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A GRAND REOPENING

SUNDAY, SEPT. 26, 2021 | U.S. BANK STADIUM

In a nod to the 2016 U.S. Bank Stadium opening, which featured a halftime performance by the Minnesota Orchestra, the Vikings have partnered with the Minnesota Orchestra for the grand reopening. This offseason, keyboardist and former member of The New Power Generation Tommy Barbarella composed "Symphony of the North," which was then conducted by world-renowned Music Director Osmo Vänskä and performed by the Grammy Award-winning Minnesota Orchestra for use in the Vikings pregame show. Vänskä is in his final year as music director in 2021-2022.

The piece will be part of the new "Showtime" sequence that features new dramatic team introductions prefaced by Vikings Ring of Honor member Jim Marshall's "Odin Story." The ironman and longtime team captain who started a franchise-record 270 consecutive games will lead other Legends in a video.

Note: The Vikings strongly suggest fans try to make it to their seats with at least 15 minutes remaining in the pregame show.

TODAY'S GAME ELEMENTS

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The Minnesota Orchestra's Brass Ouintet

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Joint Service Honor Guard with members of the Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy and Coast Guard

TODAY'S GAME

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TEAM STATS

YARDS PER GAME / ALLOWED

RUSH

PASS

MIN OFF

122.0 289.0 411.0 | 6TH IN THE NFL

SEA DEF 162.5

271.5

434.0 | 30TH IN THE NFL

SEA OFF

108.5 280.5

389.0 | 11TH IN THE NFL

MIN DEF 126.0 294.0

420.0 | 28TH IN THE NFL

TEAM TRENDS

QB COMPARISON

Kirk Cousins is starting his 50th regular-season game as a Viking. He has thrown 96 touchdown passes, the fifth-most by an NFL quarterback since 2018 when he joined Minnesota. Russell Wilson ranks second in that time span with 112 touchdown passes.

POSSESSION TIME

The Seahawks rank last in the NFL in average time of possession (22:29). Minnesota is 21st in the NFL with an average time of 29:12.

ENDS OF FIRST HALVES

The Vikings have allowed 24 of the 61 points against Minnesota inside the 2-minute warnings of first halves this season. The Seahawks have scored a touchdown inside the final minute of both first halves this season.

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Buffalo Wild Wings brings you "Sacks for Apps" during all Vikings home and away games this season! When the Vikings record 2.0 or more sacks in a game, all fans score a free appetizer with a minimum purchase of \$20. Offer is valid for three days after each eligible game. Visit Vikings.com/bww for your digital coupon and offer details.



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OPENING DRIVE SWEEPSTAKES

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Today's Kwik Trip opening drive contestant is Jim Zastrow from Milwaukee. Jim will win \$25 for every yard earned on the Vikings opening drive plus a \$500 bonus for a field goal or \$1000 for an opening drive touchdown. Jim also has the chance to win a Ford Bronco Sport from Northland Ford Dealers at the end of the season. Enter today at any Minnesota Kwik Trip store.



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During each home game, U.S. Bank and the Minnesota Vikings will recognize individuals who have helped make our community a better place. The program honors individuals who have gone to extraordinary measures to make positive differences in the community. Today's Hometown Hero is Ialilia Abdul-Brown, a champion for creating equity in health care.



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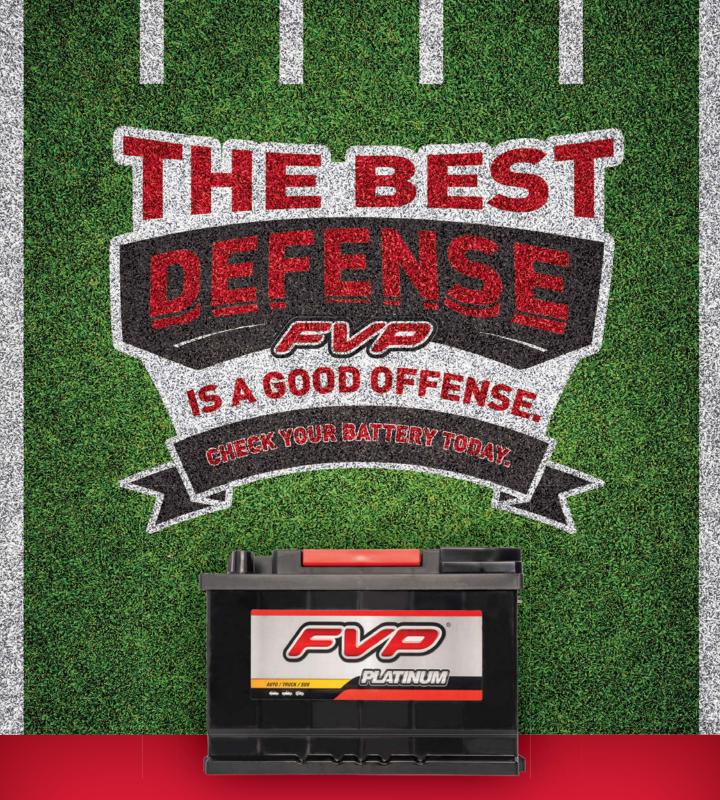


BEANIES THAT BENEFIT

PRESENTED BY POLARIS

The Vikings and Polaris are partnering with Minnesota-based children's food charity, Every Meal, to create a limitededition beanie. With a minimum donation of \$20, you will receive a free, exclusive beanie with all proceeds going directly to Every Meal's "Weekend Food Program." To show additional support, Polaris will also match your minimum donation on every hat sold.





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DALVIN COOK

Cook has established himself as one of the best running backs in the NFL, reaching an elite status in Vikings history and across the NFL.

His vision and fluidity in acceleration allow him to dazzle on the perimeter, and he also has the toughness to go between the tackles. He has a knack for making things happen. Cook put his best feet forward — so far — in November 2020 to earn NFC Offensive Player of the Month honors. During that stretch, he joined Jim Brown (1963) and Deuce McAllister (2003) as the only players with at least 225 scrimmage yards and two touchdowns in consecutive weeks.



VIKINGS ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	нт	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Greg Joseph	К	6-0	206	4	Florida Atlantic	Boca Raton, FL
3	Jordan Berry	Р	6-5	195	7		y Melbourne, AUS
7	Patrick Peterson	СВ	6-1	198	11	LSU F	ort Lauderdale, FL
8	Kirk Cousins	QB	6-3	205	10	Michigan State	Holland, MI
11	Kellen Mond	QB	6-3	212	R	Texas A&M	San Antonio, TX
12	Dede Westbrook	WR	6-0	178	5	Oklahoma	Cameron, TX
14	Sean Mannion	QB	6-6	230	7	Oregon State	Pleasanton, CA
15	Ihmir Smith-Marsett	eWR	6-1	185	R	Iowa	Newark, NJ
17	K.J. Osborn	WR	5-11	203	2	Miami	Ypsilanti, MI
18	Justin Jefferson	WR	6-1	195	2	LSU	St. Rose, LA
19	Adam Thielen	WR	6-2	200	8	Minnesota State	Detroit Lakes, MN
20	Harrison Hand	СВ	5-11	185	2	Temple	Cherry Hill, NJ
21	Bashaud Breeland	CB	5-11	195	8	Clemson	Allendale, SC
	Harrison Smith	5	6-2	211	10	Notre Dame	Knoxville, TN
23	Xavier Woods	S	5-11	204	5	Louisiana Tech	West Monroe, LA
	Mackensie Alexande		5-10	192	6	Clemson	Immokalee, FL
25	Alexander Mattison	RB	5-11	215	3	Boise State	San Bernadino, CA
27	Cameron Dantzler	CB	6-2	190	2	Mississippi State	
29	Kris Boyd	CB	5-11	195	3	Texas	Gilmer, TX Duluth. MN
33	C.J. Ham Dalvin Cook	FB RB	5-11 5-10	250 210	6 5	Augustana Florida State	Miami, FL
41	Chazz Surratt	LB	6-2	233	R	North Carolina	Denver, NC
	Andrew DePaola	LS	6-1	229	7	Rutgers	Parkton, MD
	Camryn Bynum	S	6-0	200	R	California	Corona, CA
	Josh Metellus	5	5-11	207	2		Pembroke Pines, FL
	Troy Dye	LB	6-3	225	2	Oregon	Norco, CA
	Blake Lynch	LB	6-3	233	2	Baylor	Gilmer, TX
51	Wyatt Davis	G	6-4	315	R	Ohio State	Bellflower, CA
52	Mason Cole	С	6-5	298	4	Michigan	Tarpon Springs, FL
54	Eric Kendricks	LB	6-0	232	7	UCLA	Fresno, CA
55	Anthony Barr	LB	6-5	257	8	UCLA	San Pedro, CA
56	Garrett Bradbury	С	6-3	300	3	North Carolina S	tate Charlotte, NC
57	Ryan Connelly	LB	6-2	234	3	Wisconsin	Eden Prairie, MN
58	Michael Pierce	DT	6-0	340	6	Samford	Daphne, AL
59	Nick Vigil	LB	6-2	230	6	Utah State	Plain City, UT
64	Blake Brandel	T	6-7	315	1	Oregon State	Milwaukie, OR
	Rashod Hill	T	6-6	310	6	Southern Miss	Jacksonville, FL
71	Christian Darrisaw	Т	6-5	315	R	Virginia Tech U	pper Marlboro, MD
	Ezra Cleveland	G	6-6	312	2	Boise State	Spanaway, WA
	Olisaemeka Udoh	G	6-6	320	3	Elon	Fayetteville, NC
	Brian O'Neill	T	6-7	310	4	Pittsburgh	Wilmington, DE
	Ben Ellefson	TE	6-3	250	2	North Dakota St	,-
	Tyler Conklin	TE	6-3	248	4	Central Michigar	
	Chris Herndon	TE	6-4	253	4	Miami	Norcross, GA
90	Sheldon Richardson	DT	6-3	290	9	Missouri	St. Louis, MO

#	NAME	POS	нт	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
91	Stephen Weatherly	DE	6-5	262	6	Vanderbilt	Snellville, GA
92	James Lynch	DT	6-4	295	2	Baylor	Round Rock, TX
93	Patrick Jones II	DE	6-4	264	R	Pittsburgh	Chesapeake, VA
94	Dalvin Tomlinson	DT	6-3	325	5	Alabama	McDonough, GA
96	Armon Watts	DT	6-5	307	3	Arkansas	St. Louis, MO
97	Everson Griffen	DE	6-3	273	12	USC	Avondale, AZ
98	D.J. Wonnum	DE	6-5	258	2	South CarolinaSt	tone Mountain, GA
99	Danielle Hunter	DE	6-5	263	7	LSU	Katy, TX

PRACTICE SQUAD												
5	Tye Smith	СВ	6-0	190	6	Towson	Raleigh, NC					
9	Trishton Jackson	WR	6-1	191	1	Syracuse W	est Bloomfield, MI					
16	Whop Philyor	WR	5-11	182	R	Indiana	Tampa, FL					
31	Ameer Abdullah	RB	5-9	196	7	Nebraska	Homewood, AL					
34	Jake Bargas	FB	6-2	245	2	North Carolina	Boca Raton, FL					
36	A.J. Rose Jr.	RB	6-1	212	R	Kentucky	Cleveland, OH					
39	Parry Nickerson	СВ	5-10	179	4	Tulane	Algiers, LA					
40	Zach Davidson	TE	6-7	251	R	Central Missouri	Webb City, MO					
46	Myles Dorn	S	6-2	210	2	North Carolina	Charlotte, NC					
47	Tuf Borland	LB	6-1	233	R	Ohio State	Bolingbrook, IL					
65	Zack Bailey	Т	6-5	315	3	South Carolina	Summerville, SC					
68	Kyle Hinton	G	6-2	315	2	Washburn	Peoria, AZ					
78	Dakota Dozier	G	6-4	305	8	Furman	West Columbia, SC					
79	Kenny Willekes	DE	6-3	264	2	Michigan State	Rockford, MI					
87	Myron Mitchell	WR	6-1	185	R	UAB	Jasper, AL					

RESERVE/INJURED												
12 Chad Beebe	WR	5-10	187	4	Northern Illinois	Aurora, IL						
13 Blake Proehl	WR	6-1	190	R	East Carolina	Charlotte, NC						
14 Nate Stanley	QB	6-4	233	1	Iowa	Menomonie, WI						
26 Kene Nwangwu	RB	6-1	210	R	Iowa State	Frisco, TX						

RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY

DT 6-2 285 R Pittsburgh

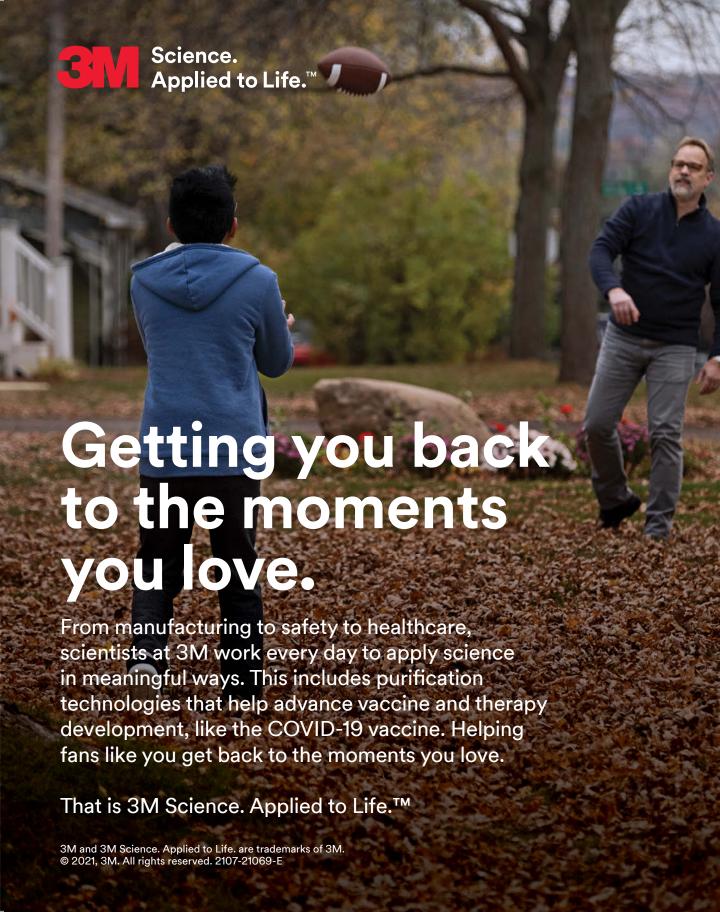
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Largo, FL

76 Jaylen Twyman

81	Bisi Johnson	WR	6-0	210	3	Colorado State	Lakewood, CO
84	Irv Smith Jr.	TE	6-2	240	3	Alabama	New Orleans, LA
85	Dan Chisena	WR	6-3	203	2	Penn State	Downington, PA
95	Janarius Pohinson	ΠE	6-5	258	R	Florida State	Panama City FI

66 Jordon Scott DT 6-1 326 R Oregon





RUNNING BACK Dalvin Cook



QUARTERBACK Kirk Cousins



FULLBACK C.J Ham



WIDE RECEIVER Adam Thielen



TIGHT ENDTyler Conklin



RIGHT TACKLE Brian O'Neill



Olisaemeka Udoh



CENTERGarrett Bradbury



LEFT GUARD Ezra Cleveland



LEFT TACKLE Rashod Hill

SEAHAWKS DEFENSE



WIDE RECEIVER Justin Jefferson

VIKINGS OFFENSE



CORNERBACK D.J. Reed



LINEBACKER Darrell Taylor



EDGE Benson Mayowa



DEFENSIVE TACKLE
Al Woods



NOSE TACKLE Poona Ford



DEFENSIVE ENDKerry Hyder Jr.



LINEBACKER Jordyn Brooks



Tre Flowers



SAFETY Jamal Adams



MIDDLE LINEBACKER
Bobby Wagner



SAFETY Quandre Diggs

VIKINGS SPECIAL TEAMS



KICKER Greg Joseph



PUNTER Jordan Berry



LONG SNAPPER Andrew DePaola



PUNT RETURNER Dede Westbrook



KICK RETURNER
Ihmir Smith-Marsette



VIKINGS DEPTH CHART

	VIKI	NGS OFFENSE	
WR	Justin Jefferson	K.J. Osborn	Dede Westbrook
LT	Rashod Hill	Christian Darrisaw	
LG	Ezra Cleveland		
С	Garrett Bradbury	Mason Cole	
RG	Olisaemeka Udoh	Wyatt Davis	
RT	Brian O'Neill	Blake Brandel	
TE	Tyler Conklin	Chris Herndon	Ben Ellefson
WR	Adam Thielen	Ihmir Smith-Marsette	
QВ	Kirk Cousins	Sean Mannion	Kellen Mond
RB	Dalvin Cook	Alexander Mattison	

VIKINUS DEFENSE											
LDE	Danielle Hunter	Stephen Weatherly									
NT	Michael Pierce	Armon Watts	James Lynch								
DT	Dalvin Tomlinson	Sheldon Richardson									
RDE	D.J. Wonnum	Everson Griffen	Patrick Jones II								
SLB	Anthony Barr	Blake Lynch	Ryan Connelly								
MLB	Eric Kendricks	Troy Dye									
WLB	Nick Vigil	Chazz Surratt									
LCB	Patrick Peterson	Mackensie Alexander	Harrison Hand								
RCB	Bashaud Breeland	Kris Boyd	Cameron Dantzler								
SS	Harrison Smith	Josh Metellus									
FS	Xavier Woods	Camryn Bynum									

FB

C.J. Ham



LINEBACKER Nick Vigil



Xavier Woods



LINEBACKER Eric Kendricks



SAFETY Harrison Smith



LINEBACKER Anthony Barr



CORNERBACK Bashaud Breeland



DEFENSIVE END D.J. Wonnum



NOSE TACKLE Michael Pierce



DEFENSIVE TACKLE Dalvin Tomlinson



DEFENSIVE END Danielle Hunter



CORNERBACK Patrick Peterson

SEAHAWKS OFFENSE

VIKINGS DEFENSE



WIDE RECEIVER DK Metcalf



LEFT TACKLE Duane Brown



LEFT GUARD Damien Lewis



CENTER Kyle Fuller



RIGHT GUARD Gabe Jackson



RIGHT TACKLE Brandon Shell



TIGHT END Gerald Everett



WIDE RECEIVER Tyler Lockett



FULLBACK Nick Bellore



Russell Wilson



RUNNING BACK Chris Carson

SEAHAWKS SPECIAL TEAMS



KICKER Jason Myers



PUNTER Michael Dickson



LONG SNAPPER Tyler Ott



PUNT RETURNER Freddie Swain



KICK RETURNER DeeJay Dallas



SEAHAWKS DEPTH CHART

SEAHAWKS OFFENSE											
WR	DK Metcalf	Freddie Swain									
LT	Duane Brown	Jamarco Jones	Stone Forsythe								
LG	Damien Lewis	Jamarco Jones									
C	Kyle Fuller	Dakoda Shepley									
RG	Gabe Jackson	Jamarco Jones									
RT	Brandon Shell	Jake Curhan									
TE	Gerald Everett	Will Dissly	Tyler Mabry								
WR	Tyler Lockett	Dee Eskridge	Penny Hart								
QB	Russell Wilson	Geno Smith	Jake Luton								
FB	Nick Bellore										
RB	Chris Carson	Rashaad Penny	Alex Collins								

SEAHAWKS DEFENSE												
DE	Kerry Hyder Jr.	L.J. Collier										
DT	Al Woods	Bryan Mone										
NT	Poona Ford	Bryan Mone										
EDGE	Benson Mayowa	Rasheem Green	Carlos Dunlap II									
OLB	Jordyn Brooks	Cody Barton										
MLB	Bobby Wagner	Nick Bellore	Jon Rhattigan									
OLB	Darrell Taylor	Alton Robinson										
LCB	D.J. Reed	John Reid										
RCB	Tre Flowers	Sidney Jones IV	Bless Austin									
FS	Quandre Diggs	Marquise Blair	Ugo Amadi									
SS	Jamal Adams	Ryan Neal										

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A second-round pick in 2012, Wagner started from the get-go and was instrumental in Seattle going to Super Bowls XLVIII and XLIX in his second and third seasons. Even more impressive than his quick start has been his consistency in racking up tackles and big plays.

Wagner leads NFL active players in tackles since his 2012 rookie season with 1.246. He has recorded no

fewer than 104 tackles in any of his seasons and has twice led the league in the category. Instincts and intellect have helped him record 10 interceptions and recover 10 fumbles.

Don't take our word for it. Just ask Vikings running back Dalvin Cook, who described Wagner as "the smartest man on the field."



SEAHAWKS ROSTER

#	NAME	POS	нт	WT	EX	P COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	#	NAME	POS	нт	WT	EX	P COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Dee Eskridge	WR	5-9	190	R	Western Michiga	n Bluffton, Ind.	85	Tyler Mabry	TE	6-3	247	2	Maryland	Ypsilanti, Mich.
2	D.J. Reed	СВ	5-9	193	4	Kansas State	Bakersfield, Calif.	89	Will Dissly	TE	6-4	265	4	Washington	Bozeman, Mont.
3	Russell Wilson	QB	5-11	215	10	Wisconsin	Richmond, Va.	90	Bryan Mone	DT	6-3	345	3	Michigan	Salt Lake City, Utah
4	Michael Dickson	Р	6-2	208	4	Texas	Sydney, Australia	91	L.J. Collier	DE	6-3	291	3	TCU	Munday, Texas
5	Jason Myers	K	5-10	190	7	Marist	Chula Vista, Calif.	94	Rasheem Green	DE	6-4	279	4	USC	Los Angeles, Calif.
6	Quandre Diggs	FS	5-9	197	7	Texas	Houston, Texas	97	Poona Ford	DT	5-11	310	4	Texas	Hilton Head, S.C.
7	Geno Smith	QB	6-3	221	9	West Virginia	Miramar, Fla.	98	Alton Robinson	DE	6-3	259	2	Syracuse	Converse, Texas
8	Carlos Dunlap II	LB	6-6	285	12	Florida Nor	th Charleston, S.C.	99	Al Woods	DT	6-3	330	11	LSU	Jennings, La.
9	Jake Luton	QB	6-6	224	2	Oregon State	Marysville, Wash.								
10	Benson Mayowa	LB	6-3	252	9	Idaho	Los Angeles, Calif.								
14	DK Metcalf	WR	6-4	235	3	Mississippi	Oxford, Miss.				PRA	CTICE	SQL	IAD	
16	Tyler Lockett	WR	5-10	182	7	Kansas State	Tulsa, Okla.	11	Cody Thompson	WR	6-2	205	3	Toledo	Huron, OH
18	Freddie Swain	WR	6-0	199	2	Florida	Ocala, Fla.	17	Aaron Fuller	WR	5-11	188	2	Washington	McKinney, TX
19	Penny Hart	WR	5-8	180	3	Georgia State	Roswell, Ga.	30	Michael Jackson	СВ	6-1	210	3	Miami	Birmingham, AL
20	Rashaad Penny	RB	5-11	220	4	San Diego State	Norwalk, Calif.	31	Ameer Abdullah						
21	Tre Flowers	СВ	6-3	203	4	Oklahoma State	Converse, Texas	34	Josh Johnson	RB	5-9	209	R	Louisiana-Monr	oe Hurtsboro, AL
23	Sidney Jones IV	СВ	6-0	186	5	Washington	West Covina, Calif.	38	Gavin Heslop	СВ	6-0	197	2	Stony Brook	Yonkers, NY
25	Travis Homer	RB	5-10	202	3	Miami Wes	st Palm Beach, Fla.	43	Aaron Donkor	LB	6-1	240	1	Arkansas State	Goettingen, DE
26	Ryan Neal	SS	6-3	200	4	Southern Illinois	Hammond, Ind.	48	Michael Jacobson	TE	6-7	244	1	Iowa State	Waukee, IA
27	Marquise Blair	FS	6-1	196	3	Utah	Wooster, Ohio	58	Tanner Muse	LB	6-2	227	2	Clemson	Belmont, NC
28	Ugo Amadi	FS	5-9	201	3	Oregon	Nashville, Tenn.	60	Phil Haynes	G	6-4	322	3	Wake Forest	Raleigh, NC
29	John Reid	СВ	5-10	187	2	Penn State	Mt. Laurel, N.J.	62	Pier-Olivier Lestage	G	6-3	312	R	Montreal	Saint Eustache, QC
31	Deejay Dallas	RB	5-10	214	2	Miami	Brunswick, Ga.	62	Jarrod Hewitt	DT	6-1	290	R	Virginia Tech	Venice, FL
32	Chris Carson	RB	5-11	222	5	Oklahoma State	Lilburn, Ga.	67	Myles Adams	DT	6-2	290	2	Rice	Arlington, TS
33	Jamal Adams	SS	6-1	213	5	LSU	Lewisville, Texas	75	Greg Eiland	T	6-8	321	R	Mississippi Stat	e Philadelphia, MS
36	Bless Austin	CB	6-1	198	3	Rutgers	Queens, N.Y.	86	De'Quan Hampton	WR	6-4	242	1	USC	Carson, CA
41	Alex Collins	RB	5-10	210	5	Arkansas Fo	rt Lauderdale, Fla.	87	Connor Wedington	WR	6-0	200	R	Stanford	Lake Tapps, WA
44	Nick Bellore	FB/L	B 6-1	250	11	Central Michigan	St. Paul, Minn.	88	Cade Johnson	WR	5-10	184	R	South Dakota S	tate Papillion, NE
51	Kerry Hyder Jr.	DE	6-2	275	8	Texas Tech	Austin, Texas	92	Robert Nkemdiche	DT	6-4	296	5	Mississippi	Loganville, GA
52	Darrell Taylor	DE	6-4	267	2	Tennessee	Hopewell, Va.								
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59	Jon Rhattigan	LB	6-0	236	R	Army	Naperville, III.	22	Tre Brown	СВ	5-10	185	R	Oklahoma	Tulsa, OK
61	Kyle Fuller	C/G	6-5	320	5		Duncanville, Texas		Nigel Warrior	CB	6-1	197	2	Tennessee	College Park, GA
64	Dakoda Shepley	С	6-5	317	2	British Columbia	Windsor, Ontario		Marcus Webb	DE	6-2	247	1	Troy	Decatur, AL
66	Gabe Jackson	G	6-3	335	8	Mississippi State			Ben Burr-Kirven	LB	6-0	230	3	Washington	Menlo Park, CA
68	Damien Lewis	G	6-2	327	2	LSU	Canton, Miss.	70	Cedric Ogbuehi	Т	6-5	308	7	Texas A&M	Allen, TX
69	Tyler Ott	LS	6-3	253	7	Harvard	Tulsa, Okla.		Ethan Pocic	C/G	6-6	320	5	LSU	Lemont, IL
72	Brandon Shell	Т	6-5	324	6	South Carolina	Goose Creek, S.C.	84	Colby Parkinson	TE	6-7	251	2	Stanford	Simi Valley, CA
73	Jamarco Jones	T	6-4	293	4	Ohio State	Chicago, III.								
74	Jake Curhan	Т	6-6	316	R	California	Larkspur, Calif.								
76		T	6-4	315	14	Virginia Tech	Richmond, Va.								
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DK Metcalf caught a 6-yard pass from Russell Wilson with 0:15 remaining. The catch was Seattle's second fourth-down conversion on its 94-yard drive that began with 1:57 left in the game.



'93 BLAST' GOES FOR 95

Chester Taylor set a Vikings franchise record with a 95-yard rushing touchdown in Seattle in 2006. The score helped Minnesota prevail 31-13 in one of two wins ever in the Emerald City.

The game marked the first for Vikings G Steve Hutchinson

against the team that drafted him in the first round of the 2001 NFL Draft. When Hutchinson was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in August, we asked former Head Coach Brad Childress if there was a particular play on which Hutchinson's execution was above all others.

"I-think the one that Steve probably harkens back to is blocking a 93 Blast. We went out and played Seattle after we [acquired him], and Chester Taylor had a 95-yard run," Childress said. "That's his favorite, 93 Blast. They ran it at the Seahawks. We obviously ran it with him, Bryant McKinnie and John Sullivan, so that would probably be one of my favorites because that epitomized a play he loved and did well."

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Adrian Peterson on 17 attempts at SEA (11.04.12)

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Daunte Culpepper on 21-of-33 passing in MIN (12.07.03)

Fran Tarkenton at SEA (10.08.78) and in MIN (11.14.76)

RECEIVING YARDS

Cris Carter on seven catches at SEA (11.10.96)

Randy Moss on eight catches in MIN (12.07.03)

AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

Shaun Alexander on 24 attempts at SEA (09.29.02)

Marshawn Lynch on 26 attempts at SEA (11.04.12)

PASSING YARDS

Matt Hasselbeck on 23-of-34 passing in MIN (12.12.04)

Jim Zorn on 17-of-29 passing in MIN (11.14.76)

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Darrell Jackson on seven catches at SEA (10.22.06)

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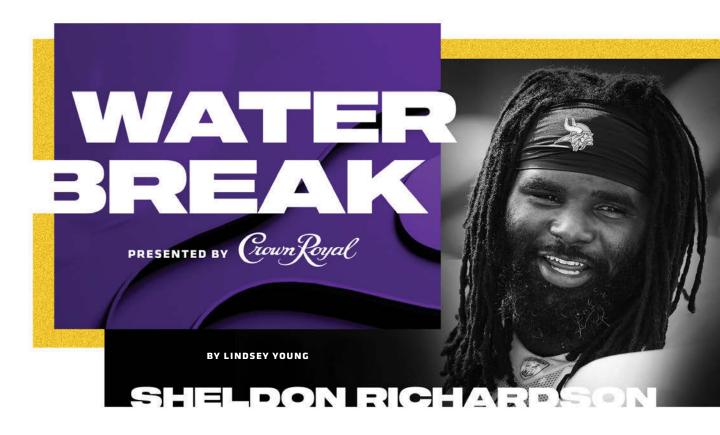
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LIVE GENEROUSLY AND LIFE WILL TREAT YOU ROYALLY





In February 2020, Sheldon Richardson embarked on the trip of a lifetime just before the COVID-19 pandemic hit the U.S. and shut down travel.

Richardson received a "last-minute" phone call from a close friend back home, who asked if Richardson would like to join for a birthday trip to Thailand. The defensive tackle quickly embraced the opportunity for his first "truly" international trip.

"Somebody said the Bahamas are not 'out of the country,' but you get your passport stamped, so," Richardson quipped.

He called the time in Thailand peaceful and serene, the perfect way to unplug in between NFL seasons.

One day delivered a bit more adrenaline than the others, though: a visit to Tiger Kingdom in Phuket, Thailand. Richardson had the opportunity to participate in an "animal encounter" with a massive tiger, and he later posted a photo with the majestic feline to his personal Instagram account (@sdotrich91).

"I felt at home. I feel like I'm an apex

predator myself, so that's one thing for sure," Richardson smiled.

"[Second] thing is that I was going to make it out of that cage," he added with a laugh. "My only thought process: 'He might get a body part, but I'm making it out of this cage, that's for sure.'"

One year and two months after returning to the U.S., Richardson also returned to the Vikings, re-signing with Minnesota after two seasons in Cleveland.

Richardson started all 16 games for the Vikings in 2018, recording 49 tackles, 4.5 sacks, six tackles for loss and 16 quarterback hits. He previously played for the Jets (2013-16) and Seahawks (2017).

We caught up with Sheldon recently for a Water Break, presented by Crown Royal, to ask him about some additional unique Instagram posts, why he's a big "Grease" fan and what he most enjoys about being Dad to his 5-year-old daughter.

Q: You use #gerberbaby on a couple of your

throwback Instagram posts; were you actually a Gerber baby?

"I was just a cute kid. I was definitely a cute kid. I look back at some of my pictures and I'm like, 'I definitely could have been a Gerber baby.'"

Q: You have a cute kid of your own! What do you like about being a girl dad?

most definitely, for my daughter. Just seeing her develop her own personality. Just honestly seeing her grow up and be her own person. Her dislikes. her likes."

Q: Another throwback photo is one of you and Tim Hardaway at his youth basketball camp. How did that come about? "Yeah, I was juicy then (laughs). It was great. It was [an activity we did as part of a] family reunion. ... It was a fun experience. And I met Tim Hardaway – so that was awesome."

Q: Did you love basketball first?

"Football was always my first love, but basketball was definitely second. I played baseball, too, up until high school. Guys started throwing major league pitches and stuff like that, so I couldn't hit 'em. It was either a home run or a strikeout for me."

Q: You're a St. Louis guy. Give us your assessment of Imo's Pizza – I hear it's controversial?

"It's definitely controversial. If you like thin-crust pizza, you know, me personally, Imo's is the best pizza ever. More [toppings] than bread. The extra cheese, and I usually go heavy. What do I get? Jalapeno hamburger or sausage and bacon.

Extra cheese. And then you've got to get your crushed red peppers – unless you get jalapenos,

because then you don't need the crushed red peppers. ... And you've gotta get your sweet-and-tangy wings. Other than that, people like toasted ravioli from there – I'm not a ravioli guy, but I hear those are good."

Q: You played for the Jets for four seasons, and New York pizza didn't impress you?

of them are pretty good. It's the first time I've seen, like, salami and stuff on pizza. ... It was good. Definitely the culinary capital of the world when I was out there for four years, and it was an awesome experience. ... But I definitely choose Imo's over all that, no question. It's not even close."

Q: Well, speaking of 'greasy,' you've said you are fan of the movie 'Grease'?

watching that movie. I don't know, for some reason I really liked the movie. ...

John Travolta, he was one of my favorite actors growing up. And then 'Cry-Baby.' Something about those ... old, surreal, kind of like gangsterish-type deals. It was fun."

Q: Who's your favorite character in 'Grease'?

Danny Zuko]. A little lover-boy action, playing a gangster. Definitely Travolta. ... But now, Johnny Depp was better in 'Cry-Baby.' I'd choose that over 'Grease' now."

Q: The Vikings defensive line room has a lot of fun personalities. Here are some quickhitters. Which d-line teammate is...

FASTEST? "Danielle [Hunter.]"

LOUDEST? "Griff (Everson Griffen)."

BEST COOK? "I do not know ... oh, wait. Stephen

[Weatherly]. I've seen Stephen's IG, and he's

cookin."

BEST DRESSED? "Probably Griff."
BEST KARAOKE SINGER? "I have no idea. Me."
BEST TRIVIA PARTNER? "Stephen. The
thousand useless things he knows."

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BY CRAIG PETERS

Adam Thielen's successes in the NFL – 412 receptions, 42 touchdown catches and counting – have occurred on multiple stages.

Dependable day or night, Thielen has shown again and again the ability to make catches in traffic or shake himself completely free of defenders, as he's done thrice already for touchdowns in 2021.

In each of the past five seasons, Thielen has left the stylish Vikings locker room to start the home opener at U.S. Bank Stadium. He's caught 28 passes for 453 yards and three scores in those games. Two catches today will move him past Vikings Legend Jake Reed for sixth all-time on the career leaderboard.

No matter the luster, roar of the home crowd or from the well-traveled Vikings contingency at road games, Thielen has never forgotten his roots or the feelings generated by playing high school games under the lights on Friday nights.

Long before purple, white and even yellow Vikings jerseys featured Thielen's name and number 19, he appreciated the way Detroit Lakes turned out for the team.

"I think the thing that always comes to mind is we used to do our halftime meetings behind the field by the buses," Thielen recalled. "That was the one time — normally you're facing the field and the fans are behind you, but I can always picture standing there at halftime and looking across and seeing all of these people support you from your community, where the town kind of shuts down and everybody is there Friday night, everybody is excited about the game.

"The lights are shining on the field, and all of your people you grew up with and have supported you since you were little were all in the stands," Thielen added.

The fondness of those times remains strong.

"I think that's why it is so special when we play those night games, Monday Night Football, Thursday Night Football, Sunday Night Football, and I think it's because we all have such fond memories of high school and being in front of the community under the lights. I think that's why we get so juiced up to do that. The energy and atmosphere is tough to beat."

It's also why he and his wife, Caitlin, were



ONE TEAM HELMET DECALS

The Minnesota High School League,
Minnesota Football Coaches
Association and Minnesota Vikings
collaborated to create a "One Team"
helmet sticker that can be worn
by football players at every level
throughout the state to commemorate
how far the community has come
since the COVID-19 pandemic.

The sticker features laces of a football connecting the outline of the state and the "One Team" slogan.

Decals were sent to 366 high school teams and 32 collegiate programs in the state. The Vikings wore the decals on their helmets during the Aug. 14 preseason game against Denver.

Teams are invited to share photos and other content displaying their involvement in the One Team program throughout the year by using the hashtag #OneTeamMN on all personal and team social media platforms. Posts using this hashtag will be randomly selected throughout the season to receive a contribution for the school's football program.

determined to provide new lights for Brooklyn Center High School through Thielen Foundation with help from sponsors and partners.

Caitlin explained her memories of playing soccer under the lights and supporting her school's football team.

"It was awesome. I love it," Caitlin said. "It felt so cool out there with your friends, and then home football games, so many people come out from the community and you meet up with your friends and cheer on the team. It's just such a fun thing, and I'm so glad because Brooklyn Center can have that opportunity now."

That moment occurred on Sept. 10

– two years to the day of visiting
Brooklyn Center to celebrate a major
equipment donation – when the
Thielens returned to the North Metro
school, and Centaur Nation was finally

back under the lights for the first time since a power outage in 2018.

Brooklyn Center Athletics Director
Nate Gautsch heard the buzz before
everyone enjoyed the glow. When
Gautsch walked the halls earlier that
day, the chatter by students and
teachers was about that night.

"Some of the staff who have been here and know we haven't had lights, all of a sudden, it was like 'We're under the lights tonight.' You kind of saw a light go off," Gautsch said. "When we got the notification that Adam was going to be here, you get a little extra excitement going."

Thielen explained to the Brooklyn
Center players and coaches before the
game how much Friday night lights still
mean to him. He delivered comments to
the crowd, encouraging the community
to support the Centaurs and welcoming
the Patrick Henry High School Patriots.
The sun yielded behind clouds, and
the modern lights grew stronger,

giving Brooklyn Center players the

opportunity they had never

enjoyed.

"... IT'S ABOUT THIS COMMUNITY BEING ABLE TO PLAY AND COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER..."

-ADAM THIELEN

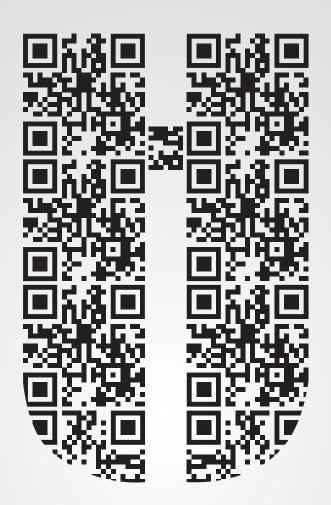


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"When you play a game at 4 in the afternoon, it kind of loses that aura that you get with Friday night lights," Gautsch said. "To bring this back, some of these kids, our seniors have never played a home game under the lights, so now they're part of new Brooklyn Center history. I'm excited. I get goosebumps thinking about it."

After the power outage, Gautsch had the power company come out to check the lights. The system was old, did not meet code and posed a hazard.

"They disconnected it and locked it up,"
Gautsch, who began coaching at the school
in 1995 and is in his 18th year as athletics
director, said. "They actually looked at me
and said, 'You're lucky to be alive. You easily
could have been shocked or had a fireball
fall on your head.'"

Gautsch spoke with a sense of relief, gratitude and excitement.

"The hope is that you bring back Friday night lights and football games, a community event, the student body and people come back together to enjoy each other in a school setting and watch high school football,"

Gautsch said. "That's what's been lost."

Brooklyn Center prevailed 38-20, shining in

its return to the lights.

Thielen stood on the track behind the sideline and reminisced.

"You think about those Friday night lights — those are some of the greatest memories I have of my football career," he said. "I have some great memories in the NFL, but the biggest ones that come to mind are being in front of your community and the people you know that have supported you since you were little. I know Caitlin has memories of being at games and supporting the football team and playing soccer under the lights. It really drove us to want to do this."

Thielen Foundation's primary goal is to help others reach their full potential, whether that's an individual athlete or an entire community.

"Obviously we want the kids to be pumped about being able to play in front of their community, but it's about this community being able to play and come together to support one another, to be around one another and to have that support," Thielen said. "For these young kids, that means so much to them, and hopefully makes them want to be better in what they're doing and hopefully finish high school and do big things in the future."







VIKINGS PREP SPOTLIGHT

High school football returned to TCO Stadium this fall when the Vikings Prep Spotlight series presented by Twin Cities Orthopedics featured two games.

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Waconia defeated Robbinsdale Cooper 20-14 on Sept. 10, and St. Thomas Academy defeated

Cretin-Derham Hall 41-14 on Sept. 17.

The contests were the ninth and 10th hosted at TCO Stadium since the venue opened, starting with five games in 2018 and followed by three more in 2019.

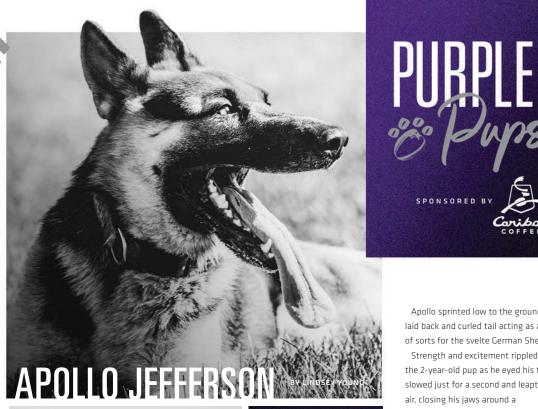
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OWNER: JUSTIN **EFFERSON**

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APOLLO HAS BEEN KNOWN TO MAKE SOME IMPRESSIVE IN-AIR CATCHES

LATE-NIGHT PRANKS:

APOLLO ONCE LOCKED JUSTIN OUT OF HIS APARTMENT

ON THE CASE:

APOLLO PLAYS HIDE-AND-SEEK WITH HIS

PROTECTIVE PUP:

JUSTIN ALWAYS FEELS SAFE WHEN APOLLO'S AROUND

Apollo sprinted low to the ground, ears laid back and curled tail acting as a rudder of sorts for the svelte German Shepherd.

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Strength and excitement rippled through the 2-year-old pup as he eyed his target, slowed just for a second and leapt into the air, closing his jaws around a bright-green ball.

"I taught him that," joked a smiling Justin Jefferson.

There's no denying it - Apollo boasts some catch abilities not unlike his dog dad, the second-year Vikings receiver who broke multiple records as a rookie last season.

And while Apollo's athleticism and coordination is impressive, he doesn't quite have the celebration dance down yet.

"I've been trying to teach him [The Griddy], but his 1-2 is a little shaky," Justin quipped.

Also on the to-do list is outfitting Apollo to support the Vikings and, specifically, No. 18. Asked if he's gotten the pup any Vikings swag, Justin said, "Not yet. I've gotta get him some. I've gotta get him a little jersey or something. That's coming soon."

As a youngster growing up in Louisiana, Justin and his family had a pit bull-boxer mix named Ziggy. He's been a longtime lover of pups, and he always had his sights set on a German Shepherd.

As a junior at LSU, Justin had the opportunity to achieve his childhood goal and added Apollo to the family

"It was a no-brainer. I had to." he said.



"I got him and took care of him as a little puppy ... so it's been interesting to see [him grow up]."

Like any four-legged friend, Apollo has gotten himself into mischief from time to time. There's one experience that most stands out in Justin's mind, though.

He recalled one night back in Baton Rouge, when he and his brother, Jordan, left the apartment for a quick errand. Justin considered grabbing the keys but knew they'd be back in such a short amount of time that he deemed it unnecessary.

Except when Justin and Jordan returned, the door they'd left unlocked had been locked.

"Apollo locked me and my brother out of the apartment," Justin said, shaking his head over the memory. "I guess he just climbed up against the door and reached at the lock, and he must have turned it.

"We had to sleep in the car that night because we couldn't go to the office to get a key to open the door," he added.

Justin and Apollo of course made up, though, and the two share a special bond.

That connection grew even deeper when the COVID-19 pandemic forced shutdowns in 2020 and Justin navigated an all-virtual offseason as an NFL rookie. During uncertain times, Apollo

offered invaluable companionship.

"It was time for me to focus on him even more than I [previously] had time to. We definitely had more time to really get to know each other," Justin said.

"He's hyper. Very hyper. He loves to play around," Justin laughed. "But he loves to be under somebody. He's kind of lovey, too."

The receiver compared Apollo's demeanor to that of Vikings teammate Adam Thielen.

"Because he's so hyper and so talkative, so energetic all day throughout the day. This is Adam, right here," Justin quipped.

Apollo is well-trained, knowing cues for the basics such as "sit" and "down" but also enjoying a bit of hide-and-seek with his favorite toy.

"If I hide his ball somewhere, I'll tell him, 'Go look for the ball,' and he'll search everywhere until he finds it," Justin explained.

He bought the green ball just a few months ago, but it quickly became Apollo's go-to.

"It's his prized possession," Justin said. "If this ball is lost, he will break down."

Justin wound up and sent the ball arcing across the soccer field, then smiled as Apollo raced to retrieve the toy and return it.

"Dogs just show so much love and so much affection. They love to be loved and to have

fun and play around with you. He keeps me company," Justin said.

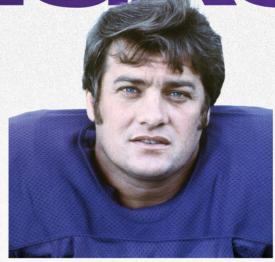
"He means the world to me," Justin later added, reaching down to rub Apollo's head. "[I love having] days like this, just having fun and throwing the ball together. He's my friend – that's my bud. That's my dude.
That's my man."





MICK TINGELHOFF'S LEGACY







STOOD TALL ON HIS TOUGHNESS

Mick Tingelhoff's toughness was legendary, but his talent backed it up. Or, was it the other way around, with an elite quickness and athleticism reinforced by his resolve?

Either way, he demonstrated both through 240 consecutive regular-season starts, which is tied with Philip Rivers for the third-most by any player all-time. That total trails only Brett Favre's 297 and Jim Marshall's 270.

Tingelhoff also opened 19 playoff contests for Minnesota, including Super Bowls IV, VIII, IX and XI. The Vikings won their division in 10 of his final 11 seasons and claimed the 1969 NFL Championship.

Personal accolades included six trips to the Pro Bowl, five First-Team All-Pro selections, placement on Minnesota's 25th and 40th Anniversary Teams, inclusion in the 50 Greatest Vikings, induction to the Vikings Ring of Honor and enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Tingelhoff's No. 53 jersey is one of six retired by the Vikings, resulting in his placement in the "Frozen in Time"

exhibit at the Minnesota Vikings Museum. He attended the grand opening in July 2018.

Whether blocking for the likes of Tommy Mason and Bill "Boom Boom" Brown in the early days or opening holes for Chuck Foreman in the '70s, Tingelhoff helped Vikings running backs gain ground and kept tabs on the improvisation of Fran Tarkenton. It was clear that, in order to take down Tarkenton, an interior defensive lineman or linebacker first had to tangle with Tingelhoff. Good luck.

Admired by teammates and respected by opponents for the toughness that was hewn on Nebraska farmland, the former Cornhusker arrived in Minnesota undrafted and didn't back down.

He began as a linebacker but switched to center before the second preseason game of the 1962 season, the second in

franchise history. Tingelhoff became part of a core group of players that transformed the Vikings from a fledgling franchise into a divisional dynasty.

Hall of Fame Head Coach Bud Grant told ESPN in 2015 that Tingelhoff "was a catalyst" for the team's successes.

"I have no doubt that had he not played center, he would have been a Hall of Fame linebacker," Grant said. "He played center with the mentality and tenacity of a linebacker."

In 2001, Vikings original athletic trainer Fred Zamberletti upheld the lore of Tingelhoff playing through a torn leg muscle to not miss a snap against the Packers. Zamberletti told the *Star Tribune*, "We taped him all the way from his toes to his buttocks, and he played every play against Green Bay."

Godfrey Zaunbrecher, a backup center with the Vikings from 1971-73, was quoted as saying, "I am the third-team center on a football team that only has two centers on the roster. I play behind Mick Tingelhoff and Mick Tingelhoff hurt."

Grant, longtime Offensive Coordinator Jerry Burns and Vikings Legends traveled to Canton, Ohio, in 2015 to celebrate Tingelhoff's overdue enshrinement. He is one of 21 players who has made the Hall of Fame after beginning his career as an undrafted free agent.

"It's a wonderful occasion to honor Mick in this way, and to be a small part of it was really gratifying," Grant told Vikings.com. "I can't remember when I've been happier for anybody than I am for Mick Tingelhoff. The only thing that will make it happier is if Jim Marshall was here, and hopefully he will be at some point."

Burns, who passed away at the age of 94 in May 2021, said Tingelhoff is the best

center he's ever seen and said everything about him was "first-class."

"From the standpoint of a human being and the type of man he is, there's nobody better than Mick Tingelhoff," Burns told Vikings.com.

A substantial group of family members who knew Tingelhoff as their devoted and loving husband, father or grandfather also made the trip to celebrate his enshrinement. In their minds, he just also happened to play football at a high level.

"It's been wonderful. It's just the greatest honor that you could imagine," said Phyllis Tingelhoff, Mick's wife of 61 years.

Their son, Pat, who spent part of his youth as a ball boy during training camps, said:

"We really didn't think of him as a football player. He went to Cub Scouts, did all the things other dads were doing. We never really thought about what he did until he got older. He definitely was a family man first. He always took care of us and never pushed us into athletics, but supported us in whatever we wanted to do."

The Tingelhoffs proudly shared their patriarch, and Tarkenton was just as proud to present his great friend and teammate of 12 total seasons for enshrinement.

"Mick's a man of little words, but a lot of action," Tarkenton said.

The quarterback choked up when he said Tingelhoff "waited 37 years," before adding, "but Mick's in the Hall of Fame."

A video tribute preceded Tingelhoff and Tarkenton taking the stage for an everlasting snapshot, shoulder-to-shoulder in Gold Jackets.

"He did everything, he called the blocking, he made the blocks against the defensive tackles and made the blocks against the great linebackers like [Hall of Famers Dick]
Butkus and [Ray] Nitschke, who were in our

division," Tarkenton said in the video. "He played against the best and was as quick as any center I've ever seen. He had a jolt, a motor, a capacity to hit people that was stunning."

The video included archived footage of an interview Tingelhoff gave in his early days and spoke about his role in protecting his QB.

"When you block for Fran Tarkenton, you really have to be able to go," said Tingelhoff, with wavy hair a little longer than a crew cut. "You have to maintain contact with your man all the time because when Fran passes you, he'll probably be back again."

Tingelhoff passed away Saturday, Sept. 11, 2021, at the age of 81.

"Mick Tingelhoff was the anchor of the great Vikings teams during an amazing era that included four Super Bowls," the Wilf family ownership group of the Vikings said in a statement. "A humble but strong leader, he defined toughness. Mick's legacy will live on as a Hall of Famer, on the field and off the field. Our thoughts are with his family and friends."

Grant described Tingelhoff as a pillar that he built the team around because of the way he led by example.

"His toughness and his durability and intelligence, he was a great football player and one of the greatest Vikings of all-time," Grant said. "I loved Mick Tingelhoff."

Tarkenton had arrived for the team's inaugural 1961 season one year ahead of Tingelhoff. They teamed together for five seasons through 1966 and reunited for seven more in 1972. Tarkenton went 64-27-2 in those final seven seasons with Tingelhoff there for every snap through 1978.

"He was my guy," Tarkenton said after learning the news. "He played 17 years, never missed a game, never missed a practice. Mick was my best friend by far."

IN MEMORIAM

STEVE RILEY

BY LINDSEY YOUNG

The Vikings are mourning the passing of Legend Steve Riley, who passed away Sept. 16. Riley, drafted 25th overall by Minnesota in 1974, played all 11 seasons of his NFL career with the Vikings.

Riley regular-season after 138 games for the Vikings, including 128 starts. His games played rank fourth-most in Vikings history among tackles behind Ron Yary (199), Gary Alderman (194) and Tim Irwin (188).

Over his career, Riley helped the Vikings reach the playoffs seven times. The Vikings advanced to Super Bowl IX in Riley's rookie season.

In 1976, Riley took over the starting left tackle spot, where he remained a fixture throughout the rest of his career. He started in Super Bowl XI to cap that season and helped Minnesota advance to the 1977 NFC Championship Game.

Riley played – and roomed with – tight end Stu Voigt, who called Riley "an unsung hero on some great teams."

"When you're on a line with Ed White, Mick Tingelhoff and Ron Yary, it's easy to be overlooked – but he was a valuable part of our success," Voigt told Vikings.com. "Linemen are the strong, silent type, and that was Steve. He was quiet and unassuming, but a great teammate and a great guy to be around. He's going to be missed."

Hall of Fame Head Coach Bud Grant expressed similar sentiments about Riley's impact both on the field and in the locker room.

"Steve had a great attitude, and he was proud to be a Viking," Grant told Vikings.com. "He was as nice a guy as you could have, and he had a tough job as the left tackle. He was an athletic player and very intelligent.

"He and Ron Yary were our bookends at tackle, a couple of Southern California guys, and they did a great job," Grant added.

Riley's Vikings teammates nominated him as the

team's first-ever recipient of the Ed Block Courage Award in 1984, an honor extended to one player on each team every season since.

The native of Chula Vista, California, played college football at USC, where he was part of the historic undefeated 1972 Trojans team. Riley helped the Trojans defeat Ohio State in the 1973 Rose Bowl.

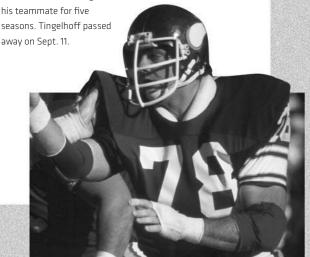
The Vikings had two first-round selections in the 1974 NFL Draft and tabbed Riley after taking UCLA linebacker Fred McNeill 17th overall.

Grant was quoted in *The Minneapolis Star* after drafting Riley:

"He's an immense man, but he's only a pup," said Grant, who accurately predicted Riley would play 10-12 seasons. "You have to have big people, so you have to take them when they're available ... Here is a man who can step in when Alderman retires."

And that he did, starting every game of a season seven separate times.

Riley was 68 years old. He died one day after the funeral service for Tingelhoff,





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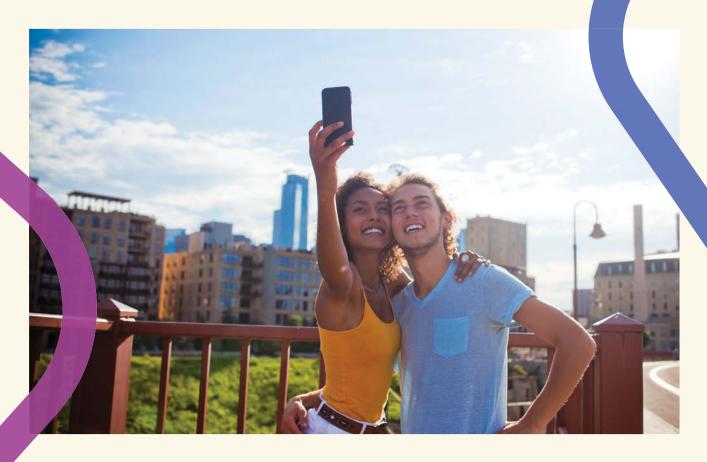


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A huddle about hoodies has resulted in the UNRL x Minnesota Vikings Hometown Collection.

St. Paul-based athleisure company UNRL has collaborated with the Vikings to six premium game-day hoodies with distinct design features that include high-performance fabric, limited collection identification and distinctive color combinations.

A specially designed hoodie will be released for each of the first six Vikings home games at U.S. Bank Stadium in 2021. A limited number of hoodies, including today's release, are available at the Vikings Locker Room store inside U.S. Bank Stadium, its two merchandise trailers outside the venue in the Delta Vikings Village and online at UNRL.co.

The Hometown Collection is a first-ofits-kind partnership between the NFL, Minnesota Vikings and UNRL on a Limited License Collaboration line. The NFL recently agreed to let teams collaborate with a local artist or apparel brand to produce items unique to the community.

"It's a huge honor to be identified as the brand the Vikings chose to work with to bring this collection to life," said UNRL Founder and CEO Michael "As a Minnesotan, this means a lot to me. The Vikings are a tradition-rich franchise that I've loved since I was a little kid. They are my team. To have this opportunity to work with Minnesota's most iconic sports franchise is a dream come true."

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Jordan founded UNRL in 2013 while he was a student at Minnesota State, Mankato. He did so from his mom's basement with only \$300.

As the company designed and developed, it remained committed to three principles: "comfort, quality and design."

On top of UNRL's commitment to quality, their biggest driving factor is to leave a legacy and give back to the community. Hand-selected materials are tailored for a great fit. In 2020, UNRL donated nearly 20 percent of its profits to local nonprofits, including the "#ChangeStartsWithMe" community rebuilding effort.

In July of 2020, the Vikings and UNRL first began concepting the vision for

this unique collaboration. The Vikings Creative Team explained their visuals and the team's branding, which features topographic lake patterns as a nod to the Land of 10,000 Lakes. The topographic lake pattern is featured throughout this collection.

"We are very intent about partnering with Minnesota-based companies and doing so in a way that benefits Vikings fans," said Tanya Dreesen, Vice President of Partnership Activation and Special Projects for the Minnesota Vikings. "This partnership is a perfect match. Both brands have an authentic appreciation for Minnesotans and embrace the Minnesota spirit with classic designs and premium materials. Vikings fans are going to love the results of this collaboration."

O Limited quantities of the first hoodie are available for in-person purchase at the Vikings Locker Room store inside U.S. Bank Stadium and the merchandise trailers outside in the Delta Vikings Village. The online allotment dropped on UNRL's website and sold out just over an hour.



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VIKINGS IN THE COMMUNITY

climbing to the vehicle's roof.

"This is amazing. It's truly an honor to meet them. We're probably going to grab them and take them back with us in the truck," St. Onge quipped.

SCHEELS

BACK TO SCHOOLBACKPACK DISTRIBUTION

Danielle Hunter, Kendricks and Justin

Jefferson welcomed more than 45 youth receiving help from People Serving People to TCO Stadium in August for a back-to-school distribution. SCHEELS provided a backpack, new shirt and pants, underwear, socks, shoes and a light jacket for each young person. People Serving People is Minneapolis' largest and most comprehensive emergency shelter for families experiencing homelessness.

"I'm Logan, and I love this," a youngster told Kendricks as he received his bag, fearlessly chattering away with the All-Pro linebacker.

"He was juiced to be here. He was doing spins – he was just excited," Kendricks laughed, demonstrating a quick twirl.

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Vikings Legends Scott Studwell, Leo Lewis and Rickey Young greeted first responders with Hy-Vee donuts, Caribou Coffee and smiles during a drive-through distribution at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center in September.

"They're the ones who are always in first .. and do great things for the community and keep us safe," Studwell said.

The two-hour event was sponsored by Verizon and included distribution of free hats and water bottles as a way to extend thanks for the courage and commitment of first responders as the somber 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks approached.

Eagan Chief of Police Roger New said he appreciated the event and the opportunity to speak directly with Studwell and Lewis.

"It was funny because both of them stopped to introduce themselves, and I said, 'I've got to tell you, I've been a Vikings fan for years, since I was a kid, and there's no need to introduce yourself. I know exactly who both of you are,' "New added with a laugh.

Inver Grove Fire Inspector Neal St. Onge said it was great to continue building relationships. He enjoyed genuine conversation with the Vikings Legends and smiled as Young crawled up into the engine's passenger seat. Studwell later received a complete tour of the truck, even



POLARIS

FOR EVERY MEAL

The Minnesota Vikings and Polaris celebrated the launch of Beanies that Benefit by holding packing 2,000 bags of food with volunteers from Every Meal.

Driven by Polaris, the black and purple customdesigned winter hats (shown on page 5) are available to the public with a minimum \$20 donation. All proceeds will benefit Every Meal, and The Polaris Foundation will match donations on every hat to boost Every Meal's weekend backpack food program that helps families dealing with food insecurities through a discreet, dignified manner.

Eric Kendricks helped bag food and build towering pallets as Viktor the Viking, Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders and the SKOL Line showed their support.





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VIKINGS TABLE IS AGAIN SERVING NUTRITIOUS MEALS IN COMMUNITIES, AND NOW, FREE WIFL IS ALSO ON THE MENU.

The charity food truck launched by the Minnesota Vikings Foundation in June 2019 returned to the road this summer for distributions across the state.

Vikings Table has added free broadband WiFi for participants thanks to a partnership with Land O'Lakes, Inc., that will combat the digital divide.

"As part of our rural distributions, we are proud to provide equitable access to WiFi, which is so important for students as they need access to school materials and other resources throughout their educational experience," Minnesota Vikings Foundation Executive Director Brett Taber said. "We are also thrilled to be able to head into our rural farm communities in Minnesota where we can provide great, healthy, nutritious meals with our Vikings Table program and also help close the digital divide by bringing this WiFi access to those communities."

Land O'Lakes Senior Vice President & Chief

Marketing Officer Heather Malenshek said the partnership is able to "tackle two of the most pressing issues: food insecurity and digital inequity."

"We couldn't be more proud to join forces," Malenshek said. "Our common interests are great, and through this partnership, Land O'Lakes and the Vikings are advancing the wellbeing of youth through educational initiatives and advocating for the importance of bridging divides, especially within underserved communities. Millions of families currently lack access to critical infrastructure that is a basic, everyday necessity in the digital world."

Support from Land O'Lakes, in the form of a \$100,000 technology relief fund, will enable Vikings Table nonprofit partners to equip their participants with equitable internet access.

It is the continuation of efforts by the Minnesota Vikings Foundation that include a \$100,000 donation to Connected MN, a group that is also supported by Land O'Lakes, which launched the American Connection Project that has created 3,000 free, public broadband WiFi locations across the country.

"During the past couple of years, we've worked hard to advocate on broadband connectivity, and we've seen firsthand how critical digital infrastructure is to the success of communities and businesses across America, in rural and urban areas," Malenshek said

The COVID-19 pandemic also caused deficiencies in person-to-person connections.

Vikings Table pivoted during the pandemic to continue to make an impact but is now excited to return to its original distribution model.

The tour included stops at the Kandiyohi Food Shelf in Willmar in May, the Heaven's Table Food Shelf in Fairmount in June and Trinity Lutheran Church in Hayfield in July. Vikings Table visited the St. Cloud Rotary Richard C. Wilson Community OutPost House in August before making stops in Austin and Worthington in September.

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My love for travel started at a young age. I've been fortunate enough to visit 17 states so far. My international travel started when I had the opportunity to visit my childhood best friend in Thailand who was teaching English.

From that trip on, I was hooked! We traveled to four major cities of Thailand where I got to visit an elephant sanctuary, an island home to hundreds of monkeys, Viking cave (SKOL!) and swim in the Pileh Lagoon. It was an opportunity to submerge myself in the culture and enjoy the AMAZING food.

From there, MVC Alex and I decided to backpack Bali. What was unique about this trip was we only booked our flight and the first [night's accommodations]. We had 16 days of complete freedom! We felt this allowed us to really get to know the culture from the locals because they had the best recommendations.

In Bali, I got to snorkel where statues have been underwater for years, stay on an island where there were no motor vehicles, learn to surf, visit a sacred temple built into a mountain, Nusa Penida and Broken Beach. A 10-hour day tour took us to the Gates of Heaven, overlooking a volcano!

Most recently, I decided to take on Europe for the first time, I spent a week sailing the Croatian islands! We got to scooter around cliffs, swim at hidden beaches, jump off an old submarine cave, visit historic forts and meet people from all around the world.

On my way back to the United States, I was able to spend a day in Amsterdam. I visited the Anne Frank House and toured the Royal Palace.

I'm forever grateful for my travel experiences and look forward to visiting Iceland next!

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- C.) A TOILET
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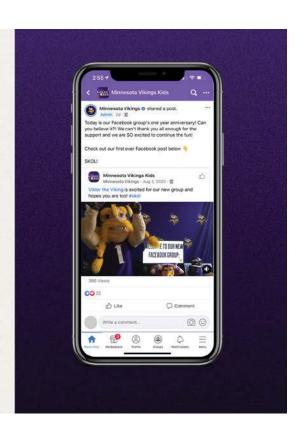


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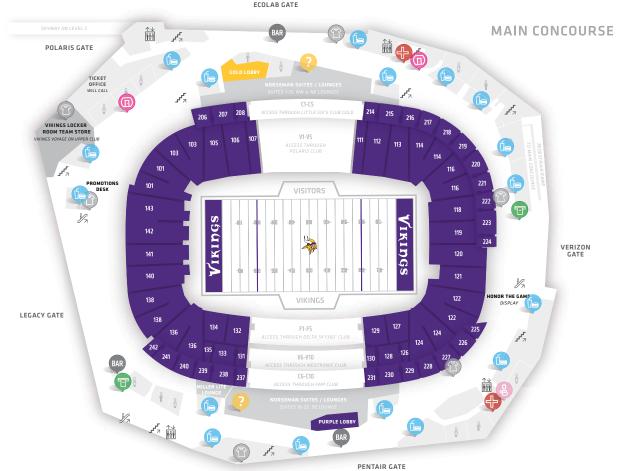
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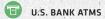


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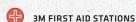
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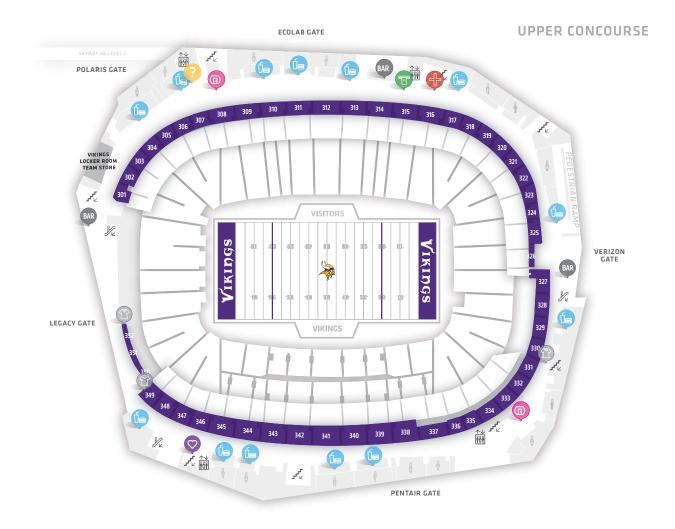
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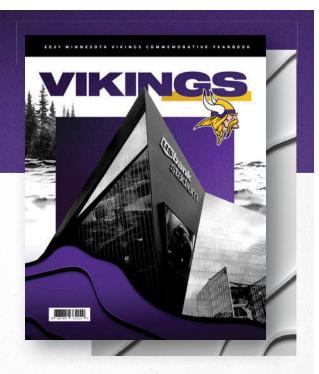
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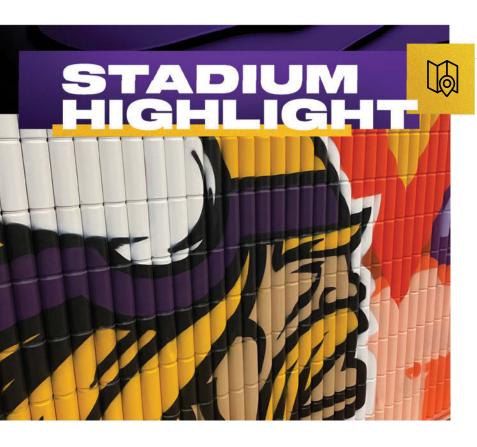
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