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We are confident that our fans lead the NFL in enthusiasm, support, hospitality and sportsmanship. Our image is shaped not only by our players, coaches and employees but by our fans, as well. Our goal is to create a high-energy environment to lend support to our team, while maintaining a family-oriented atmosphere.

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

- Being under the influence of drugs or alcohol
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- 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

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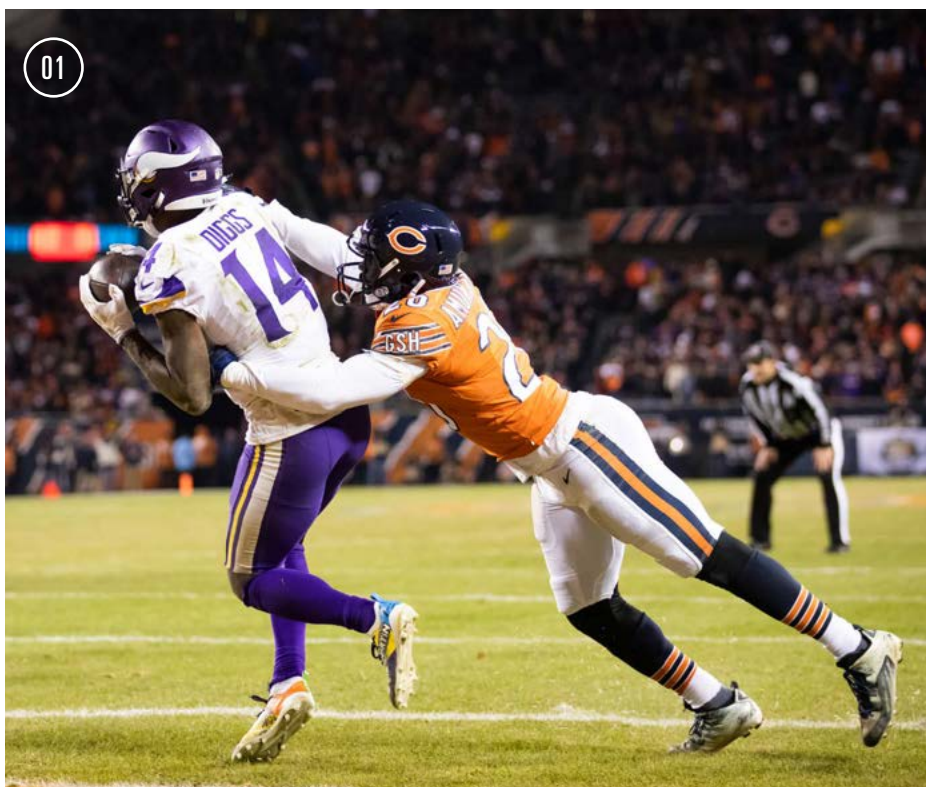
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AT BEARS

THE VIKINGS FELL TO THE BEARS 25-20 AT SOLDIER FIELD ON *SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL*.

A late rally wasn't enough to help Minnesota (5-4-1, 1-1-1 in NFC North) overcome multiple mistakes against division-leading Chicago (7-3, 2-1), which won its fourth consecutive game.



01 | Stefon Diggs led the Vikings with 13 receptions for 126 yards, including a 5-yard touchdown catch.

02 | Harrison Smith recovered a fumble forced by Jaleel Johnson when the defensive tackle and Xavier Rhodes converged on Tarik Cohen.

03



04



03 | Safety Anthony Harris
picked off Mitchell
Trubisky two times.

04 | Eric Kendricks was credited
by press box statisticians
with 12 tackles, the most by
any player.



05 | Aldrick Robinson caught a 13-yard touchdown pass from Kirk Cousins with 4:51 remaining in the fourth quarter.

06 | Adam Thielen caught seven passes for 66 yards, pushing his totals for the season to 85 receptions and 1,013 yards through 10 games.



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COLOR GUARD

A Joint Services Honor Guard will present the colors. A full-field American flag will be displayed by uniformed members of the military.

HOMETOWN HERO

Paralympian swimmer Mallory Weggemann, who has broken 34 American records, 15 world records and is a 12-time world champion, will be tonight's Hometown Hero. Weggemann won gold and bronze medals at the 2012 London Paralympics and qualified for Rio in 2016.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The 2018 United States Olympic Men's Curling Team, which won gold in PyeongChang, will be recognized during the game.



TONIGHT'S GAME between the Packers (4-5-1, 1-1-1 in NFC North) and the defending NFC North Champion Vikings (5-4-1, 1-1-1) is the 117th meeting between the franchises and 57th in Minnesota.

The Vikings are 53-60-3 all-time and have gone 28-28 when hosting the Packers. Minnesota has claimed the first two meetings with Green Bay at U.S. Bank Stadium.

This is a rematch of a Week 2 showdown that ended in a tie at 29 at Lambeau Field.

The Vikings rank 14th in yards per game (363.7) and 5th in yards allowed per game (320.8). The Packers rank 8th in yards per game (398.8) and 12th in yards allowed per game (349.1).

The Packers have been outscored 82-57 in second quarters but have topped opponents 64-24 in third quarters this season. The Vikings have been outscored 81-56 in second quarters but have reversed course in fourth quarters, posting 82 points and allowing 58.



HALFTIME: CELEBRATING RANDY MOSS' PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME ENSHRINEMENT

Legendary Vikings receiver Randy Moss will receive his Hall of Fame Ring of Excellence during a special ceremony. Moss ranks second in NFL history with 156 receiving touchdowns and was enshrined this August as a first-ballot nominee. Moss stormed onto the NFL landscape 20 years ago when he set a rookie record of 17 touchdown catches to help Minnesota go 15-1.



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TONIGHT'S PROMOTIONS



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

KWIK TRIP FAMILY OF THE GAME

Congratulations to tonight's Kwik Trip Family of the Game, the Hemmingsen Family from Wabasha, 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 tonight's Kwik Trip trivia question.

Kwik Trip

COIN TOSS CAPTAIN

U.S. Bank is giving YOU the chance to receive an exclusive experience as the U.S. Bank Coin Toss Captain at an upcoming Vikings game! Enter to win two Vikings tickets, two pregame sideline passes and a commemorative game coin. Visit vikings.com/coin toss passes.

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During each home game, U.S. Bank and the Minnesota Vikings will recognize individuals who have helped make our community a better place. The program honors individuals who have gone to extraordinary measures to make positive differences in the community. If you would like to nominate someone, visit vikings.com/fans/promos/hometown-hero.



HY-VEE #SKOL

Share a photo at tonight'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 tonight'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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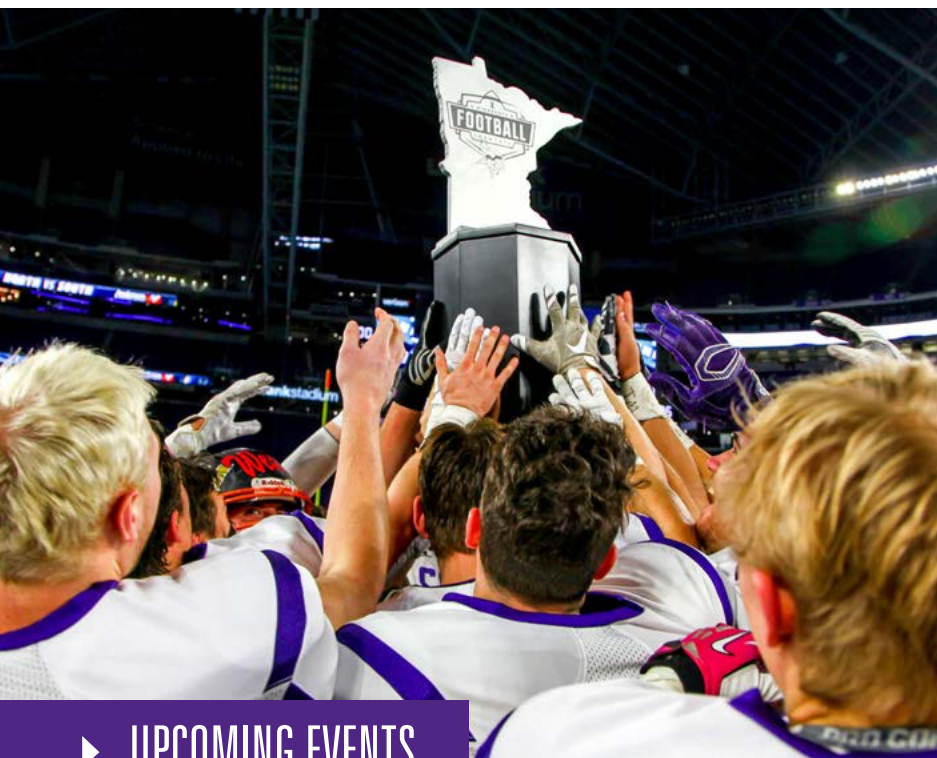
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▶ UPCOMING EVENTS

VIKINGS COUNTRY

THURSDAY, NOV. 29, 6 P.M.

The popular *Vikings Country* radio show will be broadcast from Woody's Bar & Grill in Bayport on Nov. 29. Host Mike Mussman will be joined by Andrew Sendejo. Tune in on KFAN and the Vikings Radio Network or attend the live broadcast.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS BLOOD DRIVE

TUESDAY, NOV. 27, 9 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

Memorial Blood Centers is teaming up with the Minnesota Vikings to help save lives at the IDS Center Crystal Court. Donors will have a chance to meet Vikings players, alumni, cheerleaders and Viktor the Viking. Plus, donors will be entered to win a pair of Vikings tickets and autographed memorabilia!

FRIDAY FOOTBALL FEAST

FRIDAY, NOV. 30, 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 Apple Valley.

MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Watch the best of the North face off against the best of the South at U.S. Bank Stadium in the 46th annual High School Football All-Star game. In addition to the

game, fans will have the opportunity to get autographs from current Vikings players and Legends as well as meet Vikings Cheerleaders and Viktor the Viking. Tickets are available now at vikings.com/showcase.

VIKINGS UNPLUGGED

TUESDAY, DEC. 18, 6 P.M.

Vikings fans, join Chris Hawkey on Dec. 18 from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Roseville as he hosts *Vikings Unplugged*. Hawkey will interview a special guest, plus fans have a chance to win Vikings autographs and Buffalo Wild Wings gift cards throughout the night.

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.



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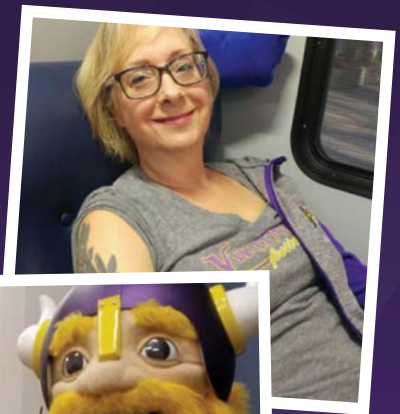
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WHEN: Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018
9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
WHERE: IDS Center, Crystal Court
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PLAYER TO WATCH: WR STEFON DIGGS

THE LAST TIME THE VIKINGS met the Packers, Diggs helped spark a 22-point fourth quarter that ultimately resulted in a 29-all tie at Lambeau Field in Week 2. Diggs had touchdowns of 3 and 75 yards as part of a nine-catch, 128-yard day. Last week at Chicago, Diggs totaled 13 receptions for 126 yards and a score for his fourth game this season with 10 or more catches, which tied Cris Carter's franchise record (1994 and 1995 seasons). He enters tonight's game with 71 receptions, which is sixth in the NFL. Diggs' 713 yards are 21st in the league, and his five receiving touchdowns are tied for 16th. Diggs has straight-line speed, but his best asset in creating separation from defenders might be his explosive short-area quickness. Those attributes are complemented by sure hands. Diggs is averaging 7.9 receptions per game and 79.2 yards per game.

FASTEST TO 200: DIGGS BECAME THE FASTEST VIKINGS PLAYER TO RECORD 200 CAREER RECEPTIONS, DOING SO IN 40 GAMES. DIGGS' PACE EDGED OUT THE PREVIOUS RECORD OF 42 GAMES SET BY RANDY MOSS AND TIED BY PERCY HARVIN.

2018 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Kirk Cousins	2,947
Rushing (Yds)	Latavius Murray	422
Receiving (Yds)	Adam Thielen	1,013
Tackles	Eric Kendricks	72
Sacks	Danielle Hunter	11.5
Interceptions	H. Smith, A. Harris	3
KOR (Yards)	Mike Hughes	107
PR (Avg.)	Marcus Sherels	9.1

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 (5-4-1)

1	9/9	San Francisco 49ers	W 24-16
2	9/16	at Green Bay Packers	T 29-29
3	9/23	Buffalo Bills	L 27-6
4	9/27	at Los Angeles Rams	L 38-31
5	10/7	at Philadelphia Eagles	W 23-21
6	10/14	Arizona Cardinals	W 27-17
7	10/21	at New York Jets	W 37-17
8	10/28	New Orleans Saints	L 30-20
9	11/4	Detroit Lions	W 24-9
10	11/11	BYE WEEK	
11	11/18	at Chicago Bears	L 25-20
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 PACKERS

RUSHING YARDS

210	Adrian Peterson on 21 attempts at Green Bay (Dec. 2, 2012)
199	Adrian Peterson on 34 attempts vs. Green Bay (Dec. 30, 2012)

PASSING YARDS

442	Randall Cunningham on 20-of-32 passing at Green Bay (Oct. 5, 1998)
384	Tommy Kramer on 38-of-55 passing in Minnesota (Nov. 29, 1981)

RECEIVING YARDS

202	Adam Thielen on 12 catches at Green Bay (Dec. 24, 2016)
190	Randy Moss on five catches at Green Bay (Oct. 5, 1998)

100 IN 16

Diggs has played a full season's worth of games against NFC North teams, totaling 100 receptions for 1,246 yards (12.5 yards per catch) and 12 touchdowns in 16 games.

2018 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Aaron Rodgers	3,073
Rushing (Yds)	Aaron Jones	534
Receiving (Yds)	Davante Adams	953
Tackles	Blake Martinez	84
Sacks	Kyler Fackrell	8.0
Interceptions	Ha Ha Clinton-Dix*	3
KOR (Yds)	Ty Montgomery*	210
PR (Avg.)	Trevor Davis	10.3

* No longer on team

2018 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (2-2)

P1	8/9	Tennessee Titans	W	31-17
P2	8/16	Pittsburgh Steelers	W	51-34
P3	8/24	at Oakland Raiders	L	13-6
P4	8/30	at Kansas City Chiefs	L	33-21

REGULAR SEASON (4-5-1)

1	9/9	Chicago Bears	W	24-23
2	9/16	Minnesota Vikings	T	29-29
3	9/23	at Washington Redskins	L	31-17
4	9/30	Buffalo Bills	W	22-0
5	10/7	at Detroit Lions	L	31-23
6	10/15	San Francisco 49ers	W	33-30
7	10/21	BYE		
8	10/28	at Los Angeles Rams	L	29-27
9	11/4	at New England Patriots	L	31-17
10	11/11	Miami Dolphins	W	31-12
11	11/15	at Seattle Seahawks	L	27-24
12	11/25	at Minnesota Vikings		
13	12/2	Arizona Cardinals		
14	12/9	Atlanta Falcons		
15	12/16	at Chicago Bears		
16	12/23	at New York Jets		
17	12/30	Detroit Lions		

TOP 2s AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

164	Jim Taylor on 17 attempts in Minnesota (Oct. 14, 1962)
161	Ahman Green on 25 attempts in Minnesota (Dec. 17, 2000)

PASSING YARDS

384	Aaron Rodgers on 26-of-37 passing in Minnesota (Oct. 5, 2009)
383	Lynn Dickey on 23-of-41 passing at Green Bay (Oct. 23, 1983)

RECEIVING YARDS

191	Donald Driver on six catches in Minnesota (Nov. 12, 2006)
159	James Lofton on seven catches in Minnesota (Nov. 29, 1981)



PLAYER TO WATCH: WR DAVANTE ADAMS

LISTED AT 6-FOOT-1 AND 215 POUNDS, Adams' rapport with Aaron Rodgers makes the fifth-year receiver a threat on deep passes and when the Packers move the football deep into opponents' territory. The 2014 second-round pick is on pace to shatter his personal bests in targets, receptions, yards, touchdowns, receptions per game and yards per game. Through 10 games, he has been targeted by Rodgers 106 times, resulting in 72 receptions, 953 yards and nine touchdowns. His previous highs for a season came in 2016 when he was targeted 121 times and had 75 catches for 997 yards and 12 scores. Adams enters tonight's game averaging 7.2 receptions and 95.3 yards per game.

IN THE BORDER BATTLE: IN EIGHT PREVIOUS GAMES AGAINST THE VIKINGS, ADAMS HAS TOTALED 29 RECEPTIONS FOR 299 YARDS AND FOUR TOUCHDOWNS. HE HAS A TOUCHDOWN CATCH IN EACH OF THE PAST THREE BORDER BATTLES AND HAD HIS MOST PROLIFIC GAME WITH EIGHT RECEPTIONS FOR 64 YARDS IN WEEK 2.

70+ AND 100+

Adams was the only player to record 70 or more receptions and at least 10 touchdown catches in 2016 and 2017. He enters tonight's game needing one touchdown to extend his streak of seasons with 70-plus catches and at least 10 touchdowns to three.


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1	Kyle Sloter	QB
3	Trevor Siemian	QB
5	Dan Bailey	K
6	Matt Wile	P
8	Kirk Cousins	QB
11	Laquon Treadwell	WR
12	Chad Beebe	WR
14	Stefon Diggs	WR
15	Brandon Zylstra	WR
17	Aldrick Robinson	WR
19	Adam Thielen	WR
20	Mackensie Alexander	CB
22	Harrison Smith	S
23	George Iloka	S
24	Holton Hill	CB
25	Latavius Murray	RB
26	Trae Waynes	CB
27	Jayron Kears	S
29	Xavier Rhodes	CB
30	C.J. Ham	FB
31	Ameer Abdullah	RB
33	Dalvin Cook	RB
34	Andrew Sendejo	S
35	Marcus Sherels	CB
40	Kentrell Brothers	LB
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
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




23
CORNERBACK
Jaire Alexander




52
LINEBACKER
Clay Matthews




94
DEFENSIVE END
Dean Lowry




97
NOSE TACKLE
Kenny Clark




76
DEFENSIVE END
Mike Daniels




38
SAFETY
Tramon Williams



50
LINEBACKER
Blake Martinez




42
LINEBACKER
Oren Burks




29
SAFETY
Kentrell Brice

PACKERS DEFENSE



20
CORNERBACK
Kevin King



53
LINEBACKER
Nick Perry

VIKINGS SPECIAL TEAMS



5
KICKER
Dan Bailey



6
PUNTER
Matt Wile



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LONG SNAPPER
Kevin McDermott

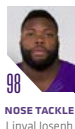
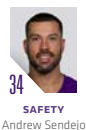


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PUNT/KICK RETURNER
Marcus Sherels



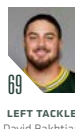
ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART MINNESOTA VIKINGS

OFFENSE				DEFENSE			
WR	Thielen	Treadwell	Robinson	LE	Hunter	Bower	
LT	Reiff	Hill		DT	Richardson	T. Johnson	Holmes
LG	Compton	Isidora		NT	Joseph	J. Johnson	
C	Elflein	Jones		RE	Griffen	Weatherly	
RG	Remmers	Isidora		WLB	Gedeon	Wilson	
RT	O'Neill	Hill		MLB	Kendricks	Brothers	
TE	Rudolph	Morgan	Conklin	SLB	Barr	Downs	
WR	Diggs	Zylstra	Beebe	LCB	Waynes	Hill	Sherels
QB	Cousins	Siemian	Sloter	RCB	Rhodes	Alexander	
FB	Ham			SS	Sendejo	Kears	Iloka
HB	Cook	Murray	Abdullah	FS	Smith	Harris	



VIKINGS DEFENSE

PACKERS OFFENSE



PACKERS SPECIAL TEAMS



ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

GREEN BAY PACKERS



OFFENSE

WR	Cobb	St. Brown	
LT	Bakhtiari	Spriggs	Light
LG	Taylor	Patrick	
C	Linsley	Patrick	
RG	Bell	McCray	
RT	Bulaga	Spriggs	
TE	Graham	Kendricks	Lewis
WR	D. Adams	Moore	
WR	Valdes-Scantling		
QB	Rodgers	Kizer	Boyle
RB	Jones	Williams	Carson

DEFENSE

CB	Alexander	Williams	Jackson
DE	Lowry	M. Adams	
NT	Clark	Lancaster	
DE	Daniels	M. Adams	
CB	King	Breeland	Brown
OLB	Matthews	Gilbert	
ILB	Martinez	Morrison	
ILB	Burks	Toomer	Crawford
OLB	Perry	Fackrell	
S	Williams	Green	
S	Brice	Jones	Campbell

2	Mason Crosby	K
6	JK Scott	P
8	Tim Boyle	QB
9	DeShone Kizer	QB
11	Trevor Davis	WR
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB
17	Davante Adams	WR
18	Randall Cobb	WR
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR
20	Kevin King	CB
23	Jaire Alexander	CB
25	Will Redmond	CB
26	Bashaud Breeland	CB
27	Josh Jones	S
28	Tony Brown	CB
29	Kentrell Brice	S
30	Jamaal Williams	RB
32	Tra Carson	RB
33	Aaron Jones	RB
36	Raven Greene	S
37	Josh Jackson	CB
38	Tramon Williams	CB/S
39	Ibraheem Campbell	S
42	Oren Burks	LB
43	Hunter Bradley	LS
44	Antonio Morrison	LB
50	Blake Martinez	LB
51	Kyler Fackrell	LB
52	Clay Matthews	LB
53	Nick Perry	LB
54	James Crawford	LB
56	Korey Toomer	LB
62	Lucas Patrick	G
63	Corey Linsley	C
64	Justin McCray	G
65	Lane Taylor	G
69	David Bakhtiari	T
70	Alex Light	T/G
74	Byron Bell	T/G
75	Bryan Bulaga	T
76	Mike Daniels	DL
78	Jason Spriggs	T
80	Jimmy Graham	TE
82	J'Mon Moore	WR
83	M. Valdes-Scantling	WR
84	Lance Kendricks	TE
85	Robert Tonyan	TE
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE
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TIMEOUT

WITH WAYNES

Trae Waynes' second career interception is one he doesn't imagine forgetting any time soon.

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

IN WEEK 2 OF THE 2016 SEASON, Waynes intercepted Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers to help seal a 17-14 Minnesota win in the inaugural regular-season game at U.S. Bank Stadium. (The Vikings cornerback nabbed his first pick in the Wild Card playoff game after the 2015 season).

"It was cool. I was happier to get off the field," Waynes laughed of the fourth-quarter play that halted Green Bay's attempt at a comeback drive. "But no, it was a great experience. I'm glad it was able to happen the way that it did, and I think it's a play that I'll remember forever."

Waynes has logged a number of strong performances against the Packers, having recorded 22 solo tackles (according to league stats) – more than any other opponent he's faced – and two interceptions against the division rival. He also has two tackles for loss and three passes defended, and his lone career sack occurred in 2017 against Packers backup QB Brett Hundley.

Having tied at Green Bay in the teams' first matchup of the 2018 season, Waynes is looking forward to playing the Packers back at U.S. Bank Stadium on *Sunday Night Football*.

Waynes paid credit to Vikings fans for helping create a homefield advantage for Minnesota.

"The crowd, honestly, it's a blessing and a curse just because it gets so loud in there, and it's sometimes hard for the defense to hear what's going on and the calls we have to make," Waynes said. "But it also really affects the [opposing] offense, and I think that really helps us the most."



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WE CAUGHT UP WITH WAYNES FOR A TIMEOUT

Q. When you first started football years ago, you played running back, right? How did the switch to defense come about?

A. Yeah, but I didn't like getting hit. My O-line was never really good, so I was getting hit way too much. I was like, 'I'd rather hit somebody than get hit.'

Q. What was it like growing up with Chargers RB Melvin Gordon and both making it to the NFL?

A. It was pretty cool. Just having someone on that similar path, I mean, we really pushed ourselves growing up. We wanted to try to play college ball together, but unfortunately that didn't happen, but it still worked out for the both of us. We still stay in touch really often, and it's nice to have someone who you've gone through it with since the very beginning.

Q. Having grown up in the Midwest, what has it been like playing in the NFC North division?

A. Cold. I always joked that I couldn't get out of the Midwest. I went around the lake. I started in Wisconsin, went to Michigan [State] and then came to Minnesota, so I really just went around the lake. But it's cool. It's cool because growing up out here, it's really easy for people from your hometown to follow you instead of going to California or something.

WAYNES TACKLED PACKERS WR
MARQUEZ VALDES-SCANTLING
IN THE TEAMS' WEEK 2
MEETING AT LAMBEAU FIELD.



Q. As a freshman, you overlapped with Kirk Cousins at Michigan State; what do you remember about him at that level?

A. *Honestly, he's the same guy. He's always been a leader. A nice, humble guy. You know what you're going to get from him. He's just one of those guys who you looked up to from an early age.*

Q. Has he impacted the 2018 Vikings team the same way you saw from him back then?

A. *Oh, yeah. He came in, and I feel like he got along really well with the guys, and he [took ownership] of his position really quick. The confidence was always there, so I think it really helped him.*

Q. You've been a big proponent of the Humane Society – tell me a little bit about your three dogs.

A. *They're a pain, honestly. No, it's cool. Two I got in college – one of them I actually got on my birthday. I was coming home from work heading to practice, and he was dodging traffic, so I kind of just picked him up, and he's stuck with us ever since, for better or worse. The other one I got in college, one of my roommates had gotten a dog, and my girlfriend at the time, she babysat him a lot, and I saw what was going to happen – 'eventually, he's just going to end up staying.' So sure enough, he did. And then the third one, we got here in Minnesota. ... It's great. They all get along really well with my daughter, and they keep me on my toes.*

Q. Your Instagram (@twaynes) followers know you're a big fan of fishing; where is your favorite spot to fish?

A. *I mainly fish in my backyard because I live on a lake and it's more convenient, but my favorite, I'd probably say the ocean, deep-sea fishing. Just because you never know what you're going to get. Fishing in the lakes, you'll get specific species, but in the ocean you don't know what you'll get. I think that's what is most exciting about it.*

Q. What's the biggest fish you've ever caught?

A. *Well it's not the biggest, but I got a 32-inch walleye on the lake, which is pretty big. That was really cool.*

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-WAYNES ON
REUNITING WITH
KIRK COUSINS

Q. Which one of your teammates do you think would make the worst fishing partner, and why?

A. *I don't know ... Oh – Zay. X. I'm definitely gonna have to go with Xavier [Rhodes]. I've never seen him fish, but I feel like that would be a really interesting sight to see. He definitely would get distracted, for sure.*

Q. You mentioned your daughter; what is your favorite part of being a dad?

A. *Just the challenge. Just seeing her grow up so fast. We already get into arguments, and she's only 2-and-a-half. [My fiancée] is always like, 'I'm going to put you both in timeout,' or she'll say, 'Trae, stop arguing,' and I'm like, 'But she started it.' She'll say, 'You're 26. She's 2.' Because she's like the spitting image of me. So, I think it's just really fun interacting with her and watching her grow.*

Q. How has becoming a dad changed your perspective on your career?

A. *It's not really about me anymore. I'm doing it for them and making sure that they have an easy life, that they don't have to worry about anything.*

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DANIELLE HUNTER



Danielle Hunter's progression has been visible with dominant performances on the field and in the virtual world of gaming. He enters tonight's game with an overall rating of 87, which is up from the 84 that he had when *Madden* '19 was released.

Hunter's overall rankings at the time of each release:

Madden '16: 65
Madden '17: 72
Madden '18: 86
Madden '19: 84

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HOW TO

CREATE A PLAYER

BY CRAIG PETERS

DANIELLE HUNTER shrugs off complimentary nicknames the way he's been shedding blocks on the way to sacking quarterbacks.

There's 'Action Figure' by his Houston-based trainer James Cooper.

'Superhero' was used by Everson Griffen after Minnesota defeated Detroit in Week 9, thanks in no small part to Hunter's 3.5 sacks and 32-yard fumble return touchdown.

Sheldon Richardson opted for 'Create A Player' after the Vikings Week 1 win over the 49ers.

"That's Griff' and Sheldon," Hunter said. "They call me by my name, but when people ask about that, 'That's what he is.' "

Richardson elaborated, "Relentless pass rush, is stout against the run, so it's everything you want in a young defensive end."

Sure, Hunter has the look befitting of a cape in a comic book or a digitally enhanced addition to *Madden*, but there's more to his success than his chiseled physique, starting with a humble demeanor and learner's mentality that he's displayed from the day he became a Viking as a third-round pick in 2015.

His defensive line coach at LSU, Brick Haley, stressed the importance of taking notes, so he started soaking up information from Vikings defensive line coach Andre Patterson. Hunter has filled five notebooks and is going on a sixth.

All of the learning is being applied on the field, with each rep enabling Hunter to play more freely

and forcefully, concurrently building his reputation throughout the NFL.

"He's a great athlete, number one, with great length and size," said Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer before adding, "He's a guy that doesn't think he's a superstar. He thinks he's one of the guys. He just tries to get better every single day.

"A lot of times, young guys are paint-by-the-numbers guys, but he's a guy, that if a tackle oversets him, he comes underneath. If [a tackle] short sets him, he beats him around the corner," Zimmer continued. "If [a tackle] sits down on him, he'll long-arm him and work the second move off of him. That's the development I see in him. It's been going on for maybe a year and a half now, maybe a year, but he continues to get better. He comes in every day and asks, 'What can I do to get better?'"

"Create a player" mode might provide a boost to a team in *Madden*, but knowing how to "refine a player" is much more applicable in real life.

Patterson's approach begins with learning the "unique qualities" of each player, followed by "basic fundamental foundations that they all have to achieve in order to be a good player."

"Then, you go and help them try to highlight their gifts because they're all different," Patterson added.

The goal is to enable the expression of elite physicality and the qualities of a supreme technician without the player becoming "robotic."

"You can't say, 'Coach told me to do A, B, C, D,' and

“He’s a guy that doesn’t think he’s a superstar. He thinks he’s one of the guys. He just tries to get better every single day.”

- MIKE ZIMMER

LEARNER’S MENTALITY

then go through those checkmarks during a play,” Patterson said. “You can’t do it, so you’ve got to get to a point where you put your hand in the ground, the ball turns over, and you just play and trust that your body is going to do what you’ve been training it to do. That’s the part that takes time, for them to get to that point.

“They’re all eager to do it the way you want it to be done,” Patterson said. “They don’t want to make a mistake. There comes a point where they’ve got to say, ‘Forget it. I’m just going to go and trust I can do it right.’ That’s the thing you can see in the progression with Stephen Weatherly, that that part has happened to his game. Now, he’s just lining up and playing.”

Patterson believes that offensive linemen are the best-coached groups of players in the NFL because “they know they have to be technicians to be NFL players” and go against defensive linemen with more athleticism.

“Well, if I’m a defensive lineman and all I play off of is my God-given ability, their technique is going to defeat me,” Patterson said, “but if I’m a defensive lineman, and I’ve got great technique, too, then my athleticism gives me the advantage over them because the techniques cancel out, so that’s the part that we try to get to.”

Zimmer explained of the Vikings approach, “We stay on them to continue to work on their technique, rush angles, hand placement, all kinds of things.”

Hunter, whose 33.5 sacks before turning 24 on Oct. 29 tied with Terrell Suggs for the fourth-most by any player in NFL history, is more than fine with

all of the refinement.

“In the NFL, people can always get better and better,” Hunter said. “It wouldn’t make any sense to get to a level and stay at that level because the league adapts, so if you stay the same level that you were [it won’t be enough]. You’ve got to keep leveling up. You need to adapt to the league because the league is always changing.”

In addition to scouting opponents, Harrison Smith watches the Vikings defensive line to better prepare himself for the moments in a game when he is sent on a blitz.

“I always watch the D-linemen to see how they work their hands and get their steps right and their hips through,” Smith said. “I try to do something, but realistically, not being as long as they are and things like that and not as heavy and strong, some things I can’t do. That’s just how it is, but definitely I have a great respect for the things they can do and little movements that you might not notice that turn into a lot.”

Smith’s 3.0 sacks in 2018 have increased his career total to 12, a franchise record among Vikings defensive backs. The All-Pro and Pro Bowler has seen Hunter’s progression during film study.

“The more and more moves he has, his explosion, the way he works his hands, the way he works his hips and gets his feet around,” Smith said. “It’s impressive to see the guy consistently doing that and his strength. He’s got a bunch of moves. It’s fun to watch because I know how hard it is to do.”



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'TRANSCENDENCE'



FEATURING DANIELLE HUNTER

Tonight's game will feature the premier of Transcendence, a cinematic video featuring Danielle Hunter that is part of the Vikings Prime content series.

Hunter embarks on a transformative journey, and the mask that Hunter is wearing in the picture plays a critical role in his transformation.

"I wanted to speak more about the process of transforming yourself spiritually and physically, so the whole video has themes of transformation," said Triglass Productions Owner Ryan Thielen, who produced and directed the feature. "The video is called Transcendence, and transcendence is bringing yourself to the next level, to an almost unattainable spiritual level."

The idea is to reach a status that is "impenetrable to failure" because he has "thicker, tougher skin and by the end, he's transformed into a really intimidating machine."

Check out Vikings.com on Monday for the video, behind-the-scenes images and a written feature on Transcendence. Also, don't forget to vote for Hunter and Vikings teammates for the Pro Bowl.

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In 38 college games at LSU, Hunter totaled 4.5 sacks and 21 tackles for loss, but he passed the eyeball test. The Vikings saw tremendous upside in Hunter when they tabbed him with the 88th overall pick in the third round of the 2015 NFL Draft.

In 56 games with the Vikings (27 starts), Hunter has 37 sacks.

Vikings General Manager Rick Spielman explained that the personnel department is increasing its use of analytics to forecast what may not be initially visible by evaluating specific physical and character traits at each position.

"It's funny, our analytics department is evolving right now to the point where we're almost able to clone players," Spielman said. "Not literally, or else you'd see 90 Danielle Hunters walking around, although he can't throw a football worth a crap."

All jokes aside, Spielman added that the Vikings are "always trying" to measure a player's head and heart.

"Because that's what makes the difference to me in this league," Spielman said. "We're getting closer and closer to trying to be able to create some measurements [for head and heart]. Because like I said, Danielle Hunter may not be the player he is if he doesn't have the mental makeup that he has, always wanting to get better and a passion for the game, and what he plays with."

Each week, the Vikings form a rush plan for each opponent.

"We go over who we're going against, each tackle individually and what we need to do in order to beat this guy or what he has trouble with or is good at," said Hunter, who is always ready to put pen to paper.

Hunter emphasized the importance

of the Vikings defensive line working together, which has resulted in 32 sacks through 10 games, tied for fifth in the NFL.

Patterson makes sure to illustrate during group study every player's role in creating a sack.

"It takes all of us to get the sack, even though the person that gets the sack gets all the glory," Patterson said. "For the one person to get it, it takes the other three to do their job."

Hunter agreed and said the unit's understanding of the scheme and each other has improved.

"We play off each other and know what each other does when we go out there," Hunter said. "We know what kind of rusher he is. If he's this type of rusher, I can do this and this to help him out or me out. That's basically what it is, we know how we rush now. We are so comfortable rushing each other, we know, 'OK, Sheldon might do this, so if he does this, I do that.'"

"We want to be able to rush the passer, so first and foremost, we've got to stop the run, because if we don't do that, we're not going to get an opportunity to [rush the passer]," Hunter said. "Once it comes down to it, when we stop the run, now it's time to pin our ears back and have some fun."

Smith said the collective approach reverberates through the defense.

"I think when you look at games where a bunch of guys are getting in on sacks, and not only that but the run game, really fitting it up and making plays off it, it's a swarm of guys," Smith said. "It's hard to go out there as one guy and make a bunch of plays. That's just not how the NFL is, so when you have more guys making plays, the guy next to you is going to make plays and you're going to make more. They just feed off each other. It's fun to watch and fun to play behind."

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Randy Moss' Hall of Fame journey is now complete.

The former Vikings wide receiver was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame on a warm August night earlier this year, the culmination of a historic and lengthy career.

Moss received his gold jacket back then. His bronze bust, which is normally on display in Canton, Ohio, made it to Minnesota for this weekend's festivities.

The final step of his celebration will come at halftime of tonight's game against Green Bay, when Moss will be presented with a Hall of Fame ring of Excellence in front of thousands who cheered for "The SuperFreak" as he struck fear in opposing defenses on a weekly basis.

Moss currently ranks second all-time with 156 career touchdown catches. He is also fourth in league history with 15,292 yards and ranks 15th with 982 career receptions.

The majority of his eye-popping numbers came with the Vikings, who took Moss with the 21st overall pick of the 1998 NFL Draft.

Moss' first-career touchdown came in his first game on the 16th offensive play of his career. He scored 91 more in Purple and 13 dozen in total.

By the time Moss' career in Minnesota came to a close, there were seven Vikings quarterbacks who had thrown the wide receiver at least one touchdown pass. Here are the seven members of Randy's Minnesota Quarterback Club:

BRAD JOHNSON

MOSS' TD TALLY: 1-2

The play call was *Change Right Speed Right Bomb*.

It was Sept. 6, 1998, late in the first quarter of the Vikings 1998 season opener against Tampa Bay.

Vikings quarterback Brad Johnson hardly cared that Moss was streaking down the left sideline with two Buccaneers defenders nearby. He was going to loft it to Moss anyway.

"If it was 1-on-1, you gave him the shot," Johnson said. "If it was 2-on-1, it was a 50-50 ball. That's how good he was."

Johnson's pass ended up in the hands of the rookie from Marshall.

Johnson was the quarterback for Moss' second career touchdown catch, too. That play call was *Train Ride Jet Right 748 Y Shallow*, and Johnson hit No. 84 in Purple on a post route for a 31-yard, second-quarter score.

Those were the only two touchdowns between Johnson and Moss because the quarterback suffered a broken ankle in Week 2 and missed the majority of the year.

But they'll forever be connected by *Change Right Speed Right Bomb*, which was the start of Moss' Hall of Fame career.

"To be his first touchdown pass in league history ... you don't ever forget your first," Johnson said. "But I was just the blink of an eye on his career."

RANDALL CUNNINGHAM

MOSS' TD TALLY: 3-20

Moss dominated early on, hauling in 69 catches for 1,313 yards and a rookie-record 17 touchdowns.

The man who threw him most of those touchdowns?

Randall Cunningham, an unlikely quarterback who wasn't the starter when the 1998 season began.

But if there was one thing Cunningham knew immediately, it was that Moss was destined for greatness.

"It was inevitable," Cunningham said. "Randy was just one of the top players that's ever

played with the Vikings. He was a great, great draft pick. People didn't want him? 'Well, thanks a lot, we'll take him.' "

When Cunningham looked Moss' way in 1998, when Minnesota went 15-1, the results were staggering. Moss caught 57 passes for 1,094 yards and 15 scores from the 35-year-old quarterback that season.

Nine of those 15 touchdowns went for 40 yards or more. On Thanksgiving Day at Dallas, Moss had three receptions for 163 yards – with two scores of 56 yards and another of 51 – on the nationally televised win.

JEFF GEORGE

MOSS' TD TALLY: 21-28

Jeff George was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1990 NFL Draft by the Indianapolis Colts, but one of his fondest NFL memories was when he arrived at Winter Park for a workout in 1999.

George wanted to see what it would be like to throw a deep post route to Moss and said he was going to do so with his eyes closed.

"He kind of laughed, but with great receivers like that, as the quarterback you have a feel for them and kind of sense where they're going to be at," George added. "So I drop back, five-step drop ... I threw it with my eyes closed, and it hit him right in stride. I kind of knew that day that there was going to be something special between us."

George started the final 10 games of the 1999 season and completed 49 passes for 923 yards and eight scores to Moss.

"From the moment he stepped on the football field, everybody knew he was going to be a Hall of Famer," George said. "That was never a surprise. First-ballot, that's not a surprise."

DAUNTE CULPEPPER

MOSS' TD TALLY: 29-49; 54-61; 67-90

When a quarterback and wide receiver hook up for 53 touchdowns in their time together, there's an undeniable chemistry. That was certainly the case with Daunte Culpepper and Moss.

Beginning with the 2000 season, Culpepper and Moss got their roll on as one of the league's top quarterback-receiver duos.

Their 53 touchdowns over five seasons from 2000 to 2004 ranks second during that span, only trailing the 63 scores by Indianapolis tandem of Peyton Manning and Marvin Harrison.

"We got to know each other off the field as well as on the field," Culpepper said. "He was probably my best friend on the team during my years in Minnesota."

"We spent a lot of time together, talked and communicated a lot ... and it helped us on the field," Culpepper added. "Sometimes it was just a [head] nod. Sometimes we had no signals because we didn't want to give them away. So he'd nod back and would know exactly what I was thinking. It was pretty sweet."

Moss had double-digit touchdowns in four of the five seasons with Culpepper as the primary starter.

Their final cumulative stat line together: 382 completions from Culpepper to Moss for 5,538 yards and those aforementioned 53 touchdowns.

"Anybody who doesn't see him as one of the top receivers in the history of the league probably has a blindfold on," Culpepper said.

TODD BOUMAN

MOSS' TD TALLY: 50-53

Todd Bouman started three games in his career for the Vikings, throwing four touchdowns to No. 84 during their time together in 2001.

Bouman, who threw just eight total touchdowns in his entire seven-season career, made his first start in Week 13 against Tennessee.

He passed for 348 yards and four scores, with Moss doing a majority of the damage to Tennessee's defense with seven catches for 158 yards and a touchdown.

"I remember talking with Randy before the game and saying, 'Just get ready because the ball is coming your way,'" Bouman recalled. "Anytime you could give him more opportunities to get the ball in his hand, it gave you a better chance to win."

"He absolutely changed the game in the NFL," Bouman added. "I've never been around a guy that made it look so effortless. It was a privilege and honor to play with a guy like that."

GUS FREROTTE

MOSS' TD TALLY: 62-66

Gus Frerotte started just two games for the Vikings during the 2003 season, but he threw five touchdowns to Moss.

Besides a trio of scores against the 49ers,

Frerotte found Moss for two more touchdowns in Week 5 at Atlanta.

"I really enjoyed playing with Randy. He was a great locker room guy, and he was just a lot of fun to practice with," Frerotte said. "We used to have throwing games and do a lot of fun things. But when you had to work, you worked. When you had time off, you had fun. Randy was all about that."

BRETT FAVRE

MOSS' TD TALLY: 152-153

They were rivals, icons and, for a brief stint, teammates who linked up to create one of football's biggest milestones.

Moss is one of 318 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame, an elite club that also features Brett Favre. The quarterback threw 508 touchdown passes in his career, only two of which went to Moss.

But one of them was Favre's 500th career touchdown pass, a feat that only four quarterbacks in NFL history have ever accomplished.

Favre's historic pass came on *Monday Night Football* in 2010, when he did what so many quarterbacks had done before – throw it up and let Moss go get it.

"The 500th was a Patented RANDY MOSS play," Favre wrote in an email. "3rd and very long with defender playing 12 to 15 yards off saying, 'No way do I get beat deep!!' Randy told me leaving the huddle to throw it up no matter what. For years I saw it time after time, so it was an honor to do it myself."

Favre connected with Moss for one more score. It came at Lambeau Field of all places, the site of so many signature games for each of them.

But this time, they were teammates, and Favre was the last entry (and most improbable member) of Randy Moss' Minnesota Quarterback Club.

"As for Randy never had I been more excited about playing with a player as much as Randy," Favre wrote. "For many years I watched with AWE and almost disbelief at how easy he made what he was doing look so easy!! Even though we knew, as well as the other teams, what he was capable of, no team could stop him. Reggie White and Deion Sanders were the only others that I played with that were on a different level like Randy."



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VETERANS VOYAGE

BY ERIC SMITH

It seemed as if there were endless smiles, laughs and memories that accompanied the surprises that kept rolling in.

And for five Minnesota-based veterans, it was also a little overwhelming at times.

The Vikings recently honored the group as part of the 2018 Veterans Voyage, which the organization put on for the second straight year in partnership with Hy-Vee.

"I had a wonderful feeling that started from the bottom of my toes and went up because that isn't something that is normally done for veterans," said Air Force veteran Gerald Lanahan as he summed up the past few weeks. "Every time you turned around, it was a new feeling and a new emotion."

Demetrius Young, an Army veteran, added: "I am just so grateful ... and I feel like I don't deserve all that was given to us with all the surprises and everything."

Lanahan and Young were two of the five veterans recognized by the Vikings. The group also included Shantell Hoff, a veteran of the Minnesota Army National Guard, plus Army veterans Glenn Boche and Michael Quinn.



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GERALD LANAHAN

The quintet was nominated by family or friends and selected from a pool of several hundred veterans.

While the veterans were honored in various ways by the team, the highlight was a surprise trip to Washington, D.C., for Veterans Day.

The veterans were acknowledged on the field in the second quarter of Minnesota's recent win over the Lions when the surprise announcement was made on the field in front of thousands of appreciative Vikings fans.

"It was so incredible, and we were so surprised," Quinn said. "We read it on the [U.S. Bank Stadium video board], and we thought maybe it was for somebody else."

"Then they came walking out with those suitcases, and it dawned on almost all of us at the same time what was going on," Quinn added. "It was like one more surprise after another ... it was almost overwhelming."

The group left for the nation's capital on Friday evening and spent two full days taking in the sights and sounds of the city.

The itinerary included a guided tour of



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- VIKINGS FULLBACK C.J. HAM



Capitol Building and a tour of the Library of Congress on Saturday before the group ventured out for a moonlight tour of various monuments.

They then attended a Veterans Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday morning before later exploring Mount Vernon, the historic home of George Washington, the first President of the United States.

It seemed each veteran had a different favorite moment in a memory-filled highlight.

Quinn remarked that Arlington National Cemetery was his most memorable moment, and Young added that he was awestruck by the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Along the way, the group of three Vietnam veterans (Boche, Lanahan and Quinn) bonded with Hoff and Young, the pair of Iraq veterans.

"These are going to be lifelong friends,"

Young said. "We exchanged numbers and emails, and we've already been texting since the trip has been over.

"I'm an Iraq vet, but I got to experience it with some Vietnam veterans and another Iraq vet," Young added. "Just to experience it with other veterans was so much more special."

Quinn said the trip was extra special for the trio of Vietnam veterans, who each received a commemorative pin for their service.

"I'm just very humbled, for one thing," Quinn said. "It's very touching to me that after 40-45 years of not being able to really talk about what we did, to be thanked and welcomed is just beyond words to me.

"It's pretty common with the way veterans

are treated now. But the vast majority of the people don't appreciate what we went through when we came home," Quinn added. "We couldn't talk about it ... we were the bad boys from over there. I just wanted to let people know we truly appreciate a welcome home."

While the trip was the signature moment for the veterans, they also received multiple surprises the week before the game against the Lions.

Friends and family members of the group wrangled them up and brought them to Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center on Oct. 29 to begin the festivities.

After the group got a tour of the new facility, Vikings fullback C.J. Ham surprised them with tickets to the game against Detroit.

"It's really great that the Vikings make an effort to recognize these veterans for what they did," Ham said. "The sacrifices they made ... they took time away from their families to go and protect the country so we can live a better life."

"It was amazing," Ham added. "It touched me in a way I didn't know I could be touched."

But the fun was just beginning, as Hy-Vee staff then surprised the veterans with free groceries for a year.

Hoff struggled to find the words of appreciation for that gesture.

"I don't even know ... there are no words for that, no words to say thank you," Hoff said. "[Food is] such a huge expense, even though it's just me and my boyfriend.

"We have people over for [Vikings] games

on Sundays," Hoff added. "We have a house payment and everything else, it's amazing and a blessing."

The friends and family members of the veterans who were in on the surprises said they couldn't think of a more deserving group to be recognized and honored.

"He keeps giving back," said Ryan Sabinish, who nominated Boche. "He's been out of the military a long, long time ... since Vietnam, and he was wounded in Vietnam ... yet he still gives back to help veterans in need."

Added Mike Quinn, Jr., of his father:

"He's kind of my hero for what he did for this country, and I know it means a lot to him. He's a Vietnam vet, so when he came home, things were not so nice. Now that our country is a little bit more open and we've changed to an era of being supportive of our troops, it has been very therapeutic and very good for him. He's proud to wear it now and be thanked for it."

And for the veterans who took in the whirlwind journey, it was an experience they will never forget.

"Other than my marriage and the birth of my kids and grandkids, this would be the next most important thing to happen to me," Michael Quinn said. "To be welcomed and thanked by these people, it's hard to put into words what that means to us.

"We will be forever grateful for what [the Vikings] did for us," Quinn added. "Seriously, it was over the top and beyond words."

Added Lanahan: "It was one of the highlights of my life."

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HONORING BILL BROWN

BY CRAIG PETERS

BILL “BOOM BOOM” BROWN — a fullback who helped build the lore of the “Black and Blue Division” — began his career as a Bear but became a Viking for life.

Brown, a native of Mendota, Illinois, passed away on Nov. 4. He was 80.

The four-time Pro Bowler played 13 seasons for the Vikings (1962-74) after arriving in Minnesota via a trade with the Chicago Bears, who selected him in the second round of the 1961 NFL Draft. He was selected to the 50 Greatest Vikings during the team's 50th season celebration.

Brown became the first Viking to lead the team in rushing in three consecutive seasons (1964-66), and his 251 rush attempts in 1966 led the NFL. He totaled 16 touchdowns (seven rushing, nine receiving) in 1964 to garner his first of four Pro Bowl selections.

Brown started 110 of the 180 regular-season games he played with Minnesota. He ranks second in franchise history with 1,627 rushing attempts, fourth with 5,757 rushing yards and is tied for second with 52 scores on the ground.

The impact of the stocky fullback and special teams captain exceeded his stature and the gridiron.

“He was always keeping everything going,” fellow Vikings Ring of Honor member Jim Marshall said. “He was a guy that kept everybody laughing and having fun. He loved to play cards. He had a seat he sat in, and everybody knew that was Bill Brown’s seat. They’d have five, six, seven guys waiting to get in to play. He was good.”

Marshall said Brown “was loyal and would help you in any way he could.”

There perhaps was no greater display of Brown’s loyalty than when he helped raise thousands of dollars on behalf of Karl Kassulke, the former Vikings safety who was paralyzed in a motorcycle accident on July 24, 1973.

The fundraiser, orchestrated by Joe Duffy and former Vikings receiver Paul Flatley, involved selling raffle tickets for a giveaway of three cars, as well as the sale of buttons in support of Kassulke.

According to the *Star Tribune*, Brown sold 10,000 raffle tickets and joined Marshall, the captain of the defense, and offensive captain Grady Alderman in welcoming Kassulke during a halftime ceremony at Metropolitan Stadium when the team celebrated “Karl Kassulke Day” 45 years ago today.

FOND MEMORIES OF BROWN:

“When I came to the Vikings, Bill was already here. I remember looking at films and said, ‘Holy smokes! This guy is a football player.’ Bill had the durability to play every down and was the kind of runner that if you approached him to tackle him, he’s not going to avoid you. He’s going to take you on. For a fullback, and all of the blocking and tough inside running that he did, he was a great pass receiver. His hands were as good as anybody we had on the team. Even at the end of his career, he was captain of our special teams at one time. He was an all-around football player, could run, catch, block and tackle. He had all of the ingredients that make a great football player. Boom Boom was as good as we ever had.”



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“He was in my draft class. It was the greatest trade we’ve ever made because he was a great fullback, a great runner, a great blocker and he could catch the ball. I could run him down the field on any kind of pattern. Wedge buster on special teams. He covered kickoffs because he loved to play. He loved to play football more than anybody I’ve ever seen.”



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“Bill was just outstanding. When you think about somebody being tough, and you need those three yards, if it’s a pass play or a running play, Bill would get the yards. Joe Kapp or Fran Tarkenton, nobody hesitated or thought twice about giving the ball to Bill Brown.”



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“He was the ultimate football player, a hard-nosed guy. He had a big heart, though. He kind of knew how to make things better. He was always cheering everybody up. He will be missed. ... If he was in your corner, you were going to win. It’s a shame that in football, there’s only so much you can do from one position.”



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Vikings O-Line Hands Out Encouragement, Thanksgiving Meals in St. Paul

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

Riley Reiff is a leader of the Vikings offensive line on the field, and he demonstrated the same direction recently at The Salvation Army.

Reiff led his fellow linemen toward a car that had pulled up in front of the garage. Center Pat Elflein and tackle Aviante Collins cheerfully greeted the driver of the vehicle and exchanged a pair of vouchers for two large bags full of food.

"Happy Thanksgiving!" They shouted as she drove away with a holiday meal.

Reiff, Elflein and Collins were joined by teammates Mike Remmers, Brian O'Neill, Tom Compton, Brett Jones, Danny Isidora, Cornelius Edison, Storm Norton and

Adam Bisnowaty. Five wives and girlfriends of the linemen also participated.

The Vikings and UnitedHealthcare donated funds for the food and handed out 120 meals to St. Paul families in need. Each bag had been packed by UnitedHealthcare employees during the day and included a turkey, a pumpkin pie, a sack of potatoes, stuffing, cranberries, corn, beans and gravy.

Reiff wasn't surprised that nearly every offensive lineman was able to make it to the event on the players' day off.

"Offensive linemen are pretty tight. We just put it in a text message that we're going to be here, and everybody shows up," Reiff said. "It's good. With how many meals we handed out, we needed everybody here."

Temps dipped to just below 20 degrees when the sun went down, but the Vikings teammates embraced the chilly conditions and maintained high energy.

"We've got an assembly line moving right now, and we just had a rush. I think guys are a little out of breath," Elflein quipped. "This is what it's all about – using this platform to give back to the community. Being around some good people, and all the wives and girlfriends are here, too, so it's a team effort."

While several families came through in cars, other individuals walked through for their meals and spent some time chatting with the linemen.

"Wow, you're strong!" Exclaimed one young girl who

gave Elflein a hug.

Remmers, a father of two, chatted with children in the cars and even took a few minutes – along with Isidora – to step inside and play with some young children in the gymnasium.

"It just makes you feel blessed and very fortunate. I'm thankful that we're able to give back and help these people out," Remmers said. "Especially during the holidays, it can be tough on people, and it's nice to help out and make sure everyone has a nice meal."

Lt. Jonathan Taube of The Salvation Army was impressed with the Vikings effort.

"Whenever we have opportunities to invest in one another, to invest in our community and our neighborhood, it's meaningful," Taube said. "And especially when a group like the Vikings takes the lead and sets that example, I think that's really powerful. It reminds us that we all have opportunities every day to care for one another, to spread holiday spirit, and I think our country could use a lot of that right now."

O'Neill said he didn't hesitate to jump in when he heard of the opportunity. The rookie emphasized the significance of doing the activity as a position group.

"We try to do everything together, kind of regardless of what it is," O'Neill said. "That's just the nature of our position, and it speaks to the relationship the guys have built with each other."



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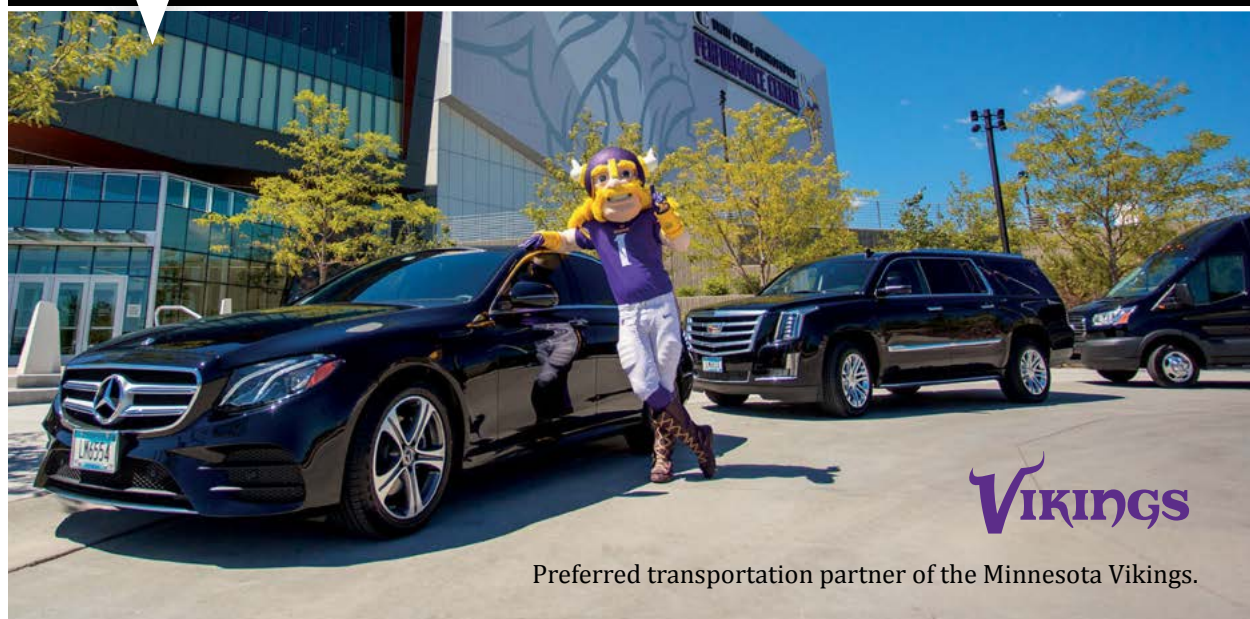
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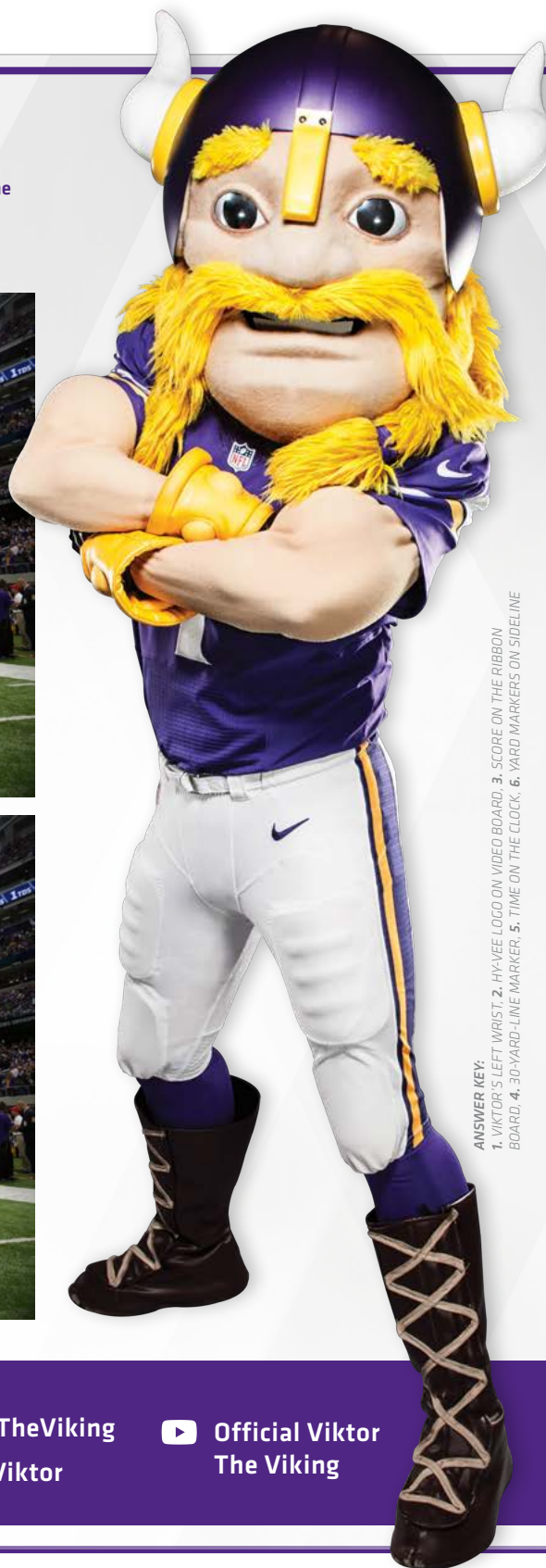
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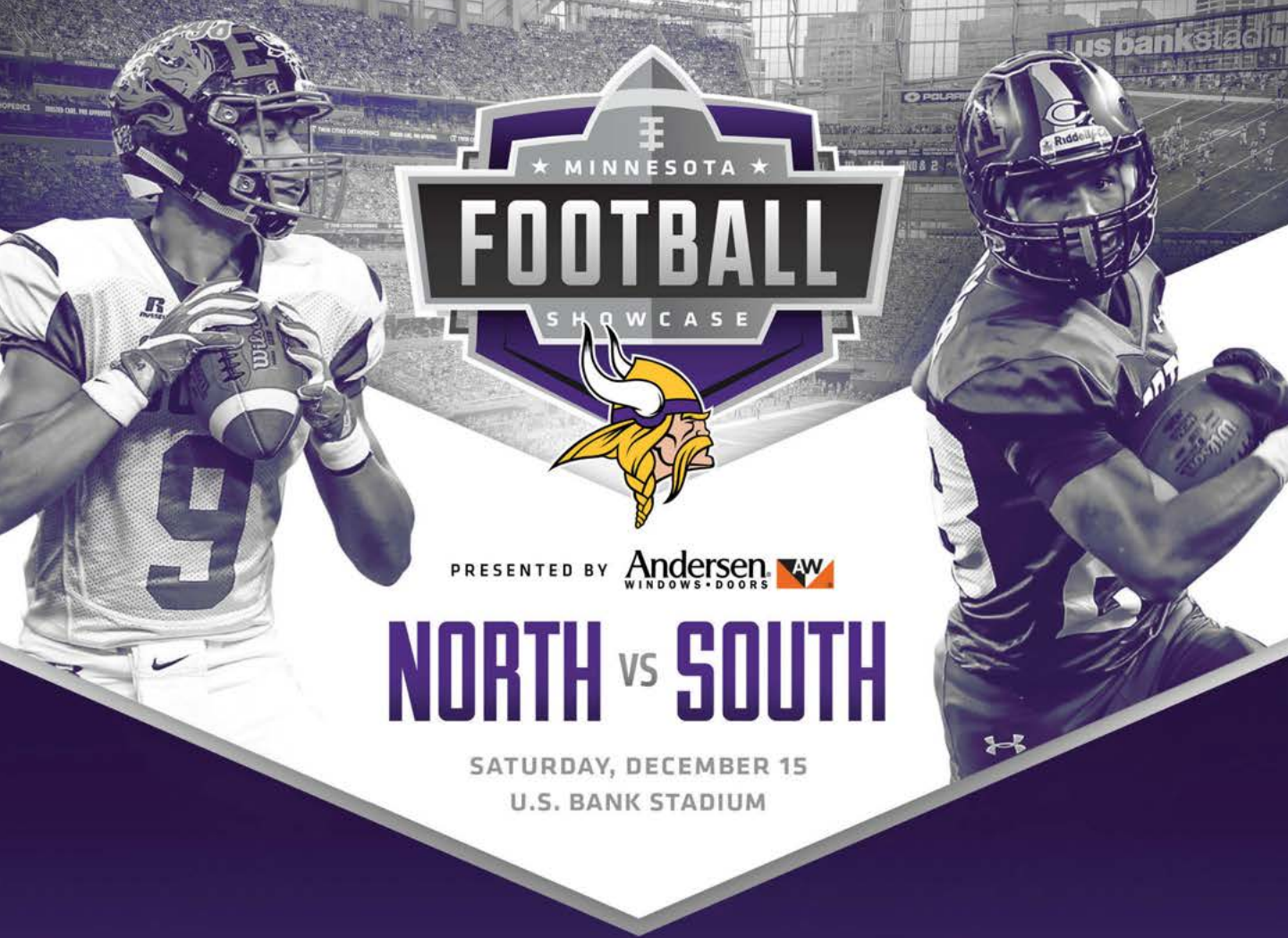

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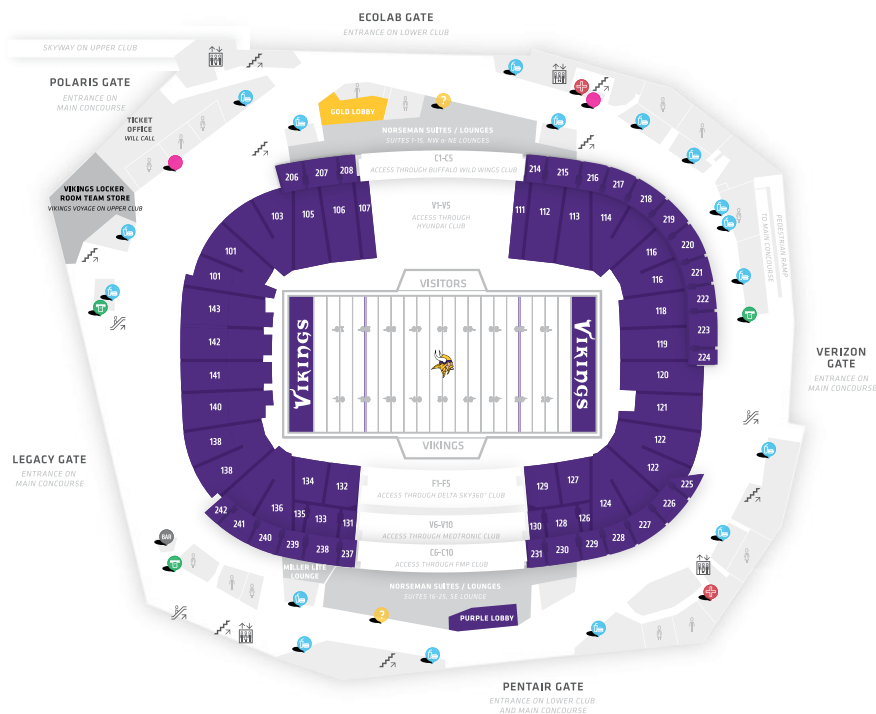
"In my past employment, I've been part of executive management for large venues; I appreciate what it takes to create a truly outstanding guest experience. With hostesses like Tamara, you have a key component of the experience."

Tamara resides in Ham Lake. In her free time, she enjoys attending concerts, boating, being outdoors and spending time with her family and friends.

Tamara attends Suite 11 in Valhalla. If you happen to see her familiar face, feel free to wave and thank her for her hard work.

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