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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.

TO ENSURE that all fans have a pleasant game-day experience, each patron should act responsibly and be considerate of others. Unruly behavior will not be tolerated and, in some cases, might be deemed grounds for dismissal from U.S. Bank Stadium. These cases include, but are not limited to, the following:

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- Underage drinking
- Actions that are harmful to or endanger others
- Throwing items of any kind
- Using foul or abusive language and/or gestures
- Displaying inconsiderate behavior toward others
- Disorderly conduct
- Wearing obscene or indecent clothing
- Smoking in non-designated areas

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- Entering or attempting to enter the field of play
- Failure to follow instructions of stadium security personnel
- Entering the stadium with any prohibited items
- Harassment of visiting-team fans

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VIKINGS

VS. REDSKINS

THE VIKINGS DEFEATED THE REDSKINS 38-30 AT WASHINGTON IN WEEK 10 TO IMPROVE TO 7-2 ON THE SEASON. THE VIKINGS OFFENSIVE LINE HELPED THE TEAM RUSH FOR 102 YARDS AND DIDN'T ALLOW A SACK OF CASE KEENUM FOR THE FOURTH COMPLETE GAME THIS YEAR.

01 | Adam Thielen led the Vikings with eight receptions and 166 yards (20.8 yards per reception). He caught one touchdown and had gains of 49, 38 and 38.

02 | Stefon Diggs caught four passes for 78 yards, including a 51-yarder on the third play of the game.

03 | Case Keenum completed 21 of 29 passes for 304 yards and threw four touchdowns, connecting with a different teammate each time.



04



05



06

04 | Danielle Hunter sacked Kirk Cousins for a loss of 14 to force the Redskins to settle for a 55-yard field goal with 1:14 left. Hunter totaled five QB hurries.

05 | Mackensie Alexander recorded his first career interception. The turnover occurred between a pair of Vikings touchdowns late in the second quarter.

06 | Kai Forbath went 5-for-5 on extra points and drilled a 53-yard field goal to put the Vikings up by 11 with 7:45 remaining in the game.

➔ WANT MORE? CHECK OUT THE THROUGH-THE-LENS GALLERIES ON [VIKINGS.COM](http://vikings.com) OR ON THE VIKINGS APP

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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THIS IS THE 45TH OVERALL MEETING between the Vikings and Rams (including seven postseason games), a series that started with a pair of matchups in Minnesota's inaugural 1961 season. This will be the first time a Rams team has been based in Los Angeles and traveled to Minnesota since 1991.

The Vikings have won four in a row against the Rams and are 26-16-2 all-time in the series. The Vikings defeated the Rams 23-20 in the Western Conference

Championship for the first postseason victory in franchise history en route to the 1969 NFL Championship. Minnesota also triumphed in NFC Championship games in 1974 and 76 on the way to Super Bowls IX and XI.

This game features a stingy Vikings defense that is fifth in the NFL in yards allowed per game (294.6) and tied for fifth in points allowed per game (18.3) and an explosive Rams offense. The Rams enter today's game ranked third in the NFL with 388.9 yards per game and first in scoring (32.9 points per game).

**TODAY'S SALUTE TO
SERVICE GAME IS
PRESENTED BY:**



HALFTIME

Country music star and former United States Marine Jamey Johnson

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Navy Veteran General Wilson

HONOR GUARD

A Joint Services Honor Guard will present the colors, and Vikings Season Ticket Holders who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces will hold a field-sized American flag.

POW RECOGNITION

Join us as we recognize retired Navy pilot Arvin Chauncey, who spent 2,105 days in captivity as a prisoner of war. Chauncey's plane was shot down in Northern Vietnam during his 57th combat mission on May 31, 1967.



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Spalon Montage will be giving away a \$100 gift card at today's game! Show us your game-day hairstyle by tweeting a photo @VikingsPromos using #VikingsHairstyle to enter.



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Meet a Vikings Legend during today's game! Share your best game-day photo and seat location using #CenturyLinkLegends for a chance to win! A winner will be selected during halftime.



KWIK TRIP FAMILY OF THE GAME

Congratulations to today's Kwik Trip Family of the Game, the Kimball Family from Red Wing. To have your chance at being the next Kwik Trip Family of the Game and win free Vikings tickets or sideline passes, pull out your phone, open the Vikings App, click on "more," then on "games," and enter your selection to today's Kwik Trip trivia question.



U.S. BANK HOMETOWN HERO

During each home game, U.S. Bank and the Minnesota Vikings will recognize one individual who has helped make our community a better place. We will honor a Minnesotan who has gone to extraordinary measures. Today's Hometown Hero is George Benedict, a former Winona State football and baseball star who volunteered for Vietnam in 1966. Benedict was wounded during a reconnaissance mission but returned for another tour. He was awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.



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► UPCOMING EVENTS



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WEDNESDAY, NOV. 22, 6 P.M.

The popular *Vikings Country* radio show returns on Nov. 22 at Sunshine Factory in Plymouth. Host Mike Mussman is joined each week by a Vikings player for a live broadcast. Tune in on KFAN and the Vikings Radio Network or attend the live broadcast each week at various locations throughout the Twin Cities.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS LIFE TIME FOOTBALL CLINIC - WINTER PARK

FRIDAY, DEC. 1, 6:30 P.M. - 8 P.M.

Children will participate in a clinic led by EJ Henderson, Minnesota Vikings Youth Football Manager, and have a meet-and-greet opportunity with Vikings Players. Sign up at: lifetime.formstack.com/forms/footballclinic

FRIDAY FOOTBALL FEAST

FRIDAY, NOV. 24, 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 show is from 9 a.m. to noon on Nov. 24 at the BWB in Blaine.

EVERSON GRIFFEN AT MILLS FLEET FARM

TUESDAY, NOV. 28, 6 P.M. - 7 P.M.

Come meet Vikings Pro Bowl defensive end Everson Griffen at Mills Fleet Farm in Blaine on Tuesday, Nov. 28 from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

TOYS FOR TOTS

TUESDAY, DEC. 12, 5:30 A.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Join the Vikings and KFAN for the Toys For Tots Drive at Mills Fleet Farm-Lakeville. KFAN will broadcast live, with special Vikings guests throughout the day. Donate an unwrapped toy and be entered into a raffle for Vikings prizes. Learn more at Vikings.com.

MINNESOTA SPORTS AWARDS

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 13, 7:30 P.M.

The Minnesota Vikings are a proud partner of the Minnesota Sports Awards presented by Sports Minneapolis - a night of superstar celebration that includes six professional Minnesota sports teams all under one roof. Join the state's best high school, collegiate and professional athletes, coaches and legends on Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Target Center for this first-ever celebration of the greatest sports moments of 2017. Tickets are available now at MinnesotaSportsAwards.org.

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: LB ERIC KENDRICKS

KENDRICKS HAS SHOWN INCREDIBLE VERSATILITY at middle linebacker. He is capable of doing everything well and has done a significant amount of tackling since arriving in Minnesota as a second-round pick out of UCLA in 2015. Kendricks leads the Vikings with 90 tackles, including 58 solo. He has eight tackles for loss, including a sack of Matthew Stafford in Week 4 that pushed his career total to 7.5. Kendricks also has broken up 6 passes this season. The Fresno, California, native has led the Vikings in tackles in each of the past two seasons (105 in 2015 and 126 in 2016). This will be Kendricks' first opportunity to play the Rams (he missed the 2015 matchup because of injury), and tackling and coverage will be important against an offense that features dual-threat running back Todd Gurley, who leads the NFL with 1,160 yards from scrimmage.

DID YOU KNOW? KENDRICKS BECAME THE SEVENTH VIKINGS PLAYER AND THIRD DEFENDER TO CLAIM A ROOKIE OF THE MONTH DESIGNATION WHEN HE WAS NAMED DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE MONTH IN OCTOBER 2015.

13 - IN - 6

Kendricks has recorded 13 tackles in a game six separate times. He did so once as a rookie, twice in 2016 and has done so three times so far in 2017.

2017 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Case Keenum	1,914
Rushing (Yds)	Dalvin Cook	354
Receiving (Yds)	Adam Thielen	793
Tackles	Eric Kendricks	90
Sacks	Everson Griffen	10
Interceptions	Harrison Smith	3
KOR (Yds)	Jerick McKinnon	312
PR (Avg.)	Marcus Sherels	10.7

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 (7-2)

1	9/11	New Orleans Saints	W	29-19
2	9/17	at Pittsburgh Steelers	L	26-9
3	9/24	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	W	34-17
4	10/1	Detroit Lions	L	14-7
5	10/9	at Chicago Bears	W	20-17
6	10/15	Green Bay Packers	W	23-10
7	10/22	Baltimore Ravens	W	24-16
8	10/29	at Cleveland Browns (LON)	W	33-16
9	11/5	BYE WEEK		
10	11/12	at Washington Redskins	W	38-30
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 RAMS

RUSHING YARDS

212	Adrian Peterson on 24 attempts at St. Louis (Dec. 12, 2012)
179	Robert Smith on 23 attempts at St. Louis (Sept. 13, 1998)

PASSING YARDS

330	Daunte Culpepper on 33-of-47 passing at St. Louis (Nov. 30, 2003)
327	Fran Tarkenton on 21-of-31 passing in Minnesota (Oct. 16, 1966)

RECEIVING YARDS

160	Randy Moss on 10 catches at St. Louis (Nov. 30, 2003)
142	Jim "Red" Phillips on six catches in Minnesota (Oct. 16, 1966)



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PLAYER TO WATCH: RB TODD GURLEY

GURLEY HAS BEEN HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE for a revamped Rams squad that has surged to the NFL leaderboard with 296 points (32.9 per game). Gurley leads all non-kickers with 60 points and is tied for the most rushing touchdowns (seven) in the league this season through Week 10. He also leads the NFL with 1,160 yards from scrimmage, gaining 754 on the ground (4.4 yards per carry) and 406 through the air. The Rams made Gurley the 10th overall pick in 2015, even though the former Georgia star was coming off a torn ACL. He quickly delivered that season by racking up 566 rushing yards in his first four starts and becoming the first rookie in NFL history to rush for 125 or more yards in four straight games en route to winning Offensive Rookie of the Year by the *Associated Press*. After not having a 100-yard game in 2016, Gurley has four this season. His top rushing total in 2017 was 121 on 23 carries against Dallas.

ONCE A VIKING: GURLEY PLAYED HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL FOR THE TARBORO (NORTH CAROLINA) VIKINGS. HE TOTALED 2,600 YARDS AND 38 TOUCHDOWNS AS A SENIOR IN 2011 AND RUSHED FOR 242 YARDS AND FOUR SCORES IN THE 2A STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

89 - IN - '15

Gurley rushed 24 times for 89 yards (3.71 per carry) and a touchdown in his only game against the Vikings (Nov. 8, 2015). He entered that game averaging 6.1 per carry and 115 per game.

2017 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Jared Goff	2,385
Rushing (Yds)	Todd Gurley	754
Receiving (Yds)	Robert Woods	622
Tackles	Mark Barron	62
Sacks	Aaron Donald	5.0
Interceptions	Mark Barron	3
KOR (Yds)	Pharoh Cooper	543
PR (Avg.)	Pharoh Cooper	11.2

2017 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (2-2)

P1	8/12	Dallas Cowboys	W	13-10
P2	8/19	at Oakland Raiders	W	24-21
P3	8/26	Los Angeles Chargers	L	21-19
P4	8/31	at Green Bay Packers	L	24-10

REGULAR SEASON (7-2)

1	9/10	Indianapolis Colts	W	46-9
2	9/17	Washington Redskins	L	27-20
3	9/21	at San Francisco 49ers	W	41-39
4	10/1	at Dallas Cowboys	W	35-30
5	10/8	Seattle Seahawks	L	16-10
6	10/15	at Jacksonville Jaguars	W	27-17
7	10/22	Arizona Cardinals (LON)	W	33-0
8	10/29	BYE WEEK		
9	11/5	at New York Giants	W	51-17
10	11/12	Houston Texans	W	33-7
11	11/19	at Minnesota Vikings		
12	11/26	New Orleans Saints		
13	12/3	at Arizona Cardinals		
14	12/10	Philadelphia Eagles		
15	12/17	at Seattle Seahawks		
16	12/24	at Tennessee Titans		
17	12/31	San Francisco 49ers		

TOP 2s AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

142	Steven Jackson on 25 attempts in Minnesota (Dec. 31, 2006)
135	Marshall Faulk on 28 attempts at St. Louis (Dec. 10, 2000)

PASSING YARDS

391	Kurt Warner on 27-of-33 passing at St. Louis (Jan. 16, 2000)
377	Sam Bradford on 33-of-55 passing at St. Louis (Dec. 16, 2012)

RECEIVING YARDS

192	Isaac Bruce on 11 catches at St. Louis (Sept. 13, 1998)
172	Torry Holt on nine catches at St. Louis (Dec. 10, 2000)



MINNESOTA VIKINGS

OFFENSE

WR

19 Adam Thielen
11 Laquon Treadwell
18 Michael Floyd

LT

71 Riley Reiff
69 Rashod Hill

LG

62 Nick Easton
75 Jeremiah Sirles

C

65 Pat Elflein
62 Nick Easton

RG

61 Joe Berger
63 Danny Isidora

RT

74 Mike Remmers
76 Aviante Collins

TE

82 Kyle Rudolph
89 David Morgan
81 Blake Bell

WR

14 Stefon Diggs
17 Jarius Wright
13 Stacey Coley

QB

7 Case Keenum
5 Teddy Bridgewater
1 Kyle Slotter

FB

30 C.J. Ham

HB

25 Latavius Murray
21 Jerick McKinnon
31 Mack Brown

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 Kears

FS

22 Harrison Smith
41 Anthony Harris

SPECIALISTS

P

4 Ryan Quigley

K

2 Kai Forbath

LS

47 Kevin McDermott

PR

35 Marcus Sherels
13 Stacy Coley

KR

21 Jerick McKinnon
35 Marcus Sherels
13 Stacey Coley

#	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
5	Teddy Bridgewater	QB	6-2	215	25	4	Louisville
7	Case Keenum	QB	6-1	215	29	5	Houston
11	Laquon Treadwell	WR	6-2	215	22	2	Mississippi
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
18	Michael Floyd	WR	6-3	220	27	6	Notre Dame
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 Kears	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
31	Mack Brown	RB	5-11	213	26	2	Florida
34	Andrew Sendejo	S	6-1	210	30	6	Rice
35	Marcus Sherels	CB	5-10	175	30	7	Minnesota
40	Kentrell Brothers	LB	6-1	242	24	2	Missouri
41	Anthony Harris	S	6-1	192	26	3	Virginia
42	Ben Gedeon	LB	6-2	244	23	R	Michigan
47	Kevin McDermott	LS	6-5	240	27	5	UCLA
50	Eric Wilson	LB	6-1	230	23	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	Southern Miss
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	Southern Miss
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	29	8	East Carolina
99	Danielle Hunter	DE	6-5	252	22	3	LSU



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= COAST GUARD

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
4	Greg Zuerlein	K	6-0	191	29	6	Missouri Western
6	Johnny Hekker	P	6-5	241	27	6	Oregon State
8	Brandon Allen	QB	6-2	214	25	1	Arkansas
10	Pharoh Cooper	WR	5-11	207	22	2	South Carolina
11	Tavon Austin	WR	5-8	179	27	5	West Virginia
12	Sammy Watkins	WR	6-1	211	24	4	Clemson
14	Sean Mannion	QB	6-6	231	25	2	Oregon State
16	Jared Goff	QB	6-4	223	23	2	California
17	Robert Woods	WR	6-0	193	25	5	Southern California
18	Cooper Kupp	WR	6-2	205	24	R	E. Washington
20	Lamarcus Joyner	S	5-8	190	26	4	Florida State
21	Kayvon Webster	CB	5-11	192	26	5	South Florida
22	Trumaine Johnson	CB	6-2	213	27	6	Montana
23	Nickell Robey-Coleman	CB	5-8	178	25	5	Southern California
24	Blake Countess	DB	5-10	185	24	2	Auburn
25	Lance Dunbar	RB	5-8	187	27	6	North Texas
26	Mark Barron	LB	6-2	225	28	6	Alabama
30	Todd Gurley II	RB	6-1	227	23	3	Georgia
32	Troy Hill	CB	5-11	184	26	3	Oregon
33	Justin Davis	RB	6-1	198	22	R	Southern California
34	Malcolm Brown	RB	5-11	227	24	2	Texas
36	Dominique Hatfield	CB	5-10	170	22	R	Utah
41	Marqui Christian	S	5-11	200	23	2	Midwestern State
43	John Johnson III	S	6-0	204	21	R	Boston College
44	Jake McQuaide	LS	6-2	225	29	7	Ohio State
50	Samson Ebukam	OLB	6-3	240	22	R	E. Washington
51	Ejuan Price	OLB	5-11	250	24	R	Pittsburgh
52	Alec Ogletree	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Georgia
54	Bryce Hager	LB	6-1	237	25	3	Baylor
58	Cory Littleton	OLB	6-3	225	23	2	Washington
63	Darrell Williams	T	6-5	305	24	2	South Florida
65	John Sullivan	C	6-4	310	32	9	Notre Dame
66	Austin Blythe	C	6-3	300	25	2	Iowa
68	Jamon Brown	G	6-4	330	24	3	Louisville
73	Cornelius Lucas	T	6-9	320	26	4	Kansas State
76	Rodger Saffold	G	6-5	325	29	8	Indiana
77	Andrew Whitworth	T	6-7	333	35	12	LSU
79	Rob Havenstein	T	6-8	328	25	3	Wisconsin
81	Gerald Everett	TE	6-3	245	23	R	South Alabama
82	Johnny Mundt	TE	6-4	232	22	R	Oregon
83	Josh Reynolds	WR	6-3	192	22	R	Texas A&M
86	Derek Carrier	TE	6-4	244	27	5	Beloit (Wis.)
88	Michael Thomas	WR	6-1	195	23	2	Southern Miss.
89	Tyler Higbee	TE	6-6	257	24	2	Western Kentucky
90	Michael Brockers	DT	6-5	302	26	6	LSU
92	Tanzel Smart	DT	6-1	290	23	R	Tulane
93	Ethan Westbrooks	DE	6-4	283	26	4	West Texas A&M
94	Robert Quinn	OLB	6-4	250	27	7	North Carolina
95	Tyrunn Walker	DT	6-3	310	27	5	Tulsa
96	Matt Longacre	OLB	6-3	255	26	3	Northwest Miss. St
97	Morgan Fox	DE	6-3	275	23	2	Colorado St. Pueblo
98	Connor Barwin	OLB	6-4	255	31	9	Cincinnati
99	Aaron Donald	DT	6-1	280	26	4	Pittsburgh

*Depth charts are unofficial

OFFENSE

TE		WR	
89	Tyler Higbee	11	Tavon Austin
81	Gerald Everett	10	Pharoh Cooper
86	Derek Carrier	88	Michael Thomas
82	Johnny Mundt	WR	
LT		12	Sammy Watkins
77	Andrew Whitworth	83	Josh Reynolds
73	Cornelius Lucas	WR	
LG		17	Robert Woods
76	Rodger Saffold	18	Cooper Kupp
C		QB	
65	John Sullivan	16	Jared Goff
66	Austin Blythe	14	Sean Mannion
RG		8	Brandon Allen
68	Jamon Brown	RB	
RT		30	Todd Gurley II
79	Rob Havenstein	34	Malcolm Brown
63	Darrell Williams	33	Justin Davis
		25	Lance Dunbar

DEFENSE

DE		OLB	
90	Michael Brockers	98	Connor Barwin
97	Morgan Fox	50	Samson Ebukam
NT		LCB	
92	Tanzel Smart	22	Trumaine Johnson
95	Tyrunn Walker	23	Nickell Robey-Coleman
DT		SS	
99	Aaron Donald	43	John Johnson III
93	Ethan Westbrooks	24	Blake Countess
OLB		FS	
94	Robert Quinn	20	Lamarcus Joyner
96	Matt Longacre	41	Marqui Christian
51	Ejuan Price	RCB	
ILB		21	Kayvon Webster
52	Alec Ogletree	36	Dominique Hatfield
54	Bryce Hager	32	Troy Hill
ILB			
26	Mark Barron		
58	Cory Littleton		

SPECIALISTS

P/H		PR	
6	Johnny Hekker	10	Pharoh Cooper
K		18	Cooper Kupp
4	Greg Zuerlein	LS	
KOR		44	Jake McQuaide
10	Pharoh Cooper		
11	Tavon Austin		

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TIMEOUT WITH DANIELLE HUNTER

DANIELLE HUNTER HAD A MEMORABLE
23RD BIRTHDAY AND MULTIPLE
REASONS TO CELEBRATE.

BY CRAIG PETERS

THE VIKINGS THIRD-YEAR defensive end began his next trip around the sun on Oct. 29, the same day that Minnesota defeated Cleveland 33-16 in Week 8 at London's Twickenham Stadium.

Hunter delivered a key play in the game on the first snap of the second half when he forced a fumble by Isaiah Crowell that was recovered by Anthony Harris. The Vikings took possession of the ball at the Browns 30-yard line and took the lead for good with a 43-yard field goal by Kai Forbath.

The day had extra significance for Hunter because he was able to play in front of several family members who were originally from his native country of Jamaica. They hadn't seen the 6-foot-5, 252-pounder in person since he was a toddler. Hunter moved to the United States when he was 8.

Hunter and the Vikings returned from their bye last week by visiting Washington, and he recorded his fourth sack of the season. The 2015 third-round pick swung behind Tom Johnson to surge through the line and take down Kirk Cousins for a loss of 14 yards. The sack put Washington in a fourth-and-24, and the Redskins had to settle for a 55-yard field goal with 1:14 remaining.



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Minnesota prevailed 38-30 and improved to 7-2 on the season. The Vikings completed a five-game winning streak for the third consecutive season and will try to extend that today against a 7-2 Rams team with an explosive offense.

When Hunter is not on the field or in the weight room, he enjoys flying his Inspire 1 drone.

"I had a friend in town a few weeks ago. We took ours out and went flying," Hunter said. "[Offensive tackle Mike] Remmers has one. He's always bugging me about trying to fly with him. I'm like, 'Whenever you want to fly, just let me know.'"

Q. What's life as a starter been like? You made that transition in high school and college, and now you're making it in the pros.

A. It's basically just going out there and being an every-down player, just doing your job. Don't try and be Superman or anything like that. Last year, I was a part-time player, only in on passing downs mostly, but this year, I'm in for more base defense plays and passing downs, so it's just going in there and doing your job.



Q. The Vikings rank third in the NFL in rushing yards allowed per game entering Week 11 after finishing 20th in the category last year. What's helped your improvement against the run as a team this year?

A. *That's our main goal, stopping the run first, so later on, we get to rush the passer.*

Q. What happened on the forced fumble you caused against Cleveland in London?

A. *We didn't start the first half how we wanted to, so everybody had in their mind the mentality of being better than in the first half. They ran the ball, and it was supposed to be my play to make, my gap, so I saw the guy and lunged for him. My hand just happened to be on the ball, and the ball came out. I just dove, and my hand hit the ball, and it came out.*

Q. You guys were obviously focused on preparing for Cleveland but did have a little free time to explore. What did you think of London?

A. *I went to downtown London. We went to Harrods and saw a lot of things. I learned*

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that things in London are very expensive. I had family out there that's been out there since I was little. I saw them – aunties and cousins.

Q. Was that game the first time they've seen you play?

A. *That's the first time they've seen me in a long time. The last time they saw me was when I was a kid when they left Jamaica to go to England. We parted ways. Some went to England, and some came here. There's a lot of Jamaicans in England and a lot in New York. They parted to go to the UK, so that was my first time seeing them in a long time. I didn't even remember how they looked. I've seen pictures and all that, but it's been so long since we've seen each other in person. I was 3 or maybe even 2.*

Q. Do you ever think about how your life would be different had your mom picked England instead of America?

A. *I probably wouldn't have been playing football. I would have been playing soccer or something.*

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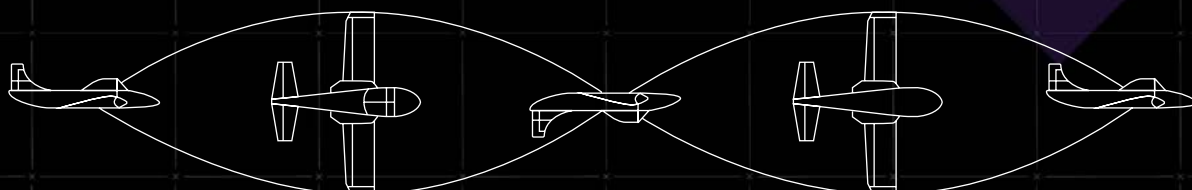
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IN CONTROL

BY ERIC SMITH



- AILERON ROLL

THE EXPRESSION ON HARRISON SMITH'S FACE SAID IT ALL.

As he emerged from the cockpit of a retro silver plane with the red nose that was built well before Smith was even born, the Vikings Pro Bowl safety was beaming with exhilaration.

"Now that was a good time!" Smith exclaimed on an overcast July afternoon at the Anoka County-Blaine Airport.

Smith's entire focus is currently on the Vikings as they march toward a potential playoff berth, but the former first-round pick indulged in one of his favorite hobbies this summer when he spent a day flying and geeking out in the air.

Smith was in elite company, sharing a plane with Curt Brown, a former NASA space shuttle commander and retired Air Force Colonel.

The duo teamed up to man a 1943 SNJ-4 Navy aircraft that was used to train pilots in

Pensacola, Florida, during World War II. The old bird was in fine form as Smith and Brown flew in formation with pilots of two other planes, smoke trailing from the engines in a perfect pattern.

Smith and Brown then branched off and did some tricks of their own.

Smith said he had just done some basic flying before he got in the cockpit with Brown, who showed him a new thing or two.

"I wanted to expose him to a little bit different kind of flying than he has been exposed to. I know he's a rated pilot, so I wanted to introduce him to some of our warbird flying, which is in our World War II-type aircrafts," Brown said. "We introduced him to a little bit of formation, which is something you never get when you are just getting your license."





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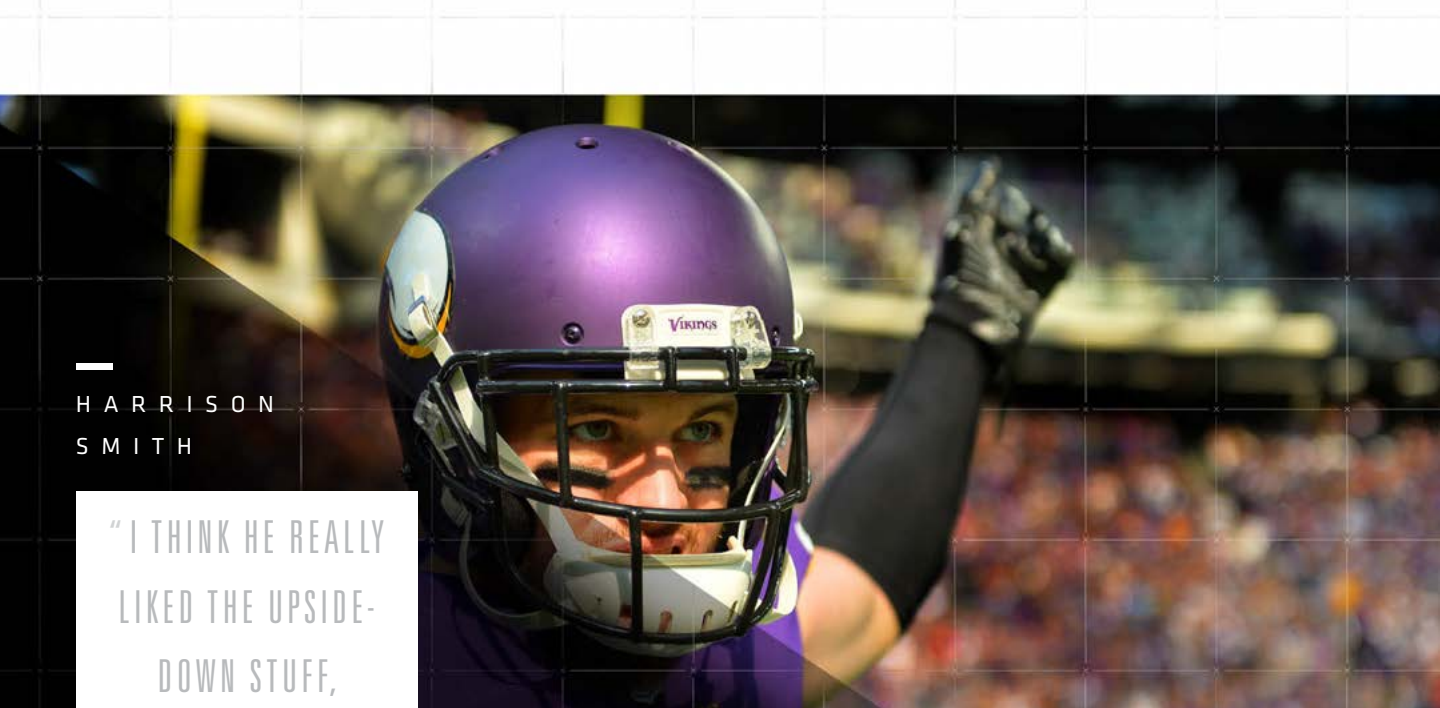
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"And then also I took him out and we did a little bit of aerobatics. Aileron rolls and loops and those kind of things. Going upside down," Brown added.

Brown said he knew Smith was enjoying the ride midway through the hour-long flight.

"I think he really liked the upside-down stuff," Brown said. "I could tell because he made one comment, when we were making a turn, he said. 'Woo, that's a little bit more than the 30 degrees that I'm used to.'"

"In a Cessna, you go about 30 degrees bank, and that's it," Brown added. "In these aircrafts, we do 90 degrees bank and we do loops and whatever. He got surprised by that, I think."

Smith said the experience was the thrill of a lifetime, adding that he gained a whole new appreciation for this intense type of flying.

"This is one of the first times I've been able to flip the plane upside down and things like that," Smith said. "Flying with a legend is pretty sweet. Very fortunate to be able to do it and couldn't be happier that they let me come out here and hang with them."

"The formation flying is what we started with, doing a low pass with the smoke going. That was just incredible how close they get to each other and then break off and switch around," Smith added. "Then we broke off and did a couple aileron rolls and loops, which was a lot of fun. You get to feel some g-forces. It was awesome."

Although clouds and rain hampered the chance for

a gorgeous view of the Minnesota landscape, Smith took in the experience like a wide-eyed child.

He began exploring how to obtain his pilot's license a few years ago as a way to overcome a small fear of flying. Smith had roughly 100 hours in the air by July but noted he doesn't keep an official log of it.

While Smith has overcome his fear of flying, he has gained an appreciation for what all goes into getting the plane off the ground, circling the skies and touching back down again.

"It's something, I think, that is a level of responsibility that you don't find doing a lot of things," Smith said. "It teaches you a lot of skills as far as preparation, organization, communication ... just a lot of things, the actual mechanics of flying."

"I think it's great for anyone who gets the chance to get into it because it can teach you so much about yourself and just help make you a more skilled person," Smith added.

While Smith had flown with other co-pilots before, it's unlikely one matched the status of Brown.

The North Carolina native with a dry sense of humor was fascinated by the skies as a child even though he had no family connection to flying. But he pursued his dream and landed at the United States Air Force Academy before moving on to Fighter Weapons School, which Brown said is the Air Force's version of Top Gun.

"I'm slightly taller than Tom Cruise ... other than that we're the same," Brown cracked.

But Brown had his eyes on an even bigger role, and he eventually became a space shuttle commander for NASA in 1987. He flew six missions in seven years and took former astronaut John Glenn, the first American to orbit Earth and one of Brown's childhood heroes, back up in space in 1998. Brown retired for a few years but missed being at the controls, so he is now a commercial airline pilot.

A man of many accomplishments, Brown said, "I just go by Curt," and that he puts his pants on the same as anyone else.

Yet even Brown said he was elated to share the skies with Smith, as the two chatted about aerial lingo and pilot jargon.

"I can talk to safeties that have played in the NFL and have been very successful and kind of speak the same language and get what they're talking about," Smith said. "With these guys, I'm a novice. I'm nowhere close, so just hearing some of their stories and the things they've done and their past, it's interesting."

Smith is no novice on the field, however. He has made back-to-back Pro Bowls and appears to be on track for another nod this season.

The safety has recorded 62 total tackles (according to coaches' tally) to go along with a team-high three interceptions, eight tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks. Vikings defensive backs coach Jerry Gray said Smith's versatility makes him one of the NFL's elite players at his position.

"He's made a lot of impact plays these first [nine] ball games," Gray said. "Anytime you've got a guy who can cover, who can rush [the quarterback] ... and do it at a high level ... that only helps you. He's not just a cover guy or a rush guy, he can do both."

"He is a guy who I would say is going to show you by example and then go do his job at a high level," Gray added. "That's how you look at this guy as a leader. To me, he's always been a captain."

As Smith mentioned above, he has gained skills and traits from flying to ensure he is at his sharpest when he is in the cockpit.

Gray noted that he'd already seen most of those characteristics from Smith well before he took to the skies, but it's only made him a steady and reliable pilot.

"When you're a pilot, you know that you have yourself and the people that are riding with you, their life is in your hands," Gray said. "You have to pay attention to detail and to everything that's going on around you."

"I see him doing the same thing on the football field," Gray said. "He does the things you want to see good football players do on a consistent basis day-in and day-out."

Smith had perhaps the time of his life with Brown on that July afternoon as he flew with an aviation legend in one of the most unique planes around.

But don't expect the hard-hitting safety to take up his hobby during the season, especially during one that could see the Vikings take home an NFC North crown.

While flying is one of Smith's biggest passions, he reported to training camp roughly a week after flying with Brown.

Smith has been locked in ever since.

"That's my main focus. There's really no balance when it comes to football. As long as I'm fortunate enough to play, that will always be No. 1. And that's it," Smith said. "When I have time, I try to expand my horizons and get into things such as aviation. But when it comes to football, there's no balance."

"I put all of these things on hold once the season comes around. I'll have to jump in after the season," Smith added. "Hopefully I don't have much time to train next year because we play so late into the year."

SEE HARRISON'S FLIGHT EXPERIENCE AND MORE IN THIS WEEK'S EPISODE OF *BEYOND THE GRIDIRON* ON VIKINGS.COM.

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Several Vikings players are participating in the Salute to Service initiative by wearing helmet decals honoring branches of the military. To see a full list of players and branches they will be representing, view the roster on page 18.

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JARED ALLEN'S HOMES FOR WOUNDED WARRIORS

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

Any defensive end will tell you that it's hard to beat the feeling of breaking through the opposing offensive line, surging toward the quarterback and taking down the signal caller yards behind the line of scrimmage.

Jared Allen spent six seasons with the Vikings, during which he recorded 85.5 of his 136 career sacks. He knows well the rush of adrenaline and a crowd's roaring response – but he considers his off-field contributions to be much more rewarding.

It all started with a 2009 USO tour to United States military bases in the Middle East. A couple of years prior to the trip, Allen had been made aware of a disparity that existed in adaptive housing for veterans but at the time was heavily committed to another nonprofit.

"But then I went on the USO tour," Allen said. "And when I came back, I knew I wanted to shift my focus to helping our men and women when they came back to the States."

Allen then founded "Jared Allen's Homes for Wounded Warriors," a nonprofit that raises money to build handicap-accessible and remodel homes to suit the needs of injured U.S. military veterans.

Allen recalls the casual startup meeting as "sitting down with a buddy"; the two

hashed out the concept of adaptive housing, asked themselves what "home" should mean – "our most secure place in our most vulnerable times" – and established the program's mission.

"We dove right in and just took it from there," Allen said.

Fans of Allen during his 12 seasons in the NFL are familiar with his level of intensity on the field, and he's poured just as much energy into a cause close to his heart.

Support for the military wasn't learned by Allen; rather, he was born into it. Allen's grandfather served in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars as a 23-year member of the U.S. Marine Corps; his brothers and uncles also served, including an uncle who spent 34 years in the U.S. Air Force.

"We knew that the reason we got to do what we did was because selfless men and women volunteered to serve our country and to go abroad and to fight for our daily freedoms," Allen said. "It's just always been a strongpoint in our family, so I always had that respect for them."

"So when I got an opportunity to go over and see firsthand what our men and women were going through and then hear some of the stories of the gap when they came back,

those who were severely wounded, I really felt like I had to do something to serve my country," Allen added. "I was employed with the Vikings at the time and playing in the NFL, so I figured the best way to do that was to serve those who serve us."

Since 2009, Allen and the organization have fully completed the builds or remodels of nine homes for veterans who were seriously wounded in combat. In addition, another eight homes – in eight different states – are currently under construction.

Each one has an amazing story of heroism and survival: Ken Champlin, who lost both of his legs below the knees and suffered a traumatic brain injury from an IED attack; Cory Remsburg, who was in a coma for more than three months after his platoon hit a roadside bomb in Afghanistan during his 10th deployment to the Middle East; Colin Faust, who lost his left leg and suffered severe injuries to his right arm and leg when he stepped on an IED; Andrew Hanson, who lost both of his legs when he was hit by an EEP while serving in Iraq in 2007.

After recovering, Hanson began looking for ways to make his home in Luverne, Minnesota, handicap accessible. After making small modifications himself

over several years, Hanson was strongly encouraged by fellow servicemen to apply for assistance from Homes for Wounded Warriors. In 2014, Hanson submitted his application.

When Allen himself called Hanson to let him know that he'd been approved, the gesture spoke volumes.

"That went a long way," Hanson said. "It meant a lot. Right from there, I knew I was dealing with an organization that was honest and legitimate and genuinely wanted to help veterans."

JAHFWW remodeled Hanson's existing home to include an open kitchen, widened doorways, indoor and outdoor ramps and new appliances.

"After I was injured ... two of my goals were to get my house up to snuff, handicap accessible and to put myself in a place where I was financially stable," Hanson said. "But I hadn't really looked beyond that, because I knew it was going to take a long time."

Now, Hanson is pursuing his Master's degree in Orthotics and Prosthetics, with a passion to help others who have been affected by an amputation.

"I think in a big way, Jared and his organization really did kind of lead me down this path," Hanson said.

Allen called Hanson's story "phenomenal" and said it's just one example of lives that have been changed through the foundation.

"[Cory Remsburg's dad used] to tell us that when Cory was having a bad day, he would take him by his house, and that was his sense of independence," Allen said. "[John] Ricketts was on the suicide watch list when we got his name. He was in a really bad, dark place, and now after building the house and doing that, we went to his wedding almost two years ago now. Seeing where they started from and seeing where they end up,

it's always special."

Allen remains incredibly hands-on with the nonprofit. The Pro Bowler reviews applications, personally calls veterans who have been selected to receive a home build or remodel, and never misses an opportunity to hand over the keys.

"To be able to answer that prayer for them, to be able to take that little snippet of life pressures off their plate for that moment, it's the best," Allen said.

And it doesn't stop there.

Allen invests in each of the veterans impacted through his foundation, and it's a relationship that's often long-lasting.

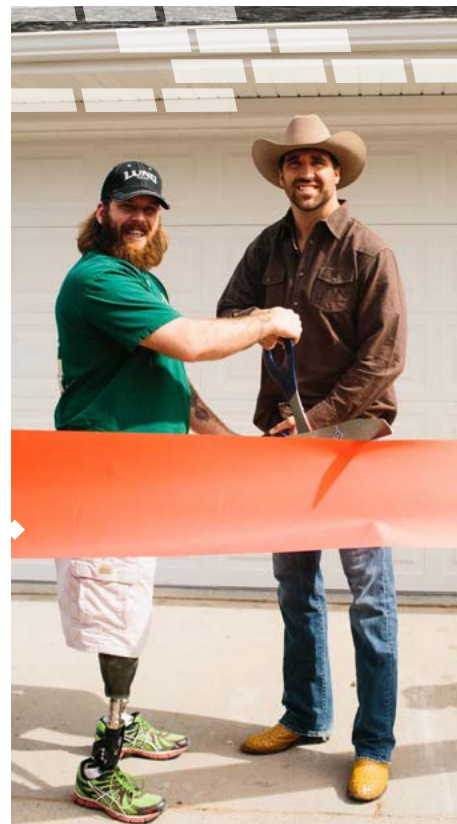
"We try to stay connected with them and give them someone they can always contact or talk to," Allen said. "We're always there for them."

Jared Allen is known for many things: twice leading the NFL in sacks en route to 136 total and the signature celebration that accompanied each one; five Pro-Bowl appearances; the cowboy boots, belt buckles and signature mullet that has also retired.

But he hopes that he's remembered for something much bigger than all of it.

"Football's great, and football was something I loved to do. But at the end of the day, none of this is stuff we can take with us," said Allen, who recalled a team chapel service during his time in Minnesota.

"The pastor asked, 'Do you want to be successful or significant?' Being successful is great, and you can make a lot of money or be well-known for your craft, but significance is what you leave behind, what people are going to remember. How did you spend your time here on earth?" Allen said. "That's always been my mentality. So it's awesome [doing what you can] to make other people's lives better – to pay it forward, so to speak."



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BY CRAIG PETERS

Vikings players, alumni and cheerleaders recently expressed their sincere gratitude for sacrifices made by American heroes during the team's seventh annual visit to the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Health Care System.

Ben Gedeon, Stephen Weatherly, Kevin McDermott and Ryan Quigley were joined by Vikings Legends Dave Osborn, Rickey Young and Bob Lurtsema as well as Vikings Cheerleaders Danielle and Evan in sharing their appreciation for veterans who are receiving treatment at the hospital.

The veterans enjoyed revisiting the careers of Osborn, Young and Lurtsema and expressed excitement over the status of the current team.

Players said that they valued the opportunity to express their appreciation because they have veterans in their families and have close relationships with current service members.

One of Gedeon's brothers attended the United States Naval Academy and is currently serving in the Navy.

"Without their sacrifices, we wouldn't be able to play the great game of football and

be able to do all of the cool things that we do or go about in everyday life," Gedeon said. "To give back to them is really important."

Weatherly said his great uncle (grandfather's brother) served in the Army and received treatment in a VA hospital toward the end of his life.

When a close childhood friend of Weatherly's graduated from the United States Air Force Academy, Weatherly took a break in his pre-combine training to attend the friend's graduation in Colorado. They have been able to stay connected.

"He's currently stationed in Montana, so I was able to go visit him and tell him how proud I am of him," Weatherly said. "We're the same age, grew up together, and I just said, 'You're on your way to doing great things. I'm proud of you.'"

Quigley and McDermott each had grandparents who served in the military, and they also work daily with Special Teams Coordinator Mike Priefer, a former Naval officer and helicopter pilot.

"Having family members who have served and hearing their stories, these people put their lives on hold for our lives so we can be

free to do what we want here in our country," Quigley said.

McDermott's grandfather served in Korea and eventually retired as a brigadier general in the National Guard.

"It's a great honor. It's a fantastic facility here. We're lucky that there are so many veterans in the Minneapolis area," McDermott said. "It's the least we can do for people who really have given so much to our country and put their lives on the line."

One of the veterans the players met was Minneapolis native Henry Smith, who is rehabbing from spinal surgery at the hospital's Spinal Cord Injury Center.

Smith served in the Army and worked in a burn unit at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, during the Vietnam War.

"My job was bad, but theirs was worse," Smith said of soldiers he helped treat in 1971.

Smith and other veterans received hats from the Vikings that the players and cheerleaders gladly signed.

Lurtsema, Osborn and Young also visited the Minnesota Veterans Home – Minneapolis on Nov. 7 to play bingo with veterans. It marked the 18th consecutive year for Vikings representatives to visit the Veterans Home.





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VETERANS VOYAGE

BY ERIC SMITH



IT WAS THE SURPRISE, AND THE TRIP, OF A LIFETIME FOR FIVE MINNESOTA-BASED VETERANS.

It also was a weekend filled with a myriad of emotions, as a group of mostly strangers bonded together over their service to their country and the celebration of their sacrifices.

The Vikings recently partnered with Hy-Vee to send five veterans and guests to Washington, D.C., for a “Veterans Voyage.” The group visited sights in the nation’s capital before watching Minnesota’s 38-30 win on Sunday.

“It’s just been a completely cool weekend,” said veteran Shannon Larsen. “It’s hard to explain. You can’t put it into words because it’s been so humbling.

“We’re just soaking it all in,” Larsen added. “Maybe next week we’ll digest it.”

Larsen served in the U.S. Army in Operation Desert Storm. She met her husband, Mark, who was also on the trip, in the military.

Army veteran Rick Greer, who served in the Vietnam War, made his first trip to the

nation’s capital. Daniel Sebo of the Army National Guard and Steven Lovan of the Air National Guard also went to Washington D.C.

Tiffany Ziemer of the U.S. Army Reserves also went along with her husband, Greg, who is currently a soldier in the Army.

The experience began Friday morning when the veterans showed up to Hy-Vee in Eagan for what the group thought was a “Salute to Service” breakfast.

And while there was food, there was also a gift box for each of the five veterans.

Vikings Hall of Famer Paul Krause arrived to thank the group for their service and delivered a shocking message: they were all flying to Washington, D.C., to celebrate Veterans Day weekend.

“I am completely shocked right now. I’m very overwhelmed,” Ziemer said shortly after the announcement. “When we opened the box to see what the whole trip was going to be – I didn’t know it was a trip, I thought it was breakfast. It’s amazing.

“It’s flattering because you don’t think of yourself as different from anybody else that’s just walking down the street,” Ziemer later added. “To be recognized for what

you’ve done, what you’ve experienced, it’s overwhelming.”

Shannon Larsen said: “I seriously had to pick up my jaw from the floor and regroup.”

Added Lovan: “I was not expecting this. I was happy with just the breakfast.”

Krause, who played for both Minnesota and Washington in his 16-year career, said he jumped at the chance to surprise the group.

“I like what the military has done for us,” Krause said. “It’s really important for me to meet the military guys and gals because they give their life for us and protect our country. I am so thankful for them.”

The veterans’ spouses were in on the trip, secretly packing bags.

“My Army training came in. [Shannon] didn’t have a clue,” Mark Larsen said with a laugh. “I was excited for her because I knew what a big deal it would be for her.

“The hardest part was waiting because it was like Christmas,” he added. “I had been keeping a secret for about a month. She had no clue whatsoever.”

The group was whisked to the airport by limo.

An event-filled Saturday included a special

Veterans Day event at Arlington National Cemetery. The group saw the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns and listened to remarks by Vice President Mike Pence.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime thing ... it's absolutely amazing," Sebo said of the ceremony.

The group later received a private tour of the United States Capitol building before the night was capped off by a moonlight tour of monuments, including the National World War II Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall.

It was the latter monument that produced the most poignant moment of the trip when Greer first saw the wall dedicated to the honor and sacrifice of the war he bravely fought in.

When the group approached the wall, they stepped back and allowed Greer to be alone with his thoughts and emotions.

Greer said a fellow Vietnam veteran gave him a pin to commemorate 50 years since his start of service. The 70-year-old joined the military when he was 20 years old.

"I'll never forget that. I didn't know him from Adam, but a very nice man," Greer said. "A lot of good things will stick in your mind forever. They really will. He shook my hand and said, 'Welcome home.' It really meant a lot.

"It breaks my heart to see all the names up there," Greer added. "I think a lot about it ... my name could have been up there,

you know?"

Added Larsen: "He was really reflecting on his friends that he lost when he was there."

Brett Taber, the Vikings Executive Director of Social Impact, said the organization was proud to give back to a select group of veterans for their service.

"We hope these veterans were able to feel the recognition they deserve from a grateful community and cherish the monuments in Washington they fought to defend," Taber said.

As the veterans gathered on the sideline prior to the Vikings game, the group reflected on what the weekend meant to them.

"It's just a neat day to be here," Larsen said on the sidelines of FedExField. "It's really cool to be part of this puzzle. Every piece of the puzzle counts in the military, no matter if you had a big job or a small job. You can't do the whole puzzle without that piece."

Those on the Veterans Voyage ranged from 28 to 70 years old. Greer, the elder statesman of the group eloquently summed up a trip the group, will cherish forever.

"It has been the best Veterans Day I've ever had in 50 years," Greer said, his voice filled with emotion..

"It's been a great time. A lot of tears ... a lot of happy tears, sad tears. A lot of laughter, a lot of hugs," Greer added. "I felt like I was with one big, happy family. It was phenomenal."



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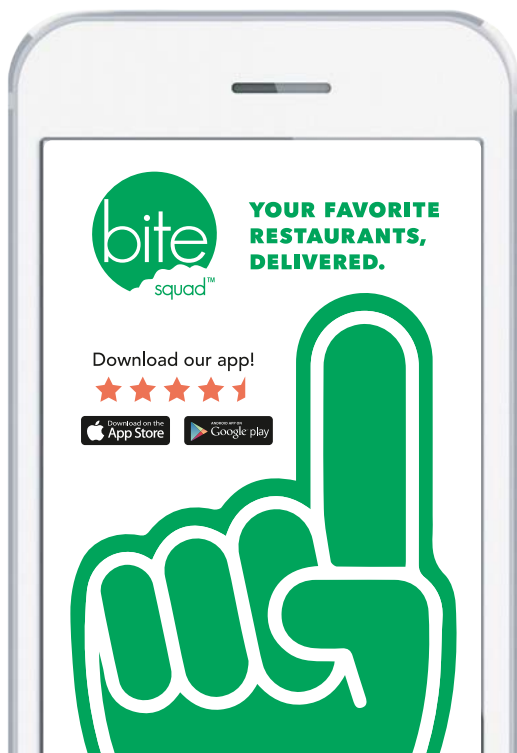
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Cima, a native of Western Pennsylvania, is a United States Army veteran who served 20 years, a West Point graduate and is well-experienced with the construction of sports facilities.

After playing defensive back and graduating from the U.S. Military Academy, Cima became an infantryman in Vietnam.

"I was an infantryman, so for 13 months I was plodding around the jungles of Vietnam, but fortunately, although I was wounded, I don't have any physical disabilities like a lot of veterans," Cima said.

Asked about the challenges of Vietnam, Cima said, "Everybody looks at things differently."

"I watch movies of World War II and say, 'How could they have ever lived like that?' People would ask me when we were in Desert Storm, 'How did you ever do what you did in Vietnam?' It's all relative," he explains. "It wasn't fun by any stretch of the imagination, but it was professionally rewarding. You are trained to do something, you do it, and you think you're pretty good at what you're doing."

After five years, Cima was able to attend graduate school at Purdue University and resumed his military career that totaled 20 years of service and 16 moves. The stops

included Royal Military Academy Sandhurst near London, the Middle East and finally Fort Lewis, Washington, where he commanded an infantry battalion of 1,000.

When Cima retired from the Army, he went to work for the Philadelphia Flyers. The owner's desire for a new home for the hockey team and the NBA's Sixers prompted him to turn to Cima's engineering and construction experience. After that, Cima switched leagues again but stayed in the neighborhood to work on the new headquarters and stadium for the NFL's Eagles.

After working for the NHL's New Jersey Devils and the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats and Saskatchewan Roughriders, he answered a call from the Wilf Family ownership group of the Vikings.

Even though Cima's wife, Sue, still lives near Philadelphia, he opted to remain with the Vikings after the completion of U.S. Bank Stadium to help with the team's future headquarters.

"My wife tried [Minnesota] the winter we had 50 days below zero, and she and the dog left," Cima said.

The couple's 50th wedding anniversary will be in December 2018. They have three children and three grandchildren.

Cima said he's enjoyed teamwork with Vikings staff members and drew a parallel between his service and current role.

"It may not sound like there's a lot of similarities, but it's learning to function with a team," Cima said "I enjoyed that when I played, I enjoyed that as a part of the Army process, and obviously here, too."



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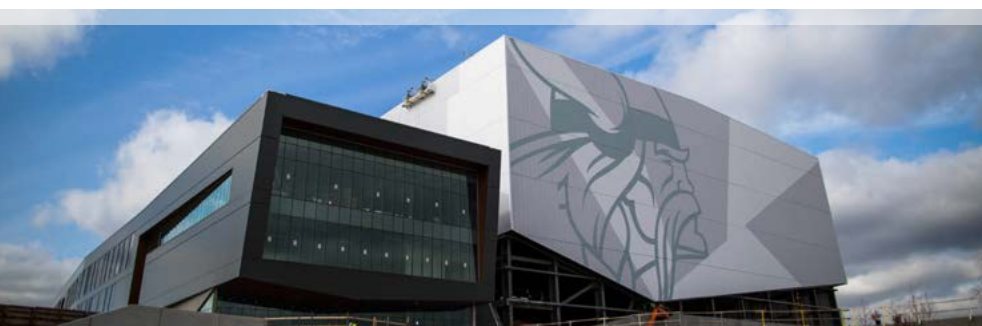
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David Morgan caught his first career touchdown last Sunday at Washington and joined *Vikings Connected* host and musician Chris Hawkey for a recent edition of "Vikings CARaoke, Volume II." Morgan indulged Hawkey by jamming to Buckcherry's "Sorry," one of the host's faves. *Vikings Connected* airs on WFTC on Fridays and on FSN on Saturdays. The segment hit Vikings.com earlier this week.



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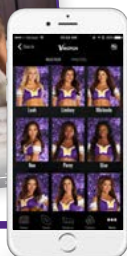
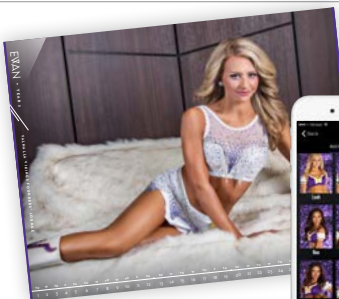
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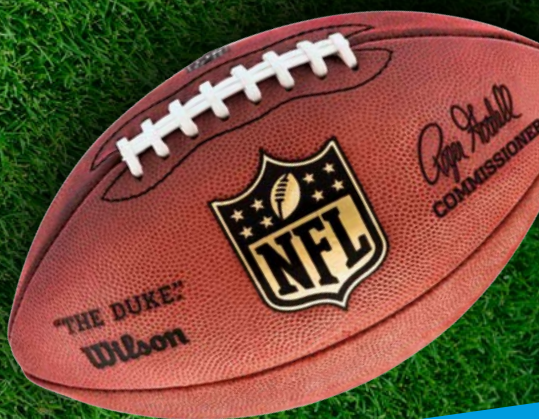
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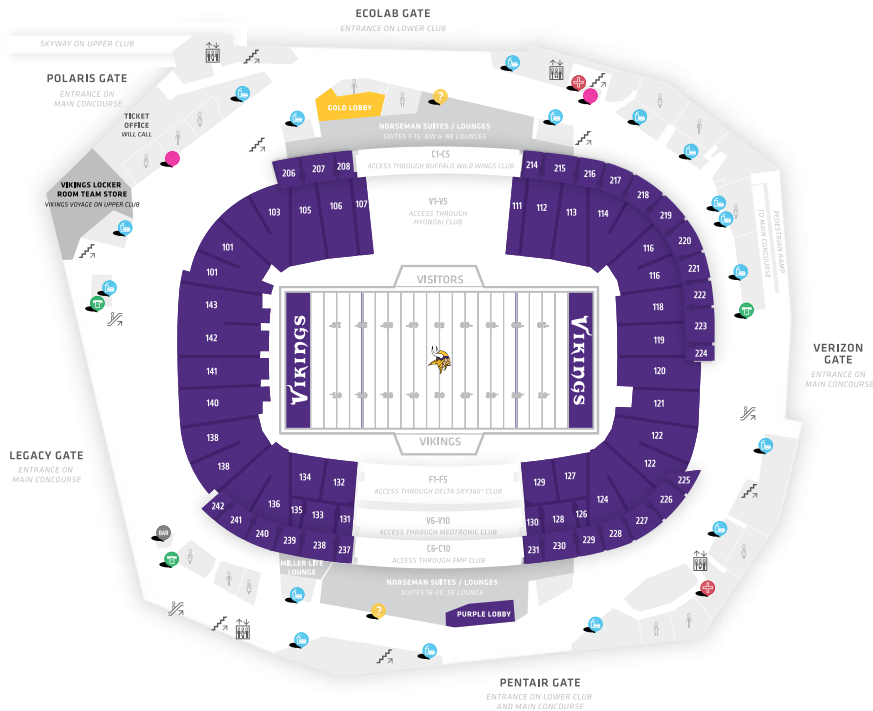
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