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- Disorderly conduct
- Wearing obscene or indecent clothing
- Smoking in non-designated areas

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

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# VIKINGS

## AT PACKERS

The Vikings and Packers met in the Border Battle for the 118th time in Week 2.

Minnesota fell behind by three touchdowns early and fought to get back in the game with some big gains on offense and some critical stops on defense. The Vikings, however, suffered a 21-16 loss.



**01** | Dalvin Cook recorded 20 carries for a career-high 154 rushing yards and a touchdown at Lambeau Field. The third-year running back has racked up 265 yards on the ground through the first two games of the season.

**02** | Defensive tackle Hercules Mata'afa recovered an Aaron Rodgers fumble on a third-and-8 in the third quarter. Mata'afa also recorded a tackle for loss on a pass play late in the first half.

**03** | Vikings defensive end Danielle Hunter took down Rodgers for a loss of 10 yards to force a punt in the third quarter. It was Hunter's second sack of the season.



## WANT MORE?

Check out 'Through the Lens' presented by Andersen Windows on [vikings.com](http://vikings.com) or follow Official Team Photographer Andy Kenutis @vikingsphotog on Instagram.

**04 |** Chad Beebe turned a short catch into the longest receiving play of the day, racing for 61 yards against one of the teams that his father, Don Beebe, played for. He also contributed on special teams, returning four punts for 25 yards (6.3 average).

**05 |** Adam Thielen corralled this pass from quarterback Kirk Cousins for a 30-yard gain. The catch was challenged by Green Bay but upheld for a Vikings first down. Thielen led Minnesota in receiving with five catches for 75 yards.

**06 |** Stefon Diggs hauled in the Vikings lone receiving touchdown of the Border Battle. The 45-yard completion was perfectly placed by Cousins on third-and-13 and put Minnesota within five points of Green Bay.





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#### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Pete DuPré, a 96-year-old veteran of World War II, will perform the National Anthem with a harmonica.

#### COLOR GUARD

Members of the United States Air Force, which celebrated its 72nd birthday on Sept. 18, will present the colors.



#### HALFTIME

Today's halftime will feature a special ceremony celebrating the 50-year anniversary of the historic 1969 Vikings team.

### Today's game features the Raiders and Vikings in the 16th overall meeting between the franchises.

The series began Sept. 16, 1973, three years after the 1970 merger between NFL teams, including the Vikings, and the American Football League teams.

Chuck Foreman scored his first career touchdown in that game, catching a 9-yard pass from Fran Tarkenton, to help Minnesota take a one-point lead in the third quarter. Bill Brown added a 6-yard run for the final score and a 24-16 victory.

The Raiders won seven of the next eight meetings, including Super Bowl XI on Jan. 9, 1977.

Most recently, the Vikings defeated the Raiders 30-14 in Oakland on Nov. 15, 2015.

The franchises have a unique connection. Prior to the NFL awarding a franchise to Minnesota, the AFL offered a charter franchise to Minneapolis/St. Paul.

Minnesota businessmen participated in the AFL's first draft, which was held Nov. 22-23 in Minneapolis at the Pick-Nicollet hotel, but withdrew their bid in January 1960. Later that month, it was announced that Minnesota had been awarded an NFL expansion franchise.

The AFL then transferred the spot that had been reserved for Minneapolis/St. Paul to Oakland. The rights of players who were drafted by Minnesota but remained unsigned were awarded to Oakland, a list that included eventual Hall of Famer Jim Otto.



Welcome to Fantennial Weekend, a celebration in conjunction with the NFL's 100th season that overlaps with the annual Vikings Legends Weekend. More than 100 former players and coaches have reunited here to participate in multiple festivities that include honoring the 1969 Vikings team that won the NFL Championship and advanced to Super Bowl IV. Fantennial Weekend, which is presented by Courtyard by Marriott, kicked off Friday with the first of three Vikings Prep Football Spotlight games this month. A family festival, that included appearances by Legends and current players, a live broadcast by KFAN 100.3-FM and a traveling Vikings Museum display, was held at the Mall of America on Saturday.





## NOMINATE YOUR SCHOOL TO BE SELECTED AS THE MINNESOTA FOOTBALL COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR

Minnesota Vikings & Innovative Office Solutions, along with the National Football Foundation and supported by KFAN, will honor one Minnesota community as the “**MINNESOTA FOOTBALL COMMUNITY OF THE YEAR.**” Nominations are being accepted from now through October 5th on [www.Vikings.com/CommunityOfTheYear](http://www.Vikings.com/CommunityOfTheYear)

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 their school's football program.





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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.

Today's Hometown Hero is Chad Greenway. The South Dakota native who spent 11 seasons (2006-16) with the Vikings continues to make positive impacts on the region through his Lead the Way Foundation that focuses on helping chronically and critically ill children and their caregivers. The Hometown Hero 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](http://vikings.com/fans/promos/hometown-hero).

### CENTURYLINK BOOSTBOX

CenturyLink Boostbox is your connection to the Vikings. CenturyLink has teamed up with quarterback Kirk Cousins to connect you to the Vikings all season long. Enter to win an exclusive fan experience including VIP tickets and sideline passes, engraved tablet, signed gear and more! Visit [centurylink.com/Vikings](http://centurylink.com/Vikings) to enter.



### OPENING DRIVE SWEEPSTAKES

Today's Kwik Trip opening drive contestant is Cynthia Brady from Farmington. Cynthia will win a \$25 Kwik Trip gift card for every yard earned on the Vikings opening drive plus a \$500 bonus for a field goal or \$1,000 for an opening drive touchdown! To enter, see your neighborhood Kwik Trip today.

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### COIN TOSS CAPTAIN

U.S. Bank is giving you the chance to receive an exclusive experience to be the U.S. Bank Coin Toss Captain at an upcoming Vikings game! Enter to win two tickets, pregame sideline passes and a commemorative game coin. Visit [Vikings.com/Rewards](http://Vikings.com/Rewards) to join Vikings Rewards and enter for your chance to win.



### #VIKINGSHAIRSTYLE

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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### HY-VEE #SKOL

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## TCO VIKINGS 5K AT TCO STADIUM

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29 | 10 A.M.

Experience what it is like to be a Viking as you conquer the TCO Vikings 5K.

Join us Sunday, Sept. 29, as you and your friends finish on the 50-yard line at TCO Stadium at Viking Lakes, home of the Vikings. Register today at [Vikings.com/5K](https://vikings.com/5K). Registration includes a TCO Vikings 5K T-shirt, 2019 participation medal (pictured above), food and beverages and a complimentary, ice-cold Miller Lite (Runners ages 21+).



## WORKOUT WEDNESDAYS\*

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 16

Join Vikings Women once a month during the football season for Workout Wednesdays. Classes will be taught by Life Time instructors for all fitness levels. The next class, Dance Jam with Jessica Jordani, will be held in TCO Performance Center's Indoor Practice Facility. Register at [vikings.com/womensevents](https://vikings.com/womensevents).

## VIKINGS COUNTRY

SEPT. 24 | 5:30-8:30 P.M.

Join Mike Mussman along with C.J. Ham for *Vikings Country* presented by Miller Lite on Tuesday, Sept. 24, at Shortstop in Coon Rapids. You could win great prizes, including tickets in the Miller Lite Lounge at U.S. Bank Stadium! Visit [vikings.com/vikingscountry](https://vikings.com/vikingscountry) for more info and a full schedule.

## PREP SPOTLIGHT

SEPT. 27 | 7 P.M.

Chaska vs. Apple Valley

SEPT. 28 | 6 P.M.

Rochester Mayo vs. Mankato West

The 2019 Vikings Prep Spotlight presented by FVP at TCO Stadium will continue this Friday when Apple Valley "hosts" Chaska. The three-game slate is scheduled to conclude on Saturday when Mankato West "hosts" Rochester Mayo. Shakopee and Eden Prairie kicked off the 2019 series on Friday night.

## FRIDAY FOOTBALL FEAST

SEPT. 27 | 9 A.M. - NOON

Join KFAN each Friday morning from 9 a.m. to noon for a Friday Football Feast presented by Coors Light and KFAN. 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 for a chance to win an MVP experience! This week's Friday Football Feast will be at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Chanhassen.

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**PLAYER TO WATCH:**

## DE EVERSON GRIFFEN

EVERSON GRIFFEN, THE LONGEST-TENURED VIKING, has shown speed, strength and a skillful spin move already in 2019, his 10th season in Minnesota. The former fourth-round pick features unique physical attributes and has learned how to set up opponents and counter what they're offering. Last week he drove Packers Pro Bowl left tackle David Bakhtiari several steps backward, affecting Aaron Rodgers. In Week 1, Griffen used artistry in setting up and executing a spin move that resulted in his first sack of 2019. He has 67.5 sacks in 134 regular-season games for a total that ranks seventh in franchise history. Griffen also isn't reluctant when it comes to defending the run. Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer said Griffen's start to the season has been in line with his play when he made the Pro Bowl after the 2015-17 seasons and was named to the *Associated Press*' All-Pro Second Team for his play in 2017.

**TOP TANDEM:** GRIFFEN AND DANIELLE HUNTER HAVE TOTALED 80 SACKS SINCE HUNTER'S ROOKIE SEASON OF 2015. THAT TOTAL IN THAT SPAN IS THE MOST OF ANY DUO IN THE NFL.

**50** SINCE 2014

Since becoming a starter in 2014 when Head Coach Mike Zimmer was hired, Griffen has recorded 50 sacks, starting 74 of the 75 regular-season games he's played.

### 2019 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Kirk Cousins	328
Rushing (Yds)	Dalvin Cook	265
Receiving (Yds)	Adam Thielen	118
Tackles	Eric Kendricks	19
Sacks	D. Hunter, L. Joseph	2.0
Interceptions	Anthony Harris	2
KOR (Yds)	Chad Beebe	13
PR (Avg.)	Chad Beebe	6.3

### 2019 SCHEDULE

#### PRESEASON (3-1)

P1	8/9	at New Orleans Saints	W 34-25
P2	8/18	Seattle Seahawks	W 25-19
P3	8/24	Arizona Cardinals	W 20-9
P4	8/29	at Buffalo Bills	L 27-23

#### REGULAR SEASON (1-1)

1	9/8	Atlanta Falcons	W 28-12
2	9/15	at Green Bay Packers	L 21-16
3	9/22	Oakland Raiders	
4	9/29	at Chicago Bears	
5	10/6	at New York Giants	
6	10/13	Philadelphia Eagles	
7	10/20	at Detroit Lions	
8	10/24	Washington Redskins	
9	11/3	at Kansas City Chiefs	
10	11/10	at Dallas Cowboys	
11	11/17	Denver Broncos	
12	11/24	Bye Week	
13	12/2	at Seattle Seahawks	
14	12/8	Detroit Lions	
15	12/15	at Los Angeles Chargers	
16	12/23	Green Bay Packers	
17	12/29	Chicago Bears	

### TOP 2 AGAINST RAIDERS

#### RUSHING YARDS

203	Adrian Peterson on 26 attempts at Oakland (Nov. 29, 2015)
164	Chester Taylor on 22 attempts in Minnesota (Nov. 18, 2007)

#### PASSING YARDS

396	Daunte Culpepper on 27-of-49 passing at Oakland (Nov. 16, 2003)
364	Randall Cunningham on 23-of-39 passing in Minnesota (Sept. 19, 1999)

#### RECEIVING YARDS

140	Sammy White on seven catches in Minnesota (Sept. 14, 1981)
134	Jake Reed on four catches at Oakland (Nov. 17, 1996)

## 2019 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Derek Carr	457
Rushing (Yds)	Josh Jacobs	184
Receiving (Yds)	Tyrell Williams	151
Tackles	Tahir Whitehead	13
Sacks	Benson Mayowa	3.5
Interceptions		0
KOR (Yds)	Dwayne Harris	131
PR (Avg.)	Dwayne Harris	10.0

## 2019 SCHEDULE

### PRESEASON (1-4)

P1	8/10	Los Angeles Rams	W	14-3
P2	8/15	at Arizona Cardinals	W	33-26
P3	8/22	Green Bay Packers	W	22-21*
P4	8/29	at Seattle Seahawks	L	17-15

### REGULAR SEASON (1-1)

1	9/9	Denver Broncos	W	24-16
2	9/15	Kansas City Chiefs	L	28-10
3	9/22	at Minnesota Vikings		
4	9/29	at Indianapolis Colts		
5	10/6	Chicago Bears		
6	10/13	Bye Week		
7	10/20	at Green Bay Packers		
8	10/27	at Houston Texans		
9	11/3	Detroit Lions		
10	11/7	Los Angeles Chargers		
11	11/17	Cincinnati Bengals		
12	11/24	at New York Jets		
13	12/1	at Kansas City Chiefs		
14	12/8	Tennessee Titans		
15	12/15	Jacksonville Jaguars		
16	12/22	at Los Angeles Chargers		
17	12/29	at Denver Broncos		

## TOP 2 AGAINST VIKINGS

### RUSHING YARDS

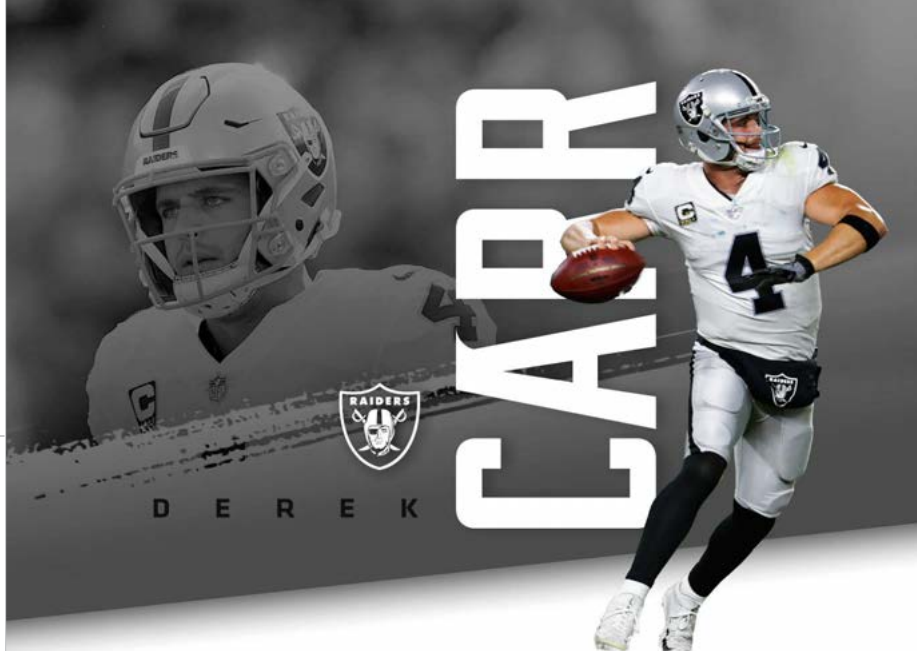
112	Mark van Eeghen on 28 attempts at Oakland (Dec. 11, 1977)
109	Michael Bush on 30 attempts in Minnesota (Nov. 20, 2011)
109	Tyrone Wheatley on 32 attempts at Oakland (Nov. 16, 2003)

### PASSING YARDS

344	Daunte Culpepper on 23-of-39 passing in Minnesota (Nov. 18, 2007)
302	Derek Carr on 29-of-43 passing in Oakland (Nov. 15, 2015)

### RECEIVING YARDS

128	James Lofton on four catches in Minnesota (Nov. 8, 1987)
120	Ronald Curry on four catches in Minnesota (Nov. 18, 2007)



## PLAYER TO WATCH:

# QB DEREK CARR

**DEREK CARR IS ENTERING** his sixth pro season and second with Jon Gruden as his head coach. The three-time Pro Bowler (2015-17 seasons) has previously played under Dennis Allen and former Vikings offensive line coach Tony Sparano (2014), as well as former Vikings linebacker Jack Del Rio (2015-17). The Raiders have turned to Carr from the get-go. He's never attempted fewer than 515 passes in a season. Carr completed a career-best 381 passes and threw for more than 4,000 yards for the first time in 2018, but his touchdown passes (19) were a career low. In 80 regular-season starts, Carr has totaled 19,196 passing yards and 124 touchdowns. He's been intercepted 56 times and sacked 145 times, including 51 in 2018. Carr led the NFL with a sack percentage of 2.8 in 2016, but that rate tripled to 8.4 percent last season.

## BIG BOOST: CARR'S COMPLETION PERCENTAGE HAS CLIMBED

CONSIDERABLY SINCE HIS ROOKIE SEASON, GOING FROM 58.1 PERCENT IN 2014 TO 68.9 PERCENT LAST SEASON. HE ENTERS TODAY'S GAME HAVING COMPLETED 70.3 PERCENT OF PASSES IN 2019.

**16** SINCE 2014

Carr has recorded 16 fourth-quarter comebacks in 80 regular-season games since entering the NFL as a second-round pick in the 2014 NFL Draft. Carr led the NFL with four in 2015 and had a career-best seven in 2016 when he went 12-3 in 15 starts.



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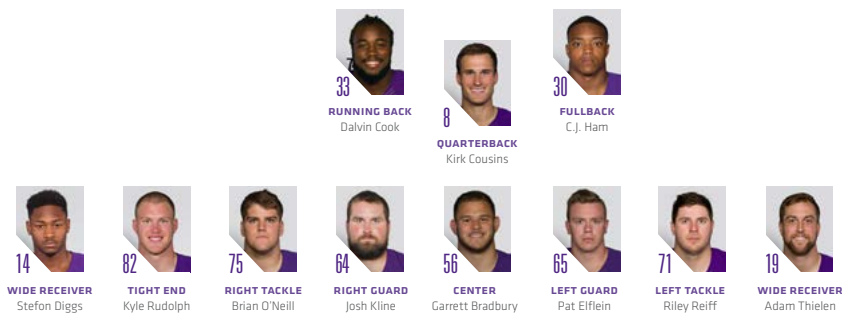
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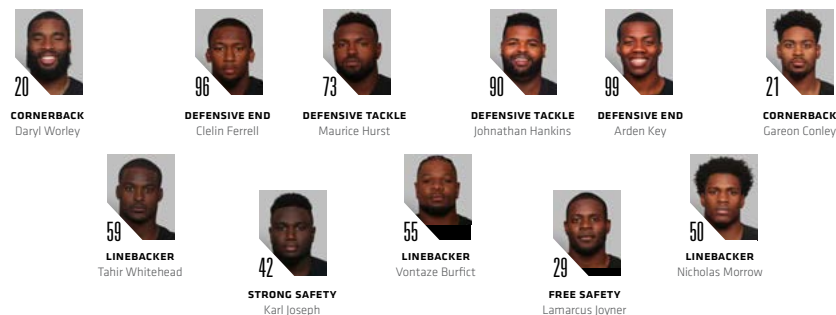
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## VIKINGS ROSTER

2	Britton Colquitt	P
4	Sean Mannion	QB
5	Dan Bailey	K
8	Kirk Cousins	QB
12	Chad Beebe	WR
14	Stefon Diggs	WR
19	Adam Thielen	WR
20	Mackensie Alexander	CB
21	Mike Hughes	CB
22	Harrison Smith	S
23	Mike Boone	RB
25	Alexander Mattison	RB
26	Trae Waynes	CB
27	Jayron Kearse	S
29	Xavier Rhodes	CB
30	C.J. Ham	FB
31	Ameer Abdullah	RB
33	Dalvin Cook	RB
38	Kris Boyd	CB
39	Marcus Epps	S
40	Kentrell Brothers	LB
41	Anthony Harris	S
42	Ben Gedeon	LB
44	Nate Meadors	CB
50	Eric Wilson	LB
51	Hercules Mata'afa	DT
54	Eric Kendricks	LB
55	Anthony Barr	LB
56	Garrett Bradbury	C
57	Devante Downs	LB
58	Austin Cutting	LS
61	Brett Jones	C
64	Josh Kline	G
65	Pat Elflein	G
69	Rashod Hill	T
71	Riley Reiff	T
73	Dru Samia	G
74	Olisaemeka Udoh	T
75	Brian O'Neill	T
78	Dakota Dozier	G
81	Bisi Johnson	WR
82	Kyle Rudolph	TE
83	Tyler Conklin	TE
84	Irv Smith Jr.	TE
91	Stephen Weatherly	DE
92	Jalyn Holmes	DT
93	Shamar Stephen	DT
94	Jaleel Johnson	DT
95	Ifeadi Odenigbo	DE
96	Armon Watts	DT
97	Everson Griffen	DE
98	Linval Joseph	DT
99	Danielle Hunter	DE

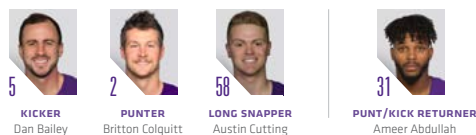


### VIKINGS OFFENSE



### RAIDERS DEFENSE

### VIKINGS SPECIAL TEAMS



## ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

# MINNESOTA VIKINGS

### OFFENSE

<b>WR</b>	Diggs	B. Johnson	
<b>LT</b>	Reiff	Hill	
<b>LG</b>	Elflein	Dozier	
<b>C</b>	Bradbury	Jones	
<b>RG</b>	Kline	Samia	
<b>RT</b>	O'Neill	Hill	Udoh
<b>TE</b>	Rudolph	Smith Jr.	Conklin
<b>WR</b>	Thielen	Beebe	
<b>QB</b>	Cousins	Mannion	
<b>FB</b>	Ham		
<b>HB</b>	Cook	Mattison	Abdullah


### DEFENSE

<b>LDE</b>	Hunter	Weatherly	
<b>NT</b>	Joseph	J. Johnson	Watts
<b>DT</b>	Stephen	Holmes	Mata'afa
<b>RDE</b>	Griffen	Odenigbo	
<b>WLB</b>	Gedeon	Wilson	
<b>MLB</b>	Kendricks	Brothers	
<b>SLB</b>	Barr	Downs	
<b>LCB</b>	Waynes	Hughes	Boyd
<b>RCB</b>	Rhodes	Alexander	Meadors
<b>SS</b>	Smith	Epps	
<b>FS</b>	Harris	Kearse	




# RAIDERS ROSTER


4	Derek Carr	QB
6	A.J. Cole	P
7	Mike Glennon	QB
8	Daniel Carlson	K
13	Hunter Renfrow	WR
14	DeShone Kizer	QB
15	J.J. Nelson	WR
16	Tyrell Williams	WR
17	Dwayne Harris	WR/RS
18	Keelan Doss	WR
19	Ryan Grant	WR
20	Daryl Worley	CB
21	Gareon Conley	CB
22	Keisean Nixon	CB
25	Erik Harris	S
27	Trayvon Mullen	CB
28	Josh Jacobs	RB
29	Lamarcus Joyner	S
30	Jalen Richard	RB
32	Dallin Leavitt	S
33	DeAndré Washington	RB
35	Curtis Riley	S
41	Juston Burris	DB
42	Karl Joseph	S
45	Alec Ingold	FB
47	Trent Sieg	LS
50	Nicholas Morrow	LB
52	Marquel Lee	LB
55	Vontaze Burfict	LB
58	Kyle Wilber	LB
59	Tahir Whitehead	LB
61	Rodney Hudson	C
65	Jordan Devey	OL
66	Gabe Jackson	G
68	Andre James	OL
70	Jonathan Cooper	G
71	Denzelle Good	G/T
72	David Sharpe	T
73	Maurice Hurst	DT
74	Kolton Miller	T
75	Brandon Parker	T
77	Trent Brown	T
83	Darren Waller	TE
85	Derek Carrier	TE
87	Foster Moreau	TE
90	Johnathan Hankins	DT
91	Benson Mayowa	DE
92	P.J. Hall	DT
94	Corey Liuget	DT
96	Clelin Ferrell	DE
97	Josh Mauro	DE
98	Maxx Crosby	DE
99	Arden Key	DE




42  
LINEBACKER  
Ben Gedeon




41  
SAFETY  
Anthony Harris




54  
LINEBACKER  
Eric Kendricks




22  
SAFETY  
Harrison Smith




55  
LINEBACKER  
Anthony Barr




29  
CORNERBACK  
Xavier Rhodes




97  
DEFENSIVE END  
Everson Griffen




98  
NOSE TACKLE  
Linval Joseph



93  
DEFENSIVE TACKLE  
Shamar Stephen




99  
DEFENSIVE END  
Danielle Hunter




26  
CORNERBACK  
Trae Waynes

## VIKINGS DEFENSE


## RAIDERS OFFENSE




19  
WIDE RECEIVER  
Ryan Grant




74  
LEFT TACKLE  
Kolton Miller




65  
LEFT GUARD  
Jordan Devey




61  
CENTER  
Rodney Hudson




66  
RIGHT GUARD  
Gabe Jackson




77  
RIGHT TACKLE  
Trent Brown




83  
TIGHT END  
Darren Waller




16  
WIDE RECEIVER  
Tyrell Williams



28  
RUNNING BACK  
Josh Jacobs




4  
QUARTERBACK  
Derek Carr




45  
FULLBACK  
Alec Ingold


## RAIDERS SPECIAL TEAMS




6  
PUNTER  
A.J. Cole



8  
KICKER  
Daniel Carlson



47  
LONG SNAPPER  
Trent Sieg



17  
PUNT/KICK RETURNER  
Dwayne Harris

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## OFFENSE

WR	Grant	Nelson	D. Harris
LT	Miller	Parker	
LG	Devey	Cooper	
C	Hudson	James	
RG	Jackson	Good	
RT	Brown	Sharpe	
TE	Waller	Moreau	Carrier
WR	Williams	Renfrow	Doss
QB	Carr	Glennon	Kizer
RB	Jacobs	Richard	Washington
FB	Ingold		

## DEFENSE

DE	Ferrell	Mauro	
DT	Hurst	Liuget	
DT	Hankins	Hall	
DE	Key	Mayowa	Crosby
SLB	Whitehead	Lee	
MLB	Burfict		
WLB	Morrow	Wilber	
CB	Worley	Mullen	
CB	Conley	Nixon	
S	Joyner	Riley	Burris
S	Joseph	E. Harris	Leavitt

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# TIMEOUT WITH C.J. HAM

BY LINDSEY YOUNG



## IMPROVING THE VIKINGS RUN GAME HAS BECOME A PERSONAL VENDETTA FOR C.J. HAM.

After averaging just 93.3 rushing yards per game in 2018, Minnesota through two games has racked up 370 yards on the ground.

"It was expressed to us last season that we needed to run the ball better, and we brought the right people in to do that – the right system, the right players – and we take that as a challenge," Ham said. "It's one of our things. We want to go out there and establish dominance just like everybody else, but the emphasis on running the ball is super important to us."

The position room is a full one this year. Ham is joined by four running backs – Dalvin Cook, Alexander Mattison, Mike Boone and Ameer Abdullah – as well as practice squad fullback Khari Blasingame.

Upon an observation that Minnesota's fullbacks wear their hair short and the running backs all sport longer hair, Ham smiled.

"This has been talked about before," he laughed. "We like to joke around and say there's definitely a type, I guess. But yeah,

everyone else has dreads, and me and Khari both rock the same haircut, and we both wear glasses. We're also close to the same size."

But Ham hasn't always held the fullback role.

After playing running back through high school and college, he signed with the Vikings practice squad in 2015. Following the 2016 season, Ham transitioned to fullback and was elevated to the 53-man roster.

Having experience at both positions enables Ham to be more versatile on the field.

"I'd like to think it makes me a little more valuable, to be able to go out there and not necessarily just lead block, but [they can] align me out wide or in the slot, or even in the running back position," Ham said. "When I'm out there, I can still do the things that the running backs can do."

When he does play the conventional blocker role, Ham often is bulldozing space for running back Dalvin Cook, who through two games has rattled off 265 yards on the ground.

Ham called it "super easy" to block for Cook.

"Dalvin's an unbelievable running back,

and when you've got a running back like that, you don't necessarily have to do too much. You just have to make sure you do your job. He does special things," Ham said. "And for him to be as selfless as he is, it's great. We all want success for our whole offense, and it doesn't matter who's doing it."





**WE CAUGHT UP WITH  
C.J. FOR A TIMEOUT**

**Q.** What is it like to be a fullback in the Vikings 2019 offense?

**A.** "It's a lot of fun. You could tell from the first game that the fullback is more involved in this offense. It's just really fun to be out there playing and help the team have an opportunity to win, help the team have success."

**Q.** How do you like to re-charge when you're not in football mode?

**A.** "Really, just playing with my kids. When I get home, there is no 'I've got to chill' or sit down and watch TV. As soon as I get home, Skylar's yelling, 'Daddy!' and it's time to play and do whatever we need to do. Playing with Skylar and Stella, that's time that I really cherish."

**Q.** Your wife, Steph, jokes about them being daddy's girls. Is that something you enjoy?

**A.** "I do enjoy it. Especially on a bad day or something, I get to walk in the door and hear my [oldest] daughter yell, 'Daddy's home!' It just makes everything better."

**Q.** Is it fun that Skylar is a little older now and understands game days?

**A.** "It's awesome. ... I was wearing a sleeve on my arm and she said, 'Oh, did you get hurt in football?' Just the fact that she knows what football is, it's really cool."

**Q.** I have to bring up the home video of Skylar's dance moves and your reaction...

**A.** "We dance all the time. We play music, dance in the kitchen when we cook and all that stuff. But that was shocking (laughs). I mean, I've seen her shake her butt before - little kids do that, it happens - but just the way she did it ... I had no idea that was going to happen. It's funny because that was probably the second or third video we took. I was doing a dance move, and she was trying to copy me. Steph was trying to get

a video of her copying me on that dance, and before I could get to that part, Skylar busted that out. She had her own move she wanted to show me, I guess."

**Q.** Did you expect it to go viral the way that it did?

**A.** "No. I mean, it's a funny video. Looking back on it now, it's a funny video. But I don't even know how to go viral, to be honest with you."

**Q.** What is one fun fact about you that fans might not know?

**A.** "My first love was skateboarding. That's all I did up until I was about 14 years old. My dream was to get sponsored and be a professional skateboarder. To this day, I can still do most of the tricks I was able to do as a kid."

**Q.** Which teammates would be the best skateboarders?

**A.** "Eric Kendricks. Me and him talk about it all the time. But that's pretty much it. And I'm probably better than he is - who knows?"

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# THIELEN

BY ERIC SMITH





**FOR A SECOND, THE NOISE WAS SO LOUD YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT ADAM THIELEN HAD JUST SCORED A TOUCHDOWN AT U.S. BANK STADIUM.**

It was a recent off day, and the Vikings wide receiver and his wife, Caitlin, had just strolled into the gymnasium at Brooklyn Center High School for a surprise announcement.

Before they could announce it, however, the group of more than 100 teenagers unleashed a thunderous ovation that included a rousing SKOL Chant.

"I was ready to play a game," Thielen said with a laugh. "They were all fired up, and it was pretty exciting."

Caitlin added: "I wasn't expecting that loud of a cheer. But it was cool to see these kids being appreciative and so excited for what we can provide for them. Hopefully we can give them a little motivation."

The couple was on hand to announce a \$10,000 donation through the Thielen Foundation to the school's athletic program that included updated weight room equipment, new cleats and a \$75 Scheels gift card for every student-athlete.

Additionally, one player from each Centaurs team who displays leadership, teamwork and dedication will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.

Besides the donation, the Thielens hosted a Q&A session with students, handed out boxes of new cleats, posed for pictures, signed autographs and toured the campus to see exactly where the donation is going.

Nate Gautsch, the high school's activities director, said the idea first came about in the spring. The impact was felt by autumn.

"All of a sudden, it happened," Gautsch said. "It wasn't, 'Oh, this is what we want to do.' It was, 'This is

happening.' Then the weight room equipment showed up, and shoes starting showing up.

"A lot of these kids can't afford to buy their own cleats. We supply basic equipment through the school because so many of these kids can't go get it on their own," Gautsch added. "A lot of coaches keep used cleats and pass them on year to year."

Jonathan Meader, a junior at Brooklyn Center, plays middle linebacker and left tackle for the football team. He described the excitement the school felt when Thielen surprised him and his peers.

"We were pretty loud when we saw him," Meader said. "This is a big thing, because for a long time, this [athletic] program hasn't had a lot. This can definitely help ... this just gets us pumped and helps us push forward."

The hefty donation and generous giving was yet another milestone moment for the Thielen Foundation, which celebrated its one-year anniversary on Sept. 18.

What began as a \$100,000 donation to the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital (specifically the Pediatric Behavioral Health unit) has turned into a year of giving and impact for both the foundation and the family.

The foundation hosted an event at Topgolf, with a second outing to come on Sept. 23 in Brooklyn Center. There was also a July celebrity softball game at CHS Field, home of the St. Paul Saints, plus multiple other events throughout the year.

"It's shaped us, honestly, more in the last year than it has shaped other people," Thielen said of the community work he and his family have done since September of 2018. "Some of the visits we've had with some kids, and coming to an event like this and seeing the spirit of these kids getting



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**- ADAM THIELEN ON FATHERHOOD**

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“We're happy with where we're at ... but hopefully we can continue to build off this and provide more around this community,” Thielen added.

Being present at an event or in the community isn't a requirement by any means, but it might as well be for the Thielen's, as the couple said they always want to make sure they are visible and not just writing a check while sitting at home.

“One-hundred percent. That's something that's big to us and our foundation, is that we don't want to just give something or just send money ... we want to be physically there,” Thielen said. “It means so much more when you're there and you meet the kids and you're around them. It means more for us, and I'd think it'd mean more for them, too.”

The foundation's impact has been spread across the Twin Cities, but it's also been felt at home, too.

The Thielen household now features two energetic boys. Asher will turn 3 in October, and Hudson was born in January to form an active tag-team duo.

For the Thielen's, setting a good example

in the community starts with setting the right one at home.

“It's impacted me a lot,” Thielen said of fatherhood. “Just accountability and trying to do better every single day to make sure that they're learning from my mistakes and so that I can teach them and help them grow to become good human beings and people that give back.”

Caitlin added: “We try and enjoy the present. This is such a unique time in Adam's life, and our family's life. Just trying to soak it all in with our kids. With our foundation, it's so important for our kids to see us giving back to the community.”

When the Vikings opened the 2019 season at home with a 28-12 win against Atlanta, it marked Thielen's seventh season in the NFL and sixth on the active roster.

But ask Thielen about the Week 1 win, and he'll tell you that his favorite moment wasn't scoring the Vikings first touchdown of the season or helping block for a punishing rushing attack.

It was a quiet few moments before the game when he was able to spend time with both of his boys for the first time while at his Sunday job.

“Just having them there is the most



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important thing for me,” Thielen said. “It takes a lot on her part to get them on the field, but that’s my favorite part of the game every single time – seeing her and the boys ... Hudson crawling out to me before the game was pretty cool.

“That’s the stuff that means the most. Touchdowns, obviously, are great for the team and helping the team win,” Thielen added. “But it’s not about the touchdowns; it’s about the family and the locker room and things like that.”

Thielen then paused before pulling off a dad joke.

“That was Hudson’s first game, so he’s 1-0,” Thielen said with a laugh.

A few days after the game, Caitlin still got a bit choked up thinking about the pregame moment.

“It was really emotional,” she said. “Asher went to his first game at three weeks old, so that’s all he has known. It was pretty special to have the kids run out to their dad.”

As Thielen’s career has evolved, the couple said it has taken plenty of commitment on both of their parts to make it work.

Adam is appreciative of Caitlin’s constant efforts as a mom and for her backing of his career.

“There’s no way I could do it without her buying in as well and understanding I’m not going to be there 24/7. It puts a lot on her shoulders, but she does a great job, and I’m very fortunate for that,” Thielen said. “For us, it’s making sure we put the right things first and know that football is also a part of our life right now. We’re on the same page there.”

For Caitlin, she is unwavering in her support of the time commitments that football puts on their family.

“It’s been tough ... but it’s also really exciting because this is going to be a short period of time [in his life], so I’m trying to soak it in,” Caitlin said. “But we know this is football season and this is his job. We try and give him as much support as we can and make him good dinners and, once in a while, say that he can go get a massage.

“Just things like that where he can take care of his body so that he’s ready to play,” she added. “But we try to keep it family-oriented when he’s at home.”

While Adam and Caitlin were together when he began his NFL career, they have since gotten married, doubled the size of their family and watched Thielen work himself into one of the best wide receivers in the NFL.

The NFL’s 100th season is off and running,

and most people around the league know who Thielen is.

He is a back-to-back Pro Bowl receiver who has amassed 281 catches for 3,734 yards and 19 touchdowns in 50 games since the start of the 2016 season. And in the spring of 2019, the Vikings rewarded Thielen with a multiyear contract extension that will keep the All-Pro wide receiver in his home state for the foreseeable future.

While Vikings fans might rejoice in that fact because it means that more acrobatic catches and ridiculously good route running are on the way, the Thielen family thinks of the security in a different way.

Yes, Thielen will bring joy to the state through his play, but the family could make an even bigger impact with the work that lies ahead for the Thielen Foundation.

“We have a long ways to go because there’s so much need and so many kids that could use these resources and opportunities,” Thielen said. “We want to help youth reach their full potential.

“We want to make sure that when we do this, we do it right,” Thielen added. “But the longer we’re here, the more we’re able to give back.”



# SCRATCHING THE SURFACE

BY CRAIG PETERS

## PRESEASON (5-1)

Aug. 2	@ Miami Dolphins W, 45-10
Aug. 9	Denver Broncos W, 26-6
Aug. 23	St. Louis Cardinals W, 41-13
Aug. 30	@ New York Jets L, 24-21
Sept. 6	New York Giants W, 28-27
Sept. 13	@ Cleveland Browns W, 23-16

## REGULAR SEASON (12-2)

Sept. 21	@ N.Y. Giants L, 24-23
Sept. 28	Baltimore Colts W, 52-14
Oct. 5	Green Bay Packers (at University of Minnesota) W, 19-7
Oct. 12	@ Chicago Bears W, 31-0
Oct. 19	@ St. Louis Cardinals W, 27-10
Oct. 26	Detroit Lions W, 26-10
Nov. 2	Chicago Bears W, 31-14
Nov. 9	Cleveland Browns W, 51-3
Nov. 16	@ Green Bay Packers (at Milwaukee) W, 9-7
Nov. 23	Pittsburgh Steelers W, 52-14
Nov. 27	@ Detroit Lions W, 27-0
Dec. 7	@ Los Angeles Rams W, 20-13
Dec. 14	San Francisco 49ers W, 10-7
Dec. 21	@ Atlanta Falcons L, 10-3

## POSTSEASON (2-1)

### Western Conference Championship (Metropolitan Stadium)

Dec. 27 Los Angeles Rams W, 23-20

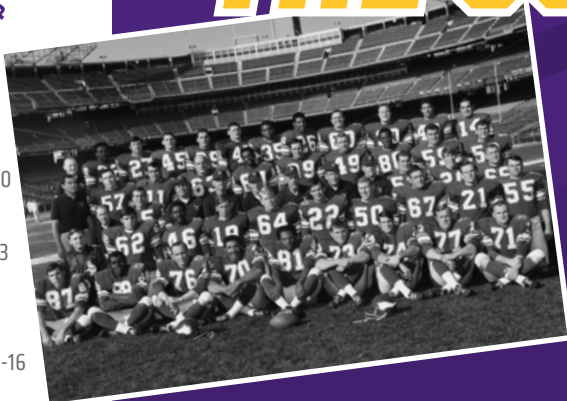
### NFL Championship (Metropolitan Stadium)

Jan. 4, 1970 Cleveland Browns W, 27-7

### Super Bowl IV

(Tulane Stadium, New Orleans)

Jan. 11, 1970 Kansas City Chiefs L, 23-7



As the 1960s waned, a decade of dominance in the Vikings era was emerging.

On Monday, July 21, 1969, the front page of the 10-cent, July 21, 1969, edition of the *Minneapolis Tribune* was devoted almost entirely to the previous day's Apollo 11 moon landing.

Astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin guided their lunar module to a gentle landing in the moon's Sea of Tranquility after maneuvering to avoid a "football-field-size crater."

Armstrong stepped out of the module and took "a giant leap for mankind."

Hours later, Vikings players boarded buses and reported to Mankato for training camp.

On page 34 of the same newspaper, a headline addressed how the Vikings were the final squad to report.

The team may have started last, but it finished first.

Some of Minnesota's franchise-record 12 consecutive wins were blowouts, including a record-tying, seven-passing-touchdown performance by quarterback Joe Kapp, whose mettle was more like a linebacker. Kapp had studied film "all offseason" and was ready to take advantage of Baltimore's blitz that had helped the Colts defeat the Vikings in the previous postseason.

Other games featured some of the most dominating performances by a defense in League history.

The outcomes validated the confidence that many Vikings had expressed when they arrived in camp.

The team was scratching the surface of a prolonged greatness.

"It's almost as if they feel we certainly have a good chance to take it all this year and that they want to be part of it," tackle Grady Alderman told the *Tribune* early in camp.

Alderman and defensive end Jim Marshall had been with the Vikings since the franchise's inaugural 1961 season. The offensive and defensive captains led the transformation of the Vikings.

"We started playing together rather than as a collection of individuals," Page recalled, noting how the Vikings went from 3-8-3 to 8-6 to 12-2 with "basically the same players" in a three-season span.

Marshall was joined on the defensive line by Carl Eller in 1964, Gary Larsen in 1965 and Page in 1967, forming a front four that became known as the Purple People Eaters.

The players didn't seek that nickname or select it. They just stuffed running backs and mauled quarterbacks, drawing inspiration from the "Fearsome Foursome" of the Los Angeles Rams.

"We recognized right away that [Eller] was going to be a great player for us," Marshall said. "Alan and Gary were kind of the final pieces to the puzzle. We were allowed to pick our own routes to the quarterback, and that's where we came up with 'Let's meet at the quarterback.'"

"We had looked at ... how other teams always feared [Deacon Jones] and looked up to [the Rams] as being the best, and we wanted that title," Marshall added. "When we hit that stride, it was like, 'Nobody can stop us now.'"





# 6 GAMES

THAT DEFINED THE 1969 VIKINGS

## 01

### KAPP SETS RECORDS

After missing Week 1, Joe Kapp returned and set Vikings records by passing for 449 yards and seven touchdowns in leading Minnesota to 622 yards of total offense in a 52-14 dismantling of the defending NFL Champion Baltimore Colts in Week 2.

The yardage has since been topped, but Kapp remains tied for the NFL record for scoring passes in a game.

Minnesota had lost the first playoff game in franchise history to Baltimore the previous season but showed a

power shift by scoring more than 50 points for the first time in franchise history.

Gene Washington led all players with 172 yards and two touchdowns on six catches, and five other Vikings caught touchdowns, including Dave Osborn (six catches, 80 yards, TD) and John Beasley (six catches, 69 yards, TD).

Bobby Bryant, Karl Kassulke and Lonnie Warwick each recorded interceptions.

## 02

### LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY

Cleveland was no slouch in 1969, but Minnesota claimed victories over the Browns in the preseason, regular season and postseason, including this 51-3 thumping in Week 8 that remains the largest margin of victory in a game in Vikings history.

Bryant recorded three interceptions, and Paul Krause nabbed another, helping Minnesota limit Cleveland to 151 yards of offense. The Vikings gained three times as many yards, finishing

with 454 on the day.

Kapp completed 16 of 24 passes for 223 yards and three touchdowns that were caught by Washington (119 yards on seven catches). Oscar Reed (51 yards on nine rushes), Osborn (48 on 10) and Bill Brown (46 on seven) led the ground game. Clinton Jones added 34 yards and a score, and Jim Lindsey rushed for a 2-yard touchdown on his only carry.

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## 6 GAMES THAT DEFINED THE 1969 VIKINGS

### 03 THANKSGIVING SHUTOUT

The Vikings made their first appearance in a Thanksgiving Day game memorable by blanking the Lions 27-0 on a snowy/rainy day at Detroit's Tiger Stadium.

The victory was Minnesota's 10th in a row, giving the Vikings double-digit wins for the first time in franchise history and securing the NFL Central title for a second consecutive season.

Jim Marshall intercepted a pass tipped by Page and returned it 30 yards before executing a brilliant no-look lateral to Alan Page, who cruised the final 15 yards for a touchdown.

Minnesota blocked a punt and two field goals, recovered a fumble and recorded interceptions by Marshall and Lonnie Warwick for the second shutout in franchise history (the Vikings had blanked the Bears 31-0 on Oct. 12).

Osborn scored on a 1-yard run, Reed added a 6-yard receiving score, and Fred Cox was true on field goals of 41 and 38 yards.

### 04 RUN GAME ROLLS AGAINST RAMS

The Vikings relied on the run game and bottlenecked Rams quarterback Roman Gabriel, who garnered 1969 NFL MVP honors, to dish out Los Angeles' first loss of the season.

Reed (eight rushes, 52 yards), Brown (10 rushes, 51 yards, TD), Osborn (18 rushes, 43 yards, TD) and Kapp (five rushes, 31 yards) combined to rack up 177 yards on 41 attempts and help Minnesota outrush Los Angeles by nearly 3:1.

Gabriel finished 21-of-37 passing for 186 yards with a touchdown and interception (passer rating of 68.1).

Earsell Mackbee recorded the game's only interception, and Charlie West returned the opening kickoff 78 yards.

The win was Minnesota's 11th in a row and gave the Vikings a head-to-head tiebreaker over the Rams, who fell to 11-1. It set the stage for Los Angeles, which lost its final three games of the season, having to travel to Minnesota for the Divisional Round of the playoffs.

### 05 COMEBACK FOR FIRST PLAYOFF VICTORY

Unlike the warm day in Los Angeles less than three weeks prior when Minnesota built a 20-6 lead in the fourth quarter, the Vikings had to stage a fourth-quarter comeback against the Rams for the first postseason victory in franchise history.

Minnesota lost the turnover battle three to one on this 11-degree day at Metropolitan Stadium and trailed 17-7 at halftime and 20-14 in the fourth quarter before scoring the game's final nine points.

Kapp's 2-yard touchdown run gave the Vikings a 21-20 edge, and Carl Eller recorded a sack of Gabriel in the end zone for a safety. Kapp completed 12 of 19 passes for 196 yards and was intercepted twice, but he rushed seven times for 42 yards and the go-ahead score.

Osborn added a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs, totaling 30 yards on 13 rushes. Washington led Minnesota with 90 yards on four receptions, and Henderson added 68 yards on four catches.

Carl Eller had 2.0 sacks, Marshall tallied another, and Page returned an interception 29 yards.

### 06 NFL CHAMPIONS

The calendar flipped, launching the globe into a new decade, but Minnesota's dominance that season over Cleveland continued.

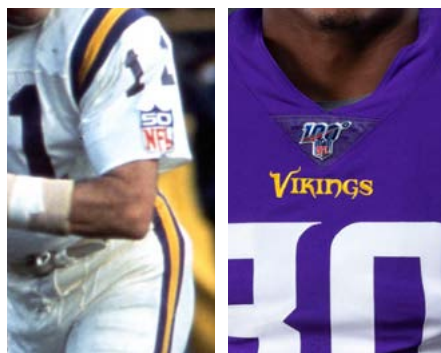
Kapp rushed eight times for 57 yards, including a 7-yard touchdown for the game's first points. He also connected with Washington three times for 120 yards, highlighted by a 75-yard touchdown.

Cox added field goals of 30 and 32 yards on a day when the temperature was 8 degrees Fahrenheit and the wind chill was minus-6. Osborn added a 20-yard touchdown run to help Minnesota build a 24-0 lead by halftime. He led Minnesota with 108 yards on 18 rushes.

Wally Hilgenberg recorded an interception and recovered a fumble. Krause also picked off Bill Nelson. Page and Roy Winston recorded sacks as Minnesota outgained Cleveland 383 to 268.

The convincing victory occurred in the final NFL Championship Game before the 1970 merger between the League and the rival American Football League.

The Vikings advanced to play the Chiefs in Super Bowl IV the following week, but Kansas City prevailed.



*The 1969 Vikings helped commemorate the NFL's 50th season by wearing NFL 50 patches that were sewn on their jerseys. The patches were located on tops of shoulders on Minnesota's home purple jerseys that featured stripes on the sleeves. Purple mesh jerseys worn by the Vikings against the Rams in Los Angeles on Dec. 7, 1980, and white road jerseys initially featured the patches on the sleeves. Former Vikings seamstress Penny Bryce, who retired in 2018, got her start with the Vikings when she moved the NFL 50 patches from the sleeves of white jerseys to the tops of the shoulders before Minnesota faced Kansas City in Super Bowl IV. Bryce and her assistants provided service for the Vikings out of her Hopkins-based shop for nearly 50 years until she retired in spring 2018. This season, players' jerseys feature special NFL 100 patches at the V of the collars.*





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# PURPLE Pups

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*As Bud Grant walks toward the lakeshore* of his Northern Wisconsin cabin property, a Labrador goes flying past him, a streak of black fur.

Lilly stops not too far ahead, however, spins a circle and looks back to make sure her owner is continuing to follow behind.

Grant smiles and bends to pick up an orange retrieving toy by its attached rope, then flings it out and over the water. The black dog bounds through the yard, clatters across the tan-colored dock and launches off its end before splashing into the crystal-clear lake.

It doesn't take her long to reach the floating toy, and she grasps it in her jaws as she swims back to the shallows. A quick shake sends a shower of water

## LILLY

### BREED:

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"She's got very good eyes, which I can tell, and she's got a very good nose, which I can test. She's got a good instinct like a football player might have."

—BUD GRANT ON  
DOG, LILLY

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HOF COACH BUD GRANT

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

“A dog will look at you with unbounding love. You’re their whole universe. That’s why the world’s number-one pet is a dog.”

— BUD GRANT ON A DOG’S AFFECTION



droplets in every direction. As she trots back to Grant, you’d swear she is grinning.

Grant and his longtime companion, Pat, added Lilly to the family in April. At almost 5 years old, she’s full of energy but well-trained, and she accompanies Grant on his regular hunting trips.

“Lilly is extremely smart,” he later explains from a recliner in the living room. “She’s got very good eyes, which I can tell, and she’s got a very good nose, which I can test. She’s got a good instinct like a football player might have.

“She likes to hunt, and she likes to be with people,” he adds. “If I let her out the door, I’m not going to have to look for her out in the woods somewhere – she’ll be right here.”

Dogs are like people, the Hall of Fame coach advises, which means no two are exactly alike. While he does pride himself on intuition of character, Grant also claims there’s an element of good fortune in finding a pup as bright as Lilly.

“If you have a litter of eight dogs, and you have to pick one ... there’s going to be two that are going to be incorrigible,” Grant says. “And you’ll have two that are going to be good, two that are going to be very good, and two that are going to be excellent. That’s just average. ... They’re not all created alike, so you’ve got to be lucky.

“That goes for dogs, football players, women. Everything,” Grant adds with a wink.

The second head coach in Vikings history, Grant led the team from 1967-83 and again in 1985. He coached numerous Pro Bowlers and

All-Pro players, and during his tenure, the Vikings appeared in four Super Bowls.

“I was a better football coach when I had smart players. I’m a better dog trainer when I’ve got a smart dog,” Grant says. “I can’t train a dumb dog, and I can’t make a football player out of a loaf.”

Dogs – and pets in general – have always been a part of Grant’s life.

He grew up having pets in his family’s home in Superior, Wisconsin, and throughout his adult life has housed numerous animals, from an unnamed raven to Rocco the raccoon.

But dogs have always held a special place in Grant’s heart.

Years before Lilly came along were Lindy and Cork, the Labs that Grant had during his time coaching in Minnesota.

“They’d run out and take turns jumping off the end of the dock,” Grant recalled. “They’d jump off the dock, come back around, look at one another and away they’d go again. People would drive by in a boat and say, ‘What’s going on? It must be a circus! They just loved the water that much.’

There was Boom, the beloved canine companion that was even included next to Grant in a bobblehead created of the coach.

“It’s not Boom – it’s BOOM!” Grant shouts, causing me to jump. “You’ve gotta remember that – Boom is BOOM! ... When I saw him, I could tell right away that he was a good dog.”

Grant has treasured his dogs, but he has

avoided spoiling them.

The often-cantankerous coach, who famously didn’t allow heaters on the sidelines of Met Stadium, looks disapprovingly at a driver who allows his dog to sit in the passenger seat of a vehicle – and don’t even get him started on letting a dog into bed with you.

But bring up a pup that’s been part of Grant’s life, and chances are you may see those steely blue eyes begin to water.

He mentions the inevitable, that pets will be outlived by their owners.

“Cork lived to be 14 years old. That’s a long time for a dog,” Grant says. “It’s heartbreaking when you lose them. I mean, you cry like a baby.”

Asked what he’s learned from owning dogs over the years, Grant pauses to ponder.

“Love.”

He allows the word to hang in the summer air for a moment.

“I just go back to Boom, who I recently lost. We’d be hunting, and I’d shoot a duck, and he’d go get it and come back, and he’d sit here,” Grant says, gesturing to the space beside him. “He’d put his head on my knee and look up at me and just [seem to] say, ‘I love you. I love you.’ He just loved what he was doing, he loved being with me.

“A dog will look at you with unbounding love. You’re their whole universe,” Grant adds. “That’s why the world’s number-one pet is a dog.”





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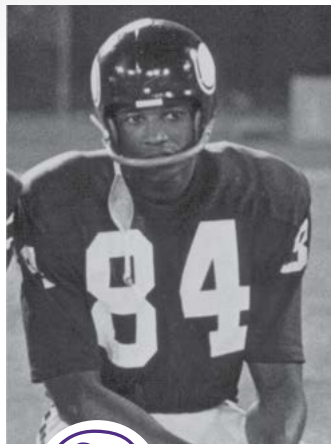
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# LEGENDARY CONNECTIONS

**QUARTERBACK KIRK COUSINS CONNECTED WITH VIKINGS LEGEND GENE WASHINGTON THIS WEEK FOR A SEGMENT ON THE "UNDER CENTER WITH KIRK COUSINS" PODCAST.**

The former Michigan State Spartans discussed Washington's journey from Texas to Michigan and each of their first interactions with the *Star Tribune's* Sid Hartman, who will turn 100 in March and still covers the Vikings as the NFL is celebrating its 100th season.

Washington was selected with the eighth overall pick of the 1967 NFL Draft. He was one of three first-round selections by Minnesota that year, along with his college teammate, running back Clinton Jones (No. 2 overall), and defensive tackle Alan Page (No. 15).

Washington helped the 1969 Vikings win 12 regular-season games in a row with career bests of 821 yards and nine receiving touchdowns.

Cousins first met Washington as a senior at Michigan State when the receiver was being inducted to the College Football Hall of Fame and has enjoyed continuing the relationship since arriving in Minnesota in 2018.

**Catch the interview with Cousins, co-host Mark Rosen and Washington with the following options:**

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Bobby Abrams (1993-94)  
Tuineau Alipate (1995)  
Alfred Anderson (1984-91)  
Devin Aromashodu (2011-12)  
Walker Lee Ashley (1983-88; 1990)  
Roy Barker (1992-95; 2000)  
Anthony Bass (1998-99)  
Tim Baylor (1979-80)  
Autry Beamon (1975-76)  
John Beasley (1967-73)  
Mitch Berger (1996-2001)  
Rufus Bess (1982-87)  
Todd Bouman (1997-2002)  
Bobby Bryant (1967-80)  
Jerry Burns (1968-91)  
Duane Butler (1997-98)  
John Campbell (1963-64)  
Kelly Campbell (2002-04)  
Tyrone Carter (2000-02)  
Byron Chamberlain (2001-02)  
Doug Chapman (2000-03)  
Jim Christopherson (1962)  
Ken Clarke (1989-91)  
Greg Coleman (1978-87)  
Fred Cox (1963-77)  
Steve Craig (1974-78)  
Dean Dalton (1999-2005)  
LeShun Daniels (1997)  
Chris Doleman (1985-93; 1999)

Ukee Dozier (2005)  
Doug Dumler (1976-77)  
Carl Eller (1964-78)  
Fred Evans (2007-13)  
Darrell Fullington (1988-90)  
Vencie Glenn (1992-94)  
Andrew Glover (1997-99)  
Bud Grant (1967-83; 1985 as Head Coach; currently a consultant)  
Robert Griffith (1994-2001)  
Otis Grigsby (2007-08)  
Bob Grim (1967-71; 1976-77)  
Jim Gustafson (1985-90)  
Dale Hackbart (1966-70)  
Windlan Hall (1976-77)  
Wes Hamilton (1976-85)  
Mike Harris (2014-16)  
Robert Harris (1992-94)  
Jeff Hazuga (2001)  
E.J. Henderson (2003-11)  
John Henderson (1968-72)  
Wymon Henderson (1987-88)  
Ira Hillary (1990)  
Carl Hilton (1986-89)  
Ryan Hoag (2004)  
Bobby Houston (1998)  
David Howard (1985-89)  
Willie Howard (2001-02)  
Alfred Jackson (1995-96)

Joe Jackson (1977)  
Clinton Jones (1967-72)  
Hassan Jones (1986-92)  
Andrew Jordan, Jr. (1994-97; 1999-2001)  
Steve Jordan (1982-94)  
Joe Kapp (1967-69)  
Doug Kingsriter (1973-75)  
Kurt Knoff (1979-82)  
Kent Kramer (1969-70)  
Tommy Kramer (1977-89)  
Paul Krause (1968-79)  
Gary Larsen (1965-74)  
Terry LeCount (1979-83; 1987)  
Bob Lee (1969-72; 1975-78)  
Carl Lee (1983-93)  
Leo Lewis (1981-91)  
Chris Liwienski (1998-2005)  
Bob Lurtsema (1971-76)  
Mark MacDonald (1985-88)  
Ed Marinaro (1972-75)  
Jim Marshall (1961-79)  
Amos Martin (1972-76)  
Marc May (1987)  
Brent McClanahan (1973-80)  
Randall McDaniel (1988-99)  
Kevin Miller (1978-80)  
Robert Miller (1975-80)  
Harold Morrow (1996-2002)  
Mark Mullaney (1975-87)  
Brent Novoselsky (1989-94)  
Dave O'Brien (1963-64)  
Dave Osborn (1965-75)  
Alan Page (1967-78)

Eddie Payton (1980-82)  
John Randle (1990-2000)  
Mistral Raymond (2011-14)  
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Balance Sawyer (1999-2003)  
Todd Scott (1991-94)  
Joe Senser (1979-84)  
Ashley Sheppard (1993-95)  
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Milt Sunde (1964-74)  
Doug Sutherland (1971-80)  
John Swain (1981-84)  
Robert Tate (1997-2001)  
Henry Thomas (1987-94)  
Mick Tingelhoff (1962-78)  
John Turner (1978-83; 1985; 1987)  
Stu Voigt (1970-80)  
Dan Wagoner (1984)  
Lonnie Warwick (1965-72)  
Gene Washington (1967-72)  
Leonard Wheeler (1997)  
Ed White (1969-77)  
James White (1976-83)  
Ben Williams (1998)  
Antonio Wilson (2000-02)  
Phil Wise (1977-79)  
Jeff Wright (1971-78)  
Rickey Young (1978-83)





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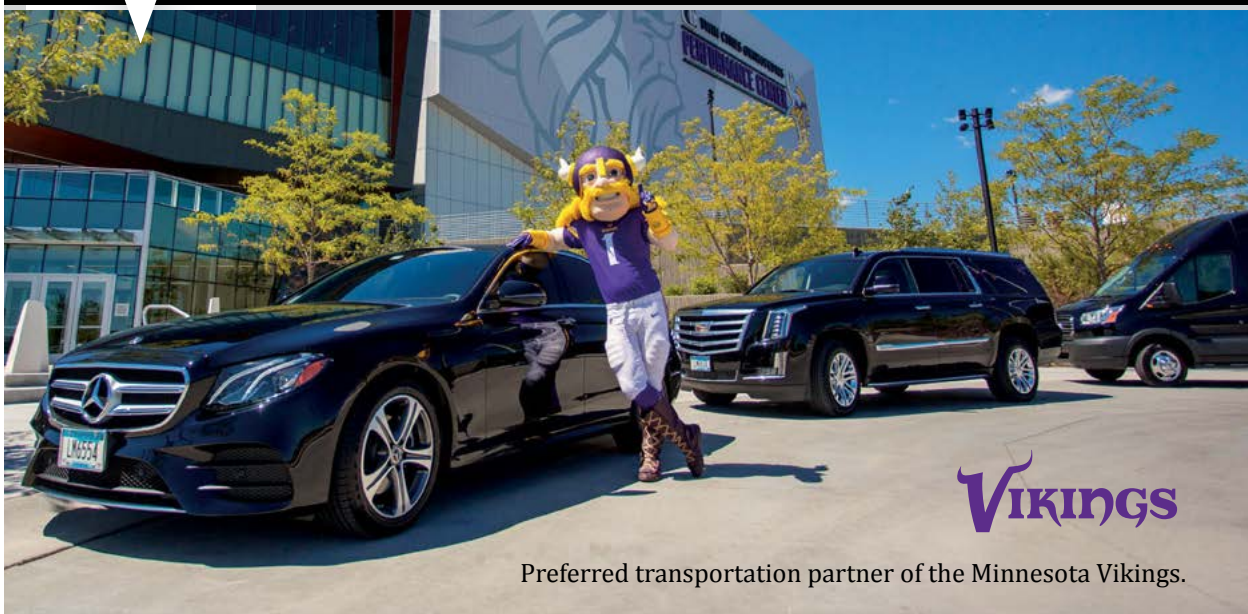
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## FAVORITE GAME-DAY HIGHLIGHT?

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# VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT SERIES

BY CRAIG PETERS

**THE 2019 VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT  
SERIES PRESENTED BY FVP AT TCO  
STADIUM WILL FEATURE SIX TEAMS  
COMPETING IN THREE GAMES AT THE  
VIKINGS HEADQUARTERS THIS MONTH.**

The series helped kick off the Vikings Fantennial Weekend when Shakopee hosted Eden Prairie on Friday.

Players and coaches from the teams received a special sneak peak of the facility that opened in 2018, giving a "Friday night feel" to a Thursday Vikings practice last month.

Minnesota's coaches and players welcomed representatives from Eden Prairie, Shakopee, Chaska, Apple Valley, Rochester Mayo and Mankato West.

"It's nice to have the high school football players out here today," Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer said to open his press conference. "It's a great opportunity for them to come out and watch practice and then get a chance to play some games in [TCO Stadium]. We appreciate them being here, and I look forward to them all having good seasons."

Vikings Prep Spotlight launched in 2018 and

hosted five games on the same turf where the Vikings have held their annual night practice since moving into Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center. The series allowed fans of participating teams to come together, support their schools and communities, and celebrate the sport.

They weren't the only attendees last year.

Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins explained that he enjoyed watching games during the inaugural season of the series from the third-floor cafeteria inside Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center "just because I gravitate towards high school football, and I love it so much."

"I love the bands and the whole deal," he added.

Cousins, Anthony Barr, Xavier Rhodes and Irv Smith, Jr., were among the Vikings who spent extra time with the prep players after the practice.

"I've had a joy playing professional football and living a dream. College football is outstanding, but there is nothing better than high school football, playing Friday night under the lights in front of your people, your classmates and friends and your parents, your family, for your community," Cousins said. "It's special, and those are my best memories on the football field."

"Every time I talk to a high school football player I encourage them to cherish the moment, because

even if you get to play beyond that, there's nothing like those times with your buddies playing high school football," Cousins continued.

Vikings Executive Director of Social Impact Brett Taber thanked Shakopee Head Coach Ray Betton, Eden Prairie Head Coach Mike Grant, Chaska Head Coach Bryan Dahl, Apple Valley Head Coach Chad Clendening, Rochester Mayo Defensive Coordinator Bob Sheehan and Mankato West Head Coach J.J. Helget, the players, administrators and Minnesota State High School League Associate Directors Bob Madison and Jody Redman for attending and their roles in the games.

"The Vikings Prep Spotlight series offers us a tremendous opportunity to bring recognition to these great teams and the excellence of high school football that exists in the state of Minnesota," Taber said. "More importantly, we're excited about the opportunity that this event creates to recognize these communities, the schools and make a tremendous experience for these high school athletes. We hope it's a memory that they never forget."

## 2019 PREP SPOTLIGHT SCHEDULE:

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 20**



**Eden Prairie Eagles**

VS.

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VS.

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BY LINDSEY YOUNG

*A little boy hopped off the folding chair,  
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Everson Griffen and walked away with a smile  
and a pair of new navy blue TOMS shoes.*

Griffen joined 15 current teammates, four Vikings Legends, cheerleaders, Vikings staff members and Viktor the Viking at LIFE Prep School on Sept. 10 for a special giving event.

In partnership with TOMS, approximately 400 students – ages pre-K through sixth grade – were fitted by the Vikings for new shoes. The young people also received a free vision test through Helen Keller International and were fitted for a new pair of glasses if needed, and they were given T-shirts from the Minnesota Vikings Foundation.

Griffen appreciated the opportunity to get to know each child he worked with, asking them questions about their friends, favorite color or favorite class in school.

"This 1-on-1 time and getting to interact with the kids more and talk to them [is great]," he said. "They can see that we're

just human like them. There's been a lot of joy today."

LIFE Prep Principal Kara Kerr said the event will make a major impact on families at the school who need extra support.

"Our mission is what LIFE stands for – Learning In a Family Environment – and that's what we do here," Kerr said.

The event touched the heart of Vikings running back Ameer Abdullah, who grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, and said that resources weren't always available to him.

"I shared a lot with my family; I had a lot of hand-me-downs. So, I understand sometimes the culture and the situations that kids are put in," Abdullah explained. "[This] takes a lot of load off the parents, and it makes them feel like they're more a part of the community. Reaching out to their kids and treating them like they're their own can do a lot for parenting, and those are some of the indirect effects that you see with this program today."

Along with Griffen and Abdullah, the following Vikings players participated in the TOMS giveaway: Anthony Barr, Chad Beebe, Khari Blasingame, Garrett Bradbury, Dakota Dozier, Marcus Epps, C.J. Ham, Bisi Johnson,

David Morgan, Brian O'Neill, Irv Smith, Jr., Shamar Stephen, Oli Udoh and Stephen Weatherly.

Former Vikings Matt Birk, Mike Harris, Ben Leber and Scott Studwell also pitched in with the shoe fitting and interacting with students.

Barr, who initiated relay races with some of the older students along with Griffen, later connected with a kindergarten student wearing a purple Barr jersey. The linebacker helped measure him for shoes before posing for a photo with the young fan.

"I'm out here having some fun, letting them know they're important," Barr said. "Not too long ago, I was running around [elementary school], trying to find my way, and it's good to have positive role models."





## HELPS FEED LOCAL COMMUNITY

Before Dalvin Cook laced up his cleats for a regular-season game, he tied his apron strings and got to work in the community.

Nicknamed “The Chef,” Cook has partnered with Vikings Table, a custom-built food truck that serves free, healthy meals to youth across the Twin Cities on behalf of the Minnesota Vikings Foundation.

The running back stepped inside the truck on Sept. 3 and served meals to a neighborhood less than four miles from where he practices at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center.

“To help some of these families get meals for their children, it’s a great opportunity for me to show where I came from and show that I’m real serious about this thing,” Cook said.

The Vikings joined efforts with local nonprofit The Open Door, which has been setting up a weekly fresh produce giveaway in the community for three years. The Open Door Executive Director Jason Viana said he appreciated the intentional and strategic partnership.

“For an organization of our size, it would be very easy for the Vikings to come in and squish us, to do what they wanted to do,” said Viana. “But I feel like both [Executive Director of Social Impact] Brett [Taber] and [Foundation Programs Coordinator] Montrae [Carter] have

taken such remarkable steps to be considerate of that, even to the point of, ‘How do we promote this?’ to ensure that it is just for the folks in this community.

“They wanted to complement the work that we were already doing, and I think they’ve done a really, really good job of making sure that was the case,” Viana added.

The Open Door produce stands are designed to make fresh and healthy food available and accessible for isolated areas. Many of the low-income residents of the targeted areas do not have a means of transportation, and there are no grocery stores located nearby.

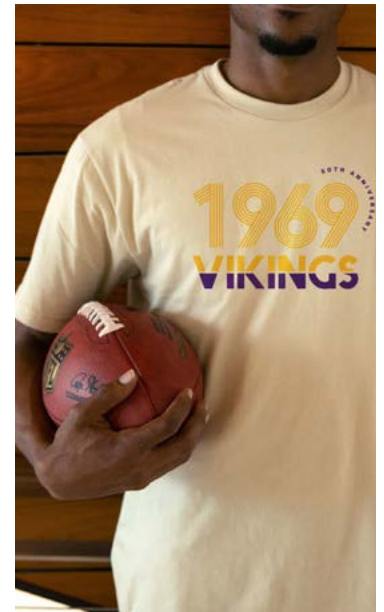
“We bring anywhere from 8,000-10,000 pounds of farm-fresh produce every week and make it available to anyone in this community who needs it,” Viana said. “We average 100-120 households a week that come here to get their fresh produce.”

Cook was joined at the distribution window by Cooper Manning, the older brother of Peyton and Eli, who hosted a feature for FOX NFL Kickoff. Cook said he was grateful to FOX for capturing who he is off of the field.

“People don’t really get to see who we are under the helmet,” Cook said. “Events like this, just getting out and interacting with the people, it can kind of show a different side.”

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## SPOTLIGHT ON DJAY WILSON

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DJay has been a Vikings fan since first moving to Minnesota at age 6.

He loves football because of the way it strengthens connections with family members, a tradition he remembers from when he grew up in Georgia. His family would attend church in the morning and head back home to watch games together.

When his family can't be together on game days, members watch games and text or call each other to discuss important plays and results.

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This is his fourth season as a member of the Minnesota Vikings and SMG family.

“Once the new stadium was announced, I knew that I wanted to be here on Sundays.” DJay said on why he chose to work at U.S. Bank Stadium.

His favorite part about working on game days is being able to have positive and direct impacts on fans' experiences. He truly appreciates all of the relationships that he has built with many of the fans.

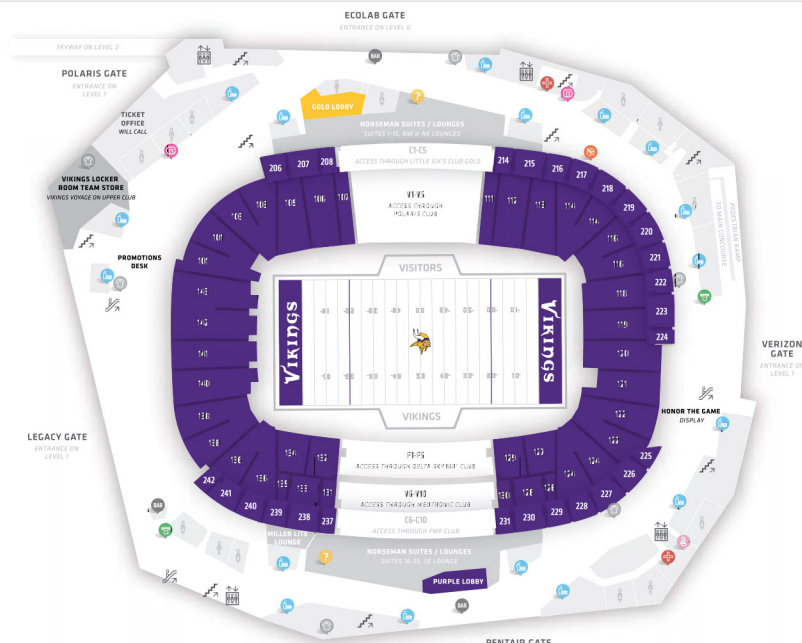
DJay said his most memorable moment is

the Minneapolis Miracle. The atmosphere that the fans created was electric and a feeling that he will never forget, he said.

When DJay is not working at U.S. Bank Stadium, he is playing with his 17-month-old daughter. He also enjoys restoring old sneakers to add to his growing collection and playing various video games.

DJay, thank you for your effort and dedication to making the guest experience at U.S. Bank Stadium the best it can be and exemplifying SKOL Service to all of our fans.

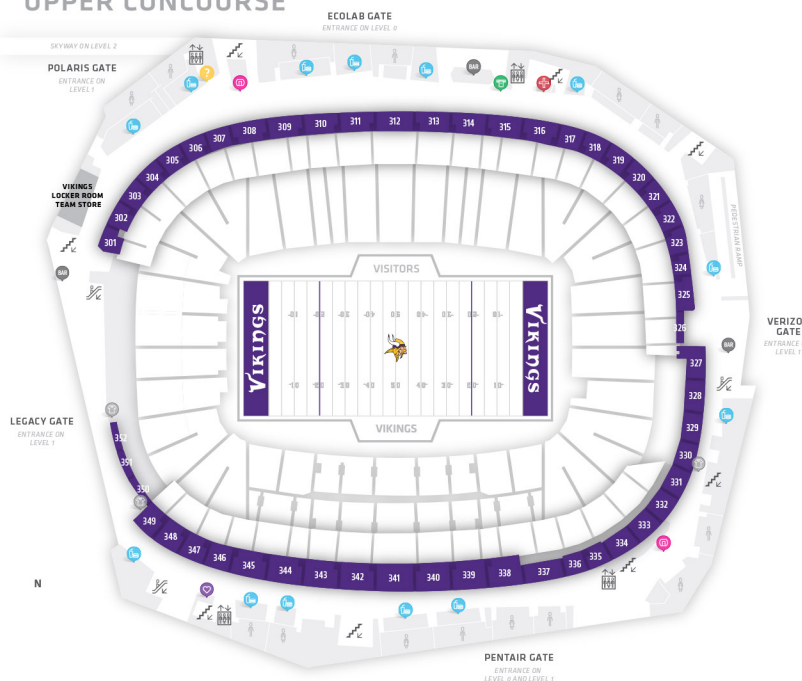




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## UPPER CONCOURSE



## GOLD LOBBY

ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- POLARIS CLUB
- LITTLE SIX'S CLUB GOLD
- MYSTIC LAKE'S CLUB PURPLE
- NORSEMAN SUITES 1-15
- NW/NE NORSEMAN LOUNGES
- LOFT SUITES 1-27
- TRUSS BAR
- CENTURYLINK LODGE
- CENTURYLINK CABINS

## PURPLE LOBBY

ACCESS TO THE FOLLOWING:

- DELTA SKY360° CLUB
- MEDTRONIC CLUB
- FMP CLUB
- TURF & TOUCHDOWN SUITES
- VALHALLA SUITES
- NORSEMAN SUITES 16-27
- SE NORSEMAN SUITES
- LOFT SUITES 28-46
- MILLER LITE LOUNGE



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## FAVORITES

### BUBBLE WAFFLE

111, Upper Concourse Legacy Gate

### CHEESE CURDS

114, 129, 143

### DIPPIN DOTS

129, 307

### MAC & CHEESE

108, 111, 116, 310

### MINI DONUTS

111, 318

### NACHOS

105, 106, 112, 113, 117, 122, 130, 131, 310, 311, 317, 341, 344, 349, Endzone Grill West Endzone

### PIZZA

114, 134, 307

## FOOD

### BRISKET SANDWICHES

324

### CHEESEBURGERS

103, 106, 112, 118, 124, 130, 131, 132, 304, 313, 328, 339, 345, Endzone Grill West Endzone

### CHICKEN TENDERS

103, 118, 124, 129, 132, 143, 304, 313, 328

### CUBAN SANDWICHES

324

### FRENCH FRIES

103, 106, 112, 118, 124, 129, 130, 131, 132, 304, 313, 328, 345

### FRIED CHICKEN

111

### GLUTEN FREE

124, 329

### GRILLED CHEESE

108

### HOT DOGS

103, 105, 106, 111, 112, 113, 114, 118, 124, 129, 130, 131, 132, 143, 304, 311, 313, 317, 328, 336, 341, 345, 349, Endzone Grill West Endzone

### BRATS

103, 106, 112, 118, 124, 130, 131, 132, 304, 311, 313, 317, 328, 336, 341, 345, 349, Endzone Grill West Endzone

### PEANUTS

All concession stands & portables

### POPCORN

103, 113, 122, 124, 304, 311, 318, 328, 341, 349

### PRETZELS

110, 114, 118, 124, 134, 307, 311, 341, 346, 349, Endzone Grill West Endzone

### PULLED PORK SANDWICHES

121, 122, 324

### SALAD/WRAPPS

124, 329

### STEAK SANDWICHES

107, 325, 334

### TACOS

105, 113, 122, 132, 310, Upper Concourse Legacy Gate

### TATER TOT HOT DISH

118

### WILD ROASTED TURKEY SANDWICHES

124, 329

### WINGS

106, 112, 130, 131, 134, 347, Endzone Grill West Endzone

## DESSERTS

## & TREATS

### BOMBOLINI

121, 344

### FROZEN HOT CHOCOLATE

121

### A LA MODE ICE CREAM

124, 329

## BEVERAGES

### ALL CONCESSION STANDS & FOOD PORTABLES

Bottled Water, Bottled Soda

### ALL CONCESSION STANDS

Fountain Soda, Gatorade, Draft Beer

### ALL BEER PORTABLES

16oz Canned Beer

### BLOODY MARYS

109, 110, 128, 301, 314, 326, 332

### CRAFT BEER WALL & COCKTAILS ON TAP

101, 130

### CRISPIN HARD CIDER

124, 329

### HENRY'S HARD SPARKLING WATER

124, 318, 328

### WINE

110, 130, 138, 301, 314, 325

## STANDS

**1ST & FRY** 129, 143

**612 BURGER KITCHEN** 339

**AZ CANTEEN** 341

**AZ CANTEEN ROTISSERIE** 121

**MARKET BBQ** 122, 324

**CARIBOU COFFEE** 138

**CURDS & CAKES** 114

**ENDZONE GRILL WEST**

**ENDZONE** (Event Level)

**HEGGIE'S PIZZA** 114, 134, 307

**MILL CITY CLASSICS** 311, 317, 341, 349

**MINNEAPOLIS COCKTAIL**

101, 130

**NORTH STAR GRILL** 103, 118,

124, 132, 304, 313, 328, 345

**REDZONE GRILL** 106, 112, 130, 132

**REVIVAL** 111

**RUSTY TACO** 105, 113, 122, 310

## PORTABLE

## STANDS

**AREPAS** 131

**AZ BRAT** 317

**BE GRACEFUL** 124, 329

**BUBBLE WAFFLE** 111, Upper Concourse Legacy Gate

**DIPPIN DOTS** 129, 307

**DORITOS WALKING TACO** 132, Upper Concourse Legacy Gate

**FONG'S CHINESE** 347

**GOURMET HOT DOG** 111, 130 & West Endzone

**HERITAGE TEA HOUSE** 134

**IKE'S** 119, 336

**THE KERNEL** 103, 318

**KRAMARCZUK'S** 336

**LOLA'S** 334

**M ARTISAN PRETZEL** 110, 311, 346

**MAC N CHEESE** 116

**MARKET BBQ** 122

**MINI DONUTS** 111, 318

**NACHOS** 117

**O'CHEEZE** 108

**STEAK AND CHEESE** 107

## RESTAURANT SPOTLIGHT



## Rusty Taco STANDS

Rusty Taco has expanded in a BIG way at U.S. Bank Stadium! Find the new Rusty Taco locations on the main concourse by Sections 105, 113 and 122 and on the upper concourse by Section 310. You'll find Rusty Taco's authentic Loaded Nachos, Tres Grande Nachos, the Taco Trio and Rusty Taco's Specialty Margarita!



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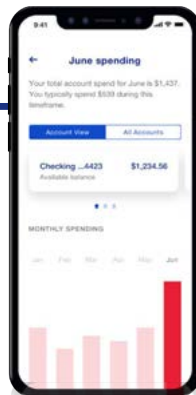


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