

2020

SEASON IN REVIEW



SEASON SUMMARY (7-9)

#### 2020 SCHEDULE

SUN	SEPT 13	GB	NOON	L, 43-34
SUN	SEPT 20	@ IND	NOON	L, 28-11
SUN	SEPT 27	TEN	NOON	L, 31-30
SUN	OCT 4	@ HOU	NOON	W, 31-23
SUN	OCT 11	@ SEA	7:20 PM	L, 27-26
SUN	OCT 18	ATL	NOON	L, 40-23
SUN	OCT 25	BYE		
SUN	NOV 1	@GB	NOON	W, 28-22
SUN	NOV 8	DET	NOON	W, 34-20
MON	NOV 16	@ CHI	7:15 PM	W, 19-13
SUN	NOV 22	DAL	3:25 PM	L, 31-28
SUN	NOV 29	CAR	NOON	W, 28-27
SUN	DEC 6	JAX	NOON W	, 27-24 OT
SUN	DEC 13	@ TB	NOON	L, 26-14
SUN	DEC 20	CHI	NOON	L, 33-27
FRI	DEC 25	@ NO	3:30 PM	L, 52-33
SUN	JAN 3	@ DET	NOON	W, 37-35

Home games bold

#### 2020 HONOR ROLL

#### MIKE BOONE

Week 4 - NFC Special Teams Player of the Week at Houston

#### **DALVIN COOK**

First Team All-Pro (PFWA, SN) First Team All-NFC (PFWA) Second Team All-Pro (PFF) Pro Bowl Participant (2nd)

November - NFC Offensive Player of the Month

Week 3 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week vs. Tennessee Week 8 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week at Green Bay Week 8 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week at Green Bay Week 9 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week vs. Detroit Week 9 - FedEx Ground Player of the Week vs. Detroit

#### KIRK COUSINS

Week 12 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week vs. Carolina Week 17 - NFC Offensive Player of the Week at Detroit

#### **CAMERON DANTZLER**

All-Rookie Team (PFWA)

#### **JUSTIN JEFFERSON**

Rookie of the Year (SN, PFF)
Offensive Rookie of the Year (PFF)
All-Rookie Team (PFWA)
Second Team All-Pro (AP, PFF)
Pro Bowl Participant (1st)
Week 6 - Pepsi Zero Sugar Rookie of the Week vs. Atlanta

season with a 7-9 record going

The Minnesota Vikings finished an unprecedented 2020 season with a 7-9 record, going 4-4 on the road. Of Minnesota's seven wins, four were against NFC North teams. Overall, the Vikings are 22-19-1 against NFC North opponents in seven season under Head Coach Mike Zimmer. In 2020, Minnesota's offense ranked fourth in yards per game with an average of 393.3, the team's best ranking since finishing fourth in 2004 (396.2).

Minnesota was represented in the virtual 2021 Pro Bowl by RB Dalvin Cook and rookie WR Justin Jefferson. Jefferson joined Randy Moss (1998) and Sammy White (1976) as the only Vikings rookie wide receivers to be named to the Pro Bowl in their first seasons. Jefferson also joined Moss and Amari Cooper (2015) as the only wide receivers in NFL history to be named to a Pro Bowl at the age of 21.

Jefferson capped his rookie season by being tabbed Second Team All-Pro by *The Associated Press*. The fifth receiver drafted in 2020, Jefferson broke the 17-year-old, Super Bowl-era rookie record for receiving yards (1,400) and set Vikings rookie records for receiving yards, receptions (88) and 100-yard games (7), passing the marks established by Hall of Famer Randy Moss during his 1998 Offensive Rookie of the Year campaign. Overall, Jefferson's 1,400 yards ranked third among wide receivers, and his 23 receptions that gained 20 or more yards tied for the most in the league. In 2020, Jefferson became just the second player in the Super Bowl era to record seven 100-yard receiving games as a rookie, joining Odell Beckham Jr. (2014). His 87.5 receiving yards per game also rank second-most by a rookie in the history of the league behind only Beckham Jr. (108.8).

Cook posted a career year in 2020, finishing second in the NFL in scrimmage yards with 1,918 yards and ranking tied for third in scrimmage touchdowns with 17, both of which are career highs. With 1,557 rushing yards, Cook was second in the NFL and tied for the second the league in rushing touchdowns (16). Cook's 17 total touchdowns tied him for third in a single season in team history.

WR Adam Thielen set a new career high with 14 receiving touchdowns in 2020, passing his previous best of nine in 2018. Thirteen of Thielen's 14 receiving touchdowns came in the red zone, the second-most in the NFL this season.

QB Kirk Cousins became the second player in team history to throw 35 or more touchdowns in a season and finished 2020 with a franchise record eight games of three-plus passing touchdowns, passing Daunte Culpepper's previous record of seven (2000). Cousins' 17 career games with 300-plus passing yards, three-plus touchdowns and 115.0 or better passer rating are the most in the first nine seasons of a quarterback's career in NFL history while his 67.0 completion percentage ranks third (minimum 1,500 attempts)

LBs Eric Wilson and Eric Kendricks tied for the league lead in interceptions among all LBs in 2020 with three each, a career high for both. S Harrison Smith made a team-high five interceptions in 2020, tied for the most in the NFC this season.

#### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS Ameer Abdullah Chad Beebe Blake Brandel Dan Chisena Aviante Collins Britton Colquitt Dakota Dozier Jalyn Holmes Danielle Hunter Bisi Johnson Sean Mannion Hercules Mata'afa	PRONUNCIATION uh-meer ab-dool-uh bee-bee bran-dell cha-SEN-a ah-vee-on COLE-kwit DOUGH-jher JAY-lyn duh-KNEEL BEE-see man-YIN MAH-Tah-AH-FAH
Josh Metellus Ifeadi Odenigbo Dru Samia Shamar Stephen Adam Thielen Olisaemeka Udoh Armon Watts D.J. Wonnum Eddie Yarbrough	muh-TELL-us if-ah-dee o-DEN-uh-bo sah-MEE-uh STEF-in THEE-lin OH-lee-suh-mee-kuh OO-doe R-mawn won-num YAR-bro

#### **COACHING STAFF**

Imariave Albury ih-MAR-zhjay ALL-bear-ee juh-NO-coe Andrew Janocko Daronte Jones duh-RON-tav Garv Kubiak koo-bee-ack Klint Kuhiak koo-bee-ack Marwan Maalouf mar-WAHN mah-LOOF Brian Pariani PEAR-ee-ah-nee Nick Rallis **RAWL-iss** Phil Rauscher **RAU-scher** Mark Uyeyama ooh-ee-YAH-muh

#### 2020 NEW FACES

FREE AGENTS/TRAD		AIVERS (8) School
		Oklahoma State
		Wisconsin
		Sacramento State
		Rutgers
Hale Hentges (PS)	TE	Alabama
Chris Jones (FA)	CB	Nebraska
		Fordham
Hardy Nickerson (FA)	LB	Illinois

### DRAFTED ROOKIES BY ROUND (10) Round) Player Pos

Round) Player	. Pos	School
1) Justin Jefferson		
1) Jeff Gladney		
3) Cameron Dantzler		
4) Troy Dye		
4) James Lynch		
4) D.J. Wonnum		
5) Hárrison Hand		
5) K.J. Osborn		
6) Josh Metellus	S	Michigan
7) Kyle Hinton		

UNDRAFTED ROO	OKIES (2)	
Player	Pos	School
Dan Chicana	\A/D	Donn Ctoto

Dan Chisena	WR	Penn State
Blake Lynch	LB	Baylor

#### ROSTER NOTES

Starters Returning 16 (9 offense, 7 defe	nse)
Starters Lost	6
(Diggs, Griffen, Joseph, Kline, Rhodes, Way	/nes)

Leading Returners	Player (Total)
Passing Yards	Kirk Cousins (3,603)
Rushing Yards	Dalvin Cook (1,135)
Rushing TDs	Dalvin Cook (13)
Receiving Yards	Dalvin Cook (519)
Receiving TDs	Rudolph/Thielen (6)
Tackles	Eric Kendricks (110)
Sacks	Danielle Hunter (14.5)
Interceptions	Anthony Harris (6)
Punt Return Yards	Mike Hughes (104)
Kick Return Yards	Ameer Abdullah (325)

#### **Oldest Viking Player**

Britton Colquitt (35, born 3/20/85)

#### **Youngest Viking Player**

Justin Jefferson (21, born 6/16/99)

#### Most Seasons as a Viking

Kvle Rudolph (10)

#### Most NFL Seasons

Britton Colquitt (11)

#### College with the most Vikings

Multiple colleges with two

#### Conference with the most Vikings

Big Ten (10 players on roster)

#### **Largest Vikings**

Brian O'Neill (Height: 6-7) Oli Udoh (Weight: 325 lbs)

#### **Smallest Vikings**

Ameer Abdullah (Height: 5-9) Chad Beebe (Weight: 183 lbs)

## **1st Round Draft Picks Pro Bowlers**Anthony Barr Anthony Barr Garrett Bradbury Dalvin Cook

Justin Jefferson Riley Reiff Harrison Smith

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Mike Hughes

C.J. Ham Danielle Hunter Justin Jefferson Eric Kendricks

Kirk Cousins

Kyle Rudolph Harrison Smith Adam Thielen

#### VIKINGS FREE AGENTS

UNRESTRICTED	
Player	Position
Ameer Abdullah	RB
Todd Davis	LB
Dakota Dozier	G
Anthony Harris	S
Rashod Hill	T
George Iloka	S
Jaleel Johnson	DT
Brett Jones	C
Sean Mannion	QB
Hardy Nickerson	LB
Eric Wilson	LB

RESTRICTED Player	Position
Chad Beebe	WR
Mike Boone	RB
Ifeadi Odenigbo	DE

#### **2021 IMPORTANT DATES**

#### **FEBRUARY 23**

First day for clubs to designate franchise or transition players.

#### MARCH 9

Deadline for clubs to designate franchise or transition players.

#### **MARCH 15-17**

For three days before free agency begins, clubs are permitted to contact and enter into contract negotiations with agents of players who will become unrestricted free agents.

#### MARCH 17 - 3 p.m. CT

The 2020 league year and free agency period begin at 3 p.m. CT.

All 2020 player contracts expire at this time, and clubs can begin signing new free agents. All reported trades and signings can't be announced by the teams until the new league year begins.

#### **APRIL 19**

Offseason workout programs begin.

#### **APRIL 23**

Last day for restricted free agents to sign offer sheets.

#### APRIL 29 - May 1

2021 NFL Draft - Cleveland, Ohio

#### 2021 DRAFT 1ST ROUND ORDER

No. Team	W	L	Т
1. Jacksonville Jaguars	1	15	0
2. New York Jets	2	14	0
3. Miami Dolphins (from HOU)	10	6	0
4. Atlanta Falcons	4	12	0
5. Cincinnati Bengals	4	11	1
6. Philadelphia Eagles	4	11	1
7. Detroit Lions	5	11	0
8. Carolina Panthers	5	11	0
9. Denver Broncos	5	11	0
10. Dallas Cowboys	6	10	0
11. New York Giants	6	10	0
12. San Francisco 49ers	6	10	0
13. Los Angeles Chargers	7	9	0
14. Minnesota Vikings	7	9	0
15. New England Patriots	7	9	0
16. Arizona Cardinals	8	8	0
17. Las Vegas Raiders	8	8	0
18. Miami Dolphins	10	6	0
19. Washington Football Team	7	9	0
20. Chicago Bears	8	8	0
21. Indianapolis Colts	11	5	0
22. Tennessee Titans	11	5	0
23. New York Jets (from SEA)	2	14	0
24. Pittsburgh Steelers	12	4	0
25. Jacksonville Jaguars (from LAR)	1	15	0
26. Cleveland Browns	11	5	0
27. Baltimore Ravens	11	5	0
28. New Orleans Saints	12	4	0
29. Green Bay Packers	13	3	0
30. Buffalo Bills	13	3	0
31. Kansas City Chiefs	14	2	0
32. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	11	5	0

#### NORSEMAN NOTEABLES

- In the red zone, Minnesota's third down defense allowed a conversion rate of 35.3%, the second-best mark in the NFL (Miami -35.0%).
- The Vikings defense only allowed opponents
   73 third down conversions in 2020, tied for the fourth-best mark in the NFL.
- Minnesota fielded one of the youngest teams in the league in 2020, with rookies taking 5,362 snaps on offense, defense and special teams combined according to Sportradar. The total trails only Jacksonville (6,201) and Miami (5,764).
- According to Sportradar, the Vikings special teams unit (punt/kickoff) had three fumble recoveries in 2020, tied for the most in the league. Rookie S *Josh Metellus* led the team with 12 special teams tackles and a teamhigh two fumbles recovered.
- Vikings WR Adam Thielen (397 career receptions) passed WR Sammy White for eighth all-time in team history and trails Ring of Honor member Ahmad Rashad (400 career receptions) by three receptions following a 2020 season that saw him tally 74 receptions for 925 yards and 14 touchdowns. Thielen ranks eighth on the Vikings all-time receiving yards list (5,240), and his 39 career receiving touchdowns stand at sixth in Vikings history.
- Thielen's 13 receiving touchdowns in the red zone in 2020, ranked second in the league and trailed only Randy Moss's 14 in 2007 for the most in a single season by a Viking since at least 1991 when red zone stats began to be tracked.

- S Harrison Smith has collected 28 career interceptions, including five in 2020 (tied for most in the NFC), the seventh-most in team history and tied for the third-most in the NFL since he entered the NFL in 2012. No safety has more interceptions, and only Richard Sherman (32) and Marcus Peters (31) have more interceptions than Smith in that same span.
- CB Jeff Gladney led all rookie defensive backs in the NFL in 2020 with seven tackles for loss while his 81 tackles ranked sixth in the league among all rookie defenders.
- CB Cameron Dantzler tied for fourth in the NFL among rookie defensive backs with three tackles for loss and his two interceptions tied for fifth. Dantzler was named to the PFWA's All-Rookie Team for his efforts in 2020.
- Dantzler and Gladney played a combined 1,550 defensive snaps, the most of any rookie defensive backs duo in the league in 2020. The pair combined for 127 tackles, 10 tackles for loss, seven passes defensed, two interceptions and two forced fumbles. Overall, they saw action on 1,666 snaps (defense/special teams).
- DE D.J. Wonnum was one of three rookie defensive linemen in the NFL to have recorded at least 3.0 sacks and forced a fumble in 2020.
   Overall, he played 467 defensive snaps for Minnesota, the eighth-most among rookie linemen.

NUMBERS

6.15

The Vikings offense ranked fifth in the NFL in yards per play with a 6.15 average in 2020. Overall, the average stands as the fourthhighest in team history and the most since the team record of 6.44 was set in 2004.

2,529

According to Sportradar, the Vikings totaled 2,529 defensive snaps played by rookies in 2020, the thirdmost in the NFL (Panthers 3,498; Jaguars 2,665) and 804 more than the next highest (1,725 in 2012) among any Vikings defense since snaps began to be tracked in 2004.

Interceptions

INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Seasons

#### **VIKINGS CAREER STANDINGS**

Games

100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

Player, Season

Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	49	Paul Krause, 1968-79	53
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	29	Bobby Bryant, 1968-80	51
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	17	Ed Sharockman, 1962-72	40
Dalvin Cook, 2017-Present	15	Joey Browner, 1983-91	37
		Nate Wright, 1971-80	31
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS		Carl Lee, 1983-93	29
Player, Seasons	Games	Harrison Smith, 2012-	28
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	97	CAREER SACKS BY V	IKINGS DBS
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	52	Player	Sacks
Bill Brown, 1962-74	52	Harrison Smith	13.5
Ted Brown, 1979-86	40	Joey Browner	9.5
Dalvin Cook, 2017-	33		
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	32	LINEBACKERS TACKL LOSS (SINCE 1999)	.ES FOR
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWN	N S	Player, Seasons	Tackles for Loss
Player, Seasons	Games	E.J. Henderson, 2003-11	67
Cris Carter, 1990-2001	110	Chad Greenway, 2006-16	62
Randy Moss, 1998-2004	92	Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present	38
Anthony Carter, 1985-93	52	Anthony Barr, 2014-Present	36
Sammy White, 1976-85	50	Ed McDaniel, 1992-2001	29
Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	48	Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Adam Thielen, 2014-	39	Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
		Eric Wilson, 2017-Present	18
RECEIVING YARDS		Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Player, Seasons	Yards	CAREER GAMES WITH	
Cris Carter, 1990-2001	12,383	THROWING AN INTER	RCEPTION
Randy Moss, 1998-2004 Anthony Carter, 1985-93	9,316 7,636	Player	Games
Jake Reed, 191-99, 2001	6.434	Fran Tarkenton	38
Sammy White, 1976-85	6,400	Daunte Culpepper	28
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	6,307	Kirk Cousins	24
Ahmad Rashad. 1976-82	5,489	Tommy Kramer	22
Adam Thielen, 2014-	5,240	TOUCHDOWN COMBO	s or/wr
Stefon Diggs, 2015-19	4,623	TOUCHDOWN COMBU	3 VB/WK
Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	4,488	Player, Season	TDs
RECEPTIONS		Daunte Culpepper/Randy Mos	
Diamen Communication	D	Kirk Cousins/Adam Thielen	29
Player, Seasons Cris Carter, 1990-2001	Receptions	Warren Moon/Cris Carter	26
Randy Moss, 1998-2004	1,004 587	3+ PASSING TD GAMI	ES IN A
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	498	CAREER	
Anthony Carter, 1985-93	478	Player	3+ TD Games
Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	453	Fran Tarkenton	24
Jake Reed, 191-99, 2001	413	Daunte Culpepper	20
Ahmad Rashad, 1976-82	400	Tommy Kramer	18
Adam Thielen, 2014-	397	Kirk Cousins, 2020	16

#### **VIKINGS SEASON RANKINGS**

# RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS Player, Season (^- Led NFL) Touchdowns Adrian Peterson, 2009^ 18 Dalvin Cook, 2020 16 Dalvin Cook, 2019 13

Dalvin Cook, 2020	16
Dalvin Cook, 2019	13
Chuck Foreman, 1975	13
Chuck Foreman, 1976	13
Terry Allen, 1992	13

#### VIKINGS 100+ RUSHING GAMES

Player, Season	100+ Games
Adrian Peterson, 2012	10
Adrian Peterson, 2008	10
Dalvin Cook, 2020	8
Robert Smith, 2000	8
Adrian Peterson, 2015	7

#### VIKINGS RUSHING YARDS

Player, Season	Yards
Adrian Peterson, 2012	2,097
Adrian Peterson, 2008	1,760
Dalvin Cook, 2020	1,557
Robert Smith, 2000	1,521
Adrian Peterson, 2015	1,485
Adrian Peterson, 2009	1,383

#### ROOKIE RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Season	Touchdowns
Randy Moss, 1998	17
Sammy White, 1976	10
Justin Jefferson, 2020	7
Percy Harvin, 2009	6

#### ROOKIE RECEIVING YARDS

Player, Season	Yards
Justin Jefferson, 2020	1,400
Randy Moss, 1998	1,313
Sammy White, 1976	906
Paul Flatley, 1963	867
Percy Harvin, 2009	790

#### ROOKIE RECEPTIONS

Player, Season	Receptions
Justin Jefferson, 2020	88
Randy Moss, 1998	69
Percy Harvin, 2009	60
Stefon Diggs, 2015	52

#### ROOKIE 100-YARD RECEIVING GAMES

Player, Season	Games
Justin Jefferson, 2020	7
Randy Moss, 1998	4
Sammy White, 1976	3
Hassan Iones, 1986	3

#### RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Season	TDs
Randy Moss, 2003	17
Randy Moss, 1998	17
Cris Carter, 1995	17
Randy Moss, 2000	15
Adam Thielen, 2020	14
Randy Moss, 2004	13
Cris Carter, 1999	13
Cris Carter, 1997	13
Cris Carter, 1998	12

#### GAMES WITH 3+ PASSING TDS

Player, Season	<u>Games</u>
Kirk Cousins, 2020	8
Daunte Culpepper, 2000	7
Brett Favre, 2009	6
Daunte Culpepper, 2005	6

#### CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 100+ PASSER RATING (MIN 20 ATT.)

Player, Season	Games
Kirk Cousins, 11/8/20-11/29/20	4
Kirk Cousins, 10/6/19-10/24/19	4
Case Keenum, 11/12/17-12/3/17	4
Daunte Culpepper, 9/26/04-10/24/04	4
Brett Favre, 11/1/09-11/29/09	4

## CONSECUTIVE 300-YD PASSING GAMES IN A SEASON

Player	Consecutive Games
Daunte Culpepper	4 (9/12-10/17/04)
Kirk Cousins	3 (11/22-12/6/20)
Kirk Cousins	3 (10/6-10/20/19)
Randall Cunningham	3 (11/26-12/13/98)
Warren Moon	3 (11/12-11/23/95)
Warren Moon	3 (11/6-11/20/94)
Tommy Kramer	3 (12/8-12/22/85)

#### VIKINGS SEASON RANKINGS

## VIKINGS SEASONS WITH 3,000-YARD PASSER, 1,000-YARD RUSHER, 1,000-YARD RECEIVERS

2020	Kirk Cousins 4,265; Dalvin Cook 1,557; Justin Jefferson 1,400
2019	Kirk Cousins 3,603; Dalvin Cook 1,135; Stefon Diggs 1,130
2002	Daunte Culpepper 3,853; Michael Bennett 1,296; Randy Moss 1,347
2000	Daunte Culpepper 3,937; Robert Smith 1,521; Randy Moss 1,437 & Cris Carter 1,274
1998	Randall Cunningham 3,704; Robert Smith 1,187; Randy Moss 1,313 & Cris Carter 1,011
1997	Brad Johnson 3,036; Robert Smith 1,266; Jake Reed 1,138 & Cris Carter 1,069
1994	Warren Moon 4,264; Terry Allen 1,031; Cris Carter 1,256 & Jake Reed 1,175
1981	Tommy Kramer 3,912; Ted Brown 1,063; Joe Senser 1,004 & Sammy White 1,001

#### VIKINGS LB INTERCEPTIONS

Player, Season	Interceptions
Rip Hawkins, 1961	5
Greg Biekert, 2002	4
Jack Del Rio, 1993	4
Jesse Solomon, 1988	4
Lonnie Warwick, 1969	4
Clancy Osborne, 1961	4
Eric Wilson, 2020	3
Eric Kendricks, 2020	3

#### **NFL RANKINGS**

#### 2020 TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Touchdowns
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	21
Davante Adams, Green Bay	18
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	17
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	17
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	17
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	14

#### 2020 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	17
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	16
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	16

#### 2020 RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

Player, Team	Touchdowns
Davante Adams, Green Bay	18
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	15
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	14
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	13

## ALL-TIME ROOKIE RECEIVING YARDS

Player, Team, Season	<b>Yards</b>
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)	1,473
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020	1,400
Anquan Boldin, Arizona, 2003	1,377
Randy Moss, Minnesota, 1998	1,313
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014	1,305
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	1,231
Michael Clayton, Tampa Bay, 2004	1,193
Michael Thomas, New Orleans, 2016	1,137
Terry Glenn, New Engalnd, 1996	1,132
Bill Brooks, Indianapolis, 1986	1,131
Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954	1,124
Mike Ditka, Chicago, 1961	1,076

### ALL-TIME ROOKIE 100-YARD GAMES

Player, Season	Games
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)	9
Justin Jefferson, 2020	7
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014	4 7
Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954	7
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	6

#### **NFL RANKINGS**

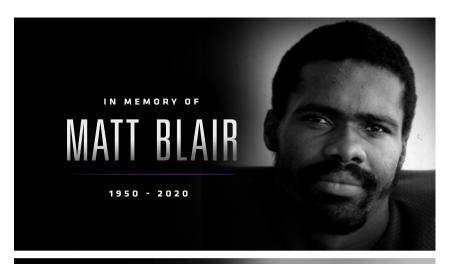
## ALL-TIME COMPLETION % (MIN 1,500 PASS ATTEMPTS)

## Player, TeamCompletion PercentageDeshaun Watson, Houston67.8Drew Brees, San Diego/New Orleans67.7Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota67.0

#### 2020 LINEBACKERS Interceptions

Player, Team	Interceptions
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	3
loe Schobert, Jacksonville	3
Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	3
Foyesade Oluokun, Atlanta	2
Christian Kirksey, Green Bay	2
Roquan Smith, Chicago Bears	2
B.J. Goodson, Cleveland	2
Fred Warner, San Francisco	2
Logan Wilson, Cincinnati	2
lason Pierre-Paul, Tampa Bay	2
Deion Iones, Atlanta	2

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#### **HEAD COACH MIKE ZIMMER**

NFL HEAD COACH: 7th Year REGULAR SEASON: 64-47-1 (.576)

**OVERALL NFL EXPERIENCE:** 27th Year **POSTSEASON:** 2-3-0 (.400)

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 42nd Year RECORD WITH MIN: 64-47-1 (.576)

			COACH	IING BACKGROUND	
Year.	Team	Position	W-L-T	Results	NFL Ranking Yds/Off Pts allowe
1979	Missouri	Asst. Coach	7-5	Hall of Fame Bowl (W)	
1980	Missouri	Asst. Coach	8-4	Liberty Bowl (L)	
1981	Weber State	Asst. Coach	7-4		
982	Weber State	Asst. Coach	4-7		
1983	Weber State	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1984	Weber State	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1985	Weber State	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1986	Weber State.	Def. Coord.	3-8		
1987	Weber State	Def. Coord.	10-3	FCS Playoffs – 2nd Round	
1988	Weber State	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1989	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	6-5		
1990	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	3-8		
199	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	4-7		
1992	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	9-3	Copper Bowl (L)	
1993	Washington St.	Def. Coord.	5-6		
1994	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, NFC Championship G	ame
1995	Dallas	DBs	12-4	NFC East Champs, Super Bowl XXX Cham	
1996	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Divisional	F
1997	Dallas	DBs	6-10		
1998	Dallas	DBs	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	
1999	Dallas	DBs	8-8	Wild Card	
2000	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11	vviid card	19/21
2001	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		4/19
2007	Dallas	Def. Coord.	5-11		18/12
2003	Dallas	Def. Coord.	10-6	NFC East Champs, Wild Card	1/4
2003	Dallas	Def. Coord.	6-10	W C East Champs, who care	16/27
2005	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7		10/11
2005	Dallas	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	13/21t
2007	Atlanta	Def. Coord.	4-12	wild Card	9/25t
2007	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-11-1		12/1
2009	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	4/8t
2010	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	4-12	Ai c North Champs, Wild Card	15/19
2010	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	9-7	Wild Card	7/9
2012	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	10-6	Wild Card	6/6
2012	Cincinnati	Def. Coord.	11-5		3/4
2013	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9	AFC North Champs, Wild Card	14 /13
2014	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9 11-5	NEC North Champs Mild Cand	
2015		Head Coach	8-8	NFC North Champs, Wild Card	13/9
	Minnesota			NEC North Charges NEC Character 11 12 C	3/5
2017	Minnesota	Head Coach	13-3	NFC North Champs, NFC Championship G	
2018	Minnesota	Head Coach	8-7-1	Pi i i i	4/4
2019	Minnesota	Head Coach	10-6	Divisional	14/8
2020	Minnesota	Head Coach	7-9		27/29

VIKINGS DEFENSIVE/TEAM RANKINGS SINCE 2014

#### ZIMMER'S BACKGROUND



ILLINOIS STATE
PLAYER - QB/LB (1974-76)



UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI ASSISTANT COACH (1979-80)



WEBER STATE
ASSISTANT COACH (1981-82)
DEE COORDINATOR (1983-88)



WASHINGTON ST.
DEF. COORDINATOR (1989-93)



DALLAS
DEFENSIVE BACKS(1994–99)
DEF. COORDINATOR (2000-06)



ATLANTA
DEF. COORDINATOR (2007)



CINCINNATI
DEF. COORDINATOR (2008-13)



MINNESOTA
HEAD COACH(2014–PRESENT)



#### ANDRE PATTERSON

#### **CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/DL**

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 38th Season
NFL EXPERIENCE: 17th Season
VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 9th Season



#### ADAM ZIMMER

#### **CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LB**

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 15th Season
NFL EXPERIENCE: 15th Season
VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 7th Season



#### **GARY KUBIAK**

#### **OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR**

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 29th Season
NFL EXPERIENCE: 36th Season
VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 2nd Season



#### MARWAN MAALOUF

#### SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 21st Season
NFL EXPERIENCE: 16th Season
VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 2nd Season

#### ASSISTANT COACHES

IMARJAYE ALBURY\*
ROY ANDERSON\*
DOM CAPERS\*
RICK DENNISON
RYAN FICKEN\*
ANDREW JANOCKO
CHRISTIAN JONES\*
DARONTE JONES
GARY KUBIAK\*
KLINT KUBIAK
BRIAN PARIANI
AC PATTERSON
ANDRE PATTERSON

**KENNEDY POLAMALU** 

**NICK RALLIS\*** 

**PHIL RAUSCHER\*** 

ADAM ZIMMER

Def. Quality Control/Assistant Defensive Line
Assistant Defensive Backs
Senior Defensive Assistant

Offensive Line Coach/ Run Game Coordinator Assistant Special Teams

Wide Receivers
Offensive Quality Control
Defensive Backs

Offensive Coordinator/Asst. Head Coach

Quarterbacks Tight Ends

Offensive Quality Control

Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line Running Backs

Defensive Quality Control/Assistant Linebackers

Assistant Offensive Line Co-Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers

<sup>\*</sup>In coaching booth during games

#### KIRK COUSINS NOTES



#### **OB KIRK COUSINS**

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-3/202 COLLEGE: Michigan State NFL SEASON: 9 VIKINGS SEASON: 3

Cousins finished eighth in the NFL with a 105.0 passer rating in 2020 while setting the Vikings record for highest career passer rating with a minimum of 1,500 attempts. Since joining the team in 2018, Cousins has completed 1,081 of 1,566 attempts en route to a 103.6 passer rating. The veteran quarterback became the second player in team history to throw 35 or more touchdowns in a season and set a franchise record with eight games of three-plus passing touchdowns in 2020. His 17 career games with 300-plus passing yards, three-plus touchdowns and 115.0 or better passer rating are the most in the first nine seasons of a quarterback's career in NFL history.

2020 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	
Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	48
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	40
Russell Wilson, Seattle	40
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	38
Josh Allen, Buffalo	38
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	35

2018-20 NFL PASSING TOUCHDOWNS	
Player, Team	Passing touchdowns
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	114
Russell Wilson, Seattle	106
Aaron Rodgers, Green Bay	99
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	93
Kirk Cousins, Minnesota	91
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	87
Deshaun Watson, Houston	85
Drew Brees, New Orleans	83

## NFL COMPLETIONS SINCE 2015 Player, Team Completions Matt Ryan, Atlanta 2,359 Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis 2,252 Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay 2,227 Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota 2,213

NFL PASSING YARDS SINCE 2015	
Player, Team	Yards
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	27,601
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	26,785
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	25,946
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	25,342
Drew Brees, New Orleans	24.325



NFL 300+ YARD GAMES SINCE 2015	
Player, Team	Games
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	39
Drew Brees, New Orleans	37
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	36
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	35
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	33

NFL 100+ PASSER RATING GAMES SINCE 2015			
Player, Team	Games		
Drew Brees, New Orleans	53		
Russell Wilson, Seattle	50		
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	48		
Tom Brady, New England/Tampa Bay	48		
Matt Ryan, Atlanta	45		
Philip Rivers, San Diego/LA Chargers/Indianapolis	44		

NFL COMPLETION PERCENTAGE (MINIMUM 1,500 AT Player, Team Completion Percentage (MINIMUM 1,500 AT Player)	
Deshaun Watson, Houston	67.8
Drew Brees, San Diego/New Orleans	67.7
Kirk Cousins, Washington/Minnesota	67.0
Teddy Bridgewater, Minnesota/New Orleans/Carolina	66.5
Chad Pennington, New York Jets/Miami	66.0
Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City	66.0
Dak Prescott, Dallas	66.0

VIKINGS PASSER RATING IN A SEASON		
Player, Year	Passer rating	
Daunte Culpepper, 2004	110.9	
Kirk Cousins, 2019	107.4	
Brett Favre, 2009	107.2	

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Drew Brees, New Orleans

Russell Wilson, Seattle

After the Vikings bye in Week 7, Kirk Cousins recorded a passer rating of 113.6, the third-best mark in the league during that span. His 24 passing touchdowns were second in the NFL in Weeks 8-17.

2.205

23,996

124.3

Cousins led the NFL in the month of November with a passer rating of 124.3 through five games and was the only NFC quarterback to lead his team to four wins in the month.

#### **KYLE RUDOLPH NOTES**



#### TE KYLE RUDOLPH

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-6/265 COLLEGE: Notre Dame NFL SEASON: 10 VIKINGS SEASON: 10

Rudolph completed his 10th season in 2020 as the longesttenured Viking on the offensive side of the ball and one of the top TEs in franchise history. The veteran is fifth on the Vikings all-time receptions lis. Rudolph started 93 consecutive games --the longest active streak among all TEs in the NFL and the 20th-longest consecutive starts streak by a Vikings player at any position -- before missing Week 14 and the rest of 2020.

### MOST GAMES WITH A SINGLE FRANCHISE AMONG ACTIVE TIGHT FNDS

Player, Team	Games Played
Jason Witten, Dallas	255
Marcedes Lewis, Jacksonville	170
Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota*	140
Greg Olsen, Carolina	126
Rob Gronkowski, New England	115
*Kyle Rudolph is the only player still with the	same franchise.

#### RECEIVING TDs FROM 2016-20 AMONG ALL NFL TES

RECEIVING TOS FROM 2010-20 AMONG ALL NEL TES	
Player, Team	TDs
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	38
Jimmy Graham, Seattle/Green Bay/Chicago	29
Zach Ertz, Philadelphia	27
Kyle Rudolph, Minnesota	26
Cameron Brate, Tampa Bay	26

#### **VIKINGS CAREER RECEPTIONS**

Player, Years	Receptions
Cris Carter, 1990-2001	1,004
Randy Moss, 1998-2004, 2010	587
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	498
Anthony Carter, 1985-93	478
Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	453
Jake Reed, 1991-2001	413
Ahmad Rashad, 1976-82	400

#### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING YARDS AMONG TES

Player, Years	Yards
Steve Jordan, 1982-94	6,307
Kyle Rudolph, 2011-	4,488

#### VIKINGS CAREER TO RECEPTIONS

Player	TDs
Cris Carter, WR	110
Randy Moss, WR	92
Anthony Carter, WR	52
Sammy White, WR	50
Kyle Rudolph, TE	48
Adam Thielen, WR	39



From his End Zone project and holiday-themed Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas parties at U of M Masonic Children's Hospital to football camps for kids and countless other charities, Kyle Rudolph has stood tall as the Vikings Community Man of the Year of three consecutive seasons (2017-19).

#### VIKINGS SINGLE-SEASON TD RECEPTIONS BY TES

VIKINGS SINGLE-SEASON TO RECEPTIONS DT TES		
Player	TDs	
Visanthe Shiancoe, 2009	11	
Kyle Rudolph, 2012	9	
Joe Senser, 1981	8	
Kyle Rudolph, 2017	8	
Kyle Rudolph, 2016	7	
Visanthe Shiancoe, 2008	7	
loe Senser, 1980	7	

#### **VIKINGS SEASON RECEPTIONS BY TES**

Player	Receptions
Kyle Rudolph, 2016	83
Joe Senser, 1981	79
Jermaine Wiggins, 2004	71
Jermaine Wiggins, 2005	69
Steve Jordan, 1985	68
Kyle Rudolph, 2018	64

#### VIKINGS SINGLE-GAME RECEPTIONS BY TES

VININGS SINGLE-GAME RECEPTIONS BY TES	
Player, Game	Rec
Kyle Rudolph, vs. Chicago, 1/1/17	11
Joe Senser, vs. Green Bay, 11/29/81	11
Joe Senser, vs. NY Jets, 12/26/82	10
Jim Kleinsasser, at St. Louis, 11/30/03	10
Jermaine Wiggins, at Chicago, 10/16/05	10
Kyle Rudolph, at Detroit, 12/23/18	9
Kyle Rudolph, at Detroit, 11/24/16	9
Kyle Rudolph, vs. Carolina, 10/13/13	9
Andrew Glover, vs. New Orleans, 11/8/98	9

#### VIKINGS SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING YARDS BY TES

Player, Game	Yards
Steve Jordan, at Washington, 11/2/86	179
Visanthe Shiancoe, vs. Atlanta, 12/21/08	136
Gordon Smith, at San Francisco, 11/26/61	123
Kyle Rudolph, at Detroit, 12/23/18	122
Kyle Rudolph, vs. Chicago, 1/1/17	117
Joe Senser, vs. NY Jets, 12/26/82	115
Steve Jordan, vs. Green Bay, 9/28/86	112
Kyle Rudolph, vs. Green Bay, 11/22/15	106

#### **DALVIN COOK NOTES**



#### RB DALVIN COOK

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5-10/210 COLLEGE: Florida State NFL SEASON: 4 VIKINGS SEASON: 4

Cook signed an extension with the Vikings the day before the Week 1 matchup with Green Bay and went on to post a career year in 2020, earning his second consecutive Pro Bowl selection. Cook became the third Viking in team history to rush for over 1,500 yards in a season and passed Robert Smith's 2000 season total (1,521) to move into third place in franchise history with 1,557 rushing yards. Cook's 108 points scored also tied Adrian Peterson's 2009 mark for the second-most points by a Vikings position player in team history (Chuck Foreman, 132 in 1975). In November, Cook led the NFL with 641 rushing yards on 127 attempts and an average of 128.2 rushing yards per game through five contests en route to being named NFC Offensive Player of the Month. In Week 15,

2019-20 NEI	DIISHING TOUCHDOWNS	

Player, Team	Rushing touchdowns
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	33
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	29
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	25
Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams/Atlanta	21
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	21

#### 2019-20 NFL RUSHING YARDS

Player, Team	Rushing yards
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	3,567
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	2,692
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	2,561
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	2,336
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas	2,215

#### 2019-20 NEL RUSHING VARDS PER GAME

Player, Team	Rushing yards/Game	
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	115.0	
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	96.1	
Nick Chubb, Cleveland	91.5	
Christian McCaffrey, Carolina	84.8	
Josh Jacobs, Oakland/Las Vegas Raider	rs 79.1	

#### 2019-20 NFL SCRIMMAGE YARDS

Player, Team	Scrimmage yards (rush, rec.)
Derrick Henry, Tennessee	3,887 (3,567, 320)
Dalvin Cook, Minnesota	3,572 (2,692, 880)
Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas	3,094 (2,336, 758)
Alvin Kamara, New Orleans	3,018 (1,729, 1,289)
Aaron Jones, Green Bay	3,017 (2,188, 829)



With the help and support from Dalvin Cook, the Minnesota Vikings Foundation, in partnership with Xcel Energy, introduced Vikings Table, a custom-built food truck with the mission of serving healthy meals and nutritional education to youth across the Minneapolis-5t. Paul community.

#### VIKINGS RUSHING YARDS IN A SEASON

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Player, Season	Rushing yards	
Adrian Peterson, 2012	2,097	
Adrian Peterson, 2008	1,760	
Dalvin Cook, 2020	1,557	
Robert Smith, 2000	1,521	
Adrian Peterson, 2015	1,485	
Adrian Peterson, 2009	1 3 8 3	

#### VIKINGS MOST CADEED DIISHING VADDS

TIKINGS MOST CAREER ROSHING TARDS		
Player, Seasons	Rushing yards	
Adrian Peterson, 2007-16	11,747	
Robert Smith, 1993-2000	6,818	
Chuck Foreman, 1973-79	5,887	
Bill Brown, 1962-74	5,757	
Ted Brown, 1979-86	4,546	
Dave Osborn, 1965-75	4,320	
Darrin Nelson, 1982-89, 91-92	4,231	
Dalvin Cook, 2017-	3,661	

#### VIKINGS MOST CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES

VIKINGS MUST CAREER 100-YARD RUSHING GAMES		
Games		
49		
29		
17		
15		
9		
8		

#### VIKINGS RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS IN A SEASON

VIKINGS ROSHING TOOCHDOVINS IN A SEASON		
Player, Season	Rushing touchdowns	
Adrian Peterson, 2009	18	
Dalvin Cook, 2020	16	
Dalvin Cook, 2019	13	
Terry Allen, 1992	13	
Chuck Foreman, 1976	13	
Chuck Foreman, 1975	13	

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Dalvin Cook finished second in the NFL with 1,918 scrimmage yards, 1,557 rushing yards and 111.2 rushing yards per game. He tied for second in the league with 16 rushing touchdowns.

641

Cook's 641 yards were the seventh-most rushing yards recorded in the month of November in NFL history, and the total set a team record for the month of November. His 128.2 rushing yards per game and 166.4 scrimmage yards per game also ranked third in Vikings history for the month.

#### **ADAM THIELEN NOTES**



#### WR ADAM THIELEN

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-2/200 COLLEGE: Minnesota State NFL SEASON: 7 VIKINGS SEASON: 7

Thielen finished the season with 925 yards on 74 receptions and set a career record with 14 receiving touchdowns in 2020. His 14 receiving scores rank fifth in team history for a single season. Overall, Thielen's 14 receiving touchdowns ranked third in the NFL and his four games with two touchdowns tied for the third-most in a season in franchise history, behind only Cris Carter (seven in 1995) and Hall of Famer Randy Moss (five in 2003).



Player, Team	Receiving touchdowns
Davante Adams, Green Bay	18
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	15
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	14
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	13

#### 2017-20 NFL RECEPTIONS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receptions
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	430
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	418
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	403
Davante Adams, Green Bay	383
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	356
Julio Jones, Atlanta	351
Jarvis Landry, Miami/Cleveland	348
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	322
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	308
JuJu Smith-Schuster	308

#### 2017-20 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN

2017-20 NFL LEADING RECEIVERS ON THIRD DOWN		
Player, Season	Receptions	
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	118	
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	104	
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	99	
Cooper Kupp, Los Angeles Rams	96	
Julio Jones, Atlanta	92	
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	89	

#### 2017-20 NFL RECEIVING YARDS, WIDE RECEIVERS

Player, Team	Receiving yards
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	5,522
Julio Jones, Atlanta	5,286
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	4,813
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	4,798
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	4,780
Mike Evans, Tampa Bay	4,688
Davante Adams, Green Bay	4,642
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	4,535
Robert Woods, Los Angeles Rams	4,070
Brandin Cooks, New England/LA Rams/Hou	ston 4,019
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	3,992



In September of 2018, Adam and his wife Caitlin announced the launch of The Thielen Foundation, which aims to create programs that serve, educate and inspire individuals so they're equipped and empowered to reach their full potential.

#### 2017-20 NFL MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

2017-20 NFL MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES	
Player, Team	100+ Yard Games
DeAndre Hopkins, Houston/Arizona	24
Julio Jones, Atlanta	23
Michael Thomas, New Orleans	18
Davante Adams, Green Bay	18
Adam Thielen, Minnesota	17
Keenan Allen, Los Angeles Chargers	17
Stefon Diggs, Minnesota/Buffalo	17

#### MOST 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES BY VIKING IN A SEASON

100+ Yard Games
9
8
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#### VIKINGS CAREER 100+ YARD RECEIVING GAMES

VIKINGS CARLER 100+ TARD RECEIVING GAMES	
Player	100+ Yard Games
Randy Moss	41
Cris Carter	40
Anthony Carter	22
Adam Thielen	20
Jake Reed	18

#### VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS

VIKINGS CAREER RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS	
Player	Receiving Touchdowns
Cris Carter	110
Randy Moss	92
Anthony Carter	52
Sammy White	50
Kyle Rudolph	48
Adam Thielen	39
Ahmad Rashad	34
Jake Reed	33

Adam Thielen is only the third player in franchise history with 14 or more receiving touchdowns in a season, joining Cris Carter (1995) and Randy Moss (1998, 2000, 2003).

Recording his 14th receiving touchdown of the season in Week 17 and 39th of his career, Thielen ranks sixth in franchise history in career receiving scores. He broke a tie with Ahmad Rashad (34) with two scores against Dallas in Week 11 of the 2020 season.



#### **JUSTIN JEFFERSON NOTES**



#### WR IUSTIN IEFFERSON

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/202 COLLEGE: 1511 NFL SEASON: R **VIKINGS SEASON: R** 

Jefferson put together arguably the best season by a rookie receiver in the Super Bowl era in 2020, breaking an 18-year-old rookie receiving record as he finished the year with 1,400 yards en route to Pro Bowl and All-Pro honors. He became just the second player since the merger to post seven 100-yard receiving games as a rookie and his 87.5 receiving yards per game rank second-most by a rookie in the history of the league. The fifth receiver drafted in 2020, Jefferson set Vikings rookie records for receiving yards (1,400), receptions (88) and 100-yard games (7), passing the marks established by Hall of Famer Randy Moss during his 1998 Offensive Rookie of the Year campaign.

2020 RECEIVING YARDS	
Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	1,535
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	1,416
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	1,407
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	1,400
Calvin Ridley, Atlanta	1,374
Davante Adams, Green Bay	1,374
DK Metcalf, Seattle	1,303
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	1,276

2020 RECEIVING YARDS BY ROOKIES	
Player, Team	Receiving Yards
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	1,400
CeeDee Lamb, Dallas	935
Tee Higgins, Cincinnati	908
Chase Claypool, Pittsburgh	873
Jerry Jeudy, Denver	856

2020 RECEIVING YARDS PER GAME Player, Team Davante Adams, Green Bay	Receiving Yards/Game
Stefon Diggs, Buffalo	95.9
Travis Kelce, Kansas City	94.4
Calvin Ridley, Atlanta	91.6
DeAndre Hopkins, Arizona	87.9
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota	87.5
Julio Jones, Atlanta	85.7
Tyreek Hill, Kansas City	85.1

#### ALL-TIME RECEIVING YARDS BY NFL ROOKIES

Player, Team, Season	Receiving Yards
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)	1,473
Justin Jefferson, Minnesota, 2020	1,400
Anquan Boldin, Arizona, 2003	1,377
Randy Moss, Minnesota, 1998	1,313
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014	1,305
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	1,231
Michael Clayton, Tampa Bay, 2004	1,193



Vikings rookie WR Justin Jefferson became the fifth rookie in the Super Bowl era to record 1,000 receiving yards in a season and only the sixth rookie to total 1,000 or more yards in the first 12 games of a season in NFL history in Week 13.

#### MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY NFL ROOKIES

Player, Team, Season	100-Yard Games	
Bill Groman, Houston, 1960 (AFL)	9	
Justin Jefferson, 2020	7	
Odell Beckham Jr., New York Giants, 2014	7	
Harlon Hill, Chicago, 1954	7	
Billy Howton, Green Bay, 1952	6	

#### MOST RECEPTIONS BY VIKINGS ROOKIES

Player, Season	Receptions
Justin Jefferson, 2020	88
Randy Moss, 1998	69
Percy Harvin, 2009	60
Stefon Diggs, 2015	52

#### MOST DECEIVING VADDS BY VIKINGS DOOMES

MUST RECEIVING TARDS BY VIKINGS ROURIES	
Player, Season Receiving Yard	
Justin Jefferson, 2020	1,400
Randy Moss, 1998	1,313
Sammy White, 1976	906
Paul Flatley, 1963	867
Percy Harvin, 2009	790

#### MOST 100-YARD GAMES BY VIKINGS DOONIES

MOST TOUTTAKE GAMES OF VIKINGS KOU	IKIES
Player, Season	100-Yard Games
lustin Jefferson, 2020	7
Randy Moss, 1998	4
Sammy White, 1976	3
Hassan Jones, 1986	3

(Note: Anthony Carter played his first season with the Vikings in 1985, but played his first true season of professional football in the USFL. His stats do not count in the team's rookie records.)

Justin Jefferson finished the season eighth in the NFL among qualified receivers entering with an average of 15.9 yards per reception (1,400/88).

Jefferson's 87.5 receiving yards per game ranked sixth in the league while his 23 receptions of 20 or more vards tied for the most in the NFL.

#### HARRISON SMITH NOTES



#### S HARRISON SMITH

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-2/214 COLLEGE: Notre Dame NFL SEASON: 9 **VIKINGS SEASON: 9** 

Smith, a five-time Pro Bowler, finished the 2020 season with 89 tackles and tied a career high with five intercentions. Smith's 28 career interceptions rank seventh-most in franchise history while his 859 tackles are the third-most by a Vikings defensive back in team history.

2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS	
Player, Team	Interceptions
Xavien Howard, Miami	10
J.C. Jackson, New England	9
Tyrann Mathieu, Kansas City	6
Harrison Smith, Minnesota	5
Quandre Diggs, Seattle	5
Justin Simmons, Denver	5

#### VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURN TDS

Player, Seasons	Interceptions TDs
Harrison Smith, 2012-	4
Darren Sharper, 2005-08	3
Jimmy Hitchcock, 1998-99	3
Dewayne Washington, 1994-97	3
Audray McMillian, 1989-93	3
Joey Browner, 1983-91	3
Bobby Bryant, 1968-80	3
Ed Sharockman, 1962-72	3
Rip Hawkins, 1961-65	3

#### VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTION RETURNS OF 50+ YARDS 50+ Returns Harrison Smith, 2012-18 4 (56t, 81t, 52, 52) Charlie West, 1968-73 3 (89, 54, 50)

#### SMITH'S INTERCEPTION RETURN TOS

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31t INT Return off John Skelton
56t INT Return off Jay Cutler
81t INT Return off Austin Davis
35t INT Return off Eli Manning



Harrison Smith and other teammates joined 25 children from Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota for a holiday shopping event at DICK'S Sporting Goods hosted by the Mike Zimmer Foundation in 2019.

VIKINGS CAREER INTERCEPTIONS	
Player, Seasons	Interceptions
Paul Krause, 1968-79	53
Bobby Bryant, 1968-80	51
Ed Sharockman, 1962-72	40
Joey Browner, 1983-91	37
Nate Wright, 1971-80	31
Carl Lee, 1983-93	29
Harrison Smith, 2012-	28
Orlando Thomas, 1995-2001	22
John Turner, 1978-83, '85, '87	22
VIKINGS SEASON SACKS BY A DB	

#### Player, Season, Position Sacks Robert Griffith, 1999, S. 4 N 4.0 Mackensie Alexander, 2018, CB Harrison Smith, 2018, S 3.0 Harrison Smith, 2014, S 3.0 Brian Williams, 2003, CB 3.0 Joey Browner, 1990, S 3.0

#### VIKINGS CAREER SACKS BY A DB

Tommy Hannon, 1979, S

Player, Seasons	Sacks
Harrison Smith, 2012-	13.5
Joey Browner, 1983-91	9.5

#### **VIKINGS CAREER TACKLES BY A DB**

Player, Years	Tackles
Tommy Hannon, 1977-84	1,056
Joey Browner, 1983-91	987
Harrison Smith, 2012-	859
Antoine Winfield, 2005-12	769
Robert Griffith, 1994-01	714
Carl Lee, 1983-93	702

BY THE **NUMBERS** 

Smith recorded his 28th career interception and team-leading fifth of 2020 in the season finale at Detroit. Smith ranks seventh all-time on the Vikings career interceptions list.

Smith ranks second in the league for in the league for most sacks (13.5) by a defensive back since 2012 behind only Jamal Adams (21.5).

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#### **ERIC KENDRICKS NOTES**



#### LB ERIC KENDRICKS

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-0/232 COLLEGE: UCLA NFL SEASON: 6 VIKINGS SEASON: 6

Following the 2019 season, Eric Kendricks was named to his first Pro Bowl and earned Associated Press First-Team All-Pro honors, becoming the first Vikings linebacker to be named All-Pro since Chad Greenway (Second Team) in 2012. In 2020, Kendricks tallied 107 tackles and three interceptions through 11 games before suffering a calf injury. Despite missing five games, he finished tied for first in the league in interceptions among linebackers and his six passes defensed tied for ninthmost by players at the position.

#### 2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Interceptions
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	3
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3
Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	3
Joe Schobert, Jacksonville	3
Eight players tied	2

#### NEL TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2020

NFL TOTAL TACKLES, 2015-2020	
Player, Team	Total Tackles
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	849
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	694
Demario Davis, Cleveland/New York Jets/New	Orleans 663
Blake Martinez, Green Bay/NY Giants	657
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	639
Luke Kuechly, Carolina	619
K.J. Wright, Seattle	591
Landon Collins, New York Giants/Washington	586
Tahir Whitehead, Detroit/Oakland/Carolina	574

#### 2019-20 PASSES DEFENSED, NFL LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Pass. Def.
K.J. Wright, Seattle	21
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	18
Demario Davis, New Orleans	17
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	16
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	15
Fred Warner, San Francisco	15
Jaylon Smith, Dallas	14
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	14
Darius Leonard, Indianapolis	14



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### VIKINGS LB CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS (LEAGUE STATS SINCE 1999)

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Player, Years	Total Tackles for Loss
E.J. Henderson, 2003-11	67
Chad Greenway, 2006-16	62
Eric Kendricks, 2015-Present	38
Anthony Barr, 2014-Present	36
Ed McDaniel, 1992-2001	29
Ben Leber, 2006-10	27
Erin Henderson, 2008-13	26
Eric Wilson, 2017-Present	18
Kailee Wong, 1998-2001	16
Dwayne Rudd, 1997-2000	14
Henri Crockett, 2002-03	12

NUMBERS

Since 2014, linebackers
Anthony Barr, Eric Kendricks
and Eric Wilson have
combined for 92 tackles for
loss, with all three ranking in
the top 10 for career TFLs by
Vikings linebackers.



With 12 tackles at Green Bay, Kendricks surpassed 600 career tackles to become the 24th player in the league since 1970 to record 600 or more tackles in 81 or fewer career games (according to Sports Reference).

#### **ERIC WILSON NOTES**



#### LB ERIC WILSON

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6-1/230 COLLEGE: Cincinnati NFL SEASON: 4 VIKINGS SEASON: 4

Eric Wilson had a breakout campaign as the Vikings everyday starter alongside Eric Kendricks in 2020. The fourth-year pro tied for 16th in the NFL with three interceptions and was one of only two players in the league with at least three sacks and three interceptions this season. His interception total also tied for first among linebackers and his eight passes defensed tied for third among other players at the position. Overall, Wilson's 121 total tackles rank tied for 13th-most in a season by a Viking since 1987.

#### 2020 NFL TOTAL TACKLES

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Player, Team	Tackles
Zach Cunningham, Houston	163
Jaylon Smith, Dallas	154
Blake Martinez, New York Giants	151
Joe Schobert, Jacksonville	141
Devin White, Tampa Bay	140
Roquan Smith, Chicago	139
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	138
Darius Leonard, Indianapolis	132
Neville Hewitt, New York Jets	131
Fred Warner, San Francisco	125
A.J. Johnson, Denver	124
Tyrell Adams, Houston	122
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	121

#### 2020 NFL INTERCEPTIONS BY LINEBACKERS

	Player, Team	Interceptions	
	Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3	
	Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	3	
	Tyus Bowser, Baltimore	3	
	Joe Schobert	3	
	Eight players tied	2	

### 2020 NFL PLAYERS WITH MULTIPLE INTERCEPTIONS AND SACKS (MINIMUM 3 OF EACH)

Player, Team	Interceptions	Sacks	
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	3	3.0	
Mike Hilton, Pittsburgh	3	3.0	



Eric Wilson is the first Vikings linebacker since Chad Greenway in 2013 to record at least three sacks and three interceptions in a single season. Wilson's three interceptions tie for the seventhmost by a Vikinas linebacker in team history.

#### 2020 NFL PASSES DEFENSED BY LINEBACKERS

Player, Team	Passes Defensed
K.J. Wright, Seattle	10
Nicholas Morrow, Las Vegas	9
Eric Wilson, Minnesota	8
Jayon Brown, Tennessee	8
Bobby Wagner, Seattle	8
T.J. Watt, Pittsburgh	7
Roquan Smith, Chiacgo	7
Darius Leonard, Indianapolis	7
Eric Kendricks, Minnesota	6
Jamie Collins, Detroit	6
Bobby Okereke, Indianapolis	6
Lavonte David, Tampa Bay	6
Deion Jones, Atlanta	6
B.J. Goodson, Cleveland	6
Kyle Van Noy, Miami	6
Fred Warner, San Francisco	6
Jason Pierre-Pail, Tamp Bay	6

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Kendricks and Wilson were the first linebacker duo in the league to record at least three interceptions apiece since Baltimore's C.J. Mosley (four) and Zach Orr (three) did so in 2016.

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Minnesota last had two linebackers with at least three interceptions each in a season in 1988 when Jesse Solomon notched four picks and David Howard recorded three. It's only the fourth time in team history (also in 1969 and 1961) two linebackers have had at least three interceptions each.

#### 2020 SCHEDULE

WK 1 9/13/20



vs. Green Bay L, 43-34 54-63-3 (29-30) H

WK 10 11/16/20



at Chicago W, 19-13 61-56-2 (24-33-2) A

WK 2



at Indianapolis L, 28-11 7-18-1 (0-12) A

WK 11 11/22/20



vs. Dallas L, 31-28 15-17 (7-11) H

WK 3 9/27/20



vs. Tennessee L, 31-30 9-5 (7-2) H

WK 12



vs. Carolina W, 28-27 9-6 (7-3) H

WK 4 10/4/20



at Houston W, 31-23 5-0 (3-0) A

WK 13



vs. Jacksonville W, 27-24 6-1 (4-1) H

WK 5 10/11/20



at Seattle L, 27-26 5-13 (2-8) A

WK 14 12/13/20



at Tampa Bay L, 26-14 33-23 (14-14) A

WK 6 10/18/20



vs. Atlanta L, 40-23 20-12 (12-5) H

WK 15



vs. Chicago L, 33-27 61-57-2 (37-24) H

WK 8



at Green Bay W, 28-22 55-63-3 (26-33-3) A

WK 16



at New Orleans L, 52-33 23-13 (9-9) A

WK 9 11/8/20



vs. Detroit W, 34-20 77-39-2 (42-16-1) H

WK 17 1/3/20



at Detroit W, 37-35 78-39-2 (36-23-1) A

#### 2020 ATTENDANCE

#### HOME

0 vs. Green Bay, 9/13/20 0 vs. Tennessee, 9/27/20 0 vs. Atlanta, 10/18/20 0 vs. Detroit, 11/8/20 0 vs. Dallas, 11/22/20 0 vs. Carolina, 11/29/20 0 vs. Jacksonville, 12/6/20

0 vs. Chicago, 12/20/20

#### ΔWΔV

12,102 at Houston, 10/4/20 2,500 at Indianapolis, 9/20/20 0 at Seattle, 10/11/20 0 at Green Bay, 11/1/20 0 at Chicago, 11/16/20 16,031 at Tampa Bay, 12/13/20

3,000 at New Orleans, 12/25/20

O at Detroit, 1/3/21

\*Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and health and safety recommendations during the 2020 season, the Minnesota Vikings did not allow fans to attend home games. Fan attendance was either not permitted or limited at away sites in regulation with those teams' state recommendations.

#### 2021 OPPONENTS

## HOME



## AWAY





In June 2020, the Minnesota Vikings and the Wilf family announced a \$5 million donation to social justice causes throughout the United States. Following the announcement, the team's social justice committee held a series of meetings to determine how to actively engage the community through player involvement and financial donations during the 2020 season. On September 8, the team announced nearly \$1 million will go toward the expansion or launch of multiple initiatives in one of three areas of focus: 1) voter education and registration; 2) educational curriculum on racism and Black history; and 3) law enforcement and criminal justice reform.



#### **VOTER EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION AWARENESS**

Working together with the Office of the Secretary of State, the Vikings are using the team's platform to encourage fans to register and safely participate in the electoral process. The Vikings will launch a series of player-led voting content and make it easy for fans to find voting information via Vikings.com/bethechange. The team will also help provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for polling workers throughout Minnesota. Additionally, the team has hosted voter educational sessions with the entire Vikings staff and players/coaches in conjunction with Rock the Vote and Secretary of State Steve Simon with the goal of having 100% of the organization registered to vote in the November election.

#### **ALL SQUARE**

The Vikings will further expand the team's commitment to <u>All Square</u>, a local nonprofit social enterprise that invests in the minds and lives of formerly incarcerated individuals. Centered on a craft grilled cheese restaurant, professional development institute, and forthcoming civil rights law firm, All Square's mission is to ensure that those impacted by the criminal justice system have the support and opportunities they deserve to become our country's future leaders, business owners, legal practitioners and entrepreneurs. The Vikings engagement will focus on All Square's Fellow & Fellow Alum Fund.

#### GEORGE FLOYD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

In June, the Vikings created the George Floyd Legacy Scholarship with a \$125,000 endowment that will generate approximately \$5,000 annually to benefit African American graduating seniors in Minneapolis-St. Paul who are pursuing post-secondary education. The inaugural recipient, Mimi Kol-Balfour, was selected following her essay submission and was informed last week via videoconference by Vikings Owner/President Mark Wilf, General Manager Rick Spielman, running backs Alexander Mattison and Ameer Abdullah, and linebackers Anthony Barr and Eric Kendricks. Kol-Balfour is a graduate of Southwest High School who will be attending Barnard College this fall.

#### **CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS**

In partnership with <u>RISE</u> (Ross Initiative in Sports for Equality), the Vikings will host a series of Critical Conversation sessions with Minnesota High School athletic programs to help address issues of race and injustice. Vikings safety Anthony Harris and linebacker Anthony Barr spoke in August to a group of high school coaches to discuss the importance of having these conversations in a team environment. The program with RISE will further formalize the discussions and provide statewide access for Minnesota athletic programs to engage on these important issues.



#### **306: BLACK HISTORY CURRICULUM EXPANSION**

In 2016, with a focus on integrating Black history into mainstream U.S. history and developing courses devoted to the African American experience, the Vikings became the first NFL team to partner with Everfi in an effort to bring a 306 Black History curriculum to Minnesota students. The interactive course informs and inspires today's students through history's most important stories of Black women and men who overcame obstacles through grit, strength, creativity and intellect. The digital curriculum incorporates videos from Vikings Legends, provides direct source materials and allows students to explore and reflect on key themes of Black history. Now in its fifth year, the program has since been replicated by the NFL in many markets. In 2020, the Vikings will expand the curriculum from 12 to 24 schools and reach thousands of students.

#### PROIECT SUCCESS

In 2019, the Vikings partnered with <u>Project Success</u>, a Minneapolis-based organization focused on helping kids develop life-skills, support and confidence so they are more successful and engaged during high school and more prepared for life after graduation. The two organizations took 50 students of color from Minneapolis, along with Vikings running backs CJ Ham and Ameer Abdullah and safety Anthony Harris, to Washington, DC, for a special experience that included a visit to the National Museum of African American History & Culture. The trip was to be replicated in 2020, but due to COVID-19, this year's plan will be a day-long virtual experience and the Vikings and Project Success plan to return to DC in 2021.



#### **FURTHER INVOLVEMENT AND INVESTMENT**

The Vikings are also increasing the team's investment in and involvement with the following groups:

- Hennepin County & Ramsey County Juvenile Detention Centers
- Jeremiah Program
- The Link
- Page Education Foundation
- People Serving People

#### **VIKINGS SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

The Minnesota Vikings Social Justice Committee consists loosely of 10 members and any player or coach is free to join the meetings. Co-Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line Coach Andre Patterson has been part of the group, meeting regularly with Eric Kendricks, Anthony Barr, Alexander Mattison, Kirk Cousins, Kyle Rudolph, Ameer Abdullah. Adam Thielen. Anthony Harris and Harrison Smith on social justice initiatives.

Throughout the year, player-driven efforts strive to create meaningful dialogue and change in the community on issues related to building unity, hope and positive community relationships. The Vikings approach includes spending time with young people at schools, community organizations and juvenile detention centers and dedicating financial resources to organizations that work for positive change.

Over the previous two seasons, the Wilf family has made a \$500,000 commitment to the Social Justice Committee (\$250,000 each year). Those dollars were directed toward scholarships for low-income students, school supplies, legal aid for disadvantaged and underrepresented populations and law enforcement relations.

## ERIC KENDRICKS NAMED VIKINGS WALTER PAYTON NFL MAN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE



On December 10, the Minnesota Vikings announced LB Eric Kendricks as the team's 2020 nominee for the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award Presented by Nationwide. Considered one of the league's most prestigious honors, the award recognizes an NFL player for outstanding community service activities off the field, as well as excellence on the field. Kendricks represented the Vikings as the team's nomination for the first time in his career.

#### KENDRICKS IN THE COMMUNITY

A passionate leader off the field, Eric Kendricks pushed himself to make a meaningful impact during an unprecedented time in our society. As a key member of the Vikings Social Justice Committee since 2018, Kendricks has made a tremendous difference during 2020 in numerous ways. He recently presented All Square, a professional development institute which helps formerly incarcerated individuals, with a \$250,000 grant from the Vikings Social Justice Committee. Kendricks has visited All Square many times and has formed a bond with their staff and Fellows as he looks to educate everyone on his fight against recidivism. He has spent time with local youth who are housed at the Hennepin County Juvenile Detention Center while offering support, guidance and serving as an inspiration. While in-person visits are on hold, Kendricks has kept up with these individuals monthly via virtual visits and written letters. He also visited detained juveniles in his home state of California. Recognizing that food insecurity is a major issue in Minnesota, Kendricks has raised funds and partnered with Every Meal for several seasons to bring food to those in need. As someone who experienced childhood hunger he knows a better present can enable a brighter future. Kendricks has been a leading voice in the fight for social justice. Following the killing of George Floyd, he sat down with Minneapolis Police Chief Medaria Arradondo to better understand the problems our community is facing and help facilitate change. Kendricks has spoken to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell to discuss how the League and players can work together to achieve social justice and has used his platform to inspire others and help be the change in our community.

A second-round pick in 2015, Kendricks has been central to the success of a Vikings defense that, from 2015-19, ranked second in the NFL in points allowed per game (18.8) and yards allowed per game (31.3) and led the League in third-down percentage (33.9 percent allowed). He earned his first Pro Bowl and First-Team All-Pro selections in 2019 after tying for the NFL lead among linebackers with 12 pass breakups. Kendricks finished tied for 32nd in the NFL in total tackles (107) and tied for the most interceptions by a linebacker with three despite missing Weeks 13-17 with an injury . In 2015, the former UCLA Bruin became the first Vikings rookie to lead the team in tackles since Minnesota's inaugural 1961 season. He led the Vikings in tackles in each of his first five seasons and ranked second in 2020.

As a nominee, Kendricks wore a Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year helmet decal through the end of the 2020 season in recognition of his accomplishments on and off the field.

## VIKINGS IN THE COMMUNITY





#### WILF FAMILY SURPASSES \$5 MILLION IN DONATIONS TO COVID-19 CAUSES

The Wilf family, owners of the Minnesota Vikings, have surpassed \$5 million in donations to COVID-19-related causes after their \$1 million contribution to United Way Worldwide, one of six national charitable organizations recommended by the NFL as part of its Draft-A-Thon fundraising campaign tied to this year's NFL Draft.

Through the Wilf Family Foundations and the Minnesota Vikings, the \$5 million in donations and commitments since the pandemic arose have been contributed in New York, New Jersey, Minnesota, across the United States and in Israel. These donations have supported health care workers, the elderly, food banks, social service organizations and Jewish philanthropic causes.

#### IEFFERSON DONATES FACE MASKS

Justin Jefferson teamed with Genies and Bella + Canvas to donate 10,000 masks to Children's Minnesota in June.

#### HUNTER, COOK DONATE MADDEN CHECKS

Danielle Hunter and Dalvin Cook announced in April that they each would donate their royalty checks from EA Sports for appearing in "Madden 20" to North Memorial Health Foundation so that doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers could purchase personal protective equipment.

#### THIELEN FOUNDATION DONATES \$25K

Adam Thielen and his wife, Caitlin, through the Thielen Foundation, donated \$25,000 to Second Harvest Heartland to help ensure that young people in local communities have the nutrition they need during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Thielen Foundation also partnered with KFAN 100.3-FM and iHeart Radio-Minneapolis in April for a Minnesota Covid Relief Virtual Radiothon that ran from 6 in the morning to 6:30 in the evening, raising more than \$280,000 for The Salvation Army, Second Harvest Heartland, M Health Fairview and MN Disaster Recovery Fund for Coronavirus

#### BARR PROVIDES EMERGENCY GRANTS

Through his Raise The Barr foundation (which focuses on helping single parents complete their postsecondary education), the Anthony Barr offered \$500 emergency grants to any current or former Raise The Barr scholarship recipients. In March, all 34 recipients who applied received the grant for a commitment of \$17,000 from the foundation.

#### UDOH DELIVERS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS

In May, Olisaemeka Udoh donated and delivered 500 meals to workers at Cape Fear Valley Medical Center in his hometown of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

He also made a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank to help families in North Carolina.

#### RUDOLPH LAUNCHES 'MEAL PLAN'

Kyle Rudolph and his wife Jordan made a personal donation to Second Harvest Heartland in March that provided 82,000 meals to Minnesotans who are being hit hardest by repercussions of the COVID-19 pandemic and school cancellations.

Rudolph also set a goal of raising \$200,000 for Second Harvest Heartland, which will provide 600,000 meals for local families. He set up the Rudy's Meal Plan campaign and encouraged whoever is able to join them in supporting the nonprofit.

Throughout the offseason, the tight end organized food drives for communities hardest hit by the pandemic and store closings in Minneapolis.

#### KENDRICKS DONATES PAINTING PROCEEDS

In March, Eric Kendricks announced that he would create paintings and sell them on Instagram, with the proceeds going to food banks in the city of the person who bought the painting.

Kendricks listed each painting at \$1,000, and then matched that price, with a total of \$2,000 going to each food bank.

## **VIKINGS YOUTH FOOTBALL**

The Vikings Youth Football mission statement is to grow, support and promote youth football through fair play, health/safety and academics. Innovative programs reach youngsters through the High School Player Development 7-on-7 Tournament, Youth Football Camps, USA Football Coaching School, equipment and field grants, the Vikings All-State Football Team, Minnesota Mr. Football, the High School Coach of the Week Program and the High School Coach of the Year. In 2018 the Vikings started hosting high school games at TCO Stadium in the Vikings Prep Spotlight series, playing 5 regular season games and 3 state quarterfinal playoff contests since.

The Vikings connect with youth football programs across the state though clinics, camps and encouraging participation and safety. Teaching youth coaches proper techniques and how to play the game safely gives players the best chance for success and a positive experience. Head Coach Mike Zimmer has hosted an annual camp for youth, hosting over 500 youngsters at TCO Performance Center in spring 2019. Growing our great game at the grass roots level has been an emphasis for the organization, resulting in expanded programs, recognition for top players and coaches and building strong community bonds in youth football.











#### VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES

The Minnesota Vikings and Twin Cities Orthopedics are dedicated to supporting high school football in our community. In partnership with School Space Media, we are excited to announce this year's Vikings Prep Spotlight series. Each week, we will highlight one high school football matchup by providing a FREE livestream for fans to enjoy.

#### 2020 VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES OF THE WEEK

October 9 Robbinsdale Cooper 20, Waconia 13	
October 16Woodbury 45, Stillwater 0	
October 23 Kasson-Mantorville 23, New Prague 20	
October 30 Lakeville South 35, Lakeville North 15	
November 6 Henry Sibley 21, Simley 20	
November 11Spring Lake Park 14, Orono 0	

## PAST PREP SPOTLIGHT GAMES AT TCO STADIUM 2018 (\*state quarterfinal playoffs)

September 28	Farmington 41, Eagan 28
October 12Lake	ville North 38, Prior Lake 3
November 9*Lakeville No	rth 35, St. Michael/Albertville 8
November 10*	Owatonna 42, Chaska 27
November 10*Elk	River 23, Spring Lake Park 21
2019	

September 20......Eden Prairie 14, Shakopee 6 September 27......Chaska 21, Apple Valley 0 September 28.....Mankato West 58, Rochester Mayo 21

#### COACH OF THE WEEK PROGRAM

The Vikings continue in 2020 to recognize outstanding high school coaches from across the state in the Coach of the Week program. Weekly winners will receive \$1,000 for their high school football programs and will be eligible to earn the High School Coach of the Year.

#### 2020 Vikings Coach of the Week

Week 1	Dave Dahlstrom, Fole
Week 2	Jared Essler, St. Michael-Albertville
Week 3 Chaunce	ey Williams-Barefield, Brooklyn Center
Week 4	Gene Teigland, North St. Paul
Week 5 Ran	dy Kuechenmeister, Blue Earth Area
Week 6	Rex Metzger, Hills-Beaver Creek
Week 7	Marc Franz, Rogers









#### **VIKINGS CELEBRATED 60TH SEASON IN 2020**



The Minnesota Vikings commemorated the organization's 60th season in 2020. The NFL franchise was granted to the state during a league owners meeting on January 28, 1960, and the club kicked off its first season on September 17, 1961 against Chicago.



#### **CELEBRATING 60 SEASONS**

In commemoration of the 60 seasons, the Vikings celebrated in various ways ranging from limited edition 60th season Miller Lite cans to the Season of Firsts exhibit at the Vikings Museum to honoring the 60 Greatest Fans of All Time presented by U.S. Bank.

#### MILLER LITE 60TH SEASON LIMITED EDITION CANS

Launched in August, Miller Lite created a limited edition can to commemorate the Vikings 60th season. The can, which utilizes new designs to celebrate the historic season, will be available in bars, restaurants and liquor stores through the end of 2020.

#### 60 GREATEST FANS OF ALL TIME PRESENTED BY U.S. BANK

Throughout the 2020 season, the Vikings honored the top 60 fans in team history. In order to celebrate the fans who have made Minnesota great over the course of 60 years, individuals across the world were able to nominate themselves or someone else to be one of the 60 Greatest Fans of All Time.

#### VIKINGS MUSEUM OPENS SEASON OF FIRSTS EXHIBIT

In August, the Vikings debuted the Season of Firsts exhibit at the Vikings Museum. The exhibit features a series of memorable firsts, beginning with a shocking inaugural upset victory and ending with the selection of the team's first two Pro Bowlers. The museum will be open for visitors to tour throughout the 2021 offseason. For hours, tickets and general information about the Vikings Museum, visit Vikings. com/Fans/Vikings-Museum.



Vikings Table is a custom-built food truck that serves free, healthy meals and nutrition education to youth across the Minneapolis-St. Paul community. An important initiative of the Minnesota Vikings Foundation and partner Xcel Energy, the truck can be found at Vikings games and events and is available to cater corporate and public events with 100% of profits going back to distributing free meals and fighting childhood hunger.

#### DONATIONS

Vikings Table distributes free healthy meals twice per week to youth across the Minneapolis-St. Paul community.

#### **FUNDRAISING**

100% of the profits from sales go back to the free distribution operations. Vikings Table is available to cater corporate and public events.

#### **GAME DAYS / EVENTS**

Fans can purchase a meal at the food truck on game days in the Commons Park at U.S. Bank Stadium and at select Vikings events.



The Minnesota Vikings Foundation is a public charity dedicated to advancing the well-being of youth through engaging health and education initiatives. The Foundation enlists the support of the Vikings team, staff, fans and community in support of this mission to help make a measurable impact in the lives of youth who need it most. 100% of all contributions directly impact the Minnesota Vikings Foundation programs.

