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We are confident that our fans lead the NFL in enthusiasm, support, hospitality and sportsmanship. Our image is shaped not only by our players, coaches and employees, but by our fans as well. Our goal is to create a high-energy environment to lend support to our team, while maintaining a family-oriented atmosphere.

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01 | Adam Thielen led the Vikings with 101 yards on four catches in his second career game with more than 100 receiving yards.

02 | Kyle Rudolph's 3-yard touchdown reception clinched the game for the Vikings and placed him in a tie with Steve Jordan for most touchdowns by a Vikings tight end (28).



THROUGH-THE-LENS

VIKINGS VS. JAGUARS

THERE HAVE BEEN FOUR GAMES IN NFL HISTORY DECIDED BY A 25-16 SCORE, AND THE VIKINGS HAVE CLAIMED TWO THIS SEASON. MINNESOTA OPENED THE "FOURTH QUARTER" OF ITS 2016 SCHEDULE BY FINISHING THE GAME STRONG.

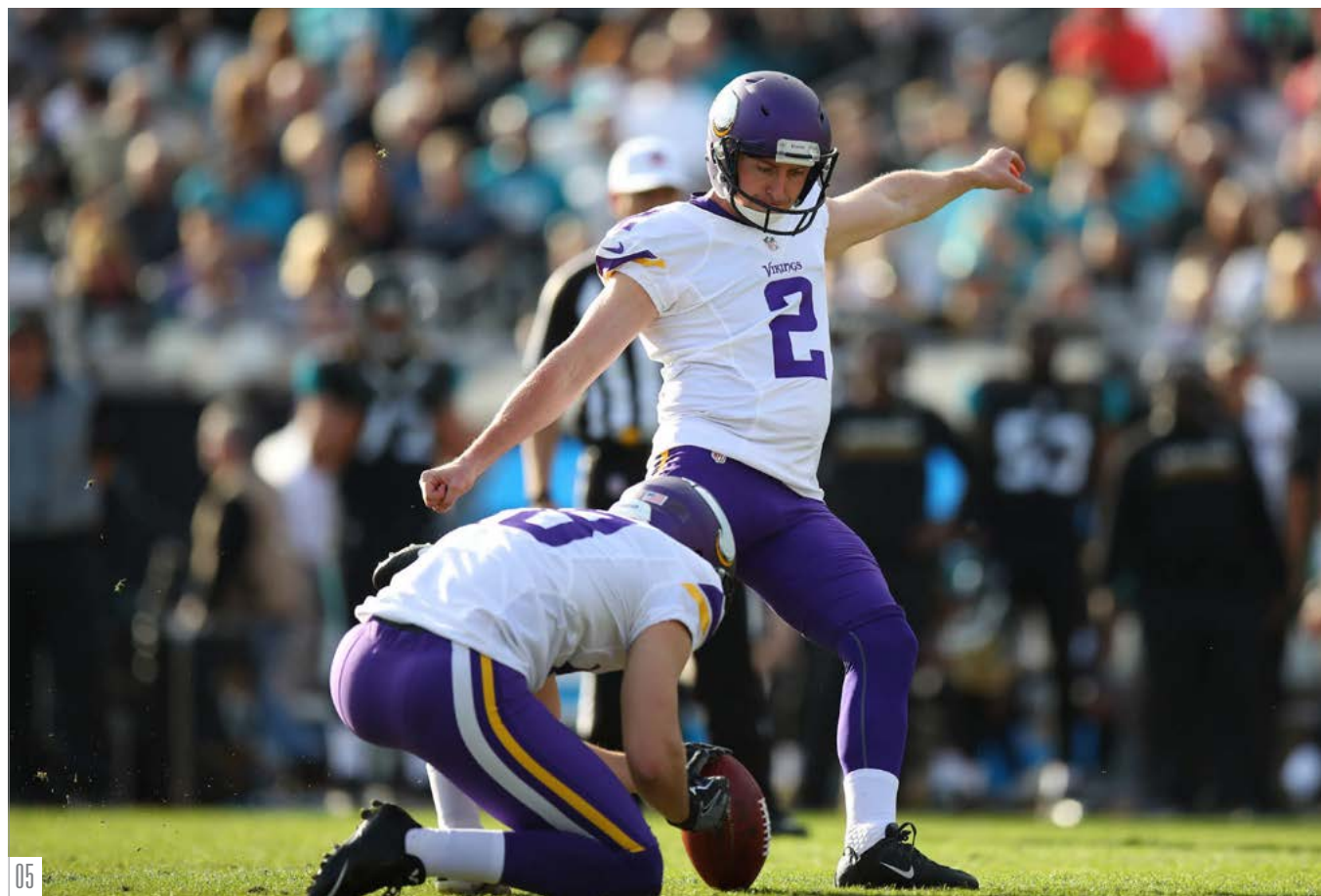
The Vikings scored two touchdowns and held the Jaguars to no points down the stretch to improve to 7-6.

"WE KNEW THAT THIS
GAME WAS EXTREMELY
IMPORTANT."

- SAM BRADFORD

03 | Stefon Diggs hauls in a 45-yard reception. He finished with three catches for 55 yards.

04 | The offensive line didn't allow a sack of Sam Bradford, who completed 24 of 34 passes for 292 yards and a touchdown for a passer rating of 106.5.



05

05 | Kai Forbath went 4-for-4 on field goals, making kicks from 43, 32, 40 and 46 yards for the Vikings first 12 points.

06 | Everson Griffen celebrates one of his 2.0 sacks on the day. Brian Robison and Danielle Hunter also sacked Blake Bortles.



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TODAY'S GAME BETWEEN THE VIKINGS and Colts is renewal of a series that began in Minnesota's inaugural 1961 season when the teams split a pair of games.

The Colts, who moved from Baltimore to Indianapolis in 1984, have a 16-7-1 edge in the series, including the 1968 Western Conference Championship Game.

Now in separate conferences, the teams only meet every four years.

Minnesota (7-6) needs its first win against Indianapolis (6-7) since 1997 to keep controlling all it can do to make the postseason. The Vikings must limit Andrew Luck today and also need a little luck -- or help -- around the league in the final three weeks of 2016.

Minnesota Vikings Cornerback Captain Munneryn weighed just 3 pounds when he was born 3 months early. He knows how important it is for every baby to get the best start possible. This is why he has teamed up with the March of Dimes to find a cure for premature birth. Join Captain's team - text the word "BABY" to 41444 to make a donation and help March of Dimes give every baby a fighting chance!



GJALLARHORN:

Since 2007, the Minnesota Vikings have used the Gjallarhorn to signal the Vikings are coming and the start of a great battle on the gridiron. An Honorary Viking is chosen to sound the horn each game, and this honor has included celebrities, Vikings Legends, Olympians, fans and members of the military. The iconic sound has become an integral part of the Vikings game-day experience that fans love and opponents have grown to fear. Today, we celebrate the 100th sounding of the Gjallarhorn.

COLOR GUARD:

United States Coast Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM:

Two-time Emmy Award winning violinist, Damien Escobar will perform the National Anthem. Escobar has appeared on *America's Got Talent* and also performed at the first inauguration of President Barack Obama in 2009.

HALFTIME:

High School All-State Team

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TODAY'S GAME

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KWIK TRIP FAMILY OF THE GAME

Kwik Trip is going to pick one lucky family every home game this season to be the Kwik Trip Family of the Game. Your family could be chosen to win four lower-level tickets to the next Vikings home game, along with on-field passes and more! Text "FIELD" to 77887 to register. Congratulations to today's Kwik Trip family of the Game, the Bevins family from Fergus Falls.



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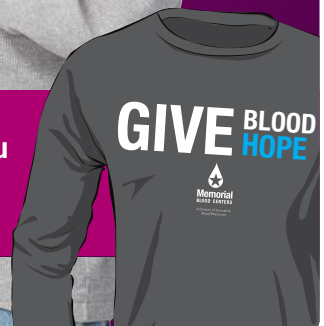


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Coborn's - Cooper Ave
Cash Wise - Owatonna
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Coborn's - Foley
Cub Foods - Rockford Road
Monie's Bar & Grill - Maple Plain
Coborn's - Belle Plaine
Cub Foods - Lyndale
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Cub Foods - Stillwater
The Bottle Shoppe - Moorhead
Elephant Lake Lodge - Orr
Cash Wise - Baxter
Star Liquors - Blaine
Fuzzy's Bar & Grill - Marshall
Green Iguana Bar & Grill - Glenwood
Vic's Bar & Grill - Moorhead
Groat's Boars Nest - Montevideo





PLAYER TO WATCH: DE BRIAN ROBISON

BRIAN ROBISON HAS HIT MULTIPLE MILESTONES this season but cares more about helping the Vikings win themselves into the postseason. Today will be the 100th start and 156th game played by Robison, who has moved into third place in games played by a Vikings defensive end. Robison only trails Vikings Ring of Honor members Jim Marshall (270) and Carl Eller (209). One of Robison's greatest attributes, however, is his willingness to sacrifice stats to help the defense achieve its goals. That will be important today against quarterback Andrew Luck, who has been sacked 37 times this season, and running back Frank Gore. Look for Robison to set the edge on run plays, pressure pass plays from the edge and then kick inside to defensive tackle on third downs. His ability to do all three has helped the defense rank second in yards allowed and first in points against this season.

ADD TO THE LIST? THE COLTS ARE ONE OF EIGHT NFL TEAMS THAT ROBISON IS YET TO RECORD A SACK AGAINST. HE HAS ONLY PLAYED AGAINST INDIANAPOLIS TWICE. SIX OF THOSE TEAMS ARE AFC MEMBERS AND RARE OPPONENTS. ROBISON CROSSED ANOTHER TEAM OFF LAST WEEK WHEN HE SACKED JACKSONVILLE QB BLAKE BORTLES.

7.0 IN **16**

With 7.0 sacks this season, Robison has brought his career total to 55.5. He moved past Keith Millard (53) for 10th earlier this season and needs one more to pass Henry Thomas (56) for ninth in franchise history.

2016 SEASON LEADERS

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Passing (Yds) | Sam Bradford | 2,954 |
| Rushing (Yds) | Jerick McKinnon | 388 |
| Receiving (Yds) | Stefon Diggs | 861 |
| Tackles | Harrison Smith | 97 |
| Sacks | Danielle Hunter | 10.5 |
| Interceptions | Xavier Rhodes | 4 |
| KOR (Yds) | Cordarrelle Patterson | 31.7 |
| PR (Avg.) | Marcus Sherels | 13.4 |

2016 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (4-0)

| | | | | |
|----|------|-----------------------|---|-------|
| P1 | 8/12 | at Cincinnati Bengals | W | 17-16 |
| P2 | 8/18 | at Seattle Seahawks | W | 18-11 |
| P3 | 8/28 | San Diego Chargers | W | 23-10 |
| P4 | 9/1 | Los Angeles Rams | W | 27-25 |

REGULAR SEASON (7-6)

| | | | | |
|----|-------|-------------------------|---|-------|
| 1 | 9/11 | at Tennessee Titans | W | 25-16 |
| 2 | 9/18 | Green Bay Packers | W | 17-14 |
| 3 | 9/25 | at Carolina Panthers | W | 22-10 |
| 4 | 10/3 | New York Giants | W | 24-10 |
| 5 | 10/9 | Houston Texans | W | 31-13 |
| 6 | 10/16 | BYE | | |
| 7 | 10/23 | at Philadelphia Eagles | L | 10-21 |
| 8 | 10/31 | at Chicago Bears | L | 10-20 |
| 9 | 11/6 | Detroit Lions | L | 22-16 |
| 10 | 11/13 | at Washington Redskins | L | 20-26 |
| 11 | 11/20 | Arizona Cardinals | W | 30-24 |
| 12 | 11/24 | at Detroit Lions | L | 13-16 |
| 13 | 12/1 | Dallas Cowboys | L | 15-17 |
| 14 | 12/11 | at Jacksonville Jaguars | W | 25-16 |
| 15 | 12/18 | Indianapolis Colts | | |
| 16 | 12/24 | at Green Bay Packers | | |
| 17 | 1/1 | Chicago Bears | | |

TOP 2s AGAINST COLTS

RUSHING YARDS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 160 | Robert Smith on 17 attempts in Minnesota (Dec. 21, 1997) |
| 160 | Adrian Peterson on 29 attempts in Minnesota (Sept. 14, 2008) |

PASSING YARDS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 449 | Joe Kapp on 28-of-43 passing in Minnesota (Sept. 28, 1969) |
| 287 | Joe Kapp on 26-of-44 passing in Baltimore (Dec. 22, 1968) |

RECEIVING YARDS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 172 | Gene Washington on six catches in Minnesota (Sept. 28, 1969) |
| 156 | Paul Flatley on seven catches in Minnesota (Nov. 17, 1963) |

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PLAYER TO WATCH: RB FRANK GORE

FRANK GORE IS STILL GOING STRONG at the age of 33. Gore is in his second season with the Colts after setting 49ers all-time rushing records in yards (11,073), attempts (2,442) and touchdowns (64) during his 10 seasons in San Francisco. The 2005 third-round pick now has 12,830 career yards, which ranks eighth all-time and leads active players. Gore has started all 29 games he's played for Indianapolis and has 208 carries for 790 yards and 10 rushing touchdowns with the Colts. He has averaged 60.6 rushing yards per game. Gore has 40 career games (39 with San Francisco) with 100 or more yards, but his top output in four games against the Vikings was 68 on 16 carries in 2007 when he also caught eight passes for 49 yards. The eight receptions are his third-highest total in 177 games.

CAREER RANKS: THE 2,910 ATTEMPTS BY GORE RANK 13TH IN NFL HISTORY BEHIND JOHN RIGGINS (2,916). GORE IS TIED FOR 24TH ALL-TIME, ALONG WITH MARSHAWN LYNCH AND HALL OF FAMERS EARL CAMPBELL AND LEROY KELLY, WITH 74 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS.

7 IN 16

Gore has moved past seven players this season on the NFL's all-time rushing yards list. His next threshold is Eric Dickerson's 13,259 yards. Gore vaulted past Hall of Famers Thurman Thomas, Franco Harris, Marcus Allen, Marshall Faulk, Jim Brown and Dorsett, as well as former Colts running back Edgerrin James.

2016 SEASON LEADERS

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| Passing (Yds) | Andrew Luck | 3,381 |
| Rushing (Yds) | Frank Gore | 790 |
| Receiving (Yds) | T.Y. Hilton | 1,203 |
| Tackles | D'Qwell Jackson | 78 |
| Sacks | Erik Walden | 8.0 |
| Interceptions | Darius Butler | 3 |
| KOR (Yds) | Jordan Todman | 33.5 |
| PR (Avg.) | Chester Rogers | 7.2 |

2016 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (2-2-1)

| | | | | |
|----|------|-----------------------|---|-------|
| P1 | 8/7 | Green Bay Packers | T | 0-0* |
| P2 | 8/13 | at Buffalo Bills | W | 19-18 |
| P3 | 8/20 | Baltimore Ravens | L | 18-19 |
| P4 | 8/27 | Philadelphia Eagles | L | 23-33 |
| P5 | 9/1 | at Cincinnati Bengals | W | 13-10 |

REGULAR SEASON (6-7)

| | | | | |
|----|-------|-------------------------|---|-------|
| 1 | 9/11 | Detroit Lions | L | 35-39 |
| 2 | 9/18 | at Denver Broncos | L | 20-34 |
| 3 | 9/25 | San Diego Chargers | W | 26-22 |
| 4 | 10/2 | at Jacksonville Jaguars | L | 27-30 |
| 5 | 10/9 | Chicago Bears | W | 29-23 |
| 6 | 10/16 | at Houston Texans | L | 23-26 |
| 7 | 10/23 | at Tennessee Titans | W | 34-26 |
| 8 | 10/30 | Kansas City Chiefs | L | 14-30 |
| 9 | 11/6 | at Green Bay Packers | W | 31-26 |
| 10 | 11/13 | BYE | | |
| 11 | 11/20 | Tennessee Titans | W | 24-17 |
| 12 | 11/24 | Pittsburgh Steelers | L | 7-28 |
| 13 | 12/5 | at New York Jets | W | 41-10 |
| 14 | 12/11 | Houston Texans | L | 17-22 |
| 15 | 12/18 | at Minnesota Vikings | | |
| 16 | 12/24 | at Oakland Raiders | | |
| 17 | 1/1 | Jacksonville Jaguars | | |

TOP 2s AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

| | |
|-----|---|
| 128 | Edgerrin James on 26 attempts in Indianapolis (Dec. 24, 2000) |
| 123 | Edgerrin James on 26 attempts in Indianapolis (Nov. 8, 2004) |

PASSING YARDS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 385 | Johnny Unitas on 19-of-34 passing in Baltimore (Dec. 16, 1962) |
| 344 | Johnny Unitas on 17-of-22 passing in Baltimore (Dec. 8, 1963) |

RECEIVING YARDS

| | |
|-----|---|
| 150 | Willie Richardson on six catches in Baltimore (Nov. 24, 1968) |
| 148 | Willie Richardson on six catches in Baltimore (Dec. 22, 1968) |

*Game was cancelled because of field conditions.


OFFENSE

| | | | |
|---------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| WR | | TE | |
| 19 Adam Thielen | | 82 Kyle Rudolph | |
| 12 Charles Johnson | | 85 Rhett Ellison | |
| 11 Laquon Treadwell | | 89 David Morgan | |
| LT | | QB | |
| 68 T.J. Clemmings | | 8 Sam Bradford | |
| 69 Rashod Hill | | 13 Shaun Hill | |
| | | 6 Taylor Heinicke | |
| LG | | WR | |
| 76 Alex Boone | | 14 Stefon Diggs | |
| 67 Zac Kerin | | 84 C. Patterson | |
| | | 17 Jarius Wright | |
| C | | FB | |
| 61 Joe Berger | | 48 Zach Line | |
| 62 Nick Easton | | | |
| RG | | HB | |
| 63 Brandon Fusco | | 21 Jerick McKinnon | |
| 64 Willie Beavers | | 44 Matt Asiata | |
| RT | | | |
| 78 Jeremiah Sirles | | | |

DEFENSE

| | | | |
|----------------------|--|--------------------|--|
| LE | | SLB | |
| 96 Brian Robison | | 55 Anthony Barr | |
| 99 Danielle Hunter | | 51 Edmond Robinson | |
| DT | | LCB | |
| 93 Shamar Stephen | | 23 Terence Newman | |
| 90 Toby Johnson | | 26 Trae Waynes | |
| | | 35 Marcus Sherels | |
| NT | | RCB | |
| 98 Linval Joseph | | 29 Xavier Rhodes | |
| 92 Tom Johnson | | 24 C. Munnerlyn | |
| | | 20 M. Alexander | |
| RE | | SS | |
| 97 Everson Griffen | | 34 Andrew Sendejo | |
| 94 Justin Trattou | | 27 Jayron Kears | |
| 91 S. Weatherly | | | |
| WLB | | FS | |
| 52 Chad Greenway | | 22 Harrison Smith | |
| 59 Emmanuel Lamur | | 41 Anthony Harris | |
| MLB | | | |
| 54 Eric Kendricks | | | |
| 57 Audie Cole | | | |
| 40 Kentrell Brothers | | | |

SPECIALISTS

| | | | |
|--------------------|--|-------------------|--|
| K | | KR | |
| 2 Kai Forbath | | 84 C. Patterson | |
| | | 35 Marcus Sherels | |
| P / H | | PR | |
| 18 Jeff Locke | | 35 Marcus Sherels | |
| | | 19 Adam Thielen | |
| LS | | | |
| 47 Kevin McDermott | | | |

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | AGE | EXP. | COLLEGE |
|-----|-----------------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|----------------------|
| 2 | Kai Forbath | K | 5-11 | 197 | 29 | 5 | UCLA |
| 6 | Taylor Heinicke | QB | 6-1 | 210 | 23 | 2 | Old Dominion |
| 8 | Sam Bradford | QB | 6-4 | 224 | 29 | 7 | Oklahoma |
| 11 | Laquon Treadwell | WR | 6-2 | 215 | 21 | R | Mississippi |
| 12 | Charles Johnson | WR | 6-2 | 217 | 27 | 4 | Grand Valley State |
| 13 | Shaun Hill | QB | 6-3 | 230 | 36 | 15 | Maryland |
| 14 | Stefon Diggs | WR | 6-0 | 191 | 23 | 2 | Maryland |
| 17 | Jarius Wright | WR | 5-10 | 191 | 27 | 5 | Arkansas |
| 18 | Jeff Locke | P | 6-0 | 195 | 27 | 4 | UCLA |
| 19 | Adam Thielen | WR | 6-2 | 200 | 26 | 3 | Minnesota State |
| 20 | Mackensie Alexander | CB | 5-10 | 192 | 23 | R | Clemson |
| 21 | Jerick McKinnon | RB | 5-9 | 205 | 24 | 3 | Georgia Southern |
| 22 | Harrison Smith | S | 6-2 | 214 | 27 | 5 | Notre Dame |
| 23 | Terence Newman | CB | 5-10 | 197 | 38 | 14 | Kansas State |
| 24 | Captain Munnerlyn | CB | 5-9 | 195 | 28 | 8 | South Carolina |
| 26 | Trae Waynes | CB | 6-0 | 190 | 24 | 2 | Michigan State |
| 27 | Jayron Kears | S | 6-4 | 215 | 22 | R | Clemson |
| 29 | Xavier Rhodes | CB | 6-1 | 218 | 26 | 4 | Florida State |
| 34 | Andrew Sendejo | S | 6-1 | 210 | 29 | 6 | Rice |
| 35 | Marcus Sherels | CB | 5-10 | 175 | 29 | 6 | Minnesota |
| 40 | Kentrell Brothers | LB | 6-1 | 242 | 23 | R | Missouri |
| 41 | Anthony Harris | S | 6-1 | 192 | 25 | 2 | Virginia |
| 44 | Matt Asiata | RB | 6-0 | 219 | 29 | 5 | Utah |
| 47 | Kevin McDermott | LS | 6-5 | 240 | 26 | 4 | UCLA |
| 48 | Zach Line | FB | 6-1 | 233 | 26 | 4 | SMU |
| 51 | Edmond Robinson | LB | 6-3 | 245 | 24 | 2 | Newberry |
| 52 | Chad Greenway | LB | 6-3 | 237 | 33 | 11 | Iowa |
| 54 | Eric Kendricks | LB | 6-0 | 232 | 24 | 2 | UCLA |
| 55 | Anthony Barr | LB | 6-5 | 255 | 24 | 3 | UCLA |
| 57 | Audie Cole | LB | 6-5 | 248 | 27 | 5 | NC State |
| 59 | Emmanuel Lamur | LB | 6-4 | 245 | 27 | 5 | Kansas State |
| 61 | Joe Berger | C | 6-5 | 305 | 34 | 12 | Michigan Tech |
| 62 | Nick Easton | C | 6-3 | 303 | 24 | 2 | Harvard |
| 63 | Brandon Fusco | G | 6-4 | 306 | 28 | 6 | Slippery Rock |
| 64 | Willie Beavers | G | 6-5 | 322 | 23 | R | Western Michigan |
| 67 | Zac Kerin | G | 6-5 | 305 | 25 | 2 | Toledo |
| 68 | T.J. Clemmings | T | 6-5 | 309 | 25 | 2 | Pittsburgh |
| 69 | Rashod Hill | T | 6-6 | 313 | 24 | R | Southern Mississippi |
| 76 | Alex Boone | G | 6-8 | 310 | 29 | 7 | Ohio State |
| 78 | Jeremiah Sirles | T | 6-6 | 315 | 25 | 3 | Nebraska |
| 82 | Kyle Rudolph | TE | 6-6 | 265 | 27 | 6 | Notre Dame |
| 84 | Cordarrelle Patterson | WR | 6-2 | 220 | 25 | 4 | Tennessee |
| 85 | Rhett Ellison | TE | 6-5 | 250 | 28 | 5 | Southern California |
| 89 | David Morgan | TE | 6-4 | 265 | 23 | R | Texas-San Antonio |
| 90 | Toby Johnson | DT | 6-4 | 325 | 25 | 1 | Georgia |
| 91 | Stephen Weatherly | DE | 6-5 | 265 | 22 | R | Vanderbilt |
| 92 | Tom Johnson | DT | 6-3 | 288 | 32 | 6 | Southern Mississippi |
| 93 | Shamar Stephen | DT | 6-5 | 310 | 25 | 3 | Connecticut |
| 94 | Justin Trattou | DE | 6-4 | 258 | 28 | 5 | Florida |
| 96 | Brian Robison | DE | 6-3 | 259 | 33 | 10 | Texas |
| 97 | Everson Griffen | DE | 6-3 | 273 | 28 | 7 | Southern California |
| 98 | Linval Joseph | DT | 6-4 | 329 | 28 | 7 | East Carolina |
| 99 | Danielle Hunter | DE | 6-5 | 252 | 22 | 2 | LSU |

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OFFENSE

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| WR | TE |
| 10 Donte Moncrief | 83 Dwayne Allen |
| 80 Chester Rogers | 86 Erik Swoope |
| LT | WR |
| 74 Anthony Castonzo | 13 T.Y. Hilton |
| 62 Le'Raven Clark | 15 Phillip Dorsett |
| | 81 Devin Street |
| LG | QB |
| 72 J. Harrison | 12 Andrew Luck |
| | 16 Scott Tolzien |
| C | TE |
| 78 Ryan Kelly | 84 Jack Doyle |
| 63 Austin Blythe | |
| RG | RB |
| 71 Denzelle Good | 23 Frank Gore |
| | 33 Robert Turbin |
| RT | 28 Jordan Todman |
| 73 Joe Haeg | 34 Josh Ferguson |
| 76 Joe Reitz | |

DEFENSE

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| DE | RUSH |
| 91 Hassan Ridgeway | 98 Robert Mathis |
| 96 Henry Anderson | 58 Trent Cole |
| | 56 Akeem Ayers |
| NT | 43 Chris Carter |
| 54 David Parry | |
| 99 T.Y. McGill | LCB |
| | 30 Rashaan Melvin |
| DT | 20 Darius Butler |
| 97 Arthur Jones | 35 Darryl Morris |
| 94 Zach Kerr | Charles James |
| SLB | SS |
| 93 Erik Walden | 29 Mike Adams |
| 95 Lavar Edwards | 41 Matthias Farley |
| MIKE | FS |
| 44 Antonio Morrison | 32 T.J. Green |
| 46 Luke Rhodes | 31 Duke Williams |
| WILL | RCB |
| 53 Edwin Jackson | 21 Vontae Davis |
| 57 Josh McNary | 40 C. Milton |
| 50 Deon King | 38 Charles James |

SPECIALISTS

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| K | KR |
| 4 Adam Vinatieri | 28 Jordan Todman |
| P/H | 34 Josh Ferguson |
| 1 Pat McAfee | |
| LS | PR |
| 45 Matt Overton | 80 Chester Rogers |

| NO. | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | AGE | EXP. | COLLEGE |
|-----|--------------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|-----------------------|
| 1 | Pat McAfee | P | 6-1 | 233 | 29 | 8 | West Virginia |
| 4 | Adam Vinatieri | K | 6-0 | 206 | 43 | 21 | South Dakota State |
| 10 | Donte Moncrief | WR | 6-2 | 222 | 23 | 3 | Mississippi |
| 12 | Andrew Luck | QB | 6-4 | 240 | 27 | 5 | Stanford |
| 13 | T.Y. Hilton | WR | 5-9 | 180 | 27 | 5 | Florida International |
| 15 | Phillip Dorsett | WR | 5-10 | 185 | 23 | 2 | Miami (FL) |
| 16 | Scott Tolzien | QB | 6-2 | 213 | 29 | 6 | Wisconsin |
| 20 | Darius Butler | CB | 5-10 | 188 | 30 | 8 | Connecticut |
| 21 | Vontae Davis | CB | 5-11 | 207 | 28 | 8 | Illinois |
| 23 | Frank Gore | RB | 5-9 | 217 | 33 | 12 | Miami (FL) |
| 28 | Jordan Todman | RB | 5-10 | 200 | 26 | 4 | Connecticut |
| 29 | Mike Adams | S | 5-11 | 205 | 35 | 13 | Delaware |
| 30 | Rashaan Melvin | CB | 6-2 | 193 | 27 | 4 | Northern Illinois |
| 31 | Duke Williams | S | 5-11 | 201 | 26 | 4 | Nevada |
| 32 | T.J. Green | S | 6-3 | 205 | 21 | R | Clemson |
| 33 | Robert Turbin | RB | 5-10 | 225 | 27 | 5 | Utah State |
| 34 | Josh Ferguson | RB | 5-10 | 200 | 23 | R | Illinois |
| 35 | Darryl Morris | CB | 5-10 | 188 | 26 | 4 | Texas State |
| 38 | Charles James | CB | 5-9 | 185 | 26 | 3 | Charleston Southern |
| 40 | Christopher Milton | CB | 5-11 | 190 | 24 | R | Georgia Tech |
| 41 | Matthias Farley | S | 5-11 | 210 | 24 | R | Notre Dame |
| 43 | Chris Carter | OLB | 6-1 | 245 | 27 | 6 | Fresno State |
| 44 | Antonio Morrison | ILB | 6-1 | 235 | 22 | R | Florida |
| 45 | Matt Overton | LS | 6-1 | 243 | 31 | 5 | Western Washington |
| 46 | Luke Rhodes | ILB | 6-2 | 242 | 24 | R | William & Mary |
| 50 | Deon King | ILB | 6-1 | 230 | 23 | R | Norfolk State |
| 53 | Edwin Jackson | ILB | 6-0 | 230 | 25 | 1 | Georgia Southern |
| 54 | David Parry | DT | 6-2 | 310 | 24 | 2 | Stanford |
| 56 | Akeem Ayers | OLB | 6-3 | 255 | 27 | 6 | UCLA |
| 57 | Josh McNary | ILB | 6-0 | 251 | 28 | 3 | Army |
| 58 | Trent Cole | OLB | 6-3 | 270 | 34 | 12 | Cincinnati |
| 62 | Le'Raven Clark | T | 6-5 | 319 | 23 | R | Texas Tech |
| 63 | Austin Blythe | C | 6-3 | 298 | 24 | R | Iowa |
| 71 | Denzelle Good | T/G | 6-5 | 355 | 25 | 2 | Mars Hill |
| 72 | Jonathan Harrison | C | 6-4 | 300 | 25 | 3 | Florida |
| 73 | Joe Haeg | T | 6-6 | 304 | 23 | R | North Dakota State |
| 74 | Anthony Castonzo | T | 6-7 | 311 | 28 | 6 | Boston College |
| 76 | Joe Reitz | T/G | 6-7 | 325 | 31 | 6 | Western Michigan |
| 78 | Ryan Kelly | C | 6-4 | 313 | 23 | R | Alabama |
| 80 | Chester Rogers | WR | 6-1 | 180 | 22 | R | Grambling State |
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| 84 | Jack Doyle | TE | 6-6 | 267 | 26 | 4 | Western Kentucky |
| 86 | Erik Swoope | TE | 6-5 | 257 | 24 | 1 | Miami (FL) |
| 91 | Hassan Ridgeway | DT | 6-3 | 317 | 22 | R | Texas |
| 93 | Erik Walden | OLB | 6-2 | 250 | 31 | 9 | Middle Tennessee St. |
| 94 | Zach Kerr | NT | 6-2 | 334 | 26 | 3 | Delaware |
| 95 | Lavar Edwards | OLB | 6-4 | 275 | 26 | 4 | LSU |
| 96 | Henry Anderson | DT | 6-6 | 300 | 25 | 2 | Stanford |
| 97 | Arthur Jones | DT | 6-3 | 320 | 30 | 7 | Syracuse |
| 98 | Robert Mathis | OLB | 6-2 | 245 | 35 | 14 | Alabama A&M |
| 99 | T.Y. McGill | DT | 6-0 | 310 | 24 | 2 | North Carolina State |



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THE 2016 SEASON HAS BEEN A ROLLER-COASTER RIDE, BUT JERICK MCKINNON HASN'T SHIED AWAY FROM ADVERSITY OR ADJUSTMENTS.

LINDSEY YOUNG

THE THIRD-YEAR RUNNING BACK has been Minnesota's primary starter since Adrian Peterson suffered a torn meniscus in Week 2. McKinnon has been utilized in some game-plan wrinkles added by Interim Offensive Coordinator Pat Shurmur, including running plays out of the Wildcat.

"It allows me to make a decision ... on handing it off or keeping it," McKinnon said of the Wildcat. "It's a different look - I like it a lot."

McKinnon played four different positions during his collegiate career. Primarily playing quarterback and running back at Georgia Southern, he also saw time at defensive back and wide receiver. He said his experience playing multiple positions helped him to be adaptable.

"I just think it got me prepared for the unknown," McKinnon said. "It really helped me get my name out there at each level, and being able to do so much only helped me. It didn't hurt me like I thought it might at first. It helped me being able to see those different looks."

WE MET UP WITH MCKINNON
FOR A RECENT TIMEOUT



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Q: What was it about Georgia Southern that you said, 'This is where I need to be'?

A: *I didn't have any D-1 offers. Georgia Southern was in-state, and when I went down there on my visit, I just felt like I was already on the team. Out of all the places, I just felt like that was the right place. I chose it for many different reasons ... the guys down there took me in like a little brother when I first got there, and I really felt welcomed.*

Q: You played at Georgia Southern with 'the other' Adrian Peterson. What has it been like to play with both?

A: *When I first went to college, I knew about that Adrian Peterson because one of my brother's best friends is like a brother to me, he played at Georgia Southern. I was able to meet with him and talk to him every year; we kind of established a pretty good relationship. Then I got drafted to the Minnesota Vikings and got to play with the other Adrian Peterson, so it was really the best of both worlds - going to Georgia Southern with him being the No. 1 rushing leader there, and then coming here and playing with Adrian, it's really just been a blessing.*

Q: Is there a moment that stands out when you first came to Minnesota and met AP?

A: *When I first got here, I didn't see Adrian until a couple weeks into OTAs, and I was just like, 'Dang, it's really him.' He shook my hand, and I was like, 'Dang, you shook my hand kind of hard.' So I said, 'You're going to have to chill out a bit, bro ... you can't be squeezing my hand.' But no, growing up and watching him, it's been a blessing these first three years just to play with him. He's probably the best running back to ever play, so I just see that as nothing but positive.*

Q: Is there a game that most stands out in your career so far?

A: *Last year, beating Green Bay and winning the division. I had heard that we hadn't won the division around here in a long time, so being able to be a part of that, and then under Coach Zim' with his first one with the Vikings was something special. That team, we battled all year.*

Q: You changed your number to 21 this season – what was the reason behind that?

A: *My mama, my brother and my uncle all wore 21. Being able to put that number on means a lot to me. My mom gave so much and put so much on the line for me and my brother growing up – my dad as well, but he didn't play sports. But being able to wear No. 21 in her honor is definitely something that I cherish. My brother is a good bit older than me, but an older sibling is like a super hero, so just watching him come up through high school and college wearing 21 and now me being able to wear it, I just feel like I hold them and their love with me.*

Q: What is something outside of football that you're really good at?

A: *Dancing. I be jigging, dancing. And then, I don't know what it is, but every time I'm around people, they just laugh at me. So I guess*

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– JERICK MCKINNON



I'm a comedian. They don't really have an answer when I ask why they're laughing at me, so I guess I'd just say that I'm a jokester and I dance.

Q: You've come up a lot this year on '96 Questions with B-Rob.' Which of your teammates has done the best impression of you?

A: *CP (Cordarrelle Patterson) does a good impression, [Anthony] Barr does a good impression, B-Rob (Brian Robison) does a good impression. Pretty much anyone who tries does a good job. But I'd probably say CP, he has a really funny one.*

Q: With the holidays coming up, do you remember a favorite gift you received growing up?

A: *When I was little, I remember I got my first football uniform; it was the year before I was able to play. It was a North Carolina Tar Heels uniform, and I literally did not take it off – I wore it everywhere. Also, when I was a little kid I got a Mongoose (bicycle); it had pegs on it, so I was trying to do tricks and stuff like that. I kind of got [full of myself], so I told my brother I'd race him, and he smoked me.*

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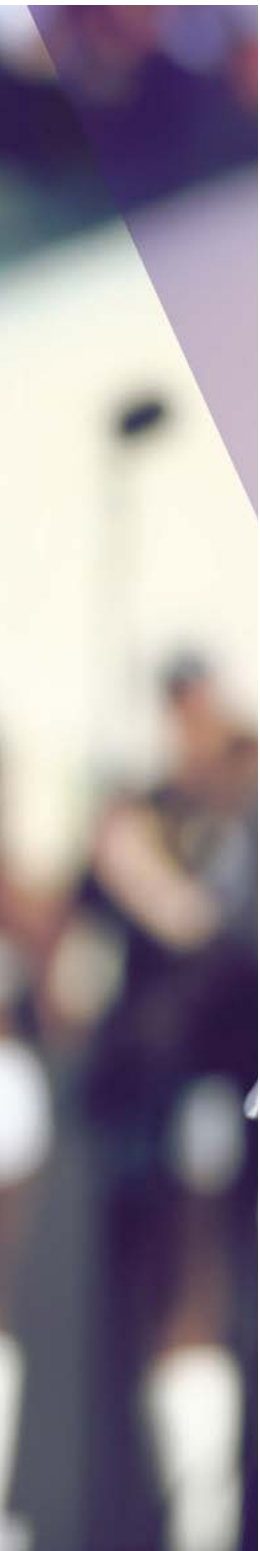
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It's no wonder that Anthony Barr and Eric Kendricks have turned into a package deal of sorts.

It's rare to see one linebacker and not the other in the close vicinity, whether they're at practice, in a game or dining out in Minneapolis.

The closeness of a pair that has known each other since they were teenagers has certainly translated onto the field, as Barr and Kendricks have become integral pieces to one of the NFL's best defenses.

At this point, the former UCLA teammates and college roommates said they almost have a telepathic feel for where the other is and what each is going to do on the field.

"It does feel like we're talking less," said Barr, who wears No. 55. "(We're) just a little more comfortable knowing what's going to happen and (with me knowing) what he's going to do in certain situations."

Kendricks, who sports No. 54, added: "Our verbiage is very efficient. A lot of it is our practice habits and us just being on the same page before the snap."

Even Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer, a man who is measured when doling out praise, said there is no doubt the pair works well together.

"They're both good players and they've done a good job, really with everything," Zimmer said.

But what makes them so efficient together?

A pair of Minnesota defensive coaches have their theories.

"I think their familiarity with each other. Their communication because they've done it so much together," said Vikings Defensive Coordinator George Edwards. "The whole thing is understanding leverage, understanding what you're trying to get accomplished and what offenses are trying to do to us."

"When they get caught in those critical matchups, they've been able to be successful because they're able to use their ability and understand what it is we're trying to get accomplished," he added.

Vikings linebackers coach Adam Zimmer said the two almost have a big brother-little brother relationship on the field. He noted that Barr, who has one more year of experience in the NFL, sometimes nudges Kendricks when he's lining up.

"I think they feed off of each other pretty well," Adam Zimmer said. "They have a good feel for how each other is going to play things."

BY ERIC SMITH

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"That's part of being in a defense – now two years for Eric and three for Anthony," Zimmer added. "They know where everybody is going to be, and they have a good understanding of our scheme, which helps them on defense."

Barr and Kendricks have certainly made their mark on the Vikings in 2016. They've helped Minnesota rank No. 1 in points allowed (17.3 per game) and No. 2 in yards allowed per game (304.3).

Entering today's game against Indianapolis, Kendricks is second on the Vikings with 88 total tackles and has 10 passes defended, the second-most on the team.

Perhaps Kendricks' most-memorable play this season was when he returned his first career interception 77 yards for a touchdown in Minnesota's season opener against Tennessee.

Barr said he's impressed by Kendricks' athletic ability in space against tight ends and running backs.

"(I like) the way he competes every play and never takes a play off," Barr said. "His coverage skills are pretty good."

Barr then paused for a second, not wanting to miss a chance to rib his friend.

"Not pretty good," he said with a smile. "Just above average."

Zimmer remarked earlier this fall that Kendricks sometimes looked like he drank too much coffee during his rookie season in 2015, a comment that highlighted the linebacker's constant energy as he led the Vikings with 105 total tackles.

Zimmer recently said Kendricks had toned down his chaotic style of play and seemed more relaxed.

"He's a lot better," Zimmer said. "You'd have to ask him, but I think he's much more comfortable with everything and seeing things and making checks and calls."

Kendricks agreed with his head coach.

"Throughout the year, I've settled down," said Kendricks, who was a second-round draft pick in 2015. "Last year I was pretty crazy, but I definitely have to keep some of that as part of my game because it's an advantage as well."

As for Barr, the 2014 No. 9 overall pick was the Vikings first draft selection after Zimmer arrived in Minnesota.

The 2015 Pro Bowl selection has 71 tackles this season, good for fourth on the team, and has added 2.0 sacks.

Kendricks said his friend's football IQ helps make him one of the most talentedly well-rounded players on the Vikings.

"(I'm impressed by) his mindset and his mentality," Kendricks said. "He's a very smart football player and knows what's going on at all times. And he can blitz very well."

DID YOU KNOW: KENDRICKS HAS 88 TACKLES, AND BARR HAS 71 ACCORDING TO COACHES' TALLY.



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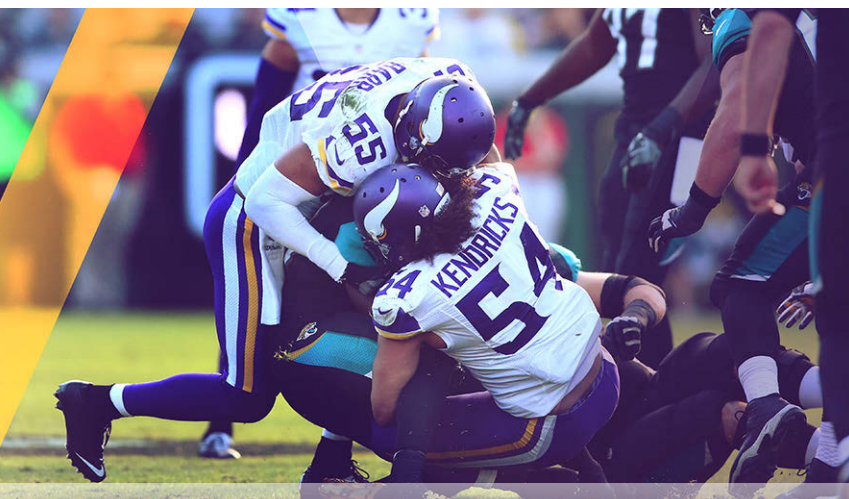
It's also helped that Barr has missed just six of Minnesota's 846 defensive snaps in 2016, a year after he missed a pair of games and played just 77 percent of the defensive snaps.

"That was definitely a goal of mine coming into this season, to be as healthy as possible," Barr said. "The most important ability is availability, so that's what I've tried to do."

The versatility of each player has allowed them to be key pieces in Zimmer's vaunted Double-A gap scheme.

Barr and Kendricks crowd the line of scrimmage in the formation, and it's anyone's guess what they'll do next.

Kendricks and Barr often line up between the defensive tackles in upright positions to show pressure looks on each side of opposing centers. The Vikings have multiple options from this look that include dropping both into coverage, bringing one on a blitz immediately or on a delay, or bluffing and bringing pressure from elsewhere.



"There's a lot of different coverages, blitzes ... show blitz, come out in coverage," Barr said. "I think we disrupt the offense if we do it effectively."

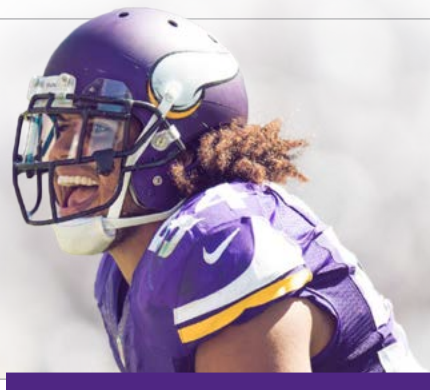
The former UCLA teammates arrived in the NFL a year apart after playing together during the 2012 and 2013 seasons with the Bruins.

Even though the pair of 24-year-olds have played hundreds of snaps and spent countless hours with one another, they aren't sick of each other just yet.

The pair frequent a ramen joint in downtown Minneapolis that displays both of their jerseys on the wall. And since the two live in close proximity to one another, they're usually up for some friendly competition involving video games.

"We live in the same building, so it's hard to get away from him," Barr quipped.

Whether it's grabbing a bite or going over film of an upcoming opponent in the linebackers' meeting room, where one goes, the other is usually nearby.



KENDRICKS' 'SACKS FOR KIDS' NEAR GOAL

ERIC KENDRICKS WANTS TO BRING DOWN CHILDHOOD HUNGER, AND THE VIKINGS SACKS OF OPPOSING QB AND GENEROUS VIKINGS FANS HAVE HELPED.

Kendricks teamed with The Sheridan Story and RBA to launch "Sacks for Kids," a campaign to raise money for local weekend food programs.

"I always wanted to give back to kids," Kendricks said. "There were times for me growing up where I needed help, and I was given that help. The more I can do now to give back, the better."

Fans have made online pledges to donate at least \$1 for every sack recorded by the Vikings throughout the 2016 season. The funds raised contribute to The Sheridan Story's efforts of providing food for students to take home during weekends when they are unable to benefit from free and reduced meal programs at their schools.


The Sheridan Story works in more than 100 schools throughout the Twin Cities to provide the tools, resources and expertise necessary to make an effective and significant impact on child hunger. Each school week, the program provides more than 4,000 children with a weekend supply of substantive, nutritious food.

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And with the pair still relatively young in their NFL careers, there's a chance they could be seeing one another and making plays for the Vikings for years to come.

"Why not? We've got a good thing going here," Kendricks said. "I never take it for granted, playing on this green grass.

"And if it's with one of my friends, that's awesome, too," he added.

Said Barr: "I have to agree. It's been a great experience, and we've been lucky to be in this situation."



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ANTHONY BARR LAUNCHED HIS RAISE THE BARR FOUNDATION WITH HIS MOTHER, LORI BARR, THIS SPRING TO FOCUS ON HELPING SINGLE MOMS.

It's a cause that's personal for the third-year linebacker, who grew up in a single-parent household in California. The effort is strong in Minnesota, too, thanks to a partnership with the Jeremiah Program.

The Barrs visited the Jeremiah Program's Child Development Center this fall, and Anthony entertained the young people while reading children's books to the classes. At 6-foot-5, Barr was a spectacle seated in a chair barely off the classroom floor, his folded knees near the height of the toddlers' heads as he read a book about individual differences.

Lori found out she was pregnant with Anthony when she was 19 years old. She moved from Indiana back home to California where she received help from her family members.

Others don't always have that kind of support, however, and that's where

organizations like Jeremiah Program step in to help.

"It's pretty important. It's something that we lived through and something that is close to us," Anthony said. "We want to provide some kind of opportunity or some type of light in the lives of those that aren't as fortunate. The position that we're in now gives us the opportunity to come back and put a little smile on a couple of kids' faces."

Anthony also held a fundraiser holiday party for his foundation to help the Jeremiah Program on Monday.

Jeremiah Program was founded and is headquartered in Minneapolis, where it houses 38 women and 45 children. Jeremiah Program also has locations in St. Paul; Fargo, North Dakota; Roxbury, Massachusetts; and Austin, Texas.



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BY CRAIG PETERS

Thielen, a Minnesota native, — and then more — back to his good friend, locker room neighbor and teammate since 2013. They were able to push each other despite being thousands of miles apart.

"Each day I'm working out, I'm texting him and showing him pictures and videos of stuff I'm doing, just motivating each other, and he's doing the same," Patterson said. "That's the kind of stuff you need, with guys like that, him and Stefon Diggs and all of those guys in that locker room.

"We compete against each other to try to get one another better," Patterson added. "We don't compete to try to be better than

one another. We want each other to have success in life. No guys in that locker room are selfish."

Thielen, who opened the ETS Thielen gym in Lakeville with his longtime trainer Ryan Englebert this offseason, had worked out in person with Patterson before, and said both players took pride in challenging each other.

"He was telling me how hard he was working, and I said, 'All right, let's see it then,'" Thielen recalled. "He started sending me videos, and I sent some back to him, just kind of checking up on each other and making sure that we're both getting after it and making sure we're getting better.

"There's a couple of workouts that we do that aren't easy," Thielen said. "We call them 'Fourth Quarter Fridays.' I always sent him that one."

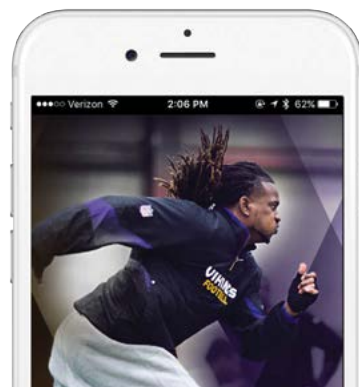
Thielen said he wasn't surprised by what he was seeing in workouts that Patterson was doing under Matrisciano's guidance for the first time since before his rookie 2013 season when he was tabbed in the first round of the NFL Draft.

"Impressed, I guess is the word, proud of him," said Thielen, who earned a practice squad spot in 2013 and made the active roster in 2014. "The dude was busting his tail. Sometimes I'd be like, 'Geez, I better get out there with him,' because some of the stuff he was doing looked like it was beneficial and a pretty good idea.

"It just shows the importance of offseason workouts and what you need to do in the offseason," Thielen said. "When you come in the best and strongest you've been, the fastest you've been, if you can come in like that every year, it shows that you can be successful and good things will happen down the field."

Thielen has career highs of 56 catches for 758 yards and three touchdowns this season, and Patterson needs two catches for a new career high.

Patterson said the recommitment was in response to "kind of a bigger wake-up call." Patterson posted 45 receptions for 469 yards and four scores, rushed 12 times for 158 yards and three more scores as a rookie. He also led the NFL with a kickoff return average of 34.2.



Patterson rushed for 102 yards, including a 67-yard touchdown in the 2014 season opener, but his role in the offense decreased. He finished his second season with 33 catches for 384 yards and one touchdown, along with 10 carries for 117 yards.

In 2015, he had just two receptions for 10 yards and two carries for 15 but again led the NFL in kickoff return average (31.8) for the second time in three seasons, thanks to a pivotal 93-yard touchdown at Oakland and a longer but less impactful 101-yarder against Seattle.

"It was really hard, but at the end of the day, it's all God's plan. You can't really control what God has planned for you," Patterson

said. "You've got to wake up every morning, pray and keep it going.

"Those two years it was rough not playing, but other than that, it's just being out there," Patterson added. "It's a blessing for me, a wake-up call. You can't ever let anyone see you down. That's why I'm smiling each and every chance I get. I want everyone to know he was a happy guy."

This year, in an evolving offense that's been affected by critical injuries, Patterson has 44 catches for 352 yards and two touchdowns, along with seven carries for 43 yards.

"There's no question about his athletic skillset and his ability to make plays. It's

great," Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman said. "You have to be patient in this business, and some guys get it at different times. Cordarrelle is really wanting to show everybody what type of player he is."

Spielman credited Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer, receivers coach George Stewart and the offensive staff for the work they've done with Patterson as well as his effort this offseason.

"You just can't rely on your athletic ability to play in this league," Spielman said. "You can make plays off of it, but in order to be a true wide receiver and professional football player, you have to do all of the little things. He did



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- CORDARRELLE PATTERSON

that the whole offseason and came in with a chip on his shoulder. I'm excited to see that it's producing results for him."

In addition to the uptick on offense, Patterson has continued to be dynamic on kickoff returns. His average return of 31.7 ranks first in the NFL by 4.2 yards.

Patterson returned the opening kickoff of the second half of Minnesota's game against Arizona 104 yards for a touchdown, tying Percy Harvin's Vikings record of five kickoff return touchdowns. It also gave him an NFL record of four scoring plays of more than 100 yards.

A more hidden element to Patterson's play – his work when lining up as a gunner on

special teams this season – also has been a positive for the Vikings and noticed by fans. Patterson led all NFC players in fan voting for a special teams role that is separate from return specialist on the 2017 Pro Bowl ballot. Coaches and players votes also count one-third apiece toward the all-star event.

Patterson has the size and strength to beat a double team as a gunner and the speed to pressure punt returners into fair catching the football.

The Vikings punt coverage team has forced 25 fair catches this season and pinned opponents inside the 20-yard line 31 times. When opponents have returned punts this

season, they've averaged 7.0 yards, which ranks ninth in the league.

Patterson viewed the new role as another way to help the team when the suggestion was proffered by Special Teams Coordinator Mike Priefer.

"I want to make a play, and if you're in front of me, I've just got to do the best I can do," Patterson said. "Anything I can do for this organization, I'm going to do it. It really doesn't matter what it is. I'm going to go out with my best ability and make a play. That's just something that's been in my mind since I was little growing up. You never know who is watching."



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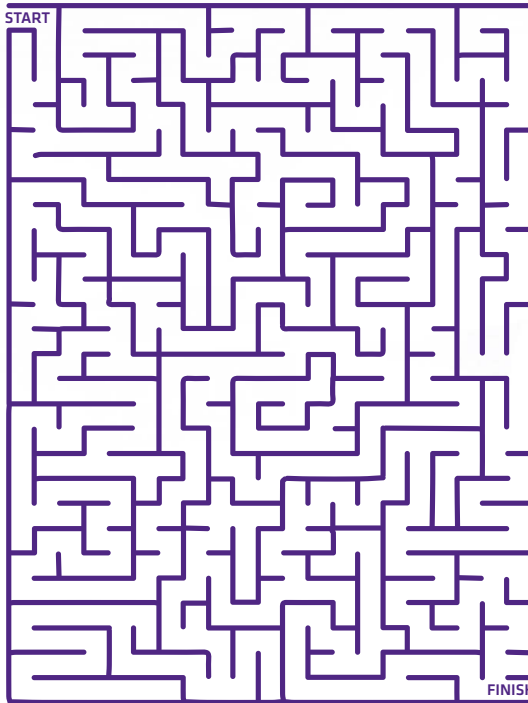
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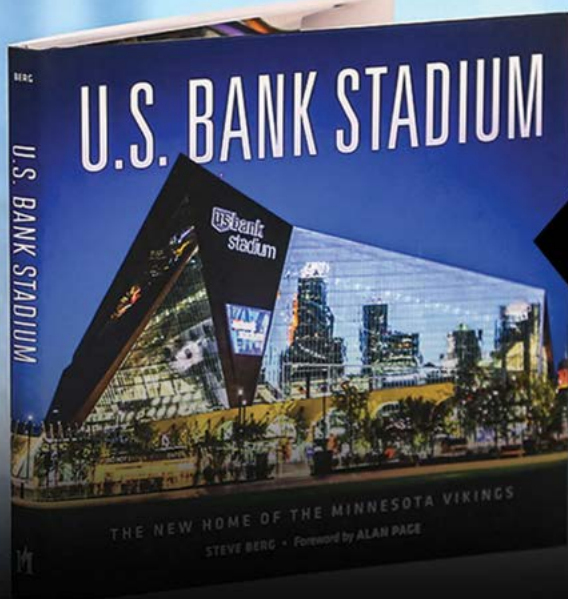
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CHAD GREENWAY WAS NAMED THE VIKINGS COMMUNITY MAN OF THE YEAR FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON.

It is the fourth time that Greenway, the longest-tenured Viking in his 11th season, has been chosen for his commitment to philanthropy and community impact.

Greenway has moved into fourth-place all-time in tackles with 1,327. He also ranks fourth in games played (153) by a Vikings linebacker and could tie Jeff Siemon with 156 by season's end.

Off the field, Greenway's "Lead The Way" Foundation has raised more than \$1.5 million to support chronically and critically ill children and their families throughout the Upper Midwest. In September, Chad and his wife, Jenni, broke ground on a \$75,000 handicap-accessible playground facility at the Ronald McDonald

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He is eligible for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award presented by Nationwide.

The Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award recognizes a player for his excellence on and off the field and is among the league's most prestigious awards. The field of 32 will be narrowed to three finalists in January for the award that was named in honor of the Bears Hall of Fame running back who passed away in 1999.

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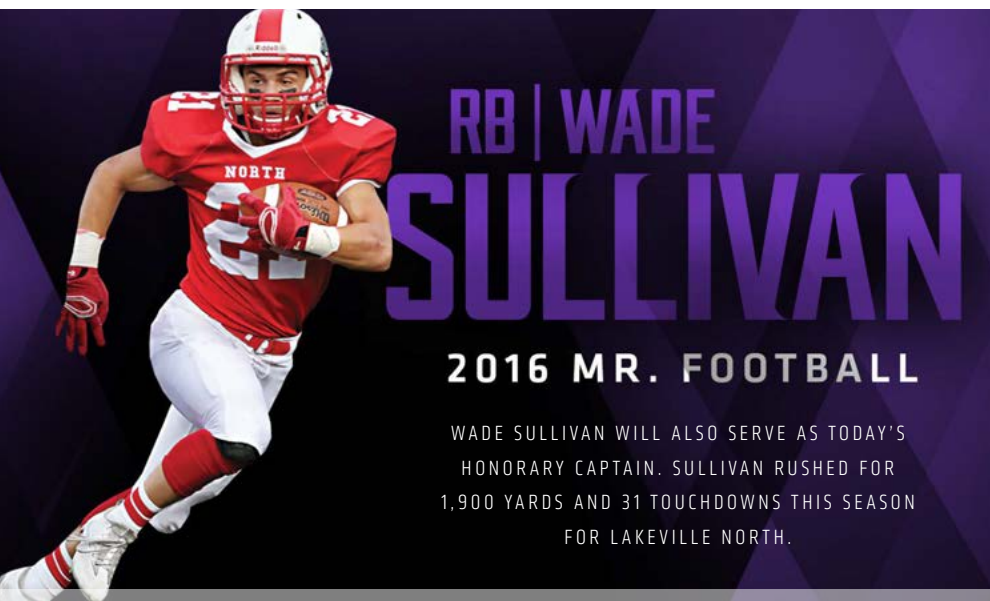


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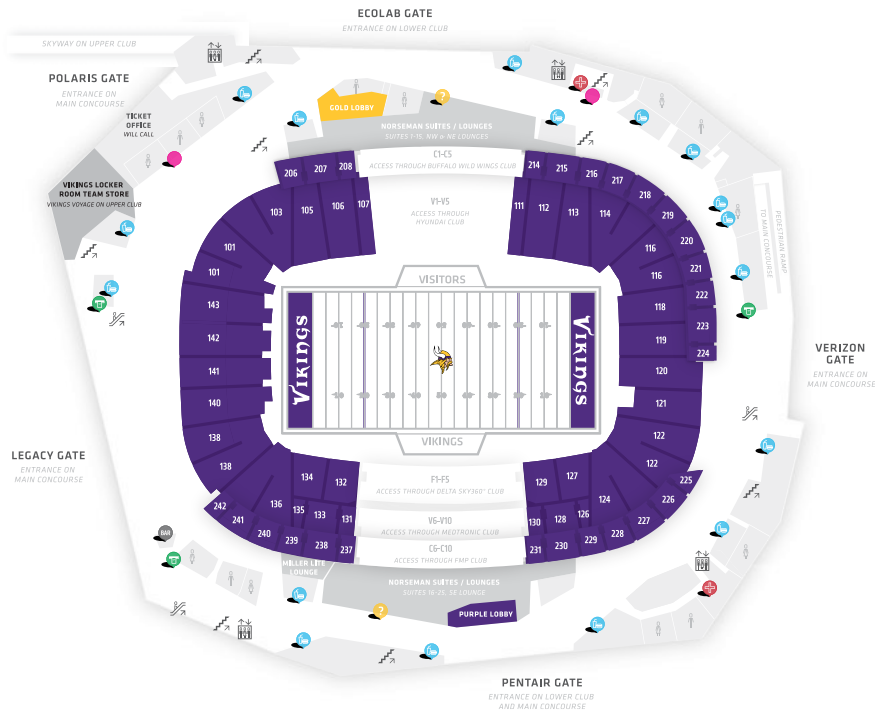
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While these shields are used today to represent strength, honor and the connection to antiquity, what is the real story behind their use and symbolism? Today we explore the Truth Behind Viking shields.

A strong defense is the basis of a successful offense. This is a concept used in sports and holds true for the military strategy of shields as well. A Viking's primary defensive weapon was the shield. Because it was round, it was called rōnd. Shields were about a yard across. Only the buckle and the rim were made of iron. The rest was made of light wood such as pine, spruce, maple or yew. Rawhide covered the surface, and the shield had bright colors: yellow and black or red and black. The color could also send a message. Red shields signaled war. A white shield meant peace. It must have

been terrifying to see a Viking ship with a row of red shields on each side landing on your coast.

A mobile defense is superior to a stationary one. The same was true in Viking combat. They wielded their shields not only to stop blows, but also to deflect the enemy's sword. That is why shields were so light and rather small. They were adapted to a nimble art of fencing. From Icelandic sagas, we know how Vikings used shields in combat. The idea was to float like a butterfly and sting like a bee, just as Mohammed Ali. Hopping and jumping, the warrior danced around and swung the shield with a rhythmic movement.

Defense can also be offense. The rim of the shield could be used as an edge to strike the enemy in the face. Shields were employed not only on the battlefield but also in single combat. Conflicts could be settled by duels, and this was even a legitimate method of resolving legal cases. The saying "Might makes right" was very true in the Viking Age, and the shield helped make that a reality.

"The Truth Behind" is a recurring series in which we've worked with Professor Henrik Williams of Uppsala University in Sweden to separate fact and fiction to identify the real-life happenings that are sometimes masked by storied Vikings lore.



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