

# KICKOFF INFORMATION GUIDE



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# ***NFL KICKOFF***



# NFL100

A journey of 100 seasons began with a single step.

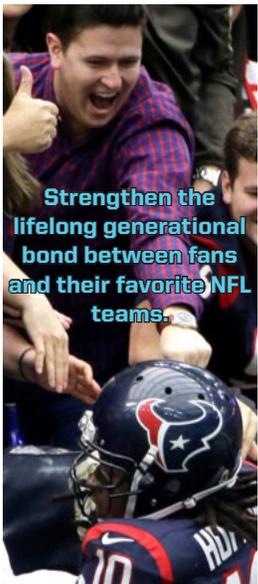
For the National Football League, that step was made by **RALPH HAY**, owner of the Canton Bulldogs. Hay's simple initiative was to invite owners of three other Ohio teams - the Dayton Triangles, Cleveland Indians and Akron Pros - to a meeting at his Canton auto showroom to discuss forming a league. Three issues prompted the meeting: Dramatically rising salaries, players jumping from one team to another following the highest offers, and teams illegally using players still in college. That initial meeting conceived the foundation of the league, originally called the American Professional Football Association, on August 20, 1920.



A second step was to schedule another meeting. This time, Hay flexed his vision, writing to invite several other pro teams. Perhaps the most significant letter was to future Pro Football Hall of Famer **GEORGE HALAS** (top right), the player-coach of the Decatur Staleys and eventual Chicago Bears. At that second meeting in Hay's showroom, held on September 17, 1920, Halas sat on the running board of a brand-new Hupmobile (middle right) and, for the first of many important instances, modeled a league-above-team perspective that critically shaped the genesis and longevity of the new organization.



Countless steps, strides and leaps later, the NFL embarks on its 100th season. The league has five objectives in 2019:



To accomplish those objectives, the league is partnering with each club to commemorate the 100th season in all 32 markets.

# NFL100

## EXPERIENCES OF A LIFETIME

The league understands and recognizes that its success would not have materialized without its diverse and passionate fans. So, the NFL has created a series of contests that will reward fans with once-in-a-lifetime experiences that only the NFL can offer.

The first of those unique experiences was Tickets for 100 Years, an unprecedented giveaway impacting multiple future generations. At this year's NFL Draft in Nashville on April 25, Commissioner **ROGER GOODELL** announced New York Giants fan **GREGORY HAMPTON** (below) and his family were the winners of season tickets for the next 100 seasons. Each club also is awarding two season tickets for this 100th season to one of their fans.

Other NFL Experiences of a Lifetime include the exclusive chance to serve as a Madden NFL ratings adjustor at EA Sports, a trip to New York with friends for Commissioner Goodell to announce their fantasy league's draft picks, having Chiefs Pro Bowler **TRAVIS KELCE** attend your wedding, and the opportunity to work out with Giants sensational running back **SAQUON BARKLEY** in his Quad Squad Quad Challenge. Each team also is rewarding fans with their own Experience of a Lifetime. Here's a sample:

CLUB	EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME
Arizona	Helicopter ride to and from game; halftime wedding ceremony
Baltimore	Karaoke contest for fans and friends at M&T Bank Stadium (words on scoreboard) with Matt Judon and Brandon Williams
Buffalo	Halftime wedding ceremony with Hall of Famer Jim Kelly giving away the bride
Denver	Von Miller to attend homecoming of a Broncos fan
Detroit	Turkey Bowl flag-football game with Barry Sanders; lunch with Mrs. Ford; travel on team plane to road game
Indianapolis	Playing catch with Peyton Manning at Lucas Oil Stadium
Jacksonville	Trip to London for fan living in Jacksonville; trip to Jacksonville for fan living in London
Philadelphia	Lead Eagles onto field and join club during pregame, then help Eagles equipment staff during game
Pittsburgh	Five families join Ben Roethlisberger for barbecue at Steelers training camp
Seattle	Full day with Cliff Avril, limo service, shopping spree, raise the "12" flag before game
Tampa Bay	Gameday party with nine friends on deck of Raymond James Stadium pirate ship
Washington	Stay at hotel with team legends, car service to game, on-field meet and greet with Adrian Peterson, honorary team captain during coin toss

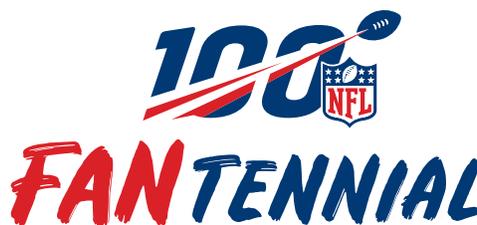


## NFL 100 FANTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS

Central to NFL100 plans are “Fantennials.” What’s a Fantennial, you ask? A Fantennial is a mindset designed to keep the fan front and center for all initiatives this season.

During the 2019 season, each team will host a “Fantennial Weekend” – a three-day celebration of football – from Weeks 1-10 and Week 14. The homecoming-style weekend will include a high-school game on a Friday night attended by legends from their local NFL team, a fan festival on Saturday and, saving the biggest celebration for last, its home game to close the multi-day extravaganza. At that home game, high-school players will take part in the coin toss, the greatest moment in club history will be revealed, and legends will be recognized and honored.

Notable Fantennial Weekend agendas include:



CLUB	GAME	FANTENNIAL WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS
Arizona	Sept. 29 vs. SEA	Christian Kirk, D.J. Foster and Byron Murphy part of pep rally at their former high school, Scottsdale Saguardo; SSSHS team participates in coin toss prior to Sunday game
Carolina	Sept. 8 vs. LAR	Local high schools with NFL alumni have bands form NFL100 logo at halftime
Cincinnati	Oct. 20 vs. JAX	Two legends from each decade in attendance at several HS games; Saturday event for season-ticket members; Sunday game, where season-ticket members will form tunnel for pregame introductions
Cleveland	Sept. 8 vs. TEN	Celebration of Hall of Famer Otto Graham and past championship teams and legends; unveiling Graham’s FirstEnergy Stadium statue
Denver	Oct. 13 vs. TEN	Held fan vote to decide top 100 Broncos players; will host event to unveil those players and have them attend high-school game, as well as game vs. Titans
Houston	Oct. 27 vs. OAK	NFL and NASA to feature a made-in-space 100th season commemorative coin during coin toss.
Jacksonville	Oct. 13 vs. NO	Rashean Mathis and Jalen Ramsey attend local HS game Friday, awarding game MVP with four tickets to Saints game, where the MVP will serve as honorary captain
New England	Dec. 8 vs. KC	Gillette Stadium hosting state HS football championships; honor legends from 2003-04 Super Bowl teams who will take part in fan-fest and game vs. Chiefs
N.Y. Giants	Sept. 15 vs. BUF	MetLife Stadium hosting three Saturday HS games; Giants to serve Friday night dinner for 500 players/coaches; captains of winning teams will attend Sunday game and stand with players on sideline during pregame
Oakland	Oct. 6 vs. CHI (London)	Trafalgar Square live entertainment, NFL Academy students, Raiderettes, Raider legends, Raiders fan fest in London
Philadelphia	Sept. 22 vs. DET	Merrill Reese to introduce teams at HS game, then broadcast game with Mike Quick; Friday night coaches and captains participate in pregame vs. Lions
Tampa Bay	Sept. 22 vs. NYG	Saturday beach bash with free concert (Billy Ray Cyrus and Parmalee), giveaways, fireworks; Ronde Barber Ring of Honor ceremony Sunday
Washington	Oct. 20 vs. SF	Redskins providing homecoming throwback jerseys to local HS team

# NFL100

## UNPRECEDENTED ORIGINAL CONTENT

NFL Films and NFL Media have combined to create an unprecedented amount of original content. These pieces will be distributed across the NFL Network, NFL Digital and the league's social-media platforms, traditional media and through the league's network partners and member clubs.



- PEYTON'S PLACES:** A unique tour of NFL history starring Peyton Manning and featuring dozens of special guests. These 30 digital episodes, each 15 minutes in length, will air on ESPN+. The episodes, premiered earlier this week. Five broadcast specials also will air on ESPN and ABC.
- NFL'S 100 GREATEST:** A 20-hour series counting down the NFL's 100 greatest plays, games, teams, characters and innovators that changed the game. These will air every Friday from Weeks 2-11 of the regular season, at 8 p.m. ET on NFL Network.
- NFL100 ALL-TIME TEAM:** A blue-ribbon panel of 26 former coaches, personnel directors, general managers, players and members of the media combined to select the NFL100 All-Time Team. The team consists of 100 players, with a specific number at each position. The panel also selected the 10 greatest coaches of all time. **RICH EISEN, BILL BELICHICK** and **CRIS COLLINSWORTH**, as well as legendary guests each week, will reveal the all-time team in a six-part series produced by NFL Films, every Friday during Weeks 12-17.
- NFL100 ROUNDTABLES:** Some of the greatest living legends come together, by position, to share their stories in a series of roundtable discussions. Eight, 30-minute specials will premiere every Friday at 10 p.m. ET on NFL Network, from Weeks 4-7 of the regular season.
- NFL100 SESSIONS:** Throughout history, generations of football greats have inspired those who have dreamed of following in their footsteps. In this original feature series, current NFL stars invite the players they've looked up to, their idol legends, to join them for one-on-one film sessions. NFL100 Sessions will premiere in-season on Thursday nights during NFL Network's NFL GameDay Kickoff.
- NFL100 MINUTE:** These retrospective, 60-second, narrated video essays tell stories – some favorites, some forgotten, some never before told – of on- and off-the-field moments, people and events that helped shape the culture and history of the NFL over the past 100 years.
- NFL100 IN 100:** NFL Films video montages across 23 subjects, including quarterbacks, runs and Super Bowls. These awe-inspiring, 100-second episodes feature exclusive NFL Films-themed music, composed specially to commemorate the 100th season. Fans can find them weekly.
- NFL EXPLAINED:** Chronicling the NFL's transformation and evolution, NFL Explained answers the most-searched NFL questions in a 10-part digital original series.
- NFL100 REWIND:** A series of music videos featuring originally composed tracks that have a unique and fun focus on NFL legends and the history of the league.
- GREATEST MOMENT IN NFL HISTORY:** Fans will vote to determine the most thrilling moment in the history of the league. Voting launched in July as fans began to select the greatest moment in the history of each of their teams. In January, the top moment from each club will compete on NFL.com/100. Those that survive and advance to the next week will compete throughout the playoffs, and the winner will be announced at Super Bowl LIV.



## PHILANTHROPY: NFL HUDDLE FOR 100

Philanthropy has played an important role in NFL history and this spring the NFL launched an initiative designed to inspire the entire NFL family - fans, clubs, players and partners - to contribute to their communities. **HUDDLE FOR 100** has one simple goal: Inspire one million people to volunteer 100 minutes of their time, totaling 100 million minutes toward community service.



- **NATIONAL HUDDLES:** The NFL is hosting a series of national huddles at major events such as the NFL Draft and Super Bowl, each with a unique theme focusing on giving back to that community in an impactful way. The league's second national huddle, Huddle for Healthy Youth, will take place during the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week.
- **CLUB HUDDLES:** All 32 clubs will host huddles throughout the year, addressing a wide variety of causes to bring together communities in the spirit of service. One community-focused grand prize at the end of the season will be awarded to the club with the most volunteer minutes. The league will also be driving a season-long competition by awarding monthly community-focused prizes to top-ranking clubs based on volunteer minutes. Fans can boost their favorite team's ranking by volunteering and logging their own minutes using their team's Huddle for 100 hashtag (e.g. #BroncosHuddleFor100).
- **DoSOMETHING HUDDLES:** The NFL is also teaming up with DoSomething.org, the country's largest non-profit organization for young people and social change, to provide fans world-wide with volunteer opportunities supporting a variety of causes.
- **PERSONAL HUDDLES:** Fans can also participate by volunteering for a cause of their choice and sharing their individual volunteer efforts on social media by posting a photo and using #NFLHuddleFor100. In addition, the NFL and the WE Movement are teaming up behind Huddle for Good. Huddle for Good is curriculum specifically designed to inspire kids of all ages within the WE School network to give back to their communities and make a real difference. The WE Huddle for Good curriculum will launch during the first week of the regular season.

Throughout the Huddle for 100 initiative, the league will give participating fans the chance to win a variety of prizes, including game tickets and team gear, or a monetary donation to a charity they select when they track their participation on [NFL.com/huddlefor100](http://NFL.com/huddlefor100). Fans can also share their volunteer efforts on social media using both the #NFLHuddleFor100 and #Sweepstakes hashtags.

Details on future national, club and DoSomething huddles will be announced throughout the NFL100 campaign leading up to the final and largest national huddle at Super Bowl LIV in Miami.



# NFL100

## PHILANTHROPY: NFL HUDDLE FOR 100

Most NFL clubs have already held their own huddles this offseason.

Here's a sample of Huddles planned for the regular season:

CLUB	CAUSE	DATE	EVENT
Atlanta	Hunger	Oct. 1	Falcons 100 Challenge, volunteering at food banks throughout October; Atlanta Community Food Bank event with players
Baltimore	Multiple	Sept. 23	Players and coaches committing one day of team volunteer projects around Baltimore
Chicago	Environment	Sept. 7	Cleaning up neighborhood parks and beaches across city
Detroit	Hunger	Oct. 10	Food-packing event with members of Lions organization
Green Bay	Social justice, Youth	Oct. 1	Partnering with Milwaukee police to build playground
Indianapolis	Youth	Sept. 30	Club hosting Team Smile, providing underserved kids life-changing dental treatment
L.A. Chargers	Environment	Sept. 24	Team hosting beach clean-up efforts throughout Southern California
Miami	Military	Oct. 26	Team packing care packages for members of military
New Orleans	Environment	Sept. 27	Beautification and clean-up efforts throughout community
Tennessee	Homelessness	Oct. 7	Building home with Habitat for Humanity
Washington	Youth, Military	Oct. 19	Day of service to build playground and renovate USO Warrior Family Center

## ORIGINAL TOWNS

The NFL is celebrating the 13 communities that were home to the 14 teams during its inaugural 1920 season with the Original Towns initiative. The NFL Foundation is making a donation to each of the 13 Original Towns to support local youth football programs, advocate for player safety, and promote football's values.



## COMMEMORATIVE PUBLICATION

The historic season will be commemorated with an official book, NFL100, A Century of Pro Football. Abrams Publishing produced the coffee-table book, tentatively scheduled for release September 3 prior to the 100th season's kickoff weekend.

## A CELEBRATION OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College football marks its 150th anniversary in 2019. On November 6, 1869, Rutgers visited Princeton in what is considered the first college football game.

Less than an hour's drive from that location, the NFL on November 4 will commemorate the anniversary with a special Monday Night Football game on ESPN when the New York Giants host the Dallas Cowboys at MetLife Stadium, renewing the six-decade rivalry.

The Giants are expected to host a college marching band halftime performance, while former Giants players from Rutgers and Princeton will serve as honorary game captains. Both the Cowboys and Giants will wear a special helmet decal to acknowledge the milestone in the history of their sport.

# PACKERS & BEARS KICK OFF 100TH SEASON

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

The NFL's 100th season begins with the annual primetime kickoff game. The opener on Thursday, September 5 on NBC (8:20 PM ET) will feature the NFC North champion Chicago Bears hosting the Green Bay Packers at Soldier Field in a battle of two of the NFL's oldest franchises.



## THE NFL PRIMETIME KICKOFF GAMES SINCE 2002

DATE	SITE	RESULT (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)	RECAP
Sept. 5, 2002	Giants Stadium	San Francisco 16, N.Y. 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, N.Y. Jets 13	Washington kicker John Hall converts a game-winning 50-yard field goal with five seconds remaining to lift the Redskins.
Sept. 9, 2004	Gillette Stadium	NEW ENGLAND 27, Indianapolis 24	New England quarterback Tom Brady passes for 335 yards and three TDs as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat the Colts.
Sept. 8, 2005	Gillette Stadium	NEW ENGLAND 30, Oakland 20	New England quarterback Tom Brady throws for 306 yards and two TDs while running back Corey Dillon adds two scores for the defending Super Bowl champions.
Sept. 7, 2006	Heinz Field	PITTSBURGH 28, Miami 17	Pittsburgh quarterback Charlie Batch passes for three TDs and running back Willie Parker adds 115 rushing yards as the defending Super Bowl champions defeat Miami.
Sept. 6, 2007	RCA Dome	INDIANAPOLIS 41, New Orleans 10	The Super Bowl champion Colts rack up 452 yards of offense as quarterback Peyton Manning passes for 288 yards and three TDs.
Sept. 4, 2008	Giants Stadium	N.Y. 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. 10, 2009	Heinz Field	PITTSBURGH 13, Tennessee 10	Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger passes for 363 yards and wide receiver Santonio Holmes has 131 receiving yards and a touchdown as the Steelers defeat Tennessee.

# PACKERS & BEARS KICK OFF 100TH SEASON

## THE NFL PRIMETIME KICKOFF GAMES SINCE 2002 (CONT.)

DATE	SITE	RESULT (HOME TEAM IN CAPS)	RECAP
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, N.Y. 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.

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## KICKOFF WEEKEND NOTES

Kickoff Weekend begins on Thursday, September 5, in primetime on NBC when two of the NFL's oldest franchises renew one of the richest rivalries in sports, as the Chicago Bears host the Green Bay Packers at Soldier Field to begin the league's 100th season. Below is a sampling of notable active NFL Kickoff streaks:

- The **CHICAGO BEARS** host the **GREEN BAY PACKERS** on Kickoff Weekend. Green Bay's 56 Kickoff Weekend wins are the most in the NFL and Chicago's 54 wins rank second. The Packers have won their past four Kickoff Weekend games, the longest active streak in the NFC.
- The Super Bowl LIII champion **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** open their season at home against the **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** on Sunday Night Football. The Patriots have won nine of their past 10 home openers on Kickoff Weekend.
- The **DENVER BRONCOS**, who begin the season by visiting the **OAKLAND RAIDERS** on Monday Night Football, have posted a .672 winning percentage (39-19-1) on Kickoff Weekend, the top mark in the league. Denver has won its past seven Kickoff Weekend games, the longest active streak in the NFL.
- The defending AFC West champion **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**, who visit the **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** in Week 1, have won their last four Kickoff Weekend games, tied for the league's second-longest active streak.
- The defending NFC East champion **DALLAS COWBOYS** host the **NEW YORK GIANTS** in a division showdown on Kickoff Weekend. Dallas and New York face each other on Kickoff Weekend for the fourth time in the last five years. With a winning percentage of .655 (38-20-1), the Cowboys own the best Kickoff Weekend winning percentage in the NFC.
- The **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**, who returned to the playoffs in 2018, host the **CINCINNATI BENGALS** on Kickoff Weekend. Seattle has won 10 consecutive home openers, the longest active streak in the league.
- The **WASHINGTON REDSKINS** face the division-rival **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** on the road to start 2019. Washington has won its past three road openers, the longest active streak in the league.



**HEAD COACHES:** New England's **BILL BELICHICK** is 16-8 (.667) on Kickoff Weekend and his 16 wins are the most among active head coaches...Belichick and Kansas City's **ANDY REID** (12-8, .600) are the only active head coaches who have won at least 10 Kickoff Weekend games...Reid has won four consecutive games on Kickoff Weekend, the longest current streak among active head coaches...**DOUG PEDERSON** (3-0) of the Eagles and **SEAN McVAY** (2-0) of the Rams are the only active head coaches with perfect records on Kickoff Weekend...Six head coaches - Denver's **VIC FANGIO**, Miami's **BRIAN FLORES**, Arizona's **KLIFF KINGSBURY**, Cleveland's **FREDDIE KITCHENS**, Green Bay's **MATT LAFLEUR** and Cincinnati's **ZAC TAYLOR** - make their Kickoff Weekend debuts in 2019.

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

# HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

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 2018 season.

Again, Week 17 came right down to the wire as three playoff spots and three division titles – the AFC North, AFC South and AFC 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 2019 season with a trip to Miami and Super Bowl LIV in mind and below are a few reasons why.

- Two of the eight divisions in 2018 were won by a team that finished in last place in the division the previous season – Houston (AFC South) and Chicago (NFC North). In 15 of the past 16 seasons, at least one team finished in first place in its division the season after finishing in last or tied for last place. Since the NFL expanded to 32 teams in 2002, two teams have gone “worst to first” en route to a Super Bowl victory – the 2017 Philadelphia Eagles and the 2009 New Orleans Saints.
- 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. Seven teams that missed the postseason in 2017 – Baltimore (10-6), Chicago (12-4), Dallas (10-6), Houston (11-5), Indianapolis (10-6), the L.A. Chargers (12-4) and Seattle (10-6) – accomplished the feat in 2018.

## THE TEAMS SINCE 1990 TO MAKE THE PLAYOFFS A SEASON AFTER FAILING TO QUALIFY

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)

# HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL

## THE TEAMS SINCE 1990 TO MAKE THE PLAYOFFS A SEASON AFTER FAILING TO QUALIFY (CONT.)

SEASON	PLAYOFF TEAMS NOT IN PREVIOUS SEASON'S PLAYOFFS
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)

- The **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** won their sixth Super Bowl title in 2018 and begin their quest to repeat as champions as the race to Miami's Hard Rock Stadium for Super Bowl LIV kicks off. Only eight teams have repeated as champions since the first Super Bowl after the 1966 season, with the 2004 Patriots (Super Bowls XXXVIII and XXXIX) being the last team to accomplish the feat.
  - Eight teams enter the 2019 season with a new head coach - **KLIFF KINGSBURY** in Arizona, **ZAC TAYLOR** in Cincinnati, **FREDDIE KITCHENS** in Cleveland, **VIC FANGIO** in Denver, **MATT LAFLEUR** in Green Bay, **BRIAN FLORES** in Miami, **ADAM GASE** with the New York Jets and **BRUCE ARIANS** in Tampa Bay.
  - Four rookie head coaches have led their teams to the playoffs over the last two seasons: **MATT NAGY** (Chicago) and **FRANK REICH** (Indianapolis) in 2018, and **SEAN McVAY** (L.A. Rams) and **SEAN McDERMOTT** (Buffalo) in 2017.
  - Three quarterbacks - Oklahoma's **KYLER MURRAY** (No. 1 overall, Arizona), Duke's **DANIEL JONES** (No. 6, N.Y. Giants) and Ohio State's **DWAYNE HASKINS** (No. 15, Washington) - were selected in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft.
- At least one rookie quarterback has started in Week 1 in 11 consecutive seasons, the longest streak in the NFL since at least 1950.
- Several notable players were on the move during the offseason, including quarterbacks **JOE FLACCO** (Denver) and **NICK FOLES** (Jacksonville); running backs **LE'VEON BELL** (N.Y. Jets), **MARK INGRAM** (Baltimore) and **FRANK GORE** (Buffalo); wide receivers **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** (Cleveland), **ANTONIO BROWN** (Oakland) and **GOLDEN TATE** (N.Y. Giants); tight end **JARED COOK** (New Orleans); tackle **TRENT BROWN** (Oakland); guard **RODGER SAFFOLD** (Tennessee); center **MITCH MORSE** (Buffalo); defensive ends **EZEKIEL ANSAH** (Seattle), **FRANK CLARK** (Kansas City), **TREY FLOWERS** (Detroit) and **CAMERON WAKE** (Tennessee); defensive tackles **MALIK JACKSON** (Philadelphia) and **GERALD McCOY** (Carolina); linebackers **DEE FORD** (San Francisco), **CLAY MATTHEWS** (L.A. Rams), **C.J. MOSLEY** (N.Y. Jets) and **TERRELL SUGGS** (Arizona); cornerbacks **ROBERT ALFORD** (Arizona), **STEVEN NELSON** (Pittsburgh) and **BRADLEY ROBY** (Houston) and safeties **LANDON COLLINS** (Washington), **TYRANN MATHIEU** (Kansas City), **EARL THOMAS** (Baltimore) and **ERIC WEDDLE** (L.A. Rams).

## FROM WORST TO FIRST

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

For the 15th time in the past 16 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 16 years (2003-18), including an NFL-record three such teams in 2005 and 2006.

After finishing in last place in the division in 2017, the Chicago Bears (NFC North) and Houston Texans (AFC South) each turned it around to win their respective divisions last season. The Bears finished with a 12-4 record and an NFC North title after winning nine of their final 10 games and posting the franchise’s best home record (7-1) since the 2005 season. The AFC South champion Texans set a league record for the most consecutive wins following an 0-3 start, rattling off nine straight victories. Houston became the first team to begin a season 0-3 and win a division title since the 1992 San Diego Chargers.

### TEAMS TO GO “WORST TO FIRST” SINCE 2003

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

\* Tied for last place

\*\* Won Super Bowl



## FROM WORST TO FIRST

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 divisions after placing in last or tied for last the previous season. There have been seven such teams to accomplish the feat in the past 16 seasons in both 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 was cancelled due to lockout

\*\* Realigned from six divisions in 2012-13

**"We know that nobody really believed in us on the outside in the preseason or even throughout the season, but we knew what type of team we had and we knew we just needed to keep getting better each and every single week."**

- Chicago Bears quarterback **MITCHELL TRUBISKY** after clinching the NFC North



**"Obviously it's one of our goals to win the NFC East. You've checked the box for your first goal, it's great, love it. We're proud. It's obviously a tribute to our players, but there's something bigger out there that we strive for."**

- Philadelphia Eagles head coach **DOUG PEDERSON** following the 2017 regular season

## DIVISION TITLES? UP FOR GRABS

In the 17 seasons since realignment in 2002, 29 different teams have won division titles. In 2018, four divisions saw a new team finish in first place, including both the **CHICAGO BEARS** (NFC North) and **HOUSTON TEXANS** (AFC South), who completed “worst-to-first” turnarounds.



**“It means a lot. It’s a testament to the players in that locker room. They’ve always hung tough, and to go from 0-3, then go 11-2 in this league, pretty tough to do. Give credit to the players.”**

- Houston Texans head coach **BILL O'BRIEN** after clinching the AFC South

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

TEAM	DIVISION TITLES	PLAYOFF BERTHS
New England	15	15
Indianapolis	9	13
Green Bay	9	12
Seattle	8	12
Pittsburgh	8	11
Philadelphia	7	10
Denver	6	8
Baltimore	5	9
Kansas City	5	8
Carolina	5	7
Dallas	5	7
L.A. Chargers	5	7
New Orleans	5	7
Houston	5	5
Atlanta	4	8
Cincinnati	4	7
Minnesota	4	6
Chicago	4	4
N.Y. Giants	3	7
Arizona	3	4
L.A. Rams	3	4
San Francisco	3	4
Tampa Bay	3	3
Tennessee	2	5
Washington	2	4
N.Y. Jets	1	5
Jacksonville	1	3
Miami	1	2
Oakland	1	2
Detroit	0	3
Buffalo	0	1
Cleveland	0	1

## HEADLINE GAMES: NFL100 GAMES OF THE WEEK

To celebrate the NFL's 100th season, each week will feature an NFL100 Game of the Week. Each game is a nod to a momentous game played, a fierce rivalry that spans decades, a matchup of original teams and/or a game in which history was made at a previous meeting. The games were split across days and networks based on how they fell on the schedule.

The first four contests in the NFL100 Game of the Week lineup include each of the league's four network broadcast partners. Rivals Green Bay and Chicago open the series in Week 1 (NBC), followed by the Browns at Jets in Week 2 (ESPN), a rematch of the original 1970 *Monday Night Football* game. Miami comes to Dallas in Week 3 (FOX), reuniting the Super Bowl VI teams, and the Chargers travel to Miami in Week 4 (CBS), evoking memories of their epic 1981 Divisional playoff, when Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN FOUTS** led his team to a 41-38 overtime triumph at the Orange Bowl.

DATE	MATCHUP	TIME (ET)	NETWORK	NOTE
Thu., Sept. 5	Green Bay at Chicago	8:20 p.m.	NBC	One of NFL's oldest rivalries, launched in 1921
Mon., Sept. 16	Cleveland at N.Y. Jets	8:15 p.m.	ESPN	Rematch of first Monday Night Football game in 50th season of television's longest-running series
Sun., Sept. 22	Miami at Dallas	1 p.m.	FOX	Rematch of Super Bowl VI
Sun., Sept. 29	L.A. Chargers at Miami	1 p.m.	CBS	Memories of Dan Fouts' Epic in Miami triumph ('81 playoffs)
Sun., Oct. 6	Buffalo at Tennessee	1 p.m.	CBS	Renewal of teams from Music City Miracle ('99 playoffs)
Thu., Oct. 10	N.Y. Giants at New England	8:20 p.m.	FOX/NFLN/ Amazon	Pairing of teams from Super Bowls XLII and XLVI
Sun., Oct. 20	Oakland at Green Bay	1 p.m.	CBS	Memories of LeRoy Butler inventing Lambeau Leap in 1993; Super Bowl II
Sun., Oct. 27	Green Bay at Kansas City	8:20 p.m.	NBC	Commemorating first two Super Bowl teams
Sun., Nov. 3	Minnesota at Kansas City	1 p.m.	FOX	Hank Stram, Len Dawson and 65 Toss Power Trap, Super Bowl IV
Sun., Nov. 10	Atlanta at New Orleans	1 p.m.	FOX	Celebrating Steve Gleason and Saints' unforgettable game to launch team's return to New Orleans, 2006
Sun., Nov. 17	New England at Philadelphia	4:25 p.m.	CBS	Rematch of Super Bowls XXXIX and LII
Sun., Nov. 24	Oakland at N.Y. Jets	1 p.m.	CBS	Teams involved in 1968 Heidi Game, forever changing football coverage
Sun., Dec. 1	San Francisco at Baltimore	1 p.m.	FOX	Rematch of Super Bowl XLVII
Sun., Dec. 8	Cincinnati at Cleveland	1 p.m.	CBS	Paul Brown's two teams, Battle of Ohio, birthplace of the NFL
Mon., Dec. 16	Indianapolis at New Orleans	8:15 p.m.	ESPN	Rematch of Super Bowl XLIV
TBD, Week 16	Oakland at L.A. Chargers	TBD	TBD	Two cornerstone AFL franchises meet for a 60th season

NOTE: The league will announce an NFL100 Game of the Week for the final weekend at a later date.

## KICKOFF WEEKEND RECORDS OF NFL TEAMS

	LONGEST STREAKS						
	AFC	W	L	T	PCT.	WIN	LOSS
Denver	39	19	1	.672	7	4	W-7
New England	33	26	0	.559	10	3	W-1
Miami	29	23	1	.558	11	5	W-2
Pittsburgh	43	36	5	.544	8	3	T-1
L.A. Chargers	32	27	0	.542	6	6	L-3
Kansas City	32	27	0	.542	7	4	W-4
Jacksonville	13	11	0	.542	6	5	W-2
Houston	9	8	0	.529	5	3	L-2
Baltimore	12	11	0	.522	5	4	W-3
Tennessee	30	29	0	.508	4	3	L-3
Indianapolis	33	33	0	.500	8	8	L-5
N.Y. Jets	28	31	0	.475	5	5	W-1
Cincinnati	24	27	0	.471	4	4	W-1
Oakland	27	32	0	.458	5	6	L-1
Cleveland	27	38	1	.417	5	13	T-1
Buffalo	24	35	0	.407	6	5	L-1

	LONGEST STREAKS						
	NFC	W	L	T	PCT.	WIN	LOSS
Dallas	38	20	1	.655	17	5	L-1
Green Bay	56	39	3	.589	5	6	W-4
Minnesota	33	24	1	.579	5	3	W-3
Chicago	54	40	5	.574	9	6	L-5
N.Y. Giants	50	39	5	.562	4	5	L-2
Detroit	48	39	2	.552	10	4	L-1
San Francisco	37	31	1	.544	6	3	L-2
Atlanta	28	25	0	.528	5	3	L-1
L.A. Rams	42	39	0	.519	5	6	W-2
Washington	41	42	4	.494	6	5	W-1
Philadelphia	38	46	1	.452	5	9	W-3
Tampa Bay	18	25	0	.419	3	5	W-3
Carolina	10	14	0	.417	3	5	W-2
Arizona	40	56	2	.417	6	7	L-3
Seattle	16	27	0	.372	3	8	L-2
New Orleans	17	35	0	.327	3	6	L-5

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# OPENING-GAME RECORDS OF NFL HEAD COACHES

COACH	TEAM	W-L	PCT.
<b>Doug Pederson</b>	<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>3-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
<b>Sean McVay</b>	<b>L.A. Rams</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
Mike Zimmer	Minnesota	4-1	.800
Doug Marrone	Jacksonville	3-1	.750
John Harbaugh	Baltimore	8-3	.727
Bill Belichick	New England	16-8	.667
Adam Gase	N.Y. Jets	2-1	.667
Mike Tomlin	Pittsburgh	7-4-1	.625
Andy Reid	Kansas City	12-8	.600
Pete Carroll	Seattle	7-6	.538
Jason Garrett	Dallas	4-4	.500
Sean McDermott	Buffalo	1-1	.500
Dan Quinn	Atlanta	2-2	.500
Ron Rivera	Carolina	4-4	.500
Sean Payton	New Orleans	5-7	.417
Bruce Arians	Tampa Bay	2-3	.400
Bill O'Brien	Houston	2-3	.400
Jon Gruden	Oakland	4-8	.333
Jay Gruden	Washington	1-4	.200
Matt Nagy	Chicago	0-1	.000
Matt Patricia	Detroit	0-1	.000
Frank Reich	Indianapolis	0-1	.000
Mike Vrabel	Tennessee	0-1	.000
Kyle Shanahan	San Francisco	0-2	.000
Anthony Lynn	L.A. Chargers	0-2	.000
Pat Shurmur	N.Y. Giants	0-3	.000
Vic Fangio	Denver	0-0	--
Brian Flores	Miami	0-0	--
Kliff Kingsbury	Arizona	0-0	--
Freddie Kitchens	Cleveland	0-0	--
Matt LaFleur	Green Bay	0-0	--
Zac Taylor	Cincinnati	0-0	--



# BEST OPENING-GAME PERFORMANCES (1933-2018)

## 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, Ten. Oilers vs. Oakland, 8/31/97	216	35	29t	1
George Rogers, New Orleans vs. STL Cardinals, 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, Bal. Colts 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, Bal. Colts vs. Chicago, 9/25/55	194	21	79t	1

## MOST YARDS PASSING (2018 PERFORMANCES IN BOLD)

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
<b>Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Peyton Manning, Indianapolis vs. Houston, 9/12/10	433	57	40	3	0
<b>Philip Rivers, L.A. Chargers vs. Kansas City, 9/9/18</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>

## MOST YARDS RECEIVING

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
Tim Smith, Hou. Oilers vs. Green Bay, 9/4/83	197	8	47t	1

## BEST OPENING-GAME PERFORMANCES (2009-2018)

### MOST YARDS RUSHING

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
Adrian Peterson, Minnesota vs. Cleveland, 9/13/09	180	25	64t	3
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
Mike Bell, New Orleans vs. Detroit, 9/13/09	143	28	22	0
DeAngelo Williams, Pittsburgh vs. Washington, 9/12/16	143	26	17	2
Chris Johnson, Tennessee vs. Oakland, 9/12/10	143	28	22	0

### MOST YARDS PASSING (2018 PERFORMANCES IN BOLD)

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
<b>Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
Peyton Manning, Indianapolis vs. Houston, 9/12/10	433	57	40	3	0
<b>Philip Rivers, L.A. Chargers vs. Kansas City, 9/9/18</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
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 RECEIVING (2018 PERFORMANCES IN BOLD)

PLAYER	YARDS	REC	LG	TD
Anquan Boldin, San Francisco vs. Green Bay, 9/8/13	208	13	43	1
Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland, 9/10/17	182	11	50	0
<b>Jared Cook, Oakland vs. L.A. Rams, 9/10/18</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>
A.J. Green, Cincinnati vs. N.Y. Jets, 9/11/16	180	12	5	1
<b>Michael Thomas, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1</b>
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
<b>Tyreek Hill, Kansas City vs. L.A. Chargers, 9/9/18</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>58t</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Julio Jones, Atlanta vs. Philadelphia, 9/6/18</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>
Keenan Allen, San Diego vs. Detroit, 9/13/15	166	15	21	0

## BEST OPENING-MONTH RECORDS (2009-2018)

Getting off to a strong start is important.

Over the past 10 years, seven teams - **DENVER, NEW ENGLAND, BALTIMORE, GREEN BAY, ATLANTA, CINCINNATI** and **DALLAS** - have a winning percentage of at least .600 through the season's first month. Those seven clubs have combined for 44 playoff berths and 10 Super Bowl appearances - including six Super Bowl championships - during that span.

### TEAMS WITH THE BEST OPENING-MONTH RECORDS OVER PAST 10 YEARS (2009-18)

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PLAYOFF BERTHS	SUPER BOWL BERTHS	SUPER BOWL WINS
Denver	23	9	0	.719	5	2	1
New England	24	10	0	.706	10	5	3
Baltimore	23	11	0	.676	6	1	1
Green Bay	22	11	1	.662	8	1	1
Atlanta	21	13	0	.618	5	1	0
Cincinnati	21	13	0	.618	6	0	0
Dallas	20	13	0	.606	4	0	0

In 2018, the four teams to appear on Championship Weekend - **KANSAS CITY**, the **LOS ANGELES RAMS**, **NEW ENGLAND** and **NEW ORLEANS** - began with a combined 13-3 record during the first month of the season.

**"We've won in a lot a different ways and found ourselves in a lot of different circumstances early in the season.**

**Those are things that strengthen you, bring you together and begin to help you form your identity as a team."**

- New Orleans Saints quarterback **DREW BREES**



## BEST NFL RECORDS (2009-2018)

Over the past 10 years (2009-18), four NFL teams - **NEW ENGLAND** (123-37, .769), **PITTSBURGH** (103-56-1, .647), **GREEN BAY** (100-58-2, .631) and **NEW ORLEANS** (100-60, .625) - have posted a winning percentage over .600 during the regular season. Those four clubs have combined for 32 playoff berths, eight 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 playoffs every season and winning Super Bowls XLIX, LI and LIII.

### THE NFL TEAMS WITH THE BEST REGULAR-SEASON RECORDS OVER PAST 10 YEARS (2009-18)

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PLAYOFF BERTHS	SUPER BOWL BERTHS	SUPER BOWL WINS
New England	123	37	0	.769	10	5	3
Pittsburgh	103	56	1	.647	8	1	0
Green Bay	100	58	2	.631	6	1	1
New Orleans	100	60	0	.625	8	1	1

**“When you look at these guys and what they’ve done in terms of consistency, where that really is the truest measure of performance. 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.”**

- Los Angeles Rams head coach **SEAN McVAY** on the New England Patriots



## OVERTIME EXCITEMENT

With so many close games in the NFL, it's no surprise that 15 contests in the 2018 regular season were ultimately decided in overtime. At least one game went to overtime in each of the first seven weeks of the 2018 season, marking the first time that a season has featured at least one overtime game in each of its first seven weeks.

The Cleveland Browns led the league with four overtime games, while Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Green Bay, Houston and Philadelphia all went to overtime twice in 2018. The Browns were the first team since the 2011 Arizona Cardinals to appear in at least four overtime games in a single season.

In the postseason, both the AFC and NFC Championship games were decided in overtime, marking the first time in the Super Bowl era that both championship games were determined in extra time.

New England earned a trip to the Super Bowl with a 37-31 overtime win against Kansas City in the AFC Championship Game, as Patriots quarterback **TOM BRADY** executed a nearly five-minute, 75-yard drive that culminated with running back **REX BURKHEAD** rushing for a 2-yard touchdown.

The Los Angeles Rams advanced to Super Bowl LIII with a 26-23 overtime victory against New Orleans in the NFC Championship Game, as Rams kicker **GREG ZUERLEIN** converted the game-winning 57-yard field goal in overtime, the longest game-winning field goal in postseason history.

In Week 7, Tampa Bay kicker **CHANDLER CATANZARO** converted the game-winning 59-yard field goal with 1:50 remaining in the Buccaneers' 26-23 overtime win over Cleveland. Catanzaro's 59-yarder is the longest game-winning field goal in overtime since the regular-season overtime rule was instituted in 1974, surpassing the previous record of 57 yards set by Oakland's **SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI** (October 19, 2008, vs. the New York Jets).

The previous week, Miami rookie kicker **JASON SANDERS** (right) converted the game-winning, 47-yard field goal as time expired in overtime, marking the second-longest game-winning field goal in overtime by a rookie since 1974.

Indianapolis kicker **ADAM VINATIERI** has 10 career game-winning field goals in overtime, the most in NFL history.

See page 507 of the 2019 NFL Record & Fact Book for all of last season's overtime game summaries.

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

TEAM	RECORD	WIN PCT.
Arizona	26-16-3	.611
Washington	25-16-2	.605
Denver	28-18-2	.604
Buffalo	21-15-0	.583
N.Y. Giants	21-15-2	.579
Pittsburgh	22-17-3	.560



# A SAMPLING OF INDIVIDUAL REGULAR-SEASON OVERTIME RECORDS

## LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PASS

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

## LONGEST TOUCHDOWN PLAYS

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



## LONGEST TOUCHDOWN RUN

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

## LONGEST FIELD GOAL

DISTANCE	DESCRIPTION
59 Yards	Chandler Catanzaro Tampa Bay 26, Cleveland 23 (10/21/18)
57 Yards	Sebastian Janikowski Oakland 16, N.Y. Jets 13 (10/19/08)
54 Yards	Greg Zuerlein St. Louis Rams 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.
- Instant Replay: No challenges. Reviews to be initiated by the replay official.

### 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.

# ANNIVERSARY ANNALS

## A SAMPLING OF 2019 NFL ANNIVERSARIES

ANNIVERSARY	CELEBRATION
115th	Halfback Charles Follis signs a contract with the Shelby (Ohio) AC, making him the first known black pro football player (1904).
110th	A field goal's value changes from four points to three (1909).
100th	Earl (Curly) Lambeau and George Calhoun organize the Green Bay Packers after Lambeau's employer at the Indian Packing Company provides \$500 for equipment and allows the team to use the company field for practices (1919).
90th	Providence becomes the first NFL team to host a game at night under floodlights (1929).
80th	On October 22, 1939, an NFL game is televised for the first time when NBC broadcasts the Brooklyn Dodgers-Philadelphia Eagles game from Ebbets Field in New York.
75th	The league legalizes the ability to coach from the bench (1944).
70th	The NFL has two 1,000-yard rushers in the same season for the first time - Pro Football Hall of Famers Steve Van Buren of Philadelphia and Tony Canadeo of Green Bay (1949).
50th	The NFL announces a three-year agreement with ABC to televise <i>Monday Night Football</i> . The new series makes the NFL the first league with a regular series of national telecasts in prime time (1969).
35th	The Colts franchise relocates to Indianapolis (1984).
30th	Jerry Jones purchases a majority interest in the Dallas Cowboys (1989).
25th	NFL clubs approve the transition of the Philadelphia Eagles to Jeffrey Lurie on May 6, 1994.
25th	The NFL launches NFL Sunday Ticket, a new season subscription service for satellite television dish owners (1994).
20th	Daniel Snyder is approved by NFL clubs as the new owner of the Washington Redskins (1999).
10th	The NFL launches its RedZone Channel, offering fans crucial live-action cut-ins of all Sunday afternoon games (2009).
5th	The NFL announces changes to its flexible scheduling procedures, allowing prominent games to be flexed into <i>Sunday Night Football</i> as early as Week 5, and introducing the "cross flex" mechanism, allowing games to be flexed between CBS and FOX during the regular season (2014).

## OWNER MILESTONES

Many NFL owners will be celebrating notable milestones in 2019, including Chicago's **McCASKEY FAMILY**, who has owned the team since its inception in 1920 and will be enjoying the Bears' 100th season alongside the league. Dallas' **JERRY JONES** will be celebrating his 30th anniversary as an NFL owner, while New England's **ROBERT KRAFT** (bottom left) and Philadelphia's **JEFFREY LURIE** (bottom right) - the recipients of the past two Lombardi Trophies - will each be celebrating their 25th.

### NOTABLE OWNER MILESTONES FOR 2019

FRANCHISE	OWNER	YEAR ACQUIRED	MILESTONE
Chicago Bears	McCasky Family	1920	100th Season
Kansas City Chiefs	Clark Hunt (son of Lamar)	1959	60th Anniversary
Tennessee Titans	KSA Industries (children & grandchildren of "Bud" Adams)	1959	60th Anniversary
Detroit Lions	Martha Ford	1964	55th Anniversary
Denver Broncos	Bowlen Family	1984	35th Anniversary
Los Angeles Chargers	Spanos Family	1984	35th Anniversary
Dallas Cowboys	Jerry Jones	1989	30th Anniversary
New England Patriots	Robert Kraft	1994	25th Anniversary
Philadelphia Eagles	Jeffrey Lurie	1994	25th Anniversary
Indianapolis Colts	Jim Irsay	1995	25th Season
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Glazer Family	1995	25th Season
Washington Redskins	Dan Snyder	1999	20th Anniversary
Baltimore Ravens	Steve Bisciotti	2004	15th Anniversary
Minnesota Vikings	Wilf Family	2005	15th Season
Buffalo Bills	Terry & Kim Pegula	2014	5th Season



## 68 YEARS AGO ON KICKOFF WEEKEND: THE DUTCHMAN GOES WILD!

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 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 humble 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 “CRAZY LEGS” HIRSCH** averaged 19.2 yards on nine receptions. Los Angeles amassed an NFL-record 735 total yards, along with 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 68 years. Quarterbacks **MATT SCHAUB** and **WARREN MOON** have come the closest to breaking Van Brocklin’s mark. Schaub, with the Houston Texans on November 18, 2012, passed for 527 yards against Jacksonville, while Moon had a 527-yard day for the Houston Oilers against Kansas City on December 16, 1990.

Below is a list of the top passing performances in the history of various levels of football:

LEAGUE	QUARTERBACK	DATE	PERFORMANCE
High School	Will Grier, Davidson Day (NC)	11/9/2012	837 yards vs. Harrells Christian (NC)
NCAA Division III	Sam Durley, Eureka	9/1/2012	736 yards vs. Knox
NCAA Division I-A (FBS)	Connor Halliday, Washington State	10/4/2014	734 yards vs. California
NCAA Division I-A (FBS)	Patrick Mahomes, Texas Tech	10/22/2016	734 yards vs. Oklahoma
NCAA Division I-AA (FCS)	Taylor Heinicke, Old Dominion	9/22/2012	730 yards vs. New Hampshire
Canadian Football League	Matt Dunigan, Winnipeg	7/14/1994	713 yards vs. Edmonton
NCAA Division II	J.J. Harp, Eastern New Mexico	9/12/2009	695 yards vs. Southeastern OK.
<b>NFL</b>	<b>Norm Van Brocklin, L.A. Rams</b>	<b>9/28/1951</b>	<b>554 yards vs. NY Yanks</b>

## KICKOFF WEEKEND 2018: FITZMAGIC & BREES STRIKE FOR 88 POINTS!

The **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS** and **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** put on a record-breaking show to open the 2018 regular season. The Buccaneers outscored the Saints 48-40 on September 9 in front of 73,038 at the Mercedes-Benz Superdome. The 88-point total between the two teams established an NFL record for an opening game of a season, surpassing the previous high of 87 points set on September 28, 1947, when the Washington Redskins defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 45-42, at Philadelphia's Municipal Stadium. The record for the most combined points in any NFL game is 113 by Washington (72) and the New York Giants (41) on November 27, 1966.

Buccaneers quarterback **RYAN FITZPATRICK** passed for 417 yards with four touchdowns and zero interceptions for a 156.2 rating and added a rushing touchdown in the victory. He joined Washington's **MARK RYPIEN** (November 10, 1991, against Atlanta) as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to pass for at least 400 yards, four touchdowns and zero interceptions, and rush for a touchdown, in a single game.



New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES** passed for three touchdowns and has 37 career touchdown passes in season-opening games, the most in NFL history, surpassing the previous record of 34 held by **PEYTON MANNING**. Saints wide receiver **MICHAEL THOMAS** recorded a franchise-record 16 catches for 180 yards and one touchdown against Tampa Bay. His 16 catches are the most by a player on Kickoff Weekend in NFL history, surpassing the previous record of 15 held by **KEENAN ALLEN** (September 13, 2015, vs. Detroit).

### SEPTEMBER 9, 2018, MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME, NEW ORLEANS, LA

	1	2	3	4	FINAL
Tampa Bay	14	17	10	7	48
New Orleans	10	14	0	16	40

- NO - A.Kamara 5 yd. run (W.Lutz kick)
- TB - D.Jackson 58 yd. pass from R.Fitzpatrick (C.Catanzaro kick)
- NO - W.Lutz 36 yd. Field Goal
- TB - R.Fitzpatrick 3 yd. run (C.Catanzaro kick)
- NO - T.Ginn 28 yd. pass from D.Brees (W.Lutz kick)
- TB - C.Catanzaro 33 yd. Field Goal
- TB - C.Godwin 9 yd. pass from R.Fitzpatrick (C.Catanzaro kick)
- TB - J.Evans 34 yd. fumble return (C.Catanzaro kick)
- NO - M.Thomas 6 yd. pass from D.Brees (W.Lutz kick)
- TB - C.Catanzaro 36 yd. Field Goal
- TB - M.Evans 50 yd. pass from R.Fitzpatrick (C.Catanzaro kick)
- TB - D.Jackson 36 yd. pass from R.Fitzpatrick (C.Catanzaro kick)
- NO - A.Kamara 1 yd. run (A.Kamara run)
- NO - A.Kamara 7 yd. pass from D.Brees (D.Brees-T.Ginn pass)



# KICKOFF WEEKEND 2018: FITZMAGIC & BREES STRIKE FOR 88 POINTS!

## HIGHEST SCORING GAMES ON KICKOFF WEEKEND IN NFL HISTORY

DATE	GAME	COMBINED POINTS
<b>September 9, 2018</b>	<b>Tampa Bay (48) vs. New Orleans (40)</b>	<b>88</b>
September 28, 1947	Philadelphia (45) vs. Washington (42)	87
September 19, 1971	Dallas (49) vs. Buffalo (37)	86
September 19, 1971	New York Giants (42) vs. Green Bay (40)	82
September 9, 2007	Dallas (45) vs. New York Giants (35)	80
September 4, 1983	Green Bay (41) vs. Hou. Oilers (38) (OT)	79
September 8, 2002	Kansas City (40) vs. Cleveland (39)	79

The record for most combined points in any NFL game is 113 by Washington (72) and the New York Giants (41) on November 27, 1966. In Week 11 of 2018, the two highest scoring offenses faced off in a duel between the future NFC Champion Los Angeles Rams and the Kansas City Chiefs. Led by quarterbacks **JARED GOFF** and **PATRICK MAHOMES**, the two teams posted [the third-highest scoring game in NFL history](#) with the Rams defeating the Chiefs, 54-51.



## HIGHEST SCORING GAMES IN NFL HISTORY

DATE	GAME	COMBINED POINTS
November 27, 1966	Washington (72) vs. New York Giants (41)	113
November 28, 2004	Cincinnati (58) vs. Cleveland (48)	106
<b>November 19, 2018</b>	<b>Los Angeles Rams (54) vs. Kansas City (51)</b>	<b>105</b>
November 1, 2015	New Orleans (52) vs. New York Giants (49)	101
December 22, 1963	Oakland (52) vs. Hou. Oilers (49)	101
October 6, 2013	Denver (51) vs. Dallas (48)	99
November 27, 1983	Seattle (51) vs. Kansas City (48) (OT)	99
October 17, 1948	Chicago Cardinals (63) vs. New York Giants (35)	98
December 8, 1985	S.D. Chargers (54) vs. Pittsburgh (44)	98

# OFFICIATING - NEW RULES & POINTS OF EMPHASIS

## PLAYING RULE CHANGES FOR THE 2019 SEASON:

- **REVIEWABLE PLAYS EXPANDED:** For one year only, reviewable plays in Instant Replay will be expanded to include pass interference, called or not called on the field. Also expands automatic replay reviews to include scoring plays and turnovers negated by a foul, and any Try attempt (extra point or two-point conversion).

- **KICKOFF FORMATION:** Makes permanent the kickoff rule changes that were implemented in 2018, which modified rules for a free kick formation and for blocking on a free kick.

- **DOUBLE FOULS:** Changes the enforcement of double fouls when there is a change of possession.

- **EXPANDED PROTECTION OF DEFENSELESS PLAYER:** It is now 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. This is also referred to as a blindside block.

- **SCRIMMAGE KICK:** Simplifies the scrimmage-kick rules. If there is a missed field-goal attempt, and the ball has not been touched by the receivers beyond the line of scrimmage in the field of play, or in the end zone before the ball has touched the ground in the end zone, the following shall apply:

(a) If the spot of the kick was inside the receivers' 20-yard line, it is the receivers' ball at the 20-yard line; or

(b) If the spot of the kick was from the receivers' 20-yard line or beyond the receivers' 20-yard line, it is the receivers' ball at the spot of the kick.

- **FOULS DURING A SCORE:** Teams can now elect to enforce an opponent's personal or unsportsmanlike conduct foul committed during a touchdown either on the succeeding Try (extra point or two-point conversion) or on the succeeding free kick.

- **DISQUALIFICATIONS:** Allows League personnel to disqualify for both flagrant football and non-football acts, when a flag is related to an act or action.



## SIX FIRST-YEAR OFFICIALS ADDED IN 2019

The NFL roster of game officials for the 2019 season will include six individuals in their first NFL season, two of whom are former NFL players.

Field judge **NATE JONES** (right) joins the NFL officiating staff from the Pac-12, following an eight-year career as a defensive back with Dallas, Miami, Denver and New England. Umpire **TERRY KILLENS** (bottom right) 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.

In addition to Jones and Killens, the roster includes two other former NFL players. Back judge **STEVE FREEMAN** (19th season) was a defensive back for 13 seasons, 12 with Buffalo and one with Minnesota. Down judge **PHIL MCKINNELLY** (18th season) was an offensive lineman for seven years with Atlanta, Chicago and the Los Angeles Rams.

**“Having former players in this league [as officials], that’s always been a huge benefit to us when we work through film, work through talking about plays – they understand what’s going on in the mind of a player, and those perspectives are something you couldn’t put a price on.”**

– Referee **BRAD ROGERS** on the value former players bring to officiating

Also launching their NFL officiating careers in 2019 are side judges **DAVE HAWKSHAW** (CFL) and **JIMMY RUSSELL** (Big Ten), down judge **PATRICK HOLT** (Big Ten) and line judge **TRIPP SUTTER** (SEC).

Three officials – **ADRIAN HILL**, **SCOTT NOVAK** and **BRAD ROGERS** – have been promoted to referee for the upcoming season. All three were referees at the highest level of college football prior to entering the NFL, and all have been part of the NFL’s Referee Training Program from their first season in the league.

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



## THE BEST ABILITY IS AVAILABILITY

Quarterbacks missed a total of 60 games due to injury in 2018, a 46-percent decline from 2017 (111) and approximately 50 percent fewer than the average over the prior three seasons (118).

In 2018, **16 teams had the same quarterback start every game of the regular season, tied for the fourth-most in a single season since the 1970 merger.** In five of the past seven seasons, at least half of the teams have had the same quarterback start all 16 games during the regular season, including an NFL-record 20 quarterbacks in 2012.

### QB GAMES MISSED DUE TO INJURY SINCE 2015

SEASON	GAMES MISSED
<b>2018</b>	<b>60</b>
2017	111
2016	156
2015	88

### THE SEASONS WITH THE MOST QBs TO START EVERY GAME SINCE 1970

SEASON	NO. OF QBs
2012	20
1982*	18
2015	17
2013	17
<b>2018</b>	<b>16</b>
2014	16
2008	16
2006	16
2001	16

\*regular season consisted of nine games due to player strike



Los Angeles Chargers quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** has started 208 consecutive regular-season games, the longest active streak in the NFL. **With a start in Week 1, Rivers would surpass PEYTON MANNING (208 consecutive starts, 1998-2011) for the third-most consecutive starts by a quarterback in league history.**

Atlanta quarterback **MATT RYAN** has started 147 consecutive games, the fifth-longest streak in league annals, and in 2019, he can become the fifth quarterback in NFL history to start 150 consecutive regular-season games.

### THE QBs WITH THE MOST CONSECUTIVE REGULAR-SEASON STARTS IN NFL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	CONSECUTIVE STARTS	SEASONS
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	GB, NYJ, MIN	297	1992-2010
Eli Manning	NYG	210	2004-2017
Peyton Manning	IND	208	1998-2010
<b>Philip Rivers</b>	<b>SD/LAC</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>2006-present</b>
Matt Ryan	ATL	147	2009-present

### THE LONGEST ACTIVE STREAKS OF REGULAR-SEASON STARTS BY QBs

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	CONSECUTIVE STARTS
Philip Rivers	SD/LAC	208
Matt Ryan	ATL	147
Matthew Stafford	DET	128
Russell Wilson	SEA	112
Kirk Cousins	WAS, MIN	64

**“I have that same passion in this 200th one that I had in the first one. That’s what excites me for the next handful of years.”**

- Los Angeles Chargers quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** before his 200th consecutive start in 2018.

# WOMEN'S CAREERS IN FOOTBALL FORUM

Diversity 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 qualified female candidates working in football operations. Participants interact with general managers, head coaches and club executives in the NFL and college football programs.

In its first two years, the Forum resulted in 29 opportunities for women to work in football operations across the professional, collegiate, and high school levels, 17 of which were positions for coaching and scouting in the NFL.

The 2019 Women's Careers in Football Forum took place on Feb. 26-27 in Indianapolis, IN, alongside the NFL Scouting Combine. This year, 40 women who hold roles in college football programs were selected to participate in the Forum.

The graphic (right) depicts participants who have received opportunities at the collegiate and professional level within the realms of coaching, scouting, and operations in 2017 and 2018. In addition to the results listed, several NFL clubs have hired women in coaching and/or personnel roles this year including the **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS, BUFFALO BILLS,** and **BALTIMORE RAVENS**. Additionally, Dartmouth College hired its first female coach - **CALLIE BROWNSON** - in NCAA Division I college football history. 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.

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



## CAREERS IN FOOTBALL FORUM

### PROFESSIONAL AND COLLEGIATE OPPORTUNITIES SECURED THROUGH NFL WOMEN'S CAREERS IN FOOTBALL FORUM 2017 - 2018

#### COACHING



**CALLIE BROWNSON**  
OFFENSIVE QUALITY CONTROL COACH  
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE  
SCOUTING, ILLINOIS



**ELENA CARLS**  
ANALYTICAL STAFF  
BALTIMORE RAIDERS



**DEESSA JENKINS**  
ATLANTA PATRIOTS



**JENNIFER KING**  
PERSONNEL OFFICER  
CAROLINA PANTHERS



**SUE LACOTTE**  
DEPT. GENERAL MANAGER  
BYRANT UNIVERSITY



**LO LOCUST**  
COACHING STAFF  
BALTIMORE RAVENS



**PHOEBIE SCHECTER**  
RESEARCHER  
BUFFALO BILLS



**STEPHANIE BALOCH**  
COACHING INTERN  
SCOUTING STAFF  
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

#### SCOUTING



**MICHELLE LAVELLE**  
SCOUTING STAFF  
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS



**JUSTI DEAM**  
SCOUTING STAFF  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY



**RACHEL MANN**  
SCOUTING STAFF  
NEW YORK JETS



**STEPHANIE JACKSON**  
SCOUTING STAFF  
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS



**DARCY LEDDY**  
SCOUTING STAFF  
NEW YORK JETS



**HEATHER MARINO**  
SCOUTING STAFF  
NEW YORK JETS

#### FOOTBALL OPERATIONS



**ANIE DIMAL**  
TEAM OPERATIONS STAFF  
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS



**KASSANDRA GARCIA**  
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL OPERATIONS STAFF  
UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA



**JESSICA GLADEN**  
ASSISTANT EQUIPMENT MANAGER  
ATLANTA LEGIONS  
EQUIPMENT MANAGER  
BETHUNE COOKMAN COLLEGE  
MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY



**MICKY GRACE**  
TRAINING STAFF  
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS



**KARA ORLIK**  
TRAINING STAFF  
PITTSBURGH STEELERS

#### NFL CLUBS THAT HAVE HIRED WOMEN THROUGH THE PROGRAM:











#### 2017 & 2018 PROGRAM RESULTS

- 26 Opportunities earned with 9 NFL Clubs, 6 Colleges/Universities, 3 AAF Teams
- 42% of participants who secured positions are women of color
- 28 NFL Front Office Interviews

## 2019 SPECIAL PATCHES & LOGOS

The National Football League will celebrate its 100th season in 2019 with a year-long salute to the unparalleled passion of NFL fans, the many contributions of players, coaches and communities that have helped build the league over the past century. In 2019, teams will wear NFL 100 patches above their team logo on the front of the jersey and each ball will be branded with the NFL 100 logo. Also, each team was given a custom-designed logo to celebrate the league's 100th season.



Additionally, the NFL will raise awareness for cancer through **CRUCIAL CATCH** with a decal in Weeks 5, 6 and 7. In Weeks 9, 10 and 11, all teams will wear a camouflage ribbon decal on their helmets to celebrate **SALUTE TO SERVICE** games.



Several NFL franchises will also be wearing special patches in 2019. Along with the league, the **CHICAGO BEARS** will celebrate their 100th season, while the **OAKLAND RAIDERS** celebrate their franchise's 60th season, and the **CAROLINA PANTHERS** and **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** each celebrate their 25th seasons.

The **GREEN BAY PACKERS** will wear a No. 15 decal this season to commemorate the life of Pro Football Hall of Famer and Packers legend, **BART STARR**. The **HOUSTON TEXANS** will also wear a jersey patch and a helmet decal to honor the franchise's founder and late owner **BOB McNAIR**.

TEAM/EVENT	PATCH/DECAL
NFL	All teams will wear an NFL 100 patch to celebrate the 100th season of the league.
NFL	All teams will wear a camouflage ribbon decal on their helmets to recognize Salute to Service games during Weeks 9, 10 and 11.
Carolina Panthers	25th season patch.
Chicago Bears	100th season patch.
Green Bay Packers	No. 15 patch to honor Bart Starr.
Houston Texans	"RCM" jersey patch and helmet decal to honor Bob McNair.
Jacksonville Jaguars	25th season patch.
New England Patriots	Super Bowl LIII championship patch for opening weekend.
Oakland Raiders	60th season patch.



# NFL ON TV IN 2019

**INCLUDES THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL “TRI-CAST” DISTRIBUTION MODEL OF BROADCAST (FOX), CABLE (NFL NETWORK) & DIGITAL (AMAZON PRIME)**

NFL fans continue to tune in to the sport they love. Here’s a look at what’s in store on TV in 2019.

The regular-season schedule - spanning 17 weeks and 256 games - kicks off on Thursday night, September 5, in Chicago and concludes on Sunday, December 29, with 16 division games.

And speaking of division games, one of the richest rivalries in sports history - Packers-Bears - launches the NFL’s 100th season as the annual primetime kickoff game at Soldier Field on September 5 (8:20 PM ET, NBC). New England begins defense of its Super Bowl LIII title on NBC’s *Sunday Night Football*, September 8, hosting Pittsburgh (8:20 PM ET).

The 50th season of *Monday Night Football* kicks off September 9 with an ESPN doubleheader, as Houston travels to New Orleans (7:10 PM ET) followed by Denver at Oakland in the nightcap (10:20 PM ET). ESPN will televise one game each Monday night in Weeks 2-16, including the two teams (Cleveland at the New York Jets, September 16, 8:15 ET) that kicked off the longest running television series in American history, in 1970. 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 2-3, while FOX kicks off its Thursday night slate in Week 4. FOX will broadcast 11 *Thursday Night Football* games between Weeks 4-15 (excluding Thanksgiving night). Those FOX games will be simulcast via NFL Network, distributed in Spanish on FOX Deportes, and streamed on Amazon Prime Video, beginning with Philadelphia at Green Bay, September 26.

All told, NFL Network will exclusively televise seven games (two on Thursday night, two in London and all three in Week 16 on Saturday, December 21), with FOX producing the full slate of 18 games.

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 April 17 and other “cross-flexed” games will be decided during the season.

The regular season will conclude with Week 17 on Sunday, December 29. For the 11th consecutive year, all 16 games scheduled for Week 17 are division contests, enhancing the potential for more games with playoff ramifications.



## NFL ON TV IN 2019

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SCHEDULE INCLUDE:

Six 2019 games are rematches of 2018 playoff games. That group includes five matchups that will be played at the home of the team that had to travel in January: Kansas City at New England (December 8, CBS), the Los Angeles Rams at Dallas (December 15, FOX), Chicago at Philadelphia (November 3, FOX) and Houston at Indianapolis (October 20, CBS).

The NFL's 2019 international slate features four games in London and one in Mexico City. The Oakland Raiders will host the Chicago Bears in Week 5 on Sunday, October 6 (1:00 PM ET, FOX), in the inaugural NFL game at the new Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. One week later on Sunday, October 13 (9:30 AM ET, NFLN), also at Tottenham, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will host the Carolina Panthers, who will be playing their first game in London. London action shifts to Wembley Stadium in Weeks 8 and 9 when the Los Angeles Rams host the Cincinnati Bengals on October 27 (1:00 PM ET, CBS) followed by the Jacksonville Jaguars hosting the Houston Texans, another first-time visitor to London, on November 3 (9:30 AM ET, NFLN).

Mexico City's Azteca Stadium will host a matchup between two AFC West rivals, the Kansas City Chiefs and Los Angeles Chargers, in Week 11 on *Monday Night Football*, November 18 (8:15 PM ET, ESPN). Both teams will be playing in Mexico for the first time.

Thanksgiving will feature a trio of matchups in Week 13 on Thursday, November 28. The first game will send the Bears to Detroit to face the Lions (12:30 PM ET, FOX). The late-afternoon game will feature Buffalo visiting Dallas (4:30 PM ET, CBS), the Bills' first game on the holiday in 25 years, since a trip to the Pontiac Silverdome in 1994. The Thanksgiving Day festivities conclude with an NFC South showdown as the Falcons host New Orleans on NBC (8:20 PM ET).

The NFL's 32 teams will each play 16 games over 17 weeks. Byes will begin in Week 4 and end in Week 12.

The playoffs will include four division winners and two wild cards from each conference. The playoffs begin with Wild Card Weekend on Saturday and Sunday, January 4-5. The two division winners with the best records in each conference will earn first-round byes.

Wild Card Weekend winners join the top two division champions in each conference in the Divisional Playoffs on Saturday and Sunday, January 11-12. The AFC and NFC Championship Games will be played on Sunday, January 19.

The winners meet two weeks later when Miami hosts Super Bowl LIV, on Sunday, February 2 (FOX).

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

Westwood One will broadcast on radio all NFL primetime games, the three Thanksgiving Day games and the entire NFL playoffs.



# NETWORK

# FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

In 2006, the NFL implemented a primetime “flexible scheduling” element on Sundays in Weeks 10-15 and in Week 17. In 2014, that was extended so that games between Weeks 5 and 17 could be affected by flex scheduling. However, only two games may be flexed into Sunday Night between Week 5 and 10.

In Weeks 11-16, 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. A flexible scheduling move would be announced at least 12 days before the game.

In Week 16, three of five possible matchups currently listed as TBD will be scheduled for Saturday on NFL Network: Houston at Tampa Bay, Buffalo at New England, Detroit at Denver, Oakland at the Los Angeles Chargers and San Francisco at the Los Angeles Rams. Start times and Saturday games for Week 16 will be announced no later than following Week 8, with the non-Saturday games to be played on Sunday.

For Week 17, the Sunday night game will be announced no later than six days prior to December 29. The schedule does not list a Sunday night game in Week 17, but an afternoon game with playoff implications could 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.



## TOP OFFENSIVE PERFORMANCES ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL IN 2018

### PASSING (BY PASSER RATING)

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	WEEK	ATT.	COMP.	COMP. %	YARDS	TD	INT	RATING
Aaron Rodgers	GB	1	20	30	66.7	286	3	0	130.7
Kirk Cousins	MIN	12	29	38	76.3	342	3	0	129.5
Russell Wilson	SEA	16	18	29	62.1	271	3	0	127.2

### RUSHING (BY YARDS)

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	WEEK	ATT.	YARDS	TD
Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	10	19	151	1
Marlon Mack	IND	17	25	119	1
Chris Carson	SEA	16	27	116	2

### RECEIVING (BY YARDS)

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	WEEK	ATT.	YARDS	TD
Alshon Jeffery	PHI	15	8	160	0
Antonio Brown	PIT	13	10	154	1
DeAndre Hopkins	HOU	5	9	151	0



## NFL RADIO 2019: WESTWOOD ONE & SIRIUSXM

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 33rd consecutive season with that distinction.

The Westwood One NFL schedule features 69 national games, including the Thursday night kickoff game, Monday Night Football, Sunday Night Football, Thursday Night Football, the London Games, the Thanksgiving Day tripleheader and the entire postseason, culminating with Super Bowl LIV in Miami. Westwood One also produces weekly specialty programs, including The NFL Today, NFL Preview, NFL Insider, NFL Sunday and NFL Fantasy Football Forecast.

**KEVIN HARLAN** and Pro Football Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** will be the lead broadcast crew, calling Monday Night Football and Super Bowl LIV for the network. **JIM GRAY** anchors the pregame and halftime shows. **IAN EAGLE** and **TONY BOSELLI** will once again be the broadcast crew for Thursday Night Football, while **KEVIN KUGLER** and Pro Football Hall of Famer **JASON TAYLOR** return as the main crew for Sunday Night Football. **SCOTT GRAHAM** serves as the studio host for those broadcasts.

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 Satellite Radio, 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](http://westwoodonesports.com).

This year will mark the NFL's 16th season on SiriusXM. SiriusXM creates and offers commercial-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 Super Bowl LIV on SiriusXM radios, as well as on the SiriusXM app and online at [SiriusXM.com](http://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 exclusive programming like the recent Town Hall broadcast with Super Bowl LIII MVP **JULIAN EDELMAN**, training camp tour broadcasts and more. For more information visit [siriusxm.com/nflonxm](http://siriusxm.com/nflonxm).



# NFL RADIO 2019: WESTWOOD ONE & SIRIUSXM

## SIRIUSXM NFL RADIO SCHEDULE (ALL TIMES ET)

WEEKDAY PROGRAMMING	TIME	HOSTS
"The Opening Drive"	7:00-11:00 AM	Bob Papa, Charlie Weis
"The SiriusXM Blitz"	11:00 AM-3:00 PM	Bruce Murray, Brady Quinn, Mark Dominik and Bruce Gradkowski
"Movin' the Chains"	3:00-7:00 PM	Jim Miller, Pat Kirwan
"Late Hits"	7:00-11:00 PM	Alex Marvez, Gil Brandt, Bill Polian
SATURDAY PROGRAMMING	TIME	HOSTS
"The Weekend Kickoff"	8:00-11:00 AM	Alex Marvez and Tim Brown
"Press Coverage"	11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Vic Carucci, Dan Leberfeld
"Pro Football Hall of Fame Radio"	2:00-4:00 PM	Howard Balzer, Joe Horrigan and Gold Jacket Guest Hosts
"The End Zone"	4:00-7:00 PM	Jim Miller & Pat Kirwan
"Late Hits"	7:00-11:00 PM	Zig Fracassi
SUNDAY PROGRAMMING	TIME	HOSTS
"The Stadium Tailgate Show"	9:00 AM-Noon	Alex Marvez, Gil Brandt
"The Sunday Drive"	Noon-8:00 PM	Steve Torre, Bill Lexas
"NFL Rewind"	Midnight-2:00 AM	Zig Fracassi and Brad Hopkins



## COLLEGES ADD FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

As the anticipation for football season continues to build, fans can look forward to more action on college campuses this fall. Four colleges will add football programs in 2019 – **CLARKE UNIVERSITY**, **FRANKLIN PIERCE UNIVERSITY**, **ST. THOMAS UNIVERSITY** and **WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY**.

Per the National Football Foundation & College Hall of Fame, 37 football programs have been added by NCAA or NAIA institutions since 2013. Since 1978 when the NCAA changed its method for tracking attendance figures, the number of schools playing NCAA football (FBS, FCS, DII and DIII) has steadily increased by 188 schools from 484 in 1978 to 669 in 2018. Adding NAIA and independent schools playing football and schools launching programs in the coming years, there are now 775 colleges and universities offering students an opportunity to play college football.

### COLLEGES PLANNING TO ADD FOOTBALL PROGRAMS BY 2022

COLLEGE	LOCATION	START DATE/LEVEL
Clarke University	Dubuque, Iowa	2019-NAIA
St. Thomas University	Miami Gardens, Fla.	2019-NAIA
Franklin Pierce University	Rindge, N.H.	2019-NCAA, Div. II
Wheeling Jesuit University	Wheeling, W. Va.	2019-NCAA, Div. II
Florida Memorial University	Miami Gardens, Fla.	2020-NAIA
Madonna University	Livonia, Mich.	2020-NAIA
Barton College	Wilson, N.C.	2020-NCAA, Div. II
Erskine College	Due West, S.C.	2020-NCAA, Div. II
Keystone College	La Plume, Pa.	2020-NCAA, Div. III
Judson University	Elgin, Ill.	2021-NAIA
Mount Marty College	Yankton, S.D.	2022-NAIA

**“We are coming off a very successful season in STU Athletics history, and I feel the addition of football is the next natural step for our athletics program. Football is more than a game. Football has taught me some of the most important lessons in my life - hard work, discipline, a positive attitude - which all lead to great teamwork and success.”**

- St. Thomas University president  
**DAVID A. ARMSTRONG**



# CELEBRITIES LOVE THE NFL

If you take your eyes off the stars on the field, you can't help but notice the celebrities in the stands. Famous NFL fans are everywhere – even in other sports. From athletes and politicians to actors and musicians, stars of all varieties love the NFL and proudly show their allegiances with gear, gameday attendance and even ownership.

NAME	FAVORITE TEAM
Ben Affleck, Actor	New England Patriots
Carmelo Anthony, 3x Olympic Champion	Baltimore Ravens
Dierks Bentley, Musician	Arizona Cardinals
Chris Berman, Former ESPN Broadcaster	Buffalo Bills
Beyonce, Musician	Houston Texans
Jessica Biel, Actress	Denver Broncos
Simone Biles, Olympic Gymnast	Houston Texans
Bon Jovi, Musician	New York Giants
Ty Burrell, Actor	Los Angeles Rams
Nick Carter, Musician	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Kenny Chesney, Musician	New Orleans Saints
Logan Couture, San Jose Sharks	Buffalo Bills
<b>Stephen Curry, Golden State Warriors</b>	<b>Carolina Panthers</b>
Josh Duhamel, Actor	Minnesota Vikings
Kevin Durant, Brooklyn Nets	Washington Redskins
Eminem, Rapper	Detroit Lions
Will Ferrell, Actor	Green Bay Packers
Guy Fieri, Celebrity Chef	Oakland Raiders
Rickie Fowler, Golfer	Los Angeles Chargers
Gene Hackman, Actor	Jacksonville Jaguars
Woody Harrelson, Actor	Cincinnati Bengals
Steve Harvey, Actor	Cleveland Browns
Kevin Harvick, NASCAR Driver	San Francisco 49ers
Faith Hill, Musician	Tennessee Titans
Kate Hudson, Actress	Denver Broncos
Samuel L. Jackson, Actor	Atlanta Falcons
LeBron James, Los Angeles Lakers	Dallas Cowboys
Kevin James, Actor	New York Jets
Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson, Actor	Oakland Raiders
Patrick Kane, Chicago Blackhawks	Buffalo Bills
Michael Keaton, Actor	Pittsburgh Steelers
Gladys Knight, Musician	Carolina Panthers
Brooks Koepka, Golfer	Green Bay Packers

NAME	FAVORITE TEAM
David Letterman, Comedian	Indianapolis Colts
Damien Lillard, Portland Trail Blazers	Oakland Raiders
Adriana Lima, Supermodel	Miami Dolphins
Lizzo, Musician	Minnesota Vikings
Rob Lowe, Actor	Indianapolis Colts
Matthew McConaughey, Actor	Washington Redskins
Tim McGraw, Musician	Tennessee Titans
Seth Meyers, Comedian	Pittsburgh Steelers
Phil Mickelson, Golfer	Los Angeles Chargers
Bill Murray, Actor	Jacksonville Jaguars
Ninja, Professional Gamer	Detroit Lions
Barack Obama, Former President	Chicago Bears
Hayden Panettiere, Actress	San Francisco 49ers
Michael Phelps, Olympic Swimmer	Baltimore Ravens
Brad Pitt, Actor	New Orleans Saints
Chris Pratt, Actor	Seattle Seahawks
Condoleezza Rice, Former Secretary of State	Cleveland Browns
Ray Romano, Actor	New York Jets
Paul Rudd, Actor	Kansas City Chiefs
C.C. Sabathia, New York Yankees	Oakland Raiders
Travis Scott, Rapper	Houston Texans
Bob Seger, Musician	Detroit Lions
David Spade, Actor	Arizona Cardinals
Jason Sudeikis, Actor	Kansas City Chiefs
Taylor Swift, Musician	Philadelphia Eagles
Billy Bob Thornton, Actor	Indianapolis Colts
<b>Mike Trout, Los Angeles Angels</b>	<b>Philadelphia Eagles</b>
Carrie Underwood, Musician	Dallas Cowboys
Usher, Musician	Atlanta Falcons
Dick Vitale, ESPN Commentator	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Mark Wahlberg, Actor	New England Patriots
Lil Wayne, Rapper	Green Bay Packers
Rainn Wilson, Actor	Seattle Seahawks



## MIAMI TO HOST SUPER BOWL LIV

Hard Rock Stadium, home of the Miami Dolphins, will host Super Bowl LIV on February 2, 2020, to close the league's historic 100th season. Miami also hosted Super Bowl XXIX following the league's 75th season, 1994.

"I can't think of a better place to host the Super Bowl than right here in our world-class community," Miami-Dade County Mayor **CARLOS GIMENEZ** said. "Miami has hosted more Super Bowls than any other city, and it's clear why. This is the place to live, work and play, and hosting the Super Bowl once again serves as further evidence that Miami is a major-event community."

Hard Rock Stadium is a global entertainment destination that also serves as home to the Miami Open, University of Miami football, Orange Bowl, 2021 College Football Playoff National Championship, major concerts, international soccer matches and a host of world-class events. The facility completed a \$550 million, multi-year renovation privately funded by Dolphins managing general partner & chairman of the board **STEPHEN ROSS** to transform the iconic venue into the best Miami has to offer in world-class fare, art, culture and an elevated guest experience.

Ross and his organization will host the Super Bowl for the first time since **SEAN PAYTON, DREW BREES** and the New Orleans Saints defeated the Indianapolis Colts, 31-17, in Super Bowl XLIV on February 7, 2010. The game will be played in Miami for a single-city record 11th time. In addition to the Saints' victory to close the 2009 season, Miami also hosted...

- Pro Football Hall of Famer **VINCE LOMBARDI**'s final game as head coach of the Green Bay Packers (Super Bowl II).
- Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOE NAMATH**'s guaranteed win over the Baltimore Colts (Super Bowl III).
- The only Super Bowl with an MVP from the losing team (LB **CHUCK HOWLEY** of the Dallas Cowboys, Super Bowl V).
- The last game in the career of Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOHN ELWAY** (Super Bowl XXXIII).
- Each of Pittsburgh's two thrilling victories over Dallas (Super Bowls X, XIII).
- The 92-yard, game-ending drive orchestrated by Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOE MONTANA** to beat Cincinnati, 20-16, in Super Bowl XXIII.
- The 49ers' triumph over the San Diego Chargers in Super Bowl XXIX, where Pro Football Hall of Famer **STEVE YOUNG** was able to say in the closing seconds, "Someone take the monkey off my back."
- The first Super Bowl victory in the illustrious careers of **PEYTON MANNING** and Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY DUNGY** (Super Bowl XLI).



### SUPER BOWL HOST CITIES (I-LIV)

CITY	SUPER BOWLS
Miami/South Florida*	11
New Orleans	10
Los Angeles	7
Tampa Bay	4
Arizona	3
Atlanta	3
Houston	3
San Diego	3

CITY	SUPER BOWLS
Detroit	2
Minneapolis	2
San Francisco Bay Area	2
Indianapolis	1
Jacksonville	1
North Texas	1
New York/New Jersey	1
*Includes Super Bowl LIV	

# FUTURE SUPER BOWL SITES

SUPER BOWL	DATE	SITE
LIV	February 2, 2020	Hard Rock Stadium, Miami (below)
LV	February 7, 2021*	Raymond James Stadium, Tampa
LVI	February 6, 2022*	New Los Angeles Stadium, Los Angeles
LVII	February 5, 2023*	State Farm Stadium, Arizona
LVIII	February 4, 2024*	Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans

\*Tentative date



## 2019 NFL STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

TEAM	OPPONENTS' 2018 PCT. & RECORD				GAMES VS. TEAMS .500 OR BETTER		GAMES VS. 2018 PLAYOFF TEAMS
	WIN PCT.	W	L	T	IN 2018		
Oakland	.539	137	117	2	9		7
Denver	.537	136	117	3	9		7
Jacksonville	.531	136	120	0	9		7
Houston	.527	135	121	0	9		7
Chicago	.520	131	121	4	8		6
Kansas City	.520	132	122	2	9		7
Atlanta	.518	132	123	1	9		7
Indianapolis	.518	132	123	1	8		5
Tennessee	.514	131	124	1	7		7
Minnesota	.512	130	124	2	7		7
San Francisco	.510	129	124	3	7		6
Arizona	.508	129	125	2	7		6
Tampa Bay	.508	130	126	0	7		6
Dallas	.504	128	126	2	7		6
Green Bay	.504	128	126	2	8		6
Carolina	.502	128	127	1	7		6
L.A. Chargers	.502	127	126	3	8		5
Miami	.500	127	127	2	8		7
Baltimore	.496	125	127	4	7		5
Detroit	.496	125	127	4	8		6
Pittsburgh	.496	126	128	2	7		7
New Orleans	.488	125	131	0	7		6
Cleveland	.484	123	131	2	8		5
Buffalo	.480	122	132	2	7		5
Seattle	.479	121	132	3	7		5
Philadelphia	.477	121	133	2	6		5
Cincinnati	.473	119	133	4	7		5
L.A. Rams	.473	120	134	2	7		6
New England	.473	120	134	2	6		5
N.Y. Giants	.473	120	134	2	7		6
N.Y. Jets	.473	120	134	2	6		5
Washington	.469	119	135	2	7		6

# TOTAL MILES TRAVELED & NOTES ON 2019 TRAVEL

Below is a list of the total estimated round-trip distance in miles for each team in 2019.

TEAM	MILES TO TRAVEL
Oakland	40,188
Los Angeles Rams	36,186
Seattle	33,216
Los Angeles Chargers	32,892
San Francisco	30,210
Tampa Bay	27,670
Jacksonville	25,336
Carolina	24,352
Houston	23,512
Cincinnati	22,470
Arizona	21,058
Dallas	20,922
Miami	20,554
Chicago	18,684
Baltimore	18,072
Pittsburgh	17,530
Detroit	17,444
Kansas City	17,044
Denver	16,998
New Orleans	16,712
Green Bay	16,222
Atlanta	15,624
Cleveland	15,496
Minnesota	15,202
Indianapolis	13,822
Tennessee	12,574
Philadelphia	12,374
New England	11,960
Washington	11,170
Buffalo	10,158
New York Giants	9,246
New York Jets	7,854

All together, teams will travel approximately 632,752 miles during the 2019 season.

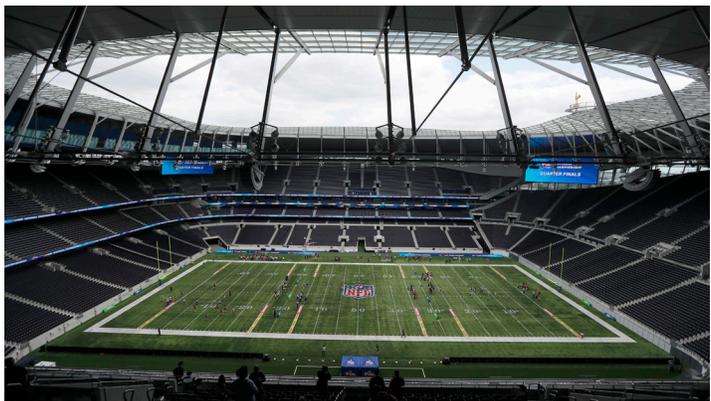
The teams in the NFC West (120,670) combine to have the highest total miles traveled of all divisions. The remaining division totals are the AFC West (107,122), NFC South (84,358), AFC South (75,244), AFC North (73,568), NFC North (67,552), NFC East (53,712) and AFC East (50,526).

Seven teams - **OAKLAND** (40,188), the **LOS ANGELES RAMS** (36,186), **SEATTLE** (33,216), the **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS** (32,892), **SAN FRANCISCO** (30,210), **TAMPA BAY** (27,670) AND **JACKSONVILLE** (25,336) - will "travel around the world" at least once. A trip around the globe is 25,000 miles.

The London Games 2019 schedule begins with the first two NFL games to be staged at the new **Tottenham Hotspur Stadium**, followed by two at Wembley Stadium, bringing the total number of games played in London since 2007 to 28.

The Oakland Raiders will host the Chicago Bears on Sunday, October 6 in the inaugural NFL game at the new Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, the first purpose-built NFL stadium outside of the United States. One week later, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers will be at home against the Carolina Panthers, playing their first game in London.

After a two-week break, the action moves to Wembley Stadium, where the Los Angeles Rams, the defending NFC champions, will host the Cincinnati Bengals on October 27. The following week, the Jacksonville Jaguars will stage their seventh annual home game in London, taking on another first-time visitor in the Houston Texans.



## FOOTBALL REMAINS MOST POPULAR HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

Football continues to lead the high school sports landscape with more than one million participants for the 20th consecutive year.

The number of participants playing high school football – totaling 11, nine, eight and six-player teams – led all sports with 1,068,870—including 2,401 girls playing football at various levels—according to the most recently published National Federation of State High School Associations participation survey (2017-18 school year).

The 1,066,469 boys involved in the sport account for 13.3 percent of the 7,980,886 students that participated in athletics and is significantly larger than the next most-played sport for boys, outdoor track and field, in which 600,097 participated.

Texas tops the lists with the most high school student-athletes playing 11-player football with 164,664 participants. The state of Texas also had the second-most players selected in the 2019 NFL Draft with 27.

### MOST POPULAR BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

SPORT	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
<b>FOOTBALL</b>	<b>1,066,469</b>
Outdoor Track and Field	600,097
Basketball	551,373
Baseball	487,097
Soccer	456,362

### STATES WITH DOUBLE DIGIT PLAYERS SELECTED IN THE 2019 NFL DRAFT

STATE	TOTAL
Florida	34
Texas	27
California	22
Georgia	13

STATE	TOTAL
Ohio	13
Louisiana	10
Mississippi	10
North Carolina	10

A total of 242 high schools contributed to the 254 players selected in the seven rounds of the 2019 NFL Draft.

HIGH SCHOOL	TOTAL	PLAYERS (NFL TEAM/ROUND)
Allen (Allen, TX)	3	Kyler Murray (Arizona/1); Greg Little (Carolina/2); Bobby Evans (Los Angeles Rams/3)
Cocoa (Cocoa, FL)	3	Jawaan Taylor (Jacksonville/2); Jamel Dean (Tampa Bay/3); Chauncey Gardner-Johnson (New Orleans/4)
Booker T. Washington (Tulsa, OK)	2	Justice Hill (Baltimore/4); Jordan Brailford (Washington/7)
Brighton (Salt Lake City, UT)	2	Cody Barton (Seattle/3); Jackson Barton (Indianapolis/7)
Eden Prairie (Eden Prairie, MN)	2	Ryan Connelly (New York Giants/5); Blake Cashman (New York Jets/5)
IMG Academy (Bradenton, FL)	2	Hjalte Froholdt (New England/4); Isaac Nauta (Detroit/7)
Miami Killian (Miami, FL)	2	Sheldrick Redwine (Cleveland/4); Jaquan Johnson (Buffalo/6)
Paradise Valley (Phoenix, AZ)	2	Ryan Finley (Cincinnati/4); Jordan Brown (Cincinnati/7)
Saint Thomas Aquinas (Fort Lauderdale, FL)	2	Nick Bosa (San Francisco/1); Jordan Scarlett (Carolina/5)
Wake Forest (Wake Forest, NC)	2	Dexter Lawrence (New York Giants/1); Bryce Love (Washington/4)
Wenonah (Birmingham, AL)	2	Quinnen Williams (New York Jets/1); Quincy Williams (Jacksonville/3)
Winton Woods (Cincinnati, OH)	2	Mike Edwards (Tampa Bay/3); David Long (Tennessee/6)

# TOUCHDOWN LEADERS BY DECADE

## 1920s

Paddy Driscoll <sup>HOF</sup>	35
Verne Lewellen	35

## 1930s

Dutch Clark <sup>HOF</sup>	42
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## 1940s

Don Hutson <sup>HOF</sup>	67
Steve Van Buren <sup>HOF</sup>	67

## 1950s

Ollie Matson <sup>HOF</sup>	56
Joe Perry <sup>HOF</sup>	56

## 1960s

Jim Brown <sup>HOF</sup>	84
Don Maynard <sup>HOF</sup>	84

## 1970s

Franco Harris <sup>HOF</sup>	76
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## 1980s

Eric Dickerson <sup>HOF</sup>	86
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## 1990s

Emmitt Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	147
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## 2000s

LaDainian Tomlinson <sup>HOF</sup>	153
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## 2010s (TOP 10 ENTERING 2019)

Rob Gronkowski	80
<b>LeSean McCoy (top)</b>	<b>80</b>
Antonio Brown	79
Dez Bryant	75
Marshawn Lynch	75
<b>Jimmy Graham (middle)</b>	<b>71</b>
Adrian Peterson	71
Jordy Nelson	68
Arian Foster	65
<b>A.J. Green (bottom)</b>	<b>63</b>



# THE LAST TIME...

## PASSING (SINGLE GAME)

500 YARDS:	506, Ben Roethlisberger, Pittsburgh vs. Baltimore, December 10, 2017
7 TD PASSES:	Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. N.Y. Giants, November 1, 2015
60 ATTEMPTS:	<b>61, Blake Bortles, Jacksonville vs. Kansas City, October 7, 2018</b>
20 CONSECUTIVE COMPS.:	<b>25, Nick Foles, Philadelphia vs. Washington, December 30, 2018</b>
99-YARD TD PASS:	Eli Manning to Victor Cruz, N.Y. Giants vs. N.Y. Jets, December 24, 2011

## RECEIVING (SINGLE GAME)

3 100-YARD RECEIVERS, SAME TEAM:	<b>Green Bay vs. San Francisco, October 15, 2018</b> <b>Davante Adams, 10-132-2; Jimmy Graham 5-104-0;</b> <b>Marquez Valdes-Scantling 3-103-0</b>
300 YARDS:	300, Julio Jones, Atlanta vs. Carolina, October 2, 2016
15 RECEPTIONS:	<b>15, Alvin Kamara, New Orleans vs. Atlanta, September 23, 2018</b>
4 TDS:	Jamaal Charles, Kansas City vs. Oakland, December 15, 2013

## RUSHING (SINGLE GAME)

5 TDS:	Clinton Portis, Denver vs. Kansas City, December 7, 2003
4 TDS:	<b>Derrick Henry, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, December 6, 2018</b>
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:	<b>Derrick Henry, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, December 6, 2018</b>

## INTERCEPTIONS (SINGLE GAME)

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

## SCORING (SINGLE GAME)

8 PATS:	8, Matt Bryant, Atlanta vs. Tampa Bay, September 18, 2014
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:	<b>105, L.A. Rams (54) vs. Kansas City (51), November 19, 2018</b>
SCORELESS TIE:	N.Y. Giants vs. Detroit, November 7, 1943

## RETURNS (SINGLE GAME)

2 KICKOFF RETURN 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:	Darius Reynaud, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, December 30, 2012

# ***PLAYER HEALTH & SAFETY***



**PLAY SMART**  
**PLAY SAFE**



## How The NFL Is Advancing Player Health And Safety



Through its *Play Smart. Play Safe.* initiative, the National Football League is working to drive progress in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of injuries, enhance medical protocols and further improve the way our game is taught and played.

### PROTECTING PLAYERS

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.

- » **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.
- » **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.

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- » **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 UNC's 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.
  - **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:** In March 2017, the NFL named Dr. Allen Sills as the league's Chief Medical Officer (CMO), a new full-time position. 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 UNC's 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 X2 Biosystems' Integrated Concussion Evaluation (ICE) 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.

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- » **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. 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 2017 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.
- » **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.
- » **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 football. 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 will prohibit 11 helmet models from being worn by NFL players. In previous seasons, NFL players could choose any helmet as long as the helmet passed current National Operating Committee on Standards for Athletic Equipment (NOCSAE) certification standards.

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- The NFL Musculoskeletal Committee has coordinated extensive research on athletic shoe safety and performance. The committee has developed laboratory tests that evaluate which cleats better permit release from synthetic turf during potentially injurious loading. The results of those tests are displayed on a poster and shared with NFL players, club equipment managers, club medical, training and coaching staffs to help inform equipment choices. 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 and shoulder pads, 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.
- » **Limits on Practices:** The 2011 collective bargaining agreement between the NFL and the NFLPA eliminated two-a-day practices in training camp and contact practices were significantly reduced. The CBA limits NFL teams to only 14 days of full-contact football practice during the 17-week season.

### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

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.

- » **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.
- » **HeadHealthTECH Symposium:** In November 2016, the NFL and FRI hosted a first-of-its-kind educational conference. Hundreds of world-class biomechanical and biomedical engineering experts educated innovators—from inventors to equipment manufacturers to engineering students—on the latest knowledge regarding the causes of concussion in professional football, including the best tools available for assessing and optimizing the design and manufacture of protective equipment. As part of the Engineering Roadmap, periodic symposia, webinars and other educational efforts allow experts to share the most up-to-date biomechanical and biomedical information.
- » **Comprehensive Video Review:** As part of the Engineering Roadmap, biomechanical engineers completed a comprehensive video review of all reported concussions sustained in NFL games during the 2015 and 2016 seasons 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.
- » **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. 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

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engineering, biomechanics, advanced sensors and material 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 more than \$1.6 million to help advance the development of 13 new technologies.

- » **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.
- » **1st and Future:** Each year since 2016, the NFL has teamed 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. Partner organizations have included Stanford's Graduate School of Business and TechCrunch (2016), Texas Medical Center (2017), Comcast NBCUniversal and Mayo Clinic (2018), and Arrow Electronics and Georgia Institute of Technology (2019). Innovators and entrepreneurs compete and showcase their technologies in categories ranging from advancements in protective equipment to new therapies to speed recovery. In 2019, the NFL Punt 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.

**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

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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
- » **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

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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.

### 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 completed through 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 how to recognize and respond to injuries, including concussions. Sixteen of the country's 20 largest school 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,

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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](http://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.

## \$100MILLION

*Play Smart. Play Safe.* began with a pledge of an additional \$100 million in support of independent medical research and engineering advancements—building on the \$100 million that the NFL and its partners are already spending on medical and neuroscience research—and a commitment to look at anything and everything intended to protect our players and make our game safer.

## \$40MILLION

More than \$40 million in funding has been allotted for medical research over five years, primarily dedicated to neuroscience.

## \$60MILLION

\$60 million goes toward 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.

For more information about the NFL's health and safety efforts, please visit [www.playsmartplaysafe.com](http://www.playsmartplaysafe.com).



## 2019 HELMET LABORATORY TESTING PERFORMANCE RESULTS

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

The helmet models are listed in order of their performance in the laboratory testing, 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. Issues with helmet fit, retention, and long-term durability are not addressed in these rankings. Helmets in the Top-Performing Group perform well, with no statistical difference in performance from the three top-ranked helmets. The information presented here is based solely upon the results of this research and the expert opinions of the scientists involved.

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.

BETTER LABORATORY PERFORMANCE

### TOP-PERFORMING GROUP

VICIS Zero1 (2018)	
Schutt F7 LTD (208400) <sup>1</sup>	
Riddell SpeedFlex Precision Diamond (R41106) <sup>1,2</sup>	
Riddell SpeedFlex Precision (R41156) <sup>2</sup>	
Schutt Air XP Pro VTD II (789902)	
Schutt Air XP Pro VTD (789901)	
Schutt Air XP Pro Q11 (788700) <sup>1</sup>	
Riddell SpeedFlex 2019 (R41195) <sup>1</sup>	
Xenith Shadow 2018 <sup>1</sup>	
Schutt F7 VTD (208800) <sup>1</sup>	
Xenith Epic+	
Schutt F7 (208000)	
Xenith X2E+	
Schutt Vengeance Pro LTD (204400) <sup>1</sup>	
Xenith Epic	
Riddell Speed (R41190)	
Schutt Air XP Pro Q10 VTD (788910) <sup>1</sup>	
Riddell Revolution IQ (R41159)	
Schutt DNA Pro+ (202201)	
Schutt Vengeance DCT (204001)	
Schutt Vengeance Z10 LTD (204200) <sup>1</sup>	
Riddell Speed Icon (R41197)	
Xenith X2E	
Riddell Foundation (R41179)	
Riddell Revolution Speed Classic (R41167)	
Riddell Speed Classic Icon (R41198)	
Schutt Vengeance VTD (204800)	

Riddell SpeedFlex 2017 (R41195)	
Schutt Vengeance Z10 (204101)	
Schutt Vengeance VTD II (204801)	
Schutt Air XP Pro Q10 (788900)	
Schutt Vengeance Pro (204301)	
Riddell Revolution (R41139)	
Schutt Vengeance Pro (204300)	

#### Prohibited Helmets<sup>3</sup>

Rawlings Impulse	Schutt Air XP
Rawlings Impulse+	Schutt Air XP Pro
Rawlings Tachyon	Schutt Vengeance Z10 (204100)
Rawlings Quantum	SG Varsity
Rawlings Quantum+	SG 2.0
Riddell VSR-4	

<sup>1</sup>New model

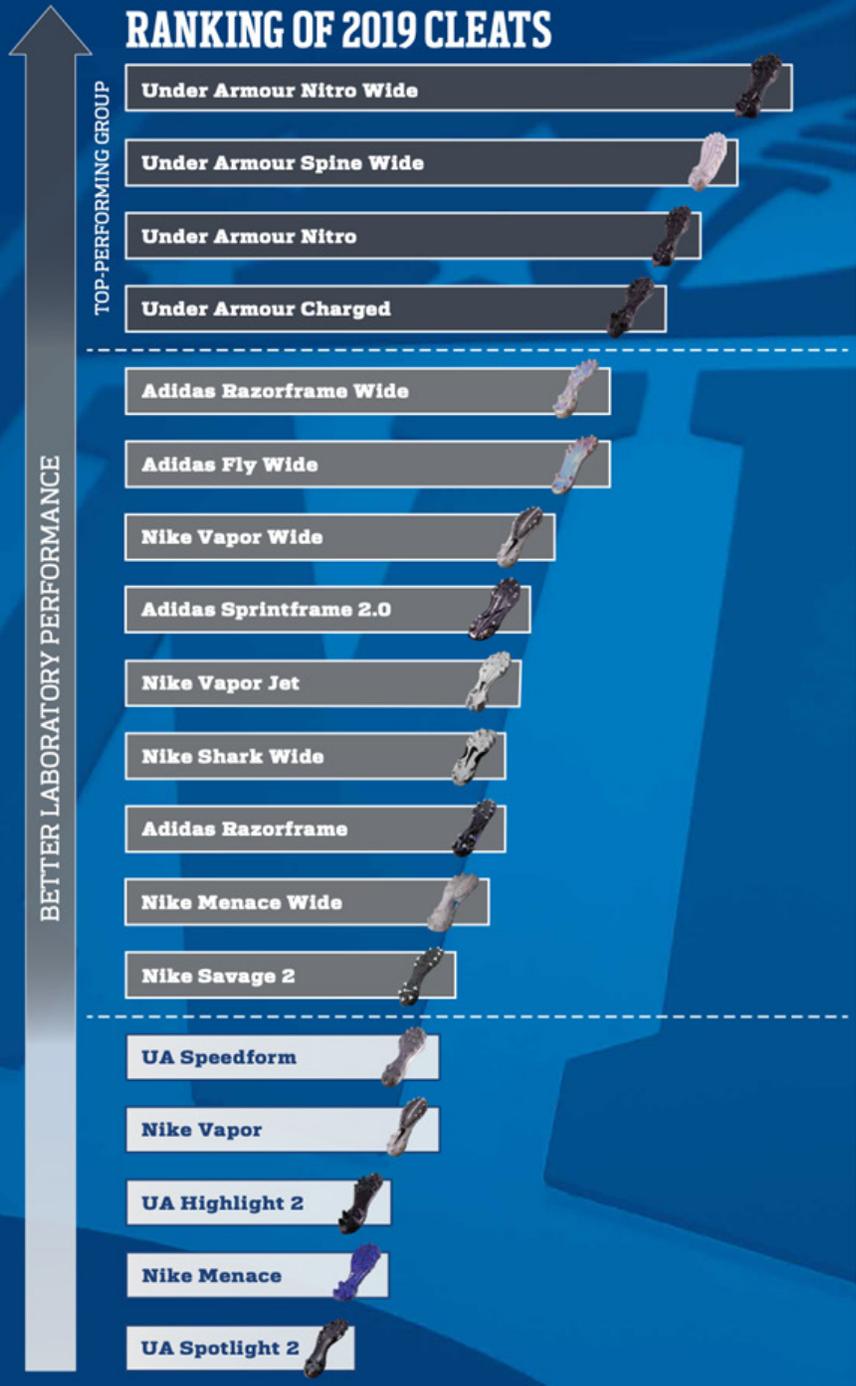
<sup>2</sup>Results shown are for a helmet with interior padding customized for the testing headform. Actual performance and ranking may vary since these helmets are customized for each player's head shape.

<sup>3</sup>These helmets have been prohibited for all NFL players.

Note: Existing models worn by less than 1% of NFL players are greyed out.

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

# RANKING OF 2019 CLEATS



## CLEAT PATTERNS NOT RECOMMENDED FOR USE ON SYNTHETIC SURFACES

**Adidas Zeroframe Plate<sup>1</sup>**

AS adizero 5-Star 4.0  
AS adizero 5-Star 4.0 Mid Pro  
AS adizero 5-Star 4.0 Pro

**Adidas Quickframe Plate<sup>2</sup>**

AS Crazyquick 2.0

**Nike Shark Plate<sup>3</sup>**

Zoom Code Elite Stove Shark  
Zoom Code Elite 3/4 Pro Shark

**Nike Strike Plate<sup>3</sup>**

Lunar Super Bad Pro TD  
Lunar Super Bad Elite TD  
Jordan Super Fly 3 TD  
Jordan Retro 7 TD  
Lunar+ Beast Elite TD  
Zoom Code Elite 3/4 TD

<sup>1</sup> Removed from production in 2016  
<sup>2</sup> Removed from production in 2017



# 2019 CLEAT PATTERN LABORATORY TESTING PERFORMANCE RESULTS ON SYNTHETIC TURF

THE NFL MUSCULOSKELETAL COMMITTEE HAS COORDINATED EXTENSIVE RESEARCH ON ATHLETIC SHOE SAFETY AND PERFORMANCE. THE COMMITTEE HAS DEVELOPED AND PERFORMED LABORATORY TESTS THAT EVALUATE WHICH CLEATS BEST PERMIT RELEASE FROM SYNTHETIC TURF DURING POTENTIALLY INJURIOUS LOADING. THE RESULTS OF THOSE TESTS ARE SET FORTH ON THIS POSTER.

A subset of 2019 cleat patterns from current manufacturers available to NFL players are ranked based on their performance in the laboratory testing. The performance of each cleat pattern is illustrated on the bar graph, with a longer bar representing better lab testing results. The rankings are based exclusively on the ability of the cleat pattern to allow release from a synthetic surface in laboratory testing. The laboratory test conditions were intended to represent potentially injurious lower extremity loading in the NFL. The results of this study should not be extrapolated to collegiate, high school, or youth football.

Shoes in the Top-Performing Group have no statistical difference in lab testing results from the top-ranked shoe.

At the bottom of the poster, 4 historical cleat patterns are identified and shoes that have used those cleat patterns are listed. These cleat patterns should not be used on synthetic surfaces.

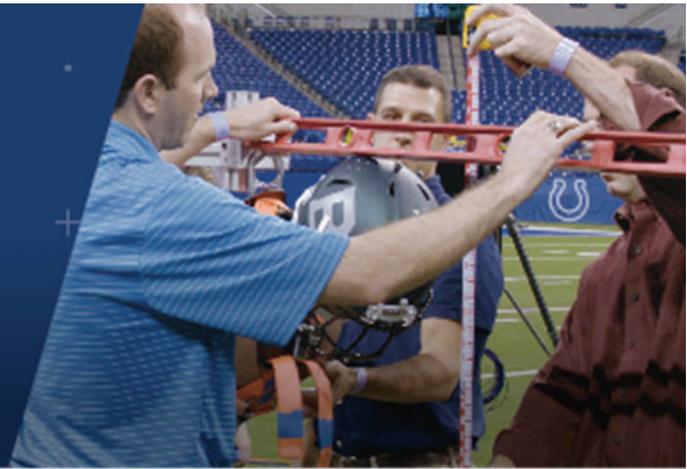
Issues with shoe fit, shoe structure, and long-term durability are not addressed in these rankings. The information presented here is based solely upon the results of this research and the expert opinions of the scientists involved.

NO SHOE OR CLEAT PATTERN CAN COMPLETELY PROTECT AGAINST LOWER EXTREMITY INJURIES A PLAYER MIGHT SUSTAIN WHILE PARTICIPATING IN FOOTBALL.

**PLAY SMART  
PLAY SAFE**



# 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.



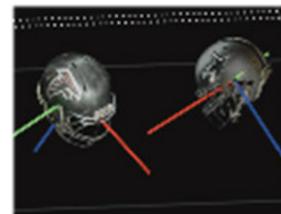
## DRIVEN BY EXPERTS: BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERS

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.



## 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



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**Duke Clinical & Translational Science Institute**

**NFL HeadHealthTECH CHALLENGES**



**CROWDSOURCING: HeadHealthTECH CHALLENGES OFFER INCENTIVES FOR INNOVATORS AND ENTREPRENEURS**

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. 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 material science. The TECH Challenges are operated and managed by Duke University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute (Duke CTSI), which provides constructive feedback for all applicants.

Thus far, the NFL and FRI have awarded grants totaling more than \$1.6 million to help advance the development of 13 new technologies.

ENERGY ABSORBING MODULES	
SOFT SHELL COVER	
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PROTECTIVE SKULL CAP	
HELMET TECH	PADDING SYSTEM
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HELMET LINERS/PADS	
AES: HELMET TECH	
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PADDING SYSTEM	

**TECH CHALLENGE I WINNERS**

Winners were VyaTek Sports for its highly efficient energy-absorbing Zorbz technology and Guardian Innovations for its Guardian Cap technology—a soft helmet cover designed to reduce the severity of impacts.

**TECH CHALLENGE II WINNERS**

Winners were 2ND Skull, to research the effectiveness of its 2nd Skull® skull cap in reducing impact forces and developing a second-generation version; Baytech Products, for its prototype HitGard® multi- component helmet system concept; and Windpact, for its Crash Cloud®, an impact liner system using restricted air flow and foam in helmets and protective gear.

**TECH CHALLENGE III WINNERS**

Winners were Impressio, Inc. to support development and testing of its ultra-dissipative padding made from liquid-crystal elastomers; HRL Laboratories, LLC to support development and testing of its novel impact-attenuating pads for football helmets; and AES Research & Design for testing of its anti-rotational kinematic helmet prototype.

**TECH CHALLENGE IV WINNERS**

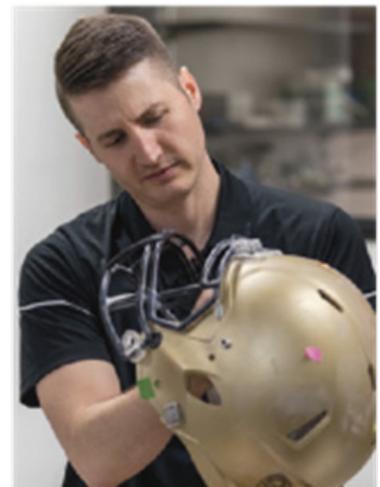
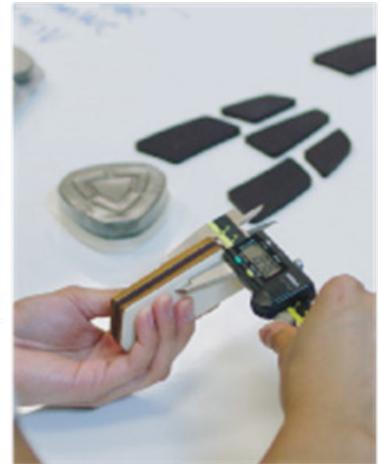
Winners were FieldTurf Inc. to develop technology for an all-new sports surface designed to reduce impact; Corsair Innovations, Inc. to continue to test its FEAM material, an impact attenuation system for helmets; and Yobel Technologies, LLC to support testing of its energy-absorbent prototyped faceguard.

**TECH CHALLENGE V WINNER**

Winner was Cardiff University to advance their padding material, designed using complex computer simulations to achieve optimal performance, and their advanced 3D printing materials and technologies, to manufacture helmet liner pads intended to achieve more effective cushioning during collisions.

**TECH CHALLENGE VI WINNERS**

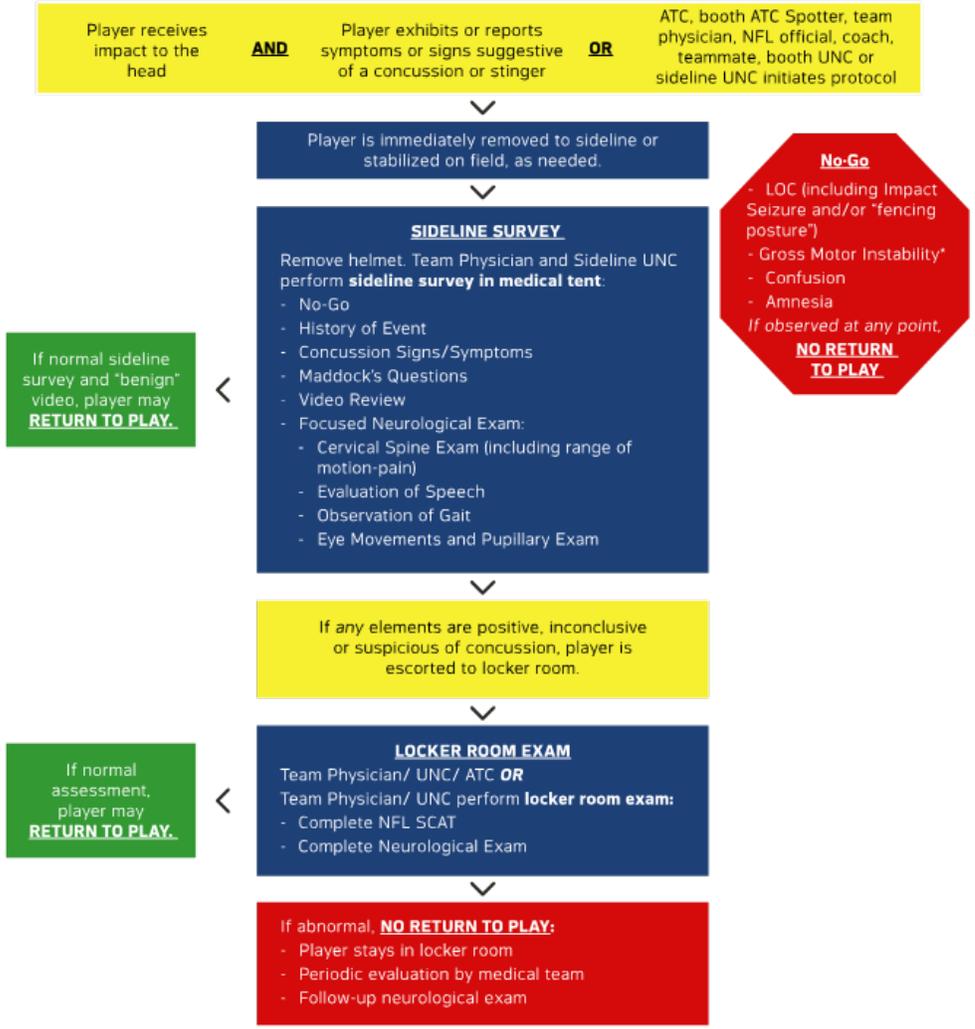
Winners were Windpact to tailor their Crash Cloud® padding technology for use in Schutt's AirXP Pro Q10 helmet; and Auxadyne to advance its XPF material, the world's only commercially available auxetic foam.



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# CONCUSSION GAME DAY CHECKLIST



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



## STEP 1

### REST AND RECOVERY

The player is prescribed rest until his signs and symptoms and neurologic examination, including cognitive and balance tests, return to baseline status.

### LIGHT 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.

## STEP 2

## STEP 3

### CONTINUED AEROBIC EXERCISE & INTRODUCTION OF STRENGTH TRAINING

The player continues with supervised cardiovascular exercises that are increased and may mimic sport-specific activities, and supervised strength training is introduced.

### FOOTBALL SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

The player continues cardiovascular, strength and balance training and participates in non-contact football activities (e.g. throwing, catching, running, and other position-specific activities).

## STEP 4

## STEP 5

### FULL FOOTBALL ACTIVITY / CLEARANCE

Upon clearance by the Team 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 team physician that the player's concussion has resolved, he may participate in his Club's next practice or game.

Revised June 2017

# HEALTH & SAFETY RELATED RULE 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.

## 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.

# HEALTH & SAFETY RELATED RULE CHANGES SINCE 2002

## 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.

# HEALTH & SAFETY RELATED RULE CHANGES SINCE 2002

## 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.

# BREAKING DOWN SIDELINE MEDICAL CARE – A TEAM BEHIND THE TEAM

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 (both 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:



# NFL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

THE PROTOCOL MAY BE TRIGGERED BY:



# NFL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

PLAYER IS REMOVED TO:



(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 MEDICAL COMMITTEES OVERVIEW

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 the 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.

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

Dr. Elliott Hershman  
(Chairman)

Dr. Andrew Tucker  
(General Medical Committee)

Dr. Nicholas Theodore  
(Head, Neck and Spine Committee)

Dr. Javier Cárdenas  
(Head, Neck and Spine Committee)

Dr. Robert Anderson  
(Musculoskeletal Committee)

Dr. Ed Wojtys  
(Musculoskeletal Committee)

Dr. John York  
(Owners' Health and Safety Advisory Committee)

Dr. Leigh Ann Curl  
(NFL Physicians Society President)

James Collins  
(Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society President)

Dr. Thom Mayer  
(NFL Players Association)

Dr. Allen Sills  
(NFL CMO)

Dr. Tony Casolaro  
(NFL Physicians Society)

## CONSULTANTS TO THE HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Dr. Jeff Crandall  
(Engineering Consultant)

Dr. Richard Kent  
(Engineering Consultant)

Dr. Nancy Dreyer  
(Epidemiologist, IQVIA)

Dr. Christina Mack  
(Epidemiologist, IQVIA)

Dr. Lawrence Brown  
(Drug Policy Advisor)

Dr. John Lombardo  
(Drug Policy Advisor)

## General Medical Committee

Dr. Andrew Tucker  
(Chairman)

Dr. Deverick Anderson  
(Infectious Disease)

Dr. Doug Casa  
(Environmental Medicine)

Dr. Tony Casolaro  
(NFL Physicians Society)

James Collins  
(Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society President)

Dr. Leigh Ann Curl  
(NFL Physicians Society President)

Dr. Jon Drezner

Dr. Robert Heyer  
(ex officio)

Dr. Jim Kinderknecht

Dr. Nyaka Liilampiti

Dr. Thom Mayer  
(NFL Players Association)

Dr. Patrick Strollo  
(Sleep Medicine)

Dr. Robert Vogel  
(Cardiovascular)

Jim Whalen  
(Athletic Trainer)

## CONSULTANTS TO THE GENERAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

Dr. Kevin Hill  
(Consultant)

## Head, Neck and Spine Committee

Dr. Nicholas Theodore  
(Co-Chairman)

Dr. Javier Cárdenas  
(Co-Chairman)

Dr. Julian Bailes

Ronnie Barnes

Dr. Tony Casolaro  
(NFL Physicians Society)

James Collins  
(Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society President)

Dr. Leigh Ann Curl  
(NFL Physicians Society President)

Dr. Odette Harris

Dr. Wellington Hsu

Dr. Thom Mayer  
(NFL Players Association)

Dr. Elizabeth Pieroth

Dr. Margot Putukian

Dr. Robert Heyer  
(ex officio)

## CONSULTANTS TO THE HEAD, NECK AND SPINE COMMITTEE:

Dr. Robert Cantu  
(Consultant)

Dr. Joseph Maroon  
(Consultant)

Dr. Hank Feuer  
(Consultant)

## Musculoskeletal Committee

Dr. Robert Anderson  
(Co-Chairman)

Dr. Ed Wojtys  
(Co-Chairman)

Dr. Asheesh Bedi  
(Hip)

Dr. Robert Brophy  
(Knee)

James Collins  
(Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society President)

Dr. Mike Coughlin  
(Foot and Ankle)

Dr. Leigh Ann Curl  
(NFL Physicians Society President)

Dr. Robert Heyer  
(ex officio)

Dr. Thomas Hunt  
(Hand and Wrist)

Dr. William Levine  
(Shoulder)

Jim Maurer  
(Athletic Trainer)

Dr. Thom Mayer  
(NFL Players Association)

Dr. Brett Owens

Dr. Kurt Spindler  
(Research Methodology)

Dr. James Voos

# ***NFL SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY***





# MISSION

Inspire and unify players, fans and communities to leave a positive, meaningful impact.

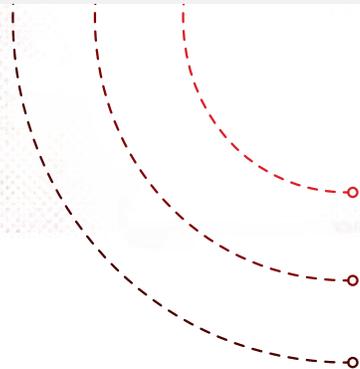


SUPPORTING A STRONGER SOCIETY

# INSPIRE CHANGE

In January, the NFL launched **INSPIRE CHANGE**, a new platform to showcase the collaborative efforts of players, owners and the League to create positive change in communities across the country. Working together with the Players Coalition, NFL teams and the League office continue to support programs and initiatives that reduce barriers to opportunity, with a focus on three priority areas:

- 1 Education & Economic Advancement
- 2 Police & Community Relations
- 3 Criminal Justice Reform



→ Inspire Change, the League's new social justice initiative, dedicates financial resources from the League, clubs and players to nonprofit organizations; amplifying inspiring stories of players making differences in their communities and society; and deploying public policy and government affairs resources at the local, state, and national levels.

NFL clubs and players have been supporting social justice efforts in many ways. Hundreds of social justice events and initiatives have been organized and implemented by each of the 32 NFL clubs in the last year.

These events include:



- Training sessions, community gatherings and ride-alongs with players and local police departments, as well as team-facilitated volunteer programs that involve police officers and underserved youth.
- Events with local job-placement programs for the formerly incarcerated, as well as inmates nearing release from prison.
- Involvement with local police explorers programs.
- Financial commitments to underserved schools, ranging from support for busing to assistance in purchasing uniforms for students in need.
- Facilitation of mentorships and daylong learning sessions for at-risk youth and players, and team staff and executives.
- Team participation in listen & learns and criminal justice reform legislation efforts organized by the Players Coalition.
- Numerous events with local Boys & Girls clubs and Big Brothers & Sisters chapters, and similar organizations, focused specifically on underserved youth and mentoring programs.
- Community gatherings and discussions organized by RISE (Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality).
- Organization of community unity summits, many held at team facilities or hosted by NFL players.

# INSPIRE CHANGE



**TOP** / Philip Lindsay greets first responders from local urban communities. Broncos players and the organization donated more than \$200,000 to provide advanced protective kits to police officers, firefighters and deputies from the sheriffs offices.

Photo Ben Swanson / Denver Broncos

**BOTTOM** / Buccaneers players respond to questions during the Buccaneers' Social Justice Program visit at Zephyrhills Correctional Institution in Zephyrhills, FL.

Photo Kyle Zedaker / Tampa Bay Buccaneers



**NATIONWIDE PROGRAMMING**

**NFL Media** unveiled programming across its platforms focused on the efforts of current and former players toward social progress and understanding. The new documentary series *In-divisible* launched on January 15, featuring real conversations with players and local leaders on the issues and values at the heart of six communities. In addition, the seventh installment within the *Impact & Influence* series premiered within *NFL Total Access* on January 14. The installment followed the creation of the Bears' nine-person social justice committee and their efforts to donate more than \$800,000 to local social justice efforts. All installments from the *Impact & Influence* series can be viewed digitally by visiting [nfl.com/impactandinfluence](http://nfl.com/impactandinfluence).

For more information, visit [nfl.com/inspirechange](http://nfl.com/inspirechange)

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AIRINGS

of feature content across live studio shows

TOTAL ACCESS

GOOD MORNING FOOTBALL

UP TO THE MINUTE

GAMEDAY MORNING

TNF FIRST LOOK

Content includes segments on: police ridealongs, convict reassimilation, voting rights for former felons, listen and learns in multiple team markets—many in partnership with the Players Coalition—voter registration drives, and more.

**TOP** / The Chicago Bears players teamed up with My Block My Hood My City during the 2018 season as part of the team's Social Justice Initiative.

*Photo Credit / Chicago Bears*

**BOTTOM** / The Miami Dolphins FOOTBALL UNITES™ program in partnership with Pérez Art Museum Miami (PAMM) Detectives hosted an art and social justice community night to celebrate the work of local organizations that are involved in community engagement, education and justice reform.

*Photo Credit / Miami Dolphins*

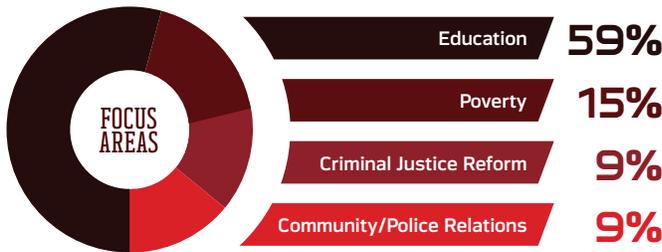


**GRASSROOTS FUNDING**

The **NFL Foundation** supports social justice at the grassroots level, matching funding provided by current and former players, and providing grant opportunities to all 32 clubs. Through these grant programs, the NFL Foundation has provided more than \$2 million in funding. Teams and players are also working collaboratively to identify local grant recipients through separate club match funding.

MORE THAN  
**445**  
APPROVED GRANTS

**PLAYER MATCHING SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS**



**56%** CURRENT NFL PLAYERS

**44%** NFL LEGENDS

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS**

As part of the League's ongoing commitment to social justice, the joint NFL players-owners working group continues to approve social justice grants.

SO FAR, GRANTS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO:

- BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF AMERICA (BBBSA)
- DREAM CORPS
- UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND
- OPERATION HOPE

**THE PLAYERS COALITION**

The **Players Coalition** was founded in 2017 by co-founders **ANQUAN BOLDIN**, 2015 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year, and **MALCOLM JENKINS**, 2017 NFLPA Byron "Whizzer" White winner, and is governed by a Task Force Board of 12 voting members. The Players Coalition is committed to achieving meaningful impact on root issues around social justice and racial equality.

**PLAYERS COALITION IMPACT 2018:**

- 11** EDUCATION EVENTS
- 21** COMMUNITY BENEFITS & AWARENESS BUILDING EVENTS
- 12** PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 12** OP-EDS
- 10** LEGISLATIVE MEETINGS & ACTIVISM EVENTS



**COMMUNITY ACTIVATION**

During Super Bowl Week in Atlanta, the League took part in several events related to social justice, including events with RISE, Morehouse College and the King Center. The League also supported the Martin Luther King, Jr. Global Youth Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. in January in partnership with The Memorial Foundation, the builders of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial on the National Mall. The event brought together youth leaders from around the country to learn from Dr. King's legacy of leadership and to help them develop their own voices.

**ABOVE** / Falcons players and front office staff team up as part of Habitat For Humanity's first-time homebuyer program.

Photo Credit / Atlanta Falcons



# MY CAUSE MY CLEATS

→ For the third season, **My Cause My Cleats** gave NFL players the opportunity to share causes most important to them. New this year, the NFL launched a multi-month focus on player causes, beginning with My Cause My Cleats Unboxing Day in November, when teams debuted their players' custom cleats.

More than 900 players showcased their causes on-field during My Cause My Cleats games. The causes players selected represent hundreds of different charitable organizations, from ones

that focus on bullying prevention to those that work with autistic youth to those that support families impacted by gun violence. Players and teams worked directly with local customizers as well as Nike, Under Armour and Adidas to design their cleats.

Players also had the opportunity to raise funds for the causes of their choosing by auctioning their cleats at NFL Auction; 100% of funds raised were donated to charities selected by players.



THIS YEAR, MORE THAN

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RAISED SINCE 2016



**MY Cause MY Cleats**



# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

During the month of February, NFL Media featured a slate of programming and content across NFL Network and NFL.com to commemorate Black History Month. These features, docuseries and specials captured the spirit of Black History Month, celebrating individuals, stories and events that have made an indelible mark on the NFL.



Twenty-five local families were sponsored by Benjamin Watson's The Big BENefit to a dinner and holiday shopping spree for their children last December.

Photo Charlie Jordan / New Orleans Saints

## INDIVISIBLE WITH NATE BOYER

The six-part series *Indivisible with Nate Boyer* premiered on NFL Network as part of the NFL's new social justice initiative, Inspire Change. The series features Green Beret and former NFL player **NATE BOYER** traveling across the country to six NFL cities—Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta, Green Bay, Dallas and Philadelphia—for real conversations with NFL players and local leaders on the social issues at the heart of each community.

## EVERFI

The League expanded its partnership with digital learning curriculum leader **EverFi** on a high school-focused African-American History education program. NFL funding will allow thousands of students in 175 underserved schools in Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Montana and North Carolina to take part in the digital curriculum, at no charge to the schools or students. The schools were selected by EverFi based on areas of need and biggest opportunities for impact.

## THE SUPER BOWL THAT WASN'T

NFL Network premiered the one-hour special, *The Super Bowl That Wasn't*, which explores the story behind how Arizona lost the Super Bowl in 1993 by refusing to celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a holiday—a decision which caused the state to lose an estimated \$350 million in revenue before voters changed their minds later in 1993, reinstating the holiday.

## NFL 360: IMPACT & INFLUENCE

A special edition of the show aired to tell the story of how NFL players and Legends were planning to join members of the Atlanta community during Super Bowl Week to create a mosaic honoring a special group of pioneers in the city's civil rights history. The episode also focuses on the humanitarian work of Saints **TE BEN WATSON** and his wife Kirsten, who epitomize "Impact & Influence" through their fight against sex trafficking and sexual abuse, with particular attention paid to victims in their city of New Orleans.

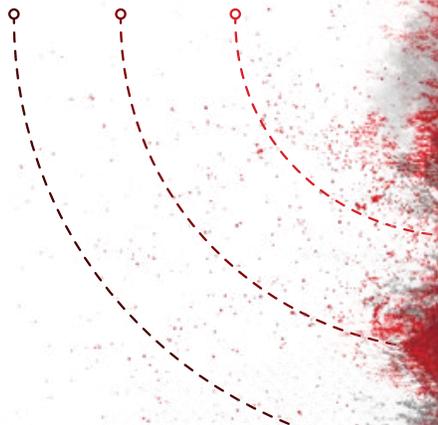
DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

# YOU CAN PLAY

The NFL works with **You Can Play**—an LGBTQ educational advocacy organization dedicated to ensuring equality, respect and safety for athletes, coaches and fans regardless of sexual orientation and/or gender identity—on its Hi-Five Initiative at events throughout the year. The events aim to create meaningful connections between LGBTQ youth and leaders within the professional sports community. The NFL was the first professional sports league to join the initiative when it launched in 2013.

This year, for the first time at the Super Bowl, the NFL teamed up with the You Can Play Project to host Atlanta area LGBTQ youth from Chris 180, a local organization with a goal to "heal children, strengthen families, and build community." Participating youth had the opportunity to sit down with NFL players for a conversation on LGBTQ rights and inclusion in sports. The session was facilitated by NFL Legend and You Can Play Project's Director of Professional Sports Outreach **WADE DAVIS**.

Local Atlanta LGBTQ youth discuss rights and inclusion prior to Super Bowl LIII.



# DUI PREVENTION

## In Partnership With Mothers Against Drunk Driving

Each year, drunk driving kills approximately 10,000 people and injures over 290,000—all tragedies that are 100 percent preventable.

Since 2010, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the NFL have worked together to eliminate drunk driving and encourage fans to play the most valuable position in the NFL: the designated driver.

For the past nine years, NFL teams and MADD volunteers have worked together to educate fans about the important role of a non-drinking designated driver and how to sign up as one. These combined efforts have led to over 2.2 million fans signing up to be a designated driver.

During the 2018 pre-season, the MADD team—in partnership with the NFL's Player Engagement department—traveled across the country to support the Rookie Transition Program. Staff and volunteers presented to all 32 teams, educating rookies about the dangers of impaired driving and how they can play an active role in saving lives.

The NFL continues to work alongside MADD to create a future of No More Victims.

To learn more, visit [madd.org](http://madd.org)

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ABOVE / Kansas City Chiefs players listen and learn about the importance of DUI Prevention.

# ADDRESSING & PREVENTING RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

## THE HOTLINE

Since 2014, the NFL has provided financial support to the **National Domestic Violence Hotline** (The Hotline) in its mission to shift power back to people affected by relationship abuse. The Hotline remains the only 24-hour, year-round resource for victims. This year, the organization will answer its 5 millionth contact since its inception in 1996.

In addition to intervention services, the organization is leading the way on preventing relationship abuse with a focus on healthy relationships through its "loveisrespect" platform. In 2018, The Hotline gained more than 12,000 new social media followers, many of which were younger people looking for information on healthy relationships.

In 2018, support from the NFL continued to make a positive impact at The Hotline. The Hotline answered 371,399 calls, online chats and text messages from women, men and young people reaching out for help with domestic violence and dating abuse. Financial support provided by the NFL also helped The Hotline further its policy work in Washington, D.C., including the advocacy on the reauthorization of the currently expired Violence Against Women Act and Family Violence Prevention Services Act. Both pieces of legislation provide critical services to victims of domestic violence, dating abuse and sexual assault. The Hotline held a Congressional Briefing to educate members of Congress on the impact of domestic violence and dating abuse on America.

Finally, support from the NFL helped advocates offer 156,157 referrals to domestic violence service providers and 213,926 referrals to additional resources across the nation.

To learn more about The Hotline's work, please visit [thehotline.org](http://thehotline.org)

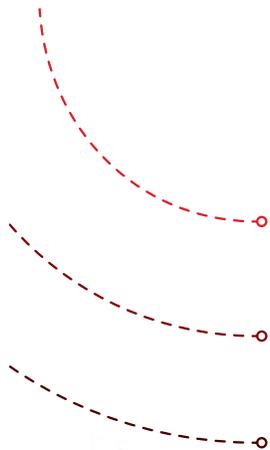
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**RALIANCE**

The NFL continues to support **RALIANCE**, a Washington, D.C.-based national partnership comprised of three leading organizations with the goal of ending sexual violence in one generation.

Every day, RALIANCE makes prevention possible by advancing research, influencing policy, supporting innovative programs and helping leaders establish safe workplaces and strong communities. Since its inception in 2016, the RALIANCE Impact Grant Program has supported 62 projects totaling over \$2.77 million to further our nation's ability to end sexual misconduct and abuse.

RALIANCE launched a first-of-its-kind interactive resource center designed to engage the sport community as a partner in ending sexual and domestic violence. The Sport + Prevention Center includes more than 100 resources, best practices and key action steps to implement sexual and domestic violence prevention strategies in communities across the country. Recently, RALIANCE hosted a Sport and Sexual Violence Researcher-Think Tank to identify new opportunities for sport to be part of the solution and ways to increase prevention programming with demonstrated outcomes.

For more information on RALIANCE, visit [raliance.org](http://raliance.org)

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All 32 NFL clubs continue to work in their communities with local domestic violence and sexual assault organizations on activities ranging from abuse intervention programs, crisis center fundraisers, high school healthy relationship assemblies and local public service campaigns.

Together with experts and advisors, the League continues to educate its staff, teams, players and the public about domestic violence and sexual assault prevention, as well as identify steps that can prevent them before they occur. To view previous years of NFL Social Responsibility Education, visit [nfl.com/community](http://nfl.com/community) under the Social Responsibility Resources tab.

The NFL also continued the practice of meeting with employees of local domestic violence and sexual assault (DV/SA) organizations in conjunction with major NFL events. The goal of these meetings is to update the groups on the League's social responsibility work, and to listen to them on issues facing the field and ways the NFL and its clubs can help.

During Super Bowl Week, the League hosted a private "Unsung Heroes" luncheon for volunteers and employees of local domestic violence and sexual assault prevention organizations and shelters. The League also worked with local organizations on social issues including human trafficking, providing financial grants to address issues in the Atlanta area.

NFL Commissioner **ROGER GOODELL** took part in a panel discussion with NFL.com's **JUDY BATTISTA** and NFL players **STEPHEN WEATHERLY**, **ANTHONY HARRIS** and **CURTIS MARTIN**, and thanked local domestic violence and sexual assault prevention advocates.



# WALTER PAYTON NFL MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD

PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE

Considered one of the League's most prestigious honors, the **Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award Presented by Nationwide** recognizes an NFL player for outstanding community service activities off the field, as well as excellence on the field. First established in 1970, the national award was renamed in 1999 after the late Hall of Fame Chicago Bears running back **WALTER PAYTON**.

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PLAYER HEALTH  
& SAFETY

**SOCIAL  
RESPONSIBILITY**

INTERNATIONAL  
NFL

THE PLAYERS

THE TEAMS

THE COACHES



WALTER PAYTON NFL

# MAN OF THE YEAR

Philadelphia Eagles defensive end **CHRIS LONG** was named the **2018 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Presented by Nationwide** for his tireless dedication to making a difference in the communities in which he has played in throughout his 11-year NFL career.



This was the second time Long had been named his team's Man of the Year. In 2015, after being named the St. Louis Rams' Man of the Year, Long established **The Chris Long Foundation**. The mission of this foundation is to engage and create programs focused around four main philanthropic causes: clean water, military appreciation, homelessness and youth.

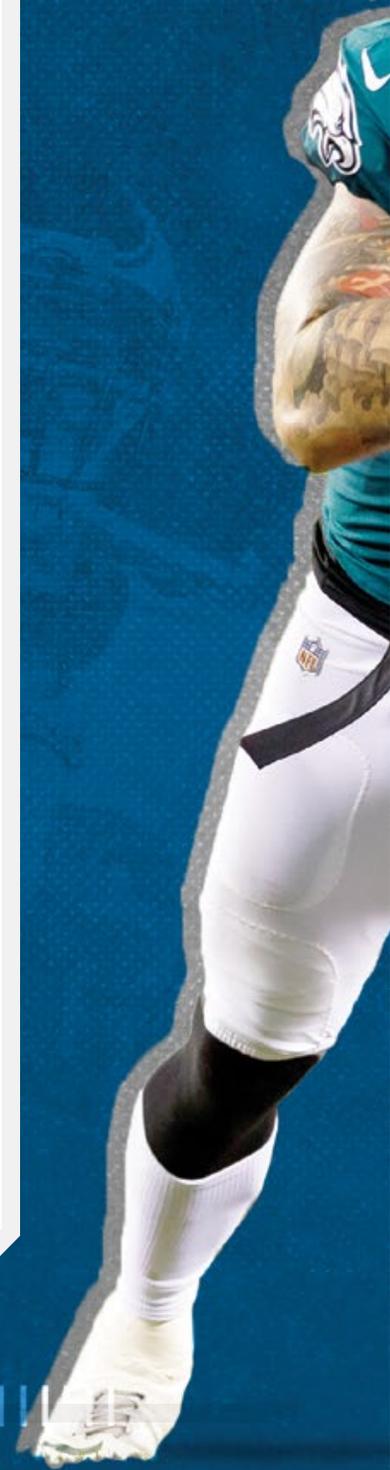
To celebrate his 10<sup>th</sup> season playing in the NFL, Long donated his entire year's salary—roughly \$1 million—to support educational initiatives in St. Louis, Boston and Philadelphia. This groundbreaking donation was not in isolation, as Long also used the occasion to encourage his fans to join him in the effort. In doing this, Long was successful in raising an additional \$750,000, which was donated to Summer Search in Boston and Philadelphia, as well as College Bound and Little Bit in St. Louis.

This past year, Long continued more than a decade of community service by creating his **First Quarter for Literacy** program and donat-

ing 100 percent of his first four game checks to fund the initiative. First Quarter for Literacy provides underserved Philadelphia families and families nationwide with free books, literacy resources and mentoring services.

Earlier in 2018, Long conquered Mt. Kilimanjaro for the third time alongside 11 current and former NFL players and U.S. military veterans as part of his **Conquering Kili** initiative. The initiative brings together a class of combat veterans, giving them the opportunity to continue serving others by climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro to raise money to build clean water wells in East Africa.

Additionally, as a founding member of the **Players Coalition Task Force**, Long has taken his solution-focused efforts and used his platform to elevate the voice of others. Long has taken a hands-on leadership role in the Players Coalition's efforts to reform the bail system in Philadelphia and beyond, working specifically on educational equality, police and community relations, and criminal justice reform.





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Philadelphia Eagles DE Chris Long accepts the 2018 NFL Walter Payton Man of the Year Award.



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# SALUTE TO SERVICE

Military appreciation is part of the fabric of the NFL. For decades, the League's **Salute to Service** has remained committed to honoring and supporting veterans, active duty service members and their families. Through the unifying lens of football and strategic partnerships with impact-driven organizations, Salute to Service works to honor, empower and connect with military members and their families. [↗](#)

The NFL is proud to support its core military nonprofit partners to fund programs and provide resources that improve the lives of service members, veterans and their families.

The League also partners with **USAA**, an Official NFL Salute to Service Partner, to work together to honor and recognize service members and veterans with unique experiences around NFL calendar events.

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SINCE 2011, SALUTE TO SERVICE  
HAS RAISED MORE THAN

**\$34,000,000**

**FOR MILITARY AND VETERAN  
NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**



#### **WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT** [↗](#)

The NFL partners with **Wounded Warrior Project** to help provide wounded veterans with free programs and resources that empower them to live their lives to the fullest, on their own terms. The NFL's support has helped WWP fund the expansion of combat stress recovery programs, such as Project Odyssey, and serve more than 150,000 wounded veterans, family members and caregivers.

#### **PAT TILLMAN FOUNDATION** [↗](#)

In an effort to honor leaders who exemplify Pat Tillman's enduring legacy of service, the NFL partners with the **Pat Tillman Foundation**, providing academic scholarships for more than 580 Tillman Scholars who are now pursuing careers in medicine, business, law, science, education and the arts.

#### **BOB WOODRUFF FOUNDATION** [↗](#)

In 2018, the NFL expanded its support for the military community with a \$2 million grant to the **Bob Woodruff Foundation**. The partnership is designed to optimize the positive impact that the NFL and its 32 clubs have on the military community by leveraging BWF's expertise in finding, funding and shaping programs that deliver measurable results.

In 2018, BWF provided grants to nine veteran-serving organizations through the NFL partnership to fund programs that focus on education and employment, quality of life, and rehabilitation and recovery.

#### **USO** [↗](#)

For more than 50 years, the NFL has supported the **USO** and its mission to strengthen service members by keeping them connected to family, home and country. In 2018, the NFL announced a new \$5 million commitment to aid new projects that will reach service members and their families via more than 200 USO locations worldwide.

Since 2007, NFL players and coaches have traveled on USO tours to 25 countries to thank more than 95,000 service members.

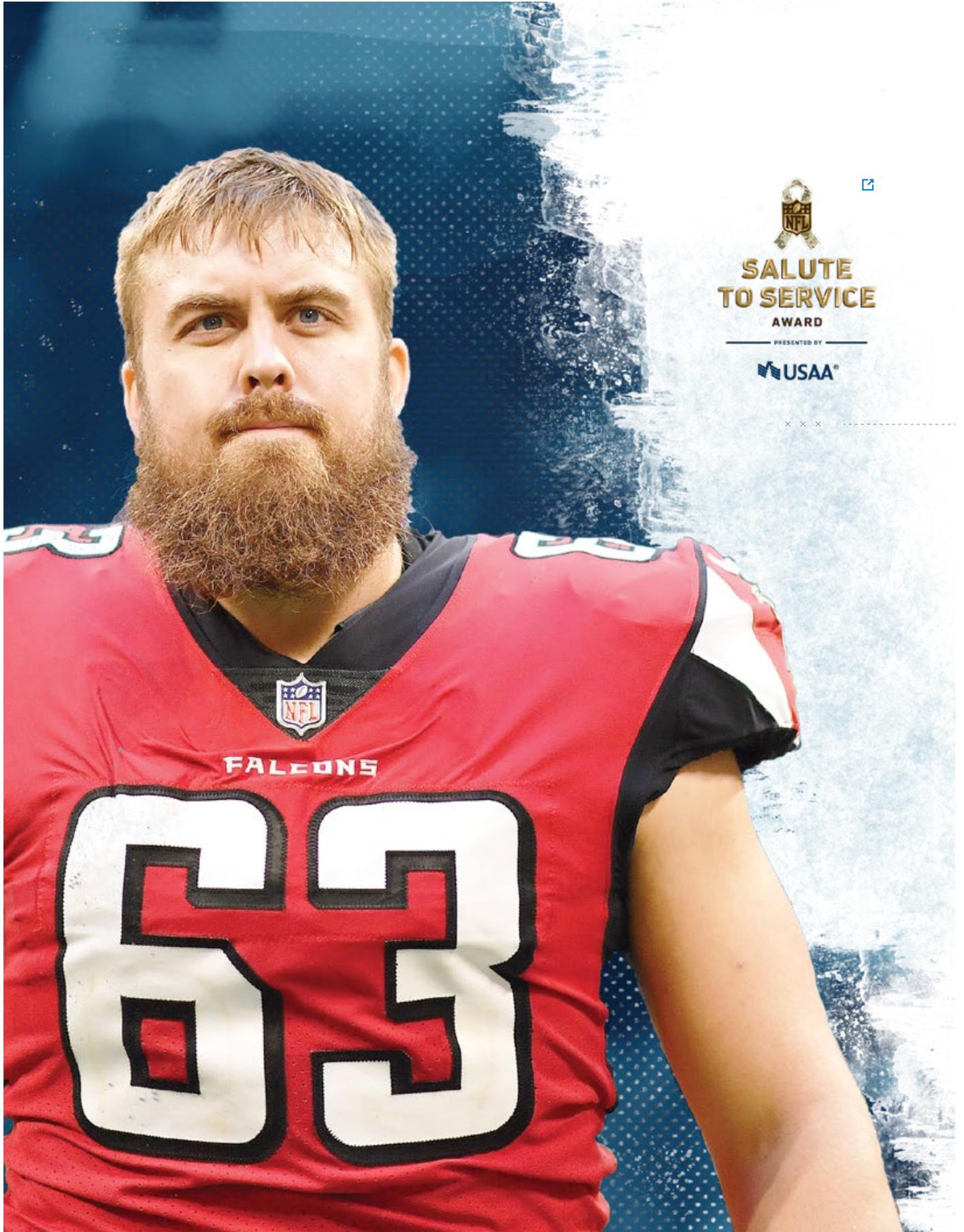
Additionally, the NFL serves as a Force Behind the Forces<sup>SM</sup> by continuing to offer USO locations its NFL Game Pass service free of charge. This allows service members at USO centers in nine different countries around the world to watch any NFL game live and online in its entirety.



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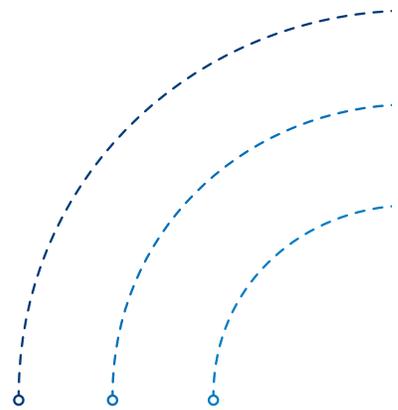


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# 2018 SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARD

PRESENTED BY USAA

Since 2011, the NFL and USAA—an Official NFL Salute to Service Partner—have recognized inspiring leaders within the NFL community who are committed to honoring and serving our military members, veterans and their families. The 2018 recipient of the **Salute to Service Award Presented by USAA** was Atlanta Falcons offensive guard **BEN GARLAND**.



→ Coming from a family with a long history of service in the Armed Forces, Garland was raised to understand the needs and hardships of military members and their families. As a current Captain in the Colorado Air National Guard, he has implemented those teachings and made it a priority to support and give back to his fellow service members.

In 2018 alone, Garland traveled on two USO tours; the first to Italy and Germany, and the second to Iraq and Kuwait. He continuously seeks out any opportunity to visit with members of the military, shake their hands and say thank you.

When he is back stateside, Garland is focused on helping veterans get back on their feet after service and helping to raise awareness for PTSD. Earlier in the year, he participated in the Armed Forces Mission's Georgia LOSS Walk at Patriot Park in Fayetteville, Georgia, walking alongside veterans, service members and families in honor of "Turning the Tide on Veteran Suicide." Each year that Garland has been with the Atlanta Falcons, he has also participated in the annual Fishing with the Falcons event.

In his addition to his efforts for veteran suicide prevention and PTSD, Garland works with Pigskin Patriots to help raise funds and donate time for camps for military children, and he works closely with Children of the Fallen Patriots Foundation on granting college scholarship funds.

Each week during the season, Garland donates game tickets to service members. He also visits the Air Force Academy at least once a year to speak to current students, works with Georgia Tech ROTC to inspire young officers, and meets with local young officers to mentor them. In lieu of his constant efforts with our nation's military, Garland still manages to find time to fulfill his duties as a Captain in the Colorado Air National Guard, which he was recently selected to be promoted to Major.

For additional information, visit [nfl.com/salute](http://nfl.com/salute)



GARLAND HAS CREATED SUBSTANTIAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH A NUMBER OF MILITARY NONPROFITS THAT HE WORKS YEAR-ROUND WITH, INCLUDING:

- × PIGSKIN PATRIOTS
- × MVP: MERGING VETS & PLAYERS
- × TAPS
- × FALLEN PATRIOTS
- × SHEPHERD CENTER
- × EMORY HEALTHCARE



## NFL DON SHULA HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

Head football coach **GABE INFANTE** of St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia, PA was named the **2018 Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year** at the 2019 Pro Bowl Presented by Verizon. The award, named for the winningest coach in NFL history, was created to honor exemplary high school football coaches for their character and integrity, leadership and dedication to the community, commitment to player health and safety, and on-field success.



→ A two-time Don Shula High School Coach of the Year nominee, Infante is a member of USA Football's Advisory Committee and is a Master Trainer in USA Football's Heads Up program. Infante travels around the country conducting player safety clinics and helps promote the program's techniques and benefits to youth and high school coaches. He and the Prep program were featured in a segment on NFL Network on the subject.

Infante has been the head football coach at St. Joseph's Prep since 2010, compiling a record of 91-23 (.798 winning percentage). In nine seasons at the Prep, his teams have played for five state titles, while capturing four of the last six.

Infante received \$25,000 from the NFL Foundation, \$15,000 of which went to his high school football program. Runner up **JEFF CRADDOCK** from Tarboro High School in Tarboro, NC also received a \$15,000 award from the NFL Foundation, \$10,000 of which went to his high school.



× Gabe Infante—St. Joseph's Prep—the 2018 Don Shula High School Coach of the Year on the field to accept his award at the 2019 Pro Bowl in Orlando.

MORE THAN  
**\$470,000**  
COMMITTED TO  
**LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS**  
FOR

COACH OF THE WEEK PROGRAMS



COACH OF THE YEAR PLATFORM

**ACROSS ALL 32 MARKETS**



CULTIVATING COMMUNITY HEALTH

# NFL PLAY 60

**NFL PLAY 60** is the League's national youth health and wellness campaign to encourage kids to get 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.

Thousands of NFL players have served as PLAY 60 Ambassadors, dedicating their time to getting youth in their communities more active through football clinics, school assemblies, PSAs and other outreach activities.



THE NFL HAS COMMITTED MORE THAN  
**\$352,000,000**  
TO YOUTH HEALTH AND FITNESS

**265+**   
NFL YOUTH FITNESS ZONES  
CONSTRUCTED NATIONWIDE

MORE THAN  
**700,000**  
STUDENTS REACHED  
THROUGH THE NFL PLAY 60  
VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS AND  
DIGITAL LESSON PLANS

FOCUSED ON  
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY  
AND HEART HEALTH



### FUEL UP TO PLAY 60

Fuel Up to Play 60 is a leading in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by the NFL and the National Dairy Council (NDC), which was founded by America's dairy farmers, in collaboration with the USDA. It is designed to engage and empower youth to take action for their own health by implementing long-term, positive changes for themselves and their schools.

Fuel Up to Play 60 en español, an evolution of the national flagship program, is in its fourth year and encourages Spanish-speaking communities nationwide to live healthier lifestyles through good nutrition and physical activity.

For more information or to sign up to become a Fuel Up to Play 60 school, visit [FuelUptoPlay60.com](http://FuelUptoPlay60.com)

MORE THAN

# 18,000,000 STUDENTS

GETTING PHYSICALLY ACTIVE DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

MORE THAN

# 14,000,000 STUDENTS

MAKING BETTER FOOD CHOICES

FOR THE 5TH CONSECUTIVE SEASON:

# \$10,000

## HOMETOWN GRANT

IN EACH OF THE NFL'S  
**32 MARKETS**

# 4.3 MILLION STUDENTS

IN  
**4,700 SCHOOLS**

HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET ACTIVE BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER SCHOOL THROUGH THE NFL FLAG-IN-SCHOOLS PROGRAM





**AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION**

The Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans advise that youth ages 6 through 17 need at least 60 minutes of moderate-to-vigorous activity each day to attain the most health benefits from physical activity. The NFL and **American Heart Association** have identified three key focus areas to improve physical activity among youth: through in-school digital virtual experiences that teachers or parents can tune into with their students, at-home engagement through the NFL PLAY 60 App, and in the community by piloting a Collective Impact Model approach to increase youth physical activity.

Digital assets and lesson plans can be found on [aha-nflplay60challenge.org](http://aha-nflplay60challenge.org)



Local Atlanta youth participate in the NFL PLAY 60 Virtual Field Trip.

**NFL PLAY 60 APP**

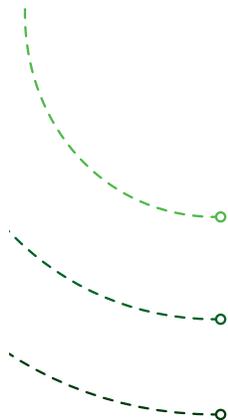
Additionally, the NFL and American Heart Association have enhanced the **NFL PLAY 60 App**, which inspires young fans to get moving through fun, interactive games.

Download the app at [nfl.com/PLAY60](http://nfl.com/PLAY60)



**HEALTHY LIVING GRANTS**

The NFL Foundation encourages active and healthy living by providing grants to the American Heart Association and The Cooper Institute. These grants power the NFL PLAY 60 initiative. NFL clubs also receive grants from the NFL Foundation to fund NFL PLAY 60 programs in their areas.



# NFL PLAY 60 ALL-ABILITY



**Shriners Hospitals**  
for Children™

## SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN

The NFL and **Shriners Hospitals for Children** continue to provide opportunities for children with different physical abilities to live an active and healthy lifestyle so that no child is left on the sidelines. The NFL has teamed with Shriners Hospitals to create a free NFL PLAY 60 All-Ability Guide, which includes adaptive activities for children.

The All-Ability guide is available at [nfl.com/PLAY60](http://nfl.com/PLAY60)

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

The NFL and **Special Olympics** are committed to building inclusive communities and providing opportunities for athletes of all abilities to participate in sports through the expansion of Special Olympics Unified Flag Football, where individuals with and without intellectual disabilities play on the same team.

Since kicking off its national partnership with Special Olympics in 2017, the NFL has amplified this relationship through community programs at marquee events such as the Super Bowl, NFL Draft Week and NFL Kickoff Week. With contributions from the NFL Foundation in 2018, Special Olympics provided grants to local Special Olympics programs in 15 states to help enhance Unified Sports programming and increase participation of athletes, Unified partners and coaches across the country.

It's important that all kids have the opportunity and access to be physically active each day. The NFL partners with organizations to create these opportunities to PLAY 60.



HAVE PROVIDED GRANTS TO  
**LOCAL PROGRAMS**  
IN  
**15 STATES**

COLORADO  
FLORIDA  
ILLINOIS  
KANSAS  
LOUISIANA

MASSACHUSETTS  
MICHIGAN  
MISSOURI  
NEW JERSEY  
NORTH CAROLINA

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA  
PENNSYLVANIA  
TEXAS  
VIRGINIA/DC  
WASHINGTON

CONTINUING THE

# FIGHT AGAINST CANCER

For 10 years, the NFL and American Cancer Society (ACS) have worked together to support the fight against cancer through **Crucial Catch: Intercept Cancer**. The initiative addresses early detection and risk reduction efforts for multiple cancers. This year's campaign included new digital features where NFL players talk about cancer's impact on their lives.



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## CHANGE

Since 2009, more than \$19 million has been raised and donated to ACS through the partnership with the NFL. Funds donated through Crucial Catch: Intercept Cancer this season were directed toward support of three screenable cancers: breast, colorectal and cervical. Funding will continue to support the American Cancer Society **Community Health Advocates implementing Nationwide Grants for Empowerment and Equity (CHANGE)** Program, a community-based grant program that provides grant opportunities to community health centers to support systems-level change and increased access to low- or no-cost cancer screenings in underserved communities.

Through NFL funding, ACS was also awarded \$3.2 million in grants to 32 health systems in the 32 NFL markets to address disparities in breast cancer mortality that exist among women of color. Grant-funded health systems will receive \$100,000 over two years.

Since 2012, CHANGE grants have contributed to 310,200 screenings and have reached more than 902,400 individuals with education, screening reminders and patient navigation. In addition, the NFL works with ACS and CHANGE grant recipients to host education sessions and/or screenings in their communities, and many NFL teams participate in these educational activities, bringing these life-saving messages and screening services to those who need them most.

**\$19M**  
RAISED SINCE 2009  
INCLUDING  
**\$3.2M**  
IN GRANTS TO  
**32 HEALTH SYSTEMS**  
IN THE 32 NFL MARKETS IN 2018

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**310,200**  
SCREENINGS SINCE 2012

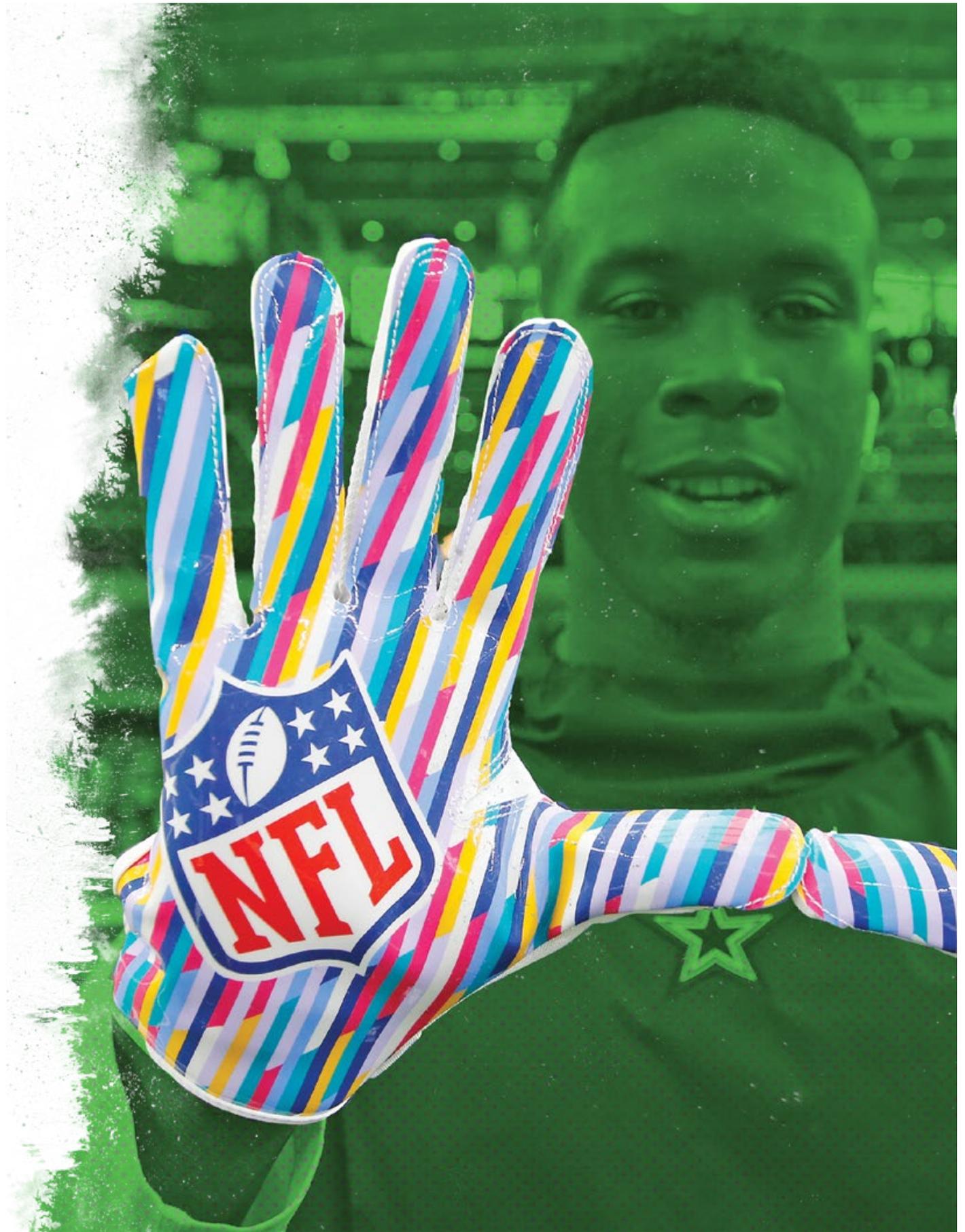
## THE DEFENDER

As part of the campaign, the NFL and ACS created **The Defender**, a digital tool that provides consumers with personalized tips to reduce their cancer risk. The free, user-friendly tool allows fans to take control of their health and increase their understanding of how healthy lifestyle habits can help reduce their cancer risk.

Fans may access The Defender at [thedefender.cancer.org](http://thedefender.cancer.org)

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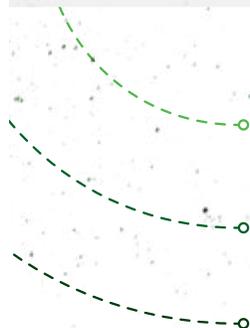
# NFL FOUNDATION

The **National Football League Foundation** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of those touched by the game of football. The NFL Foundation—in conjunction with the NFL's 32 clubs—supports the health, safety and wellness of athletes across all levels, including youth football and the communities that support the game.



The NFL Foundation supports more than 45 grant and recognition programs in support of its mission. In 2018, the Foundation issued a record number of grants to current and former players, clubs and organizations supporting community wellbeing.

## 45+ GRANT & RECOGNITION PROGRAMS



## BUILDING CHARACTER

The NFL Foundation is committed to building and supporting a stronger society and helping individual boys and girls—athletes and non-athletes alike—and entire school communities learn about the importance of developing character and healthy relationships through social and emotional learning. Through strategic partnerships, the NFL Foundation is advancing initiatives that are interactive, engaging and provide tangible results. These programs work to ensure that middle and high school students have the education and tools necessary to build moral character, navigate complex decision-making and improve conflict resolution.

### INSIDEOUT INITIATIVE

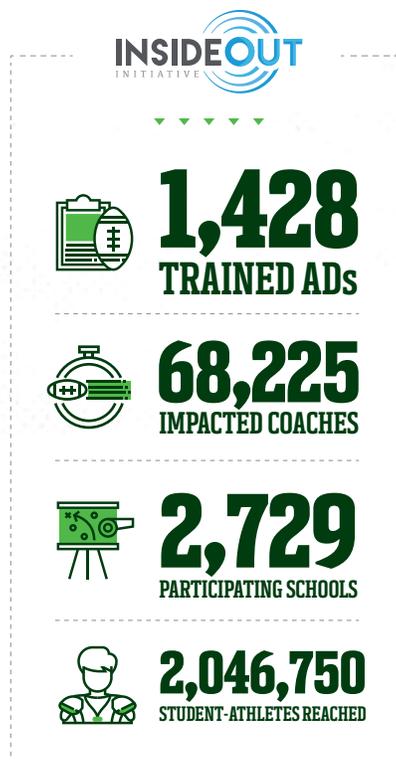
The **InSideOut Initiative**, co-founded by NFL Legend **JOE EHRMANN** and Minnesota High School League associate director **JODY REDMAN**, is helping to transform the “win-at-all-costs” sports culture in high school communities into one that defines and promotes the life-sustaining development of the athlete’s inner life.

Powered by the NFL Foundation and piloted in Colorado and Texas in 2015, the InSideOut Initiative builds partnerships with educational leaders, state athletic associations and NFL clubs to redefine the role of interscholastic sports and help develop the educational, social and emotional wellbeing of each student-athlete.

Researchers from the University of North Carolina-Greensboro have been formally evaluating the InSideOut Initiative since its inception, with data showing that creating a space for character growth opportunities for students through their sports experiences has a massive positive impact.

The NFL Foundation is funding statewide implementation of the InSideOut Initiative with clubs in 18 NFL markets across 12 engaged states.

For more information, visit [insideoutinitiative.org](http://insideoutinitiative.org)



## CHARACTER PLAYBOOK

For the past three years, the partnership of the NFL Foundation and United Way has provided the **Character Playbook Powered by EVERFI** program to schools across the country. This collaboration has produced a digital program that has answered the call for social emotional learning and character development in middle schools across the country. Character Playbook has reached thousands of students, made appearances at the last two Super Bowls, the 2018 NFL Draft and events in every NFL market.

Character Playbook consists of six interactive modules that support positive character development, social-emotional learning and healthy relationships for students in grades 7-9. The opportunity for program growth and impact in the future continues to expand with the 2019 National Roll Out.

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## CHARACTER PLAYBOOK LIVE

**Character Playbook LIVE** is part of a league-wide initiative to engage more students in the important conversation about why character matters. This virtual classroom experience, hosted by NFL clubs and local United Ways, allows NFL players to virtually join multiple classrooms and connect lessons taught in Character Playbook modules to life both inside and outside of football.

Visit [characterplaybook.com](http://characterplaybook.com) for more information.

**32** NFL TEAMS ENGAGED

**35** LOCAL UNITED WAYS ENGAGED

**56** EVENTS



**1,273**  
SCHOOLS REACHED

**123**  
NFL PLAYERS  
INVOLVED

**102,778**  
STUDENTS TRAINED

**359,135**  
MODULES COMPLETED



2018 Seattle Seahawks draft pick Shaquem Griffin participates in the Character Playbook game show ahead of the 2018 NFL Draft.

Ben Liebenberg via AP

# NFL GRANTS

## SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS

The NFL Foundation encourages players' commitments to improving local communities and addressing systemic social issues through matching grants designed to provide nonprofit organizations with funding of up to \$5,000 on behalf of a current or former NFL player in the arena of social justice.

In 2018, the Foundation also provided nearly \$1 million in grants to all 32 clubs to support social justice initiatives in their local markets. The grants have been used to fund organizations, programs and initiatives that reduce barriers to opportunity, including: education, criminal justice reform, community and police relations, poverty, racial equality, and workforce and economic development. The new program places an emphasis on grassroots leadership and community involvement as a vehicle for social change.

**TOP** / The Denver Broncos and LB Von Miller helped outfit more than 125 police officers and firefighters with protectives kits.

*Credit Gabriel Christus*

**BOTTOM** / The Browns met with local safety forces and teens at Gunning Park Recreation Center for conversations on neighborhood dynamics, police and youth interaction, and social equality.

*Credit John Reid / Cleveland Browns*



## NFL ATHLETIC TRAINER GRANTS

Financial realities for schools often mean that many don't have sufficient funding to afford athletic trainers. The NFL Foundation is working to change this through grant programs designed to increase access to athletic trainers for young athletes in the community. Twenty-two NFL clubs have utilized this funding to support local schools and leagues. Since 2014, the NFL Foundation, along with these clubs and healthcare partners, have provided more than \$3.5 million to expand access to athletic trainers.

The Foundation has also supported athletic trainers outside of NFL markets, launching a pilot program designed to increase access to trainers in schools throughout Oregon, Oklahoma, Illinois and Arizona.

MORE THAN  
**65 HIGH SCHOOLS**  
HAVE BENEFITED FROM  
**THE GRANT FUNDING**  
IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS

### YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP GRANTS

Each year, the NFL Foundation supports our current and former players and coaches who are hosting free, non-contact summer youth football camps through grant opportunities. In 2018, the NFL provided grants to 400 players and coaches reaching 100,000 children. This was the 21<sup>st</sup> season the foundation has supported youth football camps.

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### 2018 NFL FOUNDATION SUMMER CAMP GRANT PROGRAM

**\$1 MILLION**  
AWARDED IN FUNDING TO SUPPORT  
**FREE YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMPS**  
THIS YEAR

**100,000 CHILDREN PARTICIPATED**  
ACROSS THE COUNTRY

**400 CURRENT PLAYERS, NFL LEGENDS AND COACHES**  
HOSTED FREE CAMPS



**21 YEARS** OF NFL FOUNDATION  
YOUTH FOOTBALL GRANTS

“ It’s something I wanted to do—especially in my city, wanting to give back. It’s bigger than football. At the end of the day, these kids are going to remember this forever.”

**LEONARD FOURNETTE**  
Jacksonville Jaguars RB



Eagles RB Jay Ajayi running drills at his youth football camp in Dallas.



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## GRASSROOTS

Field Grant Program in partnership with LISC



Atlanta Falcons DT Grady Jarret plays catch at John F. Kennedy Park in Atlanta prior to Super Bowl LIII. The park is just one of the field projects supported by the NFL Foundation in 2018.

### GRASSROOTS PROGRAM

This past year, 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/LISC Grassroots Field Grant Program has provided nearly \$61 million to support the creation or refurbishment of 365 fields nationwide.

# \$6,000,000

IN FUNDING COMMITTED IN 2018  
TO BUILD OR REFURBISH  
NEIGHBORHOOD FOOTBALL FIELDS

THE NFL FOUNDATION HAS  
PROVIDED NEARLY

# \$68,000,000

TO REVITALIZE  
**551 FIELDS**  
FOR YOUTH ATHLETICS

### PLAYER FOUNDATION & LEGEND IMPACT GRANT

Each year, the NFL Foundation seeks to support current players and NFL Legends who have founded and support their own nonprofit, or work fulltime as an employee of a nonprofit. These grants are designed to support both the philanthropic efforts of players, past and present, by supporting vulnerable populations in communities throughout the country.

In 2018, the NFL Foundation awarded the first-ever **Legends Impact Grant**. This additional funding was provided to former players' foundations selected based on the immense impact their work has provided to underserved communities and areas of high social need.

NFL FOUNDATION GRANTED  
MORE THAN

# \$750,000

IN MATCHING FUNDS

FROM CURRENT AND  
FORMER PLAYERS

FOR YOUTH AND HIGH SCHOOL  
FOOTBALL PROGRAMS

### NFL WAY TO PLAY

The **NFL Way to Play** shows the League's commitment to promoting proper playing technique across all levels of football. Through the lens of the best in the game—current players, NFL Legends and head coaches—the initiative highlights proper technique, shares best practices and showcases the NFL Way to Play.

The **NFL Way to Play Award**, selected by a distinguished panel of Legends and coaches, recognized current players who exhibited excellent playing technique each week of the 2018 season. With funding support from the NFL Foundation, each winner received a \$2,500 equipment grant from USA Football for the youth or high school football program of the player's choice.



# USA FOOTBALL

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→ **USA Football's** grant program awarded nearly \$2 million in resources to benefit young 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 completed through USA Football's **Heads Up Football** program since its 2012 inception. In addition, 16 of the country's 20 largest school 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.



MORE THAN  
**600,000**  
COACH CERTIFICATIONS COMPLETED  
THROUGH HEADS UP FOOTBALL  
SINCE IT'S 2012 INCEPTION

IN ADDITION, 16 OF THE COUNTRY'S  
20 LARGEST SCHOOL DISTRICTS



**ENROLLED**  
IN HEADS UP FOOTBALL  
IN 2018



## NFL FLAG

For the second consecutive year, **NFL FLAG** Kits were distributed to an additional 4,700 schools nationwide in 2018, reaching approximately 2.6 million new students this year. The NFL FLAG-In-Schools Program aims to increase physical activity of youth by providing flag football resources to underserved communities.

REACHING APPROXIMATELY  
**2.6 MILLION**  
NEW STUDENTS THIS YEAR

## FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT MODEL (FDM)

In partnership with the U.S. Olympic Committee, USA Football has taken a leadership role in the design and creation of a developmental framework for the sport.

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# NFL AUCTION

→ There's only one place to bid on exclusive Super Bowl Packages and authentic signed and game-used items from teams and players: [nfl.com/auction](http://nfl.com/auction).

Over the past five years, **NFL Auction** has donated more than \$5 million to NFL, team and player charities and nonprofits. The NFL is the only professional sports league in America that does not retain any profits generated by the sale of products on the NFL Auction platform.

NFL Auction plays a key role in the NFL's Crucial Catch and Salute to Service campaigns. Game-used and game-issued items are featured on the site so that money can be raised for the League's charitable partners. NFL Auction also helps players sup-

port the causes they care about. Through the auction of game-worn cleats from the My Cause My Cleats initiative and unique signed memorabilia, NFL Auction has raised more than \$500,000 for player-supported causes and charities over the past three seasons.

In 2018, NFL Auction also played a key fundraising role in disaster relief following the devastating wildfires that affected Northern and Southern California, and the tragic shooting in Thousand Oaks. With the help of the Rams, Raiders, Chargers, 49ers and Chiefs, NFL Auction raised \$250,000 to support recovery efforts through the sale of game-worn jerseys and sideline apparel from the historic Monday Night Football game between the Chiefs and Rams, as well as memorabilia and unique experiences offered by our California clubs.

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**\$250,000** RAISED FOR CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE RELIEF AND RECOVERY EFFORTS



# DISASTER RELIEF

In addition to the \$250K raised via NFL Auction, the NFL Foundation supported disaster relief efforts for the following:

DISASTER	NFL FOUNDATION ACTIVITY	CONTRIBUTION
<b>Jacksonville Shooting</b>	Contributed to the National Compassion Fund (Jacksonville-specific fund) to support the victims and families of the shooting that occurred in Jacksonville at the EA Sports tournament.	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>Hurricane Florence</b>	Contributed to the American Red Cross to support immediate relief efforts in impacted areas of North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.	<b>\$550,000</b>
	Contributed to the Second Harvest Food Bank to support needs throughout North and South Carolina.	<b>\$450,000</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$1,200,000</b>

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# Huddle for 100



As part of NFL100, the League is inviting fans, players, clubs and employees to join Huddle for 100, an effort to inspire 1 million people to volunteer 100 minutes of their time to make meaningful contributions to their communities.

“Giving back is part of the fabric of our league,” said NFL Commissioner **ROGER GOODELL**. “From players and Legends, to club and league employees - we have a wide variety of ambassadors working year-round to leave a lasting, indelible impact on the communities in which we live and work. Through Huddle for 100, we hope to rally generations of fans, players, coaches, and the 32 clubs to serve the communities that have supported and sustained us over our first 100 years.”

At the 2019 NFL Draft in Nashville, the League launched the initiative, aiming to fight hunger throughout the state of Tennessee. More than 500 people participated in Huddle Against Hunger, packing 8,000 food packs that were given to students in an ongoing program in Nashville that feeds 2,000+ children a week.

Each team has the opportunity to create one or more Huddles around a chosen cause throughout the season. Teams can invite fans to join their huddles by asking them to volunteer at least 100 minutes of their time. Fans are encouraged to share their volunteer efforts on social media using both the **#NFLHuddleFor100** and **#Sweepstakes** hashtags for a chance to win a variety of prizes.

Visit [www.nfl.com/huddlefor100](http://www.nfl.com/huddlefor100) or follow **#NFLHuddleFor100** to get involved and learn more about Huddle for 100. Visit [www.nfl.com/100](http://www.nfl.com/100) for more information about the NFL100 campaign.



# ***INTERNATIONAL NFL***



# NFL CONTINUES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## LEAGUE WILL PLAY FOUR GAMES IN THE UK AND ONE IN MEXICO

The NFL's schedule of London Games for 2019 features a series of firsts, including a debut at a new stadium and two teams playing a regular-season game in London for the first time.

By the end of the 2019 season, the NFL will have played 28 regular-season games in London, with 31 of 32 teams having participated.

"We've been extraordinarily pleased with the reaction we've gotten to playing regular-season games in the UK. The fans there are really fantastic. They've shown passion, they've shown the same type of knowledge and interest in our game that we experience right here in the United States," said NFL Commissioner **ROGER GOODELL**.

Tottenham Hotspur's new stadium is the site of the first game of the 2019 London schedule in Week 5. On Sunday, October 6 (1:00 PM ET) the Oakland Raiders will host the Chicago Bears in their third year as a home team in London. The Bears have played twice before in London at Wembley Stadium, once in a preseason matchup in 1986 and later during the regular season in 2011.

"It's great culture for the guys to see and be a part of," said Chicago Bears head coach **MATT NAGY**.

The NFL and Tottenham Hotspur have an agreement for a minimum of two games per year to be played through 2028. The state-of-the-art stadium features a retractable grass field with an artificial surface underneath that will be used for NFL games. It also has customized NFL features, such as purpose-built locker rooms, medical and media facilities and a dedicated entrance.

"The Raiders are a truly global brand," said Raiders Owner **MARK DAVIS**, "and we look forward to hosting the first NFL game in Tottenham Hotspur's new stadium."

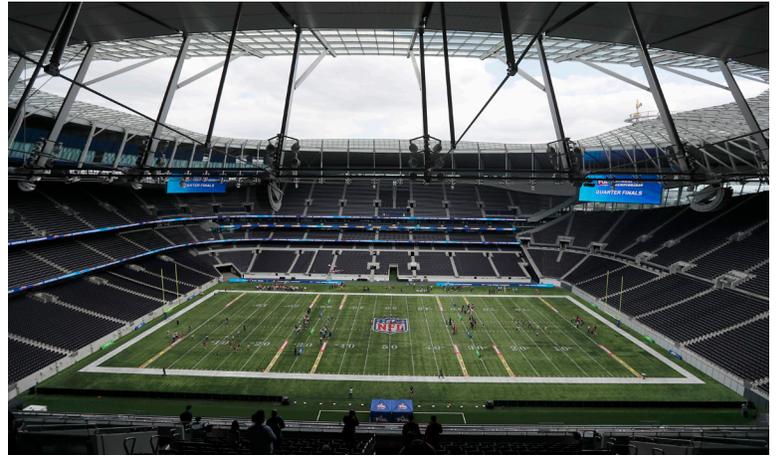
This game will mark the fourth straight season and the fifth time in six years that the Raiders have hosted a regular-season game internationally, having played at Wembley Stadium in 2018 and 2014 as well as games at Mexico City's Estadio Azteca in 2016 and 2017.



## NFL CONTINUES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

On the following Sunday, the Carolina Panthers will make their international debut against their division-rivals, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. The Week 6 matchup will take place on October 13 (9:30 AM ET), also at Tottenham Stadium (right).

“Our league’s global presence continues to grow and expand through the success of the NFL International Series and we look forward to showcasing the Buccaneer organization to an international audience,” said Tampa Bay Buccaneers Chief Operating Officer **BRIAN FORD**.



“It’s amazing to hear the Panthers are going to play in London,” said Carolina defensive lineman and London native **EFE OBADA**. “One of the goals I set, beyond making the roster, was to play in London, be in front of the English fans and get a sack. It would be coming full-circle to be on that field. It’s added motivation.”

The Los Angeles Rams will host the Cincinnati Bengals during Week 8 on Sunday, October 27 (1:00 PM ET) at Wembley Stadium (below). The Rams will play their fourth game in London, while this marks the second London contest for the Bengals.

The 2019 London Series will end in Week 9 when the Jacksonville Jaguars host the Houston Texans on Sunday, November 3 (9:30 AM ET) at Wembley Stadium. This matchup marks the Jaguars’ seventh consecutive season playing a home game in London while the Texans will be making their London debut.

“Anytime you have an opportunity to help the league grow the fan base outside the United States, it’s a real honor and privilege to introduce Texans football to those who haven’t seen us before,” said Houston Texans President **JAMEY ROOTES**.



# NFL CONTINUES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

## PLAYERS AND COACHES DISCUSS PLAYING IN LONDON THROUGHOUT THE YEARS

PLAYER/COACH, TEAM	COMMENT
<b>A.J. CANN</b> Jacksonville Jaguars	“The NFL is doing a great job of expanding here. You see these fans coming out from all over the place, just to come watch us warm up. It shows they are very passionate about it and they love this game.”
<b>RUSSELL WILSON</b> Seattle Seahawks (below)	“When I was a young kid growing up, I never thought I’d be playing football in London. But now the fact that it’s real and the fact that the NFL is growing worldwide, and how much that means to the sport and everything else, and how the fans can really get into it around the world - the more they get to see the better it’s going to be.”
<b>BEN ROETHLISBERGER</b> Pittsburgh Steelers	“It was eye-opening to me to see so many fans and that the sport is growing here.”
<b>RON RIVERA</b> Carolina Panthers	“I’ve had the chance to play and coach in London before and those were unbelievable experiences. The fans are outstanding, and they have such fervor for the game.”
<b>TAHIR WHITEHEAD</b> Oakland Raiders	“It’s a good feeling to know the sport in and of itself is growing and I enjoy it. It feels good. It’s definitely grown. It’s grown a great deal. The more we continue to travel and play in different places like here, the bigger the game is going to get.”
<b>SEAN McVAY</b> Los Angeles Rams	“It does offer a great opportunity to compete in a different place.”
<b>MARCUS MARIOTA</b> Tennessee Titans	“It is a privilege to come out here and play, and to be able to expand the game, and be able to share the game we love. I had a blast. We got to come in and experience another country, another city, and it was a lot of fun. The fans were great. They were out in full force. So it was a special experience and one that I will remember for sure.”
<b>ODELL BECKHAM JR.</b> (with the New York Giants in 2016)	“It’s an amazing place. I was thankful for the opportunity. The fans were great. It was an amazing atmosphere.”



## NFL CONTINUES INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

In the final international game of 2019, the Los Angeles Chargers will host the Kansas City Chiefs in a Week 11 matchup on Monday, November 18 (8:15 PM ET) at Estadio Azteca (below) in Mexico.

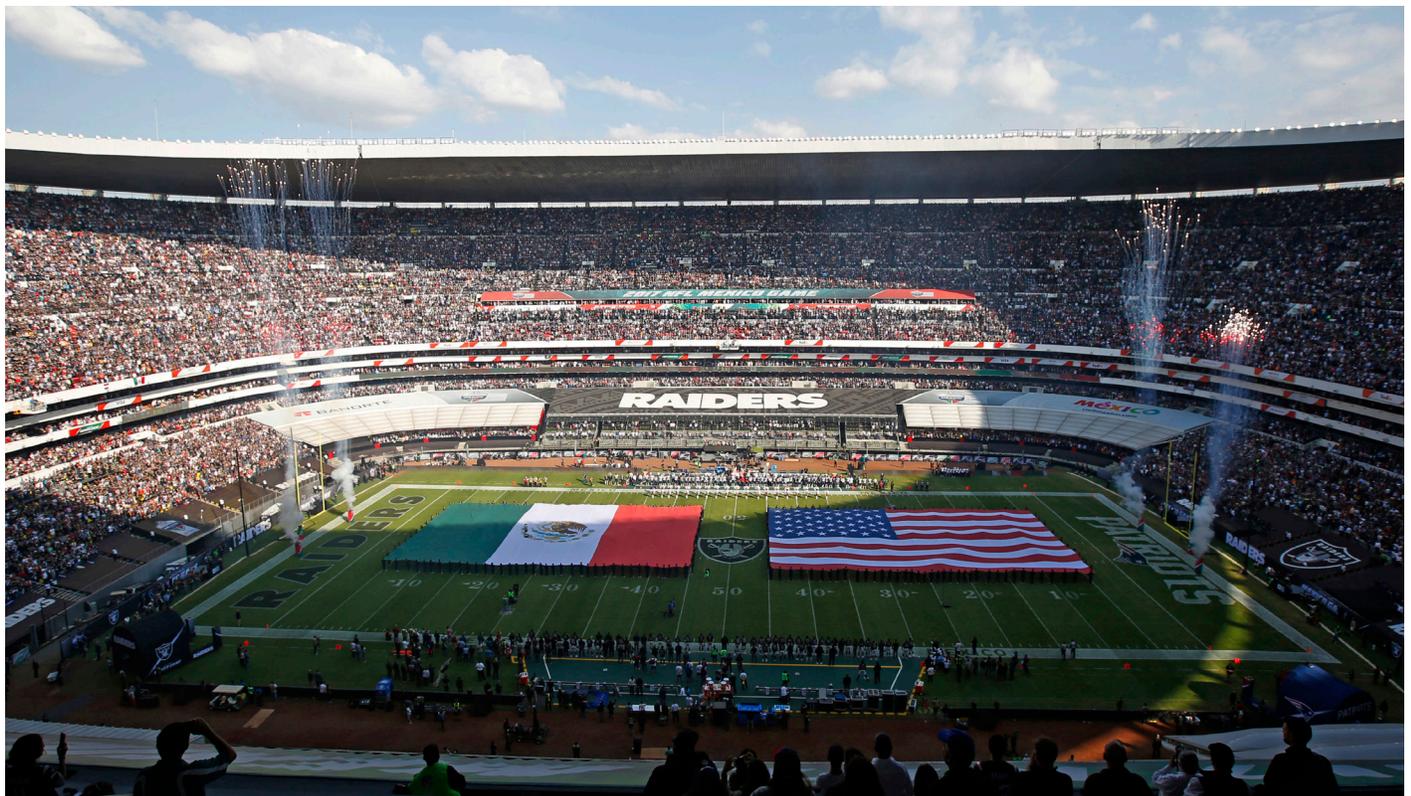
Chiefs head coach **ANDY REID** is looking forward to the game in Mexico. “Our neighbors down south, we love them. And the NFL does. That’s why we take teams down there and play. And vice versa – the people there love us and what we’re doing with professional football.”

The matchup will mark the Chargers’ second consecutive year playing internationally and third international matchup overall in the regular season. It will also be the second Monday Night Football game ever played at Estadio Azteca after the Oakland Raiders hosted the Houston Texans in the first international Monday Night Football game in 2016.



“We’re honored to represent the NFL internationally for the second time in as many seasons,” said Chargers President of Business Operations **A.G. SPANOS**. “The opportunity to bring a divisional game to fans in Mexico City is exciting. The atmosphere at Estadio Azteca is going to be electric, and we look forward to adding to the storied history of one of the world’s most iconic sporting venues.” (top right, Chargers head coach **Anthony Lynn** in London in 2018)

“I’m pretty stoked personally because my family is there from my mom’s side. It means a lot (to play there). Especially since we’re in Los Angeles and L.A. has a (large) Latino population, for us to go to a Spanish-speaking country and play, it’s a great opportunity for us,” said Chargers cornerback **MICHAEL DAVIS**.



# 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 13th time in the past 14 seasons, at least one player who attended high school outside of the United States was selected in the NFL Draft.

This year, the San Francisco 49ers selected **MITCH WISHNOWSKY** (right) in the fourth round of the NFL Draft. The Australian punter accumulated 62 punts of at least 50 yards during his career at Utah, the second most in the school's history. "It was amazing. Lots of calls from back home, friends, family," said Wishnowsky. "It's been unbelievable and I'm excited to be here."

This season, eight teams will carry an overseas player on their practice squad as part of the International Player Pathway program including former rugby players **VALENTINE HOLMES** from Australia, and **CHRISTIAN WADE** and **CHRISTIAN SCOTLAND-WILLIAMSON** from England.

"[The NFL] will be more appealing to [rugby] players, the more they see other guys having success. As the pathway becomes tried and tested, guys will look across the fence and think that grass is a little bit greener," said former British Lion-turned NBC Rugby broadcaster **ALEX CORBISIERO** on the growing trend of international rugby players pursuing the NFL.



## A SAMPLE OF ACTIVE FOREIGN-BORN PLAYERS IN THE NFL (AS OF 8/1/19)

COUNTRY	PLAYERS
<b>AMERICAN SAMOA</b>	DT Daniel Ekuale, CLE; G Mike Iupati, SEA; S Shalom Luani, SEA; LB Frankie Luvu, NYJ; DT Destiny Vaeao, CAR
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>	P Jordan Berry, PIT; P Michael Dickson, SEA; P Lachlan Edwards, NYJ; DE Adam Gotsis, DEN; RB/WR Valentine Holmes, NYJ; P Cameron Johnston, PHI; T Jordan Mailata, PHI; P Mitch Wishnowsky, SF
<b>BELIZE</b>	DT Rakeem Nunez-Roches, TB
<b>BRAZIL</b>	K Cairo Santos, TB; DT Durval Queiroz Neto, MIA
<b>CANADA</b>	DT Eli Ankou, JAX; TE Antony Auclair, TB; LB Mathieu Betts, CHI; LB Christian Covington, DAL; DT Tyrone Crawford, DAL; OG Laurent Duvernay-Tardif, KC; WR N'Keal Harry, NE; T Ryan Hunter, KC; C Brett Jones, MIN; WR TJ Jones, NYG; LS Louis-Philippe (L. P.) Ladouceur, DAL; T Austin Pasztor, TEN; DL Nathan Shepherd, NYJ; DE Brent Urban, TEN; TE Luke Willson, OAK;
<b>DENMARK</b>	G Hjalte Froholdt, NE
<b>ESTONIA</b>	DT Margus Hunt, IND

# INTERNATIONAL FEEL

## A SAMPLE OF ACTIVE FOREIGN-BORN PLAYERS IN THE NFL (CONT. - (AS OF 8/1/19))

COUNTRY	PLAYERS
<b>ENGLAND</b>	DE Jack Crawford, ATL; G Jermaine Eluemunor, BAL; TE Alex Gray, ATL; DL Alex Jenkins, NYG; DE Josh Mauro, OAK; S Obi Melifonwu, NE; RB Christian Wade, BUF; S Tigie Sankoh, CLE; TE Christian Scotland-Williamson, PIT
<b>GERMANY</b>	TE Moritz Böhringer, CIN; FB Chris Ezeala, BAL; FB Jakob Johnson, NE; LB Mark Nzeocha, SF
<b>GHANA</b>	DE Ezekiel Ansah, SEA
<b>HAITI</b>	CB Pierre Desir, IND; G Vladimir Ducasse, BUF; S Karl Joseph, OAK
<b>ITALY</b>	K Giorgio Tavecchio, ATL
<b>JAMAICA</b>	CB Corey Ballentine, NYG; S Patrick Chung, NE; DE Danielle Hunter, MIN; CB Nevin Lawson, OAK; OL Laken Tomlinson, SF
<b>JAPAN</b>	QB Robert Griffin III, BAL; WR DaeSean Hamilton, DEN
<b>KENYA</b>	T Rees Odhiambo, AZ
<b>LIBERIA</b>	WR Jehu Chesson, WAS; WR Kelvin Harmon, WAS
<b>NIGERIA</b>	<b>WR NELSON AGHOLOR, PHI</b> (left); DE Ade Aruna, MIN; LB Jeremiah Attaochu, KC; LB Ben Banogu, IND; OL Caleb Benenoch, TB; OLB Samson Ebukam, LAR; DE Obum Gwacham, IND; LB Leon Jacobs, JAX; DE Jegs Jegede, IND; DE Efe Obada, CAR; DE Emmanuel Ogbah, KC; OL Chukwuma Okorafor, PIT; DE Romeo Okwara, DET; DT David Onyemata, NO
<b>NORWAY</b>	P Kaare Vedvik, BAL
<b>OMAN</b>	WR Amba Etta-Tawo, NYG
<b>SCOTLAND</b>	<b>K GRAHAM GANO, CAR</b> (middle)
<b>SIERRA LEONE</b>	WR Amara Darboh, SEA
<b>SOUTH AFRICA</b>	K Greg Joseph, CLE; T Gerhard de Beer, GB
<b>SOUTH KOREA</b>	DT Kyle Love, CAR
<b>SPAIN</b>	WR J.J. Arcega-Whiteside, PHI
<b>TONGA</b>	DT Star Lotulelei, BUF; LB Pita Taumoepeau, AZ
<b>TURKEY</b>	WR Chris Conley, JAX
<b>U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS</b>	<b>DT LINVAL JOSEPH, MIN</b> (right)
<b>WEST AFRICA</b>	DE Kemoko Turay, IND



# HISPANICS MAKING THEIR MARK ON THE NFL

Hispanic players are making their mark on the NFL. Following are some examples:

New York Giants G **WILL HERNANDEZ** has set himself apart early in his career by making NFL.com's All-Under-25 Team of those who are best at their position and younger than 25 years of age entering the 2019 season.

Hernandez came out strong his rookie season, earning the respect of his coaches and teammates. "He can do all the things you need to see from a guard and he's been very productive," said Giants head coach **PAT SHURMUR**.

"He's going to come out there no matter what, every single play, and grind it out. Any chance he can get and any chance he has, he's going to try to put his guy on his back," said Giants running back **SAQUON BARKLEY** in praise of his teammate's tenacity.

A second-round pick (34th overall) in the 2018 draft, Hernandez, started every game at left guard during his rookie season.

"When I came here I considered myself a raw player - as I consider myself now," said Hernandez. "I've learned so much from this group of guys that have been with me so far, and I just think about how far I've come in such a short time. I feel like I owe it mostly to the coaching here and to the guys that are here. I'm learning and learning. The more time I spend here, the more I realize how much I didn't know back then, so I definitely feel like I've progressed."

Over the past two seasons, LB **BLAKE MARTINEZ** (right) has recorded an NFL-best 286 tackles and six sacks for the Green Bay Packers. During the 2018 season, he set career highs with 144 tackles and five sacks. As he heads into his fourth season with the Packers, Martinez is in a position to make an impact for years to come.

"There's a lot of things I want to keep improving on, whether it's tackling, coverage, rush, turnovers, forced fumbles," Martinez said. "Anything you can do along the line of a middle linebacker, it's one of those things that I'm going to keep striving for."

"Blake is definitely a leader on this defense," said Packers defensive tackle **KENNY CLARK**. "He works hard, people see it, and that's why they give him the role that he has as far as the communication and everything he does."

Indianapolis Colts P **RIGOBERTO SANCHEZ** earned a contract extension during the offseason after a successful two-year run in which he appeared in all 32 games and recorded a 42.7 net punt average, the third-highest mark among all qualified punters.

"You can't underestimate the importance of these big kicks he is making at big times," said Colts head coach **FRANK REICH**. "It is just clutch performance. I mean, late in games when we really need something he is coming up with a play that is massive."



## HISPANICS MAKING THEIR MARK ON THE NFL

Pittsburgh Steelers T **ALEJANDRO VILLANUEVA** has much to be proud of both on and off the field. On the field, he is an NFL Pro Bowler and a three-year starter with the Steelers.

Entering 2019, Villanueva has played in 64 consecutive regular season games, tied for the fourth-longest streak among NFL tackles. In 2018, he was a part of a Pittsburgh offensive line that allowed 24 sacks, the fourth fewest in the league.

Off the field, Villanueva is a noted humanitarian and decorated former Army Ranger who was invited to be the principal commencement speaker at Saint Vincent College this year. Villanueva graduated in 2010 from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point before serving three tours of duty in Afghanistan from 2010 to 2013 as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. While serving, he earned a Bronze Star Medal for valor when he rescued wounded soldiers from enemy fire.

Villanueva works with the Steelers' Social Justice Grant program to help the Veterans Place of Washington Boulevard and the Pittsburgh Veterans Administration hospital. He has also made generous donations to local charities in Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and Baltimore to benefit schools, police officers, and first responders.

"Al is going to give you effort and be prepared to play," said Pittsburgh head coach **MIKE TOMLIN** on signing Villanueva to a "well-deserved" four-year extension of his contract in 2017. "This guy is going to master anything you put in front of him."

Speaking about the offensive line led by veteran Villanueva, Steelers quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** said, "they are the best in the league. They really are the reason I stay upright and healthy. They are the most important part of this team because as they go, we go."

### A SAMPLING OF 2019 HISPANIC PLAYERS

PLAYER	POSITION	TEAM
Kiko Alonso	LB	Miami Dolphins
Corey Bojorquez	P	Buffalo Bills
Jon Feliciano	G	Buffalo Bills
Max Garcia	G	Arizona Cardinals
Zane Gonzalez	K	Arizona Cardinals
Will Hernandez	G	NY Giants
Ziggy Hood	DT	New Orleans Saints
Blake Martinez	LB	Green Bay Packers
Eddy Piñeiro	K	Chicago Bears
Robert Quinn	DE	Dallas Cowboys
Rakeem Nunez-Roches	DL	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Rigoberto Sanchez	P	Indianapolis Colts
Andrew Sendejo	S	Philadelphia Eagles
Kenny Stills	WR	Miami Dolphins
Alejandro Villanueva	OT	Pittsburgh Steelers

# INTERNATIONAL PATHWAY PROGRAM EXPANDS TO AFC 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 AFC East clubs will carry an additional overseas player on their practice squad as part of the program.

On his experience, 2017 participant and Atlanta Falcons tight end **ALEX GRAY** said, “For anyone who sat at home thinking, ‘I would love to do that but I don’t think I could,’ or that there’s no opportunity, well, that’s what we’re trying to do. We’re trying to show that you can do it, whether you come from a different sport or you come from walking in off the street and picking up a football like Efe [Obada]. That’s what we’re trying to do. We’re trying to show that it is possible if you put your mind to it and you stay on the path. Hopefully we’ll be able to do that.”

The 2019 players are: **VALENTINE HOLMES** (New York Jets), a former professional rugby league player in Australia, **JAKOB JOHNSON** (New England Patriots), a former University of Tennessee and German Football League player, **DURVAL QUEIROZ NETO** (Miami Dolphins), a former football player in Brazil, and **CHRISTIAN WADE** (Buffalo Bills), a former English national rugby player.

“It’s the sort of challenge I’ve been looking for,” said Wade. “The first couple of weeks were a shock to the system. I’m used to training hard but doing maybe two or three days in a row. In the NFL, they train every day. It’s go-go-go.”

This year marks the first time Brazil is represented in the program, by Durval Queiroz Neto, as the NFL continues to expand its international reach.

The athletes trained for three months earlier this year alongside NFL players and draft hopefuls under the supervision of NFL UK’s Head of Football Development Will Bryce as well as IMG Academy coaches including running back coach Earnest Byner, wide receiver coach Larry Kirksey, former NFL running back Leon Washington, defensive line coach Randy Melvin, linebacker coach Jim Herrmann and tight end coach Tyler Henderson.

“It’s so different from rugby,” said 2018 participant **CHRISTIAN SCOTLAND-WILLIAMSON**. “Rugby is nowhere near the same level of detail. Every play is scripted in the NFL. You’re expected to learn between 80-100 plays and deliver at full speed the next morning in practice.”

The AFC East was chosen in a random draw to carry an additional international player on each of their practice squads to expand the program in 2019. 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 eleventh practice squad member that is ineligible to be activated during the 2019 season.

“To wear the full suit – the tight pants, the jersey, the pads and the helmet – it was pretty cool,” said 2019 participant Valentine Holmes on his first time in full uniform. “To see my name on the back of a New York Jets jersey, that was pretty cool, too. It’s something I’ll hold close.”

Additionally, four participants from the 2018 program will return to their NFC North teams for the 2019 season: Cincinnati Bengals tight end and wide receiver **MORITZ BÖHRINGER** from Germany, Baltimore Ravens fullback **CHRISTOPHER EZEALA** from Germany, Cleveland Browns defensive back **TIGIE SANKOH** from the UK and Pittsburgh Steelers tight end **CHRISTIAN SCOTLAND-WILLIAMSON** from the UK.

“I’m so happy and so glad to be here, and I want to work my butt off to make the team and stay here because I love the organization, I love the city. I’m trying to do 150 percent at every practice and do better every day,” said Ezeala.

# INTERNATIONAL PATHWAY PROGRAM EXPANDS TO AFC EAST

## NEW PLAYERS TAKING PART IN THE 2019 INTERNATIONAL PLAYER PATHWAY PROGRAM

### PLAYER

**VALENTINE HOLMES, 23**  
RB/WR, New York Jets  
(Australia)

### BIO

A former professional rugby league player from Australia's National Rugby League. Signed his first contract with the Cronulla-Sutherland Sharks at 17 and made his professional debut with the club at the age of 19. Played the winger and fullback positions. Represented Australia in the 2017 Rugby World Cup and scored five tries (touchdowns) in the quarterfinals. The following game, he set a record with six tries in the semifinals.

**JAKOB JOHNSON, 24** (below left)  
FB, New England Patriots  
(Germany)

Played for the Stuttgart Scorpions of the German Football League before moving to Jacksonville. Played one season of high school football in the United States and was recruited to continue his career at the University of Tennessee. Although recruited as a linebacker, transitioned to a tight end during his sophomore season. Attended Tennessee for four years.

**DURVAL QUEIROZ NETO, 26**  
DT, Miami Dolphins  
(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.

**CHRISTIAN WADE, 28** (below right)  
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.



# INTERNATIONAL PATHWAY PROGRAM EXPANDS TO AFC EAST

## RETURNING PARTICIPANTS FROM THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL PLAYER PATHWAY PROGRAM

### PLAYER

**MORITZ BÖHRINGER**, 25 (left)  
TE/WR, Cincinnati Bengals  
(Germany)

**CHRISTOPHER EZEALA**, 23  
FB, Baltimore Ravens  
(Germany)

**TIGIE SANKOH**, 21 (below right)  
DB, Cleveland Browns  
(UK)

**CHRISTIAN SCOTLAND-WILLIAMSON**, 25  
TE, Pittsburgh Steelers  
(UK)

### BIO

Selected in the sixth round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Minnesota Vikings, becoming the first player to be drafted directly from European football. Had previously been combining his university studies with playing for the Schwäbisch Hall Unicorns in the German Football League. Spent the 2016 season on the Vikings practice squad.

Played as a fullback and linebacker in the German Football League for the Ingolstadt Dukes, having begun playing the sport for the Munich Rangers and Allgäu Comets. Has focused on the fullback position, saying: "My coaches told me that while there are many linebackers like me in the NFL, there is no fullback that is so athletic and fast, so they are trying to create a new type of player with me."

Played amateur football throughout his teenage years and attended the American Football Academy at Filton College in Bristol, England. Went on to represent the London Warriors in the British American Football League.

Converted to American football early in 2018 after a professional rugby career in England, where he played for the Worcester Warriors in the English Premiership. Playing as a second-row forward, he was known in rugby for his physicality and tackling ability and came to international prominence when a tackle in a game against the London Wasps was shared widely on the Internet. He graduated from Loughborough University, one of the UK's leading sports institutions, with a degree in economics.



## NFL ACADEMY IN LONDON

This spring, the NFL announced the launch of NFL Academy, which will welcome its first class in September 2019. The program was put in place with the goal of creating life-changing educational and professional opportunities for young people in the UK.

When introducing the program, NFL UK Managing Director **ALISTAIR KIRKWOOD** said, “The Academy is a first-of-its kind initiative that will deliver three key elements: education, character development and football. The inspiration for the idea was our long-term partnership with Tottenham Hotspur. As well as playing games at the new stadium, we had a desire to create something meaningful for the community on a year-round basis. Also, we have seen from the success of players such as Efe Obada in our Player Pathway program that with the right kind of ambition and approach there is potential to achieve breakthrough results.”

Supported by Nike, the program aims to give students from ages 16 to 18 an opportunity to learn from full-time coaches at Barnet and Southgate College in North London. It is projected to recruit 80 students over three months based on their athletic abilities as well as educational and character assessments. NFL players **JAY AJAYI**, **ODELL BECKHAM JR.**, **PATRICK MAHOMES**, **JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER** (middle right) and **EFE OBADA** (bottom right) and NFL Legends **JERRY RICE** and **OSI UMENYIORA** have already committed to supporting the program.

“Being from London and having spent time with so many young athletes there, I know how much the NFL Academy will mean to them,” said Carolina Panthers defensive end **EFE OBADA**. Obada was the first player from the NFL International Player Pathway program to make a team’s 53-man roster. “To have the chance to pursue American football while receiving an education and other life-changing skills is an awesome opportunity. The values that the sport teaches go beyond the field and can help you make more of your life. I am really excited to give the NFL Academy my support and help these young people achieve their dream.”

The Academy will teach these life-changing skills through a character development program, which offers opportunities to learn from NFL players and coaches, participate in outreach projects in the local community and access pathways for apprenticeships and higher education opportunities in the UK and US. The program is committed to providing these resources in a safe and inclusive environment to safeguard the welfare of its students.



# NFL ACADEMY IN LONDON

Kansas City Chiefs quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** spoke about his role in the program, saying, “I am very proud to be one of the first ambassadors for the NFL Academy in the UK. Through the work of my foundation - 15 and the Mahomies - we work to give young people, especially those from disadvantaged backgrounds, greater opportunities in life. The NFL Academy’s objective is combining football and education. To do that is something I am very excited about playing a role in. I can’t wait to see it get started and I look forward to getting over to London to contribute to its success.”

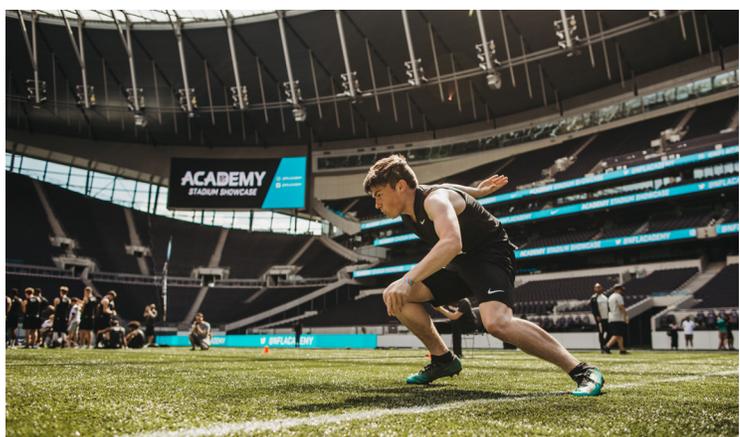
Cleveland Browns wide receiver **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** traveled to London in June to assist with drills and skill development for over 200 players who came to tryouts for a spot with the NFL Academy. The surprise appearance was met with excitement from participants, who got to show Beckham their skills and hear his advice on what it takes to succeed in the NFL. JuJu Smith-Schuster and Efe Obada traveled to London in July to assist in the final tryouts for the program.

“The NFL Academy is a fantastic innovation and I feel privileged to be a part of it,” said Beckham. “I hope I can be an inspiration to young people who want to use football to make better lives for themselves and I am excited to be able to play a small part in their journey.”

**JAY AJAYI** also commented, “American football changed my life and I have seen it change the lives of many others. I am looking forward to helping the students at the NFL Academy reach their potential, whether it is as students or football players. Maybe I will be playing with some of them in the NFL one day!”

By having students complete a full-time education while training under these coaches, the NFL hopes to find players qualified to attend college in the United States on their way to playing football professionally.

“This is an opportunity to make a real difference to the lives of many young people, regardless of their experience in our sport,” added Alistair Kirkwood. “It is also an opportunity for us to create a pathway for players to get into the American college system and maybe even to the NFL itself.”



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# ***THE PLAYERS***



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR - THE PLAYERS

**SAQUON BARKLEY**, N.Y. Giants, needs 1,972 scrimmage yards to become the third ever to record 4,000 in his first two seasons, joining Eric Dickerson (4,456, 1983-84) and Edgerrin James (4,442, 1999-2000). Barkley enters 2019 with 2,028.

**ODELL BECKHAM JR.**, Cleveland, needs 1,000 receiving yards to tie for the second-most 1,000-yard seasons (five) over his first six years. Lance Alworth (1963-67), Marques Colston (2006-11), Mike Evans (2014-18), A.J. Green (2011-15), Torry Holt (2000-04), Chad Johnson (2002-06), Brandon Marshall (2007-11) and Jerry Rice (1986-90) also did it. Randy Moss (1998-2003) is the only player ever to record 1,000 yards in each of his first six seasons. Beckham had 1,000-yard seasons in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2018.

**LE'VEON BELL**, N.Y. Jets, needs 2,004 scrimmage yards to reach 10,000 career. He enters 2019 with 7,996 in 62 career games.

**TOM BRADY**, New England, will play his 20th season with the Patriots, tying Washington's Darrell Green and the Rams' Jackie Slater for the second-most seasons with one franchise in NFL history. Detroit's Jason Hanson (21) owns the league record.

Brady needs 23 touchdown passes to eclipse No. 1 Peyton Manning (539). Brady enters 2019 No. 3 on the all-time list with 517. No. 2 Drew Brees enters 2019 with 520.

Brady needs 35 touchdown passes to reach five such seasons and surpass Peyton Manning (four) for most in NFL history. Drew Brees and Aaron Rodgers also enter 2019 with four 35-TD seasons.

Brady needs 1,325 passing yards to surpass No. 3 Brett Favre (71,838) and 1,427 to surpass No. 2 Peyton Manning (71,940). Drew Brees (74,437) enters 2019 at No. 1. Brady (70,514) enters 2019 at No. 4.

**DREW BREES**, New Orleans, needs 20 touchdown passes to surpass No. 1 Peyton Manning (539) on the all-time list. Brees enters 2019 with 520, second in NFL history.

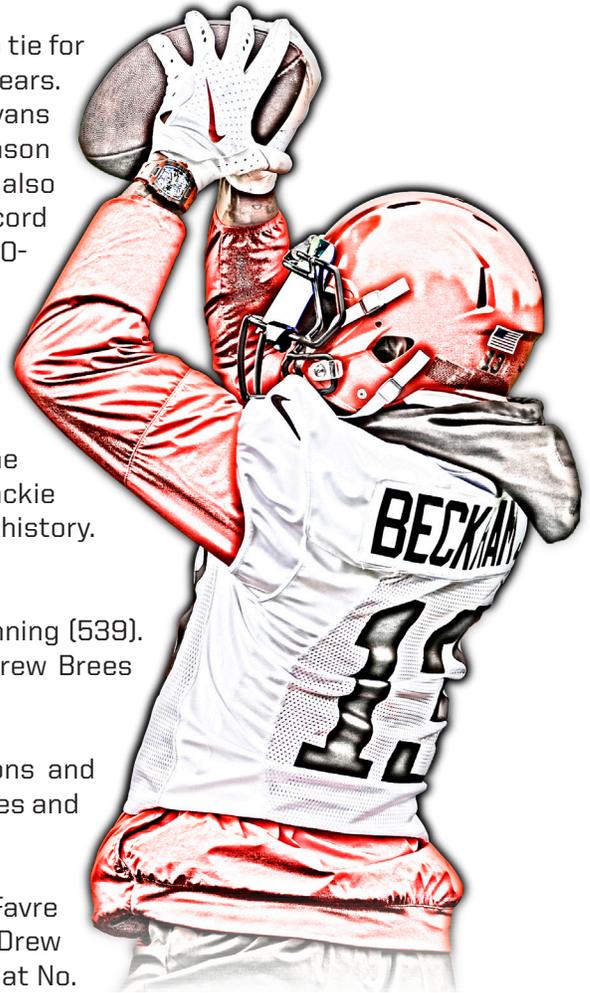
Brees needs to throw four touchdowns in two games to eclipse Manning (35) for most four-TD games in NFL annals. Brees (34) enters 2019 No. 2 all-time.

Brees needs 387 pass attempts to eclipse No. 1 Brett Favre (10,169) on the all-time list. Brees enters 2019 No. 2 all-time with 9,783.

**ANTONIO BROWN**, Oakland, needs 100 receptions for sole possession of the NFL record with a seventh 100-catch season. Brown enters 2019 with six such seasons, tied with Brandon Marshall (2007-09, 2012-13 and 2015).

Brown needs 91 receptions to break Marvin Harrison's NFL record (927, 1996-2005) for most receptions over a player's first 10 seasons. Brown enters 2019 with 837.

Brown needs 1,500 yards receiving to match Jerry Rice's NFL record for 1,500-yard seasons, four. Brown enters 2019 with three 1,500-yard seasons.



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR - THE PLAYERS

**DEREK CARR**, Oakland, needs 370 completions to surpass Peyton Manning (2,128) for most in his first six seasons. Carr enters 2019 with the most completions (1,759) ever over a player's first five campaigns.

Carr needs 3,000 passing yards to join Andy Dalton, Peyton Manning, Cam Newton and Russell Wilson as the only players to reach that mark in their first six seasons.

**AARON DONALD**, L.A. Rams, could become the first player in history to earn three consecutive AP Defensive Player of the Year honors. Donald enters 2019 having captured the last two awards (2017-18) and with a third overall would tie J.J. Watt (2012, 2014-15) and Lawrence Taylor (1981-82, 1986) for most all-time.

**MIKE EVANS**, Tampa Bay, needs 1,000 receiving yards to join Randy Moss (1998-2003) as one of two players ever to reach 1,000 in each of their first six NFL seasons.

**LARRY FITZGERALD**, Arizona, needs 23 receptions to surpass Tony Gonzalez (1,325) for second on the NFL's all-time list. Jerry Rice (1,549) holds the career record. Fitzgerald enters 2019 No. 3 with 1,303.

Fitzgerald needs 1,000 receiving yards to tie No. 2 Randy Moss (10) on the NFL's all-time list of most 1,000-yard seasons. Jerry Rice holds the career record with 14. Fitzgerald (nine) enters 2019 tied for No. 3 with Tim Brown and Terrell Owens.

**MELVIN GORDON**, L.A. Chargers, needs 1,300 yards from scrimmage and 12 touchdowns to extend his streak of seasons with those numbers to four. That would tie Marshawn Lynch (2011-14) and Thurman Thomas (1989-92) for the third-longest streak in NFL history.

**FRANK GORE**, Buffalo, needs 522 rushing yards to surpass No. 3 Barry Sanders (15,269) on the all-time list. Gore enters 2019 at No. 4 with 14,748.

**STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI**, New England, needs to lead the league in scoring to break a tie with Don Hutson (five) and Gino Cappelletti (five, AFL) for most seasons with that distinction. Gostkowski has paced the NFL five times: 2008, 2012-15.

**DeANDRE HOPKINS**, Houston, needs 100 catches, 1,500 receiving yards and 11 TD receptions to join Marvin Harrison (1999, 2001-02) as the only players ever to reach those benchmarks in three NFL seasons. Hopkins eclipsed those three standards in 2015 and 2018.

**JARVIS LANDRY**, Cleveland, needs 48 receptions to establish the NFL record for catches over a player's first six seasons, breaking the mark held by DeAndre Hopkins (528, 2013-18). Landry enters 2019 with 481 receptions over his first five years, 2014-18.

**BAKER MAYFIELD**, Cleveland, needs 23 passing touchdowns to become the seventh ever to reach 50 in his first two seasons. He needs 26 to surpass No. 2 David Carr (52, 2015-16) and 42 to surpass No. 1 Dan Marino (68, 1983-84) for most ever over a player's initial two years. Mayfield threw for 27 as a 2018 rookie.



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR - THE PLAYERS

**CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY**, Carolina, needs 52 receptions to surpass LaDainian Tomlinson (238 from 2001-03) for the most catches by a running back over his first three seasons. McCaffrey enters 2019 with 187 receptions over his first two campaigns.

**VON MILLER**, Denver, needs two sacks for 100 career. Miller opens the season with 98, while Cameron Wake (98) and J.J. Watt (92) also are approaching 100. Terrell Suggs (132.5) leads all active players.

**CAM NEWTON**, Carolina, needs 121 rushing yards to surpass No. 2 Randall Cunningham (4,928) on the league's career list of rushing yards by a quarterback. Newton enters 2019 with 4,808. Michael Vick (6,109) holds the NFL record.

**ADRIAN PETERSON**, Washington, needs 345 yards rushing to surpass No. 7 Jerome Bettis, 367 to surpass No. 6 LaDainian Tomlinson (13,684) and 784 to surpass No. 5 Curtis Martin (14,101). Peterson enters 2019 with 13,318, eighth all-time.

Peterson needs one rushing touchdown to surpass No. 5 Jim Brown (106) on the all-time list and five to surpass No. 4 Walter Payton (110). Peterson enters 2019 tied with Brown at 106.

**DAK PRESCOTT**, Dallas, needs eight victories to become only the sixth quarterback in NFL history to win 40 regular-season games in his first four seasons. Russell Wilson (46), Joe Flacco (44), Matt Ryan (43), Dan Marino (41) and Andy Dalton (40) are the others. Prescott enters 2019 with 32.

Prescott needs five rushing touchdowns to surpass Daunte Culpepper (22) for second-most ever by a quarterback. Cam Newton (33, 2011-14) holds the record. Prescott enters 2019 with 18.

**PHILIP RIVERS**, L.A. Chargers, needs 344 passing yards to become the eighth in NFL history to reach 55,000. Rivers enters 2019 with 54,656.

Rivers needs 26 touchdown passes to become the sixth in NFL history with 400. Rivers enters 2019 with 374, 47 shy of surpassing No. 5 Dan Marino (420) on the all-time list.

**BEN ROETHLISBERGER**, Pittsburgh, needs four wins to surpass No. 6 Dan Marino (147) and five to surpass No. 5 John Elway (148) on the all-time list of regular-season victories by a starting quarterback. No. 1 Tom Brady (207), No. 2 Brett Favre and Peyton Manning (186) and No. 4 Drew Brees (155) lead the category entering the year. Roethlisberger begins 2019 with 144 wins as a starting quarterback.

**MATT RYAN**, Atlanta, needs 3,280 passing yards to become the 10th player ever to reach 50,000. Drew Brees reached 50,000 faster than any player, in his 183rd game. Peyton Manning (191) was second-fastest. Ryan enters 2019 with 46,720 in 174 games.



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR - THE PLAYERS

**MATTHEW STAFFORD**, Detroit, needs 1,474 passing yards to reach 40,000. He needs to accomplish that feat within his first nine games to become fastest in NFL history to reach that mark. Matt Ryan holds the record (151 games). Stafford enters 2019 with 38,526 yards in 141 games.

Stafford needs to throw for 3,500 yards and 20 touchdowns to become just the seventh in NFL history to reach those numbers in nine consecutive seasons, joining Drew Brees (14, 2005-present), Peyton Manning (13, 1998-2010), Philip Rivers (11, 2008-present), Tom Brady (10, 2009-present), Brett Favre (nine, 1994-2002) and Matt Ryan (nine, 2010-present).

**AQIB TALIB**, L.A. Rams, needs one interception-return touchdown to tie No. 2 Darren Sharper and Charles Woodson (11), and two to tie No. 1 Rod Woodson (12) on the all-time list. Talib enters 2019 at No. 4 with 10 career.

**MICHAEL THOMAS**, New Orleans, needs 90 receptions to become the only NFL player ever to reach 90 in each of his first four seasons. To date, Thomas (2016-18) and Odell Beckham Jr.(2014-16) are the only players ever to catch 90 passes in each of their first three NFL seasons.

Thomas needs 80 catches to break the NFL record held by Jarvis Landry (400) for most receptions by a player in his first four seasons. Thomas enters 2019 with 321 receptions.

**JUSTIN TUCKER**, Baltimore, needs 30 field goals to reach seven seasons with 30 or more and extend his NFL record. He enters 2019 with six such seasons, ahead of David Akers, John Carney, Stephen Gostkowski and Robbie Gould (each with five).

**ADAM VINATIERI**, Indianapolis, already the NFL's all-time leader in field goals made (582), needs 18 more to become the first NFL player to reach 600 career.

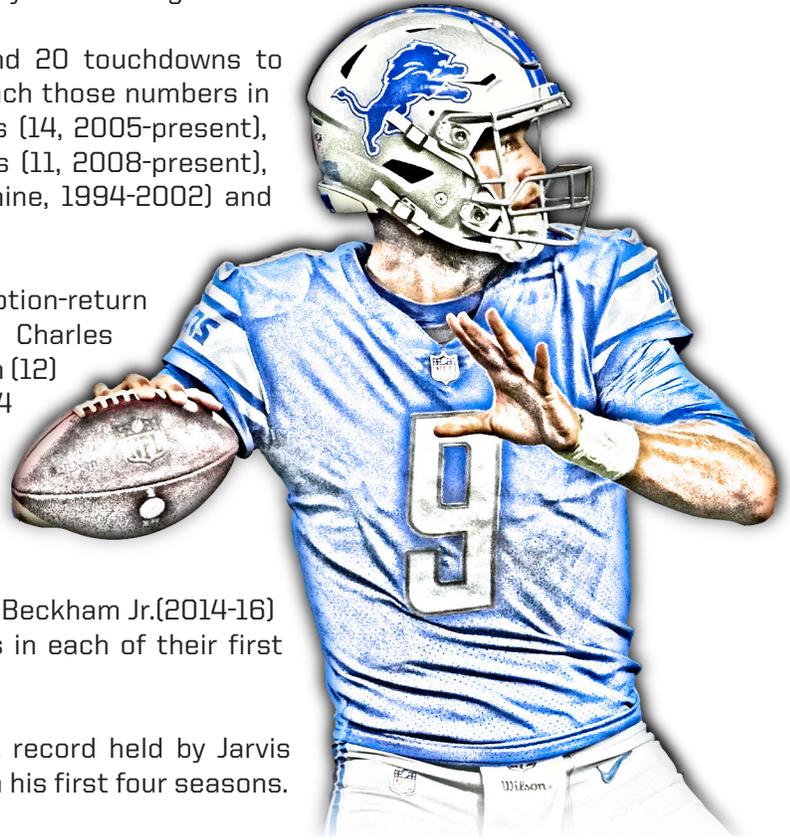
Vinatieri needs 20 field-goal attempts to surpass Morten Andersen (709) for most all-time. He enters 2019 No. 2 on the all-time list, with 690 career attempts.

Vinatieri needs one game to surpass Gary Anderson (353) for the second-most games played in NFL history. He enters 2019 tied with Anderson at No. 2, with 353. Morten Andersen (382) holds the NFL record.

**CAMERON WAKE**, Tennessee, needs two sacks for 100 career. Wake opens the season with 98, while Von Miller (98) and J.J. Watt (92) also are approaching 100. Terrell Suggs (132.5) leads all active players.

**J.J. WATT**, Houston, needs eight sacks for 100 career. Entering 2019, only 32 players have reached the milestone since the individual sack became an official statistics in 1982. Watt opens the season with 92, while Von Miller and Cameron Wake (each with 98) also are approaching 100. Terrell Suggs (132.5) leads all active players.

Watt needs 15 sacks to tie Reggie White's NFL record of five 15-sack seasons. Watt hit that plateau in 2012 (20.5), 2014 (20.5), 2015 (17.5) and 2018 (16).



# PATRICK MAHOMES

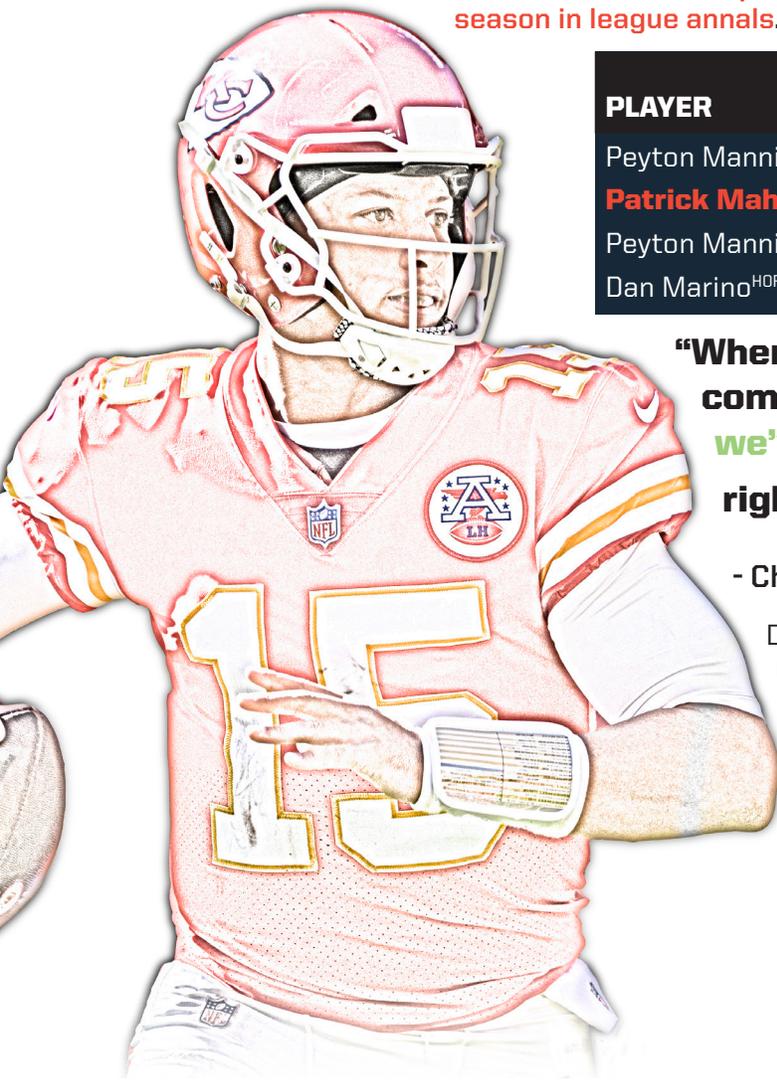
The 2018 season was Kansas City quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES**' first as a full-time starter and it resulted in a historic Most Valuable Player award. He finished the season with 5,097 passing yards and a league-high 50 touchdown passes while leading Kansas City to its first AFC Championship Game since 1993.

A Pro Bowler and first-team All-Pro selection, the 10th overall pick by the Chiefs in the 2017 NFL Draft became **the youngest MVP since Pro Football Hall of Famer DAN MARINO in 1984**.

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	AGE
Jim Brown <sup>HOF</sup>	CLE	1957	21 years, 301 days
Jim Brown <sup>HOF</sup>	CLE	1958	22 years, 300 days
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	1984	23 years, 92 days
<b>Patrick Mahomes</b>	<b>KC</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>23 years, 104 days</b>
Walter Payton <sup>HOF</sup>	CHI	1977	23 years, 146 days

Mahomes' 50 passing touchdowns in 2018 led the NFL and he joined Denver's **PEYTON MANNING** (55 touchdown passes in 2013) and New England's **TOM BRADY** (50 in 2007) as the only quarterbacks with at least 50 touchdown passes in a single season in NFL history.

From Weeks 6-8, Mahomes threw for four touchdowns in each game and became the fourth player in NFL history to throw at least four touchdown passes in three consecutive games. **His seven total games with at least four touchdown passes last season were the second most in a single season in league annals.**



PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	GAMES WITH 4+ PASS TDS
Peyton Manning	DEN	2013	9
<b>Patrick Mahomes</b>	<b>KC</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>7</b>
Peyton Manning	IND	2004	6
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	1984	6

**“When you look at [his] season and compare it to some of the great ones we’ve ever seen over the years, he’s right there.”**

- Chiefs Head Coach **ANDY REID** on Mahomes

Despite only appearing in one game during his rookie season in 2017, with 31 passing touchdowns in 2019, Mahomes could move into the top five for **most passing touchdowns in a player’s first three seasons in NFL history**.

PLAYER	TEAM	PASS TDS
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	98
Andrew Luck	IND	86
Peyton Manning	IND	85
Derek Carr	OAK	81
Andy Dalton	CIN	80

# PATRICK MAHOMES

With 5,097 passing yards, Mahomes became the **seventh different player in NFL history with at least 5,000 passing yards in a single season**. He joined **PEYTON MANNING** (2013) as the only players in league annals to have at least 50 touchdown passes and 5,000 passing yards in the same season.

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	PASSING YARDS
Peyton Manning	DEN	2013	5,477
Drew Brees	NO	2011	5,476
Tom Brady	NE	2011	5,235
Drew Brees	NO	2016	5,208
Drew Brees	NO	2012	5,177
Drew Brees	NO	2013	5,162
Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	2018	5,129
<b>Patrick Mahomes</b>	<b>KC</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>5,097</b>
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	1984	5,084
Drew Brees	NO	2008	5,069
Matthew Stafford	DET	2011	5,038

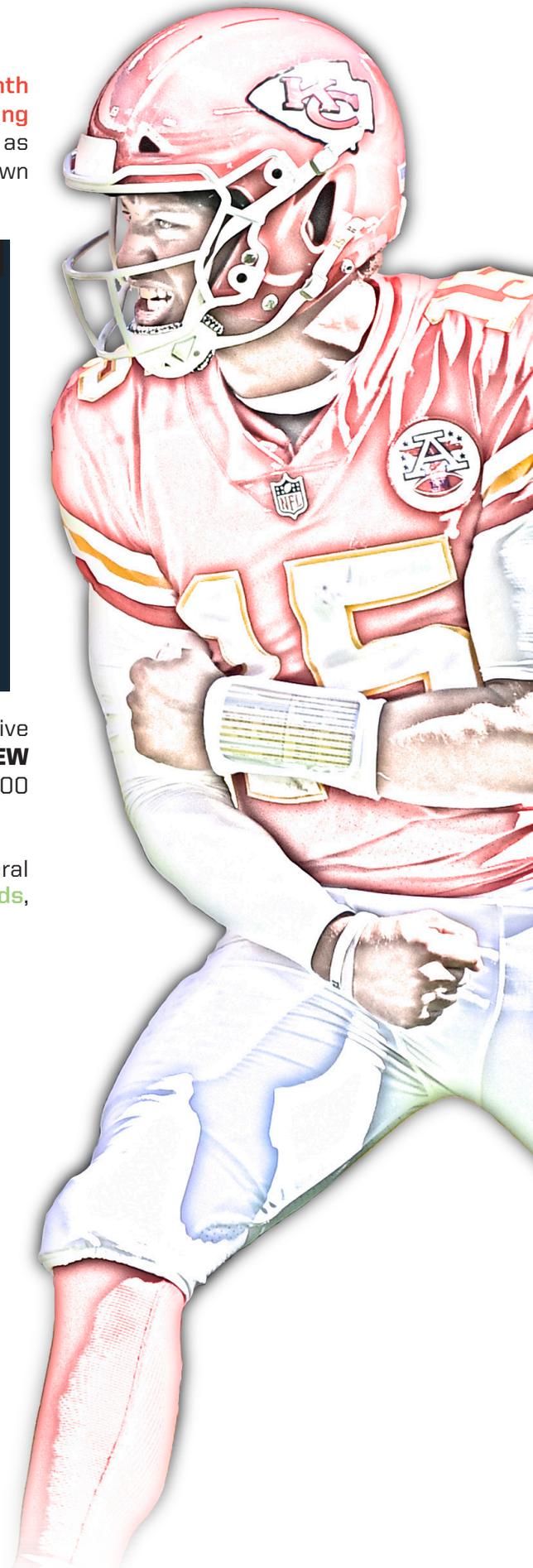
Mahomes passed for at least 300 yards in eight consecutive games last season (Weeks 2-9), tied with Indianapolis' **ANDREW LUCK** (2014) for the most consecutive games with at least 300 passing yards in a single season in NFL history.

The first MVP in Chiefs history broke franchise records in several major passing categories last season, including **passing yards**, **passing touchdowns** and **passer rating**.

PLAYER	YEAR	PASSING YARDS
<b>Patrick Mahomes</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>5,097</b>
Trent Green	2004	4,591
Bill Kenney	1983	4,348

PLAYER	YEAR	PASSING TDs
<b>Patrick Mahomes</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>50</b>
Len Dawson <sup>HOF</sup>	1964	30
Len Dawson <sup>HOF</sup>	1962	29

PLAYER	YEAR	PASSER RATING
<b>Patrick Mahomes</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>113.8</b>
Alex Smith	2017	104.7
Len Dawson <sup>HOF</sup>	1966	101.7



# TOM BRADY

A 14-time Pro Bowl selection and three-time NFL Most Valuable Player, New England quarterback **TOM BRADY** has led the Patriots to six Super Bowl titles and 16 division championships, both the most by a starting quarterback in league annals, including 10 consecutive AFC East titles – the longest streak of division titles in NFL history. **His 237 all-time wins as a starting quarterback (including playoffs) are the most in NFL history.**



PLAYER	TEAM(S)	CAREER WINS
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>237</b>
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	200
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	ATL, GB, NYJ, MIN	199
Drew Brees	SD, NO	163
John Elway <sup>HOF</sup>	DEN	162

Brady's star has always shined the brightest during the playoffs. He is the **all-time postseason leader in career completions (1,005), touchdown passes (73), passing yards (11,179) and wins by a starting quarterback (30)**. In Super Bowl LIII, Brady led New England to their third Super Bowl title in five seasons and became the first player in NFL history to win six Super Bowls.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	COMPLETIONS
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>1,005</b>
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	649

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	TD PASSES
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>73</b>
Joe Montana <sup>HOF</sup>	SF, KC	45

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	PASSING YARDS
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>11,179</b>
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	7,339

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	PLAYOFF WINS
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>30</b>
Joe Montana <sup>HOF</sup>	SF, KC	16

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# TOM BRADY



Among quarterbacks with at least 75 career starts, **Brady owns the highest winning percentage (including playoffs) in NFL history** and is one of three quarterbacks all-time with a career winning percentage of at least .700, joined by Pro Football Hall of Famers **ROGER STAUBACH** (.733) and **JOE MONTANA** (.711).

PLAYER	W	L	T	PCT.
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.772</b>
Roger Staubach <sup>HOF</sup>	96	35	0	.733
Joe Montana <sup>HOF</sup>	133	54	0	.711
Peyton Manning	200	92	0	.685
Terry Bradshaw <sup>HOF</sup>	121	56	0	.684

In 2018, Brady continued to leave his mark in the record books, becoming **one of four quarterbacks in NFL history with at least 500 touchdown passes**, joining **PEYTON MANNING** (539), **DREW BREES** (520) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **BRETT FAVRE** (508). Additionally, **he joined Brees, Manning and Favre as the only quarterbacks with at least 70,000 career passing yards.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	TD PASSES
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	539
Drew Brees	SD, NO	520
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>517</b>
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	GB, NYJ, MIN	508
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	420

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	PASSING YARDS
Drew Brees	SD	74,437
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	71,940
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	GB, NYJ, MIN	71,838
<b>Tom Brady</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>70,514</b>
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	61,361

Last season, Brady surpassed Manning as the league's all-time leader (including playoffs) in passing yards (81,693) and passing touchdowns (590).

# DREW BREES

In 2018, New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES** passed for 32 touchdowns, a career-low five interceptions (minimum 100 attempts) and a league-leading 115.7 passer rating. It marked his **10th career season with at least 30 passing touchdowns, the most such seasons in league history.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	30+ TD SEASONS
<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>10</b>
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	GB, MIN	9
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	9

While helping New Orleans to a franchise-tying 13 regular-season wins, Brees led the league with a 74.4 completion percentage, the **highest single-season completion percentage in NFL history.** He now holds four of the top-five highest single-season completion percentages in league history.

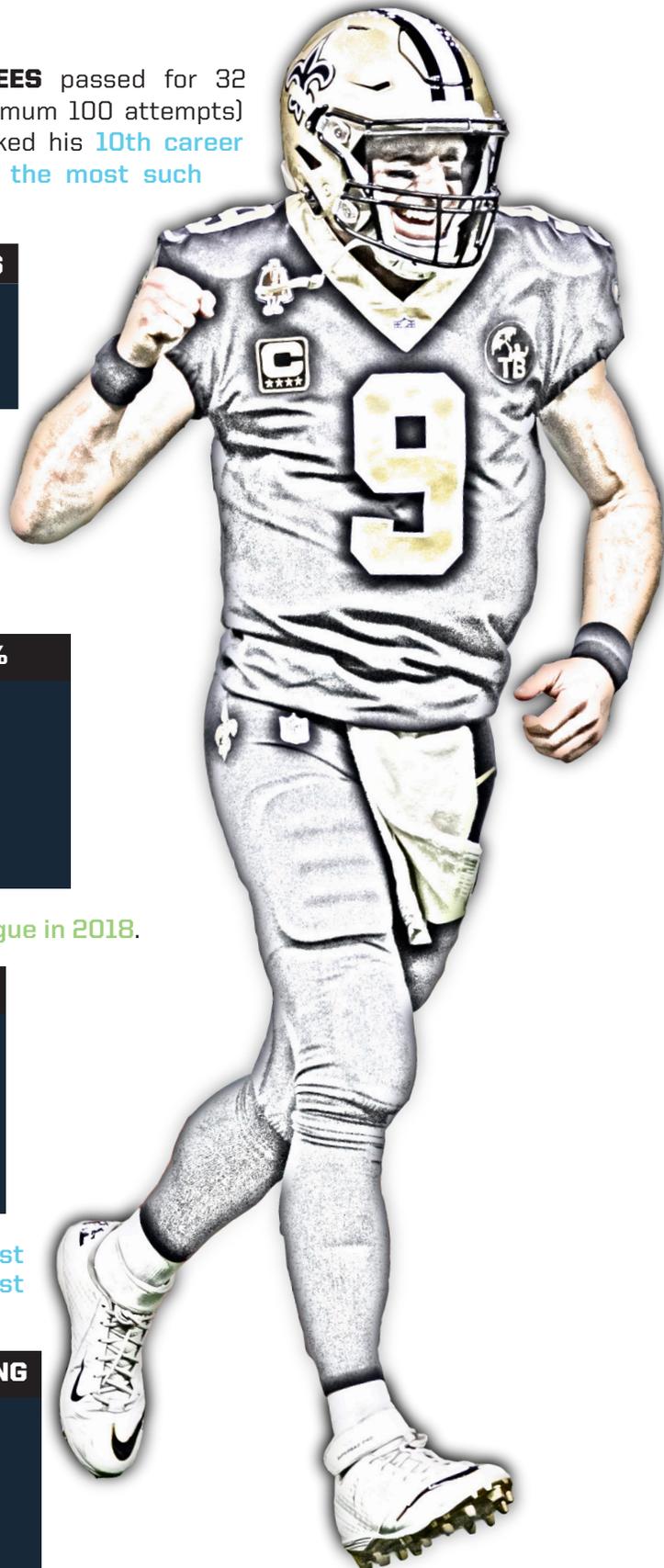
PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	COMP. %
<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>74.4</b>
Drew Brees	NO	2017	72.0
Sam Bradford	MIN	2016	71.6
Drew Brees	NO	2011	71.2
Drew Brees	NO	2009	70.6

**Brees' career-high 115.7 passer rating led the league in 2018.**

PLAYER	TEAM	PASSER RATING
<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>115.7</b>
Patrick Mahomes	KC	113.8
Russell Wilson	SEA	110.9
Matt Ryan	ATL	108.1
Philip Rivers	LAC	105.5

His 115.7 passer rating marked **the fourth-highest single-season rating across the league in the past ten years among qualified players.**

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	PASSER RATING
Aaron Rodgers	GB	2011	122.5
Nick Foles	PHI	2013	119.2
Matt Ryan	ATL	2016	117.1
<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>115.7</b>
Peyton Manning	DEN	2013	115.1



## DREW BREES

Brees enters 2019 with 74,437 career passing yards, having surpassed **PEYTON MANNING** (71,940) for the **most career passing yards in league history** last season.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	PASSING YARDS
<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>SD, NO</b>	<b>74,437</b>
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	71,940
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	GB, NYJ, MIN	71,838
Tom Brady	NE	70,514
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	61,361

He also enters this season as the **all-time leader in completions** (6,586) after surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer **BRETT FAVRE** (6,300) in 2018.

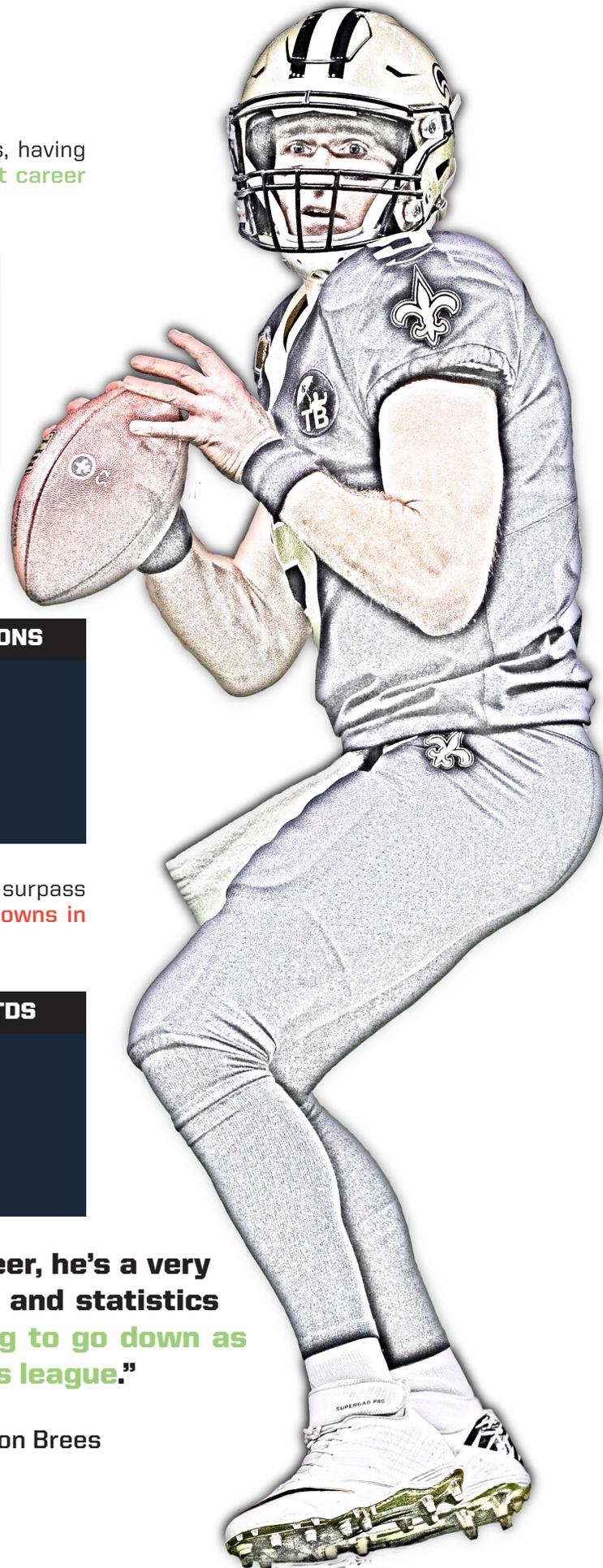
PLAYER	TEAM(S)	COMPLETIONS
<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>SD, NO</b>	<b>6,586</b>
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	GB, NYJ, MIN	6,300
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	6,125
Tom Brady	NE	6,004
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	4,967

With 20 passing touchdowns in 2019, Brees would surpass Manning (539) for the **most career passing touchdowns in NFL history**.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	PASSING TDS
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	539
<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>SD, NO</b>	<b>520</b>
Tom Brady	NE	517
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	GB, NYJ, MIN	508
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	420

**"He has been fantastic his entire career, he's a very rare player. Obviously, his production and statistics speak for themselves, but he is going to go down as one of the all-time great players in this league."**

- Dallas Cowboys head coach **JASON GARRETT** on Brees



# AARON RODGERS

In 2018, Green Bay Packers quarterback **AARON RODGERS** registered his seventh career season with at least 4,000 passing yards (4,442) while throwing 25 touchdowns with just two interceptions.

Rodgers' two interceptions during the 2018 season were the fewest in a season in league history by a quarterback with at least 500 attempts, and his career interception percentage (1.46) is the lowest among all players in league annals (minimum 1,000 attempts).

From Weeks 4-15, Rodgers threw 402 consecutive pass attempts without an interception, surpassing **TOM BRADY** (358 consecutive attempts from 2010-11) for the most consecutive pass attempts without an interception in NFL history.

Entering his 15th season, Rodgers has a **103.1 career passer rating, the highest passer rating of any quarterback in NFL history** (minimum 1,000 attempts)

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	PASSER RATING
<b>Aaron Rodgers</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>103.1</b>
Russell Wilson	SEA	100.3
Drew Brees	SD, NO	97.7
Tom Brady	NE	97.6

In 165 career games, Rodgers has recorded 42,944 passing yards and ranks 10th in league history with 338 touchdown passes, including four seasons with at least 35 touchdown passes. He needs five touchdown passes to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **FRAN TARKENTON** (342 touchdown passes) for ninth-most in league annals.

With at least 35 touchdown passes in 2019, he can **become the first quarterback in league annals to accomplish the feat in five different seasons.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASONS W/ 35+ TD PASSES
Tom Brady	NE	4
Drew Brees	NO	4
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	4
<b>Aaron Rodgers</b>	<b>GB</b>	<b>4</b>

**“He’s done that every year. He’s got the highest quarterback rating in the history of the NFL by a wide margin and that’s a big reason why. He’s never thrown a lot of picks.”**

- Denver Broncos head coach **VIC FANGIO** on Rodgers



# MATT RYAN

Atlanta Falcons quarterback **MATT RYAN** ranked third in the NFL in passing yards (4,924), tied for third in touchdown passes (35) and ranked fourth in passer rating (108.1) last season. He has passed for at least 4,000 yards in eight consecutive seasons, the second-longest streak in NFL history (**DREW BREES**, 12 seasons from 2006-17).

Ryan has 46,720 career passing yards and eclipsed **PEYTON MANNING** (45,628) for the most passing yards by a player in his first 11 seasons in NFL history. He passed for at least 300 yards in 53 of his first 174 career games and joined Brees (57 games) as the only quarterbacks with at least 50 games of 300-or-more passing yards in their first 11 seasons.

With 3,409 passing yards this season, Ryan would surpass Manning (50,128) for the most passing yards by a player in his first 12 NFL seasons in league history.

During his 11-year career, Ryan has averaged **4,247.3 passing yards per season, the highest mark by any quarterback in league annals** (minimum four seasons played).

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	AVG. PASS YARDS/SEASON
<b>Matt Ryan</b>	<b>ATL</b>	<b>4,247.3</b>
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	4,231.8
Drew Brees	SD, NO	4,135.4

Entering 2019, Ryan needs 3,280 passing yards to become the 10th player ever to reach 50,000 passing yards. If he accomplishes the feat in his first 15 games of the season, he would join **DREW BREES** (183 games) as the **only quarterbacks to reach 50,000 passing yards in fewer than 190 career games.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GAMES TO 50K PASS YARDS
Drew Brees	SD, NO	183
Peyton Manning	IND	191
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	193
Philip Rivers	SD/LAC	196
Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	197

Ryan has 295 touchdown passes and can become the 12th player in NFL history to reach 300 career touchdown passes. With 34 touchdowns in 2019, he can **surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer DAN MARINO (328 touchdown passes) for the second-most by a player in his first 12 seasons.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	PASSING TDS
Peyton Manning	IND	366
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	328
Drew Brees	SD, NO	324
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	GB	314
Tom Brady	NE	300



# RUSSELL WILSON

In 2018, Seattle quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON** became the first quarterback in NFL history to finish with a winning record in each of his first seven seasons. He passed for 3,448 yards and 35 touchdowns last season and joined **PEYTON MANNING** as the only players to record at least 3,000 passing yards and 20 touchdowns in each of their first seven seasons in NFL history.

While throwing for a career-high 35 touchdowns and tying a career low with seven interceptions, Wilson joined **AARON RODGERS** (2011, 2014 and 2016), **TOM BRADY** (2010 and 2015) and **MATT RYAN** (2016 and 2018) as the only quarterbacks to finish with at least 35 touchdown passes and seven-or-fewer interceptions since 2009. He also became the first Seahawks quarterback to accomplish the feat in a single season in franchise history.

As one of four quarterbacks to throw for at least 35 touchdowns in 2018, Wilson surpassed **DAVE KRIEG** (195) for **the most career touchdown passes in team history**.

PLAYER	PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
<b>Russell Wilson</b>	<b>196</b>
Dave Krieg	195
Matt Hasselbeck	174
Jim Zorn	107

The Super Bowl XLVIII Champion is **one of four quarterbacks to record at least 25,000 passing yards and 175 passing touchdowns in a player's first seven NFL seasons**. Wilson also joined **CAM NEWTON** as the only quarterbacks to throw for at least 25,000 yards and rush for at least 3,000 yards (3,681) in a player's first seven seasons in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM	PASS YARDS	PASS TDs
Peyton Manning	IND	29,442	216
Matt Ryan	ATL	28,166	181
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	27,853	220
<b>Russell Wilson</b>	<b>SEA</b>	<b>25,624</b>	<b>196</b>

Among quarterbacks who have appeared in at least 100 career games since 1970, Wilson leads all quarterbacks in passing touchdown percentage (6.0) and has the fourth-lowest interception percentage (1.9).

In Week 8 vs. Detroit, Wilson became the first quarterback in franchise history (minimum 14 attempts) to register a 158.3 passer rating (the highest attainable mark) after completing 14 of 17 passes (82.4 percent) for 248 yards and three touchdowns.



## ANDREW LUCK

In 2018, Indianapolis quarterback **ANDREW LUCK** ranked second in the NFL with 39 touchdown passes and fifth in the league with 4,593 passing yards. Last season, he threw at least three touchdown passes in eight consecutive games (Weeks 4-12) and joined **TOM BRADY** (10 consecutive games in 2007) and **PEYTON MANNING** (eight consecutive games in 2004) as the **only quarterbacks to record eight consecutive games with at least three touchdown passes in a single season.**

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	CONSECUTIVE GAMES
Tom Brady	NE	2007	10
<b>Andrew Luck</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>8</b>
Peyton Manning	IND	2004	8

With 161 touchdown passes in his first 80 career games, Luck joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (182 touchdowns) and **AARON RODGERS** (160) as the **only quarterbacks with at least 160 touchdown passes in their first 80 career games in NFL history.**

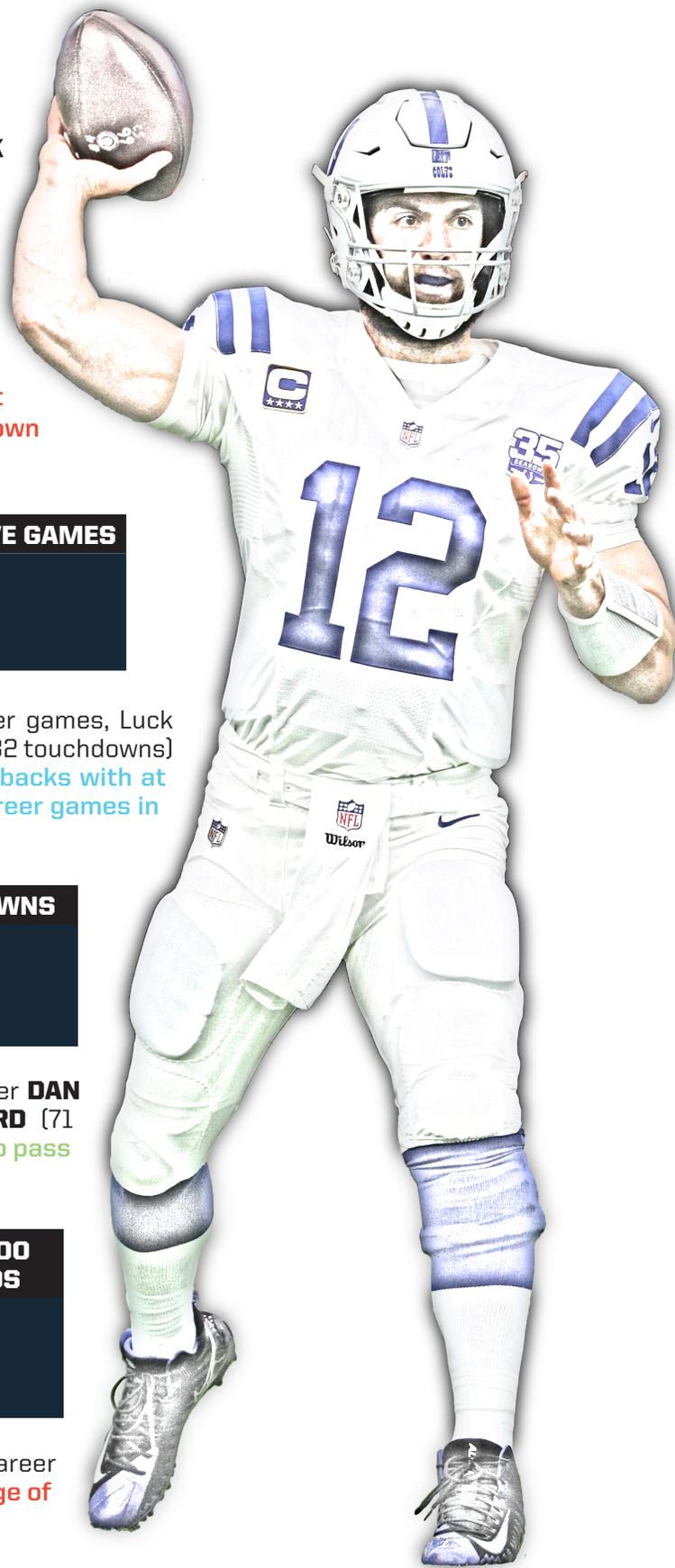
PLAYER	TEAM	PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	182
<b>Andrew Luck</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>161</b>
Aaron Rodgers	GB	160

Last season, Luck joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (74 games) and **MATTHEW STAFFORD** (71 games) as the **only quarterbacks in NFL history to pass for 20,000 yards in 75 or fewer games.**

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES TO 20,000 PASSING YARDS
Matthew Stafford	DET	71
<b>Andrew Luck</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>74</b>
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	74

Among players who have appeared in at least 75 career games, Luck ranks **second all-time with an average of 275.2 passing yards per game.**

PLAYER	TEAM (S)	PASSING YARDS PER GAME
Drew Brees	SD, NO	282.0
<b>Andrew Luck</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>275.2</b>
Matthew Stafford	DET	273.2



# CAM NEWTON

Carolina quarterback **CAM NEWTON** passed for 3,395 yards and 24 touchdowns in 2018. He has recorded at least 3,000 passing yards in each of his first eight NFL seasons and joins **PEYTON MANNING** (first 13 seasons) as the only quarterbacks in NFL history to accomplish the feat.

The first overall pick by Carolina in 2011, Newton led all NFC quarterbacks with 488 rushing yards last season and is the first quarterback in league annals to record seven different seasons with at least 400 rushing yards.

**His 4,808 career rushing yards are the third most by a quarterback in league history** and with 192 rushing yards in 2019, Newton would join

**MICHAEL VICK** (6,109) as the only quarterbacks to have at least 5,000 career rushing yards.



PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RUSH YARDS
Michael Vick	ATL, PHI, NYJ, PIT	6,109
Randall Cunningham	PHI, MIN, DAL, BAL	4,928
<b>Cam Newton</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>4,808</b>
Steve Young <sup>HOF</sup>	TB, SF	4,239

Newton has 58 career rushing touchdowns, the most by a quarterback in league annals. **Since 2011, his 58 rushing touchdowns are the second most among all players.**

PLAYER	RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
Marshawn Lynch	61
LeSean McCoy	58
<b>Cam Newton</b>	<b>58</b>
Adrian Peterson	54
LeGarrette Blount	50
Mark Ingram	50

Since entering the league in 2011, Newton has been responsible for 240 offensive touchdowns (182 passing, 58 rushing), the fourth most by a quarterback over that span. Only **DREW BREES** (300), **TOM BRADY** (268) and **AARON RODGERS** (265) have more since 2011.

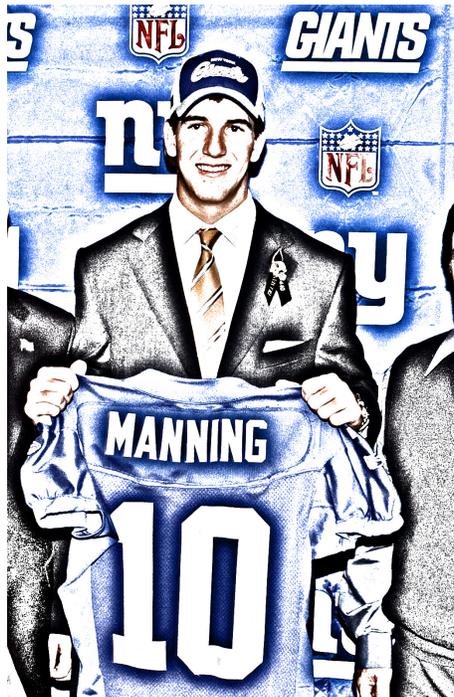
PLAYER	TEAM	PASS TDS	RUSH TDS	TOTAL TDS
Drew Brees	NO	285	15	300
Tom Brady	NE	256	12	268
Aaron Rodgers	GB	251	14	265
<b>Cam Newton</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>240</b>
Philip Rivers	LAC	238	1	239

## 16 YEARS OF MANNING, RIVERS & ROETHLISBERGER

This marks the 16th season for players selected in the 2004 NFL Draft, which featured New York Giants quarterback **ELI MANNING** (first overall), Los Angeles Chargers quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** (fourth) and Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (11th).

Over the course of their careers, Manning, Rivers and Roethlisberger have all become their respective franchise leaders in passing yards and touchdown passes, and the trio represents **three of the eight players in NFL history with at least 50,000 passing yards and 350 touchdown passes in their careers.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	PASS YARDS	TD PASSES
Tom Brady	New England	70,514	517
Drew Brees	San Diego, New Orleans	74,437	520
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	Green Bay, N.Y. Jets, Minnesota	71,838	508
<b>Eli Manning</b>	<b>N.Y. Giants</b>	<b>55,981</b>	<b>360</b>
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis, Denver	71,940	539
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	Miami	61,361	420
<b>Philip Rivers</b>	<b>San Diego/L.A. Chargers</b>	<b>54,656</b>	<b>374</b>
<b>Ben Roethlisberger</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>56,194</b>	<b>363</b>



In terms of wins by starting quarterbacks, the 2004 class ranks as one of the most successful groups in the common-draft era. Since 1967, the 2004 class ranks **second in regular-season wins** (440) and **third in postseason victories** (27), while its **four Super Bowl championships ties for third** among all draft classes.

DRAFT CLASS	REGULAR-SEASON WINS	DRAFT CLASS	POSTSEASON WINS	DRAFT CLASS	SUPER BOWL WINS
1983	499	1983	34	2000	6
<b>2004</b>	<b>440</b>	2000	33	1979	5
1971	410	<b>2004</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>4</b>
2005	385	1979	23	1970	4

# 16 YEARS OF MANNING, RIVERS & ROETHLISBERGER

New York Giants quarterback **ELI MANNING** ranks **seventh in NFL history in passing yards (55,981) and eighth in touchdown passes (360)**. He has played 232 career regular season games and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **MICHAEL STRAHAN** (216) for the most in team history.

In Week 11 of the 2018 season, Manning had a 94.4-percent completion percentage (17 of 18) and tied Pro Football Hall of Famer **FRAN TARKENTON** (94.4 percent on November 13, 1977) and **CRAIG MORTON** (94.4 percent on September 27, 1981) for fifth highest in a single game in NFL history (minimum 15 attempts).

Los Angeles Chargers quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** ranks **sixth in league annals in passing touchdowns (374) and eighth all-time with 54,656 passing yards**. He passed for 4,308 yards in 2018 and joined **PEYTON MANNING** (14), **DREW BREES** (12) and **TOM BRADY** (10) as the only quarterbacks in NFL history with 10 seasons of at least 4,000 passing yards.

Rivers has started 208 consecutive games dating back to September 11, 2006, and became the fourth quarterback in NFL history to start at least 200 consecutive games, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **BRETT FAVRE** (297), **ELI MANNING** (210) and **PEYTON MANNING** (208).

In 2018, Rivers threw at least two touchdown passes in each of the Chargers' first 12 games and became the fourth quarterback in NFL history with two or more touchdown passes in each of his team's first 12 games to start a season.

In Week 12, Rivers completed 28 of 29 passes (96.6 percent), the highest completion percentage by a quarterback in a single game in league annals (minimum 20 attempts). In that contest, he completed his first 25 pass attempts, tied for the most consecutive completions by a quarterback in a single game in NFL history (**NICK FOLE**, December 30, 2018, at Washington).

Pittsburgh quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** ranks **sixth in league history with 56,194 passing yards and seventh all-time in passing touchdowns (363)**. In 2018, he led the NFL with a career-high 5,129 passing yards, his second-career passing title (4,952 yards in 2014) and became the seventh player to surpass 5,000 passing yards in a single season in league annals. Roethlisberger also led the league with 452 completions, the fourth-highest single season total in NFL history.

Last season, Roethlisberger became the first player to record multiple games with at least 450 passing yards in a season (Weeks 2 & 12) and has six career games with at least 450 passing yards, the most among all players in league annals.



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## QUARTERBACKS ON THE RISE



As long-tenured veterans continue to climb the record books, young stars are emerging at the quarterback position around the NFL. Below is a sampling of statistical highlights from several of the league's top young passers.



Los Angeles Rams quarterback **JARED GOFF** became the first No. 1 overall selection to lead his team to the Super Bowl within his first three seasons in NFL history. In Week 4 vs. Minnesota, Goff finished with a 158.3 passer rating (the highest attainable mark) after completing 26 of 33 passes (78.7 percent) for 465 yards, five touchdowns and zero interceptions.

Goff became just the fifth quarterback in NFL history and first since **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** in 2014 to throw for at least 450 yards, five touchdowns and zero interceptions in a single game.

Last season, Dallas quarterback **DAK PRESCOTT** led the Cowboys to their second NFC East division title in the past three seasons after passing for a career-high 3,885 yards and 22 touchdowns. Prescott has recorded 13 games with at least one passing touchdown and one rushing touchdown, the second most in a player's first three seasons in NFL history (**CAM NEWTON**, 20).

Chicago quarterback **MITCHELL TRUBISKY** became the sixth quarterback in franchise history to throw for at least 3,000 yards in a single season after passing for 3,223 yards and 24 touchdowns, while leading Chicago to its first NFC North division title since 2010. Trubisky tied a franchise record by tallying four games with at least 300 yards passing in 2018 and became the first Bears quarterback to record four games with a passer rating of 120 or higher in a single season.

In 2018, Houston quarterback **DESHAUN WATSON** became the first quarterback to throw for at least 4,000 yards (4,165) and 25 touchdowns (26) and rush for 500 yards (551) and five touchdowns (five) in a single season in NFL history. Watson joined Pro Football Hall of Famers **DAN MARINO** and **KURT WARNER**, as well as **PATRICK MAHOMES** as the only quarterbacks to throw for at least 40 touchdowns in a player's first 20 career games in NFL history.

Watson became the first quarterback in NFL history to throw for at least 375 yards and rush for 30 yards in back-to-back games, accomplishing the feat in three consecutive games from Weeks 2-4 in 2018.

Philadelphia quarterback **CARSON WENTZ** set a franchise record and ranked third in the NFL in completion percentage (69.6) and fourth in the NFC with a 102.2 passer rating in 2018. Wentz joined **PEYTON MANNING** as the only quarterbacks to record four consecutive games with a passer rating of 115 or higher with at least 30 pass attempts in a single season in NFL history.

# YEAR TWO QUARTERBACKS

The 2018 class of rookie quarterbacks proved to be one of the best in league history. Rookie starting quarterbacks last season, highlighted by Buffalo's **JOSH ALLEN**, the New York Jets' **SAM DARNOLD**, Baltimore's **LAMAR JACKSON** and Cleveland's **BAKER MAYFIELD**, combined to rank second in the Super Bowl era in wins (25) and passing touchdowns (72), and third in passing yards (11,973) among rookie starting quarterbacks.

**BAKER MAYFIELD**, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2018 NFL Draft, **threw for 27 touchdown passes in 2018, the most by a rookie quarterback in league annals**. He also threw a touchdown pass in all 13 of his starts, joining **BRAD JOHNSON** and Pro Football Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** as the only quarterbacks in the Super Bowl era to throw a touchdown pass in each of their first 10 career starts.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	PASSING TOUCHDOWNS
<b>Baker Mayfield</b>	<b>CLE</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>27</b>
Russell Wilson	SEA	2012	26
Peyton Manning	IND	1998	26

**SAM DARNOLD**, the No. 3 overall selection in 2018, became **the youngest quarterback to start a season-opening game in the Super Bowl era**.

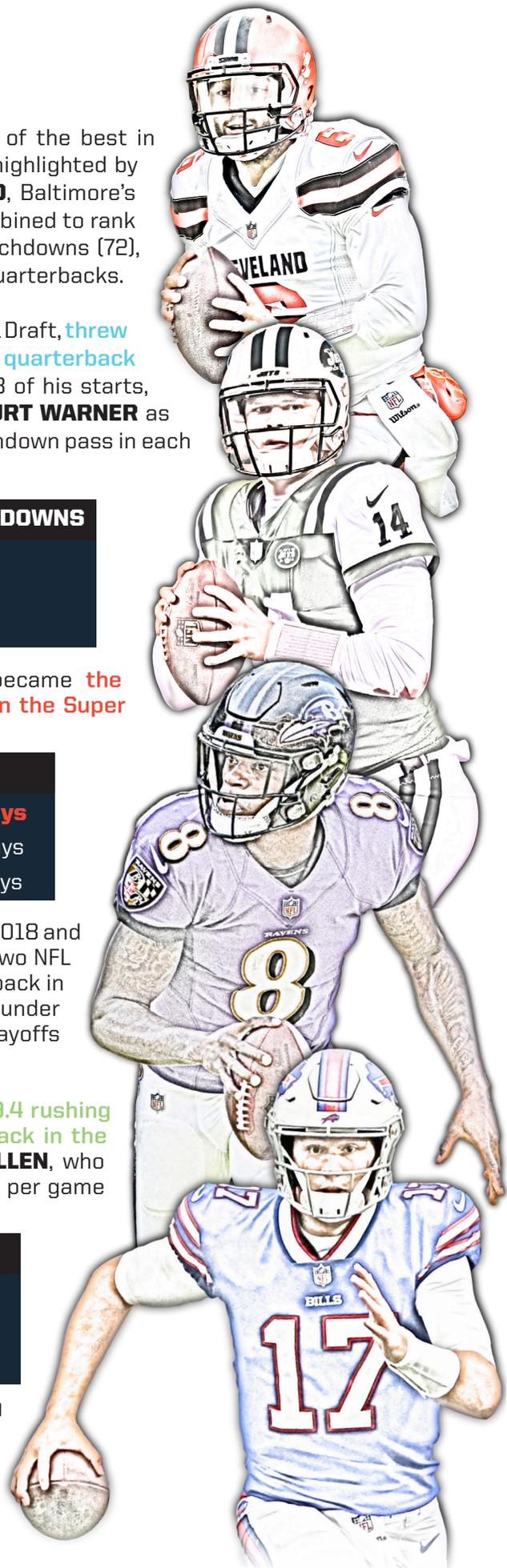
PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	AGE
<b>Sam Darnold</b>	<b>NYJ</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>21 years, 97 days</b>
Drew Bledsoe	NE	1993	21 years, 203 days
Matthew Stafford	DET	2009	21 years, 218 days

**LAMAR JACKSON** started the Ravens' final seven games in 2018 and led Baltimore to a 6-1 record down the stretch. In his first two NFL starts, Jackson rushed for 190 yards, the most by a quarterback in his first two career starts in the Super Bowl era. The first-rounder was the only rookie quarterback to lead his team to the playoffs in 2018.

In his seven total starts last season, **Jackson averaged 79.4 rushing yards per game, the most by a rookie starting quarterback in the Super Bowl era (minimum five starts)**. Buffalo's **JOSH ALLEN**, who started 12 games last season, averaged 55.0 rushing yards per game as a starter.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	RUSHING YPG
<b>Lamar Jackson</b>	<b>BAL</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>79.4</b>
<b>Josh Allen</b>	<b>BUF</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>55.0</b>
Robert Griffin III	WAS	2012	54.3

Allen finished last season with 18 total touchdowns (10 passing, eight rushing), the most by a rookie quarterback in Bills franchise history. His eight rushing touchdowns were the second most by a rookie quarterback in the Super Bowl era, trailing only **CAM NEWTON** (14 in 2011).



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## ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS LOOK TO MAKE THEIR MARK

Three quarterbacks - Oklahoma's **KYLER MURRAY** (No. 1 overall, Arizona), Duke's **DANIEL JONES** (No. 6, New York Giants) and Ohio State's **DWAYNE HASKINS** (No. 15, Washington) - were selected in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft.

It marked the sixth consecutive draft in which two quarterbacks were selected in the first round, tied for the second-longest streak since 1967 (11 consecutive NFL Drafts from 2002-12). With Murray and Jones chosen in the top 10, it also marked the fifth consecutive draft in which at least two quarterbacks were selected in the top 10, the longest such streak in the common-draft era.



Last season, the New York Jets started **SAM DARNOLD**, the No. 3 overall selection in the 2018 Draft, on Kickoff Weekend. **At least one rookie quarterback has started in Week 1 in 11 consecutive seasons, the longest streak in the NFL since at least 1950.** By the end of the season, all five first-round quarterbacks - **BAKER MAYFIELD**, Darnold, **JOSH ALLEN**, **JOSH ROSEN** and **LAMAR JACKSON** - from the 2018 NFL Draft had started at least seven games for their respective teams.

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	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

# QUARTERBACKS OF THE FUTURE

Team success often hinges on the production at the quarterback position.

Pro Football Hall of Famer **GIL BRANDT**, who oversaw the Dallas Cowboys' personnel department for 29 years and currently shares his gridiron knowledge as a senior analyst for NFL.com, sees plenty of quarterback talent coming down the pike.

"The quarterbacks we see in college now are so much more developed passers than the quarterbacks we saw 25 years ago, simply because teams are throwing the ball so much more at the high school and collegiate level," said Brandt. "The increase of personal quarterback coaches can also be attributed to quarterbacks being NFL-ready at a younger age."

Brandt's choices for the top quarterbacks to watch in college football this season (listed alphabetically):

**JAKE FROMM** (top right), Georgia (6-2/220, true junior): "He started as a freshman and has started the past 28 games. In 2018, he completed 67 percent of his passes with 30 touchdowns and six interceptions. Very good arm strength with good accuracy. Not flashy, just a winner: 24 wins over two years."

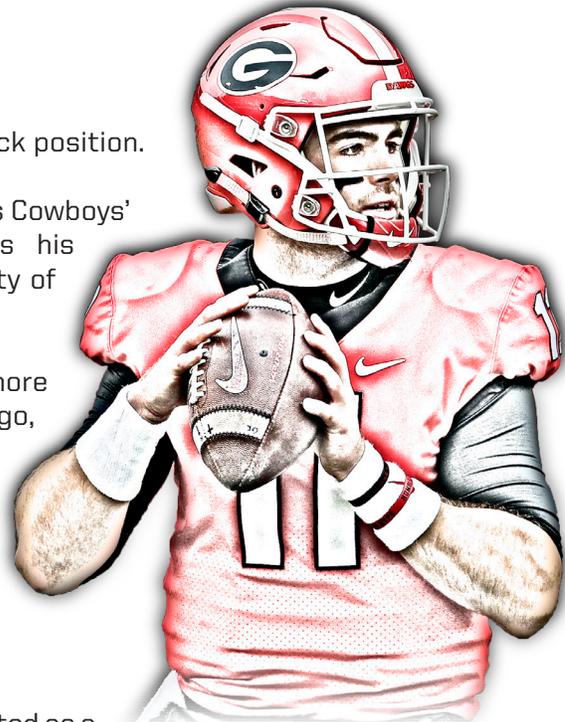
**JUSTIN HERBERT**, Oregon (6-6/233, true senior): "He started seven games as a true freshman in 2016. In 2017, in the eight games he started, the team averaged 52 points. He completed 59 percent of his passes in 2018 with 29 touchdowns and eight interceptions. Very athletic with very good feet, strong arm, smart."

**TREVOR LAWRENCE**, Clemson (6-6/215, true sophomore): "He led team to the national championship as a starting quarterback as a freshman. He was 52-2 as a starter in high school and won two state championships. He had 30 touchdown passes, had four interceptions in 2018 and had 347 yards passing versus Alabama in the National Championship. Mobile with a strong arm."

**TUA TAGOVAILOA** (bottom right), Alabama (6-1/218, true junior): "Now, he's a true junior, left-handed. He came in for the second half vs. Georgia in 2017 and passed for a game-winning touchdown. Last year, he completed 69 percent of his passes for 3,966 yards with 43 touchdowns and six interceptions on 355 attempts. Very mobile with good accuracy and arm strength. Makes plays with his feet."

Additional quarterbacks Brandt will be keeping tabs on:

- JOE BURROW**, LSU (6-4/216, redshirt senior)
- K.J. COSTELLO**, Stanford (6-5/215, true senior)
- SAM EHLINGER**, Texas (6-3/235, true junior)
- JUSTIN FIELDS**, Ohio State (6-3/223, true sophomore)
- MASON FINE**, North Texas (5-11/190, true senior)
- SAM HOWELL**, North Carolina (6-1/225, true freshman)
- JALEN HURTS**, Oklahoma (6-2/219, true senior)
- JORDAN LOVE**, Utah State (6-4/220, redshirt junior)
- GRAHAM MERTZ**, Wisconsin (6-3/216, true freshman)
- KELLEN MOND**, Texas A&M (6-2/217, true junior)
- SHEA PATTERSON**, Michigan (6-2/205, true senior)
- NATE STANLEY**, Iowa (6-4/243, true senior)



## QUARTERBACK SUCCESS

In 2018, league-wide passing numbers trended at a record pace, as the marks for **passer rating (92.9)**, **completion percentage (64.9)** and **touchdown passes (847)** were all the highest for a single season in NFL history, while the **total completions (11,462)** were the third-highest in a single season in league annals.

SEASON	PASSER RATING
<b>2018</b>	<b>92.9</b>
2015	90.2
2016	89.3

SEASON	COMPLETION PCT.
<b>2018</b>	<b>64.9</b>
2016	63.0
2015	63.0

SEASON	TD PASSES
<b>2018</b>	<b>847</b>
2015	842
2014	807

SEASON	COMPLETIONS
2015	11,527
2016	11,526
<b>2018</b>	<b>11,462</b>

Twelve quarterbacks passed for at least 4,000 yards, including five with at least 4,500 passing yards, in 2018: Pittsburgh's **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (5,129), Kansas City's **PATRICK MAHOMES** (5,097), Atlanta's **MATT RYAN** (4,924), Los Angeles Rams' **JARED GOFF** (4,688) and Indianapolis' **ANDREW LUCK** (4,593).

With 12 quarterbacks reaching 4,000 passing yards, the 2018 season tied the 2015 season for **the second-most quarterbacks with at least 4,000 passing yards in NFL history.**

SEASON	PLAYERS WITH 4,000+ PASSING YARDS
2016	13
<b>2018</b>	<b>12</b>
2015	12
2014	11
2012	11

Nine quarterbacks threw at least 30 touchdown passes last season, including four with at least 35 touchdown passes: Mahomes (50), Luck (39), Ryan (35) and Seattle's **RUSSELL WILSON** (35).

Nineteen quarterbacks completed at least 65 percent of their passes (minimum 200 attempts) in 2018, including two who completed more than 70 percent of their passes: New Orleans' **DREW BREES** (NFL record 74.4) and Minnesota's **KIRK COUSINS** (70.1), which marked the first time multiple quarterbacks completed more than 70 percent of their passes in a single season in NFL history.

Eight quarterbacks had a passer rating of 100 or higher, including three with a 110 passer rating or higher in 2018: Brees (115.7), Mahomes (113.8) and Wilson (110.9). The eight quarterbacks with a passer rating of 100 or higher were the most in a single season in NFL history, surpassing the previous record of six in the 2015 season.



# CLUTCH PERFORMERS

The 2018 season featured many exciting games that came down to the wire. Some of the most iconic moments in NFL history have taken place with the game on the line.

Atlanta quarterback **MATT RYAN** (left) led the NFL with a 118.7 passer rating and 13 passing touchdowns in the fourth quarter and overtime (minimum 100 pass attempts) in 2018. In total, eight quarterbacks throughout the league registered a passer rating of 100 or higher in the final quarter and overtime, the most in the last 35 years (minimum 100 pass attempts).

PLAYER	TEAM	4TH QUARTER RATING
<b>Matt Ryan</b>	<b>ATL</b>	<b>118.7</b>
Drew Brees	NO	117.0
Deshaun Watson	HOU	109.2
Russell Wilson	SEA	108.5
Andrew Luck	IND	106.9

New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES** led the league with seven game-winning drives in 2018, followed by Dallas' **DAK PRESCOTT** (right) and Houston's **DESHAUN WATSON**, each with five.

**"Once you get to the fourth quarter, that's crunch time. That's when you know you need to be as efficient as you possibly can."**

**- New Orleans quarterback DREW BREES**

Both Brees and New England's **TOM BRADY** (two game-winning drives in 2018) moved into **the top-five of career game-winning drives since 1960.**

Pittsburgh's **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** enters this season with 42 career game-winning drives and needs two more to pass Pro Football Hall of Famer **BRETT FAVRE** (43) for the fifth-most all-time.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GAME-WINNING DRIVES
Peyton Manning	IND, DEN	54
Drew Brees	SD, NO	48
Dan Marino <sup>HOF</sup>	MIA	47
Tom Brady	NE	44
Brett Favre <sup>HOF</sup>	GB, NYJ, MIN	43



# STARTING RECORDS OF ACTIVE NFL QUARTERBACKS

QUARTERBACKS ON ROSTERS AS OF JULY 1, 2019  
(MINIMUM 10 REGULAR-SEASON STARTS)

QUARTERBACK	REGULAR SEASON				POSTSEASON			OVERALL			
	W	L	T	PCT.	W	L	PCT.	W	L	T	PCT.
Jimmy Garoppolo	8	2	0	.800	0	0	.000	8	2	0	.800
Tom Brady	207	60	0	.775	30	10	.750	237	70	0	.772
Patrick Mahomes	13	4	0	.765	1	1	.500	14	5	0	.737
Ben Roethlisberger	144	69	1	.675	13	8	.619	157	77	1	.670
Russell Wilson	75	36	1	.673	8	5	.615	83	41	1	.668
Dak Prescott	32	16	0	.667	1	2	.333	33	18	0	.647
Drew Stanton	11	6	0	.647	0	0	.000	11	6	0	.647
Aaron Rodgers	100	57	1	.637	9	7	.563	109	64	1	.629
Jared Goff	24	14	0	.632	2	2	.500	26	16	0	.619
Deshaun Watson	14	8	0	.636	0	1	.000	14	9	0	.609
Andrew Luck	53	33	0	.616	4	4	.500	57	37	0	.606
Nick Foles	26	18	0	.591	4	2	.667	30	20	0	.600
Joe Flacco	96	67	0	.589	10	5	.667	106	72	0	.596
Drew Brees	155	108	0	.589	8	7	.533	163	115	0	.586
Matt Ryan	102	72	0	.586	4	6	.400	106	78	0	.576
Carson Wentz	23	17	0	.575	0	0	.000	23	17	0	.575
Alex Smith	94	66	1	.586	2	5	.286	96	71	1	.574
Teddy Bridgewater	17	12	0	.586	0	1	.000	17	13	0	.567
Philip Rivers	118	90	0	.567	5	6	.455	123	96	0	.562
Mitchell Trubisky	15	11	0	.577	0	1	.000	15	12	0	.556
Andy Dalton	68	50	2	.571	0	4	.000	68	54	2	.556
Cam Newton	68	53	1	.560	3	4	.429	71	57	1	.554
Trevor Siemian	13	11	0	.542	0	0	.000	13	11	0	.542
Eli Manning	116	114	0	.504	8	4	.667	124	118	0	.512
Matt Schaub	47	45	0	.511	1	1	.500	48	46	0	.511
Tyrod Taylor	23	21	1	.517	0	1	.000	23	22	1	.511
Marcus Mariota	27	28	0	.491	1	1	.500	28	29	0	.491
Case Keenum	26	28	0	.481	1	1	.500	27	29	0	.482
Ryan Tannehill	42	46	0	.477	0	0	.000	42	46	0	.477
Kirk Cousins	34	37	2	.479	0	1	.000	34	38	2	.473
Baker Mayfield	6	7	0	.462	0	0	.000	6	7	0	.462
Matthew Stafford	66	75	0	.468	0	3	.000	66	78	0	.458
Josh Allen	5	6	0	.455	0	0	.000	5	6	0	.455
Brian Hoyer	16	21	0	.432	0	1	.000	16	22	0	.421
Derek Carr	32	46	0	.410	0	0	.000	32	46	0	.410
Ryan Fitzpatrick	50	75	1	.400	0	0	.000	50	75	1	.400
Jameis Winston	21	33	0	.389	0	0	.000	21	33	0	.389
Geno Smith	12	19	0	.387	0	0	.000	12	19	0	.387
Robert Griffin III	15	25	0	.375	0	1	.000	15	26	0	.366
Blake Bortles	24	49	0	.329	2	1	.667	26	50	0	.342
Chad Henne	18	35	0	.340	0	0	.000	18	35	0	.340
Sam Darnold	4	9	0	.308	0	0	.000	4	9	0	.308
Terrelle Pryor	3	7	0	.300	0	0	.000	3	7	0	.300
Jacoby Brissett	5	12	0	.294	0	0	.000	5	12	0	.294
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
Colt McCoy	7	20	0	.259	0	0	.000	7	20	0	.259
Josh Rosen	3	10	0	.231	0	0	.000	3	10	0	.231
Cody Kessler	2	10	2	.167	0	0	.000	2	10	0	.167
C.J. Beathard	1	9	0	.100	0	0	.000	1	9	0	.100
DeShone Kizer	0	15	0	.000	0	0	.000	0	15	0	.000

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# TODD GURLEY

Los Angeles Rams running back **TODD GURLEY** ranked third in the NFL with 1,251 rushing yards and led the league in rushing touchdowns (17) and total touchdowns (21) last season. In 2018, Gurley scored at least one touchdown in each of the Rams' first 10 games and joined Pro Football Hall of Famers **O.J. SIMPSON** (14 games in 1975), **LENNY MOORE** (14 in 1964) and **ELROY "CRAZY LEGS" HIRSCH** (10 in 1951) as the only players in league annals to score a touchdown in each of their team's first 10 games of a season.

Gurley, who had 19 touchdowns from scrimmage in 2017, became the **seventh player in NFL history to record at least 19 scrimmage touchdowns in consecutive seasons.**

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS
Shaun Alexander	Seattle	2004-05
Marshall Faulk <sup>HOF</sup>	St. Louis Rams	2000-01
<b>Todd Gurley</b>	<b>L.A. Rams</b>	<b>2017-18</b>
Priest Holmes	Kansas City	2002-03
Larry Johnson	Kansas City	2005-06
Emmitt Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	Dallas	1994-95
LaDainian Tomlinson <sup>HOF</sup>	San Diego	2005-06

Entering his fifth season, Gurley has 56 touchdowns from scrimmage in 58 career games. With four touchdowns in his first two games of the 2019 season, he would become the **fifth player in NFL history to record at least 60 touchdowns from scrimmage in his first 60 career games.**

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS	SCRIMMAGE TDS
Jim Brown <sup>HOF</sup>	Cleveland	1957-61	62
Chuck Foreman	Minnesota	1973-77	61
Marcus Allen <sup>HOF</sup>	L.A. Raiders	1982-86	60
Terrell Davis <sup>HOF</sup>	Denver	1995-98	60

**"He does so many things well. He's got the ability to break a lot of tackles."**

- Chicago Bears linebacker **ROQUAN SMITH** on Gurley

Since entering the league as the 10th overall selection in the 2015 NFL Draft, Gurley leads all players in rushing yards (4,567), rushing touchdowns (46), scrimmage yards (6,430) and scrimmage touchdowns (56). He became the **third player in league annals to record at least 4,500 rushing yards, 1,500 receiving yards and 55 scrimmage touchdowns in his first four seasons**, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers **LaDAINIAN TOMLINSON** and **MARCUS ALLEN**.

PLAYER	TEAM	RUSH YARDS	REC. YARDS	SCRIMMAGE TDS
LaDainian Tomlinson <sup>HOF</sup>	San Diego	5,899	2,022	60
Marcus Allen <sup>HOF</sup>	L.A. Raiders	4,638	2,304	58
<b>Todd Gurley</b>	<b>L.A. Rams</b>	<b>4,547</b>	<b>1,883</b>	<b>56</b>



# EZEKIEL ELLIOTT

Dallas Cowboys running back **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT** led the NFL with 1,434 rushing yards and became the **fifth player to lead the league in rushing yards in two of his first three seasons.**

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS
<b>Ezekiel Elliott</b>	<b>Dallas</b>	<b>2016, 2018</b>
Edgerrin James	Indianapolis	1999-2000
Emmitt Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	Dallas	1991-92
Eric Dickerson <sup>HOF</sup>	L.A. Rams	1983-84
Earl Campbell <sup>HOF</sup>	Houston Oilers	1978-79

He ranked second with 2,001 scrimmage yards in 2018 and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **EMMITT SMITH, HERSCHEL WALKER** and **DEMARCO MURRAY** as the only players in franchise history with 2,000-or-more scrimmage yards in a single season. Elliott, who had 1,994 scrimmage yards in 2016, is the **fourth player in NFL history to record at least 1,900 scrimmage yards in two of his first three seasons.**

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS
<b>Ezekiel Elliott</b>	<b>Dallas</b>	<b>2016, 2018</b>
LaDainian Tomlinson <sup>HOF</sup>	San Diego	2002-03
Edgerrin James	Indianapolis	1999-2000
Eric Dickerson <sup>HOF</sup>	L.A. Rams	1983-84

Since entering the NFL in 2016, Elliott leads the league with 4,048 rushing yards in 40 career games. With 952 rushing yards in his first 10 games in 2019, he can become the **fifth player in league annals with at least 5,000 rushing yards in his first 50 career games.** The four other players to accomplish the feat are all enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

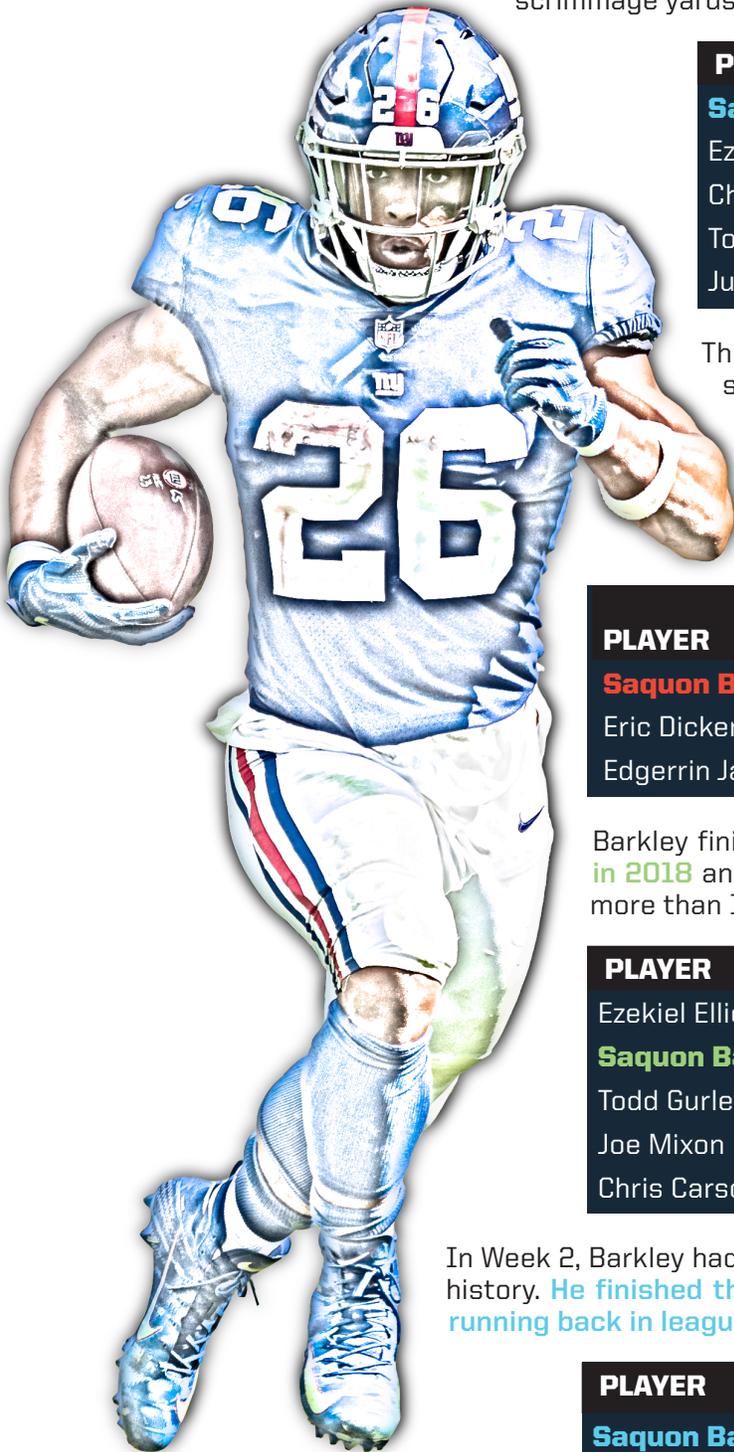
PLAYER	TEAM	RUSH YARDS
Eric Dickerson <sup>HOF</sup>	St. Louis Rams	5,597
Earl Campbell <sup>HOF</sup>	Houston Oilers	5,411
Jim Brown <sup>HOF</sup>	Cleveland	5,248
Terrell Davis <sup>HOF</sup>	Denver	5,062

Additionally, Elliott has 1,199 receiving yards in his three-year NFL career and is the fifth player in NFL history with at least 4,000 rushing yards and 1,000 receiving yards in his first three NFL seasons, joining **OTTIS ANDERSON, CHRIS JOHNSON** and Pro Football Hall of Famers **BARRY SANDERS** and **LADAINIAN TOMLINSON.**



# SAQUON BARKLEY

New York Giants running back **SAQUON BARKLEY** burst onto the scene in 2018, taking the league by storm as a rookie. **The second-overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft led the league with 2,028 scrimmage yards** and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **ERIC DICKERSON** (2,212 in 1983) and **EDGERRIN JAMES** (2,139 in 1999) as the only rookies with at least 2,000 scrimmage yards in NFL history. Barkley, Dickerson and Pro Football Hall of Famer **MARCUS ALLEN** (1982) are the only rookies to lead the league in scrimmage yards in the Super Bowl era.



PLAYER	TEAM	SCRIMMAGE YARDS
<b>Saquon Barkley</b>	<b>NYG</b>	<b>2,028</b>
Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	2,001
Christian McCaffrey	CAR	1,965
Todd Gurley	LAR	1,831
Julio Jones	ATL	1,689

The 2018 Rookie of the Year recorded at least 100 scrimmage yards in each of his first six games, the second-longest streak to begin a career in NFL history. In total, Barkley finished the season with 13 games of at least 100 scrimmage yards, tying Dickerson (1983) for **the most games with 100+ scrimmage yards by a rookie in NFL history.**

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	GAMES WITH 100+ SCRIMMAGE YARDS
<b>Saquon Barkley</b>	<b>NYG</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>13</b>
Eric Dickerson <sup>HOF</sup>	L.A. Rams	1983	13
Edgerrin James	IND	1999	12

Barkley finished **second in the league with 1,307 rushing yards in 2018** and became the first rookie in Giants history to rush for more than 1,000 yards.

PLAYER	TEAM	RUSHING YARDS
Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	1,434
<b>Saquon Barkley</b>	<b>NYG</b>	<b>1,307</b>
Todd Gurley	LAR	1,251
Joe Mixon	CIN	1,168
Chris Carson	SEA	1,151

In Week 2, Barkley had 14 receptions, the most in a single game in franchise history. **He finished the season with 91 receptions, the most by a rookie running back in league annals (REGGIE BUSH, 88 receptions in 2006).**

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	RECEPTIONS
<b>Saquon Barkley</b>	<b>NYG</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>91</b>
Reggie Bush	NO	2006	88
Earl Cooper	NO	1980	83

## ALVIN KAMARA

Since entering the league in 2017, New Orleans running back **ALVIN KAMARA** has been a force to reckon with in both the running game and passing game. Kamara joined Carolina running back **CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY** and former NFL running back **HERSCHEL WALKER** as the only players to record at least 1,500 rushing yards and 1,500 receiving yards in their first two seasons in NFL history.

Kamara has 1,611 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns, while notching 162 receptions for 1,535 yards and nine touchdowns over his first two seasons. He is the first player to record at least 1,500 receiving yards and 20 rushing touchdowns in a player's first two seasons in NFL history.

Kamara recorded nine games with at least two touchdowns in his first 25 career games, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famers **CURTIS MARTIN** (10) and **STEVE VAN BUREN** (10), as well as **EDGERRIN JAMES** (10), for **the most games with at least two touchdowns in a player's first 25 career games** in NFL history.

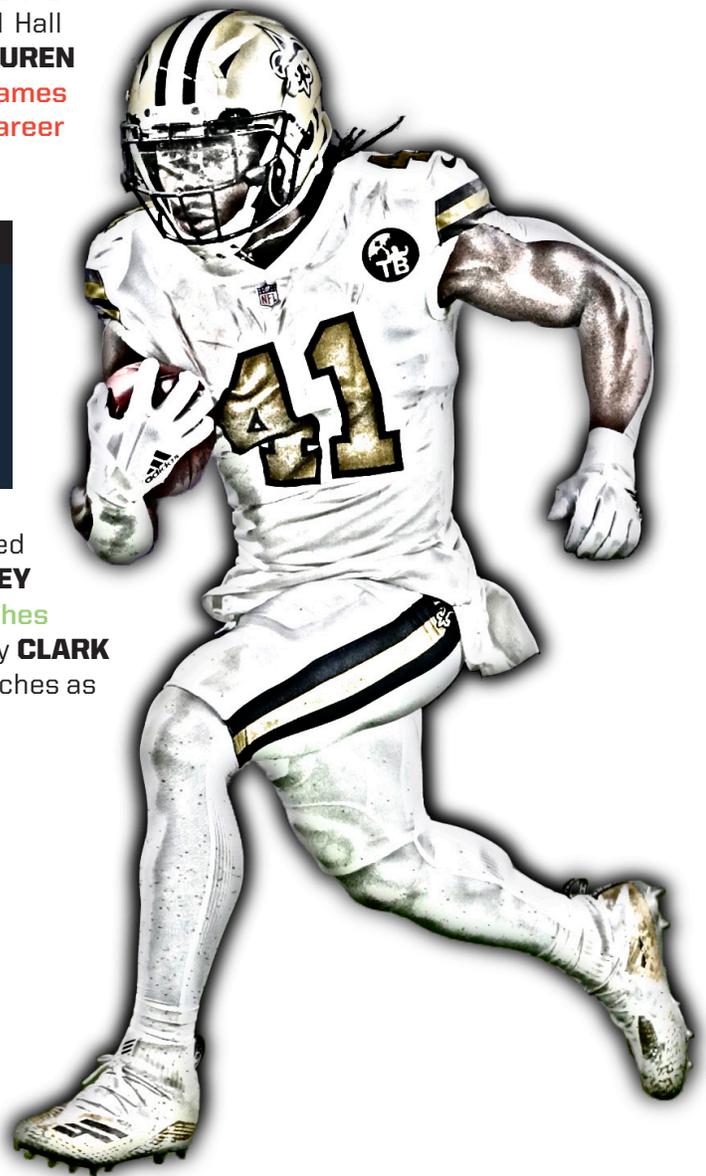
PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES WITH TWO TDs
Edgerrin James	IND	10
Curtis Martin <sup>HOF</sup>	NE	10
Steve Van Buren <sup>HOF</sup>	PHI	10
<b>Alvin Kamara</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>9</b>
Billy Sims	DET	9

In Week 3, Kamara recorded 15 receptions and tied **WILLIAM ANDREWS** (November 15, 1981) and **RICKEY YOUNG** (December 16, 1979) for **the second-most catches by a running back in a single game in NFL history**. Only **CLARK GAINES** (17 on September 21, 1980) recorded more catches as a running back in a single game in league annals.

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	RECEPTIONS
Clark Gaines	NYJ	1980	17
<b>Alvin Kamara</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>15</b>
William Andrews	ATL	1981	15
Rickey Young	MIN	1979	15

**"There's a level of awareness with him that I think is unique. He picks up on things very quickly. I think that's unique. And so then combine that with exceptional athletic skills and you get the player that he is."**

- New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES** on Kamara



# CHRISTIAN McCaffrey

In 2018, Carolina running back **CHRISTIAN McCaffrey** had 107 receptions, surpassing **MATT FORTÉ** (102 in 2014) for **the most receptions by a running back in a single season in league history**, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **LADAINIAN TOMLINSON** and Forté as the only players to record 1,000 rushing yards and 100 receptions in a single season in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	RECEPTIONS
<b>Christian McCaffrey</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>107</b>
Matt Forté	CHI	2014	102
Larry Centers	ARI	1995	101
LaDainian Tomlinson <sup>HOF</sup>	SD	2003	100

In Week 11 vs. Seattle, McCaffrey became the first player in franchise history with at least 100 rushing yards (125), a rushing touchdown (one), at least 100 receiving yards (112) and a touchdown catch (one) in a single game.

McCaffrey's 187 receptions are tied with **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** for **the third most among all players in their first two seasons in NFL history**.

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEPTIONS
Michael Thomas	NO	196
Jarvis Landry	MIA	194
Odell Beckham Jr.	NYG	187
<b>Christian McCaffrey</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>187</b>
JuJu Smith-Schuster	PIT	169

**"It's encouraging and motivating to see a guy that can attack a defense in so many different ways, whether handing the ball off, whether blocking, whether throwing the ball down the field. I've never been around anything [like him]...He's a person who plays bigger than he is, and his impact on the game helps us so much."**

- Carolina Panthers quarterback **CAM NEWTON** on McCaffrey



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## YEAR TWO RUNNING BACKS

The 2018 rookie class featured some of the most prolific rookie seasons for running backs in league history. Below is a sampling of statistical highlights from several of the league's top young rushers.



New York Giants running back **SAQUON BARKLEY** led the NFL in scrimmage yards (2,028) and ranked second in rushing yards (1,307) in 2018. Barkley had 91 receptions and surpassed **REGGIE BUSH** (88 in 2006) for the most receptions by a rookie running back in league history. The Giants rookie joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **ERIC DICKERSON** (2,212 scrimmage yards in 1983) as well as **EDGERRIN JAMES** (2,139 in 1999) as the only rookies to record at least 2,000 scrimmage yards in NFL history.



Last season, Denver running back **PHILLIP LINDSAY** recorded 1,037 rushing yards and joined **LEGARRETTE BLOUNT** (2010) and **DOMINIC RHODES** (2001) as the only undrafted rookies to record at least 1,000 rushing yards since 1967. Lindsay became the first undrafted player in NFL history to record at least 100 scrimmage yards in each of his first two career games.



In Week 10, Cleveland running back **NICK CHUBB** recorded a 92-yard touchdown run, which marked the longest rushing touchdown in franchise history and passed **BO JACKSON** (91) and **DEMARCO MURRAY** (91) for the longest touchdown run by a rookie since 1970. In 2018, Chubb averaged 5.19 yards per carry, which set a franchise record for the most yards per carry by a rookie in a single season (minimum 100 attempts) and marked the highest yards per carry of any Browns running back since **GREG PRUITT** in 1978 (5.45).



In 2018, New England running back **SONY MICHEL** set the NFL postseason record for the most rushing touchdowns by a rookie with six, and finished tied for the second-most rushing touchdowns in a single postseason by a player in NFL history, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer **TERRELL DAVIS** (eight in 1997). Michel finished his rookie campaign with 931 rushing yards, which surpassed **LAWRENCE MARONEY** (745 in 2006) for the most rushing yards by a rookie under head coach Bill Belichick.

# DOUBLE-TROUBLE RUNNING BACKS

They seem to be all over the league. Those running backs, like **MELVIN GORDON** (below, right) and **DAVID JOHNSON** (below, left) that can hurt you two ways: rushing or catching the ball.

Dual-threat running backs not only force defenses to be ready for anything, they allow offenses to keep their best playmakers on the field in any situation.

More and more offenses are relying on these dual-threat players to keep the chains moving. **Eight running backs rushed for at least 800 yards while adding at least 50 receptions in 2018, the most in a single season since 2002.**



PLAYER	TEAM	RUSHING YARDS	RECEPTIONS
Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	1,434	77
Saquon Barkley	NYG	1,307	91
Todd Gurley	LAR	1,251	59
Christian McCaffrey	CAR	1,098	107
James Conner	PIT	973	55
David Johnson	AZ	940	50
Melvin Gordon	LAC	885	50
Alvin Kamara	NO	883	81

**"I think he's just gotten to the point where he sees the running back as a three-down position."**

- Los Angeles Chargers quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** on Melvin Gordon

Each year, running backs are improving on their ability to catch the football. That stood out most to Carolina quarterback **CAM NEWTON** and New York Giants quarterback **ELI MANNING**, as each of their respective running backs broke NFL records. Carolina's **CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY** had 107 receptions, the most by a running back in NFL history, while **SAQUON BARKLEY** recorded 91 receptions, the most by a rookie running back in league annals.

In total, **five running backs in 2018 had at least 75 receptions, the most in a single season in league history.**

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEPTIONS
Christian McCaffrey	CAR	107
Saquon Barkley	NYG	91
James White	NE	87
Alvin Kamara	NO	81
Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	77



## 1,000-YARD RUSHERS

One of the most prolific offensive seasons in NFL history, 2018 saw nine players rush for at least 1,000 yards. Of those nine players, **six reached the milestone for the first time in their career** (in bold below), the most players since seven reached 1,000 for the first time in 2010.

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	RUSH YARDS
Ezekiel Elliott	Dallas	1,434
<b>Saquon Barkley</b>	<b>N.Y. Giants</b>	<b>1,307</b>
Todd Gurley	L.A. Rams	1,251
<b>Joe Mixon</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>1,168</b>
<b>Chris Carson</b>	<b>Seattle</b>	<b>1,151</b>
<b>Christian McCaffrey</b>	<b>Carolina</b>	<b>1,098</b>
<b>Derrick Henry</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>1,059</b>
Adrian Peterson	Washington	1,042
<b>Phillip Lindsay</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>1,037</b>

New York Giants running back **SAQUON BARKLEY** became the first rookie in franchise history to surpass 1,000 rushing yards. Barkley totaled seven games with at least 100 rushing yards, tied with **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT** for the most in the NFL last season.

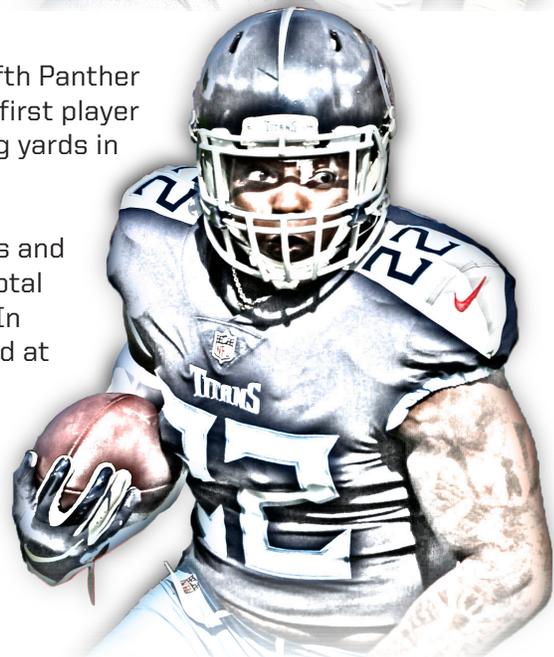
Cincinnati running back **JOE MIXON** became the first Bengal since 2014 with a 1,000-yard rushing season. With 1,000 rushing yards in 2019, Mixon can become the first Cincinnati running back since **CEDRIC BENSON** (2009-11) to record 1,000 rushing yards in consecutive seasons.

Seattle running back **CHRIS CARSON** became the Seahawks' first 1,000-yard rusher since 2014 and joined **SHAUN ALEXANDER**, **MARSHAWN LYNCH** and **RICKY WATTERS** as the only Seattle running backs with 1,000 rushing yards in a single season since 2000.

Carolina running back **CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY** became the fifth Panther to record a 1,000-yard rushing season. In 2018, he became the first player in league history with at least 50 rushing yards and 50 receiving yards in five consecutive games (Weeks 9-13).

Tennessee running back **DERRICK HENRY** rushed for 238 yards and four touchdowns in Week 14, the highest single-game rushing total and tied for the most rushing touchdowns in franchise history. In Weeks 14-15, Henry became the fifth player since 2002 to record at least 170 rushing yards and two touchdown runs in consecutive games.

Denver running back **PHILLIP LINDSAY** had 1,037 rushing yards and joined **DOMINIC RHODES** (1,104 in 2001) and **LEGARRETTE BLOUNT** (1,007 in 2010) as the only undrafted rookies with at least 1,000 rushing yards in the common-draft era.



# ANTONIO BROWN

Acquired by Oakland from Pittsburgh during the offseason, wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN** totaled 104 receptions for 1,297 yards and an NFL-best 15 touchdown receptions in 2018. He became the fifth player since 1970 to record at least eight touchdown catches in six consecutive seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers **JERRY RICE** (11 seasons from 1986-96), **MARVIN HARRISON** (eight from 1999-2006) and **CRIS CARTER** (six from 1995-2000), and **ANTONIO GATES** (seven from 2004-10).

During his nine-year career, Brown has recorded 837 receptions for 11,207 yards and 74 touchdowns. **With 91 receptions in 2019, Brown can surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer MARVIN HARRISON (927 receptions) for the most catches by a player in his first 10 seasons in league annals.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RECEPTIONS
Marvin Harrison <sup>HOF</sup>	IND	927
Brandon Marshall	DEN, MIA, CHI, NYJ	882
Torry Holt	STL Rams	869
Larry Fitzgerald	AZ	846
Wes Welker	MIA, NE, DEN	841

With 793 receiving yards this season, Brown can **become the fifth player in league history to reach 12,000 receiving yards in his first 10 seasons.**

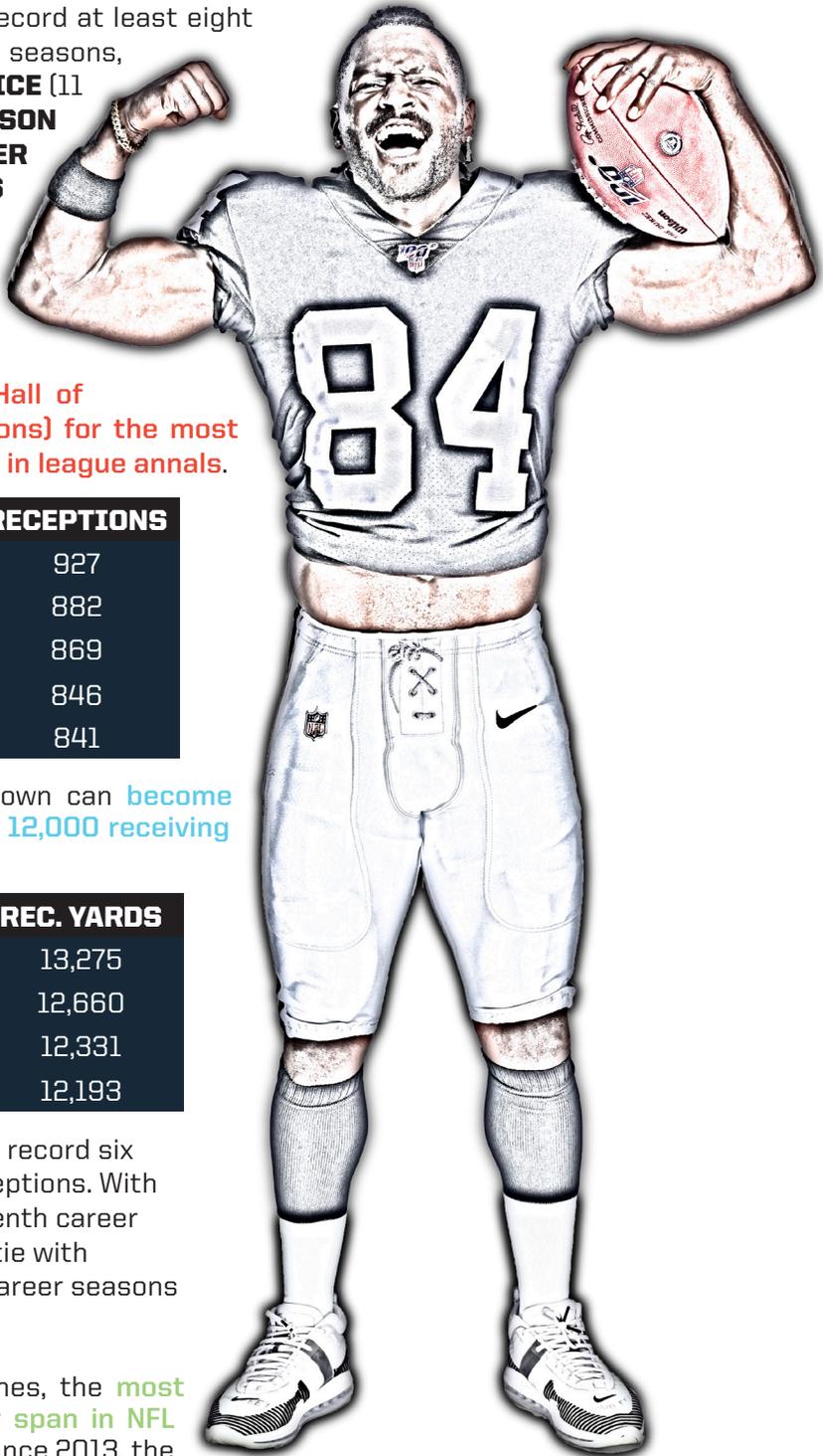
PLAYER	TEAM(S)	REC. YARDS
Jerry Rice <sup>HOF</sup>	SF	13,275
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	12,660
Marvin Harrison <sup>HOF</sup>	IND	12,331
Randy Moss <sup>HOF</sup>	MIN, OAK, NE	12,193

Brown is the only player in league annals to record six consecutive seasons with at least 100 receptions. With 100 catches in 2019, it would mark his seventh career season to accomplish the feat, breaking a tie with **BRANDON MARSHALL** (six) for the most career seasons with at least 100 receptions.

Since 2013, Brown has totaled 686 catches, the **most receptions by a player over any six-year span in NFL history.** He also has 9,145 receiving yards since 2013, the **most receiving yards over any six-year span.**

PLAYER	SEASONS	TEAM	REC.
<b>Antonio Brown</b>	<b>2013-18</b>	<b>PIT</b>	<b>686</b>
Wes Welker	2007-12	NE	672
Marvin Harrison <sup>HOF</sup>	1999-2004	IND	649

PLAYER	SEASONS	TEAM	REC. YARDS
<b>Antonio Brown</b>	<b>2013-18</b>	<b>PIT</b>	<b>9,145</b>
Jerry Rice <sup>HOF</sup>	1990-95	SF	8,759
Marvin Harrison <sup>HOF</sup>	1999-2004	IND	8,707



# JULIO JONES

Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES** led the league with 1,677 receiving yards last year and became the **fifth player in NFL history to record at least three career seasons with 1,500 receiving yards**, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers **JERRY RICE** (four seasons) and **MARVIN HARRISON** (three), as well as **ANTONIO BROWN** (three) and **ANDRE JOHNSON** (three).

Jones, who also had 113 receptions in 2018, joined Harrison (three), Brown (three) and Johnson (three) as the only players in NFL history with at least 100 catches and 1,500 receiving yards in three career seasons.

PLAYER	SEASONS WITH AT LEAST 1,500 RECEIVING YARDS
Jerry Rice <sup>HOF</sup>	4
Antonio Brown	3
Marvin Harrison <sup>HOF</sup>	3
Andre Johnson	3
<b>Julio Jones</b>	<b>3</b>

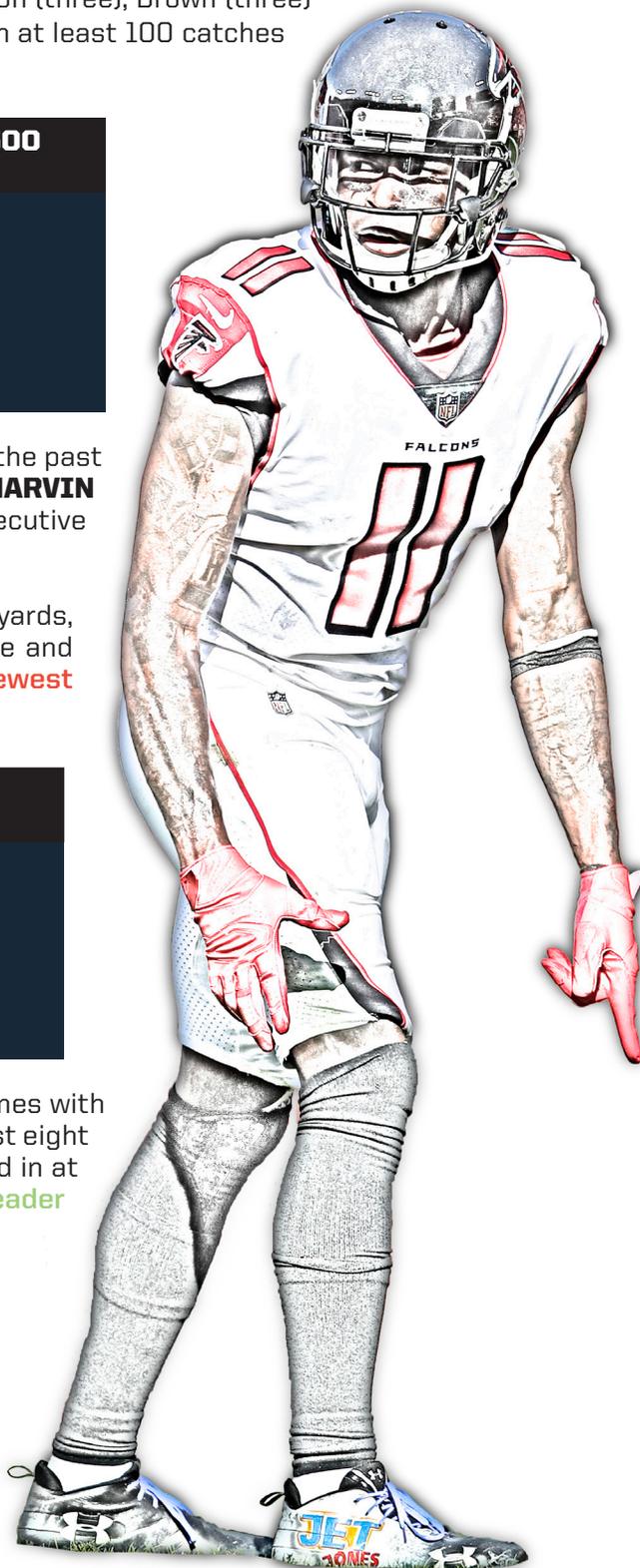
He has recorded at least 1,400 receiving yards in each of the past five seasons and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **MARVIN HARRISON** (four seasons) for the longest streak of consecutive seasons with at least 1,400 receiving yards.

Last season, Jones, who has 10,731 career receiving yards, reached 10,000 receiving yards in his 104th career game and surpassed **CALVIN JOHNSON** (115 games) for the **fewest games in NFL history to reach the milestone**.

PLAYER	GAMES TO REACH 10,000 RECEIVING YARDS
<b>Julio Jones</b>	<b>104</b>
Calvin Johnson	115
Antonio Brown	116
Torry Holt <sup>HOF</sup>	116
Lance Alworth <sup>HOF</sup>	120

Jones, who has appeared in 111 career games, has 49 games with at least 100 receiving yards, the most by a player in his first eight seasons in NFL history. Among players who have appeared in at least 100 career games, Jones is the league's **all-time leader with an average of 96.7 receiving yards per game**.

PLAYER	RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME
<b>Julio Jones</b>	<b>96.7</b>
Antonio Brown	86.2
Calvin Johnson	86.1
A.J. Green	80.2
Torry Holt <sup>HOF</sup>	77.4



# MICHAEL THOMAS

New Orleans wide receiver **MICHAEL THOMAS** led the NFL with 125 receptions and broke his own franchise record set in 2017 (104). Thomas also set a Saints record for most receiving yards in a single season (1,405), surpassing **JOE HORN** (1,399 in 2004).

In 2018, Thomas became the first player in league annals to record at least 10 receptions in each of his team's first three games and surpassed **JULIO JONES** (34 in 2015) for **the most receptions by a player through his team's first three games of a season in NFL history**.

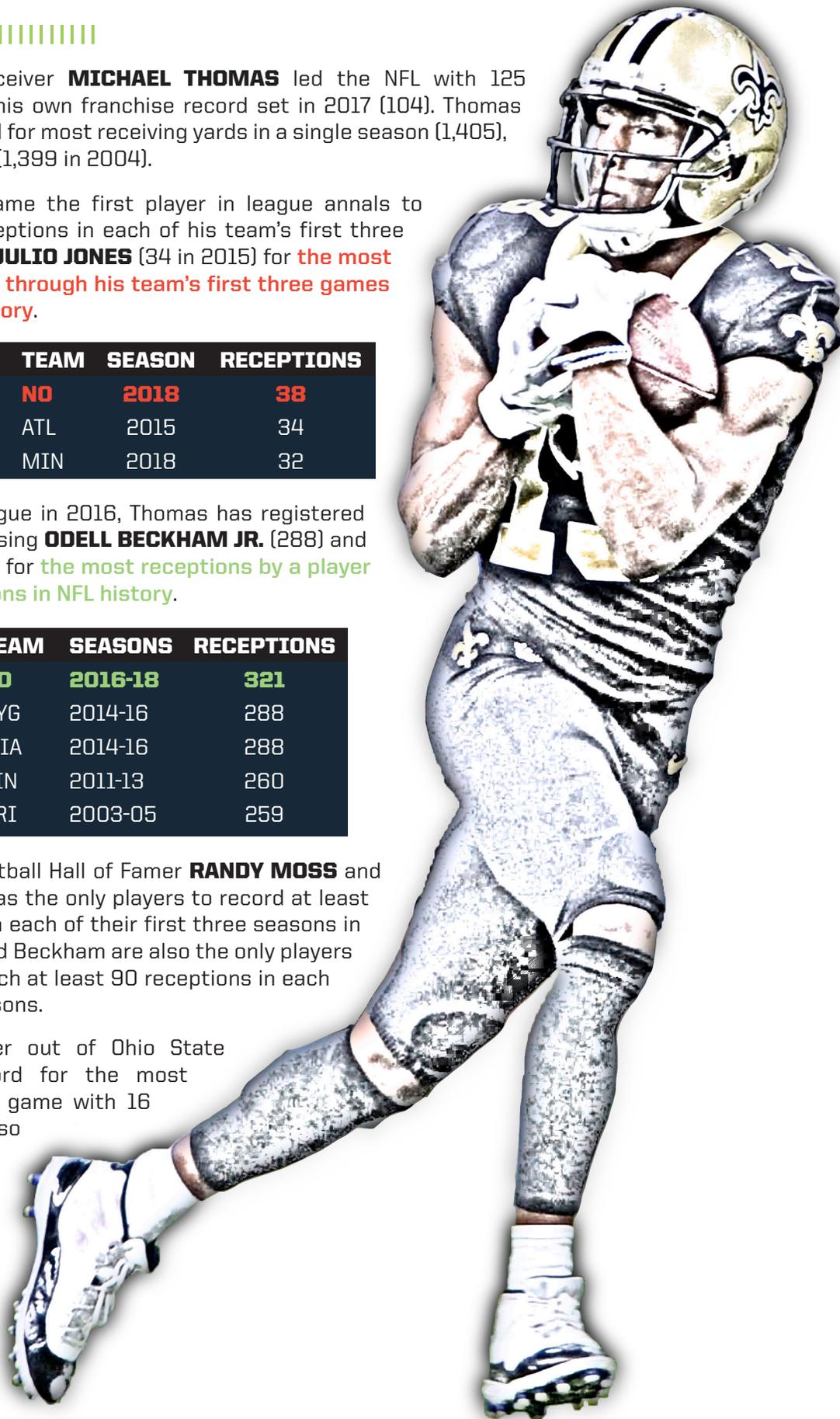
PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	RECEPTIONS
<b>Michael Thomas</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>38</b>
Julio Jones	ATL	2015	34
Adam Thielen	MIN	2018	32

Since entering the league in 2016, Thomas has registered 321 receptions, surpassing **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** (288) and **JARVIS LANDRY** (288) for **the most receptions by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history**.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS	RECEPTIONS
<b>Michael Thomas</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>2016-18</b>	<b>321</b>
Odell Beckham Jr.	NYG	2014-16	288
Jarvis Landry	MIA	2014-16	288
A.J. Green	CIN	2011-13	260
Anquan Boldin	ARI	2003-05	259

Thomas joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **RANDY MOSS** and **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** as the only players to record at least 1,100 receiving yards in each of their first three seasons in NFL history. Thomas and Beckham are also the only players in league annals to notch at least 90 receptions in each of their first three seasons.

The third-year receiver out of Ohio State set a franchise record for the most receptions in a single game with 16 in Week 1. Thomas also set the single-game franchise record with 211 receiving yards in Week 9.



## DeANDRE HOPKINS

Houston wide receiver **DeANDRE HOPKINS** ranked second in the NFL in receiving yards (1,572) and third in receptions (115), tying **ANDRE JOHNSON** (2008) for the most receptions in a single season in Texans history. Hopkins is the only player to record multiple seasons with at least 100 receptions, 1,500 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns since he entered the NFL in 2013, and joined Pro Football Hall of Famers **MARVIN HARRISON** and **JERRY RICE**, as well as **BRANDON MARSHALL**, as the only players to accomplish the feat at least twice in NFL history.

Over the past two seasons, Hopkins is the only wide receiver to rank in the top two in targets (337), receptions (211), receiving yards (2,950), receiving touchdowns (24), receiving first downs (150) and receptions of 25-or-more yards (31). The 2013 first-round selection is tied with Green Bay wide receiver **DAVANTE ADAMS** for the most games with at least one touchdown reception (17) since the start of the 2017 season and has tallied at least 1,000 yards receiving in four of the past five seasons.

Last season, Hopkins became **the second-youngest player to reach 7,000 career receiving yards**, and **the second-youngest player to reach 500 career receptions** in NFL history, trailing only Arizona wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD** in both categories.

PLAYER	TEAM	AGE
Larry Fitzgerald	AZ	26 years, 111 days
<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>HOU</b>	<b>26 years, 186 days</b>
Randy Moss <sup>HOF</sup>	MIN	26 years, 220 days

PLAYER	TEAM	AGE
Larry Fitzgerald	AZ	26 years, 90 days
<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>HOU</b>	<b>26 years, 192 days</b>
Randy Moss <sup>HOF</sup>	MIN	26 years, 297 days

Since entering the league in 2013, Hopkins is one of three players (**ANTONIO BROWN** and **DEMARIUS THOMAS**) with at least 500 receptions (528), 7,000 receiving yards (7,437) and 40 touchdown receptions (47). His 528 receptions are **the most by a player in his first six seasons in NFL history**.

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEPTIONS
<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>HOU</b>	<b>528</b>
Antonio Brown	PIT	526
Randy Moss <sup>HOF</sup>	MIN	525
Larry Fitzgerald	AZ	523
Marvin Harrison <sup>HOF</sup>	IND	522



## TIGHT END TRIO

The 2018 season saw three tight ends – Kansas City's **TRAVIS KELCE**, Philadelphia's **ZACH ERTZ** and San Francisco's **GEORGE KITTLE** – rewrite the individual record books for the position.

Kittle had **1,377 receiving yards, the most in a single season by a tight end in NFL history**. Kelce, who totaled 1,336 receiving yards last season, also surpassed the previous record set by **ROB GRONKOWSKI** (1,327 receiving yards in 2011) and ranks second behind Kittle for the most receiving yards in a single season by a tight end in league annals.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	RECEIVING YARDS
<b>George Kittle</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>1,377</b>
<b>Travis Kelce</b>	<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>1,336</b>
Rob Gronkowski	New England	2011	1,327

Ertz had a franchise-record 116 catches in 2018 and surpassed **JASON WITTEN** (110 receptions in 2012) for the **most receptions by a tight end in a single season in NFL history**. Kelce had 103 catches last season and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY GONZALEZ** (102 receptions in 2004) for the third-most in a single season by a tight end in league history.

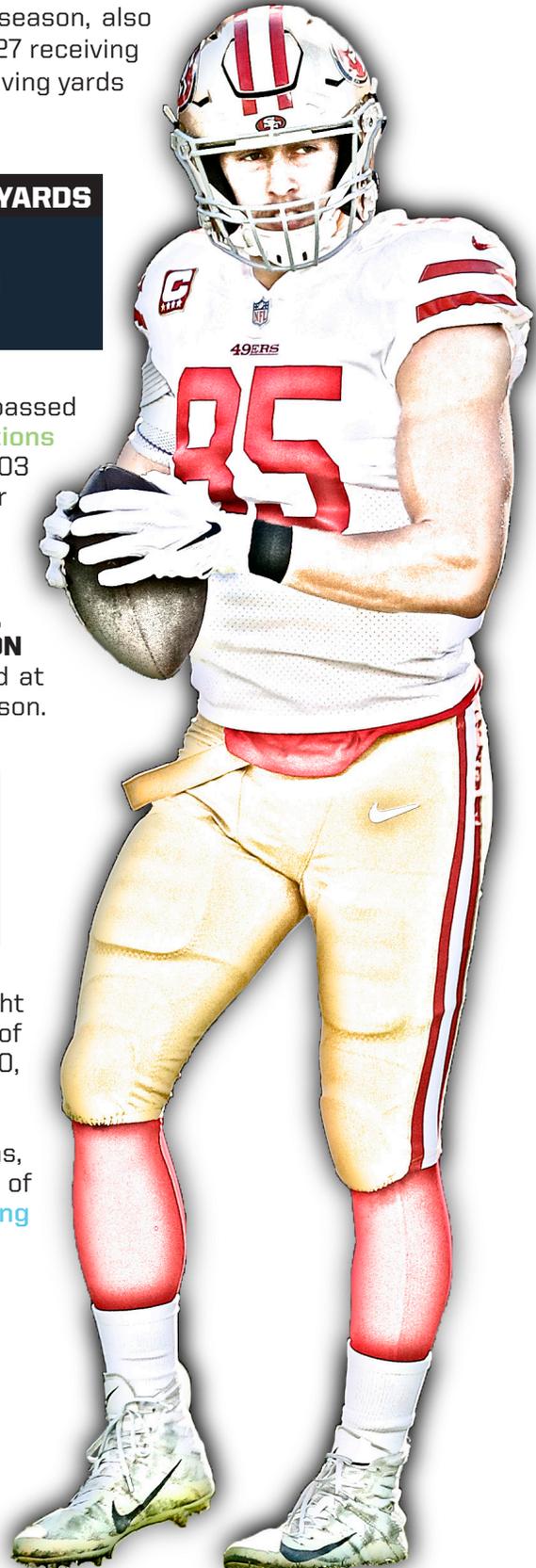
Additionally, Ertz and Kelce joined **DALLAS CLARK** (2009), Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY GONZALEZ** (2004) and **JASON WITTEN** (2012) as the only tight ends in NFL history to record at least 100 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards in the same season.

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	RECEPTIONS
<b>Zach Ertz</b>	<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>116</b>
Jason Witten	Dallas	2012	110
<b>Travis Kelce</b>	<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>103</b>

In Week 14, Kittle had 210 receiving yards, the third-most by a tight end in a single game in NFL history, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famers **SHANNON SHARPE** (214 receiving yards on October 20, 2002) and **JACKIE SMITH** (212 on October 13, 1963).

Kittle, who has 1,892 receiving yards in his first two NFL seasons, needs 883 receiving yards in 2019 to surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **MIKE DITKA** (2,774 receiving yards) for the **most receiving yards by a tight end in his first three seasons in NFL history**.

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEIVING YARDS
<b>Mike Ditka</b> <sup>HOF</sup>	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>2,774</b>
Rob Gronkowski	New England	2,663
Jimmy Graham	New Orleans	2,648
Kellen Winslow Sr. <sup>HOF</sup>	San Diego	2,620
Antonio Gates	San Diego	2,454



## TIGHT END TRIO



Kelce, with 103 catches and 1,336 receiving yards in 2018, became the first tight end in league annals with at least 80 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards in three consecutive seasons. In 2019, Kelce can become the first tight end in NFL history to record four consecutive 1000-yard seasons, breaking a tie with **GREG OLSEN** (2014-16). He can also **become the fourth tight end in league annals to record four total seasons with at least 1,000 receiving yards.**

PLAYER	TEAM	1,000+ YARD SEASONS
Tony Gonzalez <sup>HOF</sup>	Kansas City	4
Rob Gronkowski	New England	4
Jason Witten	Dallas	4

**"He knows how to find the spots in the zones to do what he has to do to get the ball. Great ball skills. He's a willing blocker ... he'll get nasty if he has to be and he's definitely a leader on that team."**

- Green Bay Packers tight end **MARCEDES LEWIS** on Kelce

Ertz, who has 437 catches since entering the league in 2013, and Kelce, who has 410 receptions since 2013, joined **JIMMY GRAHAM** (434 catches), **JASON WITTEN** (429), and **ANTONIO GATES** (400) as the only tight ends in NFL history with at least 400 catches in their first six seasons. In 2019, Ertz and Kelce can join Witten (523 catches) as the only tight ends with at least 500 receptions in their first seven seasons.

Ertz and Kelce have both recorded at least 70 receptions in each of the past four seasons and can become the third and fourth tight ends in NFL history to register at least 70 receptions in five consecutive seasons, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY GONZALEZ** (11 seasons) and **JASON WITTEN** (seven).

Ertz has recorded at least 10 receptions in 10 career games, including five such games during the 2018 season, and is **one of four players to record 10 or more games with at least 10 receptions since 2013** (chart below).

Among tight ends, only Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY GONZALEZ** (15 games) and **JASON WITTEN** (11) have more career games with at least 10 receptions in league annals.



PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES WITH 10+ CATCHES
Antonio Brown	Pittsburgh	21
Julio Jones	Atlanta	14
<b>Zach Ertz</b>	<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>10</b>
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona	10

## ON TARGET

Elite wide receivers gain attention from opposing team defensive backs, but still earn plenty of it from their quarterbacks, too.

Last season, Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES** was **targeted 170 times, the most in the NFL.**

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	TARGETS	REC.	YARDS
<b>Julio Jones</b>	<b>ATL</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>113</b>	<b>1,677</b>
Davante Adams	GB	169	111	1,386
Antonio Brown	PIT	168	104	1,297
JuJu Smith-Schuster	PIT	166	111	1,426
DeAndre Hopkins	HOU	163	115	1,572

**“He’s been so consistent for us. A major focus for our offense is finding ways to get him involved and get him the ball because he’s so explosive.”**

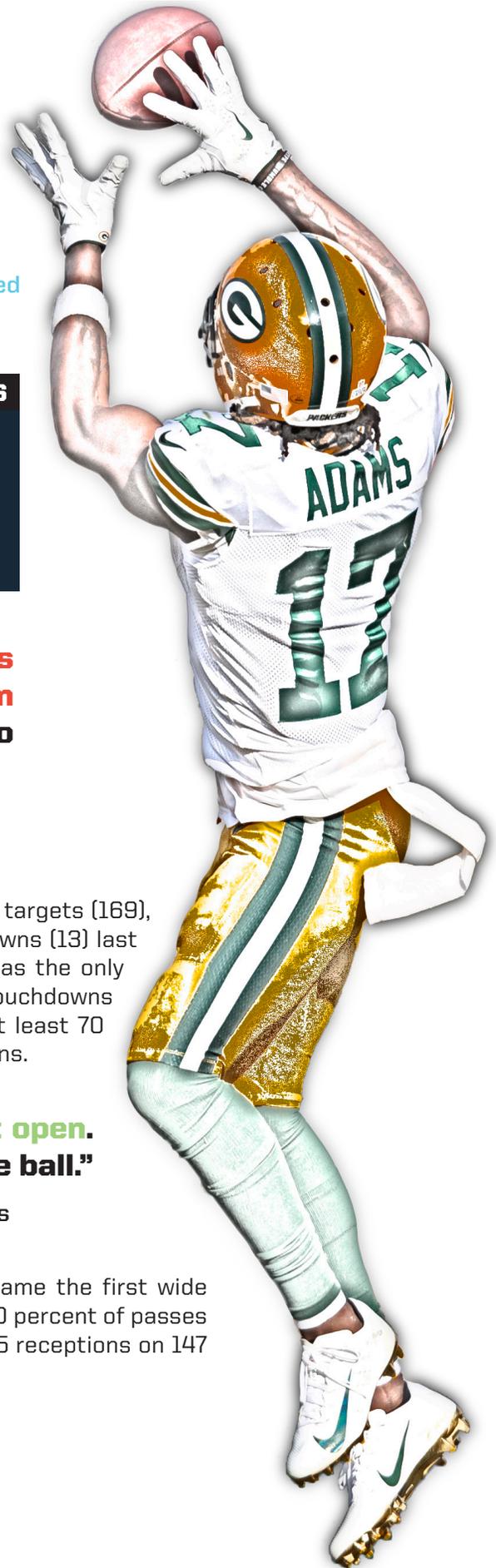
- Atlanta Falcons quarterback **MATT RYAN** on Jones

Green Bay wide receiver **DAVANTE ADAMS** set career highs in targets (169), receptions (111), receiving yards (1,386) and receiving touchdowns (13) last season and joined Oakland wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN** as the only players to record multiple seasons with at least 12 receiving touchdowns since 2016. Adams is the only player in the NFL to register at least 70 receptions and 10 touchdowns in each of the past three seasons.

**“I’d like to throw to Davante more. He’s that open. We’ve got to keep finding ways to get him the ball.”**

- Green Bay Packers quarterback **AARON RODGERS** on Adams

In 2018, New Orleans wide receiver **MICHAEL THOMAS** became the first wide receiver to record at least 100 receptions and catch at least 80 percent of passes thrown his way. Thomas hauled in a Saints franchise-record 125 receptions on 147 targets last season.



## 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.

The 2018 season saw Houston wide receiver **DeANDRE HOPKINS** (81 first-down receptions) and Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES** (80) each record at least 80 first-down receptions, which marked the second time since 1996 that at least two wide receivers accomplished the feat in the same season (2015).

Below is the list of players with the most first-down receptions in 2018.

PLAYER	TEAM	FIRST DOWNS
<b>DeAndre Hopkins</b>	<b>HOU</b>	<b>81</b>
Julio Jones	ATL	80
Adam Thielen	MIN	74
Michael Thomas	NO	74
Mike Evans	TB	68
Travis Kelce	KC	68

**“If it’s third down, he’s the guy who always rises to the occasion. I wouldn’t put anything past DeAndre. If I asked him to play the saxophone, I bet he could do that.”**

- Houston Texans wide receivers coach **JOHN PERRY** on Hopkins

Of his 80 first-down receptions, Atlanta wide receiver **JULIO JONES** led the NFL with 24 first-down receptions on third down, his third career season with at least 20 first-down receptions on third down.

Below is the list of players with the most first-down receptions on third down during the 2018 season:

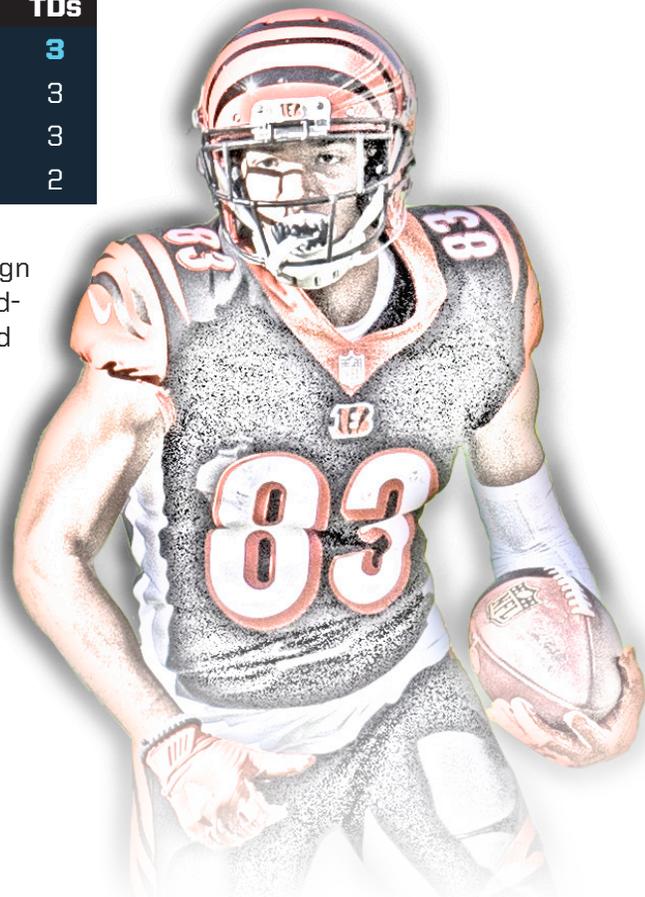
PLAYER	TEAM	FIRST DOWNS	REC.	YARDS	TDs
<b>Julio Jones</b>	<b>ATL</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>3</b>
Tyler Boyd	CIN	22	24	302	3
DeAndre Hopkins	HOU	22	30	354	3
Michael Thomas	NO	22	30	341	2

Cincinnati’s **TYLER BOYD** (right) finished the 2018 campaign with 22 first-down receptions on third down, tied for the second-most in the league with Houston’s **DeANDRE HOPKINS** and New Orleans’ **MICHAEL THOMAS**.

Boyd’s 22 first-down receptions on third down were a career high and marked the most by a Bengals player since **T.J. HOUSHMANDZADEH** (26 in 2008).

**“He’s so good. He understands running routes. He’s versatile. You can move him around. He’s had a lot of production in the slot as well.”**

- Cincinnati Bengals quarterback **ANDY DALTON** on Boyd

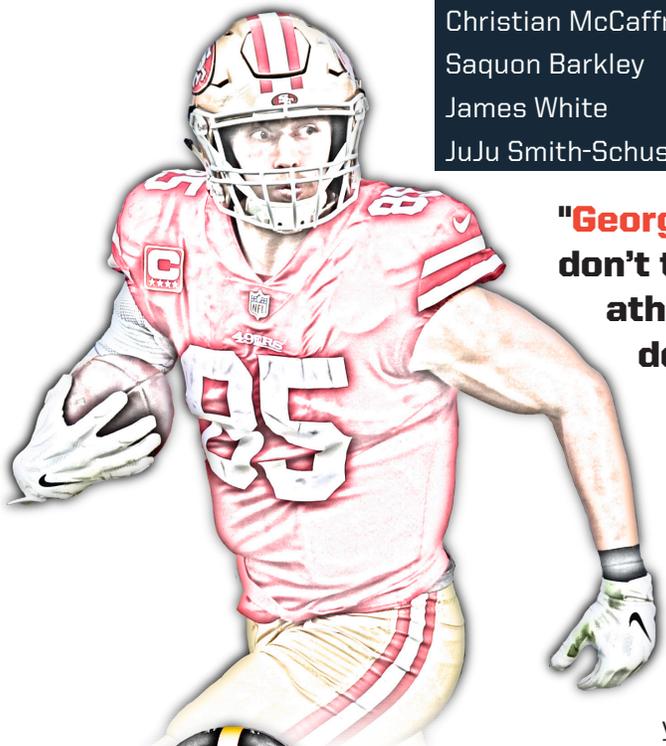


# YARDS AFTER THE CATCH

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.

San Francisco tight end **GEORGE KITTLE** (below, top) led the league with 870 yards after the catch last season, becoming the first tight end to lead the league in the category since at least 2006.

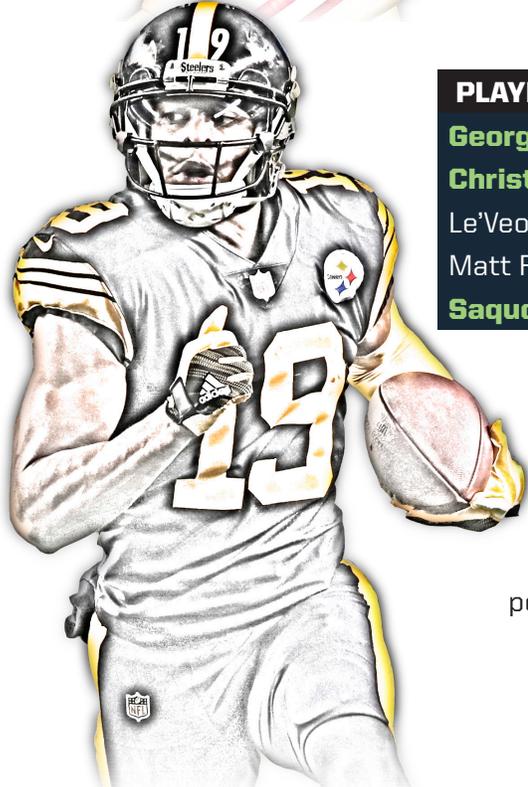
PLAYER	TEAM	POS.	YAC	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
<b>George Kittle</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>5</b>
Christian McCaffrey	CAR	RB	851	107	867	8.1	6
Saquon Barkley	NYG	RB	768	91	721	7.9	4
James White	NE	RB	665	87	751	8.6	7
JuJu Smith-Schuster	PIT	WR	648	111	1,426	12.8	7



**"George Kittle is a really dynamic player. I don't think he gets enough credit for how athletic he is. His lateral movement is deceptive. He has a ton of speed."**

- San Francisco 49ers cornerback **RICHARD SHERMAN** on Kittle

Kittle's 870 yards after the catch were the most by any player in the past 13 seasons, while Carolina running back **CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY** (851 yards after the catch in 2018) had the second-most since 2006. New York Giants running back **SAQUON BARKLEY's** 768 yards after the catch last season were the fifth-most.



PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	POS	YAC
<b>George Kittle</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>TE</b>	<b>870</b>
<b>Christian McCaffrey</b>	<b>CAR</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>851</b>
Le'Veon Bell	PIT	2014	RB	816
Matt Forté	CHI	2014	RB	788
<b>Saquon Barkley</b>	<b>NYG</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>768</b>

Pittsburgh wide receiver **JUJU SMITH-SCHUSTER** (left, below) led all wide receivers with 648 yards after the catch in 2018. At 22 years and 39 days old as of December 31, 2018, he became the youngest wide receiver to lead the position in yards after the catch in the past 13 seasons. Only running back **REGGIE BUSH** in 2006 (21 years, 304 days) was younger to lead his position in the category.

## SKILLED VETERANS

Every year, the league sees players reach career milestones and surpass some of the game's greatest legends. This year should be no different, as running backs **FRANK GORE** and **ADRIAN PETERSON**, wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD**, and tight end **JASON WITTEN** can each move up among the all-time ranks.



Buffalo running back **FRANK GORE** (top left) ranks fourth all-time with 14,748 rushing yards while Washington running back **ADRIAN PETERSON** ranks eighth (13,318). With 522 rushing yards in 2019, Gore can surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **BARRY SANDERS** for third most all-time. The 15-year veteran has 14 consecutive seasons with at least 500 rushing yards, the most by any player in league history.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RUSHING YARDS
Emmitt Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	DAL, AZ	18,355
Walter Payton <sup>HOF</sup>	CHI	16,726
Barry Sanders <sup>HOF</sup>	DET	15,269
<b>Frank Gore</b>	<b>SF, IND, MIA</b>	<b>14,748</b>
Curtis Martin <sup>HOF</sup>	NE, NYJ	14,101
LaDainian Tomlinson <sup>HOF</sup>	SD, NYJ	13,684
Jerome Bettis <sup>HOF</sup>	LA/STL Rams, PIT	13,662
<b>Adrian Peterson</b>	<b>MIN, NO, AZ, WAS</b>	<b>13,318</b>

Additionally, Gore ranks fifth all-time with 18,544 scrimmage yards. In 2019, he can surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **MARSHALL FAULK** (19,154 scrimmage yards) for fourth-most all-time.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SCRIMMAGE YARDS
Jerry Rice <sup>HOF</sup>	SF, OAK, SEA	23,540
Emmitt Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	DAL, AZ	21,579
Walter Payton <sup>HOF</sup>	CHI	21,264
Marshall Faulk <sup>HOF</sup>	IND, STL Rams	19,154
<b>Frank Gore</b>	<b>SF, IND, MIA</b>	<b>18,544</b>

**ADRIAN PETERSON** (bottom left) enters 2019 with 106 career rushing touchdowns, tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer **JIM BROWN** for fifth most on the league's all-time list. With five rushing touchdowns this season, he would surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **WALTER PAYTON** (110) for the fourth most rushing touchdowns in NFL history.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS
Emmitt Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	DAL, AZ	164
LaDainian Tomlinson <sup>HOF</sup>	SD, NYJ	145
Marcus Allen <sup>HOF</sup>	LA Raiders, KC	123
Walter Payton <sup>HOF</sup>	CHI	110
Jim Brown <sup>HOF</sup>	CLE	106
<b>Adrian Peterson</b>	<b>MIN, NO, AZ, WAS</b>	<b>106</b>

# SKILLED VETERANS

Arizona wide receiver **LARRY FITZGERALD** (top right) has 16,279 receiving yards in his 15-year NFL career and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **TERRELL OWENS** (15,934) for **the second-most receiving yards in NFL history**.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RECEIVING YARDS
Jerry Rice <sup>HOF</sup>	SF, OAK, SEA	22,895
<b>Larry Fitzgerald</b>	<b>AZ</b>	<b>16,279</b>
Terrell Owens <sup>HOF</sup>	SF, PHI, DAL, BUF, CIN	15,934

Fitzgerald has 1,303 career receptions and joined Pro Football Hall of Famers **JERRY RICE** (1,549) and **TONY GONZALEZ** (1,325) as **the only players in NFL history with at least 1,300 catches**. He has recorded a catch in 227 consecutive games and surpassed Gonzalez (211) for the second-longest streak of consecutive games with a catch in NFL history. Rice holds the record with 274 consecutive games from 1985-2004.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RECEPTIONS
Jerry Rice <sup>HOF</sup>	SF, OAK, SEA	1,549
Tony Gonzalez <sup>HOF</sup>	KC, ATL	1,325
<b>Larry Fitzgerald</b>	<b>AZ</b>	<b>1,303</b>

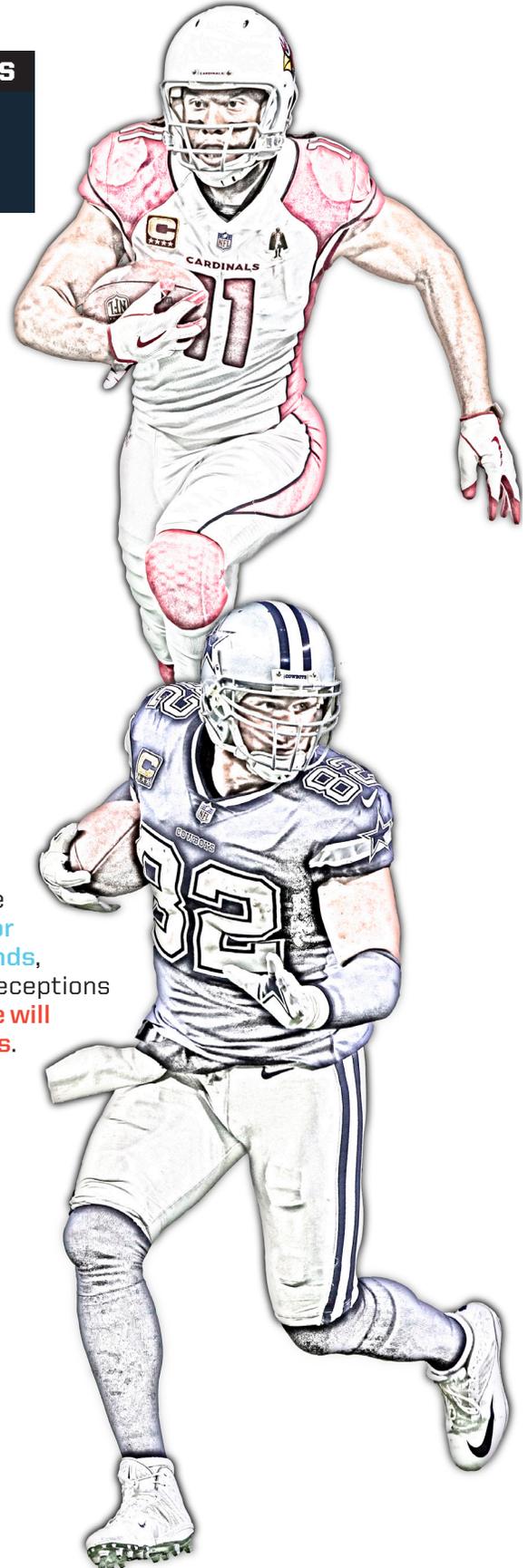
**"He practices and plays like he's trying to make the team and that's the biggest compliment I can give him. It's been impressive to watch"**

- Arizona head coach **KLIFF KINGSBURY** on Fitzgerald

Dallas tight end **JASON WITTEN** (bottom right) returns to the field in 2019 and **enters the season with 1,152 receptions for 12,448 yards, both second most in NFL history among tight ends**, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY GONZALEZ** (1,325 receptions for 15,127 yards). **With two receiving touchdowns this season, he will become the fifth tight end in league annals with 70 touchdowns.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RECEPTIONS	REC. YARDS
Tony Gonzalez <sup>HOF</sup>	KC, ATL	1,325	15,127
<b>Jason Witten</b>	<b>DAL</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>12,448</b>
Antonio Gates	SD/LAC	955	11,841

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RECEIVING TD
Antonio Gates	SD/LAC	116
Tony Gonzalez <sup>HOF</sup>	KC, ATL	111
Rob Gronkowski	NE	79
Jimmy Graham	NO, SEA, GB	71
<b>Jason Witten</b>	<b>DAL</b>	<b>68</b>



# AARON DONALD

Los Angeles Rams Pro Bowl defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** earned NFL Defensive Player of the Year honors for the second consecutive season after leading the NFL with a franchise-record 20.5 sacks and 25 tackles for loss in 2018. He joins Pro Football Hall of Famer **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (1981 and 1982) and **J.J. WATT** (2014 and 2015) as the only players since the award's inception in 1971 to win Defensive Player of the Year in consecutive seasons.

With his 20.5 sacks, Donald became the 11th player since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to record at least 20 sacks in a single season and the first since 2014, when **JUSTIN HOUSTON** (22) and **J.J. WATT** (20.5) each eclipsed the 20-sack mark.

In 2018, Donald recorded at least two sacks in seven games and became **the fourth player since 1982 to record at least seven games with two-or-more sacks in a single season.**

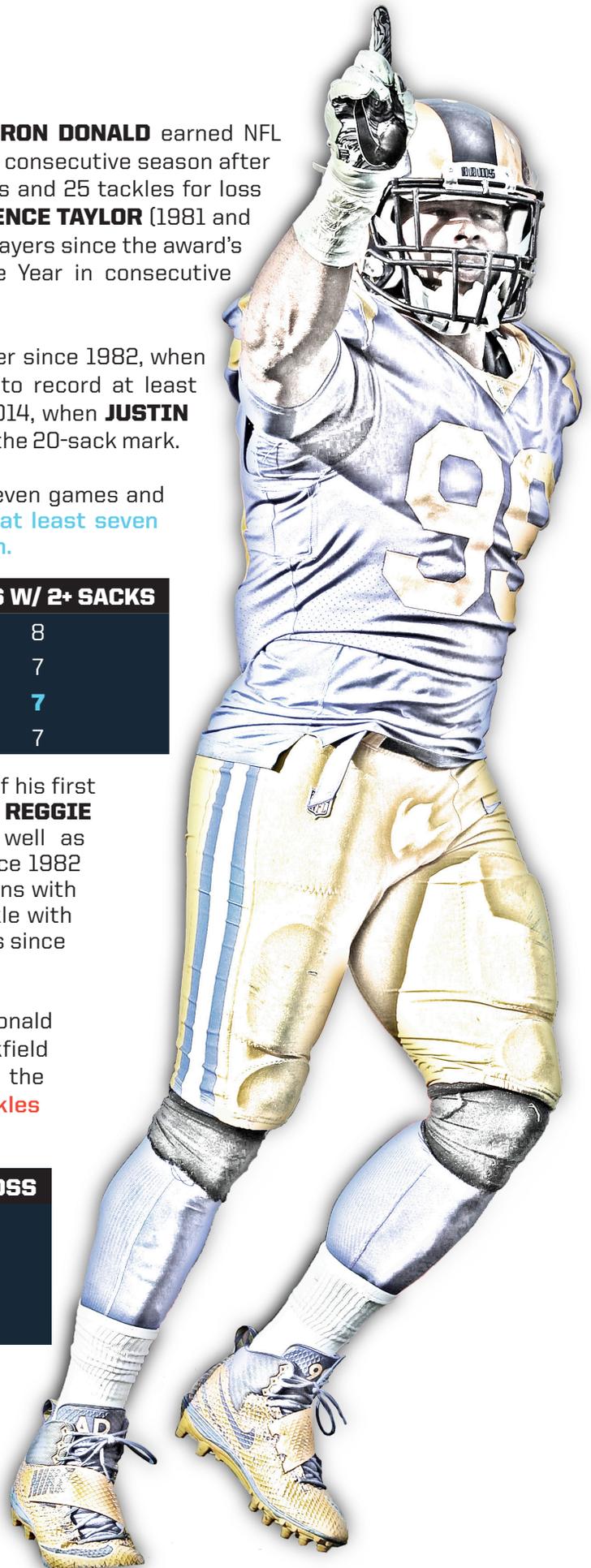
PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	GAMES W/ 2+ SACKS
Reggie White <sup>HOF</sup>	PHI	1987	8
Chris Doleman <sup>HOF</sup>	MIN	1989	7
<b>Aaron Donald</b>	<b>LAR</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>7</b>
Bruce Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	BUF	1990	7

Donald has recorded at least eight sacks in each of his first five seasons and joins Pro Football Hall of Famers **REGGIE WHITE** (14) and **DERRICK THOMAS** (10), as well as **DeMARCUS WARE** (eight), as the only players since 1982 to begin their careers with five consecutive seasons with at least eight sacks. He is the only defensive tackle with at least eight sacks in each of his first five seasons since 1982.

The 13th overall selection in the 2014 NFL Draft, Donald has excelled at generating pressure in the backfield through his first five seasons. Since he entered the league, **he leads all defensive players with 97 tackles for loss** and **ranks tied for third with 59.5 sacks.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	TACKLES FOR LOSS
<b>Aaron Donald</b>	<b>LAR</b>	<b>97</b>
J.J. Watt	HOU	80
Calais Campbell	ARI, JAX	78
Khalil Mack	OAK, CHI	78

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SACKS
Von Miller	DEN	63
Ryan Kerrigan	WAS	60
<b>Aaron Donald</b>	<b>LAR</b>	<b>59.5</b>
Chandler Jones	NE, ARI	59.5
J.J. Watt	HOU	55.5



# J.J. WATT

In 2018, Houston defensive end **J.J. WATT** led the AFC and ranked second in the NFL with 16 sacks and had a career-high seven forced fumbles. The three-time Defensive Player of the Year has **four seasons with at least 15 sacks, the second most behind only Pro Football Hall of Famer REGGIE WHITE (five seasons) since 1982** when the individual sack became an official statistic.

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASONS
Reggie White <sup>HOF</sup>	PHI, GB	5
<b>J.J. Watt</b>	<b>HOU</b>	<b>4</b>
Kevin Greene <sup>HOF</sup>	STL, CAR	3
Simeon Rice	ARI, TB	3
Michael Strahan <sup>HOF</sup>	NYG	3
Lawrence Taylor <sup>HOF</sup>	NYG	3
DeMarcus Ware	DAL	3

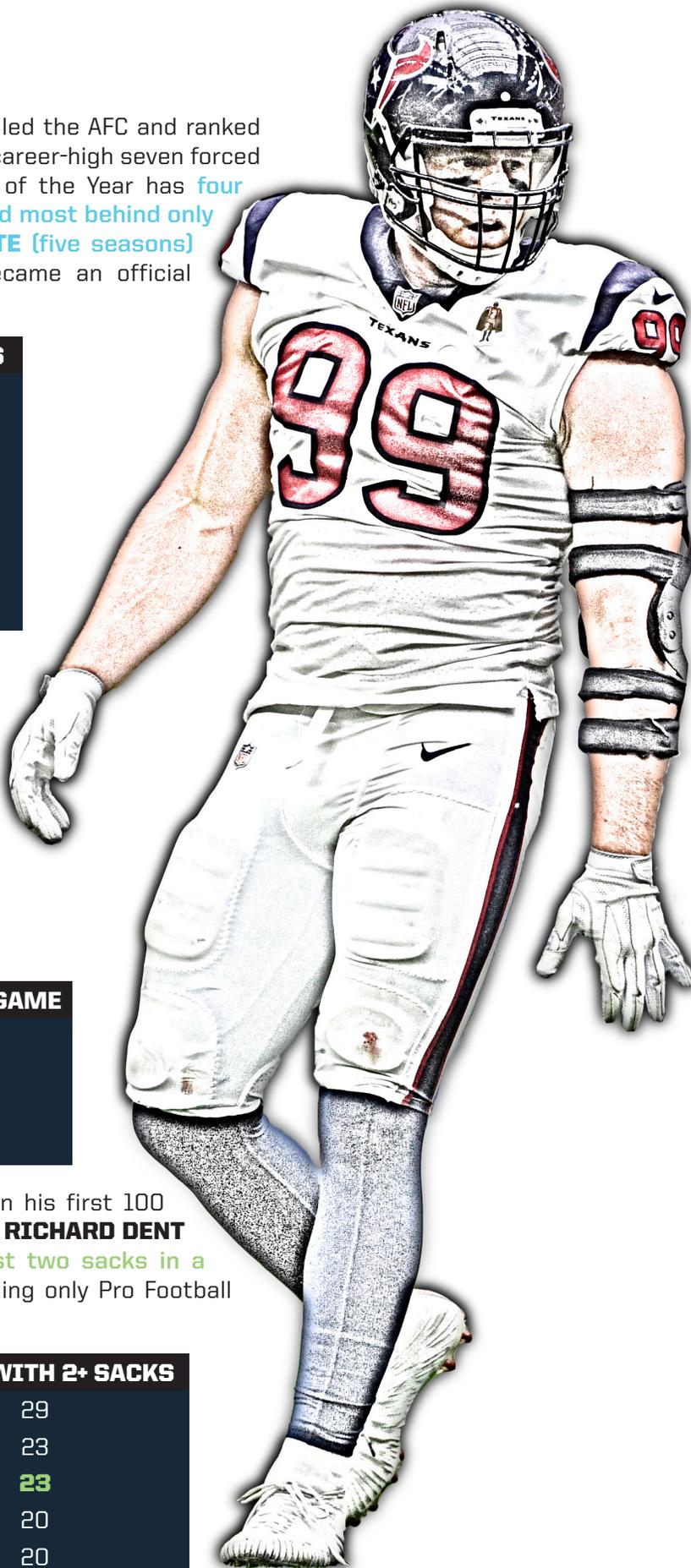
Watt was named first-team All-Pro for the fifth time, while also being named to the AP's second team as an interior lineman.

Last season, Watt recorded his 90th sack in his 102nd career game and became the second-fastest player to reach 90 sacks since 1982. He has 92 sacks in 104 career games and **his 0.88 sacks per game are the most by any player since 1982** (minimum 100 games).

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SACKS PER GAME
<b>J.J. Watt</b>	<b>HOU</b>	<b>0.88</b>
Reggie White <sup>HOF</sup>	PHI, GB	0.85
Von Miller	DEN	0.82
DeMarcus Ware	DAL, DEN	0.78

Watt tallied two-or-more sacks 23 times in his first 100 games, matching Pro Football Hall of Famer **RICHARD DENT** for **the second-most games with at least two sacks in a player's first 100 games since 1982**, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer **REGGIE WHITE** (29 games).

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	GAMES WITH 2+ SACKS
Reggie White <sup>HOF</sup>	PHI	29
Richard Dent <sup>HOF</sup>	CHI	23
<b>J.J. Watt</b>	<b>HOU</b>	<b>23</b>
Bruce Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	BUF	20
Jared Allen	KC, MIN	20



# VON MILLER



Denver linebacker **VON MILLER** tied for fourth in the league with 14.5 sacks in 2018 and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **REGGIE WHITE** (eight) and **DeMARCUS WARE** (seven) as the only players since 1982, when the individual sack became an office statistic, to register double-digit sacks in seven of their first eight seasons. **Miller became the 11th player since 1982 to record at least 10 sacks in five consecutive seasons and has the longest active streak in the league.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	CONSECUTIVE SEASONS
<b>Von Miller</b>	<b>DEN</b>	<b>5</b>
Chandler Jones	AZ, NE	4
Khalil Mack	OAK, CHI	4

Miller enters the 2019 season with 98 career sacks, the most in Denver franchise history. He became the fifth player since 1982 with at least 95 sacks in his first eight seasons and **with 12 sacks this season, he would become the fourth player since 1982 with at least 110 sacks through his first nine years.**

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SACKS
Reggie White <sup>HOF</sup>	PHI, GB	137
Jared Allen	KC, MIN	117
DeMarcus Ware	DAL	117

**Since entering the league in 2011, Miller leads the league in sacks (98) and is the only player to record at least 95 sacks in the past eight seasons.**

PLAYER	TEAM	SACKS
<b>Von Miller</b>	<b>DEN</b>	<b>98</b>
J.J. Watt	HOU	92
Ryan Kerrigan	WAS	84.5

Miller, who registered three sacks in Week 1 of 2018, has also been among the league's best at getting to the quarterback multiple times during games. He has recorded **17 games with at least two sacks and five games with at least three sacks since entering the league in 2011.**

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES WITH 2+ SACKS
J.J. Watt	HOU	24
Justin Houston	KC	18
<b>Von Miller</b>	<b>DEN</b>	<b>17</b>

PLAYER	TEAM	GAMES WITH 3+ SACKS
Justin Houston	KC	7
J.J. Watt	HOU	6
<b>Von Miller</b>	<b>DEN</b>	<b>5</b>
Robert Quinn	STL	5

# SACK ATTACK

Throughout the NFL, pass rushers reached the quarterback at a record-setting pace in 2018. Twenty-two players recorded at least 10 sacks last season, including five with at least 14 sacks: the Los Angeles Rams' **AARON DONALD** (20.5), Houston's **J.J. WATT** (16), Kansas City's **CHRIS JONES** (15.5), Minnesota's **DANIELLE HUNTER** (14.5) and Denver's **VON MILLER** (14.5).

With 16 players recording at least 12 sacks, the 2018 season tied 1992 (16 players) for **the third-most players with at least 12 sacks in a single season since 1982** when the individual sack became an official statistic.

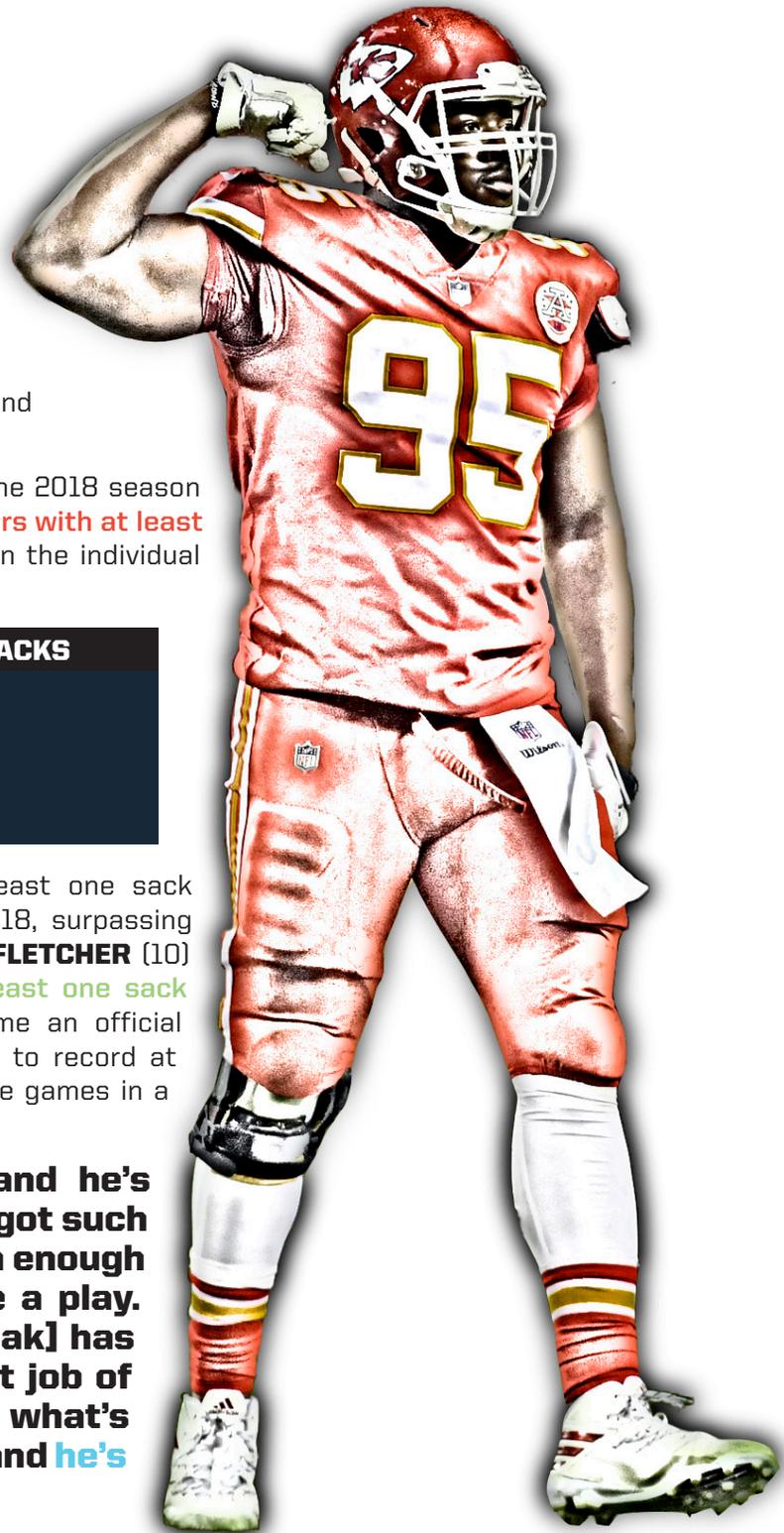
SEASON	PLAYERS WITH 12+ SACKS
1984	19
1983	18
<b>2018</b>	<b>16</b>
1992	16

Kansas City's **CHRIS JONES** recorded at least one sack in 11 consecutive games (Weeks 5-16) in 2018, surpassing **DEMARCUS WARE** (10 games) and **SIMON FLETCHER** (10) for **the most consecutive games with at least one sack since 1982** when the individual sack became an official statistic. Jones also became the first player to record at least one sack in more than eight consecutive games in a single season since 1982.

**“He is out there all the time, and he’s getting a lot of shots at you. He’s got such explosiveness that if you give him enough chances he’s just going to make a play. That’s kind of how [the sack streak] has happened. Chris has done a great job of timing his rushes up and knowing what’s coming and making people miss, and he’s really hard to deal with.”**

- Seattle Seahawks head coach **PETE CARROLL** on Jones

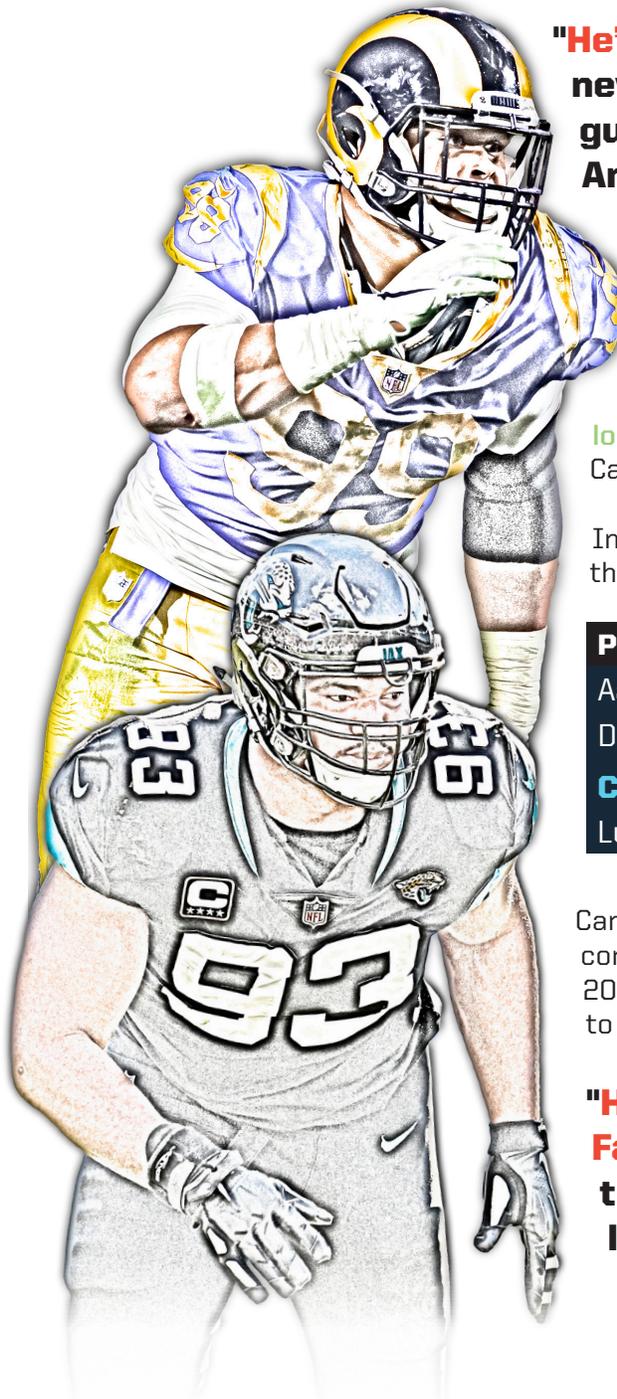
PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASON(S)	CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A SACK
<b>Chris Jones</b>	<b>KC</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>11</b>
DeMarcus Ware	DAL	2007-08	10
Simon Fletcher	DEN	1992-93	10
Dwight Freeney	IND	2008-09	9
Kevin Greene <sup>HOF</sup>	SF, CAR	1997-98	9
Bruce Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	BUF	1986-87	9



## AT A LOSS

Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** led the NFL with 20.5 sacks and 25 tackles for loss in 2018. He joined **J.J. WATT** (2012, 2014) and **DEMARCUS WARE** (2008) as **the only players since 2008 with at least 20 sacks and 25 tackles for loss in a single season.**

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	SACKS	TACKLES FOR LOSS
<b>Aaron Donald</b>	<b>L.A. Rams</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>25</b>
J.J. Watt	Houston	2014	20.5	29
J.J. Watt	Houston	2012	20.5	39
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas	2008	20	27



**"He's always making plays. That's why I'm never really worried, because we've got a guy like him back there to help make plays. And he does it every week."**

- Los Angeles Rams running back **TODD GURLEY** on Donald

Minnesota defensive end **DANIELLE HUNTER** ranked **second in the league last season with 21 tackles for loss**, followed by Jacksonville's **CALAIS CAMPBELL** (20) and Carolina's **LUKE KUECHLY** (20).

In 2018, four players recorded at least 20 tackles for loss for the first time since 2011.

PLAYER	TEAM	TACKLES FOR LOSS
Aaron Donald	L.A. Rams	25
Danielle Hunter	Minnesota	21
<b>Calais Campbell</b>	<b>Jacksonville</b>	<b>20</b>
Luke Kuechly	Carolina	20

Campbell, who has registered at least 10 tackles for loss in nine consecutive seasons, had a career-high 20 tackles for loss in 2018. At 32 years old, he became the oldest player since 2008 to record at least 20 tackles for loss in a single season.

**"He's a Pro Bowler, first-ballot Hall of Famer, in my opinion. I'm very happy I had the chance to be with this man and really learn from him."**

- Philadelphia defensive tackle **MALIK JACKSON** on former teammate Calais Campbell

## USE THE FORCE

During a season in which multiple offensive records were set, pass rushers reached quarterbacks and forced fumbles at an astounding rate. In 2018, four players - Kansas City's **DEE FORD** (seven), Houston's **J.J. WATT** (seven) Chicago's **KHALIL MACK** (six), and Pittsburgh's **T.J. WATT** (six) - recorded at least six forced fumbles, marking the first time since 2013 that at least four different players reached that mark in a single season.

In his first season with Chicago, linebacker **KHALIL MACK** (right) had a career-high six forced fumbles and helped the Bears tally the most takeaways in the NFL with 36. Since entering the league in 2015, Mack leads the NFL with 14 career forced fumbles.

**"He's had a very big impact from the very first day he walked onto that practice field. You could feel it. It's the same each day with him. You just feel a guy that has extreme confidence in himself, yet he has a lot of confidence with his teammates, too. We love everything he's brought."**

- Chicago Bears head coach **MATT NAGY** on Mack

The players with the most forced fumbles in 2018:

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	FORCED FUMBLES
Dee Ford	KC	7
J.J. Watt	HOU	7
Khalil Mack	CHI	6
T.J. Watt	PIT	6
Justin Houston	KC	5

The active players with the most career forced fumbles:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	FORCED FUMBLES
Terrell Suggs	BAL	35
Ryan Kerrigan	WAS	25
Von Miller	DEN	25
Robert Quinn	STL/LAR, MIA	22
Cameron Wake	MIA	22
J.J. Watt	HOU	22



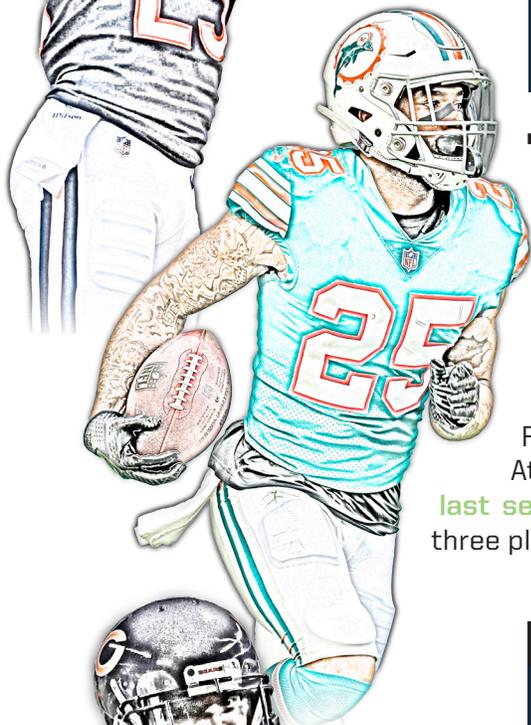
## DOMINANT DEFENSIVE BACKS

As the league features more passing on offense, the importance of a stout secondary is heightened. Players like **KYLE FULLER**, **XAVIEN HOWARD** and **EDDIE JACKSON** proved last season the impact defensive backs can have in a game.



Chicago's **KYLE FULLER** (left, top) led the league with 21 passes defended in 2018 and is the only player in the NFL who has recorded at least 20 passes defended in each of the past two seasons (22 in 2017). With another 20 passes defended this season, he would become the first player to accomplish the feat in three consecutive seasons since 1999.

PLAYER	TEAM	PASSES DEFENSED
<b>Kyle Fuller</b>	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>21</b>
Stephon Gilmore	New England	20
Kareem Jackson	Houston	17
Darius Slay	Detroit	17

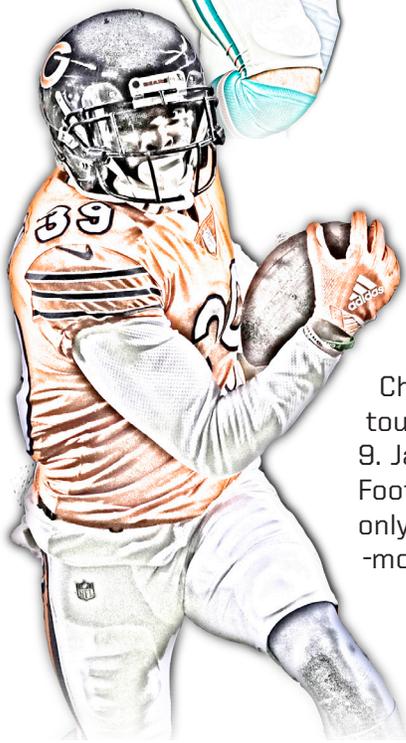


**"Kyle is playing like one of the best corners, if not the best corner, in the league right now. He's been consistent, playing on a high level."**

- Chicago cornerback **PRINCE AMUKAMARA** on Kyle Fuller

Fuller also tied Miami's **XAVIEN HOWARD** (left, middle) and Atlanta's **DAMONTAE KAZEE** for the league-lead in interceptions last season among defensive backs with seven, a career high for all three players.

PLAYER	TEAM	INTERCEPTIONS
Kyle Fuller	Chicago	7
Xavien Howard	Miami	7
Damontae Kazee	Atlanta	7
Eddie Jackson	Chicago	6
Shawn Williams	Cincinnati	5



Chicago's **EDDIE JACKSON** (left, bottom) led all players with three defensive touchdowns in 2018, including a 65-yard fumble-return touchdown in Week 9. Jackson, who also had 75- and 76-yard touchdowns in 2017, joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **DEION SANDERS** (three touchdowns in 1994) as the only players since 1970 with at least three defensive touchdowns of 65-or-more yards over any two-year span.

# DEFENSIVE ROOKIE SUCCESS

Rookies on the defensive side of the ball posted astounding performances throughout the 2018 campaign. Below is a sampling of statistical highlights from several of the league's top young defenders.

Denver linebacker **BRADLEY CHUBB** led all rookies with 12 sacks last season, tied for the seventh-most by a rookie since 1982 when the individual sack became an official statistic. Chubb tied a Broncos single-game rookie record with three sacks in Week 6, becoming the first Denver rookie to record at least three sacks in a game since **ELVIS DUMERVIL** (2006).

Los Angeles Chargers safety **DERWIN JAMES** led the team with 105 tackles in 2018 and became the first Chargers rookie since at least 1970 with at least 100 tackles. James notched 3.5 sacks in his first six career games, the most sacks by a defensive back in his first six career games since 1982. James earned first-team All-Pro (safety) and second-team All-Pro honors (defensive back) and was named to the Professional Football Writers of America's All-NFL, All-AFC and All-Rookie teams at safety.

Indianapolis linebacker **DARIUS LEONARD** led the NFL with **163 tackles**, the most by a Colts player in a single season in franchise history and the third most by an NFL rookie since 1970, trailing only **PATRICK WILLIS** (174 in 2007) and **LUKE KUECHLY** (164 in 2012). Leonard became the first rookie to record at least 150 tackles and five sacks in a season since 1982, and the first NFL player since **BOBBY WAGNER** in 2013.

The first of four second-round picks by Indianapolis in 2018, Leonard recorded at least 10 tackles in seven games last season, tied with **LUKE KUECHLY** and **BLAKE MARTINEZ** for the most in the league. Leonard became the first Colts rookie to earn multiple Defensive Player of the Week awards and was named Defensive Rookie of the Year by the Professional Football Writers of America.

Dallas linebacker **LEIGHTON VANDER ESCH** ranked third in the NFL with **138 tackles** and recorded the most tackles by a rookie in franchise history, surpassing **DEXTER COAKLEY** (136 in 1997). In Week 9, Vander Esch became the first rookie to record at least 12 tackles and an interception in a single game since **C.J. MOSLEY** in 2014.

PLAYER	TEAM	TACKLES
<b>Darius Leonard</b>	<b>IND</b>	<b>163</b>
Blake Martinez	GB	144
<b>Leighton Vander Esch</b>	<b>DAL</b>	<b>140</b>



## DEFENSIVE DRAFT

The 2019 NFL Draft saw four defensive players – **NICK BOSA** (No. 2, San Francisco), **QUINNEN WILLIAMS** (No. 3, New York Jets), **CLELIN FERRELL** (No. 4, Oakland) and **DEVIN WHITE** (No. 5, Tampa Bay) – selected in the top five selections. This marked the **fifth draft since 1967 and the first since 1997 that featured four defensive players chosen in the top-five picks.**

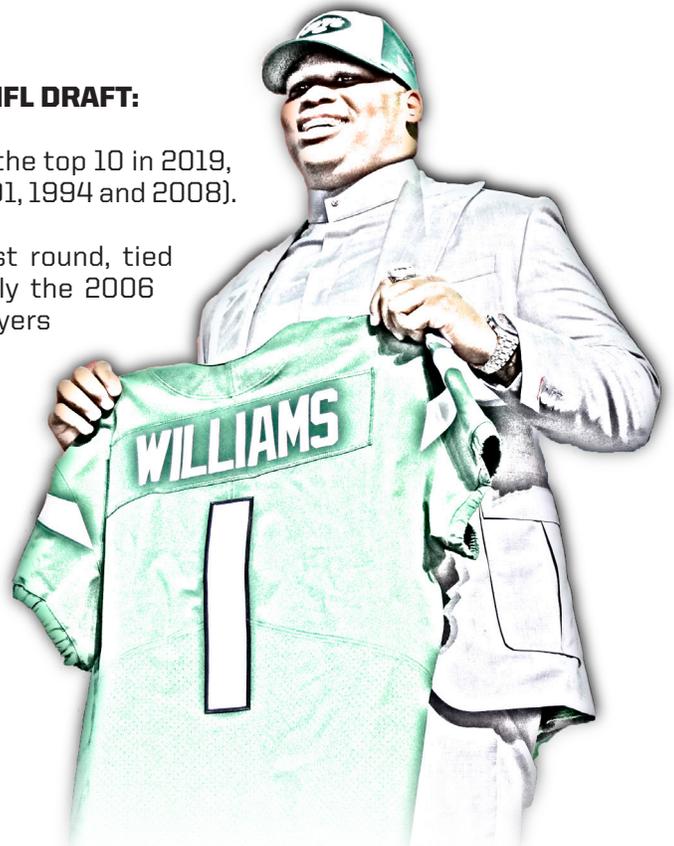
YEAR	TOP-FIVE DEFENSIVE SELECTIONS
1991	5
<b>2019</b>	<b>4</b>
1997	4
1992	4
1988	4
1985	4

**“He’s not only incredibly talented, powerful, fast, but he’s very efficient in the way he plays, and you put that together and you think you have a pretty special package.”**

- San Francisco 49ers general manager **JOHN LYNCH** after selecting Bosa

### ADDITIONAL DEFENSIVE NOTES ABOUT THE 2019 NFL DRAFT:

- A total of seven defensive players were selected in the top 10 in 2019, tied for the most in the common-draft era (1984, 1991, 1994 and 2008).
- Featured 18 defensive players selected in the first round, tied for the second most in the common-draft era. Only the 2006 and 2017 NFL Drafts (19) had more defensive players selected in the first round since 1967.
- A total of 11 defensive linemen were chosen in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft, tied with the 2011 Draft for the most defensive linemen selected in the first round in the common-draft era.
- With White and **DEVIN BUSH** (No. 10, Pittsburgh), 2019 marked the first time since the 2014 Draft that two linebackers were chosen with top 10 selections [**KHALIL MACK** (No. 5, Oakland) and **ANTHONY BARR** (No. 9, Minnesota)].



## BIG-PLAY EXCITEMENT

In 2018, nine players recorded at least 20 receptions of 20-or-more yards, including Los Angeles Rams wide receivers **BRANDIN COOKS** (22) and **ROBERT WOODS** (20).

Since 2014, Atlanta's **JULIO JONES** leads the league with 130 receptions of 20-or-more yards, followed by Oakland's **ANTONIO BROWN** (110) and Indianapolis' **T.Y. HILTON** (102).

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	20+ YARD RECEPTIONS
Tyreek Hill	KC	27
Mike Evans	TB	26
Julio Jones	ATL	24
DeAndre Hopkins	HOU	23
Brandin Cooks	LAR	22
T.Y. Hilton	IND	22
Tyler Boyd	CIN	21
George Kittle	SF	20
Robert Woods	LAR	20

**“The most visible sign of someone that’s fast is when they catch the deep ball, but you don’t see how much that influences things underneath and clears zones out and allows for guys to get open. For the threat that he is, the way safeties are going to have to play him, it’s a huge advantage for us.”**

- Los Angeles Rams wide receiver **COOPER KUPP** on Cooks

Last season, six players registered at least 10 rushes of 20-or-more yards, led by New York Giants running back **SAQUON BARKLEY** (16).

Barkley led all running backs with four rushing touchdowns of at least 20 yards in 2018 and his five scrimmage touchdowns of at least 50 yards were tied for the most by a rookie in the common-draft era (**ISAAC CURTIS**, five in 1973).

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	20+ YARD RUSHES
Saquon Barkley	NYG	16
Ezekiel Elliott	DAL	11
Nick Chubb	CLE	11
Todd Gurley	LAR	11
Joe Mixon	CIN	11
Matt Breida	SF	10



## PROTECTING THE QUARTERBACK

Protecting the quarterback is vital to NFL success.

Last season, each of the five teams that allowed fewer than 30 sacks finished with winning records, and of those five, four earned postseason berths.

The **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**, with Pro Bowl rookie lineman **QUENTON NELSON** (below), allowed the fewest sacks in the league (18) and held opponents without a sack in a league-best six games, including five consecutive games in Weeks 6-11.

The **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**, who ranked second with 20 sacks allowed, are the only team to allow 20 or fewer sacks in each of the past two seasons (20 sacks allowed in 2017) and led the NFL with four offensive linemen - **TERRON ARMSTEAD**, **ANDRUS PEAT**, **MAX UNGER** and **LARRY WARFORD** - selected to the Pro Bowl last season.

TEAM	2018 RECORD	SACKS ALLOWED
Indianapolis*	10-6	18
New Orleans*	13-3	20
New England*	11-5	21
Pittsburgh	9-6-1	24
Kansas City*	12-4	26

\*Advanced to playoffs

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. Three offensive tackles - Cincinnati's **JONAH WILLIAMS** (11th overall), Philadelphia's **ANDRE DILLARD** (22nd) and Houston's **TYTUS HOWARD** (23rd) - were selected in the first round of the 2019 NFL Draft, marking the sixth time in the past seven years that at least three tackles were drafted in the first round.

### THE TACKLES SELECTED IN THE FIRST ROUND SINCE 2016

PLAYER	TEAM	DRAFT YEAR (PICK)
Jonah Williams	Cincinnati	2019 (11th overall)
Andre Dillard	Philadelphia	2019 (22nd overall)
Tytus Howard	Houston	2019 (23rd overall)
Mike McGlinchey	San Francisco	2018 (9th overall)
Kolton Miller	Oakland	2018 (15th overall)
Isaiah Wynn	New England	2018 (23rd overall)
Garett Bolles	Denver	2017 (20th overall)
Ryan Ramczyk	New Orleans	2017 (32nd overall)
Ronnie Stanley	Baltimore	2016 (6th overall)
Jack Conklin	Tennessee	2016 (8th overall)
Laremy Tunsil	Miami	2016 (13th overall)
Taylor Decker	Detroit	2016 (16th overall)
Germain Ifedi	Seattle	2016 (31st overall)



# MANY HAPPY RETURNS

The 2018 season featured many exciting plays in the return game, as players from around the league provided exhilarating action throughout the year.

Pro Bowl returner **ANDRE ROBERTS** led the league among qualified players with a 14.1 punt-return average last season as a member of the New York Jets and finished second with a 29.4 kickoff-return average, trailing only Tennessee's **DARIUS JENNINGS** (31.7 yards). **Roberts was the only player in the league to finish in the top-five in both categories.**

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	PUNT-RETURN AVG.
<b>Andre Roberts</b>	<b>NYJ</b>	<b>14.1</b>
Dwayne Harris	OAK	14.1
Desmond King	LAC	13.8

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	KICKOFF-RETURN AVG.
Darius Jennings	TEN	31.7
<b>Andre Roberts</b>	<b>NYJ</b>	<b>29.4</b>
Cordarrelle Patterson	NE	28.8

Roberts and Miami's **JAKEEM GRANT** (left, top) were the only players to record multiple kick-or punt-return touchdowns last season. Grant, who had a 102-yard kickoff-return touchdown in Week 1, a 52-yard touchdown reception in Week 3 and a 71-yard punt-return touchdown in Week 5, became the second player in NFL history with a kickoff-return touchdown of at least 100 yards, a punt-return touchdown of at least 70 yards and a touchdown catch of at least 50 yards in the same season, joining Kansas City's **DANTE HALL** in 2003.

In Miami's victory over Tennessee in Week 1, Grant and Jennings each had a kickoff-return touchdown of more than 90 yards. It marked the first game since 2008 (Week 15 - New England at Oakland) in which each team had a kickoff-return touchdown of at least 90 yards. In total, there were four return touchdowns of at least 75 yards on Kickoff Weekend last year, the second most in the season's opening week since 1970 (six in 2011).

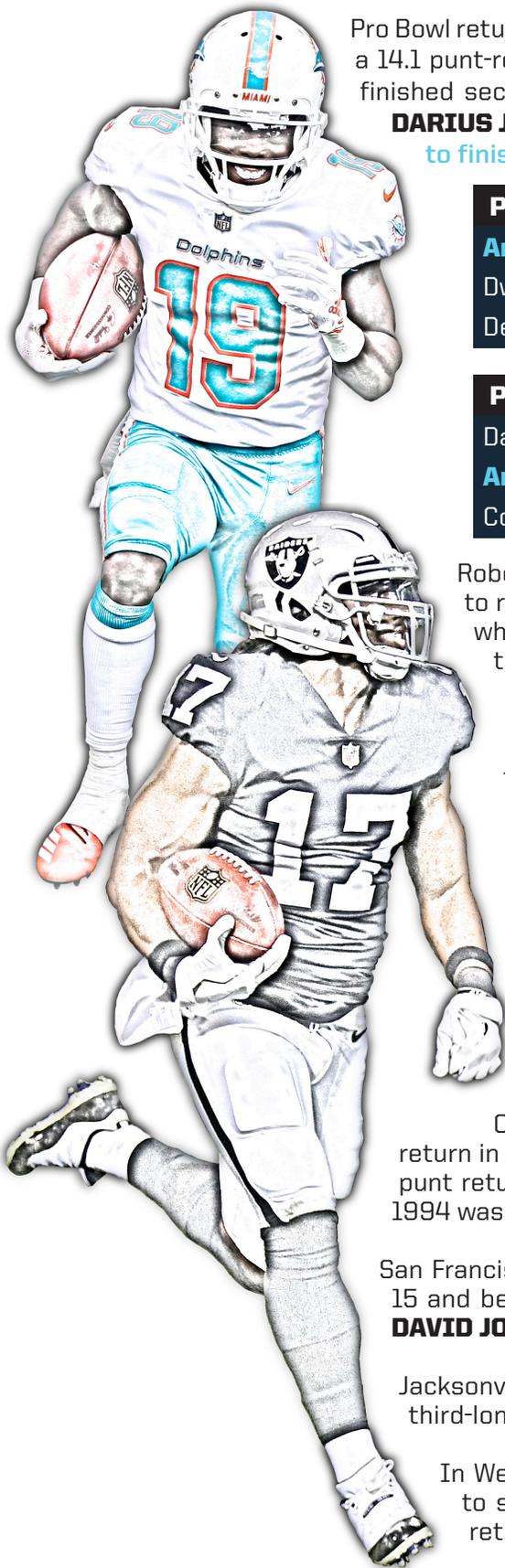
## A SAMPLING OF 2018 RETURN HIGHLIGHTS

Oakland's **DWAYNE HARRIS** (left, bottom) had a 99-yard punt return in Week 16, tied **PATRICK PETERSON** (2011) for the second-longest punt return in NFL history. Only **ROBERT BAILEY**'s 103-yard punt return in 1994 was longer.

San Francisco's **RICHIE JAMES** scored on a 97-yard kickoff return in Week 15 and became the first rookie to score a kickoff-return touchdown since **DAVID JOHNSON** and **TYLER LOCKETT** in 2015.

Jacksonville's **DEDE WESTBROOK** had a 74-yard punt return in Week 15, the third-longest punt return in franchise history.

In Week 1, the **NEW YORK JETS** became the third team in NFL history to score a touchdown via a pass, rush, interception-return and punt return in a season-opening game.



## CLUTCH KICKERS

The 2018 campaign ranked in the top-five among all seasons in **most 50-yard field goals made** and **highest percentage of field goals of at least 50 yards made**.

SEASON	50+ YARD FGs
2017	107
2015	104
<b>2018</b>	<b>97</b>
2013	96
2014	94

SEASON	50+ YARD FGs MADE	50+ YARD FGs ATT.	PCT.
2017	107	154	69.5
2013	96	143	67.1
2015	104	160	65.0
2011	90	140	64.3
<b>2018</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>63.8</b>

Indianapolis kicker **ADAM VINATIERI** has made 582 career field goals and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **MORTEN ANDERSEN** (565) for the most converted field goals in NFL history. Vinatieri has 2,600 total points throughout his 23-year career and surpassed Andersen (2,544) as the NFL's all-time leading scorer in 2018.

**“Certainly, in my opinion, the greatest kicker in the game. Not just for his longevity and production but again, the magnitude of some of the kicks that he made...Congratulations to him and to the great career that he has and honestly it doesn't seem like there is much sign of him slowing down.”**

- New England Patriots head coach **BILL BELICHICK** on Vinatieri

Baltimore kicker **JUSTIN TUCKER** has recorded six career games with multiple converted field goals of at least 50 yards, the most such games by a player in NFL history. Tucker has made more than 30 field goals in six different seasons, which marks the most in league annals.

In Week 5, Carolina kicker **GRAHAM GANO** converted a game-winning 63-yard field goal with one second remaining in the fourth quarter of the Panthers' 33-31 victory against the New York Giants, tied for the longest game-winning field goal in the fourth quarter or overtime in NFL history.

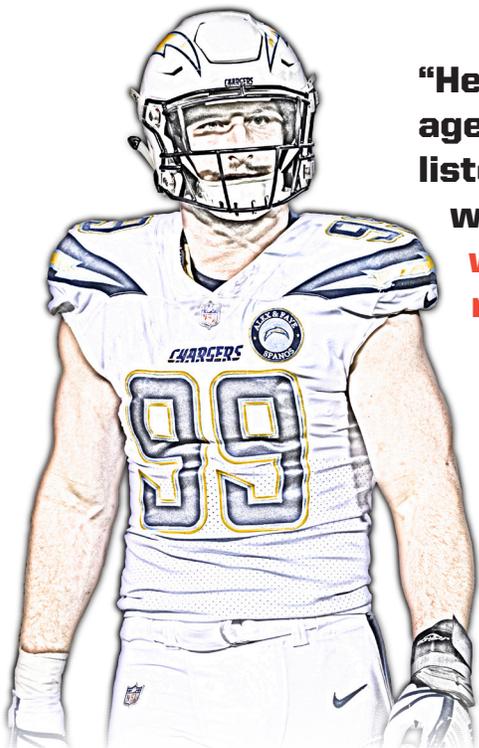
**JASON MYERS** converted five field goals of at least 55 yards for the New York Jets in 2018, which marks the most such field goals made in a single season in NFL history. In Week 6, Myers converted seven of his field goal attempts and made all three extra points for 24 total points, the second-highest single-game total by a player who did not score a touchdown in NFL history, trailing only **ROB BIRONAS** (26 in 2007).



# NFL BROTHERS

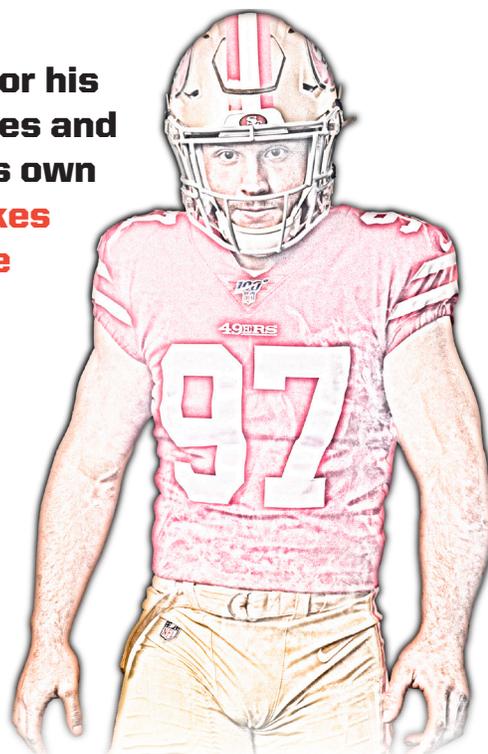
The NFL is a family game for players, coaches and fans. Not only can they all share the experience, but brothers also can share the field and sidelines.

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**.



**“He’s smart. He’s mature for his age. He always just watches and listens, just kind of has his own way about things. He takes what I did, or do, and he makes it better.”**

- **JOEY BOSA** (left) on his football relationship with his younger brother **NICK BOSA** (right)



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 2018 season 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.



## NFL BROTHERS

The **WATT**s - Los Angeles Chargers fullback **DEREK** (right), Houston defensive end **J.J.** (left) and Pittsburgh linebacker **T.J.** (middle) - join the Edmunds family as the only sets of three brothers currently in the league.

Pittsburgh (**TERRELL** and **TREY EDMUNDS**) is one of five teams that feature teammate brothers this season, joining the Los Angeles Rams (wide receiver **COOPER** and linebacker **KETNER KUPP**), the New England Patriots (safety **DEVIN** and cornerback **JASON McCOURTY**), the New York Jets (linebackers **C.J.** and **JAMEY MOSLEY**), and the Seattle Seahawks (linebacker **SHAQUEM** and cornerback **SHAQUILL GRIFFIN**).



### NOTABLE 2019 NFL BROTHERS, INCLUDING WHEN THEY PLAY EACH OTHER IN THE REGULAR SEASON:

FAMILY	BROTHERS	DATE OF GAME	FAMILY	BROTHERS	DATE OF GAME
Bosa	DE Joey, LAC DE Nick, SF		Kupp	WR Cooper, LAR LB Ketner, LAR	
Colquitt	P Britton, CLE P Dustin, KC		Martin	C Nick, HOU G Zack, DAL	
Edmunds	S Terrell, PIT LB Tremaine, BUF RB Trey, PIT	BUF @ PIT 12/15	McCourty	S Devin, NE CB Jason, NE	
Fuller	CB Kendall, KC CB Kyle, CHI	KC @ CHI 12/22	Mosley	LB C.J., NYJ LB Jamey, NYJ	
Griffin	LB Shaquem, SEA CB Shaquill, SEA		Pouncey	C Maurkice, PIT C Mike, LAC	PIT @ LAC 10/13
Hollister	WR Cody, TEN TE Jacob, SEA		Watkins	CB Jaylen, LAC WR Sammy, KC	KC @ LAC 11/18 LAC @ KC 12/29
Kelce	C Jason, PHI TE Travis, KC		Watt	FB Derek, LAC DE J.J., HOU LB T.J., PIT	HOU @ LAC 9/22 PIT @ LAC 10/13

## SAME FACES, NEW PLACES

Whether through free agency or trades, this offseason contained big-name moves that may alter the landscape of the 2019 NFL season.

The Cleveland Browns, New York Jets and Oakland Raiders all had active offseasons, adding some of the best players at their positions. Cleveland acquired three-time Pro Bowl wide receiver **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** from the New York Giants and Oakland completed a trade with Pittsburgh to add four-time All-Pro wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN**. The Jets dipped into free agency to sign three-time Pro Bowl running back **LE'VEON BELL** (left) and four-time Pro Bowl linebacker **C.J. MOSLEY**.

**“You can’t have enough competitive football players. He is a good football player, and you can’t have enough weapons around you. He is a really good asset to have on our football team.”**

- Cleveland general manager **JOHN DORSEY** on Beckham Jr.

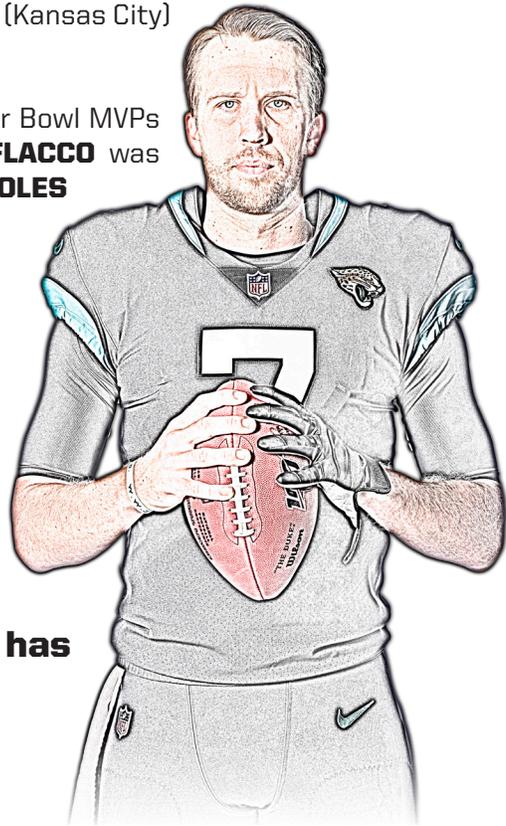
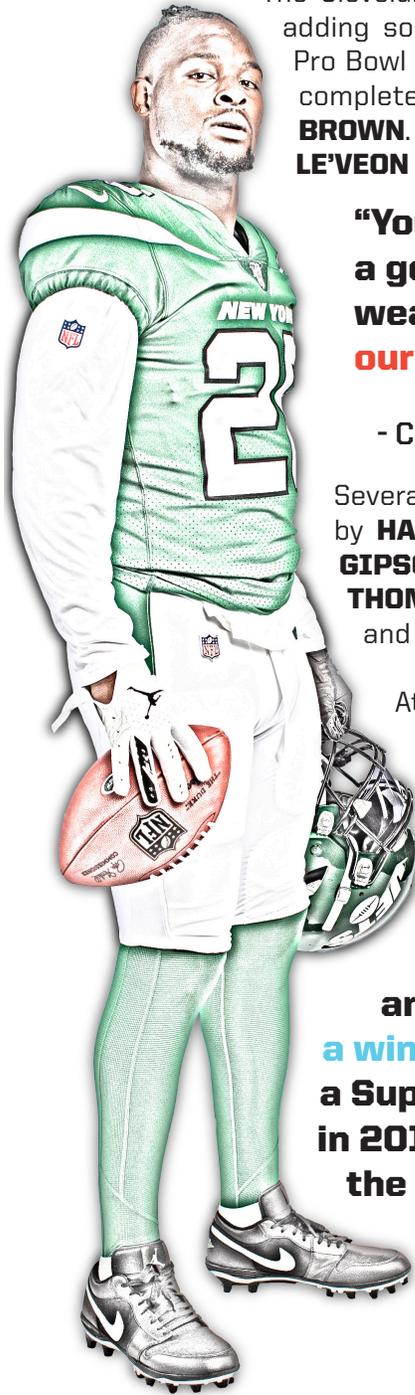
Several notable defensive backs were on the move during the offseason, headlined by **HA HA CLINTON-DIX** (Chicago), **LONDON COLLINS** (Washington), **TASHAUN GIPSON** (Houston), **LAMARCUS JOYNER** (Oakland), **EARL THOMAS** (Baltimore), **TYRANN MATHIEU** (Kansas City) and **ERIC WEDDLE** (Los Angeles Rams).

At the quarterback position, two Super Bowl MVPs switched teams in 2019, as **JOE FLACCO** was acquired by Denver and **NICK FOLES** (right) signed with Jacksonville.

**“Nick is the right person, the right quarterback for our team and our community. Nick is a winner. He led his team to a Super Bowl championship in 2017 and was selected as the coveted Super Bowl MVP.**

**Adding Nick to our roster has made our team better.”**

- Jacksonville EVP of Football Operations **TOM COUGHLIN**



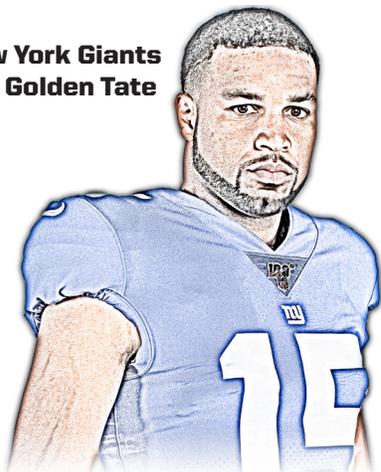
A number of other former Pro Bowlers will don a new uniform this season, including running backs **FRANK GORE** (Buffalo) and **MARK INGRAM** (Baltimore), wide receivers **DeSEAN JACKSON** (Philadelphia) and **GOLDEN TATE** (New York Giants), tight end **JARED COOK** (New Orleans), offensive linemen **TRENT BROWN** (Oakland) and **MITCH MORSE** (Buffalo), defensive ends **EZEKIEL ANSAH** (Seattle), **MICHAEL BENNETT** (New England), **FRANK CLARK** (Kansas City) and **TREY FLOWERS** (Detroit), defensive tackles **GERALD McCOY** (Carolina) and **NDAMUKONG SUH** (Tampa Bay), and linebackers **KWON ALEXANDER** (San Francisco), **DEE FORD** (San Francisco), **C.J. MOSLEY** (New York Jets) and **TERRELL SUGGS** (Arizona).

# SAME FACES, NEW PLACES

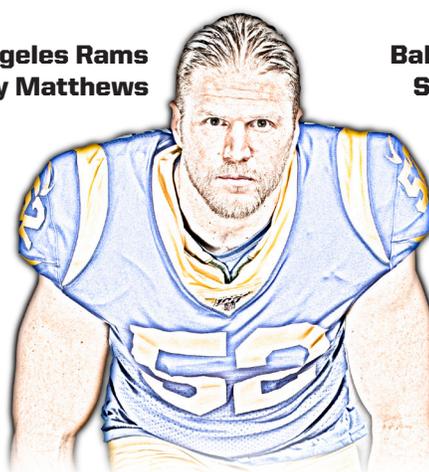
## NOTABLE PLAYERS TO CHANGE TEAMS THIS OFFSEASON

PLAYER	NEW TEAM	2018 TEAM	PLAYER	NEW TEAM	2018 TEAM
LB Kwon Alexander	SF	TB	G Mike Iupati	SEA	AZ
CB Robert Alford	AZ	ATL	WR DeSean Jackson	PHI	TB
WR Danny Amendola	DET	MIA	CB Kareem Jackson	DEN	HOU
S Adrian Amos	GB	CHI	DT Malik Jackson	PHI	JAX
DE Ezekiel Ansah	SEA	DET	TE Jesse James	DET	PIT
WR Cole Beasley	BUF	DAL	T Ju'Wuan James	DEN	MIA
WR Odell Beckham Jr.	CLE	NYG	S Lamarcus Joyner	OAK	LAR
RB Le'Veon Bell	NYJ	PIT	QB Case Keenum	WAS	DEN
DE Michael Bennett	NE	PHI	S Tyrann Mathieu	KC	HOU
WR Antonio Brown	OAK	PIT	<b>LB Clay Matthews</b>	<b>LAR</b>	<b>GB</b>
T Trent Brown	OAK	NE	DT Gerald McCoy	CAR	TB
DE Frank Clark	KC	SEA	C Mitch Morse	BUF	KC
S Ha Ha Clinton-Dix	CHI	WAS	LB C.J. Mosley	NYJ	BAL
CB Justin Coleman	DET	SEA	G Kelechi Osemele	NYJ	OAK
RB Tevin Coleman	SF	ATL	C Matt Paradis	CAR	DEN
S Landon Collins	WAS	NYG	QB Josh Rosen	MIA	AZ
TE Jared Cook	NO	OAK	G Rodger Saffold	TEN	LAR
LB Thomas Davis	LAC	CAR	LB Preston Smith	GB	WAS
QB Ryan Fitzpatrick	MIA	TB	LB Terrell Suggs	AZ	BAL
QB Joe Flacco	DEN	BAL	DT Ndamukong Suh	TB	LAR
DE Trey Flowers	DET	NE	QB Ryan Tannehill	TEN	MIA
QB Nick Foles	JAX	PHI	<b>WR Golden Tate</b>	<b>NYG</b>	<b>PHI</b>
LB Dee Ford	SF	KC	<b>S Earl Thomas</b>	<b>BAL</b>	<b>SEA</b>
S Tashaun Gipson	HOU	JAX	DE Olivier Vernon	CLE	NYG
RB Frank Gore	BUF	MIA	CB Jason Verrett	SF	LAC
WR Adam Humphries	TEN	TB	S Eric Weddle	LAR	BAL
RB Mark Ingram	BAL	NO	G Kevin Zeitler	NYG	CLE

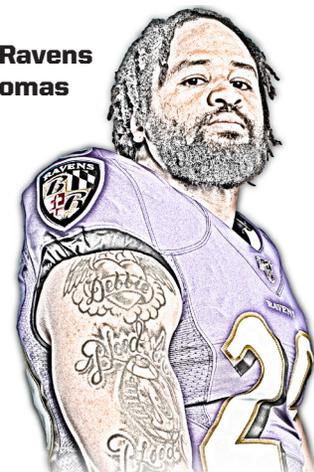
**New York Giants**  
WR Golden Tate



**Los Angeles Rams**  
LB Clay Matthews



**Baltimore Ravens**  
S Earl Thomas



# NFL NETWORK'S THE TOP 100 PLAYERS OF 2019

Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** was voted as the NFL's top player by his peers as compiled in NFL Network's "The Top 100 Players of 2019". Below is the list of the top 20 players of 2019 as voted on by NFL players.

1. Aaron Donald - Los Angeles Rams
2. Drew Brees - New Orleans Saints
3. Khalil Mack - Chicago Bears
4. Patrick Mahomes - Kansas City Chiefs
5. Todd Gurley - Los Angeles Rams
6. Tom Brady - New England Patriots
7. Antonio Brown - Oakland Raiders
8. Aaron Rodgers - Green Bay Packers
9. Julio Jones - Atlanta Falcons
10. Von Miller - Denver Broncos
11. DeAndre Hopkins - Houston Texans
12. J.J. Watt - Houston Texans
13. Michael Thomas - New Orleans Saints
14. Alvin Kamara - New Orleans Saints
15. **Bobby Wagner - Seattle Seahawks**
16. Saquon Barkley - New York Giants
17. Philip Rivers - Los Angeles Chargers
18. Ezekiel Elliott - Dallas Cowboys
19. Tyreek Hill - Kansas City Chiefs
20. Andrew Luck - Indianapolis Colts

"Bobby Wagner is very versatile. He's good at everything. He might be **the best linebacker in football**. He's a leader on defense. They rally around him, and he's a great player."

- Dallas Cowboys running back **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT**



## NOT DRAFTED? NOT A PROBLEM

After a stellar career at Minnesota State-Mankato, Minnesota wide receiver **ADAM THIELEN** went undrafted in the 2013 draft. After one season on the Vikings' practice squad and two years spent primarily as a special-teams contributor, he broke onto the scene in a big-way.

In 2018, Thielen tied for fourth in the NFL in receptions (113) and had a career-high 1,373 receiving yards. He joined **ROD SMITH** (2000 and 2001) and **WES WELKER** (2009, 2011 and 2012) as the only undrafted players in the common draft era with at least 100 receptions and 1,300 receiving yards in a single season.

Thielen became the first player in NFL history with at least 100 receiving yards in each of his team's first eight games to start a season in 2018 and his nine games with at least 100 receiving yards surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **RANDY MOSS** (eight in 2000 and eight in 2003) for the most in a single season in Vikings history.

This season, **Thielen can become one of three undrafted wide receivers ever to post multiple 100-catch seasons.**

PLAYER	TEAM	100-CATCH SEASONS
Wes Welker	NE	5 (2007-09, 2011-12)
Rod Smith	DEN	2 (2000-01)

Thielen has posted 1,000 yards receiving each of the last two seasons (2017-18). With 1,000 yards in 2019, Thielen would become one of three undrafted wide receivers since 1967 to notch at least three 1,000-yard seasons.

PLAYER	TEAM	1,000-YARD SEASONS
Rod Smith	DEN	8 (1997-2002, 2004-05)
Wes Welker	NE	5 (2007-09, 2011-12)
Steve Watson	DEN	3 (1981, 1983-84)

Like Thielen, **PHILLIP LINDSAY** grew up and went to college near the team for which he cheered as a youngster, the Denver Broncos. And like Thielen, after not getting invited to the Indianapolis combine and going undrafted six weeks later, Lindsay signed with his local NFL club.

Lindsay, however, exploded onto the NFL map as a rookie. **He became one of 13 undrafted players in the common-draft era to rush for 1,000 yards, and he's one of three to do it as a rookie.**

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	RUSH YARDS
Dominic Rhodes	IND	2001	1,104
<b>Phillip Lindsay</b>	<b>DEN</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>1,037</b>
LeGarrette Blount	TB	2010	1,007



# NOT DRAFTED? NOT A PROBLEM

According to CBS Sports, undrafted players accounted for 32.5 percent of NFL players on active club rosters during Week 17 of the 2018 regular season.

Last season, 12 undrafted players were selected to the Pro Bowl, including Pittsburgh tackle **ALEJANDRO VILLANUEVA**. Undrafted out of Army, he spent the following four years as an active U.S. Army Ranger, serving three tours of duty in Afghanistan. After returning, Villanueva landed a tryout with the Eagles in 2014, where he was originally signed as a defensive lineman before being released. Villanueva signed to the Steelers' practice squad in 2014 and transitioned to the offensive line, a position he had played sparingly in college.

There have been 17 undrafted players enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Most recently, **KURT WARNER** was part of the 2017 induction class. Warner credits a large part of his success to those that surround him.

"For a long time, I convinced myself that I could will my way to my dream," said Warner. "As long as I wanted it bad enough, I could make it happen. But if there's one great truth that I've learned from this great game, it's that no great accomplishment is ever achieved by yourself. To be successful is contingent on others, and it always starts with someone taking a chance on you."

## UNDRAFTED PLAYERS NAMED TO THE 2019 PRO BOWL

POSITION	PLAYER	2018 TEAM
RB	Phillip Lindsay	DEN
WR	Adam Thielen	MIN
T	Alejandro Villanueva	PIT
CB	Chris Harris	DEN
LS	Casey Kreiter	DEN
LS	Don Muhlbach	DET
K	Aldrick Rosas	NYG
K	Jason Myers	NYJ
P	Brett Kern	TEN
ST	Adrian Phillips	LAC
ST	Cory Littleton	LAR
ST	Michael Thomas	NYG

## UNDRAFTED PLAYERS IN THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

HOF CLASS	PLAYER	TEAM(S)
1967	Emlen Tunnell	N.Y. Giants, Green Bay
1968	Marion Motley	Cleveland, Pittsburgh
1969	Joe Perry	San Francisco, Baltimore Colts
1974	Lou Groza	Cleveland
1974	Dick "Night Train" Lane	L.A. Rams, Chicago Cardinals, Detroit
1977	Bill Willis	Cleveland
1984	Willie Brown	Denver, Oakland
1985	Frank Gatski	Cleveland, Detroit
1987	Jim Langer	Miami, Minnesota
1989	Willie Wood	Green Bay
1993	Larry Little	San Diego, Miami
2006	Warren Moon	Hou. Oilers, Minnesota, Seattle, Kansas City
2008	Emmitt Thomas	Kansas City
2010	John Randle	Minnesota, Seattle
2012	Jack Butler	Pittsburgh
2015	Mick Tingelhoff	Minnesota
2017	Kurt Warner	St. Louis Rams, N.Y. Giants, Arizona

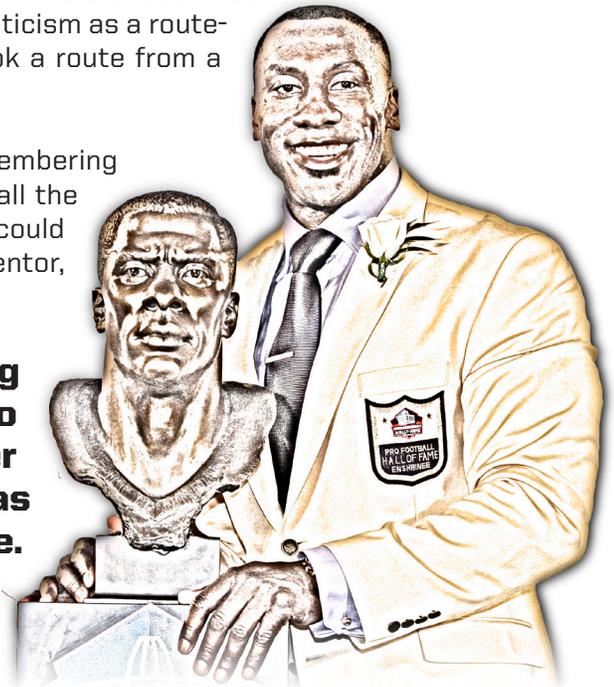
## SMALL-SCHOOL SUCCESS

Pro Football Hall of Famer **SHANNON SHARPE** was a key cog in the Broncos' first Super Bowl victory, nearly 20 years ago. The tight end's athleticism as a route-runner revolutionized the NFL's offensive game. He also took a route from a small college to the National Football League.

After earning his first Super Bowl ring, he gave it away. Remembering the grandmother who raised him, his small-town roots and all the coaches and teammates that got him to that point, he could think of no one more deserving than his older brother and mentor, Sterling.

**“Super Bowl XXXII was a victory made long before stepping on that field in San Diego in 1998. It was earned with my brother guiding me as a kid in Glennville, Ga., and as a seventh-round pick out of Savannah State. Even at the pinnacle, that ring was always his.”**

- Pro Football Hall of Famer **SHANNON SHARPE**



Sharpe is one of 28 Super Bowl-era players from small schools enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Last season, nine players from small schools earned Pro Bowl invitations, including 2018 Associated Press Defensive Rookie of the Year **DARIUS LEONARD**, a Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference product who played at South Carolina State.

### A SAMPLING OF THE NFL'S SMALL-SCHOOL STARS

PLAYER, TEAM	COLLEGE	CAREER HIGHLIGHT
DE Mario Addison, Car.	Troy	Has 29.5 sacks over the past three seasons
S Antoine Bethea, NYG	Howard	Three-time Pro Bowler; had career-high five INTs in 2017
CB Justin Bethel, Bal.	Presbyterian	Three-time Pro Bowler
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 12 INTs over the past two seasons
RB/KR Tarik Cohen, Chi.	North Carolina A&T	Named Pro Bowler and All-Pro after '18 season

**New York Giants**  
**S Antoine Bethea**



**Tennessee Titans**  
**S Kevin Byard**



**Chicago Bears**  
**RB/KR Tarik Cohen**



# SMALL-SCHOOL SUCCESS

## A SAMPLING OF THE NFL'S SMALL-SCHOOL STARS (CONT.)

PLAYER, TEAM	COLLEGE	CAREER HIGHLIGHT
QB Joe Flacco, Den.	Delaware	Super Bowl XLVII MVP; Ravens franchise-record 212 career TD passes
QB Jimmy Garoppolo, SF	Eastern Illinois	Is 8-2 (.800) as a starter, the highest winning percentage among active QBs (min. 10 starts).
DT Damon Harrison, Det.	William Penn	Leads all defensive linemen in tackles (243) since 2016.
DE Akiem Hicks, Chi.	Regina (Canada)	Named to 2019 Pro Bowl; Has 23 sacks over the past three seasons
CB Janoris Jenkins, NYG	North Alabama	Named to 2017 Pro Bowl; Has 18 career interceptions
RB David Johnson, AZ	Northern Iowa	Led NFL in TDs (20) & scrimmage yards (2,118) in 2016
FB Kyle Juszczyk, SF	Harvard	Three-time Pro Bowler; has eight career TDs
LB Darius Leonard, Ind.	South Carolina State	2018 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year; led NFL with franchise-record 163 tackles.
LB Khalil Mack, Chi.	Buffalo	Four-time Pro Bowler and three-time All-Pro; Ties for third in NFL with 49 sacks since 2015.
K Jason Myers, Sea.	Marist	Named to 2019 Pro Bowl; Converted NFL-record five 55+ yard FGs in 2018.
CB Josh Norman, Was.	Coastal Carolina	Selected to Pro Bowl and named All-Pro after '15 season
WR/KR Andre Roberts, Buf.	The Citadel	Named Pro Bowler and All-Pro after '18 season; five career return touchdowns
K Aldrick Rosas, NYG	Southern Oregon	Earned Pro Bowl invite after hitting 32 of 33 FGs in 2018
WR Adam Thielen, Min.	Minn. State-Mankato	Two-time Pro Bowler; Is one of three undrafted players with 100+ receptions & 1,300+ receiving yards in a season
K Adam Vinatieri, Ind.	South Dakota State	Three-time Pro Bowler; has four Super Bowl victories; NFL's all-time leader in points scored
TE Delanie Walker, Ten.	Central Missouri	Three-time Pro Bowler; has 800+ rec. yards in four of the past five seasons.
QB Carson Wentz, Phi.	North Dakota State	Named to Pro Bowl after '17 season; three 3,000-yard passing seasons to begin career
DT Brandon Williams, Bal.	Missouri Southern	Named to 2019 Pro Bowl

**San Francisco**  
QB Jimmy Garoppolo



**Detroit Lions**  
DT Damon Harrison



**Washington Redskins**  
CB Josh Norman



# ACTIVE STAT LEADERS

## TOP 10 ACTIVE PASSERS (1,000 OR MORE ATTEMPTS)

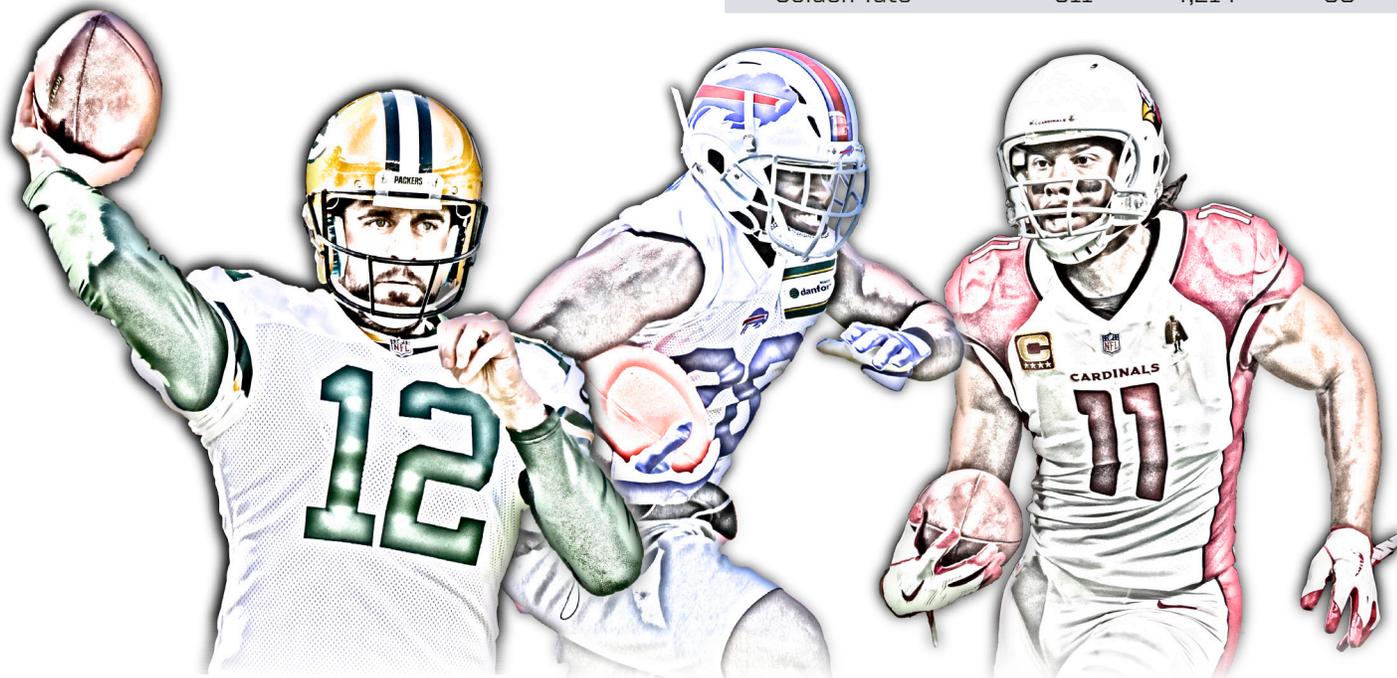
PLAYER	ATT.	COMP.	COMP. %	YARDS	TD	INT	PASSER RATING
<b>1. Aaron Rodgers</b>	<b>5,492</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>42,944</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>103.1</b>
2. Russell Wilson	3,261	2,095	64.2	25,624	196	63	100.3
3. Drew Brees	9,783	6,586	67.3	74,437	520	233	97.7
4. Tom Brady	9,375	6,004	64.0	70,514	517	171	97.6
5. Dak Prescott	1,475	975	66.1	10,876	67	25	96.0
6. Philip Rivers	7,000	4,518	64.5	54,656	374	178	95.6
7. Kirk Cousins	2,702	1,797	66.5	20,504	129	65	95.0
8. Matt Ryan	6,201	4,052	65.3	46,720	295	133	94.9
9. Jared Goff	1,243	772	62.1	9,581	65	26	94.7
10. Ben Roethlisberger	7,168	4,616	64.4	56,194	363	190	94.2

## TOP 10 ACTIVE RUSHERS

PLAYER	ATT.	YARDS	TD
<b>1. Frank Gore</b>	<b>3,382</b>	<b>14,748</b>	<b>77</b>
2. Adrian Peterson	2,825	13,318	106
3. LeSean McCoy	2,346	10,606	69
4. Marshawn Lynch	2,441	10,379	84
5. LeGarrette Blount	1,495	6,306	56
6. Mark Ingram	1,321	6,007	50
7. Alfred Morris	1,373	5,931	34
8. Lamar Miller	1,354	5,864	32
9. Doug Martin	1,322	5,356	30
10. Le'Veon Bell	1,229	5,336	35

## TOP 10 ACTIVE PASS RECEIVERS

PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	TD
<b>1. Larry Fitzgerald</b>	<b>1,303</b>	<b>16,279</b>	<b>116</b>
2. Jason Witten	1,152	12,448	68
3. Antonio Gates	955	11,841	116
4. Antonio Brown	837	11,207	74
5. Julio Jones	698	10,731	51
6. Demaryius Thomas	688	9,330	62
7. Greg Olsen	666	7,847	57
8. Michael Crabtree	633	7,477	54
9. Pierre Garcon	628	7,854	38
10. Jimmy Graham	611	7,436	71
Golden Tate	611	7,214	38



# ACTIVE STAT LEADERS

## TOP 10 ACTIVE SCORERS

PLAYER	TD	FG	PAT	POINTS
1. Adam Vinatieri	0	582	852(1*)	2,600
2. Phil Dawson	1	441	518	1,847
3. Stephen Gostkowski	0	367	642	1,743
4. Matt Bryant	0	388	553	1,717
5. Robbie Gould	0	358	454	1,528
6. Mason Crosby	0	307	548	1,469
7. Matt Prater	0	274	418	1,240
8. Mike Nugent	0	253	363	1,122
9. Stephen Hauschka	0	242	325	1,051
10. Ryan Succop	0	235	314	1,019

\*TWO-POINT CONVERSION

## TOP 10 ACTIVE PUNTERS (50 OR MORE PUNTS)

PLAYER	NO.	AVG.	LG.
1. Michael Dickson	78	48.2	69
2. Cameron Johnston	61	48.1	68
3. Johnny Hekker	542	47.0	78
4. Thomas Morstead	570	46.9	70
5. Andy Lee	1,229	46.6	82
6. Bryan Anger	552	46.2	73
7. Sam Martin	397	46.1	72
8. Tress Way	358	46.0	77
9. Brett Kern	834	45.9	79
10. Matt Bosher	480	45.8	69

## TOP 10 ACTIVE SACK LEADERS

PLAYER	SACKS
1. Terrell Suggs	132.5
2. Von Miller	98.0
Cameron Wake	98.0
4. J.J. Watt	92.0
5. Ryan Kerrigan	84.5
6. Clay Matthews	83.5
7. Calais Campbell	81.5
8. Justin Houston	78.5
9. Chandler Jones	77.0
10. Carlos Dunlap	72.5

## TOP 10 ACTIVE INTERCEPTION LEADERS

PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	TD
1. Reggie Nelson	38	486	1
2. Aqib Talib	35	752	10
3. Brent Grimes	33	461	3
4. Richard Sherman	32	395	2
Tramon Williams	32	437	1
6. Mike Adams	30	337	2
Johnathan Joseph	30	638	7
Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie	30	535	6
9. Eric Weddle	29	467	4
10. Earl Thomas	28	417	2

## TOP 5 ACTIVE KICKOFF RETURNERS (40 OR MORE RETURNS)

PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
1. Cordarrelle Patterson	176	5,276	30.0	6
2. Ameer Abdullah	59	1,621	27.5	0
3. Benny Cunningham	110	2,895	26.3	0
4. Tyler Lockett	112	2,900	25.9	2
5. Randall Cobb	74	1,915	25.9	1

## TOP 5 ACTIVE PUNT RETURNERS (40 OR MORE RETURNS)

PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
1. Jamal Agnew	41	504	12.3	2
2. Tyreek Hill	84	1,009	12.0	4
3. Julian Edelman	177	1,986	11.2	4
4. Tarik Cohen	62	683	11.0	1
5. Rashad Greene	41	448	10.9	1



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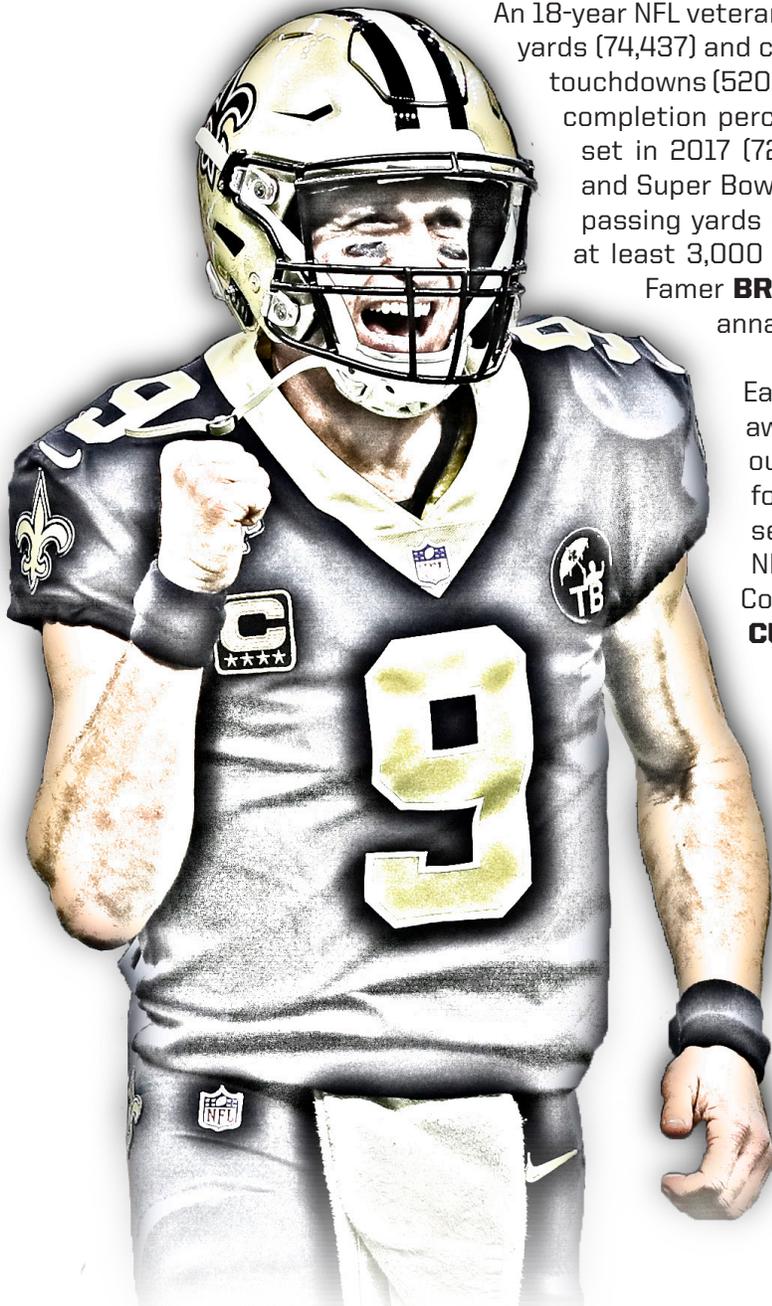


## DREW BREES WINS ART ROONEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

**DREW BREES** of the New Orleans Saints was voted the winner of the **2018 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. Brees and the Brees Dream Foundation received a \$25,000 donation from the NFL Foundation.

**“I am honored and humbled that my peers voted me as this year’s recipient of the Art Rooney Award. I pride myself on displaying great sportsmanship, respect for my opponents, and upholding the integrity of our game.”**

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 **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).



An 18-year NFL veteran, Brees is the league’s all-time leader in passing yards (74,437) and completions (6,586) and ranks second in passing touchdowns (520). In 2018, he set the NFL record for single-season completion percentage (74.4), breaking the mark he previously set in 2017 (72.0). The two-time Offensive Player of the Year and Super Bowl XLIV MVP has led or tied for the league-lead in passing yards seven times and has recorded 16 seasons with at least 3,000 passing yards, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer **BRETT FAVRE** (18 seasons) for the most in league annals.

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**, **CURTIS MARTIN** and **KARL MECKLENBURG**.

**“I have so much respect for him and everything he’s brought to the game. Admire how long he’s done it for and what a high level he’s done it at and the way he leads and the way he goes about his business and the way he works. Everything he does is so admirable. He’s a great player and a guy I have a lot of respect for.”**

- Los Angeles Rams quarterback **JARED GOFF** on Drew Brees

# DREW BREES WINS ART ROONEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD

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 (listed in bold), featuring four players from each conference, were defensive end **CALAIS CAMPBELL** (Jacksonville), tight end **ANTONIO GATES** (Los Angeles Chargers), quarterback **ANDREW LUCK** (Indianapolis) and safety **ERIC WEDDLE** (Baltimore) in the AFC, and quarterback **DREW BREES** (New Orleans), tight end **VERNON DAVIS** (Washington), tackle **JOE STALEY** (San Francisco) and cornerback **TRAMON WILLIAMS** (Green Bay) in the NFC.



PLAYER	TEAM
Arizona Cardinals	DT Corey Peters
Atlanta Falcons	C Alex Mack
<b>Baltimore Ravens</b>	<b>S Eric Weddle</b>
Buffalo Bills	DT Kyle Williams
Carolina Panthers	DE Julius Peppers
Chicago Bears	C Cody Whitehair
Cincinnati Bengals	WR A.J. Green
Cleveland Browns	OL Joel Bitonio
Dallas Cowboys	QB Dak Prescott
Denver Broncos	DT Domata Peko
Detroit Lions	LS Don Muhlbach
<b>Green Bay Packers</b>	<b>CB Tramon Williams</b>
Houston Texans	CB Johnathan Joseph
<b>Indianapolis Colts</b>	<b>QB Andrew Luck</b>
<b>Jacksonville Jaguars</b>	<b>DE Calais Campbell</b>
Kansas City Chiefs	WR Sammy Watkins
<b>Los Angeles Chargers</b>	<b>TE Antonio Gates</b>
Los Angeles Rams	RB Todd Gurley
Miami Dolphins	RB Frank Gore
Minnesota Vikings	DE Danielle Hunter
New England Patriots	WR Matthew Slater
<b>New Orleans Saints</b>	<b>QB Drew Brees</b>
New York Giants	TE Rhett Ellison
New York Jets	DL Steve McLendon
Oakland Raiders	QB Derek Carr
Philadelphia Eagles	QB Carson Wentz
Pittsburgh Steelers	G David DeCastro
<b>San Francisco 49ers</b>	<b>T Joe Staley</b>
Seattle Seahawks	WR Tyler Lockett
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	LB Lavonte David
Tennessee Titans	QB Marcus Mariota
<b>Washington Redskins</b>	<b>TE Vernon Davis</b>

## NFL PLAYER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

NFL Player Engagement supports the personal and professional growth of current players, Legends and their families during their playing experience and beyond.

**“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**

These programs focus on Continuing Education, Financial Education, Professional Development and Total Wellness.

The **Continuing Education Program** is dedicated to helping current players and NFL Legends complete their undergraduate degrees, pursue graduate degrees and capitalize on any other educational opportunities in preparation for a career after football.

The **Financial Education Program** offers resources, networking and information for current players and NFL Legends to assist in their financial understanding and decision-making. These programs include:

- Rookie Transition Programming
- The NFL Business Academy
- The Personal Finance Boot Camp

**“The NFL Business Academy was a first-class, top-notch program. The speakers were very engaging and did a tremendous job delivering the information and making it practical. The players who attended are already ahead of the game for taking the time to participate in a program like this, and I encourage more players to do the same.”**

- NFL Legend and 2019 Business Academy speaker **DESMOND HOWARD**

The **Professional Development Program** offers participants resources and training in a variety of professional skills (brand assessment, presentation skills, training, business etiquette, resume writing and interview skills) to prepare them for a second career after playing football. The program includes:

- Opportunities for domestic and international job shadowing and internships
- Boot camps exploring various second career opportunities
- Bridge to Success and Transitional Coaching from Legends to help with the transition out of playing
- Opportunities for development and mentorship within the football network

**“Bridge to Success allows us to take a step back, find some of those transferable skills, and then apply those same things that have made us great in football to make us great in life after.”**

- NFL Legend and founder of Unlock the Champion **FREDDIE SCOTT II**



# NFL PLAYER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Player Engagement also contributes to players' growth off the field with opportunities for internships with the NFL Offices in Canada, China, London, Mexico and the United States. These internships expose players to the business behind the game and give them experience working in a corporate environment.

**“Our off-season programming offers players personal and professional development throughout their NFL experience and beyond. Players who take advantage of these resources have the opportunity to explore their interests in business, media-communication industries, enhance their personal brand, establish a financial wellness plan and advance their leadership and special interests advocacy skills.”**

- Senior Vice President of NFL Player Engagement **ARTHUR McAFEE**

As part of the **Total Wellness** initiative, player engagement partners with Cigna to offer current players, Legends and their families the resources they need for optimal health and safety, leadership, performance and personal, psychological and physical wellness. The program provides the following services:

- **NFL Life Line** - a 24-hour, free, confidential and independently operated resource with trained counselors to help current players, Legends, coaches, team and league staff and their family members in crisis
- **Healthy Body and Mind Screening** - free national screening program offering all Legends private and confidential cardiovascular and prostate screenings and mental health resources and education
- **NFL Player Assistance and Counseling Service** - provides current players, Legends and their family members with services for any life challenge they face, including eight free, confidential, in-person counseling sessions per mental health issue each year
- **NFL Transition Coaches** - specially trained Legends mentor their peers to offer support and guidance for players' transitions during and after the game
- **Player Telehealth** - allows players to meet remotely with a counselor or therapist using their mobile devices
- **NFL Personal Health Coaches** - work with players to create and follow personalized plans for managing and overcoming chronic conditions
- **Financial Coaching Resources** - prepare players for a lifetime of success through unbiased programs and seminars
- **DVSA Education** - includes mandatory domestic violence and sexual assault education sessions for current players, staff, owners, league personnel and coaches

NFL Player Engagement reaches more than 2,000 NFL players and spouses each year with services focused on career development, finances and continuing education. For more information on NFL Player Engagement, visit <https://players.nfl.com/>.



## THE 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. The NFL Legends Community provides unique opportunities for Legends to engage year-round including:



- **CLUB EVENTS** - From Legends Weekend Celebrations, Draft Day parties, Community outreach and Legends golf tournaments, nearly 3,000 Legends participated in events hosted by their teams last season.
- **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 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 <sup>HOF</sup>	Central North Coordinator
JB Brown	Northeast Coordinator	Chester Pitts	Central South Coordinator
Garry Cobb	Northeast Coordinator	John Randle <sup>HOF</sup>	Central North Director
Donovin Darius	Southeast Director	Ed Reynolds	Northeast Director
Warrick Dunn	Southeast Coordinator	Tony Richardson	Northeast Coordinator
Donnie Edwards	Pacific West Coordinator	Mike Rucker	Southeast Coordinator
Torry Holt	Southeast Coordinator	Will Shields <sup>HOF</sup>	Central South Director
Rocket Ismail	Central South Coordinator	Mack Strong	Pacific West Director
Steven Jackson	Pacific West Coordinator	Darryl Talley	Northeast Coordinator
Ryan Leaf	Pacific West Coordinator	Frank Winters	Northeast Coordinator



# THE NFL LEGENDS COMMUNITY

- **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 and former NFL players. Available at major NFL calendar events, it is a place for the game's greats to relax and reengage with other former players.
- **LEGENDS NEWSLETTER** - A monthly newsletter designed to keep the Legends Community informed on all upcoming offers, events and opportunities available to them.
- **LEGENDS PODCAST** - The NFL Legends Podcast is an unscripted series where players engage in honest, candid conversation about the challenges and benefits of life off the field and after their football career. These conversations provide the intimacy of an NFL locker room, the comfort of a backyard barbeque and the bond of the NFL brotherhood. Watch NFL Network's Good Morning Football each Wednesday to hear more about the podcasts and download on Apple Podcasts.
- **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 lunch 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 retired players at the League office in New York, NY as part of continuous efforts to inform them of all of that is available to them once their careers on the field are over. While there, Legends will hear from NFL league and team executives, participate in networking opportunities and learn about the initiatives and programs specifically designed for them.

To date, more than 9,200 players are registered in the NFL Legends Community. For more information, visit <https://operations.nfl.com/the-players/nfl-legends-community> and follow [@NFLLegends](#) to join the social conversation.



## NFL LEGENDS YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This spring, the NFL launched the NFL Legends Youth Advisory Committee.

As members of the Youth Advisory Committee, NFL Legends **MARK BRUNELL, NATE BURLESON, TRENT DILFER, MAURICE JONES-DREW, WILLIE MCGINEST, JORDAN PALMER, CHAD PENNINGTON, MICHAEL ROBINSON, DEION SANDERS** and **BOBBY TAYLOR** will generate inspiring conversations with youth and high school football communities about the values learned from playing football.

"I'm passionate about growing the game, and I'm passionate about preserving the game," said NFL Legend **WILLIE MCGINEST**.

The committee aims to not only assist and guide efforts to preserve and grow youth and high school football through peer-to-peer engagement, but to also develop transferable skills that the students can use on and off the field.

"I still believe high school football is at its purest form, and that's where the health of the game lies," said **TRENT DILFER**, a member of the NFL Legends Youth Advisory Committee.

"This game has been so good to all the guys on that committee, but it's up to us to grow and preserve this wonderful game that's still blessing us," said NFL Legend **DEION SANDERS**. "Through peer-to-peer engagement, we just want to give the kids what we had—a way up and a way out. We want to let the parents, the players as well as the fans, understand this game in its totality and see how wonderful it is."



MARK BRUNELL



NATE BURLESON



TRENT DILFER



MAURICE JONES-DREW



WILLIE MCGINEST



JORDAN PALMER



CHAD PENNINGTON



MICHAEL ROBINSON



DEION SANDERS



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# ***THE TEAMS***



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR - THE TEAMS

The **CAROLINA PANTHERS** (199-201-1) need one win for 200 as a franchise, including postseason. [**LUKE KUECHLY**, top right]

The **DENVER BRONCOS** (499-433-10, .535) need one win for 500 in franchise history, including postseason. Among the original eight AFL franchises that launched in 1960, only the Boston/New England Patriots have reached that milestone. [**JOE FLACCO**, bottom right]

The **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** need six regular-season wins to reach 300 since moving to Indianapolis in 1984. Since changing their home address, the Colts are 294-265-0 (.526) in regular-season contests.

The **MINNESOTA VIKINGS** need two wins to reach 500, including postseason. The Vikings enter 2019 with a 498-426-11 (.539) all-time record.

The **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** need one Super Bowl victory to break a tie with Pittsburgh (six) for most ever. The Patriots also need one Super Bowl victory to join Pittsburgh as the only NFL teams to win consecutive Super Bowls on two occasions. Pittsburgh did it following the 1974-75 and 1978-79 seasons. New England did it after the 2003-04 seasons.

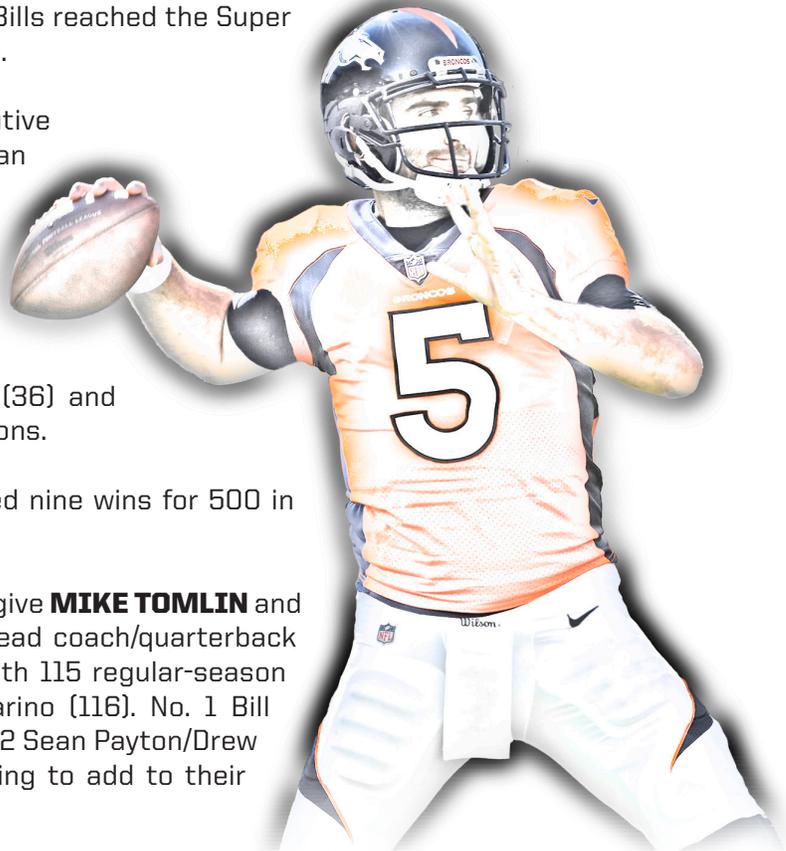
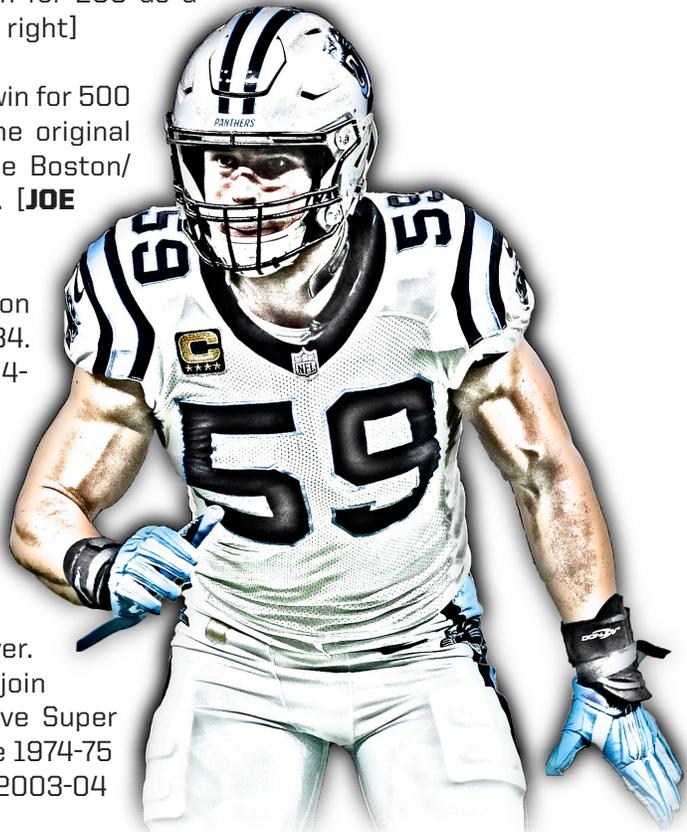
New England needs one Super Bowl appearance to join Buffalo as one of only two clubs to ever play in four straight. The Bills reached the Super Bowl to punctuate each of the 1990-93 seasons.

New England needs 10 wins to reach 17 consecutive seasons with 10 victories and break a tie with San Francisco (16 from 1983-98) for the longest streak in league history. The Patriots have won at least 10 games every year since going 9-7 in 2002.

New England needs nine victories to reach 34 winning seasons. Since 1970, only Pittsburgh (36) and Dallas (33) have achieved as many winning seasons.

The **OAKLAND RAIDERS** (491-442-11, .526) need nine wins for 500 in franchise history, including postseason.

The **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** need two wins to give **MIKE TOMLIN** and **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** the third most by a head coach/quarterback combination in history. The duo enters 2019 with 115 regular-season victories, one behind No. 3 Don Shula/Dan Marino (116). No. 1 Bill Belichick/Tom Brady (New England, 207) and No. 2 Sean Payton/Drew Brees (New Orleans, 118) also enter 2019 looking to add to their totals.



## PATRIOTS WIN SUPER BOWL LIII

The New England Patriots won their second Super Bowl in three years and sixth overall last season, defeating the Los Angeles Rams, 13-3, in Super Bowl LIII in Atlanta. New England kicker **STEPHEN GOSTKOWSKI** converted two field goals (42 and 41 yards) and rookie running back **SONY MICHEL** scored the game's only touchdown, a two-yard run with seven minutes remaining in the fourth quarter. It was Michel's sixth rushing touchdown of the playoffs, the most by a rookie in NFL postseason history.

Wide receiver **JULIAN EDELMAN** (right) was named Super Bowl MVP after registering 10 receptions for 141 yards. He became the seventh wide receiver to win the award and the first since Pittsburgh's **SANTONIO HOLMES** in Super Bowl XLIII. Wide receiver **DEION BRANCH** was named Super Bowl MVP when the Patriots won Super Bowl XXXIX.

Edelman's league-high 26 receptions in the 2018 playoffs brought his career postseason total to 115, surpassing **REGGIE WAYNE** (93) for the second-most receptions in NFL postseason history. Only Pro Football Hall of Famer **JERRY RICE** has more (151).

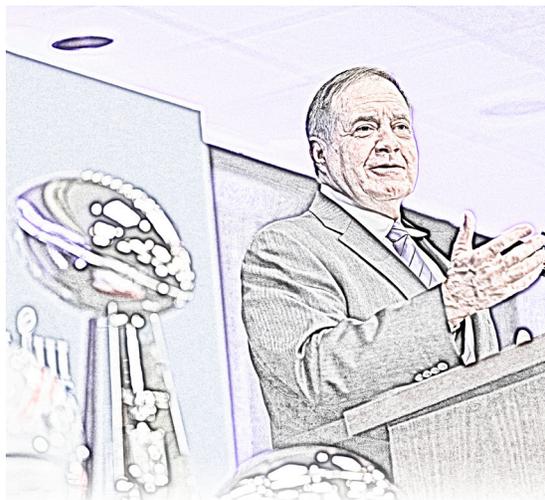
**“He played the best game he has all year. He’s been an incredible player for this team in the playoffs and he just cemented himself, again, in the history of the NFL for his accomplishments.”**

- New England quarterback **TOM BRADY** on Edelman

While Brady and the New England offense are used to getting most of the attention, it was the Patriots' defense that proved to be the difference in the Super Bowl. They held the explosive Rams offense - the second-highest scoring team during the regular season in 2018 - to three points, tied for the fewest points scored by a team in Super Bowl history. Led by cornerback **STEPHON GILMORE**'s fourth-quarter interception (right) and linebacker **DONT'A HIGHTOWER**'s two sacks (below left), the New England defense held Los Angeles to 260 total yards of offense, the Rams' second fewest of the season.



# PATRIOTS WIN SUPER BOWL LIII



Chairman and CEO **ROBERT KRAFT**, head coach **BILL BELICHICK** (below left) and quarterback **TOM BRADY** (below right) have won six Super Bowl titles together, and the Patriots are now tied with the Pittsburgh Steelers for the most Super Bowl titles in NFL history. Brady also became the first player to win six Super Bowl rings as a player, breaking a tie with Pro Football Hall of Famer **CHARLES HALEY**.

TEAM	SUPER BOWL TITLES
<b>New England</b>	<b>6 (XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX, XLIX, LI, LII)</b>
Pittsburgh	6 (IX, X, XIII, XIV, XL, XLIII)
Dallas	5 (VI, XII, XXVII, XXVIII, XXX)
San Francisco	5 (XVI, XIX, XXIII, XXIV, XXIX)

**“We have a lot of great people in the organization. It starts at the top with Robert (Kraft) and his family. We have a great group of players and coaches that work extremely hard to compete the best we can. Happy that things worked out for us this year and we were able to be the best team in football this season. That’s hard to be in this league, but these guys earned it.”**

- New England head coach **BILL BELICHICK**

On the path to Super Bowl LIII, the Patriots finished the regular season with an 11-5 record and **won the AFC East for an NFL record 10th consecutive season**. No other team has won a division title in more than seven consecutive years. **They also finished with a winning record for the 18th consecutive season, the second-longest streak in NFL history.** After a first-round bye, New England defeated the Los Angeles Chargers in the divisional round and traveled to Kansas City to defeat the AFC’s top-seeded Chiefs in overtime in the AFC Championship Game.

TEAM	YEARS	CONSEC. FIRST-PLACE FINISHES
<b>New England</b>	<b>2009-18</b>	<b>10*</b>
L.A. Rams	1973-79	7
4 teams tied		6

TEAM	YEARS	CONSEC. WINNING SEASONS
Dallas	1966-85	20
<b>New England</b>	<b>2001-18</b>	<b>18*</b>
Oakland	1965-80	16
San Francisco	1983-98	16

\*Active streak



Brady finished the regular season with 4,355 passing yards and 29 touchdown passes. He became the fourth player in NFL history to surpass 70,000 career passing yards (70,514) and 500 touchdown passes (517), joining **DREW BREES**, **PEYTON MANNING** and Pro Football Hall of Famer **BRETT FAVRE**.

## SUPER BOWL FOLLOW-UPS

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

SEASON	SUPER BOWL	WINNER	NEXT SEASON
<b>1966</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1967	II	Green Bay	Missed playoffs
1968	III	N.Y. Jets	Lost in first round
1969	IV	Kansas City	Missed playoffs
1970	V	Baltimore Colts	Lost AFC Championship Game
1971	VI	Dallas	Lost NFC Championship Game
<b>1972</b>	<b>VII</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1973	VIII	Miami	Lost in first round
<b>1974</b>	<b>IX</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1975	X	Pittsburgh	Lost AFC Championship Game
1976	XI	Oakland	Lost AFC Championship Game
1977	XII	Dallas	Lost Super Bowl
<b>1978</b>	<b>XIII</b>	<b>Pittsburgh</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1979	XIV	Pittsburgh	Missed playoffs
1980	XV	Oakland	Missed playoffs
1981	XVI	San Francisco	Missed playoffs
1982	XVII	Washington	Lost Super Bowl
1983	XVIII	L.A. Raiders	Lost Wild Card Game
1984	XIX	San Francisco	Lost Wild Card Game
1985	XX	Chicago	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1986	XXI	N.Y. Giants	Missed playoffs
1987	XXII	Washington	Missed playoffs
<b>1988</b>	<b>XXIII</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1989	XXIV	San Francisco	Lost NFC Championship Game
1990	XXV	N.Y. Giants	Missed playoffs
1991	XXVI	Washington	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
<b>1992</b>	<b>XXVII</b>	<b>Dallas</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1993	XXVIII	Dallas	Lost NFC Championship Game
1994	XXIX	San Francisco	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1995	XXX	Dallas	Lost NFC Divisional Playoff Game
1996	XXXI	Green Bay	Lost Super Bowl
<b>1997</b>	<b>XXXII</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
1998	XXXIII	Denver	Missed playoffs
1999	XXXIV	St. Louis Rams	Lost Wild Card Game

# SUPER BOWL FOLLOW-UPS

SEASON	SUPER BOWL	WINNER	NEXT SEASON
2000	XXXV	Baltimore Ravens	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
2001	XXXVI	New England	Missed playoffs
2002	XXXVII	Tampa Bay	Missed playoffs
<b>2003</b>	<b>XXXVIII</b>	<b>New England</b>	<b>Won Super Bowl</b>
2004	XXXIX	New England	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
2005	XL	Pittsburgh	Missed playoffs
2006	XLI	Indianapolis	Lost AFC Divisional Playoff Game
2007	XLII	N.Y. 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	N.Y. Giants	Missed playoffs
2012	XLVII	Baltimore Ravens	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	????



## RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR

In June, the **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** hosted a private event to present their Super Bowl LIII championship rings to the team and club personnel.

**“When we won back-to-back Super Bowls in 2003 and 2004, the rings had 104 and 124 diamonds, respectively. They are beautiful. As some of you may recall, our last ring featured the score 28-3, 283 diamonds. That ring was the largest Super Bowl ring ever made, until this one. The Super Bowl LIII championship ring features 422 diamonds. While there’s a certified appraisal value of the ring, what it really represents to our family and as a member of this team, is truly priceless.”**

- New England chairman and CEO **ROBERT KRAFT**

New England’s Super Bowl LIII championship rings are the largest Super Bowl rings ever made, according to Jostens. Each ring includes 422 diamonds, totaling 9.85 carats. The front of the ring features the Patriots logo, crafted in custom-cut red and blue stone and surrounded by 38 diamonds, along with the six Lombardi Trophies New England has captured in franchise history. The trophies are set with 123 diamonds and are surrounded by an additional 108 pave-set diamonds, which represent the number of practices in the 2018 season.



Photo courtesy of New England Patriots/David Silverman

The right side of the ring features the score of Super Bowl LIII, 13-3, along with the team’s playoff rallying cry, **“STILL HERE.”** The left side of the ring is diamond encrusted with each player’s name and uniform number with a sketch of Gillette Stadium and the moniker **“6X,”** highlighting the number of Super Bowl victories in New England’s history, and is dated 2018.

Connecting the right side to the left side of the ring are 20 sapphire diamonds, representing the franchise’s 20 AFC East division titles in team history. The palm crest of the ring includes a list of the years of previous Super Bowl victories - 2001, 2003, 2004, 2014 and 2016 - while the interior of the ring is engraved with New England’s foundational motto **“WE ARE ALL PATRIOTS.”**

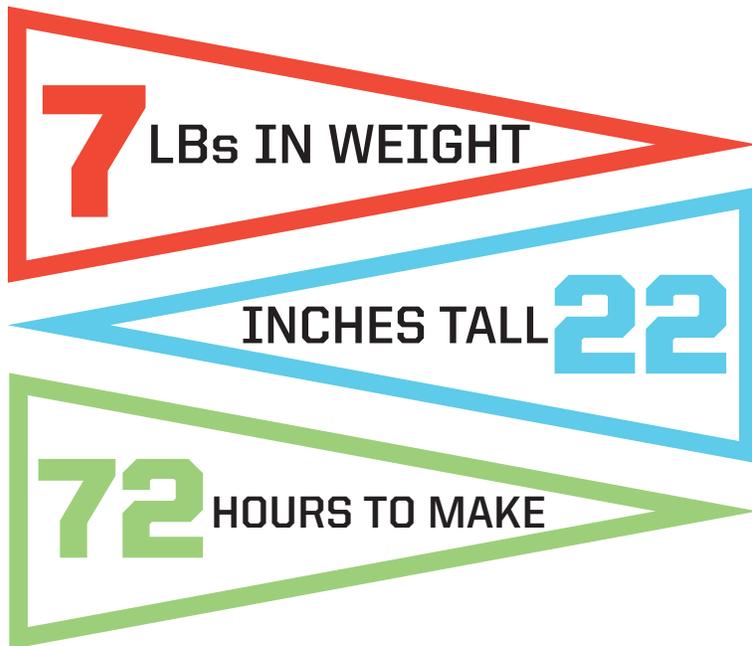
# LOMBARDI TROPHY BY THE NUMBERS

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

**“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 1800s, 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**

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.



## LOMBARDI TROPHY QUICK FACTS

Made of	Sterling Silver*
Year Designed	1967
First Sketched On	A Napkin
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



# LOS ANGELES RAMS

In 2018, the Los Angeles Rams earned their second consecutive NFC West division title (13-3) and advanced to their first Super Bowl since 2001. Over the past two seasons under head coach **SEAN McVAY**, the Rams have recorded 24 regular-season wins, tied with **NEW ENGLAND** and **NEW ORLEANS** for the most in the NFL.

Last season, the Rams led the NFC and **ranked second in the NFL in points per game (32.9) and total yards of offense per game (421.1)**. They became the fifth team in NFL history to score at least 30 points in each of their first five games to start a season, joining the 2013 Denver Broncos (eight consecutive games), 2011 New England Patriots (five), 2007 Patriots (eight) and 2000 St. Louis Rams (eight).

TEAM	POINTS/GAME	TOTAL YARDS OF OFFENSE/GAME
Kansas City	35.3	425.6
<b>L.A. Rams</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>421.1</b>

Offensively, the Rams were paced by running back **TODD GURLEY** (top right), who led the league in rushing touchdowns (17) and scrimmage touchdowns (21) for the second consecutive season. Gurley scored at least one touchdown in each of the Rams' first 10 games last season and joined Pro Football Hall of Famers **O.J. SIMPSON** (14 games in 1975), **LENNY MOORE** (14 in 1964) and **ELROY "CRAZY LEGS" HIRSCH** (10 in 1951) as the only players in league annals to score a touchdown in each of their team's first 10 games of a season. Over the past two seasons, Gurley **leads all players in rushing yards (2,556), rushing touchdowns (30), scrimmage yards (3,924) and scrimmage touchdowns (40)**.

PLAYER	TEAM	SCRIMMAGE TDS
<b>Todd Gurley</b>	<b>L.A. Rams</b>	<b>40</b>
Alvin Kamara	New Orleans	31
Melvin Gordon	L.A. Chargers	26

Wide receiver **BRANDIN COOKS** was acquired in a trade during the 2018 offseason and totaled 80 receptions for 1,204 yards and five touchdowns. Cooks became the first player in NFL history to record at least 1,000 receiving yards with three different teams in three consecutive seasons (1,082 receiving yards with New England in 2017; 1,173 receiving yards with New Orleans in 2016) and became the sixth player in league annals to record at least 1,000 receiving yards in a single season for three or more teams at any point in his career. Cooks and teammate **ROBERT WOODS** (86 receptions for 1,219 yards and six touchdowns, bottom right), they were one of three pairs of teammates last season to both record at least 80 receptions and 1,200 receiving yards.



# LOS ANGELES RAMS

The Rams, with quarterback **JARED GOFF** (top right), scored 527 points in 2018, the second most in a single season in franchise history [2000 St. Louis Rams (540 points)]. The Rams, who also scored 478 points in 2017, can **become the fourth team in league annals to score at least 475 points in three consecutive seasons.**

TEAM	YEAR	POINTS SCORED
Denver	2014	482
	2013	606
	2012	481
New England	2012	557
	2011	513
	2010	518
St. Louis Rams	2001	503
	2000	540
	1999	526
<b>L.A. Rams</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>527</b>
	<b>2017</b>	<b>478</b>



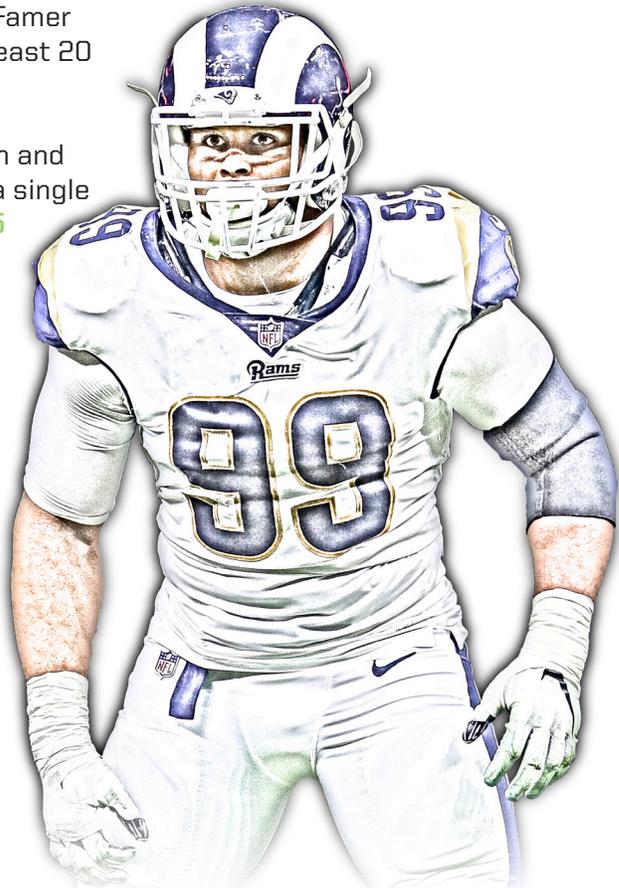
On the defensive side, Los Angeles was anchored by defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** (bottom right) who led the NFL with a franchise-record 20.5 sacks and joined Pro Football Hall of Famer **LAWRENCE TAYLOR** (1986) as the only players to record at least 20 sacks and reach the Super Bowl in the same season.

Donald totaled at least two sacks in seven games last season and became the fourth player with at least seven such games in a single season since 1982. **Since 2017, he leads all players with 31.5 sacks** and ranks second with 40 tackles for loss.

PLAYER	TEAM	SACKS
<b>Aaron Donald</b>	<b>L.A. Rams</b>	<b>31.5</b>
Chandler Jones	Arizona	30
Ryan Kerrigan	Washington	26

During the 2019 offseason, Los Angeles acquired two six-time Pro Bowlers - safety **ERIC WEDDLE** and linebacker **CLAY MATTHEWS** - in free agency. Since 2016, Weddle is one of four safeties with at least 10 interceptions while Matthews joins the Rams after recording a Packers franchise-record 83.5 sacks during his 10-year career in Green Bay.

Four Rams earned Pro Bowl accolades in 2018, including defensive tackle **AARON DONALD** (fifth), running back **TODD GURLEY** (third), quarterback **JARED GOFF** (second) and first-time honoree linebacker **CORY LITTLETON**.



## KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

In 2018, the Kansas City Chiefs (12-4) won their third consecutive AFC West division title, the longest streak in franchise history, and advanced to their first AFC Championship game since the 1993 season. Since 2013, when **ANDY REID** (top right) took over as head coach, **the Chiefs have recorded 65 regular-season wins, the second most by any team over the past six seasons**, and are one of three teams, along with New England and Seattle, to register at least nine wins in each of the past six years.

TEAM	REGULAR-SEASON WINS
New England	74
<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>65</b>
Seattle	64

Last season, Kansas City led the NFL in points per game (35.3) and total yards per game (425.6), the first team to lead the league in both categories since the 2013 Denver Broncos, and **the team's 565 total points were the third most by a team in a single season in league history**. Dating back to Week 13 of the 2017 season, the Chiefs have scored at least 25 points in 21 consecutive regular-season games, the longest streak in NFL history.

TEAM	SEASON	TOTAL POINTS
Denver	2013	606
New England	2007	589
<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>565</b>

In his first year as a starter, quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** (bottom right) led the league with 50 touchdown passes and ranked second in the NFL with a franchise-record 5,097 passing yards. The fourth-youngest player to earn MVP honors in league annals, he joined **PEYTON MANNING** (55 touchdown passes in 2013) and **TOM BRADY** (50 in 2007) as the only quarterbacks with at least 50 touchdown passes in a single season in NFL history, and became the seventh player in NFL history with at least 5,000 yards in a season.

Mahomes threw for at least four touchdowns in seven games last season, the second-most in a single season in league annals, trailing only **PEYTON MANNING** (nine games in 2013). With six touchdown passes in Week 2 and Week 11, he became the third quarterback in NFL history to record multiple games with at least six touchdown passes in a season, joining **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** (2014) and Pro Football Hall of Famer **Y.A. TITTLE** (1962).



# KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Tight end **TRAVIS KELCE** (top right) totaled 1,336 receiving yards last season, the second most in a single season by a tight end in league annals, trailing only **GEORGE KITTLE**'s 1,377 receiving yards in 2018. He also recorded 103 receptions, the third most by a tight end in NFL history. Kelce is the first tight end in league annals with at least 80 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards in three consecutive seasons.

Since 2014, **Kelce is one of five players and the only tight end with at least 400 receptions, 5,000 receiving yards and 30 touchdown receptions.**

PLAYER	REC.	YARDS	REC. TDS
Antonio Brown	576	7,646	59
DeAndre Hopkins	476	6,635	45
Julio Jones	524	7,994	31
<b>Travis Kelce</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>5,326</b>	<b>32</b>
Demaryius Thomas	448	5,632	32

Last season, defensive tackle **CHRIS JONES** ranked third in the NFL with 15.5 sacks. He recorded at least one sack in 11 consecutive games (Weeks 5-16) and surpassed **DeMARCUS WARE** (10 games) and **SIMON FLETCHER** (10) for the most consecutive games with at least one sack since 1982 when the individual sack became an official statistic. Jones also became the first player to record at least one sack in more than eight consecutive games in a single season since 1982.

This offseason, Kansas City acquired defensive end **FRANK CLARK** from Seattle via trade and signed safety **TYRANN MATHIEU** (bottom right) in free agency. Clark registered a career-high 13 sacks in 2018 and is one of seven players with at least nine sacks in each of the past three seasons. Mathieu tied a career high with 89 tackles and was **one of five defensive backs last season to record at least three sacks and eight passes defended.**

PLAYER	2018 TEAM	SACKS	PD
Jamal Adams	NYJ	3.5	12
Mackensie Alexander	MIN	4	10
Derwin James	LAC	3.5	13
<b>Tyrann Mathieu</b>	<b>HOU</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>
Logan Ryan	TEN	4	8

Six Chiefs earned Pro Bowl honors in 2018, including wide receiver **TYREEK HILL** (third), tight end **TRAVIS KELCE** (second) and four first-time honorees, tackle **ERIC FISHER**, linebacker **DEE FORD**, quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** and fullback **ANTHONY SHERMAN**.



## NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Last season, the New Orleans Saints won the NFC South (13-3) for the second consecutive season, marking the first time in franchise history that they have won back-to-back division titles. One of the most balanced teams in the league, the Saints **led the NFL with a 151-point differential** (504 points for, 353 points against) in 2018.

TEAM	POINTS FOR	POINTS AGAINST	POINT DIFFERENTIAL
New Orleans	504	353	151
Kansas City	565	421	144
L.A. Rams	527	384	143

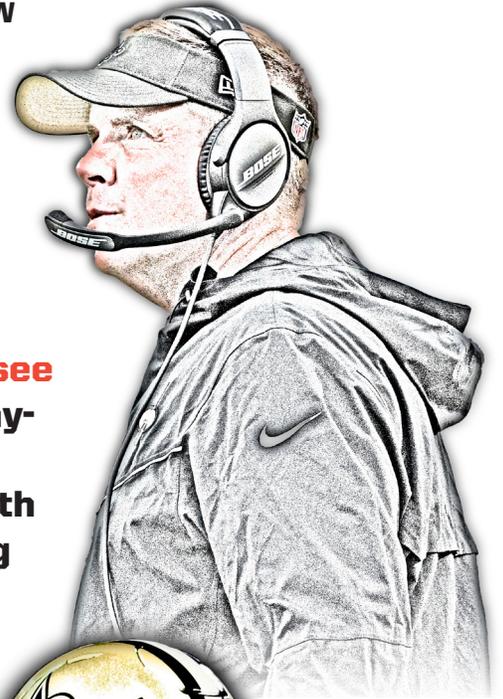
Since 2006, when head coach **SEAN PAYTON** and quarterback **DREW BREES** arrived in New Orleans, the Saints lead all teams in scrimmage yards per game (412.5) and passing yards per game (303) and rank second in points per game (27.9). Last season, New Orleans ranked third in the NFL with 31.5 points per game, the third-highest total in franchise history, trailing only the 2011 (34.2 points per game) and 2009 (31.9) seasons.

**“He’s been doing it a long time and he’s very creative. He’s a guy that utilizes his personnel extremely well and moves guys around. You can see the creativity that he possesses. He’s a great play-caller, and the communication that he and Drew have is something that we strive to have here with our quarterbacks. They’ve been doing it for a long time and it’s paying off.”**

- Philadelphia Eagles head coach **DOUG PEDERSON** on Payton

In 2018, Brees passed for 3,992 yards with 32 touchdowns and a career-low five interceptions (min. 100 attempts). He led the NFL with a 74.4 completion percentage, the highest single-season percentage in NFL history, and a career-high passer rating of 115.7, the sixth-best single-season mark by in NFL history. Last season, Brees became the league’s all-time leader in passing yards (74,437) and completions (6,586), and he ranks second all-time with 520 career touchdown passes.

The Saints led the NFL with 26 rushing touchdowns last season, spearheaded by running back **ALVIN KAMARA**, who ranked second in the league with 14 rushing touchdowns. A versatile dual-threat since he entered the league in 2017, Kamara has 1,611 rushing yards and 1,535 receiving yards in his first two seasons and joined **HERSCHEL WALKER** (1986-87) and **CHRISTIAN McCAFFREY** (2017-18) as the only players in NFL history with at least 1,500 rushing and 1,500 receiving yards in their first two seasons.



# NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Wide receiver **MICHAEL THOMAS** (top right) led the NFL with 125 catches last season and had a franchise single-season record 1,405 receiving yards (**JOE HORN**, 1,399 in 2004). Thomas has 321 receptions since entering the league in 2016, the most catches by a player through his first three seasons in NFL history, and is one of two players (**ANTONIO BROWN**) with at least 90 receptions in each of the past three seasons.

PLAYER	TEAM	RECEPTIONS
<b>Michael Thomas</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>125</b>
Zach Ertz	PHI	116
DeAndre Hopkins	HOU	115

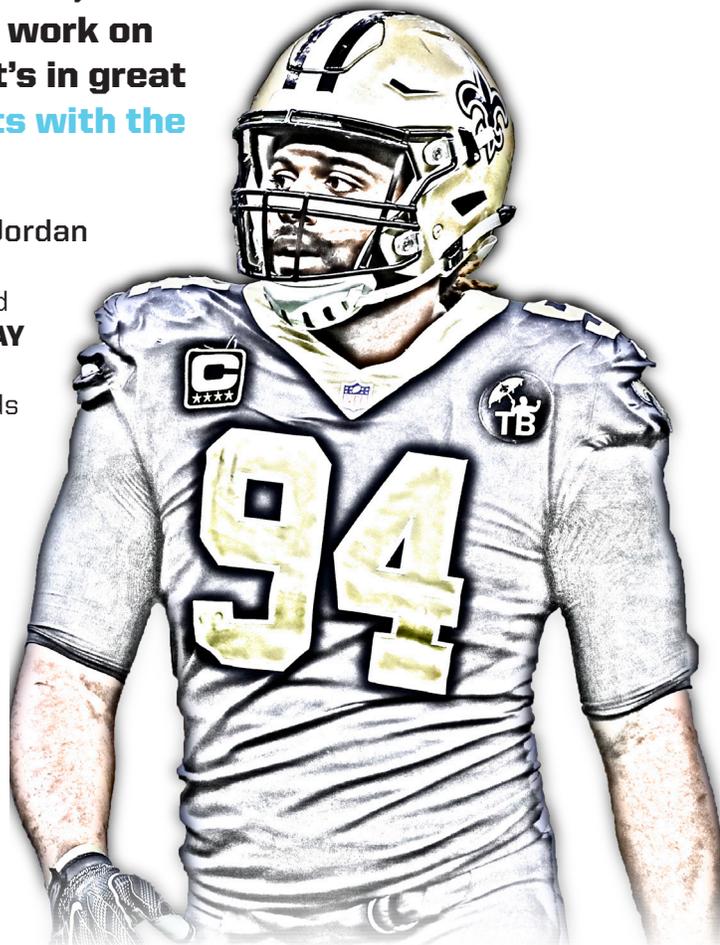
Defensively, the Saints allowed the second-fewest rushing yards per game (80.2) in the NFL and tied for fifth in the league in sacks (49). Defensive end **CAMERON JORDAN** (bottom right) led the team with 12 sacks after having a career-high 13 sacks in 2017. He is one of three players to record at least 12 sacks in each of the past two seasons, joining Arizona's **CHANDLER JONES** and Washington's **RYAN KERRIGAN**.

**"He's one of the leaders. We go back to the '11 draft when we took him. I think, No. 1, you lead with your performance and work on the field. He's one of those guys that's in great shape. He trains hard. I think it starts with the way he prepares."**

- New Orleans head coach **SEAN PAYTON** on Jordan

During the offseason, New Orleans signed tight end **JARED COOK** and running back **LATAVIUS MURRAY** in free agency. In 2018, Cook ranked fourth among all tight ends with a career-high 896 receiving yards and fifth with a career-best 68 receptions. Murray is one of three players with at least six rushing touchdowns in each of the past four seasons and his 32 rushing touchdowns since 2015 trails only **TODD GURLEY** (46) for the most in the league.

Eight Saints earned Pro Bowl accolades in 2018, including quarterback **DREW BREES** (12th), defensive end **CAMERON JORDAN** (fourth), center **MAX UNGER** (third), running back **ALVIN KAMARA** (second), wide receiver **MICHAEL THOMAS** (second), guard **LARRY WARFORD** (second) and first-time honorees tackle **TERRON ARMSTEAD** and tackle **ANDRUS PEAT**.



## BEST INDICATOR OF SUCCESS? 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 2018, NFL teams with a 100-yard rusher posted a 80-26-1 record for a .749 winning percentage. That rated higher than clubs with a 100-yard receiver (95-81-3, .531) or a 300-yard passer (65-65-2, .496).

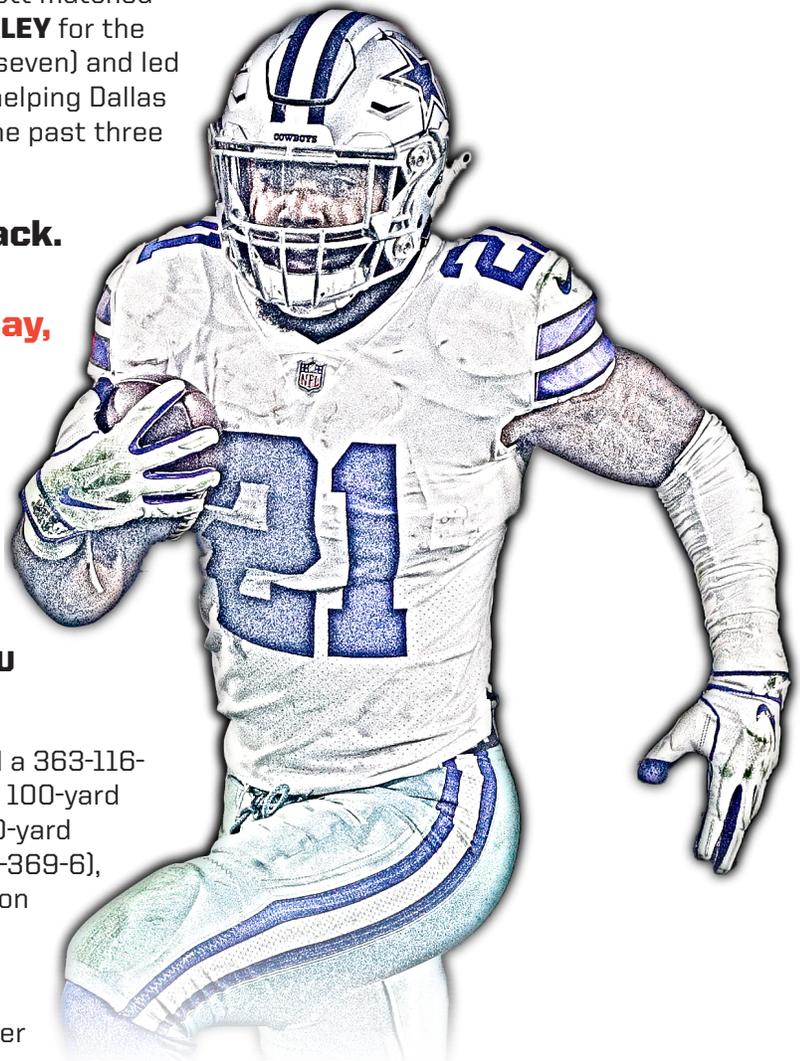
Dallas running back **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT** led the NFL with 1,434 rushing yards and ranked second in the league with 2,001 total scrimmage yards in 2018. Elliott matched New York Giants running back **SAQUON BARKLEY** for the most games with at least 100 yards rushing (seven) and led the Cowboys to a 6-1 record in those games, helping Dallas capture its second NFC East division title in the past three seasons.

**“He’s everything you want in a back. He reminds me of the guys that used to run the ball back in the day, guys who really run behind their pads, looking for contact. Their offense runs through him, so they’re going to feed him. Any time he gets the ball, it seems like they get going.”**

- Kansas City Chiefs safety **TYRANN MATHIEU** on Elliott

Over the past five years, teams have compiled a 363-116-4 record (.755) when a player has eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark. By comparison, clubs with a 100-yard receiver have a .563 winning percentage (480-369-6), while offenses with a 300-yard passer have won 53 percent of their games (318-227-5).

Below is a list of the winning percentage of teams with a 100-yard rusher, 100-yard receiver or 300-yard passer over the past five seasons.



100-YARD RUSHERS			100-YARD RECEIVERS			300-YARD PASSERS		
YEAR	W-L-T	WIN PCT.	YEAR	W-L-T	WIN PCT.	YEAR	W-L-T	WIN PCT.
2014	75-23-2	.760	2014	105-74-1	.586	2014	70-52-1	.573
2015	72-23	.758	2015	109-89	.551	2015	69-63	.522
2016	68-27-1	.714	2016	94-73-2	.562	2016	56-60-2	.483
2017	68-17	.800	2017	77-52	.597	2017	58-39	.598
2018	80-26-1	.749	2018	95-81-3	.531	2018	65-65-2	.496
<b>Total</b>	<b>363-116-4</b>	<b>.755</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>480-369-6</b>	<b>.563</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>318-279-5</b>	<b>.530</b>

# TURNOVERS ARE THE KEY TO VICTORY

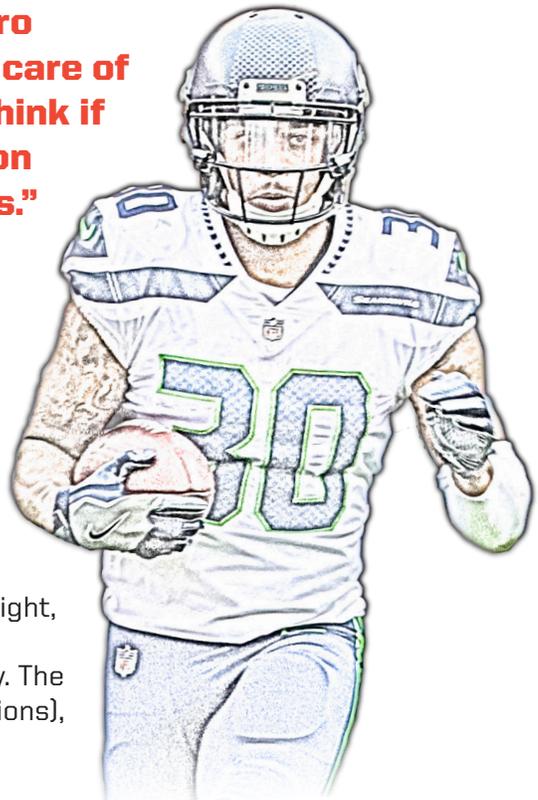
What is one of the keys to success in the NFL? Winning the turnover battle certainly ranks high on the list.

**“I don’t think there’s a more important stat in pro football. I really don’t. 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.”**

- Houston Texans head coach **BILL O’BRIEN**

Last season, **six of the top seven teams in net turnover differential won their divisions**, including the four participants in the conference championships – the **LOS ANGELES RAMS** (+11), **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS** (+10), **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** (+9) and **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS** (+8). The top seven teams in turnover differential combined for an 82-30 record (.732).

The **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**, led by safety **BRADLEY McDOUGALD** (right, three interceptions, three forced fumbles), paced the NFL with a plus-15 turnover differential, the fourth-highest in franchise history. The **CHICAGO BEARS**, led by cornerback **KYLE FULLER** (seven interceptions), had a league-high 36 takeaways last season.



TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	NET DIFFERENTIAL	RECORD
Seattle	26	11	+15	10-6
Houston	29	16	+13	11-5
Chicago	36	24	+12	12-4
L.A. Rams	30	19	+11	13-3
New England	28	18	+10	11-5
Kansas City	27	18	+9	12-4
New Orleans	24	16	+8	13-3



**“This is something that doesn’t just happen. This is something that our guys are trying to do each and every play. You’re not always going to be fortunate and make it happen, but when you do, you know how to react to it.”**

- Chicago Bears head coach **MATT NAGY** on his team’s league-high 36 takeaways

## THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

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

Last season, nine of the 15 teams to convert at least 40 percent of their third-down attempts advanced to the playoffs - **INDIANAPOLIS** (48.6 percent), **KANSAS CITY** (47.2), **BALTIMORE** (45.0), the **LOS ANGELES RAMS** (45.0), **NEW ORLEANS** (44.6), **DALLAS** (41.4), **CHICAGO** (41.0), **PHILADELPHIA** (41.0) and **NEW ENGLAND** (40.8). Additionally, **six teams converted at least 45 percent of third-down attempts, the most in a single season since 2007 (six).**

TEAM	3RD-DOWN CONV.	3RD-DOWN ATT.	3RD-DOWN PCT.
Indianapolis	104	214	48.6
Kansas City	83	176	47.2
Tampa Bay	86	187	46.0
Atlanta	92	203	45.3
Baltimore	104	231	45.0
Los Angeles Rams	86	191	45.0

**“Keeping attempts to third and manageable is very key. That’s being productive, that’s running the ball efficiently on first down, that’s being efficient in the pass game and that’s not getting negative.”**

- Indianapolis Colts head coach **FRANK REICH**

Converting on third down extends drives, ultimately leading toward the end zone. Last season, **11 of the 15 teams to score 40 or more offensive touchdowns converted at least 40 percent of their third downs.**

The four teams to participate in Championship Weekend this past season - **KANSAS CITY**, the **LOS ANGELES RAMS**, **NEW ENGLAND** and **NEW ORLEANS** - all finished the season with more than 40 offensive touchdowns and converted on at least 40 percent of their third-down attempts in 2018.

TEAM	OFFENSIVE TDs	3RD DOWN PCT.
Kansas City*	66	47.2
New Orleans*	59	44.6
Los Angeles Rams*	55	45.0
Indianapolis*	52	48.6
Pittsburgh	51	44.4
Atlanta	47	45.3
New England*	47	40.8
Tampa Bay	47	46.0
Carolina	45	41.6
Chicago*	44	41.0
Philadelphia*	41	41.0

\* Qualified for playoffs



## 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 LOS ANGELES CHARGERS led the league with six two-point conversions, tied for the second-most in a single season since 1994 when the two-point conversion rule was instituted.** All five of the teams that converted at least six two-point conversions in a single season qualified for the playoffs that year.

TEAM	SEASON	TWO-POINT CONVERSIONS	RECORD
Pittsburgh	2015	8	10-6
<b>L.A. Chargers</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12-4</b>
Philadelphia	2017	6	13-3
Minnesota	1997	6	9-7
Miami	1994	6	10-6

One of Los Angeles' two-point conversions came in Week 15 against division rival Kansas City. Instead of attempting an extra point at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime, head coach **ANTHONY LYNN** (right) decided to go for two and the win. Quarterback **PHILIP RIVERS** completed a pass to wide receiver **MIKE WILLIAMS** to clinch the Chargers' first playoff spot since 2013.

**"We did not come here to tie. We came here to win. To me, [going for two] was a no brainer."**

- Los Angeles Chargers head coach **ANTHONY LYNN**

In 2018, more than half of the league (17 teams) converted multiple two-point conversions in the regular season, and **nine teams were successful on at least four conversions.** Seven of those nine teams had a winning record, while six of them advanced to the playoffs.

TEAM	CONVERSIONS	ATTEMPTS	PCT.	RECORD
L.A. Chargers*	6	8	75.0	12-4
L.A. Rams*	5	7	71.4	13-3
Philadelphia*	5	6	83.3	9-7
Chicago*	4	5	80.0	12-4
Cleveland	4	10	40.0	7-8-1
Indianapolis*	4	5	80.0	10-6
New Orleans*	4	6	66.7	13-3
N.Y. Giants	4	7	57.1	5-11
Pittsburgh	4	5	80.0	9-6-1

\*Made playoffs



# ***THE COACHES***



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR - THE COACHES

**BILL BELICHICK**, New England (top right), needs a Super Bowl win to surpass George Halas and Curly Lambeau as the only NFL coach with seven league championships.

Belichick needs one Super Bowl win to capture consecutive league titles for the second time (2003-04) and become just the third coach in history to accomplish that feat, joining Chuck Noll (1974-75, 1978-79) and Vince Lombardi (1961-62, 1965-67).

Belichick needs eight wins to reach 300 career victories, including the postseason, and become just the third coach to achieve that mark, joining Don Shula (347) and George Halas (324). Belichick enters 2019 No. 3 on the all-time list with 292.

**PETE CARROLL**, Seattle (bottom right), needs two wins to reach 100 career victories and become just the fifth active head coach to achieve that mark with his current club. He would join Bill Belichick (255), Mike Tomlin (133), Sean Payton (126) and John Harbaugh (114). Carroll enters 2019 with a 98-60-1 record as Seattle's head coach, including postseason. Overall as an NFL head coach, he's 132-93-1.

**BILL O'BRIEN**, Houston (below), needs nine wins to join Andy Reid, Mike Tomlin and John Harbaugh as the only active head coaches with five winning seasons over their first six years at the reins of an NFL club. O'Brien has guided the Texans to three AFC South titles in his first five years.



# BILL BELICHICK

Under the guidance of head coach **BILL BELICHICK**, the New England Patriots have won 10 consecutive division titles, the longest streak in NFL history, and appeared in their NFL-record 11th Super Bowl last season. **Belichick has won six Super Bowl championships, including Super Bowl LIII, the most by a head coach in league history.**

HEAD COACH	TEAM	SUPER BOWL TITLES
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>NE</b>	<b>6 (XXXVI, XXXVIII, XXXIX, XLIX, LI, LIII)</b>
Chuck Noll <sup>HOF</sup>	PIT	4 (IX, X, XIII, XIV)
Joe Gibbs <sup>HOF</sup>	WAS	3 (XVII, XXII, XXVI)
Bill Walsh <sup>HOF</sup>	SF	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).

HEAD COACH	TEAM(S)	POSTSEASON WINS
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE, NE</b>	<b>31</b>
Tom Landry <sup>HOF</sup>	DAL	20
Don Shula <sup>HOF</sup>	BAL Colts, MIA	19
Joe Gibbs <sup>HOF</sup>	WAS	17
Chuck Noll <sup>HOF</sup>	PIT	16

**“I think we’re lucky enough to have the finest coach in the history of the modern game. I think he has done an outstanding job.”**

- New England chairman and CEO **ROBERT KRAFT** on Belichick

Entering his 25th season as an NFL head coach, **Belichick has amassed 292 wins (including the postseason), the third-most total victories by a head coach in league history.** With eight wins in 2019, he would join Pro Football Hall of Famers **DON SHULA** (347) and **GEORGE HALAS** (324) as the only head coaches in NFL history with 300 career wins.



HEAD COACH	TEAM(S)	REG. SEASON WINS	PLAYOFF WINS	TOTAL WINS
Don Shula <sup>HOF</sup>	BAL Colts, MIA	328	19	347
George Halas <sup>HOF</sup>	CHI Bears	318	6	324
<b>Bill Belichick</b>	<b>CLE, NE</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>292</b>
Tom Landry <sup>HOF</sup>	DAL	250	20	270
Curly Lambeau <sup>HOF</sup>	GB, CHI Cardinals, WAS	226	3	229

# NEW IN '19: CARDINALS HEAD COACH KLIFF KINGSBURY

Kliff Kingsbury was named the head coach of the Cardinals on January 8, 2019 after spending the past six seasons as the head coach of his alma mater, Texas Tech. During Kingsbury's tenure in Lubbock, where he was also the offensive play-caller, the Red Raiders offense ranked in the top-10 every season and finished in the top-25 in scoring five times. In 2016, Texas Tech led the nation in total offense, passing offense and ranked fifth in scoring offense.

While at Texas Tech, Kingsbury coached and tutored several future NFL quarterbacks, including 2018 NFL MVP Patrick Mahomes and the top pick in the 2018 NFL Draft, Baker Mayfield.

**“The most successful teams in the league are teams that have great offenses, top-10 offenses. Those are the teams that are in Super Bowls, win divisions. We wanted to hire a great offensive mind ... One name that kept coming back to us over and over as one of the most innovative and bright minds as an offensive play-caller and as an offensive mind was Kliff Kingsbury.”**

- Cardinals President **MICHAEL BIDWILL**

Kingsbury began his coaching career at the University of Houston in 2008 and was promoted to co-offensive coordinator in 2011, when he was named Offensive Coordinator of the Year. He won the award again in 2012 during his lone season at Texas A&M. The San Antonio native played quarterback at Texas Tech and was selected in the sixth round of the 2003 NFL Draft by New England.

## GET TO KNOW COACH KINGSBURY

**A few hobbies of mine are:** Fishing and reading

**One place I would like to travel, but haven't yet, is:** Maldives

**My favorite food is:** Fajitas

**My favorite college town is:** Lubbock, Texas (Texas Tech)

**My favorite sports uniform, other than my own, is:** Juventus

**My favorite athletes as a child were:** Joe Montana

**The person that has influenced me the most:** My mom, Sally Kingsbury

**The former player that would make a great head coach is:** Peyton Manning

**If I wasn't coaching, I would be:** Trader on Wall Street

**My most memorable football memory is:** Spike Dykes' last game at Texas Tech



## NEW IN '19: BENGALS HEAD COACH ZAC TAYLOR

The Bengals named Zac Taylor the 10th head coach in team history on February 4, 2019. Taylor comes to Cincinnati after serving as an assistant coach for the Los Angeles Rams the past two seasons, spending time as the wide receivers coach in 2017 and the quarterbacks coach in 2018. Last season, Taylor helped guide quarterback Jared Goff to career highs in every major passing category as the team advanced to Super Bowl LIII.

Taylor broke into the NFL coaching ranks in 2012 with the Miami Dolphins as an assistant quarterbacks coach before being promoted to quarterbacks coach, a role he would serve in for three seasons. He gained his first offensive coordinator position in the college ranks in 2016 when he joined the University of Cincinnati as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

**“Zac is a bright coach with an offensive mind and background, which is important to have in today’s NFL. He embraces new ideas and new ways to do things, which will be a good thing for us.**

– Bengals President **MIKE BROWN**

As a player, Taylor began his collegiate career at Wake Forest (2002-03), before transferring to Butler County Community College in Kansas (2004). He played his final two seasons at the University of Nebraska (2005-06), where he set numerous school records. After signing with the Buccaneers as a college free agent in 2007, Taylor spent one season with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers of the Canadian Football League.

### GET TO KNOW COACH TAYLOR

**A few hobbies of mine are:** Golfing and playing catch with my kids

**The last book I read was:** “Start with Why” by Simon Sinek

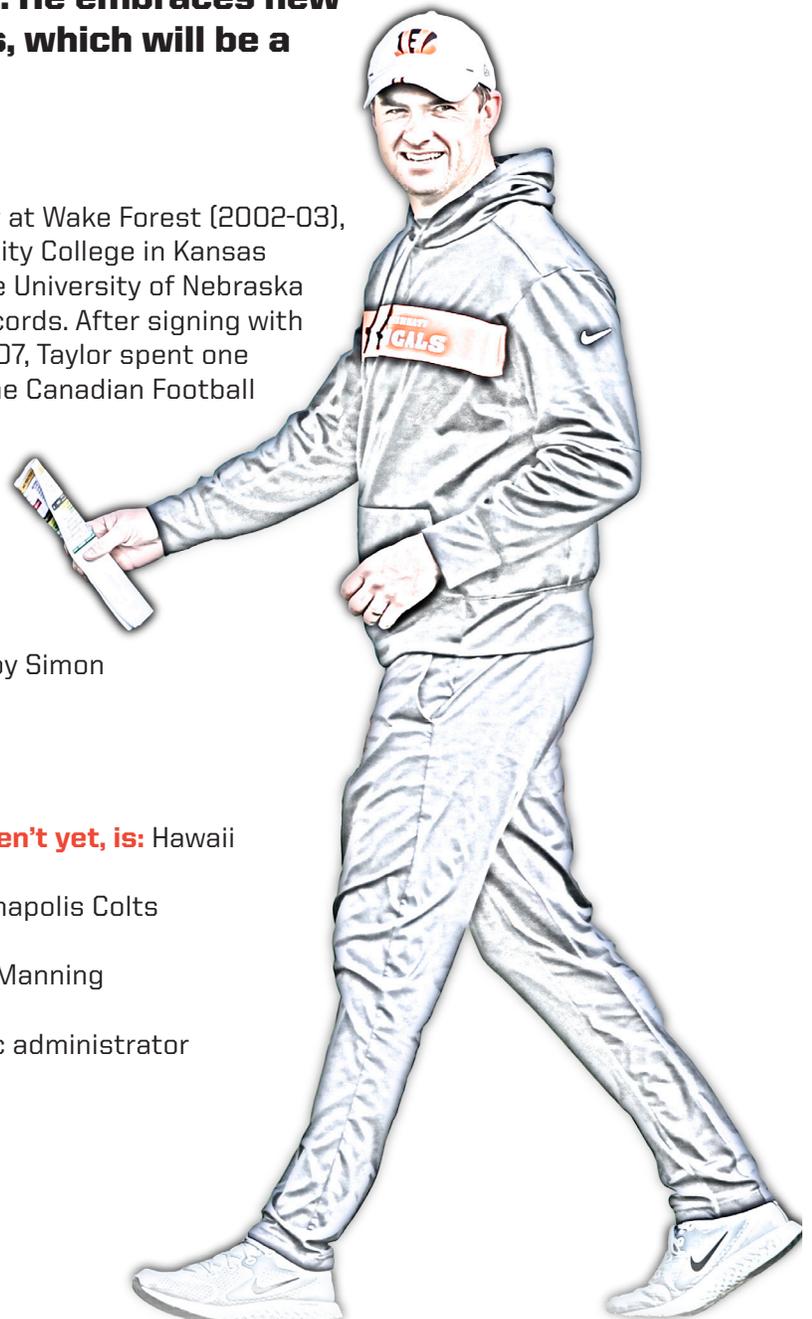
**My favorite food is:** Pizza

**One place I would like to travel to, but haven’t yet, is:** Hawaii

**My favorite NFL team as a child was:** Indianapolis Colts

**My favorite athlete as a child was:** Peyton Manning

**If I wasn’t coaching, I would be:** An athletic administrator



## NEW IN '19: BROWNS HEAD COACH FREDDIE KITCHENS

Freddie Kitchens was named head coach of the Browns on January 12, 2019. After beginning the 2018 season as the running backs/associate head coach, Kitchens was promoted to offensive coordinator midway through the year. After gaining control of the offense, rookie quarterback Baker Mayfield set several NFL records, including most passing touchdowns by a rookie (27).

Prior to joining the Browns, Kitchens spent 11 seasons with the Arizona Cardinals, serving as tight ends coach (2007-12), quarterbacks coach (2013-16) and running backs coach (2017). In total, Kitchens has 13 years of NFL coaching experience.

**“Freddie demonstrated all of the qualities that you want in someone who is leading your organization. He has **unquestioned leadership**. He is a **man of integrity**. He fosters a **collaborative environment**. He **gets the most out of his players** and our players loved playing for him. We are happy to have him leading the Cleveland Browns going forward.”**

– Browns owners **DEE & JIMMY HASLAM**

A native of Gadsden, Ala., Kitchens earned high school All-America honors and was named Mr. Football in the state of Alabama his senior season. He went on to play quarterback at University of Alabama and finished his collegiate career ranked third in school history in attempts, fourth in passing yards and fifth in completions.

### GET TO KNOW COACH KITCHENS

**A few hobbies of mine are:** Spending time with my family and playing golf

**The last book I read was:** “Killing Kennedy” by Bill O’Reilly

**The best football nickname is:** “Hammerhead”. I’ve had several of them. There seems to always be one on the team

**My favorite college town is:** Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Alabama)

**My favorite NFL team as a child was:** Cleveland Browns

**My favorite stadium other than my own, is:** Death Valley at LSU because I never lost there

**The person that has influenced me the most:** My wife, Ginger

**My most memorable football moment is:** Our two-minute drive in the 1996 Iron Bowl to beat Auburn

**The things that should never change about the NFL are:** The camaraderie that develops in the locker room, and the passion of Cleveland football fans



## NEW IN '19: BRONCOS HEAD COACH VIC FANGIO

Vic Fangio was named the 17th head coach in Broncos history on January 10, 2019. A 40-year coaching veteran, Fangio joins the Broncos after serving as the Chicago Bears defensive coordinator for the last four years. In 2018, he was named the Associated Press Assistant Coach of the Year after Chicago led the NFL in scoring defense (17.7), rushing defense (80.0 ypg), takeaways (36) and interceptions (27).

Prior to joining Chicago, Fangio served as the defensive coordinator for San Francisco (2011-14), Stanford University (2010), Houston (2002-05), Indianapolis (1999-01) and Carolina (1995-98). His defenses have ranked in the league's top-five in yards allowed in eight of the past 12 years while placing in the NFL's top-five in fewest points allowed seven times over that span.

**“Vic’s background on the defensive side is unmatched. I believe he is exactly what we need when it comes down to the things I’ve talked about, when I talked about the attention to detail. He holds his team to high standards, emphasizes teaching technique, fundamentals, blocking, tackling – those are all the basics of what the NFL is still about. I’m thrilled that Vic chose us and we chose Vic.”**

– Broncos President of Football Operations/General Manager  
**JOHN ELWAY**

Fangio, who graduated from East Stroudsburg University with a health and physical education degree, was inducted into the Northeast Pennsylvania Hall of Fame in 1993.

### GET TO KNOW COACH FANGIO

**The last book I read was:** “Trillion Dollar Coach” by Eric Schmidt, Jonathan Rosenberg and Alan Eagle

**The best football nickname is:** Orange Crush (Denver Broncos defense of 1970s and 80s)

**My favorite college town is:** Palo Alto, CA (Stanford)

**My favorite NFL team as a child was:** Philadelphia Eagles

**My favorite stadium other than my own, is:** Veterans Stadium – it was home to my Phillies and Eagles as well as my first job in pro football (Philadelphia Stars, USFL)

**My favorite sports uniform, other than my own, is:** All the ones that have stayed the same through the years

**The former player that would make a great head coach is:** Peyton Manning

**If I weren’t coaching, I would be:** A pro basketball official or MLB umpire

**My best football moment is:** Becoming an NFL coach at age 27



# NEW IN '19: PACKERS HEAD COACH MATT LAFLEUR

Matt LaFleur was named the 15th head coach of the Packers on January 8, 2019. He will be entering his 11th year coaching in the NFL and his 18th overall in coaching, most recently serving as the offensive coordinator for the Tennessee Titans in 2018. LaFleur led a Tennessee offense that finished seventh in the NFL in rushing and helped quarterback Marcus Mariota set the franchise single-season record for competition percentage.

LaFleur served in the same role for the Rams in 2017 and helped the offense become the first team in the Super Bowl era to go from last to first in total points in one season, more than doubling their scoring average from 14.0 points per game in 2016 to 29.9 points per game in 2017. Prior to joining Los Angeles, LaFleur was the quarterbacks coach for the Falcons for two years, helping quarterback Matt Ryan win NFL Most Valuable Player in 2016.

**“We found a coach with the background and experience that we think will get us back to playing winning football. We’re also excited about the person – he is bright with a great work ethic and a perfect fit for Green Bay and the organization.”**

– Packers President and CEO **MARK MURPHY**

LaFleur began his coaching career in 2003 as an offensive assistant at Saginaw Valley State, the school he played quarterback for and guided to three straight NCAA Division II playoff appearances.

## GET TO KNOW COACH LAFLEUR

**A few hobbies of mine are:** Basketball and spending time with family and friends

**The last book I read was:** “The Culture Code” by Daniel Coyle

**One place I would like to travel, but haven’t yet, is:** Rome, Italy

**My favorite food is:** Cookies and cream ice cream

**The best football nickname is:** Nigerian Nightmare (Christian Okoye)

**My favorite college town is:** Mt. Pleasant, Michigan (Central Michigan University)

**My favorite stadium other than my own, is:** Notre Dame Stadium because of all the history

**My favorite athletes as a child were:** Barry Sanders and Michael Jordan

**The people that have influenced me the most:** My mom and dad

**The current player that would make a great head coach is:** Matt Schaub

**My most memorable football moment is:** Coaching in Super Bowl LI



## NEW IN '19: DOLPHINS HEAD COACH BRIAN FLORES

Flores was named the 13th head coach in Dolphins history on February 4, 2019 after spending the last 15 seasons with the New England Patriots, where he helped the franchise win four Super Bowls. He spent the last seven seasons as a defensive position coach, as New England advanced to the AFC Championship Game in all seven seasons. In 2018, Flores helped the Patriots win Super Bowl LIII in his first season as defensive play-caller. In that game, Flores' defense limited the NFL's second-highest scoring offense to just three points, tying a Super Bowl record.

Flores joined the Patriots as a scouting assistant in 2004 and was promoted to pro scout in 2006. He then moved into coaching as a coaching assistant for New England from 2008-09.

**“Two things that stand out immediately when you meet Brian are his football intelligence and leadership skills. Brian is widely respected throughout the NFL. If you talk with anyone who has played for him or worked with him, you will hear about his ability to lead and get the most out of people. Brian sets a high standard for his players and coaches and we are completely aligned with our vision on how to build a successful organization.”**

- Dolphins General Manager **CHRIS GRIER**

The Brooklyn, New York native was a two-year starter at linebacker for Boston College and was part of four bowl-winning teams. He was named to the Big East All-Academic Team in 2003 and graduated with a bachelor's degree in English and a master's degree in administrative studies.

### GET TO KNOW COACH FLORES

**My favorite food is:** Empanadas

**My favorite college town is:** Chestnut Hill, Mass. (Boston College)

**My favorite athlete as a child was:** Michael Jordan

**The person that has influenced me the most:** My mother

**The current player that would make a great head coach:** Tennessee cornerback Logan Ryan

**If I wasn't coaching, I would be:** A firefighter

**One thing that should never change about this NFL:** The kicking game



## NEW IN '19: JETS HEAD COACH ADAM GASE

Adam Gase was named the 19th head coach of the Jets on January 11, 2019 after serving as the head coach of the Miami Dolphins the last three seasons. Under Gase, Miami posted a 23-25 record and earned a playoff berth in his first season, the franchise's first trip to the postseason since 2008. Prior to joining Miami, Gase was the offensive coordinator for Chicago in 2015 and Denver from 2013-14. In 2013, he called plays for the Peyton Manning-led offense that finished No. 1 in the NFL in total yardage, passing yardage and in scoring with a single-season-record 606 points and went on to appear in the Super Bowl.

In Gase's three seasons as coordinator with the Broncos and Bears, eight different offensive players made the Pro Bowl, including three different offensive linemen.

**“At the onset of the interview process, I wanted to hire a head coach who was the right person and the right fit for our organization. We talked to a number of excellent candidates and it became clear to me that Adam is the person who will help us establish a winning program and a winning culture.”**

– Jets CEO **CHRISTOPHER JOHNSON**

Gase began his coaching career at Michigan State, serving as an assistant to Nick Saban's Spartans coaching staff while he was a Michigan State undergrad. He moved on to graduate assistant for Saban's LSU team in 2000 and the Tigers' recruiting assistant in 2001-02.

### GET TO KNOW COACH GASE

**A few hobbies of mine are:** Golfing and playing the guitar

**My favorite food is:** Chipotle

**My favorite college town is:** East Lansing, MI (Michigan State)

**My favorite NFL team as a child was:** Chicago Bears

**My favorite stadium other than my own, is:** Seattle's CenturyLink Field because of the atmosphere

**My favorite athlete as a child was:** Walter Payton

**The person that has influenced me the most:** My dad, Art Gase

**My most memorable football moment is:** Breaking the NFL single-season scoring record with the Denver Broncos in 2013



## NEW IN '19: BUCCANEERS HEAD COACH BRUCE ARIANS

Bruce Arians was named the head coach of the Buccaneers on January 9, 2019. After stepping away from the sidelines in 2018 to pursue a career in broadcasting, Arians comes to Tampa hoping to have a successful third stint as a head coach. From 2013-2017, Arians served as the head coach of the Arizona Cardinals, becoming the winningest coach in franchise history (49-30-1, .619). The Cardinals made the playoffs twice during Arians' five-year tenure, including a trip to the franchise's second-ever NFC Championship Game in 2015.

Arians went to Arizona after spending the 2012 season with Indianapolis, where he served as the team's offensive coordinator and interim head coach while head coach Chuck Pagano was treated for leukemia. He led the Colts to a 9-3 record and was selected as the 2012 AP NFL Coach of the Year. Arians also won the Coach of the Year in 2014 in Arizona, becoming the only coach in NFL history to have won the Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year award multiple times in a three-year span with different teams.

**“Bruce Arians is one of the NFL’s most well-respected coaches over the past two decades and we are excited to have him leading our team. Bruce has played a large role in the development and career success of some of our league’s best players and we look forward to seeing him continue that work here with our franchise.”**

– Buccaneers Owner/Co-Chairman **BRYAN GLAZER**

Overall, Arians has 25 years of NFL coaching experience, including stints as an offensive coordinator with Cleveland (2001-03), Pittsburgh (2007-11) and Indianapolis (2012). He also has extensive work in the college ranks, culminating in his first head coaching job at Temple University in 1983. Arians played quarterback at Virginia Tech, where he later got his first coaching opportunity as a graduate assistant.

### GET TO KNOW COACH ARIANS

**A few hobbies of mine are:** Golfing, boating and spending time with my grandchildren

**The last book I read was:** “Tiger Woods” by Jeff Benedict

**One thing I would like to do, but haven’t yet, is:** Go on a river cruise in Germany

**My favorite college town is:** Blacksburg, Virginia (Virginia Tech)

**The person that has influenced me the most:** Jimmy Sharpe, my former head coach at Virginia Tech

**My favorite stadium other than my own, is:** Lane Stadium (Virginia Tech) because it’s where I scored my last touchdown

**My favorite athletes as a child were:** Johnny Unitas, Brooks Robinson and Earl “The Pearl” Moore

**My most memorable football moments are:** My two Super Bowl rings and upsetting Pitt 13-12 while I was the head coach at Temple



# NFL CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH EAST-WEST SHRINE GAME

The NFL has partnered for another year with the East-West Shrine Game to develop the next generation of NFL head coaches and get a first look at draft-eligible players. The coaching staffs for the two teams are comprised of current NFL assistant coaches who did not make the playoffs. The league will also supply the officials and televise the matchup live on NFL Network.

The game was created by the Shriners in 1925 to support Shriners Hospitals for Children in its mission to aid children who need expert medical care. The participants in these annual games take time to meet with the children and staff at the local Shriners Hospital to understand the importance of the game they came to play.

“The East-West Shrine Game merges the game with community service by enriching young lives at the Shriners Hospitals,” said **TROY VINCENT**, NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations. “The NFL Legends captains exemplify the very best of on-field play and giving back to community. As a former East-West Shrine Game participant, the mentorship they will provide throughout the week will have a lifetime impact on the players.”

NFL teams select deserving assistant coaches for the annual East-West Shrine game for the opportunity to showcase their skills. At the end of the regular season, clubs nominate active assistant coaches to be reviewed by a panel of NFL Football Operations staff, East-West Shrine Game leadership and two members of the NFL’s General Managers Advisory Committee. The final two to be chosen as head coaches then select their 12-person staffs from among the other NFL assistant coaches nominated.

Coaches are selected based on criteria such as teaching and communication skills, integrity, commitment to excellence and degree of accomplishment at developing and preparing NFL players.

The 2019 head coach selections were Carolina Panthers defensive line coach **SAM MILLS III** (top right) for the East Team and Minnesota Vikings linebackers coach **ADAM ZIMMER** (bottom right) for the West Team.

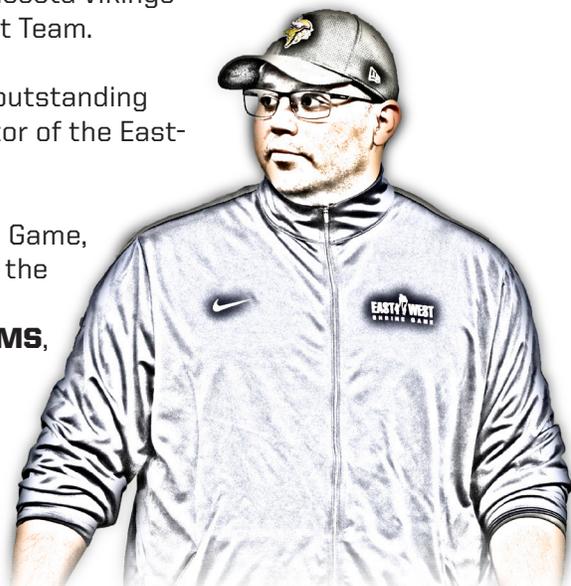
“We have a terrific partnership with the NFL that yielded two outstanding head coaches,” said **HAROLD RICHARDSON**, executive director of the East-West Shrine Game.

Four Legends captains, who all played in the East-West Shrine Game, mentored players at practices throughout the week and from the sidelines on gameday. This year’s Legends captains were Pro Football Hall of Famers **WILL SHIELDS** and **AENEAS WILLIAMS**, three-time Pro Bowler **MARK BRUNELL** and three-time Super Bowl champion **WILLIE MCGINEST**.

The 94th annual East-West Shrine game took place on Saturday, Jan. 19 at Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg, Fla.



MORE THAN JUST A GAME



# NFL CONTINUES PARTNERSHIP WITH EAST-WEST SHRINE GAME

## 94TH ANNUAL EAST-WEST SHRINE GAME COACHING STAFF

### EAST TEAM HEAD COACH

Sam Mills III, Carolina Panthers

### WEST TEAM HEAD COACH

Adam Zimmer, Minnesota Vikings

### EAST TEAM ASSISTANT COACHES

Jimmy Salgado, Buffalo Bills  
 Andrew Janocko, Minnesota Vikings  
 Skylar Fulton, Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 Luke Steckel, Tennessee Titans  
 Lunda Wells, New York Giants  
 Ryan Crow, Tennessee Titans  
 Drew Terrell, Carolina Panthers  
 John Egorugwu, Buffalo Bills  
 Marcus Lewis, Cincinnati Bengals  
 Jeff Howard, Minnesota Vikings  
 Scott Booker, Tennessee Titans  
 Vincent Rivera, Carolina Panthers  
 Chad Wade, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

### WEST TEAM ASSISTANT COACHES

Drew Wilkins, Baltimore Ravens  
 Ben Steele, Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 Zack Grossi, Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 Cannon Mathews, Washington Redskins  
 Phil Rauscher, Washington Redskins  
 Eric Sanders, Cleveland Browns  
 Chad Hall, Buffalo Bills  
 Danny Breyer, Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
 Robert Rodriguez, Minnesota Vikings  
 James Rowe III, Washington Redskins  
 Alonso Escalante, Arizona Cardinals  
 Ryan Ficken, Minnesota Vikings  
 Joe Vaughn, Tampa Bay Buccaneers

(COACHES AND TEAMS LISTED ABOVE ARE FROM THE 2018 NFL SEASON)

The East-West Shrine Game honors one offensive player and one defensive player for their exceptional performance during the game.

The E. Jack Spaulding Award for Most Outstanding Defensive Player was awarded to Oregon linebacker **JUSTIN HOLLINS** (right). He registered 10 tackles (9 solo), 2 sacks, and 3 tackles-for-loss in a highly disruptive afternoon. Hollins was selected in the fifth round (156th overall) by the Denver Broncos in the 2019 NFL Draft.

The William H. Coffman Award for Most Outstanding Offensive Player went to **TERRY GODWIN** (left), wide receiver out of the University of Georgia. He scored 2 touchdowns for the East squad with four catches and 80 yards. Godwin was selected in the seventh round (237th overall) by the Carolina Panthers in 2019.

