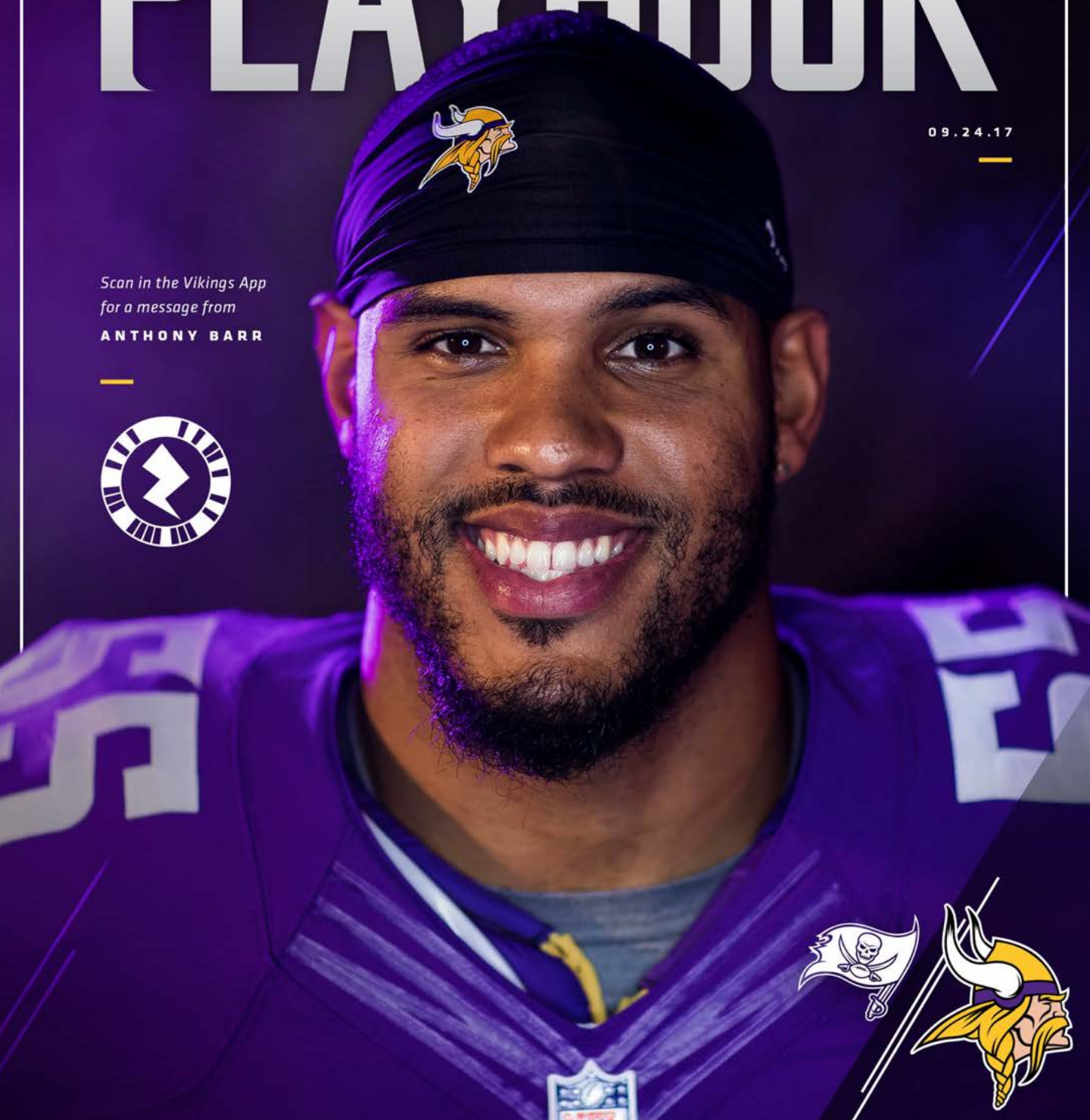


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ANTHONY BARR

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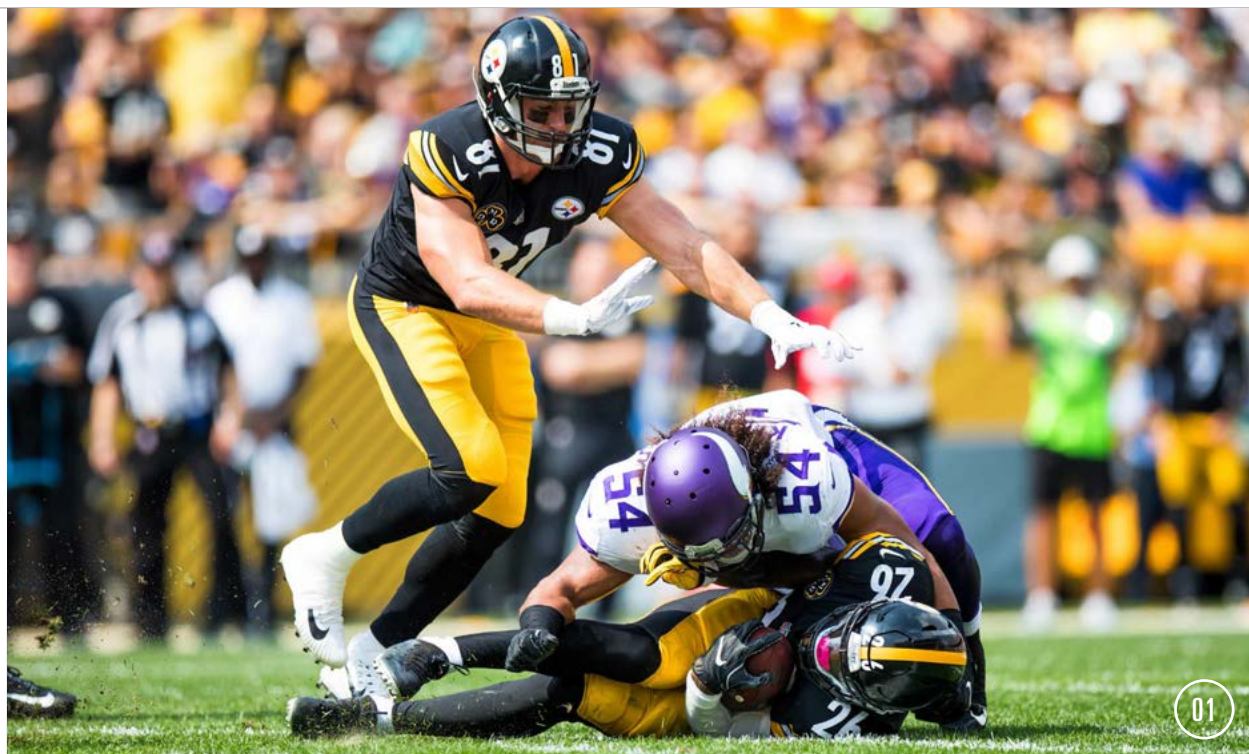


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THROUGH-THE-LENS

VIKINGS

VS. STEELERS

THE VIKINGS TRAVELED TO PITTSBURGH FOR A WEEK 2 CONTEST AGAINST THE STEELERS, WHO WON 26-9 TO IMPROVE TO 15-2 IN HOME OPENERS AT HEINZ FIELD.



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01 | Eric Kendricks tackles Le'Veon Bell. The Vikings defense limited Bell to 3.2 yards per carry.

02 | Kyle Rudolph reels in a deep pass from Case Keenum for a 27-yard gain.

03 | Dalvin Cook uses a cutback to run past Steelers safety Mike Mitchell.



04 | Everson Griffen recorded 2.0 sacks of Ben Roethlisberger, giving him 51 career takedowns of QBs in 50 starts.

05 | Case Keenum hit Stefon Diggs in stride down the sideline for a gain of 21 to set up a touchdown.

06 | Keenum made his first start at quarterback with the Vikings in place of Sam Bradford.

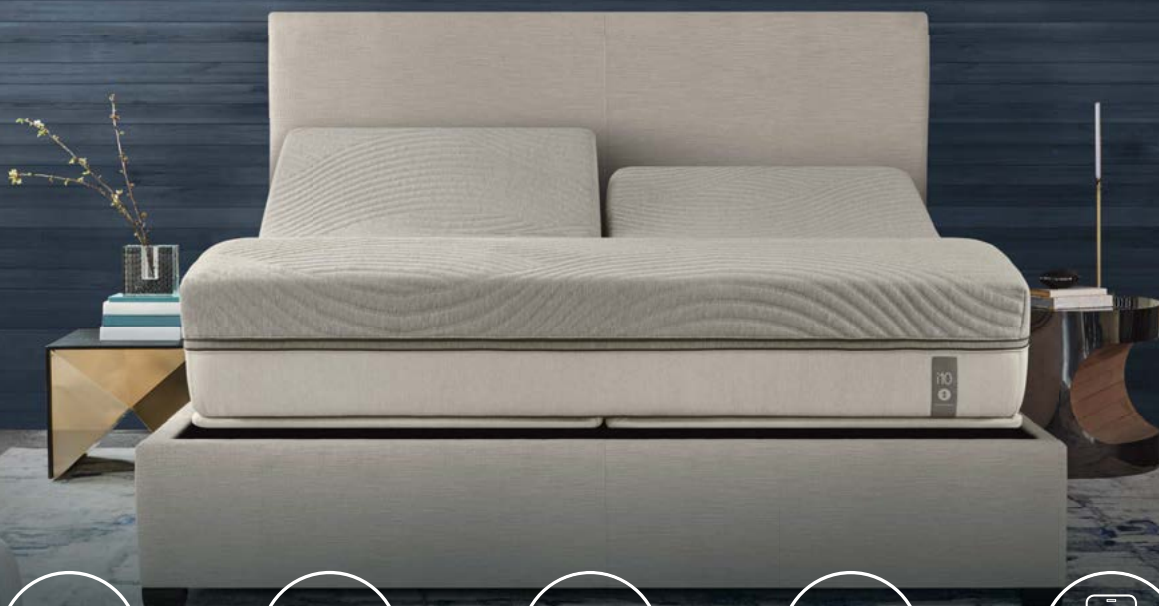
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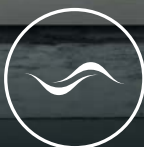
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BUCCANEERS AT VIKINGS



TODAY'S GAME IS A REMATCH of former NFC Central foes who were in the same division from 1977-2001. The Vikings hold a 32-22 edge all-time against the Buccaneers.

The franchises that formerly met twice yearly have only played six times since 2002 when Minnesota (NFC North) and Tampa Bay (NFC South) moved to four-team divisions. The Buccaneers won five in a row from 2002-12 and nearly made it six in 2014, but

Anthony Barr forced a fumble, recovered the ball and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown on the first snap of overtime for a 19-13 Vikings win.

Mike Evans, the seventh overall pick of the 2014 NFL Draft, had four catches for 78 yards in his only game against the Vikings. He has been joined by offseason signee DeSean Jackson and 2017 first-round pick O.J. Howard as threats in the Bucs passing game.



The Minnesota Vikings partnered with the Minnesota United and Major League Soccer this weekend for the "Kick Childhood Cancer" initiative. Viktor the Viking and PK have joined forces, and representatives from both teams are participating in jersey swaps — at yesterday's match and at today's game — as part of the collective effort to Kick Childhood Cancer.

HISPANIC HERITAGE LEADERSHIP AWARD

National Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from Sept. 15-Oct. 15. In honor of this observance, the Vikings are presenting Eloisa Echávez, the Executive Director of La Oportunidad, with the Hispanic Heritage Leadership Award. La Oportunidad has provided bilingual and culturally relevant programs for Latino children and families in the Twin Cities since 1998. Learn more at oportunidad.org.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Home Free, a Minnesota-based a cappella group that won Season Four of NBC's *The Sing Off*. Home Free performed God Bless the USA in tribute to veterans and military service members and their families on Nov. 6, 2016, at U.S. Bank Stadium. The group's fifth studio album, *Timeless*, released this past Friday.

COLOR GUARD

Grand Forks Air Force Base Honor Guard. The United States Air Force celebrated its 70th birthday on Sept. 18.

HALFTIME

Viktor will host his annual mascots vs. youth football game, featuring his friends from the Twin Cities sports teams and beyond, facing off against a youth squad from Eagan.

A man and a woman are shown in profile, performing a squat exercise on a dark gym bench. The woman is in the foreground, wearing a dark athletic tank top and black sneakers, with her hair in a ponytail. The man is behind her, shirtless, wearing black fingerless gloves and black sneakers. They are both looking down, focused on their form. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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SPALON MONTAGE GIVEAWAY

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▶ UPCOMING EVENTS



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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 4, 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Vikings Women invite you to join us once a month during the regular season for Workout Wednesdays. Classes will be taught by Life Time instructors with exclusive access to Vikings locations! The next Workout Wednesday will be Zumba at Winter Park on Wed., Oct. 4 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Attendees must be 18 or older and can participate for free or for a \$10 fee that includes a gift and photo opportunity. Visit vikings.com/womensevents for more info.

VIKINGS COUNTRY

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28, 6 P.M.

The popular *Vikings Country* radio show returns on Sept. 28 at Jimmy's Food & Drink in Vadnais Heights. Host Mike Mussman is joined each week by a Vikings player. Tune in on KFAN and the Vikings Radio Network or attend the live broadcast each week at various locations throughout the Twin Cities.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL FEAST

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29, 9 A.M. - NOON

Join KFAN each Friday morning from 9 a.m. to noon for a Friday Football Feast. Paul Allen and Paul Charchian will get you set for the weekend's action, including an in-depth preview of the upcoming Vikings game. Use #MVPTablePromo in your tweets and photos for your chance to win an MVP experience! This week's Friday Football Feast will kick off on Sept. 29 at the Monticello BWW.

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PURPLE JACKET CEREMONY

FRIDAY, SEPT. 29

Help us celebrate the induction of Ahmad Rashad into the Vikings Ring of Honor at the Purple Jacket Ceremony. Join Vikings Legends, coaches and friends on the field of U.S. Bank Stadium as Ahmad receives his Purple Jacket and joins an exclusive club of past Vikings Legends. Appetizers will be served in the Delta Sky360 Club, and each guest will receive a commemorative coin honoring Ahmad's Ring of Honor induction. Tickets are \$75, and net proceeds from the event will go to support the Minnesota Vikings Foundation. Learn more at vikings.com/PurpleJacket.

DELTA VIKINGS VILLAGE

Opening two-and-a-half hours prior to kickoff, the Delta Vikings Village is all about finding your favorite tailgate fare, ice-cold Miller Lite, Vikings Legends autographs and live music from the Pepsi "Sound The North" stage. The Vikings Longhouse presented by PrimeSport is the ultimate destination for Vikings fans looking to congregate and celebrate together before, during and after Vikings home games.

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PLAYER TO WATCH: RB DALVIN COOK

DALVIN COOK HAS IMPRESSED in his first two NFL games, totaling 191 yards on 34 rushes for an average of 5.6 yards per carry. Cook dazzled in his U.S. Bank Stadium debut, rushing for 127 yards on 22 carries. He busted loose for gains of 32 and 33 yards in the fourth quarter against the Saints en route to the highest rushing total by a Vikings rookie running back in his first game. Cook also broke free for a 25-yard run at Pittsburgh last week. At Florida State, Cook went past the 100-yard rushing mark 21 times in 38 games played (28 starts). The Vikings liked Cook's vision and versatility as well as his physicality at the end of runs when they were evaluating running back prospects and traded up from 48th to 41st in April to pick the 2016 Orange Bowl MVP.

THREE-YEAR RUNS: COOK RUSHED FOR 4,464 YARDS IN JUST THREE SEASONS AT FLORIDA STATE, BREAKING FORMER SEMINOLES AND BUCCANEERS RB WARRICK DUNN'S SCHOOL RECORD. COOK RUSHED FOR 4,267 YARDS AND 64 TOUCHDOWNS IN THREE SEASONS AT MIAMI CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE THE PROGRAM WON STATE TITLES EACH SEASON.

46 - IN - 3

Cook came oh-so-close to his first NFL touchdown last week but was ruled down 1-yard shy of the goal line. He found his way to the end zone plenty of times in college, setting a school record with 46 rushing touchdowns in just three seasons.

2017 SEASON LEADERS

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----|
| Passing (Yds) | Sam Bradford | 346 |
| Rushing (Yds) | Dalvin Cook | 191 |
| Receiving (Yds) | Adam Thielen | 201 |
| Tackles | Eric Kendricks | 22 |
| Sacks | Everson Griffen | 3.0 |
| Interceptions | None | |
| KOR (Yds) | Jerick McKinnon | 160 |
| PR (Avg.) | Marcus Sherels | 7.7 |

2017 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (2-2)

| | | | | |
|----|------|---------------------|---|-------|
| P1 | 8/10 | at Buffalo Bills | W | 17-10 |
| P2 | 8/18 | at Seattle Seahawks | L | 20-13 |
| P3 | 8/27 | San Francisco 49ers | W | 32-31 |
| P4 | 8/31 | Miami Dolphins | L | 30-9 |

REGULAR SEASON (1-1)

| | | | | |
|----|-------|------------------------------|---|-------|
| 1 | 9/11 | New Orleans Saints | W | 29-19 |
| 2 | 9/17 | at Pittsburgh Steelers | L | 26-9 |
| 3 | 9/24 | Tampa Bay Buccaneers | | |
| 4 | 10/1 | Detroit Lions | | |
| 5 | 10/9 | at Chicago Bears | | |
| 6 | 10/15 | Green Bay Packers | | |
| 7 | 10/22 | Baltimore Ravens | | |
| 8 | 10/29 | at Cleveland Browns (London) | | |
| 9 | 11/5 | BYE WEEK | | |
| 10 | 11/12 | at Washington Redskins | | |
| 11 | 11/19 | Los Angeles Rams | | |
| 12 | 11/23 | at Detroit Lions | | |
| 13 | 12/3 | at Atlanta Falcons | | |
| 14 | 12/10 | at Carolina Panthers | | |
| 15 | 12/17 | Cincinnati Bengals | | |
| 16 | 12/23 | at Green Bay Packers | | |
| 17 | 12/31 | Chicago Bears | | |

TOP 2s AGAINST BUCCANEERS

RUSHING YARDS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 133 | Robert Smith on 18 attempts at Tampa Bay (Oct. 13, 1996) |
| 129 | Ted Brown on 31 attempts in Minnesota (Nov. 8, 1981) |

PASSING YARDS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 386 | Tommy Kramer on 27-of-47 passing at Tampa Bay (Oct. 7, 1984) |
| 374 | Wade Wilson on 24-of-39 passing at Tampa Bay (Dec. 16, 1990) |

RECEIVING YARDS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 162 | Hassan Jones on seven catches at Tampa Bay (Dec. 16, 1990) |
| 136 | Cris Carter on six catches in Minnesota (Dec. 3, 1995) |



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2017 SEASON LEADERS

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------------------|------|
| Passing (Yds) | Jameis Winston | 204 |
| Rushing (Yds) | Jacquizz Rodgers | 67 |
| Receiving (Yds) | Mike Evans | 93 |
| Tackles | Lavonte David | 9 |
| Sacks | Noah Spence | 1.0 |
| Interceptions | R. McClain, K. Alexander | 1 |
| KOR (Yds) | No returns | |
| PR (Avg.) | Bernard Reedy | 17.0 |

2017 SCHEDULE**PRESEASON (1-3)**

| | | | | |
|----|------|-------------------------|---|-------|
| P1 | 8/11 | at Cincinnati Bengals | L | 23-12 |
| P2 | 8/17 | at Jacksonville Jaguars | W | 12-8 |
| P3 | 8/26 | Cleveland Browns | L | 13-9 |
| P4 | 8/31 | Washington Redskins | L | 13-10 |

REGULAR SEASON (1-0)

| | | | | |
|----|-------|-----------------------|---|------|
| 1 | 9/10 | BYE WEEK | | |
| 2 | 9/17 | Chicago Bears | W | 29-7 |
| 3 | 9/24 | at Minnesota Vikings | | |
| 4 | 10/1 | New York Giants | | |
| 5 | 10/5 | New England Patriots | | |
| 6 | 10/15 | at Arizona Cardinals | | |
| 7 | 10/22 | at Buffalo Bills | | |
| 8 | 10/29 | Carolina Panthers | | |
| 9 | 11/5 | at New Orleans Saints | | |
| 10 | 11/12 | New York Jets | | |
| 11 | 11/19 | at Miami Dolphins | | |
| 12 | 11/26 | at Atlanta Falcons | | |
| 13 | 12/3 | at Green Bay Packers | | |
| 14 | 12/10 | Detroit Lions | | |
| 15 | 12/18 | Atlanta Falcons | | |
| 16 | 12/24 | at Carolina Panthers | | |
| 17 | 12/31 | New Orleans Saints | | |

TOP 2s AGAINST VIKINGS**RUSHING YARDS**

| | |
|-----|--|
| 219 | James Wilder on 31 attempts in Minnesota (Nov. 6, 1983) |
| 148 | Cadillac Williams on 27 attempts in Minnesota (Sept. 11, 2005) |

PASSING YARDS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 486 | Doug Williams on 30-of-55 passing in Minnesota (Nov. 16, 1980) |
| 330 | Vinny Testaverde on 23-of-41 passing at Tampa Bay (Dec. 8, 1991) |

RECEIVING YARDS

| | |
|-----|--|
| 149 | Isaac Haggins on five catches in Minnesota (Oct. 28, 1979) |
| 133 | Keyshawn Johnson on nine catches at Tampa Bay (Nov. 3, 2002) |

PLAYER TO WATCH: QB JAMEIS WINSTON

JAMEIS WINSTON LAUNCHED HIS THIRD NFL SEASON last week by leading the Buccaneers to a 29-7 win over the Bears. Winston was an efficient 18-of-30 passing for 204 yards with one touchdown and a passer rating of 91.5 at home against the Bears. He and Tampa Bay were initially scheduled to open at Miami in Week 1, but that game was postponed until November because of Hurricane Irma. Winston totaled 50 touchdown passes in his first two seasons, becoming the fifth NFL quarterback to hit the half-century mark in his first two seasons. Winston set an NCAA record by winning his first 26 starts, including the 2013 BCS National Championship a month after he became the youngest player to win a Heisman Trophy. He totaled 7,964 yards and 65 passing touchdowns on 562-of-841 passing at Florida State.

HIGH FIVES: WINSTON BECAME THE FIFTH PLAYER EVER DRAFTED BY THE BUCCANEERS WITH THE NO. 1 OVERALL PICK, JOINING HALL OF FAMER LEE ROY SELMON (1976), RICKY BELL (1977), BO JACKSON (1986) AND VINNY TESTAVERDE (1987). WINSTON IS ALSO THE FIFTH QUARTERBACK SELECTED BY TAMPA BAY IN THE FIRST ROUND OF A DRAFT.

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Winston set two Buccaneers single-season passing records with 4,090 yards and 28 touchdown passes in 2016. He became the first player in NFL history to pass for 4,000-plus yards in each of his first two seasons.



MINNESOTA VIKINGS

OFFENSE

WR

19 Adam Thielen
11 Laquon Treadwell
13 Stacy Coley

LT

71 Riley Reiff
69 Rashod Hill

LG

62 Nick Easton
78 Jeremiah Sirles

C

65 Pat Elflein
62 Nick Easton

RG

61 Joe Berger
63 Danny Isidora

RT

72 Mike Remmers
76 Aviante Collins

TE

82 Kyle Rudolph
89 David Morgan
81 Blake Bell

WR

14 Stefon Diggs
17 Jarius Wright
12 Rodney Adams

QB

8 Sam Bradford
7 Case Keenum
1 Kyle Slotter

FB

30 C.J. Ham

HB

33 Dalvin Cook
25 Latavius Murray
21 Jerick McKinnon

DEFENSE

LE

99 Danielle Hunter
96 Brian Robison

DT

92 Tom Johnson
94 Jaleel Johnson

NT

98 Linval Joseph
93 Shamar Stephen

RE

97 Everson Griffen
91 S. Weatherly
90 Tashawn Bower

WLB

42 Ben Gedeon
59 Emmanuel Lamur

MLB

54 Eric Kendricks
40 Kentrell Brothers

SLB

55 Anthony Barr
50 Eric Wilson

LCB

26 Trae Waynes
23 Terence Newman
35 Marcus Sherels

RCB

29 Xavier Rhodes
20 M. Alexander
24 T. Brock, Sr.

SS

34 Andrew Sendejo
27 Jayron Kearse

FS

22 Harrison Smith
41 Anthony Harris

SPECIALISTS

P

4 Ryan Quigley

K

2 Kai Forbath

LS

47 Kevin McDermott

PR

35 Marcus Sherels
12 Rodney Adams
13 Stacy Coley

KR

21 Jerick McKinnon
35 Marcus Sherels
12 Rodney Adams

| # | NAME | POS. | HT. | WT. | AGE | EXP. | COLLEGE |
|----|---------------------|------|------|-----|-----|------|---------------------|
| 1 | Kyle Slotter | QB | 6-5 | 218 | 23 | R | Northern Colorado |
| 2 | Kai Forbath | K | 5-11 | 197 | 30 | 6 | UCLA |
| 4 | Ryan Quigley | P | 6-2 | 205 | 27 | 5 | Boston College |
| 7 | Case Keenum | QB | 6-1 | 215 | 29 | 5 | Houston |
| 8 | Sam Bradford | QB | 6-4 | 224 | 29 | 8 | Oklahoma |
| 11 | Laquon Treadwell | WR | 6-2 | 215 | 22 | 2 | Mississippi |
| 12 | Rodney Adams | WR | 6-1 | 189 | 23 | R | South Florida |
| 13 | Stacy Coley | WR | 6-0 | 195 | 23 | R | Miami |
| 14 | Stefon Diggs | WR | 6-0 | 191 | 23 | 3 | Maryland |
| 17 | Jarius Wright | WR | 5-10 | 191 | 27 | 6 | Arkansas |
| 19 | Adam Thielen | WR | 6-2 | 200 | 27 | 4 | Minnesota State |
| 20 | Mackensie Alexander | CB | 5-10 | 192 | 23 | 2 | Clemson |
| 21 | Jerick McKinnon | RB | 5-9 | 205 | 25 | 4 | Georgia Southern |
| 22 | Harrison Smith | S | 6-2 | 214 | 28 | 6 | Notre Dame |
| 23 | Terence Newman | CB | 5-10 | 197 | 39 | 15 | Kansas State |
| 24 | Tramaine Brock, Sr. | CB | 6-0 | 188 | 29 | 8 | Belhaven |
| 25 | Latavius Murray | RB | 6-3 | 230 | 27 | 5 | Central Florida |
| 26 | Trae Waynes | CB | 6-0 | 190 | 25 | 3 | Michigan State |
| 27 | Jayron Kearse | S | 6-4 | 215 | 23 | 2 | Clemson |
| 29 | Xavier Rhodes | CB | 6-1 | 218 | 27 | 5 | Florida State |
| 30 | C.J. Ham | FB | 5-11 | 235 | 24 | 1 | Augustana |
| 33 | Dalvin Cook | RB | 5-10 | 210 | 22 | R | Florida State |
| 34 | Andrew Sendejo | S | 6-1 | 210 | 30 | 6 | Rice |
| 35 | Marcus Sherels | CB | 5-10 | 175 | 29 | 7 | Minnesota |
| 40 | Kentrell Brothers | LB | 6-1 | 242 | 24 | 2 | Missouri |
| 41 | Anthony Harris | S | 6-1 | 192 | 25 | 3 | Virginia |
| 42 | Ben Gedeon | LB | 6-2 | 244 | 22 | R | Michigan |
| 47 | Kevin McDermott | LS | 6-5 | 240 | 27 | 5 | UCLA |
| 50 | Eric Wilson | LB | 6-1 | 230 | 22 | R | Cincinnati |
| 54 | Eric Kendricks | LB | 6-0 | 232 | 25 | 3 | UCLA |
| 55 | Anthony Barr | LB | 6-5 | 255 | 25 | 4 | UCLA |
| 59 | Emmanuel Lamur | LB | 6-4 | 245 | 28 | 6 | Kansas State |
| 61 | Joe Berger | G | 6-5 | 305 | 35 | 13 | Michigan Tech |
| 62 | Nick Easton | G | 6-3 | 303 | 25 | 3 | Harvard |
| 63 | Danny Isidora | G | 6-3 | 306 | 23 | R | Miami |
| 65 | Pat Elflein | C | 6-3 | 303 | 23 | R | Ohio State |
| 69 | Rashod Hill | T | 6-6 | 313 | 25 | 2 | So. Mississippi |
| 71 | Riley Reiff | T | 6-6 | 305 | 28 | 6 | Iowa |
| 74 | Mike Remmers | T | 6-5 | 310 | 28 | 5 | Oregon State |
| 75 | Jeremiah Sirles | G | 6-6 | 315 | 26 | 4 | Nebraska |
| 76 | Aviante Collins | T | 6-4 | 292 | 24 | R | TCU |
| 81 | Blake Bell | TE | 6-6 | 252 | 26 | 3 | Oklahoma |
| 82 | Kyle Rudolph | TE | 6-6 | 265 | 27 | 7 | Notre Dame |
| 89 | David Morgan | TE | 6-4 | 265 | 24 | 2 | Texas-San Antonio |
| 90 | Tashawn Bower | DE | 6-5 | 250 | 22 | R | LSU |
| 91 | Stephen Weatherly | DE | 6-5 | 265 | 23 | 2 | Vanderbilt |
| 92 | Tom Johnson | DT | 6-3 | 288 | 33 | 7 | So. Mississippi |
| 93 | Shamar Stephen | DT | 6-5 | 310 | 26 | 4 | Connecticut |
| 94 | Jaleel Johnson | DT | 6-3 | 316 | 23 | R | Iowa |
| 96 | Brian Robison | DE | 6-3 | 259 | 34 | 11 | Texas |
| 97 | Everson Griffen | DE | 6-3 | 273 | 29 | 8 | Southern California |
| 98 | Linval Joseph | DT | 6-4 | 329 | 28 | 8 | East Carolina |
| 99 | Danielle Hunter | DE | 6-5 | 252 | 22 | 3 | LSU |

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| 2 | Nick Folk | K | 6-1 | 222 | 32 | 11 | Arizona |
| 3 | Jameis Winston | QB | 6-4 | 231 | 23 | 3 | Florida State |
| 9 | Bryan Anger | P | 6-3 | 205 | 28 | 6 | California |
| 10 | Adam Humphries | WR | 5-11 | 195 | 24 | 3 | Clemson |
| 11 | DeSean Jackson | WR | 5-10 | 175 | 30 | 10 | California |
| 12 | Chris Godwin | WR | 6-1 | 209 | 21 | R | Penn State |
| 13 | Mike Evans | WR | 6-5 | 231 | 24 | 4 | Texas A&M |
| 14 | Ryan Fitzpatrick | QB | 6-2 | 223 | 34 | 13 | Harvard |
| 18 | Bernard Reedy | WR | 5-9 | 175 | 25 | 1 | Toledo |
| 21 | Justin Evans | S | 6-0 | 199 | 22 | R | Texas A&M |
| 23 | Chris Conte | S | 6-2 | 203 | 28 | 7 | California |
| 24 | Brent Grimes | CB | 5-10 | 185 | 34 | 11 | Shippensburg |
| 25 | Peyton Barber | RB | 5-11 | 225 | 23 | 2 | Auburn |
| 26 | Josh Robinson | DB | 5-10 | 200 | 26 | 6 | UCF |
| 28 | Vernon Hargreaves III | CB | 5-10 | 204 | 22 | 2 | Florida |
| 29 | Ryan Smith | CB | 5-11 | 189 | 24 | 2 | N. Carolina Central |
| 32 | Jacquizz Rodgers | RB | 5-6 | 205 | 27 | 7 | Oregon State |
| 34 | Charles Sims III | RB | 6-0 | 211 | 26 | 4 | West Virginia |
| 35 | Javien Elliott | CB | 5-11 | 176 | 24 | 2 | Florida State |
| 36 | Robert McClain | CB | 5-9 | 195 | 29 | 6 | Connecticut |
| 37 | Keith Tandy | S | 5-10 | 205 | 28 | 6 | West Virginia |
| 43 | T.J. Ward | S | 5-10 | 200 | 30 | 8 | Oregon |
| 45 | Alan Cross | TE | 6-1 | 235 | 24 | 2 | Memphis |
| 51 | Kendell Beckwith | LB | 6-2 | 243 | 22 | R | LSU |
| 52 | Cameron Lynch | LB | 6-0 | 229 | 24 | 3 | Syracuse |
| 53 | Adarius Glanton | LB | 6-1 | 230 | 26 | 3 | Florida Atlantic |
| 54 | Lavonte David | LB | 6-1 | 233 | 27 | 6 | Nebraska |
| 56 | Jacques Smith | DE | 6-2 | 260 | 27 | 4 | Missouri |
| 57 | Noah Spence | DE | 6-2 | 251 | 23 | 2 | Eastern Kentucky |
| 58 | Kwon Alexander | LB | 6-1 | 227 | 23 | 3 | LSU |
| 59 | Devante Bond | LB | 6-1 | 236 | 24 | 2 | Oklahoma |
| 62 | Evan Smith | OL | 6-2 | 308 | 31 | 8 | Idaho State |
| 64 | Kevin Pamphile | G | 6-5 | 315 | 26 | 4 | Purdue |
| 65 | Garrison Sanborn | LS | 6-1 | 240 | 32 | 9 | Florida State |
| 66 | Leonard Wester | T | 6-6 | 305 | 24 | 2 | Missouri Western |
| 68 | Joe Hawley | C | 6-3 | 302 | 28 | 8 | UNLV |
| 69 | Demar Dotson | T | 6-9 | 315 | 31 | 9 | Southern Miss |
| 73 | J.R. Sweezy | G | 6-5 | 298 | 28 | 5 | N. Carolina State |
| 74 | Ali Marpet | C | 6-4 | 307 | 24 | 3 | Hobart |
| 76 | Donovan Smith | T | 6-6 | 338 | 24 | 3 | Penn State |
| 77 | Caleb Benenoch | OL | 6-5 | 305 | 23 | 2 | UCLA |
| 80 | O.J. Howard | TE | 6-6 | 251 | 22 | R | Alabama |
| 82 | Antony Auclair | TE | 6-6 | 256 | 24 | R | Laval |
| 84 | Cameron Brate | TE | 6-5 | 245 | 26 | 3 | Harvard |
| 88 | Luke Stocker | TE | 6-5 | 253 | 29 | 7 | Tennessee |
| 90 | Chris Baker | DT | 6-2 | 320 | 29 | 6 | Hampton |
| 91 | Robert Ayers, Jr. | DE | 6-3 | 275 | 32 | 9 | Tennessee |
| 92 | William Gholston | DE | 6-6 | 281 | 26 | 5 | Michigan State |
| 93 | Gerald McCoy | DT | 6-4 | 300 | 29 | 8 | Oklahoma |
| 94 | Will Clarke | DL | 6-6 | 275 | 26 | 4 | West Virginia |
| 95 | Ryan Russell | DE | 6-5 | 275 | 25 | 3 | Purdue |
| 96 | Sealver Siliga | DT | 6-2 | 345 | 27 | 5 | Utah |
| 98 | Clinton McDonald | DT | 6-2 | 297 | 30 | 8 | Memphis |

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10 Adam Humphries
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TIMEOUT WITH RODNEY ADAMS

GROWING UP IN ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA, RODNEY ADAMS FELT AT HOME ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

ADAMS MADE A NAME FOR HIMSELF early on the gridiron, standing out at Lakewood High School. He then went on to play seven games as a true freshman at Toledo before being granted a hardship by the NCAA to transfer and play immediately at South Florida following his mother's passing.

He went on to play 43 games for the Bulls and made 29 starts, including all 26 of his final two collegiate seasons. Adams ranked second in school history in career catches (135), receiving yards (1,967) and receiving touchdowns (16). He twice set the single-season South Florida record for receiving yards, recording 822 in back-to-back seasons.

A childhood dream of playing in the NFL was realized in April when Adams was selected 170th overall by the Vikings.

"I was super excited," Adams recalled. "It's a big dream of everyone's to get drafted, and going through the draft process, you don't know what's going to happen – you can go anywhere in the country. To see my name called by the Minnesota Vikings, it was a blessing."

Adams made a strong case for himself during Minnesota's four preseason contests, scoring touchdowns at the Bills and against the 49ers.

"It's hard to score touchdowns in the NFL, even in preseason," Adams said. "To have two touchdowns in the preseason, it felt really great."

He finished the preseason slate with nine catches for 73 yards. Adams also was utilized on special teams; he returned six punts and six kickoffs for 59 yards and 118 yards, respectively.



WE CAUGHT UP WITH RODNEY FOR A RECENT TIMEOUT



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Q. There's quite a variety of wide receivers in the Vikings locker room; what is the dynamic like in that position group?

A. *It's a funny room. There's a lot of different personalities with Stef' (Stefon Diggs) and Adam [Thielen]. Everyone brings their own little tricks of the trade to the table, and it's just funny being in that room with them. They're helpful all the time, they're teaching me a lot of things, and it's just fun.*

Q. You played special teams in college and now have been able to use those skills here under Special Teams Coordinator Mike Priefer. What do you enjoy about being part of that unit?

A. *What I like about special teams is that it gives you the opportunity to change the game, as Coach Prief' would say. You know, the momentum changers. In the blink of an eye, you have the chance to switch the game ... and just being able to help the team is what brings me joy, because you have a role, you have a part. Being able to help the team is a blessing.*

Q. Growing up in to the Tampa area, were the Buccaneers your favorite team to watch?

A. *I didn't really have a favorite team; I would watch every team in the league. But my grandma was a big Bucs fan, so every Sunday that the Bucs would play, I would have to watch that game with her.*

Q. You'll be reunited today with a former high school and college teammate, Buccaneers WR Bernard Reedy. What is that connection like?

A. *It's a great friendship. We went to the same high school and the same college [for a short time]. Now he's getting a shot with the Buccaneers, and I'm proud of him. He's going to excel there. The connection that we have, it's still there. We're still great friends, and when we see each other [today], it will be like, 'What's up, man?' like nothing's changed.*

Q. A lot of Vikings fans have enjoyed watching your vlog and connecting with you through social media. Why did you decide to start a vlog?

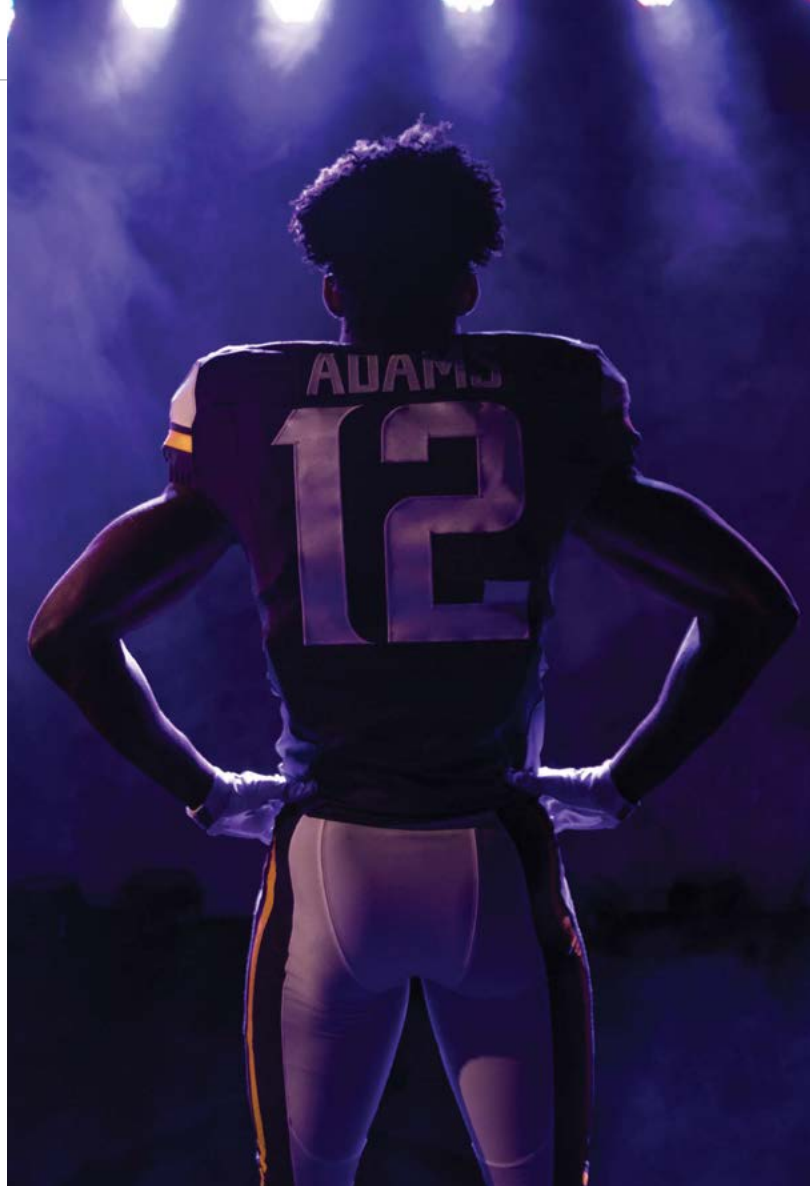
A. *I would watch [YouTube personality and filmmaker] Casey Neistat's vlogs, and I just thought, 'If he can do it, I can do it, too.' ... It didn't take that much to learn. People want to see what the life of an NFL player is, so I mean, just watching his vlogs inspired me to make my own.*

Q. It sounds like film is a hobby of yours. In that case, what is your favorite movie to watch?

A. *My favorite movie? I'd have to say Harry Potter – the whole series. Harry Potter is my all-time [favorite].*

Q. Now having settled into the Twin Cities area, have you found a favorite dining spot?

A. *The Original Pancake House – that spot is bangin'. They have some great breakfast there. I always get the cinnamon French toast with fruit, eggs and bacon.*



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THE VIKINGS led by four points with just over two minutes remaining in the first half in their Week 1 opener against New Orleans.

The Saints faced third-and-2 at their own 33-yard line and were looking to put a drive together that both ended in points and used up the rest of the clock.

Anthony Barr was having none of that. When New Orleans tried a quick swing pass in the backfield to Alvin Kamara, the Vikings linebacker already had the speedy rookie running back in his sights and wrapped him up for a 6-yard loss.

Barr's big play forced a punt and allowed Minnesota's offense to take the field. The Vikings would score on a 2-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Sam Bradford to wide receiver Stefon Diggs with just two ticks left on the clock, giving Minnesota a double-digit lead on the way to a 29-19 season-opening victory.

The noticeable change in momentum was set up by Barr using his athleticism and football IQ.

"I realized it was third-and-short, so I was trying to be tight in coverage. You prepare for a run, but he ended up releasing into the flat," Barr said. "I matched him out there and had to make the play.

"I was on it quickly, and we were able to give the offense the ball back before the half so they could go down and score," Barr added. "That kind of changed the momentum of the game a little bit. The game is all about possession, so you want to get as many as you can, especially the way our offense was playing."

Fellow linebacker Eric Kendricks said he could sense a momentum swing when Barr was credited with his only tackle for loss of the night.

"Anytime we're off on third down and it's a tackle for loss, you can just feel it," Kendricks said of Barr's takedown. "I'm sure everyone was celebrating on defense because we're off the field. It's huge momentum leading into an offensive possession, and any time we can get a negative play, it's big."

Barr finished the night with eight total tackles (according to coaches' tally) and helped Minnesota stuff the Saints ground game while limiting prolific New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees through the air.

With another NFC South opponent on tap today, Barr's splashy play against the Saints brought to mind another highlight-reel play against the Buccaneers in 2014.

Overtime between the Vikings and Buccaneers lasted just one play in that Week 8 matchup. Barr stripped the ball away from former Tampa Bay tight end Austin Seferian-Jenkins before scooping it up and racing 27 yards for the game-winning touchdown in a 19-13 Minnesota win.

Was that one of the biggest highlights of Barr's four-year career?

"Definitely one of them," Barr said. "Hopefully we can make that happen again. "That was a big play for us to win the game," Barr added.

The No. 9 overall pick in the 2014 NFL Draft, Barr made his mark in his rookie season by essentially single-handedly giving the Vikings a win over Tampa Bay.

In his sophomore season, Barr made his first Pro Bowl after he had 80 total tackles (according to coaches' tally) with 3.5 sacks and three forced fumbles. He had



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highlight-reel plays such as an effort-filled forced fumble in Atlanta and picking off Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning for his first-career interception.

The California native made his second straight Pro Bowl in 2016 after recording 91 total tackles (according to coaches' tally) with 2.0 sacks, a forced fumble and fumble recovery.

Barr said he has always been one to let his play do the talking. He didn't feel the need to speak up often because Chad Greenway was the clear-cut leader of the linebackers.

But with Greenway's retirement this offseason, Barr now ranks first among Vikings linebackers with 44 career starts, coaches and players have turned to him to be more vocal on the field and in meetings.

"He's a fourth-year guy now, and he's one of the veterans on the defense," said Vikings linebackers coach Adam Zimmer. "He's calling the huddle, so naturally people are going to look to him.

"I've told him, 'We need to start developing your leadership skills,' especially without having Chad here anymore," Zimmer added. "I think he's taken that on himself, and he's been really good with it. I don't think it's the most natural thing for him, but he's starting to get it and starting to like doing it."

The soft-spoken Barr isn't one to go on a soliloquy during interviews. He prefers to put in his work and move on to the next task of the day.

Barr, however, said during training camp that he's trying to be heard more on the field, even if he doesn't think he was born to be a great orator.

"I try to communicate as best as possible to get everybody on the same page," Barr said. "I do what the defense asks me to do. Sometimes that's be vocal, sometimes it's a whole bunch of other different things. When those times come up, I try to make it a point to [speak up] and do it the best I can.

"Chad was a very vocal guy, regardless of the situation," Barr added. "I'm pretty quiet by nature, so I try when I'm asked to be more vocal. I feel like I'm doing a better job of that."

But even with two consecutive Pro Bowl appearances and a bigger leadership role, those within the Vikings organization believe there is room for improvement because Barr's potential is so high.

In addition to physically getting his body ready for the grind of the NFL season, Barr said he spent most of the offseason refocusing himself.

"It was definitely more mental than physical," Barr said of his offseason preparation. "I put a lot of work into the offseason.

"I feel like I gave myself a better chance to make bigger plays just being in better shape and having a clear mind," Barr said. "I feel as good as I ever have in terms of mentally where I'm at. I'm trying to go attack the game and not just let it come to me."

If his high level of play in the season opener is any indication, Barr could be primed for another Pro Bowl season.

"He's on a mission," Zimmer said. "I think he wants to be the best linebacker in the league.

"We've got him doing a lot of different things," Zimmer added. "I think it's going to be an outstanding year for him."



BARR GIVES BACK

Whether it's paving a new path for single mothers or giving back to local youth, Anthony Barr has made his mark in the Minnesota community.

The Vikings linebacker's most recent good deed came in July, when he teamed up with Hyundai to host a free youth football camp for roughly 600 kids inside the Winter Park field house.

Barr said during the summer that the camp was something he would have loved to attend when he was growing up in Southern California.

"We didn't have an opportunity to do something like this," Barr said. "If I were a kid, I would have had a great time."

Seven months earlier, the linebacker's Raise the Barr Foundation hosted its first holiday party and fundraiser at a downtown hotel as a way to give back to a cause near and dear to the Barr family.

Raise the Barr partnered with The Jeremiah Program to help provide financial assistance with higher education and childcare for single mothers.

Barr's mother, Lori, became a single mother at age 20 and worked hard to raise the future Vikings linebacker.

"Being now that Minnesota is my home, building a relationship with the community is the most important thing to me," Barr said. "I thank them for welcoming me with open arms back in 2014, and they've been good to me and my family. I want to show my appreciation."

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– **ANDREW SENDEJO**
ON HIS HAWK STATUE

ANDREW SENDEJO'S LOCKER AT WINTER PARK IS GUARDED BY A LARGE HAWK STATUE.

The Vikings safety enjoyed the Christmas gift he received last year from former teammate Audie Cole so much that the former Rice Owl left it facing out a few feet from his locker.

"He watches over everything," Sendejo says with a laugh. "Sometimes we'll put different outfits on him and dress him up. Sometimes he's just there. Nobody really knows what he does when we leave."

The hawk has stood watch for 11 months but remained somewhat of a mystery until Sendejo recently explained its origin and role in the locker room.

Teammates often make jokes about names of the hawk, adding levity to the few quick breaks between meetings, workouts, practices and recovery sessions.

After quickly downing a cup of high-protein chocolate milk – "one of the best natural recovery drinks you can get" – Sendejo explains there are names like Ethan (a nod to the actor) and Tony (in homage to the skateboarder), as well as Stephen Hawking (in reference to the physicist).

The personal favorite of this writer is Ed "Hawkuli" because of the tie-in with NFL referee (and attorney) Ed Hochuli, whose buff arms are on par with the "sun's-out" readiness of Sendejo's.

A poster of Terence Newman running out of the tunnel is propped up against the back of Sendejo's locker, mostly hidden by shirts on hangers.

There are a couple of Hot Wheels cars that defensive backs coach Jerry Gray began distributing to Vikings DBs in 2015 for jobs well done.

Sendejo has locker nameplates of former teammates Jamarca Sanford and Mistral Raymond, who remain in a group text with Sendejo and Harrison Smith.

One more name is prominently plastered in Sendejo's locker, that of former quarterback

Shaun Hill, whose second stint in Minnesota included the past two seasons. Hill signed different versions of his autograph, approximating how his signature changed over time, on a large collage of headshots from different seasons.

The artifact collection has clearly grown over the years, as has Sendejo's hair, beard, role on the defense and level of confidence.

The items are mementos of a journey that began professionally in 2010 with former Vikings Head Coach Dennis Green's Sacramento Mountain Lions and the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent. Sendejo bounced from Dallas to the New York Jets before being signed by Minnesota late in 2011.

Sendejo was a special teams ace in 2012, '13 and '14, swooping his way through opponents' return teams and totaling 37 special teams tackles in 45 games. He started 10 games in 2013, cracking the opening lineup for the first time when the Vikings played the Steelers in London.

He returned to a reserve role to start the 2014 season, the first under Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer, but stepped in for Smith in Week 14. Sendejo forced a fumble by Chris Ivory during the contest.

Sendejo started the final three games that season and all games he's played since, recording 188 tackles (coaches' tally), three interceptions and 11 passes defended.

The tackles include an important stop in Week 1 of this season when he denied Saints receiver Ted Ginn, Jr., from the end zone during a jet sweep from the Minnesota 9-yard line. The drive stalled, and New Orleans had to settle for a field goal.

Gray, who arrived in 2014 as a member of Mike Zimmer's staff, said confidence is where Sendejo's game has grown the most.

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

Gray, a first-round pick in 1985 who made four Pro Bowls with the Rams and also played for the Oilers and Buccaneers, said he's learned every new player to the NFL starts with a blank sheet of paper.

"When you come in this league, you can be drafted in the first round, but your résumé looks just like a free agent," Gray said. "There's nothing here. It's up to you to build where you're going to go.

"Basically what he's shown me is that he's willing to work and persevere to be one of the guys. He took the hard route," Gray added. "He didn't get drafted, he had to work on special teams, [on different teams], and all of a sudden he's here in Minnesota. I think he's maybe been here five or six years, and you see a guy that his path just keeps getting better and better and better, and that means that he's working. He's never thinking that, 'I'm just good enough.' He's always working to get better."

Sendejo has earned the trust of teammates and coaches but considers it an ongoing process.

In-season off days that once included some dabbling with the guitar or piano – he taught himself to play both by ear – have turned the page to early prep work for the next opponent.

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

"It kind of takes a couple of times looking at things before it's engrained," Sendejo continued. "You don't want to walk in here on Wednesday and see something for the first time. You want to have already watched it on Monday or Tuesday, and that way, when you get here Wednesday when we go through our meetings, it's kind of like you already have it in there, 'Oh yeah, I saw that when I watched that game.'"

The deep dive helps Sendejo and Smith, who enable Vikings coaches to play either near the line of scrimmage or deep.

"It gives you an opportunity to make certain plays in the run and in the pass when you get to do both," Sendejo said. "I like the things I get to do."

Gray said having safeties that can work interchangeably helps the Vikings secondary and overall defense.

"When you have a guy that can play in the box and deep, you have a double threat, because now they just can't say, 'Well, this guy's always a box guy,'

[or] 'He's always back, if we catch the wrong guy, we can do this.' To me, when you have guys like Harrison and Sendejo that can do both – they're athletic, they're physical in the run game and athletic enough in the passing game, that's the best of both worlds."

Although there is usually a weeklong gap between football opponents, the Vikings rely on cohesion and communication within the group that has enjoyed continuity.

Sendejo and teammates use hawk-like focus during film study, looking for details that will become indicators for what a team is likely to try with a certain personnel grouping or formation.

"[Individual players] can't watch everything," Sendejo said. "I know every guy is studying, and we'll go to each other, 'Hey, did you see that play against this team when they ran that route?' You kind of get to bounce things off each other.

"If there's a play I haven't seen, someone will say, 'How would you play that?' We'll do that a lot, too," he added. "Everyone tries to watch as much as they can and kind of collab, it makes it where you can watch all of the things you needed to see throughout the week to get ready for Sunday."



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TERENCE NEWMAN HADN'T
COVERED DEANDRE HOPKINS
ALL GAME, BUT WHEN THE
NEED AROSE, HE WAS READY.

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

MINNESOTA ALREADY HAD a substantial lead on Houston, and former Texans quarterback Brock Osweiler looked for the top receiver in an effort to move the chains and close the gap.

But Newman had done his homework. He noticed that Osweiler would respond to the cornerback playing “off” coverage, making eye contact with Hopkins and then throwing a hitch route.

“I see this and then start my [backpedal], but then I thought [about knowing] it was going to be a hitch, and I jumped it and broke it up,” Newman said before adding, almost a year later, “I would have loved to pick that ball. It would have been a touchdown.”

Newman would know. The two-time Pro Bowler has recorded 41 interceptions and returned three to the end zone.

Fast forward to Week 1 of the 2017 season, and Newman is asked to play both outside corner and the nickel, moving between the two positions with ease.

Vikings defensive backs coach Jerry Gray doesn't hesitate to put Newman in either role.

“We know he can do it,” Gray said. “[In 2015], he started at free safety [at Arizona]. To me, any time a guy can adapt, that gives the coaches more adaptability. And you won't be out of one package, if a guy gets hurt, you can go move another guy around – ‘Coach, I understand what's going on.’”

“That means he has three positions that he has to learn, and game plan, and know what they're doing,” Gray said. “So when you have a guy that's that valuable, I think that's a big plus for us on defense.”

Some might credit Newman's strategies solely to his sage experience. At 39 years old, he is the second-oldest active defender in the league, behind Pittsburgh's James Harrison. But Newman learned at a young age – and a small stature – how to play smart football and defy the odds.

His earliest memory of the pigskin is playing in a flag football league. Then in fifth or sixth grade, transitioning to tackle and suiting up at running back.

“My helmet didn't fit. My pants didn't fit; my thigh pads were at my knees, and my knee pads were at my shins. But I just had fun,” Newman recalled with a chuckle. “I was always undersized, but I was fast.”

“I played running back and DB, and I do remember tackling some of the biggest dudes out there,” he added. “It wasn't all about hitting a guy hard. It was more so for me about tackling him, getting him down. Some guys would try to hit the guy and bounce off, and for me, I was undersized, so I had to play [smarter].”

Newman's love for the game of football and ability to play intelligently has resulted in a longtime successful career at the highest level.

Drafted fifth overall in 2003, Newman spent his first nine seasons in Dallas, where he was first acquainted with Mike Zimmer, his defensive coordinator from 2003-06. In 2012, the duo reunited in Cincinnati for two seasons and again in Minnesota in 2015, this time with Zimmer heading into his second season as Vikings head coach.

Newman recalled the conversation with Zimmer about joining him on his third NFL team.

“He calls me after my contract expires and says, ‘Hey. Would you like to play?’ And I'm like, ‘Hell yeah. Let's do this.’”

Gray, a former corner who was picked in the first round of the 1985 NFL Draft and made four Pro Bowls, recalled reviewing extensive film of Newman and concluded “he was playing at as high of a level as anybody out there.”

For someone who didn't picture himself in football pads long-term – as a child he dreamed of playing in the MLB, then resorted to basketball and finally to football in late high school – Newman's path has been a successful one.

Since joining the Vikings in 2015, Newman has played 33 games (starting 26 of them) and recorded 133 tackles, 22 passes defended and four interceptions.

The 2017 season marks just the second time, however, that Newman was named a team captain – the first being in Dallas. It's a role that he doesn't take lightly.

“It means a lot,” Newman said of this year having the “C” patch embroidered to his purple jersey.

“AFTER THE GAME, GUYS ARE LIKE, ‘MAN, YOU DON’T SNAP THAT OFTEN, BUT WHEN YOU DO – WE NEEDED THAT AT THAT TIME.’” –T. NEWMAN

Ask his teammates, and they’ll tell you that Newman isn’t the most vocal guy in the locker room, but he’s not afraid to be assertive when a situation calls for it. He specifically recalled Minnesota’s game at Jacksonville in 2016, when several mistakes were made early.

“We get to the sideline, Coach Zim’ was about to talk to the defense, and I was in a mode where I was upset,” Newman said. “He pulls us over there, and before he can even start talking, I started snappin’. I didn’t call anyone out, but I said, ‘Yo, we have to stick together and stop BS-ing. Let’s go out here and play like we can play, and let’s put this game away.’”

“I noticed that when I did that, guys were looking at me and kind of getting fired up, shaking their head like, ‘Yeah, yeah, yeah. Let’s do this.’ And we go out and we win the game,” Newman continued. “But after the game, guys are like, ‘Man, you don’t snap that often, but when you do – we needed that at that time.’”

Newman believes that a good locker room leader is able to build rapport and trust with his teammates but doesn’t back down from tough conversations when they’re needed.

“They’ve gotta understand that you’re coming from a good place when you speak to them,” Newman said. “So I choose my words carefully, and there’s nobody I ever try to point out. I talk about ‘us.’ There’s never any single person you can talk to on a football team.”

As Newman settles into his 15th NFL season, he’s been open in expressing that his heart remains on the gridiron because he isn’t

prepared to stop chasing the ultimate goal – a Super Bowl championship. It’s early in the season, and he refused to look beyond today’s game against the Buccaneers toward three straight division opponents.

But Newman is excited to help lead a team that he feels is special.

“[Look] at the talent level,” he said emphatically. “I think every team has talent, right? But not every team has the depth [of] talent level [as the Vikings].”

He highlighted the work ethic and tenacity of Minnesota’s roster.

“Everson [Griffin is] one of my favorite players. I got here and was like, ‘Man, this dude is special. This dude’s one of the best D-ends in football,’” Newman said. “He goes out every day, he busts his butt, grinds, he watches tape. ... B-Rob (Brian Robison), the same way. Linval [Joseph], Shamar [Stephen]. I mean, you can go straight down the line. We’ve got some of the best linebackers in the game. We’ve got some of the best secondary players in the game. And then we go to the offense, and you can say the same thing, all the way down.”

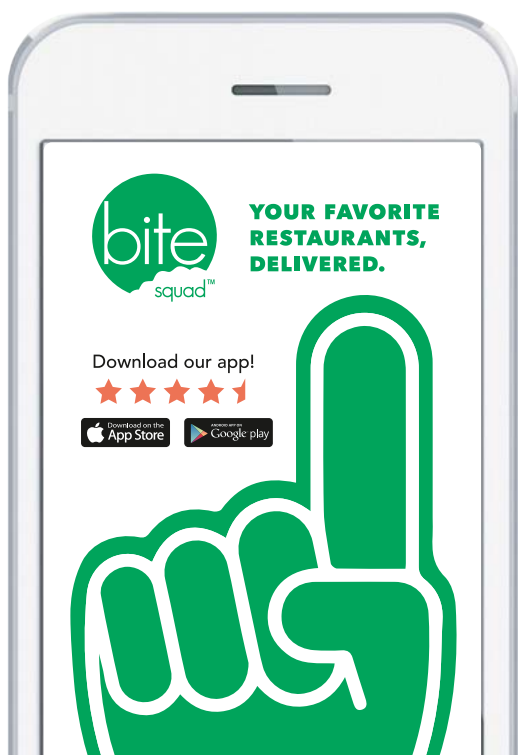
Three weeks into the 2017 season, Newman said that each team “has the same opportunity right now” and that a lot can depend on players staying healthy. Even reflecting on last season and the disappointing 8-8 finish, he pointed out that Minnesota’s 5-0 start demonstrated what the team is capable of.

The Vikings 29-19 win over the Saints two weeks ago? Another example of what could be.

“I’ve never been a fan of having people tell you how good you are. I think the record indicates how good you are as a team,” Newman said. “So this year, being kind of an underdog, I like that. It’s something where you’ve got to fight every day, every week ... and to me, that’s a good place to be.”

As serious as Terence Newman takes the game, he does take part in practical jokes from time to time.





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A photograph of the interior of Randle's Restaurant & Bar. The space has a rustic, industrial feel with dark wood paneling on the walls and ceiling. A large framed picture of a football player in a white jersey with the number 93 is on the left wall. In the background, there is a bar area with shelves stocked with various bottles of alcohol and several television screens displaying sports. The foreground shows wooden tables and dark leather bar stools. The lighting is warm and ambient.

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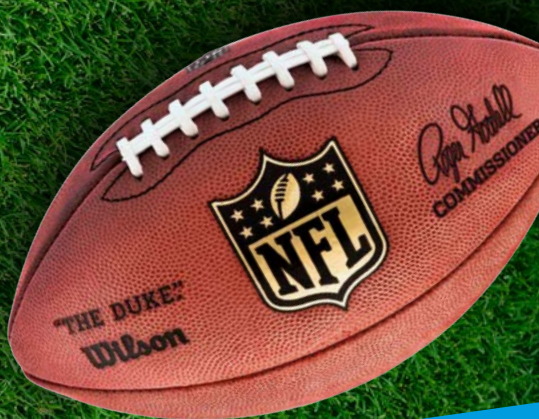


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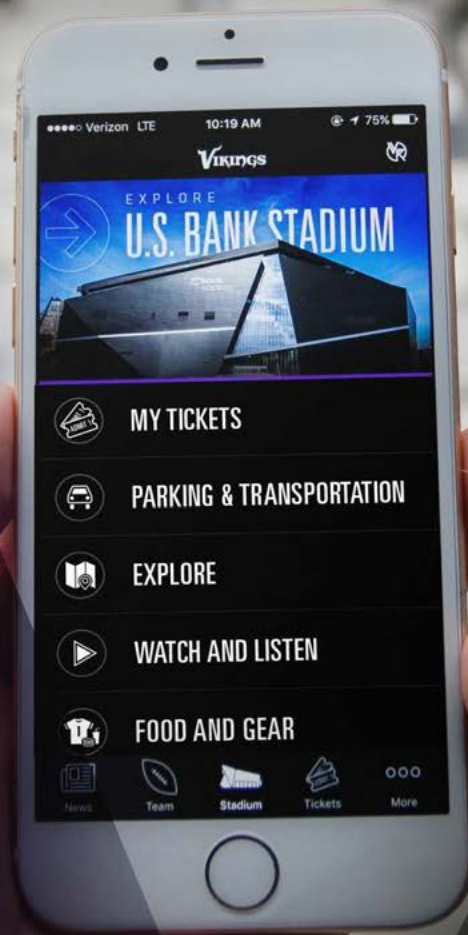


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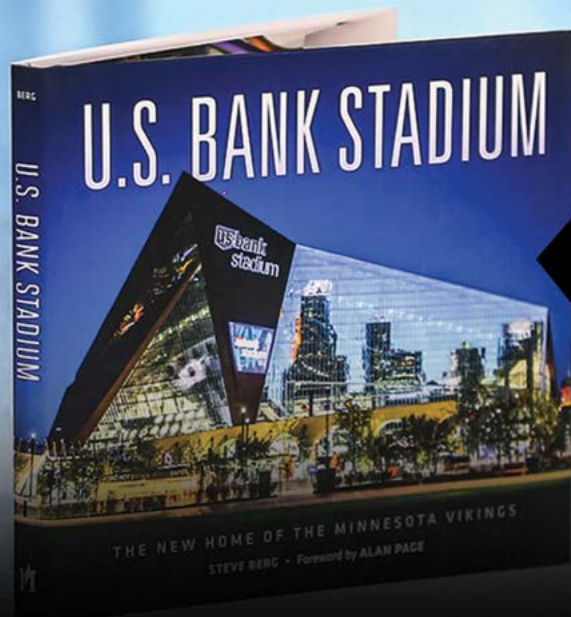
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JOHN RANDLE HIT A GREAT SHOT AND DECIDED TO GIVE SOMETHING ELSE A TRY.

Randle was on the golf course with Twin Cities restaurateur Michael McDermott and put the ball on the green from 240 yards out. Prior to the backswing, thump and follow-through, he told himself it would be the perfect time to partner with McDermott, who wanted to change Ling & Louie's on Nicollet Mall, if the golf shot was good.

Randle isn't the owner of Randle's Restaurant and Bar, but he does carry an owner's pride and a domain name, johnrandles.com. The Hall of Fame defensive tackle works with McDermott on marketing, food offerings and décor. The restaurant partners with KFAN 100.3-FM to host *Monday Night Football* watch party events.

While the timing of the decision was prompted by performance on the links, the desire to have the family name on the restaurant is rooted in Randle's youth in Texas.

"One of the reasons I did this was because of my mom, who was one of the greatest cooks in the world," Randle recently told Vikings.com. "When we had time to kill, she was great about using her imagination. She would talk about if she had a restaurant, what she'd do with it. Not so much about the food. She was talking about having her name on the restaurant.

"As a kid, my mom was my idol. This is more or less for her," Randle added. "To have our name on a restaurant means so much to me and my two older brothers. For a lady who was so great, who made the best meals

out of literally nothing; this goes to my mom."

Randle's decision was encouraged by his daughter.

"She told me, 'Dad, you should do it. You've got a lot of extra energy and you need to take some of your energy from the golf course and put it other places,'" Randle said. "My daughter is such a gifted athlete, but she's also such a gifted artist. I could see her having some paintings in the restaurant. She's so gifted and reminds me of my mom."

Randle initially tried out with the Buccaneers, for whom his brother, Ervin, played six seasons after his selection in the third round of the 1985 NFL Draft. John wound up signing with the Vikings in 1990 as an undrafted free agent and recorded 114 of his 137.5 career sacks in 11 seasons with Minnesota, including 9.0 in 22 games against Tampa Bay.

He was surprised to learn that the 2017 Vikings roster includes 20 players who

entered the league as undrafted free agents. Randle said not being drafted fueled him, and he thinks that can help other players who were undrafted.

"A lot of times for undrafted guys, it's a quality that makes you play harder," Randle said. "You feel that nobody thought you were good enough to be in the NFL. So free agent guys carry a chip on their shoulders and play extra hard."

Randle wasn't driven by obtaining accolades such as the Vikings Ring of Honor or Pro Football Hall of Fame, but he does appreciate both designations.

"To be in such gratitude to the organization that you played so hard for, to be recognized for all of your honor and hard work, it's a special treat because you're doing it in front of all your fans," Randle said. "I'm almost getting teary-eyed thinking about it."





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Wayne Kostroski, Founder of Taste of the NFL, is thrilled to see the “lasting legacy” that his program has become. The annual “Party With a Purpose” event is held in the Super Bowl host city the evening before the big game, and all proceeds benefit local food banks.

“Coming back home and working with the Minnesota Vikings is just exceptional,” Kostroski said this month, expressing gratitude to the Wilf Family ownership group.

Kostroski, along with members of the

Vikings community and representatives of Second Harvest Heartland, announced the kickoff of the year-long giving season for the Kick Hunger Challenge fundraising campaign, which adds to the funds obtained through the main event.

Also new this year is the implementation of a match sponsor for the Kick Hunger Challenge.

Vikings Executive Director of Social Impact Brett Taber announced that the newly established Minnesota Vikings Foundation will be pledging a match amount of \$25,000.

“The Minnesota Vikings, the Wilf ownership group and the entire organization are thrilled to be a part of Taste of the NFL,” Taber said. “Ever since [Taste of the NFL debuted] here, the Vikings have held the annual Taste of the Vikings event to help support this great cause.

“[We will] encourage our fans to rally

behind the cause and really, truly make the Taste of the NFL here in Minnesota the best that it’s ever been,” Taber added.

Kostroski thanked the Vikings for taking the lead on the match sponsor program.

“We couldn’t start it with such a bang, the kickoff if you will, of this program without the [Vikings] Foundation and certainly the support of the team and the organization,” Kostroski said. “So I’m really excited about this and looking forward to a great season.”

Serving this year as Taste of the NFL National Chef Host will be Andrew Zimmern, and the National Player Host is former Vikings linebacker Ben Leber, who also was in attendance to kick off the campaign.

Following the brief press conference, Leber joined Kostroski, Taber, Second Harvest Heartland CEO Rob Zeaske, local chef Thomas Boemer and members of the Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders to volunteer in the warehouse. The group weighed and packed potatoes that will be part of resources benefiting the local community.

“I’ve helped out when I was an active player with the Vikings at the local Taste events, so I definitely saw the impact that they have for the local community,” Leber said. “I’m definitely honored to be a part of it.

“As a former player, I can say this: food is a basic right in this country,” Leber continued. “And the fact that there are people, children and adults, that don’t have a basic right to food and meals, that’s something that I think we can all stand behind [to change]. That’s something that everybody can be encouraged by, inspired by, and want to help out.”

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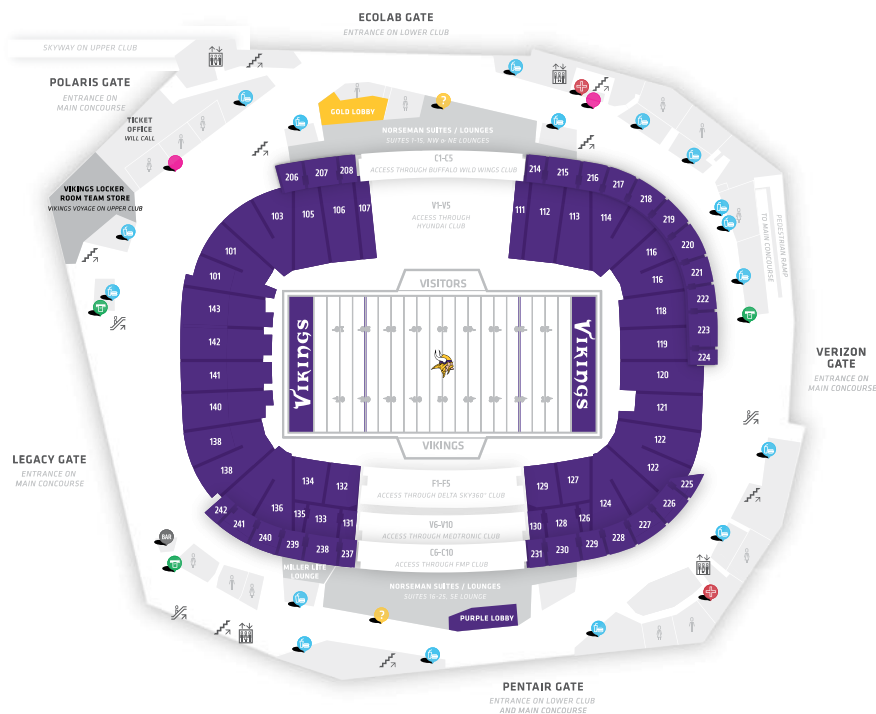
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Chicken Meatballs, Jerk Bacon Sammie, Chicken Nachos, Peanuts

WILD & FRESH MARKET – 124, 318

Salads, Boom Chicka Pop Popcorn, Peanuts, Gluten-Free Beer & Nonalcoholic Beer, Deli Sandwiches

GLUTEN-FRIENDLY
OPTIONS

MILL CITY CLASSICS – SECTIONS 113, 317

Gluten-Friendly Hot Dog Buns

WILD & FRESH MARKET – SECTIONS 124, 318

Gluten Free Options

EVERYWHERE –

Gluten-Free
Hot Dogs



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