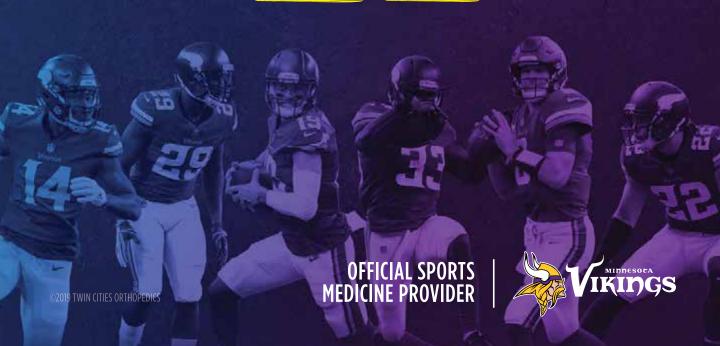




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TODAY'S GAME IS





HOME OPENER PENNANT

A complimentary home opener pennant has been placed on every seat courtesy of U.S. Bank.

HONORARY CAPTAIN

Vikings Chief Operating Officer Kevin Warren, who is transitioning this month to his new role as the sixth Big Ten Commissioner in the history of the conference, will be the honorary captain.

COLOR GUARD

A Joint Services Honor Guard representing all branches will present the colors, and a full-field American flag will be displayed.

HALFTIME

Today's halftime will feature a musical performance by *The Revolution*, which was first formed by Prince in Minneapolis in 1979.

Today's game features the Falcons and the Vikings in the 29th regular-season meeting between the franchises that joined the NFL via separate expansions in the 1960s.

The Vikings are 18-10 in the regular season against the Falcons, including 4-0 in games that have kicked off a season.

Minnesota claimed the first season opener with a 47-7 defeat of Atlanta at Metropolitan Stadium on Sept. 14, 1968.

The Vikings edged out a 24-23 victory at the Old Met on Sept. 7, 1980; won 17-14 at the Georgia Dome in 1999; and won 24-3 at the Metrodome on Sept. 9, 2007.

That game was the regular-season Vikings

debut for rookies Adrian Peterson and Brian Robison, as well as 2006 first-round pick Chad Greenway. Peterson scored his first career touchdown, turning a short toss into a 60-yard score, Robison recorded his first two career sacks, and Greenway totaled 10 tackles and forced a fumble.

Minnesota Head Coach Mike Zimmer also was at that game, working as the defensive coordinator for the Falcons. The defensive background of Zimmer and Atlanta Head Coach Dan Quinn was on display in the most-recent meeting between the teams, a 14-9 victory by Minnesota in Atlanta on Dec. 3, 2017, for the Vikings eighth consecutive win of the season.

The teams, however, also are loaded with offensive weapons at multiple positions that will do their bests to put points on the scoreboard.



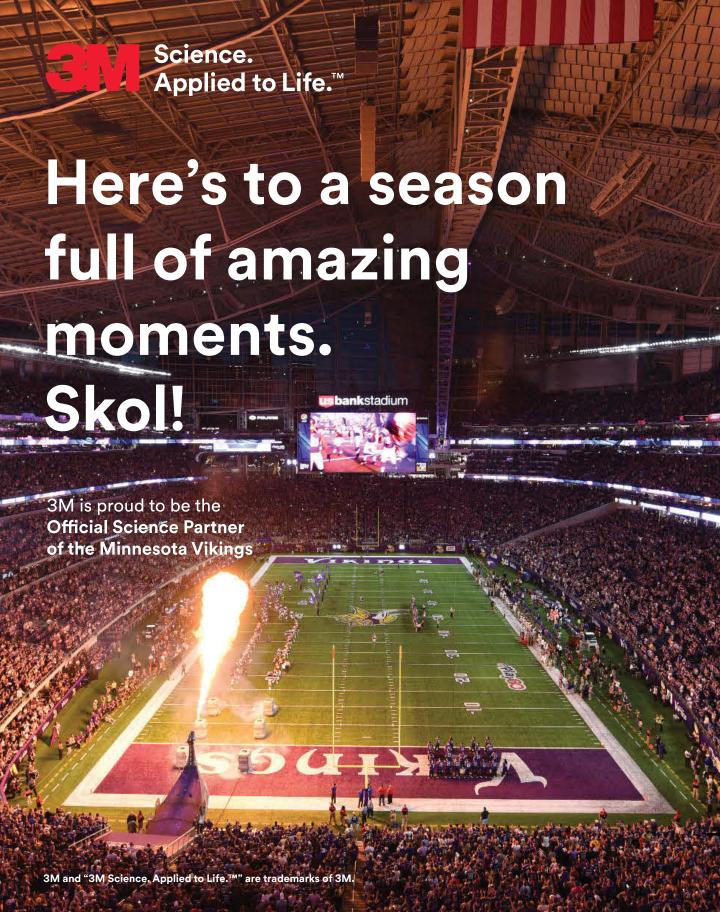
Welcome to the NFL's 100th season, a time to celebrate a sport that brings people — families, friends and fans — together. Since the league formed in 1920 as the American Professional Football Association in Canton, Ohio, there have been numerous contributors to the game, colorful personalities, magical moments and unforgettable plays. The APFA renamed itself the National Football League in 1922. Join us throughout the season in celebrating the NFL's centennial season.



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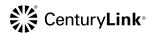


During each home game, U.S. Bank and the Minnesota Vikings will recognize individuals who have helped make our community a better place.

Today's Hometown Hero is Hunter Johnson, who became "GM for a Day" during Vikings Training Camp thanks to Make-A-Wish Minnesota. Hunter was born with Spina Bifida and hydrocephalus, enduring multiple medical complications. 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.

CENTURYLINK BOOST BOX

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 to enter.



OPENING DRIVE SWEEPSTAKES

Today's Kwik Trip opening drive contestant is Ron Ristau from Rochester. Ron 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.



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 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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FRIDAY, SEPT. 20 - SUNDAY, SEPT. 22

Celebrate the 100th season of the NFL with the Minnesota Vikings at the Vikings Fantennial Weekend presented by Courtyard by Marriott.

The Vikings Fantennial Weekend will include a full slate of fan activities from Friday, Sept. 20 through Sunday, Sept 22. Friday night will feature our Vikings Prep Spotlight high school football series at TCO Stadium, which is presented by FVP. For Saturday, we will have a family friendly festival at the Mall of America celebrating the history of football in Minnesota, and the weekend will conclude on Sunday when the Vikings host the Raiders at U.S. Bank Stadium.

WORKOUT WEDNESDAYS*

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 18

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, FIRE Yoga with Lauren Furmanski, will be held at TCO Stadium on Sept. 18. Register at vikings.com/womensevents.

VIKINGS COUNTRY

SEPT. 10 | 5:30-8:30 P.M.

Join Mike Mussman along with Everson Griffen for Vikings Country presented by Miller Lite on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Floyd's in Victoria. You could win great prizes, including tickets in the Miller Lite Lounge at U.S. Bank Stadium! Visit vikings.com/vikingscountry for more info and a full schedule.



TCO VIKINGS 5K

SUNDAY, SEPT. 29

Experience what it is like to be a Minnesota 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.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL FFAST

SEPT. 13 | 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 wil be at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Edina (2685 Southdale Center).

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NOW - OCT. 7

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PLAYER TO WATCH:

CB XAVIER RHODES

THERE'S A DECENT CHANCE that if you look for Xavier Rhodes today, Falcons receiver Julio Jones might be nearby. The Vikings under Head Coach Mike Zimmer have often deployed Rhodes to shadow a team's top receiving threat, and Rhodes' size (6-foot-1, 218 pounds) can be helpful with a daunting task like Jones, who is listed at 6-3 and 220 pounds. Rhodes has started 82 of 89 career games in the regular season and has flourished under Zimmer, recording all 10 of his career interceptions since 2014, including a career-best five in 2016 when he earned his first of two consecutive Pro Bowl selections. If Rhodes is assigned to Jones, be on the lookout for the tracking to begin when the Vikings huddle. Rhodes has previously eyeballed opposing receivers from the huddle, trying to pick up hints to a receiver's role on an individual play, whether it's as the primary target, secondary option, decoy or as a blocker on a run play.

UP TO THE CHALLENGE: RHODES HAS PLAYED THE FALCONS THREE TIMES IN HIS CAREER AND HAS BEEN TARGETED WITH PASSES A TOTAL OF 22 TIMES. RHODES HAS LIMITED THE FALCONS TO A CUMULATIVE PASSER RATING OF 69.5 ON THOSE TARGETS.



Rhodes tied his single-game career high by recording four pass breakups against the Falcons on Sept. 28, 2014. According to team statistics, Rhodes is entering his seventh pro season with 88 career breakups in 89 games played.

2018 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Kirk Cousins	4,298
Rushing (Yds)	Dalvin Cook	615
Receiving (Yds)	Adam Thielen	1,373
Tackles	Eric Kendricks	122
Sacks	Danielle Hunter	14.5
Interceptions	H. Smith, A. Harris	3
KOR (Yards)	Ameer Abdullah	258
PR (Avg.)	Marcus Sherels	12.0

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 (0-0)

		* *
1	9/8	Atlanta Falcons
2	9/15	at Green Bay Packers
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 2S AGAINST FALCONS

RUSHING YARDS

158 Adrian Peterson on 29 attempts at Atlanta (Nov. 29, 2015)

155 Clinton Jones on 22 attempts in Minnesota (Nov. 28, 1971)

PASSING YARDS

395 Tommy Kramer on 30-of-42 passing in Minnesota (Sept. 7, 1980)

330 Tommy Kramer on 24-of-47 passing at Atlanta (Nov. 23, 1981)

RECEIVING YARDS

160 Ahmad Rashad on 11 catches in Minnesota (Sept. 7, 1980)

151 Ahmad Rashad on nine catches at Atlanta (Nov. 23, 1981)

2018 SEASON LEADERS

Matt Ryan	4,924
Tevin Coleman	800
Julio Jones	1,677
De'Vondre Campbell	94
Takkarist McKinley	7.0
Damontae Kazee	7
Marvin Hall	616
Justin Hardy	7.4
	Tevin Coleman Julio Jones De'Vondre Campbell Takkarist McKinley Damontae Kazee Marvin Hall

2019 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (1-4)

P1	8/1	Denver Broncos	L 1	14-10*
P2	8/8	at Miami Dolphins	L	34-27
P3	8/15	New York Jets	L	22-10
P4	8/22	Washington Redskins	L	19-7
P5	8/29	at Jacksonville Jaguars	W	31-12

REGULAR SEASON (0-0)

REG	ULARS	EASUN (U-U)
1	9/8	at Minnesota Vikings
2	9/15	Philadelphia Eagles
3	9/22	at Indianapolis Colts
4	9/29	Tennessee Titans
5	10/6	at Houston Texans
6	10/13	at Arizona Cardinals
7	10/20	Los Angeles Rams
8	10/27	Seattle Seahawks
9	11/3	Bye Week
10	11/10	at New Orleans Saints
11	11/17	at Carolina Panthers
12	11/24	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
13	11/28	New Orleans Saints
14	12/8	Carolina Panthers
15	12/15	at San Francisco 49ers
16	12/22	Jacksonville Jaguars
17	12/29	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers

TOP 25 AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

173 Michael Vick on 10 attempts in Minnesota (Dec. 1, 2002)

126 Warrick Dunn on 18 attempts at Atlanta (Oct. 2, 2005)

PASSING YARDS

352 Doug Johnson on 28-of-40 passing at Atlanta (Oct. 5, 2003)

300 Chris Miller on 27-of-41 passing at Atlanta (Sept. 8, 1991)

RECEIVING YARDS

168 Peerless Price on 12 catches at Atlanta (Oct. 5, 2003)

116 Bert Emanuel on nine catches at Atlanta (Sept. 8, 1996)



PLAYER TO WATCH:

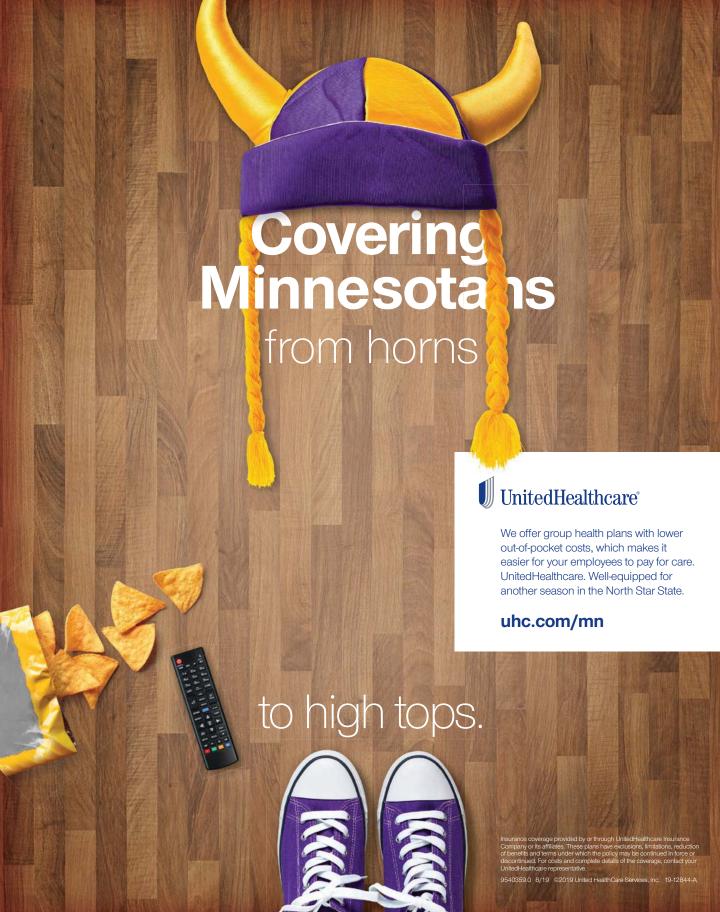
WR JULIO JONES

JULIO JONES IS ONE OF several offensive weapons that the Falcons feature and one of the toughest players to cover throughout the NFL. Accolades like five straight Pro Bowl selections have accompanied a high level of production – five consecutive seasons with at least 1,000 receiving yards. He totaled the most receiving yards of any player in his first 100 regular-season games (9,618) and became the fastest receiver to post 10,000 career receiving yards, doing so in 104 games to beat Calvin Johnson's record of 115. The Vikings, however, have had success at limiting Jones. In four games against Minnesota, he's totaled 13 receptions for 162 yards and hasn't reached the end zone. In the most recent meeting (2017), the Vikings limited Jones to two receptions for 24 yards by assigning Xavier Rhodes to cover Jones for much of the game. Expect Rhodes to be part of Minnesota's coverage plan again today, but the Vikings also might mix and match some coverages.

ELITE COMPANY: IN 111 CAREER REGULAR-SEASON GAMES, JONES HAS RECORDED 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS 49 TIMES. HE SURPASSED RANDY MOSS' NFL RECORD OF 45 SUCH GAMES THROUGH A PLAYER'S FIRST EIGHT SEASONS. IN 2018, JONES ALSO BECAME THE FOURTH PLAYER IN NFL HISTORY TO HAVE THREE SEPARATE SEASONS WITH AT LEAST 100 CATCHES AND 1,500 RECEIVING YARDS (MARVIN HARRISON, ANTONIO BROWN AND ANDRE JOHNSON ARE THE OTHERS).

2 in 12

Jones has posted two of the top 12 single-season receiving yardage totals in NFL history. His 1,871 in 2015 ranks second all-time behind Calvin Johnson's 1,964 in 2012. Jones' 1,677 last season is 12th all-time. Johnson is the only other player with two seasons in the top 12. His 1,681 in 2011 ranks 11th.



VIVINCE DOCTED

VIK	INGS ROSTER		
2	Britton Colquitt	Р	
4	Sean Mannion	QB	
5	Dan Bailey	K	
8	Kirk Cousins	QB	
12	Chad Beebe	WR	
13	Josh Doctson	WR	
14	Stefon Diggs	WR	
19	Adam Thielen	WR	
20	Mackensie Alexander	СВ	
21	Mike Hughes	СВ	
22	Harrison Smith	S	
23	Mike Boone	RB	
25	Alexander Mattison	RB	
26	Trae Waynes	СВ	
27	Jayron Kearse	S	
29	Xavier Rhodes	СВ	
	C.J. Ham	FB	
31	Ameer Abdullah	RB	
32	Mark Fields	СВ	
33	Dalvin Cook	RB	
38	Kris Boyd	СВ	
39	Marcus Epps	S	
40	Kentrell Brothers	LB	
41	Anthony Harris	S	
42	Ben Gedeon	LB	
50	Eric Wilson	LB	
51	Hercules Mata'afa	DT	
54	Eric Kendricks	LB	
55	Anthony Barr	LB	
56	Garrett Bradbury	С	
58	Austin Cutting	LS	
64	Josh Kline	G	
65	Pat Elflein	G	
69	Rashod Hill	Τ	
71	Riley Reiff	Τ	
73	Dru Samia	G	
74	Olisaemeka Udoh	Τ	
75	Brian O'Neill	Т	
78	Dakota Dozier	G	
81	Bisi Johnson	WR	
82	Kyle Rudolph	TE	
83	Tyler Conklin	TE	
84	Irv Smith Jr.	TE	
86	Brandon Dillon	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	
۵۵	Danielle Hunter	DE	



RUNNING BACK Dalvin Cook

RIGHT GUARD

Josh Kline



QUARTERBACK

CENTER









LEFT GUARD

Pat Elflein

FULLBACK

C.J. Ham



LEFT TACKLE WIDE RECEIVER

FALCONS DEFENSE

VIKINGS OFFENSE



WIDE RECEIVER

Stefon Diggs

CORNERBACK

Isaiah Oliver



TIGHT END

Kyle Rudolph

DEFENSIVE END Takk McKinley



RIGHT TACKLE

Brian O'Neill

DEFENSIVE TACKLE Grady Jarrett



DEFENSIVE TACKLE Tyeler Davison



DEFENSIVE END Allen Bailey



DEFENSIVE END Vic Beasley Jr.



CORNERBACK Desmond Trufant



SAFETY

Ricardo Allen

LINEBACKER De'Vondre Campbell





SAFETY Keanu Neal

VIKINGS SPECIAL TEAMS



KICKER Dan Bailey



PUNTER Britton Colquitt



LONG SNAPPER Austin Cutting



PUNT/KICK RETURNER



ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

OFFENSE							
WR	Diggs	Johnson	Doctson				
LT	Reiff	Hill					
LG	Elflein	Dozier					
C	Bradbury						
RG	Kline	Samia					
RT	O'Neill	Hill	Udoh				
TE	Rudolph	Smith Jr.	Conklin				
WR	Thielen	Beebe					
QВ	Cousins	Mannion					
FB	Ham						
НВ	Cook	Mattison	Abdullah				

	DEF	ENSE	
LE	Hunter	Weatherly	
NT	Joseph	Johnson	Watts
DT	Stephen	Holmes	Mata'afa
RE	Griffen	Odenigbo	
WLB	Gedeon	Wilson	
MLB	Kendricks	Brothers	
SLB	Barr	Wilson	
LCB	Waynes	Hughes	Boyd
RCB	Rhodes	Alexander	Fields
SS	Smith	Epps	
FS	Harris	Kearse	

99 Danielle Hunter

DE



LINEBACKER Ben Gedeon



Anthony Harris



Fric Kendricks



SAFETY Harrison Smith



LINEBACKER



CORNERBACK Xavier Rhodes



DEFENSIVE END Everson Griffen



NOSE TACKLE Linval Joseph



DEFENSIVE TACKLE Shamar Stephen



DEFENSIVE END Danielle Hunter



CORNERBACK Trae Waynes

VIKINGS DEFENSE





Mohamed Sanu Austin Hooper Jake Matthews James Carpenter



LEFT TACKLE LEFT GUARD





Alex Mack



RIGHT GUARD Chris Lindstrom



RIGHT TACKLE Matt Gono



FALCONS OFFENSE

RIGHT TACKLE WIDE RECEIVER Kaleb McGary



Julio Jones



FULLBACK Keith Smith



RUNNING BACK Devonta Freeman

FALCONS SPECIAL TEAMS



KICKER Matt Bryant



PUNTER Matt Bosher



LONG SNAPPER Josh Harris



PUNT RETURNER Kenjon Barner

ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

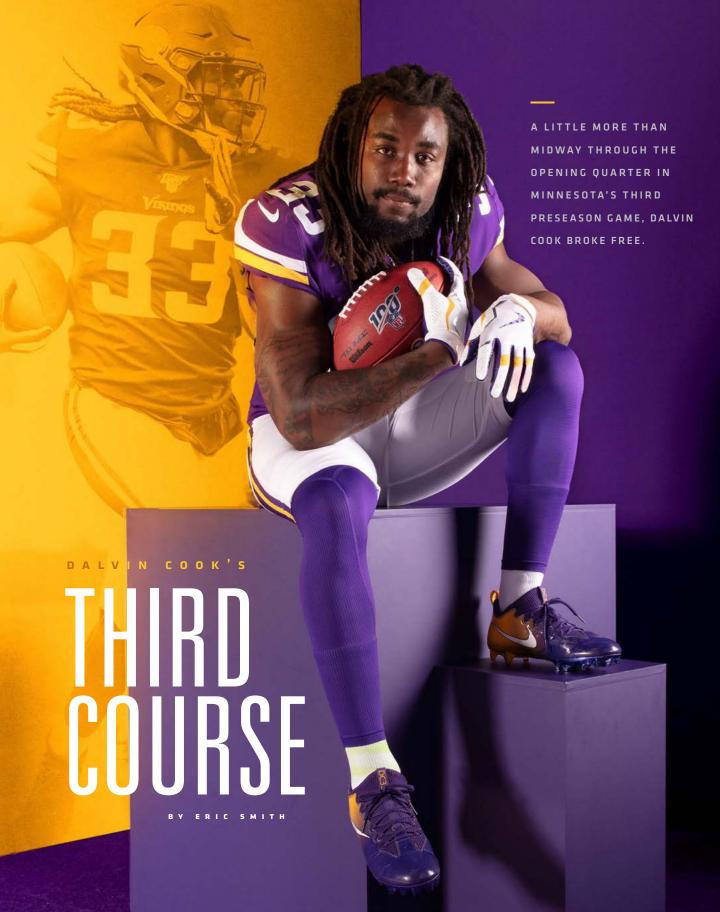
ATLANTA FALCONS



	OFF	ENSE			DEI	ENSE	
WR	Jones	Ridley	Gage	DE	McKinley	Clayborn	
RT	Gono McGar	У		DT	Jarrett	Crawford	
RG	Lindstrom			DT	Davison	Senat	
С	Mack	Schweitzer		DE	Bailey	Cominsky	
LG	Carpenter	Brown		DE	Beasley Jr.		
LT	Matthews	Sambrailo		LB	Campbell	Oluokun	Riley
TE	Hooper	Stocker	Graham	LB	Jones	Grace	
WR	Sanu	Hardy	Zaccheaus	СВ	Oliver	Kazee	Sheffield
RB	Freeman	Smith	Barner	СВ	Trufant	Wreh-Wilson	Miller
QB	Ryan	Schaub		S	Allen	Neasman	
FB	Smith			S	Neal	Ishmael	

FALCONS ROSTER

2	Matt Ryan	QB	
3	Matt Bryant	Κ	
5	Matt Bosher	Р	
8	Matt Schaub	QB	
11	Julio Jones	WR	
12	Mohamed Sanu	WR	
14	Justin Hardy	WR	
17	Olamide Zaccheaus	WR	
18	Calvin Ridley	WR	
20	Kendall Sheffield	DB	
21	Desmond Trufant	СВ	
22	Keanu Neal	S	
23	Brian Hill	RB	
24	Devonta Freeman	RB	
25	Ito Smith	RB	
	Isaiah Oliver		
26		СВ	
27	Damontae Kazee	S	
28	Jordan Miller	DB	
32	Qadree Ollison	RB	
33	Blidi Wreh-Wilson	СВ	
36	Kemal Ishmael	S	
37	Ricardo Allen	S	
38	Kenjon Barner	RB	
40	Keith Smith	FB	
41	Sharrod Neasman	S	
42	Duke Riley	LB	
44	Vic Beasley Jr.	OLB	
45	Deion Jones	LB	
47	Josh Harris	LS	
50	John Cominsky	DE	
51	Alex Mack	C	
53	Jermaine Grace	LB	
54	Foyesade Oluokun	MLB	
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	
63	Chris Lindstrom	G	
68	Jamon Brown	G	
70	Jake Matthews	Т	
71	Wes Schweitzer	G	
73	Matt Gono	Т	
74	Ty Sambrailo	Т	
76	Kaleb McGary	Т	
77	James Carpenter	G	
80	Luke Stocker	TE	
81	Austin Hooper	TE	
83	Russell Gage	WR	
87	laeden Graham	TE	
93	Allen Bailey	DE	
94	Deadrin Senat	NT	
95	Jack Crawford	DL	
96	Tyeler Davison	DT	
97	Grady Jarrett	DT	
98	Takk McKinley	DE	
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The Vikings running back, who was making his preseason debut, took a handoff and angled to the left before making a quick cut to the right a few yards behind the line of scrimmage.

Touchdown, Cook thought.

Cook burst past the line of scrimmage and charged ahead, breaking a tackle near the 35-yard line before staying on his feet and breezing into the end zone. The 85-yard run in front of a raucous crowd at U.S. Bank Stadium was the longest touchdown run in Vikings preseason history.

"That's me. I feel like if I get to the second level, it's my job to change the scoreboard," Cook said. "As a running back, you only get in the secondary so many times, so you have to take advantage of that."

Cook's dazzling touchdown run in exhibition play was a hopeful glimpse of what the Vikings running back can do if healthy on a more consistent basis this season.

As the Vikings prepare to open the 2019 regular season, Cook will be counted on to carry the load in a Minnesota run game that endured ups and downs in 2018.

The same can be said for Cook's career thus far, as the running back has played in 15 of 32 possible games since being a second-round pick in 2017.

He missed the majority of his rookie season with an ACL injury and then was limited to 11 games in 2018 with a nagging hamstring injury.

When healthy, Cook has proven he can be a game-changer in Purple, as evident by the first three games of his career in which he had 61 carries for 288 yards (4.7 yards per attempt) to go along with a touchdown run.

There was also his impressive 70-yard run against the Lions in Week 9 of the 2018 season, not to mention his eye-popping performance in Week 15 at home against Miami, where Cook ran for a career-high 136 yards and added two scores on just 19 carries.

As Cook enters his third season in the NFL, he's ready for whatever workload the Vikings have in store for him.

"I was brought here to do a job, and that job is to carry the football as many times as they want to hand it to me," Cook said. "Injuries happen, ups and downs happen in people's careers ... and I was unfortunate enough to be one of those guys ... I had some injuries and the bumps in the road.

"But now I'm having fun and back to being me," Cook added.
"However many times Kirk [Cousins] hands me that football, I'm going to show up and run it as hard as I can."

The Vikings tweaked their offensive coaching staff this

offseason, removing the interim tag and promoting Kevin Stefanski to offensive coordinator while also bringing in a handful of new faces.

Gary Kubiak is the Vikings assistant head coach/offensive advisor, and Rick Dennison is the offensive line coach and run game coordinator.

The expectation is that the Vikings will use a zone-scheme rushing attack that was illustrated perfectly by Cook's lengthy preseason touchdown run — if the defense gets moving in one direction, a nifty cutback by the running back could mean a highlight-reel play.

Yet even though Cook is the type of back who can thrive in this system, Stefanski was quick to point out that he is skilled enough to perform in any scheme.

"I think anything fits Dalvin's skill set, to be quite honest,"
Stefanski said. "I really do believe there is no schematic limitation
to Dalvin Cook, so certainly zone scheme is a big part of what we
do, and he fits it really well just off his God-given ability.

"The other thing I would say about Dalvin Cook is nobody works harder than him. I think for our offense, Dalvin Cook is a leader. He's out here working his tail off," Stefanski added. "In the meeting rooms he is outstanding, so certainly Dalvin's definitely a leader and somebody that we are lucky we have and are excited about what he's about to do. I don't think there is one set type of run that he is better at than another."

Through the first two seasons of his NFL career, Cook has recorded 207 carries for 969 yards (4.7 yards per attempt) and has found the end zone four times on the ground.

Cook will likely be a focal point of Minnesota's offense and will also be counted upon to lead a running back room in which he could be one of the elder statesman despite being in just his third season in the NFL.

But most of all, Cook is ready to stay healthy and produce on the field – for the Vikings, for his teammates and for himself.

"I love catching the football and love making plays, so any way I can get the ball in my hands and change the scoreboard or change the [first down] markers, I'm willing to do that," Cook said. "Any way possible. Catching the ball, running the football ... I'm willing to do it. I consider myself a three-down back. It's not really just about me, it's about us going to win football games. I'm going to do my individual assignment and put the work in I need to put in right now to help us win football games."

COOK'S COMMUNITY CORNER

Dalvin Cook is committed in the fight against hunger. He helped the Minnesota Vikings Foundation roll out the Vikings Table charity food truck in June and attended a distribution in Inver Grove Heights on Tuesday. Cook also was proud to host the first "A Day with Dalvin: Cookout and Combine" on Aug. 31. The unique event helped provide 17,500 meals for Second Harvest Heartland.

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HIMSELF APART.

But for Stephen Weatherly, it was a way of life off the field before becoming central to his on-the-field approach.

Weatherly has learned to play nine musical instruments, enjoys finding rapid solutions for a jumbled Rubik's Cube and has even teamed with friends to set a record for quickest defeat of a Twin Cities escape room. He went to another one just this Monday after wrapping up his day with the Vikings.

Weatherly's ability to exercise multiple types of intelligences dates back to his time when he was growing up in the Atlanta suburbs.

As his football talents emerged and led to an offer to attend Vanderbilt, he didn't stop exploring new non-football avenues. A commitment to trying to master them had a helpful impact on the

gridiron. He played defensive end and outside linebacker for the Commodores before Minnesota drafted Weatherly in the seventh round of the 2016 NFL Draft.

Here, under Head Coach Mike Zimmer, Defensive Coordinator George Edwards and defensive line coach Andre Patterson and assistant defensive line coach Rob Rodriguez, Weatherly has continuously been tasked with more each season.

Each new thing he's proven capable of handling has led to the coaches entrusting another task, which will make Weatherly an interesting player to watch throughout the season.

"It's all about executing and consistency over time," Weatherly said. "You can do something right once, but that doesn't get you the respect that Zim' needs in order to give you more plays and more packages and more stuff and more playing time.

"Ever since I got here, it was all about me showing I can do my job when asked to do my job, and not just once but consistently over time," he continued. "Since I've been here, I've been able to show I can handle more and more within the scheme of the defense, so that next step is taking everything that they've given me so far and being able to execute it."

For Weatherly, it will be a case of "the

more, the merrier."

The 25-year-old's offseason included becoming the first participant in the Vikings Executive Leadership Program, an internship pilot program with some of the Vikings partners. He said he hopes the program develops into something that helps players transition after their playing careers wrap up.





1. You are working from a two-point stance and a three-point stance this offseason; do you have a preference?

"Each one is good for different things. A: Two-point, standing up, outside linebacker-type, you're able to see more. you're able to read more, and that's good and bad because if you're looking at everything, you'll see nothing, but if you're looking at your keys, at the appropriate keys for your particular play, you can see a lot. You can also see motions coming in and out, formational tendencies, so on and so forth, but for just pure get-off, there's a reason why the 100-meter dash is run out of four-point stances. That's your most explosive. Each one has its pros and cons, so if you want to get your hand down in the ground, play your one man and react and explode off the ball, then three-point is the way to go. But when you're asked to see more and make changes and make more calls, then standing up is definitely more advantageous."

What were your favorite and least-favorite classes at Vanderbilt?

A: "There were so many [favorites]. Piano was definitely a class I looked forward to, along with most sociology classes and Creating Funding for Nonprofits in the 21st Century. My worst classes were General Chemistry and any writing class. I wasn't a big fan of writing. I don't like writing for no reason. I like writing for a purpose. I was never good at paper assignments, 'must be 12 pages.' If I can articulate my position in six pages effectively, why string it out? We both know what I'm talking about."

L: It's been a while, but do you remember anything from 2007 when Zimmer was with the Falcons?

A: "No, I was huge into Animal Planet growing up. Animal Planet and Discovery Channel."

1. Which brings me to my next question, where does your inquisitive mind come from?

"Just my mom. I was raised by my mom. **A.** She always had me in whatever sparked my interest to truly understand if you liked something or not. It was all about getting in it, being surrounded by it and immersed in it. I'm always down to try new things, see what I like. You never know if you like something unless you try it, so that's pretty much where that came from. She was always, 'Just do more. Be more. You're more than just an athlete, you're more than just a scholar. You want to be well-traveled, you want to be wellversed,' so she was just pushing me to try new things and not just try them once I decided I liked them to then be good at them, to not just try it and then ditch it, to actively work at it. If you have a real passion and interest, do it and be good at it. Don't just do it to kill time. So, all of those factors together have led to the man I am now."

• That ranges from the different musical instruments you play to solving problems to escape rooms? Do you keep stats on how many escape rooms you beat?

A. "Absolutely. There's no point in doing anything unless you're keeping tabs on how well you're doing. I've only not gotten

out of two rooms ever. One was in college, one was since I've been here. The second time, they did not reload the room [correctly] and left out a crucial clue, so that stopped us from getting out, so that doesn't really count. We (Weatherly and friends) hold the record for one room in Minnesota."

• What impressed you about Sweet Martha's Cookies at the Minnesota State Fair?

A: "I had the fortune to meet Martha from Sweet Martha's, and that was unbelievable. The whole setup, the whole shop, the way it works, it's a well-oiled machine."

What is your go-to fair food?

• "None of it. I have not eaten any fair food since going. I've had the cookies, of course, because I was there, but I don't really eat fair food."

Then how was the people watching? What was the most interesting thing you saw?

A: "There were some interesting characters that show up at the Great Minnesota Get-Together. There were some people dressed in tutus, a whole pack of people, so I knew they were in a group. I also saw someone that looked like they had every piece of food—the giant bacon, the giant corn, some Sweet Martha's cookies, the giant lemonades. They had everything and a giant carrying apparatus to hold everything."

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When Harrison Smith stepped into the burning building, the lack of visibility caught him off quard.

He carefully maneuvered his way through different rooms, sticking close to the rest of his team as smoke billowed all around the group.

But fortunately, Smith was not in a real emergency situation. Rather, the Vikings safety was participating in the 3rd Annual Firefighters Challenge, hosted by actor and producer Denis Leary.

"It was a controlled setting, and we knew that everything was going to be fine," Smith said. "The firefighters were there with us the whole way, but it was a little insight into their daily lives."

The all-day event took place in New York City in May and raised money for The Leary Firefighters Foundation.

Smith joined his cousin, actress Elaine Hendrix – perhaps best-known for her portrayal of Meredith Blake in the 1998 re-make of *The Parent Trap* – at the event. Hendrix is a close friend of Leary's and consistently supports the foundation, which Leary created in 2000 after six firefighters – including a cousin and a high school classmate – were killed while combatting a warehouse fire in Massachusetts.

Leary created and starred in the critically acclaimed series *Rescue Me* (2004-11), which revolves around the daily drama associated with being a firefighter in post-9/11 New York, and his foundation directly supports many of those "real-life" heroes who responded to the horrific tragedy at the World Trade Center.

"Unfortunately, many of the FDNY members who survived that day are now dying from cancers related to spending time searching through the rubble at Ground Zero for several months after the attacks," Leary said. "So, we continue to lose firefighters to that horrific tragedy – some of whom have donated their time and energy to help the foundation over the years.

"One of our board members is FDNY Battalion Chief David Morkal – who survived that day, as well," Leary added. "We are always aware of 9/11. Every single day of the year."

Hendrix and Smith echoed Leary's sentiments about honoring the gravity of Sept. 11 and its approaching 18-year anniversary.

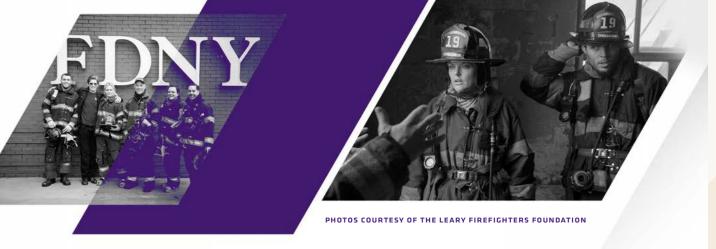
The cousins recalled the exact locations they were when hearing of the news – Smith having been in a seventh-grade classroom in Knoxville, Tennessee, while Hendrix was working on a show in San Diego and received an early morning call from a friend.

"I immediately turned on the TV, saw what was happening, and over the next couple of days, some of the cast, we kept trying to go to blood banks to donate blood over our lunchtimes, and the lines were so long that we didn't come close to getting in," Hendrix recalled. "It was just this weird, surreal, helpless feeling ... But then, to see everyone coming together, it was like, 'Wow.' It was just this crazy mix of emotions."

Smith reflected on that day and said he knew how terrible the events were but didn't fully understand "the magnitude of it all at the time."

The willingness of Smith and Hendrix to participate in the Firefighters Challenge speaks volumes to Leary, who continues to be moved not only by the widespread support for his foundation – which is championed by multiple celebrities, including firefighters-turned-actors Steve Buscemi and Bobby Burke – but by its impact within New York City and beyond.

"It all makes a difference in each city and town we are able to help," Leary said. "It all saves lives on some level – the lives of firefighters and the lives of the people they rescue."



Hendrix initially was motivated to support the foundation by her friendship with Leary. Now, however, she shares an energy for the cause.

"When you get in and really learn how much firefighters do and what they do and what they have to learn, when you gain that much of an appreciation, you can't help but become passionate about it," Hendrix said. "Now I always tell Denis, 'Whatever you need me to do, I'm there.'

"I can't not help. I love it," Hendrix added.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Hendrix called it a "no-brainer" to include Smith, saying the two grew up in a close-knit family that emphasized making a difference.

"We were just raised that way," Hendrix said. "You help. That's just what you do." Having had a schedule conflict in 2018, Smith was grateful for the opportunity to participate in this year's fundraiser. Other attendees included fellow celebrity guest and Food Network star Rachael Ray, former NFL center Nick Mangold, as well as members of the Army and corporate groups.

Smith and the others completed five different challenge stations that included the controlled structure fire, repelling down the side of a five-story building and a simulated emergency set-up in a mock subway system. He learned that straddling the fire hose while entering a burning building enables firefighters to find their way back to the entrance in case of poor visibility or disorientation. Additionally, he was taught the importance of "sweeping" the floor while spraying to avoid the pooling and flowback of dangerously hot water.

He was honored to share the experience with Hendrix, his eldest cousin, who has attended several Vikings games, including this year's first preseason game in New Orleans, and consistently supports Smith in his endeavors despite a busy schedule of her own.

Hendrix's willingness to pull her hair back and suit up in firefighter equipment didn't surprise Smith.

"She's just kind of all for everything. She's going to go do it," Smith said. "She has a huge heart, and I'm just glad she invited me. It was really cool to be a part of it."

FROM FOOTBALL TO FIREFIGHTING

Leary thanked Hendrix for bringing Smith "into the fold" of the foundation's efforts.

"He could not have been a nicer guy," Leary said. "Not only that, but he geared up and went into every single training mission, too – like he'd been doing it every day for the past 15 years."

It isn't uncommon for former and current NFL players to participate in the annual event, but Leary was particularly struck by Smith's eagerness and comfort level.

"Harrison came out [of the Room of Fire] with a smile and a question: 'Can I go back in?' Nick Mangold even walked away impressed by Harrison," Leary said. "He'd be a natural firefighter."

Leary called the cousins a "dream team"; after the event, he texted Hendrix that he continued to get positive comments about "Hendrix and Harrison."

The actress can't help but chuckle at the attention – and T-shirt-worthy nickname – the duo received.

"It's hilarious because Harrison thinks that I've got this celebrity status, I think that he's got this celebrity status," she said. "And yet, we never get away from, "Well, that's my cousin. That's just my cousin."

A MILE IN THEIR BOOTS

During the experience, Smith spent time getting to know the firefighters on hand – many of whom had volunteered their day off – and learning a little about their world. Among those he spoke with, a few had been part of the rescue efforts on 9/11.

"We talked about it. I didn't want to pry or anything, you know? It's tough memories," Smith said. "But I talked to those guys and learned what they went through – how they counted on one another and just dove in to help others. I just thanked them for that."

He and Hendrix both most appreciated literally stepping into the firefighters' boots for a day.

"We didn't even scratch the surface of what they do, but just to get such an up-close and personal connection with them and what they do, that's my favorite part," Hendrix said. "Harrison and I grew up in a close family, so we're close. Then you step into this firefighter world, and they may not be blood-related, but they are very much a family. And they are very close."

Smith also was drawn to the camaraderie between the firefighters and likened it to the brotherhood of the Vikings locker room.

"They have fun with each other. You can tell, just the way they get along with each other, they trust each other. They have a lot of fun when it's appropriate," Smith said. "There



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- HARRISON SMITH
ON THE REAL HEROES



were some similarities between the locker room and their firehouse. You could just tell the chemistry. They rib each other about a lot of stuff and have their own little jokes."

A handful of die-hard Giants or Jets fans aimed some friendly trash talk in Smith's direction, but he also was pleasantly surprised to connect with a couple of Vikings fans. One firefighter, Anthony Cordaro, is a New York native but has been following the Vikings since the Purple People Eaters era.

"It was cool to meet those fans and talk to them about football and their experiences as firemen," Smith said. "All the firefighters there were amazing. They wanted everyone to experience everything. You didn't have to do anything if it made you uncomfortable, but they were there. ... They were all just great, great people."

HONORING THE REAL HEROES

Nearly 20 years after 9/11, a day spent with the New York City Fire Department gave the cousins a unique and humbling perspective on the firefighters who risk their lives every day in order to protect and save others.

Hendrix struggled to find words adequate to describe her feelings.

"After a while, when I talk about this, when I'm around them, we use words like 'incredible,' and we use words like 'heroes,' "Hendrix said. "But when you really, truly wrap your mind around what they're doing, even those words seem to pale in comparison."

Smith understands that fans of all ages look up to him as an NFL player but is uncomfortable with the idea of professional athletes being somebody's hero.

"I think it's an easy thing for some people to point to and for us as football players to think we're super tough, we run into each other," Smith said. "Some people talk about it in the context of a 'battle,' stuff like that, and I've always just thought that was really silly. Because it's just not. I appreciate the chess aspect of the football, and it's obviously physical, but at the end of the day, it's a fun game.

"A lot of kids look at us because it's easy," Smith continued. "We're on a bigger platform, it's easy to see us every day, but those guys are showing up to work every day and clocking in and putting it on the line. I have a great appreciation for that."

With the anniversary of Sept. 11 approaching, Smith hopes his experience with the FDNY helps to raise awareness and admiration for firefighters who served then and now.

"Obviously, 9/11 is the big one that everyone remembers, but any day could be the day that those guys dive into really dangerous situations to save others," Smith said. "So being able to just show up and interact with them, I think it grows your appreciation for what these guys – men and women – do in their day-to-day lives.

"Any morning could be the start of what will be the toughest day for them," he added. "So the fact that they go in knowing that, sign up for that and train for it, it's a big deal."

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THE MINNESOTA VIKINGS ARE THANKING KEVIN WARREN

for his innovative and inspirational leadership as he transitions this month from his role as the team's Chief Operating Officer to become the sixth Commissioner in the 124-year history of the Big Ten Conference.

Warren is departing the Vikings after a transformative decade-and-a-half for the organization during which he became the highest-ranking African-American executive on the business side of an NFL team.

The Arizona native has called Minnesota home since 2005 when he was instrumental in helping Vikings Owner/ Chairman Zygi Wilf, Owner/President Mark Wilf and Owner/Vice Chairman Lenny Wilf, partners David Mandelbaum and the late Alan Landis purchase the team, an acquisition that was unanimously supported by the NFL franchise owners.

"Kevin has impacted the Vikings and our family in immeasurable ways over the last 15 years. He has worked tirelessly to elevate the Vikings franchise, all with the greater good of the organization and Minneapolis-St. Paul in mind. From the very onset, Kevin helped us navigate and execute the purchase of the franchise. He then evolved as a leader of the organization in ways we never could have imagined, leading our vision for U.S. Bank Stadium and TCO Performance Center, developing a world-class fan experience, and implementing many initiatives that have transformed our franchise with the benefit of our employees and Vikings fans top of mind. Kevin has been a tremendous leader for the Vikings, and he and his family have been passionately and intricately involved in the community, enhancing the lives of so many people. We know the Big Ten and their studentare extremely fortunate to have his leadership, character and vision, and we wish Kevin and the Warren family all the best."

- Mark and Zygi Wilf

Warren

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT WITH THE VIKINGS:

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"I hope and pray that the Minnesota Vikings win our first of multiple world championships, beginning February 2020 in Miami. We remain physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually healthy as an organization, on and off the field, continue to be the model for other professional sports teams and businesses around the world to emulate because of how we protect our brand, have grown our business, work hard, have financial success, and how everyone in the organization carries themselves with integrity, style, grace and class. We continue to be a change agent to drive out hate locally and in the world, and make lives better for those struggling to survive, through our collective resources."

Since being promoted to COO, Warren has continued to play a critical role in all business, legal and operational facets related to U.S. Bank Stadium and Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center.

Warren has been involved in every aspect of the design, construction, business, legal and operational components of the new stadium that has garnered numerous awards since opening in 2016 and the headquarters that opened in March 2018.

Warren has maintained three key points of emphasis in his leadership of the Vikings:

rean experience: Along with a brandnew stadium, Warren was a visionary behind the Vikings new team headquarters and practice facility, TCO Performance Center in Eagan. Featuring state-of-the-art amenities for players and staff, the facility also serves as a regional asset, hosting high school football games and community events throughout the year.

PHILANTHROPY: Giving back to the community has always been a core principle of Warren and his family's life. His passion for helping others led to countless charitable acts throughout the years, including a 1-million dollar donation to start Carolyn's Comforts in honor of his late sister. The program provides support to pediatric cancer patients and their families.

Kevin and Greta's adoption of Lucy Laney Elementary School in North Minneapolis led to the donation of more than 5,000 backpacks to students in need of school supplies, and the Warren family's "No Doors Closed" scholarship program gives high school students financial support to attend college.

champion of diversity and inclusion in the workplace, Warren has helped build a culture at the Vikings that empowers employees to maximize their potential. During his time in Minnesota, the Vikings staff more than doubled, while a number of employees were elevated into leadership positions, including several women in key executive roles. As Chief Operating Officer, Warren met with each Vikings employee to solicit feedback and served as a true advocate for the staff at all levels.

Warren was instrumental in Minnesota being awarded Super Bowl LII. He credited the people of Minnesota for the success of the event, which brought in an estimated net new spending of \$370 million.

The Sanneh Foundation presented Warren the "2015 Business Honoree" Award, and in February of 2017, Warren was honored with the Texas Southern University Pioneer Award. He also was featured as one of *Sports Business Journal's* 2019 class of "The Champions: Pioneers & Innovators in Sports Business."





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On a humid Minnesota day in August,

Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer is wrapping up the team's training camp practice.

A small, black-and-tan Yorkie sits on the sideline grass and waits for the warm greeting she will soon receive from the head coach. Jolie belongs to Zimmer's daughter, Corri Zimmer-White, and wears a purple "doggy jersey" bearing the family name.

Zimmer has come to be known for his often-gruff exterior, but those who are close to him will tell you that he has a

soft side – and nothing seems to bring it out as quickly (or as easily) as his 5-pound grand-dog.

Jolie lives in Dallas, Texas, but regularly visits Minnesota with Corri. When the duo is in town, Corri jokes that Zimmer is more excited to see his favorite pup than his daughter.

It's not uncommon during those visits to find Jolie in Zimmer's office, curled in the coach's lap while he breaks down film.

Zimmer walks down the hallway, and she trots closely behind – or sometimes slightly ahead – and pokes her head into various

VIKINGS VS. FALCONS

HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

coaches' offices.

On a trip to Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center earlier this spring, Corri called Zimmer and Jolie's connection "a really weird bond" and joked about how far their relationship has come.

Corri got Jolie when she was in college, despite her parents establishing a rule against having a dog during school.

"I told my mom, and my mom kept it a secret," Corri explains of the late Vikki Zimmer. "And then my dad found out. He was really mad at first, but he started to really like her a lot."

As if expecting her father to form a protest, Corri directs a rebuttal toward him: "You mention her in *press conferences*, Dad. And if I don't bring her when I come [to Minnesota], I hear about it all week."

All three of Zimmer's children – Adam, Marki and Corri – mention the puppy massages Jolie receives when she spends time with Zimmer.

"We'll sit in his house after dinner, and he'll just be massaging this dog," Adam laughs. "It's like, people pay good money for a massage that good, and she's getting it for a few hours, just sitting on the couch watching TV."

Zimmer confirms.

"She comes up, sits next to me, I give her a massage for about three hours, so I guess that's why she likes me," he says, smiling and absentmindedly working his fingertips into her tiny shoulders. "She's really not a hunting dog or anything like that, but she's really a great dog."

He feigns annoyance for just a moment – "She's a busybody, a little bit" – but hasn't fooled anyone.

"She likes to look out the window and climb in your lap and sit next to you when you're driving," says Zimmer, who has taken Jolie for rides in his Ford F-150 King Ranch, quad offroad vehicle or even a golf cart. "[She'll just be] sitting there, and I rub her neck and her ears ... She falls asleep, like, anywhere."

The name Jolie means "pretty one," in French, but Zimmer jokes that she's also a lucky one.

He and Corri recalled a time when Jolie made an appearance at Vikings Training Camp, and cornerback Terence Newman came over to greet and pet the dog before practice.

"He caught three interceptions that day," says Zimmer.

When Zimmer is asked to compare Jolie to any players in the Vikings locker room, he pauses to think for a moment. The corner of

his mouth turns up in a smirk.

"She's not too mean. She's not much of a pain. So probably none of the players, really," he quips.

Zimmer says that Jolie would make a good therapy dog, and Corri agrees.

"A dog doesn't care if you win or lose.
They're always happy to see you," Corri says.
"It kind of makes him feel a little better
[after a loss]."

She glances at Zimmer sitting at his desk, and he offers a half-sarcastic eve-roll.

"No, [not much]," he admits.

Watching the longtime coach interact with Jolie, it's clear she's stolen his (rather large) heart.

"She's a really loving dog," Zimmer says.
"She doesn't cause any trouble, usually. She likes to take naps with you. She sleeps with Corri all the time. Corri bought pet steps so that she can climb up on the bed and doesn't have to jump.

"She's getting older now. Right, Jo-Jo?" He adds in a little higher voice.

Coach, do you think Jolie is spoiled? (For the record, the question from this Vikings writer is a rhetorical one.)

Zimmer laughs, then answers: "Oh my goodness. She just had steak for lunch."

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MARSHALL'S NO-LOOK LATERAL TO PAGE

NOV. 27, 1969

In snow and rain on Thanksgiving Day in Detroit, Jim Marshall intercepts a pass that was tipped by Alan Page. He begins returning the football at the Lions 45-yard line. As Lions players converge on him at the 15, Marshall executes a no-look lateral to Page, who carries the ball into the end zone for a touchdown.

MIRACLE AT THE MET DEC. 14, 1980

Trailing 23-22 with just five seconds remaining, the Vikings have advanced the ball to the Cleveland 46 thanks to a hook-and-lateral play. Minnesota lines up in its squadron

right formation, and Tommy Kramer makes a deep heave toward a cluster of receivers (Ahmad Rashad, Sammy White and Terry LeCount). The pass is tipped by the Browns but smoothly corralled by Rashad for the game-winning score as time expires, sending Metropolitan Stadium into a frenzy and the Vikings back to the playoffs.

ADRIAN SETS SINGLE-GAME RECORD NOV. 4, 2007

This performance is a collection of impressive runs by Adrian Peterson in just his eighth professional game that helped the running back set the NFL's singlegame rushing record. Peterson's prolific day includes touchdown runs of 1, 64 and 46 yards on the way to 296 yards.

MINNEAPOLIS MIRACLE JAN. 14, 2018

The play that instantly became known as the "Minneapolis Miracle" thanks to the radio call by "Voice of the Vikings" Paul Allen was listed in the Vikings playbook as (11) GUN BUFFALO RT KEY LT 7 HEAVEN. The Vikings line up at their own 39-yard line with Case Keenum in the shotgun and with Stefon Diggs, Jarius Wright and Kyle Rudolph in a bunch formation on the right of the offensive line. Keenum surveys the field and uncorks at the Minnesota 26, firing to Diggs, who leaps at the New Orleans 34, avoids a diving tackle, twists and stays in bounds to sprint to the end zone as time expires, providing a thrilling finish to the first playoff game hosted by U.S. Bank Stadium.

VIKINGS CONNECTED

SEASON 6 DEBUTS IN FRONT
OF LIVE STUDIO AUDIENCE

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

The first episode of Season 6 of *Vikings Connected* featured a unique aspect.

For the first time since the fan-centric show made its debut in 2014, an entire episode was filmed in front of a live studio audience.

In August, a group of fans attending Verizon Vikings Training Camp at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center had the opportunity to view the special edition *Vikings Connected* taping from the team auditorium.

An original Vikings Entertainment Network Production, Vikings Connected is known for providing fans with a light-hearted look at the organization through social media and showcasing players' personalities through segments such as "SkoLOL," which was introduced last season.

The show is hosted by Erin Newburg and KFAN's Chris Hawkey.

Vikings Connected Producer GH Ridpath called it "a blast" to involve a live studio audience.

"We continued our Saturday Night Livespoof style that we debuted last year, so we tried our best to create an SNL-type environment for the audience," Ridpath said. "It was cool to see Chris and Erin get rewarded with laughs after spending the past five years listening to me bust their chops over the bloopers."

According to Vikings Director of Broadcasting Skip Krueger, the experience was possible because of the unique configuration of TCO Studios, which is adjacent to the team auditorium but separated by a moveable acoustic wall.



"We can open the wall to allow an audience to experience a live or live-to-tape show from TCO Studios," Krueger explained. "On occasions when there is not a studio audience, we can close the wall and use the studio and the auditorium independently, providing maximum flexibility for the facility."

Ridpath emphasized the challenge of the "dual operation" required when filming in front of a live studio audience.

"First, making sure you have a sound technical show for the hosts and ensuring that things make sense," Ridpath said. "Secondly, you have to make sure it's as fluid as possible because you have an audience there who came to be entertained.

"It's truly a show, rather than a series of segments we sew together in post-production," he added.

Vikings Connected will air on FOX 9+ at 8:30 p.m. on Friday nights throughout the season. Episodes will re-air at midnight Saturdays on FOX 9, and repeat airings will run on FOX Sports North throughout the week.







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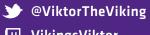
parking spot and found one right next to _______'s _____'s _____'s Viktor was almost to the game! Running faster than he ever had before, he ran past Vikings fans playing _____12 and eating ____13 in the tailgate lots. Viktor made it out on to the field just as the game was starting. HE MADE IT! The first play of the game, _____14 ____ scored a ____15 ___ yard touchdown. WHAT A PLAY!

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ball up into the stands to ______. Viktor saw you make such an

awesome catch and ran up to give you the biggest high-five! SKOL!



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GO Vikings! Skol!





The Vikings are rolling out multiple new initiatives to support youth and high school football that include an expansion of camps, distribution of NFL FLAG football equipment, grants, clinics for officials and new opportunities for young people to enjoy the sport.

The multiyear plan is guided by a "Teach. Play. Grow." philosophy that will increase understanding of fundamentals, provide more opportunities to play the sport and enable participants to share their enthusiasm for football with others.

The 2019 programming through the Vikings of Tomorrow will provide NFL FLAG kits (flag belts, footballs, jerseys and a curriculum book) to schools.

Vikings Legends will assist with youth and high school football initiatives.

The Vikings also plan to partner with local Boys & Girls Clubs, parks and recreation departments and YMCAs to increase the number of NFL FLAG leagues with an emphasis on providing access in lower-income areas and outstate Minnesota.

There is a plan to award approximately 150 grants to cover league fees for youth who

wish to play tackle football but encounter a financial barrier.

The NFL and the Vikings will partner to host two clinics annually where officials can be certified and trained on-site.

Camp locations around the state in 2019 included Worthington, St. Cloud, Owatonna, Grand Rapids, Thief River Falls and Fergus Falls. A winter camp is planned at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center in Eagan.

The team also hosted the first Vikings Girls Football Academy, a six-week program presented by Training HAUS for girls ages 6-18, at TCO Performance Center.

The academy, which was free for participants, included skills stations designed to boost football knowledge, guest speakers and NFL FLAG football games. The program wrapped in June with a special visit by NFL Senior Director of Football Development Samantha Rapoport.





















LIFE-CHANGING' TRIP

THE JOURNEY TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR 50 MINNEAPOLIS PUBLIC SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS INCLUDED REFLECTIONS ON A SOMBER PAST, SLOW BUT MEASURABLE PROGRESS AND IMPRESSIVE ACCOMPLISHMENTS THAT ARE CHRONICLED BY THE SMITHSONIAN'S NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE (NMAAHC).

BY CRAIG PETERS

The Vikings partnered with Project Success in sending the select group of students on an expedition to Washington, D.C., in April. The trip provided a unique opportunity for students to explore themes of identity, culture, community and equity as part of Project Success' proven curriculum.

Vikings Owner/President Mark Wilf; Chief Operating Officer Kevin Warren; current Vikings Ameer Abdullah, C.J. Ham, Anthony Harris and Stephen Weatherly; Vikings Legends Visanthe Shiancoe and Tony Richardson and staff members joined the group.

"I'm very, very energized that you're all here and learning a lot of valuable lessons," Wilf told the group before adding that the museum effectively illustrates the importance of respecting others.

The museum guides visitors to a subterranean level that has exhibits on the transatlantic slave trade that marred centuries, the harmful impacts of segregation and the advancements during the Civil Rights Movement of the 20th Century.

"We started in the bottom floor, and it went from, really, sadness. It seemed like the higher we came up out of the ground, I just became very encouraged toward the future," Warren said.

On Project Success global expeditions, students have opportunities to see themselves and our nation's history in new ways. Students explained the impact of the D.C. expedition.

Zubeda, a Roosevelt High School student, said her personal takeaway is, "Don't be afraid to speak up. Nobody else can tell your story except you. This trip was life-changing."

Serena, who attends Edison High School, added: "I learned from this trip that we may have to fight 10 times harder, but we can and will succeed."

Washburn High School student Demetrius said, "I think the most important experience was being able to learn about things in a space where everyone looks like you. I loved this trip."

The players and alumni also felt the impact.

Weatherly, who grew up near Atlanta, said
his mother and grandmother had taught him a

considerable amount of history. The museum experience enhanced his understanding.

"It didn't hide anything. Things that might have been triggering were there," Weatherly said. "A lot of it was upsetting. I personally did shed a couple of tears when we got to the Civil Rights Movement."

Abdullah, who grew up near Birmingham, Alabama, earned a history degree at Nebraska. His father and aunt helped shape it, by participating in the Selma to Montgomery march in 1965.

"I had so many different feelings because, for one, I was just so happy and thankful that the Minnesota Vikings do this for young students and me," he said. "Until you go [to the museum], you don't understand the magnitude of education that's left out in a lot of our history growing up."

For 25 years, Project Success has been committed to youth empowerment and development, having started with 200 Minneapolis North students. Project Success has grown and now serves 14,000 middle and high school students in 19 MPS schools.



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VIKINGS TABLE

Vikings Table, a custom-built food truck, serves healthy meals and provides nutritional education to youth across the Greater Twin Cities. Vikings Table funds its programming through selling meals and catering events. Check out the truck on The Commons on game days. Email: contact@vikingstable.com; Twitter @VikingsTable

VIKINGS TABLE NONPROFIT OF THE GAME

Last week, Vikings Table served free meals to families at the Ronald McDonald House. Last year, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Upper Midwest provided a home-away-from-home to more than 6,600 families who sought medical care for their seriously ill, injured or disabled child at a Twin Cities hospital. Ronald McDonald House Charities are proud to offer complimentary lodging, meals, schooling and family-focused programming at their four Twin Cities locations, all in an effort to keep families together during a child's medical crisis.





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DENNIS JACKSON

DENNIS JACKSON IS KNOWN AS "DOC" TO HIS FRIENDS thanks to a nickname he received as a rock musician decades ago.

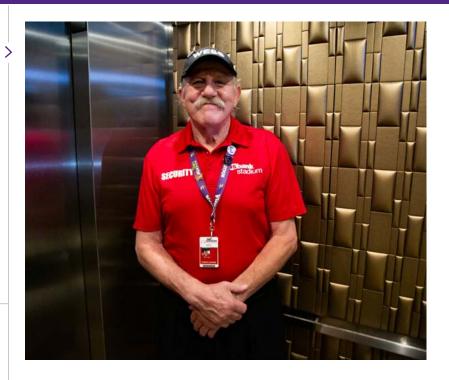
On game days at U.S. Bank Stadium, he's known for bringing smiles and laughter to guests through his role on the security team for Whelan Event Staffing Services.

"The electricity of game day reminds me of my past, when I was a rock musician during the late '60s," Doc says.

Born in Canton, Ohio, Doc converted to purple and gold when Bud Grant was Minnesota's head coach. He credits the passion and leadership

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that he saw played out by the Vikings under Grant as the reason he changed allegiances.

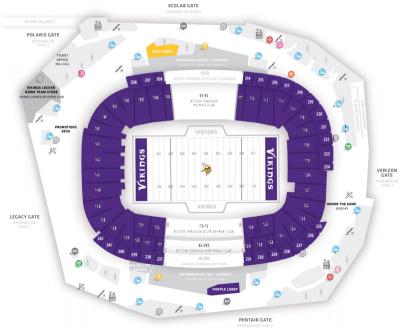
Doc has been a Whelan Event Security staff for a handful of years. He began working in this role when the University of Minnesota became the two-season home of the Vikings. Doc said he was overjoyed when Whelan was contracted to provide event security at U.S. Bank Stadium. The first game he worked was a Vikings vs. Lions game a couple of years ago, and he hasn't missed a game since.

Doc mans the elevator that serves the

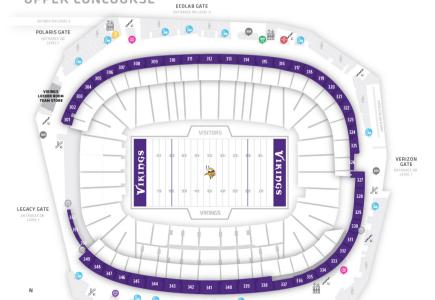
Norseman Suites, the TV Broadcast booth, the Upper and Lower Medtronic clubs, the Delta Sky360° Club and the Valhalla Suites. He strives to give every single fan that he interacts with a great experience that starts with a warm smile and includes the offering of a Werther's Caramel.

He says that it is a small surprise that brings "smiles and laughter for guests."

Thank you, Doc, for your hard work and your great attitude. We are very happy to have you as part of our team on game days!



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