU
Tedy Bruschi	ESPN	NE
Nate Burleson	CBS	MIN, SEA, DET, CLE
Ryan Clark	ESPN	NYG, WAS, PIT
Cris Collinsworth	NBC	CIN
Bill Cowher	CBS	PHI, CLE**, KC*, PIT*
Terrell Davis	Westwood One	DEN
Tony Dungy	NBC	PIT**, SF, NYG, KC*, MIN*, TB*, IND*
Boomer Esiason	CBS	CIN, NYJ, ARI
Jay Feely	CBS	ATL, NYG, MIA, KC, NYJ, ARI, CHI
Rich Gannon	CBS	MIN, WAS, KC, OAK
Tony Gonzalez	FOX	KC, ATL
Trent Green	CBS, Westwood One	SD, WAS, STL, MIA, KC
Brian Griese	ESPN	DEN, MIA, TB, CHI
Rodney Harrison	NBC	SD, NE
Matt Hasselbeck	ESPN	GB, SEA, TEN, IND
Greg Jennings	FOX	GB, MIN, MIA
Jimmy Johnson	FOX	DAL*, MIA*
Keyshawn Johnson	ESPN	NYJ, TB, DAL, CAR
Daryl Johnston	FOX	DAL

NFL LEGEND	BROADCAST PARTNER	FORMER TEAM(S)
James Lofton	CBS, Westwood One	GB, L.A. Raiders**, BUF, STL, PHI, SD*
Howie Long	FOX	OAK/L.A. Raiders
Booger McFarland	ESPN	TB, IND
Matt Millen	ESPN	OAK/L.A. Raiders, SF, WAS, DET^
Randy Moss	ESPN	MIN, OAK, NE, TEN, SF
Dan Orlovsky	ESPN	DET, HOU, IND, TB, STL
Brady Quinn	FOX	CLE, DEN, KC, SEA, NYJ, STL, MIA
Louis Riddick	ESPN	SF, ATL, CLE, OAK, WAS^, PHI^
Tony Romo	CBS	DAL
Jeff Saturday	ESPN	BAL, IND, GB
Mark Schlereth	FOX	WAS, DEN
Chris Simms	NBC	TB, TEN, DEN, NE*
Phil Simms	CBS	NYG
Marcus Spears	ESPN	DAL, BAL
Chris Spielman	FOX	DET, BUF, CLE
Michael Strahan	FOX	NYG
Ross Tucker	Westwood One	WAS, DAL, BUF, NE, CLE
Michael Vick	FOX	ATL, PHI, NYJ, PIT
Jonathan Vilma	FOX	NYJ, NO
Kurt Warner	Westwood One	GB, STL, NYG, ARI
Rod Woodson	Westwood One	PIT, SF, BAL, OAK**, CIN, DEN
Dave Wannstedt	FOX	GB, DAL*, CHI*, MIA*, BUF*, TB*
Steve Young	ESPN	TB, SF

PLAYER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

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

The **CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAM** provides players with the tools to reach their educational goals. In partnership with colleges and universities across the country, the CEP offers individualized education plans for degree completion with undergraduate, graduate or certification programs.

The **FINANCIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM** provides engaging and unbiased education through programs and seminars that seek to improve the financial decision-making ability of players.

The NFL's **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM** creates meaningful development opportunities for players and Legends, including football relevant onboarding and future career skills.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT assists players, Legends and their families as they live healthy and fulfilling lives mentally, physically and holistically before, during, and after their playing experiences.

Clubs and the league office have a Player Engagement department. Directors of Player Engagement serve as a key resource in assisting players with their off-field professional development during and beyond their NFL experiences.

With a relationship predicated on trust, Club Directors of Player Engagement can be critical to the team's success in managing the players. Directors are encouraged to utilize league and club resources to support players and their families throughout their NFL experience.

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

"We are committed to setting players and their families up for success starting from the day they enter the league to long after their playing days are over. Whether a player wants to go back to school, start a new business, or learn about financial planning, the NFL family and Player Engagement are here to support."

- NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations TROY VINCENT

WAY TO PLAY
INITIATIVE

NFL CONTINUES WAY TO PLAY INITIATIVE FOR CURRENT PLAYERS AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETES

Recognizing proper in-game technique, the weekly NFL Way to Play High School Award will be extended to Spring 2021

The NFL announced the continuation of the Way to Play initiative, helping highlight proper playing technique to protect players from unnecessary risk and to foster culture change across all levels of the sport.

For the third year, the **NFL WAY TO PLAY AWARD** will recognize the excellence demonstrated by NFL players who exemplify proper technique to make impactful plays. Each recipient of the Way to Play Award will receive a $2,500 equipment grant through USA Football to be awarded to the local youth or high school football program of the player's choosing.

"The Way to Play Award is about excellence in football through using proper technique that protects players from unnecessary risk," said TROY VINCENT, NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations. "This award incentivizes strong fundamental playing technique, demonstrates best practices, and at the same time, benefits youth and high school football."
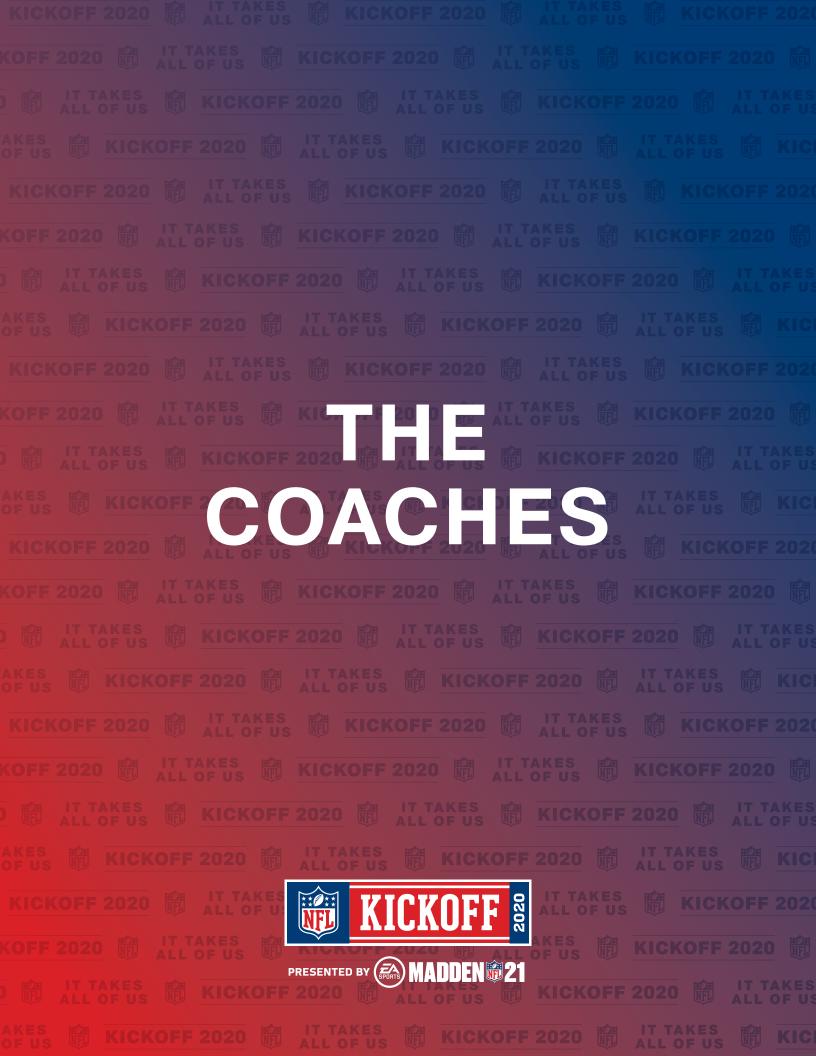
The NFL Football Operations and Officiating departments will select the top nominees for the award recognizing current NFL players. Video of those plays will be shared with an expert panel consisting of **MERRIL HOGE**, **RONNIE LOTT**, **WILLIE MCGINEST**, **ORLANDO PACE** and **MICHAEL ROBINSON**. The recipient will be announced on NFL Network's Good Morning Football every Thursday morning.

In partnership with Hudl and in its second year, the **NFL WAY TO PLAY HIGH SCHOOL AWARD** will honor one high school football player weekly for demonstrating exceptional in-game playing technique. The high school award recipient will be announced on NFL Network each Saturday morning, and the school of each honoree will receive a $1,500 equipment grant through USA Football.

Understanding that some states have moved their youth and high school programs to the spring, the NFL Way to Play High School Award will be extended an additional 17 weeks, running from February 20 through June 12, 2021.

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

For more information on the NFL Way to Play, please visit ops.nfl.com/WTP-Award.

THE COACHES

NFL COACHES IN 2020

Under the guidance of head coach **BILL BELICHICK**, the New England Patriots have won 11 consecutive division titles, the longest streak in NFL history. Belichick has won six Super Bowl championships, the most by a head coach in league history.

The head coaches with the most Super Bowl victories:

HEAD COACH	TEAM	SUPER BOWL TITLES
Bill Belichick	*New England*	*6 (XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX, XLIX, LI, LIII)*
Chuck Noll[HOF]	Pittsburgh	4 (IX, X, XIII, XIV)
Joe Gibbs[HOF]	Washington	3 (XVII, XXII, XXVI)
Bill Walsh[HOF]	San Francisco	3 (XVI, XIX, XXIII)

Belichick has 31 career postseason wins, the most by a head coach in NFL history, and has led the Patriots to nine conference championships, the most by a head coach in the Super Bowl era (since 1966). Kansas City Chiefs head coach **ANDY REID** earned his first Super Bowl championship last season and has 15 career postseason victories.

The head coaches with the most career playoff victories:

HEAD COACH	TEAM(S)	PLAYOFF WINS
Bill Belichick	*Cleveland, New England*	*31*
Tom Landry[HOF]	Dallas	20
Don Shula[HOF]	Baltimore Colts, Miami	19
Joe Gibbs[HOF]	Washington	17
Chuck Noll[HOF]	Pittsburgh	16
Andy Reid	*Philadelphia, Kansas City*	*15*

Belichick enters the 2020 season ranked third all-time in regular season wins (273) and total wins, including the postseason (304). Reid has 222 career victories, including the postseason, and needs eight wins during the 2020 season to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **EARL "CURLY" LAMBEAU** (229 wins) for the fifth-most coaching victories, including the postseason, in league annals.

The head coaches with the most total wins in NFL history:

HEAD COACH	TEAM(S)	REG. SEASON WINS	PLAYOFF WINS	TOTAL WINS
Don Shula[HOF]	Baltimore Colts, Miami	328	19	347
George Halas[HOF]	Chicago	318	6	324
Bill Belichick	*Cleveland, New England*	*273*	*31*	*304*
Tom Landry[HOF]	Dallas	250	20	270
Earl "Curly" Lambeau[HOF]	Green Bay, Chi. Cardinals, Washington	226	3	229
Andy Reid	*Philadelphia, Kansas City*	*207*	*15*	*222*

STRENGTHENING THE PIPELINE

BILL WALSH DIVERSITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP

Established in 1987, the Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship provides NFL coaching experience to outstanding coaches from diverse backgrounds every year. The program, which was named after the man who conceived the idea – late Pro Football Hall of Fame head coach Bill Walsh– exposes talented coaches from other levels of football and NFL Legends to the methods and philosophies of NFL coaching staffs. Walsh introduced the concept to the league in 1987 when he brought a group of minority coaches into his San Francisco 49ers' training camp.

179 coaches participated in the 2019 Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship. Of the total, 53 Bill Walsh fellows were NFL Legends and four were women.

NUNN-WOOTEN SCOUTING FELLOWSHIP

The Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship is just one NFL program aimed at developing a diverse pipeline for club personnel. The Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship has served to expose former NFL players, former football student-athletes, and college recruiting and personnel staff to careers in professional football scouting since 2015. The fellowship provides participants rare access to NFL club business, giving them an on-the-job, inside look at the skills needed for a career in NFL scouting. In 2019, 17 participants completed the program.

This year, to help continue to bolster educational and networking opportunities for aspiring minority coaches and professional scouts amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, the NFL hosted a series of sessions for current and former Bill Walsh and Nunn-Wooten fellows from June through August.

Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin, who became the youngest head coach (36) in NFL history to win a Super Bowl when he led Pittsburgh to a victory in Super Bowl XLIII, interned with the Cleveland Browns in the summer of 2000 when he was the defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati.

Tomlin is one of two current NFL head coaches – joining Anthony Lynn (Los Angeles Chargers) – who are graduates of the program.

The program has tutored more than 2,000 minority coaches through the years and has grown to the point that now every NFL team participates during offseason workout programs, minicamps and training camp.

Washington Football Team head coach Ron Rivera understands the value of the program and serves on the Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship Advisory Council. The council is comprised of club presidents, general managers, head coaches and assistant coaches, who focus on developing a pipeline of diverse coaches, including former NFL players pursuing opportunities in the coaching profession.

"The Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship is essential in creating opportunities," said Rivera. "You can see the benefits of the fellowship program on virtually every coaching staff in the league and the education provided through the program has been invaluable in the development of many young coaches who may not have received exposure to the NFL without it."

The NFL announced several initiatives in partnership with the **2020 EAST-WEST SHRINE BOWL**. The strengthened enhancements are designed to continue growing the game through the development of personnel and increasing engagement with players through all levels of their athletic life cycle.

"The objective for the East-West Shrine Bowl is to provide opportunity for development, evaluation, and community outreach for both the next generation of prospects and coaches," said **TROY VINCENT**, NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations and 2019 East-West Shrine Bowl Hall of Fame Inductee. "The venue affords prospects an early start on evaluation and assessment by pro personnel. It is also a tremendous opportunity to engage with the children and families at the Shriners Hospital."

The East-West Shrine Bowl, formerly known as East-West Shrine Game, is the nation's oldest all-star game for college seniors aspiring to play in the NFL. Seventy-seven Pro Football Hall of Famers have played in the East-West Shrine Bowl, and more than 300 past participants were on 2019 NFL Week 1 rosters.

HEAD COACHES: **MIKE CALDWELL** of the **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** and **BEN STEELE** of the **ATLANTA FALCONS** served as the head coaches for the 2020 East-West Shrine Bowl.

An 11-year NFL veteran, Caldwell spent the 2019 season as the Buccaneers inside linebackers coach after serving four seasons as the assistant head coach/inside linebackers coach for the New York Jets. In 2019, rookie linebacker Devin White was one of two players in the NFL with at least four fumble recoveries and three forced fumbles, while linebacker Lavonte David recorded his seventh-career 100-tackle season.

A seven-year NFL veteran, Steele joined the Falcons in 2019 as an offensive assistant after spending the previous five seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Atlanta tight end Austin Hooper set career highs in receptions (75), receiving yards (787) and receiving touchdowns (six) this season.

At the conclusion of the NFL regular season, clubs nominated active assistant coaches who were reviewed by a panel of NFL Football Operations staff, East-West Shrine Bowl leadership and two members of the NFL's General Managers Advisory Committee. The final two were chosen as head coaches. Once the head coaches were selected, each head coach then fills his 12-person staff from other NFL assistant coaches nominated by the clubs, a key job requirement for head coaches at every level of the sport.

To further aid in the development of future coordinators and head coaches, these representatives had the opportunity to participate in a panel session and learn from former NFL head coaches and general managers while in St. Petersburg, Florida.

LEGENDS MENTORS: In a continuous effort to connect the game's greats with the next generation of stars, Pro Football Hall of Famer **WILL SHIELDS** and NFL Legends **WILLIE MCGINEST**, **BOBBY TAYLOR** and **AMANI TOOMER** served as mentors to the 2020 East-West Shrine Bowl players throughout the week.

ADDITIONAL LEAGUE INITIATIVES: The league continued to assist in identifying the best players for the East-West Shrine Bowl, provide game officials, and football operations internship opportunities during the week leading up to the East-West Shrine Bowl game. Additionally, the NFL and East-West Shrine Bowl partnered on highlighting innovative concepts to further evolve the game.

Since 1925, the East-West Shrine Bowl has benefited Shriners Hospitals for Children and its mission to provide advanced care for children with specialized medical needs. Locations in the United States, Canada and Mexico provide advanced care for children with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate, regardless of the family's ability to pay.

NEW IN 2020
JOE JUDGE

HEAD COACH | NEW YORK GIANTS

19TH HEAD COACH IN GIANTS HISTORY ➼

MEMBER OF 3 SUPER BOWL-WINNING COACHING STAFFS ➼

8 YEARS OF NFL COACHING EXPERIENCE ➼

The Giants announced on January 8, 2020 that **JOE JUDGE** will become the 19th head coach in franchise history. Judge takes over his first-career head coaching job after spending the previous eight seasons with the New England Patriots as assistant special teams coach (2012-14), special teams coordinator (2015-19) and wide receivers coach (2019).

During Judge's time in New England, the Patriots won three Super Bowls and played in the AFC Championship Game in each of his first seven seasons with the team. In Judge's lone season as the team's wide receivers coach in 2019, Julian Edelman recorded a career-high 1,117 receiving yards and a team-high six receiving touchdowns. Meanwhile, New England's special teams unit finished in the top-ten in punt return average and punt and kickoff coverage last season.

Before New England, Judge spent three seasons on Nick Saban's staff at Alabama (2009-11), serving as a special teams assistant/football analyst. The Crimson Tide won two BCS titles during his time there, while their special teams was consistently impressive, producing several All-Americans.

Judge began his coaching career at his alma mater, Mississippi State, where he was a graduate assistant from 2005-07. He then served as the special teams/linebackers coach at Birmingham-Southern in 2008.

Judge played for Mississippi State from 2000-04, earning three letters.

"Joe Judge knows what winning looks like and should look like. His exposure and experience in New England and Alabama have helped shape his philosophy of building a winning program and culture. We are thankful that he has accepted the responsibility to lead our team."

- New York Giants President John Mara

GET TO KNOW COACH JUDGE

A few hobbies of mine are: When I get away from work, it's mostly family time, but I'm a big movies guy.

The last book I read was: "Extreme Ownership: How the US Navy Seals Lead and Win" by Jocko Willink and Leif Babin

Places I would like to travel to, but haven't yet: Ireland and Rome

My favorite food is: Pepperoni Pizza

The best football nickname is: The New York Football Giants

My favorite college town is: Starkville, Mississippi (Mississippi State)

My favorite NFL team as a child was: Philadelphia Eagles

My favorite stadium other than my own, is: Bryant-Denny Stadium (Alabama)

My favorite athletes as a child were: Joe Montana (Michael Jordan a very close second)

The people that have influenced me the most: Both of my parents, Joe and Denise Judge

The current or former player that would make a great head coach is: Devin McCourty

If I weren't coaching, the thing I would be doing is: Teaching History

My most memorable football memory is: Each of the championships was special… but really, it was every day as a player coming off the field exhausted with your best friends.

NEW IN 2020
MIKE MCCARTHY

HEAD COACH | DALLAS COWBOYS

9TH HEAD COACH IN COWBOYS HISTORY
125-77-2 RECORD AS HEAD COACH
SUPER BOWL XLV CHAMPION

MIKE MCCARTHY was named the ninth head coach in Dallas Cowboys history on January 7, 2020.

McCarthy comes to the Cowboys after serving as the head coach of the Green Bay Packers for 13 seasons (2006-18), where he complied a 125-77-2 record with nine playoff appearances, four NFC Championship Game appearances and a Super Bowl XLV victory.

McCarthy led the Packers to eight straight playoff appearances from 2009-16, becoming only the fourth head coach in NFL history to do so. His tenure in Green Bay also coincided with Aaron Rodgers' rise as one of the top passers in league history.

Before becoming a head coach, McCarthy served a variety of roles on the offensive side of the ball for several teams across the league, including the 49ers offensive coordinator (2005), Saints offensive coordinator (2000-04), Packers quarterbacks coach (1999) and Chiefs quarterbacks coach (1995-98) and offensive quality control coach (1993-94).

Before entering the NFL coaching ranks, McCarthy served as an assistant on the coaching staff of the University of Pittsburgh (1989-92) after serving as a graduate assistant at Fort Hays State (1987-88). During his playing career, he was a tight end at Scottsdale Community College before transferring to Baker University.
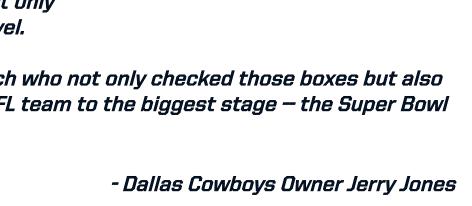
"One of our primary goals in selecting the next coach of the Dallas Cowboys was to focus on improving, a team builder and a winner. Someone who's got a proven track record of winning, not only consistently but at the highest level.

In Mike McCarthy we found a coach who not only checked those boxes but also has the experience of taking an NFL team to the biggest stage — the Super Bowl — and completing the job."

- Dallas Cowboys Owner Jerry Jones

NEW IN 2020
MATT RHULE

HEAD COACH | CAROLINA PANTHERS

The Panthers named Matt Rhule the fifth head coach in team history on January 7, 2020.

Rhule makes the move to the NFL after serving the last seven years as a head coach in the college ranks, most notably at Baylor, where he spent three seasons. Rhule took the program from a one-win team in his first season, to an 11-3 record in 2019 with a berth in the Big 12 Championship Game and Sugar Bowl.

He enjoyed a similar program transformation at Temple, where he served as the head coach for four seasons (2013-16). He took the team from two wins in his first season to consecutive 10-win seasons and an American Athletic Conference championship in 2016.

Before becoming head coach, Rhule served several positions at Temple since joining the program in 2006, including offensive coordinator, quarterbacks coach and defensive line coach.

He does have NFL experience too, serving as the offensive line coach for the Giants in 2012.

Rhule also has experience as an assistant coach at Western Carolina (2002-05), UCLA (2001), Buffalo (1999-2000) and Albright College (1998).

During his playing days, he was a walk-on linebacker at Penn State from 1994-97, taking part in three bowl victories, including the Rose Bowl in 1995.

GET TO KNOW COACH RHULE

A few hobbies of mine are: Reading and eating

The last book I read was: "The Happiness Handbook for High Achievers" by Fergus Connolly

My favorite food is: Pasta and all Italian food

My favorite NFL team as a child was: New York Giants

My favorite athlete as a child was: Lawrence Taylor

If I weren't coaching, the thing I would be doing is: Teaching

"I think Matt Rhule can come in here and build an organization for the next 30 or 40 years. He can build it. He's a program builder.

Matt is a very good people manager. And I think a good people manager is a good people manager, college or pro. He's going to set standards for people. We're counting on people buying into these standards."

- Carolina Panthers Owner David Tepper

NEW IN 2020
RON RIVERA

HEAD COACH | WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM

30TH HEAD COACH IN WASHINGTON HISTORY ➡

76-63-1 RECORD AS HEAD COACH ➡

2X AP NFL COACH OF THE YEAR ➡

Washington announced on January 1, 2020 that Ron Rivera will become the 30th head coach in franchise history.

Rivera comes to the team with over 20 years of NFL coaching experience, most notably serving nine seasons as the head coach of the Carolina Panthers (2011-19). Under Rivera's leadership, Carolina had three seasons with at least 11 regular season wins, made four postseason appearances and earned a berth in Super Bowl 50 after finishing the season with a league-best 15-1 record in 2015.

Overall, Rivera has a 76-63-1 regular season record as head coach, while earning Associated Press Coach of the Year honors twice.

Before Carolina, Rivera served a variety of roles on the defensive side of the ball for several teams across the league, including the Chargers defensive coordinator (2008-10) and linebackers coach (2007), Bears defensive coordinator (2004-06), Eagles linebackers coach (1993-03) and Bears defensive quality control coach (1997-98).

As a player, Rivera was a second-round selection by the Chicago Bears as a linebacker in the 1984 NFL Draft and would go on to play nine seasons for the franchise, winning Super Bowl XX and being named the team's 1988 Man of the Year.

"After several meetings with Coach Rivera, it was clear he is the right person to bring winning football back to Washington D.C. He is widely respected around the league as a man of great integrity and has proven to be one of the finest coaches in the country."

- Washington Owner Dan Snyder

GET TO KNOW COACH RIVERA

A few hobbies of mine are: Golf and reading

The last book I read was: "The Splendid and the Vile" by Winston Churchill

Place I would like to travel to, but haven't yet: Spain

My favorite food is: Everything

The best football nickname is: Chico

My favorite college town is: Berkeley, California (Cal)

My favorite NFL teams as a child were: Oakland and Washington

My favorite stadiums, other than my own, are: Soldier Field and Lambeau Field because of the history and tradition

My favorite sports uniform, other than my own, is: Real Madrid

My favorite athlete as a child was: Roberto Clemente

The person that has influenced me the most: My father

The current or former player that would make a great head coach is: Luke Kuechly

If I weren't coaching, the thing I would be doing is: Be a First Responder

My most memorable football memory is: Winning the Super Bowl as a player with the Bears, and going to the Super Bowl as a head coach with the Panthers

NEW IN 2020
KEVIN STEFANSKI

HEAD COACH | CLEVELAND BROWNS

The Browns named **KEVIN STEFANSKI** the 18th full-time head coach in team history on January 13, 2020.

Stefanski comes to Cleveland after his first full season as the Minnesota Vikings offensive coordinator in 2019. Under Stefanski, Minnesota ranked eighth in the league in scoring offense (25.4 points per game) and sixth in rushing offense (133.3 yards per game), as they finished with a 10-6 record and earned a playoff berth.

Quarterback Kirk Cousins set a single season career-high in passer rating (107.4), while finishing with a career-low six interceptions, and running back Dalvin Cook became the first Viking to rush for at least 1,000 yards since Adrian Peterson, while being invited to his first career Pro Bowl.

Overall, Stefanski spent 14 seasons in Minnesota, serving a variety of roles on the offensive side of the ball, including assistant to the head coach (2006-08), assistant quarterbacks coach (2009-13), tight ends coach (2014-15), running backs coach (2016), quarterbacks coach (2017-18) and offensive coordinator (2019).

Before entering the professional coaching ranks, Stefanski served as an assistant director of football operations at his alma mater, Penn, in 2005.

The former defensive back won the Penn Freshman of the Year Award in 2000 and was twice named an All-Ivy League selection.

"We were looking for a strong leader of this football team, a very bright coach with a high football IQ, who could establish a strong understanding of what he expected of his players, hold them accountable and confidently navigate the challenges and opportunities that present themselves throughout a season. Kevin exemplifies these qualities and more."

- Cleveland Browns Owners
Dee and Jimmy Haslam

GET TO KNOW COACH STEFANSKI

A few hobbies of mine are: When I'm not working, I spend time with my kids.

The last book I read was: "Leadership in Turbulent Times" by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Place I would like to travel to, but haven't yet: Europe

My favorite food is: Pizza

The best football nickname is: The Browns

My favorite college town is: Columbus, Ohio (Ohio State)

My favorite NFL team as a child was: Philadelphia Eagles

My favorite stadium other than my own, is: Lambeau Field because of the history

My favorite sports uniform, other than my own, is: Philadelphia Phillies

My favorite athlete as a child was: Reggie White

The person that has influenced me the most: My dad

The current or former player that would make a great head coach is: Teddy Bridgewater

If I weren't coaching, the thing I would be doing is: Teaching

My most memorable football memory is: The Minneapolis Miracle