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- Displaying inconsiderate behavior toward others
- Disorderly conduct
- Wearing obscene or indecent clothing
- Smoking in non-designated areas

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- Harassment of visiting-team fans

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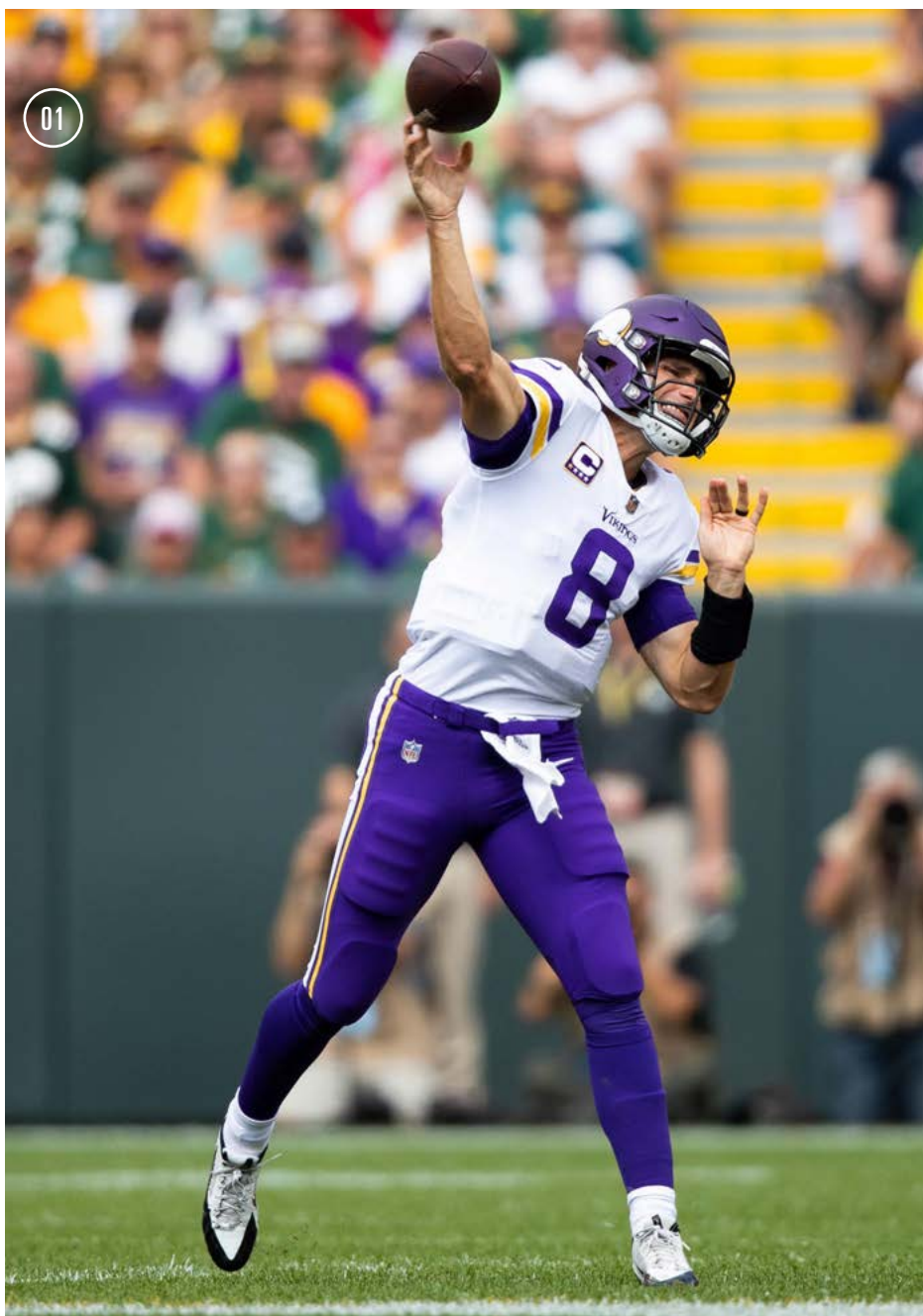
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AT PACKERS

THE VIKINGS VISITED THE PACKERS IN WEEK 2 FOR THE 116TH BORDER BATTLE AND TIED FOR JUST THE THIRD TIME. THE GAME WAS THE FIRST IN NFL HISTORY TO END WITH 29 POINTS FOR BOTH TEAMS.

Minnesota's defense limited Green Bay to 12 points in the final 40 minutes of the game, and the offense stormed back from a 20-7 deficit at the start the fourth quarter.

Kirk Cousins threw for 425 yards and totaled four touchdown passes. Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs each had more than 100 receiving yards for the first time in the same game.



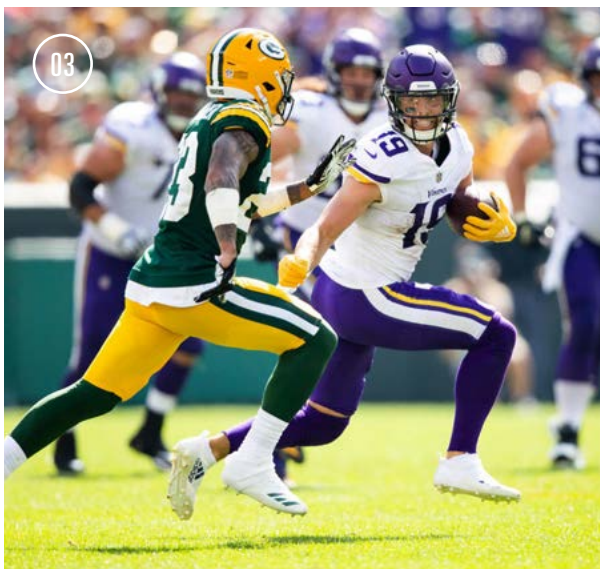
01 | Cousins' 425 passing yards tied Daunte Culpepper for the eighth-most in team history.

02 | Danielle Hunter recorded one of four Vikings sacks of Aaron Rodgers on the day.

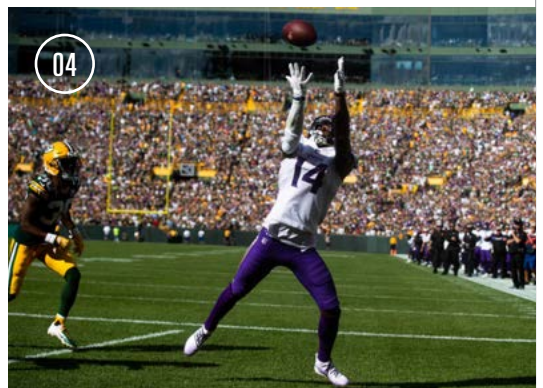
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03



04



03 | Thielen led Minnesota with 12 receptions for 131 yards. His day included a 22-yard touchdown in the final minute of regulation.

04 | Diggs caught this 2-point conversion pass to tie the game at 29. He added nine receptions for 128 yards, including touchdowns of 3 and 75 yards.



05 | Mike Hughes took his first career kickoff return 46 yards to the Minnesota 43. Hughes' long return set up Minnesota's first touchdown.

06 | Kyle Rudolph had 72 yards on seven catches.



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TODAY'S GAME features the Bills and the defending NFC North Champion Vikings. This will be the 14th meeting between the franchises but just the sixth time that Buffalo has visited Minnesota.

The Vikings have gone 4-1 at home in the series and haven't hosted the Bills since 2010.

The Vikings also are hosting Legends Weekend, bringing back scores of alumni for an annual celebration that is overlapping with the Ring of Honor induction of former Head

Coach Dennis Green, who passed away on July 22, 2016.

Notable days by Vikings alumni against the Bills include Chuck Foreman setting a team single-game record with four touchdowns (two rushing, two receiving) in 1975, Jim Marshall playing his final home game at Metropolitan Stadium (Dec. 9, 1979) and Robert Smith rushing for 169 yards and a touchdown on 16 carries to open the 1997 season in Buffalo.

ALAN LANDIS TRIBUTE

The Vikings will hold a moment of silence before today's game in honor of Alan Landis, an original partner of the Wilf family ownership group's acquisition of the team. Landis passed away in April 2018. Landis was active in causes ranging from the National Prevent Child Abuse Organization to the Foundation for Fighting Blindness. He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughter, Dana; and son, Scott; who are serving as today's Honorary Captains.

COLOR GUARD

Service members from the Air Force, which was founded on Sept. 18, 1947, will present the colors.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Former Vikings defensive tackle and contestant on NBC's *The Voice* Esera Tuaolo will perform the National Anthem.

2018 HISPANIC HERITAGE LEADERSHIP AWARD

John Pacheco, president of The Latino Chamber of Commerce Minnesota, will be recognized. Pacheco has served the Minnesota Latino community for more than 40 years, working to empower economic expansion for Latino-owned businesses.



Former Head Coach Dennis Green, whose 97 regular-season wins rank second in Vikings franchise history, will become the 24th member of the Vikings Ring of Honor during a special halftime ceremony. As part of today's tribute, Dennis Green's son, Zach, will sound the Gjallarhorn prior to kickoff. The Vikings will then honor Green and his family and unveil his name on the façade of U.S. Bank Stadium at intermission.

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In the spring, the Minnesota Vikings, Innovative Office Solutions and KFAN will present the winning community with a **TOWN TAKEOVER**, a once-in-a-lifetime event including **VIKINGS PLAYERS, VIKINGS MASCOT VIKTOR AND THE VIKINGS CHEERLEADERS**. The winning community will be given a **\$10,000** check for its school's football program.

TODAY'S PROMOTIONS

PROMOTIONS TODAY'S GAME



KWIK TRIP FAMILY OF THE GAME

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

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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 Hero is longtime Minnesota State Fair Police Chief and Vikings/NFL Security Associate Art Blakey, who passed away in August. Blakey was the first African-American officer in the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office. He worked with NFL security from 1999 to 2015.

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!

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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.



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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.

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If you're a Verizon Up member, you can check out a free portable phone charger to use during the game. To get yours, visit the Verizon Up Fan Zone located on the main concourse by the Verizon Gate on game day.

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 Tweet your seat location to @vikingspromos for your chance to win prizes from the Vikings Street Team at today's game.

► UPCOMING EVENTS



VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT PRESENTED BY FVP

The Minnesota Vikings will host the first Vikings Prep Spotlight game presented by FVP at TCO Stadium when Eagan plays Farmington on Friday, Sept. 28. The game is Eagan's Homecoming and will begin a series of games at TCO Stadium for the 2018 high school football season. Learn more at vikings.com/Prep.

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 open before, during and after Vikings home games. Minnesota Vikings Foundation pregame auctions will occur in the Vikings Longhouse presented by PRIMESPORT. During games, auctions will be held on the west concourse of U.S. Bank Stadium, near sections 101 and 143.

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 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.



Visit vikings.com/promotions or download the Vikings app for full event listings.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL FEAST

FRIDAY, SEPT. 28, 9 A.M. - NOON

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

VIKINGS COUNTRY

THURSDAY, OCT. 4, 6 P.M.

The popular *Vikings Country* radio show will be broadcast from Shortstop Bar in Coon Rapids on Oct. 4. Host Mike Mussman will be joined by Latavius Murray. Tune in on KFAN and the Vikings Radio Network or attend the live broadcast.

MADDEN 19

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Think you're the best "Madden 19" player? Here is your chance to represent the Vikings in the Madden NFL 19 Club Championship. Finalists will play live at the Mall of America, with your chance to earn a spot and represent the Vikings in the Madden Championship. To qualify, you must sign up now through Sept. 28 and compete as the Vikings. Register today at NFL.com/Madden.

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PLAYER TO WATCH: RB DALVIN COOK

DALVIN COOK'S VERSATILITY has been put on display early in 2018, his second pro season. Cook has rushed 26 times for 78 yards (3.0 per carry) and caught nine passes for 107 yards (11.9 per reception). He has a long run of 15 yards and a long reception of 24 yards through two weeks. Add it all up, and it's been a solid return to the lineup for Cook, who spent the offseason rehabbing a torn ACL. Cook suffered the injury in Week 4 of the 2017 season, which grinded his impressive debut campaign to a halt. He totaled 354 yards and two touchdowns on 74 carries in his first three-plus games and added 11 receptions for 90 yards. Since returning to action, Cook has shown an explosive burst, as well as the ability to keep his balance through contact from defenders and break tackles. According to Pro Football Focus, Cook has created 18 missed tackles, which leads the NFL this season.

COOK'S IN THE KITCHEN: NICKNAMED "THE CHEF," COOK HAS CULINARY INTERESTS. HE UNDERWENT A PRIVATE LESSON FROM JAMES BEARD AWARD-WINNING MINNESOTA CHEF GAVIN KAYSEN AND PARTICIPATED IN A COOKING COMPETITION AGAINST STEPHEN WEATHERLY DURING THE ANNUAL TASTE OF THE VIKINGS FUNDRAISER.

4,464 AND 46

Cook set school records by rushing for 4,464 yards and 46 touchdowns in just three seasons at Florida State.

2018 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Kirk Cousins	669
Rushing (Yds)	Dalvin Cook	78
Receiving (Yds)	Adam Thielen	233
Tackles	Harrison Smith	16
Sacks	Danielle Hunter	2.0
Interceptions	M. Hughes, H. Smith, X. Rhodes	1
KOR (Yds)	Mike Hughes	46
PR (Avg.)	Marcus Sherels	5.0

2018 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (3-1)

P1	8/11	at Denver Broncos	W 42-28
P2	8/18	Jacksonville Jaguars	L 14-10
P3	8/24	Seattle Seahawks	W 21-20
P4	8/30	at Tennessee Titans	W 13-3

REGULAR SEASON (1-0-1)

1	9/9	San Francisco 49ers	W 24-16
2	9/16	at Green Bay Packers	T 29-29
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 BILLS

RUSHING YARDS

169	Robert Smith on 16 attempts at Buffalo (Aug. 31, 1997)
107	Adrian Peterson on 16 attempts in Minnesota (Dec. 5, 2010)

PASSING YARDS

274	Daunte Culpepper on 21-of-33 passing in Minnesota (Dec. 7, 2003)
274	Fran Tarkenton on 27-of-37 passing at Seattle (Oct. 8, 1978)

RECEIVING YARDS

142	Sammy White on nine catches at Buffalo (Sept. 16, 1982)
121	Cris Carter on eight catches at Buffalo (Aug. 31, 1997)

2018 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Josh Allen	319
Rushing (Yds)	LeSean McCoy	61
Receiving (Yds)	Zay Jones	89
Tackles	Jordan Poyer	15
Sacks	J. Hughes, L. Alexander, T. Edmunds	1.0
Interceptions	None	
KOR (Yds)	Marcus Murphy	213
PR (Avg.)	Marcus Murphy	7.5

2018 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (2-2)

P1	8/9	Carolina Panthers	L 28-23
P2	8/17	at Cleveland Browns	W 19-17
P3	8/26	Cincinnati Bengals	L 26-13
P4	8/30	at Chicago Bears	W 28-27

REGULAR SEASON (0-2)

1	9/9	at Baltimore Ravens	L 47-3
2	9/16	Los Angeles Chargers	L 31-20
3	9/23	at Minnesota Vikings	
4	9/30	at Green Bay Packers	
5	10/7	Tennessee Titans	
6	10/14	at Houston Texans	
7	10/21	at Indianapolis Colts	
8	10/29	New England Patriots	
9	11/4	Chicago Bears	
10	11/11	at New York Jets	
11	BYE WEEK		
12	11/25	Jacksonville Jaguars	
13	12/2	at Miami Dolphins	
14	12/9	New York Jets	
15	12/16	Detroit Lions	
16	12/23	at New England Patriots	
17	12/30	Miami Dolphins	

TOP 2s AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

92	Greg Bell on 24 attempts at Buffalo (Sept. 29, 1985)
86	Thurman Thomas on 18 attempts at Buffalo (Sept. 4, 1988)

PASSING YARDS

463	Drew Bledsoe on 35-of-49 passing in Minnesota (Sept. 15, 2002)
330	Joe Ferguson on 25-of-45 passing at Buffalo (Sept. 16, 1982)

RECEIVING YARDS

185	Peerless Price on 13 catches in Minnesota (Sept. 15, 2002)
142	Andre Reed on seven catches at Buffalo (Aug. 31, 1997)



PLAYER TO WATCH: DT KYLE WILLIAMS

TODAY IS SCHEDULED TO BE KYLE WILLIAMS' 170th game and 165th start (all with the Bills), which are franchise records among defensive tackles. Williams also has the Buffalo record for sacks by a defensive tackle with 44. Originally drafted out of LSU in the fifth round (134th overall) of the 2006 NFL Draft, Williams has faced the Vikings on three previous occasions (2006, 2010 and 2014). Williams was credited with five tackles and one quarterback hit the last time the Vikings and Bills squared off (Oct. 19, 2014) in Buffalo. The 35-year-old is the second-oldest player on the Bills roster behind Lorenzo Alexander by 10 days, but he brings the savvy expertise and talent that have earned him five Pro Bowls into today's game. Williams should provide another test for the interior of the Vikings offensive line.

INTO THE END ZONE: IN WEEK 17 OF THE 2017 SEASON, THE BILLS LINED UP WILLIAMS AT FULLBACK AND HANDED HIM THE FOOTBALL. HE PLOWED INTO THE END ZONE FOR A 1-YARD TOUCHDOWN, THE FIRST SCORE OF HIS CAREER. WILLIAMS' TOUCHDOWN RUN GAVE BUFFALO A 19-0 LEAD OVER MIAMI, AND THE BILLS HELD ON FOR A 22-16 VICTORY TO EARN THEIR FIRST POSTSEASON TRIP SINCE 1999.

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Williams has recorded 3.5 or more sacks in six of his pro seasons, including a career-best 10.5 in 2013.



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3	Trevor Siemian	QB
5	Dan Bailey	K
6	Matt Wile	P
8	Kirk Cousins	QB
11	Laquon Treadwell	WR
14	Stefon Diggs	WR
15	Brandon Zylstra	WR
17	Aldrick Robinson	WR
19	Adam Thielen	WR
20	Mackensie Alexander	CB
21	Mike Hughes	CB
22	Harrison Smith	S
23	George Iloka	S
24	Holton Hill	CB
25	Latavius Murray	RB
26	Trae Waynes	CB
27	Jayron Kearsae	S
29	Xavier Rhodes	CB
30	C.J. Ham	FB
32	Roc Thomas	RB
33	Dalvin Cook	RB
34	Andrew Sendejo	S
35	Marcus Sherels	CB
41	Anthony Harris	S
42	Ben Gedeon	LB
44	Mike Boone	RB
47	Kevin McDermott	LS
50	Eric Wilson	LB
54	Eric Kendricks	LB
55	Anthony Barr	LB
57	Devante Downs	LB
61	Brett Jones	C
63	Danny Isidora	G
65	Pat Elflein	C
69	Rashod Hill	T
71	Riley Reiff	T
74	Mike Remmers	G
75	Brian O'Neill	T
78	Bryan Witzmann	G
79	Tom Compton	G
82	Kyle Rudolph	TE
83	Tyler Conklin	TE
89	David Morgan	TE
90	Tashawn Bower	DE
91	Stephen Weatherly	DE
92	Jalyn Holmes	DT
93	Sheldon Richardson	DT
94	Jaleel Johnson	DT
96	Tom Johnson	DT
97	Everson Griffen	DE
98	Linval Joseph	DT
99	Danielle Hunter	DE




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



27
CORNERBACK
Tre'Davious White




93
DEFENSIVE END
Trent Murphy



95
DEFENSIVE TACKLE
Kyle Williams



98
DEFENSIVE TACKLE
Star Lotulelei



55
DEFENSIVE END
Jerry Hughes



28
CORNERBACK
Phillip Gaines



27
LINEBACKER
Lorenzo Alexander




21
FREE SAFETY
Jordan Poyer



49
LINEBACKER
Tremaine Edmunds



23
STRONG SAFETY
Micah Hyde



58
LINEBACKER
Matt Milano

VIKINGS SPECIAL TEAMS




5
KICKER
Dan Bailey



6
PUNTER
Matt Wile



47
LONG SNAPPER
Kevin McDermott



35
PUNT/KICK RETURNER
Marcus Sherels



ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

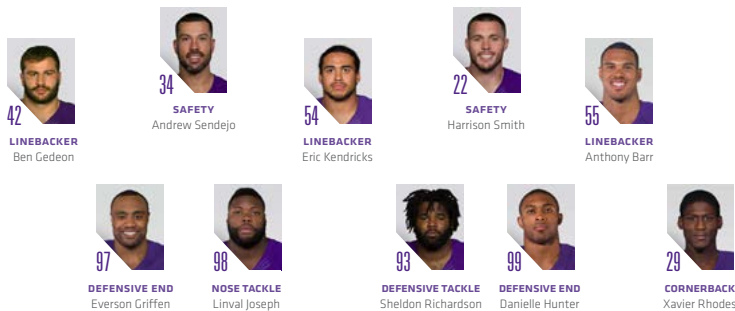
MINNESOTA VIKINGS

OFFENSE

WR	Thielen	Treadwell	
LT	Reiff		
LG	Compton	Witzmann	
C	Elflein	Jones	
RG	Remmers	Isidora	
RT	Hill	O'Neill	
TE	Rudolph	Morgan	Conklin
WR	Diggs	Zylstra	Robinson
QB	Cousins	Siemian	Sloter
FB	Ham		
HB	Cook	Murray	Boone

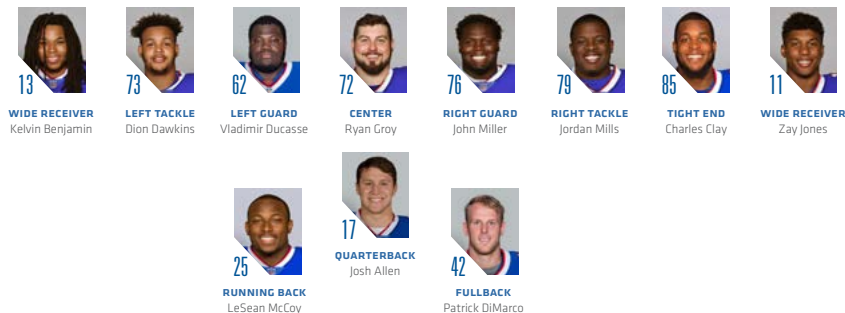
DEFENSE

LE	Hunter	Bower	
DT	Richardson	T. Johnson	Holmes
NT	Joseph	J. Johnson	
RE	Griffen	Weatherly	
WLB	Gedeon	Wilson	
MLB	Kendricks	Downs	
SLB	Barr		
LCB	Waynes	Hughes	
RCB	Rhodes	Alexander	Hill
SS	Sendejo	Kearsae	Iloka
FS	Smith	Harris	

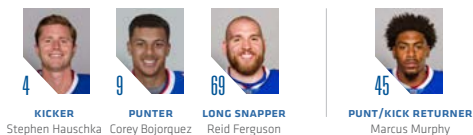


VIKINGS DEFENSE

BILLS OFFENSE



BILLS SPECIAL TEAMS



ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

BUFFALO BILLS



OFFENSE

WR	Benjamin	Holmes	McCloud III
LT	Dawkins	Newhouse	
LG	Ducasse	Teller	
C	Groy	Bodine	
RG	Miller	Boettger	
RT	Mills	McDermott	
TE	Clay	Croom	Thomas
WR	Jones	Foster	
QB	Allen	Peterman	
FB	DiMarco		
RB	McCoy	Ivory	M. Murphy

DEFENSE

LDE	T. Murphy	Lawson	Orchard
LDT	Williams	Thomas	
RDT	Lotulelei	Phillips	
RDE	Hughes	Yarbrough	Orchard
WLB	Milano	Humber	
MLB	Edmunds	Stanford	
SLB	Alexander	Lacey	
LCB	White	Pitts	
RCB	Gaines	Johnson	Lewis
SS	Hyde	Neal	
FS	Poyer	Bush	

2	Nathan Peterman	QB
4	Stephen Hauschka	K
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11	Zay Jones	WR
13	Kelvin Benjamin	WR
14	Ray-Ray McCloud III	WR
16	Robert Foster	WR
17	Josh Allen	QB
18	Andre Holmes	WR
20	Rafael Bush	S
21	Jordan Poyer	S
23	Micah Hyde	S
24	Taron Johnson	CB
25	LeSean McCoy	RB
26	Taiwan Jones	RB
27	Tre'Davious White	CB
28	Phillip Gaines	CB
29	Siran Neal	S
30	Lafayette Pitts	CB
33	Chris Ivory	RB
38	Ryan Lewis	CB
42	Patrick DiMarco	FB
44	Deon Lacey	LB
45	Marcus Murphy	RB
49	Tremaine Edmunds	LB
50	Ramon Humber	LB
51	Julian Stanford	LB
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55	Jerry Hughes	DE
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58	Matt Milano	LB
62	Vladimir Ducasse	G
65	Ike Boettger	G
66	Russell Bodine	C
68	Conor McDermott	T
69	Reid Ferguson	LS
71	Marshall Newhouse	T
72	Ryan Groy	C
73	Dion Dawkins	T
75	Wyatt Teller	G
76	John Miller	G
79	Jordan Mills	T
80	Jason Croom	TE
82	Logan Thomas	TE
85	Charles Clay	TE
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TIMEOUT WITH McDERMOTT

KEVIN AND CONOR McDERMOTT NEVER DREAMED THEY'D PLAY IN THE NFL. NOT ONLY HAVE THE BROTHERS MADE IT TO THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF FOOTBALL, BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME TODAY, THEIR TEAMS WILL PLAY EACH OTHER.

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

IN THE LONG SNAPPER'S SIXTH NFL SEASON, and fourth in Purple, Kevin said he's "really excited" to connect pregame with Conor, a tackle for the Bills. Conor, a sixth-round draft pick by the Patriots in 2017, was signed by Buffalo after being released by New England last September.

Kevin pointed out that while he and Conor have played several football games together over the years, they have never before – at any level – been on opposing sidelines.

"We were in high school for one year together at Ensworth High School in Nashville, obviously playing on the same team there," Kevin explained of his younger brother. "And then he followed me to UCLA, where we were on the same sideline for a year."

Added Kevin: "I'm holding out hope that they put him on field goal block or something for at least part of the game. It would be really fun to line up against him."



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WE CAUGHT UP WITH McDERMOTT
FOR A RECENT TIMEOUT:



Q. Growing up, did you and Conor ever imagine that you'd both make it to the NFL?

A. *Not in the least did we ever expect that this would happen. I was a basketball player through-and-through, and so was Conor. That was our main focus when we were in middle school and high school. It's interesting that we've both ended up playing professional football, but we wouldn't change it.*

Q. Will your parents be wearing a split Vikings-Bills jersey at today's game?

A. *I think my mom and dad, I'm sure they have something up their sleeve, but they're very excited to come to the game and see both of us. I know my mom sits in the stands when she comes to my game and has her phone to watch Conor play, and if she's at Conor's game, she has her phone to watch me play. So it will be exciting for them to see both of their sons on the field at the same time.*

Q. Congratulations to you and your wife, Lauren, on expecting a daughter this winter! What are you most looking forward to as a first-time dad?

A. *I'm very excited for the challenge of it. I know there's going to be a big learning curve because I have absolutely no idea what to expect. But we've been married for almost four years now, and we're very happy and just excited to expand our family. I know my mom and mother-in-law are also very excited. My mom in particular, she had four brothers and then two sons, so now that we're having a daughter, she's really excited to spoil a girl.*

Q. Have any of your Vikings teammates given you especially good parenting advice?

A. *(Laughing) I've gotten a lot of parenting advice from teammates on sleeping [as a parent], how to get sleep when [the baby is] crying at night. The good thing is, Campbell is due at the very end of the season, and obviously we're hoping to make a playoff run. And then there will be an extended period of time where she's still young, and I can help Lauren out as much as I can.*

Q. Campbell Marie is a pretty name; how did you come up with it?

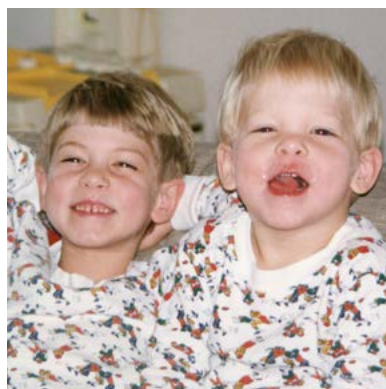
A. *[Campbell] is Lauren's grandmother's maiden name, and my grandmother's middle name is Bell.*

Q. You and Lauren are big-time travelers; do you think there will be family trips in the near future?

A. *I think so. I think this offseason, we probably won't go to as exotic of places, but we'll still hopefully make it overseas once and take a shorter trip.*

Q. You tweeted recently (@KMCD47) that your wife is "truly the best" for watching *GoldenEye* – are you a big James Bond fan?

A. *That's one of my all-time favorites from when I was a kid. I used to play the N-64 GoldenEye video game all the time, and I'm particularly fond of the Vikings social media accounts putting out the "Big Head Mode" after a win. I came home from work and turned on the television, and there was GoldenEye on the television, and I thought, "Oh my gosh, that's pretty much the greatest thing I've ever seen."*



"Not in the least did we ever expect this to happen ...
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– KEVIN McDERMOTT ON REACHING THE NFL WITH HIS BROTHER

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WHAT'S IN A

NAME



Latavius and his fiancée, Shauntay Skanes, named their first son Major.

"It's been a name I've liked for a long time. I used to watch *T.I. and Tiny*.

Their little boy's name is Major, and I always liked that name. Ever since, I've always said if I have a son, I'm going to name him that, no matter what."

WRITTEN BY CRAIG PETERS

Teammates and coaches have learned in the past year-plus that Latavius' name is accompanied by accountability and a team-first mentality. The big brother in the Vikings running backs room became a father earlier this month.

Skanes has served 10 years in the Navy, and the couple has been together for about two years. The relationship runs much deeper.

"We've known each other since I was 11 or 12," the 28-year-old Murray explained. "We always kind of had a crush. We were young, both in different places, in different points in our life. I think the cool thing about life in general is if it's meant to be or you find a way to be together, it works out that way if it's supposed to."

A day after the "Tay Train" posted a picture of Major in a train-print sleeper

and a caption in which the eloquent running back said only, "speechless," Murray explained that he hasn't been sleepless because he and Shauntay have "kind of taken turns" in taking care of the kiddo.

"If I know I have an off day or even Sunday after the game, we've been choosing days for who wakes up at night with him," Murray said. "But he's been good. He's been eating a whole lot and sleeping, too. So I'm good."

The birth continued what's been a big year for Murray. He bounced back from an ankle injury that required surgery during the 2017 offseason to lead the Vikings with 842 rushing yards and eight scores on the ground, helping Minnesota advance to the NFC Championship Game.



Minnesota's 13-3 mark in the regular season and NFC North crown was the first time that Murray had been part of a division-winning team.

Coming so close to, yet so far from, a Super Bowl "definitely left a bitter taste" in his mouth and has been a driving force to do everything he can to help Minnesota have another opportunity.

"I think getting that close, it shows you how hard it is to win, you know? Or how important it is to be a really good team and not come up short," Murray said.

In addition to working hard in the Vikings offseason workout program, Murray continued his work toward an MBA from Syracuse University through online courses.

"I think if you've gone through injuries and some adversity, you get to thinking about the big picture and all of the things besides football, so that's what led me to the decision to go back to school," Murray explained.

Beyond furthering his personal goals, Murray also has reached out to support other people. He participated in a week-long USO Tour to visit American troops serving in Germany and Italy.

"We experienced a lot of families and a lot of service members that are stationed overseas," Murray explained. "They are serving for us and serving to give us the opportunity to do

what we love to do, and that's come out here and play football. With my fiancée being in the Navy, it kind of hits home for me, because maybe if I wasn't doing what I'm doing, that could be our family stationed over there. Grateful and thankful for those guys and girls that are overseas serving to give me and my family the freedom to do what we want to do."

Murray further expressed his gratitude to a group of brave men and women from the 945th FST of the Army Reserves. The members of the Forward Surgical Team were invited to a closed walk-through session and the annual night practice during Verizon Vikings Training Camp last month as the group was preparing for a deployment to Afghanistan.

"I wanted to introduce myself and wish you the best of luck over there and thank you," Murray told the group. "I know how it is and how it could be, at least a little bit."

Murray said recent experiences have furthered his perspective on the sacrifices of service members.

"It's much easier for me now than ever before to connect and understand [what military families experience]," Murray said. "I think, obviously, with what they're getting ready to do, I'm sure it's mentally tough. You're going to be away from family, away from home, so I think going into it, you need all the support, all the encouragement that you can get."

Murray also has made multiple personal goodwill trips to Haiti to lift up young people in dire circumstances.

The sixth-year pro's leadership and advice about football and life in general is welcome among a position group with two players that are in their second pro seasons and two rookies. Fullback C.J. Ham is the next oldest at 25. Dalvin Cook, Mike Boone and Roc Thomas turned 23 prior to the season.

Vikings Offensive Coordinator John DeFilippo was with Oakland when the Raiders drafted Murray in 2013 and said "Latavius is a team guy all the way."

"He's just been a high, high-character person who happens to be a really good football player," DeFilippo said. "We are thrilled he's here. He's been great. He's worrying about his own job and obviously helping out the younger guys as well. We have a young room there. He's kind of the elder statesman of the room there. He's done a great job of helping those guys out, especially those three young guys."

Murray provided encouragement to Cook as the 2017 second-round pick grinded through rehab. Teammates know they can go to Murray with any questions from football to life.

"Tay's the big brother in the group, in the room, so whatever advice I can take from him on and off the field to get to the year that he's at right now, because he's deep in his career, especially at the running back position, so to get to the year that he's at right now, I take every bit of advice that he can give," Cook said.

"When he was injured, he was telling me stuff, and now he's on the field," Cook said. "I still learn from him. He's just a big brother overall. He carried himself that way, just like a pro, so we all learned from him."

"Tay's the big brother in the group, in the room, so ... I take every bit of advice that he can give."

- RB DALVIN COOK ON LATAVIUS MURRAY

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When Vikings defensive line coach Andre Patterson was hired by Head Coach Mike Zimmer in 2014, he evaluated film of the incumbent players.

The footage featuring Everson Griffen showed quickness off the snap, speed to cover ground quickly and “explosive power coming out of his hips.”

Although the brunt of the clips showed Griffen at the 3-technique defensive tackle spot, Patterson saw a right defensive end ready for a full introduction to the league.

“He wasn’t even playing defensive end, so to be able to see the things he could do to a big guard, being his size, really intrigued me,” Patterson said. “Then, I got to see him open up and run in the open field, and I’m like, ‘OK, this guy has the skill set to do what you want a right defensive end to do. Those

were the attributes that got me excited about him before I actually got a chance to talk to him.”

Nevermind the fact that Griffen had one start to his credit; Patterson and the Vikings were convinced he was ready for a starter’s role and would be productive in it.

The next step was the explanation of the techniques that would enable Griffen to reach his potential and the fact he could do so through a team approach.

“It came down to us getting together and getting him to understand that if he really bought-in to the technique that we were going to teach him, it would help him take all of his God-given ability and improve his game to a level he’s never played at before,” Patterson said. “That’s a tribute to Griff’ that he actually did that, from the first day we met until now.

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is to win a Super Bowl
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CHAMPIONSHIP."

- EVERSON GRIFFEN

said. "He was like, 'If you keep playing the way you're playing and show Coach you can handle it, I have no problem coming out and catching a breath,' because he's going to come right back on third down."

And that's fine with Weatherly, too, because he's seen just how impactful Griffen can be.

"I'd put a fresh Everson Griffen vs. any tackle on any day of the week," Weatherly said. "As long as I can do my job, that can keep happening."

Griffen demanded attention from opposing offenses and was a significant factor in the Vikings notching the second-most wins in a regular season (13) and advancing to the NFC Championship Game.

Goals remain, however, and Griffen knows that coming close a year ago does not guarantee anything going forward.

"The number one goal is to win the Super Bowl and lead my team to a championship. We were on the right track last year,"

Griffen said. "Now we know the hard work that it takes to get there, the attitude, the dedication, film study, taking care of your body, eating good. It takes the whole spectrum, the whole circle to get it done."

"He listens to every word I say.

He tries to go out there and not only do but own everything, every drill, every technique that I teach him," Patterson added. "He wants to master it, and I really believe that's what's helped him achieve the level that he's at right now."

Griffen had 2.0 sacks in his first start in Zimmer's Minnesota debut, a 34-7 win over the Rams in St. Louis. In October of 2014, Griffen totaled 6.0 sacks in four games and was named NFC Defensive Player of the Month.

That stretch including an outing with 3.0 sacks and a forced fumble at Buffalo on a day when the Vikings totaled 6.0 but lost on a touchdown with one second remaining.

"I know we had a good day of rushing the quarterback that day, but it's like I say all of the time, there's more important things than sacking the quarterback," Patterson said. "Even though they get paid because of that, a lot of times sacking the quarterback doesn't compute to winning and losing more than affecting the quarterback and hitting him and making him throw the ball too early and making him uncomfortable. Those contribute to winning more than sacks do."

That game is a painful, yet helpful, reminder to finish the job at hand to remaining Vikings players who have helped Minnesota win the NFC North in two of the past three seasons.

Minnesota has gone 38-20-1 in the 59 regular-season games since, and Griffen has been instrumental in that effort, helping the Vikings improve their defensive rankings from near the bottom of the NFL in 2013 to leading the league in points allowed and yards allowed in 2017.

Pro Bowls followed the 2015, '16 and '17 seasons, and Griffen received his first selection to the All-Pro Second Team by the *Associated Press* after last season's campaign. His 44.5 sacks since 2014 rank fourth in the NFL, and he had a career-high 13 in 2017.

Griffen isn't satisfied.

Instead, he's continuing to improve his game and is comfortable teaching younger players how to improve theirs.

"The best technician is going to win the individual battles," Griffen explained. "Becoming technically sound at the small things, the fundamentals, the little things, that's going to get us back to the top."

"It all starts with the small things and figuring out how we work together," he added. "We can take the game over, but we've got to do it day-in and day-out."

There are widespread indicators of Griffen pouring his heart and soul into improving his game while keeping team success front and center.

Part of the Vikings plan for reaching the ultimate goal of a Super Bowl victory is to rotate their defensive linemen more to keep them fresh as a long and punishing season rolls on.

The man with the nonstop motor has been willing to tap the brakes for a few plays.

Has it already helped?

"Absolutely. Absolutely," Griffen said before Minnesota's marathon game at Green Bay in Week 2. "Can I stay out there still and do the plays that I came out? A hundred percent. But why?"

"Give Stephen [Weatherly] or [Tashawn] Bower their opportunity to go play because they've proven that they can play," Griffen added. "We're in it for the long haul."

Bower was inactive last week, but Weatherly rotated with Griffen and Danielle Hunter early and often on a steamy day. According to press box statistics, Griffen played 69 of Minnesota's 77 snaps, Hunter played 67 and Weatherly played 19.

"Griff" comes up to me, 'Keep doing your job. When you do your job, I feel better about you going in to replace me,' " Weatherly said. "That means a lot, coming from a guy like Griff."

Weatherly's locker at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center is next to Griffen's, exposing the third-year pro to "hands-down" hilarity every day and a contagious energy level.

"I feel myself getting more excited for practice and games in general," Weatherly said. "It just feeds everyone's enthusiasm, especially on game day."

In addition to the laughs and energy boost, Griffen also is providing Weatherly with guidance.

"He's giving me tidbits of wisdom," Weatherly

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-MARIE GREEN, DENNIS GREEN'S WIDOW

WRITTEN BY: ERIC SMITH

The indelible marks left by Dennis Green in Minnesota are being permanently recognized by his placement in the Vikings Ring of Honor.

Green's name will be displayed on the façade of U.S. Bank Stadium and inside the team's headquarters as a sign of the respect, appreciation and admiration the franchise has for Green's accomplishments on and off the field.

Green will be the 24th member of the Vikings Ring of Honor and the third former head coach, along with Bud Grant and Jerry Burns.

Green was the Vikings Head Coach from 1992 to 2001, and his 97 regular-season wins rank second in franchise history. His teams won division titles four times and advanced to NFC Championship Games after the 1998 and 2000 seasons.

Green made the playoffs in eight of 10 seasons in Minnesota, with his most memorable campaign coming in 1998. The Vikings went 15-1 that season and racked up 556 points, which set an NFL record at the time.

"He deserves to be there, without a question," said current Vikings defensive line coach Andre Patterson, who was on Green's staff in 1998 and 1999 in Minnesota. "He's most definitely one of the best head coaches in Vikings history."

A FATHER FIGURE

Green coached Hall of Famers, All-Pros and Pro Bowlers in Minnesota, but the coach cared as much about the fringe players as he did the

superstars on the roster.

"He really loved to teach. I know that he took a lot of pride in coaching the scout team ... that was kind of his thing," said Green's widow, Marie. "It was a great way to get to know the guys at that level and really make an impact and teach them and get them to the next level. That was really his favorite part."

Green routinely invested in his players' lives on and off the field and made sure they knew he had their back.

Perhaps there is no more evident example than when the Vikings took wide receiver Randy Moss with the 21st overall pick in the 1998 NFL Draft.

While other teams stayed away from Moss in the draft, Green and the Vikings welcomed the lanky receiver with open arms.

The move paid off, as Moss caught 69 passes for 1,313 yards and a rookie-record 17 touchdowns in his first season in the league.

Moss was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in August, and Green will now join him in the Vikings Ring of Honor, a club Moss was inducted into in September of 2017.

Upon hearing the news that Green would be going into the Ring of Honor, Moss was asked what he would say to the man who drafted him. The wide receiver gave an emotional answer.

"I really don't know why I was treated the way I was treated on draft day, but Coach Green gave me an opportunity," Moss said in June of 2017. "And I told him, 'Coach, you're not going to regret this.' So you ask me what



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- HOF WR RANDY MOSS



I would say to him? Man, I'd probably just fall in his arms and give him a hug. There's no words that I can tell him."

Members of the 1998 Vikings reconnected earlier this month to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of that team.

When Green's name came up, his former players recalled the profound impact he had on them.

"More than football, I learned to be a better person, a better man, a better leader," said former Vikings wide receiver Matthew Hatchette. "I don't think at that age I appreciated the position he was coming from and where he was pointing me."

Added former Vikings wide receiver Tony Bland: "I'll absolutely second that. Denny Green really helped turn me from a young man into a grown man. I appreciate it right now."

Green might have been the closest with former Vikings safety Robert Griffith, who played for Green for nine-plus seasons in Minnesota and Arizona. Griffith later coached under Green with the Sacramento Mountain Lions in the United Football League.

"Denny was one of my best friends," Griffith said. "We lived about a mile away from each other in San Diego, and then I had a chance to play for him in Arizona my last two years in 2005 and 2006."

"We had a lot of great conversations," Griffith added. "He was a sounding board for me on a lot of things. He was just a great man."

Green's influence and impact wasn't just limited to his players, as he also developed a bond with his assistant coaches.

That included Hall of Famer Tony Dungy, who was Green's defensive coordinator from 1992 to 1995 before taking the head coaching job in 1996 with Tampa Bay.

Although the two friends were now on opposing sidelines – in the same division no less – Dungy said he was never afraid to reach out to Green for advice.

"Even after I got the job in Tampa, and we're in the same division competing against each other to go to the playoffs and division championships, I could call him and say, 'Hey, Denny, how did we do this? How did we set this up? What did we do?' " Dungy said. "He was always there to help, and he wanted to see me succeed. That was important, and it rubbed off on me because I tried to do the same thing for guys on my staff."

"In terms of being prepared to be a head coach, Denny Green did more for me than anybody," added Dungy, the only coach to defeat the Vikings during the '98 regular season.

THE TRAILBLAZER

Green wasn't afraid to forge his own path.

He played at the University of Iowa and for the British Columbia Lions of the Canadian Football League before working up the coaching ranks.

Green began his coaching career at Dayton in 1973, making stops at Iowa, Stanford and the San Francisco 49ers along the way.

By the time Northwestern University was looking for a head coach in 1981, it went with Green, making him just the second African-American head coach in NCAA Division I-A history. (Willie Jeffries was the first in 1979 at Wichita State).

In 2015, Green told Vikings.com that people in the coaching business thought he shouldn't take the job at Northwestern because "the program was really in bad shape and had no commitment at all, but I really ... felt we had come a long way when I got the opportunity to be a head coach at a fabulous school like Northwestern. I had played in the Big Ten, recruited as an assistant coach and had a lot of respect for the conference itself, so I really felt that was a sign of progress that I would have an opportunity to be a head coach in that conference."

Patterson eventually joined Green's staff in Minnesota, but he knew who Green was – and had plenty of respect for his future

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- HOF DT JOHN RANDLE

boss – long before that.

"Obviously I had known about Denny Green growing up in the Bay Area. He was a longtime 49ers assistant coach and was one of the highly regarded black coaches in pro football," Patterson said. "In high school and junior college and even when I was in college, the biggest name that you heard about was Denny Green and that eventually he was going to be a head coach in the NFL or a major college head football coach.

"When he got the head coaching job at Northwestern, that was a big deal back then. That was a huge deal," said Patterson, who was coaching Cornell in a game against Stanford when he first met Green.

Green was head coach at Stanford from 1989-91.

Jason Fisk played for Green at Stanford and later with the Vikings. Fisk said he wasn't surprised to see Green have success in the NFL.

"He just had one of those personalities, an aura about him that would compel people to do what he wanted you to do, and it was always for the right reasons and for the good of everyone," Fisk said.

Green's trailblazing continued when he was hired as Minnesota's fifth head coach and became the second African-American head coach in the modern NFL, and third overall.

Green led the way for other black coaches to get head coaching jobs. More than 25 years after Green took over the Vikings, eight of the 32 NFL head coaches are African-American.

"He basically helped carry the torch of that Vikings era of football. With his decision-making, he brought a lot of change to the organization," said Vikings Hall of Fame defensive tackle John Randle, who played for Green from 1992-2001. "He was a players' coach and took the first steps in saying, 'I'm going to do it and try it and go about it this way.' And he had a lot of success with it."

COMMUNITY-ORIENTED

During the NFL season, Tuesdays are usually the lone off day for players.

And while Green understood they needed some rest and recovery away from the field, he still wanted them to find a way to make an impact with their platform.

Thus, the "Community Tuesday" program was born.

"Community service was his big thing. As a rookie coming into the league, I didn't really know about community service. In college, I think we did some things, but it wasn't a focus," said former Vikings defensive end

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Duane Clemons. "But I swear, every Monday, he had that meeting [where he said,] 'Get your butt out there in that community. Do something good for somebody, do something good for your neighborhood or for the city or for the county or whatever you're thinking and make us proud.'"

"We all did that every week, and that became one of our biggest things," Clemons added.

It didn't matter if players visited a school, hospital, church or nursing home, Green just wanted them active somewhere in the community. The initiative helped Hall of Fame wide receiver Cris Carter win the NFL's 1999 Walter Payton Man of the Year Award.

The rest of the league took notice, and other teams soon began imploring their players to go out and make a difference.

Now, every NFL team has its players involved in various initiatives on Tuesdays, a movement that was spearheaded by Green.

"He implemented the 'Community Tuesday' program," said Mark Wilf. "We're very proud of his great legacy in the NFL."

A FITTING TRIBUTE

Twenty years after one of the most memorable seasons in franchise history, the Vikings are honoring the head coach from the historic 1998 team.

In mid-June, Vikings Owner/Chairman Zygi Wilf and Vikings Owner/President Mark Wilf delivered the news to Marie Green in a surprise announcement at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center.

Marie let out a gasp and simply said, 'Wow!' when the Wilfs told her the news with daughter, Patti, at her side.

"[It's] very emotional, clearly," Marie said with a laugh and some tears in her eyes. "I'm so honored for my husband, and this is an honor that is well-deserved. I just wish he could have accepted it himself.

"I think that he would be very humbled. And he would be extremely proud of how the franchise has progressed," Marie later added. "I think he'd be really honored and very proud to be in the Ring of Honor."



Memorable Moment with Music

Dennis Green mixed two of his passions to help produce one of the most memorable games in franchise history.

It was Oct. 4, 1998, and the former Vikings Head Coach was preparing his team to play at Green Bay on Monday Night Football.

At the hotel the night before the game, Green addressed the team and used a bit of music to spark an unforgettable performance.

"There was a party going on upstairs in the banquet room and it was so loud. We couldn't hardly hear, so he basically decided to end the meeting," said former Vikings defensive end Duane Clemons. "But he said, 'You guys hear that beat?' He was a drummer, so he was always talking about the drums. And we could hear it, 'THUMP. THUMP. THUMP. THUMP.'"

"And he said, 'You hear that? The drummer sets the beat. We set the beat, we set the tempo. So tomorrow, just like this party going on, remember this tempo in the back of your head,' " Clemons added. " 'That's the tempo we're going to play... it's fast, it's hard and it's thumping. You can feel that base coming through the wall, and that's how I want our opponents to feel.'"

Hall of Fame wide receiver Randy Moss also previously recalled that meeting: "If any of you knew Coach Green, he could play the drums [and] he knew rhythm very good. So he's up here playing a beat on the podium. When he starts playing the beat, he was basically telling Randall Cunningham, Randall McDaniel, the offense, Cris Carter and them, 'This is the rhythm that we're going to have to play to the whole night in order for us to be successful.' The rest is history."

Minnesota cruised to a 37-24 win at Lambeau Field as Green's offense put up a season-high 545 yards of offense. Moss had five catches for 190 yards and two touchdowns in the signature win.

Green played the drums on a 10-track album by The Sunset Music Band and sent a copy to President Bill Clinton, who wrote the above letter of thanks.



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 Huddle is a show for kids to connect with their favorite players. Join host Allie Krings and Vikings players as they go on the job around the Twin Cities, and watch as Everson Griffen challenges young Vikings fans in game-show style activities each week. *Vikings Huddle* is produced by VEN and airs on FOX 9 KMSP Saturdays at 9:00 AM.



VIKINGS NOW

Vikings Now is available for Apple TV, Roku and Amazon Fire TV streaming your favorite video content from Vikings Entertainment Network. Watch game highlights, exclusive interviews and TV shows in 1080p on your home television.



The Vikings Entertainment Network will be launching a new show, *Vikings LIVE*, presented by Miller Lite and Mall of America, this Thursday. The show will be broadcast from Twin Cities Orthopedics Studios in front of a live audience. The first episode, before the Vikings face the Rams, will air at 5:30 p.m. on FOX 9 and last an hour. Subsequent shows will be 30 minutes and air at 6 p.m.



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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WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

I spend most of my free time attending a variety of workout classes at Life Time Fitness, volunteering at a local animal adoption shelter and as a mentor for my "little" in Big Brothers Big Sisters, enjoying the company of my friends and family, and exploring different events going on around the metro.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST LIFE EXPERIENCE?

My best experience has been feeling and feeding off the crowd's incredible energy at U.S. Bank Stadium during each home game. My top two memories of this are during the first quarter of the 2017 home opener against the Saints and after the Minneapolis Miracle, when it felt like no one wanted the night to end or to leave the stadium after the unbelievable last-second win.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF BEING AN MVC?

The best part of being an MVC is the opportunity to be involved in so many incredible events that I was introduced to through the Vikings. It's at these events that we get a real opportunity to connect with Vikings fans and the Minnesota community 1-on-1 and feel like we're really making an impact in the lives of others.

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VIKTOR'S

WORD SEARCH

Viktor was typing out some of the names for the Vikings roster for the playbook, but something went wrong with his keyboard! Help Viktor find the players' names before Coach asks for the playbook!

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YOU'RE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO BE A VIKINGS FAN.

That's why the Vikings are excited to roll out a new program celebrating the tiniest members of their fan base.

The Vikings Newborn Fan Club, presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, is available for new parents in hospitals throughout the state of Minnesota. During the season, participating hospitals will be delivering Vikings Newborn Fan Club kits to babies born on Vikings game days. The kit includes a Vikings-branded Halo swaddle and a letter welcoming the infant into the Vikings family.

In addition, all new parents can visit [Vikings.com/newborn](https://vikings.com/newborn) and sign their infant up for the fan club to receive a digital birth certificate and access to quarterly emails with content about relevant products, insight from Vikings players parenting babies and young children, and much more.

"This is a program that we have been ideating for some time, and we are extremely excited to bring



The Vikings Newborn Fan Club allows new parents to connect with the team during one of the most exciting moments in their lives.

this unique program to life this season," said Vikings Senior Manager of Youth Marketing Brandon Clemens. "We have many outlets to engage with fans of all ages, and the Vikings Newborn Fan Club allows new parents to connect with the team during one of the most exciting moments in their lives.

"We are very fortunate to have a wonderful partner in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota involved with this program," Clemens added. "This is a one-of-a-kind initiative, and we hope to enhance this outreach and engagement with our young Vikings fans as they continue to grow with the team in the future."

Cindy Osborn, RN, helped the Vikings with a pilot launch of the program earlier this year at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital and personally delivered Vikings-branded onesies and SKOL towels to each newborn's room.

"This has really been an amazing experience to work with Brandon and the Vikings around this Newborn Club," Osborn said, pointing out that patients and their families can see U.S. Bank Stadium from the hospital.

"There's just a lot of excitement," Osborn said. "And it goes beyond the child experience. It's the mothers who feel very special, as well, and their babies get something special. So I think it'll be really great."

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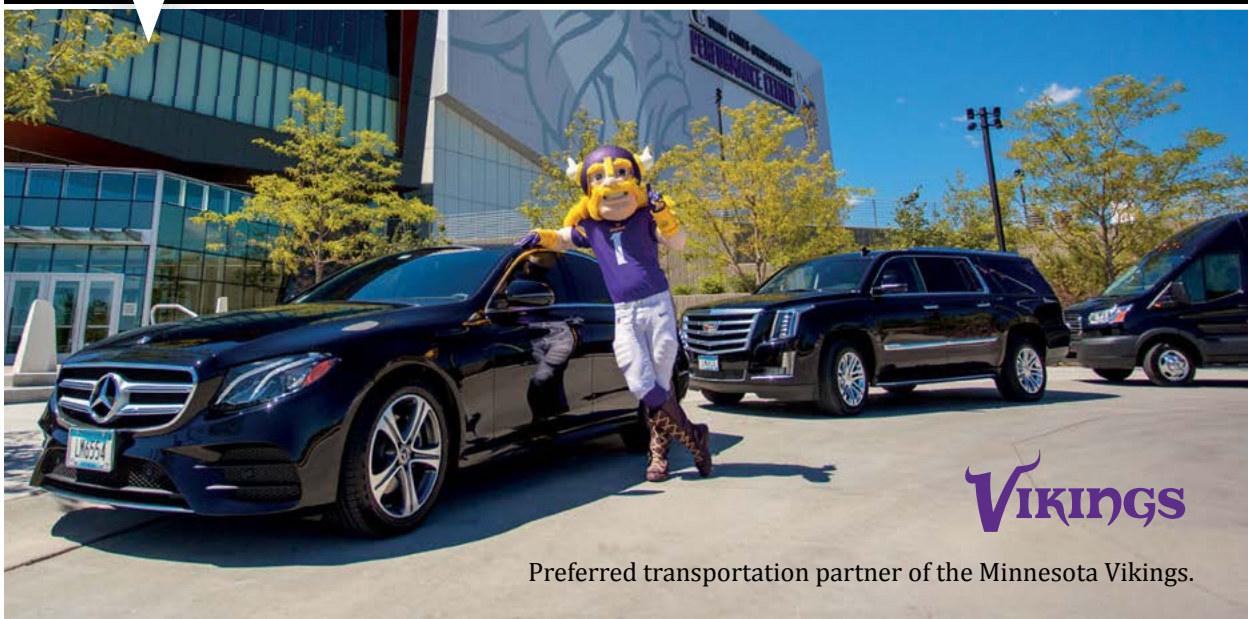
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VIKINGS VISIT POLICE OFFICERS & FIREFIGHTERS IN HONOR OF 9/11

By Eric Smith and Lindsey Young



NEARLY A DOZEN MEMBERS OF THE VIKINGS PAID TRIBUTE TO LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS BY VISITING A MINNEAPOLIS FIRE STATION AND A ST. PAUL POLICE STATION ON THE 17TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11 TERRORIST ATTACKS.

The respect that those wearing Vikings jerseys had for the men and women in uniform was profound.

"We just wanted to show our thanks to them," said Vikings left tackle Riley Reiff, who visited the police station. "It cuts a little bit deep on a day like today, but we're thankful for them every day, not just today."

Fullback C.J. Ham, who also visited the police station, added: "I salute these guys for what they do every day. Not a lot of people can put on that badge and do what they do."

Safety Anthony Harris emphasized that the gratitude toward first responders extends past the anniversary of such tragic events.

"They're putting their lives on the line," Harris said. "I think it's just something you should do to show your appreciation."

COFFEE, DONUTS AND RIDE-ALONGS

When Everson Griffen walks into a room carrying a box of chicken wings, you tend to take notice.

Especially when Reiff, Ham and Mike Remmers are right behind him.

The Vikings teammates surprised dozens of officers at the Eastern District Police Station in St. Paul, as the players delivered Caribou Coffee, donuts from Kwik Trip and Buffalo Wild Wings for the group.

"It was a really big deal to the officers," said Axel Henry, the district's Senior Commander. "To know the officers, they are all pretty stoic. So when they were all smiling like kids, it was a big deal."

Each Vikings player went on a ride-along with an officer.

"When I asked for five volunteers for the ride-alongs, I had 20," Henry said with a laugh.

Griffen said the experience was informative.

"I saw how they react and respond to the situation. They treat each situation differently, and it was really fun to see," Griffen said. "You could tell they take it to heart and want to make a change."

Maloney said the department bleeds Purple and holds potlucks and cookouts when the Vikings are in action.

"It's awesome for them to come out and thank us for what we do every day when we sit there and watch them on TV every week," Maloney said.

FIRE STATION 14 WELCOMES VIKINGS

Tight end David Morgan, linebacker Ben Gedeon and quarterback Kyle Slotter each took a turn sliding down the fire station pole. Harris, offensive lineman Danny Isidora and defensive end Tashawn Bower opted for the stairs during a visit to Minneapolis Fire Station 14, where they surprised several firefighters.

Isidora and Morgan donned full gear, including oxygen tanks. Several of the teammates also tried their hands at working a fire hose, with guidance from a firefighter. Players were caught a bit off guard by the force of water.

"Holding that hose was the real deal," Morgan said. "It almost blew me over. Those guys are tough."

Assistant Chief of Administration Bryan Tyner has been fighting fires for 24 years and said it was an honor to spend an afternoon with the Vikings.

"To hear [the gratitude] from guys who you look up to and who your kids look up to, it really means a lot," Tyner said. "It's always good to be appreciated and respected - especially by somebody that you're looking forward to watching every Sunday."



NONPROFIT OF THE GAME

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Twin Cities help K-12 youth gain confidence, connect with peers, and develop practical life skills. We serve youth from diverse neighborhoods throughout the Twin Cities, engaging them in programs that promote Academic Success, Healthy Lifestyles, and Good Character & Leadership.



The Vikings of Tomorrow program is held every Saturday before a Vikings home game and is hosted at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center.

Vikings of Tomorrow allows 45 participants the opportunity to scrimmage for an hour, take a brief tour of the team's headquarters and participate in a Q & A session with a Vikings player.

Through a partnership with Life Time Fitness, participants receive a water bottle, free Vikings Kids Club membership, tickets to that weekend's game and a concession voucher for U.S. Bank Stadium.

Players and coaches from St. Anthony Village Youth Football participated in the Vikings of Tomorrow program this weekend.

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE YOUTH FOOTBALL

St. Anthony Village is the smallest public district in the Minneapolis/St. Paul metro area, making it a challenge to have enough players for the high school team. In the past five years, however, the Boosters Youth Football Program has grown, due to the efforts of many engaged in the well-being of the sport and the wellness, growth and development of youth.

The St. Anthony Village Boosters Youth Football Program is more than just football. It is a community-building organization. St. Anthony Village Youth Football has implemented the "Heads Up" program as the foundation of our youth football program. The goal is to create an atmosphere through proper education and safety that fosters a love for the game, respect for coaches, teammates, opposing teams and officials.

The program has grown an in-house flag football program for grades 1-4 and Tacklebar for fifth graders. There are 73 players in the flag program and 73 in grades 5-8 this year.

The St. Anthony Huskies 6th-grade team is coached by Chris Palmer and assistant coaches Michael Dick, Brad Held, JR Bauman, Michael Thuente and Jeremy Kinkel.



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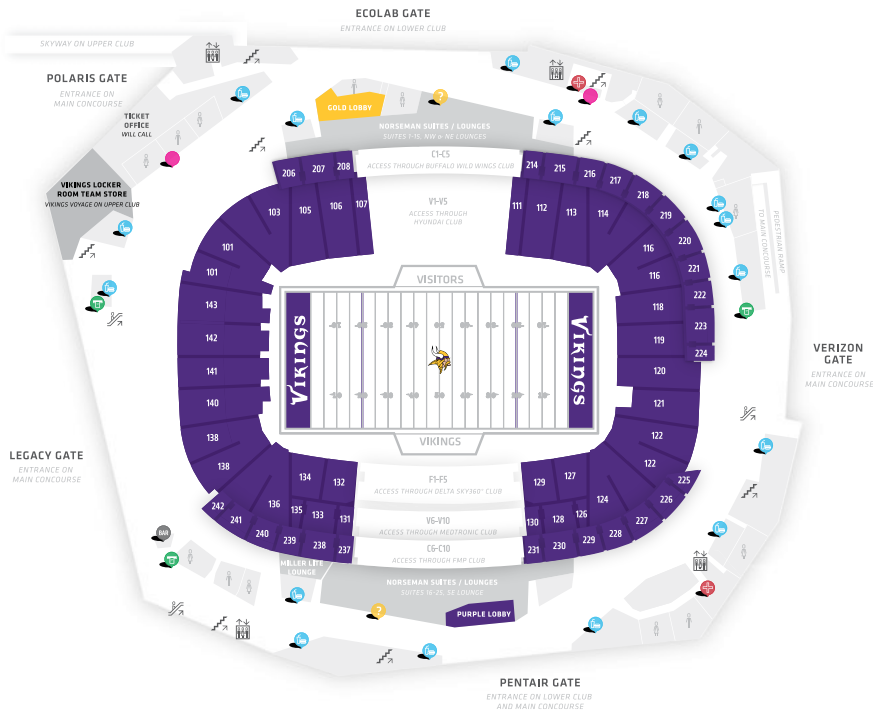
“One gentleman named Randy was working by section 314 as we arrived for the home opener. My husband was already seated and signaled to me to get a utensil for the food that he had purchased when Randy saw me about to climb up to our seats. I had food in my hands and was helping our daughter start to make her way up the stairs with her own food. Randy immediately asked me to wait there and said that he would go for me, saving me the steps back down to the concourse carrying my food. This was above and beyond what I would have expected, offering help that I wouldn’t have asked for but gladly accepted. He was friendly and helpful, and I really appreciated it.”
– Linda S.

“My father and I have been Vikings fans for 50 years, and we had tickets for a tour through U.S. Bank Stadium. We got stuck in traffic and could not find a place to park. When we got there, we missed our tour by 45 minutes. It was the last time for a tour that

day, and it looked like we would not get to see the stadium. We had driven there from four hours away and were only going to be in a Minneapolis that afternoon. Tour guide Colin Landstein went well beyond what is expected of any employee and agreed to give my family a tour of the stadium on his own time. Colin is an awesome young man and made two long-time Vikings fans very happy. We will not forget Colin.
– Kim M.

“Jake, the usher in Section 142 during the home opener against San Francisco, is warm, caring and watchful of everyone’s safety. I just witnessed him warning all of the 49ers fans to be careful of flying footballs as they took pictures while the players warmed up. He always has a smile. He remembers your name if he met you before. He is the epitome of what Minnesota/SKOL Service is all about and represents the Vikings organization well.”
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