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## COVER ART

The "Coach Sparano" painting on the cover of the *Playbook* was commissioned by the Minnesota Vikings as a gift for the Sparano family. Artist Mark Kness, a Minnesota native, is inspired by Wagechi Mutu, who said "I believe art is a connection, like passing on the flame." Mark can be followed on Twitter @markknessartist.





## WE ARE VIKINGS, NOT BARBARIANS

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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- 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

- Sitting or standing in the aisles
- 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

Season Ticket Owners are responsible for the actions of any individual using their tickets. Any of the above behavior by anyone using an account owner's ticket(s) may be cause for non-renewal of ticket privileges. Vikings management and security reserve the right to deem an act or exhibited behavior as inappropriate and take action, based on available information and circumstances. Thank you for making U.S. Bank Stadium an enjoyable and friendly atmosphere to watch Vikings football!

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The Vikings strongly encourage fans to not bring any type of bags, but should the need arise, fans will be able to carry the following style and size bag, package or container at stadium plaza areas, stadium gates, or when approaching queue lines of fans awaiting entry into the stadium:



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PRESEASON WEEK 1:

# VIKINGS

AT BRONCOS

MULTIPLE PLAYERS MADE  
THEIR VIKINGS DEBUTS  
ON SATURDAY IN A 42-28  
WIN OVER THE BRONCOS.

Kirk Cousins, Trevor Siemian and Kyle Sloter led drives that resulted in touchdowns. The quarterbacks combined to complete 24 of 32 passes (75 percent) for 276 yards and four touchdowns. Sloter also rushed twice for 19 yards and a score.

Minnesota's first-team defense only played one series but forced a three-and-punt by Denver. An interception by Anthony Harris set up the Vikings second touchdown of the night, and an interception by Jack Tocho preceded Minnesota's final touchdown.

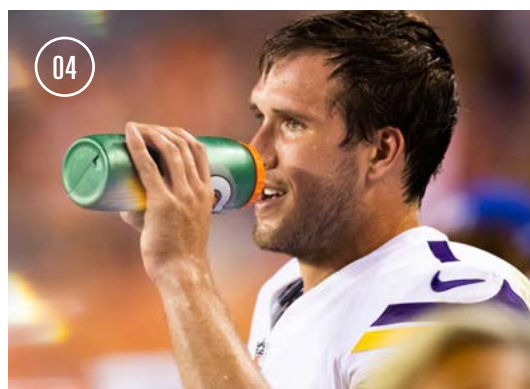
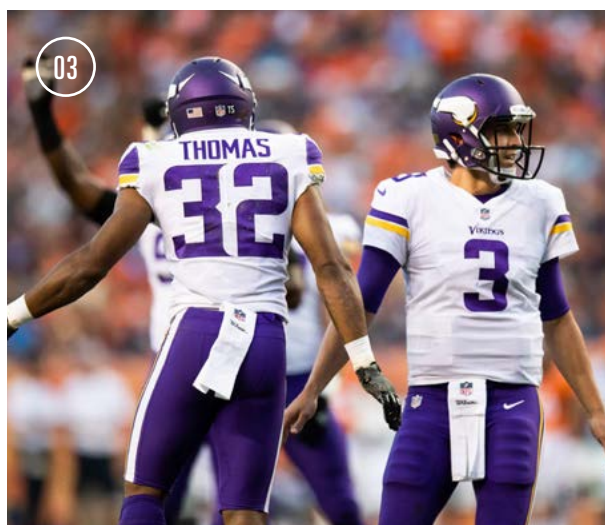
The Vikings outgained the Broncos 406 to 299.



01 | Cousins was 4-of-4 passing for 42 yards with a touchdown for a passer rating of 150.0 in his first game action with the Vikings.

02 | Stefon Diggs reeled in this pass from Cousins for a gain of 28 yards. Diggs also caught a 1-yard touchdown pass to cap the first-team offense's only possession.





**03 |** Undrafted rookie Roc Thomas caught touchdown passes of 13 and 78 yards from Siemian, who completed 11 of 17 passes for 165 yards and had a passer rating of 111.2.

**04 |** Slotter was 9-of-11 passing for 69 yards and a touchdown for a passer rating of 123.1. He also rushed for a 14-yard touchdown.





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05 | Rookie Chad Beebe caught a 9-yard touchdown pass from Slotter.

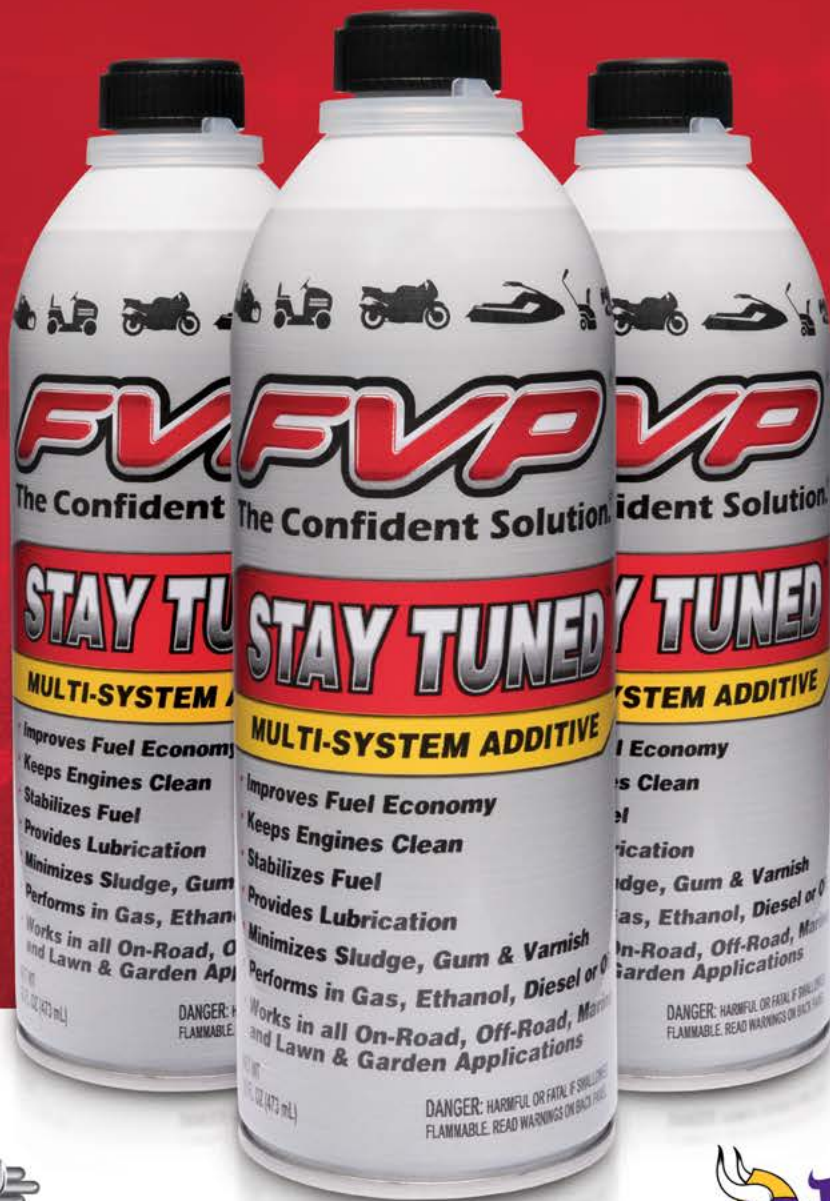
06 | First-round draft pick Mike Hughes (21) played outside and inside cornerback and on special teams in his first pro game.



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**TODAY'S GAME FEATURES** the defending AFC South Champion Jaguars and NFC North Champion Vikings in the second exhibition contest of 2018 for both teams. Jacksonville and Minnesota each advanced to their respective conference title games last January, coming within one win of playing in Super Bowl LII.

Jacksonville and Minnesota have met just once in the preseason (a 16-14 win by the Jaguars in 2003) and only six times in the

regular season. The Vikings have claimed five of those games, including the past four.

The Vikings new-look offense is directed by quarterback Kirk Cousins, who led a touchdown drive on his only series last week at Denver. The first-team defense, meanwhile, looked like it picked up where it left off a year ago when it led the NFL in yards allowed and points allowed. The Jaguars defense ranked second in both categories last season.

## HONORARY CAPTAINS

Family members of former Vikings offensive line coach Tony Sparano, who passed away July 22, 2018, will serve as the Honorary Captains for today's game. We will have a special tribute to honor the life and memory of Coach Sparano before kickoff.

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

Bailey Bryan will perform today's National Anthem. Bryan is an American country music artist based in Nashville, Tennessee. Her single, "Own It," debuted on Billboard's U.S. Country Airplay Chart.

## COLOR GUARD

The Minneapolis Fire Department Honor Guard will present the colors.

## HALFTIME

Halftime features the second-annual FVP High School Football Skills Competition. Before the game, players from five of the seven 2017 state champions competed in various skills competitions on The Commons. The two teams with the highest scores advanced to compete in a relay competition on the field. The winning team will be awarded a \$2,500 grant for its football program.



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## TODAY'S PROMOTIONS



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### MILLER LITE "SNAP AND SHARE"

Vikings fans, we want to see your game-day pride! It's easy – snap a photo and share it using **#HoldTrue #Vikings**, then look for your photo on the video board.



### SPALON MONTAGE GIVEAWAY

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.



### HY-VEE #SKOL

Share a photo at today's game using **#SKOL** to see yourself on the video board and for the chance to win a \$25 Hy-Vee gift card and a \$25 Market Grill gift card!



### U.S. BANK HOMETOWN HERO

During each home game, U.S. Bank and the Minnesota Vikings will recognize individuals who have helped make our community a better place. Today's Hometown Heroes are former Eden Prairie High School football coaches Lyle Schuette and Steve Born. Schuette passed away this past November after a battle with pancreatic cancer. Born is battling multiple myeloma. For more than 20 years each, Schuette and Born developed relationships with players at Eden Prairie, positively impacting lives.



## ► UPCOMING EVENTS



HEADLINER  
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### MINNESOTA STATE FAIR

**AUG. 23 - SEPT. 3**

It's time for #TheGreatMNSkolTogether as the Vikings are back at the Minnesota State Fair. Stop by the Vikings home on the west side of Underwood St. between Dan Patch & Carnes Avenues. Take a 180-degree photo of you on the field U.S. Bank Stadium, load up on the latest Vikings gear and enter for a chance to win a Kirk Cousins autographed helmet.

### FRIDAY FOOTBALL FEAST

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 7, 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 season's first Friday Football Feast will kick off on Sept. 7 at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Chanhassen.

### VIKINGS COUNTRY

**THURSDAY, SEPT. 6, 6 P.M.**

The popular *Vikings Country* radio show returns on Sept. 6 at The Mermaid in Mounds View. Host Mike Mussman is joined each week by a Vikings player. Tune in on KFAN and the Vikings Radio Network or attend the live broadcast each week at various locations around the Twin Cities.

### KICKOFF RALLY

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 8, 1 - 5 P.M.**

Come celebrate the start of the Vikings season on Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Official Vikings Kickoff Rally presented by Miller Lite. This free event takes place all afternoon in The Commons Park outside U.S. Bank Stadium in partnership with iHeart Media and will feature live performances by country music star Randy Houser and KFAN's own Chris Hawkey Band, along with appearances by Vikings Legends, Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders, the SKOL Line, Viktor and more.

### TCO VIKINGS 5K

**SATURDAY, OCT. 20**

Experience what it is like to be a Minnesota Viking as you conquer the TCO Vikings 5K. Join us Saturday, Oct. 20 at 3 p.m. as you and your friends finish on the 50-yard line at TCO Stadium, the new home of the Vikings. Post-race runners can enjoy a tailgate atmosphere with live music, games and autographs from Vikings Legends. Space is limited, register at [Vikings.com/5K](http://Vikings.com/5K)

### DELTA VIKINGS VILLAGE

Opening two-and-a-half hours prior to kickoff, this pregame home base for Vikings fans 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. Delta Vikings Village is free for Vikings fans with or without tickets and will be the ultimate destination for fans looking to congregate and celebrate together before, during and after Vikings home games. Minnesota Vikings Foundation pre-game auctions will occur in the Vikings Longhouse presented by PRIMESPORT.

### THE COMMONS

Fans will also be able to enjoy The Commons. The Vikings will take over the easterly block of The Commons prior to each game this season with great family friendly activities and entertainment. Complete with Vikings inflatable games, face painting, a DJ or live music and visits from Viktor, the SKOL Line and Vikings Cheerleaders, The Commons will have something for the entire family. The Minnesota Vikings Foundation will be hosting the "Chuck for Charity" on The Commons before home games. All proceeds will benefit engaging youth education and health programs.



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## PLAYER TO WATCH: RB MIKE BOONE

**SIGNED AS AN UNDRAFTED ROOKIE** free agent out of Cincinnati, Boone has an opportunity to compete for a roster spot that opened when Jerick McKinnon signed a multiyear deal with San Francisco. Dalvin Cook and Latavius Murray are set to return for their second seasons with Minnesota, but the Vikings are also building depth at the position. The team will be able to use preseason games to evaluate Boone, who totaled 2,250 yards on 420 carries (5.4 yards per attempt) in four seasons with the Bearcats. Boone added 65 receptions for 596 yards (9.2 yards per reception) and totaled 797 kickoff return yards. After not receiving an invite to the NFL Scouting Combine, Boone turned some heads at the Cincinnati Pro Day, where he recorded a vertical jump of 42 inches and a broad jump of 11 feet, 7 inches. Both would have ranked No. 1 among running backs at the combine.

**RECORD SETTER:** BOONE GREW UP IN MACCLENNY, FLORIDA, JUST WEST OF JACKSONVILLE. HE PLAYED RECEIVER FOR BAKER COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE CAUGHT 57 PASSES FOR 1,068 YARDS AND 18 TOUCHDOWNS IN 2013. THAT SENIOR SEASON INCLUDED A SCHOOL-RECORD 211 RECEIVING YARDS IN ONE GAME.

25 - IN - 39

Boone totaled 25 touchdowns (24 rushing, one receiving) in 39 games with the Bearcats. He had nine scores on the ground in his freshman and sophomore seasons in Cincinnati. Initially slated to redshirt in 2014, Boone reached the end zone in seven consecutive games.

## 2017 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Case Keenum	3,547
Rushing (Yds)	Latavius Murray	842
Receiving (Yds)	Adam Thielen	1,276
Tackles	Eric Kendricks	136
Sacks	Everson Griffen	13
Interceptions	Harrison Smith	5
KOR (Yards)	Jerick McKinnon	312
PR (Avg.)	Marcus Sherels	9.5

## 2018 SCHEDULE

### PRESEASON (1-0)

P1	8/11	at Denver Broncos	W 42-28
P2	8/18	Jacksonville Jaguars	
P3	8/24	Seattle Seahawks	
P4	8/30	at Tennessee Titans	

### REGULAR SEASON (0-0)

1	9/9	San Francisco 49ers
2	9/16	at Green Bay Packers
3	9/23	Buffalo Bills
4	9/27	at Los Angeles Rams
5	10/7	at Philadelphia Eagles
6	10/14	Arizona Cardinals
7	10/21	at New York Jets
8	10/28	New Orleans Saints
9	11/4	Detroit Lions
10	11/11	BYE WEEK
11	11/18	at Chicago Bears
12	11/25	Green Bay Packers
13	12/2	at New England Patriots
14	12/10	at Seattle Seahawks
15	12/16	Miami Dolphins
16	12/23	at Detroit Lions
17	12/30	Chicago Bears

## TOP 2s AGAINST JAGUARS

### RUSHING YARDS

101	Robert Smith on 19 attempts in Minnesota (Dec. 20, 1998)
84	Adrian Peterson on 17 attempts in Minnesota (Sept. 9, 2012)

### PASSING YARDS

292	Sam Bradford on 24-of-34 passing at Jacksonville (Dec. 11, 2016)
270	Christian Ponder on 20-of-27 passing in Minnesota (Sept. 9, 2012)

### RECEIVING YARDS

101	Adam Thielen on four catches at Jacksonville (Dec. 11, 2016)
88	Cris Carter on seven catches in Minnesota (Dec. 23, 2001)

## 2017 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Blake Bortles	3,687
Rushing (Yds)	Leonard Fournette	040
Receiving (Yds)	Keelan Cole	748
Tackles	Telvin Smith	76
Sacks	Calais Campbell	14.5
Interceptions	A.J. Bouye	6
KOR (Yards)	Corey Grant	473
PR (Avg.)	Jaydon Mickens	10.6

## 2018 SCHEDULE

## PRESEASON (0-1)

P1	8/9	New Orleans Saints	L 24-20
P2	8/18	at Minnesota Vikings	
P3	8/25	Atlanta Falcons	
P4	8/30	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	

## REGULAR SEASON (0-0)

1	9/9	at New York Giants	
2	9/16	New England Patriots	
3	9/23	Tennessee Titans	
4	9/30	New York Jets	
5	10/7	at Kansas City Chiefs	
6	10/14	at Dallas Cowboys	
7	10/21	Houston Texans	
8	10/28	Philadelphia Eagles	
9	11/4	BYE WEEK	
10	11/11	at Indianapolis Colts	
11	11/18	Pittsburgh Steelers	
12	11/25	at Buffalo Bills	
13	12/2	Indianapolis Colts	
14	12/6	at Tennessee Titans	
15	12/16	Washington Redskins	
16	TBD	at Miami Dolphins	
17	12/30	at Houston Texans	

## TOP 2s AGAINST VIKINGS

## RUSHING YARDS

147	Fred Taylor on 22 attempts in Minnesota (Nov. 28, 2004)
111	Stacey Mack on 27 attempts in Minnesota (Dec. 23, 2001)

## PASSING YARDS

317	David Garrard on 27-of-45 passing at Jacksonville (Nov. 23, 2008)
260	Blaine Gabbert on 23-of-39 passing in Minnesota (Sept. 9, 2012)

## RECEIVING YARDS

122	Jimmy Smith on eight catches in Minnesota (Dec. 23, 2001)
113	Maurice Jones-Drew on nine catches at Jacksonville (Nov. 23, 2008)
113	Marqise Lee on five catches at Jacksonville (Dec. 11, 2016)



## PLAYER TO WATCH: LB MYLES JACK

JACK IS A FORMER UCLA TEAMMATE of Vikings linebackers Anthony Barr (2013) and Eric Kendricks (2013-14). Despite suffering a torn meniscus during a practice early in his junior season, Jack was selected in the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft. He played strongside linebacker in Jacksonville's base defense and kicked inside when the Jaguars shifted to their nickel defense in 2017 but is moving to the middle linebacker spot full-time for the Jaguars in his third pro season. Jack's play helped the Jaguars advance to the AFC Championship Game last January. In three postseason contests, he totaled 19 tackles (league stats), three passes defended, an interception, a forced fumble and a sack.

**JACK AS A BACK:** JACK TOTALED 68 RUSHING ATTEMPTS FOR 387 YARDS AND 11 TOUCHDOWNS WHEN THE BRUINS UTILIZED HIM AS A RUNNING BACK. HE DID THE BRUNT OF HIS DAMAGE AS A FRESHMAN, RUSHING 38 TIMES FOR 267 YARDS (7.0 YARDS PER CARRY) AND SEVEN TOUCHDOWNS. JACK ALSO TOTALED 75 TACKLES AND A TEAM-BEST 13 PASSES DEFENDED IN 2013.

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In addition to totaling 15 tackles for loss during his college career, Jack racked up 23 passes defended in 29 games for the Bruins.



A man and a woman are shown in profile, performing a squat exercise on a black box. The woman is in the foreground, wearing a black tank top and black shorts, 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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## VIKINGS ROSTER


1	Kyle Sloter	QB
2	Kai Forbath	K
3	Trevor Siemian	QB
4	Ryan Quigley	P
6	Peter Pujals	QB
7	Daniel Carlson	K
8	Kirk Cousins	QB
9	Jake Wienieke	WR
11	Laquon Treadwell	WR
12	Tavarres King	WR
13	Stacy Coley	WR
14	Stefon Diggs	WR
15	Brandon Zylstra	WR
16	Cayleb Jones	WR
17	Kendall Wright	WR
18	Korey Robertson	WR
19	Adam Thielen	WR
20	Mackensie Alexander	CB
21	Mike Hughes	CB
22	Harrison Smith	S
23	Terence Newman	CB
24	Horace Richardson	CB
25	Latavius Murray	RB
26	Trae Waynes	CB
27	Jayron Kearse	S
29	Xavier Rhodes	CB
30	C.J. Ham	FB
31	Mack Brown	RB
32	Roc Thomas	RB
33	Dalvin Cook	RB
34	Andrew Sendejo	S
35	Marcus Sherels	CB
36	Craig James	CB
37	Holton Hill	CB
38	Tray Matthews	S
39	Jack Tocho	S
40	Kentrell Brothers	LB
41	Anthony Harris	S
42	Ben Gedeon	LB
43	Reshard Cliett	LB
44	Mike Boone	RB
45	Brett Taylor	LB
46	Trevon Mathis	CB
47	Kevin McDermott	LS
48	Johnny Stanton	FB
49	Mike Needham	LB
50	Eric Wilson	LB
54	Eric Kendricks	LB
55	Anthony Barr	LB
56	Antwone Williams	LB
57	Devante Downs	LB




**33**  
RUNNING BACK  
Dalvin Cook




**8**  
QUARTERBACK  
Kirk Cousins




**30**  
FULLBACK  
C.J. Ham




**14**  
WIDE RECEIVER  
Stefon Diggs




**82**  
TIGHT END  
Kyle Rudolph




**69**  
RIGHT TACKLE  
Rashod Hill




**74**  
RIGHT GUARD  
Mike Remmers




**65**  
CENTER  
Pat Elflein



**79**  
LEFT GUARD  
Tom Compton




**71**  
LEFT TACKLE  
Riley Reiff




**19**  
WIDE RECEIVER  
Adam Thielen


### VIKINGS OFFENSE




**20**  
CORNERBACK  
Jalen Ramsey




**91**  
DEFENSIVE END  
Yannick Ngakoue




**99**  
NOSE TACKLE  
Marcell Dareus




**95**  
NOSE TACKLE  
Abry Jones



**50**  
LINEBACKER  
Telvin Smith, Sr.




**39**  
FREE SAFETY  
Tashaun Gipson, Sr.




**44**  
LINEBACKER  
Myles Jack


### JAGUARS DEFENSE




**97**  
DEFENSIVE TACKLE  
Malik Jackson




**93**  
DEFENSIVE END  
Calais Campbell



**21**  
CORNERBACK  
A.J. Bouye




**42**  
STRONG SAFETY  
Barry Church




**48**  
LINEBACKER  
Leon Jacobs


### VIKINGS SPECIAL TEAMS




**2**  
KICKER  
Kai Forbath




**7**  
KICKER  
Daniel Carlson



**4**  
PUNTER  
Ryan Quigley



**47**  
LONG SNAPPER  
Kevin McDermott



**35**  
PUNT/KICK RETURNER  
Marcus Sherels

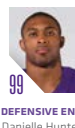
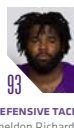
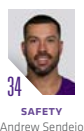


## ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

# MINNESOTA VIKINGS

58	Garret Dooley	LB	72	Storm Norton	T	86	Tyler Hoppes	TE
59	J.P. Quinn	C	73	Colby Gossett	G	87	Josiah Price	TE
60	David Parry	DT	74	Mike Remmers	T	89	David Morgan	TE
61	Ade Aruna	DE	75	Brian O'Neill	T	90	Tashawn Bower	DE
63	Danny Isidora	G	76	Aviante Collins	T	91	Stephen Weatherly	DE
64	Josh Andrews	C	78	Dieugot Joseph	T	92	Jalyn Holmes	DT
65	Pat Elflein	C	78	Jonathan Wynn	DE	93	Sheldon Richardson	DT
66	Curtis Cothran	DT	79	Tom Compton	G	94	Jaleel Johnson	DT
66	Kaleb Johnson	G	81	Blake Bell	TE	95	Ifeadi Odenigbo	DE
67	Cornelius Edison	C	82	Kyle Rudolph	TE	96	Brian Robison	DE
68	Cedrick Lang	T	83	Tyler Conklin	TE	97	Everson Griffen	DE
69	Rashod Hill	T	84	Chad Beebe	WR	98	Linval Joseph	DT
71	Riley Reiff	T	85	Jeff Badet	WR	99	Danielle Hunter	DE





## VIKINGS DEFENSE

## JAGUARS OFFENSE



## JAGUARS SPECIAL TEAMS



# ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

# JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS



43	Quenton Meeks	CB
44	Myles Jack	LB
45	Andrew Motuapuaka	LB
46	Carson Tinker	LS
47	Reggie Hunter	LB
48	Leon Jacobs	LB
49	DeAndre Goolsby	TE
50	Telvin Smith, Sr.	LB
52	Donald Payne	LB
53	Blair Brown	LB
54	Eli Ankou	DT
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# TIMEOUT WITH RASHOD HILL

RASHOD HILL WILL SEE SOME FAMILIAR  
FACES ACROSS FROM HIM DURING TODAY'S  
PRESEASON GAME AT U.S. BANK STADIUM.

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

HILL STARTED HIS NFL CAREER with the Jaguars, who gave him a chance as an undrafted rookie in 2016. The native of Jacksonville spent six-and-a-half months with his hometown team before the Vikings snagged him off the Jaguars practice squad in November.

Since joining the Vikings, Hill has become not only part of the active roster, but he started seven games in 2017. Today's game will mark his first time going against his former team.

"It's going to be real good competing with them," Hill said. "Our defense is a top-five defense, they've also got a top-five defense, so it's good to go against competition like that to make you better."

Hill said he expects a little talking back and forth.

"They're some chippy guys, and they like to have fun, like to talk mess," Hill said with a laugh. "You know, it's good to catch up with people that you had your first opportunity with."

"I know those guys there, but this is where I'm at now," Hill added. "This is my family. This is my brotherhood."

WE CAUGHT UP WITH HILL FOR A TIMEOUT



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**NUTRITION**  
HAS BECOME A  
FOCUS OF HILL'S  
THIS OFFSEASON



**FAMILY**  
PLAYS A MAJOR  
ROLE IN HILL'S  
MOTIVATION ON  
THE FIELD

**Q.** How would you say your game has most improved heading into the 2018 season?

**A.** *I think my game has improved the most with take-off from the ball. Last year I was a little heavier, and I lost a little weight. I had a conversation with the coaches, we talked about it, and they feel like under 320 is a good weight for me so I can move better. It's been helping me out. So just trimming down a little bit more, if I know that can help the team and contribute to the team, I'm all with it.*

**Q.** What were the biggest changes you made to arrive at your ideal weight?

**A.** *The biggest thing was avoiding snacks late at night. I'm a big snack guy, I've always been my whole life. I try not to eat anything past 7:30 or 8 now, but if I do, it's healthy snacks like rice cakes that I know are good and have less calories. ... Then when I'm up here at the facility, I try to eat a lot of stuff with greens in it - I'll have eggs and spinach. I've never had spinach before - but you know, I'm trying it out. It's not that bad. [I had to learn that] you're burning more calories through the day; at night, you're not burning many calories. I had it backwards. I would say, 'I'll eat more at night.' Now I eat a big lunch and a small dinner. That's how I do it.*



RASHOD HILL IS LOOKING  
FORWARD TO COMPETING  
AGAINST HIS FORMER TEAM



**Q.** What is it like practicing against the Vikings defense every day?

**A.** (Laughing) They're going to cause a lot of problems for offensive coordinators this year. It's a bunch of guys out there who play with a chip on their shoulder, who love to go out there and compete and just love to go out there and grind. Those guys, they don't take plays off. ... They're always competing, and they're always going at it. We feed each off each other as a D-line and O-line. They'll say, 'OK, I got you with that move because you did this.' We try to help each other out. We're not independent operators. We all help each other, the offense and defense, which I love.

**Q.** How does being a husband and a father to two daughters, 3 and 7, impact your perspective on the field?

**A.** First of all, I know I'm providing for my family. I always live my life by God, family and then football, which is my job right now. My family is the most important thing to me. My wife, my two little girls, to have them out there with me [at training camp] is amazing. They're always laughing and joking around. When I come home and, you know, it's not always going to be a great day at work, so when you go home, everything like that just goes out the back of your mind, and all I see are my little girls when they run to me and smile. My little 3-year-old, she just goes crazy when she sees me. If I had a bad day, or even if I had a good day, when I go home and see my kids, they always brighten my day.

They've got me wrapped around their finger. ... They're my girls, and I love them. And my wife, she's always there supporting me. I'm glad I've got the family I've got. I'm out here every day - I love the game, I love playing football, and I love being around my family.



"If I had a bad day, or even if I had a good day, when I go home  
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AND FAMILY WITH  
HIS PASSION FOR  
FOOTBALL.





# IN MEMORY OF TONY SPARANO

TONY SPARANO'S TRAGIC DEATH BROUGHT SORROW TO THE VIKINGS ORGANIZATION. HIS TIME WITH THE TEAM WAS BRIEF, BUT HIS LEGACY WILL LAST WITH PLAYERS, COACHES AND STAFF.

BY: CRAIG PETERS

The underside of Tony Sparano's hat contained a succinct but accurate autobiography.

His devotions – faith and family – penned in one location to accompany him on the sidelines during games.

Those fortunate enough to have a close relationship with Tony know that one was never without the other.

Faith guided Tony, influencing the love he bestowed on his family and enabling his leadership of football players, position groups and entire teams.

Family members understood the importance of football to Tony and that the sport would continue to add extended family members. They also knew he had enough love to share.

Tony and his wife, Jeanette, first met on their high school football field in Connecticut. More than three decades later, the former player and cheerleader journeyed to South Florida.

Tony was named head coach of the Miami Dolphins after nine seasons as an NFL assistant in Cleveland, Washington, Jacksonville and Dallas.

Someone in the stands, watching Tony on the sideline, asked Jeanette why her husband would touch the brim of his cap and then his lips.

Jeanette didn't know, so she asked, and Tony explained that he began writing the sign of the

cross and the couple's initials on the underside of his cap on game days.

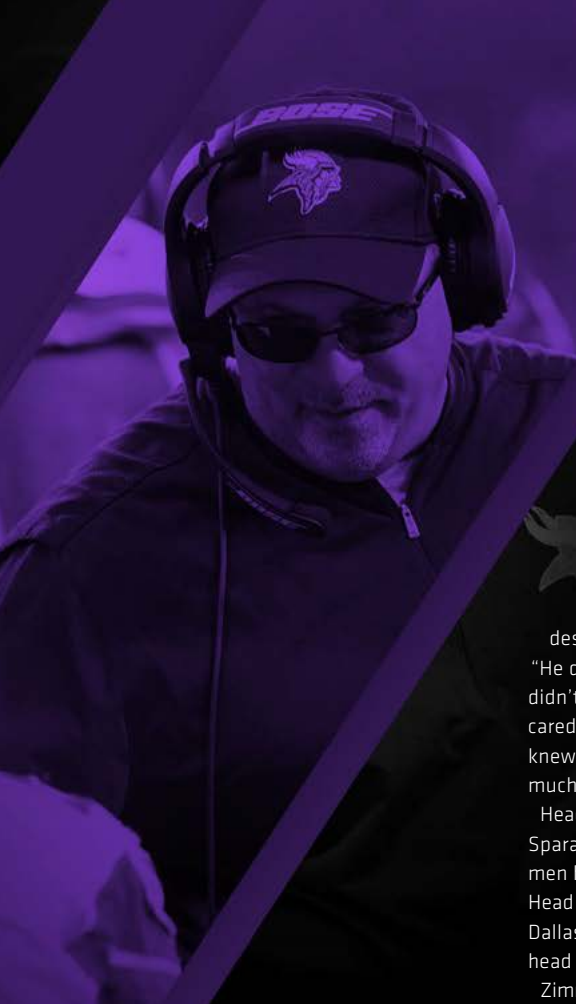
During her poignant and elegant eulogy, Jeanette told those attending her husband's funeral that he had explained to her, "Before we left the locker room, I would say a prayer and ask God for the strength to face whatever was ahead, I would ask Him to protect the health and safety of our players and the opposing players, and I would thank Him again for allowing me to do what I love. I would touch the cross and our initials on my cap and seal it with a blessing."

More initials followed. T.S. when Anthony M. "Tony" Sparano was born. A.S. when Andrew "Andy" Sparano followed and R.S. when their daughter, Ryan, was born.

"And as we were blessed with more children through our children, R.S. when Rebecca joined our family, L.V. when Liz [Vinish] joined our family and L.C. when Levi [Crocker] joined our family. What a blessing it was for him to have the initials of our precious grandbabies."

Tony's inherent ability as a coach and teacher may only have been exceeded by his instinctive approach to being "Papa" to his grandchildren.

He would tell Jeanette, "This is



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**TONY LOVED US.  
TONY LOVED HIS  
FAMILY. I CAN'T  
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THE GUY. HE WAS  
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GUY, AND HE CARED  
ABOUT PEOPLE.”**

**- LEFT TACKLE  
RILEY REIFF**

really fun. We just get to play with them. We never have to tell them no, and then Tony and Rebecca can be mad at us.” Jeanette said it was “so refreshing and beautiful for me to see that Tony has always been simply, perfectly, beautiful Tony,” unchanged from the 16-year-old with whom she fell in love.

“There was never any artifice or any desire to craft an image,” Jeanette said. “He didn’t care much what those who didn’t know him thought of him, but he cared very deeply that the people in his life knew how much he loved them and how much he respected and cared for them.”

Head Coach Mike Zimmer brought Sparano to the Vikings family in 2016. The men had worked together for Hall of Fame Head Coach Bill Parcells from 2003-06 in Dallas. (Parcells hired Sparano as Dolphins head coach in 2008).

Zimmer admired the way Tony grinded through work, his ability to teach and his “toughness and fighting spirit that showed in our linemen.”

Zimmer also liked a familiar demeanor. “He was always grumpy, a lot like me,” Zimmer said during a media session two days before attending his friend’s funeral. “He was probably the only person in the building grumpier than I was.

“But he really cared about his players,” Zimmer continued, his voice cracking with emotion. “I’ve sat in with him in the offensive line rooms a lot. He had a way of poking a stick at the guys and then putting his arm around them.”

Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman said he saw Tony’s influence take effect in a short period of time.

“I used to kid him all the time – ‘It’s like watching a bunch of Tony Sparanos running around the building,’ ” Spielman quipped, bringing a moment of levity to a piercingly emotional media session. “I mean, they’re

all in that mode. I do think the group that we have, they’ll want to rally. I know they’ll want to make him proud as we move forward.”

Second-year pro Pat Elflein said Tony “made me a better player and a better man.” “He took me to places I couldn’t go as a player and as a man,” Elflein said. “It wasn’t just football with him. He really cared about his players, the well-being of his players. It hurts.”

Veteran left tackle Riley Reiff, who joined the Vikings in 2017, said, “Tony loved us. Tony loved his family. I can’t say enough about the guy. He was a good, genuine guy, and he cared about people.”

Reiff said the tragedy is an opportunity for the Vikings to use a tough situation to strengthen the bond that Tony helped build.

Zimmer opted to fill the void from within his staff, moving tight ends coach Clancy Barone to join assistant offensive line coach Andrew Janocko as co-offensive line coaches. Zimmer then shifted senior offensive assistant Todd Downing to tight ends.

Barone and Janocko said they are comfortable working together and adjusting to the new setup. They yearned for their old roles because it would mean Tony would be with the team and his family.

“I lost a very good friend, and there are people who lost a very good husband and father and grandfather,” Barone said. “That’s my focus. If I was coaching tight ends, it would be a much better place for a lot of people.”

The move to make Barone and Janocko co-offensive line coaches helped with continuity.

They are two voices with one message that has been impacted by Tony.

“The great thing about it is that Tony and I always talked about O-line play,” Barone said in a session with media members. “From the day that I got hired, we were always watching tape together, and he was asking me that, with my background, ‘How did you handle this situation or this look?’ He and I were on the same page quite a bit no matter what, which makes it a lot more helpful.”



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## REMEMBERING TONY

| QUOTES FROM HIS VIKINGS FAMILY



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"Tony was very confident in his ways. He believed in doing things a certain way. That's why I love coming out here and watching these guys work so hard. He would grind them, he was tough on them, and he probably had more sayings than any coach I've ever been around. Every day, he'd have a different saying, so that was fun. He was exactly what I was looking for in an offensive line coach when I hired him, because he had that toughness and that mentality that we were trying to develop with the offensive line."



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"When you spend so much time with somebody and so many hours, you kind of develop what they want and how they do things. You just kind of develop that personality, and it's still there. You can still sense it in the room. Tony is not there, but he is. His presence is there just because of what we've taken from him. It's still there."



**VIKINGS OWNER/  
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"Coach Sparano was really a special, special person. I know the conversations I had with him were always great conversations. He had a certain persona on the field ... he was tough but very caring for his players. He was a really warm individual, a really special guy, and we and the whole organization really loved him."



**VIKINGS GENERAL  
MANAGER RICK SPIELMAN**

"Tony was such a great coach and a great family man and so strong in his faith. In his short time here with the Minnesota Vikings, Tony was such a critical part of our success, not only as a football coach, but what he stood for as a man and the values that he gave to us. I know in this business that we are judged on wins and losses and coaches are judged on wins and losses, but I think the one thing that gets overlooked is how these coaches have such a big influence on their players and the relationships that they build, not only on the field between those white lines, but the relationships they built with these players and their coworkers off the field, as well, and the guidance they give these players. I hope ... everybody understands what a special person he was and how much Tony meant to everybody that he touched."

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Barone and Janocko each said they've enjoyed working with the other and look forward to continuing the effort.

"I've known Andrew now for a year-and-a-half," Barone said. "We've been in the same room working with Tony, doing the game plan and things like that and doing drills. There's not many hiccups out there."

Janocko said: "Clancy is a great guy. He has a lot of experience in this league, he has a Super Bowl ring, so we're going forward."

"We've planned everything out, we've talked everything through and whatever comes up, we come to a decision and go with it with one message," Janocko added. "That's been the key thing so far. There's two voices, but there's one message. It's been great working with him because he's a good guy, a good football coach and he's passionate about what he does."

Janocko said he wants to carryover the approach he witnessed in Sparano, to "trust what you know, and then just go out and have fun with it."

"It's still football, it's still a lot of fun, and these guys are passionate, and to be passionate about what you're doing and teaching," Janocko added. "It's the one thing Tony, every day, no matter what, he had a passion for what he was doing, and that's something that I always want to mimic."

Vikings players will wear decals on their helmets, and coaches and staff members will wear pins all season long, to honor Tony's memory.





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# WELCOME ADDITIONS

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## THERE IS ROSTER TURNOVER

year after year in the NFL as players shuffle in and out of each organization in the offseason.

It was no different for the Vikings in 2018, although the added pieces that are now in Minnesota certainly bring more excitement and anticipation than usual.

The biggest offseason addition is undoubtedly quarterback Kirk Cousins.

The Vikings signed the Pro Bowl quarterback to a three-year contract in mid-March, snagging the top free agent prize of the NFL offseason, before Cousins quickly and confidently asserted himself as a leader in his new locker room and on the field.

"I think, that was my question coming in, 'How long do I sit back and watch and listen and learn before I start to act like a starting quarterback?' I was surprised by how much my teammates gave me that license to lead quickly," Cousins said a few weeks ago. "I thought they were going to want to have me prove myself a little bit longer than maybe I had to.

"They were very supportive. They said, 'No, man, it's your show, let's go.' So, when I say I was welcomed by the team, I was accepted, I was given permission to lead,"

Cousins added. "That's where it didn't take as long as maybe I thought it would have. That's been a pleasant surprise."

Cousins, a former fourth-round pick in 2012 out of Michigan State, threw for 13,176 yards and 81 touchdowns while compiling a passer rating of 97.6 in the past three seasons as Washington's starter. He has thrown for at least 4,000 yards and 25 touchdowns in each of the previous three seasons.

It's safe to say he's made a big impression on his new teammates and has gotten on the same page with skill players such as Stefon Diggs, Adam Thielen and Kyle Rudolph.

"Kirk has a lot going on in the offense and just commanding the offense, but Kirk is social with all his guys. He talks to everybody on the team," said Vikings running back Dalvin Cook. "If I want to ask a question, I go straight to Kirk. He's the captain of the ship, so I go straight to him. He answers me with all ears open, and we're just building from here."

Cousins will work with new Vikings Offensive Coordinator John DeFilippo, who joined the franchise after winning a Super Bowl LII ring as Philadelphia's quarterbacks coach in 2017. The Vikings



"He's got excellent quickness, is strong; he's been good in the locker room and good on the field."

- MIKE ZIMMER ON  
RICHARDSON



also signed multiple wide receivers. Kendall Wright led Chicago with 59 catches for 614 yards in 2017, and Brandon Zylstra, a Minnesota native, had 100 catches for 1,687 yards in the Canadian Football League.

Minnesota also added offensive newcomers in the draft, selecting offensive tackle Brian O'Neill (second round) and tight end Tyler Conklin (fifth round).

If Cousins was the big fish that Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman and the front office landed on offense, then defensive tackle Sheldon Richardson was the splashy signing on defense.

Richardson, the 13th overall pick in the 2013 NFL Draft by the New York Jets, adds another weapon on a defense that ranked first in the NFL in yards allowed (275.9 per game), points allowed (15.8 per game) and on third downs (25.2 percent conversion rate allowed) in 2017.

Richardson spent the first four seasons of his career with the Jets before playing for the Seahawks in 2017. He has 19 career sacks in 73 career games.

"He's got great quickness. So far, Sheldon has played the run very, very well," said Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer. "We're working on some things [with his] pass rush because he's always been a guy that's been disruptive, he can get around the quarterback, but he hasn't finished. So we've been working on a lot of things with him.

"He's got excellent quickness, is strong; he's been good in the locker room and good on the field," Zimmer added.

Minnesota used its first-round pick on a player who could help out in multiple phases of the game.

Mike Hughes was the 30th overall selection in the 2018 NFL Draft and is looking to make an impact on defense and special teams.

The rookie has lined up at cornerback in training camp and the preseason, but he is also a candidate for kickoff and punt returns, an area Hughes excelled at in college. Hughes had a punt return for a touchdown and added two kickoff returns for scores in 2017 at UCF.

"I see potential for Mike Hughes doing anything he wants to in this game," said Vikings Special Teams Coordinator Mike Priefer. "He's very talented, he's very intelligent. He's very quiet and unassuming ... but there's a drive in there that you can see.

"I've been around a lot of young people, and I think he's one of the guys that really understands what he needs to do to get better," Priefer added. "He knows he hasn't arrived yet, even though he was a first-round draft pick. I love his attitude, I love his effort, and he's improving every day."

The Vikings went 13-3, won the NFC North and advanced to the NFC title game in 2017. But the hope is that the offseason additions will help Minnesota climb even higher this season.

"A big selling point here, to be honest with you, is not only the commitment the ownership has shown to giving us the resources necessary to win, but I had a lot of long talks with [players] about what this coaching staff does with players," Spielman said. "Coach Zim's history of taking guys that were first rounders – and this coaching staff is very unique because they can take players that are very good players, but somehow have the ability to take them to the next level.

"We anticipate, and we talked about this, 'You come in and listen to the coaches, and they will get you to where they want you to go,'" Spielman added.



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The wide receiver known as 'The SuperFreak' was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, on Aug. 4. He delivered an impassioned and emotional speech that lasted just under 17 minutes.

Moss, who ranks second all-time with 156 career receiving touchdowns and is fourth in league history with 15,292 receiving yards, spoke about his faith, family and his playing days during his speech. Here are five moments from Moss' speech.

# MOSS



01

## PAYING TRIBUTE TO DENNIS GREEN

Moss' career started in Minnesota in 1998 when the Vikings and former head coach Dennis Green drafted the wide receiver in the first round.

Moss paid homage to Green, who likely would have presented the Vikings Ring of Honor member at his induction ceremony. Green passed away on July 22, 2016.

"First and foremost, I have to give the credit to where it's due," Moss said. "Where would we be without Dennis Green? Where would the real Minnesota Vikings, Randy Moss true fans be if Dennis Green would have never pulled that trigger with the 21st pick?"

"I want to thank all the true Minnesota Vikings fans for being able to stick with me through thick and thin, ups and downs, bumpy roads," Moss added. "This is for us."

02

## 'THEY NEED TO CELEBRATE YOU'

Moss spent the first portion of his speech paying tribute to his family, a group that included his wife and kids as well as nieces and nephews.

But his most powerful tribute went to his mother, whom he credited for showing him what a hard work ethic during his youth.

"Momma, if they're here celebrating me for all of my accomplishments, they need to celebrate you," Moss said. "Being able to work two or three jobs to provide for us, you took care of us."

"For her to understand what this jacket means to me ... 'Momma, it was not about me.' I had to go get it for us," Moss added.

Moss closed his speech with a statement to his mother that he considers them both of Hall of Famers.

"Maxine Patricia Moss ... WE are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame!" Moss exclaimed.



# 03

## HE TOOK THE PARTY TO RAND, WV

Moss took the celebration home to West Virginia.

Moss announced during his speech that he would be back in his hometown of Rand the next day to hold a party for those who still live in his community.

Moss recalled his tough childhood in Rand, citing poverty and racism as issues that he often dealt with.

But he added that those experiences in the small town shaped him into the Hall of Famer he is today.

"Believe me when I tell you all, where I come from, I knew I had to carry you all," Moss said. "From the bottom of my heart, I know a lot of people out there are struggling.

"I cannot forget my small, unincorporated community of Rand, West Virginia," Moss added.

# 04

## ALL ABOUT 11 NOT 1

Moss set numerous individual records during his career, including catching a rookie-record 17 touchdowns in 1998, a mark that still stands today. He also set the single-season record with 23 touchdown catches in 2007 while with New England.

But the man with nine double-digit touchdown seasons and 10 1,000-yard seasons said he never cared much for the individual accolades.

Toward the end of his speech, Moss recognized all of the people that he saw on a daily basis throughout his 14-year NFL career.

"All of those individual awards don't really mean anything to me," Moss said. "It's a team sport. Football is a team sport.

"If you checked your pride at the door and are not ashamed ... all my teammates, coaches, equipment managers, trainers – if you're in attendance today – I want to thank you because it doesn't take one, it takes all 11 of us," Moss added. "For all my teammates that I just talked about ... man, stand up. Stand up right now. There is not one ... it's 11."



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## WILF FAMILY OPENED A DOOR

Moss was inducted into the Vikings Ring of Honor at halftime of the Vikings 2017 season opener at U.S. Bank Stadium.

The wide receiver thanked the Wilf family for their leadership as owners of the team and for making Moss feel like a part of the Vikings family once again.

He also heaped praise on the current Vikings team that has lofty expectations.

"The Wilf family ... I want to thank you for opening the door and not being scared to reach out," Moss said. "You all are great owners. You promised the state a stadium, and y'all delivered.

*"You all continue to do great things in the state, and a Super Bowl will be coming your way." - Randy Moss*







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## VIKINGS ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK

Vikings Entertainment Network (VEN) is the umbrella for all Vikings content and entertainment initiatives including Preseason TV, team TV shows, vikings.com and in-stadium programming. Newly open TCO Studios will set the stage for signature Vikings content this fall.



*Vikings Gameplan* returns for a 12th season featuring the “Voice of the Vikings” Paul Allen as well as Head Coach Mike Zimmer, a weekly player guest, game film review and expert analysis. *Vikings Gameplan* is produced by VEN and airs Saturdays on FOX 9 KMSP and Sundays on FOX Sports North.



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*Vikings: Beyond the Gridiron* is an Emmy Award-winning show that offers rare, behind-the-scenes looks at the Vikings on and off the field. *Vikings: Beyond the Gridiron* will be produced by VEN this fall for digital and connected television platforms.



*Vikings GameDay LIVE*, the team's one-hour pregame show, is back for its third season. 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. *Vikings GameDay LIVE* is produced by VEN in conjunction with FOX 9 KMSP and airs Sunday mornings on FOX 9 KMSP.



*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 will air on KMSP, My 29 WFTC and Fox Sports North.





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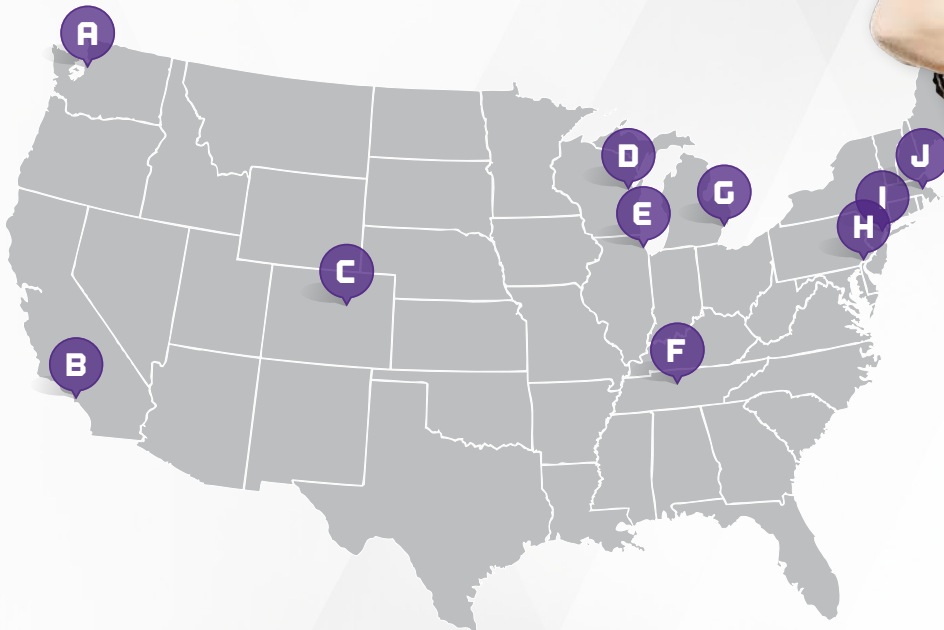


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## GAME-DAY MAP

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# BRIDGET

YEAR 2

### WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

My hobbies include spending time with family and friends, weightlifting, rollerblading, dog walks, bonfires and anything involving a lake.

### WHAT IS YOUR BEST LIFE EXPERIENCE?

My best experiences are traveling with the people closest to me. It's hard to choose between my sisters taking me to France and Italy, or when a large group of my family and friends traveled to Zihuatanejo, Mexico, together.

### WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF BEING AN MVC?

The best part of being an MVC is the amazing relationships that you gain. Drilling dances, helping at charity events, dancing with Justin Timberlake during the Super Bowl LII halftime show – no matter what we are doing, we always have a great time together!



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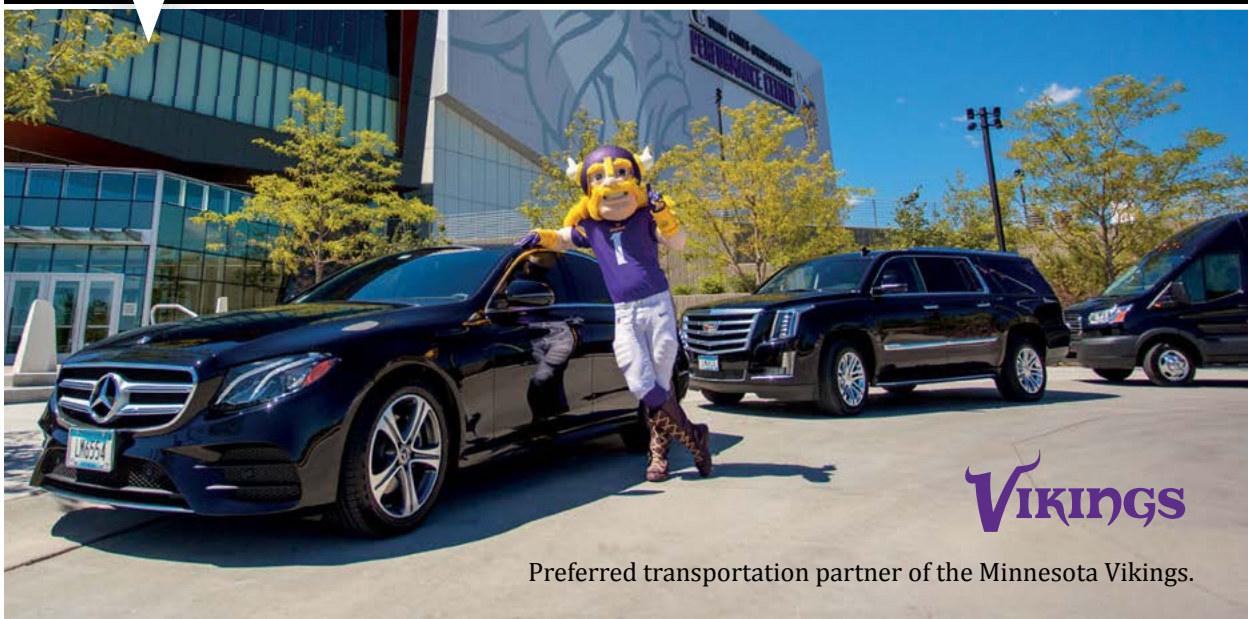
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# TEAM UP

TO GIVE BACK



BY LINDSEY YOUNG

**WHEN THE VIKINGS VISITED** Friendly Hills Middle School as part of the organization's "Team Up to Give Back" volunteer day in May, friends Hamza Mohamed, 11, and Bjorn Aune, 12, chatted in anticipation about whether or not they might get the chance to meet wide receiver Stefon Diggs.

"We were coming back up from outside and saw Stefon Diggs walking in, and I said, 'He's the G.O.A.T. - Greatest of All Time,'" said Bjorn, who along with other classmates explained the acronym to Vikings Owner Zygi Wilf.

At that exact moment and completely unprompted, Diggs walked through the classroom door.

Cheers erupted, and Wilf joined in the excitement as he gestured at Diggs and laughed, "Here he is - the GOAT!"

"We were so excited that he stepped in right on cue," Wilf said.

Diggs took selfies, signed autographs and spent time talking with the students, and he also passed out gray, drawstring backpacks adorned with the Vikings Norseman logo.

Diggs was joined by approximately 30 teammates, along with Vikings coaches and employees who participated in activities at Friendly Hills. The rest of the Vikings team and additional coaches and staff visited Rahn Elementary and Pinewood Community School, two schools also located near Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center.

Kirk Cousins toured a variety of classrooms before encouraging students through footwork drills in the gymnasium.

Despite rainy weather, students engaged in a number of activities with the Vikings visitors, including football skills stations, educational games and even a group art project.

More than 1,600 students received two grade-appropriate books in the drawstring backpacks.

Wilf emphasized that the theme of the day was teamwork.

"We're a team on the field, and in the classrooms here, kids have to feel the team spirit. Why? Because you strengthen each other by teamwork," he said. "When you work together as a team, you create better things - a better environment, a happier environment, an environment that doesn't seek out an individual person but works together as the team should."

Peter Olson-Skog, Superintendent of West St. Paul - Mendota Heights - Eagan Area Schools, emphasized the unique opportunity to welcome the Vikings.

"It's just a great neighborhood outreach, and we really appreciate all the partnerships that the Vikings have developed so quickly while moving into the area," Olson-Skog said.



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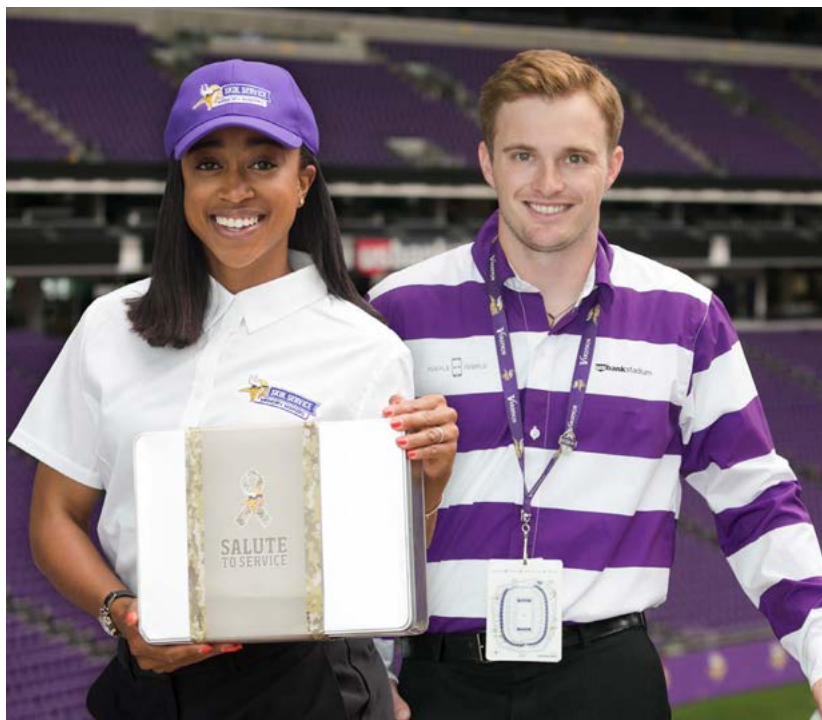
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## WHAT IS SKOL SERVICE?

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Throughout the 2018 season, we will be utilizing this page of the *Playbook* to showcase SKOL Service Stories. Each story will highlight a SKOL Service team member that performed exceptionally, offered a little extra support or simply brought a smile to someone's face!

For our first edition of the 2018 SKOL Service Stories, we would like to introduce to you two unique groups of game-day staff members and share what they can offer to enhance your game day experience. We are pleased to introduce you to our Purple People and SKOL Service Memory Makers.



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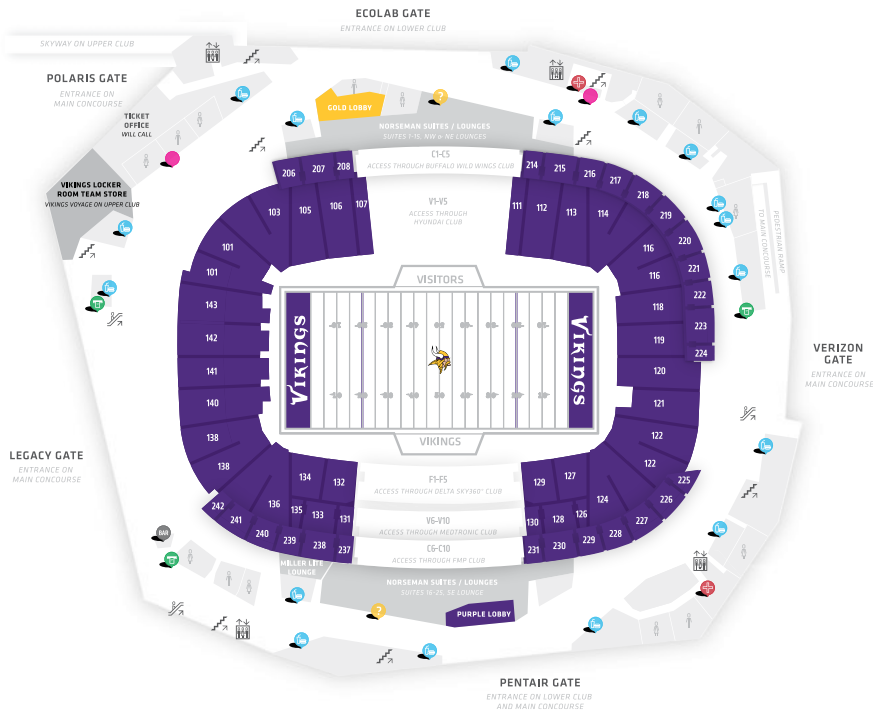
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