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## 2023 KICKOFF GUIDE

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# 2023 SEASON PREVIEW



The NFL returns for the 2023 season as Kickoff Weekend signals the start of a 272-game journey, one that promises hope for each of the league's 32 teams as they set their sights on Super Bowl LVIII, which will be played on Sunday, February 11, 2024, at Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas.

2022 was one of the most competitive seasons ever as the average final score margin of 9.70 points was the lowest for a full season since 1932 (9.13). The 2023 season will be filled with memorable moments, as young players emerge, familiar faces continue their climb up the record books and teams vie to make their mark in the postseason. Every team enters the season with hope and a trip to Las Vegas for Super Bowl LVIII in mind. Below are a few reasons why:

- Nineteen teams remained in Super Bowl contention on the final day of the 2023 regular season, the most such teams since 2006 (20).
- Four teams clinched a division title after not winning their division last year (Jacksonville, Minnesota, Philadelphia and San Francisco) and at least two teams have won their divisions the season after missing the playoffs in 19 of the past 20 years.
- Jacksonville clinched the AFC South after finishing in last place in the division in 2021 and in 18 of the past 20 seasons, at least one team finished in first place in their division the season after finishing in last or tied for last.
- Seven teams clinched playoff berths after missing the postseason in 2021 (Baltimore, Jacksonville, the Los Angeles Chargers, Miami, Minnesota, the New York Giants and Seattle) and since 1990 - a streak of 33 consecutive seasons - at least four teams have qualified for the playoffs in every season that were not in the postseason the year before.
- The Kansas City Chiefs won Super Bowl LVII and for an 18th consecutive season, the NFL had a new Super Bowl champion, extending the longest streak without a repeat winner in league history. Only eight teams have repeated as champions since the first Super Bowl in 1967, with the 2004 Patriots (Super Bowls XXXVIII and XXXIX) being the last team to accomplish the feat.

Among the many notable accomplishments players and coaches can achieve during the 2023 season:

- Kansas City quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** (24,241 passing yards and 192 touchdown passes) can surpass Peyton Manning (29,442 passing yards) and Dan Marino (220 touchdown passes) for the most in each category by a quarterback in his first seven seasons in NFL history.
- New York Jets quarterback **AARON RODGERS**, who enters 2023 with 59,055 passing yards and 475 touchdown passes, can continue to climb the all-time passer ranks. He can surpass Philip Rivers (63,440) for the sixth-most passing yards in NFL history and Brett Favre (508) for the fourth-most touchdown passes all-time.
- Tennessee running back **DERRICK HENRY** needs 10 rushing touchdowns to become the third running back all-time with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in six-or-more consecutive seasons.
- San Francisco running back **CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY** can become the fourth running back in NFL history with at least four career seasons with at least 1,000 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards.
- Minnesota wide receiver **JUSTIN JEFFERSON** (324 receptions and 4,825 receiving yards) can become the third player with at least 400 receptions in his first four career seasons and can surpass Michael Thomas (5,512) for the most receiving yards by a player in his first four career seasons in NFL history.
- Las Vegas wide receiver **DAVANTE ADAMS** can join Marvin Harrison as the only players in NFL history with 100 receptions, 1,000 receiving yards and 10 touchdown receptions in four consecutive seasons.
- Tampa Bay wide receiver **MIKE EVANS** needs 1,000 receiving yards to join Jerry Rice (11 consecutive seasons from 1986-96) as the only players ever with at least 1,000 receiving yards in 10 consecutive seasons.
- Kansas City tight end **TRAVIS KELCE** (814 receptions and 10,334 receiving yards) can become the fourth tight end all-time with 900 receptions and fourth tight end ever with 11,000 receiving yards.

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- San Francisco defensive lineman **NICK BOSA** can become the third player since 1982 with at least 15 sacks in three of his first five career seasons, joining J.J. Watt and Reggie White.
- Dallas linebacker **MICAH PARSONS** needs 13 sacks to become the second player since 1982 with at least 13 sacks in each of his first three seasons, joining Reggie White.
- New England head coach **BILL BELICHICK** ranks second all-time with 329 total victories (298 regular-season wins and a league-record 31 playoff victories) and needs two regular-season wins to join Don Shula (328 regular-season wins) and George Halas (318) as the only head coaches in NFL history with 300 career regular-season victories.
- Kansas City head coach **ANDY REID** ranks fifth all-time in both total wins (269) and regular-season wins (247) and can surpass Tom Landry (270 total wins, 250 regular-season wins) for fourth place on both lists, while becoming the fifth coach in league history to reach the 250-win milestone in the regular season.
- Pittsburgh head coach **MIKE TOMLIN** is the first head coach in NFL history to lead his team to a .500-or-better record in each of his first 16 career seasons and can surpass George Halas (16 consecutive seasons from 1933-51) for the third-longest such streak for a coach at any point in his career in NFL history.

## 2023 KICKOFF WEEKEND SCHEDULE

DATE	GAME	TIME (ET)	TV
Thursday, September 7	Detroit Lions at Kansas City Chiefs	8:20p	NBC
Sunday, September 10	Carolina Panthers at Atlanta Falcons	1:00p	FOX
	Houston Texans at Baltimore Ravens	1:00p	CBS
	Cincinnati Bengals at Cleveland Browns	1:00p	CBS
	Jacksonville Jaguars at Indianapolis Colts	1:00p	FOX
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Minnesota Vikings	1:00p	CBS
	Tennessee Titans at New Orleans Saints	1:00p	CBS
	San Francisco 49ers at Pittsburgh Steelers	1:00p	FOX
	Arizona Cardinals at Washington Commanders	1:00p	FOX
	Green Bay Packers at Chicago Bears	4:25p	FOX
	Las Vegas Raiders at Denver Broncos	4:25p	CBS
	Miami Dolphins at Los Angeles Chargers	4:25p	CBS
	Philadelphia Eagles at New England Patriots	4:25p	CBS
	Los Angeles Rams at Seattle Seahawks	4:25p	FOX
	Dallas Cowboys at New York Giants	8:20p	NBC
Monday, September 11	Buffalo Bills at New York Jets	8:15p	ESPN/ABC

# KICKOFF WEEKEND NOTES

Kickoff Weekend begins on Thursday, September 7 in primetime on NBC as the defending Super Bowl champion Kansas City Chiefs welcome the Detroit Lions to Arrowhead Stadium.

Below is a sampling of notable active NFL Kickoff streaks:

- The **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** have won their past eight Kickoff Weekend games, the longest active streak in the NFL. Kansas City can become the sixth team in NFL history to win nine consecutive season-opening games, joining the Dallas Cowboys (17 consecutive seasons from 1965-1981), Miami Dallas (11 from 1992-2002), New England Patriots (10 from 2004-2013), Portsmouth Spartans (10 from 1930-39) and Chicago Bears (nine from 1984 to 1992).
- The **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**, who host Tennessee in Week 1, and the **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**, who welcome the Los Angeles Rams to Lumen Field, have each won their past four Week 1 contests, tied for the longest active streak in the NFC. The **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS**, who host Miami on Kickoff Weekend, have also won each of their past four Kickoff Weekend games.
- The **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** have won their past three Kickoff Weekend contests while **MIAMI**, **PHILADELPHIA** and **TAMPA BAY** have won their past two season-opening games.
- The **GREEN BAY PACKERS** open their season on the road against the **CHICAGO BEARS**. The Packers have won 58 games on Kickoff Weekend, the most in the NFL, while the Bears are second with 56 wins in season-opening games.

## HEAD COACHES:

- New England's **BILL BELICHICK** is 18-10 (.643) on Kickoff Weekend and his 18 wins are the most among active head coaches.
- Belichick, Seattle's **PETE CARROLL** (11-6; .647), Baltimore's **JOHN HARBAUGH** (11-4; .733), Kansas City's **ANDY REID** (16-8; .667) and Pittsburgh's **MIKE TOMLIN** (10-5-1; .656) are the only active head coaches who have won at least 10 Kickoff Weekend games.
- Reid has won eight consecutive games on Kickoff Weekend, the longest current streak among active head coaches.
- Philadelphia's **NICK SIRIANNI** (2-0), the Los Angeles Chargers' **BRANDON STALEY** (2-0), the New York Giants **BRIAN DABOLL** (1-0), Chicago's **MATT EBERFLUS** (1-0), Miami's **MIKE MCDANIEL** (1-0) and Minnesota's **KEVIN O'CONNELL** (1-0) are the only active head coaches with perfect records on Kickoff Weekend.
- Arizona's **JONATHAN GANNON**, Houston's **DEMECO RYANS** and Indianapolis' **SHANE STEICHEN** make their NFL head coaching debuts on Kickoff Weekend.
- Two head coaches - Denver's **SEAN PAYTON** (8-7) and Carolina's **FRANK REICH** (0-4-1) - will be coaching the first game with their new club in Week 1.



# 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 2022 season.

The final week of the season once again came right down to the wire as three playoff spots were decided on the last day of the season. There were 19 teams still in Super Bowl contention with one week to play last season, the most teams still in Super Bowl contention with one week to play since there were 20 in 2006. The season-ending excitement was due in part to having 16 divisional games played on the season's final weekend, a tradition instituted in 2010.

Every team enters the 2023 season with a trip to Las Vegas and Super Bowl LVIII in mind, and below are a few reasons why.

- The **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** (AFC South) and **MINNESOTA VIKINGS** (NFC North) won their division after missing the postseason in 2021 and at least two teams have won their divisions the season after missing the playoffs in 19 of the past 20 years.

Jacksonville clinched the AFC South after finishing in last place in the division in 2021. In 18 of the past 20 seasons, at least one team finished in first place the season after finishing in last or tied for last.

SEASON	NEW DIVISION WINNERS AFTER MISSING POSTSEASON THE PREVIOUS YEAR
2022	Jacksonville*, Minnesota
2021	Cincinnati*, Dallas
2020	Pittsburgh, Washington*
2019	Green Bay, San Francisco
2018	Baltimore, Chicago*, Dallas, Houston*
2017	Jacksonville*, L.A. Rams, New Orleans, Minnesota, Philadelphia*
2016	Atlanta, Dallas*
2015	Houston, Minnesota, Washington*
2014	Dallas, Pittsburgh
2013	Carolina*, Philadelphia*
2012	Washington*
2011	Denver*, Houston*, New York Giants, San Francisco

SEASON	NEW DIVISION WINNERS AFTER MISSING POSTSEASON THE PREVIOUS YEAR
2010	Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City*, Pittsburgh, Seattle
2009	Cincinnati, Dallas, New England, New Orleans*
2008	Arizona, Carolina, Miami*, Minnesota
2007	Green Bay, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay*
2006	Baltimore*, New Orleans*, Philadelphia*, San Diego
2005	Chicago*, Cincinnati, New York Giants, Tampa Bay*
2004	Atlanta*, Pittsburgh, San Diego*
2003	Baltimore, Carolina*, Kansas City*, New England, St. Louis Rams

\*worst to first



# HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL



Since 1990 - a streak of 33 consecutive seasons - 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 2021 - **BALTIMORE, JACKSONVILLE**, the **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS, MIAMI, MINNESOTA**, the **NEW YORK GIANTS** and **SEATTLE** - accomplished the feat in 2022.

SEASON	NEW DIVISION WINNERS AFTER MISSING POSTSEASON THE PREVIOUS YEAR
1990	7 (Cincinnati, Chicago, Kansas City, Los Angeles Raiders, Miami, New Orleans, Washington)
1991	5 (Atlanta, Dallas, Denver, Detroit, New York Jets)
1992	6 (Miami, Minnesota, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Diego, San Francisco)
1993	5 (Denver, Detroit, Green Bay, Los Angeles Raiders, New York Giants)
1994	5 (Chicago, Cleveland, Miami, New England, San Diego)
1995	4 (Atlanta, Buffalo, Indianapolis, Philadelphia)
1996	5 (Carolina, Denver, Jacksonville, Minnesota, New England)
1997	5 (Detroit, Kansas City, Miami, New York Giants, Tampa Bay)
1998	5 (Arizona, Atlanta, Buffalo, Dallas, New York Jets)
1999	7 (Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Seattle, Tampa Bay, Tennessee, Washington)
2000	6 (Baltimore, Denver, New Orleans, New York Giants, Oakland, Philadelphia)
2001	6 (Chicago, Green Bay, New England, New York Jets, Pittsburgh, San Francisco)
2002	5 (Atlanta, Cleveland, Indianapolis, New York Giants, Tennessee)
2003	8 (Baltimore, Carolina, Dallas, Denver, Kansas City, New England, St. Louis, Seattle)
2004	5 (Atlanta, Minnesota, New York Jets, Pittsburgh, San Diego)
2005	7 (Carolina, Chicago, Cincinnati, Jacksonville, New York Giants, Tampa Bay, Washington)
2006	7 (Baltimore, Dallas, Kansas City, New Orleans, New York Jets, Philadelphia, San Diego)
2007	6 (Green Bay, Jacksonville, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, Tennessee, Washington)
2008	7 (Arizona, Atlanta, Baltimore, Carolina, Miami, Minnesota, Philadelphia)
2009	6 (Cincinnati, Dallas, Green Bay, New England, New Orleans, New York Jets)
2010	5 (Atlanta, Chicago, Kansas City, Pittsburgh, Seattle)
2011	6 (Cincinnati, Denver, Detroit, Houston, New York Giants, San Francisco)
2012	4 (Indianapolis, Minnesota, Seattle, Washington)
2013	5 (Carolina, Kansas City, New Orleans, Philadelphia, San Diego)
2014	5 (Arizona, Baltimore, Dallas, Detroit, Pittsburgh)
2015	4 (Houston, Kansas City, Minnesota, Washington)
2016	6 (Atlanta, Dallas, Detroit, Miami, New York Giants, Oakland)
2017	8 (Buffalo, Carolina, Jacksonville, Los Angeles Rams, Minnesota, New Orleans, Philadelphia, Tennessee)
2018	7 (Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles Chargers, Seattle)
2019	5 (Buffalo, Green Bay, Minnesota, San Francisco, Tennessee)
2020	7 (Chicago, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Los Angeles Rams, Pittsburgh, Tampa Bay, Washington)
2021	7 (Arizona, Cincinnati, Dallas, Las Vegas, New England, Philadelphia, San Francisco)
2022	7 (Baltimore, Jacksonville, Los Angeles Chargers, Miami, Minnesota, New York Giants, Seattle)

# HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL



- The **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS** won their third Super Bowl title in 2022 and begin their quest to repeat as champions as the race to Las Vegas' Allegiant Stadium for Super Bowl LVIII kicks off. Only eight teams have repeated as champions since the first Super Bowl in 1967, with the 2004 Patriots (Super Bowls XXXVIII and XXXIX) being the last team to accomplish the feat.
- Five teams enter the 2022 season with a new head coach - **JONATHAN GANNON** in Arizona, **SEAN PAYTON** in Denver, **FRANK REICH** in Carolina, **DEMECO RYANS** in Houston and **SHANE STEICHEN** in Indianapolis.
- Thirteen head coaches in their first year with a new club have led their teams to the playoffs over the last six seasons (2017-22): **TODD BOWLES** (Tampa Bay), **BRIAN DABOLL** (New York Giants), **MIKE MCDANIEL** (Miami), **KEVIN O'CONNELL** (Minnesota) and **DOUG PEDERSON** (Jacksonville) in 2022, **NICK SIRIANNI** (Philadelphia) in 2021, **RON RIVERA** (Washington) and **KEVIN STEFANSKI** (Cleveland) in 2020, **MATT LAFLEUR** (Green Bay) in 2019, **MATT NAGY** (Chicago) and **FRANK REICH** (Indianapolis) in 2018, and **SEAN MCVAY** (L.A. Rams) and **SEAN MCDERMOTT** (Buffalo) in 2017.
- Three quarterbacks - Alabama's **BRYCE YOUNG** (No. 1 overall, Carolina), Ohio State's **C.J. STROUD** (No. 2, Houston) and Florida's **ANTHONY RICHARDSON** (No. 4, Indianapolis) - were selected in the first round of the 2023 NFL Draft. At least one rookie quarterback has started in Week 1 in 14 of the past 15 seasons.



# FROM WORST TO FIRST



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

In 18 of the past 20 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 51 teams in league history to go from "worst-to-first," 28 of them have done so in the past 20 years (2003-22), including an NFL-record three such teams in 2005 and 2006.

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

Last year, the **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** advanced to the AFC Divisional playoffs after finishing in last place in the AFC South in 2021. They became the third team ever to earn a postseason berth after winning no more than two of their first eight games of a season, joining the 1970 Cincinnati Bengals and 2020 Washington Football Team.

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

SEASON	TEAM	PRIOR SEASON	
		RECORD	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

SEASON	TEAM	PRIOR SEASON	
		RECORD	RECORD
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	3-13
2017	Jacksonville	10-6	3-13
2017	Philadelphia**	13-3	7-9
2018	Chicago	13-3	5-11
2018	Houston	11-5	4-12*
2020	Washington	7-9	3-13
2021	Cincinnati	10-7	4-11-1
2022	Jacksonville	9-8	3-14

\* Tied for last place

\*\* Won Super Bowl

Since 2003, the NFL's 28 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 five teams since the 2003-04 season have finished first in their division after placing in last or tied for last the previous season. There have been seven such teams to accomplish the feat in the past 20 years in both the MLB and the NHL.

SEASON	NO. OF TEAMS TO GO FROM "WORST-TO-FIRST"	TOTAL DIVISIONS
NFL	28	8
MLB	7	6
NHL	7*#	4**#
NBA	5	6

\*2004-05 season was cancelled due to lockout

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

#Realigned divisions during 2020-21 season due to COVID-19

# DIVISION TITLES? UP FOR GRABS

In the 21 seasons since realignment in 2002, 30 different teams have won division titles. In 2022, four divisions - AFC South (Jacksonville), NFC East (Philadelphia), NFC North (Minnesota) and NFC West (San Francisco) - saw a new team finish in first place.

Both the Jacksonville Jaguars (AFC South) and Minnesota Vikings (NFC North) won their division after missing the postseason in 2021 and at least two teams have won their divisions the season after missing the playoffs in 19 of the past 20 years.

Jacksonville completed the "worst-to-first" turnaround, winning the AFC South the season after finishing in last place in the division. At least one team has won its division the season after finishing in or tied for last place in 18 of the past 20 seasons.

Kansas City has won seven consecutive AFC West division titles, tied with the 1973-79 Los Angeles Rams for the second-longest streak of division titles in NFL history. Only the 2009-19 New England Patriots (11 consecutive seasons) have a longer streak.



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

TEAM	DIVISION TITLES	PLAYOFF BERTHS
New England	16	17
Green Bay	12	15
Seattle	9	15
Indianapolis	9	14
Pittsburgh	9	13
Philadelphia	9	13
Kansas City	9	12
New Orleans	7	9
Baltimore	6	12
Cincinnati	6	9
Dallas	6	9
Denver	6	8
Houston	6	6
L.A. Chargers	5	8
Minnesota	5	8
Carolina	5	7

TEAM	DIVISION TITLES	PLAYOFF BERTHS
San Francisco	5	7
Tampa Bay	5	6
Atlanta	4	8
Tennessee	4	8
L.A. Rams	4	6
Chicago	4	5
N.Y. Giants	3	8
Arizona	3	5
Buffalo	3	5
Washington	3	5
Jacksonville	2	4
N.Y. Jets	1	5
Las Vegas	1	3
Miami	1	3
Detroit	0	3
Cleveland	0	2

# OPENING GAME RECORDS OF NFL TEAMS



AFC	W	L	T	PCT.	LONGEST WINNING STREAK	LONGEST LOSING STREAK	CURRENT STREAK
Denver	40	22	1	.645	7	4	L-1
Kansas City	36	27	0	.571	8	4	W-8
L.A. Chargers	36	27	0	.571	6	6	W-4
Baltimore	15	12	0	.556	5	4	W-1
New England	35	28	0	.556	10	3	L-2
Pittsburgh	46	37	5	.554	8	3	W-3
Miami	31	25	1	.554	11	5	W-2
Tennessee	32	31	0	.508	4	3	L-2
Houston	10	10	1	.500	5	4	T-1
Jacksonville	14	14	0	.500	6	5	L-2
Indianapolis	33	36	1	.479	8	8	T-1
Las Vegas	30	33	0	.476	5	6	L-1
Cincinnati	25	30	0	.455	4	4	L-1
N.Y. Jets	28	35	0	.444	5	5	L-4
Buffalo	27	36	0	.429	6	5	W-1
Cleveland	28	41	1	.407	5	13	W-1

NFC	W	L	T	PCT.	LONGEST WINNING STREAK	LONGEST LOSING STREAK	CURRENT STREAK
Dallas	39	23	1	.629	17	5	L-3
Green Bay	58	41	3	.586	6	6	L-2
Minnesota	35	26	1	.574	5	3	W-1
Chicago	56	42	5	.571	9	6	W-1
N.Y. Giants	51	42	5	.548	4	5	W-1
San Francisco	39	33	1	.542	6	3	L-1
Detroit	48	42	3	.533	10	4	L-3
L.A. Rams	45	40	0	.529	5	6	L-1
Washington	43	44	4	.494	6	5	W-1
Atlanta	28	29	0	.491	5	5	L-5
Philadelphia	41	47	1	.466	5	9	W-2
Seattle	20	27	0	.426	4	8	W-4
Tampa Bay	20	27	0	.426	3	5	W-2
Arizona	42	57	3	.425	6	7	L-1
Carolina	11	17	0	.393	3	5	L-1
New Orleans	21	35	0	.375	4	6	W-4

# OPENING GAME RECORDS OF NFL HEAD COACHES

HEAD COACH	TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.
Nick Sirianni	Philadelphia	2	0	0	1.000
Brandon Staley	L.A. Chargers	2	0	0	1.000
Brian Daboll	N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	1.000
Matt Eberflus	Chicago	1	0	0	1.000
Mike McDaniel	Miami	1	0	0	1.000
Kevin O'Connell	Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000
Sean McVay	L.A. Rams	5	1	0	.833
John Harbaugh	Baltimore	11	4	0	.733
Andy Reid	Kansas City	16	8	0	.667
Sean McDermott	Buffalo	4	2	0	.667
Doug Pederson	Jacksonville	4	2	0	.667
Mike Tomlin	Pittsburgh	10	5	1	.656
Pete Carroll	Seattle	11	6	0	.647
Bill Belichick	New England	18	10	0	.643
Todd Bowles	Tampa Bay	3	2	0	.600
Mike McCarthy	Dallas	9	7	0	.563
Sean Payton	Denver	8	7	0	.533
Matt LaFleur	Green Bay	2	2	0	.500
Ron Rivera	Washington	6	6	0	.500
Mike Vrabel	Tennessee	2	3	0	.400
Josh McDaniels	Las Vegas	1	2	0	.333
Kyle Shanahan	San Francisco	2	4	0	.333
Kevin Stefanski	Cleveland	1	2	0	.333
Dennis Allen	New Orleans	1	3	0	.250
Zac Taylor	Cincinnati	1	3	0	.250
Frank Reich	Carolina	0	4	1	.100
Dan Campbell	Detroit	0	2	0	.000
Robert Saleh	N.Y. Jets	0	2	0	.000
Arthur Smith	Atlanta	0	2	0	.000
Jonathan Gannon	Arizona	0	0	0	--
DeMeco Ryans	Houston	0	0	0	--
Shane Steichen	Indianapolis	0	0	0	--



# BEST OPENING GAME PERFORMANCES (1933-2022)



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

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

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

# BEST OPENING GAME PERFORMANCES

## PAST 10 YEARS (2013-2022)



MOST YARDS RUSHING	YARDS	ATT	LG	TD
LeSean McCoy, Philadelphia vs. Washington, 9/9/13	184	31	34t	1
Marlon Mack, Indianapolis vs. L.A. Chargers, 9/8/19	174	25	63t	1
Carlos Hyde, San Francisco vs. Minnesota, 9/14/15	168	26	18	2
<b><i>Saquon Barkley, N.Y. Giants vs. Tennessee, 9/11/22</i></b>	<b><i>164</i></b>	<b><i>18</i></b>	<b><i>68</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis vs. Houston, 9/11/22</i></b>	<b><i>161</i></b>	<b><i>31</i></b>	<b><i>17</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
Kareem Hunt, Kansas City vs. New England, 9/17/17	148	17	58	1
<b><i>D'Andre Swift, Detroit vs. Philadelphia, 9/11/22</i></b>	<b><i>144</i></b>	<b><i>15</i></b>	<b><i>50</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
DeAngelo Williams, Pittsburgh vs. Washington, 9/12/16	143	26	17	2
Matt Forte, Chicago vs. Green Bay, 9/13/15	141	24	23	1
<b><i>Nick Chubb, Cleveland vs. Carolina, 9/11/22</i></b>	<b><i>141</i></b>	<b><i>22</i></b>	<b><i>25</i></b>	<b><i>0</i></b>

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

MOST YARDS RECEIVING	YARDS	REC	LG	TD
Anquan Boldin, San Francisco vs. Green Bay, 9/8/13	208	13	43	1
Sammy Watkins, Kansas City vs. Jacksonville, 9/8/19	198	9	68t	3
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City vs. Cleveland, 9/12/21	197	11	75t	1
Deebo Samuel, San Francisco vs. Detroit, 9/12/21	189	9	79t	1
<b><i>Justin Jefferson, Minnesota vs. Green Bay, 9/11/22</i></b>	<b><i>184</i></b>	<b><i>9</i></b>	<b><i>64</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>
Antonio Brown, Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland, 9/10/17	182	11	50	0
Jared Cook, Oakland vs. L.A. Rams, 9/10/18	180	9	45	0
A.J. Green, Cincinnati vs. New York Jets, 9/11/16	180	12	54	1
Michael Thomas, New Orleans vs. Tampa Bay, 9/9/18	180	16	35	1
Willie Snead, New Orleans vs. Oakland, 9/11/16	172	9	49	1

2022 PERFORMANCES IN BOLD & ITALICS

# BEST NFL RECORDS - PAST 10 YEARS (2013-22)



## THE TEAMS WITH THE BEST OPENING MONTH RECORDS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS (2013-22):

Getting off to a strong start is important.

Over the past 10 years, eight teams - **KANSAS CITY**, **NEW ENGLAND**, **GREEN BAY**, **DENVER**, the **LOS ANGELES RAMS**, **BALTIMORE**, **DALLAS**, and **SEATTLE** - have a winning percentage of at least .600 through the season's first month. Those eight clubs have combined for 49 playoff berths and 13 Super Bowl appearances - including eight Super Bowl championships - during that span.

In 2022, the four teams to appear on Championship Weekend - **CINCINNATI**, **KANSAS CITY**, **PHILADELPHIA** and **SAN FRANCISCO** - began with a combined 8-5 record during the first month of the season.

AFC	W	L	T	PCT.	PLAYOFF BERTHS	SUPER BOWL BERTHS	SUPER BOWL WINS
Kansas City	25	8	0	.758	9	3	2
New England	24	10	0	.706	8	4	3
Green Bay	23	10	1	.691	7	0	0
Denver	21	11	0	.656	3	2	1
L.A. Rams	21	12	0	.636	4	2	1
Baltimore	21	13	0	.618	5	0	0
Dallas	21	13	0	.618	5	0	0
Seattle	20	13	0	.606	8	2	1

## THE TEAMS WITH THE BEST REGULAR-SEASON RECORDS OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS (2013-22):

Over the past 10 years (2013-22), five NFL teams have a winning percentage of .600-or-higher - **KANSAS CITY** (117-45, .722), **NEW ENGLAND** (111-51, .685), **SEATTLE** (103-58-1, .639), **GREEN BAY** (100-60-2, .623) and **PITTSBURGH** (100-60-2, .623). Those five clubs have combined for 38 playoff berths, nine Super Bowl appearances and six Super Bowl championships in that span.

The Kansas City Chiefs, under the guidance of head coach **ANDY REID**, have the best regular season record over the past 10 years, qualifying for the postseason nine times and winning Super Bowls LIV and LVII.

Kansas City has won seven consecutive AFC West division titles, tied with the 1973-79 Los Angeles Rams for the second-longest streak of division titles in NFL history. Only the 2009-19 New England Patriots (11 consecutive seasons) have a longer streak.

The Chiefs have won at least 12 games in five consecutive seasons (2018-22), joining the 2010-17 New England Patriots (eight consecutive seasons) and 2003-09 Indianapolis Colts (seven) as the only teams ever to accomplish the feat in five-or-more consecutive seasons.

AFC	W	L	T	PCT.	PLAYOFF BERTHS	SUPER BOWL BERTHS	SUPER BOWL WINS
Kansas City	117	45	0	.722	9	3	2
New England	111	51	0	.685	8	4	3
Seattle	103	58	1	.639	8	2	1
Green Bay	100	60	2	.623	7	0	0
Pittsburgh	100	60	2	.623	6	0	0

# TOTAL MILES TRAVELED & NOTES ON 2023 TRAVEL



	TEAM	DIVISON	MILES
1.	Seattle	NFC West	31,600
2.	San Francisco	NFC West	29,958
3.	Miami	AFC East	27,110
4.	L.A. Rams	NFC West	26,332
5.	L.A. Chargers	AFC West	26,102
6.	Baltimore	AFC North	25,442
7.	Arizona	NFC West	25,126
8.	Kansas City	AFC West	24,156
9.	Tampa Bay	NFC South	23,764
10.	New England	AFC East	23,299
11.	Dallas	NFC East	22,620
12.	N.Y. Giants	NFC East	22,614
13.	Las Vegas	AFC West	21,546
14.	Denver	AFC West	19,930
15.	Buffalo	AFC East	19,028
16.	Atlanta	NFC South	18,228

	TEAM	DIVISON	MILES
17.	Philadelphia	NFC East	17,549
18.	Washington	NFC East	17,498
19.	Tennessee	AFC South	17,022
20.	Jacksonville	AFC South	16,854
21.	Pittsburgh	AFC North	16,525
22.	Indianapolis	AFC South	16,403
23.	Houston	AFC South	15,262
24.	Cleveland	AFC North	14,792
25.	New Orleans	NFC South	14,490
26.	N.Y. Jets	AFC East	14,282
27.	Detroit	NFC North	13,923
28.	Minnesota	NFC North	13,226
29.	Carolina	NFC South	12,357
30.	Chicago	NFC North	12,253
31.	Green Bay	NFC North	11,956
32.	Cincinnati	AFC North	11,942

The total distance traveled by all teams during the regular season will be 623,189 miles.

The teams from the NFC West (113,016) have the highest combined mileage total of all divisions.

The remaining division totals ranking from highest to lowest are the AFC West (91,734), AFC East (83,719), NFC East (80,281), NFC South (68,839), AFC North (68,701), AFC South (65,663) and NFC North (51,358).

Seven teams - the **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** (31,600), **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** (29,958), **MIAMI DOLPHINS** (27,110), **LOS ANGELES RAMS** (26,332), **LOS ANGELES CHARGERS** (26,102), **BALTIMORE RAVENS** (25,442) and **ARIZONA CARDINALS** (25,126) - will "travel around the world" at least once. A trip around the globe is 25,000 miles.

Five teams will have a three-game road trip at some point during the 2023 season: **BALTIMORE** (Weeks 4-6), **CAROLINA** (Weeks 12-14), **DENVER** (Weeks 13-15), **NEW YORK GIANTS** (Weeks 9-11) and **TENNESSEE** (Weeks 9-11).

Eleven teams will have a three-game home stand at some point during the 2023 season: **BALTIMORE** (Weeks 9-11), **CLEVELAND** (Weeks 3-6), **DALLAS** (Weeks 12-14), **HOUSTON** (Weeks 11-13), **LAS VEGAS** (Weeks 12-15), the **LOS ANGELES RAMS** (Weeks 5-7), **MIAMI** (Weeks 14-16), **NEW ORLEANS** (Weeks 13-15), the **NEW YORK JETS** (Weeks 12-14), **PITTSBURGH** (Weeks 8-10) and **SAN FRANCISCO** (Weeks 3-5).

Four teams start the season with back-to-back home games: **ATLANTA**, **DENVER**, **NEW ENGLAND** and **PITTSBURGH**.

Four teams start the season with back-to-back road games: **GREEN BAY**, **LAS VEGAS**, **MIAMI** and **SAN FRANCISCO**.

Four teams finish the season with back-to-back home games: **BALTIMORE**, **INDIANAPOLIS**, the **NEW YORK GIANTS** and **WASHINGTON**.

Four teams finish the season with back-to-back road games: **ATLANTA**, the **LOS ANGELES RAMS**, the **NEW YORK JETS** and **PITTSBURGH**.

# 2023 STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE



TEAM	WIN PCT.	W	L	T	GAMES VS. TEAMS WITH .500+ WIN PCT. IN 2022	GAMES VS. 2022 PLAYOFF TEAMS
Philadelphia Eagles	0.566	161	123	4	12	11
Miami Dolphins	0.554	158	127	2	9	8
New York Giants	0.549	157	129	2	10	8
New England Patriots	0.549	156	128	3	11	9
Dallas Cowboys	0.549	156	128	4	12	9
New York Jets	0.545	155	129	3	10	9
Buffalo Bills	0.542	155	131	2	10	10
Washington Commanders	0.535	153	133	2	10	10
Los Angeles Rams	0.533	152	133	3	11	9
Las Vegas Raiders	0.524	150	136	2	10	8
Arizona Cardinals	0.519	148	138	3	11	9
Denver Broncos	0.517	148	138	2	9	7
Seattle Seahawks	0.517	148	138	2	10	7
Los Angeles Chargers	0.517	149	139	0	8	7
San Francisco 49ers	0.514	147	139	2	11	10
Kansas City Chiefs	0.512	147	140	0	9	8
Cincinnati Bengals	0.51	146	140	2	10	8
Chicago Bears	0.497	143	145	1	7	5
Minnesota Vikings	0.497	143	145	0	7	6
Detroit Lions	0.495	143	146	0	7	8
Baltimore Ravens	0.484	138	147	2	10	7
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	0.483	138	148	2	6	5
Jacksonville Jaguars	0.477	135	148	4	6	6
Green Bay Packers	0.476	137	151	1	8	6
Pittsburgh Steelers	0.47	134	151	2	7	7
Cleveland Browns	0.46	131	154	2	9	7
Carolina Panthers	0.453	130	157	2	6	7
Tennessee Titans	0.448	127	157	4	8	8
Indianapolis Colts	0.434	124	162	2	5	5
Houston Texans	0.431	123	163	2	5	5
New Orleans Saints	0.427	122	164	3	4	5
Atlanta Falcons	0.417	119	167	3	4	4

# THE LAST TIME ...



## THE LAST TIME IN THE REGULAR SEASON ... (2022 GAMES ARE IN BOLD)

### PASSING (SINGLE GAME)

<b>500 YARDS</b>	525, Joe Burrow, Cincinnati vs. Baltimore, December 26, 2021
<b>7 TD PASSES</b>	Drew Brees, New Orleans vs. New York Giants, November 1, 2015
<b>60 ATTEMPTS</b>	<b>68, Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City vs. Tennessee, November 6, 2022</b>
<b>20 CONSECUTIVE COMPLETIONS</b>	<b>20, Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City vs. Houston, December 18, 2022</b>
<b>99-YARD TD PASS</b>	Eli Manning to Victor Cruz, New York Giants vs. New York Jets, December 24, 2011

### RECEIVING (SINGLE GAME)

<b>3 100-YARD GAMES, SAME TEAM</b>	Atlanta vs. Seattle, September 13, 2020 Julio Jones, 9-157-0; Calvin Ridley 9-130-2; Russell Gage 9-114-0
<b>300 YARDS</b>	300, Julio Jones, Atlanta vs. Carolina, October 2, 2016
<b>15 RECEPTIONS</b>	15, Chris Godwin, Tampa Bay vs. Atlanta, December 5, 2021
<b>4 TOUCHDOWNS</b>	<b>Travis Kelce, Kansas City vs. Las Vegas, October 10, 2022</b>

### RUSHING (SINGLE GAME)

<b>5 TOUCHDOWNS</b>	6, Alvin Kamara, New Orleans vs. Minnesota, December 25, 2020
<b>4 TOUCHDOWNS</b>	<b>4, Joe Mixon, Cincinnati vs. Carolina, November 6, 2022</b>
<b>40 ATTEMPTS</b>	40, Shaun Alexander, Seattle vs. Green Bay, November 27, 2006
<b>250 YARDS</b>	253, Jonathan Taylor, Indianapolis vs. Jacksonville, January 3, 2021 250, Derrick Henry, Tennessee vs. Houston, January 3, 2021
<b>99-YARD TD RUN</b>	Derrick Henry, Tennessee vs. Jacksonville, December 6, 2018

### INTERCEPTIONS (SINGLE GAME)

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

### SCORING (SINGLE GAME)

<b>8 PATS</b>	8, Greg Zuerlein, Dallas vs. Washington, December 26, 2021
<b>3 FGs, 50 YARDS OR MORE</b>	<b>Brett Maher, Dallas vs. Minnesota, November 20, 2022</b>
<b>60 OR MORE POINTS, TEAM</b>	New Orleans (62) vs. Indianapolis (7), October 23, 2011
<b>100 OR MORE POINTS, BOTH TEAMS</b>	105, Los Angeles Rams (54) vs. Kansas City (51), November 19, 2018
<b>SCORELESS TIE</b>	New York Giants vs. Detroit, November 7, 1943

### RETURNS (SINGLE GAME)

<b>2 KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS</b>	<b>Nyheim Hines, Buffalo vs. New England, January 8, 2023</b>
<b>2 CONSECUTIVE KICKOFF RETURN TOUCHDOWNS, BOTH TEAMS</b>	New England vs. Oakland, December 14, 2008
<b>2 PUNT RETURN TOUCHDOWNS</b>	Nyheim Hines, Indianapolis vs. Carolina, December 22, 2019

## A SAMPLING OF 2023 NFL ANNIVERSARIES:

ANNIVERSARY	CELEBRATION
130th	Grant Dibert signs the first known professional football contract (1893).
125th	The Morgan Athletic Club forms in Chicago (1898) and later becomes known as the Normals, then the Racine Cardinals, the Chicago Cardinals, the St. Louis Cardinals, the Phoenix Cardinals, and, in 1994, the Arizona Cardinals. The team remains the oldest continuing operation in professional football.
90th	The forward pass becomes legalized from anywhere behind the line of scrimmage (1933).
90th	The Pittsburgh Steelers and the Philadelphia Eagles join the NFL (1933).
90th season	The Portsmouth Spartans relocated to Detroit in 1934 and became the Detroit Lions, with their inaugural season played that same year at University of Detroit Stadium.
80th	The league approves the mandatory use of helmets for all players (1943).
80th	Pittsburgh and Philadelphia merge for one season and are known as the Steagles (1943).
65th	On December 28, 1958, Baltimore defeats the New York Giants in the first ever sudden-death overtime in an NFL Championship Game in a game known today as "The Greatest Game Ever Played."
60th	The NFL awards NBC with exclusive network broadcasting rights for the 1963 NFL Championship Game for \$926,000 (1963).
60th	The Pro Football Hall of Fame is established in Canton, OH (1963).
50th	In 1973, the NFL established NFL Charities - the first 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established by a major professional sports league. It represented the member NFL clubs and enabled the league to contribute collectively to charitable and worthwhile causes on a national scale.
50th	O.J. Simpson becomes the first player to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season (1973).
45th	On September 10, 1978, Oakland defeats San Diego 21-20 on a play known as the "Holy Roller."
40th season	The Colts franchise relocates to Indianapolis (1984).
35th	The NFL approves the Cardinals franchise relocation to Phoenix, AZ (1988).
30th	Don Shula becomes the winningest coach in NFL history when Miami beats Philadelphia to give Shula his 325th victory on November 14, 1993.
30th	The NFL allows fans to vote for Pro Bowl participants for the first time (1993).
25th season	The Tennessee Oilers' name is retired by the NFL and the team becomes the Tennessee Titans (1998).
20th	NFL Network launches on DirecTV on November 4, 2003.
15th	An NFL game is broadcast on NBC and also streamed live in its entirety to fans on the Internet via NFL.com and NBCSports.com (2008).
10th	Peyton Manning sets single-season records for passing yards (5,477) and touchdown passes (55) to earn his fifth-career Most Valuable Player award, the most in league history (2013).

# 2023 ALTERNATE JERSEYS

For three games in 2023, the **CLEVELAND BROWNS** will wear a white alternate helmet with the same white throwback jerseys the team wore in 2021, returning a look that hasn't been worn by the Browns since the franchise was born in 1946. The helmet will also include an orange and brown stripe down the middle and will be the first time the Browns have worn a non-orange helmet in over seven decades. Along with the white helmet, the Browns also introduced a new logo that was selected by the fans and players – and it comes with a design that represents everything about the franchise and its fanbase.



The **DENVER BRONCOS'** new "Snowcapped" helmet will pay homage to Colorado's towering snowcapped mountain ranges, while the stripe and logo reflect a classic look that was first worn in the 1960s. The Broncos, who have worn five helmets during their more than six-decade history, will now feature an all-white helmet shell for the first time.



The **DETROIT LIONS** will be celebrating their 90th season in style with their new alternative blue helmets paying homage to the organization's heritage with a classic logo from the 1960s. The "Honolulu Blue" shade featured on the helmet has never been worn in the NFL before.



The "Indiana Nights" uniform features – after years of interest from fans – a black helmet, the first of its kind in **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** history. The Colts' iconic blue is re-imagined in the jersey and pants with a heather pattern – first of its kind in the NFL – and the classic shoulder stripes run horizontally across the shoulder pads.



Inspired by the 1960s and 70s, the **MINNESOTA VIKINGS'** throwback pays homage to the team's earlier voyages with a deeper purple and larger, gold-trimmed numbers than the modern jersey, as well as retro sleeve stripes. "The Classic" will be featured during the 2023 Vikings home opener.



# 2023 ALTERNATE JERSEYS

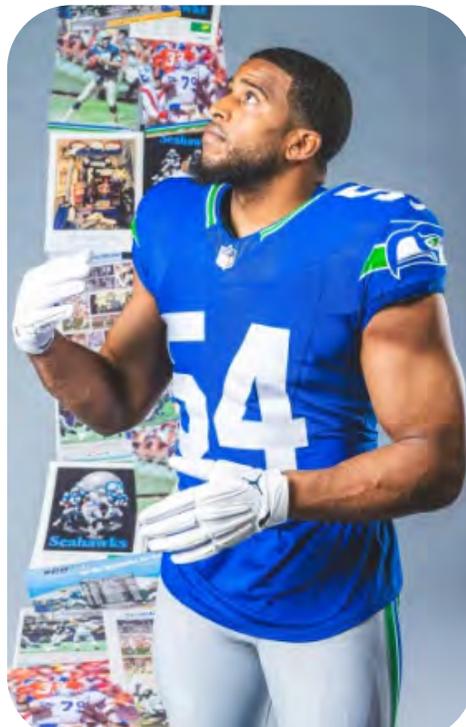
 The **NEW YORK JETS** are bringing back a modernized version of arguably the franchise's most popular uniform combination that will take fans back to the "Sack Exchange Era." The team revealed its "Legacy White" throwback uniforms – a design reminiscent of the uniforms worn by the team from 1979-89.



 More than 10 years in the making, the **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** announced that their iconic "Kelly Green" uniforms will make their return for two games in the 2023 regular season. Philadelphia waited for the NFL to change its rule on multiple helmets so that the team could be authentic and true to their history by wearing the uniform's corresponding helmet with the help of Nike creating a custom-made color for the new throwback look.



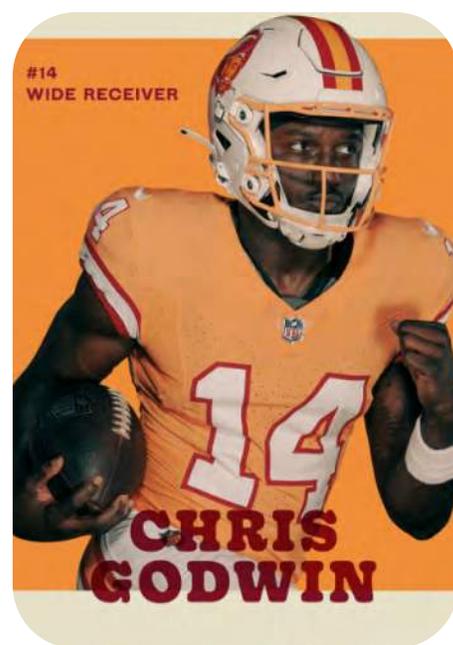
 After long anticipation, the **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS** unveiled the Kingdome-era threads which replicate what the team wore from 1983 until 2001. Other than the new Nike materials and more modern fit, one additional addendum to the throwbacks is a Kingdome patch inside the neckline, an homage to the Seahawks' original stadium.



 The **TENNESSEE TITANS** will wear the same uniforms the Houston Oilers wore for nearly two decades in Houston, until 1998, when the franchise also wore them as the Tennessee Oilers. The uniforms represent the longest span of Oilers uniforms in franchise history, and arguably the most beloved uniform.



 One of the most beloved aspects of the **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS'** rich history is the team's original color combination of Florida Orange, red and white, which produced what is affectionately known as the 'Creamsicle' uniforms. To the delight of Buccaneers fans everywhere, those uniforms will make their much-anticipated return when the team takes the field against the Detroit Lions on Sunday, October 15.



# LAS VEGAS TO HOST SUPER BOWL LVIII



Allegiant Stadium, which opened in 2020 and is home to the Las Vegas Raiders, will host the first-ever Las Vegas Super Bowl when Super Bowl LVIII is played on February 11, 2024. This will also be the first time that the Raiders will host the Super Bowl in franchise history.

"The Silver and Black has had a long history of fight in our blood, of passion and putting our hearts on the field for our incredible fans," said **SANDRA DOUGLASS MORGAN**, president of the Las Vegas Raiders. "I know that Las Vegas will do the same as a first-time host city for Super Bowl LVIII."

This continues a stretch of newly built stadiums around the league hosting the world's premier sporting event, as Super Bowl LVIII will be the fifth Super Bowl to be played in a stadium built in the last decade.



## NEW NFL STADIUMS BUILT IN THE PAST DECADE TO HOST THE SUPER BOWL

SUPER BOWL	STADIUM	CITY	YEAR OPENED	DATE OF GAME	RESULT
LVIII	Allegiant Stadium	Las Vegas, NV	2020	2/11/24	???
LVI	SoFi Stadium	Inglewood, CA	2020	2/13/22	LAR 23, CIN 20
LIII	Mercedes-Benz Stadium	Atlanta, GA	2017	2/3/19	NE 13, LAR 3
LII	U.S. Bank Stadium	Minneapolis, MN	2016	2/4/18	PHI 41, NE 33
50	Levi's Stadium	Santa Clara, CA	2014	2/7/16	DEN 24, CAR 10

"Being named a Super Bowl host city is a defining moment in the history of Las Vegas," said **STEVE HILL**, CEO and president of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority. "An event of this magnitude combined with the energy of Las Vegas is going to be unmatched. Our entire city is committed to making Super Bowl LVIII the most electrifying sports spectacle ever. The NFL has been an incredible partner, and we look forward to working with their team, the Host Committee and our partners across our destination to showcase Las Vegas as 'The Greatest Arena on Earth.'"

Allegiant Stadium is one of the most technologically advanced stadiums in the NFL. The stadium is fully enclosed with a translucent roof, climate-controlled and contains retractable natural and artificial turf fields, allowing the stadium to host different events at any given time. Large operable walls give fans the opportunity to experience the unique views of the Las Vegas Strip.

The stadium has received multiple recognitions since its completion in 2020, including Engineering News-Record's 2021 Best of the Best in Sports/Entertainment, Best Fan Experience at the Stadium Business Awards and Most Innovative Venue by Tiqets in 2021. It has also established itself as a multi-purpose facility, serving as the home of UNLV's football team and hosting events like the annual Las Vegas Bowl, Pac-12 Football Championship, Vegas Kickoff Classic and international soccer matches.

The city of Las Vegas is no stranger to hosting NFL events, as Allegiant Stadium housed the 2023 Pro Bowl Games, while the 2022 NFL Draft was located just down the street at the Caesar's Forum.

In December 2022, the Raiders began upgrading the stadium and by the time Las Vegas hosts Super Bowl LVIII, \$7.5 million in recent renovations will have occurred in and around Allegiant Stadium, including an expansion of the gate canopies, addition of a misting system and elevation of premium seat offerings.

## SUPER BOWL HOST CITIES (I-LVIII)

CITY/REGION	SUPER BOWLS
South Florida	11
New Orleans	10
Los Angeles	8
Tampa Bay	5
Arizona	4
Atlanta	3
Houston	3
San Diego	3
Detroit	2
Minneapolis	2

CITY/REGION	SUPER BOWLS
San Francisco/Bay Area	2
Indianapolis	1
Jacksonville	1
Las Vegas	1*
New York/New Jersey	1
North Texas	1

\*Includes Super Bowl LVIII

# NFL ON TV IN 2023



The NFL announced its 18-week, 272-game regular-season schedule for 2023, which kicks off on Thursday night, September 7, in Kansas City and concludes with 16 division games in Week 18 - two on Saturday, January 6, and 14 on Sunday, January 7.

The 2023 NFL schedule, powered by AWS, will feature each team playing 17 regular-season games and three preseason games for the third consecutive year. The 17th game will feature teams from opposing conferences that finished in the same standing within their respective divisions the previous season. The AFC will be the home conference for the 17th game in 2023. For how opponents were determined for the 2023 season, [click here](#).

The NFL uses the power of Amazon Web Services (AWS) to power its schedule-making process. There are approximately a quadrillion possible schedule combinations each NFL season and over 26,000 factors to take into consideration such as stadium availability, travel requirements, primetime games, competitive fairness and division rivalries. The NFL uses AWS to run high performance computing workloads to find the best possible schedule each year. For more information, [click here](#).

The NFL's 104th season begins with the league's annual primetime kickoff game, as the defending Super Bowl Champion Kansas City Chiefs host the Detroit Lions at Arrowhead Stadium on Thursday, September 7 (8:20 PM ET, NBC). The Lions finished the 2022 regular season with wins in eight of their final 10 games while the Chiefs won each of the final eight games last season, including the playoffs.



Week 1 continues Sunday, September 10, with a double-doubleheader featuring four Sunday afternoon games in every market. On CBS at 4:25 PM ET, two 2022 playoff teams meet as Miami visits the Los Angeles Chargers, Las Vegas travels to Denver in an AFC West showdown and Philadelphia visits New England in a rematch of Super Bowls XXXIX and LII. On FOX at 4:25 PM ET, the two teams with the most regular-season wins in NFL history - Green Bay and Chicago - meet at Soldier Field to renew their rivalry while the Los Angeles Rams travel to Seattle in a rematch of their thrilling Week 18 overtime contest that helped the Seahawks secure a 2022 playoff berth.

Later that day, NBC's Sunday Night Football begins with the Dallas Cowboys visiting the New York Giants (8:20 PM ET), in a matchup between NFC East divisional rivals and 2022 playoff teams. NBC will televise one game each Sunday night in Weeks 1-15 and Week 17. On Saturday in Week 16, NBC will feature Cincinnati at Pittsburgh (4:30 PM ET) while Peacock will exclusively stream Buffalo at the Los Angeles Chargers at 8:00 PM ET.



Kickoff Weekend concludes on Monday, September 11, with ESPN/ABC's Monday Night Football, featuring Aaron Rodgers and the New York Jets hosting Josh Allen and the Buffalo Bills (8:15 PM ET) in an AFC East showdown. YouTube is the presenting sponsor of Kickoff Weekend, marking the first time a League partner will brand the opening weekend of the season, inclusive of Thursday night, the weekend games, and Monday night.

ESPN will televise 16 games this season (one game each Monday night in Weeks 1-15 and Saturday night in Week 17) and will be simulcast on ABC in Weeks 1, 11 and 17, including the Super Bowl LVII rematch between Philadelphia and Kansas City on Monday, November 20. In Weeks 2, 3 and 14, there will be two Monday night games on ESPN and ABC. In Weeks 2 and 3, the two Monday night games broadcast at 7:15 PM ET and 8:15 PM ET. In Week 14, the two Monday night games will both kickoff at 8:15 ET, as Tennessee visits Miami (ESPN) and the New York Giants host Green Bay (ABC). In Week 16, ABC will broadcast the conclusion of the NFL's Christmas Day triple-header between Baltimore and San Francisco (8:15 PM ET). There will be no Monday night game on the final regular-season weekend (Week 18) to provide more flexibility for the scheduling of the opening weekend of the NFL playoffs.

Additionally, ESPN/ABC will air two games with playoff implications on the Saturday of Week 18, January 6, at 4:30 PM ET and 8:15 PM ET. These games will be selected following the conclusion of Week 17.

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Thursday Night Football will air exclusively on Prime Video, kicking off its slate in Week 2 as the Philadelphia Eagles host the Minnesota Vikings (8:15 PM ET). Prime Video will broadcast 15 Thursday Night Football games between Weeks 2-17 (excluding Thanksgiving night) and exclusively stream the first-ever NFL Black Friday game when the New York Jets host the Miami Dolphins in Week 12 (3:00 PM ET).



NFL Network will exclusively televise eight games - four international games, three games in Week 15 on Saturday, December 16 and the New England Patriots visiting the Denver Broncos on Sunday, December 24 (8:15 PM ET).



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

The international slate features games in three consecutive weeks, beginning in London at Wembley Stadium in Week 4 with a matchup between Jacksonville and Atlanta (9:30 AM ET, ESPN+). The London action shifts to Tottenham Hotspur Stadium the next two weeks, as Jacksonville and Buffalo meet in Week 5 (9:30 AM ET, NFL Network) and Tennessee and Baltimore face off in Week 6 (9:30 AM ET, NFL Network). The Jaguars are scheduled to become the first NFL team to play two regular-season games outside of the United States in the same season.

As part of the League's commitment to playing regular-season games in Germany, the NFL will play two games in 2023 at Frankfurt Stadium - home of Eintracht Frankfurt, having played the inaugural Germany game last season in Munich. In Week 9, Kansas City takes on Miami (9:30 AM ET, NFL Network) and in Week 10, Indianapolis meets New England (9:30 AM ET, NFL Network) to wrap up the 2023 international games.

The Madden Thanksgiving Celebration will feature a tripleheader on Thursday, November 23, with three divisional matchups. The first game will feature a pair of NFC North foes, as the Packers travel to Detroit to face the Lions (12:30 PM ET, FOX). The late afternoon game will match two NFC East rivals, as the Washington Commanders visit the Dallas Cowboys (4:30 PM ET, CBS). The Thanksgiving Day festivities conclude with an NFC West divisional matchup as the 49ers travel to Seattle to face the Seahawks on NBC (8:20 PM ET).

Week 16 begins with Thursday Night Football on December 21, followed by two games on NBC and Peacock on Saturday, December 23. The slate continues on Sunday, December 24 with 10 games and concludes on Monday, December 25, with the second-ever Christmas tripleheader. The Christmas Day tripleheader features Las Vegas at Kansas City at 1:00 PM ET (CBS), the New York Giants at Philadelphia at 4:30 PM ET (FOX) and Baltimore at San Francisco at 8:15 PM ET (ABC).

The regular season will conclude with Week 18 on Saturday, January 6, and Sunday, January 7. For the 14th consecutive year, all 16 games scheduled for the final week of the season are division contests, enhancing the potential for more games with playoff ramifications.

The NFL's 32 teams will each play 17 games over 18 weeks. Byes will begin in Week 6 and end in Week 14.

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## Additional 2023 schedule notes:

- Twenty-three games will be Super Bowl rematches, including each of the past two Super Bowls: Philadelphia at Kansas City (Week 11, Super Bowl LVII) and the Los Angeles Rams at Cincinnati (Week 3, Super Bowl LVI).
- Fourteen 2023 games are rematches from the 2022 playoffs, including Super Bowl LVII, both Championship Games (San Francisco at Philadelphia in Week 13; Cincinnati at Kansas City in Week 17) and all four Divisional playoff games (Kansas City at Jacksonville in Week 2; Buffalo at Cincinnati in Week 9, the New York Giants against Philadelphia in Weeks 16 and 18; Dallas at San Francisco in Week 5).
- The two most recent winners of the Most Valuable Player award, Patrick Mahomes and Aaron Rodgers, are scheduled to face off for the first time in their careers when the Kansas City Chiefs visit the New York Jets on Sunday Night Football in Week 4 (8:20 PM ET, NBC). Should both players start, Mahomes (two-time MVP) and Rodgers (four-time MVP) would become the seventh different pair of quarterbacks to meet in a regular-season game after both players had won multiple NFL Most Valuable Player awards.
- The top-two picks in the 2023 NFL Draft, Bryce Young and C.J. Stroud, are scheduled to meet in Week 8 when the Carolina Panthers host the Houston Texans (1:00 PM ET, FOX). Should both players start, it would mark the fifth game in NFL history between rookie starting quarterbacks selected with first and second overall picks in the NFL Draft.

The NFL will continue to use "flexible scheduling" this season to ensure exciting and meaningful games are available for viewing by the largest number of fans. Flexible scheduling will be expanded from prior seasons, including to late season weeks of Monday Night Football. For up-to-date information about "flexible scheduling" for the 2023 season, please visit <https://www.nfl.com/schedules/flexible-scheduling-procedures>.

As in prior seasons, for Week 18, the final weekend of the season, the scheduling of the Saturday, Sunday afternoon, and the Sunday night games is not assigned. In Week 18, two games will be played on Saturday (4:30 PM ET and 8:15 PM ET) with the remainder to be played on Sunday afternoon (1:00 PM ET and 4:25 PM ET) and one matchup to be played on Sunday night (8:20 PM ET). Specific dates, start times, and networks for Week 18 matchups will be determined and announced following the conclusion of Week 17.

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

Since 1990 - a streak of 33 consecutive seasons - at least four new teams have qualified for the playoffs that missed the postseason the year before, including seven of the 14 playoff teams in 2022.

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

Super Wild Card Weekend presented by Verizon for the 2023 season will feature six games, starting on Saturday, January 13.

Wild Card winners join the top seeds in each conference in the Divisional Playoffs, presented by Intuit TurboTax, on Saturday and Sunday, January 20-21. The AFC and NFC Championship Games, presented by Intuit TurboTax, will be played on Sunday, January 28. The winners meet two weeks later on Sunday, February 11, in Super Bowl LVIII at Las Vegas' Allegiant Stadium (CBS), marking the first time the league's final game will be played in Las Vegas.

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 distributed nationally.

Westwood One will broadcast on radio all NFL primetime games, the three Thanksgiving Day games and the entire NFL playoffs. SiriusXM subscribers will have access to every live NFL game, as well as exclusive 24/7 talk channel coverage on SXM NFL Radio. All live and local prime time games will be available to stream on mobile devices with NFL+.

Individual game tickets will go on sale immediately through Ticketmaster, The Official Ticketing Partner of the NFL, once each game is announced. Tickets will also go on sale through SeatGeek, a member of the NFL Ticket Network. For more information, visit [NFL.com/tickets](https://NFL.com/tickets).

# NFL ON RADIO IN 2023



**WESTWOOD ONE** is the official network radio partner of the NFL for the 37th consecutive season.

The Westwood One NFL schedule features 87 national games, including the Opening night Kickoff game, Monday Night Football, Sunday Night Football, Thursday Night Football, the Thanksgiving and Christmas Day tripleheaders, the Black Friday game, all five International Games, eight late-season Saturday games, and every NFL postseason game, culminating with Super Bowl LVIII in Las Vegas. Westwood One also produces weekly specialty programs, including NFL Preview, NFL Insider, NFL Sunday and NFL Fantasy Football Forecast.



**Westwood One**  
**SPORTS**

**KEVIN HARLAN** and Hall of Famer **KURT WARNER** will once again be the lead broadcast crew for Westwood One, calling Opening Night, Monday Night Football and Super Bowl LVIII. This will be Harlan's 14th full season behind the microphone and Warner's 10th season as an analyst for the network. For the 15th consecutive year, **IAN EAGLE** will be the primary play-by-play announcer for Thursday Night Football. **KEVIN KUGLER** will broadcast select games on the Thursday night package. Hall of Famers **TONY BOSELLI** and **JOE THOMAS**, as well as brothers **JASON** and **DEVIN MCCOURTY** will rotate as analysts for Thursday Night Football. **RYAN RADTKE** and **MIKE GOLIC** return as the voices of Sunday Night Football.

**JASON BENETTI**, **TOM MCCARTHY**, **SPERO DEDES**, **J.P. SHADRICK**, **JOHN SADAK**, **BRANDON GAUDIN**, **MIKE WATTS** and **BILL ROSINSKI** will also serve as play-by-play announcers for the national package. Other game analysts this season will include **ROSS TUCKER**, **MIKE MAYOCK**, **RYAN HARRIS**, **RYAN LEAF**, **DEREK RACKLEY** and Hall of Famer **JAMES LOFTON**.

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

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

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

This year will mark the NFL's 20th season on SiriusXM, the exclusive third-party audio provider of every NFL game across North America. Subscribers get every NFL game live in their cars and on the SXM App, as well as SiriusXM NFL Radio, SiriusXM's 24/7 radio channel dedicated entirely to the NFL. The SXM App offers 32 NFL team channels, each dedicated to carrying the official radio broadcast for each NFL team, as well as additional team focused content, including pre- and post-game shows.

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WEEKDAY PROGRAMMING	TIME (All times ET)	HOSTS
"The Opening Drive"	7:00-10:00 AM	Solomon Wilcotts, Ed McCaffrey, Ryan Leaf, James White, Todd Haley & Torry Holt
"Airing It Out"	10:00 AM-Noon	Bob Papa & Charlie Weis
"The SiriusXM Blitz"	Noon-3:00 PM	Bruce Murray, Rich Gannon, Kirk Morrison & Alex Smith
"Movin' the Chains"	3:00-7:00 PM	Jim Miller & Pat Kirwan
"Late Hits"	7:00-10:00 PM	Alex Marvez, Robert Turbin, Max Starks & Bill Polian
"Let's Go!" (Monday replay)	6:30-7:30 PM Mondays	Tom Brady, Larry Fitzgerald & Jim Gray

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

SUNDAY PROGRAMMING	TIME (All times ET)	HOSTS
"The Stadium Tailgate Show"	9:00 AM-Noon	Steve Cohen & Robert Turbin
"The Sunday Drive"	Noon-8:00 PM	Steve Torre & Bill Liskas

# NFL LEGENDS COMMUNITY



The National Football League recognizes the enormous contributions former players – NFL Legends – have had in the development and success of the league. Launched in 2013, the NFL Legends Community celebrates, embraces, and connects players with each other, their teams, and the league. To date, more than 12,000 players are registered in the NFL Legends Community.



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

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

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

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

- **Legends Development Program** - Provides NFL Legends the opportunity to explore careers in football by gaining business experience and exposure in the New York League office. The program exposes players to opportunities in football that are not in front of the camera or in a coaching capacity.
- **Legends Brotherhood Events** - The Legends Lounge is a free and private hospitality space open exclusively to current players and NFL Legends. Available at major NFL calendar events, it is a place for the game's greats to relax and reengage with other Legends.
- **Legends Newsletter** - A monthly newsletter designed to keep the Legends Community informed on all upcoming offers, events, and opportunities available for them.
- **NFL Players: Second Acts Podcast** - An unscripted weekly podcast series hosted by Charles "Peanut" Tillman and Roman Harper, guests break bread with NFL Players and Legends about how they've taken the passion, drive and dedication that made them stars on the gridiron... and use it to achieve success in their post-playing careers.
- **Lunch and Learn Series** - The Legends Lunch and Learn series consists of an interactive hour-long event where Legends learn more about the Legends Community and all that is offered to them through partners and collectively bargained benefits.
- **The Legends Welcome** - The Legends Community hosts an annual welcome event for newly retired NFL players and their families. Legends meet with different NFL departments and select partners to make them aware of all the benefits and resources available to them and to keep them connected to the game.

For more information, visit <https://operations.nfl.com/the-players/nfl-legends-community> and follow @NFLLegacy to join the social conversation.

# NFL PLAYER ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMS



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# ART ROONEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD



**CALAIS CAMPBELL**, a member of the Baltimore Ravens last season, was voted the winner of the **2022 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.

"Anytime you're recognized by your peers for playing the game the right way, with respect and integrity, it's a great honor," said Campbell. "I have a tremendous appreciation for this game, and I'm very thankful to have received the award."

The award was created in 2014 in honor of the late founding owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pro Football Hall of Famer **ART ROONEY SR.** Past recipients of the Art Rooney Sportsmanship Award are **MATTHEW SLATER** of the New England Patriots (2021), **TEDDY BRIDGEWATER** of the Carolina Panthers (2020), **ADRIAN PETERSON** of the Washington Football Team (2019), **DREW BREES** of the New Orleans Saints (2018), **LUKE KUECHLY** of the Carolina Panthers (2017), **FRANK GORE** of the Indianapolis Colts (2016), **CHARLES WOODSON** of the Oakland Raiders (2015) and **LARRY FITZGERALD** of the Arizona Cardinals (2014).

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

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

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

The finalists, featuring four players from each conference, were defensive end **CALAIS CAMPBELL** (Baltimore), running back **NICK CHUBB** (Cleveland), linebacker **JERRY HUGHES** (Houston) and defensive end **MAXX CROSBY** (Las Vegas) in the AFC, and running back **DALVIN COOK** (Minnesota), running back **AARON JONES** (Green Bay), fullback **KYLE JUSZCZYK** (San Francisco) and linebacker **LAVONTE DAVID** (Tampa Bay) in the NFC.



## THE 32 PLAYER NOMINEES FOR THE 2022 ART ROONEY SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD (FINALISTS LISTED IN BOLD)

TEAM	PLAYER
Arizona Cardinals	Budda Baker
Atlanta Falcons	Grady Jarrett
<b>Baltimore Ravens</b>	<b>Calais Campbell</b>
Buffalo Bills	Von Miller
Carolina Panthers	Johnny Hekker
Chicago Bears	DeAndre Houston-Carson
Cincinnati Bengals	B.J. Hill
<b>Cleveland Browns</b>	<b>Nick Chubb</b>
Dallas Cowboys	Dak Prescott
Denver Broncos	Pat Surtain II
Detroit Lions	Kalif Raymond
<b>Green Bay Packers</b>	<b>Aaron Jones</b>
<b>Houston Texans</b>	<b>Jerry Hughes</b>
Indianapolis Colts	DeForest Buckner
Jacksonville Jaguars	Christian Kirk
Kansas City Chiefs	Nick Bolton
<b>Las Vegas Raiders</b>	<b>Maxx Crosby</b>
Los Angeles Chargers	Austin Ekeler
Los Angeles Rams	Cooper Kupp
Miami Dolphins	Alec Ingold
<b>Minnesota Vikings</b>	<b>Dalvin Cook</b>
New England Patriots	David Andrews
New Orleans Saints	Ryan Ramczyk
New York Giants	Daniel Jones
New York Jets	Duane Brown
Philadelphia Eagles	Lane Johnson
Pittsburgh Steelers	Alex Highsmith
San Francisco 49ers	Kyle Juszczyk
Seattle Seahawks	Will Dissly
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Lavonte David
Tennessee Titans	Derrick Henry
Washington Commanders	Terry McLaurin

# NFL WAY TO PLAY INITIATIVE



## NFL EXPANDS WAY TO PLAY INITIATIVE FUELED BY GATORADE

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

# FOOTBALL IS FAMILY

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.

This was never more evident than in Super Bowl LVII, when Kansas City tight end **TRAVIS KELCE** and Philadelphia center **JASON KELCE** became the first pair of brothers to face each other in the Super Bowl. The two siblings have combined for 14 Pro Bowls in their career and the pair meeting each other in the sport's biggest game marked the pinnacle of their football journey.

"To see my family be in all its glory, get all the flowers, my mom be the center of attention on the jumbotron before the game on the biggest stage, being able to get closer to my brother throughout the season, then meet him at the mountaintop," Travis said after the Chiefs' victory, "it's the best feeling in the world."



The Kelce's are not the only pair of brothers across the NFL, as the league features several sets of siblings currently on rosters. San Francisco defensive lineman **NICK BOSA** earned AP Defensive Player of the Year honors last season, while his older brother, Los Angeles Chargers linebacker **JOEY BOSA**, is a four-time Pro Bowler.

The Bosa brothers have combined for 103.5 sacks in their careers, the fourth-most combined sacks among pair of brothers where each brother has at least one sack since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic. Pittsburgh's **T.J. WATT** and his recently retired brother, **J.J. WATT**, at 192 combined sacks, have the most combined sacks among brothers since 1982.

Five pairs of brothers enter the 2023 season as teammates. Linebacker **CHRISTIAN ELLISS** and defensive tackle **NOAH ELLISS** each are members of the Eagles, the Steelers feature two pair of brothers - guard **NATE HERBIG** and linebacker **NICK HERBIG** and defensive tackle **CAMERON HEYWARD** and tight end/fullback **CONNOR HEYWARD**, linebacker **JULIAN OKWARA** and defensive lineman **ROMEO OKWARA** are both members of the Lions, and linebacker **QUINCY WILLIAMS** and defensive tackle **QUINNEN WILLIAMS** are each vital members of the Jets defense. In 2021, Quincy and Quinnen became the first pair of brothers to each record a sack in the same game from the same team.

Christian, Noah and **KADEN ELLISS** along with **NEPHI, NOAH** and **PENEI SEWELL** are the only families each with three brothers in the NFL this season.



## PAIRS OF BROTHERS WITH THE MOST COMBINED SACKS SINCE 1982, WHERE EACH BROTHER HAD AT LEAST ONE SACK

PLAYERS	COMBINED SACKS
J.J./T.J. Watt*	192
John <sup>HOF</sup> /Ervin Randle	145.5
Arthur/Chandler Jones*	122
Joey*/Nick Bosa*	103.5

\*Active

# FOOTBALL IS FAMILY

Buffalo wide receiver **STEFON DIGGS** and Dallas cornerback **TREVON DIGGS** are each among the top players in the league at their respective positions. For the first time in their NFL careers, the brothers have an opportunity to be on the same field and potentially go head-to-head, as the Bills host the Cowboys in Week 15.

The 2023 NFL Draft saw a continuation of several NFL family legacies, including the below:

- **WR JOSH DOWNS** (No. 79 overall, Indianapolis): Father, Gary, was selected in the third round (No. 95 overall) by the New York Giants in the 1994 NFL Draft; Uncle, Dre' Bly, was selected in the second round (No. 41 overall) by the St. Louis Rams in the 1999 NFL Draft and was a two-time Pro Bowl selection and Super Bowl Champion.
- **Arizona T PARIS JOHNSON JR.** (No. 6 overall, Arizona): Father, Paris Johnson Sr., was drafted by Arizona in the fifth round (No. 155 overall) of the 1999 NFL Draft.
- **LB B.J. OJULARI** (No. 41 overall, Arizona): Brother, Azeez, was selected in the second round (No. 50 overall) by the New York Giants in the 2021 NFL Draft.
- **DB JOEY PORTER JR.** (No. 32 overall, Pittsburgh): Father, Joey Porter Sr., was selected by Pittsburgh in the third round (No. 73) of the 1999 NFL Draft and was a four-time Pro Bowl selection, Super Bowl champion and member of the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 2000's.
- **WR CEDRIC TILLMAN** (No. 74 overall, Cleveland): Father, Cedric, was selected in the 11th round (No. 305 overall) by Denver in the 1992 NFL Draft.

FAMILY	BROTHERS	DATE OF GAME
Bosa	LB Joey, LAC DL Nick, SF	
Cook	RB Dalvin, NYJ RB James, BUF	BUF at NYJ, 9/11 NYJ at BUF, 11/19
Diggs	WR Stefon, BUF CB Trevon, DAL	DAL at BUF, 12/17
Edmunds	S Terrell, PHI LB Tremaine, CHI	
Elliss	LB Christian, PHI LB Kaden, ATL DT Noah, PHI	
Hennessy	C Matt, ATL C/LS Thomas, NYJ	ATL at NYJ, 12/3
Herbig	LB Nick, PIT G Nate, PIT	
Heyward	TE/FB Connor, PIT DT Cameron, PIT	
Hill	DB Dax, CIN RB Justice, BAL	BAL at CIN, 9/17 CIN at BAL, 11/16
Kelce	C Jason, PHI TE Travis, KC	PHI at KC, 11/20
Niemann	LB Ben, TEN LB Nick, LAC	LAC at TEN, 9/17
Okwara	LB Julian, DET DL Romeo, DET	
Quessenberry	G David, BUF C Scott, HOU	
Sewell	LB Nephi, NO LB Noah, CHI T Penei, DET	CHI at NO, 11/5 CHI at DET, 11/19 DET at NO, 12/3 DET at CHI, 12/10
St. Brown	WR Amon-Ra, DET WR Equanimeous, CHI	CHI at DET, 11/19 DET at CHI, 12/10
Williams	LB Quincy, NYJ DT Quinnen, NYJ	

\*entering preseason



# SMALL SCHOOL SUCCESS



They may not come from big-time schools in major NCAA conferences, but their NFL contributions cannot go unnoticed. Productive players from small schools are proof-positive of the old adage, "If you can play, the NFL will find you."

There were 10 players selected from FCS schools (NCAA Division I Football Championship Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-AA) in the 2023 NFL Draft, with North Dakota State offensive lineman CODY MAUCH being the first, chosen by Tampa Bay in the second round (No. 48 overall).

"I think the small school/big school thing is overrated nowadays," said Tampa Bay head coach **TODD BOWLES**. "I think it is about drafting the best football player. You can see the small school guys dominate their division and play great football which can also translate into big schools or the NFL. It's not a matter of getting guys from Power-5 conferences. It's a matter of who can play football and who can help you."

## PLAYERS FROM FCS SCHOOLS SELECTED IN THE 2023 NFL DRAFT

PLAYER	SCHOOL	TEAM (ROUND)
OL Cody Mauch	North Dakota State	Tampa Bay (2)
LB Marte Mapu	Sacramento State	New England (3)
TE Tucker Kraft	South Dakota State	Green Bay (3)
OL Colby Sorsdal	William & Mary	Detroit (5)
DE B.J. Thompson	Stephen F. Austin	Kansas City (5)
WR Andrei Iosivas	Princeton	Cincinnati (6)
DL Titus Leo	Wagner	Indianapolis (6)
DT Travis Bell	Kennesaw State	Chicago (7)
WR Colton Dowell	UT Martin	Tennessee (7)
CB Isaiah Bolden	Jackson State	New England (7)

## A SAMPLING OF SOME OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND HIGH-PROFILE SMALL-SCHOOL STARS IN THE NFL TODAY

PLAYER, TEAM	SCHOOL	CAREER NOTE
T Terron Armstead, Mia.	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Four-time Pro Bowler
CB Justin Bethel, Mia.	Presbyterian	Three-time Pro Bowler.
CB James Bradberry, Phi.	Samford	Named to 2021 Pro Bowl; Is one of four players in the NFL with at least three interceptions in each of the past four seasons.
S Kevin Byard, Ten.	Middle Tennessee St.	Two-time Pro Bowler; Has 27 interceptions since 2017, the second-most in the NFL over that span
RB Austin Ekeler, LAC	Western St. Colorado	Led NFL with 18 touchdowns last season and ranks tied-fifth among all players with 63 touchdowns since entering league in 2017
QB Jimmy Garoppolo, LV	Eastern Illinois	Has a .702 winning percentage as starter (40-17), the third-highest among active quarterbacks (min. 10 starts)
RB Antonio Gibson, Was.	Memphis	Is one of three players who entered the NFL in 2020 with at least 3,000 scrimmage yards (3,272) and 25 scrimmage touchdowns (26)



# SMALL SCHOOL SUCCESS

## A SAMPLING OF SOME OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE AND HIGH-PROFILE SMALL-SCHOOL STARS IN THE NFL TODAY

PLAYER, TEAM	SCHOOL	CAREER NOTE
FB C.J. Ham, Min.	Augustana	Named to 2020 Pro Bowl
RS Deonte Harty, Buf.	Assumption	Named to 2020 Pro Bowl
DE Trey Hendrickson, Cin.	Florida Atlantic	Named to Pro Bowl in each of past two seasons; Ranks fourth in NFL with 35.5 sacks since 2020
WR Tyreek Hill, Mia.	West Alabama	Is second WR ever to be named to Pro Bowl in each of first seven seasons; set franchise records with 119 catches and 1,710 receiving yards in 2022
WR Diontae Johnson, Pit.	Toledo	Has 37 games with at least five receptions since 2020, tied for the third-most in the league in that span
LB Matthew Judon, NE	Grand Valley State	Pro Bowler in each of the past four seasons; Is one of four players with at least 12 sacks in each of the past two seasons
FB Kyle Juszczyk, SF	Harvard	Pro Bowler in each of the last seven seasons
K Youngbwoe Koo, Atl.	Georgia Southern	Named to 2021 Pro Bowl
WR Cooper Kupp, LAR	Eastern Washington	Led the NFL in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns in 2021; Named Super Bowl LVI MVP
LB Shaquille Leonard, Ind.	South Carolina State	2018 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year; Has 549 career tackles
LB Khalil Mack, LAC	Buffalo	Named to seventh Pro Bowl in 2022; Ranks sixth among active players with 84.5 sacks
RB Elijah Mitchell, SF	Louisiana	Totaled 1,100 scrimmage and six total touchdowns as a rookie in 2021
WR Darnell Mooney, Chi.	Tulane	Had a career-high 1,087 receiving yards in 2021
K Jason Myers, Sea.	Marist	Two-time Pro Bowler; Has 195 career made field goals
LB Foyesade Oluokun, Jax.	Yale	Is the first player since 2000 to lead the league in tackles in consecutive seasons
RB Tony Pollard, Dal.	Memphis	Named to 2023 Pro Bowl Games after leading Dallas with 1,007 rushing yards
FB Patrick Ricard, Bal.	Maine	Named to each of the past four Pro Bowls
WR Adam Thielen, Car.	Minn. State-Mankato	Two-time Pro Bowler; Ranks fourth among undrafted players since 1967 with 55 career touchdown receptions
CB Tariq Woolen, Sea.	Texas-San Antonio	Named to 2023 Pro Bowl Games as a rookie after tying for the league lead with six interceptions



# NOT DRAFTED? NOT A PROBLEM

Eleven undrafted players were selected to the 2023 Pro Bowl Games last season, including **KAVONTAE TURPIN** and **JEREMY REAVES**.

Undrafted out of TCU in 2021, Turpin spent time in both the Fan Controlled Football League and European League of Football before earning United States Football League MVP honors in 2022. In July of 2022, Turpin signed with the Dallas Cowboys and was selected to the Pro Bowl Games as a return specialist in his first NFL season.

Earning Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year honors at South Alabama as a senior in 2018, Reaves went undrafted and signed with Philadelphia. After being released, he went to Washington and spent four seasons on the practice squad. In 2022, Reaves landed a spot on Washington's active roster where he made an immediate impact on special teams. His 16 special teams tackles last season ranked tied for second in the league and helped him earn a spot in the 2023 Pro Bowl Games.

"Trials and tribulations are a part of life," Reaves said. "You have to go through things to get to something. You can't be old and wise if you were never young and dumb to experience things. That's the lesson of life and that goes sports as well. You have to go through the losses to appreciate the wins. I have. I've fell more times than I've won. But one thing I can say is that I got back up and kept fighting."

## THE UNDRAFTED PLAYERS SELECTED TO THE 2023 PRO BOWL GAMES

POSITION	PLAYER	2022 TEAM	COLLEGE
LS	Morgan Cox	TEN	Tennessee
LS	Andrew DePaola	MIN	Rutgers
ST	Justin Hardee	NYJ	Illinois
QB	Tyler Huntley	BAL	Utah
K	Jason Myers	SEA	Marist
ST	Jeremy Reaves	WAS	South Alabama
FB	Patrick Ricard	BAL	Maine
P	Tommy Townsend	KC	Florida
K	Justin Tucker	BAL	Texas
RS	KaVontae Turpin	DAL	TCU
P	Tress Way	WAS	Oklahoma



There are 22 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who began their careers as undrafted free agents, with **SAM MILLS** being the most recent inductee as part of the Class of 2022.

## THE UNDRAFTED PLAYERS IN THE PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

HOF CLASS	PLAYER	TEAM	COLLEGE(S)
1967	Emlen Tunnell	NYG	Toledo, Iowa
1968	Marion Motley	CLE	South Carolina St., Nevada
1969	Joe Perry	SF	Compton CC
1974	Lou Groza	CLE	Ohio State
1974	Dick "Night Train" Lane	LAR	Western Nebraska CC
1977	Bill Willis	CLE	Ohio State
1984	Willie Brown	HOU Oilers	Grambling St.
1985	Frank Gatski	CLE	Marshall, Auburn
1987	Jim Langer	CLE	South Dakota St.
1989	Willie Wood	GB	USC
1993	Larry Little	SD Chargers	Bethune-Cookman
2006	Warren Moon	HOU Oilers	West LA College, Washington
2008	Emmitt Thomas	KC	Bishop
2010	John Randle	MIN	Texas A&M Kingsville
2012	Jack Butler	PIT	St. Bonaventure
2015	Mick Tingelhoff	MIN	Nebraska
2017	Kurt Warner	STL	Northern Iowa
2020	Cliff Harris	DAL	Quachita Baptist
2020	Donnie Shell	PIT	South Carolina St.
2020	Ed Sprinkle	CHI	Hardin-Simmons, Navy
2021	Drew Pearson	DAL	Tulsa
2022	Sam Mills	NO	Montclair State

# SEASON PREVIEW



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# THE COACHES

## BELICHICK, REID CLOSING IN ON MILESTONES

New England head coach **BILL BELICHICK** enters the 2023 season with the most-ever Super Bowl titles (six) and postseason wins (31) by a head coach. His 329 total wins, including the postseason, are the second-most in league history, after he surpassed George Halas (324 total wins) last season. Only Don Shula (347) has more.

Belichick's second win of the season this year will mark his 300th career regular-season victory, joining Shula (328 regular-season wins) and Halas (318) as the only head coaches ever to reach the 300-win milestone in the regular season.

Kansas City head coach **ANDY REID** ranks fifth all-time in both total wins (269) and regular-season wins (247). This season, he can surpass Tom Landry for fourth place on both lists, while becoming the fifth coach in league history to reach the 250-win milestone in the regular season.

### HEAD COACHES WITH THE MOST REGULAR-SEASON WINS IN NFL HISTORY

DON SHULA (BAL. COLTS, MIA)	328
GEORGE HALAS (CHI)	318
<b>BILL BELICHICK (CLE, NE)</b>	<b>298</b>
TOM LANDRY (DAL)	250
<b>ANDY REID (PHI, KC)</b>	<b>247</b>

On his road to leading the Chiefs to a second Super Bowl championship in four years, Reid - who now has 22 career postseason victories - surpassed Landry (20 postseason wins) for the second-most postseason wins by a head coach in NFL history, trailing only Belichick (31). Reid became the 14th head coach in league history to win multiple Super Bowls, with he and Belichick being the only active head coaches to do so.

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

<b>BILL BELICHICK (CLE, NE)</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>ANDY REID (PHI, KC)</b>	<b>22</b>
TOM LANDRY (DAL)	20



When New England hosts Kansas City on Monday Night Football in Week 15, it will mark the first time that two of the top five head coaches with the most regular-season wins all-time will meet in a game since 1990, when Don Shula's Dolphins met Chuck Noll's Steelers in Week 4.



# THE COACHES

## SUPER BOWL-WINNING HEAD COACHES

In addition to Belichick and Reid, the 2023 season will feature seven other Super Bowl-winning head coaches - Seattle's **PETE CARROLL**, Baltimore's **JOHN HARBAUGH**, Dallas' **MIKE MCCARTHY**, the Los Angeles Rams' **SEAN MCVAY**, Denver's **SEAN PAYTON**, Jacksonville's **DOUG PEDERSON** and Pittsburgh's **MIKE TOMLIN**.

**TOMLIN** has led the Steelers to a .500-or-better record in each of his 16 seasons as head coach. That is tied with George Halas for the third-longest streak of .500-or-better seasons by a head coach in NFL history.

Overall, Tomlin's 163 career regular-season wins trail only Don Shula (165) for the most wins ever by a head coach in his first 16 seasons.

### HEAD COACHES WITH MOST CONSECUTIVE .500-OR-BETTER SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

TOM LANDRY (DAL)	21 (1965-85)
BILL BELICHICK (NE)	19 (2001-19)
GEORGE HALAS (CHI)	16 (1933-51)
<b>MIKE TOMLIN (PIT)</b>	<b>16 (2007-22)</b>

Last season, **HARBAUGH** led the Ravens to their 10th playoff appearance since being hired in 2008. Baltimore's 158 total wins (including the postseason) are the fourth-most in the league over that span.

Harbaugh has 11 playoff wins in his career, including eight on the road, the most road playoff wins by a head coach in NFL history.

**PAYTON**, who has 152 career regular-season victories, returns to the NFL sidelines this season after being hired by the Broncos in January.

Along with Kansas City's Andy Reid (247 regular-season wins), the 2023 AFC West is the second division since 1950 to feature two head coaches entering the season with at least 150 career regular-season victories. The only previous division to hold that distinction was the 2013 NFC East, with the New York Giants' Tom Coughlin and Washington's Mike Shanahan.

Payton will be looking to join Belichick, Carroll, McCarthy, Pederson and Reid as active head coaches to win a playoff game with multiple franchises. No head coach in league history has ever won a Super Bowl with two different franchises.



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

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



## FIRST-YEAR SUCCESS

Last season, for the first time in NFL history, five teams that hired a new head coach prior to the season advanced to the playoffs - Jacksonville (**DOUG PEDERSON**), Miami (**MIKE MCDANIEL**), Minnesota (**KEVIN O'CONNELL**), the New York Giants (**BRIAN DABOLL**) and Tampa Bay (**TODD BOWLES**). It marked the seventh-consecutive season in which at least one rookie head coach led their team to the postseason.

New York's Daboll was named Associated Press Coach of the Year after leading the Giants to their first postseason appearance since 2016 and their first playoff win since 2011.



# THE COACHES

## NEW COACHES IN '23

A total of five teams hired new head coaches this offseason - Arizona (**JONATHAN GANNON**), Denver (**SEAN PAYTON**), Carolina (**FRANK REICH**), Houston (**DEMECO RYANS**) and Indianapolis (**SHANE STEICHEN**).

Both Payton and Reich will begin their second stint as NFL head coaches.



 **PAYTON** spent 15 seasons (2006-11, 2013-21) with New Orleans, leading the Saints to their first and only Super Bowl championship following the 2009 season.

 **REICH** led the Colts to two playoff appearances during his four and a half seasons (2018-22) in Indianapolis.



 **GANNON** comes to Arizona after spending the past two seasons as the defensive coordinator for Philadelphia. Under Gannon, the Eagles had a top-10 defense in each of the past two seasons. In 2022, the unit ranked second in total defense and recorded 70 sacks, tied for the third-most by a team in a single season in league history, which contributed to an NFC Championship.



 **RYANS** was hired by Houston after serving as the San Francisco defensive coordinator the past two seasons. Under Ryans, the 49ers led the league in total defense (300.6 yards allowed per game) and points allowed per game (16.3) in 2022.



 **STEICHEN** comes to Indianapolis having spent the past two seasons as the offensive coordinator for Philadelphia. Over those two seasons, the Eagles ranked first in the NFL in rushing yards per game (153.6), rushing yards (5,224) and rushing touchdowns (57).



# THE QUARTERBACKS

## MVP MAHOMES REWRITING RECORD BOOKS

 Kansas City's **PATRICK MAHOMES** led the Chiefs to the Super Bowl LVII championship last season and became the seventh player to win both the NFL MVP and Super Bowl MVP awards in the same season and the first since Kurt Warner in 1999.

### PLAYERS TO WIN MVP & SUPER BOWL MVP IN THE SAME SEASON

**QB PATRICK MAHOMES (KC) - 2022**

QB KURT WARNER<sup>HOF</sup> (STL) - 1999

QB STEVE YOUNG<sup>HOF</sup> (SF) - 1994

RB EMMITT SMITH<sup>HOF</sup> (DAL) - 1993

QB JOE MONTANA<sup>HOF</sup> (SF) - 1989

QB TERRY BRADSHAW<sup>HOF</sup> (PIT) - 1978

QB BART STARR<sup>HOF</sup> (GB) - 1966

In the regular season, Mahomes led the league with 5,250 passing yards and 41 touchdown passes, joining Drew Brees as the only players ever with two career seasons of 5,000 passing yards and 40 touchdown passes. He also joined Brees (five seasons) and Tom Brady (two) as the only players in NFL history to total at least 5,000 passing yards in multiple seasons.

Mahomes, who also was named NFL MVP in 2018, can become the sixth quarterback ever to earn the honor three times, joining Peyton Manning (five-time winner), Aaron Rodgers (four), Tom Brady (three), Brett Favre (three) and Johnny Unitas (three).



## RODGERS JETTING UP ALL-TIME RANKS

 **AARON RODGERS** enters his first season with the New York Jets in 2023 after an 18-year career in Green Bay, where he totaled 59,055 passing yards and 475 touchdown passes, was named NFL MVP four times and won the Super Bowl XLV championship.

This season, Rodgers needs 2,307 passing yards to surpass Dan Marino (61,361 passing yards) for the eighth-most ever, 3,738 to surpass Matt Ryan (62,792) for the seventh-most ever and 4,386 to surpass Philip Rivers (63,440) for the sixth-most ever.



With 34 touchdown passes, Rodgers will surpass Brett Favre (508 touchdown passes) for the fourth-most in NFL history.

### PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN NFL HISTORY

TOM BRADY 649

DREW BREES 571

PEYTON MANNING<sup>HOF</sup> 539

BRETT FAVRE<sup>HOF</sup> 508

**AARON RODGERS 475**

Rodgers is looking to join Tom Brady and Peyton Manning as the only starting quarterbacks to ever win a Super Bowl with two franchises, while he can become the first player ever to win NFL MVP with two different franchises.

# THE QUARTERBACKS

## PACE SETTERS

Many quarterbacks enter the 2023 season on a historical statistical pace.

Buffalo's **JOSH ALLEN** has 176 career combined passing and rushing touchdowns (138 passing, 38 rushing), the most-ever by a player in his first five seasons.

With 29 combined passing and rushing touchdowns in 2023, Allen will surpass Patrick Mahomes (204 combined touchdowns) for the most-ever by a player in his first six seasons.

Cincinnati's **JOE BURROW** has 11,774 passing yards in 42 career games and tied Kurt Warner (36 games) as the third-fastest player ever to reach 10,000 career passing yards.

Burrow has five career games with at least 400 passing yards, the most-ever by a player in his first three seasons.



Detroit's **JARED GOFF** has 25,854 passing yards in 100 career games, the fifth-most ever by a player in his first 100 games.

The Los Angeles Chargers' **JUSTIN HERBERT** has 14,089 career passing yards, the most-ever by a player in his first three seasons, and 94 touchdown passes, the second-most ever by a player in his first three seasons.

Herbert needs 2,330 passing yards in 2023 to surpass Peyton Manning (16,418 passing yards) for the most-ever by a player in his first four seasons.

With 21 touchdown passes this season, Herbert will surpass Patrick Mahomes (114 touchdown passes) for the second-most ever by a player in his first four seasons. Only Dan Marino (142) has more.

Jacksonville's **TREVOR LAWRENCE** has 746 career completions, the second-most ever by a player in his first two seasons.



With 317 completions in 2023, Lawrence will surpass Andrew Luck (1,062 completions) for the second-most ever by a player in his first three seasons. Only Justin Herbert (1,316) has more.

Kansas City's **PATRICK MAHOMES** has 24,241 career passing yards and 192 touchdown passes, both the second-most ever by a player in his first six seasons.

Mahomes needs 5,202 passing yards in 2023 to surpass Peyton Manning (29,442 passing yards) for the most-ever by a player in his first seven seasons and needs 29 touchdown passes to surpass Dan Marino (220 touchdown passes) for the most-ever by a player in his first seven seasons.



The New York Jets' **AARON RODGERS** has 475 touchdown passes in 230 career games and needs 25 touchdown passes in his first 13 games of the 2023 season to surpass Peyton Manning (244 games) as the fastest player ever to reach 500 career touchdown passes.

The Los Angeles Rams' **MATTHEW STAFFORD** has 52,082 career passing yards in 191 career games and tied Drew Brees (183 games) as the fastest player ever to reach 50,000 career passing yards.

In 2023, Stafford can surpass both Peyton Manning (52,606) and Matt Ryan (54,349 passing yards) for the second-most passing yards ever by a player in his first 200 career games, trailing only Drew Brees (55,439).

Denver's **RUSSELL WILSON** has 308 career touchdown passes, the second-most ever by a player in his first 11 seasons.

Wilson needs 21 touchdown passes in 2023 to surpass Dan Marino (328 touchdown passes) for the second-most ever by a player in his first 12 seasons.

# THE QUARTERBACKS

## WINNING WAYS

Several quarterbacks enter the 2023 season as some of the most established winners ever at the position.

 Kansas City's **PATRICK MAHOMES**' 64 wins are the most-ever by a quarterback through his first 80 career starts, surpassing Tom Brady (60 wins), Ken Stabler (60) and Roger Staubach (60).

Mahomes' 11 career postseason wins are tied with Troy Aikman and Aaron Rodgers for the fifth-most ever by a starting quarterback.

 Baltimore's **LAMAR JACKSON** compiled a 38-12 record in his first 50 career starts, tied with Tom Brady (38 wins) and Danny White (38) for the third-most wins by a quarterback in his first 50 career starts since 1970. Only Mahomes (40 wins) and Stabler (40) had more.

 With three wins, the New York Jets' **AARON RODGERS** (147 career regular-season wins) will become the sixth quarterback in NFL history with at least 150 career wins, joining Tom Brady (251), Brett Favre (186), Peyton Manning (186), Drew Brees (172) and Ben Roethlisberger (165).

 Denver's **RUSSELL WILSON** has 108 career regular-season wins and needs eight more to surpass Brett Favre (115 wins) for the third-most wins ever by a quarterback in his first 12 seasons. Only Peyton Manning (131) and Tom Brady (124) have more.

 San Francisco's **BROCK PURDY** became the third rookie quarterback ever to win each of his first five career starts last season.

## BROKE THROUGH IN '22

 Seattle's **GENO SMITH** took over as the team's starting quarterback in 2022 and set career highs in completions (franchise-record 399), passing yards (franchise-record 4,282), touchdown passes (30 - most among NFC quarterbacks), completion percentage (franchise-record 69.8) and passer rating (100.9 - fifth in NFL). He was one of four quarterbacks to record at least 4,000 passing yards and 30 touchdown passes.

Smith became the eighth player in NFL history and first since Alex Smith (2017) to record his first-career season with at least 4,000 passing yards in his 10th-career season or later.

He earned *Associated Press* Comeback Player of the Year honors and was selected to his first Pro Bowl in his 10th career season. Smith became the first quarterback since Rich Gannon (1999) to earn his first Pro Bowl selection in Year 10 or later of his career.

 Pittsburgh's **KENNY PICKETT** was the first quarterback selected in the 2022 NFL Draft (No. 20 overall) and proceeded to lead all rookie quarterbacks with 2,404 passing yards last season.

In Weeks 16-17, Pickett became the first rookie in NFL history to have a game-winning touchdown pass in the final minute of the fourth quarter in consecutive games.

## ACTIVE QUARTERBACKS WITH HIGHEST REGULAR-SEASON WINNING PERCENTAGE (MIN. 10 STARTS)

**PATRICK MAHOMES (KC) - .800 (64-16)**

**LAMAR JACKSON (BAL) - .738 (45-16)**

**JIMMY GAROPPOLO (LV) - .702 (40-17)**

**JOSH ALLEN (BUF) - .684 (52-24)**

**JALEN HURTS (PHI) - .676 (23-11)**



# THE QUARTERBACKS

## CLASS OF 2020

Each of the top five quarterbacks selected in the 2020 NFL Draft enter the 2023 season as the projected starting quarterback for the team that drafted them. This would mark the first time the top-five selected quarterbacks in an NFL Draft all started in Week 1 of a season since the top-five quarterbacks selected in 2011 each started Week 1 of the 2012 season.

**BURROW**  
NO. 1 OVERALL



**TAGOVAILOA**  
NO. 5 OVERALL



**HERBERT**  
NO. 6 OVERALL



**LOVE**  
NO. 26 OVERALL



**HURTS**  
NO. 53 OVERALL



 Cincinnati's **JOE BURROW** (No. 1 overall pick) enters 2023 with 82 touchdown passes and 10 rushing touchdowns and is one of two players all-time (Andrew Luck) with at least 75 touchdown passes and 10 rushing touchdowns in his first three seasons.

Last season, Burrow ranked tied for second in the league with 35 touchdown passes and fifth with 4,475 passing yards, while adding a career-high five rushing touchdowns. He joined Josh Allen and Steve Young as the only players ever with at least 4,000 passing yards, 35 touchdown passes and five rushing touchdowns in a season.

In 2023, Burrow can join Dan Marino as the only players ever to record at least 4,000 passing yards and 30 touchdown passes in three of their first four seasons.

 Miami's **TUA TAGOVAILOA** (No. 5 overall) led all qualified passers with a 105.5 passer rating last season and recorded a career-high 3,548 passing yards and 25 touchdown passes.

 Since 2020, the Los Angeles Chargers' **JUSTIN HERBERT** (No. 6 overall) ranks third among all players with 14,089 passing yards and sixth with 94 touchdown passes.

Last season, Herbert ranked second in the league with 4,739 passing yards and became the first player ever to record at least 4,500 passing yards in two of his first three career seasons and the first player ever with at least 4,000 passing yards in each of his first three seasons.

Herbert is one of two players all-time (Peyton Manning) to record at least 25 touchdown passes in each of his first three seasons.

 Green Bay's **JORDAN LOVE** (No. 26 overall) enters the 2023 season as the Packers' starting quarterback for the first time. He has appeared in 10 games over the past two seasons, with one start.

Love is expected to become only the third different Green Bay quarterback to start a season-opening game for the franchise in the last 30 years, joining Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers.

 Philadelphia's **JALEN HURTS** (No. 53 overall) led the Eagles to a Super Bowl LVII appearance in his second season as the team's full-time starter and became the seventh-youngest quarterback ever (24 years, 189 days) to start a Super Bowl.

In the 2022 regular season, Hurts became the fourth quarterback ever with at least 3,000 passing yards (3,701), 20 touchdown passes (22) and 10 rushing touchdowns (13) in a single season, joining Kyler Murray (2020), Cam Newton (2011 and 2015) and Kordell Stewart.

# THE QUARTERBACKS

## DUAL-THREAT

Quarterbacks across the NFL are attacking defenses with their legs more than ever before, as five quarterbacks rushed for at least 500 yards last season for the first time in league history: Chicago's **JUSTIN FIELDS** (1,143 rushing yards), Baltimore's **LAMAR JACKSON** (764), Buffalo's **JOSH ALLEN** (762), Philadelphia's **JALEN HURTS** (760) and the New York Giants' **DANIEL JONES** (708).

 **JUSTIN FIELDS'** 1,143 rushing yards were the second-most by a quarterback in a single season in NFL history.

### QUARTERBACKS WITH MOST RUSHING YARDS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

LAMAR JACKSON (BAL - 2019)	1,206
<b>JUSTIN FIELDS (CHI - 2022)</b>	<b>1,143</b>
MICHAEL VICK (ATL - 2006)	1,039

Fields surpassed 125 rushing yards in three games last season, the most-ever in a season by a quarterback, including a 178-yard rushing performance in Week 9, the most rushing yards by a quarterback in a regular-season game since at least 1940.

 **LAMAR JACKSON** is one of two quarterbacks all-time (Cam Newton) to record at least 500 rushing yards in each of his first five seasons.

Jackson, who holds the record among quarterbacks for most career 100-yard rushing games (12), has 4,437 career rushing yards and along with Russell Wilson (4,966 rushing yards), can each join Michael Vick and Cam Newton as the only quarterbacks ever with at least 5,000 career rushing yards.



## PLENTY OF TIME

A large factor to Fields' historic rushing season in 2022 was the play of his offensive line. Since 2016, 10 teams and their offensive lines have provided at least three seconds for their quarterback to throw from the snap to the release of the ball (not including sacks), including two last season: Chicago at 3.07 seconds and Cleveland at 3.01 seconds.

The Bears had the third-highest average time to throw on drop backs (excluding sacks) over the past seven seasons, trailing only the 2021 Philadelphia Eagles (3.11) and 2016 Buffalo Bills (3.10).

### TEAMS WITH HIGHEST AVERAGE TIME TO THROW ON DROPBACKS IN 2022 (NOT INCLUDING SACKS)

<b>CHICAGO</b>	<b>3.07 SECONDS</b>
CLEVELAND	3.01 SECONDS
DENVER	2.94 SECONDS
LAS VEGAS	2.93 SECONDS
N.Y. JETS	2.92 SECONDS



### QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST CAREER RUSHING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

MICHAEL VICK	6,109
CAM NEWTON	5,628
<b>RUSSELL WILSON</b>	<b>4,966</b>
RANDALL CUNNINGHAM	4,928
<b>LAMAR JACKSON</b>	<b>4,437</b>

# THE QUARTERBACKS

## DUAL-THREAT

 **JALEN HURTS** tied for second in the NFL with 13 rushing touchdowns in 2022, the second-most ever by a quarterback in a single season (Cam Newton - 14 rushing touchdowns in 2011). Hurts also recorded 10 rushing touchdowns in 2021 and became the first quarterback ever with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in consecutive seasons.

### QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

CAM NEWTON (CAR - 2011)	14
<b>JALEN HURTS (PHI - 2022)</b>	<b>13</b>
STEVE GROGAN (NE - 1976)	12
CAM NEWTON (NE - 2020)	12

He has eight career regular-season games with at least two rushing touchdowns, trailing only Cam Newton (10 games) for the most-ever by a quarterback.

In Super Bowl LVII, Hurts tied a Super Bowl record with three rushing touchdowns, while rushing for 70 yards, the most-ever by a quarterback in a Super Bowl. Hurts' five rushing touchdowns during the 2022 postseason set the all-time record by a quarterback in a single postseason.



 **JOSH ALLEN** ranked third among quarterbacks with 762 rushing yards and tied for third with seven rushing touchdowns in 2022. He became the first quarterback in NFL history with at least six rushing touchdowns in five consecutive seasons.

Allen's 38 career rushing touchdowns are tied for the fourth-most by a quarterback in NFL history, and Allen can continue to climb the ranks in 2023.

### QUARTERBACKS WITH THE MOST CAREER RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN NFL HISTORY

CAM NEWTON	75
STEVE YOUNG <sup>HOF</sup>	43
JACK KEMP	40
<b>JOSH ALLEN</b>	<b>38</b>
KORDELL STEWART	38

 **DANIEL JONES** became the first Giants quarterback ever to rush for at least 500 yards in a season, while also setting the franchise record among quarterbacks with seven rushing touchdowns.

Since 2020, Jones has four games with at least 90 rushing yards, the third-most among quarterbacks during that span, trailing only Jackson (eight games) and Fields (five).

 Arizona's **KYLER MURRAY** enters the season with 2,204 career rushing yards and 23 career rushing touchdowns and is one of four quarterbacks ever with at least 2,000 rushing yards and 20 rushing touchdowns in his first four career seasons.

With 296 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns in 2023, Murray will join Josh Allen and Cam Newton as the only quarterbacks ever with at least 2,500 rushing yards and 25 rushing touchdowns in their first five seasons.

# THE QUARTERBACKS

## NEW QBs in NFC SOUTH

The NFC South is expected to become the first division since realignment in 2002 to feature all four teams with a different starting quarterback in their season-opening game compared to the previous season.

 Atlanta's **DESMOND RIDDER** started the final four games of the season for the Falcons last season as a rookie and is expected to be their starter entering 2023.

Ridder became the fourth rookie quarterback ever without an interception in each of his first four career starts, joining Dak Prescott (2016), Gardner Minshew (2019) and Tua Tagovailoa (2020).

Ridder can become the fifth quarterback ever without an interception in each of his first five career starts.

 Carolina selected Alabama's **BRYCE YOUNG** with the No. 1 overall pick in the 2023 NFL Draft and signed 12-year veteran **ANDY DALTON** in free agency.

Dalton started 14 games for New Orleans last season and ranks fourth among all active players in career passing yards (38,150) and fifth in touchdown passes (244).

Young can become the third Panthers rookie quarterback to start their season-opening game, joining Cam Newton (2011) and Chris Weinke (2001).

 New Orleans signed nine-year veteran **DEREK CARR** in the offseason. Carr ranks sixth among all active players with 35,222 career passing yards and 217 touchdown passes and became the fourth quarterback ever to reach 35,000 passing yards in his first nine seasons.

He can join Peyton Manning and Matt Ryan as the only players ever to record at least 3,000 passing yards in each of their first 10 seasons.

 Tampa Bay signed **BAKER MAYFIELD**, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft, in the offseason, while **KYLE TRASK** enters his third season and can make his first-career NFL start.

Last year, Tampa Bay allowed the fewest sacks in the NFL for the second-consecutive season, becoming the first team to rank first in the category in back-to-back seasons since the 2013-14 Denver Broncos. The Buccaneers are the only team to rank in top-five of fewest sacks allowed in each of the past three years.

## HEY, ROOKIE

For the fourth time in the common-draft era, there were three quarterbacks chosen among the top four selections in the 2023 NFL Draft - **BRYCE YOUNG** (No. 1 overall by Carolina), **C.J. STROUD** (No. 2 overall by Houston) and **ANTHONY RICHARDSON** (No. 4 overall by Indianapolis).

At least one rookie quarterback has started in Week 1 in 14 of the past 15 seasons.



# THE RUNNING BACKS

## LEADING WITH THE RUN

The 2022 season was the most prolific rushing season in NFL history, as clubs combined for 65,894 rushing yards and averaged 4.46 yards per rushing attempt, both the highest single-season marks in NFL history.

SEASON	RUSHING YARDS
2022	65,894
1978	63,540
2021	62,694

SEASON	RUSHING AVERAGE
2022	4.46
2018	4.42
2020	4.41

Tennessee's **DERRICK HENRY** has been one of the most relied upon running backs in the NFL over the past seven seasons, leading all active players in rushing yards (8,335) and rushing touchdowns (78) since entering the league in 2016. Last season, he registered his third career season with at least 1,500 rushing yards (1,538) and became the fifth player in NFL history with at least 10 rushing touchdowns in five consecutive seasons, joining LaDainian Tomlinson (nine consecutive seasons from 2001-09), Adrian Peterson (seven from 2007-13), Shaun Alexander (five from 2001-05) and Michael Turner (five from 2008-12).

In 2023, Henry needs at least 1,500 rushing yards to become the fifth player in NFL history to reach the mark in at least four career seasons, joining Barry Sanders (five seasons), Eric Dickerson (four), Edgerrin James (four) and Walter Payton (four).

### Among Henry's other notable accomplishments across his first seven NFL seasons with Tennessee:

- Has six career games with at least 200 rushing yards, tied with Adrian Peterson (six) and O.J. Simpson (six) for the most such games in NFL history.
- Has six career games with at least 200 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns, the most such games all-time. The next closest players - Jim Brown, Barry Sanders and LaDainian Tomlinson - each had three such career games.
- Had 77 rushing touchdowns in his first 100 career games, the sixth-most rushing touchdowns by a player in his first 100 career games in the Super Bowl era.



Since entering the NFL in 2018, Cleveland's **NICK CHUBB** has ranked in the top-three in the league in rushing yards three times and eclipsed 1,000 rushing yards four times, including a career-high 1,525 rushing yards last season. He has recorded 29 games with at least 100 rushing yards over the past five seasons, second-most in the NFL. Chubb tied his career high with 12 rushing touchdowns last season and became the fifth player ever to record at least eight rushing touchdowns in each of his first five seasons, joining Jim Brown, Adrian Peterson, Emmitt Smith and LaDainian Tomlinson.



This season, Chubb can become the fifth player in NFL history with at least 1,100 scrimmage yards and eight scrimmage touchdowns in each of his first six career seasons, joining Ezekiel Elliott, Adrian Peterson, Emmitt Smith and LaDainian Tomlinson.

### THE PLAYERS WITH 1,100+ SCRIMMAGE YARDS AND 8+ SCRIMMAGE TOUCHDOWNS IN THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS TO BEGIN THEIR CAREER IN NFL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASONS
LaDainian Tomlinson <sup>HOF</sup>	San Diego Chargers	8 (2001-08)
Adrian Peterson	Minnesota	7 (2007-13)
Emmitt Smith <sup>HOF</sup>	Dallas	7 (1990-96)
Ezekiel Elliott	Dallas	6 (2016-21)
<i>Nick Chubb</i>	<i>Cleveland</i>	<i>5* (2018-22)</i>

\*Active streak

# THE RUNNING BACKS

## LAST SEASON'S LEADERS

 The league's leading rusher in 2022, Las Vegas' **JOSH JACOBS** recorded 2,053 scrimmage yards (1,653 rushing, 400 receiving), joining Marcus Allen (2,314 in 1985) as the only players in Raiders franchise history with at least 2,000 scrimmage yards in a season. In 2023, Jacobs can become the sixth player since 2000 to reach 2,000 scrimmage yards in consecutive seasons. Jacobs also:

Needs seven rushing touchdowns to become the seventh player ever with at least seven rushing touchdowns in each of his first five seasons, joining Jim Brown, Nick Chubb, Walter Payton, Adrian Peterson, Emmitt Smith and LaDainian Tomlinson.

Needs 1,200 scrimmage yards and seven scrimmage touchdowns to become the fifth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first five seasons, joining Ezekiel Elliott, Randy Moss, LaDainian Tomlinson and Ricky Watters.

Needs six games with at least two rushing touchdowns to tie Emmitt Smith (17) for the most such games by a player in his first five season in NFL history.



 **SAQUON BARKLEY** ranked fourth in the NFL with a career-high 1,312 rushing yards in 2022 and had 10 games with a rushing touchdown, tied for the most in the league. He has 16 career games with at least 100 rushing yards, the fifth-most such games among all players since he entered the league in 2018. Among players who have appeared in at least 50 games over the past five seasons, Barkley is one of five to average at least 100 scrimmage yards per game (101.2).



## THROUGH SIX SEASONS

Over the past six seasons, the running back class that entered the league in 2017 have been key contributors to teams looking to generate offense.

Among the running backs entering their seventh season are Los Angeles Chargers' **AUSTIN EKELER**, New Orleans' **ALVIN KAMARA** and San Francisco's **CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY**. This trio leads all running backs in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns since 2017.

## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAREER GAMES WITH BOTH A RUSHING AND RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN IN NFL HISTORY

MARSHALL FAULK <sup>HOF</sup>	15
LENNY MOORE <sup>HOF</sup>	12
BRIAN WESTBROOK	12
JIM BROWN <sup>HOF</sup>	11
<b>CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY</b>	<b>11</b>
AUSTIN EKELER	10
ALVIN KAMARA	10



## LEADING RECEIVERS AMONG RUNNING BACKS SINCE 2017

PLAYER	RECEPTIONS	REC. YARDS	REC. TDs
Austin Ekeler	389 (3rd)	3,448 (3rd)	29 (1st)
Alvin Kamara	430 (2nd)	3,753 (2nd)	22 (t-2nd)
Christian McCaffrey	442 (1st)	3,756 (1st)	22 (t-2nd)

## 20/20 THROUGH SIX

Six players in NFL history have at least 20 rushing touchdowns and 20 touchdown receptions in their first six career seasons: Austin Ekeler, Chuck Foreman, Alvin Kamara, Christian McCaffrey, Lenny Moore and Brian Westbrook.

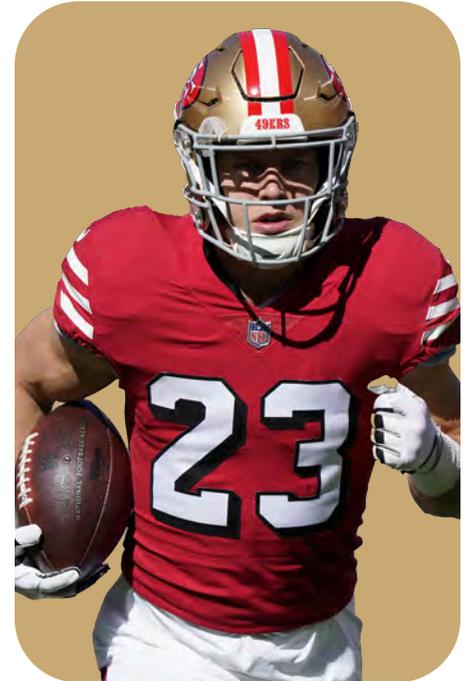
# THE RUNNING BACKS

## THROUGH SIX SEASONS (CONTINUED)

🏈 Last season, **CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY** ranked third in the NFL with 1,880 scrimmage yards (1,139 rushing, 741 receiving), ranked second among running backs with 85 receptions and ranked tied for fourth among all players with 13 scrimmage touchdowns (eight rushing, five receiving). He has 8,482 scrimmage yards in 75 career games and his career average of 113.1 scrimmage yards per game is the fourth highest in NFL history among players who have appeared in at least 75 games.

### PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SCRIMMAGE YARDS PER GAME IN NFL HISTORY (MIN. 75 GAMES)

PLAYER	GAMES	SCRIMMAGE YARDS	SCRIMMAGE YARDS PER GAME
Jim Brown <sup>HOF</sup>	118	14,811	125.5
Barry Sanders <sup>HOF</sup>	153	18,190	118.9
Terrell Davis <sup>HOF</sup>	78	8,887	113.9
<b>Christian McCaffrey</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>8,482</b>	<b>113.1</b>
Walter Payton <sup>HOF</sup>	190	21,264	111.9



Additional records and milestones from McCaffrey's first six NFL seasons with Carolina and San Francisco:

- Has 442 receptions and surpassed Roger Craig (434) for the most receptions by a running back in his first six seasons in NFL history.
- Is one of three running backs in NFL history with four career seasons of at least 80 receptions, along with Marshall Faulk and Alvin Kamara.
- In Week 8 of the 2022 season, became the fourth player with a touchdown pass, rushing touchdown and touchdown reception in a single game since 1970, joining David Patten (October 21, 2001), Walter Payton (October 21, 1979) and LaDainian Tomlinson (October 16, 2005).

This season, McCaffrey can continue to etch his name in the record books with:

- 42 receptions to surpass Roger Craig (483 receptions) for the most by a running back in his first seven career seasons in NFL history.
- At least 1,000 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards to become the fourth running back in NFL history with at least four such career seasons, joining Marshall Faulk (five), Tiki Barber (four) and Thurman Thomas (four).
- Two games with both a rushing and receiving touchdown to surpass Lenny Moore (12) and Brian Westbrook (12) for the second-most such games in NFL history, trailing only Marshall Faulk (15).

## HEADING EAST

This offseason, three of the top six active running backs in scrimmage yards signed with teams in the Eastern time zone:

🏈 **EZEKIEL ELLIOTT**, who signed with New England, leads all active running backs in scrimmage yards (10,598) and ranks second with 8,262 rushing yards and 68 rushing touchdowns. In 2023, he can join Jim Brown and LaDainian Tomlinson as the only players in NFL history with at least eight scrimmage touchdowns in each of their first eight career seasons.

🏈 **DALVIN COOK**, who signed with the New York Jets, ranks sixth among active running backs with 7,787 scrimmage yards and is the only player with at least 1,100 rushing yards in each of the past four seasons.

🏈 **LATAVIUS MURRAY**, who joined Buffalo, ranks seventh among active running backs in scrimmage yards (7,753) and is the only player with at least 500 rushing yards in each of the past eight seasons.

# THE RUNNING BACKS

## THROUGH SIX SEASONS (CONTINUED)

In 2022, **AUSTIN EKELER** led the NFL with 18 scrimmage touchdowns (13 rushing, five receiving) and joined Todd Gurley (2017-18) as the only players since 2006 to lead the league in scrimmage touchdowns in consecutive seasons.

### Additional notable accomplishments by Ekeler over his first six NFL seasons:

- Joined Priest Holmes (2002-03) as the only undrafted players with at least 1,500 scrimmage yards and 15 touchdowns in consecutive seasons in the common-draft era.
- Became the fourth undrafted player in the common-draft era to have at least 10 touchdowns in three-or-more different seasons, joining Arian Foster (four seasons), Antonio Gates (four) and Priest Holmes (four).
- Led all running backs with a career-high 107 receptions in 2022, tied for the second-most receptions by a running back in a season in NFL history, trailing only McCaffrey (116 receptions in 2019).



In 2023, Ekeler can join Arian Foster as the only undrafted players in the common-draft era to record at least 1,500 scrimmage yards in four career seasons. He also needs one touchdown reception to become the sixth running back in the Super Bowl era with 30 career touchdown receptions, joining Marshall Faulk (36 touchdown receptions), Darren Sproles (32), Keith Byars (31), James Brooks (30) and Brian Westbrook (30).

Last season, **ALVIN KAMARA** totaled 57 receptions, 1,387 scrimmage yards (897 rushing, 490 receiving) and four touchdowns (two rushing, two receiving) and became the fourth player since 2000 with at least 1,300 scrimmage yards in each of his first six seasons, joining Matt Forte, Chris Johnson and LaDainian Tomlinson. He has 430 career receptions and is one of three running backs with at least 400 receptions in his first six NFL seasons, along with McCaffrey (442) and Roger Craig (434).

This season, Kamara needs...

- 1,300 scrimmage yards to become the sixth player ever to reach the mark in each of his first seven seasons, joining Eric Dickerson, Matt Forte, Curtis Martin, Barry Sanders and LaDainian Tomlinson.
- 50 receptions to become the fourth running back ever to record at least 50 receptions in six-or-more of his first seven seasons, joining LaDainian Tomlinson (seven seasons), Marshall Faulk (six) and Matt Forte (six).

Additional notes on running backs who began their NFL career in 2017:

**DALVIN COOK**, who joins the New York Jets this season, is one of two players to record at least 1,300 scrimmage yards in each of the past four seasons. With at least 1,300 scrimmage yards and six touchdowns, Cook will become the sixth running back since 2000 to reach those marks at least five consecutive seasons.

Arizona's **JAMES CONNER** is one of five running backs with at least six scrimmage touchdowns in each of past five seasons. He ranks tied for third among all players with 11 games of at least two rushing touchdowns since entering the league in 2017.

Chicago's **D'ONTA FOREMAN**, a new addition to Chicago's roster, had career highs in rushing yards (914) and rushing touchdowns (five) last season with Carolina. He had five games with at least 100 rushing yards in 2022, tied for the most among NFC running backs.

Green Bay's **AARON JONES** ranks sixth in rushing yards (5,284) since entering the league in 2017. He is also the only player with at least 30 rushing touchdowns (31) and 15 receiving touchdowns (16) over the past four seasons.

Cincinnati's **JOE MIXON** is one of three running backs with at least 1,200 scrimmage yards and eight scrimmage touchdowns in four of the past five seasons. Last season in Week 9, he became the third player in the Super Bowl era with at least four rushing touchdowns and one receiving touchdown in a single game, joining Shaun Alexander (September 29, 2002) and Jonathan Taylor (November 21, 2021).

New Orleans' **JAMAAL WILLIAMS**, who joined New Orleans this offseason, led the NFL with a career-high and Detroit franchise-record 17 rushing touchdowns last season and became the first Lions player to lead the league in rushing touchdowns since Barry Sanders in 1991.



# THE RUNNING BACKS

## CLASS OF 2021

Among the running backs selected in the 2021 NFL Draft, three have established themselves as versatile pieces of their team's offensive attacks:

 Pittsburgh's **NAJEE HARRIS** had 1,263 scrimmage yards (1,034 rushing, 229 receiving) and 10 scrimmage touchdowns (seven rushing, three receiving) in 2022 and is one of two running backs with at least 1,200 scrimmage yards and 10 touchdowns in each of the past two seasons, along with Austin Ekeler. This season, he can become the fourth player since 2000 with at least 1,000 rushing yards and 10 scrimmage touchdowns in each of his first three career seasons, joining Chris Johnson, Adrian Peterson and LaDainian Tomlinson.

 After missing his rookie season due to injury, Jacksonville's **TRAVIS ETIENNE** had 1,441 scrimmage yards (1,125 rushing, 316 receiving) and five rushing touchdowns last season and became fourth Jaguars running back ever with at least 1,100 rushing yards in a season, joining Leonard Fournette, Maurice Jones-Drew and Fred Taylor.

 New England's **RHAMONDRE STEVENSON** had a career-high 1,461 scrimmage yards (1,040 rushing, 421 receiving) and six touchdowns (five rushing, one receiving) in 2022 and became the fifth Patriot in the Super Bowl era with at least five rushing touchdowns in each of his first two seasons. He ranked fourth among running backs with a career-high 69 receptions last season, the fourth-most ever by a New England running back in a single season.



## FIRST TO 1,000

Last season, seven of the 15 running backs to reach 1,000 rushing yards did so for the first time in their careers, including Travis Etienne, Rhamondre Stevenson and Jamaal Williams:

 **MILES SANDERS**, who signed with Carolina this offseason, had career highs in rushing yards (1,269) and rushing touchdowns (11) in 2022 with Philadelphia.

 Dallas' **TONY POLLARD** set career highs with 1,378 scrimmage yards (1,007 rushing, 371 receiving) and 12 scrimmage touchdowns (nine rushing, three receiving). He was one of three running backs (Austin Ekeler and Jamaal Williams) with at least four games (four) with two-or-more scrimmage touchdowns.

 Seattle's **KENNETH WALKER III** led all rookies with 1,215 scrimmage yards, 1,050 rushing yards and nine rushing touchdowns. With at least 1,000 rushing yards and nine rushing touchdowns this season, he will become the third player since 2010 to complete those marks in each of his first two seasons, joining Eddie Lacy (2013-14) and Jonathan Taylor (2020-21).

 **TYLER ALLGEIER** had an Atlanta franchise rookie-record 1,035 rushing yards, the second-most among rookies in 2022.



# THE RUNNING BACKS

## CATCH ME IF YOU CAN

 Four running backs had at least five touchdown receptions last season, trailing only 2018 (six running backs) and 1988 (five) for the seasons with the most running backs with at least five touchdown receptions in NFL history. Kansas City's **JERICK MCKINNON** led all running backs with nine touchdown receptions in 2022, tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk (nine touchdown receptions in 2001), Chuck Foreman (nine in 1975) and Leroy Hoard (nine in 1991) for the most touchdown catches by a running back in a single season in NFL history. From Weeks 13-18, he became the first running back since 1970 to record a touchdown reception in at least five consecutive games.



## EARLY IMPACTS

For six consecutive seasons, at least three rookie running backs have recorded 1,000-or-more scrimmage yards. In addition to Kenneth Walker and Tyler Allgeier, three additional running backs made instant impacts during their rookie campaigns last season:

 Houston's **DAMEON PIERCE** ranked fourth among rookies with 1,104 scrimmage yards (939 rushing, 165 receiving) and had five scrimmage touchdowns (four rushing, one receiving). He recorded nine games with at least 75 scrimmage yards last season, the most among all rookies.

 The New York Jets' **BREECE HALL** recorded 681 scrimmage yards (463 rushing, 218 receiving) and five touchdowns (four rushing, one receiving) in seven games during his rookie season. In Week 5, he recorded 197 scrimmage yards (100 receiving, 97 rushing) and became the first rookie since 2007 (Pierre Thomas) with at least 100 receiving yards and 95 rushing yards in the same game.

 Kansas City's **ISIAH PACHECO** ranked fourth among rookie running backs with 830 rushing yards and second with five rushing touchdowns, both the third-most ever by a Kansas City rookie. He also became the fourth rookie with at least 75 rushing yards (76) and a rushing touchdown in the Super Bowl.

Two clubs used a first-round selection on a running back in the 2023 NFL Draft: Atlanta selected **BIJAN ROBINSON** with the No. 8 overall selection and Detroit chose **JAHMYR GIBBS** with the No. 12 pick. It marked the first Draft since 2017 [Leonard Fournette (No. 4 overall) and Christian McCaffrey (No. 8)] in which two running backs were chosen among the top 12 selections.

## NEW BIRDS ON THE BLOCK

 Philadelphia, who recorded 32 rushing touchdowns last season - tied with the 2003 Kansas City Chiefs (32 rushing touchdowns) and 2006 San Diego Chargers (32) for the second-most rushing touchdowns by a team in a season in the Super Bowl era, added two new running backs this offseason in **RASHAAD PENNY** and **D'ANDRE SWIFT**. Penny has averaged 6.2 yards per rushing attempt since 2021, the highest among running backs with at least 175 rushing attempts over the past two seasons. Swift is one of four players to record at least 800 scrimmage yards, five rushing touchdowns and two receiving touchdowns in each of the past two seasons, along with Austin Ekeler, Najee Harris and Joe Mixon.



## CLEAR PATH

Buffalo led all teams in 2022 with an average of 2.58 rushing yards before contact per rushing attempt and became the third team over the past five seasons to average more than 2.5 rushing yards before contact per rushing attempt, joining the 2019 Arizona Cardinals (2.63) and 2018 Los Angeles Rams (2.50).

## TEAMS WITH THE HIGHEST RUSHING YARDS AVERAGE BEFORE CONTACT PER RUSH IN 2022

TEAM	AVG. RUSH. YDS. BEFORE CONTACT PER RUSH
Buffalo	2.58
N.Y. Giants	2.38
Baltimore	2.26
Seattle	2.07
Chicago	1.94

# THE WIDE RECEIVERS

## TOP FIVE

Over the past four seasons, five wide receivers have established themselves as generational stars at the position. **DAVANTE ADAMS**, **STEFON DIGGS**, **TYREEK HILL** and **COOPER KUPP** each rank in the top-five among wide receivers in receptions, receiving yards and touchdown receptions since 2019 while **JUSTIN JEFFERSON** has had three prolific receiving seasons since entering the NFL in 2020.

In 2022, Adams, Diggs, Hill and Jefferson each recorded at least 100 receptions and 1,400 receiving yards, marking the fifth season in NFL history in which four-or-more players reached those marks in the same year. They are also the only four wide receivers that have ranked in the top-10 in receiving yards in each of the past three seasons.

 **JEFFERSON** has made an instant impact as the top receiving option for the Minnesota Vikings. In each of the past four seasons, a different player has led the league in both receptions and receiving yards, including Jefferson in 2022. He recorded the seventh-most receptions (128) in a season in NFL history and became just the sixth player all-time with at least 1,800 receiving yards (1,809) in a season.

### Among Jefferson's other accomplishments across his first three NFL seasons with the Vikings:

- Became the first player in NFL history with at least 1,400 receiving yards in each of his first three career seasons and over the past two years, became the third player ever with at least 1,600 receiving yards in consecutive seasons.
- Has 24 career games with at least 100 receiving yards, the most by a player in his first three career seasons and most by a player in his first four career seasons in NFL history.
- Has 4,825 career receiving yards and surpassed Randy Moss (4,163 receiving yards) for the most receiving yards by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history.
- Has 324 career receptions and became the third player all-time with at least 300 receptions in his first three seasons.



In 2023, Jefferson can continue to rewrite the receiving record books:

- He needs 688 receiving yards to surpass Michael Thomas (5,512 receiving yards) for the most-ever by a player in his first four seasons.
- He can become the first player ever with at least 1,250 receiving yards in each of his first four seasons.

- He needs 175 receiving yards in his first two games to tie Lance Alworth (52 games) as the fastest player ever to reach 5,000 career receiving yards.
- He needs 76 receptions to become the third player ever with at least 400 receptions in his first four seasons, joining Michael Thomas (470 receptions) and Jarvis Landry (400).
- Entering his fourth career season, he needs six games with at least 100 receiving yards to tie Randy Moss (30 games) for the most such games ever by a player in his first five seasons.

 In his first season as a Miami Dolphin, **HILL** set career highs and single-season franchise records with 119 catches and 1,710 receiving yards, both the second-most in the league last year. He also added seven scrimmage touchdowns (six receiving, one rushing) and joined Randy Moss as the only wide receivers in NFL history with at least seven touchdowns in each of his first seven seasons. Hill recorded four games with at least 10 receptions and 150 yards in 2022, tied with four other players for the most such games in a season in NFL history.

Among Hill's other accomplishments across his first seven NFL seasons with Kansas City and Miami:

- Has 76 total touchdowns (63 receiving, seven rushing, four punt-returns, one kickoff-return and one fumble-recovery), the third-most touchdowns by a wide receiver in his first seven seasons in NFL history.
- Became the fifth player in NFL history to record at least six touchdown receptions in each of his first seven seasons, joining Larry Fitzgerald, Marvin Harrison, Don Hutson and Randy Moss.
- Has nine career games with at least 10 receptions and 150 receiving yards, tied with Pro Football Hall of Famer Tim Brown (nine) for the fifth-most such games in NFL history. Only Antonio Brown (10 games), Andre Johnson (10), Julio Jones (10) and Jerry Rice (10) have more.

### In 2023, Hill can reach additional notable career milestones:

- He needs four touchdowns to become the fifth wide receiver with at least 80 touchdowns in his first eight career seasons, joining Jerry Rice (108), Randy Moss (99), Marvin Harrison (83) and Terrell Owens (83).
- He needs 110 receptions to become the third player ever to reach the mark in three consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Brown (2013-15) and Wes Welker (2007-09).
- He can become the fifth player in NFL history with 10 career games with at least 10 receptions and 150 receiving yards.



# THE WIDE RECEIVERS

One of the most consistent players in the NFL since entering the league in 2014, **DAVANTE ADAMS** led the NFL with 14 touchdown receptions and ranked third with 1,516 receiving yards in 2022, his first season as a member of the Las Vegas Raiders. He is one of five players in NFL history with four-or-more career seasons (four) with at least 1,300 receiving yards and 10 touchdown receptions and became the fourth player in NFL history with at least 10 touchdown receptions in at least six of his first nine seasons, joining Jerry Rice (seven seasons), Marvin Harrison (six) and Randy Moss (six).

Among Adams' other feats across his first nine NFL seasons with Green Bay and Las Vegas:

- Has 14 career games with at least 10 receptions, 100 receiving yards and a touchdown reception, the most such games in NFL history.
- Has 769 receptions for 9,637 yards and 87 touchdowns since entering the NFL in 2014 and became the fourth player with at least 700 receptions and 80 receiving touchdowns in his first nine career seasons in NFL history, joining Marvin Harrison, Calvin Johnson and Jerry Rice.
- Became sixth player with at least two touchdown receptions in 20-or-more games (21) within his first nine seasons in the Super Bowl era, joining Jerry Rice (29 games), Terrell Owens (23), Marvin Harrison (21), Randy Moss (21) and Cris Carter (20).

In 2023, Adams can join Marvin Harrison (1999-2002) as the only players ever to reach 100 receptions, 1,000 receiving yards and 10 touchdown receptions in four consecutive seasons.

## OVERTIME HERO

In Week 11, Adams registered the game-winning touchdown catch in overtime of the Raiders comeback victory. He is the only player in NFL history with three career overtime touchdown receptions and he joined LaDainian Tomlinson (three) as the only players ever with three career overtime touchdowns.



Since joining the Buffalo Bills in 2020, **STEFON DIGGS** ranks tied for first with 338 receptions and fourth with 4,189 receiving yards over the past three seasons. He has recorded at least 100 receptions and 1,200 receiving yards in each of his three seasons in Buffalo and became the first player in NFL history to reach those marks in each of his first three seasons with a team.

### Other notable accomplishments from Diggs' first eight NFL seasons with Minnesota and Buffalo:

- Is one of seven players ever to record at least 100 receptions and 1,200 receiving yards in three-or-more consecutive seasons.
- Has 703 career receptions and became the sixth player ever with 700 receptions in his first eight career seasons, joining Marvin Harrison (759 receptions), DeAndre Hopkins (747), Antonio Brown (733), Torry Holt (712) and Brandon Marshall (712).

This season, Diggs needs 97 receptions to become the fourth player ever with at least 800 receptions in his first nine seasons in NFL history, joining Marvin Harrison (845 receptions), Antonio Brown (837) and Torry Holt (805).



The top four leaders in both receptions and receiving yards over the past three seasons, there are multiple records that a combination of Adams, Diggs, Hill and Jefferson can accomplish in 2023, including:

- Adams and Diggs can join Antonio Brown (six consecutive seasons from 2013-18) and Marvin Harrison (four seasons from 1999-2002) as the only players to reach 100 receptions in four-or-more consecutive seasons.
- Adams and Jefferson can become the first players ever with at least 1,500 receiving yards in three consecutive seasons and join Julio Jones (six consecutive seasons from 2014-19) and Marvin Harrison (four consecutive seasons from 1999-2002) as the only players ever with at least 1,350 receiving yards in four-or-more consecutive seasons.
- Hill and Jefferson can join Antonio Brown (four consecutive seasons from 2013-16), Larry Fitzgerald (three seasons from 2015-17), Jerry Rice (three seasons from 1994-96) and Wes Welker (three seasons from 2007-09) as the only players with at least 105 receptions in three-or-more consecutive seasons.

# THE WIDE RECEIVERS

Over the past four seasons, **COOPER KUPP** ranks second among wide receivers in receptions (406), fourth in receiving yards (4,894) and tied for fifth in touchdown receptions (35). Last season, he had 75 receptions for 812 yards and seven total touchdowns (six receiving, one rushing) in nine games and is one of three players with at least 75 receptions in each of the past four seasons.



## SUDDEN STARS

Thirteen of the 21 wide receivers who eclipsed 1,000 receiving yards in 2022 had four-or-fewer years of NFL experience, tied with 2021 for the most such players to reach 1,000 receiving yards in a season.

## CLASS OF 2019

In 2022, **A.J. BROWN** ranked fourth in the NFL with a career-high and Eagles single-season franchise record 1,496 receiving yards, had a career-high 88 receptions and tied his career high with 11 touchdown receptions. This season, he needs at least 50 receptions, 850 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions to become the fifth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first five seasons, joining Gary Clark, A.J. Green, T.Y. Hilton and Randy Moss.

**DIONTAE JOHNSON** has 37 games with at least five receptions since 2020, the third-most among wide receivers over the past three seasons. In 2023, he needs 85 receptions to become the fourth player ever to reach the mark in four of his first five seasons, joining Jimmy Graham (four seasons), Brandon Marshall (four) and Michael Thomas (four).

Last season, **DK METCALF** had career-high 90 receptions for 1,048 yards and six touchdowns, his second-career 1,000-yard season. This season, he needs 900 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions to become the third player ever to reach those marks in each of his first five seasons, joining A.J. Green and Randy Moss.

Other standout accomplishments from Kupp's first six NFL seasons with the Rams:

- Became the sixth player in NFL history with at least 20 games (20) with at least five receptions, 100 receiving yards and a touchdown reception in his first six career seasons, joining Randy Moss (28 games), Jerry Rice (22), Lance Alworth (21), Marvin Harrison (20) and Sterling Sharpe (20).
- From 2020 to 2022, had at least five receptions in 23 consecutive games, tied with DeAndre Hopkins (23 consecutive games from 2018-20) for the second-most consecutive games with at least five receptions in NFL history, trailing only Antonio Brown (36 games from 2013-15).
- In 2021, recorded the second-most receptions (145) and second-most receiving yards (1,947) in a single season in NFL history and became the fourth player since 1970 to lead the NFL in receptions, receiving yards and touchdown receptions (16) in the same season, joining Jerry Rice (1990), Sterling Sharpe (1992) and Steve Smith (2005).



# THE WIDE RECEIVERS

## CLASS OF 2019 (CONTINUED)

**W** Last year, **TERRY MCLAURIN** had 77 receptions for a career-high 1,191 receiving yards and five touchdowns and is one of five wide receivers with at least 75 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards in each of the past three seasons. In 2023, he needs 50 receptions and 900 receiving yards to become the fourth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first five career seasons, joining Mike Evans, A.J. Green and Randy Moss.

**S** Since 2019, **DEEBO SAMUEL** is the only player with at least 3,000 receiving yards (3,230) and 750 rushing yards (782). In 2023, he can join Charley Taylor as the only players in NFL history with at least 4,000 receiving yards and 1,000 rushing yards in their first five career seasons.



## CLASS OF 2020

**S** Last season, **BRANDON AIYUK** set career highs in receptions (78), receiving yards (1,015) and touchdown receptions (eight), his first-career 1,000-yard season.

**B** **TEE HIGGINS** had 74 receptions for 1,029 yards and career-high seven touchdown receptions in 2022, his second-consecutive 1,000-yard season. In 2023, he needs at least 65 receptions, 900 receiving yards and six touchdown receptions to become the third player ever to reach those marks in each of his first four seasons, joining A.J. Green and Randy Moss.

**J** Since entering the NFL, **JUSTIN JEFFERSON** leads all players in receiving yards (4,825) and games with at least 100 receiving yards (24) over the past three seasons, and ranks third in receptions (324) since 2020.

**L** Last season, **CEEDEE LAMB** set career highs with 107 receptions for 1,359 yards and nine touchdowns, the fifth-most receptions and sixth-most receiving yards in the NFL in 2022. Lamb, along with Jefferson, can join Alvin Kamara, Jarvis Landry and Michael Thomas as the only player ever with at least 70 receptions in each of their first four seasons.

## DOLPHIN DUO

Miami's **TYREEK HILL** and **JAYLEN WADDLE** combined for 3,066 receiving yards in 2022, the third-most combined receiving yards by a pair of teammates in a season in NFL history. Only Detroit's Herman Moore and Brett Perriman (3,174 in 1995) and the St. Louis Rams' Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce (3,106 in 2000) had more.

In Week 2, Hill (11 catches for 190 yards and two touchdowns) and Waddle (11 catches for 171 yards and two touchdowns) became the first pair of teammates in NFL history to record at least 10 receptions, 150 receiving yards and two touchdown receptions in the same game.

## TEAMMATES WITH THE MOST COMBINED RECEIVING YARDS IN A SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

H. MOORE & B. PERRIMAN (DET) - 1995	3,174
T. HOLT & I. BRUCE (STL) - 2000	3,106
<b>T. HILL &amp; J. WADDLE (MIA) - 2022</b>	<b>3,066</b>
E. SANDERS & D. THOMAS (DEN) - 2014	3,023



# THE WIDE RECEIVERS

## CLASS OF 2021

**JAMARR CHASE** had career-high 87 receptions for 1,046 yards and nine touchdowns in 2022 and joined Randy Moss as the only players under the age of 23 with at least 2,000 receiving yards (2,501) and 20 touchdown receptions (22) in NFL history. This season, he needs 80 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards to become the fourth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first three seasons, joining Odell Beckham Jr., Justin Jefferson and Michael Thomas.

In 2022, **DEVONTA SMITH** set career highs with 95 receptions for 1,196 yards and seven touchdowns, his first-career 1,000-yard season. He registered 13 games with at least five receptions, tied for the third-most in the NFL last season.

**AMON-RA ST. BROWN** established career highs with 106 receptions for 1,161 yards and six touchdown receptions in 2022 and joined Michael Thomas and Odell Beckham Jr. as the only players ever with at least 90 receptions and 900 receiving yards in each of their first two seasons. In 2023, he needs 104 receptions to become the fourth player ever with at least 300 receptions in his first three seasons, joining Justin Jefferson (324 receptions), Michael Thomas (321) and Christian McCaffrey (303).

Last season, **JAYLEN WADDLE** recorded 75 catches for a career-high 1,356 receiving yards and eight touchdowns and has four career games with at least 10 receptions, tied with Odell Beckham Jr. (four games) and Christian McCaffrey (four) for the most such games by a player in his first two seasons in NFL history. Waddle, along with Chase, can join Odell Beckham Jr., Justin Jefferson and Michael Thomas as the only players ever to reach 75 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards in each of their first three seasons.

## CLASS OF 2022

Last season, **CHRIS OLAVE** led all rookies with 69.5 receiving yards per game, ranked second in receiving yards (1,042) and tied for second in receptions (72). This season, he needs 13 games with at least 50 receiving yards to become the third player ever with 25-or-more such games in his first two seasons, joining Justin Jefferson (26 games) and Michael Thomas (26).

**GARRETT WILSON** led all rookies and set rookie franchise records with 83 receptions for 1,103 receiving yards last season. In 2023, he needs at least 80 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards to become the fifth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first two seasons, joining Odell Beckham Jr., Ja'Marr Chase, Justin Jefferson and Michael Thomas.



## CLASS OF 2023

Continuing the trend of teams creating formidable offenses with multiple dynamic pass catchers, four teams selected wide receivers in the first round of the 2023 NFL Draft. Seattle selected **JAXON SMITH-NJIGBA** with the No. 20 overall selection, joining **DK METCALF** and **TYLER LOCKETT**. The Los Angeles Chargers added **QUENTIN JOHNSTON** with the No. 21 overall pick, joining established stars **KEENAN ALLEN** and **MIKE WILLIAMS**. Baltimore selected **ZAY FLOWERS** with the No. 22 overall selection and added **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** in free agency. Minnesota chose **JORDAN ADDISON** with the No. 23 overall pick, joining 2022 receiving leader **JUSTIN JEFFERSON**. The 2023 NFL Draft marked the first since 1967 that four consecutive first-round selections were used on wide receivers.



# THE WIDE RECEIVERS

## VETERAN LEADERS

Among the established group of wide receivers currently in the NFL, many have reached impressive milestones throughout their NFL careers:

**KEENAN ALLEN** leads all active wide receivers with 796 receptions and ranks third in receiving yards (9,287) since entering the NFL in 2013. He is one of four active wide receivers with four career seasons of at least 100 receptions, along with Davante Adams, Stefon Diggs and DeAndre Hopkins. Allen has nine career games with at least 12 receptions and 100 receiving yards, the most such games in NFL history.

**AMARI COOPER** has six career seasons with at least 70 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards since entering the league in 2015, the second-most such seasons among active players over that span, and his 55 touchdown receptions are the fifth-most among active wide receivers in the past eight seasons. In 2023, he needs five touchdown receptions to become the fourth player ever to reach the mark in each of his first nine seasons, joining Marques Colston, Marvin Harrison and Don Hutson.



**TYLER LOCKETT** had 84 catches for 1,033 yards and nine touchdowns in 2023 and is the only player with at least eight touchdown receptions in each of the past five seasons. With eight touchdown receptions in 2023, he would join Jerry Rice (11 consecutive seasons), Marvin Harrison (eight), Antonio Brown (six) and Cris Carter (six) as the only wide receivers ever to reach that mark in six consecutive seasons in the Super Bowl era.



**MIKE EVANS**, in 2022, became the first player in NFL history with at least 1,000 receiving yards in each of his nine career seasons and the fifth player to eclipse 10,000 receiving yards and 80 touchdown receptions in his first nine seasons, joining Marvin Harrison, Calvin Johnson, Randy Moss and Jerry Rice. This season, he needs 1,000 receiving yards to join Jerry Rice (11 consecutive seasons from 1986-96) as the only players ever with at least 1,000 receiving yards in 10 consecutive seasons. Evans also can become the first player ever to reach 60 receptions in each of his first 10 career seasons.



## TAMPA TARGETS

**CHRIS GODWIN** and **MIKE EVANS** are the only pair of wide receiver teammates with at least 50 receptions and 800 receiving yards in each of the past five seasons. Godwin recorded a career-high 104 receptions last season and became the second player in franchise history (Keyshawn Johnson in 2001) with 100 receptions in a season.

# THE WIDE RECEIVERS

## NEW FACES

Last season, **DAVANTE ADAMS**, **A.J. BROWN** and **TYREEK HILL** were prime examples of standout wide receivers making an instant impact in their first season with a new team. Another breakout performance in 2022 came from **CHRISTIAN KIRK**, who joined the Jacksonville Jaguars and led them in receptions (career-high 84), receiving yards (career-high 1,108) and touchdown receptions (career-high eight). A sampling of wide receivers who will put on a new uniform for the first time in 2023:

 **ODELL BECKHAM JR.** is entering his first season as a member of the Baltimore Ravens. A first-round selection in 2014, he has 531 receptions for 7,367 yards and 56 touchdowns in 96 career games, including five career seasons with at least 1,000 receiving yards.



 **BRANDIN COOKS** was acquired by Dallas during the offseason and has 630 receptions for 8,616 yards and 49 touchdowns in 132 career games since entering the NFL in 2014. He needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the first player ever to record at least 1,000 receiving yards in a season for five different franchises.

 **DEANDRE HOPKINS**, who joined Tennessee this offseason, has 853 career receptions and became the fourth player ever with at least 850 receptions in his first 10 career seasons, joining Marvin Harrison (927 receptions), Brandon Marshall (882) and Torry Holt (869). In 2023, he can become the second player ever with at least 950 receptions in his first 11 seasons, joining Harrison (1,022 receptions) and join Larry Fitzgerald (1,018 reception) as the only players ever with at least 950 receptions prior to their 32nd birthday.



 **DJ MOORE**, acquired by Chicago this offseason, has 364 receptions for 5,201 yards and 21 touchdowns, including three career 1,000-yard seasons, since entering the NFL in 2018. He led Carolina in receiving yards in each of the past four seasons.



 **CALVIN RIDLEY**, acquired by Jacksonville at the 2022 trade deadline, is expected to make his team debut in 2023. In 49 career games, he has recorded 248 receptions for 3,342 yards and 28 touchdowns, including career highs in receptions (90) and receiving yards (1,374) during the 2020 season.



 **ADAM THIELEN**, who signed with Carolina during the offseason, has 534 receptions for 6,682 yards and 55 touchdowns since entering the NFL as an undrafted free agent in 2014. He needs 66 receptions to become the fifth undrafted player in the common-draft era with at least 600 career receptions, joining Antonio Gates (955 receptions), Wes Welker (903), Rod Smith (849) and Danny Amendola (617). Thielen also needs 818 receiving yards to become the fifth undrafted player in the common-draft era with at least 7,500 career receiving yards, joining Antonio Gates (11,841 receiving yards), Rod Smith (11,389), Wes Welker (9,924) and Drew Pearson (7,822).

# THE TIGHT ENDS

## KELCE RISING UP ALL-TIME RANKS

Since entering the league in 2013, **TRAVIS KELCE** has become a two-time Super Bowl Champion and eight-time Pro Bowler, distinguishing himself as one of the best tight ends in NFL history.



In 2022, Kelce totaled 1,338 receiving yards, the fourth-most in a season by a tight end all-time. Kelce has led all tight ends in receiving yards in three of the past four seasons and owns three of the top-five single-season receiving yardage totals by a tight end in NFL history. Kelce has seven career seasons with at least 1,000 receiving yards, the most ever by a tight end.

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

SEASON	TEAM	PLAYER	REC. YARDS
2020	KC	Travis Kelce	1,416
2018	SF	George Kittle	1,377
2021	BAL	Mark Andrews	1,361
2022	KC	Travis Kelce	1,338
2018	KC	Travis Kelce	1,336

Kelce also ranked third in the league with a career-high 110 receptions last season, tied for the second-most ever in a single season by a tight end. He is the only tight end in NFL history with three career seasons of 100-or-more receptions.

SEASON	TEAM	PLAYER	RECEPTIONS
2018	PHI	Zach Ertz	116
2022	KC	Travis Kelce	110
2012	DAL	Jason Witten	110

Kelce now has 10,344 career receiving yards, the fourth-most ever by a tight end, and 814 receptions, the fifth-most. In 2023, he can continue to climb the all-time ranks in both categories.

### THE TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST CAREER RECEIVING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY

TONY GONZALEZ <sup>HOF</sup> (KC, ATL)	15,127
JASON WITTEN (DAL, LV)	13,046
ANTONIO GATES (SD/LAC)	11,841
<b>TRAVIS KELCE (KC)</b>	<b>10,344</b>
SHANNON SHARPE <sup>HOF</sup> (DEN, BAL)	10,060

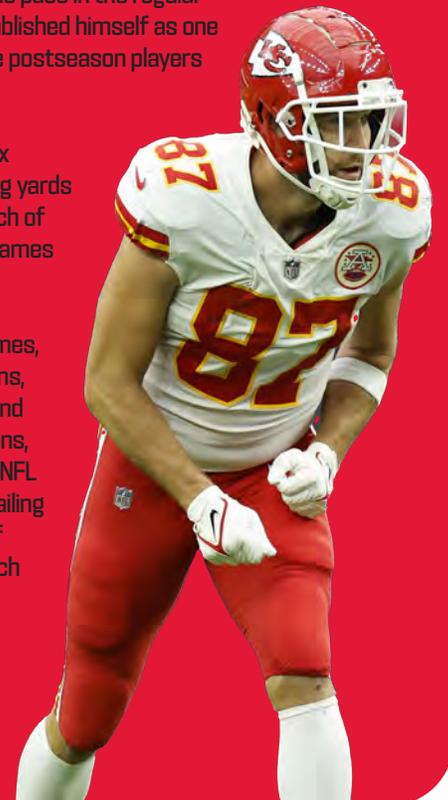
### THE TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST CAREER RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

TONY GONZALEZ <sup>HOF</sup> (KC, ATL)	1,325
JASON WITTEN (DAL, LV)	1,228
ANTONIO GATES (SD/LAC)	955
SHANNON SHARPE <sup>HOF</sup> (DEN, BAL)	815
<b>TRAVIS KELCE (KC)</b>	<b>816</b>

In addition to his historic pace in the regular season, Kelce has established himself as one of the most productive postseason players in league history.

He recorded at least six receptions, 75 receiving yards and a touchdown in each of Kansas City's playoff games last season.

In 18 career playoff games, Kelce has 133 receptions, 1,548 receiving yards and 16 touchdown receptions, all the second-most in NFL postseason history, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer Jerry Rice in each category.



# THE TIGHT ENDS

## 2022 LEADERS

Following Kelce, the leading tight ends in receiving yards in 2022 were Minnesota's **T.J. HOCKENSON** (career-high 914 receiving yards), Baltimore's **MARK ANDREWS** (847), Jacksonville's **EVAN ENGRAM** (career-high 766) and San Francisco's **GEORGE KITTLE** (765).

**HOCKENSON** was acquired by Minnesota from Detroit in Week 9 and recorded career highs in receptions (86) and receiving yards (914) in 2022, both the second-most among tight ends, and tied his career high with six touchdown receptions. He is one of two tight ends with at least 60 receptions in each of the past three seasons.



Leading Baltimore in receiving last season was **ANDREWS**, who had 73 receptions, tied third-most among tight ends, for 847 receiving yards, third-most among tight ends, and five touchdowns. Andrews joins Kelce as the only tight ends in the league with at least five touchdown receptions in each of the past four seasons.

Andrews enters the 2023 season with 336 career receptions, the fifth-most by a tight end in his first five seasons in NFL history, and 4,313 career receiving yards, the sixth-most by a tight end in his first five seasons. With 1,243 receiving yards this year, he will surpass Rob Gronkowski (5,555 receiving yards) for the most-ever by a tight end in his first six seasons.

During his first season with Jacksonville, **ENGRAM** tied for third among tight ends in receptions (career-high 73) and fourth in receiving yards (career-high 766). He is one of three tight ends (Travis Kelce and George Kittle) with at least 40 receptions in each of the past six seasons.



In an impressive Week 14 performance, Engram became the sixth tight end in NFL history with at least 10 receptions (11) for 150 yards (162) and two touchdowns in a single game. In 2023, he needs at least 40 receptions and 400 receiving yards to join Jeremy Shockey as the only tight ends ever to reach those marks in each of their first seven seasons.



In 15 games last season, **KITTLE** recorded 765 receiving yards and became the fifth tight end in NFL history with at least 500 receiving yards in each of his first six seasons. Since entering the league in 2017, Kittle has 5,254 career receiving yards, the third-most ever by a tight end in his first six seasons.

During the 2022 season Kittle also:

Ranked second among tight ends with a career-high 11 touchdown receptions and had four games with two touchdown receptions, the most by a tight end in a season since 2015 (Tyler Eifert and Jordan Reed).

In Weeks 15-18, had seven touchdown receptions, tied for the second-most by any player over the final four games of a season in the Super Bowl era, trailing only Calvin Johnson (eight touchdown receptions in 2011).

This season, Kittle needs 55 receptions and 746 receiving yards to become the fourth tight end in NFL history with at least 450 receptions and 6,000 receiving yards in his first seven career seasons. He can also become the fourth tight end ever with at least 500 receiving yards in each of his first seven seasons.

# THE TIGHT ENDS

## SAME FACES NEW PLACES

**ny** Several tight ends were on the move this offseason, highlighted by **DARREN WALLER** joining the New York Giants.

Since 2019, Waller ranks third among all tight ends with 399 receptions and 3,394 receiving yards. He is one of four tight ends in NFL history to record at least 90 receptions and 1,100 receiving yards in multiple seasons (2019-20).

Other tight ends debuting with new teams this season include:

**pe** New England's **MIKE GESICKI**

**ht** Houston's **DALTON SCHULTZ**

**at** Atlanta's **JONNU SMITH**



## CLASS OF '23

Nine tight ends were selected in the first three rounds of the 2023 NFL Draft (one in the first, five in the second and three in the third), the most in the first three rounds of a Draft since 1967, surpassing 2019 (eight) and 2006 (eight). The second-round total was the most in the second round in a single Draft in the common-draft era. Six tight ends were chosen in the first two rounds of the 2023 NFL Draft, tied with the 1974 NFL Draft (six) for the most in the first two rounds in the common-draft era.

### TIGHT ENDS SELECTED IN THE FIRST THREE ROUNDS OF THE 2023 NFL DRAFT

PLAYER	COLLEGE	NFL TEAM	ROUND (OVERALL)
Dalton Kincaid	Utah	Buffalo	1 (25)
Sam LaPorta	Iowa	Detroit	2 (34)
Michael Mayer	Notre Dame	Las Vegas	2 (35)
Luke Musgrave	Oregon State	Green Bay	2 (42)
Luke Schoonmaker	Michigan	Dallas	2 (58)
Brenton Strange	Penn State	Jacksonville	2 (61)
Tucker Kraft	South Dakota State	Green Bay	3 (78)
Darnell Washington	Georgia	Pittsburgh	3 (93)
Cameron Latu	Alabama	San Francisco	3 (101)

# THE SACK LEADERS

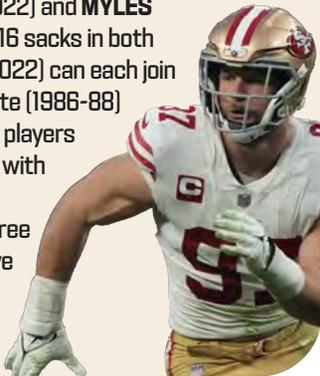
The art of the pass rush was on full display last season, as 2022 featured the third-most sacks (1,297) in a season since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, trailing only 1984 (1,313 sacks) and 1985 (1,306).

 **NICK BOSA**, the AP Defensive Player of the Year, led the NFL with a career-high 18.5 sacks and became the fifth player since 1982 to record at least 15 sacks in two of his first four NFL seasons, joining Reggie White (three seasons with at least 15 sacks), Richard Dent (two), Andre Tippett (two) and J.J. Watt (two). He also became the fourth player since 1982 to record at least one sack in 13 games within a single season, joining DeMarcus Ware (14 games in 2008), Justin Houston (13 in 2014) and Chandler Jones (13 in 2017).

This season, Bosa can become the fourth player since 1982 to lead the NFL in sacks in consecutive seasons, joining Mark Gastineau (1983-84), T.J. Watt (2020-21) and Reggie White (1987-88). He can also become the third player since 1982 with at least 15 sacks in three of his first five career seasons, joining J.J. Watt and Reggie White.

## JOIN THE CLUB

**NICK BOSA** (15.5 sacks in 2021 and 18.5 sacks in 2022) and **MYLES GARRETT** (16 sacks in both 2021 and 2022) can each join Reggie White (1986-88) as the only players since 1982 with at least 15 sacks in three consecutive seasons.



 **MYLES GARRETT**, the No. 1 overall pick in the 2017 NFL Draft, led the AFC and ranked tied for second in NFL in 2022 with a career-high 16 sacks and recorded seven games with at least 1.5 sacks, the most among all players. He recorded 61.5 sacks in his first 70 career games, trailing only Reggie White (79) and T.J. Watt (62) for the most sacks by a player in his first 70 games since 1982.

Garrett, who has 74.5 sacks in 84 career games, needs 10.5 sacks in his first 16 games of the 2023 season to become the fourth player since 1982 with at least 85 sacks in his first 100 career games, joining Reggie White (105 sacks), J.J. Watt (87.5) and DeMarcus Ware (85). He also can become the fourth player since 1982 with at least 10 sacks in six of his first seven seasons, joining Von Miller, DeMarcus Ware and Reggie White.



 Another member of the 2017 Draft class, **T.J. WATT**, has recorded 77.5 sacks over the past six seasons (most in the NFL) and last season, became the third-fastest player (84 games) since 1982 to reach 75 career sacks, trailing Reggie White (65 games) and his brother, J.J. Watt (82).

In 2023, Watt needs 8.5 sacks to surpass Aaron Donald (85.5 sacks) for the third-most by a player in his first seven seasons since 1982 and needs 10.5 sacks in his first 13 games to surpass J.J. Watt (87.5 sacks) for the second-most by a player in his first 100 career games since 1982.



 Since entering the NFL in 2014, **AARON DONALD** leads all players with 103 sacks and 160 tackles for loss. He is the only player with at least 10 tackles for loss in each of the past nine seasons and one of two with at least five sacks in each of the past nine seasons. With five sacks in 2023, he can join Jared Allen, Ryan Kerrigan, Cameron Wake and DeMarcus Ware as the only players who began their careers after 2000 to record five-or-more sacks in each of their first 10 NFL seasons.

 Since being selected by Dallas with the No. 12 overall pick in the 2021 NFL Draft, no player has more games with at least two sacks over the past two seasons than **MICAH PARSONS**, whose nine career games with at least two sacks are tied with Aldon Smith for the most such games by a player in his first two career seasons since 1982. Last season, he recorded a career-high 13.5 sacks and became the third player since 1982 with at least 13 sacks in each of his first two seasons, joining Aldon Smith (2011-12) and Reggie White (1985-86). Only White reached the mark in each of his first three seasons since 1982.



# THE SACK LEADERS

## 2022 LEADERS

Five players recorded at least 15 sacks in 2022, tied for the third-most such players in a season since 1982, trailing only 1989 (seven players) and 1986 (six).

### THE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN 2022

PLAYER	2022 TEAM	SACKS	NOTE
Nick Bosa	San Francisco	18.5	Career high
Myles Garrett	Cleveland	16	Tied career high (16 sacks in 2021)
Haason Reddick	Philadelphia	16	Career high
Chris Jones	Kansas City	15.5	Tied career high (15.5 sacks in 2018)
Matthew Judon	New England	15.5	Career high
Alex Highsmith	Pittsburgh	14.5	Career high
Micah Parsons	Dallas	13.5	Career high
Brian Burns	Carolina	12.5	Career high
Maxx Crosby	Las Vegas	12.5	Career high
J.J. Watt	Arizona	12.5	6th career season with 10+ sacks

 The **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** led the NFL with 70 sacks in 2022, tied with the 1987 Chicago Bears (70 sacks) for the third-most sacks by a team in a season in NFL history. Only the 1984 Chicago Bears (72 sacks) and 1989 Minnesota Vikings (71) had more.

### TEAMS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN A SINGLE SEASON IN NFL HISTORY

CHICAGO BEARS (1984)	72
MINNESOTA VIKINGS (1989)	71
CHICAGO BEARS (1987)	70
<b>PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (2022)</b>	<b>70</b>

The Eagles became the first team with four players each with at least 10 sacks in a single season since 1982: **HAASON REDDICK** - 16 sacks; **BRANDON GRAHAM** - 11 sacks; **JAVON HARGRAVE** - 11 sacks; **JOSH SWEAT** - 11 sacks.



 Over the past 15 seasons (2008-22), only four teams have had four three-sack single-game performances in a single season: the 2022 New England Patriots, 2019 Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 2013 St. Louis Rams and 2011 Philadelphia Eagles. Of those four, only New England had three players account for the four such performances: **MATTHEW JUDON** (Week 9), **JOSH UCHE** (Weeks 9 and 14) and **DEATRICH WISE JR.** (Week 3).



# THE SACK LEADERS

## ACTIVE LEADERS

Five active players - **VON MILLER**, **CAMERON JORDAN**, **CHANDLER JONES**, **JUSTIN HOUSTON** and **AARON DONALD** - have at least 100 career sacks while **CALAIS CAMPBELL**, who signed with Atlanta this offseason, needs one sack to join that group.

**VON MILLER** ranks 19th in career sacks since 1982.

**CAMERON JORDAN** can become the fourth player since 1982 to record seven-plus sacks in 12+ consecutive seasons.

**CHANDLER JONES** is one of 10 since 1982 with two-plus career seasons with 17+ sacks.

**JUSTIN HOUSTON** has eight-plus sacks in five of the past six seasons.

**AARON DONALD** has the most sacks since entering the league in 2014.

**CALAIS CAMPBELL** has five-plus sacks in 12 of his 15 career seasons.

**KHALIL MACK** is one of two (Jordan) with six-plus sacks in each of the past eight seasons.

**CAMERON HEYWARD** has back-to-back 10+ sack seasons (2021-22).

**T.J. WATT** has the most sacks in the NFL since entering the league in 2017.

**MYLES GARRETT** is the only player with 10+ sacks in each of the past five seasons (2018-22).

## ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH THE MOST CAREER SACKS

VON MILLER	123.5
CAMERON JORDAN	115.5
CHANDLER JONES	112.0
JUSTIN HOUSTON	111.5
AARON DONALD	103.0
CALAIS CAMPBELL	99.0
KHALIL MACK	84.5
CAMERON HEYWARD	78.5
T.J. WATT	77.5
MYLES GARRETT	74.5

## LIONS SET ROOKIE SACK RECORD

The **DETROIT LIONS** had 20.5 combined sacks from rookies in 2022 and surpassed the 1999 Tennessee Titans (19 sacks) for the most combined sacks by rookies in a season since 1982. **AIDAN HUTCHINSON** (9.5 sacks) and **JAMES HOUSTON** (eight sacks) became the first pair of rookie teammates each with at least seven sacks since 1982.



## TEAMS ENTERING THE 2023 SEASON WITH MULTIPLE PLAYERS ON THEIR ROSTER WITH 50+ CAREER SACKS

	<b>MYLES GARRETT</b> 74.5 <b>ZA'DARIUS SMITH</b> 54.5	 		<b>BRANDON GRAHAM</b> 70 <b>FLETCHER COX</b> 65	 
	<b>KHALIL MACK</b> 84.5 <b>JOEY BOSA</b> 60.5	 		<b>CAMERON HEYWARD</b> 78.5 <b>T.J. WATT</b> 77.5	 

# TACKLE LEADERS

## 2022 TFL LEADERS

Last season, 12 players totaled at least 15 tackles for loss, the most such players to reach the mark in a single season since 2018 (12).

Las Vegas' **MAXX CROSBY** led the league with a career-high 22 tackles for loss in 2022, becoming the second Raiders player since 2008 with at least 20 tackles for loss in a season (Khalil Mack - 23 in 2015).

Since entering the NFL in 2019, Crosby ranks second in the league with 65 tackles for loss and is the only player with at least 13 tackles for loss in each of the past four seasons.

Crosby can join Aaron Donald and J.J. Watt as the only players since 2008 to record at least 13 tackles for loss in each of their first five seasons.



San Francisco's **NICK BOSA** tied for second in the league with 19 tackles for loss in 2022 and he leads all players with 40 tackles for loss over the past two seasons.

With at least 15 tackles for loss in 2023, Bosa would become the fourth player since 2008 to reach the mark in four-or-more of his first five seasons, joining Aaron Donald (five seasons), Lavonte David (four) and J.J. Watt (four).

Bosa can also become the second player since 2008 to record at least 19 tackles for loss in three-or-more consecutive seasons, joining J.J. Watt (2012-15).

## THE PLAYERS WITH 15+ TACKLES FOR LOSS IN 2022

PLAYER (2022 TEAM)	TFLs	NOTE
Maxx Crosby (LV)	22	Career high
Nick Bosa (SF)	19	2nd-consecutive season with 19+ TFL (21 in 2021)
Frankie Luvu (CAR)	19	Career high
Myles Garrett (CLE)	18	Career high
Daron Payne (WAS)	18	Career high
J.J. Watt (AZ)	18	6th-career season with 18+ TFL (2012-15, 2018)
Brian Burns (CAR)	17	Career high
Chris Jones (KC)	17	2nd-career season with 17+ TFL (19 in 2018)
Jonathan Allen (WAS)	16	Career high
Christian Wilkins (MIA)	16	Career high
Za'Darius Smith (MIN)	15	2nd-career season with 15+ TFL (17 in 2019)
Josh Sweat (PHI)	15	Career high

Carolina's **FRANKIE LUVU** set career highs in tackles (111), tackles for loss (19), sacks (seven) and passes defended (four) last season, becoming the first player since 2013 with at least 100 tackles, 19 tackles for loss and seven sacks in a season.

His 19 tackles for loss were tied for second-most in the league and the most by a Panther since 2018. He recorded multiple tackles for loss in six games, tied for the most in the NFL.

Luvu and **BRIAN BURNS** (17 tackles for loss) became the first pair of teammates each with at least 17 tackles for loss in a season since 2015 (Miami's Ndamukong Suh and Olivier Vernon).

Burns also set a career high with 12.5 sacks in 2022 and is one of five players with at least 7.5 sacks in each of the past four seasons.



Washington's **DARON PAYNE** (18 tackles for loss), **JONATHAN ALLEN** (16) and **MONTEZ SWEAT** (14) each set career highs in tackles for loss last season. Washington became only the third team with three players each with at least 14 tackles for loss in a season since 2008, joining the 2021 Pittsburgh Steelers and 2013 Tampa Bay Buccaneers.



Cleveland's **MYLES GARRETT** has totaled at least 10 tackles for loss in each of the past five seasons, including at least 17 in each of the past two. In 2023, he will be joined by new teammate **ZA'DARIUS SMITH**, who recorded 15 tackles for loss last season with Minnesota, his second-career season with at least 15 tackles for loss (17 in 2019).

# TACKLE LEADERS

## ACTIVE TFL LEADERS

Nine active players (on a roster as of August 1) enter the 2023 season with at least 100 career tackles for loss, led by **CALAIS CAMPBELL**, who signed with Atlanta this offseason. His 165 tackles for loss only trail recently retired J.J. Watt (195 tackles for loss) for the most by all players since 2008.

### THE ACTIVE PLAYERS WITH AT LEAST 100 CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

PLAYER (2023 TEAM)	TFLs	NOTE
Calais Campbell (ATL)	165	2nd-most TFL since 2008
Von Miller (BUF)	164	Has 9+ TFL in 11 of 12 career seasons
Aaron Donald (LAR)	160	Only player with 10+ TFL in each of past 9 seasons
Cameron Jordan (NO)	150	Only player with 11+ TFL in each of past 8 seasons
Lavonte David (TB)	143	Has 10+ TFL in 9 of 11 career seasons
Justin Houston (CAR)	129	Has 5+ TFL in each of his 12 career seasons
Chandler Jones (LV)	121	Has 11+ TFL in 6 of past 8 seasons
Brandon Graham (PHI)	116	Has 10+ TFL in 7 of past 9 seasons
Khalil Mack (LAC)	115	4th-most TFL since entering league in 2014
Cameron Heyward (PIT)	112	Is 1 of 5 in NFL with 14+ TFL in each of past 2 seasons



## 2022 TACKLE LEADERS

Nine players totaled at least 150 tackles in 2022, the most such players to reach the mark in a single season since 2000, surpassing the previous high of six players in 2021.

Jacksonville's **FOYESADE OLUOKUN**'s 184 tackles last season are the second-most in a single season since 2000, trailing only his total of 192 tackles in 2021. Oluokun became the first player since 2000 to lead the league in tackles in consecutive seasons.

Kansas City's **NICK BOLTON** totaled 180 tackles last season, the fourth-most by a player in a single season since 2000. A second-round selection by the Chiefs in the 2021 NFL Draft, Bolton is the first Kansas City player since 2000 with at least 100 tackles in each of his first two seasons.

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

SEASON	TEAM	PLAYER	TACKLES
2021	ATL	Foyesade Oluokun	192
2022	JAX	Foyesade Oluokun	184
2021	SEA	Jordyn Brooks	183
2022	KC	Nick Bolton	180
2010	NE	Jerod Mayo	174
2007	SF	Patrick Willis	174

### PLAYERS WITH THE MOST TACKLES IN 2022

FOYESADE OLUOKUN (JAX)	184
NICK BOLTON (KC)	180
<b>ROQUAN SMITH (CHI, BAL)</b>	<b>169</b>
ZAIRE FRANKLIN (IND)	166
JORDYN BROOKS (SEA)	161



Baltimore's **ROQUAN SMITH** ranked third in the league with a career-best 169 tackles last season, after being acquired from Chicago prior to the trade deadline. He became the first player since Patrick Willis in 2009 with at least 150 tackles, four sacks (4.5) and three interceptions (three) in a season.

# TACKLE LEADERS

Indianapolis linebacker **ZAIRE FRANKLIN** set a career high with 166 tackles last season and is expected to be rejoined by teammate **SHAQUILLE LEONARD** in 2023. Prior to missing the majority of last season due to injury, Leonard totaled over 120 tackles in each of his first four seasons (2018-21).



Seattle's **JORDYN BROOKS** led the NFC last season with a career-high 161 tackles. His 344 tackles over the past two seasons are the second-most in the NFL. Brooks will be rejoined this season by **BOBBY WAGNER**, who returns to the Seattle, where he spent the first 10 seasons of his career (2012-21). Last season with the Rams, Wagner recorded 140 tackles, his 11th-consecutive season with at least 100 tackles. Since entering the NFL in 2012, Wagner leads all players with 1,517 tackles.



Miami's **CHRISTIAN WILKINS** led all defensive linemen with 98 total tackles last season, the most tackles by a defensive lineman in a single season since 2000. His 89 tackles in 2021 are tied for the third-most in a single season and Wilkins is the only defensive lineman since 2000 to record at least 85 tackles in multiple seasons.

## DEFENSIVE LINEMEN WITH THE MOST TACKLES IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 2000

SEASON	TEAM	PLAYER	TACKLES
2022	MIA	<i>Christian Wilkins</i>	98
2012	DAL	Anthony Spencer	95
2021	PIT	Cameron Heyward	89
2006	GB	Aaron Kampman	89
2021	MIA	Christian Wilkins	89



Indianapolis' **DEFOREST BUCKNER** tied for third among defensive linemen with 74 tackles in 2022 and is the only defensive linemen with at least 50 tackles in each of the past seven seasons.



# TACKLE LEADERS

For the fifth time since 2000, multiple defensive backs recorded at least 125 tackles in the same season, as a pair of Texans accomplished the feat in 2022, becoming the first pair of defensive back teammates to each record at least 125 tackles in the same season.

**JALEN PITRE** led all rookies and all defensive backs with 147 tackles, tied with Budda Baker (147 tackles in 2019) for the most tackles by a defensive back since 2000. He also became the fourth defensive back since 2000 with at least 125 tackles and five interceptions (five) in season.

**JONATHAN OWENS**, who signed with Green Bay this offseason, totaled a career-high 125 tackles for Houston last season and had five games with at least 10 tackles, the most such games by a defensive back in a season since 2014.

The Los Angeles Chargers' **DERWIN JAMES** (115 tackles in 2022) and Arizona's **JALEN THOMPSON** (109) are the only defensive backs that have totaled at least 100 tackles in each of the past two seasons.

Thompson's teammate, **BUDDA BAKER** also registered over 100 tackles last season (111) and is the only defensive back with at least 95 tackles in each of the past five seasons.

## DEFENSIVE BACKS WITH THE MOST TACKLES IN A SINGLE SEASON SINCE 2000

SEASON	TEAM	PLAYER	TACKLES
2019	ARI	Budda Baker	147
2022	HOU	Jalen Pitre	147
2000	ARI	Pat Tillman	142



# THE DEFENSIVE BACKS

## 2022 INTERCEPTION LEADERS

For the first time since 2018, last season saw four players record at least six interceptions - **C.J. GARDNER JOHNSON** (six), **MINKAH FITZPATRICK** (six), **JUSTIN SIMMONS** (six) and **TARIQ WOOLEN** (six). A total of 10 players recorded five-or-more interceptions in 2022.

### THE PLAYERS WITH 5+ INTERCEPTIONS IN 2022

PLAYER	2022 TEAM	INTERCEPTIONS	NOTE
C.J. Gardner-Johnson	Philadelphia	6	Career high
Minkah Fitzpatrick	Pittsburgh	6	Career high, 2nd-career season with 5+ INTs (5 in 2019)
Justin Simmons	Denver	6	Career high
Tariq Woolen	Seattle	6	Most INTs by rookie since 2015 (Marcus Peters - 8)
Jaire Alexander	Green Bay	5	Career high
DaRon Bland	Dallas	5	6th DAL rookie ever with 5+ INTs
Tashaun Gipson	San Francisco	5	3rd-career season with 5+ INTs (5 in 2013, 6 in 2014)
Patrick Peterson	Minnesota	5	2nd-career season with 5+ INTs (7 in 2012)
Jalen Pitre	Houston	5	Most INTs by rookie safety since 2010 (Earl Thomas - 5)
Harrison Smith	Minnesota	5	4th-career season with 5 INTs (2014, 2017, 2020)

 Gardner-Johnson signed with Detroit this offseason after totaling a career-high six interceptions last year with Philadelphia.

He is the first player to switch teams the season after leading the league, or tying for the lead, in interceptions since Stephon Gilmore signed with Indianapolis after tying for the league lead with six interceptions in 2019 with New England.

From Weeks 5-10 of last season, he became the sixth player in the past 10 seasons (2013-22) to record an interception in five consecutive games.

### SAME FACES, NEW PLACES

In addition to Gardner-Johnson, the 2023 offseason saw several other top defensive backs switch teams:

 **JESSIE BATES** signed with Atlanta.

 **STEPHON GILMORE** joined the Cowboys.

 **MARCUS PETERS** signed with Las Vegas.

 **PATRICK PETERSON** joined the Steelers.



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 **MINKAH FITZPATRICK** recorded a career-best six interceptions in 2022 and his 17 interceptions since 2019 (acquired by Pittsburgh in ahead of Week 3 that season) are tied for the second-most among safeties.

 Denver's **JUSTIN SIMMONS** ranks second among all players since 2019 with 20 interceptions and is the only player with at least five interceptions in each of the past three seasons (2020-22). This season, he can join Darren Sharper (2000-03) as the only players since 2000 to record at least five interceptions in four consecutive seasons.

## ROOKIE TAKEOVER

Several rookies made immediate impacts on the field last season.

With Seattle's **TARIQ WOOLEN** (six interceptions), Dallas' **DARON BLAND** (five) and Houston's **JALEN PITRE** (five), 2022 became the first season since 2010 in which three rookies each recorded at least five interceptions.

 Detroit's **KERBY JOSEPH** became the first rookie since Kyle Fuller in 2014 with at least four interceptions (four) and two forced fumbles (two).

Four defensive backs were selected in the first round of the 2023 NFL Draft - **DEVON WITHERSPOON** (No. 5 overall by Seattle), **EMMANUEL FORBES JR.** (No. 16 by Washington), **CHRISTIAN GONZALEZ** (No. 17 by New England) and **DEONTE BANKS** (No. 24 by the New York Giants).

2023 marked the third NFL Draft in the past four years in which at least one defensive back was selected with a top-five selection.

## TOUCHDOWN SCORERS

 In Week 1 of last season, Fitzpatrick returned an interception for a touchdown and became the fourth player ever with at least one interception-return for a touchdown in four of his first five career seasons.

 New England's **KYLE DUGGER** led the league with three defensive touchdowns in 2022, becoming only the fifth player since 2015 with three defensive touchdowns in a single season.

From Weeks 14-17, the Patriots became the second team since 2000 to record a defensive touchdown in four consecutive games, joining the 2002 Buccaneers.

 Cleveland's **DENZEL WARD** was the only player in the league with two fumble-recovery touchdowns last season. He also has two interception-return touchdowns in his career and is the fourth defensive back since 2000 with at least two interception-return touchdowns and two fumble-return touchdowns in his first five seasons.

# THE DEFENSIVE BACKS

## ACTIVE INTERCEPTION LEADERS

11 active players (on a roster as of August 1) enter the 2023 season with at least 25 career interceptions, led by **PATRICK PETERSON**, who signed with Pittsburgh this offseason, and Minnesota's **HARRISON SMITH**, each with 34 career interceptions. Peterson, Smith and San Francisco's **TASHAUN GIPSON**, who ranks third among active players with 32 career interceptions, were the only players over the age of 30 to total at least five interceptions last season.

Tennessee's **KEVIN BYARD** is the only player in the league with at least four interceptions in five of the past six seasons.

Since entering the NFL in 2020, Dallas' **TREVON DIGGS** ranks tied for first among all players with 17 interceptions. In 2021, Diggs recorded 11 interceptions, the most by a player in a single season since 1981.

With eight interceptions this season, Diggs can become the fifth player in the Super Bowl era with at least 25 interceptions in his first four seasons.

TEAM	PLAYER	INTs
PIT	Patrick Peterson	34
MIN	Harrison Smith	34
SF	Tashaun Gipson	32
LV	Marcus Peters	32
DAL	Stephon Gilmore	29
NO	Tyrann Mathieu	29
MIA	Xavien Howard	28
TEN	Kevin Byard	27
DEN	Justin Simmons	27
PHI	Darius Slay	26
LAC	J.C. Jackson	25



## 2022 PASSES DEFENSED LEADERS

11 players totaled at least 15 passes defended in 2022, the most such players to reach the mark in a single season since 2017 (16 players).

The New York Jets' **SAUCE GARDNER**, who was named AP Defensive Rookie of the Year, led the league with 20 passes defended last season, the most by a rookie since 2015.

Fellow rookies **TARIQ WOOLEN** (16 passes defended) and **MARTIN EMERSON** (15) were also among the league-leaders in passes defended and the 2022 season became the first since 2017 in which three rookies each totaled at least 15 passes defended.

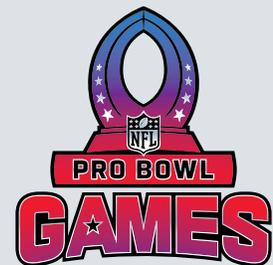
## PLAYERS WITH THE MOST PASSES DEFENSED IN 2022

SAUCE GARDNER (NYJ)	20
JALEN RAMSEY (LAR)	18
JAMES BRADBERRY (PHI)	17
DARIOUS WILLIAMS (JAX)	16
TARIQ WOOLEN (SEA)	16

The Jacksonville Jaguars were the only team in the league last season with four players each recording at least 10 passes defended - **DARIOUS WILLIAMS** (16 passes defended), **TYSON CAMPBELL** (15), **RAYSHAWN JENKINS** (12) and **ANDRE CISCO** (10). All four players will be returning to the Jacksonville secondary this season.

## PRO BOWL SAFETIES

Buffalo's Poyer and San Francisco's **TALANOA HUFANGA** each earned their first career Pro Bowl nods last season as strong safeties. The four free safeties selected to the 2023 Pro Bowl Games were **MINKAH FITZPATRICK** and **DERWIN JAMES** in the AFC and **BUDDA BAKER** and **QUANDRE DIGGS** in the NFC.



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## DB DUOS

 **JALEN RAMSEY** joined the Dolphins this offseason after totaling a career-high 18 passes defended last season with the Los Angeles Rams. He will be joining new teammate **XAVIEN HOWARD** in the Miami secondary, forming one of the most productive defensive back duos in the league.

Since Ramsey entered the NFL in 2017, he ranks tied for third with 78 passes defended, while Howard ranks fifth with 77.



 **JAMES BRADBERRY** joined Philadelphia last season and ranked third in the league with 17 passes defended, his third-consecutive season with at least 17 passes defended. Bradberry and fellow Eagle **DARIUS SLAY** (14 passes defended) with the only pair of NFC teammates each with at least 14 passes defended last season.

Since 2017, Bradberry (89 passes defended) and Slay (85) rank first and second, respectively, in passes defended.

Slay, who entered the league in 2013, leads all active players with 133 passes defended.



 Buffalo's **MICAH HYDE** (22 interceptions) and **JORDAN POYER** (24) are one of two pair of teammates that enter the 2023 season each with at least 20 interceptions.

Poyer is one of three safeties with at least four interceptions in each of the past two seasons, while Hyde returns to the Buffalo defense in 2023 after missing the majority of last season due to injury.

Hyde and Poyer were the only pair of teammates each with at least five interceptions in 2021.



 New Orleans' **MARSHON LATTIMORE** and **TYRANN MATHIEU** enter their second season as teammates in the New Orleans secondary.

Lattimore ranks tied for third among all players with 78 passes defended since entering the league in 2017.

Mathieu recorded three interceptions in his first season as a Saint last year and is one of four players in the league with at least three interceptions in each of the past four seasons.

# THE DEFENSIVE BACKS

## DEFENSIVE BACK SACK ATTACK

Last season, four defensive backs recorded at least four sacks, tied for the most to accomplish the feat in a single season in the past 20 years (2019 and 2010).

### DEFENSIVE BACKS WITH THE MOST SACKS IN 2022

DONOVAN WILSON (DAL)	5
JAQUAN BRISKER (CHI)	4
DERWIN JAMES (LAC)	4
ANTOINE WINFIELD JR. (TB)	4
L'JARIUS SNEED (KC)	3.5

★ Dallas' **DONOVAN WILSON** led all defensive backs with five sacks last season, becoming the fifth defensive back since 2010 with at least five sacks in a season.

🐅 Chicago's **JAQUAN BRISKER** became the third rookie since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, to record four sacks, joining Bill Bates (four sacks in 1983) and Desmond King (four in 2017).



🦅 Seattle's **JAMAL ADAMS** leads all active defensive backs with 21.5 career sacks and needs 3.5 sacks in 2023 to become the sixth defensive back since 1982 with at least 25 career sacks.

The Los Angeles Chargers' **DERWIN JAMES**, Miami's **BRANDON JONES** and Tampa Bay's **ANTOINE WINFIELD JR.** are the only defensive backs in the league to record at least two sacks in each of the past two seasons.



🦅 Baltimore's **MARLON HUMPHREY** and Kansas City's **L'JARIUS SNEED** were the only defensive backs to record at least three interceptions and three sacks last season.

🦅 Sneed has eight interceptions and 6.5 sacks through his first three seasons and can become the second defensive back since 1982 with 10 interceptions and 10 sacks through his first four seasons, joining Dave Duerson.



# SPECIAL TEAMS

The 2022 season featured many clutch special teams performances across the league, including record-breaking touchdowns and kickers climbing the all-time ranks.

## REMARKABLE RETURNS

Atlanta's **CORDARRELLE PATTERSON** recorded a 103-yard kickoff return touchdown in Week 11, his ninth-career kickoff return for a touchdown, surpassing Josh Cribbs (eight) and Leon Washington (eight) for the most in NFL history.

In 2023, Patterson can become the sixth player in NFL history with at least 10 career special teams touchdowns, joining Devin Hester (20 touchdowns), Brian Mitchell (13), Dante Hall (12), Eric Metcalf (12) and Josh Cribbs (11).

### PLAYERS WITH THE MOST SPECIAL TEAMS TOUCHDOWNS IN NFL HISTORY:

DEVIN HESTER	20
BRIAN MITCHELL	13
DANTE HALL	12
ERIC METCALF	12
JOSH CRIBBS	11
<b>CORDARELLE PATTERSON</b>	<b>9</b>



## LONG TDs IN BALTIMORE

In Week 2, Baltimore's Devin Duvernay returned the opening kickoff 103 yards for a touchdown while Lamar Jackson recorded a 79-yard touchdown run and 75-yard touchdown pass. The Ravens became the first team in NFL history to record a passing touchdown, rushing touchdown and return touchdown each of at least 75 yards in the same game.



In Week 18, Buffalo running back **NYHEIM HINES** recorded a 96-yard kickoff return touchdown to open the game in a storybook moment on the first play following the Bills cancelled Week 17 game at Cincinnati. Later, in the third quarter, he recorded a 101-yard kickoff return for a touchdown and became the first player since Leon Washington (Week 3, 2010) with two kickoff-return touchdowns in the same game. Hines, who had two punt-return touchdowns in Week 16 of the 2019 season with Indianapolis, is the first player in NFL history to have a game with two kickoff-return touchdowns and a game with two punt-return touchdowns in his career.

In Week 11, New England defensive back **MARCUS JONES** registered an 84-yard punt-return touchdown with five seconds remaining, marking the second-latest game-winning punt-return touchdown in regulation since 1970, trailing only DeSean Jackson (no time remaining on December 19, 2010). In 2022, Jones became the fourth player in NFL history with an interception-return for a touchdown, punt-return for a touchdown and touchdown reception in a season, joining Frank Bacon (1920), Bill Dudley (1947) and Tommy Harmon (1947).

## IMPRESSIVE RETURNS IN CLEVELAND

The Cleveland Browns earned a 27-14 Week 13 victory against the Houston Texans last season behind a fumble-return touchdown from cornerback Denzel Ward, an interception-return touchdown from linebacker Tony Fields and a punt return touchdown from wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones. The Browns became the first team with two defensive touchdowns and a special teams touchdown in a game since Green Bay in Week 11 of the 2014 season.



# SPECIAL TEAMS

## CLUTCH KICKERS

Last season, kickers combined to make 154 field goals of at least 50 yards, the most in a season in NFL history.

Las Vegas' **DANIEL CARLSON** converted 11 field goals of 50-or-more yards, the most by a kicker in a single season all-time.



Seattle's **JASON MYERS** led the NFL with 143 points last season, followed by Baltimore's Justin Tucker, who ranked second in the NFL with a career-high 142 points and led the NFL with 37 made field goals, including nine from 50-or-more yards.

**JUSTIN TUCKER** has 57 career 50-yard field goals and in 2022, surpassed Jason Hanson (52) for the third-most such field goals in NFL history. In 2023, he needs two 50-yard field goals to surpass Sebastian Janikowski (58) for the second-most in NFL history, trailing only Matt Prater (71).



In 2022, there were 66 games decided by a game-winning score within the final two minutes of regulation or in overtime, the most such games in a single season all-time.

Minnesota kicker **GREG JOSEPH** converted five game-winning field goals within the final two minutes of regulation or in overtime last season, tied with Daniel Carlson (2021) and Jan Stenerud (1983) for the most in a single season since 1970.



## PLACING THE PUNT

Last season, Tennessee rookie punter **RYAN STONEHOUSE** led the league with 53.1 yards per punt and surpassed Sammy Baugh (51.4 in 1940) for the highest punting average in a season in NFL history. Stonehouse had a 44.0 net yards per punt average, the highest net punting average by a rookie in a season since 1976.



# THE TEAMS



## BEST INDICATOR OF SUCCESS...RUN THE BALL

In 2022, NFL teams with a 100-yard rusher posted a 71-37-1 record for a .656 winning percentage. That rated higher than clubs with a 100-yard receiver (90-67-2, .572) or a 300-yard passer (46-46-1, .500).

Over the past five years, teams have compiled a 366-142-4 record (.719) when a player has eclipsed the 100-yard rushing mark. By comparison, clubs with a 100-yard receiver have a .564 winning percentage (489-377-8), while offenses with a 300-yard passer have a .536 winning percentage (319-276-6).

## THE WINNING PERCENTAGE OF TEAMS WITH A 100-YARD RUSHER, 100-YARD RECEIVER OR 300-YARD PASSER OVER THE PAST FIVE SEASONS

100-YARD RUSHERS		
YEAR	W-L	WIN PCT
2018	80-26-1	.752
2019	78-28	.736
2020	64-23	.736
2021	73-28-2	.718
2022	71-37-1	.656
<i>Total</i>	<i>366-142-4</i>	<i>.719</i>

100-YARD RECEIVERS		
YEAR	W-L	WIN PCT
2018	95-81-3	.539
2019	96-84-2	.533
2020	103-84-1	.551
2021	105-61	.633
2022	90-67-2	.572
<i>Total</i>	<i>489-377-8</i>	<i>.564</i>

300-YARD PASSERS		
YEAR	W-L	WIN PCT
2018	65-65-2	.500
2019	69-61-2	.530
2020	71-60-1	.542
2021	68-44	.607
2022	46-46-1	.500
<i>Total</i>	<i>319-276-6</i>	<i>.536</i>

## THIRD-DOWN CONVERSIONS

Last season, each of the top four teams in third-down conversion percentage won their division - **BUFFALO** (50.3 percent, AFC East), **KANSAS CITY** (48.7 percent, AFC West), **CINCINNATI** (46.1 percent, AFC North) and **PHILADELPHIA** (45.9 percent, NFC East) - while 10 of the 15 teams to convert at least 40 percent of their third-down chances qualified for the postseason.

Buffalo became the fourth team since 2000 to score at least 50 offensive touchdowns (50) and convert at least 50 percent of its third downs in the same season, joining the 2021 Kansas City Chiefs, 2011 New Orleans Saints and 2001 St. Louis Rams.

## HOW THE DIVISION WINNERS FARED ON THIRD-DOWN IN 2022

TEAM	3RD DOWN CONV	3RD DOWN ATT	3RD DOWN PCT	LEAGUE RANK
Buffalo	97	193	50.3	1st
Kansas City	94	193	48.7	2nd
Cincinnati	95	206	46.1	3rd
Philadelphia	102	222	45.9	4th
San Francisco	95	211	45.0	6th
Jacksonville	90	215	41.9	9th
Minnesota	93	226	41.2	12th
Tampa Bay	92	246	37.4	21st

# THE TEAMS



## TURNOVERS ARE KEY TO VICTORY

Last season, four of the top eight teams in net turnover differential won their division: the **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** (+13, NFC West), **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** (+8, NFC East), **CINCINNATI BENGALS** (+6, AFC North) and **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS** (+5, AFC South). Eleven of the 15 teams with a positive or even turnover differential qualified for the postseason, including six division winners.

Dallas paced the NFL with 33 takeaways last season, and after leading the league with 34 takeaways in 2021, joined the 1972-1974 Pittsburgh Steelers as the only teams since 1970 to lead the NFL in the category in consecutive seasons.

### THE TEAMS WITH A POSITIVE OR EVEN NET TURNOVER DIFFERENTIAL IN 2022

TEAM	TAKEAWAYS	GIVEAWAYS	NET DIFFERENTIAL	RECORD
San Francisco <sup>^</sup>	30	17	+13	13-4
Dallas <sup>#</sup>	33	23	+10	12-5
Philadelphia <sup>^</sup>	27	19	+8	14-3
Detroit	22	15	+7	9-8
New England	30	23	+7	8-9
Cincinnati <sup>^</sup>	24	18	+6	12-4
Jacksonville <sup>^</sup>	27	22	+5	9-8
L.A. Chargers <sup>#</sup>	24	19	+5	10-7
Baltimore <sup>#</sup>	25	21	+4	10-7
Pittsburgh	23	19	+4	9-8
N.Y. Giants <sup>#</sup>	19	16	+3	9-7-1
Green Bay	24	22	+2	8-9
Minnesota <sup>^</sup>	25	23	+2	13-4
Seattle <sup>#</sup>	25	23	+2	9-8
Buffalo <sup>^</sup>	27	27	0	13-3

<sup>^</sup>Won division

<sup>#</sup>Qualified for postseason

# CHIEFS WIN SUPER BOWL LVII

The Kansas City Chiefs won their second Super Bowl title in four years and third in franchise history last season, when they defeated the Philadelphia Eagles, 38-35, in Super Bowl LVII in Arizona. After trailing 24-14 at halftime, the Chiefs scored three second-half touchdowns along with the game-winning field goal in the final seconds to capture the Lombardi Trophy.

Quarterback **PATRICK MAHOMES** was named Super Bowl MVP for the second time in his career after completing 21 of his 27 passes for 182 yards and three touchdowns, while using his legs for 44 yards on the ground. Earlier that week, Mahomes was named the league's MVP for the second time in his career, becoming the seventh quarterback in NFL history to earn both NFL MVP and Super Bowl MVP in the same season. The last quarterback to accomplish that feat was Kurt Warner of the St. Louis Rams in 1999.



"He's a great guy, a great person and he works extremely hard. He wants to be the best," Chiefs head coach **ANDY REID** said of Mahomes. "And as a coach, you go, 'What more could you ask for?' And he handles himself the right way. He handles himself the right way in the locker room and with the front office and with the coaches. That's a tough thing to do and still keep the locker room close. He's been able to do that."

The Chiefs' offensive line played a critical role in Super Bowl LVII by not allowing a sack of the game's MVP. The Philadelphia defense led the league with 70 sacks during the regular season, tied for the third-most by a team in a season in NFL history. Kansas City's offensive line was the second team throughout the entire 2022 season to hold the Eagles to zero sacks, joining the Dallas Cowboys (Week 6).

On Kansas City's opening drive, the Chiefs offense marched down the field for a **TRAVIS KELCE** touchdown. It marked Kelce's 16th career postseason touchdown, surpassing Rob Gronkowski for the most postseason touchdown receptions ever by a tight end. Kelce's Super Bowl LVII touchdown was his 14th touchdown reception in the postseason from Mahomes.

## THE TIGHT ENDS WITH THE MOST CAREER POSTSEASON TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS IN NFL HISTORY

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	TD RECEPTIONS
<i>Travis Kelce</i>	<i>Kansas City</i>	<i>16</i>
Rob Gronkowski	New England, Tampa Bay	15
Dave Casper <sup>HOF</sup>	Oakland Raiders	7
Vernon Davis	San Francisco	7

## THE QUARTERBACK-RECEIVER PAIRINGS WITH THE MOST POSTSEASON TOUCHDOWNS IN NFL HISTORY

QUARTERBACK	RECEIVER	TOUCHDOWNS
Tom Brady	Rob Gronkowski	15
<i>Patrick Mahomes</i>	<i>Travis Kelce</i>	<i>14</i>
Joe Montana <sup>HOF</sup>	Jerry Rice <sup>HOF</sup>	12

In the second quarter, second-year linebacker **NICK BOLTON** recovered a fumble for a touchdown to tie the game at 14-14. Bolton's touchdown was the 21st defensive touchdown scored in any Super Bowl and was the sixth scored on a defensive fumble recovery.

In the second half, Kansas City sought the help of three players who each joined the team in 2022. Rookie wide receiver **SKYY MOORE**, rookie running back **ISIAH PACHECO** and second-year wide receiver **KADARIUS TONEY**, who was acquired mid-season, each scored a touchdown to help Kansas City overcome a 10-point halftime deficit. Moore and Pacheco became the first set of rookie teammates to each score a touchdown in the Super Bowl since defensive tackle William Perry and defensive back Reggie Phillips both scored touchdowns in Super Bowl XX for the Chicago Bears.



# CHIEFS WIN SUPER BOWL LVII

On the path to Super Bowl LVII, the Chiefs finished the regular season with a 14-3 record and won the AFC West for the seventh-consecutive season, tying the 1973-79 Los Angeles Rams for the second-longest consecutive streak of division titles in NFL history. Since Reid took over in 2013, the Chiefs have recorded a winning season each year, earning a playoff berth in nine of those 10 seasons. The 2022 season marked the fifth-consecutive year the AFC Championship Game was hosted in Kansas City, tying the 1973-77 Oakland Raiders for the second-most consecutive conference championship game appearances in NFL history. Only the 2011-18 Patriots (eight consecutive) have a longer streak.

## THE TEAMS TO WIN THEIR DIVISION IN THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

TEAM	SEASONS	TITLES
New England Patriots	2009-19	11
<i>Kansas City Chiefs</i>	<i>2016-22</i>	<i>7*</i>
Los Angeles Rams	1973-79	7

\*Active streak

## THE TEAMS TO APPEAR IN A CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME IN THE MOST CONSECUTIVE SEASONS IN NFL HISTORY

TEAM	SEASONS	APPEARANCES
New England Patriots	2011-18	8
<i>Kansas City Chiefs</i>	<i>2018-22</i>	<i>5*</i>
Oakland Raiders	1973-77	5

\*Active streak

"I think one of the most difficult things in the National Football League is consistent success," said Chiefs Chairman & CEO **CLARK HUNT**. "The rules are designed to make that difficult, whether it's the draft or the salary cap. So, it's a real testament to the job that General Manager Brett Veach and Coach Reid have done over the last several years."



The Chiefs secured their spot in Super Bowl LVII after defeating Cincinnati, 23-20, in the AFC Championship, two years after losing to the Bengals in the same game. Defensive tackle **CHRIS JONES** recorded his first postseason sacks, bringing Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow to the ground twice. In the Divisional playoffs, Kansas City defeated Jacksonville, 27-20, as Kelce recorded 14 receptions, tied for the third-most ever in a postseason contest, and surpassed Julian Edelman (118) for the second-most postseason receptions in history.

WHAT TO

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# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

 **DAVANTE ADAMS**, Las Vegas, needs 100 receptions to become the third player ever to accomplish the feat in four-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Brown (six consecutive seasons from 2013-18) and Marvin Harrison (four seasons from 1999-2002). Stefon Diggs can also accomplish the feat this season. Adams also:

Needs 1,350 receiving yards to become the third player ever to accomplish the feat in four-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Julio Jones (six consecutive seasons from 2014-19) and Marvin Harrison (four consecutive seasons from 1999-2002). *Justin Jefferson can also accomplish the feat this season.*

Needs 1,500 receiving yards to become the first player ever to accomplish the feat in three consecutive seasons. Justin Jefferson can also accomplish the feat this season.

Needs 100 receptions, 1,000 receiving yards and 10 touchdown receptions to join Marvin Harrison (1999-2002) as the only players ever to reach those marks in four consecutive seasons.

 **JOSH ALLEN**, Buffalo, needs 35 touchdown passes to become the first player ever with at least 35 touchdown passes in four consecutive seasons. Patrick Mahomes can also accomplish the feat this season. Allen also:

Needs 4,000 passing yards and 30 touchdown passes to become the second player ever to reach those marks in four consecutive seasons, joining Drew Brees (nine consecutive seasons from 2008-16). *Patrick Mahomes can also accomplish the feat this season.*

Needs 29 combined passing and rushing touchdowns to surpass Patrick Mahomes (204 combined touchdowns) for the most by a player in his first six seasons in NFL history. Allen has 176 combined passing and rushing touchdowns (138 passing, 38 rushing).

Needs six rushing touchdowns to become the first quarterback ever with at least six rushing touchdowns in each of his first six seasons and surpass Steve Young (43 rushing touchdowns) for the second-most rushing touchdowns by a quarterback in NFL history. Only Cam Newton (75) has more.



 **MARK ANDREWS**, Baltimore, needs 1,243 receiving yards to surpass Rob Gronkowski (5,555 receiving yards) for the most-ever by a tight end in his first six seasons. Andrews has 4,313 receiving yards in his first five seasons. Andrews also:

Needs six touchdown receptions to become the fourth tight end ever with at least 40 touchdown receptions in his first six seasons, joining Rob Gronkowski (65 touchdown receptions), Jimmy Graham (53) and Antonio Gates (51). Andrews has 34 touchdown receptions in his first five seasons.

Needs at least 50 receptions, 700 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions to become the fourth tight end in NFL history to do so in five-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Gates (eight consecutive seasons from 2004-11), Tony Gonzalez (six consecutive seasons from 1999-2004) and Travis Kelce (six consecutive seasons from 2017-22, active streak).

 **NICK BOSA**, San Francisco, can become the fourth player since 1982 to lead the NFL in sacks in consecutive seasons, joining Mark Gastineau (1983-84), T.J. Watt (2020-21) and Reggie White (1987-88). Bosa led the league with 18.5 sacks in 2022. Bosa also:

Can become the third player since 1982 with at least 15 sacks in three of his first five career seasons, joining J.J. Watt and Reggie White. Bosa had 18.5 sacks in 2022 and 15.5 sacks in 2021.

Can join Reggie White (1986-88) as the only players since 1982 with at least 15 sacks in three consecutive seasons. *Myles Garrett can also accomplish this feat.*



 **A.J. BROWN**, Philadelphia, needs at least 50 receptions, 850 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions to become the fifth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first five seasons, joining Gary Clark, A.J. Green, T.Y. Hilton and Randy Moss. Brown also:

Needs three games with at least 150 receiving yards to tie Jerry Rice (10 games) for the second-most such games ever by a player in his first five seasons. Only Lance Alworth (12 games) has more. Brown has seven such games in four seasons.

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

**🏈 JOE BURROW**, Cincinnati, needs 4,000 passing yards and 30 touchdown passes to join Dan Marino as the only players ever to accomplish the feat in three of their first four seasons. Justin Herbert can also do so this season. Burrow also:

Needs 33 touchdown passes to surpass Patrick Mahomes (114 touchdown passes) for the second-most ever by a player in his first four seasons. Only Dan Marino (142) has more.

Needs one game with at least 400 passing yards to surpass Patrick Mahomes (five games) and Matthew Stafford (five) for the second-most such games every by a player in his first four seasons. Only Dan Marino (seven) has more. Burrow has four such games in his first three seasons.



**🌟 DEREK CARR**, New Orleans, needs 4,778 passing yards to become the third player ever with at least 40,000 passing yards in his first 10 seasons, joining Matt Ryan (41,796 passing yards) and Peyton Manning (41,626). Carr has 35,222 passing yards in nine seasons. Carr also:

Needs 3,000 passing yards to become the third player ever to reach the mark in each of his first 10 seasons, joining Peyton Manning and Russell Wilson.

Needs 299 completions to join Matt Ryan (3,630 completions) as the only players ever with at least 3,500 completions in their first 10 seasons. Carr has 3,201 career completions.

**🏈 JAMARR CHASE**, Cincinnati, needs 80 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards to become the fourth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first three seasons, joining Odell Beckham Jr., Justin Jefferson and Michael Thomas. Chase also:

Needs three games with at least 125 receiving yards to become the fourth player ever with at least 10 such games in his first three seasons, joining Justin Jefferson (14 games), Odell Beckham Jr. (13) and Randy Moss (12). Chase has seven such games in his first two seasons.

**🏈 NICK CHUBB**, Cleveland, needs 950 rushing yards and eight rushing touchdowns to become the third player ever to reach those marks in each of his first six seasons, joining Adrian Peterson and LaDainian Tomlinson.



**🌟 BRANDIN COOKS**, Dallas, needs 1,000 receiving yards to become the first player ever to record at least 1,000 receiving yards in a season for five different franchises.

**🏈 AMARI COOPER**, Cleveland, needs five touchdown receptions to become the fourth player ever to reach the mark in each of his first nine seasons, joining Marques Colston, Marvin Harrison and Don Hutson.

**🏈 KIRK COUSINS**, Minnesota, needs 25 touchdown passes to become the fifth player ever to reach the mark in nine-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Peyton Manning (13 seasons), Drew Brees (11), Philip Rivers (11) and Tom Brady (10).

**🏈 STEFON DIGGS**, Buffalo, needs 100 receptions to become the third player ever with at least 100 receptions in four-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Brown (six consecutive seasons from 2013-18) and Marvin Harrison (four consecutive seasons from 1999-2002). *Davante Adams can also accomplish the feat this season.* Diggs also:

Needs 100 receptions and 10 touchdown receptions to become the fourth player ever to reach those marks in three-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Marvin Harrison (four consecutive seasons from 1999-2002), Davante Adams (three consecutive seasons from 2020-22, active streak) and Antonio Brown (three seasons from 2014-16).

Needs 97 receptions to become the fourth player ever with at least 800 receptions in his first nine seasons in NFL history, joining Marvin Harrison (845 receptions), Antonio Brown (837) and Torry Holt (805).

**🏈 AARON DONALD**, Los Angeles Rams, needs 10 tackles for loss to become the first player since 2008 to reach the mark in each of his first 10 seasons. Donald also:

Needs 13 tackles for loss to surpass J.J. Watt (172 tackles for loss) for the most by a player in his first 10 seasons since 2008.



# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

**AUSTIN EKELER**, Los Angeles Chargers, needs 1,500 scrimmage yards and 15 scrimmage touchdowns to become the fifth player ever to reach those marks in three-or-more consecutive seasons, joining LaDainian Tomlinson (six consecutive seasons from 2002-07), Shaun Alexander (five consecutive seasons from 2001-05), Terrell Davis (three consecutive seasons from 1996-98) and Jerry Rice (three consecutive seasons from 1993-95). Ekeler also:

Needs 15 scrimmage touchdowns to join Priest Holmes as the only undrafted players in the common-draft era to record at least 15 touchdowns in three career seasons.

Needs 1,500 scrimmage yards to join Arian Foster as the only undrafted players in the common-draft era to record at least 1,500 scrimmage yards in four career seasons.

Needs six scrimmage touchdowns to surpass Arian Foster (68 touchdowns) for the second-most by an undrafted running back in the common-draft era. Only Priest Holmes (94) has more. Ekeler has 63 career touchdowns.

Needs five touchdown receptions to become the first running back ever with at least five touchdown receptions in four career seasons. *Christian McCaffrey can also accomplish the feat this season.*

Needs 100 receptions to join Christian McCaffrey as the only running backs ever to record at least 100 receptions in multiple seasons.



**MIKE EVANS**, Tampa Bay, needs 1,000 receiving yards to join Jerry Rice (11 consecutive seasons from 1986-96) as the only players ever with at least 1,000 receiving yards in 10 consecutive seasons. Evans also:

Needs 60 receptions to become the first player ever to reach the mark in each of his first 10 seasons.

**JUSTIN FIELDS**, Chicago, needs 437 rushing yards to become the third quarterback ever with at least 2,000 rushing yards in his first three seasons, joining Lamar Jackson (2,906 rushing yards) and Cam Newton (2,032). Fields also:

Needs 1,000 rushing yards to join Lamar Jackson (2019-20) as the only quarterbacks ever with at least 1,000 rushing yards in multiple seasons.

Needs one game with at least 100 rushing yards to surpass Russell Wilson (four games) for the third-most such games by a quarterback in the Super Bowl era. Only Lamar Jackson (12) and Michael Vick (10) have more.

**SAUCE GARDNER**, New York Jets, needs 20 passed defenses to become the third player since 2000 to reach the mark in each of his first two seasons, joining Marcus Peters and Marcus Trufant.

**MYLES GARRETT**, Cleveland, needs 10 sacks to become the fourth player since 1982 with at least 10 sacks in six of his first seven seasons, joining Von Miller, DeMarcus Ware and Reggie White. Garrett also:

Needs 10.5 sacks in his first 16 games to become the fourth player since 1982 with at least 85 sacks in his first 100 career games, joining Reggie White (105 sacks), J.J. Watt (87.5) and DeMarcus Ware (85). Garrett has 74.5 sacks in 84 career games.

**JARED GOFF**, Detroit, needs 79 pass attempts without an interception to begin his season to surpass Aaron Rodgers (402 consecutive pass attempts) for the longest streak ever of consecutive pass attempts without an interception. Goff finished the 2021 regular season with 324 consecutive pass attempts without an interception.



**DERRICK HENRY**, Tennessee, needs 10 rushing touchdowns to become the third player in NFL history to reach the mark in six consecutive seasons, joining LaDainian Tomlinson (nine consecutive seasons) and Adrian Peterson (seven). Henry also:

Needs one game with 200 rushing yards to surpass Adrian Peterson (six games) and O.J. Simpson (six) for the most such games all-time.

Needs at least 1,500 rushing yards to become the fifth player in NFL history to reach the mark in at least four career seasons, joining Barry Sanders (five seasons), Eric Dickerson (four), Edgerrin James (four) and Walter Payton (four).

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

**JUSTIN HERBERT**, Los Angeles Chargers, needs 4,000 passing yards to become the first player ever to accomplish the feat in each of his first four seasons. Herbert also:

Needs 2,330 passing yards to surpass Peyton Manning (16,418 passing yards) for the most-ever by a player in his first four seasons. Herbert has 14,089 passing yards in his first three seasons.

Needs 243 passing yards in his first game to surpass Matthew Stafford (14,331 passing yards) for the second-most ever by a player in his first 50 career games. Only Patrick Mahomes (15,370) has more.

Needs 77 completions to surpass Ryan Tannehill (1,392 completions) for the most-ever by a player in his first four seasons. Herbert has 1,316 completions in his first three seasons.

Needs 30 touchdown passes to join Dan Marino as the only players ever to reach the mark in three of their first four seasons.

Needs 21 touchdown passes to surpass Patrick Mahomes (114 touchdown passes) for the second-most ever by a player in his first four seasons. Only Dan Marino (142) has more. Herbert has 94 touchdown passes in his first three seasons.

Needs five games with at least 300 passing yards to surpass Patrick Mahomes (26 games) and Kurt Warner (26) for the most such games ever by a player in his first four seasons. Herbert has 22 such games in his first three seasons.



**TEE HIGGINS**, Cincinnati, needs at least 65 receptions, 900 receiving yards and six touchdown receptions to become the third player ever to reach those marks in each of his first four seasons, joining A.J. Green and Randy Moss.

**TYREEK HILL**, Miami, needs six touchdown receptions to become the fifth player ever to reach the mark in each of his first eight seasons, joining Larry Fitzgerald, Marvin Harrison, Don Hutson and Randy Moss.

Needs 110 receptions to become the third player ever to reach the mark in three consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Brown (2013-15) and Wes Welker (2007-09).

Needs one game with at least 10 receptions and 150 receiving yards to tie Antonio Brown (10 games), Andre Johnson (10), Julio Jones (10) and Jerry Rice (10) for the most such games ever. Hill has nine such games in his career.



**AIDAN HUTCHINSON**, Detroit, needs 5.5 sacks to become the first player since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, with at least 15 sacks and three interceptions in his first two seasons.

**DEANDRE HOPKINS**, Tennessee, needs 97 receptions to become the second player ever with at least 950 receptions in his first 11 seasons, joining Marvin Harrison (1,022 receptions). Hopkins has 853 receptions in his first 10 seasons.



**JALEN HURTS**, Philadelphia, needs 10 rushing touchdowns to join Cam Newton as the only quarterbacks ever to record at least 10 rushing touchdowns in three career seasons. Hurts also:

Needs four rushing touchdowns to become the third quarterback ever with at least 30 rushing touchdowns in his first four seasons, joining Cam Newton (33 rushing touchdowns) and Josh Allen (31). Hurts has 26 rushing touchdowns in three seasons.

Needs three rushing touchdowns in his first five games to surpass Cam Newton (28 rushing touchdowns) for the most-ever by a quarterback in his first 50 career games.

Needs three games with at least two rushing touchdowns to surpass Cam Newton (10 games) for the most such games ever by a quarterback. Hurts has eight such career games.

**LAMAR JACKSON**, Baltimore, needs 563 rushing yards to become the third quarterback ever with 5,000 career rushing yards, joining Michael Vick (6,109 rushing yards) and Cam Newton (5,628). Jackson enters 2023 with 4,437 career rushing yards. Russell Wilson (4,966) can also join that group this season. Jackson also:

Needs 500 rushing yards to become the first quarterback ever with at least 500 rushing yards in each of his first six seasons and the fourth quarterback with at least 500 rushing yards in six career seasons, joining Cam Newton (seven seasons), Randall Cunningham (six) and Michael Vick (six).

Needs eight games with at least 50 rushing yards to surpass Michael Vick (54 games) for the most such games ever by quarterback. Jackson enters the season with 47 such games in his career.

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

 **JOSH JACOBS**, Las Vegas, needs 1,200 scrimmage yards and seven touchdowns to become the fifth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first five seasons, joining Ezekiel Elliott, Randy Moss, LaDainian Tomlinson and Ricky Watters.

 **JUSTIN JEFFERSON**, Minnesota, needs 688 receiving yards to surpass Michael Thomas (5,512 receiving yards) for the most-ever by a player in his first four seasons. Jefferson has 4,825 receiving yards in his first three seasons. Jefferson also:

Needs 1,250 receiving yards to become the first player ever to accomplish the feat in each of his first four seasons.

Needs 1,500 receiving yards to become the third player ever to reach the mark in three consecutive seasons. *Davante Adams can also accomplish the feat this season.*

Needs 175 receiving yards in his first two games to tie Lance Alworth (52 games) as the fastest player ever to reach 5,000 career receiving yards.

Needs 76 receptions to become the third player ever with at least 400 receptions in his first four seasons, joining Michael Thomas (470 receptions) and Jarvis Landry (400).

Needs 85 receptions to join Michael Thomas as the only players ever to accomplish the feat in each of his first four seasons. Jefferson has 324 receptions in his first three seasons.

Needs 105 receptions to become the fifth player ever to reach the mark in three-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Brown (four consecutive seasons from 2013-16), Larry Fitzgerald (three seasons from 2015-17), Jerry Rice (three seasons from 1994-96) and Wes Welker (three seasons from 2007-09). Tyreek Hill can also accomplish the feat this season.

Needs 125 receptions to become the third player ever to reach the mark in consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Brown (2014-15) and Michael Thomas (2018-19).

Needs seven touchdown receptions to become the fourth player in NFL history to accomplish the feat in each of his first four seasons, joining Joey Galloway, Bob Hayes and Randy Moss.

Needs six games with at least 100 receiving yards to tie Randy Moss (30 games) for the most such games ever by a player in his first five seasons. Jefferson already holds the record (24 games) for the most such games by a player in his first four seasons.

Needs three games with at least 150 receiving yards to surpass Lance Alworth (10 games) for the most such games ever by a player in his first four seasons. Jefferson has eight such games in his first three seasons.

 **DIONTAE JOHNSON**, Pittsburgh, needs 85 receptions to become the fourth player ever to reach the mark in four of his first five seasons, joining Jimmy Graham (four seasons), Brandon Marshall (four) and Michael Thomas (four). Johnson also:

Needs 110 receptions to become the third player ever with at least 450 receptions in his first five seasons, joining Michael Thomas (510 receptions) and Jarvis Landry (481).

Needs seven games with at least five receptions to become the fourth player ever with 50-or-more such games in his first five seasons, joining Jarvis Landry (58 games), Michael Thomas (56) and Cooper Kupp (52).

 **CAMERON JORDAN**, New Orleans, needs seven sacks to become the fourth player since 1982 to record at least seven sacks in 12-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Reggie White (14 consecutive seasons from 1985-98), Chris Doleman (13 consecutive seasons from 1987-99) and John Randle (12 consecutive seasons from 1991-2002).

 **ALVIN KAMARA**, New Orleans, needs 54 receptions to surpass Roger Craig (483 receptions) for the most-ever by a running back in his first seven seasons. Kamar has 430 receptions in six seasons. Christian McCaffrey (442) can also surpass Craig this season. Kamara also:

Needs 22 receptions in his first 12 games to surpass Roger Craig (451 receptions) for the most receptions ever by a running back in his first 100 career games. Christian McCaffrey (442 receptions in 75 games) can also surpass Craig this season.

Needs 594 receiving yards in his first 12 games to surpass Marshall Faulk (4,346 receiving yards) for the most-ever by a running back in his first 100 career games. *Christian McCaffrey (3,756 receiving yards in 75 games) can also surpass Craig this season.*

Needs three touchdown receptions and one rushing touchdown to become the third player ever with at least 50 career rushing touchdowns and 25 career touchdown receptions, joining Marshall Faulk and Lenny Moore. *Christian McCaffrey can also accomplish the feat this season.*



# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

**TRAVIS KELCE**, Kansas City, needs 1,498 receiving yards to surpass Antonio Gates (11,841 receiving yards) for the third-most receiving yards by a tight end in NFL history. Only Tony Gonzalez (15,127), and Jason Witten (13,046) have more. Kelce has 10,344 career receiving yards. Kelce also:

Needs two receptions to surpass Shannon Sharpe (815 receptions) for the fourth-most by a tight end in NFL history. Only Tony Gonzalez (1,325), Jason Witten (1,228) and Antonio Gates (955) have more. Kelce has 814 career receptions.

Needs 90 receptions to become the third player ever to record at least 90 receptions in six consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Brown (2013-18) and Torry Holt (2002-07).

Needs 80 receptions to become the fourth player ever to record at least 80 receptions in eight consecutive seasons, joining Torry Holt (2000-07), Marvin Harrison (1999-06) and Jerry Rice (1989-96).

Needs five touchdown receptions to become the fourth tight end ever to do so in seven-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Gates (nine consecutive seasons from 2004-12), Tony Gonzalez (eight consecutive seasons from 2006-13) and Greg Olsen (eight consecutive seasons from 2008-15) and the third tight end ever with at least five touchdown receptions in nine-or-more career seasons, joining Tony Gonzalez (14 seasons) and Antonio Gates (12).

Needs six touchdown receptions to surpass Jason Witten (74 touchdown receptions) for the fifth-most by a tight end in NFL history. Only Antonio Gates (116), Tony Gonzalez (111), Rob Gronkowski (92) and Jimmy Graham (85) have more. Kelce has 69 career touchdown receptions.

Needs nine touchdown receptions to become the third tight end ever to reach the mark in four consecutive seasons, joining Antonio Gates (2004-07) and Jimmy Graham (2011-14).

Needs 10 touchdown receptions to become the fourth tight end ever to record at least 10 touchdown receptions in four-or-more career seasons, joining Rob Gronkowski (five seasons), Antonio Gates (four) and Jimmy Graham (four).



**GEORGE KITTLE**, San Francisco, needs 55 receptions and 746 receiving yards to become the fourth tight end in NFL history with at least 450 receptions and 6,000 receiving yards in his first seven career seasons, joining Antonio Gates, Jimmy Graham and Travis Kelce. Kittle has 395 receptions for 5,254 yards in his first six seasons. Kittle also:

Can become the fifth tight end in NFL history with at least 6,000 receiving yards in his first seven career seasons, joining Travis Kelce (6,465), Jimmy Graham (6,280), Antonio Gates (6,223) and Rob Gronkowski (6,095). Kittle has 5,254 career receiving yards.

Can become the fourth tight end in NFL history with at least 500 receiving yards in each of his first seven career seasons, joining Rob Gronkowski (first 11 seasons), Ozzie Newsome (eight) and Keith Jackson (first seven seasons).

Can become the second tight end in NFL history with five career games with at least 150 receiving yards, joining Shannon Sharpe (six). Kittle and Travis Kelce each have four such career games.



**CEEDEE LAMB**, Dallas, needs 70 receptions to become the fourth player ever with at least 70 receptions in each of his first four seasons, joining Alvin Kamara, Jarvis Landry and Michael Thomas. *Justin Jefferson can also accomplish the feat this season.* Lamb also:

Needs 90 receptions to become the third player ever with at least 350 receptions in his first four seasons, joining Michael Thomas (470 receptions) and Jarvis Landry (400). Lamb has 260 receptions in his first three seasons. *Justin Jefferson can also accomplish the feat this season.*

**TREVOR LAWRENCE**, Jacksonville, needs 317 completions to surpass Andrew Luck (1,062 completions) for the second-most ever by a player in his first three seasons. Only Justin Herbert (1,316) has more. Lawrence has 746 completions in his first two seasons. Lawrence also:

Needs 350 completions to join Justin Herbert as the only players ever with at least 350 completions in each of their first three seasons.

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

**PATRICK MAHOMES**, Kansas City, needs 5,202 passing yards to surpass Peyton Manning (29,442 passing yards) for the most-ever by a player in his first seven seasons. Mahomes has 24,241 passing yards in his first six seasons. Mahomes also:

Needs 5,000 passing yards to become the second player ever to record at least 5,000 passing yards in three-or-more career seasons, joining Drew Brees (five seasons).

Needs 4,500 passing yards to become the third player ever to reach the mark in four-or-more consecutive seasons, joining Drew Brees (seven consecutive seasons from 2010-16) and Matt Ryan (five consecutive seasons from 2012-16).

Needs 4,000 passing yards to join Peyton Manning as the only players ever with at least 4,000 passing yards in six of their first seven seasons.

Needs 40 touchdown passes to become the third player ever to record at least 40 touchdown passes in three career seasons, joining Tom Brady (three seasons) and Aaron Rodgers (three).

Needs 35 touchdown passes to become the first player ever to reach the mark in four straight seasons and become the third player ever to do so in five-or-more career seasons, joining Tom Brady (six seasons) and Aaron Rodgers (six). Josh Allen can also accomplish the feat for the fourth-straight season.

Needs 29 touchdown passes to surpass Dan Marino (220 touchdown passes) for the most-ever by a player in his first seven seasons. Mahomes has 192 touchdown passes in his first six seasons.

Needs one game with at least four touchdown passes to surpass Dan Marino (16 games) for the most such games ever by a player in his first seven seasons. Mahomes has 16 such games in his first six seasons.

Needs two games with at least 400 passing yards to surpass Dan Marino (10 games) for the most such games ever by a player in his first seven seasons. Mahomes has nine such games in his first six seasons.



**CHRISTIAN MCCAFFREY**, San Francisco, can become the fourth running back in NFL history with at least four career seasons with at least 1,000 rushing yards and 500 receiving yards, joining Marshall Faulk (five), Tiki Barber (four) and Thurman Thomas (four). McCaffrey accomplished the feat in 2018, 2019 and 2022. McCaffrey also:

Needs 80 receptions to join Marshall Faulk as the only running backs in NFL history with five such career seasons. McCaffrey and Alvin Kamara each have four career seasons with at least 80 receptions.

Needs 42 receptions to surpass Roger Craig (483 receptions) for the most by a running back in his first seven career seasons in NFL history. McCaffrey has 442 career receptions.

Needs 244 receiving yards to become the third running back with at least 4,000 receiving yards in his first seven career seasons, joining Marshall Faulk (4,682) and Roger Craig (4,241). McCaffrey has 3,756 career receiving yards.

Needs five touchdown receptions to become the first running back in NFL history with four such career seasons. McCaffrey, Austin Ekeler and Alvin Kamara each have three career seasons with five-or-more touchdown receptions.

**TERRY MCLAURIN**, Washington, needs 50 receptions and 900 receiving yards to become the fourth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first five career seasons, joining Mike Evans, A.J. Green and Randy Moss.

**DK METCALF**, Seattle, needs 900 receiving yards and five touchdown receptions to become the third player ever to reach those marks in each of his first five seasons, joining A.J. Green and Randy Moss.

**VON MILLER**, Buffalo, needs eight sacks to become the third player with at least eight sacks in 11 seasons since 2000, joining Julius Peppers and Terrell Suggs.

**KYLER MURRAY**, Arizona, needs 296 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns to become the third quarterback ever with at least 2,500 rushing yards and 25 rushing touchdowns in his first five seasons, joining Josh Allen and Cam Newton. Murray has 2,204 rushing yards and 23 rushing touchdowns in his first four seasons. Murray also:

Needs 796 rushing yards to become the fourth quarterback ever with at least 3,000 rushing yards in his first five seasons, joining Lamar Jackson (4,437 rushing yards), Cam Newton (3,207) and Josh Allen (3,087).



# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

 **YANNICK NGAKOUE**, Chicago, needs eight sacks to become the fifth player since 1982 to record at least eight sacks in each of his first eight seasons, joining Aaron Donald, Derrick Thomas, Demarcus Ware and Reggie White.

 **CHRIS OLAVE**, New Orleans, needs 13 games with at least 50 receiving yards to become the third player ever with 25-or-more such games in his first two seasons, joining Justin Jefferson (26 games) and Michael Thomas (26). Olave had 12 such games in his rookie season.

 **FOYESADE OLUOKUN**, Jacksonville, can become the first player since 2000 to lead the league in tackles in three consecutive seasons.

 **MICAH PARSONS**, Dallas, needs 13 sacks to become the second player since 1982 with at least 13 sacks in each of his first three seasons, joining Reggie White.



 **DAK PRESCOTT**, Dallas, needs 57 passing yards in his first three games to become the second player ever with at least 25,000 passing and 1,500 rushing yards in his first 100 career games, joining Aaron Rodgers. Prescott also:

Needs six rushing touchdowns to become the fourth quarterback in NFL history with at least six rushing touchdowns in four-or-more seasons, joining Cam Newton (six seasons), Josh Allen (five) and Otto Graham (four).

 **BROCK PURDY**, San Francisco, can become the first quarterback in NFL history to win each of his first six career regular-season starts and throw at least two touchdown passes in each start. Purdy also:

Can become the first quarterback in NFL history with a passer rating of 95-or-higher in each of his first six career regular-season starts.

 **AARON RODGERS**, New York Jets, needs 4,386 passing yards to surpass Philip Rivers (63,440) for the sixth-most passing yards in NFL history. Rodgers has 59,055 career passing yards. Rodgers also:

Needs 3,500 passing yards to tie Drew Brees (14 seasons) and Brett Favre (14) for the third-most such seasons ever. Only Tom Brady (20) and Peyton Manning (16) have more.

Needs 34 touchdown passes to surpass Brett Favre (508 touchdown passes) for the fourth-most ever. Rodgers has 475 career touchdown passes.

Needs 30 touchdown passes to tie Tom Brady (nine seasons), Brett Favre (nine) and Peyton Manning (nine) for the second-most such seasons ever. Only Drew Brees (10 seasons) has more.

Needs 25 touchdown passes to tie Drew Brees (14 seasons) for the third-most such seasons ever. Only Tom Brady (17 seasons) and Peyton Manning (16) have more.

Needs 25 touchdown passes in his first 13 games to surpass Peyton Manning (244 games) as the fastest player ever to reach 500 career touchdown passes.

 **DEEBO SAMUEL**, San Francisco, can join Charley Taylor as the only players in NFL history with at least 4,000 receiving yards and 1,000 rushing yards in their first five career seasons. Samuel has 3,230 receiving yards and 782 rushing yards in his first four career seasons.

 **JUSTIN SIMMONS**, Denver, needs five interceptions to join Darren Sharper (2000-03) as the only players since 2000 to record at least five interceptions in four consecutive seasons.

# WHAT TO LOOK FOR

 **MATTHEW STAFFORD**, Los Angeles Rams, needs 525 passing yards in his first nine games to surpass Peyton Manning (52,606 passing yards) for the third-most passing yards ever by a player in his first 200 career games and 2,268 passing yards in his first nine games to surpass Matt Ryan (54,349) for second-most. Only Drew Brees (55,439) has more. Stafford has 52,082 passing yards in 191 career games. Stafford also:

Needs 4,942 passing yards to surpass Eli Manning (57,023 passing yards) for the 10th-most in NFL history.

Needs 10 touchdown passes to surpass Fran Tarkenton (342 touchdown passes) for the 11th-most in NFL history and 34 to surpass Eli Manning (366) for 10th-most. Stafford has 333 career touchdown passes.

 **AMON-RA ST. BROWN**, Detroit, needs 104 receptions to become the fourth player ever with at least 300 receptions in his first three seasons, joining Justin Jefferson (324 receptions), Michael Thomas (321) and Christian McCaffrey (303). St. Brown has 196 receptions in his first two seasons. St. Brown also:

Needs 90 receptions and 900 receiving yards to become the third player ever to reach those marks in each of his first three seasons, joining Odell Beckham Jr. and Michael Thomas.

Needs nine games with at least eight receptions to surpass Justin Jefferson (19 games) for the most such games ever by a player in his first three seasons. St. Brown has 11 such games in his first two seasons.



 **ADAM THIELEN**, Carolina, needs 66 receptions to become the fifth undrafted player in the common-draft era with at least 600 career receptions, joining Antonio Gates (955 receptions), Wes Welker (903), Rod Smith (849) and Danny Amendola (617). Thielen also:

Needs 818 receiving yards to become the fifth undrafted player in the common-draft era with at least 7,500 career receiving yards, joining Antonio Gates (11,841 receiving yards), Rod Smith (11,389), Wes Welker (9,924) and Drew Pearson (7,822).

 **JUSTIN TUCKER**, Baltimore, needs two 50-yard field goals to surpass Sebastian Janikowski (58) for the second-most in NFL history. Only Matt Prater (71) has more. Tucker enters the season with 57 career made field goals of at least 50 yards.



 **JAYLEN WADDLE**, Miami, needs 75 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards to become the fourth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first three seasons, joining Odell Beckham Jr., Justin Jefferson and Michael Thomas. *Ja'Marr Chase can also join that group this season.*

 **BOBBY WAGNER**, Seattle, needs 100 tackles to become the first player since 2000 to reach the mark in each of his first 12 seasons and can join London Fletcher (14 consecutive seasons from 2000-13) as the only players since 2000 with at least 100 tackles in 12 consecutive seasons.

 **DENZEL WARD**, Cleveland, needs 10 passes defensed and two interceptions to become the first player since at least 2000 to reach those marks in each of his first six seasons.

 **T.J. WATT**, Pittsburgh, needs 8.5 sacks to surpass Aaron Donald (85.5 sacks) for the third-most by a player in his first seven seasons since 1982. Only Reggie White (110 sacks) and DeMarcus Ware (99.5) have more. Watt has 77.5 sacks in six seasons. Watt also:

Needs 10.5 sacks in his first 13 games to surpass J.J. Watt (87.5 sacks) for the second-most by a player in his first 100 career games since 1982. Only Reggie White (105 sacks) has more.

Needs three games with at least two sacks to surpass Richard Dent (23 games) and Simeon Rice (23) for the second-most such games by a player in his first seven seasons since 1982. Only Reggie White (30 games) has more.

 **GARRETT WILSON**, New York Jets, needs at least 80 receptions and 1,000 receiving yards to become the fifth player ever to reach those marks in each of his first two seasons, joining Odell Beckham Jr., Ja'Marr Chase, Justin Jefferson and Michael Thomas.

 **RUSSELL WILSON**, Denver, needs 21 touchdown passes to surpass Dan Marino (328 touchdown passes) for the second-most ever by a player in his first 12 seasons. Only Peyton Manning (366) has more. Wilson has 308 touchdown passes in his first 11 seasons. Wilson also:

Needs 3,000 passing yards to join Peyton Manning as the only players ever with at least 3,000 passing yards in each of their first 12 seasons.

Needs four rushing touchdowns to become the fourth player ever with at least 300 career touchdown passes and 30 career rushing touchdowns, joining John Elway, Aaron Rodgers and Fran Tarkenton.

Needs 34 rushing yards to become the third quarterback ever with at least 5,000 career rushing yards, joining Michael Vick (6,109 rushing yards) and Cam Newton (5,628). Wilson has 4,966 rushing yards.

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# 2023 INTERNATIONAL SCHEDULE



## LEAGUE TO PLAY FIVE INTERNATIONAL GAMES ACROSS LONDON & FRANKFURT IN 2023

The National Football League announced five international games will be played in 2023 across London, United Kingdom and Frankfurt, Germany. The Jacksonville Jaguars will kick off the 2023 NFL International Games on Sunday, October 1, as they play the Atlanta Falcons at Wembley Stadium, in what will be their landmark 10th regular season game in London.

The London focus then shifts to Tottenham Hotspur Stadium as the Buffalo Bills take on the Jacksonville Jaguars on Sunday, October 8. This game for Jacksonville means they will play two regular season games outside of the U.S. - a first for the NFL in a single season.

The following Sunday, October 15, the Tennessee Titans will play the Baltimore Ravens, also at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, the only purpose-built NFL stadium outside of the U.S., to wrap the 2023 NFL London Games.

As part of its commitment to play regular season games in Germany for the next four years (beginning in 2022) the NFL will play two games in 2023 in Frankfurt, having played the inaugural Germany game in Munich back in November 2022.

The Super Bowl LVII Champion Kansas City Chiefs kick off the 2023 NFL Frankfurt Games on Sunday, November 5, as they play the Miami Dolphins at Frankfurt Stadium, home of Eintracht Frankfurt.

The following weekend, Sunday, November 12, the New England Patriots face the Indianapolis Colts, also at Frankfurt Stadium, to complete the 2023 NFL International Games.

There will be no international game in Mexico in 2023 due to renovations at Estadio Azteca, Mexico City.

"In what promises to be a great spectacle of football for our global fans, we are thrilled to announce the five games to be played internationally in 2023, a record number of regular season games in Europe in a season," said Peter O'Reilly, NFL Executive Vice President, Club Business, Major Events & International. "We are excited to bring three games to London once again, a city with a huge love for the sport and a passionate fan base across the UK. We are also pleased to confirm that the two games in Germany will be played in Frankfurt, a city steeped in NFL heritage. We look forward to staging both games at Eintracht Frankfurt's Stadium, building on the incredible atmosphere experienced at last season's game in Munich."



DATE	MATCHUP	BROADCAST	TIME
October 1 (Week 4)	Atlanta Falcons vs. Jacksonville Jaguars (Wembley Stadium)	ESPN +	09.30am ET
October 8 (Week 5)	Jacksonville Jaguars vs. Buffalo Bills (Tottenham Hotspur Stadium)	NFL Network	09.30am ET
October 15 (Week 6)	Baltimore Ravens vs. Tennessee Titans (Tottenham Hotspur Stadium)	NFL Network	09.30am ET
November 5 (Week 9)	Miami Dolphins vs. Kansas City Chiefs (Frankfurt Stadium)	NFL Network	09.30am ET
November 12 (Week 10)	Indianapolis Colts vs. New England Patriots (Frankfurt Stadium)	NFL Network	09.30am ET

## NFL'S HISTORIC INAUGURAL REGULAR SEASON GAME IN GERMANY GENERATED ECONOMIC IMPACT OF APPROXIMATELY \$77.5M FOR MUNICH

The National Football League's first-ever regular season game in Germany was a success beyond the stadium in both economic and social impact.

'2022 NFL Munich Game Impact Assessment' report, compiled by The Sports Consultancy Group, confirmed that the game generated a total economic impact of approximately 77.5 million USD for the City of Munich, with close to 35.5 million USD in direct spending.

The historic game, played on November 13, 2022, at Allianz Arena - Home of FC Bayern Munich - saw the Tampa Bay Buccaneers defeat the Seattle Seahawks, 21-16.

"The Munich game was a significant moment for the NFL in Germany and one that will live in the minds of those in the stadium and those who watched the game from around the world for many years to come," said Dr. Alexander Steinforth, GM NFL Germany. "The economic and social impact generated from our first regular season game is impressive and underlines the positive contribution the game had on the City of Munich and beyond, and we look ahead to playing future games in the country in the coming years."

NFL fans spent on average 333 euros per day in Munich during game weekend, significantly higher than the average Munich visitor spend of 225 euros per day.

A global audience of 8.2 million watched the game around the world. It was NFL Network's most-watched international game on record in the United States with more than 5.8 million viewers (does not count OTA viewing in Tampa and Seattle), and broke game day merchandise records as sales at the Allianz Arena were the highest-ever recorded for an NFL game outside of the U.S.

Ahead of the game, the NFL delivered a series of events and activities in partnership with the City of Munich to engage local communities. A school NFL Flag Football program was introduced nationwide, giving more than 4,000 youngsters the opportunity to play the game across Germany, many for the first time. The program was delivered in 153 school classes between May and November 2022 and has continued in 2023 as NFL Flag Football grows across the country.

Germany's first NFL Flag Football National tournament also took place in Munich in the week leading up to game day, with more than 300 young athletes from 12 schools in five cities (Düsseldorf, Berlin, Frankfurt, Munich and Hamburg) participating. The team from Frankfurt won the tournament and traveled to the 2023 Pro Bowl Games in Las Vegas to participate in the NFL Flag International Division.

"It was an honor to welcome the National Football League to Munich for the first regular season game played in Germany, and we are delighted with the economic and social impact, particularly with our tourism and hospitality industries," added the Mayor of Munich, Dieter Reiter. "The event allowed us to showcase our beautiful and vibrant city to thousands of visitors from around the world while ensuring residents from the City of Munich were also able to experience this great NFL event."



# GLOBAL MARKETS PROGRAM



The Global Markets Program, which launched in January of 2022, grants NFL clubs access to international markets for marketing, fan engagement and commercialization activations as part of an important, long-term strategic effort to enable clubs to build their brands globally while driving NFL fan growth beyond the U.S.

Twenty-one clubs will participate in the program in 2023 across 14 international markets, up from 19 participating clubs across 10 markets last year.

Highlights for 2023 include:

- **FRANCE:** The **New Orleans Saints** have been granted international marketing rights in France - the first NFL club to select and be awarded the French market - in what is also their first entry into the Global Markets Program.
- **REPUBLIC OF IRELAND & NORTHERN IRELAND:** The **Pittsburgh Steelers** have been awarded international marketing rights in the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland to complement their rights in Mexico, which they received last year. Also granted rights in the Republic of Ireland are the **Jacksonville Jaguars**, who will expand their international rights beyond the UK for the first time.
- **GERMANY:** The **Atlanta Falcons** became the fifth club to be granted international marketing rights in Germany - in what is the club's first entry into the program. Three of the original clubs with rights in Germany - the **Kansas City Chiefs**, the **New England Patriots** and the **Tampa Bay Buccaneers** - were granted rights in April to expand their presence beyond Germany to include Austria and Switzerland as part of the DACH region.

NFL clubs can apply for rights to selected international markets by submitting proposals for the International Committee to review each spring. Clubs are awarded rights for at least a five-year term through the program. During this period, a club has the rights to pursue activities in that international market that are largely consistent with what they can do in their home market.

In its first year, the Global Markets Program saw clubs introduce successful initiatives across marketing, fan engagement and the commercial sphere. Highlights include a collective commitment and ambition to growing NFL Flag Football in international markets, with a focus on building community experiences to engage young people in the sport.

Participating clubs have also activated their rights around several NFL tentpole events, including the International Games in London, Germany and Mexico in 2022, the 2023 Pro Bowl Games in Las Vegas and the 2022 and 2023 NFL Drafts. Notably, the 2023 NFL Draft saw all 19 clubs with international markets rights announce themed picks from on-stage in Kansas City and remotely from around the world to engage fans globally.

**NFL GLOBAL MARKETS PROGRAM**

- AUSTRIA**
  - KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
  - NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
  - TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
- AUSTRALIA**
  - LOS ANGELES RAMS
  - PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
- BRAZIL**
  - MIAMI DOLPHINS
- CANADA**
  - MINNESOTA VIKINGS
  - SEATTLE SEAHAWKS
- CHINA**
  - LOS ANGELES RAMS
- FRANCE**
  - NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
- GERMANY**
  - ATLANTA FALCONS
  - CAROLINA PANTHERS
  - KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
  - NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
  - TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
- GHANA**
  - PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
- MEXICO**
  - ARIZONA CARDINALS
  - DALLAS COWBOYS
  - DENVER BRONCOS
  - HOUSTON TEXANS
  - KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
  - LAS VEGAS RAIDERS
  - LOS ANGELES RAMS
  - PITTSBURGH STEELERS
  - SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS
- NEW ZEALAND**
  - LOS ANGELES RAMS
  - PHILADELPHIA EAGLES
- REPUBLIC OF IRELAND**
  - JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
  - PITTSBURGH STEELERS
- SPAIN**
  - CHICAGO BEARS
  - MIAMI DOLPHINS
- SWITZERLAND**
  - KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
  - NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS
  - TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS
- UNITED KINGDOM**
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  - JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS
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  - PITTSBURGH STEELERS
  - SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

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# NFL AFRICA PROGRAM EXPANDS TO KENYA & BEYOND



Earlier in 2023, the National Football League's 'NFL Africa' program officially expanded to Kenya as the League continues to invest in growing the game at all levels across the continent.

The expansion included a talent identification camp and NFL Flag Football showcase in Nairobi, Kenya in April, underlining a long-term, multi-market commitment to develop more ways to serve a growing fan base in Africa.

Twenty-nine prospects aged 16 - 21, from African nations including Cameroon, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria and Senegal took part in a three-day NFL Combine-style camp to showcase their skills.



Several current NFL players joined the activities in Kenya including Brian Asamoah of the Minnesota Vikings (Ghana), Arnold Ebiketie of the Atlanta Falcons (Cameroon), Paulson Adebo of the New Orleans Saints (Benin), Ikem Ekwonu of the Carolina Panthers (Nigeria) and Emmanuel Ogbah of the Miami Dolphins (Nigeria).

An NFL Flag Football showcase also took place, introducing the game to young people from 10 schools across Nairobi. Alongside the showcase, the NFL hosted training clinics for local teachers and the Kenyan Federation of American Football to help develop coaching skills to deliver NFL Flag Football and expand participation across the country.



Participants competed for invites to the NFL International Combine, NFL International Player Pathway Program or the opportunity to join the NFL Academy in the UK as part of League efforts to advance pathways to play in the NFL for international athletes.

Players were invited to attend the NFL event, spearheaded by Osi Umenyiora, a two-time Super Bowl champion who was born in the UK to Nigerian parents, after taking part in Umenyiora's 'The Uprise' initiative, which held scouting events for more than 200 athletes across six countries in recent months.

"It has always been a dream of mine to bring the NFL to Africa and over the past couple of years The Uprise and NFL have made that dream a reality," said Umenyiora, the NFL's lead ambassador for NFL Africa. "It's been incredible to see the opportunities it has provided through the International Player Pathway Program, the NFL Academy and flag football, and this is only the beginning."



The expansion followed a successful delivery of programs in Ghana in 2022, including talent identification camps, NFL Flag Football clinics and fan events held across the year in Accra.

The NFL's ongoing football development efforts in Ghana saw a youth NFL Flag Football team represent the nation in the NFL International Flag Football Championships at the 2023 Pro Bowl Games in Las Vegas. The team, despite only having learned the game a few months earlier, made it to the semi-finals of the 10-team competition.

NFL Africa programs will continue to expand across the continent, with the expansion to South Africa in mid-September with the first NFL fan event and viewing party set to take place in Cape Town.



NFL Flag football is fun, exciting and accessible for all; with women and girls driving some of the fastest growth in the sport.

Flag football is one of the fastest growing sports globally, currently played by more than 20 million people in over 100 countries. It provides a structured opportunity for youth to play the game while discovering the importance of sportsmanship, teamwork, and friendship both on and off the field.



## NFL FLAG FOOTBALL & THE 2023 PRO BOWL GAMES

During the 2023 Pro Bowl Games in Las Vegas, Nevada, Flight School, from Montreal, Canada won the International Division of the NFL Flag Football Championships.

The two-day tournament saw over 100 youth footballers, boys and girls, take to the field to represent their home countries on the world stage. Featuring 10 teams from eight nations around the world, the competition showcased the global reach of flag football and youth talent in the game around the world.

Flight School defeated Team Mexico, 21-14, in the Championship game, to be crowned 2023 champions. For the first time in its history, the 2023 Pro Bowl Games saw top NFL players featured in an all-new flag football format with the NFL Flag Football Championships played leading into the big game.

Throughout the NFL Flag Football Championships, current NFL stars including Saquon Barkley, Jaire Alexander and Kirk Cousins dropped by the games to inspire and cheer on the youth players.

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Peter O'Reilly, NFL Executive Vice President, Club Business, Major Events & International, said: "It has been fantastic to welcome young athletes from around the world to compete in the International Division of the NFL Flag Football Championships at the Pro Bowl Games. Continuing to grow flag football participation globally is a major priority for the League and seeing the breadth of talent on display from all teams highlights the international development of the game."

Looking ahead, youth teams from around the world will have the chance to compete in the International Division of the NFL Flag Football Championships at the 2024 Pro Bowl Games. Competing teams will be announced later this year.



## NFL FLAG SPOTLIGHT: DIANA FLORES

Diana Flores, Mexico's Women's National Flag Football team captain and quarterback, led her team to victory at The World Games in 2022. As an accomplished athlete and role model, Diana is also Chair of the International Federation of American Football (IFAF) Athletes' Committee and most recently was AFC offensive coordinator at the 2023 Pro Bowl Games alongside AFC head coach Peyton Manning. She was also named a Global Flag Football Ambassador by the NFL and the International Federation of American Football (IFAF), as part of joint efforts to advance flag football's reach internationally.

Flores started playing flag football at the early age of eight and has represented her country since 2014, when she first earned a spot on the national team at 16-years-old. Flores has won several awards and accolades throughout her career, including four National Titles, Silver at the 2021 IFAF Flag Football World Championships and Gold at The World Games 2022, where she claimed 23 touchdown passes, one of the highest at the tournament.

Aside from her sporting achievements, Flores earned her Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Communications at Tecnológico de Monterrey, where she is currently pursuing a Masters in Innovation for Enterprise Development.

She starred in "Run With It," the NFL's blockbuster campaign for Super Bowl LVII, which spotlighted NFL Flag football and some incredible moves by trailblazing women in the sport with Flores at the forefront.

As part of a commemoration of the "Run With It" spot, Flores has become the first flag football player with artifacts in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The jersey Flores wore in the commercial and her football signed by sports icon Billie Jean King and New York Jets' Sauce Gardner, who were also in the ad, are officially part of the museum's collection - marking a historic moment for the sport of flag football. "I'm honored to have my jersey become a part of the Pro Football Hall of Fame collection, alongside NFL Legends and football stars I greatly admire," said Flores. "This is so meaningful not just for me personally, but also for flag football overall. It's hugely symbolic in showing football is for everyone, especially women and girls."



The NFL Academy, which opened in September 2019, is a major initiative by the NFL, that creates life-changing opportunities for young people all around the world. It offers talented student athletes aged 16-19 a pathway to combine their full-time education alongside a transformative life skills program and intensive training in the sport, under the guidance of an elite coaching team.

Based at Loughborough's world-renowned center of sporting excellence in the UK, and in partnership with Loughborough College and Loughborough University, the program promotes world class performance and the development of elite player pathways, supporting student athletes with NFL best practices and resources.

The NFL Academy currently supports 59 student athletes from nine different countries (Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Nigeria, Sweden and United Kingdom). Since its inception more than 40 students have secured college football scholarships in the U.S. and 20 NFL Academy alumni will play NCAA football in the 2023-24 season.

The NFL Academy play competitive fixtures across the academic year against U.S. High Schools as well as the best youth football teams in Europe and counts Nike, Wilson, New Era, EA Sports and Riddell as supporting partners.

## LAMONTE WINSTON NAMED HEAD OF NFL ACADEMY

The NFL recently appointed Lamonte Winston - an industry leading coach and player development expert with over 37 years' experience of working in American football - as head of the NFL Academy.

In this newly created role, Winston will lead the overall management of the program, building on the NFL Academy achievements to date and creating the best elite environment for student-athlete success both on and off the field.

Winston has held prominent roles with the Kansas City Chiefs as Executive Director of Player Development and formerly the Oakland Raiders as Director of Player Engagement and has been recognized for his impact in advising professional sports leagues and teams on athlete development programming and pathways beyond the sport.

"Anytime you have the honor to coach student athletes, you are being trusted by them with the responsibility of assisting them in fulfilling their dreams," said Winston. "The NFL Academy students will operate and stand on a fundamental foundation of building high character and pushing excellence in all areas of their young academic and athletic life cycles. The opportunity to lead the program, with the goal of achieving a consistent level of elite performance that is representative of the National Football League and its partners, is an exciting one and I cannot wait to join the team in the UK and get started."

Kris Durham will continue to consult on all matters across Football Development, Europe and Africa, including global talent identification and performance development to unlock opportunities for players - helping to secure U.S. college football scholarships and create development pathways within international coaching & scouting networks.



## NFL ACADEMY APPOINTS NEW HEAD COACH

Steve Hagen, who has more than 38 years' experience working in football, kicked off his role as the new NFL Academy UK Head Coach in June 2023.

Coach Hagen has held elite level coaching and player development roles in a distinguished career, having spent 11 years in the NFL as assistant coach for the New York Jets (Tight Ends Coach; Assistant Special Teams Coach) and Cleveland Browns (Tight Ends Coach; Quarterbacks Coach) in addition to roles at 12 U.S. colleges, including Notre Dame. Hagen brings a wealth of experience in the professional and collegiate game.

The appointment underlines the NFL's long-term commitment to establishing the NFL Academy as an elite talent development program and a center of excellence for young student athletes in global sport.

"The appointment of Coach Hagen is an important step in taking the NFL Academy to new heights and we are excited to see his extensive experience in football enhance the experience of our student athletes, helping them realize their potential on and off the field," said Lamonte Winston, Head of NFL Academy UK. "We are building something very special at the NFL Academy, with world class facilities and education in Loughborough Sport and an elite player development program. Bringing Coach Hagen onboard will no doubt continue to accelerate the impact this program is having on the lives our students and we look forward to welcoming him to the team."

"Joining the NFL Academy UK as Head Coach is a huge privilege," said Hagen. "The success of the program to date is impressive, with 20 NFL Academy alumni set to play NCAA football in season 2023-24, and an ambitious and exciting vision to impact many more young lives in the future through the power of football. I look forward to bringing my extensive football leadership experience to the program, as well as my personal passion for the game and elite player development standards, as we look to take the program to new levels."

"We are delighted to have Coach Hagen join the team," added Roman Oben, NFL Vice President of Football Development. "The NFL Academy UK is an important part of our global strategy to increase the number of international athletes playing football in the years ahead. Creating elite player pathways for student athletes from around the world to play college football is a critical part of the program's global vision. Coach Hagen brings a wealth of experience from the NFL and U.S. college landscape and is proven at building the culture and world-class standards required to develop talent and help transform the lives of young people."



## NFL ACADEMY SPOTLIGHT: EMMANUEL OKOYE

Emmanuel Okoye has become one of the latest players to graduate from the NFL Academy program and join a Division I U.S. college after committing to the University of Tennessee.

Okoye, age 18, was born and raised in Lagos, Nigeria. His football journey began after being discovered by two-time Super Bowl champion Osi Umenyiora and his 'The Uprise' program scouts, who invited him to attend their inaugural football talent identification camp in Abuja, Nigeria in 2022. After impressing there, he was invited to NFL Africa's talent identification camp held in Ghana in the summer of 2022, with his performance earning him a place at the NFL Academy in Loughborough, UK.

Okoye's decision to commit to the University of Tennessee, where International Player Pathway program alum and German-native Jakob Johnson also attended, will see him enroll in June and play NCAA college football in the upcoming academic year.

On committing to the University of Tennessee, Okoye said: "I am thankful for all the support from everyone who is part of the NFL Academy program, my mentor Osi Umenyiora, and all those who have contributed to this special moment for me. This is just the beginning of my journey, and I will continue to work hard to grow and learn every day. While I will always be part of the NFL Academy family, I am excited to join the University of Tennessee, and to continue to develop as a player and a young man. I hope I will make my family proud, and that starts with an elite education - which was key to my decision making - and I can't wait to take this opportunity and give it everything I have."

"What an incredible moment for Emmanuel. His athleticism, natural sporting talent, and outstanding personal character makes him an impressive prospect for the game," said Osi Umenyiora, who was born in the UK to Nigerian parents and is spearheading the NFL's football development efforts in Africa. "I am thrilled to see him commit to the University of Tennessee, and I am so proud of his journey in the sport to date. To see him progress through both 'The Uprise' and 'NFL Africa' programs to join the NFL Academy and see him thrive in that elite football development environment is fantastic to see. Increasing the number of international athletes in the League is a long-term strategic priority for the NFL, and there is a wealth of talent from around the world who, given the opportunity, will make a significant impact on the game in the years to come. Remember Emmanuel's name, as he has an exciting future ahead."

Okoye represented the NFL Academy in three games, as defensive end and on special teams. He played in games against IMG Academy, Scotland U19's and Nottingham University. At the NFL Academy Combine, Emmanuel jumped a 45.5" vertical and a 11' 3" broad jump. Both would be NFL records for defensive ends.



# INTERNATIONAL PLAYER PATHWAY PROGRAM



Established in 2017, the NFL International Player Pathway (IPP) program aims to provide elite athletes from around the world with the opportunity to earn a spot on an NFL roster and increase the number of international players in the League. This year, the National Football League has added eight players to NFL rosters for the 2023 season through the IPP program.

13 talented young athletes were invited to join the 2023 IPP program following an NFL International Combine in London, England, at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium last season, with 38 players from 13 countries participating.

The 2023 IPP cohort spent 10 weeks at an intensive training camp at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida earlier this year, with opportunities to showcase their talents in front of NFL club scouts at a Pro Day at the University of South Florida ahead of the 2023 NFL Draft.

From the NFL's eight divisions, the NFC North and the AFC West divisions were chosen to receive IPP players in a random draw and become the 7th and 8th divisions to participate respectively. Each division was selected to receive four players from the IPP (totaling eight) - the most in a single year of the program's history.

The six Nigerian players were discovered via Osi Umenyiora's 'The Uprise' initiative and attended the inaugural NFL Africa talent camp in Ghana last year. They were then invited to the International Combine in London and secured their place on the IPP program.

The four NFC North clubs and four AFC West clubs will carry these players on their rosters until the end of training camp. At that time, the players are eligible for an international player practice squad exemption, granting the team an extra practice squad member. Clubs also have the opportunity to elevate the player to the active roster during the season.

37 international players have signed with NFL teams since the start of the program (allocated, drafted or signed as a free agent), with all 32 teams now having received an IPP player since the program's inception in 2017.



NFC NORTH	AFC WEST
<b>Roy Mbaeteka</b> Chicago Bears OL (Nigeria)	<b>Haggai Chisom Ndubuisi</b> Denver Broncos DL (Nigeria)
<b>Max Pircher*</b> Detroit Lions OL (Italy)	<b>Chukwuebuka Godrick</b> Kansas City Chiefs OL (Nigeria)
<b>Kenneth Odumegwu</b> Green Bay Packers DL (Nigeria)	<b>David Ebuka Agoha</b> Las Vegas Raiders DL (Nigeria)
<b>Junior Aho</b> Minnesota Vikings DL (France)	<b>Basil Chijioke Okoye</b> Los Angeles Chargers DL (Nigeria)

\*Max Pircher (Italy) takes the place of Australian-born tight end Patrick Murtagh, who was initially allocated to the Lions but was unable to participate in the program due to a medical issue.

**A SAMPLE OF**  
**NFL PLAYERS BORN OUTSIDE THE U.S.**  
AS OF 8/2/2023

ABOVE: PLAYERS LISTED ALPHABETICALLY BY PLACE OF BIRTH

\*NFL INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS WHOSE ACTIVE PLAYERS THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE NFL IPP PROGRAMME WITHIN THE U.S. ARE INTERNATIONAL BORN PLAYERS THAT WERE ALSO WITH SPECIFIC COUNTRIES THAT WERE NOT AS A PROGRAM PARTICIPANT

# STRENGTHENING THE PIPELINE



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

As part of this outreach, the NFL created the NFL Women's Forum to educate and connect female candidates working in football operations. Participants interact with NFL club owners, general managers, head coaches and club executives in the NFL and college football programs.

Prior to the Forum's inception in 2017, there had been one full-time female coach and one female coaching internship. In its first six years, the Forum has resulted the hiring of past participants at 26 NFL clubs and over 225 opportunities have emerged for women to work in football operations across the professional, collegiate, and high school levels.

Past participants of the forum include: Brown University Quarterbacks Coach Heather Marini, the first female positional coach in the history of the sport; New York Giants Offensive Quality Control Coach Angela Baker, Cleveland Browns Assistant Wide Receivers Coach Callie Brownson; San Francisco 49ers Pro Personnel Analyst Salli Clavelle, the NFL's first Black female scout; Washington Commanders Coordinator of Football Programs, Natalia Dorantes, the League's first Latina to serve in a chief of staff role; Washington Commanders Assistant Running Backs Coach Jennifer King, the League's first Black female coach; Philadelphia Eagles Strength and Conditioning Seasonal Associate Coach Autumn Lockwood; Tennessee Titans Defensive Quality Control Coach Lori Locust, the first female positional coach in the NFL and first in Titans history; and Ashton Washington, the Chicago Bears' first female scout.

During the 2022 offseason, the New York Giants hired their first female coach who was a 2017 Women's Forum participant, Angela Baker as their offensive assistant. Seven Women's Forum participants also landed Bill Walsh coaching fellowships during offseason programming and training camp this year.

For the first time since February 2020, the program returned to an in-person format during the NFL Combine. The two days of programming included panel discussions, breakout sessions and networking activities with owners, executives, coaches, industry experts and hiring managers representing all 32 NFL clubs. The NFL partnered with Women Leaders in College Sports to assist with the program and to create a development curriculum for the participants. Featured speakers for this year's forum included NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, Tampa Bay Buccaneers Co-Owner Darcie Glazer Kassewitz, as well as several NFL club owners, head coaches and general managers.

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

## HISTORY OF FEMALE COACHES IN THE NFL

In 2015, Jen Welter became the first female coaching intern in the NFL, working with the Arizona Cardinals' linebackers during training camp and preseason. The next year, Kathryn Smith became the first female to be hired full-time by an NFL club, joining the Buffalo Bills as a quality control coach. Last summer, the NFL had 15 women in coaching roles during training camp - a record for any male professional sports league in the world.



YEAR	NAME	CLUB	POSITION
2015	Jen Welter	ARZ	Bill Walsh Fellow
2016	Kathryn Smith	BUF	Quality Control Coach
	Katie Sowers	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow
2017	Katie Sowers	SF	Offensive Assistant
	Phoebe Schecter	BUF	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Odessa Jenkins	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Collette Smith	NYJ	Bill Walsh Fellow
2018	Stephanie Balachko	PIT	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Kelsey Martinez	OAK	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Katie Sowers	SF	WR Assistant
	Phoebe Schecter	BUF	Coaching Intern
	Elena Grigevich	BLT	Bill Walsh Fellow - Analytics
	Lo Locust	BLT	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Jennifer King	CAR	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Stephanie Sharpe	ATL/WAS	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Erica Vinson-Ondecko	BLT	Intern
	Shaakira Hassell	CAR	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Mickey Grace	TB	Intern
Elizabeth Gore	CIN	Bill Walsh Fellow - Strength & Conditioning	

## HISTORY OF FEMALE COACHES IN THE NFL (CONTINUED)

YEAR	NAME	CLUB	POSITION	
<b>2019</b>	Lo Locust	TB	DL Assistant	
	Maral Javadifar	TB	Strength & Conditioning Coach	
	Katie Sowers	SF	WR Assistant	
	Callie Brownson	BUF/ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow	
	Sam Mullet	BLT	Bill Walsh Fellow	
	Jennifer King	CAR	Bill Walsh Fellow	
	Autumn Lockwood	ATL	Strength & Conditioning Intern	
	Chelsea Romero	LAR	Strength & Conditioning Intern	
	Tracy Zimmer	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow - Strength & Conditioning	
	<b>2020</b>	Katie Sowers	SF	WR Assistant
Jennifer King		WAS	Offensive Asst Coach	
Callie Brownson		CLV	Chief of Staff	
Lo Locust		TB	DL Assistant	
Maral Javadifar		TB	Strength & Conditioning Coach	
Emily Zaler		DEN	Strength & Conditioning Coach	
Cristi Bartlett		TEN	Bill Walsh Fellow	
Chelsea Romero		LAR	Intern	
Melissa Tomlinson		NYG/CHI	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual	
Mickey Grace		MIA	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual	
Elena Grigelevich		CLE	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual	
Angela Baker		CLE	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual	
Sophia Lewin		BUF	Bill Walsh Fellow - Virtual	
<b>2021</b>		Katie Sowers	KC	Coaching Intern
		Jennifer King	WAS	Asst. RB Coach
	Callie Brownson	CLV	Chief of Staff	
	Lo Locust	TB	DL Assistant	
	Maral Javadifar	TB	Strength & Conditioning Coach	
	Emily Zaler	DEN	Strength & Conditioning Coach	
	Jada Gipson	CLV	Coaching Intern	
	Alex Hanna	CLV	Coaching Intern	
	Sophia Lewin	BUF	Offensive Assistant	
	Tessa Grossman	ATL/CIN	Bill Walsh Fellow	
	Heather Marini	TB	Bill Walsh Fellow	
	Angellica Grayson	WAS	Bill Walsh Fellow	

## HISTORY OF FEMALE COACHES IN THE NFL (CONTINUED)

YEAR	NAME	CLUB	POSITION
2022	Angela Baker	NYG	Offensive Assistant
	Callie Brownson	CLV	Chief of Staff, Asst. WR Coach
	Maral Javadifar	TB	Strength & Conditioning Coach
	Jennifer King	WAS	Asst. RB Coach
	Autumn Lockwood	PHI	Asst. Strength Coach
	Lo Locust	TB	DL Assistant
	Kaelyn Buskey	BLT	Strength & Conditioning Intern
	Joan Cantonese	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Ashley Cornwell	TEN	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Isabel Diaz	WAS	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Mickey Grace	ATL	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Lisa Horton	CLV	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Connor Jo Lewis	BLT	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Sam Mullet	BUF	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Amanda Ruller	SEA	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Alex Hanna	CLV	Coaching Intern
	Sophia Lewin	BUF	Offensive Assistant
	Tessa Grossman	ATL/CIN	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Heather Marini	TB	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Angellica Grayson	WAS	Bill Walsh Fellow
2023	Marianna Salas	BLT	Coaching Research Fellow
	Amelia Wilson	BUF	Bill Walsh Fellow
	Brittany Bushman	CLV	Coaching Intern
	Isabel Diaz	IND	Special Teams
	Haley Roberts	TEN	Bill Walsh Fellow: Strength & Conditioning
	Ashley Cornwell	TB	Bill Walsh Coaching Fellow
	Graziella Napoli	CLV	Coaching Internship
	Angela Rowe	ATL	Bill Walsh Coaching Fellow
	Callie Brownson	CLV	Asst Wide Receivers
	Jennifer King	WAS	Asst Running Backs
	Lori Locust	TEN	Asst DL Coach
	Maral Javadifar	TB	Director of Rehab and Performance
	Autumn Lockwood	PHI	Asst Sports Performance
	Angela Baker	NYG	Offensive Quality Control
	Jill Constanza	DET	Strength and Conditioning
	Kaelyn Buskey	BLT	Asst Strength and Conditioning

# QUARTERBACK COACHING GENERAL MANAGER SUMMIT



## NFL HOSTS THE ANNUAL OZZIE NEWSOME GENERAL MANAGER FORUM AND THE QUARTERBACK COACHING SUMMIT

In partnership with the Black College Football Hall of Fame, the NFL held the third annual **OZZIE NEWSOME GENERAL MANAGER FORUM** and the fifth annual **QUARTERBACK COACHING SUMMIT**. From June 21-23, front office personnel and coaches from colleges and the NFL took part in the symposiums at the NFL Los Angeles office to experience peer-to-peer professional development and networking opportunities, along with interactions with select NFL club executives.

"The Ozzie Newsome General Manager Forum and Quarterback Coaching Summit are part of our ongoing efforts to cultivate an inclusive workforce throughout every aspect of the League," said NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations **TROY VINCENT SR.** "We look forward to continuing to offer participants an opportunity to engage with and learn from seasoned coaches and football personnel within the NFL community."

Participants gained insights and knowledge directly from quarterback coaches, offensive coordinators, head coaches and club presidents. Both the Forum and the Summit featured a variety of sessions, including how to build a staff, insight into position coach roles, and the use of analytics in coaching and personnel. There were also sessions conducted by member club presidents, including priorities and the process of selecting a general manager, head coach, and coordinators.

The June 21 Ozzie Newsome General Manager Forum featured sessions and panels led by NFL front office personnel including:

- Malcolm Blacken, Washington Commanders
- Malik Boyd, Buffalo Bills
- Sashi Brown, Baltimore Ravens
- Ian Cunningham, Chicago Bears
- Damani Leech, Denver Broncos
- Wyndam Makowsky, NFL
- Will McClay, Dallas Cowboys
- Sandra Douglass Morgan, Las Vegas Raiders
- Scott Pioli, NFL Network
- Reggie Scott, Los Angeles Rams
- Artis Twyman, Los Angeles Rams
- Kevin Warren, Chicago Bears
- Doug Whaley, XFL
- Jason Wright, Washington Commanders

The June 22-23 Quarterback Coaching Summit featured sessions and panels led by current and former coaches, including:

- Reggie Barlow, XFL
- Thomas Brown, Carolina Panthers
- Ejiro Evero, Carolina Panthers
- Leslie Frazier
- Pep Hamilton
- Jerrod Johnson, Houston Texans
- Brian Johnson, Philadelphia Eagles
- Jennifer King, Washington Commanders
- Charles London, Tennessee Titans
- Tavita Pritchard, Washington Commanders
- Ron Rivera, Washington Commanders
- Troy Walters, Cincinnati Bengals
- Demetrius Washington, Minnesota Vikings
- DJ Williams, New Orleans Saints



# BILL WALSH MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP & NUNN-WOOTEN FELLOWSHIP



## BILL WALSH DIVERSITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP

Established in 1987, the Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship provides annual NFL coaching experience to outstanding coaches from diverse backgrounds. The program, which was named after the man who conceived the idea - late Pro Football Hall of Fame head coach Bill Walsh - exposes talented coaches from other levels of football and NFL Legends to the methods and philosophies of NFL coaching staffs. Walsh introduced the concept to the league in 1987 when he brought a group of minority coaches into his San Francisco 49ers' training camp.

The fellowship was designed as a vocational tool to increase the number of full-time NFL minority coaches within the League. The Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship is just one NFL program aimed at developing a diverse pipeline for club personnel.

## NUNN-WOOTEN SCOUTING FELLOWSHIP

The Nunn-Wooten Scouting Fellowship has served to expose former NFL players, former football student-athletes, and college recruiting and personnel staff members to careers in professional scouting since 2015. Named after longtime NFL executives Bill Nunn and John Wooten, the fellowship provides participants rare access to an NFL front office, giving them an on-site, inside look at the skills needed for a career in NFL scouting.

Since the inception of these programs, all 32 NFL clubs have helped tutor more than 2,000 minority coaches through the years and now participate during offseason workout programs, minicamps and training camp.

In addition to the annual in-person fellowships, virtual programs were established in 2020 by Football Operations and continued as an additional developmental opportunity for current fellows of both programs. These virtual sessions, hosted by coaches and personnel executives at clubs, focused on advancement and mentorship, providing an opportunity for minority coaches and scouts to further their skillset, enhance their knowledge of the game, and engage with other colleagues around the league.

Steelers head coach Mike Tomlin, who at the time was the youngest head coach (36) in NFL history to win a Super Bowl when he led Pittsburgh to a victory in Super Bowl XLIII, completed a Bill Walsh fellowship with the Cleveland Browns in the summer of 2000 while the defensive backs coach at the University of Cincinnati.

Washington Commanders head coach Ron Rivera understands the value of the program and serves on the Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship Advisory Council. The council is comprised of club presidents, general managers, head coaches and assistant coaches, who focus on developing a pipeline of diverse coaches, including former NFL players pursuing opportunities in the coaching profession.

"The Bill Walsh NFL Diversity Coaching Fellowship is essential in creating opportunities," said Rivera. "You can see the benefits of the fellowship program on virtually every coaching staff in the league and the education provided through the program has been invaluable in the development of many young coaches who may not have received exposure to the NFL without it."

For the past 35 years, The Bill Walsh Diversity Coaching Fellowship proves to be a strong pipeline for diverse talent with a rich legacy of success stories.

## BILL WALSH NFL DIVERSITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP ALUMNI SUCCESS STORIES

NAME	CLUB	TITLE	FELLOWSHIP
Mike Tomlin	PIT	Head Coach	2000 with Cleveland Browns
Ronald Curry	NO	Passing Game Coordinator, Quarterbacks Coach	2011 with San Diego Chargers
Duce Staley	CAR	Assistant Head Coach, Running Backs Coach	2010 with Philadelphia Eagles
Charles London	TEN	Passing Game Coordinator, Quarterbacks Coach	2005 with New England Patriots
Marquice Williams	ATL	Special Teams Coordinator	2015 with Detroit Lions
Chris Horton	BAL	Special Teams Coordinator	2013 with Seattle Seahawks

# DIVERSITY IN SPORTS MEDICINE PIPELINE



Recently, the NFL, together with the NFL Physicians Society (NFLPS) and the Professional Football Athletic Trainer Society (PFATS), announced the group of medical students who are participating in the second season of the NFL Diversity in Sports Medicine Pipeline Initiative, which aims to increase and diversify the pipeline of students interested in pursuing careers in sports medicine and, over time, help to diversify NFL club medical staff. The students' clinical rotations began as training camps opened for the 2023 NFL season in July.

Last year's pilot program hosted 14 students at eight NFL clubs. This season, the program will expand league-wide to more than double the number of students in the program's second year. Diverse students from 19 medical schools will complete clinical rotations with NFL club medical staffs focused on primary care sports medicine and/or orthopedic surgery.

Participating students hail from the country's four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) medical schools as well as other medical schools local to NFL clubs.

During their one-month rotations, students observe and participate in the care of NFL players, working directly with and under the supervision of the orthopedic team physicians, primary care team physicians and athletic trainers to gain medical knowledge and exposure to patient care in sports medicine. Additionally, students become familiar with return-to-play guidelines and on-field treatment considerations for NFL players. By the end of the rotation, students can understand the basic elements of all facets of care provided to NFL players from an orthopedic, primary care sports medicine and athletic training perspective.

The Diversity in Sports Medicine Pipeline Initiative is part of the league's broader commitment to ensure that staff and leaders in the league office and at NFL clubs reflect the racial and gender makeup of America. Among NFL club medical staffs, the initiative builds on existing efforts to recruit and hire diverse medical staff when positions become available across all roles, and to increase diversity across NFL medical committees.

The students participating in the program for the 2023 season include:

NAME	MEDICAL SCHOOL	NFL CLUB
Temitope Elutilo-Ayoola	Morehouse School of Medicine	Arizona Cardinals
Brandon Chiedo	Morehouse School of Medicine	Atlanta Falcons
Safwan Hyder	Georgetown University School of Medicine	Baltimore Ravens
Mohamed Bah	University at Buffalo Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences	Buffalo Bills
Alexis Restrepo	Wake Forest University School of Medicine	Carolina Panthers
Tyler Kelly	University of South Carolina School of Medicine-Greenville	Chicago Bears
Alexandria Williams	Morehouse School of Medicine	Cincinnati Bengals
Penelope Halkiadakis	Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine	Cleveland Browns
Imari Parham	Meharry Medical College	Dallas Cowboys
Adrianna Hayden	Meharry Medical College	Denver Broncos
Tamarandobra "Dobra" Ogeh	Michigan State University College of Human Medicine	Detroit Lions
Analisa Narro	McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston	Houston Texans
Adam Munoz	Morehouse School of Medicine	Indianapolis Colts
Lancelot Benn	Howard University College of Medicine	Jacksonville Jaguars
Patrick Baki	University of Kansas School of Medicine	Kansas City Chiefs
Cameron Harris	Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV	Las Vegas Raiders
Daniel Cordova	Charles R. Drew University	Los Angeles Chargers
Nonye Ikeanyi	Charles R. Drew University	Los Angeles Rams
Nicholas Cavil	Meharry Medical College	Miami Dolphins

# DIVERSITY IN SPORTS MEDICINE PIPELINE



NAME	MEDICAL SCHOOL	NFL CLUB
Hassan Mian	University of Minnesota	Minnesota Vikings
Bryan Beaubrun	Howard University College of Medicine	New England Patriots
Schylar Morton	Meharry Medical College	New Orleans Saints
Valdemar Wany	Morehouse School of Medicine	New York Giants
Azra Dees	Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University	New York Jets
David Jimenez	Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia Eagles
Warren Austin	University of Pittsburgh Medical Center	Pittsburgh Steelers
Bella Gomez	Stanford University School of Medicine	San Francisco 49ers
Brian Cedeño	University of Washington School of Medicine	Seattle Seahawks
Jamie Maignan	Morehouse School of Medicine	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Morgan Williams	Meharry Medical College	Tennessee Titans
Robert Emeh	Howard University College of Medicine	Washington Commanders

"The NFL and our club medical staffs are thrilled to welcome these impressive medical students from around the country to the league this season," said NFL Chief Medical Officer Dr. Allen Sills. "The league-wide expansion of the NFL Diversity in Sports Medicine Pipeline Initiative this season demonstrates strong interest in sports medicine from diverse and under-represented medical students and is indicative of our clubs' commitment to diversity in all facets of the game."

## NFL DIVERSITY IN SPORTS MEDICINE PIPELINE INITIATIVE

### MEDICAL SCHOOLS



### LEAGUE-WIDE INITIATIVE



This past February, the NFL in partnership with the Black College Football Hall of Fame, hosted the 2023 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Combine at the New Orleans Saints practice facility, the Ochsner Sports Performance Center, on February 20.

The full list of players who participated in the HBCU Combine this year can be found below:

NAME	POSITION	COLLEGE
Isaiah Cox	WR	Alabama A&M
Skyler Perry	QB	Arkansas - Pine Bluff
Kemari Averett	TE	Bethune Cookman
Joshua Pryor	OLB/DE	Bowie State
Dion Golatt, Jr.	QB	Bowie State
Raymond Boone	S	Bowie State
Devin McCoy	TE/WR	Clark Atlanta
Jerrish Hasley	WR	Delaware State
Brooks Parker	LB	Delaware State
Tyler King	RB	Edward Waters
Brandon Barnes-Brown	S	Fayetteville State
Xavier Smith	WR	Florida A&M
Chris Faddoul	P	Florida A&M
A.J. Davis	RB	Florida A&M
Jose Romo-Martinez	K	Florida A&M
Emmanuel Wilson	RB	Fort Valley State
Rey Estes	CB	Grambling
Ali Shockey	WR	Hampton
KeShaun Moore	OLB	Hampton
Antoine Murray	WR	Howard
De'Jahn Warren	CB	Jackson State
Andrew Farmer	EDGE	Lane
Larry Harrington	QB	Langston
Markell Scott	RB	Langston
Devin Dourisseau	LB	Langston
Ronnie Thomas	EDGE	Mississippi Valley State
Jacory Rankin	WR	Mississippi Valley State
Alfonso Graham	RB	Morgan State
Zach Leslie	WR	North Carolina A&T
Dacquari Wilson	C	North Carolina A&T

NAME	POSITION	COLLEGE
Jermaine McDaniel	DE	North Carolina A&T
Ricky Lee	T	North Carolina A&T
Jalen Fowler	QB	North Carolina A&T
Robert Mitchell	OL	North Carolina Central
Kevin Victorian	DE	Prairie View
Jordan Lewis	OLB	Southern
Corione Harris	CB	Southern
Jason Dumas	DT	Southern
Brian Williams	T	Southern
Camron Peterson	DT	Southern
JJ Holloman	WR	Tennessee State
Robert Lacey	OL	Tennessee State
Drake Centers	T	Texas Southern
Tarik Cooper	MLB	Texas Southern
Derrick Tucker	S	Texas Southern
Darius Hagans	RB	Virginia State
Darian Bryant	G	Virginia Union



# HBCU CAREERS IN FOOTBALL FORUM



## SEVENTH ANNUAL CAREERS IN FOOTBALL FORUM FOR HBCU STUDENTS

### *Career development program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities hosted virtually this past season*

More than 50 students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were selected to attend the 2023 NFL HBCU Careers in Football Forum. The annual forum, which was held in Atlanta this year, took place on December 16th.

Since 2016, the Forum has introduced over 300 students and entry-level athletic department administrators to career opportunities in professional football. Each year, the Forum invites participants to hear from sports industry professionals and creates networking opportunities for students to learn more about their desired career path. This year, attendees will represent 46 institutions.

The event opened with a panel discussion entitled Business Operations Inside the League Office featuring President and CEO of the Atlanta Falcons, Rich McKay President of the Baltimore Ravens, Sashi Brown, President of the Denver Broncos, Damani Leech. The panel shared insights on their roles and responsibilities leading the NFL's business operations at the club level featuring ESPN Reporter and Analyst, Lericia Harris as moderator. Other discussions featured representatives from the NCAA and ESPN, who will cover careers in college athletics and event administration.

New this year, attendees engaged with NFL league medical staff including NFL Vice President of Wellness and Clinical Services, Dr. Nyaka NiiLampti, Mount Sinai (DHBM), Dr. Reginald Miller and NFL Physicians Society, Amy Weiss. This panel served as an extension of the NFL's inaugural Diversity in Sports Medicine Pipeline Initiative, aiming to increase the pipeline of HBCU students interested in pursuing careers in sports medicine and help diversify NFL club medical staff. The forum concluded with breakout sessions where attendees engaged with NFL HR representatives, club personnel and NFL Legends in a smaller, open forum setting. In these sessions, participants received advice from personnel on the ins and outs of their fields and guidance on career mobility.

Since the program's inception, 14 students from the Forum have gone on to secure internships or full-time opportunities with the NFL, NFL clubs, colleges and universities, and other sports entities.

"The HBCU Careers in Football Forum provides participants access to professional skills and connections to sports professionals across multiple facets," said Monét Bowen, NFL Rotational Program participant. "As an HBCU graduate (Howard University), NFL Experienceship Alumni and current Rotational Program Participant, I know first-hand how important opportunities such as the Careers in Football Forum are to students' success as they navigate the transition from college into their post-graduate endeavors. I've been able to explore various career interests by receiving hands-on experience (within the business of football) and establish meaningful connections, all thanks to the League's commitment to advancing the development of HBCU students through the Forum."

The Careers in Football Forum is just one component of a larger initiative to increase career development opportunities for students and athletic administrators from HBCUs.

**"THE FORUM IS PART OF THE NFL'S BROADER PARTNERSHIP WITH HBCUS DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO DRIVE AWARENESS FOR CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BUSINESS OF FOOTBALL. OUR GOAL IS TO CONNECT POTENTIAL WITH OPPORTUNITY."**



## NFL PARTNERS WITH NFHS TO BOOST OFFICIATING PARTICIPATION

### ***Initiative with National Federation of State High School Associations Aims to Increase Participation and Recognition of Game Officials in Youth and High School Football***

As part of the ongoing partnership between the National Football League and the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS), a new initiative to increase participation in and recognition of high school football officials will be piloted with seven NFL clubs during the 2023 football season. The NFL has identified three major areas of support - recognition, mentorship, and campaign support - and the participating clubs will work with surrounding NFHS member state high school associations to fulfill the initiative's mission.

"The partnership with NFHS has helped us better understand high school football participation trends and been an incredible resource for all 32 clubs", said Roman Oben, NFL Vice President of Football Development. "We can now promote the officials as well as the athletes on the field."

The seven NFL clubs participating in this initiative and the states they are representing are the Atlanta Falcons (Alabama/Georgia), Buffalo Bills (New York), Cincinnati Bengals (Ohio), Cleveland Browns (Ohio), Las Vegas Raiders (Nevada/Utah), the New York Giants (New York) and the New York Jets (New Jersey).



In affiliation with respective state associations, the participating NFL clubs will recognize youth and high school officials across their states in the months of September, October, and November. Recipients will be highlighted for their demonstration of objectivity, fairness in rules implementation and commitment as high school football officials. In association with Nike, crews will receive apparel and uniform items to keep them outfitted on the field. Across all participating markets, nine officiating crews each month will be nominated as the crew of the month, with the winner being recognized on NFL Play Football social channels and on the Play Football website.

"The NFHS is honored to work with the NFL to address the issue of officiating recruitment and retention," said Karissa Niehoff, NFHS Chief Executive Officer. "The desire of the League and the participating clubs to help us recognize, celebrate, train, recruit and retain officials at the high school level is exciting and inspiring, and we look forward to seeing how this initiative grows in the future. We appreciate the NFL and their clubs taking such an interest in high school officials and being such willing partners in developing an initiative that benefits football officials at the grassroots level."

NFL clubs will work in conjunction with state associations to serve as a host location for a state officials association meeting and recruitment event. The NFL will provide speakers and clinicians from the officiating space to help train, educate, and mentor officials at the high school level and prospective officials who attend these educational and recruitment meetings. Along with education, these meetings will serve as an opportunity for individuals interested in becoming an official to meet those involved in officiating in their community, learn more about officiating roles, the scope of work involved and to connect prospects with current officials in their areas.

To understand the officials outside their on-the-field roles, "Under the Lights" will provide a glimpse into the life of a current high school official. State associations will select an official who demonstrates a commitment to their work, local community, and their families. The selected officials will share their experiences in youth and high school officiating, while being recognized in the community. For more information on how the officials are awarded, visit [PlayFootball.com](https://www.playfootball.com).

# NFL WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL INITIATIVES



## RCX SPORTS FOUNDATION TO OFFER WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM BEGINNING IN 2024

### ***Four Scholarships Available to International Female Student-Athletes at United States-based Colleges and Universities that Offer Women's Flag as a Varsity Sport***

The National Football League (NFL) is dedicated to fostering the growth of women's flag football worldwide. In support of this effort, the NFL proudly endorses the RCX Sports Foundation in presenting the International Women's Flag Football Scholarship Program, which - beginning in 2024 - aims to empower women globally by offering four scholarships for international flag football players to attend a United States-based college or university that offers women's flag football as a varsity sport. Through these scholarships, the RCX Sports Foundation seeks to encourage women to pursue their passion for flag football while furthering their education.

"International Women's Flag Football Scholarship provide women access to resources that assist in attaining a world class education while competing as student athletes at the collegiate level in the sport of their choice," said Troy Vincent, Sr., NFL Executive Vice President of Football Operations.

The scholarships are made possible in part due to the RCX Sports Foundation, whose goal is to develop, promote, and implement diversity and inclusion in youth sports as the non-profit arm of RCX Sports. The foundation focuses on expanding youth sports opportunities so all children can experience athletics in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment.

"At RCX Sports, we're committed to increasing accessibility to sports for athletes of all ages, because sports should be available for all," said RCX Sports CEO Izell Reese. "We're proud to offer these scholarships through the RCX Sports Foundation to increase participation in flag football for women athletes around the world."

Flag football is one of the world's fastest-growing sports disciplines, played by over 20 million people in more than 100 countries, across every continent. It is the most inclusive and accessible format of football, played by people of all ages and genders, with female athletes driving some of the fastest growth.

"Flag football continues to see tremendous growth globally, with women and girls helping to drive the game forward at every level around the world," added Peter O'Reilly, NFL Executive Vice President, Club Business, Major Events & International. "We are excited to see the introduction of the International Women's Flag Football Scholarship to help create further opportunities for talented international student-athletes to play the game, while supporting their education in the US."

The four scholarships will be offered to female student-athletes in Latin America and the Caribbean, Europe, Africa, and Asia. To be eligible for the International Women's Flag Football Scholarship, applicants

must apply and be admitted to a United States-based college or university that offers women's flag football as a varsity sport. Applicants must submit an essay of 500 words or less describing the impact flag football has had on them or why they are excited to play flag football at the collegiate level. They must also submit SAT/ACT scores, transcripts, a recommendation, and acceptable proof of graduation as defined by the district, state, or province.

The International Women's Flag Football Scholarship Program supports several United States-based colleges and universities that offer varsity flag football for women. Some of the participating institutions include:

- Baker University (Kan.)
- Bethel College (Kan.)
- Bryant & Stratton College (N.Y.)
- Campbellsville University (Ky.)
- Cottey College (Mo.)
- Florida Gateway College
- Florida Memorial University
- Fort Scott Community College (Kan.)
- Graceland University (Iowa)
- Hesston College (Kan.)
- Hocking College (Ohio)
- Kansas Wesleyan University
- Keiser University (Fla.)
- Life University (Ga.)
- Midland University (Neb.)
- Milligan University (Tenn.)
- Nassau Community College (N.Y.)
- Ottawa University (Kan.)
- Point University (Ga.)
- Pratt Community College (Kan.)
- Reinhardt University (Ga.)
- University of Saint Mary's (Kan.)
- Southwestern College (Kan.)
- Southern University at New Orleans (La.)
- St. Thomas University (Fla.)
- Talladega College (Ala.)
- Thomas University (Ga.)
- Tougaloo College (Miss.)
- Warner University (Fla.)
- Webber International (Fla.)
- Westcliff University (Calif.)
- Xavier University (La.)

# NFL & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY





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# MISSION

INSPIRE AND UNIFY PLAYERS,  
FANS AND COMMUNITIES  
TO LEAVE A POSITIVE,  
MEANINGFUL IMPACT.



OUR

# VISION

THE NFL EMBRACES ITS ROLE IN  
UNIFYING OUR COMMUNITIES,  
ADDRESSING KEY SOCIAL ISSUES  
AND SERVING AS A FORCE FOR  
POSITIVE CHANGE.

# LETTER FROM THE COMMISSIONER

**THE NFL'S 103<sup>RD</sup> SEASON WAS ANOTHER INCREDIBLY EXCITING AND IMPACTFUL YEAR, BOTH ON AND OFF THE FIELD. FROM THE DRAFT IN LAS VEGAS TO A THRILLING SUPER BOWL WIN FOR THE CHIEFS IN ARIZONA, WE WERE ABLE TO USE OUR PLATFORM TO TOUCH MILLIONS OF FANS AROUND THE WORLD.**

This year, we engaged with fans on new platforms and in exciting and unique ways, both digitally and in person. From our NFL PLAY 60 Fitness Break broadcast for school children across the country during Super Bowl week, to NFL Votes and its non-partisan voter registration and information activities in our stadiums across the country.

We helped build and refurbish 23 turf fields around the country, including in Arizona, the host of Super Bowl LVII. We supported the expansion of Girls Flag Football, which is now a sanctioned high school varsity sport in seven states, and launched the NFL Foundation UK, the League's first international nonprofit. Through Inspire Change, we expanded our police-community relations pillar and funded new methods to bring law enforcement and communities together. Through these and many other initiatives, we endeavored to unify and strengthen our communities wherever there are football fans.

The NFL Family supported unprecedented work in the community this year with a keen focus on inclusive programming. Through this lens, we continued our legacy of impact on a broad range of critical topics such as mental health within the military community and among our youth, community gun violence, access to cancer screenings for the underserved, and support for the Ukrainian people.

Each year we are reminded of the best of NFL players through the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award. Collectively, the 32 nominees represent Walter's

humanitarian spirit of giving back in ways that make us all incredibly proud. This year's recipient, **DAK PRESCOTT**, is a great example of an outstanding leader on the field who has used his platform and personal experiences to improve the lives of others. Since entering the NFL, he has inspired so many others to push through adversity and to help those in need when they need it the most.

As always, we will never rest on our past accomplishments and will constantly strive to set the bar higher. Whether it's the first-ever all-female Super Bowl flyover by the Navy, an expansion of access to digital tools and technology to help students thrive, or increasing training and education on the importance of CPR, the NFL is committed stepping up when we can lend a hand.

We have the best fans in the world and it is part of our DNA to respond in positive ways that leave lasting legacies for all in our communities. Thank you.



**ROGER GOODELL**  
NFL COMMISSIONER

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For the 14th consecutive year, the NFL and **American Cancer Society (ACS)** worked together to support the fight against cancer through **Crucial Catch: Intercept Cancer**.

The NFL's Crucial Catch mission is to fight multiple types of cancer through early detection and risk reduction efforts. The League, its clubs, players, the NFL Player Association and the American Cancer Society are all committed to providing individuals with the tools they need to help them better understand early detection and ways to reduce their cancer risk.

New this year, through funding provided by the NFL as part of the Crucial Catch initiative, fans and members of the NFL Family were able to easily find their nearest cancer screening center and additional screening resources at [NFL.com/CrucialCatch](https://www.nfl.com/crucialcatch) or by texting "CATCH" to 635635. The site also provides resources for fans to determine the type of cancer screening they need, a cancer hotline and a 24-hour chat for anyone who needs their screening questions answered.



**EACH YEAR, EVERY NFL TEAM RAISES AWARENESS DURING THEIR CRUCIAL CATCH GAME, WHICH FEATURES ON-FIELD AND IN-STADIUM CRUCIAL CATCH ELEMENTS.**

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## **CHANGE GRANTS**

Since 2012, the NFL has funded ACS' **Community Health Advocates implementing Nationwide Grants for Empowerment and Equity (CHANGE)** grants, which have contributed to over 600,000 screenings in under-resourced communities and reached more than 1.3 million individuals through education, screening reminders and patient navigation, bringing these life-saving messages and screening services to those who need them most. Some of the services provided this season included providing funding for mobile mammograms, expanding screening services to the uninsured and operations outside of normal business hours, plus rides to those experiencing transportation barriers.



**MORE THAN  
650,000 CANCER  
SCREENINGS  
SINCE 2012**

**MORE THAN  
1.3 MILLION  
INDIVIDUALS  
REACHED  
SINCE 2009**

**\$27 MILLION  
RAISED SINCE 2009**

## ▶ WATCH VIDEO: NFL CRUCIAL CATCH CAMPAIGN – “WE SEE YOU”

### WE SEE YOU

This year's Crucial Catch spot was part of the League's new “We See You” cause advertising campaign. Houston Texans wide receiver **JOHN METCHIE III**, who was diagnosed with a form of Leukemia, was featured in this public service announcement (PSA). The PSA spoke to the struggles that many face when it comes to taking the next step in getting screened—whether it be lack of transportation or health insurance, etc.—and the solutions that the NFL and ACS are working to provide through resources funded by Crucial Catch grants.



### FACEBOOK CHALLENGE

For the second year in a row, ACS and the NFL teamed up for a Crucial Catch Facebook fundraising challenge. A series of Facebook ads promoted the “**October 25 Push-Ups A Day**” challenge presented by NFL's Crucial Catch. Facebook users could opt in to the challenge via a Facebook group where they were connected with other Facebook users around the country. In addition to logging 25 push-ups a day, users were encouraged to start a Facebook fundraiser to raise money for Crucial Catch.

**\$115,000**  
RAISED

### YOUTH CRUCIAL CATCH

Each year, college, high school and youth football teams from across the country do their part to raise funds and awareness in support of the NFL's efforts in the fight against cancer. Schools, leagues, intramural clubs and community athletic organizations are invited to unite with the NFL and join Youth Crucial Catch to raise funds to beat cancer.

### SUN SAFETY

Crucial Catch kicked off the NFL season during training camp with an initiative to raise awareness and reduce the risk of skin cancer. Several NFL club training camps offered sunscreen samples at their training camps as well as sun safety tips.



# MY CAUSE MY CLEATS

For the seventh consecutive season, the [My Cause My Cleats](#) initiative brought awareness to important, player-selected causes. In Week 13, NFL players, coaches and staff across the League wore custom-painted cleats highlighting the different nonprofit organizations and causes that mean the most to them.



## THE PLAYER-LED CAMPAIGN BEGAN IN 2016, FUELING CRUCIAL CONVERSATIONS AND PUTTING IMPORTANT CAUSES AT THE FOREFRONT.

The causes players chose to support this year included topics such as preventing gun violence, tackling social justice, prioritizing mental health, raising awareness for individuals with disabilities and disability research, youth & education, military support, cancer & other diseases, animal welfare and more. This year, more than 30% of players chose to support various forms of cancer and other health-related causes, while nearly 20% selected topics related to youth and education.



**NEW THIS SEASON, FANS WERE ENCOURAGED TO BUILD AND SHARE THEIR OWN CUSTOMIZED DIGITAL CLEAT SHOWCASING THEIR FAVORITE TEAM AND CHARITY OF CHOICE. FOUR FANS WERE SELECTED TO WIN A REAL VERSION OF THE CLEATS THEY CREATED.**

Following Week 13 games, hundreds of players donated their cleats through **NFL Auction**, where 100% of funds raised were donated to the charities they selected. Fans were also able to donate directly to select players' causes.

## MORE THAN \$1 MILLION RAISED TO SUPPORT PLAYER CAUSES



## THE SHOE SURGEON

Also new this season, the NFL partnered with pioneering shoe customizer **DOMINIC CIAMBRONE**, aka [The Shoe Surgeon](#). The collaboration, consisting of two key initiatives, empowered the local community and youth through fashion, football and philanthropy.

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The first initiative was a monthly series of [SRGN Academy](#) clinics in partnership with **Big Brother Big Sisters of America**. Each workshop taught fifteen Littles and their Bigs from local agencies about creativity and customization as they transformed a blank cleat canvas into works of art with NFL clubs and players. These workshops took place in Las Vegas, Miami, Los Angeles and New York.

For the second initiative, Ciambone led a special My Cause My Cleats activation where he hand-picked eight local sneaker customizers and paired them with NFL players in their market. Designers created one-of-a-kind cleats for each player, creatively displaying the nonprofit organization of their choosing. The custom cleats were then auctioned off with 100% of proceeds going to the players' designated charities via NFL Foundation.

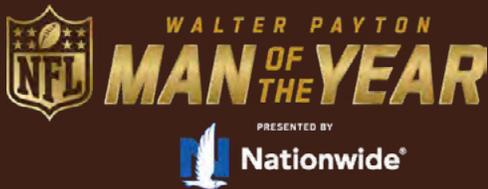
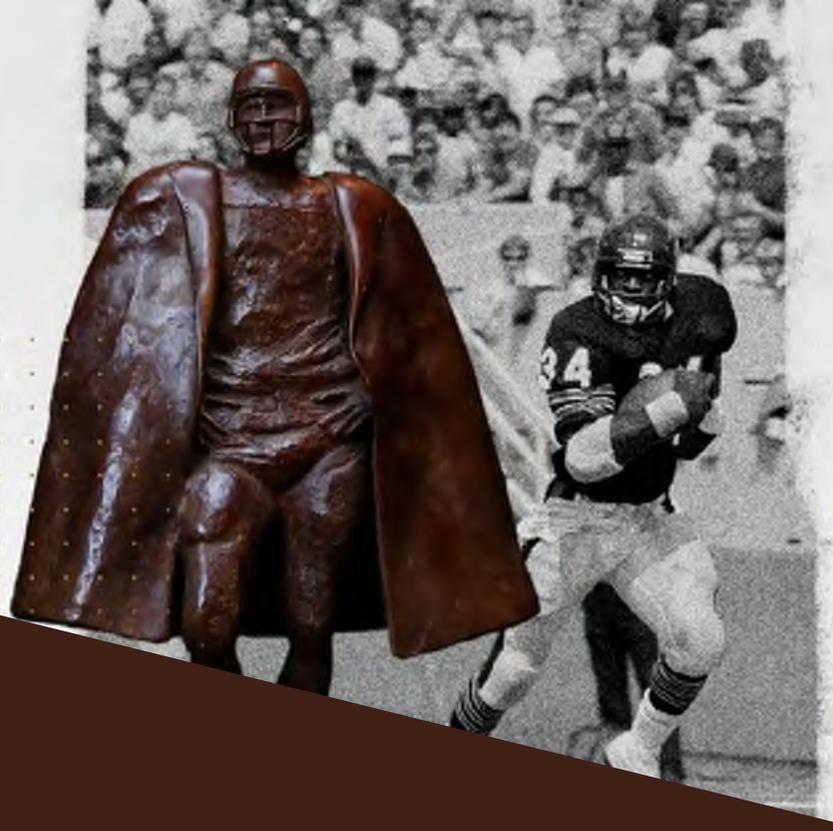


## NFL FOUNDATION UK

For this year's My Cause My Cleats campaign, **IDRIS ELBA**, Coach **ADEN DURDE** of the Dallas Cowboys, **Don't Stab Your Future** and **NFL Foundation UK** community partner **BIGKID Foundation** came together as part of a joint mission to raise awareness for knife crime and end social exclusion and youth violence.

ELBA, DURDE and the Don't Stab Your Future team collaborated on a special pair of **Air Force Ones**, which were auctioned off to raise money for the **BIGKID Foundation**, a fantastic organization using flag football to tackle youth violence in London.





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

Representing the best of the NFL's commitment to philanthropy and community impact, each team selects their own Man of the Year who is then eligible to win the national award. All team winners are highlighted as nominees and recognized for their important work, beginning in Week 14 of the regular season with additional recognition during the week leading up to **Super Bowl LVII**.

Each of the 31 runner-up nominees receives up to a \$55,000 donation in their name to the charity of their choice, with the winner of the 2022 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award receiving up to a \$255,000 donation to the charity of their choice. All donations are courtesy of the NFL Foundation and Nationwide.

The nominees supported many different causes, including social justice work, veterans, fighting homelessness and more.

**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE AWARD AND ALL 32 TEAM NOMINEES, VISIT [NFL.COM/HONORS/MAN-OF-THE-YEAR](https://www.nfl.com/honors/man-of-the-year)**



**31 RUNNER-UP NOMINEES =  
UP TO \$55,000/EACH**

**WINNER = \$255,000**

**TOTAL: UP TO NEARLY  
\$2 MILLION**



**BEGINNING IN 2017, THE WALTER PAYTON NFL MAN OF THE YEAR TROPHY SILHOUETTE CAME TO LIFE IN UNIFORM ELEMENTS TO FURTHER RECOGNIZE PAST AWARD WINNERS AND CURRENT NOMINEES.**

All nominees wore a Man of the Year helmet decal beginning in Week 14 through the end of the season in recognition of their accomplishments both on and off the field. All active past winners are eligible to wear a patch on their jersey throughout their career. JJ Watt, Russell Wilson and Calais Campbell wore the patch on their jersey last year.



**MAN OF THE YEAR CHARITY CHALLENGE**

The League encouraged fans to participate in Nationwide's eighth annual **Charity Challenge**, a social media campaign designed to support and promote team nominees. Fans voted on Twitter by using #WPMOYChallenge followed by their favorite nominee's last name and/or his Twitter handle, and the player whose unique mention was used the most between December 6th and January 11th received an additional \$25,000 contribution to their charity of choice.

**PATRICK MAHOMES**, who received the most fan hashtag mentions, was announced as the winner and a \$25,000 contribution was made to his **15 and the Mahomies Foundation** courtesy of Nationwide.

In addition, **CHARLES LENO JR.** and **DION DAWKINS** were the second and third place finishers, receiving a \$10,000 and \$5,000 donation from Nationwide.



**PATRICK MAHOMES**  
(\$25,000)

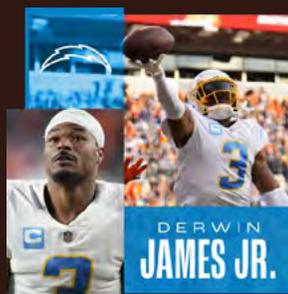


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(\$5,000)

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**2022 WALTER PAYTON NFL**

# **MAN OF THE YEAR**

Dallas Cowboys quarterback **DAK PRESCOTT** was named the **2022 Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Presented by Nationwide** for his commitment to inspiring others around him to push through adversity and help those in need. He is a leader in both the mental health space and raising awareness for the fight against cancer.



Through his **Faith, Fight, Finish (FFF) Foundation**, Prescott has been able to impact many lives in the state of Texas, as well as in his home state of Louisiana. In the past few years, he has broadened the mission of the community work done through FFF by focusing on four main initiatives: colon cancer research, mental health and suicide prevention, bridging the gap between law enforcement and the communities they serve, and offering assistance to those facing life-challenging hardships.

## **PRESCOTT'S FAITH, FIGHT, FINISH FOUNDATION FOCUSES ON 4 INITIATIVES:**

- **Colon cancer research**
- **Mental health & suicide prevention**
- **Police community relations**
- **Assisting those facing life-challenging hardships**

**PRESCOTT FEELS STRONGLY ABOUT GETTING POLICE TO INTERACT WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES SO YOUTH FEEL SAFE IN THEIR PRESENCE.**

In May 2022, FFF hosted **The North Texas Town Hall** where over 250 youth participated in a meaningful dialogue with law enforcement officers. FFF sponsors police-led youth workshops at local schools and recently hosted a **Community & Cops Movie Night**, in partnership with **Crowley ISD** and the **Fort Worth Police Department**. Prescott's **Law Enforcement Steering Committee** is working to bring the **CYCLE (Connecting Youth & Communities with Law Enforcement)** training program to communities across the country, free of charge.



**HOSTED THE NORTH TEXAS TOWN HALL WHERE OVER 250 YOUTH PARTICIPATED IN A MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS**

**PARTNERED WITH THE DEFENSIVE LINE ON PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAININGS FOR TEACHERS**

**SPREAD AWARENESS THAT THE NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE CHANGED TO A 3-DIGIT NUMBER (988)**

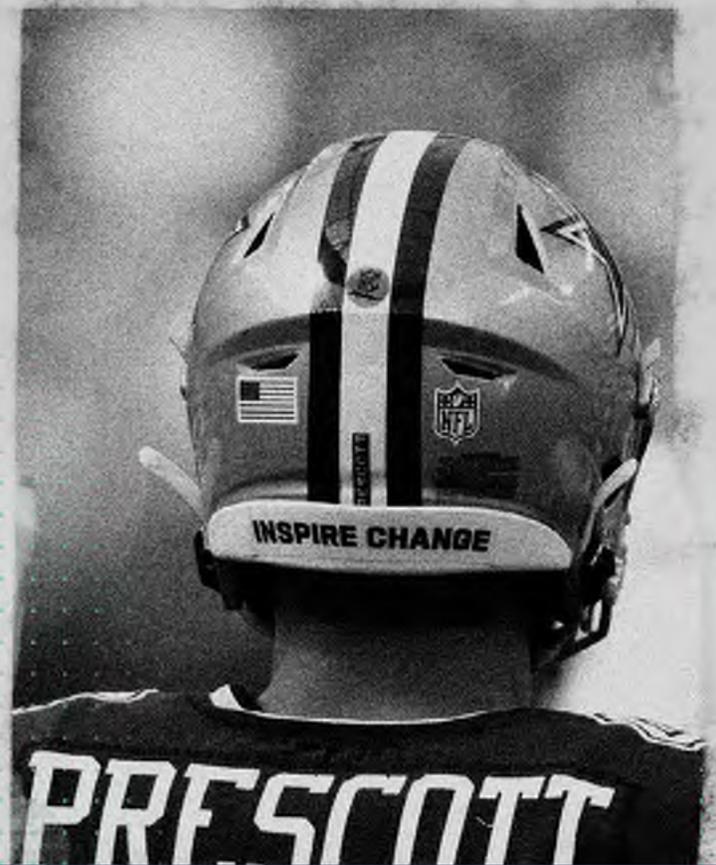
Since losing his brother to suicide, Prescott has championed those who battle mental illness by helping them to know that their lives matter. He made a promise that his brother Jace's life would be "a life taken to save millions." FFF has partnered with **SOLOMON THOMAS's The Defensive Line** on programs that provide suicide prevention trainings for teachers that help connect students in crisis with the resources they need. FFF also collaborated with the **American Foundation for Suicide Prevention** to spread awareness that the **National Suicide Prevention Hotline** changed to a 3-digit number (988) in July 2022, making it more accessible for those in need.

He also continues the fight against cancer in honor of his mother. In April 2022, he succeeded **ROGER STAUBACH** as co-chair of the **Children's Cancer Fund Gala**, joining **TROY AIKMAN** to continue the fight against childhood cancer that Staubach led for more than 30 years. In addition to donating his time, Prescott has contributed more than \$40,000 to childhood cancer research.

Prescott understands the struggle so many families face, which is why the individual giving pillar of his foundation means so much to him. FFF frequently champions individuals and families facing medical adversity, from cancer diagnoses to mental health crises, by subsidizing costs not covered by insurance—including travel, housing, groceries and other basic living expenses.



**NFL Inspire Change** is the League's social justice platform, which includes an acknowledgment of the ways that systemic racism contributes to barriers to opportunity. Inspire Change work encompasses programs and initiatives in four key areas: **Education, Economic Advancement, Police-Community Relations and Criminal Justice Reform.**



**THIS YEAR, THE LEAGUE ANNOUNCED THE EXPANSION OF ITS PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PLAYERS COALITION FOR AN ADDITIONAL FIVE YEARS AND A NEW \$15 MILLION GRANT.**

This contribution will help further extend the reach and impact of Players Coalition work in building awareness and influencing legislation and policy around racial and social justice issues to drive systemic change.

The League's continued support of the Players Coalition comes as the NFL and its teams have surpassed their \$250 million commitment to combat systemic racism—four years ahead of schedule. The expanded partnership builds on the NFL's social justice grants, which have to date supported more than 650 local non-profits, 1,950 player and Legend matching grants, and more than 40 national grant partners.

Players Coalition, an independent nonprofit organization, actively makes an impact on social justice and racial equity at the federal, state and local levels, working with more than 1,400 professional athletes, coaches and owners across sports leagues to educate and advocate for reform across the country.

**ADDITIONAL 5-YEAR & \$15 MILLION COMMITMENT TO THE PLAYERS COALITION**

**NFL & ITS CLUBS HAVE SURPASSED THEIR \$250 MILLION COMMITMENT 4 YEARS AHEAD OF SCHEDULE**

**SINCE 2017:**

**650 LOCAL NONPROFITS SUPPORTED**

**1,950 PLAYER & NFL LEGEND GRANTS MATCHED**

**MORE THAN 40 NATIONAL PARTNERS**



Based on learnings from partners and with the guidance of players, the League will focus its future biannual national social justice grants in the following areas:

- **Education:** Fostering mentorship for better outcomes in education and beyond.
- **Economic Advancement:** Advancing access to financial literacy and career pipelines.
- **Police and Community Relations:** Creating changes in policing through law enforcement-community collaboration and alternative crisis responders.
- **Criminal Justice Reform:** Providing transition support for the formerly incarcerated and advocating for key reforms to the criminal legal system.

**IN ADDITION TO ITS COMMITMENT TO PLAYERS COALITION, THE NFL NARROWED AND DEEPENED THE FOCUS OF ITS NATIONAL SOCIAL JUSTICE GRANTS TO A MORE DEFINED SET OF ISSUES WITHIN THE FOUR PILLARS OF INSPIRE CHANGE—AN EFFORT DESIGNED TO PUSH DEEPER IN AREAS THAT ARE MOST PRESSING AND HELP MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.**

**FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, THE NFL AND ITS 32 CLUBS HIGHLIGHTED THEIR COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE DURING THE REGULAR SEASON THROUGH GAME-DAY STADIUM ACTIVATIONS AND AWARENESS.**

Inspire Change came to life on field by integrating in-stadium elements as well as video content during game broadcasts that highlighted the impactful social justice work done by NFL players, clubs, the League office and social justice grant partners to break down barriers to opportunity and end systemic racism. New elements to Inspire Change this year included the addition of five Inspire Change grant partners and the NFL's inaugural Inspire Change Changemaker Award.



## THE NFL AGAIN WORKED WITH NEW ERA TO PROVIDE INSPIRE CHANGE-BRANDED HEADWEAR FOR COACHES, PLAYERS AND ALL SIDELINE PERSONNEL.

The collection featured seven silhouettes with all 32 clubs represented with designs featuring the words 'opportunity, equity, freedom and justice' and were available for purchase at NewEraCap.com, NFLShop.com and Fanatics. All of the League's proceeds were donated to Inspire Change grant recipients.



Separately, **NFL Media** debuted a three-part docuseries featuring New Orleans Saints All-Pro linebacker **DEMARIO DAVIS** and his **Devoted Dreamers Academy**, an after-school program that launched January 2023 designed to serve New Orleans youth through sports, academics and mentorship.

## INSPIRE CHANGE NATIONAL GRANT PARTNERS

As part of Inspire Change, the League awarded funding to five new national grant partners: **Atlanta Policing Alternatives & Diversion Initiative (PAD)**, **Chicago's Crisis Assistance Response and Engagement (CARE)**, **CHOOSE 180**, **Gulf Coast JFCS Community Assistance and Life Liaison Program (CALL)** and **Peace for DC**.

These national grant partners were approved by the Social Justice Working Group and represent the expansion of Inspire Change's police-community relations pillar to include organizations that use key methods to bring law enforcement and communities together to create meaningful change in policing, policies and engagement. The methods, which have the support of both community advocates and law enforcement, include:

- **Co-Responder Models:** Providing alternative responses for 9-1-1 or 3-1-1 calls that pertain to mental health crises.
- **Intervention Models:** Selecting organizations that address community violence and youth impacted by the court system.

The League also announced the renewals of 21 national grant partners, totaling \$6.5 million in donations. Partners who received renewed funding:

Alabama Appleseed  
Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC)  
Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO)  
Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBBSA)  
Boys & Girls Clubs of America (BGCA)  
Breakthrough Miami  
Center for Policing Equity (CPE)  
City Year  
Community Justice Exchange  
Covenant House  
Just City  
Ladies of Hope Ministries (LOHM)  
MENTOR  
Metropolitan Family Services  
National Urban League  
Oregon Justice Resource Center (OJRC)  
Operation HOPE  
Per Scholas  
Texas Appleseed  
US Dream Academy  
Vera Institute of Justice (Vera)

# 2022 INSPIRE CHANGE CHANGEMAKER AWARD



The NFL launched the **2022 Inspire Change Changemaker Award** to recognize individuals who are making a difference in their communities through social justice work—either individually or as part of a nonprofit organization—across each of the NFL’s 32 club markets. Inspire Change Changemaker Award recipients were selected by each club based on their outstanding work in the community, supporting one or more of the four key pillars encompassed in the Inspire Change initiative.

All 32 recipients received a \$10,000 donation, courtesy of the **NFL Foundation**, to the social justice 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of their choice. Each Changemaker was announced or recognized during Weeks 15 and 16 by their respective club.

**2022 CHANGEMAKERS**  
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Arizona Cardinals  
**GRACE BISHARA**

Atlanta Falcons  
**DAVID LEE WINDECHER**

Baltimore Ravens  
**VAN BROOKS**

Buffalo Bills  
**Pastor JAMES GILES**

Carolina Panthers  
**Dr. MICHAEL MARSCIANO**

Chicago Bears  
**ADAM ALONSO**

Cincinnati Bengals  
**CANDICE MATTHEWS BRACKEEN**

Cleveland Browns  
**KAHARI HICKS, MAC STEPHENS & DAMION CREEL**

Dallas Cowboys  
**DOMINIQUE COLLINS**

Denver Broncos  
**NASHARA ELLERBEE & NAJA'RAY WEST**

Detroit Lions  
**SHERELLE HOGAN**

Green Bay Packers  
**RHONDA CHANDLER**

Houston Texans  
**CAMERON CAMPBELL**

Indianapolis Colts  
**DENNIS BLAND**

Jacksonville Jaguars  
**SUZANNE PICKETT**

Kansas City Chiefs  
**Dr. CASEY VOLKOLEK**

Las Vegas Raiders  
**Coach ARPEDGE ROLLE**

Los Angeles Chargers  
**GEORGE WEAVER & CHARISSE BREMOND WEAVER**

Los Angeles Rams  
**BRANDON SALAAM-BAILEY**

Miami Dolphins  
**DESMOND MEADE**

Minnesota Vikings  
**EMILY HUNT TURNER**

New England Patriots  
**YI-CHIN CHEN**

New Orleans Saints  
**LEONA TATE**

New York Giants  
**Lt. LENORA MOODY**

New York Jets  
**BENJIE E. WIMBERLY**

Philadelphia Eagles  
**Dr. RUTH ABAYA**

Pittsburgh Steelers  
**ANNA HOLLIS**

San Francisco 49ers  
**Dr. JOSEPH MARSHALL**

Seattle Seahawks  
**T'WINA NOBLES**

Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
**SHERISHA HILLS**

Tennessee Titans  
**JOYCE WATKINS**

Washington Commanders  
**LEGREG HARRISON**

## 306 / EVERFI CHARACTER PLAYBOOK SPEAKER SERIES

In schools, the League expanded its partnership with digital learning curriculum leader **EVERFI** on 306, a high school focused African-American History education program. During EVERFI's **2023 Black History Month** celebration, the Los Angeles Rams hosted a **Character Playbook Speaker Series** event featuring a panel discussion about the legacy of **KENNY WASHINGTON**, the first African American to sign an NFL contract. The event included a screening of the documentary “**Kingfish: The Story of Kenny Washington**” and a student Q&A session. Inspire Change partnered with the event to help increase awareness and registration on social media.

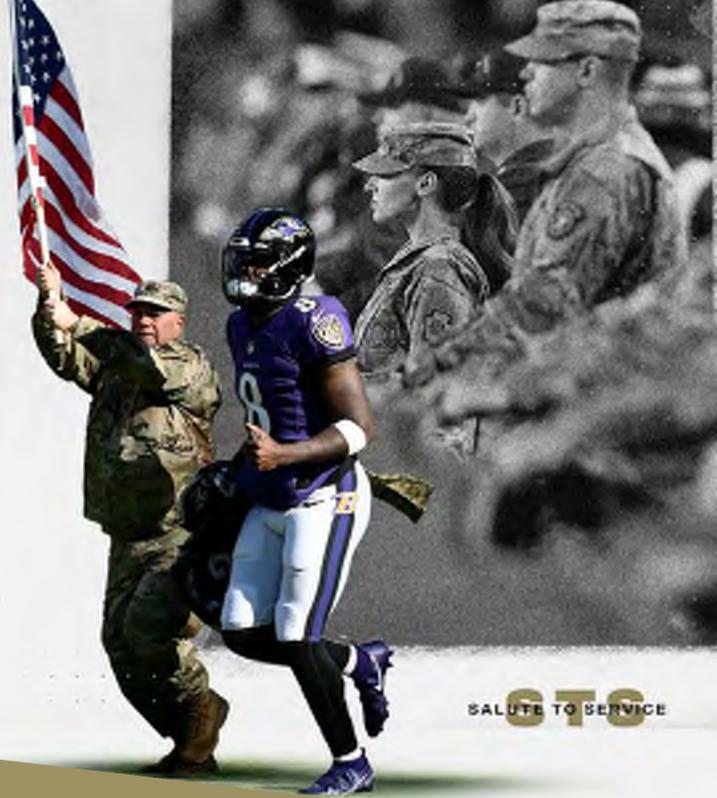
**MORE THAN 260 SCHOOLS REGISTERED**

**MORE THAN 3,000 STUDENTS ATTENDED LIVE**

**TOTAL REACH OF MORE THAN 9,000 STUDENTS**



**Salute to Service**—the NFL’s year-long initiative to honor, empower and connect with our nation’s service members, veterans and their families—has raised more than \$58 million for military and veteran support organizations since 2011. The NFL is proud to support its core military nonprofit partners to fund programs and provide resources.



SALUTE TO SERVICE

**SINCE 2011, SALUTE TO SERVICE HAS RAISED MORE THAN**

**\$58 MILLION**

**FOR ITS SALUTE TO SERVICE PARTNERS**

**THIS YEAR, SALUTE TO SERVICE CAME TO LIFE IN-STADIUM DURING GAMES IN WEEKS 9-11 AND IN OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS AROUND THE LEAGUE AS FANS AND THE NFL'S 32 CLUBS DEMONSTRATED THEIR GRATITUDE FOR THE SACRIFICES MADE BY OUR MILITARY COMMUNITY.**

On-field, this included field stencils, banners, goal post wraps, game balls, helmet decals, and New Era and Nike gear. There was also Salute to Service apparel available for purchase with all League proceeds donated to initiative partners. In addition, fans were able to bid on game-worn jerseys and gear from Salute to Service games to raise money for the NFL’s Salute to Service nonprofit partners. The League also partners with USAA, an Official NFL Salute to Service Partner, to work together to honor and recognize service members and veterans with unique experiences around NFL calendar events.



Through its five core Salute to Service partners—including the Pat Tillman Foundation (PTF), Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), United Service Organizations (USO), Bob Woodruff Foundation (BWF), and Wounded Warrior Project (WWP)—the NFL looks to make positive impacts on the lives of many in the military community.

**THE NFL HAS INCREASED CONNECTEDNESS BETWEEN THE NFL FAMILY AND MILITARY COMMUNITY, CREATED GREATER INDEPENDENCE FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS, AND BUILT STRONGER CONNECTIONS THROUGH A SHARED LOVE OF FOOTBALL.**



## HONOR, EMPOWER AND CONNECT

### HONOR IN ACTION

The NFL and its Salute to Service partner, **Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)**, hosted an exclusive experience for military families in London, where six TAPS families alongside military surviving families from the **British Armed Forces Charity SSAFA**, as well as **The Families' Activity Breaks (FAB)**, had the opportunity to attend a family welcome reception at **Winfield House**, the residence of the United States Ambassador to the United Kingdom, as well as viewing a private team practice hosted by the Jacksonville Jaguars. The exclusive experience culminated with tickets to the Broncos-Jaguars game at Wembley Stadium. During this time, families from the United States and the United Kingdom came together to connect, bond and share.

### EMPOWER IN ACTION

In October, wheelchair football athletes from across the nation competed in the third **USA Wheelchair Football League (USAWFL)** tournament of the 2022 season, with the Los Angeles Rams Wheelchair Football Team taking home the tournament title. The USAWFL is a program of **Bob Woodruff Foundation** grant recipient **Move United** and is made possible through contributions by the NFL. Through the USAWFL, adults with disabilities, including wounded veterans, can take part in fast-paced and competitive football games. Since 2020, more than 700 athletes and coaches have taken part in the league.

### CONNECT IN ACTION

In October, the **United Service Organizations (USO)** opened its northernmost center at the **Thule Air Base** in Greenland as part of the NFL's ongoing efforts to increase social connections within the military community and the local communities in which they occupy. The center was built partially through funding from the NFL's Salute to Service grant program and connects a military population of around 600 men and women from numerous military branches. Its amenities include comfortable furniture for resting, computers and Wi-Fi access, complimentary snacks and beverages, as well as a lounge area with TVs, gaming entertainment, movies and more.

# PARTNER SUPPORT

## USAA

USAA, an Official NFL Salute to Service Partner, recognized the contributions of the military community throughout the entire 2022 season. In the preseason, NFL Combine-style boot camps for military service members were hosted around the country at multiple teams' training camps. During the season, overseas service members participated in a similar event at a US military base in Germany just days before the NFL game in Munich. During the post-season, USAA partnered with eight NFL players and veteran service organizations to award trips to the Super Bowl to eight deserving military members and veterans.

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## CROWN ROYAL

Crown Royal has a deep tradition of generosity, and as a long-standing supporter of the military community, is proud to give back to the most generous ones who selflessly serve. Programs like **Packages From Home** have supported over one million servicemen and women with the **Purple Bag Project**. This season, Crown took the bag-packing program that provides food, hygiene and entertainment items to veterans worldwide.

## SUPPORTED OVER 1 MILLION SERVICEMEN & SERVICEWOMEN

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## NBC SPORTS NEXT

NBC Sports Next, a division of the NFL's broadcast partner NBC, helped generate funds for Salute to Service partners for a second year through its **Round-Up** campaign. Anyone who booked tee times in November on NBC Sports Next's **GolfNow** or **TeeOff** websites were provided the opportunity to round up the total cost of the reservation to an even-dollar figure, with the additional contribution going to our Salute to Service partners.



## IT TAKES ALL OF US

Players **GEORGE KITTLE**, **DAMIEN HARRIS**, **ELIJAH MOORE**, **CAM JORDAN** and **TARRON JACKSON**, along with **COACH RON RIVERA**, were featured in TV spots to honor veterans, service members and their families who have benefitted from the NFL's Salute to Service funding of partners. Additionally, features on **NFL Network** and short-form video vignettes across the NFL's social channels also aired.

## TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS

The NFL partners with **Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors (TAPS)** to fund programs that support the families of fallen military service members. Many thousands of survivors are able to access youth and mentor programs and services to support all those grieving the loss of a military loved one. Through this partnership, more than 6,000 survivors who are part of TAPS have been able to participate in NFL events and honor their loved ones. The NFL is also working to fund the TAPS Young Adult Program and the TAPS Military Mentor Program. These programs, along with events like the TAPS NFL UK Experience and the TAPS NFL Nevada Experience, engage survivors from across America to bring hope, healing and connection

**MORE THAN 6,000 SURVIVORS HAVE PARTICIPATED IN NFL EVENTS**

**PAT TILLMAN FOUNDATION**



### PAT TILLMAN FOUNDATION

To help honor leaders who exemplify **PAT TILLMAN's** enduring legacy of service, the NFL partners with the **Pat Tillman Foundation**, which provides more than \$24 million in academic scholarships and lifelong leadership development for more than 800 Tillman Scholars.

**MORE THAN \$24 MILLION IN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MORE THAN 800 TILLMAN SCHOLARS**



### WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

The NFL partners with **Wounded Warrior Project®** to provide over 200,000 wounded veterans and family support members access to free programs and resources in mental health, financial and career counseling, and long-term rehabilitative care. Since 2011, the NFL has donated more than \$10 million to help injured veterans and their families tackle their next mission in life.

**SINCE 2011, NFL HAS DONATED MORE THAN \$10 MILLION TO HELP OVER 200,000 INJURED VETERANS & THEIR FAMILIES**

## BOB WOODRUFF FOUNDATION

Since 2018, the NFL and the **Bob Woodruff Foundation** have made a measurable impact on the lives of more than 575,000 service members, veterans, their families and caregivers. The NFL and Bob Woodruff Foundation partnership is designed to optimize the positive impact that the NFL and its 32 clubs have on the veteran community by leveraging BWF's national network. To date, BWF has invested over \$9.5 million in 76 grants to best-in-class organizations supporting veterans and their families through **NFL-BWF Healthy Lifestyles and Creating Communities** and NFL-BWF pipeline grants. The NFL and BWF also invested over \$330,000 in 46 states to ensure communities across the country were equipped to support the service members, veterans, families and caregivers in their area during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## USO

For more than half a century, the **United Service Organizations (USO)** and the NFL have partnered to express gratitude to the **Armed Forces** and bring communities of fans and supporters together to give more than thanks to the military. Leveraging American football as the cornerstone of the partnership, the USO and NFL honor, empower and connect service members and military families. Through support of USO center expansions, holiday programming and a variety of other events and activations, the NFL helps to deliver sports, entertainment and gaming to troops being called to serve missions around the world. Since 2007, more than 250 NFL players, coaches and executives have traveled on USO Tours to 28 countries to meet and thank more than 107,000 service members.

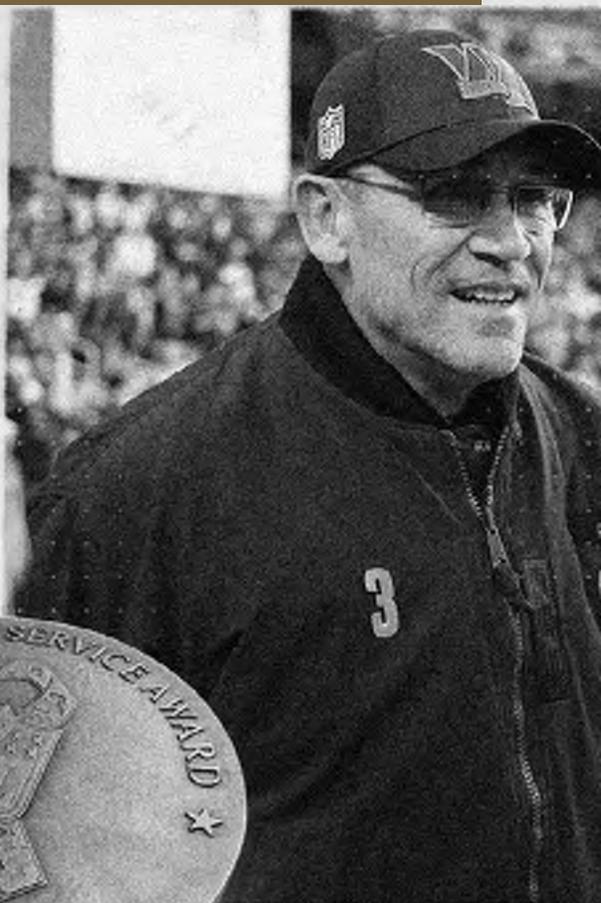


2022

## SALUTE TO SERVICE AWARD

PRESENTED BY USAA

For the 12th consecutive season, the NFL and **USAA**—an Official NFL Salute to Service Partner—recognized inspiring leaders within the NFL community who are committed to honoring and serving our military members, veterans and their families. The 2022 recipient of the **Salute to Service Award Presented by USAA** was Washington Commanders head coach **RON RIVERA**.



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**THROUGHOUT HIS 12-YEAR CAREER AS A HEAD COACH, RIVERA HAS BEEN COMMITTED TO GIVING BACK TO THE MILITARY AND VETERAN COMMUNITIES. HE CONSISTENTLY CONNECTS HIS TEAMS WITH SERVICE MEMBERS AND MILITARY FAMILIES TO RECOGNIZE THEIR SERVICE AND SACRIFICE.**

In May, Rivera—along with Commanders players **JONATHAN ALLEN** and **JAMIN DAVIS**, and co-owner and co-CEO **TANYA SNYDER**—surprised departing troops with a visit at BWI Airport where the team passed out care packages to troops as they waited to board their planes. Rivera also took time in training camp to visit with over 250 service members and veterans at the club's **Salute to Service Day**. Additionally, he brought the entire team to **Joint Base Andrews** for a practice in front of the troops before the first preseason game and hosted nine wounded/paralyzed veterans at **Operation Warrior Wishes** in training camp.

Rivera hosted **Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)** families at the **OrthoVirginia Training Center at Commanders Park** for the second year in a row, creating a special event to honor surviving families. He is donating all the proceeds from his appearances on the League-wide SiriusXM NFL Radio channel to the **United Service Organizations (USO)**. Through Rivera's persistent work alongside multiple military-related nonprofits over the years, he has used the NFL's platform to provide service members, veterans and military families with first class recognition, experiences and support.

Rivera attributes his success in the face of adversity to his military upbringing and values instilled in him growing up the son of a career U.S. Army Warrant Officer. Having grown up on military installations around the United States and across the world, Rivera fully understands the demands of military life and the sacrifices made by service members and their families.



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Rivera was recognized at **NFL Honors**, a primetime awards special that aired nationally. **USAA**, a leading provider of insurance, banking and other financial services to U.S. military members, veterans and their families, contributed \$25,000 in Rivera's honor to the official aid societies representing each of the military branches. The NFL Foundation matched USAA's donation of \$25,000 to be donated to Rivera's military charity of choice.

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12-YEAR CAREER AS  
NFL HEAD COACH

VISITED **150 SERVICE  
MEMBERS & VETERANS**  
DURING TRAINING CAMP

2ND YEAR HOSTING  
SPECIAL EVENT FOR  
TAPS FAMILIES

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NFL FOUNDATION FOUNDATION

# NFL FOUNDATION

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

The NFL Foundation manages nearly 50 grant and recognition programs in support of its mission. In 2022, the Foundation continued its ongoing support across a broad spectrum of impact, including youth and high school football support grants, youth health and wellness, social justice grants, national partnership support focused on player health and safety, and efforts to support players' philanthropic causes and charities. The NFL Foundation is central to the League's ongoing efforts to make a positive impact in communities across the country.

The NFL Foundation also funds and supports evidence-based youth character, mental wellness, social and emotional learning (SEL) initiatives, social justice programming at the grassroots and national level, and year-round support of the League's on-field cause campaigns: **Crucial Catch**, **Salute to Service** and **Inspire Change**. The Foundation also continues to play a key role in recovery and relief efforts following major disasters around the country, providing financial resources and in-kind media to support fundraising for national nonprofits, including the **CDC Foundation**, **United Way** and **American Red Cross**. The NFL Foundation also provided more than \$150,000, raised through the League's charitable NFL Auction platform, to support Red Cross relief efforts following Hurricane Ian.

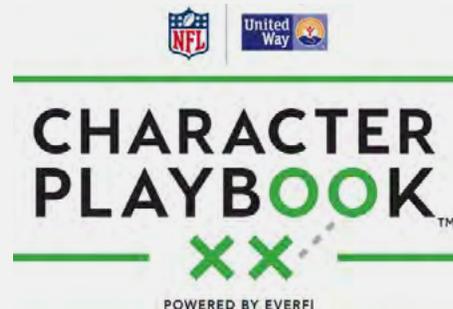
The ability to access computers and the internet has become increasingly important. Unfortunately, there is a growing gap between the underprivileged members of society, especially the poor, rural, elderly and persons with disabilities who do not have access to computers or the internet. The NFL Foundation, in partnership with all 32 clubs, provides financial support, education, equipment and infrastructure through a new grant program aimed at reducing the digital divide in clubs' local communities.



**\$480,000 TO HELP BRIDGE THE DIGITAL DIVIDE**

## NFL FOUNDATION | CHARACTER EDUCATION

**Character Playbook** is a digital education resource that helps middle school students learn how to cultivate and maintain healthy relationships. Powered by learning innovator **EVERFI, Inc.** and presented by the NFL and **United Way Worldwide**, the program has reached over one million students since its launch in 2016.



Designed for grades six through 12, Character Playbook is composed of two module-based experiential learning courses: **Healthy Relationships** and **Mental Wellness Basics**. **Together**, these virtual learning experiences equip students with tools to help address their interpersonal relationships and mental well-being on a foundational level. The program is available to U.S. schools at no cost and has been implemented in over 21,000 schools nationwide.

**SINCE 2016, CHARACTER PLAYBOOK HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED IN MORE THAN 21,000 SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE & REACHED OVER 1.5 MILLION STUDENTS**







## FIELD GRANTS

This year, the **NFL Foundation / Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Grassroots Field Grant Program**—a partnership of the NFL Foundation and LISC, the nation's leading community development support organization—bestowed grants totaling \$3 million to community organizations, schools and parks in 16 cities and towns across the country.

LISC identifies local, nonprofit and community-based agencies that have an interest in building or refurbishing football fields in schools and neighborhood parks. Through the program, the local agencies are provided with the necessary financing and technical assistance to improve the quality and safety of fields in their communities. The agencies oversee the construction, maintenance and programming of the fields.

The fields are newly built or significantly renovated, with improvements such as irrigation systems, lights, bleachers, scoreboards, goal posts and turf. Grassroots grants are issued once established funding thresholds are reached for each project.

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**\$3 MILLION IN GRANTS  
TO COMMUNITY ORGS,  
SCHOOLS & PARKS IN 16  
AREAS THIS YEAR  
SINCE 1998, NEARLY  
\$83.6 MILLION IN  
GRANTS TO SUPPORT  
THE CREATION OR  
REFURBISHMENT OF  
643 FIELDS NATIONWIDE**

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# USA FOOTBALL

The NFL Foundation has been a strong supporter of [USA Football](#) since its formation as the sport's national governing body. USA Football helps make the game smarter, safer and more fun for the kids who play it. Through training, education and events, USA Football gets everyone on the same page—from parents and players to coaches and commissioners. The organization was endowed in 2002 by the NFL and the [NFL Players' Association](#). Below is some of the programming USA Football supports.



## FIRST DOWN

**First Down** is a fun and free introduction to football for kids and their parents. Young athletes get active and learn the basics like running, jumping, passing and catching. Clinics are hosted by NFL players and USA Football provides the programming that is based on the Football Development Model. Over 90 **First Down Clinics** were hosted in 2022.

**MORE THAN 90 CLINICS HOSTED BY NFL PLAYERS**

**MORE THAN 10,000 ATHLETES ATTENDED FIRST DOWN CLINICS**

## FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT MODEL

USA Football's [Football Development Model](#) is an advanced approach to youth football. It's designed to help coaches teach athletes based on their age, the skill they are learning and the game type. This approach assists with the development of young athletes and allows them to learn the game and related skills in a progression that best suits them, as well as offers young athletes more opportunities to play the game and choose the type of football they want to play. Like many sports, football has changed and evolved over time. Regardless of challenges it has faced, the sport remains "America's game," with millions of young athletes participating nationwide.

## COACH CERTIFICATION

The USA Football Coach Certification program is a way for coaches to "step up to the standard" and be the best leaders for their athletes. Through certification, coaches pledge to make athletes their top priority and are given access to new and useful videos, resources and tools to enhance the game. In July of 2022, USA Football hit 1,000,000 coach certifications. USA Football celebrated all the coaches who made this milestone possible.

**IN 2022:**

**100,000 COACH CERTIFICATIONS**

**47 OF THE 50 STATES SAW AN INCREASE IN COACH CERTIFICATIONS**

**30,590 FIRST-YEAR COACHES**

**88% OF CERTIFIED COACHES REPORTED THAT THEY FEEL MORE PREPARED FOR THE FIELD AFTER COMPLETING USA FOOTBALL'S COACH CERTIFICATION**

*(Source: 2022 USA Football Coach Certification Feedback Survey)*

# GIRLS FLAG

In 2022, the NFL put significant resources toward growing girls participation in flag football. Seven states now have girls flag sanctioned as a high school varsity sport. Additionally, 31 NFL clubs hosted a girls flag jamboree event and/or piloted a girls flag league in their markets.

## YOUTH FLAG FOOTBALL BY THE NUMBERS:

**1.5 MILLION PARTICIPANTS AGED 6-12 IN THE U.S.**

**MORE THAN 38% INCREASE IN TOTAL YOUTH PLAYING SINCE 2015**

**20 STATES IN PILOT PROGRAMS**

## MORE THAN 40% INCREASE IN GIRLS HS PARTICIPATION (2018-2022 SEASONS)

SEVEN STATES HAVE GIRLS FLAG AS A HS SPORT

ALASKA

FLORIDA

GEORGIA

ALABAMA

NEVADA

CALIFORNIA (FALL 2023)

ARIZONA (FALL 2023)



## NFL WAY TO PLAY AWARD

For the fifth year, the [NFL Way to Play Award](#) recognized the excellence demonstrated by NFL players who exemplify the proper technique to make impactful plays. Each recipient of the Way to Play Award received a \$5,000 equipment grant through USA Football to be awarded to the local youth or high school football program of their choosing.

In partnership with Hudl and in its fourth year, the **NFL Way to Play High School Award** honored one high school football player weekly for demonstrating exceptional in-game playing technique. The high school award recipients were announced on **NFL Network** each Thursday morning, and the school of each honoree received either a \$3,000 equipment grant through **USA Football** or an **MVP Robotics' Mobile Virtual Player**.

The NFL Way to Play educational curriculum, which focuses on teaching coaches and players proper techniques, drill selection and tips to excel at each position, was developed by a select group of NFL Legends who coach across all levels of the game.



# NFL AUCTION

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The NFL is the only major sports league with an entirely charitable auction platform—[NFL Auction](#). Game-used and game-issued items are featured on the NFL Auction site so that money can be raised for various charitable partners. NFL Auction plays a key fundraising role in the NFL's Crucial Catch cancer awareness, Salute to Service military appreciation and My Cause My Cleats player cause campaigns.

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NFL Auction also provides a fundraising platform when disasters strike. After the devastation caused by Hurricanes Ian and Fiona, the League stepped up to fundraise along with the **American Red Cross**. Select game-worn jerseys from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, along with a curation of signed memorabilia, were auctioned off throughout September and October. The auction raised nearly \$150,000 for local hurricane relief efforts in Louisiana.

The NFL does not profit from the sale or auction of items, packages or experiences on the NFL Auction platform. Charitable contributions are awarded by the NFL Foundation to the NFL's nonprofit partners, including the **American Cancer Society**, **USO**, **Wounded Warrior Project**, **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, **NFL Player Care Foundation**, and many team and player charities. This has included more than \$7 million dollars in the last six years.

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**MORE THAN \$150,00 RAISED  
FOR LOCAL HURRICANE RELIEF  
EFFORTS IN LOUISIANA**

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**MORE THAN \$7 MILLION RAISED  
FOR NONPROFIT PARTNERS IN  
THE PAST 6 YEARS**



## CLUB FOUNDATION EXCELLENCE PROGRAM

The Club Foundation Excellence Program (CFEP) works to improve the capacity, capability and compliance of Club Foundations across the NFL. Key areas of focus include Club Foundation programs and impact, external best practices and self-improvement/wellness. One highlight of 2022 was hosting a discussion with **ANNE ROOSEVELT** on “How to Engage Boards Effectively.” Ms. Roosevelt spoke about her extensive board experience, as well as her best advice for engaging individuals in nonprofit work.



## SUPER BOWL LEGACY GRANT

Each year, the NFL, via the NFL Foundation, seeks to improve the Super Bowl host community through its [Super Bowl Legacy Grant](#) initiative by awarding a \$1 million grant matched by the Super Bowl Host Committee and allocated to local nonprofit organizations.

This year, the NFL Foundation partnered with the **Arizona Community Foundation** and the **Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee** to help support and promote the Super Bowl Legacy Grant program and the everlasting impression **Super Bowl LVII** had in Arizona.

The **Super Bowl LVII Legacy Grant Program**, funded by the NFL Foundation and the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee's partners, provided more than \$2 million in grants to local nonprofits with proven track records of benefiting underserved Arizonans. Selected nonprofits focus their work within the following pillars:

- **Education:** improving access to quality education for youth.
- **Health & Wellness:** improving the overall well-being of residents, primarily focusing on youth.
- **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Social Justice:** driving positive action for equality and accessibility.
- **Environment & Sustainability:** implementing food recovery and recycling initiatives.

## NFL FOUNDATION UK

The NFL Foundation UK launched in 2021 with the aim of tackling inequality and lack of opportunities in society by supporting young people aged 12-20 to realize their potential, access positive pathways and take ownership of their futures.

Through a partnership with the Greater London Authority, the duo committed a combined \$1 million to deliver NFL Foundation UK's work in the capital. Using the power of sport to reach communities, NFL Flag has been proven to be a strong engagement tool with diverse and underserved groups, in particular young people.

NFL Foundation UK will work with eight community groups across 13 boroughs for the next two years. The Foundation will provide NFL Flag Football programs, training and equipment to help youth access positive pathways and develop the skills, confidence and self-belief to create their own future, impact society and reach their potential.

## £1 MILLION TO NFL FOUNDATION UK'S WORK IN LONDON

**100% OF FUNDING IS DIRECTED TO COMMUNITY CHARITIES THAT WORK WITH LOCAL, UNDERSERVED YOUNG PEOPLE**



# PLAY:60

## NFL PLAY 60

For 15+ years (since 2007), the [NFL PLAY 60](#) initiative has served as the League's national youth health and wellness initiative to encourage millions of kids across the country to get physically active for at least 60 minutes a day and fuel the body with nutritious foods.

**WITH MORE THAN \$361 MILLION COMMITTED TO YOUTH HEALTH AND FITNESS THROUGH PLAY 60 PROGRAMMING, GRANTS AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS, THE NFL, ITS 32 CLUBS AND ITS PLAY 60 PARTNERS HAVE PROVIDED MORE THAN 38 MILLION CHILDREN THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO BOOST THEIR ACTIVITY LEVELS BY SUPPORTING PROGRAMS IN OVER 73,000 SCHOOLS AND CONSTRUCTING MORE THAN 282 YOUTH FITNESS ZONES NATIONWIDE.**

The NFL and its PLAY 60 partners—which include the American Heart Association, Cooper Institute, GENYOUth, Special Olympics and America's Dairy Farmers through the Fuel Up to Play 60 program—have teamed up through the years to provide parents, teachers, and students with free digital and physical resources to stay active and healthy.



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## FUEL UP TO PLAY 60

**Fuel Up to Play 60**, the leading in-school health and wellness program launched by the NFL and the **National Dairy Council** (which was founded by dairy farmers, in collaboration with the **USDA**), has empowered students and educators to work together to build healthier schools and students for more than 10 years. The program has digital resources which include the **Fuel Up to Play 60 Homeroom**, with an assortment of fun videos featuring NFL players and learning activities on health and wellness and building strong communities.

LEARN MORE AT [FUELUPTOPLAY60.COM](https://fueluptoplay60.com)



## AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

The **American Heart Association** and the NFL have provided free digital programming that delivers physical activity-themed content to students in the classroom and at home. The American Heart Association and the NFL have provided PLAY 60-inspired video content, classroom curriculum, family challenges and an interactive PLAY 60 app that encourages kids to stay active for 60 minutes a day. Rooted in American Heart Association science, PLAY 60 digital content prioritizes physical and mental wellness to help children create healthy routines and habits for the whole family.



To access the digital materials, visit [Heart.org/NFLPLAY60](https://Heart.org/NFLPLAY60)



## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**Special Olympics** and the NFL continue to team up to provide athletes with intellectual disabilities opportunities to PLAY 60, with a focus on Unified Flag Football. **Special Olympics Unified Flag Football** creates opportunities for individuals with and without intellectual disabilities to play on the same team.



## **NFL PLAY 60 SUPER KID**

Gilbert, Arizona native **JULIA CROSSLEY** was this year's NFL PLAY 60 Super Kid. She was the official NFL PLAY 60 Ambassador during **Super Bowl Week** in Phoenix and was recognized at the start of the second half of **Super Bowl LVII**. Through Fuel Up to Play 60, Julia volunteers and helps others learn strategies to stay healthy and be physically active for at least 60 minutes a day.



### **FITNESSGRAM THE COOPER INSTITUTE**

Research conducted by **The Cooper Institute** through its **NFL PLAY 60 FitnessGram® Project** revealed annual improvements in aerobic capacity and body mass index for students participating in NFL PLAY 60 programming when compared to schools not utilizing NFL PLAY 60 programs.

## **HEALTHY LIVING GRANTS**

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

## ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL®

NFL PLAY 60 is the "Official Champion of Play" at **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, which is leading the way the world understands, treats and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases.

This year marked the 18th annual 'Run Rich Run' campaign. Highlighting 'Run Rich Run' each year is **NFL Network's** Emmy-nominated host **RICH EISEN** donning his trademark suit and tie to run a 40-yard dash during the **NFL Draft**, and this year Eisen conducted his run at the iconic **Rose Bowl Stadium** in Pasadena. Eisen was joined by St. Jude patient **ALEXANDER**, 11, who served as the official timer and motivator for the participating runners.

SINCE 2015 'RUN RICH RUN' HAS  
RAISED APPROXIMATELY

**\$4.2 MILLION**

TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE



## NFL FLAG-IN-SCHOOLS

With a renewed commitment of \$1.5 million from the NFL Foundation, the NFL, **GENYOUth**, Fuel Up to Play 60 and **Reigning Champs Experiences (RCX)** were able to extend **GENYOUth's NFL FLAG-In-Schools (FIS)** national program. With over 25,000 school communities reaching over 15 million students, NFL FLAG-In-Schools continues to innovate in providing schools with tools and resources that engage, excite and connect kids to sports.

The program's positive impact on girls has been especially significant with schools reporting increased female students' participation in physical activity, and even a movement toward girls flag as a varsity sport due to NFL FIS.

The **Nevada Department of Education (NDE)**, NFL Foundation, **GENYOUth**, Fuel Up to Play 60, and **RCX Sports** announced an investment to bring NFL FLAG-In-Schools flag football kits to all K-12 public schools in Nevada over the next three years. This program will establish Nevada as the first state in the nation to bring NFL FLAG-In-Schools flag football kits to all K-12 public schools.

## NERF BELTS AND FOOTBALLS

Global play and entertainment company Hasbro, Inc. supplied iconic NERF footballs and flag belts to the NFL FIS kits, infusing the equipment with a new level of flexibility, size and softness.

## CURRICULUM ENHANCEMENTS

Thirty new online videos were made available to teach students the fundamentals of flag football and provide nutritional tips.

A dual English-Spanish language "Rules of the Game" resource was introduced in conjunction with the NFL's celebration of Spanish Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, helping more parents familiarize themselves with the NFL FIS program.

## EXPANDED PROGRAM REACH

NFL FIS continued to support the Boys and Girls Clubs of America (BGCA), providing kits to nearly 200 clubs selected by BGCA on Native Lands and introducing 90,000 Native youth in American Indian, Alaskan Native, American Samoan and Hawaiian tribal communities to flag football.

THE NFL AND ITS PARTNERS ARE COMMITTED TO  
CONTINUING THE PLAY 60 MOVEMENT FOR AN ACTIVE  
AND HEALTHIER GENERATION FOR YEARS TO COME.

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# NFL EVENTS



NFL EVENTS



## SUPER BOWL LVII WEEK

Super Bowl LVII positively impacted the Arizona community with more than 30 charitable activities and outreach events that enriched the community and provided lasting legacies long after the game was played.

### CPR EDUCATION

The NFL and its long-time partners, the **American Heart Association (AHA)** and the **American Red Cross**, announced a commitment to promote cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) education and work with coaches and others involved in youth sports to ensure they have the proper training and equipment to respond to medical emergencies. Amid the current national dialogue on emergency preparedness in sports, the NFL supported these efforts through activations during the week, amplifying CPR educational materials, and enhancing long-term partnerships on the national and local levels.

At the **Super Bowl Experience presented by Lowe's**, the AHA gave those in attendance a chance to learn CPR as part of the **“Be the Beat” Hands-Only CPR** campaign. During this engaging and interactive instruction, attendees learned the two simple steps to help save a life and tried out their skills in a fun CPR race. In addition, the NFL promoted the **Red Cross Hands Only Expertise** resource.



The AHA complemented and amplified its efforts to extend awareness through its simultaneous collaboration with Buffalo Bills player **DAMAR HAMLIN** and his **#3forHeart™** CPR Challenge, a viral social media initiative intended to drive even greater awareness of CPR by encouraging people to take three simple steps: 1) Learn CPR 2) Give to support CPR research, education and training 3) Share the word with others.

During Super Bowl Week and throughout February, American Heart Month, fundraising activities delivered financial support to further CPR education and youth sports safety efforts across the country. These included a Super Bowl 50/50 raffle open to Arizona residents and fans attending the game. The winner of the 50/50 raffle received half of the jackpot total from the raffle ticket sales; the other half benefited the **NFL Foundation** to support this work, including through the AHA, the Red Cross and their local affiliates.

Additionally, the NFL hosted a special fundraiser via **NFL Auction** that included unique items signed by NFL players, Legends and celebrities from the NFL Honors awards show, as well as Super Bowl items including a game ball signed by Super Bowl MVP **PATRICK MAHOMES** and the coin from the coin toss. With all proceeds going to nonprofit partners to help support these safety efforts, the NFL targeted a total goal of raising more than \$1 million across these activities.

## **NFL TARGETING MORE THAN \$1 MILLION TOWARD SAFETY EFFORTS**

### **SALUTE TO SERVICE**

Throughout the week the NFL honored, empowered and connected with the military community through a number of Salute to Service-centered events. The week kicked off with Military Appreciation Day at Super Bowl Experience presented by Lowe's, followed by the USA Wheelchair Football League Championships. With support from an NFL and Bob Woodruff Foundation Salute to Service grant, Move United started a USA Wheelchair Football League for athletes with disabilities, including veterans. During the week, a championship game showcased the sport and invited NFL Legends to serve as honorary captains. NFL representatives also visited Luke Air Force Base as part of its Community Day to meet and interact with service members from the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force, including the pilots conducting the Super Bowl LVII flyover.

Four Pat Tillman Foundation (PTF) Tillman Scholars served as the honorary coin toss captains at Super Bowl LVII. The four honorary captains—military spouse and Ed.D. candidate **FABERSHA FLYNT**, U.S. Army veteran and filmmaker **ROBERT HAM**, U.S. Army reservist and developmental psychologist **HYEJUNG PARK, Ph.D.**, and U.S. Air Force veteran and physician technologist **DAVE PRAKASH**—were selected for their dedication and vision to creating a better tomorrow, as well as the sacrifices they made for our nation.



## MAKE-A-WISH®

The NFL celebrated 41 years of partnership with **Make-A-Wish** by helping to grant the wishes of 17 children with critical illnesses to attend Super Bowl LVII. Wish children and their families enjoyed several days of activities related to the Super Bowl and attended the big game through the support of the NFL and other organizations. The history of Make-A-Wish kids at the Super Bowl dates back to the ninth wish in Make-A-Wish history in 1982.

## 17 MAKE-A-WISH CHILDREN ATTENDED WITH THEIR FAMILIES

## SUPER BOWL LVII BUSINESS CONNECT CELEBRATION

The **Super Bowl LVII Business Connect** program brought together 200+ companies that participated in the year-long program designed to bring Super Bowl-related contract opportunities, professional development and networking opportunities to local, diverse businesses in the Phoenix area. In partnership with the Business Connect team and the **Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee**, the woman, minority, LGBTQ+ and veteran-owned companies in the program worked to participate in both virtual and in-person business development workshops to prepare their businesses to compete for Super Bowl LVII contracts and jobs the game brought to Arizona.

## 200+ COMPANIES PARTICIPATED



## INSPIRE CHANGE SUPER BOWL CELEBRATION

As part of the **Inspire Change** social justice campaign, the NFL joined three local community organizations to address the digital divide and the way it impacts youth. Working with **Chicanos Por La Causa**, the **Greater Phoenix Urban League**, **Native American Connections** and nonprofit **Compudopt**, the NFL provided laptops to hundreds of children impacted by unequal access to technology via a grant from the **NFL Foundation**. Youth receiving laptops and their families joined NFL Legends for a celebratory Super Bowl gathering at **Kiwanis Park** where they took part in football drills, experimented with STEM activities and explored their new technology.

## NFL FOUNDATION GRANT HELPED PROVIDE LAPTOPS TO HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN

## FIRST FEMALE FLYOVER

History was made right before kickoff on **Super Bowl Sunday**. To commemorate 50 years of women flying in the **U.S. Navy**, the service conducted a flyover of **State Farm Stadium** during the national anthem with women aviators as part of the formation, lead by Lt. **PEGGY DENTE**. The formation was composed of an F-35C Lightning II from the "Argonauts" of Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 147, two F/A-18F Super Hornets from the "Flying Eagles" of VFA-122, and an EA-18G Growler from the "Vikings" of Electronic Attack Squadron (VAQ) 129.

## VINCENT COUNTRY SAFE ZONE ACTIVITY DAY

The **Safe Zone Activity Day** was held at the Bernard Black **Entrepreneurial Academy** to provide 500 K-5 school children with a day of fun, food, empowerment and sports activities led by the Vincent family, NFL Legends and special guests. **Vincent Country**, founded by **TROY** and **TOMMI VINCENT**, is a faith-driven family lifestyle brand committed to positive social impact. **CIGNA**, in its fifth year sponsoring the Safe Zone Activity Day, provided free on-site health screenings with the **CIGNA Health Improvement Tour (HIT) bus**.

## WALTER PAYTON NFL MAN OF THE YEAR COMMUNITY EVENT

During the week of Super Bowl, the NFL family and **Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year** nominees participated in an event centered around giving back. This year, the NFL partnered with the **Boys & Girls Clubs of the Valley** to host its annual **Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Community Event** at the **Bob & Renee Parsons Boys & Girls Club**. The NFL family and the MOY nominees worked alongside local youth from the Boys & Girls Club to partake in several volunteer activities, fun games and more.



## NFL PLAYER CARE FOUNDATION SUPER BOWL CAREER FAIR

The NFL Player Care Foundation (PCF) hosted its fifth annual Super Bowl Career Fair, allowing NFL Legends the opportunity to network with 50+ employers including **Cigna, Cisco, FedEx, Lowe's, Microsoft, NBC Sports, Nike, the NFL, PepsiCo** and **Visa**. The Career Fair functioned in a hybrid capacity, featuring a physical component in Phoenix and a virtual component on the **NFL PCF Career Portal**. The PCF is an independent foundation created in 2007 by a partnership between NFL owners, the **NFL Players Association**, Pro Football Hall of Fame and the **NFL Alumni Association**. Since its inception, the organization has provided over \$21.5 million in financial assistance to NFL Legends in need. Additionally, PCF has screened more than 6,400 retired NFL players through its **Healthy Body & Mind Screening Program**. The PCF Career Program is an initiative that has provided more than 1,500 retired NFL players with the opportunity to connect with 95+ employers.

SINCE 2007, PCF HAS PROVIDED:

**MORE THAN \$21.5 MILLION IN FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO NFL LEGENDS IN NEED**

**MORE THAN 6,400 HEALTHY BODY & MIND SCREENINGS TO NFL LEGENDS**

**MORE THAN 1,500 NFL LEGENDS WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH 95+ EMPLOYERS**

## **SUPER BOWL TICKET GIVEAWAY PROGRAM**

In its sixth year, the **Super Bowl Ticket Giveaway Program** once again surprised 500 fans across the world with tickets to Super Bowl LVII in Arizona. All 32 NFL clubs, **Commissioner GOODELL**, NFL Legends and celebrity influencers gave away tickets throughout the season up until the day before the game.

Since its inception, the program has provided thousands of fans with the opportunity to attend the League's biggest game of the season, while also highlighting their dedication to their local communities and clubs. In addition to recognizing some of the League's most passionate fans, the Super Bowl Ticket Giveaway Program continues to highlight youth football coaches, those who have served our country in our Armed Forces, cancer survivors and dedicated community members from some of the League's partner organizations. Thanks to a strong partnership with the **Arizona Host Committee**, local community members were also surprised with tickets leading up to and throughout Super Bowl Week.

While the program certainly commits to honoring local fans, the program's reach expanded across the globe, with fans traveling from as far away as Australia and New Zealand to experience Super Bowl LVII.



## **ADDITIONAL SUPER BOWL LVII WEEK EVENTS:**

- Special Olympics Unified Flag Football Game
- NFL Character Playbook Speaker Series Event
- NFL Alumni Pro-Am
- NFL and American Cancer Society Crucial Catch Health Center Tour
- HACE United: 2023 Executive Tour Launch
- NFL and Little Caesars Salute to Veterans Night
- Salute to Service Screening of 100 Yards of Hope
- NFL PLAY 60 Kids Day
- A Night of Pride with GLAAD
- 24th Annual Super Bowl Soulful Celebration
- NFL Unsung Heroes Celebration
- Fritz Pollard Alliance Foundation 18th Annual Johnnie L. Cochran, Jr. Salute to Excellence Awards
- Players Coalition and Café Momentum Fan Food Activation
- one-n-ten and PGFFL Community Event
- Play Football High School Day at Super Bowl Experience Presented by Lowe's
- Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Event
- Leveling the Playing Field: Supplier Diversity Mixer
- Super Bowl Breakfast
- 3rd Annual Madden NFL x HBCU Tournament
- Taste of the NFL
- NFL PLAY 60 Super Bowl LVII Fitness Break (virtual)
- NFL Green Projects



## THE 2023 PRO BOWL GAMES

The 2023 Pro Bowl Games presented by Verizon took place in Las Vegas and brought together the League's best talent not only to showcase their skills on the field, but also to highlight their philanthropic efforts by giving players the opportunity to give back and engage with youth throughout the week.



Multiple events took place across Southern Nevada and in the city of Henderson, with a focus on giving back to local **Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada** while engaging their members and various youth football initiatives in fun, football-themed activities.

New this year, The Pro Bowl Games consisted of a week-long celebration of player skills featuring an exciting new format that spotlighted Flag football. The multi-day AFC vs NFC competition culminated in an action-packed Flag game featuring Pro Bowl players at Allegiant Stadium. Throughout the week, The Pro Bowl Games also integrated new challenges where players showcased their football and non-football skills in unique competitions. The revamped programming allowed the top stars to show off their skills and celebrate their accomplishments in a fun, memorable way, surrounded by their families and fans.

At the end of The Pro Bowl Games, the conference with the most points was crowned the winner, and each player on the winning team secured a donation to a local Boys & Girls Club in their hometown or NFL team market. All donations were made by the NFL Foundation on behalf of the players of the winning team. As a result of the NFL's support of **Boys & Girls Clubs of America** during The Pro Bowl Games, the NFL Foundation donated more than \$300,000 to Boys & Girls Clubs across the country.

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**NFL FOUNDATION DONATED MORE THAN  
\$300,000 TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
ACROSS THE COUNTRY**

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## PLAY FOOTBALL OPENING NIGHT

Play Football Opening Night was a youth- and high school-focused media event for all NFL Flag Championship teams at Allegiant Stadium. Over 2,100 players had the opportunity to mix and mingle before the competition kicked off and interact with both current NFL players and NFL Legends.

# OVER 2,100 NFL FLAG PLAYERS

## PRO BOWL LEGACY EVENT

In partnership with **Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada**, the NFL hosted a community event to refurbish various elements of the **Donald W. Reynolds Boys & Girls Club**. Local youth were invited to attend and participate in activities alongside Pro Bowl players and NFL Legends. Specifically, the NFL provided a grant to fund the refurbishment of the club's gym, the revitalization of an outdoor garden, a full art room upgrade and an outdoor mural. Members in attendance also had the opportunity to participate in an **NFL PLAY 60** clinic led by **USA Football** coaches.

As an extension of these activities, NFL partner **Little Caesars** provided the Donald W. Reynolds Boys & Girls Club with additional funding to support the above projects. **Little Caesars Love Kitchen** was also on-site at the event to serve pizza to the kids, volunteers and other event guests.



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# MORE THAN 400 MEMBERS OF BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF SOUTHERN NEVADA WERE INVITED TO ATTEND GAME DAY

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## DON SHULA NFL HIGH SCHOOL COACH OF THE YEAR

The Don Shula NFL High School Coach of the Year Award honors high school football coaches who demonstrate the integrity, achievement and leadership exemplified by the winningest coach in NFL history, the late DON SHULA. This year, for the first time, the NFL recognized two winners. A winner from each conference, AFC and NFC, was chosen and announced prior to The 2023 Pro Bowl Games in Las Vegas.

Head coach **MATT GALLAGHER**, of **Maine-Endwell High School** in Endwell, NY, was nominated by the New York Giants in the NFC. Gallagher led his team to a second consecutive state championship after a 13-0 season, compiling a 140-24 record in 15 seasons, winning six state championships.

Head coach **CLIVE HARDING**, of Boys and Girls High School in Brooklyn, NY, was selected to represent the AFC and nominated by the New York Jets. A retired New York City police officer and first responder who has always put others before himself, Harding has coached at Boy's and Girl's High School in Brooklyn since 2009 and this year led his team to an undefeated 10-0 season.

**Nike**, a presenting partner, and the NFL Foundation awarded \$10,000 to the two Don Shula Award winners, while their associated high school football programs received \$15,000. The other 30 finalists each received a \$1,000 personal award.

The two winners traveled to both the Pro Bowl Games in Las Vegas and **Super Bowl LVII** in Arizona, and were recognized at NFL Honors in the week leading up to Super Bowl LVII.

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**\$10,000 EACH TO BOTH WINNERS**

**\$15,000 EACH TO BOTH WINNERS' HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL PROGRAMS**

**\$1,000 EACH TO THE OTHER 30 FINALISTS**

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### ADDITIONAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS EVENTS:

- Boys & Girls Clubs Skills Toolkit
- The Pro Bowl Games Skills Competitions Viewings
- The Pro Bowl Games Viewing

### ADDITIONAL 2023 PRO BOWL GAMES EVENTS:

- AYF Middle School All-Star Game
- NFL FLAG Championships Tournament
- Don Shula High School Coach of the Year Award
- NFL Green Projects

# 2022 NFL KICKOFF WEEK



In the lead-up to the Los Angeles Rams–Buffalo Bills Kickoff game in Los Angeles, the NFL hosted a series of community and service events to celebrate the start of the League’s long-awaited 2022 season and give back to the region that is home to the Super Bowl LVI Champions and the NFL’s West Coast Headquarters.



In addition to events throughout the community, the NFL Foundation provided support to **Rainbow Labs**, an LA-based LGBTQ youth-serving organization, and **Jenesse Center**, a domestic violence intervention/prevention program. In celebration of Kickoff week, both organizations received grants in the amount of \$10,000 to aid in the work to help survivors and their families.

**\$10,000 GRANT TO  
RAINBOW LABS**

**\$10,000 GRANT TO  
JENESSE CENTER**

## “LOVE” SCULPTURES

In partnership with Colombian-American artist **RUBEN ROJAS**, the NFL aimed to spread a clear message of love throughout the football season. In honor of the 2022 Kickoff game, Rojas created two signature “Love” sculptures that were placed in both team’s cities, unifying the two coasts for the season. Fans were able to give back by purchasing from the “Ruben Rojas x NFL Choose Love” T-shirt collection, with all proceeds going to the League’s social justice grant partners.

With an uptick in hate crimes and gun violence around the country, the League and Rojas’ message of love and unity to kick off the start of the season was intentional. After a targeted attack against the Black community in Buffalo earlier in the year, the **NFL Foundation** and the **Buffalo Bills Foundation** donated a combined \$400,000 to charities benefiting the city’s East Side community. During the Kickoff game, players from both the Buffalo Bills and the Los Angeles Rams wore helmets featuring “Choose Love” as part of the League’s social justice helmet decal messaging this season, which also included other phrases such as “End Racism,” “Stop Hate” and “Inspire Change.”

## \$400,000 TO CHARITIES BENEFITTING BUFFALO’S EAST SIDE COMMUNITY

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS NFL PLAY 60 UNIFIED FLAG FOOTBALL

The NFL, in partnership with **Special Olympics** and the Los Angeles Rams, hosted a **Unified Flag Football Tournament & Championship Game** with Special Olympics athletes. Additionally, the NFL surprised participating Special Olympics athletes with **100 NFL PLAY 60 Commit to be Fit Kits**. Each kit included equipment and resources that encourage a healthy lifestyle of fitness and nutrition.

## 100 NFL PLAY 60 COMMIT TO BE FIT KITS



### COMMUNITY KICKOFF CELEBRATION

The NFL and the Los Angeles Rams worked with local Rams **Inspire Change** nonprofit partner, the **Thinkwatts Foundation**, to host an event for community members in Watts, CA, creating a celebratory and engaging experience for attendees through visits from special guests, **PLAY 60** activities, and more. NFL partner, **Little Caesars**, distributed food to attendees with **The Little Caesars Love Kitchen**, a restaurant on wheels that travels across the US to help feed those in need. As a part of the evening, the NFL and Little Caesars honored and recognized the great work being done by local community leaders by providing the Thinkwatts Foundation with a \$125,000 grant to support a number of the programs and initiatives led by the community leaders in Watts and surrounding areas.

## USO-NFL CARE PACKAGES

At the NFL Kickoff Experience, fans had the opportunity to join the NFL and the USO in assembling 10,000 care packages that were delivered to service members around the world—including those troops deployed in Eastern Europe—during the holiday season. These care packages helped express America's gratitude to our **Armed Forces** while strengthening their connections to family, home and country during the upcoming holiday season.

**10,000 CARE PACKAGES ASSEMBLED**

### ADDITIONAL 2022 KICKOFF WEEK EVENTS:

Flag Football Ambassadors Unboxing  
Character Playbook 2.0 Kickoff Launch  
NFL Salute to Service Event  
NFL Green Projects

# NFL VOTES

The NFL family continued its third season of **NFL Votes**, a League-wide, non-partisan initiative that supports and encourages civic engagement among NFL players and Legends, club and League personnel, and fans. The joint effort between the NFL and the **NFL Players Association** was founded in August 2020 and focuses on three key components of the electoral process: voter education, voter registration and voter activation.

All 32 NFL clubs and players throughout the League supported this initiative and engaged in various efforts to highlight the importance of voting and encourage fans to become informed and effective voters. With midterm elections, NFL Votes emphasized that our democracy is not a spectator sport and that everyone who is eligible should make their voice heard in the elections taking place in all 50 states.

All 30 NFL stadiums were available for election-related activities if needed by local election officials. Such activities included early voting, drop-off or Election Day polling sites.

### NFL VOTES HAS MADE THE BELOW PROGRESS SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 2020:

- Every NFL player, Legend, and club and League employee has received comprehensive voter education and access to voter information and support.
- Approximately 90% of active players are registered to vote. In 2020, several clubs reported that 100% of their players were registered.
- Half of the clubs used stadiums or facilities as early voting, ballot drop-off or Election Day polling sites. More than 66,000 voters cast ballots at NFL sites.
- All 32 clubs united to promote the initiative, which reached more than 160 million people.

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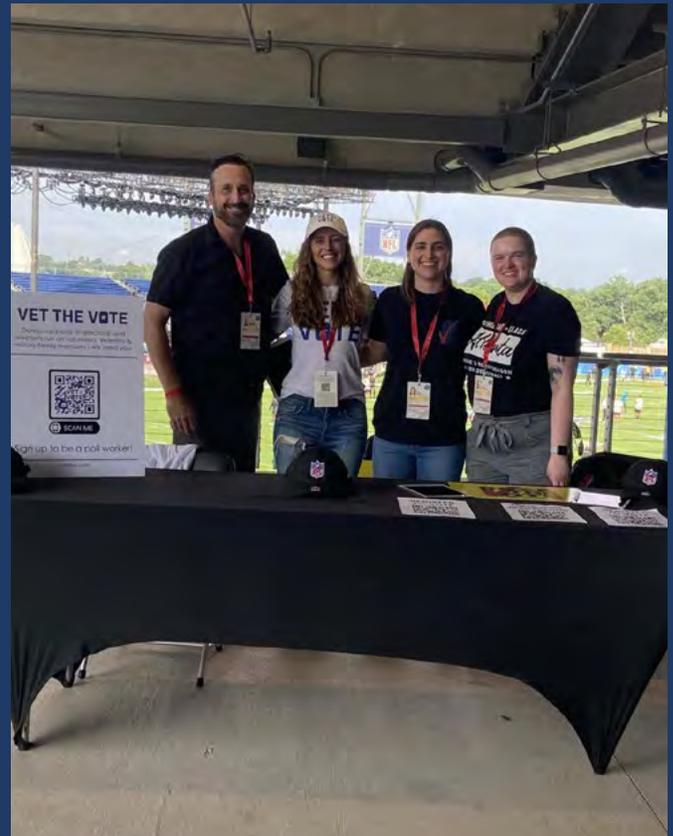
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Starting Week 2 of the 2022 season, during the run up to **National Voter Registration Day** on September 20, NFL Votes launched a campaign to drive awareness and promote registration across the NFL and beyond.

This season, the NFL announced the addition of **Vet the Vote** as a new, non-partisan partner. Vet the Vote is a coalition of nearly 30 veteran and military service organizations and civic groups, which aims to address a national shortage of poll workers by recruiting and training military veterans and their families to help our elections run effectively. Vet the Vote joined **I am a voter.**, **Rock the Vote**, and **RISE**, who have been partners of the League and clubs since 2020 in helping with education, registration and activation phases of NFL Votes across the country.

During the **Hall of Fame Game** in Canton and **Kickoff** in Los Angeles, fans were able to register to vote at an NFL Votes booth inside **Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium** in Canton, OH and **SoFi Stadium** in Los Angeles.



**I am a voter.** is a non-partisan movement that aims to create a cultural shift around voting and civic engagement by unifying around a central truth: our democracy works best when we all participate.

**RISE** is a national nonprofit that uses sport as a vehicle for social justice. Through its **RISE to Vote** program, the NFL has engaged athletes, coaches and staff at all levels, educating them on how to vote and why it matters. This equips them with the tools and knowledge to get involved, make a difference and inspire their fans to be civically active.

**Rock the Vote** is a non-partisan nonprofit dedicated to building the political power of young people. For 30 years, Rock the Vote has revolutionized the way we use pop culture, music, art and technology to engage young people in politics and build our collective power.

**Vet the Vote** is a pro-democracy, nonprofit and non-partisan national campaign to recruit 100,000 veterans and military family members to become the next generation of poll workers. As many as 130,000 poll workers have left their positions over the last five years, and poll worker shortage has led to longer wait times for voters, and even some polling sites shutting down.



## 2022 NFL DRAFT WEEK

Leading up to the **2022 NFL DRAFT** in Las Vegas, the NFL hosted a series of community events. With character-building initiatives, youth football events, mentorship opportunities and community greening projects, the NFL aimed to leave a lasting, positive legacy in Las Vegas and throughout the state of Nevada.

### YOUTH CLINIC & SAFENEST EVENT

Onsite NFL Draft prospects participated in a youth football clinic, engaging with local athletes. Following the clinic, the prospects packed care kits for **SafeNest**, Nevada's largest, most comprehensive nonprofit dedicated to ending domestic and sexual violence. This represented the first time that Draft prospects engaged in this type of project as their entry point to community engagement before joining the NFL.

### INSPIRE CHANGE HUDDLE LEGACY PROGRAM

For its second consecutive year at the Draft, the NFL continued its **Inspire Change Huddle Legacy Program**, which aims to help close the digital divide. NFL players, along with NFL representatives, joined youth from local Boys & Girls Clubs for a table talk discussion on the topics of racial justice, mental health, gender equality and the education gap. As part of this, the **NFL Foundation** donated \$75,000 to **Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada**. This donation provided upgraded tools and technology to enable opportunities for virtual tutoring meetings, increasing digital literacy and expanding youth technology use in the region.



### MARTIN LUTHER KING FAMILY HEALTH CENTER TOUR

In recognition of **National Minority Health Month**, the NFL and **American Cancer Society (ACS)** welcomed current and former NFL players and the **Professional Football Players Mothers Association (PFPMA)** to tour the **Martin Luther King Family Health Center**, a **Nevada Health Centers** medical clinic. MLK Family Health Center is a provider of primary care for the uninsured, underinsured and geographically isolated people in Nevada. In January 2022, MLK Family Health Center was selected to receive an **ACS CHANGE** grant to address disparities in access to cancer screening by providing breast cancer screenings and prevention resources to rural and frontier communities through mobile health programs. CHANGE grants are made possible through a partnership between **NFL Crucial Catch** and ACS, promoting health equity, risk reduction and early cancer detection to save lives.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS CLINIC

The NFL hosted a private football skills and drills clinic followed by a **Special Olympics Unified Flag Football** game featuring **Special Olympics Nevada** athletes as part of the joint partnership through the League's **NFL PLAY 60** initiative to get physically active for 60 minutes a day. The NFL and Special Olympics have teamed up through the years by providing grants through the **NFL Foundation** and event programming to support **Unified Flag Football** teams that pair athletes with intellectual disabilities with athletes without intellectual disabilities to play on the same team.



## 2022 NFL DRAFT FUEL UP TO PLAY 60 STUDENT REPORTER

Fuel Up to Play 60 student, **SAVANNA SCOTT**, a Las Vegas native, served as the **Fuel Up to Play 60 Student Reporter**. She had the opportunity to cover the red carpet and press conferences with prospects after they had been drafted. Fuel Up to Play 60 is an in-school nutrition and physical activity program launched by **America's Dairy Farmers** and the NFL to help encourage kids to lead healthier lives.

## DRAFT DAY 3 MILITARY APPRECIATION

The NFL partnered with **Nellis Air Force Base** to invite 150 service members and their families to enjoy Day 3 of the NFL Draft with **USAA** providing a keepsake to each of these guests.

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## 150 SERVICE MEMBERS & THEIR FAMILIES ENJOYED DAY 3 OF THE DRAFT

### ADDITIONAL 2022 DRAFT WEEK EVENTS:

- Fuel Up to Play 60 Clinic
- NFL Draft Character Playbook Event (virtual)
- NFL Green Projects

# SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY



## DUI PREVENTION

The NFL is proud to team up with Mothers Against Drunk Driving® (MADD) for the 13th season. Together, the organizations are working to educate players and fans that the most valuable position is the designated driver.



Still the leading killer on U.S. roads each year, more than 10,000 people die and 300,000 are injured due to drunk driving. Did you know that two out of three people will be impacted by drunk driving in their lifetime? With the continued support of the NFL, MADD is zeroing in on a day when there are no more victims of impaired driving. Through education, awareness campaigns and new advancements in auto technology, the end of impaired driving is closer than ever.

Since 2015, the partnership between MADD and the NFL has engaged more than one million NFL fans to take the **Most Valuable Position (MVP)** pledge to be a non-drinking designated driver and inspired countless players and team staff through meaningful discussions, training and impactful stories to encourage making safe choices that protect themselves and others from the consequences of driving impaired. MADD has been there to support players, staff and their communities when their lives have been forever changed because of an impaired driving crash.

Together with the NFL and the fans, MADD is creating a nation of zero deaths, zero injuries, zero families impacted by impaired driving. For more information follow @MADDNational or join the conversation on social media using #GetMADD.

### IMPACT SINCE MADD'S FOUNDING IN 1980:

**DRUNK DRIVING DEATHS CUT BY MORE THAN HALF**

**(52%)**

**400,000+**

**LIVES SAVED, AND COUNTING**

**NEARLY**

**1,000,000**

**VICTIMS SERVED**

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE / SEXUAL ASSAULT

The NFL demonstrates its ongoing commitment to addressing and preventing domestic violence and sexual assault through year-round national and local partnerships that provide resources to educate communities and support survivors. A highlight of **Super Bowl Week** activities includes the **Unsung Heroes Gathering**, an annual event that recognizes and assists local domestic violence and sexual assault resources in that year's host city. At the 2023 gathering in Phoenix, AZ, attendees enjoyed breakfast, tapped into their creativity for an activity that benefited a local domestic violence shelter, and heard words of support from **COMMISSIONER GOODELL** as well as NFL players and inspirational speakers. For the last several years, the event has honored a local advocate whose dedication has earned them the respect and admiration of their peers.

Starting internally, the NFL has educated every person in the League on domestic violence, sexual assault and related social issues annually since late 2014. These sessions evolve in focus each year, and use first-person testimonial and facilitated discussion to provide a thorough exploration of the issues.

On a local level, NFL clubs continue to work in their communities on efforts including abuse intervention programs, crisis center fundraisers, high school healthy relationship assemblies and local public service campaigns.

**NFL HAS DONATED MORE THAN \$50 MILLION SINCE 2014**

## ADDRESSING & PREVENTING RELATIONSHIP VIOLENCE

Since 2014, the NFL has provided financial support to the **National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline)** in its mission to shift power back to people affected by relationship abuse in the United States. The Hotline remains the only national 24/7/365 resource for survivors and their families offering free and confidential services via phone, online chat and text.

In addition to intervention services, **love is respect**, a program of The Hotline, is leading the way on preventing relationship abuse by engaging, educating and empowering young people to prevent and end abusive relationships. It is the first 24/7 national resource for teens and is a safe, inclusive space where young people can access information and get help in an environment designed specifically for them.

Support from the NFL continued to empower the vital services at The Hotline and made expanding capacity possible in response to the highest demand for services in the organization's 26-year history. In 2022, The Hotline answered 446,320 calls, online chats and texts—more than any year before. The Hotline also advocates for strong survivor-centered policies and legislation, including the recent passage of the reauthorized **Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)** and the **Family Violence Prevention Services Act**. Financial support provided by the NFL helped The Hotline further its policy work to shape the way government, communities and providers approach this issue and best serve survivors.

Finally, support from the NFL helped advocates offer 299,017 referrals to shelter and domestic violence service providers and 209,512 referrals to additional resources across the nation.

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**TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE HOTLINE, PLEASE VISIT [THEHOTLINE.ORG](https://www.thehotline.org)**

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## **RALIANCE**

The NFL continues to support **RALIANCE**, a trusted adviser for organizations committed to building cultures that are equitable, respectful and safe. RALIANCE offers unparalleled expertise in serving survivors of sexual harassment, misconduct and abuse, which drives its mission to help organizations across sectors create inclusive environments for all.

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### **SINCE 2016, NFL HAS HELPED FUND OVER \$3.2 MILLION IN ONE-YEAR GRANTS TO PREVENTION PROGRAMS**

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Every day, RALIANCE helps organizations establish safer workplaces and communities by supporting innovative prevention programs and providing expert consulting services including: 1. Discovery and Analysis (Needs Assessment); 2. Advice and Support (Leadership, Communication and Corporate Social Responsibility Advising); and 3. Actions and Resource (Best Practice Trauma-Informed Training, Taxonomy, eLearning) support. RALIANCE is expanding its reach to support companies working in Restaurant & Hospitality, Tech, Transportation and Travel to implement strategies to prevent sexual harm in professional environments, including models to address those who have caused harm.

With the NFL's support since 2016, RALIANCE has awarded over \$3.2 million in one-year grants to prevention programs and projects that advance policy and practices in support of survivors and make communities safer. The six 2023 grantees will implement organizational, systemic or community-level prevention strategies and/or strategies that reduce the likelihood of people to sexually offend. RALIANCE uses an intersectional approach to prevention, therefore the majority of the 75 projects funded to date have been awarded to programs serving people of color, LGBTQ+ communities, people with disabilities, religious minorities, immigrants, young people and others who often are heavily impacted by sexual violence and yet historically overlooked by funders.

## **TRAFFICKING PREVENTION**

Human and sex trafficking are issues that the NFL works to address, particularly as it relates to Super Bowl host cities. Each year, the Super Bowl Host Committee selects a local organization to head up trafficking awareness and prevention work in advance of Super Bowl. The NFL provides financial support to the selected organization, which then coordinates all ongoing efforts between nonprofits, law enforcement, and the hospitality and transportation industries, among others.

The **Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee** selected the **McCain Institute** to head up trafficking prevention and awareness work in the region ahead of Super Bowl. The Institute worked hand in hand with local, state and national organizations on public awareness and education campaigns, increased outreach to potential victims, and trauma-informed training of law enforcement, hotel and restaurant employees, and transportation outlets. They also coordinated support for local service providers in order to immediately serve identified victims with wrap around, trauma-informed services.

# SUPPORTING THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

The NFL supports **The Trevor Project**, the leading suicide prevention organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) young people. NFL funding has supported The Trevor Project's life-saving crisis intervention services and suicide prevention programming, enabling the organization to continue to provide LGBTQ youth with support and affirming resources.



Another partner the NFL works with to enhance its efforts in the LGBTQ+ space is **GLAAD**. GLAAD—the world's largest Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) media advocacy organization—increases media accountability and community engagement that ensures authentic LGBTQ stories are seen, heard and actualized. This year, during **Super Bowl Week**, the NFL and GLAAD teamed up for **A Night of Pride with GLAAD**, which provided an evening of conversations to spotlight advances in—and the future of—LGBTQ+ inclusion in professional sports, as well as the NFL's commitment to LGBTQ+ former and current players.



## STONEWALL NATIONAL MONUMENT VISITOR

The NFL is also a proud supporter of the **Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center**. Set to be the first LGBTQ+ visitor center within the **National Park Service**, the Stonewall National Monument Visitor Center is scheduled to open in the summer of 2024 with financial support from the **NFL Foundation**.

At NFL tentpole events throughout the season, the League consulted and worked with a variety of organizations—both local and national—that are focused on providing an

inclusive, positive environment for the LGBTQ+ community. For example, the League worked with the **National Gay Flag Football League** to have representatives from that organization make a nationally televised pick during the 2022 NFL Draft. During Super Bowl week, the NFL hosted a first-of-its-kind Pride Flag Football Clinic for Phoenix-area LGBTQ youth and their families at Super Bowl Experience, in partnership with the National Gay Flag Football League and local nonprofit one n ten.

# EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GROUPS & EMPLOYEE INTEREST GROUPS

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## APEX

**Asian Professional Exchange (APEX)** is an employee resource group open to the NFL's total workforce. APEX aims to serve as a bridge between the AAPI community, AAPI staff and allies, adjacent NFL affinity groups, and the NFL's corporate culture and brand.

## BEN

**Black Engagement Network (BEN)** is an employee resource group established to develop, acquire and retain Black talent at the NFL while also serving as an employee resource group for League leadership. BEN's mission is to create a diverse and inclusive culture within the NFL for employees at every level and strengthen the NFL's commitment to Black employees through professional development, career management, mentoring, networking and community outreach.

## COMMUNITY TEAMMATES

**Community Teammates** is a cross-departmental employee interest group of colleagues dedicated to volunteering together in their communities. Its mission is to build a culture of community service and volunteerism at the NFL in order to enhance meaningful team building, company morale and impact.

## GREEN TEAM

The **Green Team** is open to all within the NFL's workforce who wish to work together towards an environmentally conscious workplace. This group helps to lead the charge in environmental stewardship at the NFL, creating a strong culture of sustainability and awareness of environmental impact.

## LIGA

**LIGA** is a coalition of staff focused on supporting the engagement and professional development of Latinx staff at the NFL while bringing a greater understanding and appreciation of the Latinx community to NFL staff of all walks of life. By facilitating discussions around cultural inclusivity and important diversity issues, LIGA hopes to identify opportunities that expand on the NFL's positive work environment while celebrating the richness of Latinx cultural diversity and driving cultural engagement.

## PIN

The **Parents Initiative Network (PIN)** is a parenthood community dedicated to fostering unbiased inclusion, transparency and support for working parents within the NFL.

## PRIDE

**NFL Pride** is an employee resource group that aims to heighten the visibility of the LGBTQ+ community in the NFL offices so that employees of all sexual orientations feel comfortable being themselves in the workplace. Through networking events, guest speakers, community outreach and employee education, NFL Pride serves LGBTQ+ staff and their "allies" who support a culture of inclusion.

## WIN

**NFL Women's Interactive Network (WIN)** fosters opportunities for professional and career development through education, mentoring, and skills-building activities and events. WIN brings staff of the NFL together to educate each other on the gender and diversity issues in the workplace and helps to enhance the culture of the NFL. WIN serves as a soundboard to recognize and foster the retention of our female talent, voice the tough questions, ensure a safe workplace and position our female members as leaders.



# WOMEN'S FORUM

The 7th annual NFL Women's Forum, held at this year's Combine in Indianapolis, educated and connected female candidates currently working in college football roles. Participants interacted with owners, general managers, head coaches and club executives in the NFL and in college football programs. To help attendees grow their network and learn industry insights, the Forum included two days of panel discussions, presentations and breakout sessions. Participants gained an exclusive look into coaching, strength and conditioning, player personnel, team operations, football administration, research and strategy, video and equipment. For the first time in NFL Women's Forum history, all 32 NFL clubs participated in the program.

There have been 26 NFL clubs that have hired past Forum participants and over 225 opportunities have emerged for women in all levels of football since its inception in 2017.



## NFL HBCU CAREERS IN FOOTBALL FORUM

More than 50 students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) were invited to attend the seventh annual NFL HBCU Careers in Football Forum held in Atlanta.

Since 2016, the HBCU Forum has introduced over 300 students and entry-level athletic department administrators to career opportunities in professional football. Each year, the Forum invites participants to hear from sports industry professionals and creates networking opportunities for students to learn more about their desired career path. This year, attendees represented 46 institutions.

Since the program's inception, 14 students from the Forum have gone on to secure internships or full-time opportunities with the NFL, NFL clubs, colleges and universities, and other sports entities.

For the first time since February 2020, the program returned to an in-person format during the NFL Combine. The NFL partners with Women Leaders in College Sports to assist with the program and create a development curriculum for the participants.

**CONNECTED 41 WOMEN, 60% OF WHOM ARE WOMEN OF COLOR, WITH LEADERS IN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL**

**32 CLUBS PARTICIPATED IN THE PROGRAM THIS YEAR**

**SINCE 2017:**

**26 NFL CLUBS HAVE HIRED FORUM PARTICIPANTS**

**225 OPPORTUNITIES HAVE EMERGED FOR WOMEN IN ALL LEVELS OF FOOTBALL**



During the 2020 season, the League established an online talent community to serve as a source of diverse talent for current and future career opportunities accessible by the League office and NFL clubs. Through the platform, HBCU students can submit an expression of interest that outlines their professional experience, career goals and specific interest in working in professional football. Individuals can also interact with an NFL talent specialist to learn about League news, careers, networking opportunities and recruitment events after the Forum.

**MORE THAN 50 STUDENTS FROM 46 HBCUS ATTENDED**

**SINCE 2016, OVER 300 STUDENTS & ENTRY-LEVEL ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATORS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED TO CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL**

**14 STUDENTS HAVE GONE ON TO SECURE INTERNSHIPS OR FULL-TIME OPPORTUNITIES**



## RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

The NFL continued its work on responsible gambling with an extensive and integrated League-wide responsible betting public awareness program designed to educate fans who choose to engage in sports betting to do so responsibly. The key message encourages people to play responsibly by sticking to a game plan, including setting a budget to know their limits, only betting what they can afford to lose, using licensed, regulated operators, and asking for help if they need it. This message was delivered by the League, local teams and across a variety of media channels including digital and TV.

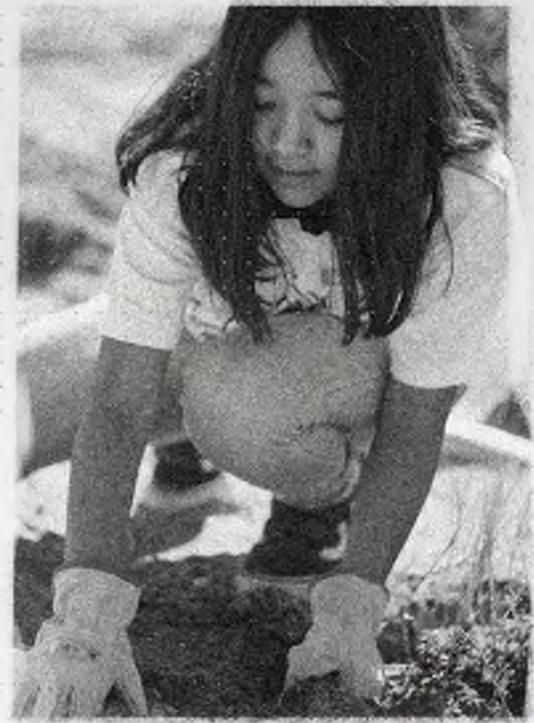
As part of the initiative, the NFL continued its ongoing partnership with the **National Council on Problem Gambling (NCPG)**, part of a multimillion-dollar, multi-year commitment. NCPG is the leading advocacy group committed to addressing problem gambling through public education programs and links to help services. The NFL's funding enabled NCPG to continue its national **Agility Grants** program, which supports innovative gambling addiction prevention programs, including expansion of youth-facing curricula offered by local and statewide providers, as well as organizations working in diverse communities.

The League's support is also helping to modernize the **National Problem Gambling Helpline** system by enabling the national use of **1-800-GAMBLER** and supporting infrastructure and critical training for the call centers that are the backbone of the National Problem Gambling Helpline Network. It also allowed for the development of innovative communications tools, including a **new website** that provides the public with quick tips about betting safely and accessing support resources for those in need of information or services.



# NFL GREEN

NFL Green is the League's environmental program and works to mitigate the environmental impact of the NFL's major events and create a "green" legacy in each community that hosts the NFL's biggest events.



NFL GREEN



## 2022 NFL DRAFT WEEK

NFL Green, in partnership with the City of North Las Vegas, Verizon, Springs Preserve Foundation and the Las Vegas Raiders, hosted community greening projects, charity drives, waste diversion programs and energy offsets at the 2022 NFL Draft Experience.

### NFL GREEN EVENTS INCLUDED:

- Tree Planting at Craig Ranch
- Springs Preserve Planting
- Student Career Seminar at Nevada State Museum
- Swag for Seedlings Fan Engagement Campaign
- Post-event Material Recovery
- Prepared & Non-perishable Food Recovery
- Waste Recovery Stations
- Solid Waste Diversion
- Renewable Energy

## 2022 KICKOFF WEEK

Leading up to the 2022 Kickoff game and as a follow-up to Super Bowl LVI, NFL Green celebrated the Passing of the Golden Shovel from Los Angeles to Arizona, marking the culmination of numerous community greening projects in the Los Angeles region. The annual ceremony was followed by a project to beautify Darby Park by planting trees, removing trash and painting park furniture. Later that day, in collaboration with Little Caesars, the NFL hosted community members and local Rams Inspire Change nonprofit partners in Ted Watkins Park to celebrate the start of the season and the continued work being done in the Los Angeles community.

### ADDITIONAL NFL GREEN EVENTS INCLUDED:

- Salute to Service Community Garden Revitalization
- Stadium Waste Diversion
- Post-event Material Recovery
- Renewable Energy



## 2023 PRO BOWL WEEK

The NFL kicked off Pro Bowl Week with the Green City of Henderson Greening Project. The NFL, together with the City of Henderson, the Las Vegas Raiders and Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Nevada, planted trees, removed turf and spread deconstructed granite for a xeriscape/low water use project. Volunteers and Clark County Parks also took part in a ceremony and tree planting project at The Nature Play Corner.

### ADDITIONAL NFL GREEN PROJECTS INCLUDED:

- Urban Forestry Planting
- Swag for Seedlings Fan Engagement
- Campaign Food Recovery
- Material Recovery
- Renewable Energy



## SUPER BOWL LVII WEEK

The NFL, the **Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee**, **Verizon**, **APS** and the Arizona Cardinals teamed up to develop a series of initiatives to reduce the environmental impact of **Super Bowl LVII** and create a “green” legacy in Arizona. The focus was on increasing tree canopy to provide shade and cooling, creating community gardens and pollinator habitats, and restoring the **Lower Salt River** in the **Tonto National Forest**.

### COMMUNITY GREENING EVENTS INCLUDED:

- Planting 57 trees to provide shade and cooling at **Sunridge Park** in Phoenix in partnership with **Keep Phoenix Beautiful** and **Phoenix Parks and Recreation**.
- Tree planting at Tempe’s **Corona del Sol High School** to provide shade, beauty, cooling and increase the tree canopy in partnership with **Keep Tempe Beautiful** and the **City of Tempe**.
- Replacement of 65 storm-damaged Cypress trees at the historic **Mesa Cemetery** in partnership with **City of Mesa Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities Department**.
- The planting of trees and pollinator-attracting plants to increase habitat for Monarch butterflies at **Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area** in West Phoenix in partnership with **Keep Phoenix Beautiful** and the **City of Phoenix Parks and Recreation Department**.
- The planting of 100 desert shade trees in Tucson’s **El Rio Acres** neighborhood to increase shade canopy coverage and help cool the area in partnership with **Tucson Clean and Beautiful** and the **City of Tucson**.
- Installation of new garden beds and expansion of Flagstaff’s **Historic Southside Community Garden** in partnership with **TerraBIRDS** and the **City of Flagstaff Sustainability Office**.
- Planting of native trees, bushes and pollinator-attracting plants along the **Phoenix Zoo’s Africa Trail** to support pollinators, reduce erosion and increase shade and cooling in partnership with the **Phoenix Zoo**.
- Beautification project to enhance the gardens at the entrance to **Native Health** in Mesa, a facility that provides health and wellness services and food distribution to the urban indigenous community and other underserved communities in Phoenix metro areas, in partnership with **Native Health**.
- Creation of an intergenerational learning garden and planting of trees, vegetables, pollinator-attracting plants and a sensory herb garden at Fountain Hill’s **EcoSchool Garden** in partnership with **4-H Empowered to Make a Difference**.
- Addition of native pollinator-attracting plants to expand pollinator habitat at the **Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC)** demonstration treatment wetlands in partnership with **Butterfly Wonderland Foundation**. Project included the installation of two bee boxes and the release of 90 Painted Lady butterflies, which are native to the area.
- Beautification project to plant low water use trees and shrubs and replace turf with decomposed granite to reduce water consumption at Goodyear’s **Historic Loma Linda Park** in partnership with the **City of Goodyear** and **Goodyear Parks and Recreation**.
- As part of a special Veterans Day initiative, the NFL teamed up with **FORCE BLUE Special Operations** military veterans to educate and inspire the next generation of conservation leaders. In partnership with **OdySea Aquarium**, **NAUI Worldwide**, **PepsiCo**, and the **NFL Players Association**, select children from Gold Star families attended an **Ocean Conservation School (OCS)** and received SCUBA training with veterans from **FORCE BLUE**. The goal is to create a cadre of future conservation leaders, instilled with a profound sense of duty and service, and to give children who have lost a parent in military service a tangible way to honor their legacy.
- A final “passing of the golden shovel” community greening event took place to mark the passing of Super Bowl community greening projects from Arizona to Las Vegas, site of **Super Bowl LVIII**.

## HABITAT RESTORATION

Conservation experts teamed up to make a positive impact on the **Lower Salt River** in the **Tonto National Forest**. For the largest community volunteer clean up event ever implemented by NFL Green, hundreds of community volunteers removed debris from the banks of the Lower Salt River, while special ops retired military veterans from **FORCE BLUE** removed invasive apple snails from the riverbed, and kayakers assisted in the water by removing apple snail egg clusters and debris from the waterway.

## REFORESTATION

NFL sustainability partner **Verizon** planted 5,700 trees (100 trees for each Super Bowl) in the **Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests** to restore areas heavily impacted by wildfire.



## SUPER KIDS-SUPER SHARING

NFL Green, the **Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee**, the Arizona Cardinals, The Salvation Army and Verizon teamed up with more than 75 local schools and **Valley of the Sun YMCA's** for a Super Bowl project that put tens of thousands of books, pieces of sports equipment and school supplies in the hands of local children. As part of Super Kids, Verizon presented a \$25,000 grant to **Chicanos Por La Causa** to help support families that have experienced trauma. The Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee presented a Super Bowl Legacy grant to **Elevate Phoenix**.

### ADDITIONAL NFL GREEN PROJECTS INCLUDED:

- **Green and Win:** Fans sharing tips on helping the environment had the opportunity to win a unique Super Bowl hat and have their photos posted on NFL social media. Trees were planted in their honor to help reforest an area that was damaged by wildfire in the **Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests**.
- **Food Recovery and Donation:** Prepared unserved food from Super Bowl events was collected and distributed to shelters and feeding programs in partnership with **Waste Not, United Food Bank** and **St. Mary's Food Bank**.
- **Waste Reduction:** Comprehensive effort to increase recycling and waste diversion at Super Bowl in partnership with **State Farm Stadium**.
- **Material Recovery:** Recovery of event materials began immediately after most Super Bowl events. During the week following the game, there was an intensive drive to collect and donate items, including building materials, décor fabric, carpeting and sign materials. In partnership with the **Salvation Army**, these items were donated to local organizations to reuse, repurpose or remanufacture the material.
- **Green Energy:** "Green" energy was used to power major Super Bowl event venues including **State Farm Stadium**, the AFC and NFC team hotels, and the NFL headquarters hotel. Renewable energy certificates (RECs) equivalent to the electricity usage at these facilities help to mitigate the climate impact of energy emissions.



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# NFL Education: Character Playbook

As students navigate middle school and enter high school, their relationships with friends and peer groups grow in importance. Cultivating healthy relationships is a crucial component of a positive and supportive learning environment, which is linked to increased interest in learning, improved academic outcomes, and boosted attendance rates.<sup>1</sup>

**Character Playbook: Building Healthy Relationships** is a free digital course sponsored by the NFL that teaches students how to establish and maintain healthy, supportive relationships with their classmates. Through an interactive learning experience, students engage in true-to-life scenarios that explore the fundamentals of communication, conflict resolution, and managing emotions. Students will emerge from the course equipped with real-world skills that support them navigate the social pressures of middle school and entering high school.

1. Source: American University (2022)



Character Playbook: Building Healthy Relationships

## NEW COURSE EXPANSION

The National Medal of Honor Griffin Institute has sponsored three new videos which are integrated throughout the Character Playbook: Building Healthy Relationships course. The videos, designed to help guide students' decision-making and choices, focus on the Medal of Honor values of courage, commitment, and integrity. The three videos use true-to-life scenarios and the skills learned in the digital lessons to encourage and inspire students to answer the questions: *Who are you and what choices do you make, even when no one is watching, and especially when it is difficult?* Classroom extension activities include inspirational stories with worksheets about Medal of Honor Recipients Patrick Brady, Roy Benavidez, and Melvin Morris.

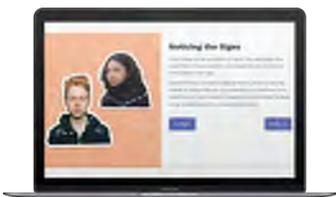


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## Additional NFL-Sponsored Educational Resources

### Understanding Mental Wellness

The Understanding Mental Wellness curriculum is a digital program that teaches students the importance of paying attention to their mental health and the ways in which they can implement coping strategies to manage their own challenging thoughts, emotions, and behaviors.



### 306 - Black History Curriculum for High School and Middle School

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# PLAYER HEALTH & SAFETY



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# HOW THE NFL IS ADVANCING PLAYER HEALTH AND SAFETY



The National Football League is committed to advancing progress in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of sports-related injuries, enhancing medical protocols, improving how the game is taught and played, and protecting NFL players' overall health, safety and wellbeing.

## PLAYER HEALTH AND WELLNESS

The NFL continues to make changes on and off the field to try to better protect the health and safety of every player.

## CARING FOR PLAYERS ON GAME DAY

On average, there are more than 30 healthcare providers at a stadium on game day to provide immediate care to players, including:

- » **Unaffiliated Neurotrauma Consultant:** Three credentialed neurotrauma consultants, who are unaffiliated with either team, staff the sidelines, monitor the broadcast of the game, and work with the team medical staffs to identify, screen for and diagnose concussions.
- » **Booth ATC Spotters and the Medical Timeout:** For all NFL games, two certified athletic trainers – retained by the league and unaffiliated with any NFL teams – observe the game from a booth above the field and monitor all camera views to identify potential injuries, especially concussions and other head and neck injuries. The booth ATC spotter has the authority to call a medical timeout to permit the medical evaluation of a player who may have suffered a concussion or head injury.
- » **Emergency Response Physicians:** In addition to each club's primary physician and trainers, the NFL and NFLPA require every NFL club to identify and retain at least two Emergency Response Physicians (ERPs) to be available to attend each of its home games. Each club must have one ERP present at every home game available to treat home and visiting team players.

## CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

NFL medical professionals follow the NFL Concussion Protocol when identifying, diagnosing and treating player concussions. The Concussion Protocol, first developed in 2011, is reviewed and revised by medical experts each year to ensure that it reflects the most up-to-date medical guidance.

To ensure club physicians' implementation of the protocol, the NFL and NFLPA developed an enforcement policy, which includes a process to investigate clubs that fail to follow the protocol and determine appropriate discipline - including fines and possible forfeiture of draft picks.

## RETURN-TO-PARTICIPATION PROTOCOL

The NFL and NFLPA, through their leading medical experts, established a five-step process that every NFL player diagnosed with a concussion must follow before being cleared to fully practice or participate in an NFL game. After a player goes through the process and is cleared for full participation by his club physician, he must also be cleared by an Independent Neurological Consultant, who is jointly approved by the NFL and NFLPA and who is not affiliated with any NFL club. Until a player is cleared by this independent physician, he may not return to contact practice or play in an NFL game.

## MEDICAL COMMITTEES

The NFL is advised by many of the world's preeminent experts in medicine and science. NFL medical committees frequently review player health and injury data and recommend policies, programs and protocols for the League. An overarching Health and Safety Committee – including chairs of the General Medical Committee, the Head, Neck and Spine Committee and the Musculoskeletal Committee—oversees committee efforts and facilitates collaboration among subject matter experts, team physicians and athletic trainers. The NFL also works closely with the NFLPA and its medical advisors on player health and safety issues. More information on NFL Medical Committees and their membership can be found [here](#).

## MEDICAL RESEARCH

The NFL supports preeminent experts and institutions in their research on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sports-related injuries and other issues affecting NFL players' health, safety and wellbeing.

- » **NFL Scientific Advisory Board:** In 2016, the NFL allotted \$40 million for medical research primarily dedicated to neuroscience. The NFL assembled a Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)—chaired by Peter Chiarelli, U.S. Army General (Retired)—comprising leading independent researchers, experts, doctors, scientists and clinicians to identify and support research proposals on the diagnosis, treatment and natural history of concussion and associated comorbid conditions.
- » In 2018, the SAB granted \$35 million in total funding to five projects for research being conducted by investigative teams related to the diagnosis, treatment, and natural history of concussion and associated comorbid conditions.
- » In July 2021, the SAB granted a four-year, \$4 million award to a team of medical researchers led by the University of Wisconsin who are investigating the prevention and treatment of hamstring injuries in elite football players.

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH

The NFL has also allotted more than \$30 million to support brain injury research conducted by the Foundation for the National Institutes of Health (FNIH), Department of Defense, and Department of Veterans Affairs.

## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In collaboration with the NFLPA, the NFL fosters a positive culture around mental health by providing players and the NFL family with resources and tools to succeed, on and off the field, over the course of their lives.

## JOINT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGREEMENT

The Comprehensive Mental Health and Wellness Committee, which develops mental health and wellness programs and resources for players and the wider NFL family, requires each club to retain a Behavioral Health Team Clinician to support players' emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

## PAIN MANAGEMENT

The NFL-NFLPA Joint Pain Management Committee educates players and personnel on best clinical practices in pain management, awards grant funding for research to advance understanding of alternative treatments, and establishes club policies regarding pain management and the use of prescription medications by NFL players.

The Joint Pain Management Committee also focuses on finding alternatives to opioids for pain management. The Committee awarded \$1 million in research funding in February 2022 to two teams of medical researchers at the University of California San Diego and University of Regina to study the effects of cannabis and CBD on the performance and pain management of elite athletes. The Committee furthered its efforts in June 2023, awarding an additional \$526,525 in funding to researchers with the American Society of Pain and Neuroscience (ASPN) and Emory University. Their research will investigate the effects of cannabidiol (CBD) and non-invasive vagal nerve stimulation (nVNS) on alleviating concussion symptoms, and mindfulness-based intervention in sports medicine injuries, respectively.

## DIVERSIFYING SPORTS MEDICINE

As part of the NFL's overall commitment to ensuring that staff and leaders in the league office and at NFL clubs reflect the racial and gender makeup of America, leaders in NFL Player Health and Safety are working to diversify the pipeline of people interested in pursuing careers in sports medicine and, over time, to help diversify NFL club medical staff. These efforts include the league-wide expansion of the NFL Diversity in Sports Medicine Pipeline Initiative, which provides medical students from diverse backgrounds with the opportunity to complete a clinical rotation with NFL club medical staff. More information on diversity efforts in NFL Player Health and Safety can be found [here](#).

## MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES

The league provides mental wellness benefits and resources to current and former players, including:

- » **Team Clinicians**, who are available to players at all team facilities for at least 8-12 hours per week. Six NFL clubs currently have full-time clinicians on staff.
- » **NFL Total Wellness**, which provides wellness resources to all members of the NFL family, including education at every stage of a player's career.
- » **The NFL Player Care Foundation**, which staffs licensed clinical social workers who provide expert consultation and help facilitate specialized treatment services for former players.
- » **NFL Life Line**, a free, confidential, and independently operated resource that connects current and former players with trained counselors who can help individuals work through personal or emotional crises 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year.
- » **Cigna Work/Life Resources Benefit**, which provides active players and Legends—and their loved ones—with eight free, in-person or virtual counseling sessions per topic, per year and unlimited telephonic consulting.
- » **Additional mental health benefits for qualified members of the NFL Family**, including through the NFL Player Insurance Plan and the NFL Dedicated Hospital Network Program.

## EQUIPMENT, DATA AND INNOVATION

The NFL is championing new developments in engineering, biomechanics and material science to better understand the cause of injuries and protect against them. The league collaborates with the NFLPA and the world's foremost engineers and scientists as advisors.

## LEVERAGING DATA

Data is at the heart of the NFL's decisions about player health and safety.

- » **Injury Data:** Throughout the year, comprehensive NFL player injury data is compiled and analyzed by IQVIA, an independent, third-party company that provides results to the league, the NFLPA and medical and football committees. The NFL then shares this data publicly each year. Guided by the experts at IQVIA, NFL medical committee members identify trends in how, where and when injuries happen, and assess how protocols and rules changes affect player safety. During the 2022 season, injuries were down 5.6% overall, including a 6.2% decrease for the preseason and 5.4% for the regular season.
- » **Electronic Medical Records:** Every club's medical staff has access to its players' complete NFL medical records via the Electronic Medical Record (EMR) system. Each player's medical records follows him from one club to another. Players may access their records via the EMR system. Third party epidemiologists and experts analyze data extracted from the EMR system to help the league make data-driven decisions on rules changes and permissible techniques used in play.
- » **Comprehensive Video Review:** Each season, biomechanical engineers complete a comprehensive video review of all reported concussions sustained in NFL games. The league shares the data with helmet manufacturers, designers, innovators, entrepreneurs, universities and others to stimulate new designs for protective equipment.

- » **Mouthguard Sensors to Measure On-Field Head Impacts:** In 2019, the NFL introduced a novel program in which NFL players wore mouthguards retrofitted with high-tech sensors designed to collect kinematic data, including impact speed, direction, force, location and severity. As of 2023, this program has expanded to include eight Division I Football Bowl Subdivision universities, with The University of Florida, The University of Georgia, The University of Pittsburgh and Vanderbilt University joining the program alongside the four initial participants: The University of Alabama, The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, The University of Washington, and the University of Wisconsin. Insights gleaned from the data collected help inform the NFL's approach to injury reduction and decrease head impacts overall.
- » **Taking Data to the Next Level:** In 2019, the NFL partnered with Amazon Web Services to transform player health and safety using cloud computing, machine learning and artificial intelligence. The NFL and AWS are developing tools to generate better insights into injuries, specifically the impact of game rules, equipment, and rehabilitation and recovery strategies. One of the partnership's primary goals is building the capacity to predict injuries before they occur.
  - The NFL and AWS are building the Digital Athlete, a virtual representation of an NFL player using actual NFL games and data that can run infinite in-game scenarios to understand the impact on player health and safety and ultimately attempt to predict and prevent injuries.
  - The NFL and AWS continue to encourage innovation with data challenges, incentivizing novel approaches that can provide more information regarding player health and safety. In 2022, the NFL and AWS awarded \$100,000 to the winners of its artificial intelligence competition, which challenged data scientists to teach computers to automatically detect players involved in head impacts from NFL game footage. In 2023, the NFL and AWS awarded \$100,000 to the top finishers of a competition in which data scientists from around the world built machine learning and computer vision programs to better measure and analyze the timing, duration and frequency of player contact during NFL games - an effort to identify which types of plays cause unnecessary contact, identify the positions that are more prone to injuries, and develop potential rules changes.

## USING DATA TO DRIVE RULES CHANGES

The NFL improves player safety by taking a data-driven approach to eliminating potentially dangerous tactics and reducing the risk of injuries. Over the past decade, these include rules changes that protect "defenseless" players and penalize dangerous techniques and other plays, such as using the helmet as part of a bull rush. Changes for the 2023 season include:

- » **Fair Catch on Kickoff:** The rule now puts ball in play at the receiving team's 25-yard line if there is a fair catch on a free kick (kickoff and safety kick) behind the receiving team's 25-yard line, which should reduce injuries while not changing the fundamentals of the kickoff itself.
- » **Impermissible Use of the Helmet:** Expanded the Impermissible Use of the Helmet, making it a foul for players to use their helmet to "butt, ram, spear" or make forcible contact to opponents' head or neck area in any way. This builds on the existing Impermissible Use of the Helmet rules which prohibits a player from lowering his head to initiate and make contact with his helmet against an opponent.

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. All changes made since 2002 [can be reviewed on the Player Health and Safety website](#).

## GUARDIAN CAPS

The 2022 preseason was the first time the NFL mandated the use of Guardian Cap, a helmet shell add-on device that is worn over the helmet, for certain positions during every preseason practice up to the second preseason game. The first year of the mandate exceeded expectations, with position groups required to wear the Guardian Cap during the preseason seeing a 52% reduction in concussions, compared to a three-year average for the same positions. The concussion rate for players who wore the Guardian Cap for the mandated period did not increase after the mandate ended, and there was no significant change in concussion rates for the positions that did not wear the Guardian Caps. For the 2023 season, the mandate has been expanded throughout the preseason for all helmeted practices and into the regular season for contact practices.

## THE ENGINEERING ROADMAP

Since 2016, the NFL has allocated more than \$60 million to the creation and funding of the Engineering Roadmap.

It's a comprehensive effort—funded by the NFL and managed by Football Research, Inc. (FRI)—to improve the understanding of the biomechanics of head injuries in professional football and to create incentives for helmet manufacturers, small businesses, entrepreneurs, universities and others to develop and commercialize new and improved protective equipment, including helmets.

- » **The NFL Helmet Challenge:** In 2019, the league launched the NFL Helmet Challenge to stimulate the development of a new helmet that outperforms all helmet models currently worn by NFL players. In 2020, the NFL and Football Research, Inc. awarded \$1.37 million to help four teams create their helmet prototypes to be submitted as part of the challenge. In 2021, \$1.55 million in grant funding was awarded to three teams - Impressio, Kollide, and Xenith - to advance their innovative designs and technologies and to help get their projects on the field as soon as possible. Today, the awardees are working to further develop their prototypes, all of which drew recognition from the NFL Head Health Tech Helmet Challenge Committee, which includes experts in biomechanics and sports equipment safety, including engineers, scientists, and researchers.
- » **HeadHealthTECH Challenges:** HeadHealthTECH Challenges attracted innovative grant proposals from institutions, individuals and corporations interested in designing the next generation of protective equipment. The Challenges are operated and managed by Duke University's Clinical and Translational Science Institute, which provides constructive feedback for all applicants. The NFL and FRI have awarded grants totaling nearly \$3 million to help advance the development of 17 new technologies.
- » **1st and Future:** From 2016 to 2021, the NFL hosted a start-up competition at the Super Bowl to drive innovation in athlete safety and performance. Innovators and entrepreneurs share technologies to improve player health and safety, including protective equipment, medical devices, sensors and training devices. 1st and Future includes an Analytics Competition that enables data scientists to analyze NFL game data and propose new ideas for reducing injuries.



## EQUIPMENT TESTING AND EVALUATION

The NFL and NFLPA work together to evaluate the performance of protective equipment and to ensure players are informed about that performance and the latest advances in equipment technology when making decisions about their helmets, cleats and other equipment.

- » **Quarterback-Specific Helmets:** The NFL and NFLPA announced earlier this year that a quarterback-specific helmet will be available in the 2023 season for the first time. Nearly half of all quarterback concussions occur when their helmets hit the ground, and the quarterback-specific model is designed to reduce the severity of those impacts.
- » **Helmet Poster:** Each year, the NFL in collaboration with the NFLPA, through their respective appointed biomechanical experts, coordinate extensive laboratory research to evaluate which helmets best reduce head impact severity. The results are shared with NFL players, in addition to club medical, training, coaching and equipment staffs on a poster to help inform equipment choices.
- » **Cleat Poster:** The NFL Musculoskeletal Committee and the NFLPA coordinate extensive research on athletic shoe safety and performance to determine which cleats best permit release from turf during potentially injurious loading. The results are shared with NFL players, in addition to club medical, training, coaching and equipment staffs on a poster to help inform equipment choices.

## SHARING PROGRESS

The NFL is committed to sharing its progress in health and safety across all levels of football, with other sports around the world and for the benefit of society at large. This includes publishing peer-reviewed research, convening leaders in sports medicine for important conversations, sharing data and crowdsourcing new ideas.



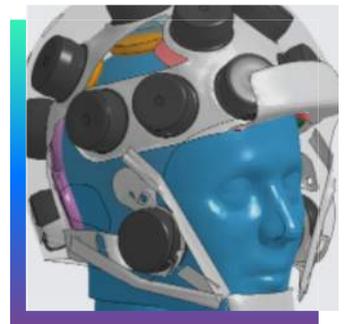
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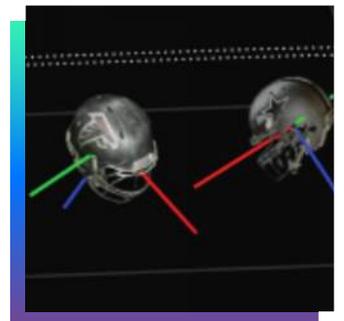
## DRIVEN BY EXPERTS : BIOMECHANICAL ENGINEERS

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



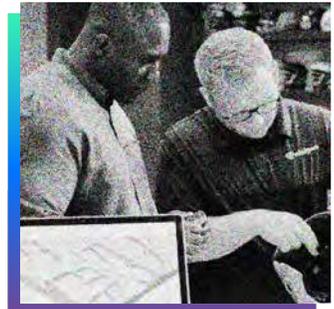
## RESEARCH : MEASURING THE ON-FIELD ENVIRONMENT AND SHARING TOOLS

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



## EDUCATION : EXPERTS AND INNOVATORS LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER

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



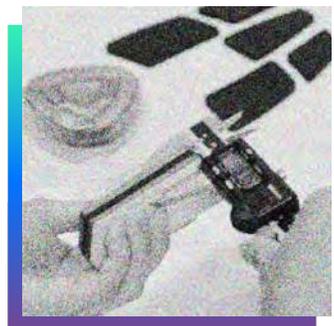
## CROWD SOURCED CHALLENGES OFFER INCENTIVES FOR ENTREPRENEURS AND SMALL BUSINESSES TO ACCELERATE INNOVATION

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



### » **The NFL Helmet Challenge**

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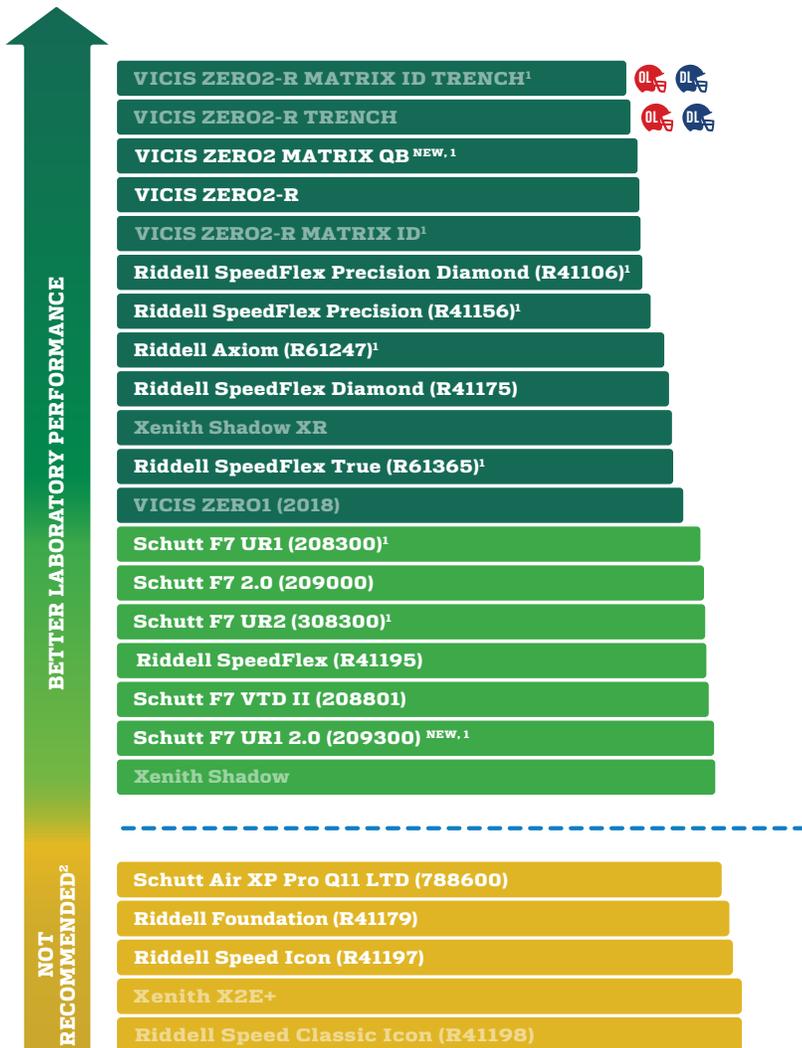
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# 2023 HELMET LABORATORY TESTING PERFORMANCE RESULTS



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

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

All helmets in green are recommended for use by NFL players. Based on a statistical grouping analysis, helmets in the Top-Performing group have been further distinguished into two green categories. The darker green group represents those that performed similarly to this year's top-ranked helmets, while the light green group performed similarly to the lowest ranked dark green helmet. Helmets with poorer laboratory performance were placed in the yellow or prohibited groups. Yellow and newly prohibited red helmets are not permitted for new players and players who did not wear them during the 2022 NFL season. Newly prohibited helmets will be prohibited for all players in 2024.

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.



Use this QR code to view the full list of prohibited helmets and an additional list of approved legacy helmets.

Offensive Lineman Top-Performer Defensive Lineman Top-Performer

This year, for the first time, top-performing helmets were tested using methodologies specific to offensive linemen (OL) and defensive linemen (DL). Top-performing position-specific helmets are indicated by the corresponding helmet icons.

<sup>1</sup>Actual performance and ranking may vary since these helmets are customized for each player's head shape.

<sup>2</sup>These helmets are not permitted for new players and players who did not wear them during the 2022 NFL season.

<sup>3</sup>These helmets will be prohibited for all players starting in 2024.

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

# CONCUSSION GAME DAY CHECKLIST

Player receives impact to the head

and

Player exhibits or reports symptoms or signs suggestive of a concussion or stinger

or

ATC, booth ATC, team physician, NFL official, coach, teammate or UNC initiates protocol

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

## SIDELINE SURVEY

Remove helmet. Team Physician and UNC perform sideline survey:

- » No-Go
- » History of Event
- » Concussion Signs/Symptoms
- » Maddock's Questions
- » Video Review
- » **Focused Neurological Exam:**
  - Cervical Spine Exam (including range of motion- pain)
  - Evaluation of Speech
  - Observation of Gait
  - Eye Movements and Pupillary Exam

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

## LOCKER ROOM EXAM

Team Physician/ UNC/ ATC OR

Team Physician/ UNC perform locker room exam:

- » Complete NFL SCAT
- » Complete Neurological Exam

## If abnormal, NO RETURN TO PLAY:

- » Player stays in locker room
- » Periodic evaluation by medical team
- » Follow-up neurological exam

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

## No-Go

- » LOC (including Impact Seizure and/or "fencing posture")
- » Ataxia
- » Confusion
- » Amnesia

If observed at any point, **NO RETURN TO PLAY**

During above checklist, if player demonstrates progressive/worsening concussion symptoms, **NO RETURN TO PLAY**

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

# RETURN-TO-PARTICIPATION PROTOCOL



PHASE

1

## SYMPTOM LIMITED ACTIVITY

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

## AEROBIC EXERCISE

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

PHASE

2

PHASE

3

## FOOTBALL-SPECIFIC EXERCISE

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

## CLUB-BASED NON-CONTACT TRAINING DRILLS

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

PHASE

4

PHASE

5

## FULL FOOTBALL ACTIVITY / CLEARANCE

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



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS IN THE NFL

Every NFL club is required to write, practice, update and distribute to key stakeholders annually a **comprehensive Emergency Action Plan (EAP)** for all NFL training camp sites, practice facilities and game day venues.

- Emergency Action Plans are **reviewed by the NFL and NFLPA physician leaders** and after any needed feedback, **jointly approved** prior to each season.
- Club medical and training staffs are **required to rehearse the EAP** before the season begins. These rehearsals are required to be supervised by independent 3rd party vendors.
- All home teams **designate a Level I or Level II Trauma Center**, which is able to provide the highest level of trauma care with immediate availability to advanced imaging and surgeons who care for the most critically ill or injured patients.
- Home teams are **required to retain two EMT/paramedics** crews and advanced life support ambulances dedicated for player use at each game.



There are an average of **30 healthcare providers at each NFL game** ready to give immediate care to players on game day. These experts include:

- Team physicians
- Team athletic trainers
- Emergency Response Physicians
- EMTs/paramedics crew
- Airway Management Physicians
- Unaffiliated Neurotrauma Consultants
- Athletic trainer injury spotters

For the International Series Games, the same template of medical personnel and resources is provided to ensure player health and safety at these neutral site games.



One hour before kickoff, the medical staff from both clubs, unaffiliated medical staff, and referees gather for the "60 Minute Meeting." The meeting is an opportunity to review roles and responsibilities, identify stadium resources such as x-ray, transport carts, ambulance location and stadium exits, and confirm the Level I or Level II Trauma Center as well as other hospitals – as designated in the EAP – should any need arise.



Each NFL club must identify and retain at least two Emergency Response Physicians (ERPs) to be available to attend each of its home games. Each club must have at least one ERP present at every home game, who will be able to treat home and visiting team players.



All club athletic trainers and physicians are trained in how to recognize, respond to, and treat Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) in players, ensuring clubs are prepared to react quickly. The training ensures all staff know how to initiate CPR, use the automated external defibrillator (AED), and know where the device is located, along with providing a protocol for calling 911. This ensures the medical team can react quickly if a player exhibits signs of SCA and can initiate immediate treatment until EMS arrives.



Emergent conditions that can occur on gameday may include cardiac events, heat illness, solid organ injury with bleeding, as well as brain and spine injury. Clubs extensively rehearse the response to each of these scenarios, and always have the equipment and medical personnel to provide optimal on-site care for each condition.

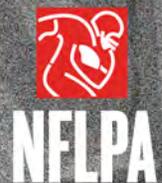
# NFL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

PLAYER IS REMOVED TO:

Locker Room

Sideline Medical Tent

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



# NFL CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

THE PROTOCOL MAY BE TRIGGERED BY:

Teammate

Game Official

Coach

ATC Spotters or Booth UNC

Team or Unaffiliated Medical Personnel



# THE TEAM BEHIND THE TEAM

## 30 GAME DAY MEDICAL STAFF

### ON AVERAGE, EACH TEAM HAS:



#### 4 ATHLETIC TRAINERS

Assess and treat player injuries in conjunction with team doctors



#### 2 PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS

Evaluate players for general medical conditions and concussions



#### 2 ORTHOPEDISTS

Evaluate and treat players for injuries to the bones and joints



#### 1 UNAFFILIATED NEUROTRAUMA CONSULTANT

Evaluates players for possible head injuries and concussions



#### 1 CHIROPRACTOR

Provides back/spinal adjustments for players and treats muscular injuries

### STADIUM MEDICAL TEAM:



#### 2 INDEPENDENT ATHLETIC TRAINERS

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



#### 1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE PHYSICIAN

Emergency physicians who routinely engage in critical care resuscitations and advanced evaluation of trauma patients. Also direct and coordinate transportation for players to local trauma centers and other specialty hospitals as necessary



#### 1 AIRWAY MANAGEMENT PHYSICIAN

Physicians who are specialists in advanced airway management for emergencies that may necessitate stabilization of breathing. Also will collaborate with the ERP in any critical player emergency scenario



#### 1 RADIOLOGY TECHNICIAN

Takes x-rays of injured players at the stadium



#### 2 EMTS/PARAMEDIC CREW

Work in conjunction with team physicians, athletic trainers, AMP and ERP in the stabilization and transport of players to the hospital as designated in the Emergency Action Plan



#### 1 UNAFFILIATED NEUROTRAUMA CONSULTANT

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



#### 1 DENTIST

Treats dental issues



#### 1 OPHTHALMOLOGIST

Treats eye injuries

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