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# ITEMOF THEGAME



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# NOV. 9, 2025 | SALUTE TO SERVICE

TODAY'S GAME IS THE 8TH
MEETING BETWEEN THE
VIKINGS AND RAVENS AND
JUST BALTIMORE'S THIRD TRIP
TO MINNESOTA. THE VIKINGS
LAST HOSTED THE RAVENS IN
OCTOBER 2021.

Game presentation elements include the following:

### NATIONAL ANTHEM

Known MPLS, an audition-based gospel youth choir founded by Courtland Pickens in the summer of 2019, stands as a beacon of recognition and empowerment for young voices in Minneapolis. It is a vibrant extension of Voicez, Inc., a nonprofit music organization

dedicated to nurturing the next generation of singers and composers across the Twin Cities. A full-field American flag will be displayed during the National Anthem.

### COLOR GUARD

The colors will be presented by Bloomington American Legion Post 550.

### HALFTIME

The Crack Drill Squad – one of St. Thomas Academy's longest traditions, dating to its formation in 1937 – is a precision drill team that uses collective marching patterns and synchronized aerial rifle maneuvers. It consists of 10 seniors, five juniors and two sophomores.

### **2025 TEAM STATS**

YARDS PER GAME / ALLOWED



# **SALUTE TO SERVICE**

The NFL's Salute to Service initiative is an annual show of support dedicated to honoring, empowering and connecting with our nation's service members, veterans and their families. The Vikings are proud to host a Salute to Service game annually and support leaguewide initiatives that have raised more than \$75 million since 2011 for the following Salute to Service Partners: Bob Woodruff Foundation, Pat Tillman Foundation, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, United Service Organizations and Wounded Warrior Project.

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Vikings fans, do you want to score big this season? Purchase any Pothole Pizza or 20 oz. Pepsi or Mountain Dew product with Kwik Rewards and you're entered! One weekly winner will automatically win a \$500 gift card. And if the Vikings score a touchdown over 50 yards that week... one lucky fan wins \$5,000! See kwiktrip.com/ sweepstakes for details.



# **FIELD GOALS FOR CHARITY**

A Vikings field goal means another donation to Field Goals for Charity, courtesy of Innovative and Post-It brand. Funds raised will help add potential blood stem cell donors to the registry, help patients with uninsured costs and fund life-saving research. For patients with blood cancers like leukemia and other life-threatening diseases like sickle cell, a cure exists — a stem cell transplant.

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# HY-VEE PERKS CARD

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# JAMESON FOOTBALL FANATIC

Showcase your football fandom by submitting your photo as the Jameson Football Fanatic of the Week! Fans will have a chance to win a Vikings and Jameson weekly prize pack, and one fanatic will be named the Jameson Football Fanatic of the 2025 Season, winning a co-branded grand prize. To enter, go to Vikings.com/fans and submit your fan photo today!

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# SKOL FOR THE WEEKEND

Experience a Vikings weekend like never before with Enjoy Eagan's SKOL for the Weekend Giveaway! Prizes include four tickets to the 11/16 Vikings vs. Bears game, two-night hotel stay, Vikings Museum tickets, and more! Visit eaganmn.com/fall-2025-vikingsticket-contest/ to enter!



# GAME-DAY AUCTION

Benefiting the Minnesota Vikings Foundation

The Minnesota Vikings Foundation is partnering with Universal Sports Auctions to provide an elevated auction experience on Vikings game days. Visit the auction kiosks located on the Medtronic Plaza and Main Concourse for signed memorabilia. For exclusive Vikings experiences, visit vikings.com/auction.

# GAME-DAY GLOW GIVEAWAY



Scan this QR code to enter to win a \$1,000 gift card to Pure Lux Medspa, the preferred medspa of the Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders. One grand prize winner will be selected at the end of the season!

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# JORDAN ADDISON

JORDAN ADDISON'S THREE SEASONS WITH THE VIKINGS HAVE SHOWN HIS ABILITY TO PRODUCE, DESPITE PLAYING WITH SEVEN DIFFERENT QUARTERBACKS WHO HAVE STARTED FOR MINNESOTA SINCE 2023.

Addison enters today's game with 2,143 yards and 21 touchdowns on 156 receptions.

The native of Frederick, Maryland, who shares a hometown with Vikings Ring of Honor running back Chuck Foreman, has also started his career with impressive numbers. In addition to "Spin Doctoring" his way

through defenses on runs, Foreman caught 163 passes in his first three pro seasons. Addison can pass that mark with eight more.

Addison has also logged five receptions of 50-plus yards since entering the NFL, the most among all Vikings since 2023, and tied for the ninth most across the league in that span.

# **END ZONE MILESTONE**

Addison's 12-yard winning touchdown with 25 seconds remaining against the Browns in London happened to be the 20th of his career in just his 34th NFL game. Randy Moss (20 games) and Sammy White (32) are the only Vikings to catch 20 career touchdowns faster than Addison.





# **VIKINGS ROSTER**

١ ا	#	NAME	POS	НТ	WT	AGE	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
2	0	Ivan Pace Jr.	LB	5-10	236	23	2	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH
	1	Jalen Nailor	WR	5-11	199	26	4	Michigan State	Palmdale, CA
	2	Isaiah Rodgers	СВ	5-10	180	27	5	UMass Amherst	Tampa, FL
	3	Jordan Addison	WR	5-11	179	23	3	USC	Frederick, MD
	4	Myles Price	WR	5-9	183	23	R	Indiana	Dallas, TX
	6	Dwight McGlothern Jr.	СВ	6-2	185	23	2	Arkansas	Houston, TX
	7	Byron Murphy Jr.	СВ	5-11	190	27	7	Washington	Scottsdale, AZ
	8	Jeff Okudah	СВ	6-1	205	26	6	Ohio State	Grand Prairie, TX
	9	J.J. McCarthy	QВ	6-3	219	22	2	Michigan	La Grange Park, IL
	12	Max Brosmer	QB	6-2	218	24	R	Minnesota	Roswell, GA
	13	Tai Felton	WR	6-1	186	22	R	Maryland	Ashburn, VA
	15	Dallas Turner	OLB	6-3	247	22	2	Alabama	Fort Lauderdale, FL
	16	Will Reichard	K	6-1	190	24	2	Alabama	Hoover, AL
	17	Ryan Wright	Р	6-3	245	25	4	Tulane	San Ramon, CA
	18	Justin Jefferson	WR	6-1	195	26	6	LSU	St. Rose, LA
	19	Adam Thielen	WR	6-2	200	35	12	Minnesota State	Detroit Lakes, MN
	22	Harrison Smith	S	6-2	211	36	14	Notre Dame	Knoxville, TN
	24	Jay Ward	S	6-1	190	25	3	LSU	Moultrie, GA
	26	Theo Jackson	S	6-1	205	27	4	Tennessee	Nashville, TN
	27	Jordan Mason	RB	5-11	230	26	4	Georgia Tech	Gallatin, TN
	30	C.J. Ham	FB	5-11	250	32	9	Augustana	Duluth, MN
	33	Aaron Jones Sr.	RB	5-10	208	30	9	UTEP	El Paso, TX
	36	Zavier Scott	RB	6-1	221	26	2	Maine	Fort Hood, TX
	37	Tavierre Thomas	S	5-10	212	29	8	Ferris State	Detroit, MI
	42	Andrew DePaola	LS	6-1	227	38	11	Rutgers	Parkton, MD
	43	Andrew Van Ginkel	OLB	6-4	242	30	7	Wisconsin	Rock Valley, IA
	44	Joshua Metellus	S	5-11	208	27	6	Michigan	Pembroke Pines, FL
	50	Levi Drake Rodriguez		6-2	307	25	2	East Texas A&M	Georgetown, TX
	51	Blake Cashman	LB	6-1	235	29	7	Minnesota	Eden Prairie, MN
	55	Eric Wilson	LB	6-1	231	30	9	Cincinnati	Redford, MI
	56	Austin Keys	LB	6-2	244	23	R	Auburn	Taylorsville, MS
	57	Chaz Chambliss	OLB	6-1	244	23	R	Georgia	Carrollton, GA
	58	Jonathan Greenard	OLB	6-3	259	28	6	Florida	Hiram, GA
	60	Joe Huber	G	6-5	310	23	R	Wisconsin	Dublin, OH
	61	Jalen Redmond	DL	6-3	305	26	2	Oklahoma	Midwest City, OK Milwaukie, OR
	64	Blake Brandel	G C	6-6	315	28	5	Oregon State	Damascus, MD
	65 67	Michael Jurgens Justin Skule	T	6-5 6-6	311	25 28	2 7	Wake Forest Vanderbilt	Clifton, VA
	71	Christian Darrisaw	T	6-5	315 315	26	5	Virginia Tech	Upper Marlboro, MD
	73	Walter Rouse	T	6-6	330	24	2	Oklahoma	Silver Spring, MD
	74	Donovan Jackson	G	6-4	324	22	R	Ohio State	Cypress, TX
	75	Brian O'Neill	T	6-7	31z0	29	8	Pittsburgh	Wilmington, DE
	76	Will Fries	G	6-6	321	27	5	Penn State	Cranford, NJ
	84	Josh Oliver	TE	6-5	264	28	7	San Jose State	Paso Robles, CA
	85	Ben Yurosek	TE	6-4	251	23	R	Georgia	Bakersfield, CA
	87	T.J. Hockenson	TE	6-5	248	28	7	lowa	Chariton, IA
	89	Ben Sims	TE	6-5	250	25	3	Baylor	San Antonio, TX
	90	Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins	DL	6-5	290	22	R	Georgia	Gaffney, SC
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93	Jonathan Allen	DL	6-3	300	30	9	Alabama	Ashburn, VA
96	Tyler Batty	OLB	6-6	271	26	R	BYU	Payson, UT
97	Javon Hargrave	DL	6-2	307	32	10	South Carolina Sta	te Spencer, NC
98	Bo Richter	OLB	6-1	248	25	2	Air Force	Naperville, IL
99	Elijah Williams	DL	6-3	298	23	R	Morgan State	Jersey City, NJ
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##	Rondale Moore	WR	5-7	181	25	5	Purdue	New Albany, IN
11	Carson Wentz	QB	6-5	237	32	10	North Dakota State	e Bismarck, ND
32	Ty Chandler	RB	5-11	205	27	4	North Carolina	Nashville, TN
63	Zeke Correll	С	6-3	307	24	R	N.C. State	Cincinnati, OH
69	Matt Nelson	Т	6-7	315	29	4	Iowa	Cedar Rapids, IA
78	Ryan Kelly	С	6-4	315	32	10	Alabama	West Chester, OH
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86	Gavin Bartholomew	TE	6-5	249	22	R	Pittsburgh 9	Schuylkill Haven, PA
				PRA	CTICE	SQUAI	ם	
5	John Wolford	QВ	6-1	218	30	4	Wake Forest	Jacksonville, FL
14	Dontae Fleming	WR	6-2	180	23	R	Tulane	LaPlace, LA
23	Fabian Moreau	СВ	6-0	204	31	9	UCLA	Fort Lauderdale. FL
29	Tyrek Funderburk	СВ	6-0	185	24	2	Appalachian State	Indian Trail, NC
31	Cam Akers	RB	5-10	217	26	6	Florida State	Clinton, MS
34	Zemaiah Vaughn	СВ	6-3	180	23	R	Utah	Beaumont, TX
35	Corey Kiner	RB	5-9	209	23	R	Cincinnati	Cincinnati, OH
40	Sione Takitaki	LB	6-1	245	30	7	BYU	Menifee, CA
59	Gabriel Murphy	OLB	6-2	248	25	1	UCLA	Dallas, TX
63	Max Pircher*	OL	6-7	318	26	4	Innsbruck	Bressanone, Italy
66	Vershon Lee	G	6-4	318	23	R	South Carolina	Woodbridge, VA
68	Henry Byrd	G	6-5	314	26	2	Princeton	Nashville, TN
81	Nick Vannett	TE	6-5	266	32	10	Ohio State	Westerville, OH
82	Jeshaun Jones	WR	6-1	188	25	1	Maryland	Fort Myers, FL
83	Bryson Nesbit	TE	6-5	228	22	R	North Carolina	Charlotte, NC
92	Jonathan Harris	DL	6-5	295	29	6	Lindenwood	Aurora, IL
94	Taki Taimani	DL	6-1	324	26	2	Oregon	Salt Lake City, UT

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# **UNOFFICIAL DEPTH CHART**

VIKIN	GS OFFENSE			VIKINGS	VIKINGS DEFENSE			
WR	Jefferson	Nailor	Price	OLB	Greenard	Richter	Batty	
LT	Darrisaw	Skule		DL	Allen	Ingram-Dawkins		
LG	D. Jackson	Huber		DL	Redmond	Williams		
С	Brandel	Jurgens		DL	Hargrave	Rodriguez		
RG	Fries			OLB	Van Ginkel	Turner	Chambliss	
RT	O'Neill	Rouse		LB	Cashman	Wilson		
TE	Hockenson	Oliver	Yurosek	LB	Pace Jr.	Keys		
WR	Addison	Thielen	Felton	СВ	Murphy Jr.	McGlothern Jr.		
QB	McCarthy	Brosmer		СВ	Rodgers	Okudah		
RB	Jones Sr.	Mason	Scott	S	Smith	T. Jackson	Thomas	
FB	Ham			S	Metellus	Ward		

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TIGHT END T.J. HOCKENSON



RIGHT TACKLE BRIAN O'NEILL



RIGHT GUARD
WILL FRIES



CENTER BLAKE BRANDEL



LEFT GUARD DONOVAN JACKSON



LEFT TACKLE CHRISTIAN DARRISAW

**RAVENS DEFENSE** 



WIDE RECEIVER
JUSTIN
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SAM LINEBACKER KYLE VAN NOY



DEFENSIVE TACKLE JOHN JENKINS



NOSE TACKLE TRAVIS JONES



DEFENSIVE END BRENT URBAN



RUSH MIKE GREEN



CORNERBACK MARLON HUMPHREY



STRONG SAFETY
KYLE HAMILTON



MIKE LINEBACKER ROQUAN SMITH



FREE SAFETY MALAKI STARKS



WILL LINEBACKER TEDDYE BUCHANAN

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KICKER WILL REICHARD



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LINEBACKER IVAN PACE JR.



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CORNERBACK BYRON MURPHY JR.



OUTSIDE LINEBACKER JONATHAN GREENARD



DEFENSIVE LINE JONATHAN ALLEN



DEFENSIVE LINE JALEN REDMOND



DEFENSIVE LINE JAVON HARGRAVE



OUTSIDE LINEBACKER ANDREW VAN GINKEL

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TIGHT END MARK ANDREWS



WIDE RECEIVER RASHOD BATEMAN



RUNNING BACK PATRICK RICARD



QUARTERBACK LAMAR JACKSON



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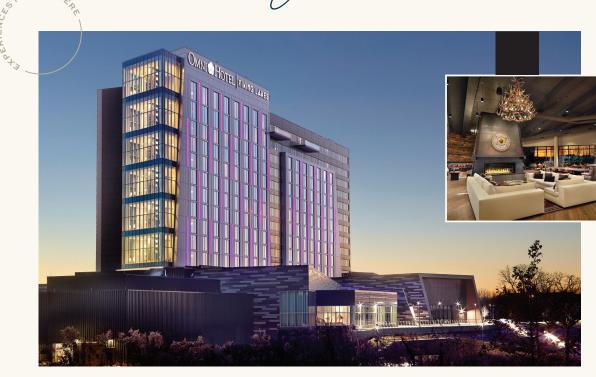
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	2	Nate Wiggins	СВ	6-1	182	22	2	Clemson	Atlanta, GA
	3	Chidobe Awuzie	СВ	6-0	202	30	9	Colorado	San Jose, CA
	4	Zay Flowers	WR	5-9	183	25	3	Boston College	Fort Lauderdale, FL
	5	Tyler Huntley	QВ	6-1	204	27	6	Utah	Hallandale Beach, FL
	7	Rashod Bateman	WR	6-1	193	25	5	Minnesota	Tifton, GA
	8	Lamar Jackson	QВ	6-2	205	28	8	Louisville	Pompano Beach, FL
	10	DeAndre Hopkins	WR	6-1	210	33	13	Clemson	Central, SC
	11	Jordan Stout	Р	6-3	209	27	4	Penn State	Cedar Bluff, VA
	12	Alohi Gilman	S	5-10	201	28	6	Notre Dame	Kahuku, HI
	14	Kyle Hamilton	S	6-4	218	24	4	Notre Dame	Atlanta, GA
	15	Cooper Rush	QВ	6-3	224	31	8	Central Michigan	Charlotte, MI
	16	Tylan Wallace	WR	5-11	200	26	5	Oklahoma State	Fort Worth, TX
	22	Derrick Henry	RB	6-3	252	31	10	Alabama	Yulee, FL
	24	Malaki Starks	S	6-1	203	21	R	Georgia	Jefferson, GA
	26	Rasheen Ali	RB	5-11	210	24	2	Marshall	Cleveland, OH
	27	T.J. Tampa Jr.	СВ	6-1	199	23	2	Iowa State	St. Petersburg, FL
	32	Trenton Simpson	ILB	6-2	235	24	3	Clemson	Charlotte, NC
	33	Tyler Loop	K	5-11	191	24	R	Arizona	Lucas, TX
	34	Keaton Mitchell	RB	5-8	190	23	3	East Carolina	McDonough, GA
	35	Jake Hummel	LB	6-1	229	26	4	Iowa State	Des Moines, IA
	38	Keyon Martin	СВ	5-9	170	24	R	Louisiana	Fort Lauderdale, FL
	40	Teddye Buchanan	ILB	6-2	240	23	R	California	San Francisco, CA
	41	Dre'Mont Jones	OLB	6-3	281	28	7	Ohio State Maine	Cleveland, OH
	42	Patrick Ricard	FB	6-3	300	31	9		Spencer, MA
	43	Justice Hill	RB CB	5-10	205	27 29	7 9	Oklahoma State Alabama	Tulsa, OK
	44 45	Marlon Humphrey Mike Green	OLB	6-0 6-3	210 250	22	R	Marshall	Hoover, AL Newport News, VA
	46	Nick Moore	LS	6-2	260	32	4	Georgia	Snellville, GA
	49	Jay Higgins IV	ILB	6-0	230	23	4 R	lowa	Indianapolis, IN
	51	Emery Jones Jr.	G/T	6-5	320	21	R	LSU	Plaquemine, LA
	53	Kyle Van Noy	OLB	6-3	255	34	12	BYU	Reno, NV
	64	Tyler Linderbaum	C	6-2	305	25	4	lowa	Solon, IA
	66	Ben Cleveland	G	6-6	355	27	5	Georgia	Toccoa, GA
	67	Corey Bullock	G/C	6-3	320	23	1	Maryland	Accokeek, MD
	68	Joseph Noteboom	T	6-5	300	30	8	TCU	Plano, TX
	70	Roger Rosengarten	T	6-5	316	23	2	Washington	Highlands Ranch, CO
	71	Carson Vinson	T	6-7	320	23	R	Alabama A&M	Cary, NC
	72	Andrew Vorhees	G	6-6	320	26	2	USC	Kingsburg, CA
	77	Daniel Faalele	G	6-8	370	25	4	Minnesota	Melbourne, Australia
	79	Ronnie Stanley	Т	6-6	310	31	10	Notre Dame	Las Vegas, NV
	80	Isaiah Likely	TE	6-4	245	25	4	Coastal Carolina	Cambridge, MA
	81	Devontez Walker	WR	6-1	198	24	2	North Carolina	Charlotte, NC
	83	LaJohntay Wester	WR	5-9	170	23	R	Colorado	Palmetto, FL
	88	Charlie Kolar	TE	6-6	265	26	4	Iowa State	Norman, OK
	89	Mark Andrews	TE	6-5	250	30	8	Oklahoma	Scottsdale, AZ

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90	David Ojabo	OLB	6-4	252	25	4	Michigan	Aberdeen, Scotland					
91	C.J. Okoye	DL	6-6	370	24	1	No College	Agbogugu, Nigeria					
93	Aeneas Peebles	DL	6-0	289	24	R	Virginia Tech	Raleigh, NC					
94	John Jenkins	NT	6-3	360	36	13	Georgia	Meriden, CT					
97	Brent Urban	DL	6-7	309	34	12	Virginia M	lississauga, Ontario, Canada					
98	Travis Jones	DL	6-4	341	26	4	Connecticut	New Haven, CT					
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18	Keith Kirkwood	WR	6-3	210	30	5	Temple	Neptune, NJ					
28	Marquise Robinson	СВ	6-0	192	23	R	Arkansas	Crosby, MO					
36	Amani Oruwariye	СВ	6-2	205	29	6	Penn State	St. Petersburg, FL					
47	Lucas Scott	FB	6-3	290	22	R	Army	Binghamton, NY					
54	Chandler Martin	ILB	6-0	229	22	R	Memphis	Lithonia, GA					
56	Kaimon Rucker	OLB	6-2	265	23	R	North Carolina	Hartwell, GA					
58	Taven Bryan	DL	6-4	291	29	8	Florida	Casper, WY					
59	Malik Hamm	OLB	6-3	254	25	3	Lafayette	Baltimore, MD					
63	Jared Penning	G	6-5	319	25	R	Northern Iowa	Clear Lake, IA					
65	David Olajiga*	DL	6-3	310	28	1	Central Missouri	London, United Kingdom					
69	Josh Tupou	DL	6-3	340	31	8	Colorado	Long Beach, CA					
76	Kenyon Green	G	6-4	325	24	4	Texas A&M	Humble, TX					
78	Gerad Lichtenhan	T	6-8	330	23	R	Oregon State	Davis, CA					
85	Scotty Washington	TE	6-5	242	29	2	Wake Forest	Washington, D.C.					
86	Cornelius Johnson	WR	6-3	212	24	1	Michigan	Greenwich, CT					
99	Carl Lawson	OLB	6-2	265	30	8	Auburn	Alpharetta, GA					
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31	Bilhal Kone	СВ	6-1	190	23	R	Western Michiga	n Apple Valley, MN					
37	Robert Longerbeam	СВ	5-11	174	24	R	Rutgers	Alexandria, VA					
50	Adisa Isaac	OLB	6-4	253	24	2	Penn State	Brooklyn, NY					
82	Dayton Wade	WR	5-9	184	25	1	Mississippi	Atlanta, GA					
92	Nnamdi Madubuike	DL	6-3	305	27	6	Texas A&M	McKinney, TX					
95	Tavius Robinson	OLB	6-6	262	26	3	Mississippi	Guelph, ON, Canada					
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# DERRICK HENRY

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17TH PLAYER IN NFL HISTORY
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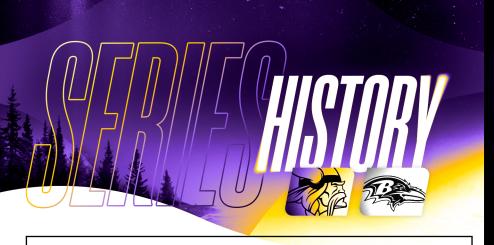
The milestone has been reached through consistent production and continuing to carry heavy workloads. Henry has led the NFL in rush attempts four separate times and is one of nine players all-time to total 2,000 yards on the ground in one season (2,027 in 2020 when he won NFL Offensive Player of the Year with Tennessee).

Henry's size has always made him a tough player to bring down in shortyardage scenarios, but he's also broken off big runs. He has rushed for at least one 50-yard gain in eight of 10 seasons, including a 99-yarder in 2018. Henry was on the doorstep of making it nine seasons earlier this year, but his long so far this season is a 49-yarder in Week 1 at Buffalo.

# TRIPLE-DIGIT TOUCHDOWNS

Henry is one of 10 players all-time with at least 100 rushing touchdowns. He began the season tied with Jim Brown (106) for seventh most and passed the Hall of Famer in Week 1 at Buffalo. Henry passed another Hall of Famer, Chicago's Walter Payton, for fifth place with two scores against the Bears in Week 8.

Only Emmitt Smith (164), LaDainian Tomlinson (145), Marcus Allen (123) and Adrian Peterson (120) have more rushing scores than Henry.



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### **FIRST MEETING**

### DEC. 13, 1998 AT BAL VIKINGS 38, RAVENS 28 Johnson before Minnesota's David Palmer returned

Randall Cunningham completed 32 of 55 passes for 345 yards and threw touchdowns of 17 yards to Randy Moss and 11 to Cris Carter as Minnesota with 95 receiving yards, Moss totaled 89 and Carter finished with 85. Baltimore scored its first two touchdowns in series history on a 95-yard kickoff return by Corey Harris and a 97-yarder by Patrick

a kickoff 88 yards for a touchdown. Gary Anderson's third of six field goals put Minnesota up 15-14 in the second quarter and was part of 29 unanswered improved to 13-1. Matthew Hatchette led Minnesota Vikings points to make it 35-14 entering the fourth quarter. Jim Harbaugh rebounded from an INT snared by Minnesota's Corey Fuller to throw a 42-yard touchdown in the fourth, but the Vikings protected their lead.

### **PREVIOUS MEETING**

NOV. 7, 2021 AT BAL RAVENS 34, VIKINGS 31, OT The Vikings built a 14-point lead in the first half thanks in part to a 50-yard touchdown pass from

Kirk Cousins to Justin Jefferson and a 1-yard TD run by Cousins. It could have been even more after Camryn Bynum returned his first career interception 27 yards to the Baltimore 16-yard line, but Minnesota settled for a field goal and 17-3 edge with 1:25 remaining in the second quarter. Minnesota allowed a TD drive by Baltimore before

halftime but again took a 14-point lead when Kene Nwangwu returned the opening second half kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown. Baltimore surged ahead with 21 consecutive points before Minnesota forced overtime on a 1-yard pass from Cousins to Adam Thielen. Anthony Barr intercepted Lamar Jackson to end Baltimore's first possession of OT, but Minnesota quickly punted. The Ravens kept the ball for the next five minutes before kicking a 36-yard field goal.

# THROWBACK MOMENT

### STINGY DEFENSE & 6 KICKS

The Vikings defense set the tone, not allowing a touchdown until the final play of the game, and Kai Forbath kicked six field goals in a 24-16 win on Oct. 22, 2017.

Forbath made kicks of 52, 51, 43, 43, 34 and 32 yards, providing Minnesota's first 12 and final six points of the game.

Latavius Murray scored Minnesota's only

touchdown when he broke free on a 29-yard scamper. Murray also added a 35-yard rush on the way to posting 113 on the day.

Case Keenum threw for 188 yards, connecting three times with Jarius Wright for a team-best 54 yards.

Everson Griffen led Minnesota with 2.0 sacks, and Anthony Barr, Danielle Hunter and Tom Johnson each recorded one.



# RUSHING YARDS

Adrian Peterson on 22 attempts in Minnesota (Oct. 18, 2009)

Latavius Murray on 18 attempts in Minnesota (Oct. 22, 2017)

### PASSING YARDS

Randall Cunningham on 32-of-55 passing at Baltimore (Dec. 13, 1998)

Brett Favre on 21-of-29 passing in Minnesota (Oct. 18, 2009)

## RECEIVING YARDS

Sidney Rice on six catches in Minnesota (Oct. 18, 2009)

Cordarrelle Patterson on five catches in Minnesota (Oct. 18, 2009)

# AGAINST VIKINGS

# RUSHING YARDS

Terry Allen on 23 attempts at Baltimore (Jan. 7, 2002)

> Lamar Jackson on 21 attempts at Baltimore (Nov. 7, 2021)

# PASSING YARDS

Joe Flacco on 28-of-43 passing in Minnesota (Oct. 18, 2009)

Kyle Boller on 24-of-34 passing at Baltimore (Dec. 25, 2005)

# RECEIVING YARDS

Floyd Turner on 10 catches at Baltimore (Dec. 13, 1998)

Ray Rice on 10 catches in Minnesota (Oct. 18, 2009)





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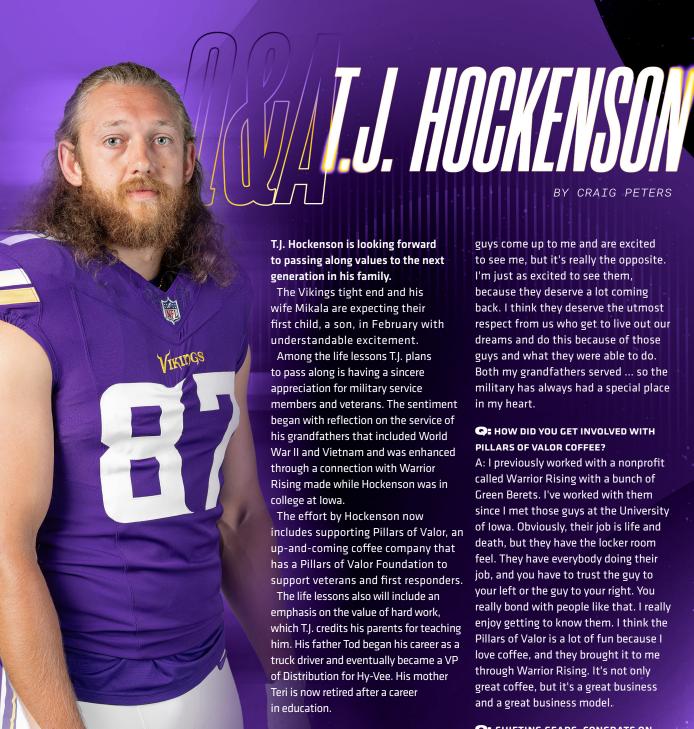
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G: WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU WHEN YOU SEE THE SALUTE TO SERVICE INITIATIVE AND PARTICIPATE IN THESE GAMES?

A: It means a lot. Every time I see a military member in public or on the field, I always say, thank you. I always appreciate those guys. A lot of those

to see me, but it's really the opposite. because they deserve a lot coming back. I think they deserve the utmost respect from us who get to live out our dreams and do this because of those guys and what they were able to do. Both my grandfathers served ... so the military has always had a special place

A: I previously worked with a nonprofit called Warrior Rising with a bunch of Green Berets. I've worked with them since I met those guys at the University of Iowa. Obviously, their job is life and death, but they have the locker room feel. They have everybody doing their job, and you have to trust the guy to your left or the guy to your right. You really bond with people like that. I really enjoy getting to know them. I think the Pillars of Valor is a lot of fun because I love coffee, and they brought it to me through Warrior Rising. It's not only great coffee, but it's a great business

# SHIFTING GEARS, CONGRATS ON YOUR FIRST CHILD BEING ON THE WAY. WHAT'S IT BEEN LIKE GETTING READY FOR THAT?

A: It's been fun. We're starting to feel him kick now. It's truly a blessing from above, to be able to start a family with my wife. We tried to plan it out where I could actually help a little bit. The due

date is February 24. It's a blessing from the Lord above. He's gifted us with a lot, so it's truly a miracle.

THE BIGGEST EYE-OPENER AS A FATHER?

A: When he gets here, it's going to be, 'I'm a dad,' kind of thing. My wife's got to take care of herself to take care of him, so she's already a mom. She already feels like that and has those instincts. It's truly been incredible to watch her and how she already cares so much about something that's not here yet.

# Q: ARE YOU PRETTY HANDY AT PUTTING TOGETHER FURNITURE AND OTHER ITEMS FOR INFANTS?

A: Yeah, I'm pretty handy. I grew up with my dad, who did everything, so if I couldn't work a screwdriver, a hammer or a saw, then I wasn't gonna make it.

# Q: WAS THERE A FAVORITE PROJECT YOU DID WITH YOUR DAD?

A: Even to this day, I always enjoy him coming and really showing me how to do things. But I think there's a couple

stories that I have of him. He had this old truck he bought from our neighbor who passed away. And it's like a 1920 Ford truck. It's beautiful and it sits in the garage a lot of the time, but in the summer, he'll take it out. It only goes about 35 miles an hour. He would always teach me how to change the oil, do the wiring and look at the gears. He's one of those people that, if I ever have anything at my house, he's like, 'Don't call anybody. I'll come over.' So then he comes over, and he'll teach me how to do it, and he'll end up doing the whole thing, but he'll show me how to do it, and I'll just sit there and help out. He's just like, 'You've got to play. You can't be doing this right now.' And I'm like, 'All right, Pops, I'll be your second hands, at least, if you need something.' It's incredible to have a family like the have. I'm one we

excited to be able to start ours and kind of be able to do that same thing.

# Q: HOW DOES HIS WORK ETHIC CONTINUE TO INFLUENCE YOUR APPROACH?

A: It's big. My dad started as a truck driver at Hy-Vee. It was actually Blue Bunny at the time. He drove trucks from store to store to deliver the ice cream and everything that Blue Bunny had, and then Hy-Vee bought Blue Bunny. I think he worked at Blue Bunny when he was 18 years old. By the time he was 35-40, he was a VP at Hy-Vee in distribution. Stories like that don't happen as much anymore, where you work from a truck driver to become an office manager, and then to run the entire distribution of Hy-Vee. It's crazy thinking about it now, but that's what I grew up with, watching his evolution through that, and his work ethic, going to work at 6 a.m. and not maybe coming home till 8 p.m. or 9 p.m. because all the stuff he had to get done. Work ethic was kind of built in me. Seeing that at a young age was truly incredible and had a real impact.





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AARON JONES' ENDURING COMMITMENT TO U.S. MILITARY FAMILIES

# Aaron Jones, Sr., is among many who appreciate the sacrifices of military members and families. He also is uniquely positioned to relate with their experiences.

The Vikings running back hosted surviving family members – a wife and two young children – of Minnesota Army National Guard CW2 Charles Nord at U.S. Bank Stadium Oct. 19 for Minnesota's matchup against Philadelphia.

Aaron spent time visiting with Kaley Nord and the couple's daughter and son, ages 8 and 5, on the sideline pregame and expressed his gratitude and respect for Charles, a Blackhawk pilot who was tragically killed in December of 2019 when his helicopter crashed.

Kaley was immediately touched by the way Aaron kneeled on the turf to speak eye-level with her kids, asking their names aand making them feel incredibly welcome at their first NFL game.

"He was just so genuine and kind," said Kaley, a member of TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors). "And being able to tell us his background in the military, and for him to remember Charles and honor him by inviting us to this game, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

"He showed that he truly cares," she added."

Aaron made sure to tell Kaley "thank you," as well, later explaining that the spouse and children of a service member should also be recognized for their sacrifice.

"The whole family serves," he said. "They feel the hardship, as well – and now, more than ever, they're feeling the hardship of the military. So that's why I told

her, 'Thank you for your service.'

"I told her, 'You have a lot of love here. People who are here to support you,' " continued Aaron, who shared with Kaley his A&A All the Way Foundation. He noted a shared loss, his father having tragically passed away in 2021 due to COVID-19.

"We can relate on losing someone, though not to war or the military," Aaron said. "But my parents, both being in the Army, they've had their fair share of experience where they were the ones to inform families or be there to console a spouse. So, it's dear to my heart, and I'm all about honoring legacies and continuing the legacy. I found that when I lost my father, and this is a way for me to honor someone else's legacy, as well. He's a true hero in my eyes."

A&A All the Way, established by Aaron and his twin brother, Alvin Jr., has and will continue to welcome military families for all Vikings home games during the 2025 season.

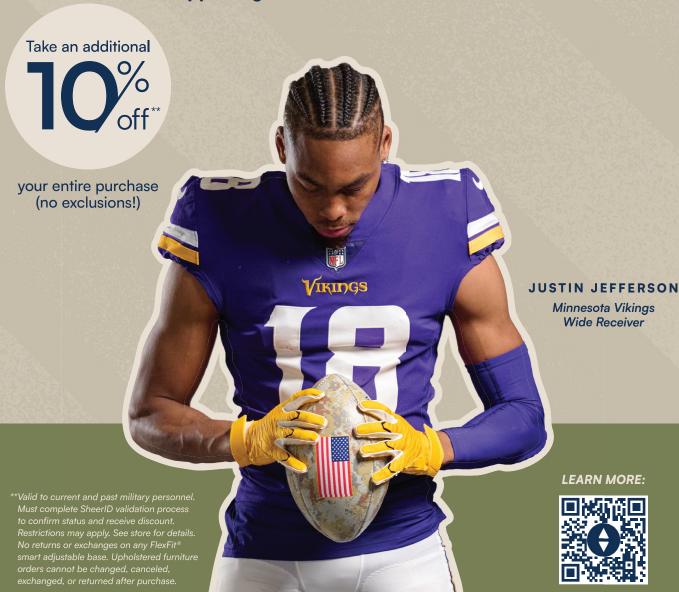
Aaron maintained his commitment and connected pregame with families even during his time on Injured Reserve after suffering a hamstring injury Week 2 against the Falcons.

Whether he's speaking with active military or veterans, Aaron always makes sure to look them in their eyes and tell them, "Thank you."

"It means a lot to them," he said. "Knowing they did make a sacrifice for our country and [I understand] the parts that nobody sees, the tough times they go

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through when they're deployed, acknowledging those things with a 'thank you' goes a long way.

"They're often fighting so many battles once they come back from being deployed or being away from their families," Aaron continued, "and they're trying to return to normal life. That can be hard. So like I said, a 'thank you' ... does a lot for them. It lets them know, 'Hey, we appreciate you for making that sacrifice for our country. Making a sacrifice so we can stay over here and do our normal-day things or, for me, playing a kid's game, really.

"I think personal interaction is the best way to get to know somebody," he added. "Meeting somebody, shaking their hand, making that connection, it goes a lot further. It's a lot deeper and a lot more meaningful. That's what I want to get across. That's who I am."

Ask anyone who's spent time with Aaron, and they'll attest to that. Giving back and connecting with others, especially those who have served or are serving in the military, is part of his very core.

It comes naturally for Aaron, whose late father, Alvin Jones, Sr., served 29 years in the U.S. Army and mother, Vurgess, served 27 years, both retiring as sergeant majors.

"It was really my upbringing, my life," said Aaron, who lived on military bases throughout his childhood and up until college. "That's what I know. That's who I am."

Aaron, Alvin and their older sister Chelsi'rae understand the challenges of not only recurring relocation (the Jones family lived in multiple states and even in Germany before El Paso, Texas) but also being separated from parents due to service deployments.

Alvin Sr. and Vurgess were deployed multiple times, the first during the Iraqi War when Aaron and Alvin Jr. were in second grade.

Aaron recalled his father being deployed first; then three months later, his mom.

"She told us, 'Hey, they're sending me over. Your grandpa is going to come pick you guys up and drive you to Virginia. You're going to live with your aunt and uncle,' " Aaron recounted.

During the weeks, the Jones children stayed with their maternal aunt and uncle. They spent weekends with their dad's side and stayed involved in athletics with their cousins.

"That's why they say it takes a village," Aaron said. "When you have kids, you're raising a family, it takes a village. You have to have other people who care about your children, who are willing to make a sacrifice. as well."

Children whose parents are actively serving often experience anxiety and uncertainty, which Aaron also learned to navigate.

The idea of "war" filled his 7-year-old mind with images from lessons he'd had on the Revolutionary War: soldiers lined up in endless rows, using metal rods to stuff gunpowder into their muskets before going to battle on a foggy field.

"You know, where if you're in the first row, you [probably won't] survive. That's what I thought. So I'm like, 'I hope they come back,' " Aaron said.

Alvin Sr. always told his kids, "I'm coming back to you."

"And he always did," Aaron said emotionally.

Alvin Sr. and Vurgess did multiple tours overseas, but a couple of their returns especially touch Aaron's heart.

"My uncle took us to the airport, and we're like, 'Why are we here?' " Aaron remembered, smiling. "So we're just walking ... and we look up, and my dad's right there! We take off, and we run to him and just jump on him.

"Then the next time, I remember my mom had come home and my dad was coming back, and we went and met him at the airfield early in the morning," Aaron continued. "They told us we didn't have to go to school that day. We went home and we watched movies together; we all laid on top of my dad, my mom was there, and we just ordered pizza and watched movies all day long. That was the best day of my life."

Real-life experiences are what inspired the Joneses to launch A&A All the Way in 2020, officially establishing a nonprofit that supports youth of military families in numerous ways.

But Aaron's been making a difference and building relationships long before filing the paperwork for a 501(c)(3), and he credits Vurgess and Alvin Sr. for that.

"The values my parents instilled in me – teamwork, leadership ... responsibility, character," Aaron said. "It's made me who I am today, and that's why I'm so thankful for the military. It's really changed our lives."

Over the years, the Joneses have donated their own time and resources to provide military families with joy-filled experiences, such as trips to the zoo or movie nights. Aaron has participated in "Huddle for Heroes" events, penning letters to active-duty military members. He's spent time with Blue Star and TAPS families, sharing his own story in a gesture of encouragement and deep gratitude.

This August, A&A All the Way joined forces with the Vikings and the United Heroes League to host a back-to-school event specifically focused on supporting students of military families, providing them with classroom supplies and brand-new shoes.

Aaron spent time this spring on an NFL-USO Tour, where he visited U.S. service members stationed at military bases in Kuwait, Bahrain and United Arab Emirates. Included on the tour were visits to Camp Buehring and Camp Arifjan, the latter of which held special significance for Aaron, as Vurgess had previously been stationed there.

And in addition to families he welcomes at U.S. Bank Stadium, Aaron spent time connecting with TAPS families in London prior to Minnesota playing Cleveland in its second straight International Series game.

"He makes such a tremendous impact on families because he wants them to know they matter and their [spouse's] service mattered," Kaley said. "I think he's sparking a light in children to appreciate sports, football and others, and it's so cool to be able to meet somebody who plays in the NFL.

"It would be easy to send an autograph or write a check, but I can see his compassion and his love that he has, and I feel like having that experience and being able to have the memories, it just shows the way he was brought up," she continued. "And now my kids will be able to look back and see the pictures forever, and it's so wonderful."

Being a part of TAPS, meeting Aaron and now knowing about his foundation and its resources have been answered prayers for Kaley, who explained that Charles tragically passed away two months before her son was born.

"I pray for good, strong men to help and influence both my daughter and son," Kaley said, her voice breaking. "So meeting Aaron just meant the world."







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and owned the role he earned at the University of Minnesota.

"He was not a rah-rah guy. He was not a guy to give speeches or things like that, but I think that he was well respected by his peers," former Gophers Defensive Coordinator Joe Rossi said. "They respected how hard he worked. They respected how good a player he was. He always had positive interactions with people. He was not a negative guy. He was able to motivate people by his actions."

Cashman's arc, which circled in full in March 2024 when he signed a free-agent deal to dress in purple and play for Minnesota as the "MIKE" 'backer in Brian Flores' scheme, is motivation enough after he overcame a "lot of dark days" in his first three years as a pro and has settled into a thriving role in his home state.

"I'm so proud," said Mike Sherels, the person who recruited Cashman to Minnesota, promised him to be in his corner as a walk-on staring at a steep climb, and who eventually endorsed Cashman to the Vikings.

Sherels coached linebackers at the U of M when Cashman was an "athlete" at Eden Prairie debating a commitment to Mankato State. Sherels had no clue about the future fifth-round draft pick of the Jets until he attended an E.P. basketball game after Cashman's senior football season. Sherels was there for a teammate but was drawn to a hooper built like a football player who had more fouls than points scored.

So, he turned on the tape, and then he couldn't turn it off. Cashman was making plays all over the place.

"He just checked so many boxes,"
Sherels stated. "He was exactly what
we wanted, certainly as an in-state
walk-on but in a walk-on in general,
somebody who was a very near
borderline scholarship."

There were initial questions, like where Cashman, a cornerback and

wide receiver for 90 percent of high school, factored into a Division I defense. Was he too small to play linebacker, or too slow to play safety?

His work ethic supplied every answer. Described by Sherels as "confident but not in a cocky way" from their first handshake and locking of eyes, Cashman spent a year in the Cophers safeties room, harnessing his footwork and putting on size. In 2016, his muscle got him moved to the box, and his speed relative to other linebackers became an outlier.

"The story, to me, is that character matters and that he has the character to be that kid that works so hard to fulfill his dream," said Grant, one of the sons of legendary former Vikings Head Coach Bud Grant and one of three prep coaches in the state with 400 career victories. "I mean, he had some insane instincts that helped him, but I think that that is the best story. ... Everybody told him he couldn't do it, and here he is."

Cashman is certain he is here for that exact reason. He is fueled by others' skepticism and his beliefs.

"WHEN YOU DON'T GET THE RECOGNITION YOU FEEL LIKE YOU DESERVE, I THINK IT'S ALMOST A GOOD THING TO TAKE IT PERSONAL BECAUSE THEN YOU STAY HUNGRY, AND YOU GO INTO EACH DAY TRYING TO GET BETTER, ATTACKING IT RATHER THAN BEING COMPLACENT,"

he said with a felt seriousness.

"Because if you're complacent and you're getting all the recognition, that kind of, naturally, makes people a little bit softer, which kills success."

That's what Cashman wants more than anything. His measurement, though, isn't as elementary as winning or finishing as a box score MVP. He doesn't evaluate himself based on the number of tackles he makes. His job, he said, is to get Vikings defenders aligned properly so they're able to execute their plays.

"If that aspect is messy I feel like I've already failed," Cashman shared. "And then on top of that, I feel like I'm my biggest critic; I want everything to be perfect, but that's just my [personality]. I'm a perfectionist – got a Type A mind. But it continues to push me, and the way I look at it, it's a good problem to have." It certainly has served him kindly in his backyard.

Cashman handled 895 defensive snaps over 14 games in his debut season with the Vikings. He tallied career highs in total and solo tackles (112/68), sacks (4.5), quarterback hits (11) and passes defended (8). Most important to him, Minnesota's defense played connected, joyously, producing at an elite level, thanks hugely to what Sherels deemed his "Swiss Army knife skills" as a linebacker and a communicator.

Cashman is "a guy you want in your foxhole in the good times and the bad," Vikings linebackers coach Mike Siravo said. "Gritty. For all the good reasons. He's not a fake-energy guy. He's not a, 'Hey, I gotta be warm and fuzzy.' He's got an edge to him. Probably 'edge' is even a better word. He's just, just an edgy guy. Always kind of plays with an edge. I don't want to say he lives with an edge, but he's got grit. He's got, every day, a salt-of-the-earth [approach]."

Cashman, 29, has evolved in seven NFL seasons from an injury-prone traded player to a special teams demon and finally the heartbeat of a defense that's revered for its complexities.

Flores' group improved significantly in certain areas when Cashman assumed his normal run-fit, pass-drop, blitzlike-a-maniac duties in Week 7 against Philadelphia after recovering from a tweaked hamstring. Versus the Eagles,

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he helped stifle 2024 2,000-yard rusher Saquon Barkley (44 yards on 18 attempts), and in prime time a week later at the Chargers, "Cash" led all players with 11 tackles (1 TFL).

"Football makes a lot of sense to him globally, visually, so that he can play fast and unlock his athleticism. That's it to me," Siravo said. "I think there's certain plays you see where there's a run fit that's not clean and he has the sense of timing, the blocker-to-ball-carrier timing and how it's going to unfold and how he needs to get his body there, either by contact or by a slip. Same thing in the pass game. He knows 'I'm in this zone. I can feel the quarterback. But I can feel this route (too)."

"And those reactions are, I don't want to call them instinctual, but the game slows down for him and what's in front of him makes sense to him," Siravo added. "Football makes sense to him. When he learns a defense, he immediately knows all the pieces on the field and how the play, the offensive play, affects those pieces and where he needs to be."

So close to his support system the past year-and-a-half, Cashman

is less stressed, less consumed by frustrations and attuned more to his body and mind and what they need, including freedom sometimes from football and overtraining. He has an unmistakable gratitude for his experiences – his "biggest teacher" in life – even the ones that prevented him from playing and felt unbearable as they happened.

"When I look back at my time, it's amazing how much just value, whether things are going good or bad, the value that experience has when it comes to understanding the game and my football IQ," he said. "Evaluating where I'm at now compared to where I was at, say, my second year in the league, it's a night and day difference of how I see the game."

Cashman's coaches in Minnesota see the same player they were introduced to – one always willing to kick down doors in pursuit of checking off goals, one who counters punches with a supreme self-belief.

"He's a tough human," Siravo said.
"I don't mean the physical tough;
he wouldn't be here if he weren't
physically tough. He's a mentally
tough guy who handles the strain of
day-to-day life, day-to-day NFL at
a high level with great consistency
of his mental state, his attitude, his
professionalism and productivity."

"Can I swear?" asked Rossi, vowing Cashman is a "[freaking] playmaker."

"He's one of my all-time favorites just in terms of watching him play," Rossi continued. "['Cash'] plays fast, he makes plays. Sometimes he takes chances, but usually they end up going the right way."

Grant thought aloud, "Don't [coaches] just want winners? Blake was a winner in everything he ever did."

In the spring of 2024, following Cashman's breakthrough with the Texans, Sherels was hanging at his home with Flores. The bond between the older brother of Vikings Legend Marcus Sherels, a punt return sensation, and the four-time Super Bowl Champion assistant coach formed like most adult friendships - through their children. As the legend goes, during a daughters' playdate, Flores noticed a commemorative piece of art in Sherel's basement: six NFL linebackers and Sherels in a Gophers beanie.

Players that Sherels coached hard in college, who made it to the league: Jonathan Celestin, Damien Wilson, Cashman, Kamal Martin, De'Vondre Campbell and Carter Coughlin. Flores knew of a couple.

And then he asked, "Who are the rest?"

Sherels remembered directing his gaze at Cashman's painting and telling Flores, "' Blake Cashman. He's an unbelievable athlete, He can do everything.' And that was it. That was it. I didn't say, 'He'd be a perfect fit for your defense!' I thought [that], but typically a hard sell is not the way to go.

"It was just an off-handed comment that stuck in his head, and then when the time came to look at free-agent linebackers, I'm sure he saw [him] on that list and he was like 'Oh this is Mike's guy. I'm going to put [on the tape]," Sherels said. "I hope he stays for a while, because it's a good match, those two."



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## JALEN REDINOND

FINDING HIS FIT ON VIKINGS INTERIOR DEFENSIVE LINE

### Jalen Redmond had a good feeling.

He smiled to himself during the Vikings first defensive install, watching Brian Flores walk through the scheme.

"I noticed it right away," Redmond said. "I was like, 'Yeah, this is me. This is perfect. This is what I do." First signed by Carolina as an undrafted rookie out of Oklahoma. Redmond had spent the 2023 offseason with the Panthers but was waived early that August and did not receive an NFL opportunity that season. He joined the XFL's Arlington Renegades on Dec. 11, racking up 18 tackles and 4.5 sacks in just four games for the team. In June 2024, his contract was terminated to allow him to sign with the Vikings.

Since joining Minnesota, Redmond survived initial roster cuts in 2024 but was waived that October, spent a stint on the practice squad and is now approaching one full year on the team's active roster.

There's no "camp body" here. Redmond has become an integral element of the Vikings defense and he knew early on that status was reachable.

"This is a great place to be," he said, explaining he's asked by Flores to do similar things he did

### BY LINDSEY YOUNG

at Oklahoma, where as a senior in 2022 he recorded four sacks, 23 tackles and 10 tackles for loss.

"It's a great feeling," Redmond recalled of that initial install. "You see it and you're like, 'OK, I can definitely see

myself – well, I have done this. And the way you're teaching it, it's similar.' It was great."

The defensive lineman appreciates the way Flores' scheme allows him to

play free and utilizes

his strengths. He's also grateful Flores and his defensive coaches "give everyone a chance."

This season, Redmond is leading all of Minnesota's defense with four sacks and is fourth on the unit with six tackles for loss, behind outside linebacker Jonathan Greenard (10) and seven each by Rodriguez and Eric Wilson.

Redmond's 23 tackles thus far are fourth-most among Vikings defensive linemen.

Analytics site Pro Football Focus has graded Redmond positively throughout the season, giving him an overall defense grade of 76.1 through Week 8. He received grades of 66.6 in run defense, 79.6 in pass rush and 68.3 in tackling in that span.

And though Minnesota's defense has experienced some ups and downs this

season, Redmond continues to impress.

Vikings Head Coach Kevin O'Connell spoke to media members after the Vikings disappointing loss to the Chargers and expressed frustration in overall team execution. He later mentioned "bright spots," however, specifically noting Redmond "continuously showing up on the tape." Redmond's NFL journey is an unconventional one.

In fact, he didn't even give football a legitimate shot until his junior year of high school. (He quips he "doesn't really count" the year of eighth-grade rec league in which he played wide receiver.)

Redmond shined on the basketball court for Midwest City, helping the team go 20-3 and rank No. 3 in Oklahoma during his junior season. But that same year, he was talked into giving the football team a try — and never really looked back.

The Oklahoman reporter Scott Wright summed it up well in a 2017 article highlighting Redmond as No. 6 on the "Super 30" recruit rankings series:

Jalen Redmond has never really looked like a high school basketball player. Even when he broke in as a freshman, starting for the Midwest City basketball team, he was built like a linebacker with a well-defined, 6-foot-4 frame.

Wright noted Redmond's transition to the football field and wrote, "nothing has been the same since."

Redmond says the same now.

"Honestly, I was just trying something new. I didn't know I was gonna end up sticking with football," he laughed. "I just wanted to do something new, and I ended up enjoying it and being somewhat good at it. It was all up from there, honestly, so yeah, I put haskethall aside."

In his first-ever varsity football season, Redmond racked up 82 tackles and 14 sacks, prompting doubledigit offers from colleges that hadn't previously been aware of the athlete. He went on to post 87 tackles, 34 tackles for loss and

a whopping 19.5 sacks as a senior,

earning First-Team All-State honors from *The Oklahoman*.

Redmond announced his commitment to play for his home-state Oklahoma Sooners, but once again he faced a hurdle when a medical condition sidelined him for almost the entirety of his freshman campaign. He appeared in 13 games in 2019, recording a teamleading 6.5 sacks, but then opted out of the 2020 season due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He returned to the team in 2021 and played in eight games; as a senior in 2022, he had 23 tackles, four sacks and 10 tackles for loss in 12 games.

Asked if he ever reflects on the difficult path he's traveled to this point, Redmond paused for a moment and responded, "Of course.

All the time."

"I always sit back and am like, 'Wow.' Like, I'm really here," he said.

Redmond credits his family, including his young son, with helping keep him grounded through the ups and downs.

"They kept me going," he said.
"Even when it got hard and I almost
felt like, 'OK, maybe this is not what
I'm supposed to be doing,' my family
kept me going — and I'm happy I kept
grinding and kept pushing to get here."

Redmond has made a number of important plays for the Vikings this season, including forcing a fumble (recovered by Allen) against the Bengals in Week 3, breaking up a Dillon Gabriel pass against the Browns in London and last week sacking Jared Goff to help Minnesota upset Detroit. But as much as he appreciates the stats that might easier catch fans' attention, Redmond prides himself most on consistency.

Reliability. Earning trust from his coaches and teammates. That is Jalen Redmond's focus.

"I always say this, just being more consistent and showing up on tape, whether that's sacks or stopping the run," he said. "Sacks, they're hard to get; they're very hard to get. I'm glad I've got three, and I would love to have more. But being a good run stopper and being consistent in whatever that is, that's most important."



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### THROUGH SHARED SACRIFICES

BY CRAIG PETERS

When the Vikings visited London in Week 5, the team hosted TAPS (Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors) families from America and the United Kingdom for a weekend that included tributes to fallen heroes, as well as connection-building and sightseeing experiences for survivors.

The group visited the Ministry of Defence Memorial, Wellington Barracks, Buckingham Palace, Kensington Palace and Tower of London on Friday, Oct. 3. The following two days involved visiting Minnesota's day-beforegame-walk-through and the Vikings win over the Browns at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Aaron Jones, Sr., his family and Vikings teammates welcomed the TAPS families to the walk-through session.

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Sarah Hudson's ring fingernails featured a Union Jack (UK flag) pattern on her right and Stars and Stripes on her left. The latter represented the American flag that her younger brother Troy Linden defended.

Affectionately known as "Troy-Boy," the U.S. Army Corporal was born in Detroit Lakes and grew up in Rochert, Minnesota. Cpl. Linden played football through middle school before feeling the draw of the stage – through theater and performances in the Minnesota All-State High School Choir.

"He was funny. He had the biggest, cheesiest smile, and he loved music of all kinds — taught himself how to play guitar while he was in Iraq," Hudson said. "He was just a great kid with a big heart."

Cpl. Linden graduated from Detroit Lakes
Senior High School in May 2002 a few years
before Vikings receiver Adam Thielen suited up
for the Lakers. He enlisted in the Army in May
2003 and deployed to Camp Ramadi in Iraq in
October 2005.

An IED blast that struck Cpl. Linden's RG-31 vehicle on July 8, 2006, claimed his life, as well as the life of life of Cpl. Joseph Micks. In the days that followed, Staff Sgt. Omar Flores and Sgt. Al'Kaila Floyd also passed away from their injuries.

Cpl. Linden, 22, was posthumously awarded multiple honors, including a Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Hudson, also a graduate of Detroit Lakes, has honored her brother in a variety of ways and continues to drive his Jeep in parades.

Vikings fans through and through, her family was thrilled to meet Vikings that included Thielen, Jones, Carson Wentz, Andrew DePaola and Head Coach Kevin O'Connell.

"Getting to see the London sites, the Ministry of Defence and laying roses for our fallen heroes was pretty powerful and meaningful, but this is really awesome to be part of the NFL and see the Vikings," Hudson said.

She also appreciated building connections with other TAPS families during the weekend.

"It's been really awesome to meet sisters who have lost their brothers similar to me and are in the UK," Hudson said. "Knowing that we're all part of a family we never wanted to be in, and now that family got even bigger with UK people in it, as well."

Efrem and Sharon Brynin from West Sussex, England, were among the UK families invited for the TAPS weekend in honor of their son, British Army Lance Cpl. James Brynin, who died in Afghanistan from small arms fire on Oct. 15, 2013. He was recognized for acts of gallantry, and an award to recognize top trainees has been named in his honor.

"Not many amongst our friends and family has had an experience like we have," Efrem said.

Sharon also appreciated the conversations between the TAPS families.

"When you hear families talk about how they felt or what they're going through, it's still daily," she said. "Remembrance Day isn't one day a year. It's every day, and to hear other people talk about similar things makes you feel that you are part of something."

### IN HONOR OF FALLEN VICTIMS

Family members of the following soldiers were hosted by the Vikings and TAPS in the UK:

U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsman Master CPO Robert Brown July 28, 1969-July 11, 2021

British Army Lance Cpl. James Brynin Dec. 22, 1990-Oct. 15, 2013

British Army Lance Cpl. Kevin "Sam" Greenfield Sept. 13, 1982-March 4, 2012

U.S. Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Joseph Jones Aug. 5, 1993-Oct. 18, 2016

U.S. Army Cpl. Troy Linden Jan. 29, 1984-July 8, 2006 Royal Air Force Sgt. Oliver "Ollie" Pallet June 1, 1982-Feb. 25, 2020

U.S. Navy CPO Gary L. Rehm, Jr.

U.S. Air Force Maj. Rahson A. Taylor July 12, 1985-Dec. 15, 2019

British Army Lance Cpl. William Trotter Nov. 13, 1966-May 31, 2011

British Army Lt. Col. Richard Young Aug. 12, 1964-Oct. 10, 2018



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### DEVIN KELIY

### U.S. Navy | 20 years

Kelly followed his father and grandfather by serving in the Navy, so it's understandable that his commitment would run deep. The hospital corpsman went far beyond expectation.

He can still remember while on a "greenside deployment" the fireball rushing into the military vehicle, which flipped three-and-a-half times after striking an IED on the Route Bronze.

"I remember seeing ground, air and then getting hit in the face," Kelly recalled. "Then I woke up on the ground."

He asked for a pressure dressing and requested that attention be directed to help other victims.

"When I stood up, I put the pressure dressing to my face, and I almost passed out because my bones were rubbing against each other. I ended up sitting back down, and then another corpsman treated me. I remember waking up in Al Asad [Air Base], where I got to call my wife and tell her what had happened."

Kelly's wife Amanda also was serving at the time, and the couple combined for 10 deployments.

Kelly was awarded a Purple Heart, overcame his injures and continued serving until

### CHAD WENDOLEK

### U.S. Army | 26 years

Enticed by the potential benefits offered through the GI Bill to help pay for college at North Dakota, Wendolek enlisted at 17 vears old.

He participated in ROTC at college and then attended U.S. Army Airborne School, becoming a master parachutist and neutralized explosive devices during deployments. The native of Lester Prairie completed deployments in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. Wendolek eventually worked at the Pentagon and has also visited Shanksville, Pennsylvania, but this will be his first visit to the 9-11 Memorial.

### GUY SING

### U.S. Army | 20 years

Sing's interest in joining the military began with watching movies like Rambo while growing up in St. James. He enlisted at age 17 and eventually completed air assault and master rappel schools before becoming a drill sergeant, a role ascended to by roughly 10 percent of troops.

Sing's post-service duties included guiding groups through the United Heroes League's obstacle course in Hastings. He is now working to help veterans access benefits in Olmstead County.

### ROGER BOYD III

### U.S. Army & MN Army National Guard | 14 years

Boyd continued a line of service established by his grandfather (Army) and father (Air Force). Originally from Memphis, Tennessee, Boyd moved to Minnesota as a senior in high school. He played receiver at Mankato West and also enlisted at age 17.

Boyd's relentless commitment showed when he and other service members were aboard a plane home from Iraq before Easter but deplaned after orders were extended. The deployment lasted 24 months total.

### MARAYA LEINO

### MN Army National Guard | 9-plus years

Leino was 10 years old on Sept. 11, 2001. The tragedy "left such a mark" on her heart and inspired her eventual service. The Sturgeon Lake native deployed to Kuwait in 2011-12 in support of the Iraq drawdown and served as a gun truck operator and rotating gunner.

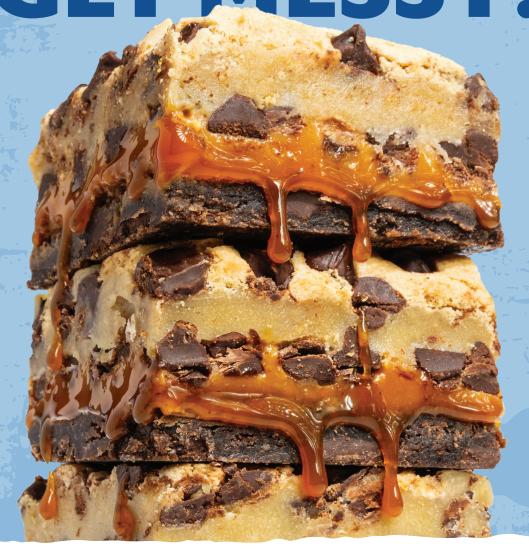
Leino's husband Andrew is currently serving, and both lean on values of military service as they raise their three kids.

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It didn't take long for Kate and Jake, then high school seniors, to know they were in it for the long haul. They also knew the military would be a core part of their story, as Jake

The young couple wrote and mailed letters to one another through Jake's four months at basic training, strengthening their relationship long-distance, and it wasn't long

had enlisted in the Army the previous year.

afterward Jake was informed he'd be deploying to Kuwait and Syria. So, he popped the question.

"We were engaged at 19, which is crazy," laughed Kate. "But when you know, you know."

The two have been deeply grateful to put the long-distance days behind them, as Jake recently retired from the Army, but continue to be equally thankful for the U.S. military and everything it's meant.

"When he was gone, it was tough," Kate said. "We were fortunate to have good support systems. You really recognize the sacrifices military families make. We don't have kids, and I know there are so many stories where people have to leave their families for deployment, which I can't imagine. But it was still tremendously difficult.

"He loves our country," she added. "He loves serving our country. It's such an honor for him, and it's been such a huge part of our lives together."



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DePaola and Wright may not be vying for any Academy Awards, but the long snapper and punter have been featured alongside each other in the Vikings specialists room for the past three-plus seasons. Entering today's game, Wright is averaging a career-high 44.6 net yards per boot. DePaola has helped the Vikings specialists stay consistent coming off three straight Pro Bowl seasons, a first for an NFL long snapper.



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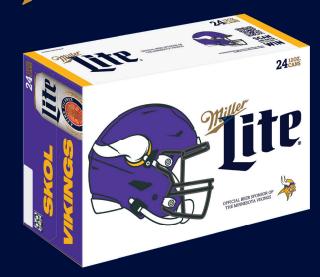


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