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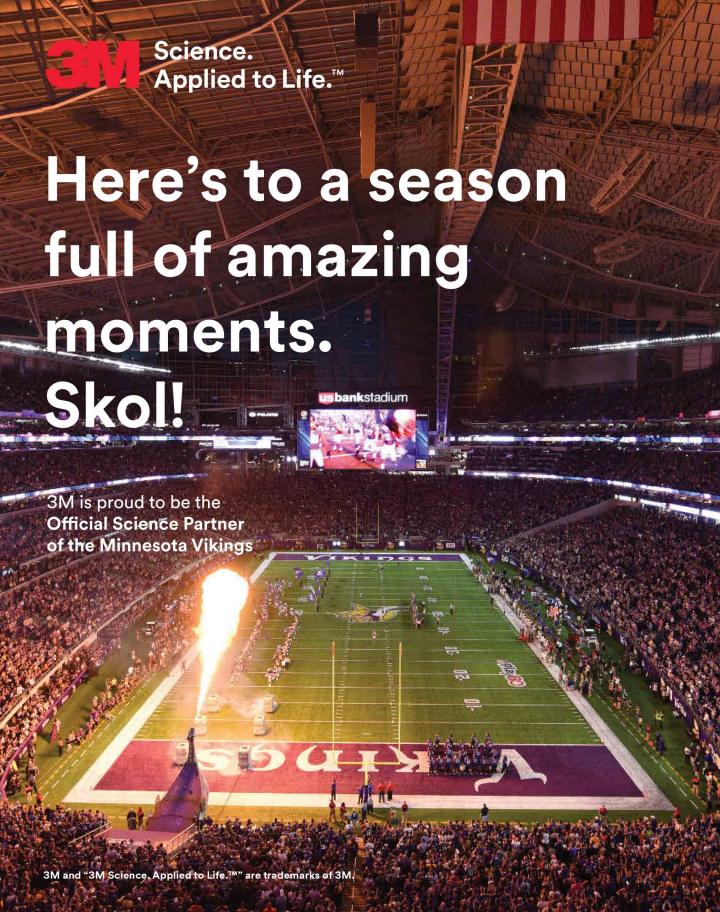
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VIKINGS AT LIONS

The Vikings revved their offense and racked up 503 net yards and scored 21 of the game's final 30 points.

Minnesota scored six touchdowns, including one at the end of a 97-yard drive, and punted just twice in the 42-30 victory.



- C.J. Ham recorded the first receiving touchdown of his career, securing a 5-yard pass to put the Vikings up 28-21 in the third quarter.
- Bisi Johnson recorded the first touchdown reception of his career, scoring on a 1-yard pass in the second quarter.
- 3 Kirk Cousins completed 24 of 34 passes for 337 yards with four touchdowns and a passer rating of 141.4 that is his highest with the Vikings. He became the first QB in NFL history to throw for a least 300 yards and have a passer rating of 130 on higher in three consecutive pages.







- Kyle Rudolph recorded his 400th career reception on a 15-yard touchdown catch, tying Ahmad Rashad for sixth place on the Vikings all-time receptions list. He totaled 58 yards on five catches
- Dalvin Cook rushed 25 times for 142 yards and two touchdowns, helping Minnesota outgain Detroit 166 to 81 on the ground.
- Stefon Diggs led Minnesota
 with seven receptions and 14.
 yards. He helped put the garr
 away with a 66-vard reception



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Tonight's game is the 27th meeting between Washington and Minnesota in the regular season or playoffs.

The Vikings are 11-10 in the regular season and 2-3 in the postseason.

The series began with a 27-14 Vikings win at Metropolitan Stadium on Nov. 3, 1968. Minnesota rushed for 215 yards, Gene Washington caught two touchdown passes from Joe Kapp, and Charlie West returned a punt 98 yards for a touchdown to set a franchise record. Paul Krause,

who joined the Vikings that season, recorded an interception against his former team.

The teams most recently met on Nov. 12, 2017, a 38-30 win by Minnesota. Stefon Diggs caught eight passes for 166 yards and one of four touchdowns thrown by Case Keenum. It was the fifth of eight consecutive victories by the Vikings that season.

This will be the third time for the franchises to meet on a Thursday. Washington claimed the first 31-17 on Nov. 29, 1984. Minnesota prevailed 34-27 thanks to a second-half rally on Nov. 7, 2013, in the Metrodome's final season as the home of the Vikings.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Members of the military will display a full-field American flag during the National Anthem.

HALFTIME: STEVE JORDAN RING OF HONOR INDUCTION

Steve Jordan will officially become the 25th member of the Vikings Ring of Honor during a halftime ceremony. Check out a feature on Jordan on Page 36.



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Fans are invited to turn the flashlights on their phones purple for a #PrimetimePurple effect. Peel the 3M™ Translucent Film swatch from the program cover and gently place over your smartphone's flashlight. Try to leave your camera lens uncovered. Follow prompts on the stadium's video boards for when to activate the flashlights. There are two opportunities: when the Vikings take the field via introductions before kickoff and during a special halftime presentation. After halftime, carefully remove the film from your device.



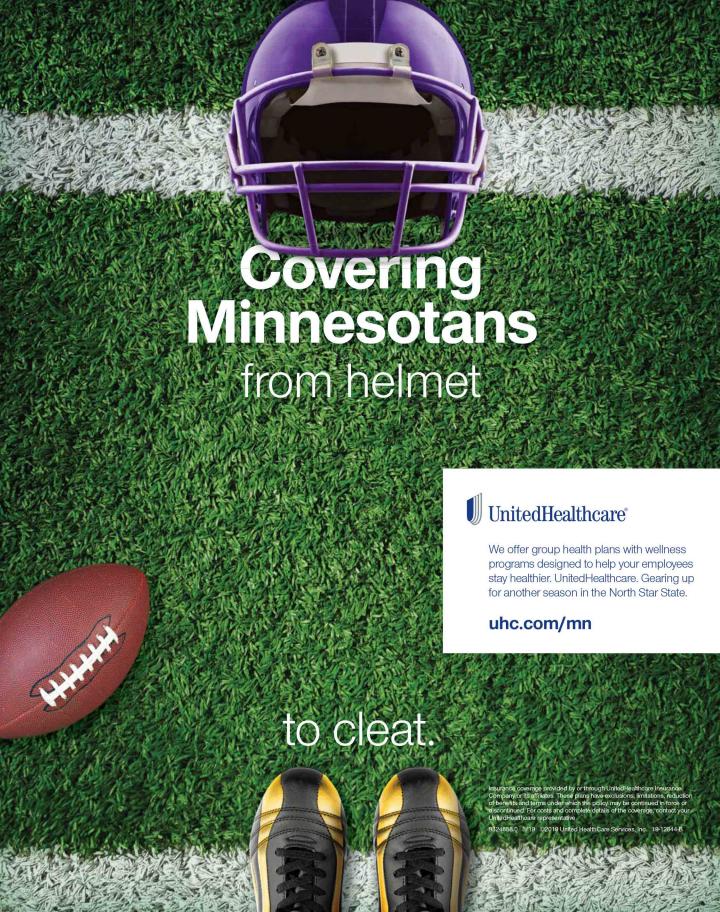


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TONIGHT'S GANE

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OPENING DRIVE SWEEPSTAKES

Tonight's Kwik Trip opening drive contestant is Derek Brown from Westbrook. Derek will win \$25 for every yard earned on the Vikings opening drive plus a \$500 bonus for a field goal or \$1000 for an opening drive touchdown. To enter see your neighborhood Kwik Trip.



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 to enter.



#VIKINGSHAIRSTYLE

Spalon Montage will be giving away a \$100 gift card at tonight's game! Show us your game-day hairstyle by tweeting a photo @VikingsPromos using #VikingsHairstyle to enter.



HOMETOWN HERO

During each home game, U.S. Bank and the Minnesota Vikings will recognize individuals who have helped make our community a better place. Tonight's Hometown Tonight's Hometown Hero is Paralympic gold medalist Mike Schultz, a Minnesota native who is on the 2019-20 U.S. Paralympics Snowboarding National Team and was inducted to the U.S. Athletes with Disabilities Network Hall of Fame in 2010. 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.



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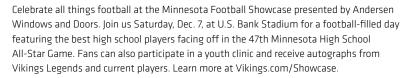
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WORKOUT WEDNESDAYS*

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 20

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, Gluteus Maxout with Christine Warren, will be held at TCO Performance Center. Register at vikings.com/womensevents.

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NOV. 1 | 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! The next Friday Football Feast wil be at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Blaine.

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PLAYER TO WATCH:

OB KIRK COUSINS

KIRK COUSINS TAKES HIS PLAY FAKES SERIOUSLY. The quarterback focuses intently on the way that little nuances can make a big difference in trying to keep a defense off-balance and unable to guess the type of play the Vikings are running. A running back draw has different elements than a traditional handoff, for instance, and Cousins' execution of play-action fakes is worth watching. The time that Cousins spends on the details helps marry the run game and pass game, and Minnesota's ability to pose a threat in the run game can open up some opportunities for explosive plays in the passing game. Cousins' accuracy from the pocket and on the move enables the Vikings to make the most of bootlegs and rollouts, similar to the success that he had with the Redskins. The 2012 fourth-round pick by Washington became the team's starter in 2015. After three seasons in that role, he signed with Minnesota in 2018. He is facing his former team for the first time tonight.

CLIMBING THE LADDER: COUSINS ENTERS TONIGHT'S GAME WITH 22.215 PASSING YARDS. WITH 337 LAST WEEK AT DETROIT. HE PASSED "SLINGING" SAMMY BAUGH (WASHINGTON, 1937-52) AND DANNY WHITE (DALLAS, 1976-88) FOR 94TH IN NFL HISTORY. BAUGH TOTALED 21,886. AND WHITE FINISHED WITH 21.959.

In 80 career starts, Cousins has totaled a passer rating of 100 or higher in 38 games, including five times with Minnesota this season and 12 times in 23 starts with the Vikings.

2019 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Kirk Cousins	1,711
Rushing (Yds)	Dalvin Cook	725
Receiving (Yds)	Stefon Diggs	562
Tackles	Eric Kendricks	73
Sacks	Danielle Hunter	7.0
Interceptions	Anthony Harris	2
KOR (Yds)	Ameer Abdullah	146
PR (Avg.)	Marcus Sherels	5.5

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

RE	GULAR	SEASON (5-2)		
1	9/8	Atlanta Falcons	W	28-12
2	9/15	at Green Bay Packers	L	21-16
3	9/22	Oakland Raiders	W	34-14
4	9/29	at Chicago Bears	L	16-6
5	10/6	at New York Giants	W	28-10
6	10/13	Philadelphia Eagles	W	38-20
7	10/20	at Detroit Lions	W	42-30
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 REDSKINS

RUSHING YARDS

109 Toby Gerhart on 11 attempts at Washington (Dec. 24, 2011)

Robert Smith on 24 attempts in Minnesota (Oct. 18, 1998)

PASSING YARDS

490 Tommy Kramer on 20-of-35 passing at Washington (Nov. 2, 1986)

357 Fran Tarkenton on 27-of-37 passing at Washington (Nov. 30, 1975)

RECEIVING YARDS

179 Steve Jordan on six catches at Washington (Nov. 2, 1986)

166 Adam Thielen on eight catches at Washington (Nov. 12, 2017)

2019 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Case Keenum	1,213
Rushing (Yds)	Adrian Peterson	307
Receiving (Yds)	Terry McLaurin	419
Tackles	Landon Collins	55
Sacks	Jonathan Allen	3.0
Interceptions	Quinton Dunbar	3
KOR (Yds)	Steven Sims Jr.	289
PR (Avg.)	Trey Quinn	7.1

2019 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (1-3)

P1	8/8	at Cleveland Browns	L	30-10
P2	8/15	Cincinnati Bengals	L	23-13
P3	8/22	at Atlanta Falcons	W	19-7
P4	8/29	Baltimore Ravens	L	20-7

REGULAR SEASON (1-6)

1	9/8	at Philadelphia Eagles	L	32-27
2	9/15	Dallas Cowboys	L	31-21
3	9/23	Chicago Bears	L	31-15
4	9/29	at New York Giants	L	24-3
5	10/6	New England Patriots	L	33-7
6	10/13	at Miami Dolphins	W	17-16
7	10/20	San Francisco 49ers	L	9-0
8	10/24	at Minnesota Vikings		
9	11/3	at Buffalo Bills		
10	11/10	Bye Week		
11	11/17	New York Jets		
12	11/24	Detroit Lions		
13	12/1	at Carolina Panthers		
14	12/8	at Green Bay Packers		
15	12/15	Philadelphia Eagles		
16	12/22	New York Giants		
17	12/29	at Dallas Cowboys		

TOP 2 AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

139 Alfred Morris on 26 attempts in Minnesota (Nov. 7, 2013)

138 Robert Griffin III on 13 attempts at Washington (Oct. 14, 2012)

PASSING YARDS

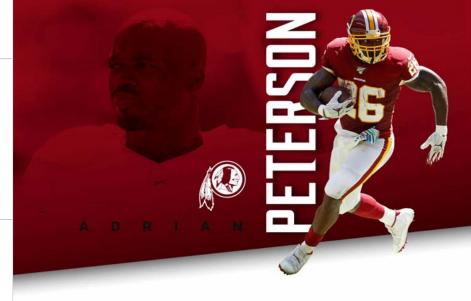
378 Jay Schroeder on 24-of-47 passing at Washington (Nov. 2, 1986)

327 Kirk Cousins on 26-of-45 passing at Washington (Nov. 12, 2017)

RECEIVING YARDS

164 Ricky Sanders on eight catches in Minnesota (Dec. 26, 1987)

123 Gary Clark on six catches at Washington (Nov. 2, 1986)



PLAYER TO WATCH:

RB ADRIAN PETERSON

HIS JERSEY FEATURES different colors and the number 26 instead of the 28, but Adrian Peterson is back where his NFL career began. Tonight will be Peterson's second time to leave the visitors' locker room in U.S. Bank Stadium. He was a member of the Saints to open the 2017 NFL season. Peterson rushed six times but was limited to 18 yards by a defense that prides itself on rallying to the football. After a brief stint in Arizona that season, Peterson joined Washington in 2018 and rushed for 1,042 yards and seven touchdowns on 251 carries while adding 20 receptions for 208 yards and a score. Since Washington has changed coaches (promoting Bill Callahan before Week 6), Peterson has rushed 43 times for 199 yards, a significant increase in opportunity from Weeks 2-5 when he totaled 40 carries and 108 yards. Peterson enters tonight's game with 13,625 career rushing yards. He needs 38 to overtake Jerome Bettis for seventh all-time and 60 to pass LaDainian Tomlinson for sixth.

"PURPLE ON PURPLE" PERFORMANCES: PETERSON PARTICIPATED IN THREE OF THE FIVE PREVIOUS GAMES IN WHICH MINNESOTA HAS WORN PURPLE JERSEYS AND PANTS. HE TOTALED 219 YARDS AND FOUR TOUCHDOWNS ON 48 CARRIES IN THOSE CONTESTS, HIGHLIGHTED BY THE ONLY TWO SCORES IN THE SECOND HALF OF A 20-13 WIN OVER CHICAGO ON DEC. 17, 2007.

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Peterson has rushed for 100 or more yards 55 times in his career, including 49 of his 123 games with Minnesota. He eclipsed 200 yards six times while wearing the Purple, including an NFL-record 296 yards against the Chargers on Nov. 4, 2007.



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VIK	INGS ROSTER	
2	Britton Colquitt	Р
4	Sean Mannion	QВ
5	Dan Bailey	K
8	Kirk Cousins	QВ
11	Laquon Treadwell	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
30	C.J. Ham	FB
31	Ameer Abdullah	RB
33	Dalvin Cook	RB
35	Marcus Sherels	СВ
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		LB
55	Anthony Barr	LB
56	Garrett Bradbury	C
58	Austin Cutting	LS
59	Cameron Smith	LB
61	Brett Jones	C
64	Josh Kline	G
65	Pat Elflein	G
69		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
00	5	DE



RUNNING BACK Dalvin Cook



QUARTERBACK



Kirk Cousins





WIDE RECEIVER



TIGHT END



RIGHT TACKLE



RIGHT GUARD



CENTER



LEFT GUARD



LEFT TACKLE WIDE RECEIVER

REDSKINS DEFENSE



VIKINGS OFFENSE



Ouinton Dunbar



Jonathan Allen



DEFENSIVE TACKLE



Matt Ioannidis



losh Norman



LINEBACKER









SAFETY Montae Nicholson



Landon Collins VIKINGS SPECIAL TEAMS

SAFETY



KICKER





LONG SNAPPER





LINEBACKER

PUNT RETURNER KICK RETURNER

VIKINGS

ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE					
WR	Diggs	B. Johnson			LDE
LT	Reiff	Hill			NT
LG	Elflein	Dozier			DT
C	Bradbury	Jones			RDE
RG	Kline	Samia			WLE
RT	O'Neill	Hill			MLE
TE	Rudolph	I. Smith Jr.	Conklin		SLB
WR	Thielen	Treadwell			LCB
QВ	Cousins	Mannion			RCB
FB	Ham				SS
НВ	Cook	Mattison	Abdullah		FS

	DEF	DEFENSE				
LDE	Hunter	Weatherly				
NT	Joseph	J. Johnson	Watts			
DT	Stephen	Holmes	Mata'afa			
RDE	Griffen	Odenigbo				
WLB	Gedeon	Wilson				
MLB	Kendricks	Brothers				
SLB	Barr	C. Smith				
LCB	Waynes	Hughes	Boyd			
RCB	Rhodes	Alexander	Sherels			
SS	H. Smith	Epps				
FS	Harris	Kearse				

DE

99 Danielle Hunter



Ben Gedeon



SAFETY Anthony Harris



Eric Kendricks





Anthony Barr

REDSKINS OFFENSE



CORNERBACK



DEFENSIVE END



NOSE TACKLE



DEFENSIVE TACKLE



DEFENSIVE END



VIKINGS DEFENSE



Terry McLaurin

WIDE RECEIVER



LEFT TACKLE LEFT GUARD Donald Penn Ereck Flowers Sr.





CENTER RIGHT GUARD RIGHT TACKLE
Chase Roullier Brandon Scherff Morgan Moses





TIGHT END Vernon Davis



OUARTERBACK



RUNNING BACK Adrian Peterson





WIDE RECEIVER WIDE RECEIVER

REDSKINS SPECIAL TEAMS



KICKER



PUNTER



LONG SNAPPER



PUNT RETURNER KICK RETURNER



ROSTER AND DEPTH CHART

	OFF	ENSE			DE	ENSE	
WR	McLaurin	Harmon	Sims	DT	Allen	Settle	
LT	Penn	Christian Sr.		DT	Payne	Settle	
LG	Flowers Sr.	Martin		DT	Ioannidis	Hester	
C	Roullier	Bergstrom	Pierschbacher	SLB	Sweat	Anderson	
RG	Scherff	Martin		MLB	Holcomb	Harvey-Clemens	Vallejo
RT	Moses	Christian Sr.		MLB	Bostic	Hamilton	
TE	Davis	Sprinkle	Cunningham	WLB	Kerrigan	Spence	
WR	Quinn	Sims Jr.		СВ	Dunbar	Moreau	Moreland
WR	Richardson Jr.			СВ	Norman	Colvin	Thomas
QВ	Keenum	Haskins, Jr.	МсСоу	SS	Collins	Everett	Reaves
RB	Peterson	Thompson	Smallwood	FS	Nicholson	Apke	

REDSKINS ROSTER

3	Dustin Hopkins	K	
5	Tress Way	Р	
7	Dwayne Haskins Jr.	QВ	
8	Case Keenum	QВ	
10	Paul Richardson Jr.	WR	
12	Colt McCoy	QВ	
13	Kelvin Harmon	WR	
15	Steven Sims Jr.	WR	
17	Terry McLaurin	WR	
18	Trey Quinn	WR	
20	Landon Collins	S	
22	Deshazor Everett	S	
23	Quinton Dunbar	СВ	
24	Josh Norman	СВ	
25	Chris Thompson	RB	
26	Adrian Peterson	RB	
30	Troy Apke	S	
31	Fabian Moreau	СВ	
32	Jimmy Moreland	СВ	
34	Wendell Smallwood	RB	
35	Montae Nicholson	S	
38	Simeon Thomas	СВ	
39	Jeremy Reaves	S	
40	Josh Harvey-Clemons	LB	
47	Aaron Colvin	СВ	
50	Tanner Vallejo	LB	
50 51	Shaun Dion Hamilton	LB	
52	Ryan Anderson	LB	
52 53	Jon Bostic	LB	
53 54		LB	
54 55	Noah Spence	LB	
	Cole Holcomb	LS	
57	Nick Sundberg		
64	Ross Pierschbacher	C	
66	Tony Bergstrom	OL C	
67	Wes Martin	G	
72	Donald Penn	T	
73	Chase Roullier	C -	
74	Geron Christian Sr.	T	
75 	Brandon Scherff	G 	
76	Morgan Moses	T	
77	Ereck Flowers Sr.	Т	
83	Jerome Cunningham	TE	
85	Vernon Davis	TE	
87	Jeremy Sprinkle	TE	
88	Hale Hentges	TE	
89	Cam Sims	WR	
90	Montez Sweat	LB	
91	Ryan Kerrigan	LB	
93	Jonathan Allen	DL	
94	Daron Payne	DL	
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97	Tim Settle	DL	
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TODAY'S ITEM OF THE GAME

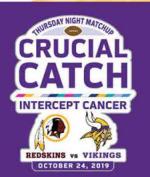
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THE VIKINGS WILL INDUCT THE 25TH PERSON INTO THE TEAM'S RING OF HONOR TONIGHT.

Steve Jordan will also be the first of his kind

Jordan, who played all 13 of his NFL seasons in Purple, will be the first tight end to have his name overlook the field from U.S. Bank Stadium's upper level.

Minnesota's current veteran tight end, Kyle Rudolph, couldn't be happier.

"He's the first tight end in this franchise's history to go into the Ring of Honor," Rudolph said. "Not to necessarily say it's overdue, but it's very well-deserved. If anyone is the first tight end in the Ring of Honor, it should be Steve.

"I've seen a few clips from his playing days, and I always try to make sure I catch up and say hi to him and talk to him when he's in town. Obviously, he was a great player, but he was an extremely successful businessman post-football," Rudolph added. "Just picking his brain ... I've enjoyed talking to him and getting to know him. I'm very happy for him."

Jordan ranks third in team history with

498 career receptions, and is sixth in yards with 6,307. He is also tied for eighth (with Stefon Diggs) all-time with 28 touchdown catches.

Jordan's 176 regular-season games played rank 14th in team history, and his 149 career starts rank fourth. From 1986-91, Jordan led all tight ends in the NFL with 287 receptions and 3,885 receiving yards. He was third among tight ends with 21 touchdowns in that span.

Rudolph has surpassed Jordan in touchdowns with 42. And Rudolph hit the 400-catch mark for his career in Sunday's win over the Lions.

"It just means I've been here a long time," Rudolph said with a laugh. "That's really about it. Hopefully I can catch far more balls than just 400 and keep playing for a long time."

Rudolph is now in his 10th season in Purple. He has 14 catches for 130 yards entering Week 8.

"The years have flown by. To think I've been here for almost a decade is kind of wild," Rudolph said. "I still feel like [my rookie season of] 2011 was yesterday.

"It goes really fast, and you lose sight of that, especially throughout the course

of the year," Rudolph added. "Weeks just seem to fly by ... all of a sudden we're halfway done with the year [after Week 8]."

We caught up with Rudolph to talk about his thoughts on #PrimetimePurple uniforms that are giving the Vikings a purple-on-purple look for the sixth time in team history and first since 2016. We also asked about the addition of a son to his family and being a "sports fan at heart."





1. The Vikings are wearing #PrimetimePurple uniforms tonight. Are you a fan of them, and do the players get any extra juice wearing the threads?

A. "I think there is an added excitement anytime you mix something up like that. I'm definitely a fan of the all-purple."

You're one of the bigger guys on the team, so you can pull off the look, right?

• "I think we look good. #PrimetimePurple is definitely a better look for the bigger guys than all-white. But I think we look good in them."

You have twin daughters and added a son,
Henry, in July. Is it nice to have another guy in
the Rudolph house?

• "It's fun. He's a little man, for sure, and we're extremely fortunate and blessed he's happy and healthy. His sisters just adore him, and you can tell he's the little prince of the house. He's super laid-back and relaxed."

1. Did it change a lot going from two kids to three?

A. "A little bit. We had to go from manto-man, 2-on-2, to a little bit of zone coverage." 1. You went to the Masters for the first time in April. Was that an incredible experience?

• "It was unbelievable. And we arguably got to see one of the best Masters ever. To see Tiger [Woods] come back after not winning a major in 10 years ... I was only 16 when he almost made a hole-in-one and tap-in for birdie and a two-shot lead. Those are things, as a sports fan, that you'll never forget."

What's your personal favorite golf memory?
 Do you have a hole-in-one?

A. "No hole-in-one. I probably have to say being at the Masters."

1. You were named MVP of the Celebrity Crunch Classic when the Final Four was in town and were coached by Hall of Famer Charles Barkley. What's his personality like?

• "It was a ton of fun. Everybody played equal time until the fourth quarter, but then you could tell Charles wanted to win. He put our five-best players out there, and we stayed in. It was a ton of fun for me to be back out on the basketball court."

Did you ask Barkley for any golf tips?

A: "No. [laughs]."

How much do you enjoy taking in sporting events such as the Masters or the Final Four as a fan?

A: "I was a sports fan far before I was a professional athlete, and that sports fan inside of me will never leave. Being able to go to the Final Four or the Masters ... or even around town, going to the Timberwolves, Wild, Twins games ... it's something I really enjoy. I have season tickets to the Timberwolves because I like going. Sporting events are something that, no matter what level or how long I play football, I'll always be a fan of sports."

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Electricity crackles from the photographs.

Image after image captures the energy and enthusiasm Everson Griffen brings to the field on every snap.

In one photo, he flexes biceps - 100% REAL inked across the insides - that have helped him net 70.5 career sacks (seventh in Vikings history).

A click of the shutter freezes his mouth mid-scream, freeze-framing the intensity that ripples through each hype speech that he delivers pregame. A blur of gold against an all-purple backdrop in the next frame illustrates the side-to-side slide of the "Sack Daddy" dance he often performs after taking down a quarterback.

In another, he pounds a fist against the 97 that adorns his chest.

Next, the camera zooms in on his game-day stare, a white ring light reflecting in pupils that zero-in on offensive linemen and signal callers alike. Even his eye-black is purple, a smear from cheek to cheek.

Griffen is proud to don the Minnesota Vikings colors.

Tonight, the team will run through the tunnel of U.S. Bank Stadium in purple jerseys paired with purple pants. It is the team's

sixth time in the unique combo and Griffen's fourth.

"I think guys like having the extra swag, I would say, or the extra style," Griffen said. "I think Minnesota Vikings, we're known just for our tradition – we don't really do too much throwback, we just wear our basic uniforms – but when we get to dabble in a little bit of [Primetime Purple], it's special. We love it.

"When you get the opportunity to wear purple-on-purple and go out there and represent the Vikings, it's awesome," he added. "It's another opportunity to support the team, the organization and just the enjoy the moment. You have to enjoy these moments, because they're not going to last long. Football ends for everybody."

Griffen knows that every NFL player's career has an expiration date.

But he's smack-dab in the middle of a pretty good run. After spending five weeks away from the team last season for personal reasons, he's back to full form – and isn't planning on slowing down anytime soon.

Seven games into his 10th season, Griffen is the longest-tenured player in the Vikings locker room.







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with some really impressive skill."

Fast forward to 2019, and Stefanski doesn't hesitate to consult the 31-year-old "wily vet" who's become an expert in Head Coach Mike Zimmer's defense.

"He's got great input. He's been doing it for a while, so he's pretty much seen it all," Stefanski said. "I really think he's a great resource for our offensive guys."

Tonight will mark Griffen's 139th regular-season game in purple and 80th start.

Before kickoff, it's not uncommon to see the defensive end delivering a passionate pump-up speech from the heart of the huddle.

"I don't know how he does it. I watch him during pregame, and I just wonder to myself, 'How is this guy not exhausted by kickoff?' "Stefanski laughed. "He has a reserve of energy that God blessed him with, which is so impressive, and his teammates feed off of his energy. He's always brought that to every game, and I think it's a great thing for his teammates to see that he's there on game day, ready to roll, and I think it just allows them to up their game."

But it's just as likely that in advance of firing up the team, he takes a moment as a father on the sideline. He kisses his wife, Tiffany, and sons — Greyson, Ellis and Sebastian — to let them know how much they inspire him.

"The number one thing I can do is go out there every day and grind for them and try to help this team win," explained Griffen. "We want to bring a Super Bowl here to Minnesota, and that's our number one goal each and every time we hit the green. When I get to see my family, that's who I do it for.

"That's why I do it," he added. "I do it for my legacy. My kids, my family."

Griffen is proud to have contributed significantly to the legacy of the Vikings.

The team hosted its annual Legends Weekend during Week 3, and more than 100 alumni watched the current team defeat

Oakland at U.S. Bank Stadium. Among the notable names in attendance was Hall of Fame guard Randall McDaniel, who shares Griffen's hometown of Avondale, Arizona, and has stayed connected to Griffen throughout his career.

"The Legends, they laid the foundation for us to be able to play this game. They sacrificed a lot," Griffen said. "Back then, they had harder training camps, all of the injuries and things they suffered, they laid the foundation for us to be able to play this game, have the rules and be able to get paid like we do.

"It's always respect," Griffen continued. "I think a lot of guys are excited to see me back to form, and I think [Randall is] just proud of me, the way that I handled it and the things I'm doing to keep it there."

Looking back over a decade with Griffen in the Vikings locker room, Stefanski emphasized that he's "made himself invaluable" to the franchise and has earned every accolade he's received, including serving as a team captain since 2015.

"It's an honor he absolutely deserves. He's just grown as a man. I'm so impressed by the guy, I'm so glad he's on our team, and I think he represents what Coach Zim' wants this football team to look like," Stefanski said. "He provides such a great arsenal of pass rush on the field, but then off the field what he provides in the leadership role is so impressive.

"I think it's a special thing for someone to be able to put his roots down here, have his family here," Stefanski added. "And he truly has represented the purple and gold in a very impressive way."

Purple pants and purple jerseys. It's a uniform. But it means so much more to Griffen, who hopes to play out the rest of his career in the color he's represented for 10 years.

"It's just special. I'm happy. My family loves [Minnesota], my kids love being in school here, and I just love this organization with all of my heart," Griffen said. "As long as I just keep on doing what I'm doing, I think I can be in Purple for as long as I want to be in Purple."

PURPLE

TONIGHT'S #PRIMETIMEPURPLE GAME

is the sixth time for the Vikings to wear purple jerseys and purple pants in a game, although the first time – Oct. 11, 1964 – wasn't intentional.

The squad has traditionally featured purple jerseys in home games and worn white jerseys on the road. Occasionally, the Vikings wear purple jerseys in road games, particularly early in the season when the home team opts for a white jersey to counteract high temperatures and most recently in Week 4 when Chicago wore white throwback jerseys in homage to the Bears 1936 season.

In 1964, however, the Vikings elected to wear white jerseys and purple pants for some home games. A miscommunication created a problem when the Lions and Vikings both arrived at Metropolitan Stadium wearing white jerseys.

The Vikings truck driver drove to Midway Stadium in St. Paul, where

the Vikings practiced, to fetch their purple jerseys, but he didn't make it back to Bloomington before kickoff. The Vikings changed into purple jerseys during the second quarter right on the sideline, a story retold in the Vikings Museum.

The Vikings didn't wear purple on purple again until Dec. 17, 2007.

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Deuce nearly knocks me over, his entire back-half wiggling in excitement. He's instructed to settle down by his owner, Harrison Smith, but his tail continues to wag.

Smith laughs and moves to sit on the couch – which has been puppy-proofed with a cream-colored sheet – and is followed by Deuce. The chocolate Lab leaps up, crawls across Smith's lap, circles and crawls back before jumping down.

"He's rambunctious," Smith says with a laugh. "He's definitely a rambunctious dog. But he's fun-loving."

Deuce regularly initiates games of fetch with a worn-out tennis ball or well-chewed plush football, and he always opts for affection over aggression.

But when it comes to food – or "F-O-O-D," as Smith spells it out to avoid triggering the dog's excitement, Deuce often finds ways to get into trouble.

DEUCE

BREED:

CHOCOLATE LAB

FAVORITE HOBBY:ENJOYS THE WATER

CHOCOHOLIC:

ATE AN ENTIRE BAG
OF WRAPPED ROLOS

DEUCE SCORE:

BIG FAN OF TENNIS BALLS

"He'll steal food out of your hand. And as he's reaching for it, he'll be like" — Smith squints and turns his head away in imitation — "kind of ducking away because he knows he's not supposed to do it. But he doesn't really run away . . . because he likes people.

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he thinks he's a lap dog, so he's very physical and wants human contact. He wants to sleep in the bed, get on top of you."

- HARRISON SMITH



The safety jokes that Deuce "does something naughty every day," and it's often related to a snack.

"He'll steal food out of your hand. And as he's reaching for it, he'll be like" – Smith squints and turns his head away in imitation – "kind of ducking away because he knows he's not supposed to do it. But he doesn't really run away ... because he likes people."

Smith once purchased bags of Halloween candy to hand out to neighbor kids, but Deuce sniffed out the treats first.

"He got ahold of a whole Halloween-sized bag of Rolos and ate every single one of them, fully wrapped in the tinfoil," Smith recalls. "We took him to the [emergency vet] and they said he was fine; apparently milk chocolate is not quite as bad [for dogs] as dark chocolate.

"He would do it again if they were sitting out, though," Smith adds. "He's not going to turn that down."

Deuce's Halloween antics tell the story: when the owners are away, the dogs will play.

Smith's front yard is equipped with an electric fence, but he rarely puts the collar on Deuce, who knows how to stay within the boundaries.

After all, Smith reminds, "he knows right

from wrong."

"But every now and then he'll just choose to do the wrong because he wants the food

or, I caught him one day swimming in the pond across the street just because it was hot out," Smith laughs. "But he knows what he's supposed to do."

Although the canine criminal may occasionally incite aggravation, the bond between him and

his owner runs deep.

Smith got Deuce in 2016 at just a couple of months old.

"He was pretty cute," Smith says, pulling out his phone and showing us a photo of a small, timid-looking puppy. "This was his first walk in Minneapolis, in the North Loop. We were in the dog park, and he was nervous because of all the other dogs ... now he's not nervous."

There are more photos on Smith's phone, lots of them. Snapshots of Halloween that don't involve candy capers but rather the yearly costumes that he's managed to get Deuce to don. A snake one year, a pumpkin another. One time, Smith dressed him like a Dalmatian. Oh, and there's also a Christmas sweater.

But outside of holidays, Smith doesn't push the festive get-ups.

"He's not a big clothes guy. Not a big collar guy, either," he says.

Over the past three years, Deuce has grown into a muscular, high-motor sidekick for the Vikings All-Pro/Pro Bowl safety.

Having grown up with a golden retriever (and a bunny) as a youngster in Knoxville, Tennessee, Smith identified as a "dog person" early on. When his mom got a Lab named Baron, Smith fell in love with the breed and its affinity for retrieving, playing in the water and socializing.

And while Smith's dog does fit the Lab mold, a couple of things make him uniquely Deuce.

"His noises. He likes to talk, kinda. He lets you know when he wants something," Smith explains. "For a big dog, he thinks he's a lap

dog, so he's very physical and wants human contact. He wants to sleep in the bed, get on top of you."

Deuce's good-natured personality meshes with other dogs, and he often has playdates with Vikings pup-mates Basil (Eric Kendricks) and Macy (Ifeadi Odenigbo).

The Lab has plenty of size on Basil, a French bulldog, but Smith laughed that she bosses Deuce around.

"He just kind of goes with it," Smith says. "He's easygoing."

And if he's not running around the backyard or going for a swim in the pool with Macy, Deuce also loves anything that moves. Like lots of 3-year-old boys, he has an affinity for planes, trains and automobiles.

Or, at least two out of three.

Deuce is quick to jump in the car with Smith to go for a ride, and it doesn't stop there. He doesn't hesitate to co-pilot when Smith takes his takes his plane, a Beechcraft Bonanza, up for a spin. He even has special headgear to protect his ears from the roar of the motor.

"He just gets in the back and goes to sleep. It's just like getting in a car," says Smith, who has flown from Knoxville back to Minneapolis with Deuce.

As Smith finishes up the interview, he gestures at the couch, pretends for just a moment to be annoyed and then chuckles at Deuce, leaning forward to show him some affection.

"Look at all this hair," Smith laughs. "Like, this was clean when I sat down."

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JORDAN REACHES REACHES

BY CRAIG PETERS

Steve Jordan made
it a point to be
prepared before he
arrived in Minnesota
as a seventh-round
selection in the 1982
NFL Draft out of
Brown University.
He focused
on readying his
physical and
mental capabilities
before his first camp,
enacting lessons from
his father on being "truly

prepared," which he said, "doesn't mean show up the day before the test." The tight end learned what he could about his

prospective employer long before the ease of a Google search, a scroll through social media or even before the rampant spread of 24-hour sports networks. He culled important information, like the fact that Bud Grant didn't retain many rookies and had no tolerance for mental mistakes.

"I knew there were a lot of things I could control and a lot that I couldn't control," Jordan said. "It was about really trying to understand the Vikings, what their team was about, the legacy that they had and what they meant to this community, and that happened pretty quickly once I got here."

Jordan's disciplined focus, which he applied over the

course of his prolific professional career, and talent enabled him to add his name to the Vikings legacy.

Already confirmed by his on-field production, leadership in the locker room, off-field impact in the community, class and professionalism, Jordan's place in franchise lore will be further cemented when he is officially inducted to the Vikings Ring of Honor during a halftime ceremony of tonight's game between Washington and Minnesota.

Fittingly, Jordan's single-game high for receiving yardage (179 on six receptions) occurred at Washington on Nov. 2, 1986, when Tommy Kramer set a franchise record of 490 yards through the air.

"That was a big game for us. You had to go through Washington at that time," Jordan said. "I just remember I knew that I was going to have some opportunities in that game. It was one of the first times I was going back to the East Coast. I had a lot of my old teammates and classmates that showed up at that game, but I was really focused on trying to be part of the team and help out where I could.

"Then it all clicked," he added. "Tommy was hot, and I was able to get open, and we were converting."

Jordan remembers running a simple out

route that was jumped – unsuccessfully – by a DB, securing the catch and winning a footrace to the end zone for a 68-yard touchdown despite hot pursuit by speedster and future Hall of Famer Darrell Green.

Unfortunately for Minnesota, Washington went on to score the game's final 18 points, including a 38-yard touchdown in overtime.

The secret was out on Jordan, who earned his first of six consecutive trips to the Pro Bowl after that season. He credited his breakout to a "culmination of things."

"Some of it is you're not quite known yet. A lot of people aren't really understanding you and taking you seriously, so you kind of come in a little under the radar," Jordan explained. "Some people probably should have known and scouted a little better. It was also at that time that my rapport with our quarterbacks was really good, whether it was Tommy or Wade [Wilson].

"[Head Coach] Jerry [Burns] had a better chance to understand my skill set as well, so I think a lot of that came into play, and then God gave me some talent and ability to convert that into some success," he added. "It all came together at the right time."

"Some success" is an understatement but indicative of Jordan's modesty.

Jordan ranks third in team history with 498 career receptions, a total that overshadows most tight ends of his era. He trails only Hall of Fame receivers Cris Carter (1,004) and Randy Moss (587) in franchise history. Carter (2003) and Moss (2017) are also in the Vikings Ring of Honor.

His 6,307 receiving yards rank sixth, and his 28 touchdowns through the air are tied with Stefon Diggs for eighth-most in franchise history.

Jordan suited up for 176 regular-season games (14th in team history), and his 149 career starts rank fourth among offensive skill players behind Carter (188), Jim Kleinsasser (181) and Bill Brown (180).

He played for four of the Vikings nine head coaches (Grant, Les Steckel, Burns and Dennis Green). Grant (1998), Burns (2005) and Green (2018) are also in the Vikings Ring of Honor.

Throughout his career, Jordan participated in events in the community as the Arizona native became more and more ingrained in Minnesota.

"It's critically important, in my opinion, to give back, and it's not just about giving back to feel good about it," Jordan said. "You can do some things that are impactful. It's not impactful to check a box. What's the right thing for you to do where you can make an impact? It's really important.

"Truth be told, when I've given back, I feel like I gained more out of that situation when we'd go to hospitals and visit kids or adults or when it was fundraising, whatever the case may have been, some of the youth mentorship programs. All of these things, when I walked away, I felt like I got the better side of that."

Vikings Owner/President Mark Wilf said Jordan's impact on the Vikings has "carried on past his career on the field."

"As great a player as Steve was, he's just as great an ambassador for the Vikings and the game of football," Wilf said. "He is a positive role model to young players about the value of education and using your platform as an NFL star for good."

Jordan has enjoyed a second career in the engineering field, as well as continuing to cheer for the Vikings and his son, New Orleans defensive end Cameron lordan.

As prepared and analytical as Steve is, he was caught off-guard this summer when former Vikings Chief Operating Officer Kevin Warren

announced his selection to the Vikings Ring of Honor during a team meeting. Jordan had been invited by Head Coach Mike Zimmer under the premise of addressing current players.

Jordan took a moment to collect his thoughts before explaining his optimistic outlook for the Vikings this season and relaying his "welcome-to-the-NFL moment."

"The first time I had to line up against Matt Blair, an All-Pro outside linebacker, blocking wasn't my forte," Jordan told the team.
"I was more of a receiving tight end coming out of college. I went to do a 1-on-1 drill, I was in a 3-point stance, and the next thing I know, I was looking up at the sky. Matt Blair ran right through me like a revolving door."

Over time, Jordan proved he

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1998

Quarterback Fran Tarkenton Defensive Tackle Alan Page General Manager Jim Finks Head Coach Bud Grant Safety Paul Krause Trainer Fred Zamberletti

1999

Defensive End Jim Marshall

2001

Tackle Ron Yary Tackle Korey Stringer Center Mick Tingelhoff

2002

Defensive End Carl Eller

2003

Receiver Cris Carter

2004

Running Back Bill Brown

2005

Head Coach/OC Jerry Burns

2006

Guard Randall McDaniel

2007

Running Back Chuck Foreman

2008

Defensive Tackle John Randle

2009

<u>Lineba</u>cker Scott Studwell

2011

Defensive End Chris Doleman

2012

Linebacker Matt Blair

2013

Safety Joey Browner

2017

Receiver Randy Moss Receiver Ahmad Rashad

2018

Head Coach Dennis Green

2019

Tight End Steve Jordan

belonged. Now he is joining Blair, as well as other teammates, players who preceded him and those who have followed in the Vikings Ring of Honor.

Jordan posted single-season bests of 68 receptions in 1985, along with 859 receiving yards and six touchdowns in 1986. He averaged 14.0 or more yards per reception in seven separate seasons and finished with a career average of 12.7 yards per reception.

From 1986-91, Jordan led all NFL tight ends with 287 receptions and 3,885 receiving yards. He was third among tight ends with 21 touchdowns in that span.

In Jordan's final nine seasons, he helped the Vikings win the NFC Central three times, reach the postseason six times and advance to the 1987 NFC Championship Game with upset wins over New Orleans and San Francisco.

"I have a lot of love for this team, this organization," Jordan said. "It was a game-changer for me and my family to come here and be able to play and meet the people I've met — the teammates, the coaches, the administration."

He said the accolade belongs to teammates – those who could be here, as well as those who have passed away – and fans.

It's been a quarter century since Jordan

last suited up in Purple, but people haven't forgotten his impact.

"Even at my ripe, young age now, I still have people come up to me, 'You had a great career.' A lot of times, they even say, 'I appreciate what you did in the community,' " Jordan said. "That's really heartwarming and lets you know some of the things you did made a

difference."

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LIVES AFTER FOOTBALL

Several players who suited up for the Minneapolis Marines (1921-24), the first Minnesota-based NFL team, had interesting and varied post-football careers.

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JOHN MADIGAN

MARCH 12, 1899 - JAN. 5, 1976

EDUCATION: Mankato High School; St. Mary's and St. Thomas, (Master's degree from Minnesota in 1935)

PLAYED: 1922 & 1924 Marines, 1923

Duluth Kelleys

AFTER FOOTBALL: John Madigan, who was from Madison Lake, taught and coached at Cretin-Derham Hall before becoming an associate professor of physics at St. Thomas in 1928. He was named professor of the year in 1967. Madigan was inducted to the St. Thomas Athletic Hall of Fame in 1980.

Photo courtesy of the University of St. Thomas Archives

HARRY MEHRE

SEPT. 18, 1901 - SEPT. 27, 1978

EDUCATION: Huntington High School;

Notre Dame

PLAYED: 1922-23 Marines **COACHED:** 1923 Marines

AFTER FOOTBALL: Harry James Mehre coached the line and basketball at St. Thomas in 1923 before becoming an assistant football coach at Georgia (1924-27). He was hired as the Bulldogs head coach in 1928 and went 59-34-6 in 10 seasons before his hire as head coach at Mississippi, where he was 39-26-1 in seven seasons.

Mehre's wit and wisdom earned its reputation. While coaching St. Thomas, the Marines and helping with a prep team in 1923, Mehre mused, "I may have been the first coach ever to have to explain three defeats in one week."

After coaching, Mehre wrote a column for the Atlanta Constitution for more than 20 years. Photo provided by University of Georgia

LOUIE MOHS

JAN. 18, 1896 - AUG. 13, 1967

EDUCATION: St. John's University Prep;

St. Thomas

PLAYED: 1922-24 Marines

AFTER FOOTBALL: Louis "Louie" Mohs worked in the newspaper industry and was President of the Northern States Circulation Managers Association in 1945. He had the distinction of giving legendary columnist Sid Hartman his start at the *Minneapolis Daily Times* (Sept. 11, 1945).

Mohs was general manager of the Lakers from 1960-67, leading the team as it transitioned from Minneapolis to Los Angeles.

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FRED PUTZIER

JUNE 11, 1899 - SEPT. 17, 1986

EDUCATION: Bird Island High School;

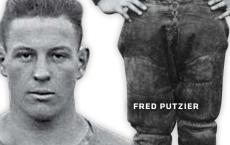
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PLAYED:1924 Marines

AFTER FOOTBALL: Frederick James Putzier owned Hotel Lane in Ellsworth, Wisconsin, from 1926-75. He was a member of the school board from 1933-44 and







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FAVORITE APPEARANCE?

My favorite appearance has been the Vikings Pet Adoption Event at the Animal Humane Society in Golden Valley. The appearance combined two of my favorite things, the Vikings and animals. I was so happy to have the opportunity to represent the Vikings in an effort to promote pet adoption.

FAVORITE GAME-DAY HIGHLIGHT?

My favorite game-day experience was the first time I performed on the sidelines for *Sunday Night Football*, against the Green Bay Packers. I can't imagine having a better first sideline experience. The crowd was roaring the entire game, and better yet, the Vikes came out with a win!

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Rick Spielman and the Vikings have inked another 10 players.

The Rochester Flyers – a Special Olympics Unified Flag Football Team that is sponsored by the Vikings – will compete in a game against a team supported by the Los Angeles Chargers on Dec. 16. The game will occur at Dignity Health Sports Park on the same turf where the Vikings and Chargers are scheduled to play that night.

Earlier this month, Spielman sat beside each Flyers player (nine young men and one young lady) and their two coaches as they signed contracts. Signees received hats and took photos with Spielman that are similar to the pictures that are snapped when players join or re-sign with the Vikings.

"I just want to tell you how excited we are ... to sponsor this event and give you guys the opportunity that you've earned," said Spielman, whose daughter Whitney is a Special Olympian.

Spielman noted the talent that he sees among pro and college football players through his work but said, "The thing that gives me the most satisfaction is watching you guys play because you guys are getting the same opportunity that everybody else gets."

"The one thing that you have to remember that's most important is how you represent yourself ... doing your best and great sportsmanship," he added.

Rookie center Garrett Bradbury and cornerback Mackensie Alexander then gave the Flyers a tour of the Vikings locker room, making sure to take a group photo in front of Rochester native Marcus Sherels' locker before guiding the group to a non-descript door.

When the door was opened, the Special Olympians discovered custom jerseys and other gear in lockers that had been personalized with the same type of nameplates that Vikings have above their lockers.

The team dressed out for its first of several scheduled practices in TCO Performance Center in the lead up to December's contest.

"I love ... having fun with the kids, showing them a different atmosphere, letting them know they're not limited at all and they can do anything they desire," said Alexander, who has participated in multiple events to support Special Olympics.

The players and coaches also participated in a studio photo shoot like the ones that spotlight incoming Vikings draft picks.

Special Olympics Senior Manager of Sport and Education Devin Kaasa said the Vikings support for Unified Flag Football, which is divided across 13 areas and has been growing since 2012, is appreciated.

"Unified sports has been one of our big pushes, and we've really seen it really take off, especially within the team sports," Kaasa said. "Unified sports bring people with and without disabilities together to compete."

Kaasa has been a unified partner in golf with his brother, Kellen, in alternate shot tournaments. He said Kellen particularly excels on the greens, sinking putts.

Kaasa said the number of surprises that the Vikings put together was incredible.

"It could have just been, 'We're coming out to practice, we're going to take some photos,' but seeing how much the Vikings are really elevating the experience is truly once in a lifetime," Kaasa said.



ROCHESTER

FLYERS

HEAD COACH TYLER RUNGE ASST. COACH COREY POPPE

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SEAN HEALY

PARKER LICHTENWALTER

CHAZ MORRIS

ALEX STEFFL

UNIFIED PARTNERS:

KAYLA EDWARDS

SAM HUNT

DAVID KOCHAN

DOUG UTECHT





QUARTET, VIKINGS TABLE VISIT SOUTHSIDE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

AMEER ABDULLAH couldn't help but laugh, even if a handful of kids had just gotten the best of him.

The Vikings running back was smack in the middle of the gym at the Southside Boys & Girls Club in Minneapolis, focused on a game that involved listening to one of three calls that determined whether participants should run one direction, go the other way or just plop down on the hardwood.

As he chatted with the young boy behind him in line, Abdullah was the last one to react and was subsequently eliminated from the game.

"It was fun to see those kids compete ... they really wanted to beat us," Abdullah said. "There were about 25 kids, and I got down to the final seven or eight, but I couldn't weather the storm. The commands were too much for me ... I went the wrong way and was out.

"I hadn't run around like that in the gym in a long time," Abdullah added with a smile. "It brought me back to a lot of good memories in elementary school where I learned how to become elusive."

The fun-filled game highlighted a visit to the Boys & Girls Club by Abdullah, linebacker Eric Kendricks, running back Dalvin Cook and defensive end Stephen Weatherly, all of whom spent more than 90 minutes hanging out with approximately 50 young people earlier this month.

Abdullah and Kendricks were paired with

kindergarten through third graders, helping them read and later playing games in the gym.

Weatherly spent time with fourth through eighth graders, lending a hand as the students answered question prompts or created their own comic books.

Cook was on hand with the Vikings Table food truck and helped provide a dinner of tacos and fruit.

A trio of Minneapolis police officers were also present to interact with the youth.

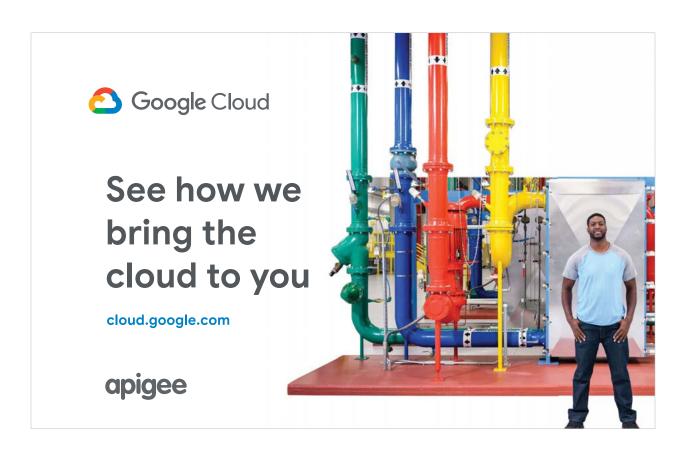
"I was helping one of the youngsters ... he didn't know how to draw a werewolf. And neither do I," patrol officer Robb Thunder said with a laugh. "But I helped him draw it, starting with a stick figure, and then we filled it in. We both seemed pretty happy with it. He used it, so that was a lot of fun doing the comic book part.

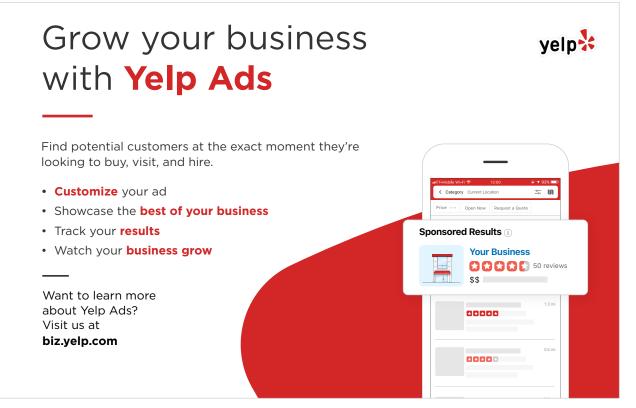
"I think it's great the Vikings did an event like this ... and included the Minneapolis Police Department," Thunder added. "I think it's a very classy move, and it was nice to accompany the Vikings and participate in a community event." Abdullah noted the importance of including the police officers on the visit.

"It's an opportunity to combine the community. You have the professional athletes but then also the police department," Abdullah said. "It rids a lot of stigmas that are crippling our society, I believe. It's always important to instill that in the youth because they are our future leaders."

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SPOTLIGHT ON

EUGENE OLSON

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RECENTLY PROMOTED TO LEAD
SUPERVISOR of the Mobility Services
Team at U.S. Bank Stadium, is in
charge of a team that provides
services to guests in wheelchairs
and makes ADA (Americans with
Disabilities Act) accommodations.

A loyal Vikings fan for as long as he can remember, Eugene has been a part of the Mobility Services Team for four years, enjoying the opportunity to show his outgoing personality while on the job.

"I love working at the stadium," Eugene said. "My favorite part about working on game day is welcoming and helping guests with wayfinding and allowing for the best experience possible."

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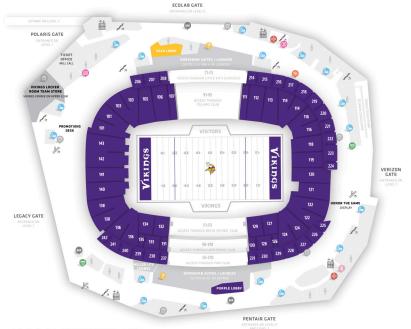
Whether it is helping with an ADA seating exchange or guiding a family to its seats, Eugene is there to provide assistance that is accompanied by a smile.

One of his favorite memories was when he helped two fans exchange their tickets for ADA tickets when one of the fans was unable to walk up the steps to their original seat location. The solution was simple, but it made a lasting impression.

Originally from Golden Valley, Eugene now lives in Northeast Minneapolis. The father of five likes to travel with his family when he is not working.

Eugene, thank you for always going the extra mile in order to ensure our guests are happy and in the right seats. You never fail to take on any issues, and you always resolve them with SKOL Service. Your hard work and dedication to our fans does not go unnoticed!

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