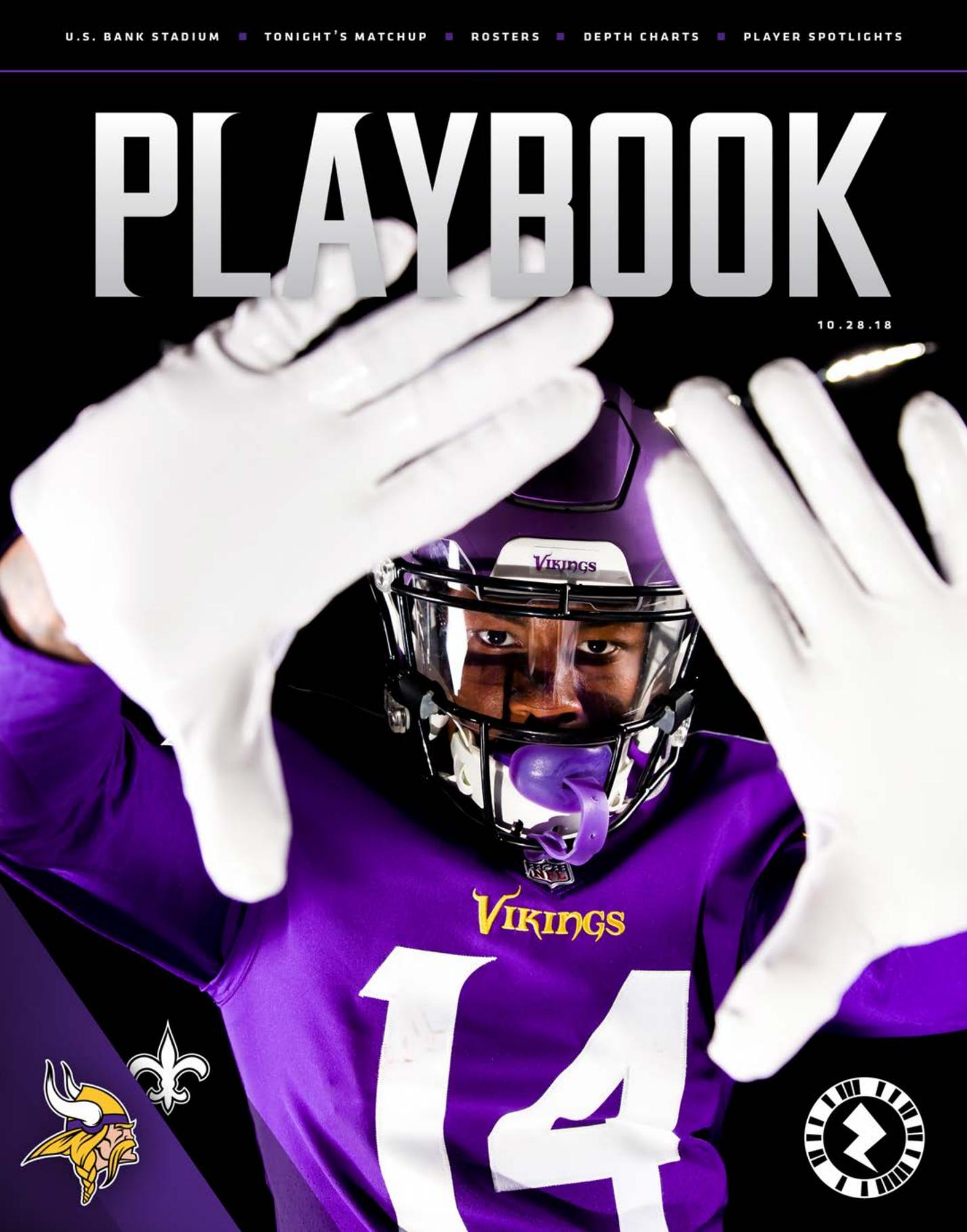


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VIKINGS AT JETS

THE VIKINGS TURNED A THREE-POINT HALFTIME LEAD INTO A 37-17 VICTORY FOR MINNESOTA'S FIRST ROAD WIN IN SERIES HISTORY. .

The offense scored four touchdowns, and the defense forced four turnovers, including three interceptions of Sam Darnold. The Vikings also sacked the third overall pick of 2018 three times.



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01



02

01 | WR Aldrick Robinson made his fourth catch – and third for a touchdown – in Purple against the Jets. QB Kirk Cousins targeted Robinson in the end zone on fourth-and-8 to give the Vikings a 34-17 lead and seal the game.

02 | S Harrison Smith snagged the first of three Vikings interceptions Sunday. Smith picked off Jets QB Sam Darnold and returned the ball 52 yards to the New York 9, which set up the Vikings to kick a 22-yard field goal.



03 | CB Holton Hill stepped in for an injured Xavier Rhodes, and Darnold targeted the rookie on his first play. It proved to be a mistake, as Hill intercepted the fellow rookie for his first career pick. Hill added two tackles and two passes defended on the day.



04 | For the second straight week, RB Latavius Murray played a significant role in the Vikings victory. Murray found the end zone two times in the second half, the latter after hitting the second level and surging for 38 yards. He finished the day with 69 rushing yards.



05



06

05 | WR Adam Thielen extended his streak of games with 100-plus receiving yards to seven, which is an NFL record to open a season. Cousins connected with Thielen on the fourth play of the game for a 34-yard touchdown to give the Vikings an early lead. On the day, Thielen recorded nine catches for 110 yards and the score.

06 | The third of three Vikings interceptions came at the hands of CB Trae Wayne in the fourth quarter. Wayne picked off Darnold at the Jets 46 and returned the ball to the 22. The turnover halted any chance of a Jets comeback and set up Minnesota for a final 43-yard field goal.

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TONIGHT'S GAME features the defending NFC South Champion Saints (5-1) and the defending NFC North Champion Vikings (4-2-1) in the 34th meeting between the franchises.

Minnesota is 22-11 all-time, including a 3-1 mark in the postseason, against New Orleans after opening 2017 with a 29-19 victory and shocking the Saints with a touchdown as time expired for a 29-24 win in the Divisional Round of the playoffs in January.

A Vikings defense that has limited Minnesota's opponents to 5-for-38 on third downs (13.2 percent) in the past four games

will face a talented Saints squad that ranks 11th in third-down percentage (42.3).

New Orleans hasn't suffered an interception and leads the league in first downs per game (25.7). The Saints rank sixth in the NFL in net yards (409.8 per game), third in time of possession (32:03) and second in scoring (34.0 points per game).

The Vikings defense ranks 11th in yards allowed (345.9 per game), fifth in rushing (89.7) and 26th in passing (256.1). Minnesota entered Week 8 ranked first in third-down defense, third in red zone defense and fourth in goal-to-go defense.

7 WITH 100+

Adam Thielen has recorded 100 or more receiving yards in the first seven games of 2018, setting a Super Bowl-era record to open a season. He can match the all-time NFL record set by Calvin Johnson (eight consecutive games from Nov. 4-Dec. 22, 2012) with another such performance today.

HONORARY CAPTAIN

Receiver and 50 Greatest Vikings member Anthony Carter will be tonight's Honorary Captain.

One of Carter's most memorable performances occurred Jan. 3, 1988 in the Wild Card Round of the 1987 NFC playoffs. He gave the Vikings a 10-7 lead with an 84-yard punt return touchdown in the first quarter, and Minnesota never looked back en route to a 44-10 victory. Carter caught six passes for 79 yards, including a 10-yard pass from Allen Rice. He also averaged 23.8 yards on six punt returns.

In nine seasons in Minnesota, Carter totaled 478 receptions (fourth in team history), 7,636 yards (third) and 52 receiving touchdowns (third).

GJALLARHORN

Jessie Diggins, a Minnesota native who teamed with Kikkan Randall at the 2018 Olympics to win the United States' first cross-country skiing gold medal, will sound the Gjallarhorn.

Diggins, who crossed the finish line in thrilling fashion to bring home the gold in Women's Team Sprint, was invited to speak to Vikings players at the team's Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center headquarters on the Friday before Minnesota visited Philadelphia.

Kirk Cousins, Stefon Diggs, Linval Joseph and Adam Thielen were among the Vikings players who posed for a photo with Diggins, who also delivered a separate presentation to Vikings staff members.





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HY-VEE #SKOL

Share a photo at tonight's game using #SKOL to see yourself on the video board and for the chance to win a \$25 Hy-Vee gift card and a \$25 Market Grill gift card!



SPALON MONTAGE GIVEAWAY

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▶ UPCOMING EVENTS

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THURSDAY, NOV. 1, 6 P.M.

The popular *Vikings Country* radio show will be broadcast from Erik the Red in Minneapolis on Nov. 1. Host Mike Mussman will be joined by Andrew Sendejo. Tune in on KFAN and the Vikings Radio Network or attend the live broadcast.

FRIDAY FOOTBALL FEAST

FRIDAY, NOV. 2, 9 A.M. - NOON

Join KFAN each Friday morning from 9 a.m. to noon for a Friday Football Feast. Paul Allen and Paul Charchian will get you set for the weekend's action, including an in-depth

preview of the upcoming Vikings game. Use #MVPTablePromo in your tweets and photos for your chance to win an MVP experience! This week's Friday Football Feast will be at the Buffalo Wild Wings in Oakdale.

MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SHOWCASE

SATURDAY, DEC. 15

Watch the best of the North face off against the best of the South at U.S. Bank Stadium in the 46th annual High School Football All-Star game. In addition to the game, fans will have the opportunity to get autographs from current Vikings players and Legends as well as meet Vikings Cheerleaders and Viktor the Viking. Tickets are available now at vikings.com/showcase.

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MSHSL QUARTERFINAL PLAYOFFS

The Minnesota Vikings will cap off the inaugural season of Vikings Prep Spotlight presented by FVP at TCO Stadium by hosting three MSHSL Quarterfinal Playoff games on Nov. 9-10. Learn more at vikings.com/prep.

DELTA VIKINGS VILLAGE

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PLAYER TO WATCH: LB ERIC KENDRICKS

SINCE HIS SELECTION IN THE SECOND ROUND of the 2015 NFL Draft, Kendricks has provided the Vikings defense with consistently sure-handed tackling, the versatility to cover passes and a penchant for big plays. Kendricks has led the Vikings in tackles in each of his first three seasons, with 105 as a rookie, 126 in 2016 and 136 in 2017, according to coaches' stats. He has totaled 7.5 sacks, 32 tackles for loss, 25 passes defended, two interceptions, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. The former UCLA star has returned both of his career interceptions for touchdowns. He took his first back 77 yards in Week 1 of 2016 at Tennessee. Last season, he returned a pick 31 yards for a score in a Week 15 victory over Cincinnati that secured the NFC North title for Minnesota.

SACKTOBER: Kendricks has spearheaded a Pledge It (pledgeit.org/Kendricks-sacktober) "Sacktober" fundraising drive where individuals can commit a donation for every sack recorded by the Vikings during the month of October to benefit The Sheridan Story, which fights childhood hunger and is an organization Kendricks has supported for multiple years. Minnesota enters tonight's game with 10 sacks. Anyone who pledges at least \$5 per sack will receive a signed photo, anyone who pledges at least \$10 per sack will receive a signed mini helmet, and anyone who pledges at least \$25 per sack will receive a full-sized helmet signed by Kendricks.

3 WITH 100+

Kendricks has recorded 100 or more tackles and led the Vikings in each of his three seasons. In doing so, he joined Jack Del Rio and Ed McDaniel in a tie for the fourth-most consecutive seasons to lead Minnesota in tackles. Scott Studwell and Chad Greenway did so six times each, and Rip Hawkins led the Vikings in each of the team's first four seasons.

2018 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Kirk Cousins	2,162
Rushing (Yds)	Latavius Murray	330
Receiving (Yds)	Adam Thielen	822
Tackles	Eric Kendricks	44
Sacks	Danielle Hunter	7.5
Interceptions	Harrison Smith	2
KOR (Yds)	Mike Hughes	107
PR (Avg.)	Marcus Sherels	8.2

2018 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (3-1)

P1	8/11	at Denver Broncos	W 42-28
P2	8/18	Jacksonville Jaguars	L 14-10
P3	8/24	Seattle Seahawks	W 21-20
P4	8/30	at Tennessee Titans	W 13-3

REGULAR SEASON (4-2-1)

1	9/9	San Francisco 49ers	W 24-16
2	9/16	at Green Bay Packers	T 29-29
3	9/23	Buffalo Bills	L 27-6
4	9/27	at Los Angeles Rams	L 38-31
5	10/7	at Philadelphia Eagles	W 23-21
6	10/14	Arizona Cardinals	W 27-17
7	10/21	at New York Jets	W 37-17
8	10/28	New Orleans Saints	
9	11/4	Detroit Lions	
10	11/11	BYE WEEK	
11	11/18	at Chicago Bears	
12	11/25	Green Bay Packers	
13	12/2	at New England Patriots	
14	12/10	at Seattle Seahawks	
15	12/16	Miami Dolphins	
16	12/23	at Detroit Lions	
17	12/30	Chicago Bears	

TOP 2s AGAINST SAINTS

RUSHING YARDS

137	Robert Smith on 20 attempts in Minnesota (Nov. 8, 1998)
127	Dalvin Cook on 22 attempts in Minnesota (Sept. 11, 2017)

PASSING YARDS

425	Daunte Culpepper on 26-of-37 passing at New Orleans (Oct. 17, 2004)
420	Warren Moon on 33-of-57 passing in Minnesota (Nov. 6, 1994)

RECEIVING YARDS

157	Jake Reed on eight catches in Minnesota (Nov. 6, 1994)
157	Adam Thielen on nine catches in Minnesota (Sept. 11, 2017)

2018 SEASON LEADERS

Passing (Yds)	Drew Brees	1,870
Rushing (Yds)	Alvin Kamara	363
Receiving (Yds)	Michael Thomas	588
Tackles	Demario Davis	49
Sacks	Cameron Jordan	5.0
Interceptions	J. Hardee, M. Williams	1
KOR (Yds)	Taysom Hill	170
PR (Avg.)	Alvin Kamara	5.6

2018 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON (3-1)

P1	8/9	at Jacksonville Jaguars	W 24-20
P2	8/17	Arizona Cardinals	L 20-15
P3	8/25	at Los Angeles Chargers	W 36-7
P4	8/30	Los Angeles Rams	W 28-0

REGULAR SEASON (5-1)

1	9/9	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	L 48-40
2	9/16	Cleveland Browns	W 21-18
3	9/23	at Atlanta Falcons	W 43-37
4	9/30	at New York Giants	W 33-18
5	10/8	Washington Redskins	W 43-19
6	10/14	BYE WEEK	
7	10/21	at Baltimore Ravens	W 24-23
8	10/28	at Minnesota Vikings	
9	11/4	Los Angeles Rams	
10	11/11	at Cincinnati Bengals	
11	11/18	Philadelphia Eagles	
12	11/22	Atlanta Falcons	
13	11/29	at Dallas Cowboys	
14	12/9	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	
15	12/17	at Carolina Panthers	
16	12/23	Pittsburgh Steelers	
17	12/30	Carolina Panthers	

TOP 2s AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

160	Earl Campbell on 35 attempts in Minnesota (Nov. 24, 1985)
136	Ricky Williams on 30 attempts at New Orleans (Oct. 7, 2001)

PASSING YARDS

412	Drew Brees on 32-of-40 passing in Minnesota (Dec. 18, 2011)
335	Jim Everett on 25-of-37 passing in Minnesota (Nov. 19, 1995)

RECEIVING YARDS

150	Quinn Early on nine catches in Minnesota (Nov. 19, 1995)
104	Devery Henderson on four catches in Minnesota (Oct. 6, 2008)



PLAYER TO WATCH: RB ALVIN KAMARA

KAMARA IS A DUAL THREAT in every sense of the phrase, capable of explosive gains on the ground and through the air. The second-year pro enters tonight's game with 363 rushing yards and six touchdowns on 79 carries in 2018. He also has 40 receptions for 362 yards and another score. Listed at 5-foot-10, 215 pounds, Kamara is able to run between the tackles but also is capable of making teams pay when they fail to contain him at the edge. Kamara has the ability to run different types of routes and caught a 14-yard touchdown pass that gave the Saints a 21-20 lead with 3:01 remaining in the Divisional Round playoff game last January.

IMPRESSIVE DEBUT SEASON: KAMARA HAD 728 RUSHING YARDS, 826 RECEIVING YARDS AND 14 TOTAL TOUCHDOWNS (INCLUDING A KICKOFF RETURN) IN 2017. HE SET THE NFL RECORD FOR MOST YARDS PER OFFENSIVE TOUCH (7.7) BY A PLAYER WITH AT LEAST 200 TOUCHES. HE LED THE NFL WITH 6.1 RUSHING YARDS PER ATTEMPT AND AVERAGED 10.2 YARDS ON 81 RECEPTIONS.

15 ON 20

In a 43-37 win against the Falcons in Week 3, Kamara caught 15 passes on 20 targets for 124 yards. The receptions tied William Andrews (1981) and former Viking Rickey Young (1979) for the second-most receptions by a running back in a game. Former Jet Clark Gaines broke Young's record with 17 in 1980.

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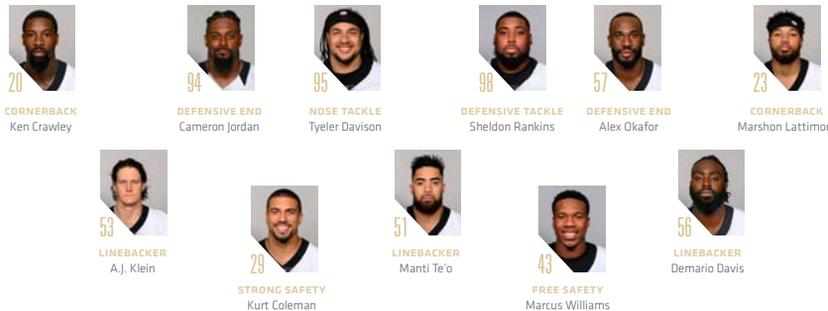


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1	Kyle Sloter	QB
3	Trevor Siemian	QB
5	Dan Bailey	K
6	Matt Wile	P
8	Kirk Cousins	QB
11	Laquon Treadwell	WR
14	Stefon Diggs	WR
15	Brandon Zylstra	WR
17	Aldrick Robinson	WR
19	Adam Thielen	WR
20	Mackensie Alexander	CB
22	Harrison Smith	S
23	George Iloka	S
24	Holton Hill	CB
25	Latavius Murray	RB
26	Trae Waynes	CB
27	Jayron Kearse	S
29	Xavier Rhodes	CB
30	C.J. Ham	FB
32	Roc Thomas	RB
33	Dalvin Cook	RB
34	Andrew Sendejo	S
35	Marcus Sherels	CB
40	Kentrell Brothers	LB
41	Anthony Harris	S
42	Ben Gedeon	LB
44	Mike Boone	RB
47	Kevin McDermott	LS
50	Eric Wilson	LB
54	Eric Kendricks	LB
55	Anthony Barr	LB
57	Devante Downs	LB
61	Brett Jones	C
63	Danny Isidora	G
65	Pat Elflein	C
69	Rashod Hill	T
71	Riley Reiff	T
74	Mike Remmers	G
75	Brian O'Neill	T
79	Tom Compton	G
82	Kyle Rudolph	TE
83	Tyler Conklin	TE
89	David Morgan	TE
90	Tashawn Bower	DE
91	Stephen Weatherly	DE
92	Jalyn Holmes	DT
93	Sheldon Richardson	DT
94	Jaleel Johnson	DT
95	David Parry	DT
96	Tom Johnson	DT
97	Everson Griffen	DE
98	Linval Joseph	DT
99	Danielle Hunter	DE



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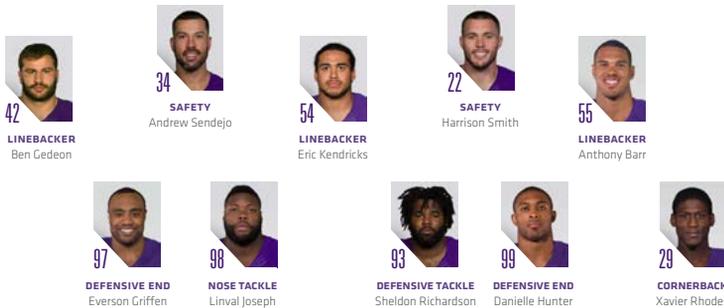


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OFFENSE				DEFENSE			
WR	Thielen	Treadwell	Robinson	LE	Hunter	Bower	
LT	Reiff			DT	Richardson	T. Johnson	Holmes
LG	Compton			NT	Joseph	J. Johnson	Parry
C	Elflein	Jones		RE	Griffen	Weatherly	
RG	Remmers	Isidora		WLB	Gedeon	Wilson	
RT	Hill	O'Neill		MLB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



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6	Thomas Morstead	P
7	Taysom Hill	QB
9	Drew Brees	QB
10	Tre'Quan Smith	WR
13	Michael Thomas	WR
20	Ken Crawley	CB
22	Mark Ingram II	RB
23	Marshon Lattimore	CB
24	Vonn Bell	S
25	Eli Apple	CB
26	P.J. Williams	CB
27	Dwayne Washington	RB
29	Kurt Coleman	S
31	Chris Banjo	S
32	Josh Robinson	DB
34	Justin Hardee	DB
41	Alvin Kamara	RB
42	Zach Line	FB
43	Marcus Williams	S
47	Alex Anzalone	LB
48	J.T. Gray	DB
49	Zach Wood	LS
51	Manti Te'o	LB
52	Craig Robertson	LB
53	A.J. Klein	LB
56	Demario Davis	LB
57	Alex Okafor	DE
59	Vince Biegel	LB
60	Max Unger	C
61	Josh LeRibeus	G
63	Cameron Tom	C
64	Will Clapp	C
65	Michael Ola	T
67	Larry Warford	G
70	Mitchell Loewen	DL
71	Ryan Ramczyk	T
72	Terron Armstead	T
74	Jermon Bushrod	T
75	Andrus Peat	G/T
76	Taylor Stallworth	DT
80	Austin Carr	WR
81	Cameron Meredith	WR
82	Benjamin Watson	TE
85	Dan Arnold	TE
89	Josh Hill	TE
91	Trey Hendrickson	DE
92	Marcus Davenport	DE
93	David Onyemata	DT
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98	Sheldon Rankins	DT

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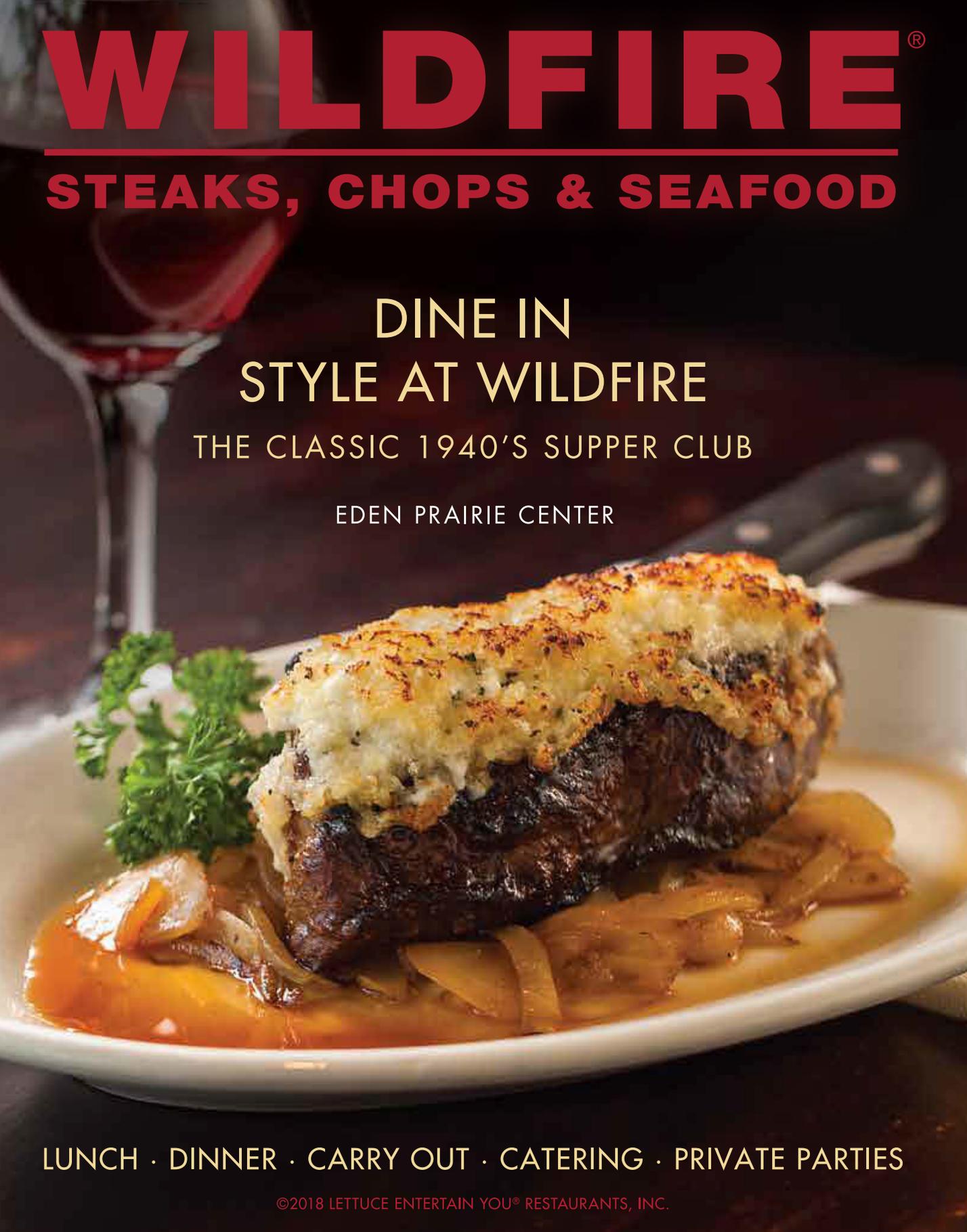


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LT	Armstead	Bushrod	Ola
LG	Peat	LeRibeus	
C	Unger	Tom	Clapp
RG	Warford	LeRibeus	
RT	Ramczyk	Bushrod	Ola
TE	Watson	Hill	Arnold
WR	Smith	Carr	
QB	Brees	Bridgewater	Hill
FB	Line		
RB	Kamara	Ingram II	Washington

DEFENSE			
CB	Crawley	Williams	Apple
DE	Okafor	Davenport	
NT	Davison	Stallworth	Bromley
DT	Rankins	Onyemata	
DE	Jordan	Hendrickson	Loewen
CB	Lattimore	Hardee	Robinson
SLB	Klein	Anzalone	Biegel
MLB	Te'o	Anzalone	
WLB	Davis	Robertson	
SS	Coleman	Bell	Gray
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TIMEOUT WITH GEORGE ILOKA

GEORGE ILOKA MIGHT PARTIALLY OWE HIS NFL CAREER TO HIS LONGTIME BEST FRIEND, SAINTS SAFETY CHRIS BANJO.

BY LINDSEY YOUNG



THE TWO WILL BE on opposite sidelines during tonight's game, but they previously were teammates at Kempner High School in Sugar Land, Texas, a suburb of Houston.

After playing wide receiver throughout middle school and high school, Iloka was faced with a dilemma when a new coach came in after his junior season and implemented the run-heavy Wing-T offense.

"He was like, 'We might throw the ball two times a game. I just want to use your physicality and your size for better use on our team - you ought to try DB,'" recalled Iloka, who pushed back at the notion of moving to defense.

Iloka's coach asked him how many college offers he had at receiver - "Shoot, I think maybe one?" - and told him he would likely get more looks if he gave safety a try. Iloka remained reluctant, but realizing that he could play with Banjo convinced him to make the switch.

"He was like, 'Man just come to the other side of the ball,' and I thought, 'If I play safety and he's the other safety, we'll be close to each other,'" Iloka said. "My first day at safety [during spring ball], I had 15, 20 scouts coming out, and they all gave me their card and were really impressed."

While several schools showed interest, it was Boise State that offered Iloka a spot at safety before he ever played an actual high school game at the position.



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"Just that loyalty that they showed me, I committed in the summer," said Iloka, who became the youngest player in the Western Athletic Conference at 17. From there, the rest was history.

WE CAUGHT UP WITH ILOKA FOR A TIMEOUT

Q: What will it be like to be on a sideline opposite Chris tonight?

A: *I played him once when he was with the Green Bay Packers my second year in the league, but I also started on defense ... so you don't really go up against him [when you're both on defense]. But now I'm in a different type of role for the time being, and I'm playing a lot more special teams. So, I might actually get to physically go up against him and be matched up against him. I definitely have to get the best of him because we've got a lot of friends watching; we have teachers watching back home and our high school coaches. We have all the same friends. So I definitely, if we do go up against each other, I do want to win that matchup. Just because you don't know the next time you'll get that matchup. It'll be one of those things where you're 80 years old and you're like, 'I gotchu that one time.' So I definitely want to win that. We'll see.*

Q. Coach Zimmer really stresses the role of DBs in run support. How does that align with your philosophy, and what's it like for a group of DBs to be attacking the run?

A. I love it. That's kind of my element. I like to consider myself versatile; that's why they've given me some looks at nickel, big nickel, whatever you want to call it. And I play [single high safety] a lot. But I really love being down there in the action with the big boys and letting people feel me.

Q. Your Vikings bio mentions that internet shopping is an interest of yours. What's your go-to, or do you do all general shopping online?

A. Just across the board – shoes, clothes, football equipment. Surprisingly, you'd think that because I play football, I would just get all my stuff for free. But I really like finding customized stuff and things like that. So it doesn't matter too much; whatever catches my eye, I look for it online. And it's mainly because I hate going to stores and them not having my size – I'm a pretty big guy. I don't even know why linemen attempt to go into stores.

Q. You're a movie buff as well, right?

A. Yes, I love movies. (Laughs) My wife was arguing with me recently because we usually watch a movie, but I've seen them all. I'll either go to the theaters by myself and watch them during the day time, or I'll watch it on Netflix or HBO or Amazon. I see movies like the day they come out, so there's really nothing for me and her to watch. I like all movies – I'm just a movie guy.

Q. Do you have a favorite movie? Or maybe a favorite football movie, to narrow it down?

A. My favorite football movie is Friday Night Lights, because it definitely reminds me of how seriously people in Texas take high school football and how serious I took it. I relate to the emotions that those guys had.

Q. I've heard you're a foodie, as well. Tell me a little bit about that interest.

A. I love cooking. Especially in the offseason when I have time, I try to cook at least two complicated meals a week for my wife, and she enjoys it.



From being high school teammates (top left), to Chris Banjo serving as George Iloka's best man in his wedding (right), to making it to the NFL together (bottom left), Banjo and Iloka are mainstays in each other's lives.

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- GEORGE ILOKA

Q. Do you have a go-to meal or signature dish that you like to cook?

A. She likes my fried rice and orange chicken, but that's kind of too simple. Her favorite isn't my favorite. My favorite is probably my oxtails and my jerk wings, but you know, we like different things.

Q. After the Cardinals game, you were wearing a Nirvana T-shirt. Are you a big fan?

A. I actually just liked the shirt. It just matched what I had going on. I have a whole bunch of band T-shirts, actually. I had a Shotgun Willie T-shirt and wore it on NFL Network, and [Willie Nelson's] band manager reached out to me because he saw me wearing it, and he offered me tickets to a concert. So I still need to go check out a Shotgun Willie concert.

Q. How would you describe your taste in music? Is it pretty broad?

A. It's broad. I definitely have an old soul. I definitely have some songs on my iPod that you wouldn't expect me to have. But in terms of game-day music, it would probably be hip-hop just because it gets you going.

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His football awareness always comes into play. He's got a great football sense of where people are around him, and I think that's where the intelligence comes in.”

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WIDE RECEIVERS COACH



GOOD THING STEFON DIGGS DIDN'T END UP GOING OUT OF BOUNDS. BECAUSE THAT'S WHAT THE VIKINGS WIDE RECEIVER WAS ACTUALLY PLANNING TO DO AFTER LEAPING INTO THE AIR FROM THE U.S. BANK STADIUM TURF ON JAN. 14, 2018.

The pigskin connected with Diggs' white gloves with five seconds remaining in regulation. What followed over the next few ticks will live forever in Vikings lore.

"I was just getting ready to get tackled and try my best to get out of bounds," Diggs said. "When I didn't get tackled, I knew something was up, and I was just trying to keep my feet."

Diggs' left foot hit the ground at the 34-yard line, leading to a small stutter step just after Saints safety Marcus Williams missed the attempt to tackle him. His right foot soon planted with the turf at the 33-yard line, his left following his momentum at the 31-yard line.

Diggs' left hand helped stabilize his balance and propel him forward just before the 30-yard line.

By the time Diggs looked up and approached full speed at the 25-yard line, there was nothing but open field, an inviting Purple end zone and thousands of awestruck Vikings fans in front of him.

The "Minneapolis Miracle," as it was dubbed in real

time by "Voice of the Vikings" Paul Allen, is the most memorable play in franchise history, an unbelievable sequence that gave the Vikings a thrilling 29-24 victory over New Orleans in the Divisional Round of the 2017 NFL playoffs.

And it showcased some of Diggs' best attributes as a player: balance, athleticism, strength and speed.

But it also highlighted perhaps the most hidden part of the wide receiver's repertoire on the field, a high level of smarts and awareness that puts Diggs at the top of his class in the league.

"His football awareness always comes into play," said Vikings wide receivers coach Darrell Hazell. "He's got a great football sense of where people are around him, and I think that's where the intelligence comes in."

"He knew the safety was driving on him [on the 61-yard touchdown] ... and just knowing the angle the guy was taking was a critical part of the success on that play," Hazell added.

One of Diggs' teammates believes



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- WR ADAM THIELEN

his smarts and football IQ are the most underrated part of his game.

"Absolutely," said Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen. "He is a *smart* football player, and he understands zone coverages and man coverages and how to run a route and how to set up things.

"It's kind of funny when you hear people talk about certain receivers and how they put certain tags on them, but they have no idea," Thielen added. "They don't see what he does in the classroom and how he thinks about the game. Diggsy is obviously a guy who is really smart, and that's why he has had success."

Diggs has always had talent on the gridiron; it's what helped make him one of the top high school recruits in the nation as a teenager in Maryland.

He chose to stay home and attend the University of Maryland, where injuries sidetracked his college career before the Vikings selected him in the fifth round of the 2015 NFL Draft.

There were seven wide receivers taken in the first round that spring as Diggs became the 19th overall player chosen at his position when Minnesota snagged him with the 146th overall pick.

Diggs has since become one of the most productive players of his draft class, as his 2,940 career receiving yards and 18 touchdowns, rank second and third, respectively, among players selected in 2015.

But in recent years, Diggs has seemingly taken his game to a new level, blending his athleticism with smarts and awareness to make him a more complete player. He has 48 catches, 468 yards and three touchdowns nearly halfway through the 2018 season (on pace for career bests in receptions and yards).

The wide receiver said he's put in just as much work in the classroom and with film study as he has on the field and in the weight

room, adding that the combination of film study and experience in the NFL has opened his eyes over the past four seasons.

"More so over time, I would say, not just on film," Diggs said. "Being [in the league for a while,] ... you can watch a ton of film but be a young guy and not really have a feel for the game. I would just say that over the years I've learned a lot."

Hazell said he is "constantly" throwing new stuff at Diggs in the classroom.

"It's all about film study and constant interaction with other players, with the quarterback, coaches," Hazell said. "That's how you learn the game. He wants all that information to try and process it and digest it, and he tries to figure it out from there.

"You keep piling on his plate and then learning why you have to be at a certain depth and why you have to be at a certain width in a route," Hazell added. "He's getting it more and more each week."

Diggs has a catalogue of routes he can run on the field, but those closest to him say he has grown in learning how to set up defenders throughout the game.

A route on the first drive might get one look. And when it appears, Diggs is running that same route in the fourth quarter, he changes it up at the last second for a separate route for a big gain.

"I think his ability to line up in a lot of different spots [shows his knowledge of the game]," said Vikings Offensive Coordinator John DeFilippo. "If you saw our call sheets and the amount of personnel groupings, the amount of formations we have, shifts and motions, [we use] those things more than a lot of people.

"I'm not saying we do everything right, because we don't. We try to," DeFilippo added. "But I think his ability to line up inside, outside, run the first level, your route, the slant for example, and then Green Bay take the post over the top [for a 75-yard

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touchdown] and be able to track the football and catch it with his finger tips and those things. I think the variety of routes he can run and the ability for him to line up anywhere that we need him to line up at makes him who he is."

Added Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer: "He understands route concepts, you know, part of it is understanding the positioning of the defensive back, and I think he does a good job of setting guys up and understanding how to manipulate the route based off of him. But yeah, he does a good job. He's a smart kid."

Diggs' fellow wide receiver and best friend on the team agreed with DeFilippo and Zimmer's assessments.

"He's going to make all his routes look the same and put speed on every route," Thielen said. "Then, depending if he's going in or out or up, he's going to break that way, and it's tough for DBs to figure out where he's going because everything looks the same."

As Hazell has gotten to know Diggs over the past two seasons, he's come to appreciate the wide receiver's enthusiasm for the game along with his football IQ.

"He plays with such great energy," Hazell said. "I like to refer to him as 'The Dragster.' He's got so much fuel ... rocket fuel, dragster fuel ... that he plays with.

"It empties out real quick, and you'll see him come off for a play, but then he just reloads and has so much energy," Hazell added.

There is no doubt that Diggs is silky smooth in his route running and has the speed and explosiveness to turn a quick screen into a big play.

But he has elevated his game in subtle ways, as well, such as knowing what coverage is coming and finding the soft spot in the zone.

Hazell said that wide receivers in today's game must have multiple items, including smarts, in their toolbox.

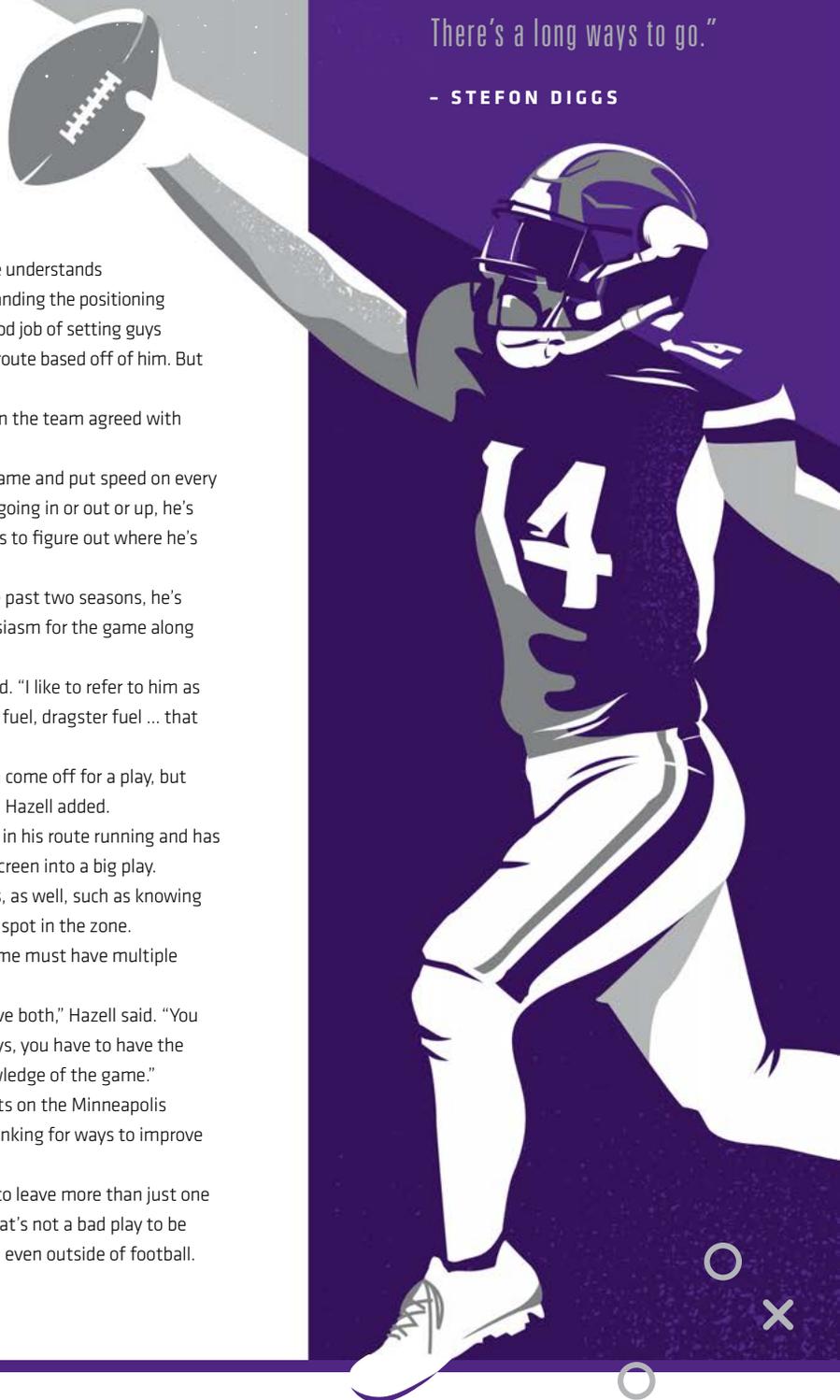
"It's hard to be a good player if you don't have both," Hazell said. "You can make plays, but to consistently make plays, you have to have the athletic ability and you have to have the knowledge of the game."

Diggs displayed every one of his needed traits on the Minneapolis Miracle. Yet he is constantly searching and thinking for ways to improve as his career evolves.

"My legacy will be my legacy. I kind of want to leave more than just one play, of course," Diggs said. "But as of now, that's not a bad play to be remembered for. But I've got goals to be met, even outside of football. There's a long ways to go."

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- STEFON DIGGS



Lost voice at Vikings game



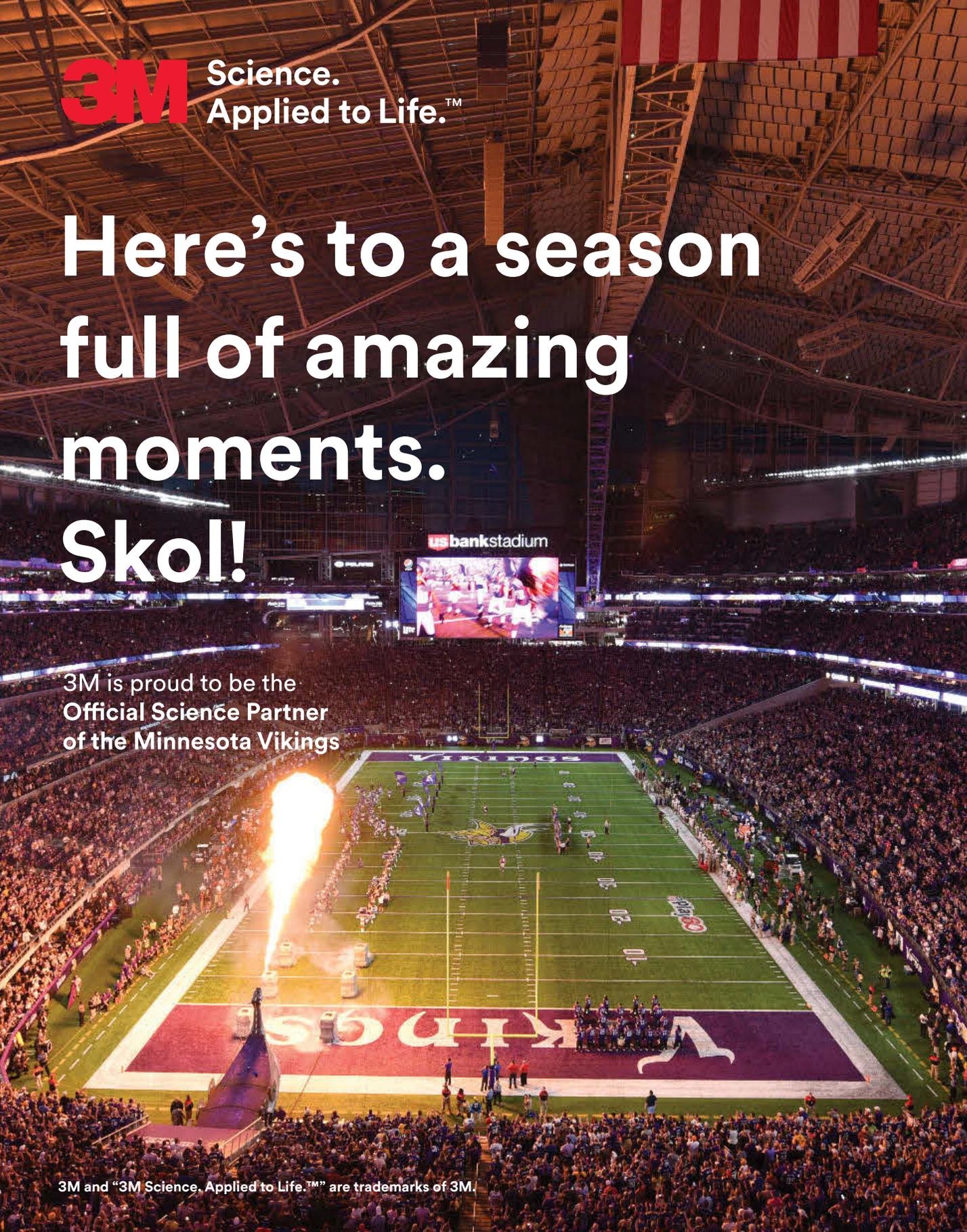
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THE MOST IMPORTANT

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written by
**CRAIG
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**IT WAS A PLAY THE VIKINGS ABSOLUTELY HAD TO HAVE AGAINST THE SAINTS.
NO, NOT THE ONE YOU'VE REPLAYED IN YOUR HEAD SINCE THESE TWO TEAMS LAST MET.**

Let's talk about the oh-so-important play that will forever be overshadowed by the Minneapolis Miracle. That viral – in a good way for the Vikings – moment never would have happened without Minnesota's stop on a third-and-1 run by Alvin Kamara with 29 seconds remaining.

If New Orleans had converted, the Saints could have milked the clock and left no time for the Vikings before attempting a field goal by Wil Lutz.

Instead, Kamara was tackled for a loss of 1, with safety Anthony Harris making first contact. Lutz's 43-yarder gave the Saints a one-point lead, but it took just four seconds off the clock.

"It's overshadowed by another great play, which is understandable, but that was a critical play in the game," Vikings Defensive

Coordinator George Edwards said. "Otherwise, they would have ran it out, and we would have been sitting there holding our thumbs."

The Vikings had the thinnest of chances, but it turned out to be enough time to run four plays – two completions and two incompletions – and deliver the game-winning score.

The improbable finish when Stefon Diggs elevated to high-point a pass from Case Keenum, landed on his feet, pivoted and crossed the goal line as time expired eclipsed everything that happened in the game before it in football lore.

Until now.

We asked multiple Vikings participants for their memories of what may be the most important, least famous play in franchise history.

TOM JOHNSON, WHAT DO YOU REMEMBER?

"To be honest with you, I don't think I was even on the field at that time," he said.

WELL, ACTUALLY, YOU FIRED QUICKLY OFF THE SNAP.

"With me being my size, I'm already aggressive, especially in a short-yardage situation," said the 6-foot-3, 285-pounder who is smaller than most interior linemen who are playing in short-yardage situations. "[Defensive line coach Andre Patterson] already knows I'm trying to get off the ball as hard as possible, as fast as possible just to get that surge. Everybody isn't blessed like [329-pound Linval Joseph] to be able to eat 12 guys up at one time (laughs). With me, I'm not surprised at all at trying to be the first one off the rock, trying to attack."

Before the snap:

Harrison Smith is disappointed. Never mind the fact that he made a critical tackle of Michael Thomas after a gain of 5 to force the third-and-1. The safety is in angst because the Saints have driven from their own 25 to the Minnesota 24 in 56 seconds, converting a fourth-and-10 along the way.

"We were just disappointed we let them into field goal range, really," Smith said. "You don't want to rely on that incredible play at the end because it's the exception and not the norm. At this point, we knew they were in field goal range, so honestly, [we were] disappointed, but it was a great play by Anthony. Ultimately, when you look back, it set up that play."

The Vikings approach short-yardage situations with a "change-the-mindset" demeanor, which is a euphemism for being the ones in control. They want to be decisive with their actions, strike first and control the line of scrimmage, but most importantly, do the right things.

Defensive linemen want to be first off the snap and powerfully win their matchup to limit options.

Johnson is in at one of the defensive tackles in Minnesota's third-down defensive package, ready to do everything he can to keep his former team from winning the play – and the game.

New Orleans' road to the NFC Championship is not going through his gap if he has his say. When the ball is snapped, Johnson explodes before others, but the play goes away from his gap.

Linebackers and safeties work to fill holes and avoid getting out of position.

Coaches and players study tendencies of opponents before each game to provide the best information for how to take away what an opponent wants to do.

"The thing about the Saints," Kendricks said, "is their playbook is completely wide open. You never know what they're going to run in any situation, so it's about staying disciplined."

Harris, who entered the game after Andrew Sendejo left with a concussion, quickly communicated with Kendricks and other defenders.

"Ant's a smart kid. He's shown up for us in the games he's played," Kendricks said. "He's a gamer, man. He makes plays."

Harris said the Vikings believed the Saints "would try to play tough football and run in that situation, so it was just about covering our guy on that particular play" and knew he had an opportunity when he wasn't blocked.

"You read your keys, make a quick decision," Harris added. "We always talk on special teams, 'Don't be surprised if you're free.' On that play, I was a little surprised that he didn't block out on me, but I just tried to shoot my shot, make a quick decision and get him down on the ground."

Harris gets a piece of Kamara in the backfield, slowing him down and allowing Danielle Hunter and Brian Robison to shrink the space between them and Kendricks comes up and finishes the play.

"I penetrated the gap, and I was in position to get in on the tackle," Harris added. "I got in there, was able to get a hit on him, and Eric was able to come clean it up as well, so we were able to hold them."

The aftermath:

With the gift of time, the Vikings were able to deliver one of the most memorable finishes in franchise history, erasing a "not-us-again" heartbreak for the fan base.

People didn't make crying selfie videos as a reaction to the stop on third-and-1, and the

clip hasn't garnered millions of views online, but defenders know that they had a role in enabling the ensuing emotions.

DO THE DEFENDERS MIND THAT A TACKLE FOR LOSS HAS LEFT THE MEMORIES OF SO MANY?

"It's kind of like a lot of stuff that happened in the game, the details that you usually remember," Johnson said. "The last play kind of took over everything because there were so many emotions and so much excitement, so to be honest with you, I couldn't even tell you exactly what was going on. I know the mindset is always, short yardage, we're thinking of being aggressive, attacking and then trying to make the pocket move back, that our line will make sure any sneak won't get penetration."

Smith's memory of the stop and the Miracle always will be affected by the fact that the Saints kicked a go-ahead field goal with under half a minute to go. He doesn't want to bank on future miracles.

"I still think, you look back on it, those plays at the end, those don't happen," Smith said. "You're not playing for those plays. To win that game, we needed to keep them out of field goal range. Now, a miracle happened, and we ended up winning, but that's not how you design it to go. Looking back, it ended up being big that there was still a little bit of time, but it's not a winning brand of football."

Harris hadn't re-watched the third-and-1 stop since team film study after the game until he pulled up a copy and played it on a phone.

"You just look back and think if they convert in that situation, they've got time to run the clock and potentially come out with a win in that game, but it didn't quite go that way," Harris said. "Guys kept believing, kept fighting, and you realize that holding them on that possession gave ourselves a chance to win that game."

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STORM THROUGH THE HULL OF THE VIKINGS LONGSHIP AND
ONTO THE TURF ... AND FELT SOMETHING HE HADN'T IN A LONG TIME.

PREGAME ANXIETY.

The Vikings 2018 home opener marked Newman's first game since trading in his helmet for a coach's headset.

"I'd never worn a headset before,"

Newman said before letting out a laugh.

"I was nervous. 'OK, I don't want to mess anything up.' But once it got going a little bit, I got used to it, comfortable.

"I settled down a little bit, and it was fun,"

Newman added. "It was fun just being a part of getting to make adjustments and see the work that you put in the whole week" - he stopped here to reword the sentence - "the work that they put in all week ... pay off."

Five weeks after coaching his first game, Newman seemed to be settling into the new role.

In an office on the second floor of Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center, Newman clicked a remote, intently watched film of an upcoming opponent.

Newman wore a gray, hooded Vikings sweatshirt and black sweatpants. Next to him, a plastic plate held moderate portions from a catered lunch. Gone are the days of eating near his locker while bantering with teammates and getting pumped up for the weekend's game.

"I didn't know what to expect, to be honest with you," said Newman of his late-summer decision to retire and join the

Vikings as an assistant defensive backs coach.

"It was just a learning process to start with, and then once you get two, three weeks into it, you kind of understand, 'OK, this is what it is every day,' and you just get used to knowing where to be, understanding the ins and outs and the Xs and Os that go together during the course of a week."

Newman had gone through the entirety of the offseason and grind of training camp in preparation of his 16th NFL season. But on Sept. 1, three days before his 40th birthday, the longtime cornerback announced his retirement.

"I've loved this game since the day I played it. But it was my time," Newman told media members. "Everybody is asking me if I'm OK. I'm like, 'I'm good.' I'm still in football; I still have an opportunity to chase a Super Bowl ring."

FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Newman is continuing that pursuit under the guidance of Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer, with whom he has spent more than half of his NFL career. Newman played for Zimmer in Dallas from 2003-06, in Cincinnati from 2012-13 and in Minnesota from 2015-17.

"It's really good because in the meetings I can ask him stuff, you know, 'How do you see this as a DB,' and I

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- JAYRON KEARSE

think the players have a lot of respect for him,” Zimmer said.

“You’re going to have to ask him about the hours and things like that,” Zimmer added with a slight grin. “But as far as on-the-field coaching and how he sees things [...] he’ll come up and talk to me about tips that he sees all the time. That part has been really good.”

While the long hours of grinding tape and late nights in the office have been an adjustment, Newman is enjoying the opportunity to learn the game from a new perspective while continuing to mentor younger players.

Vikings defensive backs coach Jerry Gray – who went from instructor to co-worker – said that Newman’s new role allows him to learn more about game-planning and why coaches approach the game the way that they do.

“Now he can take guys off to the side and say, ‘Hey, look – we need you to do this, this and this – and this is the reason why we’re doing it.’” Gray explained. “You have a guy who the players can relate to. They knew he was a good football player and a smart football player.”

Vikings safety Jayron Kearse is used to receiving guidance from Newman. Now, it’s just in an official capacity.

“Even when Terence was playing with us, he was always a guy that you could look to for help,” Kearse said. “He’s always helped the young players, so it’s great to have him on that side now. He sees a lot of things because he knows, he’s played so long in this game that he sees things that maybe the [other] coaches don’t see.”

Another player who’s been fortunate to learn from Newman as both a teammate and student

is safety George Iloka.

Iloka and Newman were teammates in Cincinnati from 2012-14, and the two reunited in Minnesota when Iloka signed with the Vikings in August.

“It’s been cool. George is a really cerebral, athletic player, and he was happy to get a chance to come here and continue his career and showcase his talent,” Newman said. “He’s a guy who’s a diligent studier, he’s a student of the game, and he’s obviously a heck of a player, as well.”

GOOD COP, BAD COP

Iloka and the other Vikings defensive backs already have had the privilege of learning from Zimmer. Adding Newman to the sideline has been the cherry on top.

“The players have a lot of respect for him just because of the way that he does it and the way his personality is,” Zimmer said. “He’s just able to talk to them and not necessarily get after them. I’m the bad cop; he’s the good cop.”

Is it an accurate analogy?

Iloka smiled when asked about the comparison recently.

“You can always find some good cops. But there’s only one bad cop, and that’s Zim,” Iloka quipped. “He’s been a bad cop since he’s been in this league, and I’ve dealt with him since I was a rookie. You always try to [stick] next to the good cop. That’s a fair analysis.”

Acclimating to his role in authority, Newman did acknowledge that he and Zimmer have “different deliveries” in their coaching styles.

Newman has been grateful for tough-love coaches all throughout his football journey, including Zimmer. While he may lean a little more on the “love” side of the equation at the moment, the first-year coach isn’t afraid to speak the truth.

“I feel like a guy needs to know when he’s doing a good job, and that gets him a little more encouraged,” Newman said. “And when he’s doing a bad job, I feel like he needs to know he’s doing a bad job. Coach [Zimmer] will tell you when you’re doing good; he’ll tell you when you’re doing bad. He just delivers it differently than I do.

“It’s all about people. He’s been doing it a lot longer than I have,” Newman continued. “So I don’t feel comfortable just screaming and yelling at people. When somebody needs it, obviously, I’ve voiced my displeasure this year already. I felt bad, but it needed to happen. So the good cop, bad cop, though, that’s a good one. I’ll say that’s a good one.”

Gray, a four-time Pro Bowler with the Rams, is grateful to have a player of Newman’s caliber in his position room, and he has no doubt that he will be a strong coach, as well. Gray said it’s “incredible” to see a guy with so much knowledge stick around the game.

“When you’ve got a football player who knows the game and gives back, that guy is a really good guy,” Gray said. “And to me, he’s giving back to the game. A lot of guys take their experience and leave the game, and they never give it away.”

Added Gray: “He’s one of the unselfish ones – he’s giving all the stuff that he knows away.”



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ADAM THIELEN

GRANTS A WISH

It took a minute for Jaren Berg to find his voice when his favorite Vikings player greeted him after the team's walk-through session on Aug. 3.



BY LINDSEY YOUNG

When Adam Thielen walked over, shook his hand and autographed an official game-day football, Jaren's reaction said it all.

Thielen pulled out a pair of yellow gloves and added his signature to them before handing them to an excited and emotional Jaren, who already balanced two footballs in his hands.

Fortunately, he had just enough room to accept a final gift.

Thielen also presented Jaren with tickets to tonight's game against the Saints, and the young fan's jaw dropped.

Jaren cried in gratitude as he accepted the tickets from Thielen, who added an invitation for Jaren to attend yesterday morning's practice session with the team.

It's been a long road for the dedicated Vikings fan, who three years ago started having seizures.

Jaren's parents, Michelle and Daniel, explained that he was initially diagnosed with epilepsy and began treatment. But even after increases in medication time, the symptoms didn't seem to be alleviated. When the medication began affecting Jaren's school work, the Bergs decided to seek a second opinion.

The family traveled to Mayo Clinic where Jaren was seen by another neurologist who decided to run some additional tests and discovered that Jaren has Long QT syndrome,

which is a genetic heart-rhythm disorder.

Jaren underwent a procedure to remove nerves to his heart and ultimately ended up having an internal defibrillator placed, which will shock his heart into rhythm if necessary.

"Long QT syndrome can cause sudden cardiac death," Michelle explained. "He's just going to live his life now. We're so thankful that it didn't end in [another way]."

During Jaren's time at Mayo, he was nominated to receive a once-in-a-lifetime experience through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"The Vikings kind of were what pulled him through his hospital stay," Michelle said. "He had a [Vikings] blanket and hats, and he watched them on Thanksgiving when he was in the hospital.

"So when it came time to pick a wish, he was like, 'I want to go to a Vikings game.' " she added. "And they made it happen. It's amazing."

Thielen told Jaren that he was inspired by his courage and positive attitude amidst such difficult challenges.

"It's pretty special," Thielen told Vikings.com. "And then to see his emotions come out when he received the tickets, that's pretty cool. We want to make an impact on other people's lives."

While Long QT is incurable, Jaren has not suffered a seizure since being diagnosed and starting treatment. And because the condition is managed through medication and the defibrillator, and he has been cleared by doctors – at least for the time being – to continue playing football and other sports.

"I hope this gives him motivation to continue with athletics and what he can do, even though he does have a heart condition," Michelle said.

As she and Daniel stood by and took in the interactions between Jaren and the players, their sentiment matched that of their son.

"It just warms my heart," said Michelle. "He's been through so much this last year, these past three years, and it's a dream come true for him. It just makes me so happy and proud of him."

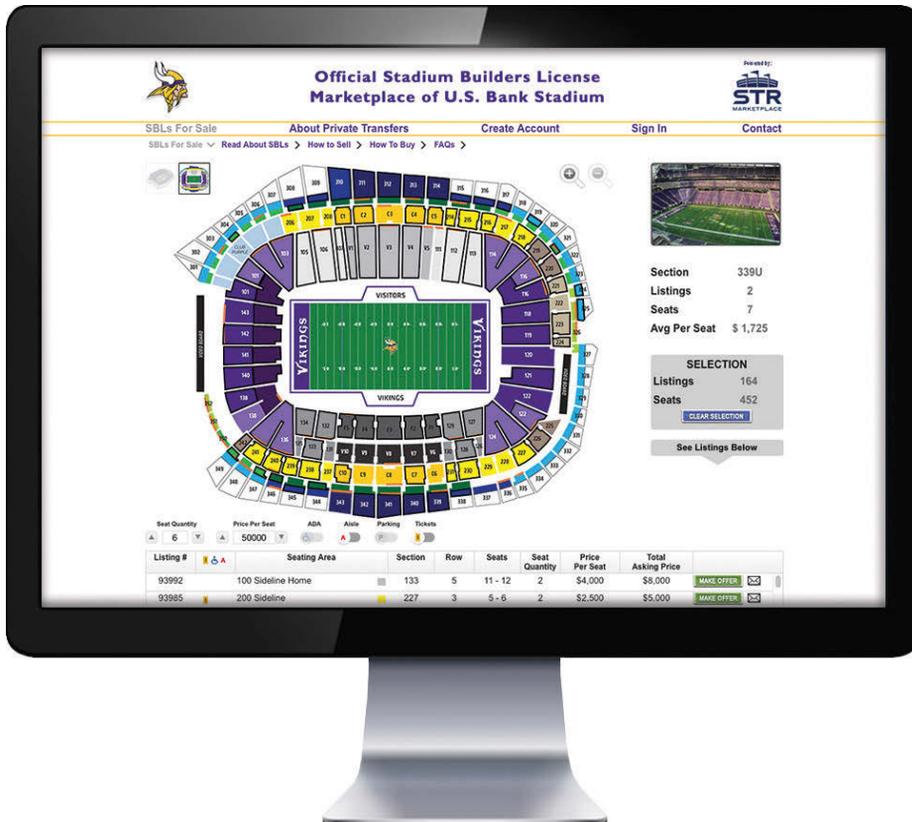
"To see Jaren so happy [is wonderful]," said Daniel, who added that it was difficult to keep the surprise a secret. "He'll never forget this for the rest of his life."



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CHRIS DOLEMAN GIFTS HALL OF FAME BUST TO VIKINGS MUSEUM

BY ERIC SMITH

Chris Doleman sat for a moment and soaked in the image of his own face looking back at him.

“THAT BOY IS GOOD LOOKING,” Doleman quipped earlier this month at the Vikings Museum.

While some items on display are on loan from individuals, Doleman gifted his bronze Hall of Fame bust to the new museum’s collection through an incredible act of generosity.

Doleman explained why he chose to gift the bust to the organization rather than just loan it.

“It’s very meaningful,” said Doleman, who ranks fifth all-time with 150.5 career sacks and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2012. “There are three icons when you become a Hall of Famer. One is the [gold] jacket. The second one is your ring, and the third one is your bust.

“To be able to give [the bust] to the team that drafted me, it means everything to me. I wanted them to have it,” added Doleman, who is one of 318 members of the Hall of Fame. “I want them

to know how much I care about them.”

Doleman traveled from the Atlanta area to the Twin Cities during Week 6 to see his bust installed as the newest item in the Vikings Museum, which opened in July.

The bust is in a section that celebrates the 1987 team, which marched to the NFC Championship Game after upsetting the Saints and 49ers in the playoffs. Doleman moved from linebacker to defensive end that season. He had 11 sacks and six forced fumbles in just 12 games and garnered his first of four consecutive selections to the Pro Bowl.

Doleman is currently undergoing treatment for glioblastoma, a type of brain cancer. He sounded the Gjallarhorn prior to the Vikings Crucial Catch game against the Cardinals, to represent those fighting cancer and those who have lost their battle with the disease.

Doleman’s wife, LaTresa, said her husband’s two main priorities in life are fighting cancer and keeping up with the team that drafted him fourth overall in 1985. Doleman was diagnosed with glioblastoma in January and underwent surgery soon after.

“All he talks about are the Vikings,” LaTresa

said with a laugh. “I’m from Detroit, so I love my Lions, but he always talks about the Vikings, so now I’m a Vikings fan because of him.

“But he’s so positive. What he’s going through is tough, but he keeps a positive outlook. And even still, he’s always looking to help other people,” LaTresa added. “He’s working very hard with his physical therapy and his occupational therapy, but he still is trying to find ways to give back, and that really inspires me.”

Doleman played for the Vikings for 10 of his 15 professional seasons, racking up 96.5 career sacks in Purple. He was inducted into the Vikings Ring of Honor in 2011.

The man with double-digit sacks in eight different seasons said he hopes his bust inspires current Vikings players to strive for lofty goals.

“When they come through here, they realize, ‘I can do this, too. I can be a part of this,’” Doleman said.

As Doleman left the museum, he passed by a young fan who looked at him quizzically as if he was trying to figure out who the legendary Vikings player was.

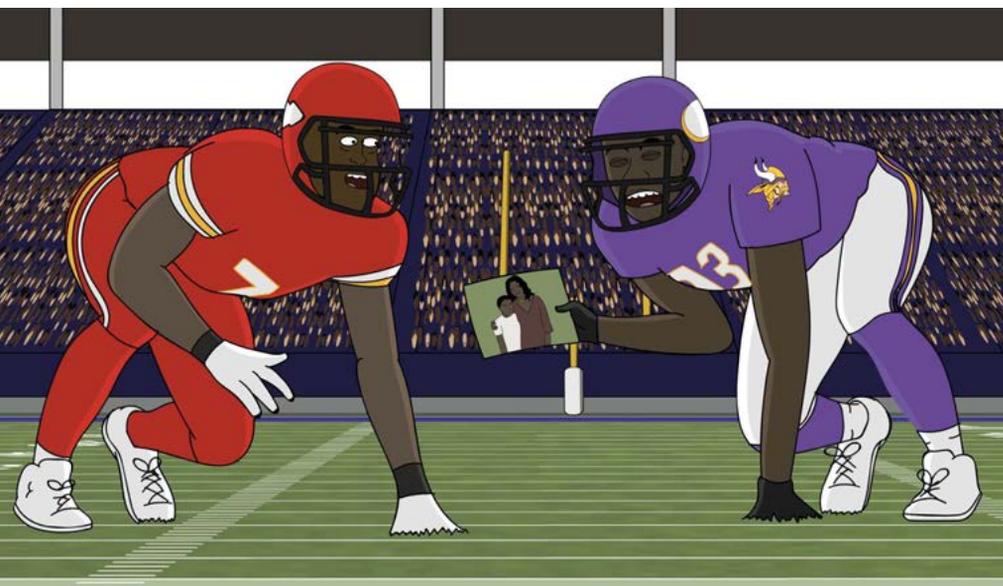
“My bust is around the corner,” Doleman said, drawing a smile from the boy.

The Vikings Museum is open 7 days a week in Eagan, MN. Visit vikings.com/museum to learn more about the museum or to purchase tickets.



VIKINGS ENTERTAINMENT NETWORK

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SKOLOL PRESENTED BY MINNESOTA LOTTERY

SkoLoL is an animated series that is part of Vikings Connected. Hall of Fame DT John Randle was featured in a recent segment and explained numerous quirks that accompanied his legendary career. Randle conducted research on opponents' family members to help him get in their heads.



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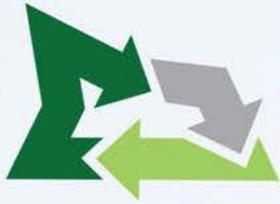
Vikings LIVE, presented by Miller Lite and Mall of America, continues its first season this Thursday in front of a live audience from TCO Studios inside the Vikings headquarters in Eagan. Vikings Rewards members can redeem their points for tickets. Episodes air at 6 p.m. and last 30 minutes.



Vikings GameDay LIVE, the team's one-hour pregame show, is back for its third season. Featuring in-depth analysis and commentary to get you ready for each week's game, Vikings GameDay LIVE will bring you live reports from the field each week. Vikings GameDay LIVE is produced by VEN in conjunction with FOX 9 KMSP and airs Sunday mornings on FOX 9 KMSP.



Vikings Connected is a Vikings fan-centric show driven by digital content and is co-hosted by Chris Hawkey, from the Vikings Radio Flagship KFAN, and Erin Newburg. Fans can interact with the show throughout the season by using #VikingsConnected. Vikings Connected is produced by VEN and will air on KMSP, My 29 WFTC and FOX Sports North.



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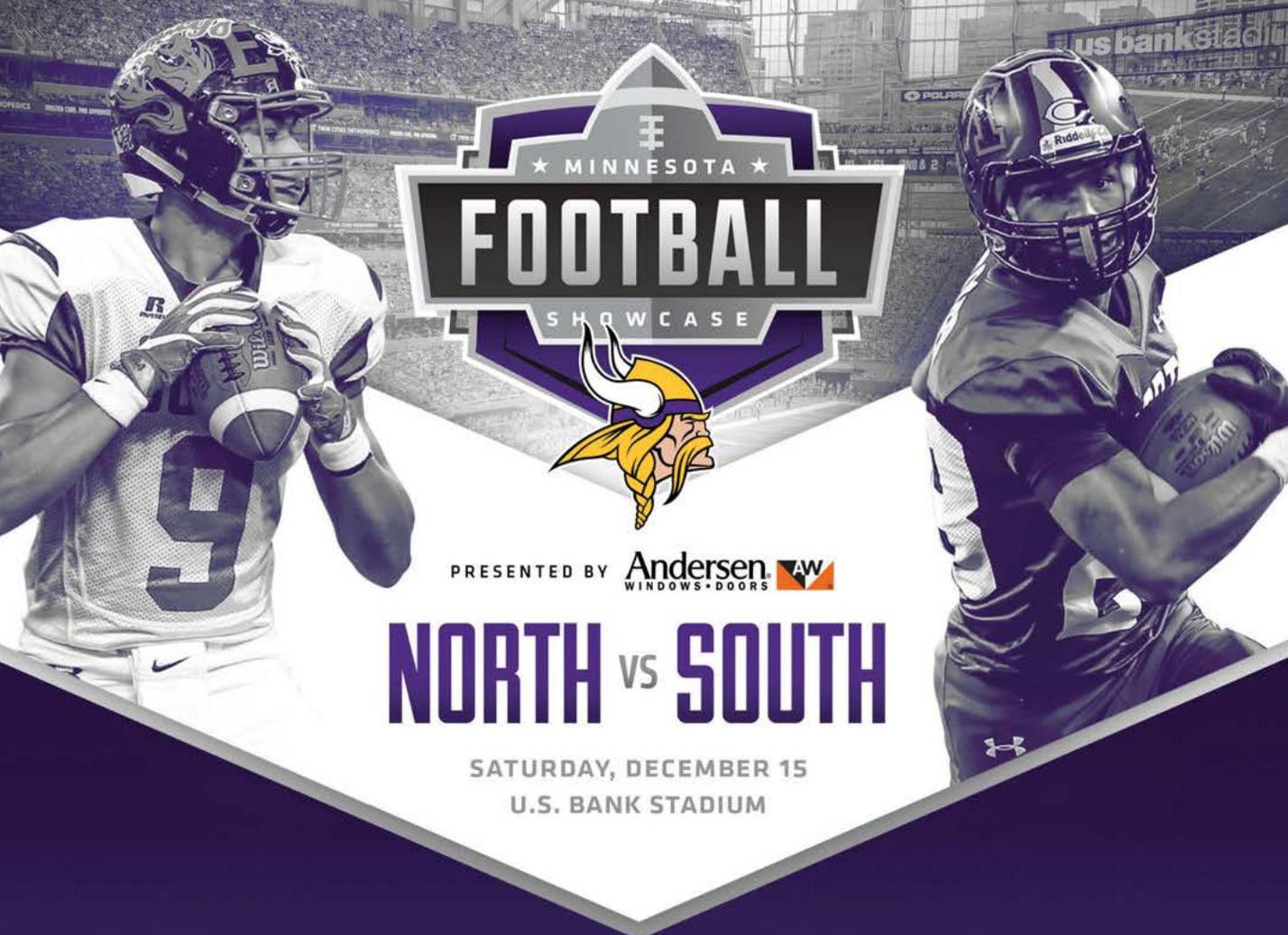
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Viktor's

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**BUUHHHRRROOOOO* Viktor awoke to the sound of his alarm clock blaring the Vikings Gjallarhorn. He turned to check the clock... OH NO! It's 1 and Viktor is late for the game! Viktor was up too late playing 2 with 3. Viktor only has 4 minute(s) to get all the way to the game! Viktor jumped out of bed and reached into a pile of clothes to grab his purple 5. Running into the kitchen, Viktor's stomach grumbled as he grabbed 6 out of the fridge. Viktor took 7 bite(s) and his meal was finished. After his tasty meal, Viktor hopped in his purple 8 and sped off to the game.*

Viktor made it to the game in record time, but as he pulled into the parking lot he saw that 9 had parked in his's spot. Viktor drove off to find a new parking spot and found one right next to 10's 11. Viktor was almost to the game! Running faster than he ever had before, he ran past Vikings fans playing 12 and eating 13 in the tailgate lots.

Viktor made it out on to the field just as the game was starting. HE MADE IT! The first play of the game, 14 scored a 15 yard touchdown. WHAT A PLAY! The team celebrated by doing the 16, and they threw the ball up into the stands to 17. Viktor saw you make such an awesome catch and ran up to give you the biggest high five! SKOL!



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BY LINDSEY YOUNG

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The Vikings Newborn Fan Club, presented by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota, is available for new parents in hospitals throughout the state of Minnesota. During the season, participating hospitals will be delivering Vikings Newborn Fan Club kits to babies born on Vikings game days. The kit includes a Vikings-branded Halo swaddle and a letter welcoming the infant into the Vikings family.

In addition, all new parents can visit [Vikings.com/newborn](https://vikings.com/newborn) and sign their infant up for the fan club to receive a digital birth certificate and access to quarterly emails with content about relevant products, insight from Vikings players parenting babies and young children, and much more.

"This is a program that we have been ideating for some time, and we are extremely excited to bring



The Vikings Newborn Fan Club allows new parents to connect with the team during one of the most exciting moments in their lives.

this unique program to life this season," said Vikings Senior Manager of Youth Marketing Brandon Clemens. "We have many outlets to engage with fans of all ages, and the Vikings Newborn Fan Club allows new parents to connect with the team during one of the most exciting moments in their lives.

"We are very fortunate to have a wonderful partner in Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota involved with this program," Clemens added. "This is a one-of-a-kind initiative, and we hope to enhance this outreach and engagement with our young Vikings fans as they continue to grow with the team in the future."

Cindy Osborn, RN, helped the Vikings with a pilot launch of the program earlier this year at the University of Minnesota Masonic Children's Hospital and personally delivered Vikings-branded onesies and SKOL towels to each newborn's room.

"This has really been an amazing experience to work with Brandon and the Vikings around this Newborn Club," Osborn said, pointing out that patients and their families can see U.S. Bank Stadium from the hospital.

"There's just a lot of excitement," Osborn said. "And it goes beyond the child experience. It's the mothers who feel very special, as well, and their babies get something special. So I think it'll be really great."

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The Vikings of Tomorrow program is held every Saturday before a Vikings home game and is hosted at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center.

Vikings of Tomorrow allows 45 participants the opportunity to scrimmage for an hour, take a brief tour of the team's headquarters and participate in a Q & A session with a Vikings player.

Through a partnership with Life Time Fitness, participants receive a water bottle, free Vikings Kids Club membership, tickets to that weekend's game and a concession voucher for U.S. Bank Stadium.

WILLMAR YOUTH FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

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The Willmar Youth Football Association is coached by Carl Carlson, Chad Carlson, Derrick Cruze, Scott Holwerda, Mike Fagerlie, Rene Vallejo, Cameron Bazaldua and Rob Baumgarn.

Players and coaches from the Willmar Youth Football Association participated in the Vikings of Tomorrow program this weekend.



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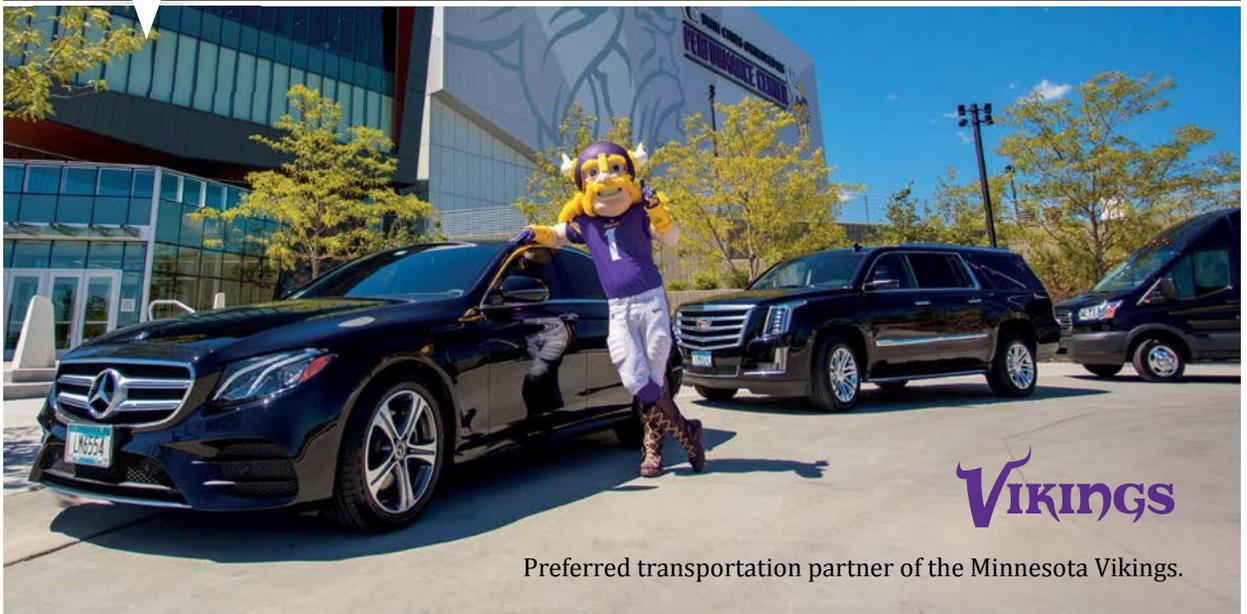
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Dynamic duo John Gibeau and his son, Austin, are two game-day employees who help create a memorable experience for fans but have created some fond memories for themselves, as well.

John and Austin both work as Purple People on game days, where they assist guests with mobile ticketing outside of the Legacy Gate. They work hard every game to help fans gain knowledge about the digital ticketing process and use of the Vikings app.

John, a native of Ceylon, Minnesota, as well as a Purple People lead, began working at U.S. Bank Stadium during the inaugural season in 2016. Austin, a senior at Cleveland High School, saw how much his dad enjoyed working on game days and knew he had to be a part of it. Austin has jumped right into the excitement.

Austin said he loves the opportunity to spend time with his dad, and John's favorite part is

spending time together and watching Austin grow on the job while taking care of the guests.

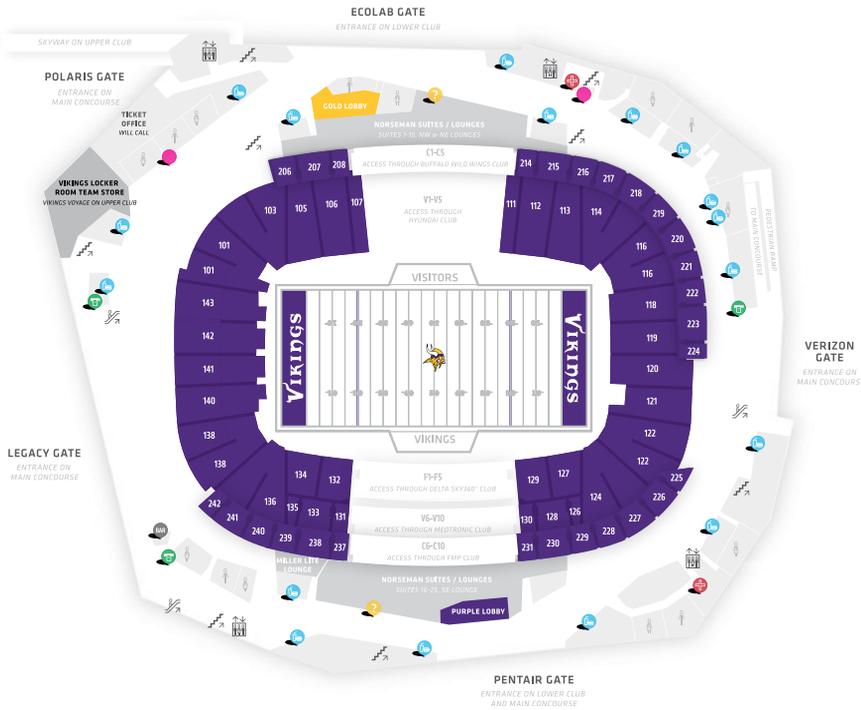
Both John and Austin go above and beyond to engage with guests, answer question and help fans feel welcome to U.S. Bank Stadium.

In his free time, John enjoys spending time with his five children and continuing to put effort into the nonprofit he created to benefit his town. Austin enjoys playing basketball and hanging out with friends.

The two have been lifelong Vikings fans and take their football seriously, but they can definitely attest that Vikings games have meant so much more than the final score.

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