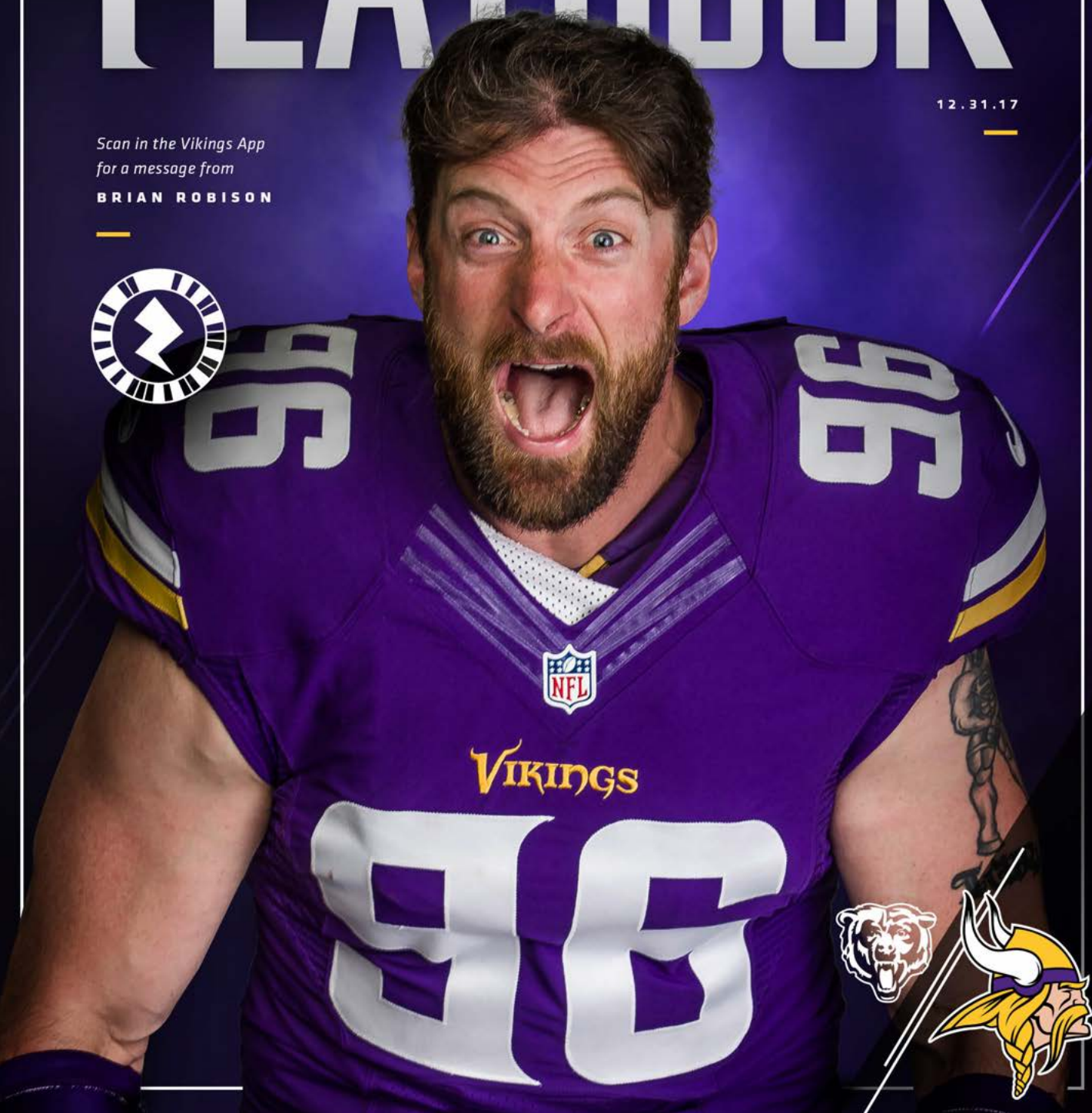


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VIKINGS AT PACKERS

THE VIKINGS DEFEATED THE PACKERS 16-0 IN WEEK 16. THE SHUTOUT WAS THE FIRST BY MINNESOTA AGAINST ANY TEAM SINCE 1993. IT WAS THE SECOND TIME THAT THE VIKINGS HAVE KEPT THE PACKERS OFF THE SCOREBOARD AND FIRST TIME AT LAMBEAU FIELD.

01 | Stefon Diggs led the Vikings with five catches for 60 yards and caught the game's only touchdown.

02 | Kai Forbath kicked field goals of 49, 20 and 27 yards on a night when the temperature was in the single digits.

03 | The Vikings rushed 33 times for 112 yards, helping Minnesota keep the ball for 31:37, including 9:14 of the third quarter.



04 | Harrison Smith recorded his first multi-interception game. The safety picked off Brett Hundley in the red zone in the second quarter and just before the two-minute warning in the fourth quarter to put the game on ice.

05 | David Morgan received a surprise game ball from Head Coach Mike Zimmer after the tight end filled in for injured long snapper Kevin McDermott.

06 | The Vikings defense recorded Minnesota's first shutout in Green Bay by limiting the Packers to 4-of-15 on third downs and 0-for-4 on fourth downs. It also was the first time for the Vikings to shut out an opponent since 1993.

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BEARS AT

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THE VIKINGS AND BEARS are closing out their regular seasons in Minnesota for the third time in four seasons. Today's NFC North rivalry game is the 114th time the teams have met (includes one postseason game). The Vikings have a 59-52-2 edge in the series that began with Fran Tarkenton coming off the bench to throw four touchdowns in Minnesota's inaugural regular-season game (Sept. 17, 1961) for a Vikings upset victory.

Minnesota clinched the NFC North two weeks ago with a 34-7 win against Cincinnati

and followed with a 16-0 shutout at Green Bay. The Vikings can secure a first-round bye and the No. 2 seed in the NFC Playoffs with a victory. Minnesota is aiming for its 13th victory, which would be the second-highest total in a regular season in franchise history.

The Bears gave the Vikings quite the challenge in Week 5, tying the game at 17 early in the fourth quarter. An interception by Harrison Smith, however, enabled Kai Forbath to kick a game-winning field goal with 12 seconds remaining.

COLOR GUARD

The colors will be presented by a Joint Services Honor Guard representing all branches of the military.

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The Vikings are pleased to welcome Army Gen. Joseph Votel, a Saint Paul native who is currently serving as the 13th Commander of the United States Central Command. CENTCOM directs and enables military operations and activities with allies to increase regional security and stability in an area of more than 4 million square miles from Northeast Africa across the Middle East to Central and South Asia. Votel will sound the Gjallarhorn today.

VIKINGS PRO BOWLERS

Vikings defensive end Everson Griffen, linebacker Anthony Barr and cornerback Xavier Rhodes have again been selected to the Pro Bowl and will be joined by first-time selection Adam Thielen. Griffen and Barr received the honor for a third straight season, and Rhodes has earned the distinction in back-to-back seasons.



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PLAYER TO WATCH: DE DANIELLE HUNTER

DANIELLE HUNTER, A THIRD-ROUND PICK IN 2015, is wrapping up his third pro season and first as a starter. Hunter ranks second on the team with 7.0 sacks and 11 tackles for loss this season, making an impact on opponents' efforts to run and throw the football. Hunter has a blend of speed and power when he's going forward and the agility to drop into covering a tight end. The Vikings defense enters today's game ranking first in the NFL in yards allowed (280.9) and points allowed (16.1) per game. He also been part of a Vikings defensive effort that has allowed just 19 runs of 10-plus yards this season, which is the fewest in the NFL and is on pace to be one of the best seasons by any team since 1991. The 1995 San Francisco 49ers allowed 20, and the 2008 Pittsburgh Steelers allowed 22.

DYNAMIC DUO: SINCE 2015, HUNTER AND EVERSON GRIFFEN HAVE COMBINED FOR 57 SACKS, WHICH IS TIED WITH CINCINNATI'S GENO ATKINS AND CARLOS DUNLAP FOR THE MOST BY ANY PAIR OF TEAMMATES IN THE NFL. HUNTER (7.0), GRIFFEN (13), BRIAN ROBISON (3.0) AND TASHAWN BOWER (1.0) HAVE COMBINED FOR 24 SACKS THIS SEASON, WHICH IS THE FOURTH-MOST BY A TEAM'S GROUP OF DEFENSIVE ENDS.

25.5 IN **3**

Hunter's 25.5 career sacks in three seasons are the most of any 2015 draft pick. They also are tied with Jim Marshall for fourth-most by a Viking in his first three seasons with Minnesota. Hunter enters today's game three back of Alan Page (28.5 from 1967-69) and one shy of Kevin Williams (26.5). Jared Allen had 40 from 2008-10.

2017 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Case Keenum	3,358
Rushing (Yds)	Latavius Murray	731
Receiving (Yds)	Adam Thielen	1,215
Tackles	Eric Kendricks	126
Sacks	Everson Griffen	13
Interceptions	Harrison Smith	5
KOR (Yds)	Jerick McKinnon	312
PR (Avg.)	Marcus Sherels	10.0

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 (12-3)

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	W	24-7
12	11/23	at Detroit Lions	W	30-23
13	12/3	at Atlanta Falcons	W	14-9
14	12/10	at Carolina Panthers	L	31-24
15	12/17	Cincinnati Bengals	W	34-7
16	12/23	at Green Bay Packers	W	16-0
17	12/31	Chicago Bears		

TOP 2s AGAINST BEARS

RUSHING YARDS

224	Adrian Peterson on 20 attempts at Chicago (Oct. 14, 2007)
211	Adrian Peterson on 35 attempts in Minnesota (Dec. 1, 2013)

PASSING YARDS

436	Tommy Kramer on 28-of-55 passing in Minnesota (Sept. 19, 1985)
392	Brett Favre on 32-of-48 passing in Minnesota (Nov. 29, 2009)

RECEIVING YARDS

204	Randy Moss on 12 catches at Chicago (Nov. 14, 1999)
177	Sammy White on 10 catches in Minnesota (Nov. 28, 1982)



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PLAYER TO WATCH: S EDDIE JACKSON

EDDIE JACKSON HAS HAD AN IMPRESSIVE AND IMPACTFUL DEBUT season for Chicago. Selected in the fourth round with the 112th overall pick of the 2017 NFL Draft out of Alabama, Jackson has started each game this season. Jackson has totaled 61 tackles (league stats), including 50 solo, and ranks fourth and fifth in the two categories, respectively. He also has six passes defended with two interceptions. Jackson has forced one fumble and recovered three. Jackson garnered NFC Defensive Player of the Week honors for Week 7 when he returned an interception for a touchdown and a fumble for a touchdown in a 17-3 win over Carolina. Big plays were common in college for Jackson, who was one of the Crimson Tide's permanent captains in 2016 and was named Second-Team All-SEC by the conference's coaches despite a leg injury that ended his final season at eight games.

FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING: JACKSON BECAME THE FIRST PLAYER IN NFL HISTORY WITH TWO DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS OF 75 OR MORE YARDS IN THE SAME GAME. HE RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION 76 YARDS AND A FUMBLE 75 YARDS FOR BOTH BEARS TOUCHDOWNS IN A 17-3 WIN AGAINST THE PANTHERS IN WEEK 7.

303 ON **9**

Jackson totaled 303 yards (a school record) and three scores on nine career interception returns at Alabama. He ranked seventh in FBS in 2015 with six interceptions and scored twice.

2017 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Mitchell Trubisky	2,015
Rushing (Yds)	Jordan Howard	1,113
Receiving (Yds)	Kendall Wright	585
Tackles	Christian Jones	87
Sacks	Akiem Hicks	8.5
Interceptions	Callahan, Fuller, Jackson	2
KOR (Yds)	Tarik Cohen	516
PR (Avg.)	Tarik Cohen	9.3

2017 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (2-2)

P1	8/10	Denver Broncos	L	24-17
P2	8/19	at Arizona Cardinals	W	24-23
P3	8/27	at Tennessee Titans	W	19-7
P4	9/1	Cleveland Browns	L	25-0

REGULAR SEASON (5-10)

1	9/10	Atlanta Falcons	L	23-17
2	9/17	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	L	29-7
3	9/24	Pittsburgh Steelers	W	23-17
4	9/28	at Green Bay Packers	L	35-14
5	10/9	Minnesota Vikings	L	20-17
6	10/15	at Baltimore Ravens	W	27-24
7	10/22	Carolina Panthers	W	17-3
8	10/29	at New Orleans Saints	L	20-12
9	11/5	BYE WEEK		
10	11/12	Green Bay Packers	L	23-16
11	11/19	Detroit Lions	L	27-24
12	11/26	at Philadelphia Eagles	L	31-3
13	12/3	San Francisco 49ers	L	15-14
14	12/10	at Cincinnati Bengals	W	33-7
15	12/16	at Detroit Lions	L	20-10
16	12/24	Cleveland Browns	W	20-3
17	12/31	at Minnesota Vikings		

TOP 2s AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

275	Walter Payton on 40 attempts at Chicago (Nov. 20, 1977)
197	Gale Sayers on 17 attempts at Chicago (Dec. 18, 1966)

PASSING YARDS

422	Jim Miller on 34-of-48 passing at Chicago (Nov. 14, 1999)
381	Brian Griese on 26-of-45 passing at Chicago (Oct. 14, 2007)

RECEIVING YARDS

249	Alshon Jeffery on 12 catches in Minnesota (Dec. 1, 2013)
198	Marty Booker on eight catches at Chicago (Sept. 8, 2002)



MINNESOTA VIKINGS

OFFENSE

WR

19 Adam Thielen
11 Laquon Treadwell
18 Michael Floyd

LT

71 Riley Reiff
69 Rashod Hill

LG

75 Jeremiah Sirles
63 Danny Isidora

C

65 Pat Elflein

RG

61 Joe Berger
63 Danny Isidora

RT

72 Mike Remmers
76 Aviante Collins

TE

82 Kyle Rudolph
89 David Morgan
86 Kyle Carter

WR

14 Stefon Diggs
17 Jarius Wright
13 Stacy 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
44 Jeff Overbaugh

PR

35 Marcus Sherels
13 Stacy Coley

KR

35 Marcus Sherels
21 Jerick McKinnon
13 Stacy 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	24	3	Maryland
17	Jarius Wright	WR	5-10	191	28	6	Arkansas
18	Michael Floyd	WR	6-3	220	28	6	Notre Dame
19	Adam Thielen	WR	6-2	200	27	4	Minnesota State
20	Mackensie Alexander	CB	5-10	192	24	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
44	Jeff Overbaugh	LS	6-1	232	24	1	San Diego State
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
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	29	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
82	Kyle Rudolph	TE	6-6	265	28	7	Notre Dame
86	Kyle Carter	TE	6-3	245	25	1	Penn State
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	30	8	Southern California
98	Linval Joseph	DT	6-4	329	29	8	East Carolina
99	Danielle Hunter	DE	6-5	252	23	3	LSU

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
1	Mike Nugent	K	5-10	190	35	13	Ohio State
6	Mark Sanchez	QB	6-2	232	31	9	USC
8	Mike Glennon	QB	6-6	229	28	5	North Carolina St.
10	Mitchell Trubisky	QB	6-3	222	23	R	North Carolina
12	Markus Wheaton	WR	5-11	185	26	5	Oregon State
13	Kendall Wright	WR	5-10	185	28	6	Baylor
15	Joshua Bellamy	WR	6-0	208	28	3	Louisville
16	Pat O'Donnell	P	6-4	217	26	4	Miami (Fla.)
17	Dontrelle Inman	WR	6-3	205	28	4	Virginia
20	Prince Amukamara	DB	6-0	204	28	7	Nebraska
22	Cre'Von LeBlanc	DB	5-11	190	23	2	Florida Atlantic
23	Kyle Fuller	DB	5-11	190	25	4	Virginia Tech
24	Jordan Howard	RB	6-0	224	23	2	Indiana
26	Deon Bush	DB	6-0	205	24	2	Miami (Fla.)
27	Sherrick McManis	DB	6-1	193	30	8	Northwestern
29	Tarik Cohen	RB	5-6	181	22	R	North Carolina A&T
30	Benny Cunningham	RB	5-10	218	27	5	Middle Tennessee St.
31	Marcus Cooper, Sr.	DB	6-2	197	27	5	Rutgers
32	Deiondre' Hall	DB	6-2	206	23	2	Northern Iowa
33	Taquan Mizzell	RB	5-10	185	24	R	Virginia
36	D. Houston-Carson	DB	6-1	205	24	2	William & Mary
37	Bryce Callahan	DB	5-9	188	26	3	Rice
38	Adrian Amos	DB	6-0	214	24	3	Penn State
39	Eddie Jackson	DB	6-0	202	24	R	Alabama
44	Nick Kwiatkoski	LB	6-2	242	24	2	West Virginia
46	Michael Burton	FB	6-0	240	25	3	Rutgers
49	Andrew DePaola	LS	6-2	230	30	4	Rutgers
52	Christian Jones	LB	6-3	245	26	4	Florida State
53	John Timu	LB	6-0	246	25	3	Washington
55	Hroniss Grasu	OL	6-3	301	26	3	Oregon
57	Howard Jones	LB	6-4	238	27	3	Shepherd
58	Jonathan Anderson	LB	6-1	237	26	3	TCU
59	Danny Trevathan	LB	6-1	239	27	6	Kentucky
60	Brandon Greene	OL	6-5	295	23	R	Alabama
63	Cameron Lee	OL	6-5	312	23	R	Illinois State
65	Cody Whitehair	OL	6-4	310	25	2	Kansas State
69	Rashaad Coward	DL	6-6	320	23	R	Old Dominion
70	Bobby Massie	OL	6-6	317	28	6	Mississippi
71	Josh Sitton	OL	6-3	320	31	10	UCF
72	Charles Leno, Jr.	OL	6-3	306	26	4	Boise State
73	John Jenkins	DL	6-3	327	28	5	Georgia
76	Tom Compton	OL	6-5	313	28	5	South Dakota
79	Bradley Sowell	OL	6-7	312	28	6	Mississippi
84	Ben Braunecker	TE	6-4	252	23	2	Harvard
85	Daniel Brown	TE	6-5	247	25	3	James Madison
87	Adam Shaheen	TE	6-6	270	23	R	Ashland
88	Dion Sims	TE	6-4	268	26	5	Michigan State
90	Jonathan Bullard	DL	6-3	296	24	2	Florida
91	Eddie Goldman	DL	6-4	320	23	3	Florida State
93	Sam Acho	LB	6-3	259	29	7	Texas
95	Roy Robertson-Harris	DL	6-7	294	24	1	UTEP
96	Akiem Hicks	DL	6-5	332	28	6	Regina
99	Lamarr Houston	LB	6-3	274	30	8	Texas

*Depth charts are unofficial

OFFENSE

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60 Brandon Greene

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63 Cameron Lee

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79 Bradley Sowell

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TEN-YEAR-OLD LAQUON TREADWELL AND HIS THREE BROTHERS WERE IN THEIR FRONT YARD OF A NEW NEIGHBORHOOD, THROWING A FOOTBALL BACK AND FORTH, WHEN A BOY THEY'D NEVER MET BEFORE STOPPED BY AND ASKED IF THEY WANTED TO PLAY ON A TEAM.

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

"We always played with a football, but we didn't know it was a team sport, an organized sport," Treadwell recalled.

Treadwell and his brothers checked in with their mother, jumped on their bikes and followed their new friend.

As Treadwell pedaled his bike up a hill and reached the crest, he saw it.

"There were cheerleaders, there were players on the field, everywhere," Treadwell said. "I can still picture it to this day, when I went over that hill and just saw all the activity.

"It was something we'd never seen because of where we were from, there was [a lot of] violence, and there weren't any organized sports [outside] of school," Treadwell said. "And when we got there, it was like, 'Wow. This is a whole new world.'"

Treadwell jumped in with both feet. While he hoped to be a running back, he was edged out by a boy named Lonnie – the two are still friends years later – and ended up playing fullback instead.

"But it was all good; we ended up going undefeated and winning the championship," Treadwell said. "I loved that moment, and I've loved football ever since then."

We caught up with Laquon for a recent Timeout:



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Q. A lot of players are active in the community this time of year, but why did you decide on a recent visit with elementary students?

A. Well, it is the holiday season, and I just thought it was necessary. I was less fortunate as a kid. I didn't get too many presents at Christmas, and my mom worked really hard. She was a single mom of six kids, so you know how tough that could have been. But she did what she could, and I've just seen myself as someone who can get out and impact some kids.

We went up [to the school], and I passed out some footballs and some presents, some player cards, and we had a pizza party. The kids were very excited from the time I walked in.

Then we went to the gym, and we did some exercises and threw some footballs around. They just enjoyed it, and it made an impact on them. It was good for me to see, it was a humbling experience, and I'll just continue to focus on working hard and giving back.

Q. You talk a lot about wanting to be a positive influence; who made a positive impact on your life?

A. My mentors, Jerry Butler and Torian Moore. There were several men in my life that I leaned on and took knowledge and wisdom from, but those two were probably the most impactful. [My first youth coach] impacted my life tremendously ... He was our

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head coach, and he just always taught us discipline and other things that help me even today.

I speak a lot about the story of Dwyane Wade coming to my elementary school because that made such an impact. And I still remember it, so I know it made a positive impact on my life and where I wanted to be. Every time I go to these schools, I just remember myself in those shoes.

Q. Growing up in Chicago, did you watch the Chicago Bears a lot?

A. As a kid, I used to watch Devin Hester and Bernard Berrian, but I wasn't a Bears fan. I would also watch Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne [on the Colts]. I used to always hear Peyton [Manning] say "Omaha" – that's all we knew growing up and would joke about it as kids.

Growing up, all we used to see were cold games, snowy games, games playing in the snow – Brian Urlacher, Charles Tillman punching balls out – and just physical games ... the NFC North, all we knew was just hard-nosed, running the ball, Adrian Peterson. We just knew it was going to be a snowy, [gritty] type of game – that's all we knew, and that's how we played when we grew up.

Q. How have you grown the most since being drafted in 2016?

A. I just have a better understanding of not just the game, but overall, just professionalism. It's one thing to be a great athlete, but it's another thing to be a professional – and I think every guy here does a great job of that. When I came here, I tried to figure out where I would fit in on the team, where my character on the team would fit in.

I'm a humble guy, but I'm a competitor. I didn't want to rub anybody the wrong way. I wanted to compete, I wanted to make plays, but it's also a business [and I wanted to] learn the business.

When I got here, I had to learn everything, and it was just being in the building every day and taking it a day at a time – going through the fire, learning, messing up, and I just think I've learned the professionalism of it and knowing how to be not only a great athlete but a great teammate and being coachable. I was always coachable, but the NFL is a different level. It's a different type of communication.



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– LAQUON TREADWELL

Q. What do you think makes this 2017 Vikings team special?

A. I think the team this year is special because there's no selfishness.

If you look around the locker room, I mean, everybody wants to be "the guy" and everybody wants to contribute, but I think that's what fuels the team – everybody wants to be a part of helping the team win. And when it comes to Sunday, it all comes out on the field against the other team. There's no selfishness; everybody works hard. I consider myself a hard worker, but Adam [Thielen] and [Stefon] Diggs, they're working just as hard and probably harder. That's the biggest thing.

Everybody takes it a day at a time ... we're just going to work. And then we get to Sunday, and it's more fun when you know you've put in all the work throughout the week and you didn't leave any plays or give a coach a reason to say, "You didn't do this right," or "You didn't put enough effort in." If you watch our film, everybody's scratching and searching for a block or running routes, even if they're not getting the ball. If you look at other teams, guys are taking plays off, guys not blocking for the running back, so that's what makes the difference on our team. Everybody's unselfish and willing to do the extra to help our team win.



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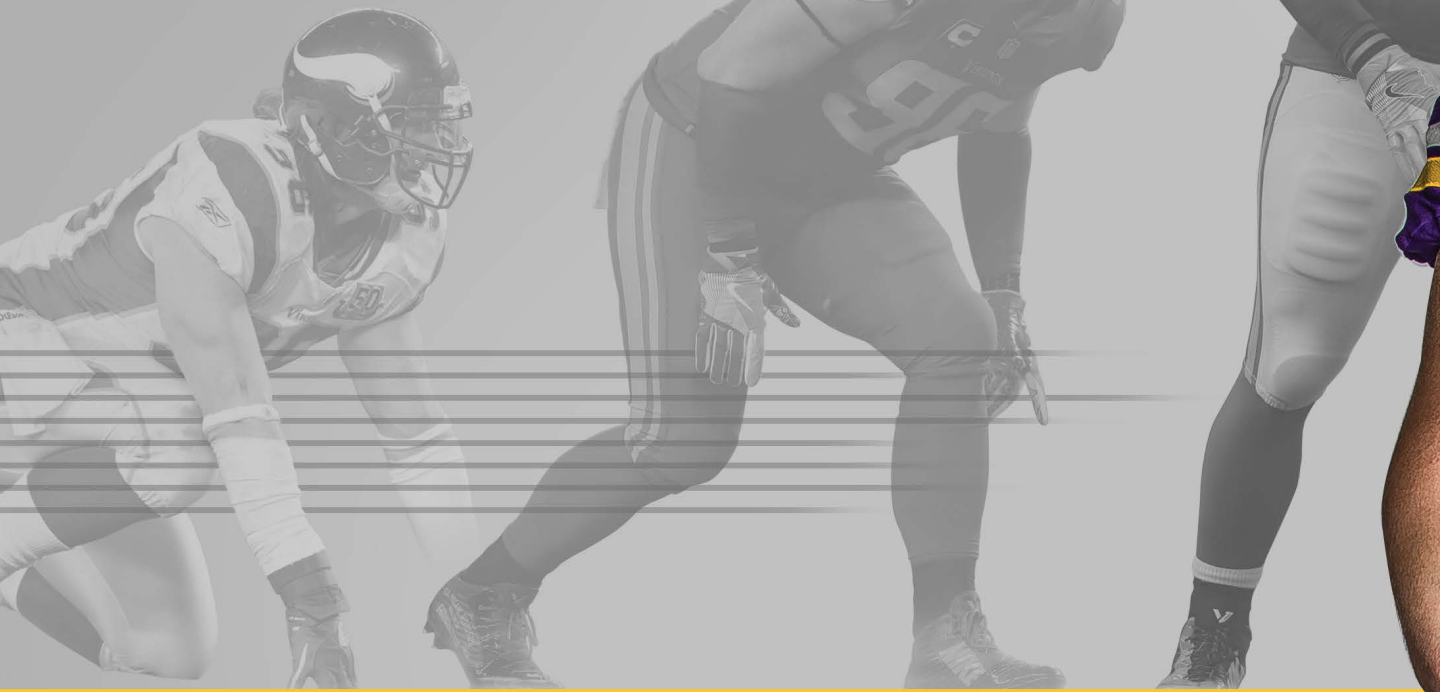
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Instead, it was a heart-to-heart – and Brian Robison opened veins, releasing his Purple blood.

Although Robison had started 65 consecutive regular-season games since Week 17 of 2012, he told teammates in the Vikings defensive line meeting room that Danielle Hunter was ready to start opposite Griffen this season.

“When you take a back seat, there’s a lot of pride and emotion that comes with that,” Robison said.

“For me, it was about showing the guys that I am a team player, that this is not about me, and as an 11-year vet, you don’t take things for granted.”

Robison believed in this team’s potential and wanted nothing more than to make it a reality.

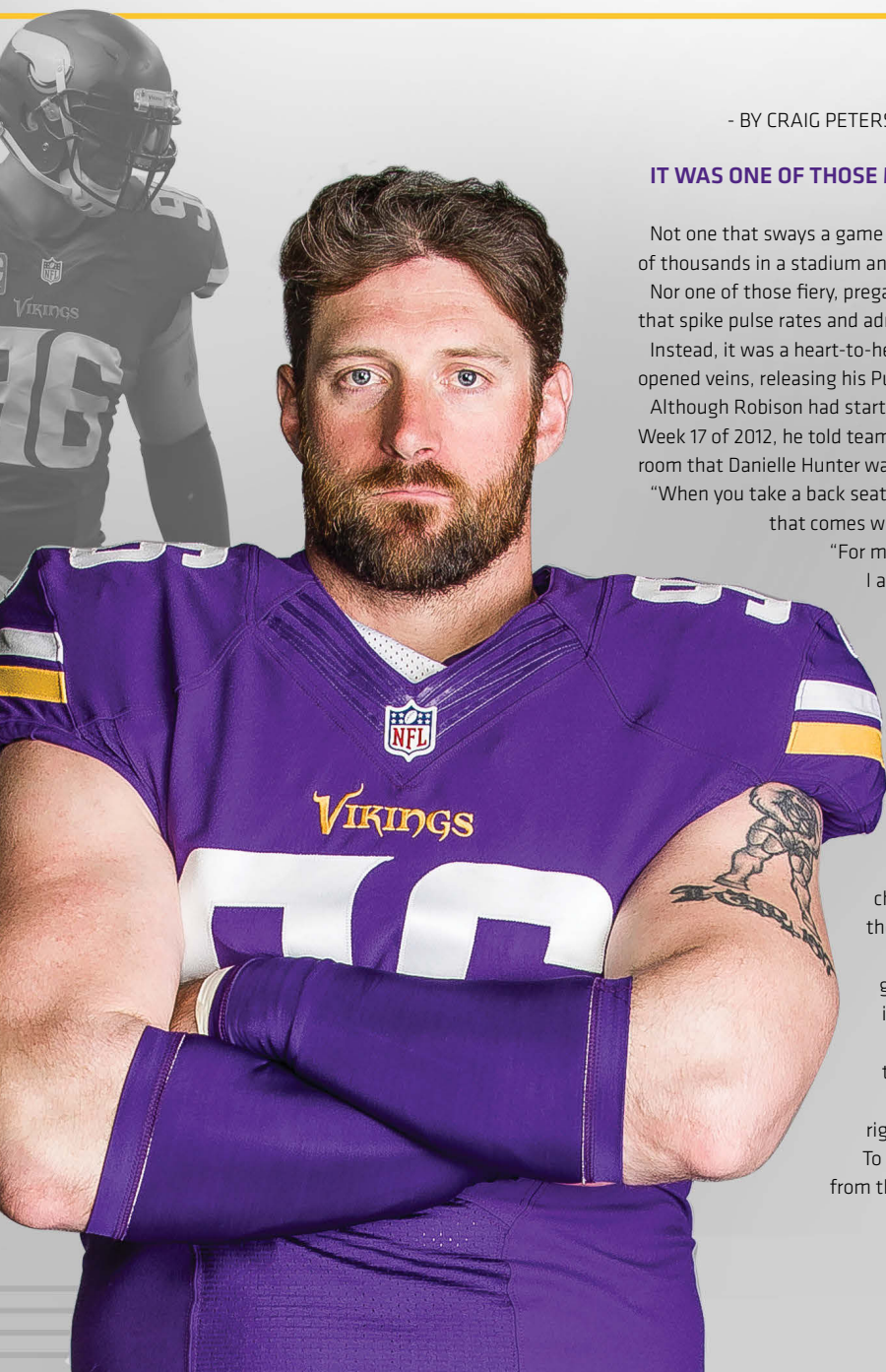
“That’s the only thing that matters,” Robison said. “It’s not about my stats. It’s not about Brian Robison being the starting left defensive end. It’s about winning football games and bringing a championship to Minnesota, a place that thoroughly deserves it.”

“It was very emotional because when you get used to being that guy for that long, it’s hard to take a step back,” Robison added.

“I think I gained a whole new respect from them by showing them that side of me.”

To Robison, it was the “right time, right place, right moment to do that.”

To teammates, it was the right message from the right messenger.



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THROUGH THE YEARS

Second-year pro Stephen Weatherly remembers Robison saying, “We have a very talented room. Everybody has been working hard and producing. I understand what my role is, and I’m going to compete and push you the same way you’ve been pushing me.”

Weatherly, who said Robison, Teddy Bridgewater and Adrian Peterson were three of the first Vikings to introduce themselves to the 2016 seventh-round pick, was impressed, even though the significance didn’t fully set in until eighth-year veteran Linval Joseph elaborated.

“[Joseph] said, ‘That’s really big because you get a lot of guys who, once they lose that starting spot, will go into hole, become a recluse, shun themselves, won’t help the younger guys,’ ” Weatherly explained.

Vikings defensive line coach Andre Patterson has shown film to younger players to illustrate the way Robison utilizes proper technique to defend the run. Patterson credited Robison for the way he handled the change with “professionalism and pride” and for his role in helping one of Minnesota’s deepest position groups.

“It takes a huge man to do that, but most importantly, I think it’s respect he has for Danielle and knowing that he played a part in the development of Danielle, too,” Patterson said.

MULTITASKING

While it appeared on the surface that Robison’s role would be reduced, he remains in a frequent rotation with Griffen and Hunter. Robison also continues to kick inside to defensive tackle in the Vikings nickel defense package, which he first did under Patterson and Head Coach Mike Zimmer in Hunter’s rookie 2015 season.

Fans might remember Robison, a 2007 fourth-round pick, working in a similar capacity before becoming a starter in 2011.

“The first three or four years of my career, that’s pretty much what I did,” Robison recalled. “I was a nickel pass rusher at end or inside. I learned a lot from Kevin Williams, man.

“Kevin taught me a lot of the ropes on how to rush inside, what to look for in protections and things like that,” Robison said. “I owe a lot of what I do now to what he taught me. He was a big role model for me when I came into the league.”

Robison tied Williams and Hall of Famer Paul Krause for the sixth-most regular-season games by a Vikings defender (171) against Cincinnati when he notched 2.0 sacks, tormented the Bengals from multiple places on the field and helped the Vikings clinch the NFC North.

He joined linebacker Eric Kendricks in mugging the center before dropping into coverage and lined up behind Griffen before blitzing on another play. In addition to pressuring passes, he also made an impressive tackle on a short pass to force a punt in the fourth quarter.

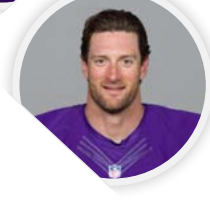
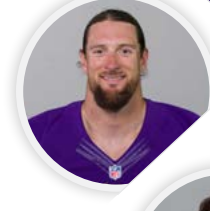
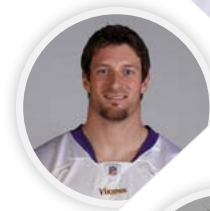
“It’s definitely evolved over the last few years,” Robison said. “It’s almost like I’m an end/3-technique/linebacker. Because of what we can do out of it and the different packages we can put together, offenses can’t necessarily game-plan like they want to against what we’re going to do.

“I like it because it’s challenging,” Robison added. “You really have to be on your Ps and Qs, but it’s very fun because when you get out there, it becomes such a chess match against the opposing offense. They’re trying to make their checks and calls, and you’re trying to make your checks and calls, as well. It’s fun to see it evolve.”

Patterson said the more that the coaching staff worked with Robison, the more clear it became that he had the intelligence to handle coverage concepts that can change based on an offense’s formation or routes.

“He’s got to know all of the different coverage variables,” Patterson said. “That’s hard to do, so there’s a great deal of respect for him and his knowledge of the game and of our system.”

Robison has started one game this season – at Washington – and was instrumental in helping quell a late rally. With Griffen out because of a foot injury, Hunter slid to right defensive end and Robison played



primarily at left defensive end.

He was there on a key play in the third quarter when Washington tried a pass on a fourth-and-6 and knocked down the football as it left Kirk Cousins' hand.

"When the pressure is on the line, I have a comfort with him," Patterson said. "When it's late in ball games, and we've got to have it, 96 is going to be on the field some place because he has the ability to make a play when you need a play to be made, and he's going to play the running game exactly the way that you coach it to be done."

Robison was out with a back injury the following week against the Rams, but Griffen returned. The Vikings turned to Weatherly to play Robison's hybrid role.

"That was tough, just being in his shoes for that game and understanding the load he has to carry," Weatherly said. "Preparing for it is a little bit different than just playing standard defensive end. It's intense, so it made me appreciate what he does for us that much more."

'DRIVING FORCE'

Robison and his wife, Jayme, will celebrate their 10th anniversary in February. Jayme is an accomplished barrel racer who also operates a horse-breeding business.

They have two children: daughter Madelyn is 5, and son Parker is 3. The young Robisons already have become

transformative figures for their father.

"Before I had kids, it was about me," Robison said. "It was about what makes me happy, what motivates me, things like that. Once I had kids, they [became] my everything."

"They're my driving force, they're the reason I do what I do," said Robison, who raises money for K9s4COPs through his Reel 'Em In Foundation.

"I want them to look at me now, and 15-20 years from now, I want them to see the type of person that I was as a man, not necessarily as a football player," he added. "Everything I do is with them in mind. It was about what I wanted to do and how I wanted to be portrayed to people. Now, it's about how I want my kids to see me. I think that's probably been the biggest change."

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A QUESTION FOR THE

96 QUESTIONS HOST

Which Viking has the best grunt in the weight room? Which teammate would a player least want to date his sister, which Viking has the most selfies on his phone, which player was the last to get his first kiss?

These questions have all been posed by Brian Robison in the Vikings locker room for a weekly in-season Vikings.com segment called "96 Questions with Brian Robison."

Sometimes one question prompts the same answer over and over, with teammates unknowingly piling on one player. Sometimes there are surprises.

One of the ultimate zappers occurred when he dug up old photos from teammates' adolescent, high school and college years.

So the question for Robison is, "How are you able to zing teammates in a way that they understand it and have a laugh instead of getting mad?"

"I ask myself that question every day, because there are some things that I say in there, that's just, I'm just crazy, let's be honest, I'm just crazy," Robison said. "I say some things, that in a lot of places probably couldn't be said, but I think the guys respect me and know that there's no – that I am joking. Guys know that that's

my mentality, the way I am. I'm a loose guy. I'm care-free, and guys know that I love them.

"At the end of the day, they know I love them, and if there's something serious that needs to be talked about, I'm there. It's not just joking around from me. I've had to have serious conversations with guys about life issues, about issues with playing, things they can't control. They know I have a serious side to me but I'm also a light, goofy guy."

Second-year pro Stephen Weatherly has a theory on why teammates don't mind the barbs from B-Rob, the longest-tenured Viking.

"It's just 'cause he's spent time getting to know people," Weatherly said. "B-Rob was one of the first people to come and introduce himself to me, along with Teddy [Bridgewater] and Adrian [Peterson]."

"He was someone in my position group, and if I have any problems or questions, he gave me his number, so he really reached out and made that connection," Weatherly added. "He has that rapport. He's reached out to everyone, gave them his number, I'm here on your side. If you have questions, just hit me up. It doesn't matter what time it is.' Because he's always there for people, it's a brotherly love-type of thing, which allows him to do those zingers."

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BY ERIC SMITH

While the 33-yard field goal that played out at U.S. Bank Stadium earlier this month didn't actually send the Vikings to the Super Bowl, it was a special moment nonetheless.

That's because the holder on the play was Danny Lilya, a high school junior.

Lilya, who is paralyzed from the waist down, is the holder for the Moose Lake-Willow River football program. He filled in for Vikings punter/holder Ryan Quigley to team up with long snapper Kevin McDermott and kicker Kai Forbath for a few kicks.

And when the one that imaginarily sent the Vikings to Super Bowl LII sailed through the uprights, the trio of Vikings congratulated Lilya, who was unaware of a special message

that had popped up on the video boards at the stadium.

"At first I didn't notice it. He kicked the ball, and it went through, I was watching to see if it went through," Lilya said. "Then I kind of saw the screen switch in the background, but I didn't really pay attention to it because I thought the screen was kind of doing its own thing.

"But then they started clapping and told me, 'We're going to the Super Bowl' and to look up there. Then it was like, 'Wow,'" added Lilya, who arrived at the stadium thinking he was just going on a tour and would meet the players.

Lilya was presented with two tickets to Super Bowl LII through the team's Heart of a Viking campaign. Lilya and a guest will be in attendance at the sport's biggest spectacle on Feb. 4, 2018, in Minneapolis.

"Once he realized it was real, it was awesome," Quigley said. "We tried to build it up a little bit ... Kai hit the game winner to go

to the Super Bowl. It was a special memory for him."

Sheryl Lilya, Danny's mother, added: "I know he's excited because he's almost speechless. And he's never speechless."

Lilya was born with a broken back, and his parents knew that he would never walk. Instead of being aligned, his T-12 and L-1 vertebrae were off kilter, and there was excess spinal cord fluid in the area.

Yet despite having surgery when he was just 6 months old and being in a full-body cast for the following six months, Lilya has thrived.

"Not everybody who is disabled gets the chance to play sports, much less able-bodied sports," Lilya said. "For me to be able to play high school football ... a huge thank-you to my coach, Dave Louzek. It's helped me gain independence because I'm not playing sports with other wheelchair users. It's me all on my own."

Lilya plays sled hockey, softball and track, but has a special passion for football.

Although Lilya saw the field a few times as a freshman, he approached Louzek, the Rebels Head Coach, at the end of his ninth-grade season with a special request.

"He got on the field as a defensive player, end-of-the-game and last-play-of-the-game type situations," Louzek said. "At the end of [his freshman] season, he came to me and said, 'Coach, I'd really like to play an important role on this team.' He had the idea of being a holder for us.

"Danny is such a great kid," Louzek added. "In school, he's a great student, and on the field he's such a great teammate. He's very deserving of this honor."

Lilya has been the Rebels holder the past two seasons, and McDermott said he was a "great holder."

"Good hands ... big hands. He was making me look good," McDermott added.

Lilya said he would have been perfectly happy with meeting players and watching the specialists practice at the stadium.

But the fact that he is going to Super Bowl LII was hard to put into words.

"Unforgettable," Lilya said. "This is a day I'll never forget for the rest of my life."



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BY ERIC SMITH

MIKE ZIMMER FOUNDATION HOSTS HOLIDAY SHOPPING SPREE

Madelyn Barkow scanned the aisles of toys and racks of clothes looking for the perfect item.

WHEN THE 15-YEAR-OLD spotted a purple paddleboard, her hunt was over.

Madelyn was one of 25 patients from Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota who received dinner and \$200 gift cards for shopping sprees at Dick's Sporting Goods from the Mike Zimmer Foundation.

Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer and his family, plus several Vikings players, helped the children go shopping for the holidays.

Madelyn said a paddleboard was something she'd wanted ever since she went out on the water before being diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia 10 months ago.

"It was really exciting because I don't get out much, and when I do I'm usually sick or I just lie in bed," Madelyn said. "It's really special that we could come here and do this because most of these kids ... they forget [what] their real life [was like] before they got diagnosed."

"After you get diagnosed, everything is about treatment and getting better,

so you don't get to do much," Madelyn added. "It was a night I won't forget."

Joining Madelyn and the other young shoppers were Vikings teammates Harrison Smith, Xavier Rhodes, Terence Newman, Brian Robison, Kevin McDermott, Eric Wilson and Ben Gedeon.

"We just want you to have fun tonight and enjoy yourselves," Zimmer told the group. "We want you to have a Merry Christmas and a very speedy recovery."

The event was organized by Zimmer's daughter, Corri Zimmer White, who leads the foundation.

"It made all the work and all the behind-the-scenes stuff really worth it," White said of the abundance of smiles. "They didn't know that the players were coming. When my dad told them they were getting \$200 gift cards and the players were coming to help them shop, their jaws dropped."

Players were partnered with patients who scouted out items on their holiday wish lists.

"[Zimmer has] always had a great heart," Newman said. "I don't think there's any better way to spend an evening than to help support something that is impactful for other people."

Robison spent time with a family as they picked out winter gear, and he quickly and quietly covered the rest of the bill to provide for the family.

"We take it for granted how blessed we are to just buy the things we want," Robison later said. "You see a family like that where they're getting things they absolutely need, it's just a way for me to give back."

And while the Vikings would clinch the NFC North two days later, Zimmer said he was glad to take a break from the grind and brighten the lives of children in need.

"It's a good way to kind of get football off your mind a little bit and understand that a lot of other things are important, too," Zimmer said.

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RHODES DELIVERS TOYS, CONNECTS WITH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PATIENTS

AFTER HIS FOURTH-ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP, RHODES ARRIVED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MASONIC CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WITH CARLOADS OF TOYS FOR YOUNG PATIENTS.

The cornerback desires to bring joy to the patients and their families and help to provide a Christmas that's as normal as possible for people who are unable to go home.

Rhodes made surprise room visits to two patients battling Fanconi anemia, including an

11-year-old girl named Jiena.

Jiena initially appeared a bit intimidated, but Rhodes sat beside her and immediately started asking about her interests, friends and even about beaded bracelets Jiena wore.

Rhodes said that it comes naturally to connect with young people. Whenever he meets a new patient, he makes an effort to learn his or her story.

"Their story is very important – it opened up my eyes [and just] helped me realize what's important in life," Rhodes said. "Every year, I learn something when I'm leaving here – don't take life for granted, live life to the fullest.

These kids [are] the heroes, not us."

VIKINGS DBS, EVERSON GRIFFEN TAKE ADDITIONAL SHOPPING TRIPS

HARRISON SMITH, TERENCE NEWMAN, ANDREW SENDEJO AND ANTHONY HARRIS PARTICIPATED IN SHOPPING SPREES FOR 10 UNDERPRIVILEGED YOUTH.

The defensive backs pushed carts around the Target as the young people were given an allotment to pick out toys, sporting goods, electronics, clothing and Super Bowl LII memorabilia to brighten the holidays.

"It was fun to go on a shopping spree, something I always wanted to do as a kid,"

Sendejo said. "It feels awesome to provide that for someone now. Scooped up some toys, some Nerf guns and other stuff. Everyone knew what they wanted and didn't really mess around."

Smiles broadened with every minute the young people spent with the players, exchanging fun dialogue in addition to shopping.

"You can tell that they're good girls and guys," Smith said. "I almost had to force them to spend their money. They're very appreciative and well-mannered kids. It's great to see. It makes me appreciate how fortunate I am."

Vikings defensive end Everson Griffen and his wife, Tiffany, also treated young people to a holiday shopping spree.

'TIS THE SEASON FOR RUDOLPH

RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER IS SAID TO KNOW THE WAY TO ALL OF THE HOUSES, BUT KYLE RUDOLPH KNEW THE WAY TO THE NORTH POLE.

The Vikings tight end helped whisk patients at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital and their families away to the North Pole via "Rudy's Red Eye" for the second straight year.

The families boarded a jet at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. After bells sounded, the group arrived at the North Pole, a winter wonderland in which they were treated to dinner and sweet treats, visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus and saw live reindeer.

The event is just one of several by Rudolph throughout the year, but he said it is his favorite.

"It truly is magical. You talk about the magic of the North Pole, that's what we tried to create," Rudolph said. "You see the smiles on the kids' faces and the joy that they have to get away from the problems they may be going through right now."

Rudolph and his wife, Jordan, also hosted their annual Holiday Huddle at the hospital the following day. They, along with other Vikings teammates, surprised patients with personal room visits, signed autographs and posed for photos.

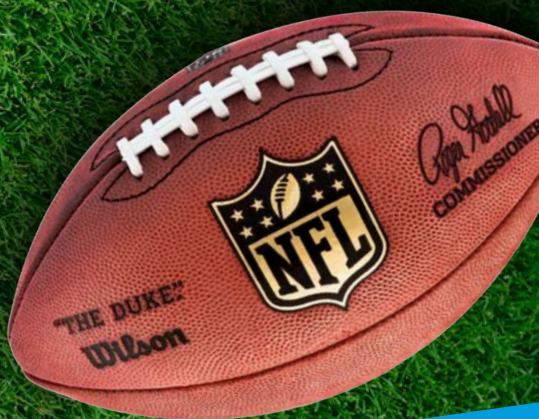
To cap off the holiday whirlwind, the Rudolphs officially opened "Kyle Rudolph's End Zone," a new interactive space that will provide patients and their families a respite from the monotony of an extended hospital stay.





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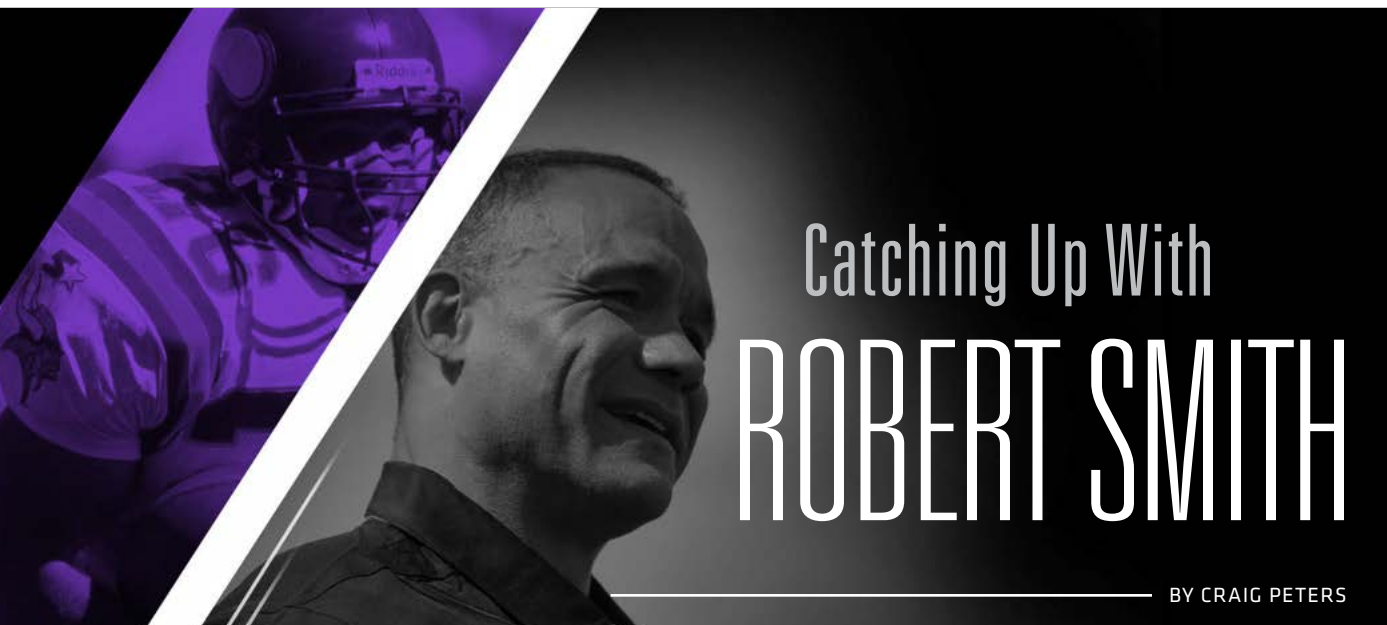
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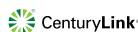


Catching Up With ROBERT SMITH

BY CRAIG PETERS



THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL SEASON IS COMING TO A CLOSE, AND IT'S ANOTHER ONE IN THE BOOKS FOR VIKINGS LEGEND ROBERT SMITH.



The Vikings second-leading rusher in team history with 6,818 yards, Smith continued his broadcasting career this season as a college football analyst with FOX and FS1. Smith was part of studio pregame, halftime and postgame shows with Matt Leinart, Dave Wannstedt and Rob Stone.

After 11 years at ESPN, Smith moved to FOX in 2016. The Ohio State alum was excited that the network carried Big Ten for the first time this season, including the Buckeyes-Wolverines game last month and the Big Ten Championship earlier this month.

"They're all great guys, but Matt and Coach Wannstedt are two of the nicest guys you'll ever be around from football," Smith said during an interview earlier this year with Vikings.com. "It really is amazing, I mean like, truly genuine people, so they're a lot of fun to work with."

In addition to that, Smith has been busy parenting his 7-year-old daughter and

5-year-old son. He also is the CEO/Founder of Fan Health Network (fanhealthnetwork.com). The free app enables people to draw fitness, nutrition and wellness advice from current and former athletes, track workouts and compare results with others.

Smith's teams went 10-3 against the Bears. He totaled 891 rushing yards and five touchdowns on 155 carries and added 111 receiving yards and a score on 12 catches against Chicago. Smith had at least 80 rushing yards in seven of the 13 games.

Smith's most staggering game against the Bears was his final one. He rushed 23 times for 170 yards and a score in a 28-16 win at Soldier Field on Oct. 15, 2000. The output was his second-highest rushing total in a single game and helped fuel his 1,521 total rushing yards (third in Vikings history) in what became his final season.

Smith described what former Head Coach Dennis Green, who passed away in 2016, and

former Offensive Coordinator Brian Billick meant to him, as well as his appreciation for Vikings fans.

"Denny was like a father to me," Smith said. "He really was, not just in the way I met him before I got here, but kind of in the way that we interacted."

The two enjoyed fishing trips, Green's drumming sessions at Winter Park and talking about jazz off the field, Smith said.

"When it came time to play, I always had the sense that Denny, more than anybody else, believed that I could be the player that he always said I could be," Smith said. "It's something special to have a guy like that in your corner that's the head guy, so it was always a pleasure and an honor to be able to perform for myself and my teammates, but more importantly, the guy that was heading the ship."

As for Vikings fans, Smith said, "They're incredible, they really are, and they deserve a winner."

"I just wish – you know, we lost two of three championship games in that '98-2000 run – and I wish that we had a chance to bring a championship up here. The thing that struck me immediately about Minnesota is how nice the people are.

"The winters up here can be brutal, but the fans are always warm," Smith said.



ANDREW

SENDEJO

LIKED THE LOOK OF THE GREEN BITE SQUAD HAT.



He asked the food delivery service about obtaining one on Twitter, and he took wearing the hat to another level this fall when he paired it with a polo and surprised Bite Squad customers by delivering their orders with smiles and hugs.

"I wanted a hat because I already have a McDonald's hat and Whataburger hat, so it would be nice to have a Bite Squad hat," Sendejo said. "They messaged me back and said, 'Sure, we'll bring you a hat and a polo.' I took a picture for them, and it kind of snowballed from there. It turned into me doing some deliveries."

Sendejo is always on-the-go during game weeks.

He heaps on multiple helpings of practice, meetings, film study, workouts and recovery sessions each week, so when it's time to fuel up, Sendejo wants a quick and easy path to healthy food in his Uptown Minneapolis home.

"Luckily I have a lot of good, healthy restaurants around me, so I can eat out, and it's not like eating fast food," Sendejo said. "I think that's one of the main reasons – if I didn't have anything healthy around me I'd have to cook at home, but I'm fortunate to where I have some good places around me

and I can just have someone bring it to me. After a long day of practice, the last thing I want to do is cook and clean."

Sendejo is one of a dozen Vikings players who have turned to the food delivery service for more than 900 orders this year.

He appreciates that he can easily coordinate his order with when he'd like to eat and has a few mainstays.

"I like People's Organic, Agra Culture, French Meadow Bakery, and then for breakfast food, I'll do Keys Café and Bakery for a breakfast sandwich," Sendejo said. "It's usually one of those four."

Sendejo said becoming a delivery man gave him a greater appreciation for the jobs executed by Bite Squad delivery persons.

"It was cool to go do some deliveries," Sendejo said. "It was pretty cold that night, so it kind of gave you more appreciation for those people that are having to find houses in the cold or try and navigate through an apartment complex that they've never been to before."

Sendejo's delivery efforts were captured for a segment that aired on *Vikings Connected*. The segment also was posted on Vikings.com.



VIKINGS ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK

Vikings Entertainment Network (VEN) is the umbrella for all Vikings content and entertainment initiatives including preseason games, team TV shows, vikings.com, in-stadium programming as well as the Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders (MVC), SKOL Line Drum Team and Viktor the Viking.



Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman presented Head Coach Mike Zimmer with a game ball after Minnesota clinched the NFC North against Cincinnati. *Vikings: Beyond the Gridiron*, an Emmy Award-winning show produced by Elite Edge Productions in conjunction with VEN, was there to capture behind-the-scenes footage for a segment that is now posted on Vikings.com and in the Vikings App. *Vikings: Beyond the Gridiron* airs Fridays on My 29 WFTC, Sundays on KMSP and re-airs on Fox Sports North.



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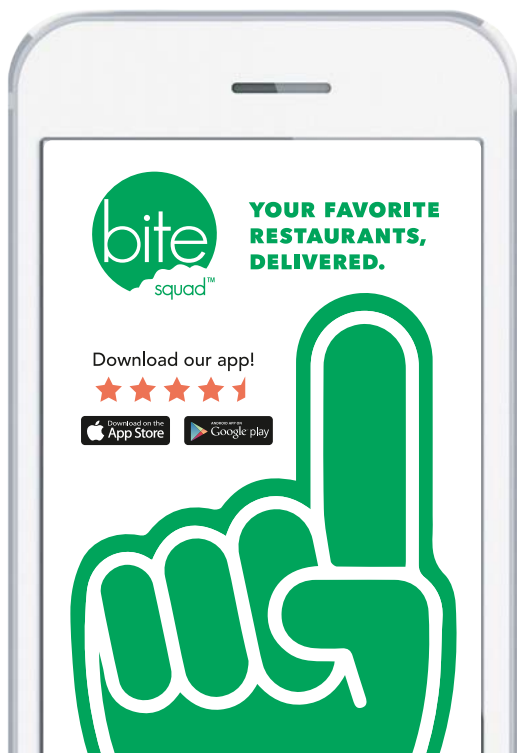
Vikings Connected is a Vikings fan-centric show driven by digital content and is co-hosted by Chris Hawkey from the Vikings Radio Flagship KFAN and Erin Newburg. Fans can interact with the show throughout the season by using #VikingsConnected. Vikings Connected is produced by VEN and airs Saturday nights on My 29 WFTC and Sundays on Fox Sports North.



Vikings GameDay LIVE, the team's live one-hour pregame TV show, was launched in 2016. Featuring in-depth analysis and commentary to get you ready for each week's game, Vikings GameDay LIVE will bring you live reports from the field each week, all leading up to the game. Vikings GameDay LIVE is produced by VEN in conjunction with FOX 9 KMSP and airs Sunday mornings on FOX 9 KMSP.



Vikings GamePlan returns for an 11th season in 2017 as the team's Xs and Os football show. Hosted by Paul Allen, Vikings GamePlan features interviews with current players and Head Coach Mike Zimmer, game film review, expert analysis and more.



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FAVORITE WORKOUT TIP?

My favorite workout tip is work out with a buddy. You will push each other harder and have way more fun doing it!

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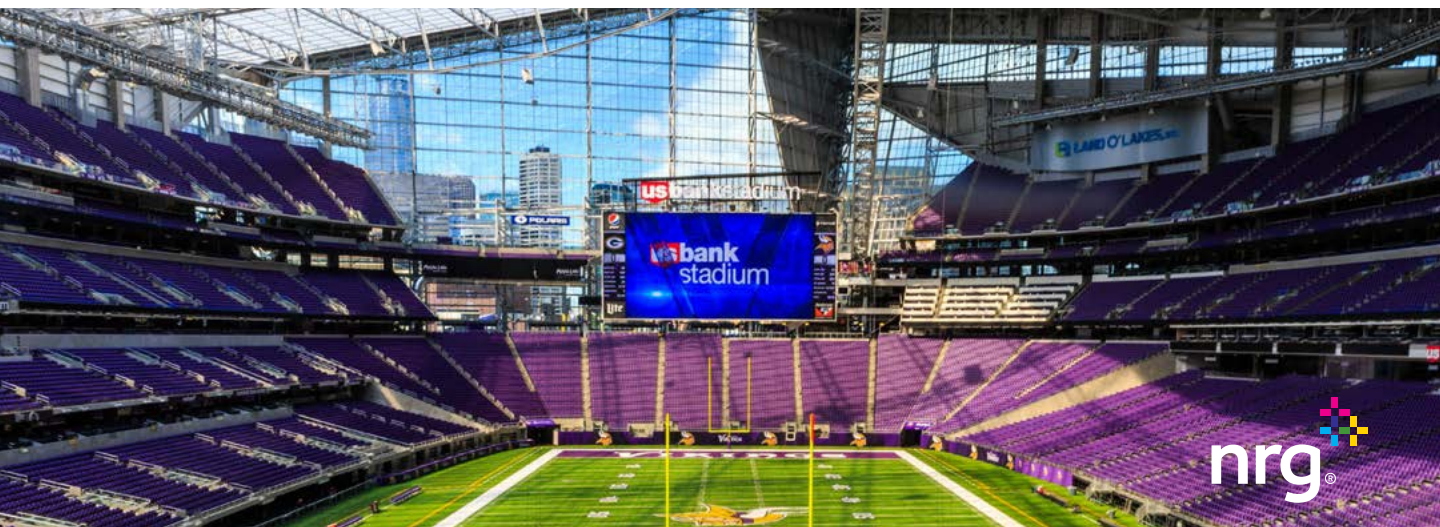
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ENERGY EFFICIENCY HELPS GARNER LEED GOLD CERTIFICATION

U.S. BANK STADIUM WAS DESIGNED TO BE BOLD — AND ENERGY EFFICIENT.

The U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) announced last month that U.S. Bank Stadium has received Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. The Vikings home, designed by HKS and already considered one of the most challenging game environments for opposing teams, becomes only the second NFL stadium to achieve the Gold distinction.

"The design and construction team emphasized building a highly efficient facility and minimizing its environmental impact," said Vikings Owner/President Mark Wilf. "The certification of LEED Gold means we accomplished our goal, giving all parties and the state of Minnesota another reason to be proud of U.S. Bank Stadium."

U.S. Bank Stadium has 1.75 million square feet of heating and cooling area, but the venue's designers and builders were able to tap into NRG Energy Center Minneapolis, a centralized system designed to provide reliable heating and cooling throughout the downtown district.

The stadium is one of more than 100 buildings that utilizes the NRG underground distribution network for steam heat and chilled water for respective heating and cooling. This system prevented designers from having to build and operate an independent, expensive air conditioning and heating infrastructure.

As the most widely-used, third-party green building rating system in the world, LEED provides a framework to promote healthy, highly efficient and cost-saving green buildings. The Gold certification was the result of several design and operating features, including the following:

- U.S. Bank Stadium offsets 100 percent of its energy with renewable energy credits.
- An innovative design utilizing a single steel truss rather than two reduced the amount of steel needed for construction.
- U.S. Bank Stadium was the first NFL stadium to open with LED lighting, which consumes 75 percent less energy compared to a traditional metal halide.

- A sloped roof forms a lofted interior "heat reservoir," storing solar heat that acts as a natural snow melt system.
- The ETFE roof substantially reduces the need for daytime artificial lighting while offering benefits of natural daylight and passive solar heating.
- A sustainability program that is working toward the goal of becoming a zero waste facility and supporting green education with STEM tours for school groups.
- Harmful toxins were avoided with inclusion of healthy materials and healthy cleaning products that do not contaminate the indoor environment.

"The work of innovative building projects such as U.S. Bank Stadium is a fundamental driving force in transforming the way buildings are built, designed and operated," said U.S. Green Building Council President and CEO Mahesh Ramanujam. "Buildings that achieve LEED certification are lowering carbon emissions, creating a healthier environment and reducing operating costs while prioritizing sustainable practices. Because of U.S. Bank Stadium, we are increasing the number of green buildings and getting closer to USGBC's goal to outpace conventional buildings, while being environmentally and socially responsible and improving the quality of life for generations to come."



SKOL SERVICE

SKOL SERVICE STORIES

Michael Latawicz, Fan Ambassador for U.S. Bank Stadium, was born in the late 1980s and was one of the thousands of “Iron Crib” orphans born during the communist rule of Nicolae Ceausescu in Romania. Michael spent the first three years of his life in an overcrowded orphanage, never being held, played with or properly cared for. When news broke in the United States regarding the horrific conditions in Romanian orphanages, Michael’s adopted aunt, Judy, knew she had to do something. Judy traveled to Romania with clothes, food and toys for the orphans.

“When Judy came back to Minnesota for Christmas, my adopted parents, Jennifer and Doug, told Judy they wanted to adopt a child from one of the orphanages,” Michael said. “My parents chose to adopt me, then they flew over to Romania and then brought me back to Minnesota when I was 3 years old.”



Michael spent the rest of his childhood growing up in a loving home with 13 other siblings, eight of whom were also adopted. Michael was diagnosed with a developmental learning disability due to the conditions in which he lived during the first three years of his life. He struggled with anxiety and depression as a young man, but in November of 2014, Michael attended his first jiu-jitsu lesson, and it changed his life. Since that first lesson, Michael’s anxiety and depression have disappeared and in October of 2017, Michael won three gold medals at the World Special Jiu-Jitsu Championship in California!

On Vikings game days, Michael is at the Legacy Gate greeting fans and answering questions. When asked what he likes about his job, Michael said, “My favorite part is meeting people and making them happy because my mission in life is to bring hope and happiness to people. If I can make somebody forget about their problems for a couple minutes, bring that joy, smile and happiness to them, then they might gain a better perspective on life and go on with the strength to deal with anything!”

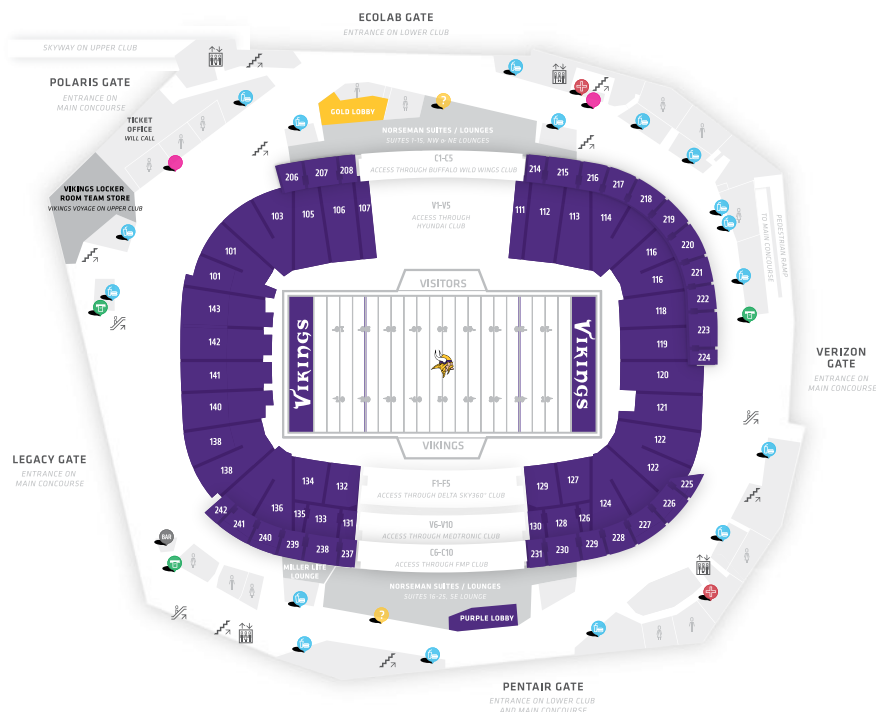
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Lamb Bucket, Lamb Sandwich, 1/2 or Whole Chicken, Frozen Hot Chocolate, Crispy Fried Potatoes, Chicken Sandwich, BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich, Coleslaw, Macaroni Salad, Bombolini

ANDREW ZIMMERN'S HOAGIES - 344

Italian Sausage Hoagie, Porketta Hoagie, Italian Beef, Roasted Pork, Frozen Hot Chocolate, Bombolini

BARS - NEAR PURPLE /GOLD LOBBY, 301, 325

Beer, Liquor, Wine, Bloody Mary's (outside Purple & Gold Lobbies)

THE BRAT STAND - 317, 347

Hot Dog, Bratwurst, Peanuts

BUD'S BBQ - 324

Pulled Pork Sandwich, Bud's Bucket, Mac N Cheese, Baked Beans, Coleslaw

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Pretzels With Dipping Sauce & Peanuts

MAC & CHEESE PORTABLE STAND - 116

Mac N Cheese With Chicken Or Brats

MILL CITY CLASSICS - 105, 113, 118, 129, 130, 311, 317, 341, 349

Hot Dogs, Brats, Nachos, Popcorn, Pretzels, Peanuts, Candy

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Beer, Liquor, Wine

METRO BREW - 101, 102, 318, 336

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NACHOS - 116, 118, 122, 131, 360

Beef Nachos, Peanuts

NEW AMSTERDAM VODKA PORTABLE STAND - 307

Peanuts, Liquor, Beer

NORTH STAR GRILL - 103, 124, 132, 304, 313, 328, 345

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PRAIRIE DOGS - 122

Handcrafted Hot Dogs, Peanuts, Fries

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Rusty Pork Taco, Fried Chicken Taco, Fried Shrimp Taco

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REVIVAL - 111

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LOLA'S - 334

Beer, Rib Tips, Hot Dog, Peanuts

PHILLY CHEESE STEAK - 107

Philly Cheese Steak, Beer, Peanuts

THE STACK - 328

Turkey Sandwich, Peanuts, Beer

STATE FAIR FAVORITES - 114

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TWIN CITIES FOODIE - 101

Chicken Meatballs, Jerk Bacon Sammie, Chicken Nachos, Peanuts

WILD & FRESH MARKET - 124, 318

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

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WILD & FRESH MARKET- SECTIONS 124, 318

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