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2025 TEAM STATS

YARDS PER GAME / ALLOWED

	RUSH	PASS
MIN OFF	108.3	166.7
	275 28TH IN THE NFL	
BAL DEF	106.6	247.9
	354.5 24TH IN THE NFL	
BAL OFF	156.6	175.6
	332.2 16TH IN THE NFL	
MIN DEF	124.1	158.5
	282.6 3RD IN THE NFL	

2026 GIRLS FLAG
ALL-STATE TEAM*Amelia Beach, LB/Rusher, St. Louis Park**Tessa Frank, QB, Wayzata**Layla Glassen, RB, Burnsville**Rylee Johnson, LB, Minneapolis North**Ava Kaspar, DB, Rosemount**Taylor Krieg, WR, Rosemount**Alexis Larson, RB, Centennial**Adriana Leiding, WR, Fairmont**Jessica McTague, DB/WR, Hastings**Kassidy Miller, RB/WR/DEF, Benilde-St. Margaret's**Camryn Olberding, C, Minnetonka**Sofia Ordaz, C, Minneapolis Washburn**Reese Ruska, WR/S, St. Cloud Tech**Ella Siasoco, CB, Edison**Quinn Vanmaldeghem, WR/RB/S, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva**Talia Vescio, QB, Rosemount*

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TODAY'S GAME FOLLOWS TWO JOINT PRACTICES BETWEEN THE VIKINGS AND RAVENS AND IS MINNESOTA'S LONE HOME APPEARANCE OF THE 2026 PRESEASON.

The game also offers the opportunity to celebrate August as "Play Football" month and highlight the positives gained through participation in the ultimate team sport at various levels. Multiple game elements will recognize the "Her Time is Now" campaign, promoting the growth of girls flag football in the quest to make it a sport sanctioned by the Minnesota State High School League.

JUNIOR CHEERLEADERS

The Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders Junior Cheer and Flag Runner program is designed specifically to promote confidence, hard

work, leadership and FUN among Junior Cheerleaders and Flag Runners 3-14 years of age. More than 550 participants in the Junior (ages 6-14) and Angel (ages 3-5) will perform before the game.

GJALLARHORN

Talia Vescio, the Minnesota Girls Flag Player of the Year who quarterbacked Rosemount to the 2026 state title, will sound the Gjallarhorn.

HALFTIME

A girls flag football scrimmage will feature Rogers and Centennial High Schools.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Cassandra Star, a 16-year-old from Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada, will sing *The Star Spangled Banner*. Star appeared on *Canada's Got Talent* at age 14.

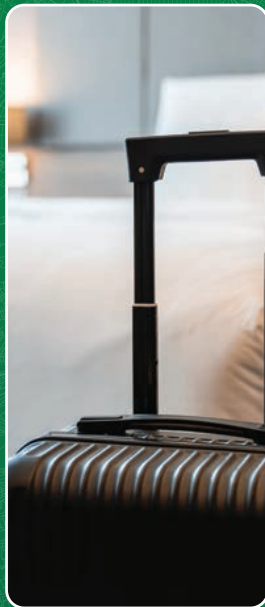


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08	11.01 @ DET
09	11.09 vs BUF
10	11.15 @ GB
11	11.22 @ SF MEXICO CITY
12	11.29 vs ATL
13	12.06 vs CAR
14	12.10 @ NE
15	12.20 vs DET
16	TBD vs WAS
17	01.03 @ NYJ
18	TBD vs CHI



CALEB BANKS

DEFENSIVE LINE | 6'6" | 327 LBS | 1ST SEASON | FLORIDA

BANKS, MINNESOTA'S FIRST-ROUND PICK OF 2026, AND OTHER VIKINGS ROOKIES ARE SET TO MAKE THEIR U.S. BANK STADIUM DEBUT IN TODAY'S GAME.

Banks was selected with the 18th overall pick, becoming the fourth player Minnesota has ever drafted from that spot (DB Dewayne Washington in 1994; DE Erasmus James in 2005 and C Garrett Bradbury in 2019). The Michigan native's size jumps off the field, almost appearing as if he was wearing pads during the early days of Vikings Training Camp (no one was during the acclimation period). Banks also has the ability to make explosive moves on the interior, providing him an opportunity to disrupt

offenses with unique athleticism that remains from his earlier days as a receiver, quarterback and tight end. In high school at Southfield A&T, Banks showcased athleticism as a hooper when he averaged a double-double with 11.9 points and 10.3 rebounds per game during his junior season.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

"I feel like I'm a freak athlete. Not a lot of guys have the skill set I have, but I feel like if I develop my tools ... I could be dangerous. I love the game. I love everything that comes with it. From the work, to the long nights, the early mornings, the hard work in the weight room, I love it all."

DID YOU KNOW?

Banks' 85 1/8-inch wingspan is the fourth largest for an interior defensive lineman in MockDraftable's database (since 1999).

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#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	EXP	COLLEGE	#	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	EXP	COLLEGE
0	Ivan Pace Jr.	LB	5-10	236	25	4	Cincinnati	50	Levi Drake Rodriguez	DL	6-2	307	25	3	East Texas A&M
1	Kyler Murray	QB	5-10	207	28	8	Oklahoma	51	Blake Cashman	LB	6-1	235	30	8	Minnesota
2	Isaiah Rodgers	CB	5-10	180	28	6	Massachusetts	52	Josh Ross	LB	6-0	229	26	4	Michigan
3	Jordan Addison	WR	5-11	179	24	4	USC	54	Kenny Dyson	OLB	6-3	235	25	1	Bryant
4	Myles Price	WR	5-9	183	24	2	Indiana	55	Eric Wilson	LB	6-1	231	31	10	Cincinnati
5	Johnny Hekker	P	6-5	225	36	15	Oregon State	57	Chaz Chambliss	OLB	6-1	244	23	2	Georgia
6	Dwight McGlothern Jr.	CB	6-2	185	24	3	Arkansas	58	Gavin Gerhardt	C	6-4	310	24	R	Cincinnati
7	Byron Murphy Jr.	CB	5-11	190	28	8	Washington	59	Bangally Kamara	LB	6-2	235	24	R	Kansas
8	Jakobe Thomas	S	6-1	211	23	R	Miami	60	Joe Huber	G	6-5	310	24	2	Wisconsin
9	J.J. McCarthy	QB	6-3	219	23	3	Michigan	61	Jalen Redmond	DL	6-3	305	27	3	Oklahoma
11	Carson Wentz	QB	6-5	237	33	11	North Dakota State	62	Delby Lemieux	OL	6-5	305	22	R	Dartmouth
12	Max Brosmer	QB	6-2	218	25	2	Minnesota	63	Tristan Leigh	OL	6-4	312	23	R	Clemson
13	Tai Felton	WR	6-1	186	23	2	Maryland	64	Blake Brandel	C	6-6	315	29	6	Oregon State
14	Jauan Jennings	WR	6-3	212	29	6	Tennessee	65	Michael Jurgens	G	6-5	311	26	3	Wake Forest
15	Dallas Turner	OLB	6-3	247	23	3	Alabama	66	Vershon Lee	G	6-4	318	24	1	South Carolina
16	Will Reichard	K	6-1	190	25	3	Alabama	67	Tomas Rimac	OL	6-6	317	23	R	Virginia Tech
17	Jermar Jefferson	RB	5-10	215	26	6	Oregon State	68	Henry Byrd	G	6-5	314	27	3	Princeton
18	Justin Jefferson	WR	6-1	195	27	7	LSU	69	Isaiahh Loudermilk	DL	6-7	293	28	6	Wisconsin
19	Dontae Fleming	WR	6-2	180	24	1	Tulane	71	Christian Darrisaw	T	6-5	315	27	6	Virginia Tech
20	Chuck Demmings	CB	6-1	193	23	R	Stephen F. Austin	72	Ryan Van Demark	T	6-7	307	28	4	Connecticut
21	Demond Claiborne	RB	5-10	188	22	R	Wake Forest	73	Walter Rouse	OL	6-6	330	25	3	Oklahoma
23	James Pierre	CB	6-2	185	29	7	Florida Atlantic	74	Donovan Jackson	G	6-4	324	23	2	Ohio State
24	Jay Ward	S	6-1	190	26	4	LSU	75	Brian O'Neill	T	6-7	310	30	9	Pittsburgh
25	Kahlel Hailassie	S	6-1	195	25	3	Western Kentucky	76	Will Fries	G	6-6	321	28	6	Penn State
26	Theo Jackson	S	6-1	205	27	5	Tennessee	78	Caleb Tiernan	OL	6-7	323	23	R	Northwestern
27	Jordan Mason	RB	5-11	230	27	5	Georgia Tech	81	Marshall Lang	TE	6-4	246	24	1	Northwestern
28	Tyreek Chappell	CB	5-11	180	23	R	Texas A&M	82	Jeshaun Jones	WR	6-1	188	26	2	Maryland
29	Marcus Allen	CB	6-1	197	22	R	North Carolina	83	Bryson Nesbit	TE	6-5	228	23	1	North Carolina
30	Trayvon Rudolph	WR	5-10	187	24	R	Toledo	84	Josh Oliver	TE	6-5	264	29	8	San Jose State
31	Marcus Sanders Jr.	WR	6-1	190	22	R	Georgia Southern	85	Ben Yurosek	TE	6-4	251	24	2	Georgia
33	Aaron Jones Sr.	RB	5-10	208	31	10	UTEP	86	Gavin Bartholomew	TE	6-5	249	23	1	Pittsburgh
34	Zemaiah Vaughn	CB	6-3	180	24	1	Utah	87	T.J. Hockenson	TE	6-5	248	29	8	Iowa
35	Jarod Washington	CB	6-2	188	23	R	South Carolina State	89	Dillon Bell	WR	6-0	209	22	R	Georgia
36	Zavier Scott	RB	6-1	221	27	3	Maine	90	Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins	DL	6-5	290	23	2	Georgia
37	Tavierre Thomas	S	5-10	205	30	9	Ferris State	91	Smith Vilbert	DL	6-6	282	25	R	North Carolina
38	Da'Veawn Armstead	CB	6-1	183	23	R	North Texas	92	Tyler Batty	OLB	6-6	271	27	2	BYU
39	Jacob Thomas	S	6-1	212	22	R	James Madison	93	Eric Johnson II	DL	6-4	320	28	5	Missouri State
400	Terrill Davis	WR	6-0	195	22	R	Oklahoma State	94	Taki Taimani	DL	6-1	324	26	3	Oregon
40D	Bryce Phillips	CB	6-0	195	23	R	San Diego State	95	Caleb Banks	DL	6-6	327	23	R	Florida
41	Jake Golday	LB	6-4	240	23	R	Cincinnati	96	Jahvaree Ritzie	DL	6-4	290	23	1	North Carolina
42	Andrew DePaola	LS	6-1	229	38	12	Rutgers	97	Domonique Orange	DL	6-2	322	22	R	Iowa State
43	Andrew Van Ginkel	OLB	6-4	242	31	8	Wisconsin	98	Bo Richter	OLB	6-1	248	25	3	Air Force
44	Joshua Metellus	S	5-11	208	28	7	Michigan	99	Elijah Williams	DL	6-3	298	23	2	Morgan State
45	Max Bredeson	FB	6-2	252	23	R	Michigan	INTERNATIONAL PLAYER PATHWAY EXEMPTION (1)							
46	Michael Briscoe	WR	6-2	209	23	R	Cal Poly	47	Brett Thorson	P	6-1	237	26	R	Georgia
48	Jacob Roberts	LB	6-1	233	24	R	Wake Forest	INJURED RESERVE							
49	Cam'Ron Stewart	OLB	6-5	250	23	R	Temple	32	Jamal Adams	LB	6-1	213	30	10	LSU

MINNESOTA VIKINGS COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Kevin O'Connell	TEs/Game Management Coord.: Ryan Cordell	Off. Passing Game Coord./Quarterbacks: Josh McCown
Asst. Head Coach: Frank Smith	Asst. Special Teams: Chili Davis	Off. Running Game Coord./Running Backs: Curtis Modkins
Special Teams Coordinator: Matt Daniels	Offensive Assistant: Ben Ellefson	Asst. Wide Receivers: Derron Montgomery
Defensive Coordinator: Brian Flores	Defensive Assistant: Charlie Frye	Def. Running Game Coordinator: Ryan Nielsen
Offensive Coordinator: Wes Phillips	Asst. Defensive Backs: Chenzo Funari	Assistant Offensive Coord.: Chris O'Hara
Def. Passing Game Coord.: Gerald Alexander	Asst. Linebackers: Dalmin Gibson	Asst. to the Head Coach: Henry Schneider IV
Outside Linebackers: Thad Bogardus	Asst. Defensive Line: Patrick Hill	Inside Linebackers/Senior Def. Asst.: Mike Siravo
Offensive Line: Keith Carter	Defensive Assistant: Will Johnson	Asst. Quarterbacks/Passing Game Specialist: Jordan Traylor
Offensive Quality Control: Kyle Caskey	Wide Receivers: Keenan McCardell	Asst. Offensive Line: Derek Warehime

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HEADSHOTS VIKINGS

LINEBACKER



0 Ivan Pace Jr.

QUARTERBACK



1 Kyle Murray

CORNERBACK



2 Isaiah Rodgers

WIDE RECEIVER



3 Jordan Addison

WIDE RECEIVER



4 Myles Price

PUNTER



5 Johnny Hekker

CORNERBACK



6 Dwight McGlothern Jr.

CORNERBACK



7 Byron Murphy Jr.

SAFETY



8 Jakobe Thomas

QUARTERBACK



9 J.J. McCarthy

QUARTERBACK



11 Carson Wentz

QUARTERBACK



12 Max Brosmer

WIDE RECEIVER



13 Tai Felton

WIDE RECEIVER



14 Jauan Jennings

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER



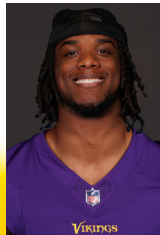
15 Dallas Turner

KICKER



16 Will Reichard

RUNNING BACK



17 Jermar Jefferson

WIDE RECEIVER



18 Justin Jefferson

WIDE RECEIVER



19 Dontae Fleming

CORNERBACK



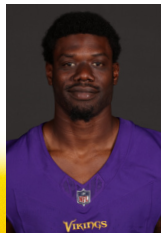
20 Chuck Demmings

RUNNING BACK



21 Demond Claiborne

CORNERBACK



23 James Pierre

SAFETY



24 Jay Ward

SAFETY



25 Kahlef Hailassie

SAFETY



26 Theo Jackson

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27 Jordan Mason

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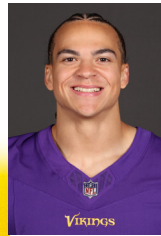
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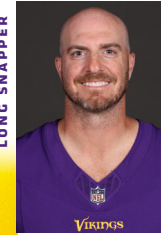
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LINEBACKER



41 Jake Golday

LONG SNAPPER



42 Andrew DePaola

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER



43 Andrew Van Ginkel

SAFETY



44 Joshua Metellus

FULLBACK



45 Max Bredeson

WIDE RECEIVER



46 Michael Briscoe

PUNTER



47 Brett Thorson

LINEBACKER



48 Jacob Roberts

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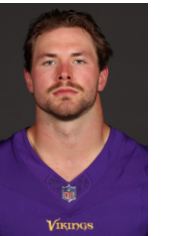
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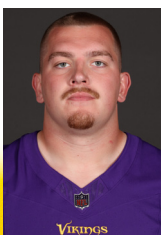
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OUTSIDE LINEBACKER



57 Chaz Chambliss

CENTER



58 Gavin Gerhardt

LINEBACKER



59 Bangally Kamara

GUARD



60 Joe Huber

DEFENSIVE LINE



61 Jalen Redmond

OFFENSIVE LINE



62 Delby Lemieux

OFFENSIVE LINE



63 Tristan Leigh

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MINNESOTA VIKINGS

LOCKER ROOM

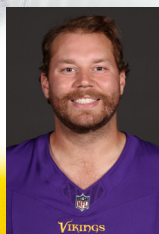
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64 Blake Brandel

CENTER



65 Michael Jurgens

GUARD



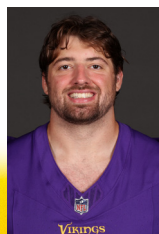
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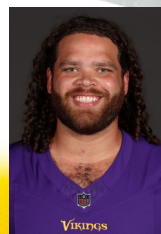
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GUARD



68 Henry Byrd

DEFENSIVE LINE



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TACKLE



71 Christian Darrisaw

TACKLE



72 Ryan Van Demark

OFFENSIVE LINE



73 Walter Rouse

GUARD



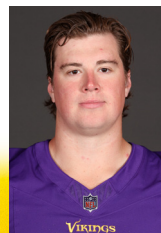
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TACKLE



75 Brian O'Neill

GUARD



76 Will Fries

OFFENSIVE LINE



78 Caleb Tiernan

TIGHT END



81 Marshall Lang

WIDE RECEIVER



82 Jeshawn Jones

TIGHT END



83 Bryson Nesbit

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WIDE RECEIVER



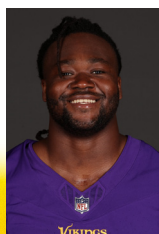
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DEFENSIVE LINE



91 Smith Vilbert

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER



92 Tyler Batty

DEFENSIVE LINE



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DEFENSIVE LINE



94 Taki Taimani

DEFENSIVE LINE



95 Caleb Banks

DEFENSIVE LINE



96 Jahvaree Ritzie

DEFENSIVE LINE



97 Domonique Orange

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER



98 Bo Richter

DEFENSIVE LINE



99 Elijah Williams



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0	Roquan Smith	ILB	6-1	235	29	9	Georgia	47D	Jamon Johnson	ILB	6-1	236	24	2	Kentucky
2	Nate Wiggins	CB	6-1	182	22	3	Clemson	470	Lucas Scott	FB	6-3	265	22	1	Army
3	Chidobe Awuzie	CB	6-0	202	31	10	Colorado	48	Carl Jones Jr.	LB	6-0	223	25	2	UCLA
4	Zay Flowers	WR	5-9	183	25	4	Boston College	49	Jay Higgins IV	ILB	6-0	230	24	2	Iowa
5	Tyler Huntley	QB	6-1	204	28	7	Utah	50	Adisa Isaac	OLB	6-4	253	24	3	Penn State
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7	Rashod Bateman	WR	6-1	193	26	6	Minnesota	53	Nick Dawkins	C	6-4	305	24	R	Penn State
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9	Zion Young	OLB	6-5	267	22	R	Missouri	56	Kaimon Rucker	OLB	6-2	265	24	1	North Carolina
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12	Joe Fagnano	QB	6-3	230	25	R	Connecticut	58	Dion Wilson Jr.	DL	6-4	302	24	R	Syracuse
13	Elijah Sarratt	WR	6-2	215	23	R	Indiana	59	Aaron Graves	DL	6-5	305	23	R	Iowa
14	Kyle Hamilton	S	6-4	220	25	5	Notre Dame	60	Evan Beerntsen	G	6-3	302	25	R	Northwestern
15D	Mike Green	OLB	6-3	250	23	2	Marshall	61	Diego Pounds	T	6-6	335	23	R	Mississippi
150	Austin Reed	QB	6-1	214	26	1	Western Kentucky	63	Danny Pinter	C	6-4	310	30	6	Ball State
16	Xavier Guillory	WR	6-2	210	25	1	Arizona State	65	David Olajiga	DL	6-3	310	28	1	Central Missouri
17	Chris Moore	WR	6-1	200	33	11	Cincinnati	66	Kendall Lamm	T	6-5	308	34	12	Appalachian State
18	Dayton Wade	WR	5-9	184	25	2	Mississippi	67	Corey Bullock	G/C	6-3	325	24	2	Maryland
21	Jaylinn Hawkins	S	6-1	208	28	7	California	70	Roger Rosengarten	T	6-5	310	24	3	Washington
22	Derrick Henry	RB	6-3	252	32	11	Alabama	71	Vega Ioane	G	6-4	326	22	R	Penn State
23	Adam Randall	RB	6-3	240	22	R	Clemson	72	Andrew Vorhees	G	6-6	330	27	3	USC
24	Malaki Starks	S	6-1	205	22	2	Georgia	74	John Simpson	G	6-4	330	28	7	Clemson
25	Amani Oruwariye	CB	6-2	198	30	6	Penn State	76	Carson Vinson	T	6-7	325	24	2	Alabama A&M
260	Rasheen Ali	RB	5-11	210	25	3	Marshall	77	Ethan Pocic	C	6-6	320	31	10	LSU
26D	K'Von Wallace	S	5-11	205	29	6	Clemson	78	Gerald Lichtenhan	T	6-8	330	24	1	Oregon State
27	T.J. Tampa Jr.	CB	6-1	190	24	3	Iowa State	79	Ronnie Stanley	T	6-6	310	32	11	Notre Dame
28	Marquise Robinson	CB	6-0	195	24	1	Arkansas	80	Durham Smythe	TE	6-5	248	31	9	Notre Dame
29	Chandler Rivers	CB	5-10	189	22	R	Duke	81	Devontez Walker	WR	6-1	198	25	3	North Carolina
30	Ryan Eckley	P	6-0	205	22	R	Michigan State	82	Cortez Braham Jr.	WR	6-2	208	26	R	Memphis
31	Bilhal Kone	CB	6-1	190	24	2	Western Michigan	84	Ty Pezza	TE	6-3	240	23	R	Brown
32	Trenton Simpson	ILB	6-2	242	25	4	Clemson	85	Josh Cuevas	TE	6-3	246	22	R	Alabama
33	Tyler Loop	K	5-11	191	25	2	Arizona	86	Cornelius Johnson	WR	6-3	212	25	1	Michigan
34D	Lardarius Webb Jr.	CB	5-9	177	23	R	Wake Forest	87	Octavian Smith Jr.	WR	5-11	184	23	R	Maryland
340	Elijah Tau-Tolliver	RB	6-0	212	23	R	Michigan State	88	Matt Hibner	TE	6-4	250	24	R	SMU
35	Jonathan Ward	RB	6-0	202	28	6	Central Michigan	89	Mark Andrews	TE	6-5	250	30	9	Oklahoma
36D	Silas Walters	S	5-11	205	24	R	Miami (Ohio)	90	Aeneas Peebles	DL	6-0	300	24	2	Virginia Tech
360	Dontae McMillan	RB	5-10	203	25	R	Eastern Michigan	91	Trey Hendrickson	OLB	6-4	265	31	10	Florida Atlantic
37	Robert Longerbeam	CB	5-11	174	25	2	Rutgers	92	Nnamdi Madubuike	DL	6-3	305	28	7	Texas A&M
38	Keyon Martin	CB	5-9	171	25	2	Louisiana	93	Calais Campbell	DL	6-8	307	39	19	Miami
39	Keondre Jackson	S	6-2	215	24	2	Illinois State	94	John Jenkins	NT	6-3	360	37	14	Georgia
40	Teddy Buchanan	ILB	6-2	240	23	2	California	95	Tavus Robinson	OLB	6-6	262	27	4	Mississippi
41	Jahquez Robinson	S	6-2	214	25	R	Auburn	96	Broderick Washington Jr.	DL	6-2	315	29	7	Texas Tech
42	Dominc DeLuca	ILB	6-1	228	24	R	Penn State	97	C.J. Okoye	DL	6-6	365	24	2	No College
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Ioane developed from a reserve role with the Nittany Lions in 2022, when he appeared in four games, to starting 11 games in 2025 and garnering First-Team All-Big Ten and Second-Team All-America honors. He primarily played at left guard in his final two seasons but also logged a bit of experience at center and a little more at right guard.

NFL.com draft analyst Lance Zierlein wrote Ioane is a "prototypical guard

for physical run schemes with thick limbs, a broad frame and 'plus' core strength."

Ioane helped his high school team go 15-0 and win a Washington Class 4A state championship in 2021.

IN HIS OWN WORDS

"There are a lot of expectations that come with being a first-round pick. We come in here – we talk a lot about it in the team meeting room – 'prove them right.' That's my whole goal out here. I've got to earn my keep, earn my spot out there. While I'm doing that, I'm trying to prove the staff right, prove the team right for picking me in the first round."

– Quoted by The Athletic's Jeff Zrebiec on Aug. 3

DID YOU KNOW?

Ioane is one of nine siblings. He has five brothers and three sisters.

SERIES HISTORY

ALL-TIME RESULTS

REGULAR SEASON

VIKINGS ARE 3-5

LONGEST WIN STREAK

1 BY RAVENS (Nov. 9, 2025)

FIRST MEETING

DEC. 13, 1998 | AT BAL | VIKINGS 38, RAVENS 28

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 improved to 13-1. Matthew Hatchette led 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 Johnson before

Minnesota's David Palmer returned 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 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. 9, 2025 | IN MIN | RAVENS 27, VIKINGS 19

J.J. McCarthy hit Jalen Nailor for a gain of 62 to set up the first score of the game by either team, but Baltimore rallied and outscored Minnesota 16-3 in quarters 2-3.

A short pass from Lamar Jackson to Mark Andrews (and a conversion pass from Jackson to Rashod Bateman) put the Ravens up 27-13 with 10:40 remaining.

McCarthy found Nailor for a 10-yard touchdown

with 3:23 remaining to make it 27-19 after a conversion pass was no good.

The Vikings were able to get the ball back for one final drive, but it ended at the Minnesota 40 after the team gained 32 yards in 1:35.

The Ravens fumbled three times during the game but recovered each one, helping Baltimore possess the football for 32:35.

Nailor led all receivers with 124 yards.



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.

TOP TWO AGAINST RAVENS

RUSHING YARDS

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

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

PASSING YARDS

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

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

RECEIVING YARDS

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

141 Cordarrelle Patterson on five catches at Baltimore (Dec. 8, 2013)

AGAINST VIKINGS

RUSHING YARDS

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

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

PASSING YARDS

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

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

RECEIVING YARDS

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

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

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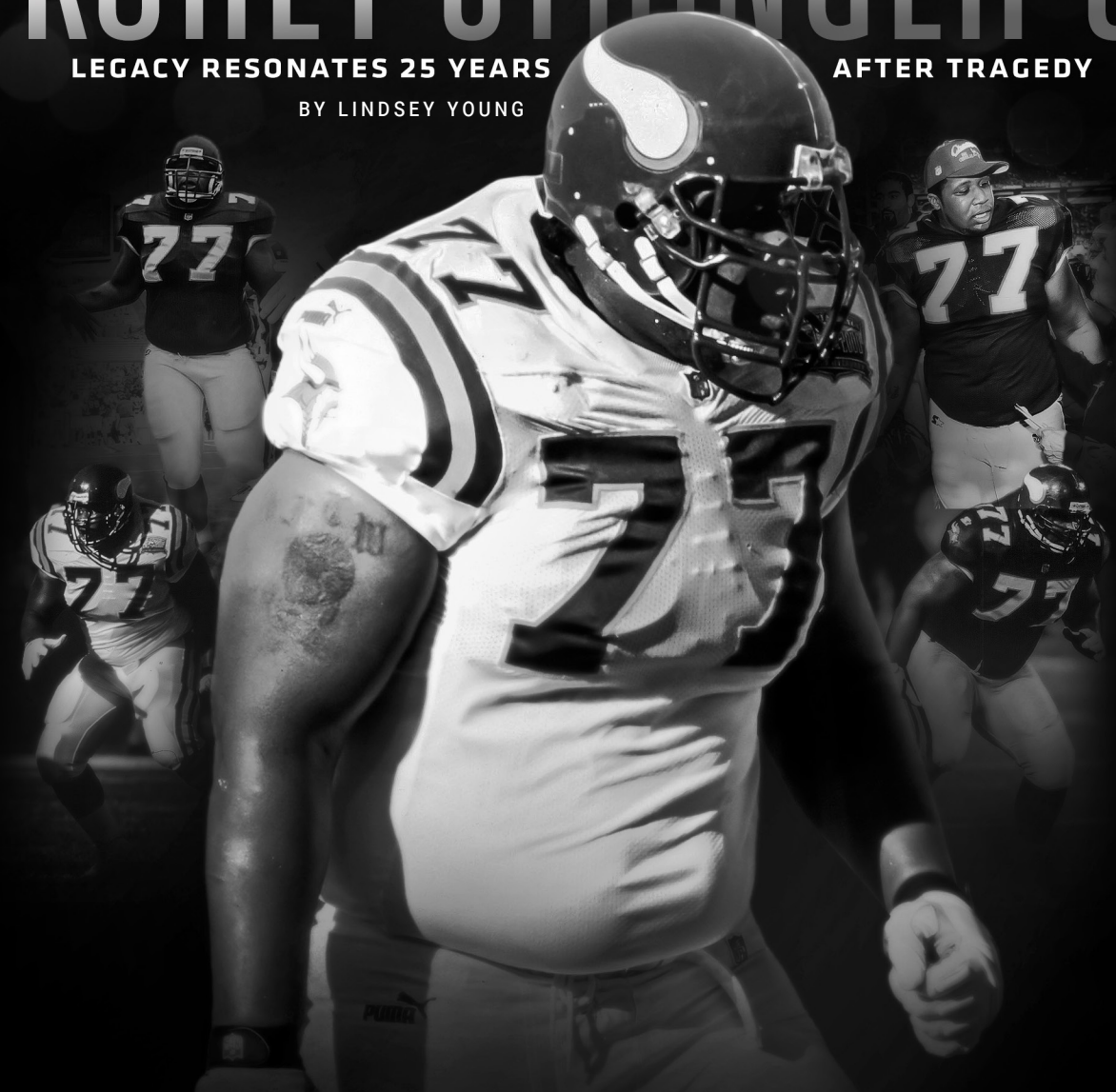
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KOREY STRINGER'S

LEGACY RESONATES 25 YEARS

AFTER TRAGEDY

BY LINDSEY YOUNG



John Randle has always remembered his friend Korey Stringer for the gentle giant he was.

For the way he loved his wife Kelci and son Kodie.

For his jokes. For his spot-on impressions that would have teammates in stitches in the locker room.

For the way he “locked up” opposing

defensive linemen on game day.

When Korey tragically passed away on Aug. 1, 2001, Randle couldn’t bring himself – in his first offseason away from the Vikings – to travel back for the funeral. He committed himself instead to remembering Korey full of life, and to carrying his legacy forward.

“He was just such a special person,”

Randle said.

It didn’t matter that Randle was seven years Korey’s elder or that he played on the opposite side of the ball from the Vikings starting right tackle. Korey was the type of guy who just naturally drew others to him.

“I loved hanging out with Korey,” Randle said. “You just felt so comfortable with

him. You felt like, 'Man, I know this guy. I've known him a long time.' In reality, you haven't, but that's just what he did for me."

PUNCHLINES AND POWER

Star Tribune staff writer Selena Roberts once wrote, "He is big, but not menacing, massive, but not mean. He is competitive, but soft around the edges."

Korey spoke highly of his parents and grandparents; during the fall of his rookie season, he cited a \$579 phone bill due to making calls back home. He enjoyed reading biographies. When fresh-faced rookies joined the Vikings, he helped them find the nearest big-and-tall stores and invited them over for dinner. His nature was perhaps summarized perfectly by reporter Jeanne Marie Laskas, who wrote a longform feature on Korey for *Esquire Magazine* that ran the day he passed away. Laskas' final line read:

Whenever you finished a conversation with him, whenever you were parting, he never said, "Goodbye." He always said, "Peace."

Korey was, indeed, peaceful ... until game day arrived.

It's fair to say Korey Stringer was born – and built – to be a star on the football field.

He received All-American honors as a senior at Harding High School, shortly before his collegiate career at Ohio State, where he measured in at 6-foot-4 and close to 300 pounds. He garnered OSU's Offensive Player of the Game three times during his final season for the Buckeyes and was named to *The Associated Press'* All-American team.

Korey was too nervous to watch the NFL Draft (despite the fact he was universally projected to go in the first round), instead

viewing VHS copies of *The Lion King* and *Raising Arizona*.

And when the Vikings tabbed him 24th overall, it didn't matter one bit to Korey that he'd "slid" a little farther than anticipated. He couldn't imagine a better situation than donning Purple and Gold and playing for Head Coach Dennis Green.

Randall McDaniel, with seven seasons of his Hall of Fame career under his belt as Minnesota's starting left guard, had admired Korey's collegiate career from afar and welcomed the youngster with open arms.

"His fundamentals, his technique was all sound when he came in," McDaniel said. "I know the body image might have made people think he wouldn't have lateral motion. 'Don't rush him straight on; get on an edge, and that way, he's too big to move.' [...] But I saw what Korey could do. He had great hands, great footwork. He could move side to side. All those guys on defense were in for a surprise."

Newspapers published punny headlines on Korey's 330-plus-pound frame, but teammates and opposing players alike quickly were reminded not to judge a book by its cover.

"Once you saw him on the field and you saw the way he moved ... he had feet like a dancer, like Fred Astaire," Randle said. "The last [offensive lineman] I saw with footwork like that was Gary Zimmerman."

Added McDaniel: "Once he put his hands on those guys, they weren't going anywhere."

Former Vikings WR Chris Walsh, who played with Korey during the duration of his career, reflected not only on Korey's on-field command but also off-field demeanor.

Walsh laughed as he recounted the way Korey would impersonate coaches (one newspaper story specifically praises his Tice rendition) and other pop culture icons or personalities, such as Eddie

Murphy's multi-character role in *The Nutty Professor 2*.

"Remember the Klomps? He would go, 'Her-cuh-les, Her-cuh-les.' It was so great," Walsh said, chuckling at the memory.

Former Vikings center Matt Birk similarly laughed out loud when asked about Korey's propensity for impersonations.

"He did an excellent Chef Jim," Birk quipped, referencing the team's chef at the time.

Korey's comedic timing couldn't be topped. But he also kept an excellent pulse on play versus work, and when time for the latter, he was all business.

"When he was serious, he was really serious," Birk said. "That's what made him a great player."

A TRAGIC DAY

Korey somehow elevated his game each of his six seasons with Minnesota. He helped the Vikings reach the playoffs consecutively from 1998-2000, twice in that span reaching the NFC Championship Game, while also consistently making a difference off the field.

Entering the 2001 season, Korey had started 91 of 93 regular-season games played for Minnesota and was fresh off helping the Vikings finish 11-5 and come within one game of the Super Bowl.

A loving husband to Kelci and proud father to 3-year-old Kodie, Korey faced the prime of his career as he stepped on the field for Vikings Training Camp practice on July 31, 2001. Temperatures that day in Mankato, Minnesota, reached 88 degrees, with a 79-degree dew point and 75 percent humidity, by noon.

Korey completed the morning practice session and afterward walked to an air-conditioned tent, where he exhibited signs of heat stroke that prompted

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Vikings athletic trainers to immediately call for emergency services. A full team of emergency room staff met the ambulance at the hospital, with multiple physicians treating Korey.

Sadly, despite all efforts, Korey's heart failed at 1:50 a.m. on Aug. 1, 2001.

Teammates and coaches were shellshocked.

The Vikings worked to process their grief while somehow also attempting to prepare for the upcoming season – a task difficult for many.

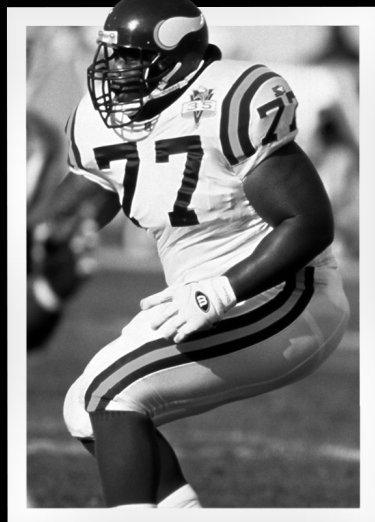
"It's not like you can just turn off your emotions," Walsh said. "We had training camp to work through it, but it was so tough."

Korey's locker became a memorial, a special way to remember Big K and a space that would be encased and remain in the Winter Park locker room. His No. 77 jersey was retired in November of that season.

The Vikings struggled on the field in 2001, finishing the campaign last in the division a year removed from the conference championship. Korey's presence simply could not be replaced.

"His passing emotionally killed you," Walsh said.

In every way, Korey was missed.



KOREY STRINGER INSTITUTE IMPROVES HEALTH & SAFETY

Even after his death, Korey continued making a difference.

Korey's tragedy spread across the NFL, prompting near-immediate alterations by teams to their hydration practices and policies. Water breaks were increased and required; players were more closely monitored, including through mandatory weigh-ins before and after practice to measure lost water weight and avoid dangerous levels.

Vikings Director of Equipment Services Mike Parson had just started his NFL career, serving as an intern with the New Orleans Saints that summer, and recalled the ripple effect of Korey's passing.

"Back in the day, if a guy was kind of lagging behind in a drill, the coach would be on his butt," Parson said. "Even coming through high school, it was like, 'You don't need water.' But this changed the way everything was coached. You didn't hear things like that anymore. Coaches started doing a really good job of making sure guys got their hydration breaks and understanding the impact of athletic training and nutrition."

Concurrently, an investigation into Korey's death – "It was just something no one could wrap their head around ... I felt like it had to be something beyond heat stroke," Kelci said. – began to reveal the lack of education and true understanding around hydration.

Even as changes were made around the league, Kelci recognized heat stroke occasionally still impacted athletes at all levels of the game. She stood in her closet one day, a couple years after Korey's death, and received a phone call from a friend about a college football player who passed away due to heat-

related complications.

"I thought, 'Well, what do they want me to do?' " Kelci recounted. "And instantly – I'm a very spiritual person, and I think God has spoken to me [clearly] maybe twice in my life, and God just said to me, 'You do *something*.' "

Kelci has never looked back. From starting a hydration campaign for athletes, to speaking with coaches, parents and students, to eventually establishing the Korey Stringer Institute in 2010 – it's become her life's work.

Because of Korey, football at all levels became – and continues to become – safer.

Kelci has worked tirelessly to ensure what happened to her husband doesn't shatter other families.

Headquartered at UConn's College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, KSI's vision is to be a world-renowned leader in developing and disseminating practice strategies to prevent heat-induced death by athletes, military members and laborers; to promote health and safety best practices in the physically active; and to optimize performance.

Through KSI, Korey's legacy lives on and saves lives across the country.

"This goes back to Korey's giving. It goes back to him being authentic and genuine," said Kelci, who attended Vikings Training Camp Aug. 1 with Kodie. "As much as I wanted to go hide under a rock and just live in my world ... I just felt obligated to do this," Kelci added. "And in the spirit of Korey being a person where, 'It's not about me,' but it's about what can we do to not let this happen again."

Kelci is deeply grateful for and proud of

the extensive work KSI has done over the past 16 years, particularly in the way of helping change policies and pass legislation.

Most healing throughout this journey for Kelci has been reconnecting with the NFL and the Vikings following the 10-year litigation. She emphasized the care and

support NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell and Vikings Owners Zygi and Mark Wilf, who led the purchase of the franchise in 2005, have shown to her and to KSI.

"It's where I felt Korey was tipping his hat and riding off into the sunset," she added. "Out of all of this, knowing the NFL [and the Vikings] understand and are committed with me? That's the part that brings me peace."

Changes made throughout the league have been long-lasting – and continue to evolve in response to furthering education.

Acclimation periods have become routine, and rules are implemented to limit the number of days players can wear full pads for practice. Water and electrolyte beverages are readily available, and nutritionists keep a close eye on replenishing needs.

Practices include scheduled hydration breaks.

"I think he'd be very proud," Randle said. "I think Korey would be very proud the game has become safer."

As Kelci, Kodie, the Vikings and so many others recognize the 25-year anniversary of Korey's passing, bittersweet feelings abound. Like Randle, we all wish Korey was still here.

But to celebrate his life and its impact, to recognize the difference that's been made in the game Korey deeply loved, and to spend time in Minnesota with the Vikings was

a full-circle moment for Kelci.

"This is such an honor," she said. "It's so humbling. It's such a feeling of gratitude. ... And in the true Korey spirit, nothing is ever sad. To have the institute in place to carry that on, it all confirms this is part of my journey in life. This is what I'm supposed to be doing."



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STATE OF THE VIKINGS

BY ROB KLEIFIELD & LINDSEY YOUNG

The Vikings are entering their fifth season under Head Coach Kevin O'Connell and first under General Manager Nolan Teasley, whom Minnesota hired June 1. The two-time Super Bowl-winning executive brings a wide swath of experience after spending the past 13 seasons with the Seahawks. This is the State of the 2026 Vikings.

QUARTERBACKS

RETURNEES:

(listed alphabetically) Max Brosmer, J.J. McCarthy, Carson Wentz

NEWCOMER:

Kyler Murray (2026 free agency)

POSITION OVERVIEW:

The Vikings signed Murray to a one-year deal this spring. The former No. 1 overall pick spent his first seven pro seasons in Arizona and now is trading in Cardinals Red for Vikings Purple. Murray and McCarthy shared reps with the first team during Organized Team Activity and mandatory minicamp practices.

TRACKING WEEK 1:

With Murray being named the starter, he's on track to become the fourth Week 1 starter at QB in O'Connell's five seasons, joining Kirk Cousins (2022 and 2023), Sam Darnold (2024) and McCarthy (2025). He'll try to improve Minnesota's Week 1 record under O'Connell to 4-1 when the Vikings host the Packers to open the 66th season in franchise history.

RECEIVERS

RETURNEES:

Jordan Addison, Tai Felton (2025 draft pick), Dontae Fleming (practice squad in 2025), Justin Jefferson, Jeshawn Jones, Myles Price

NEWCOMERS:

Veteran Jauan Jennings; UDFA's Dillon Bell, Terrill Davis, Marcus Sanders, Jr., rookie free agents Michael Briscoe and Trayvon Rudolph

'THIRD & JAUAN':

The Vikings snagging Jennings in free agency is not small potatoes. Nicknamed "Third & Jauan" during his time in San Francisco, the gritty, big-bodied player has garnered a reputation as one of the league's best blocking receivers – and has plenty of talent in catching the ball, as well.

BEHIND THE BIG 3:

Jennings will occupy the WR3 spot vacated by Jalen Nailor, but who will fill in behind Jefferson, Addison and Jennings? Minnesota has multiple young wideouts who will vie for attention – and roster spots – this summer.



TIGHT ENDS

RETURNEES:

Gavin Bartholomew (2025 draft pick; spent season on IR), T.J. Hockenson, Bryson Nesbit (2025 practice squad), Josh Oliver, Ben Yurosek

NEWCOMER:

Free agent Marshall Lang; free agent Kenny Dyson

GETTING A LOOK AT GAVIN:

Minnesota's coaching staff – and fans – never got a good look at Bartholomew last year, as the former Pitt TE suffered a back injury during the offseason program and didn't see any action during the season. This year's preseason is offering a better opportunity to assess what the Vikings have in him.

YUROSEK YEAR 2:

Yurosek turned out to be a beneficial pickup for the Vikings as a rookie free agent last year. The former Stanford and Georgia tight end contributed mainly on special teams but did have 116 offensive snaps. Will he take another step forward?

OFFENSIVE LINE

RETURNEES:

Blake Brandel, Henry Byrd (PS in 2025), Christian Darrisaw, Will Fries, Joe Huber, Donovan Jackson, Michael Jurgens, Vershon Lee (PS in 2025), Brian O'Neill, Walter Rouse

NEWCOMERS:

Veteran Ryan Van Demark; draft picks Gavin Gerhardt and Caleb Tiernan; UDFAs Tristan Leigh, Delby Lemieux, Tomas Rimac

SOLIDIFYING CENTER:

Ryan Kelly missed much of last season while in concussion protocol and retired following the season; Brandel, who stepped in for Kelly and played center for the first time, took first-team reps there throughout offseason programming. The Vikings will be interested in finding versatility among their reserves.

FRIES WITH THAT?

The Vikings signed Fries as a veteran free agent last spring, and he started all 17 games coming off a significant leg injury suffered in 2024. With a healthy offseason under his belt, the scene is set for Fries to take another step forward in Minnesota's front.



RUNNING BACKS/ FULLBACK

RETURNEES:

RBs Aaron Jones, Sr., Jordan Mason, Xavier Scott

NEWCOMERS:

RBs Demond Claiborne (2026 draft) and Jermar Jefferson (free agent); FB Max Bredeson

DYNAMIC DUO:

Jones and Mason combined last season for 291 carries, 1,306 yards and eight touchdowns on the ground. The Vikings re-signed Jones, who missed five games last season due to injury, and will likely once again allocate ample reps to the veteran pair.

SPEED FOR DAYS:

Keep an eye on Claiborne, whom the Vikings drafted in the sixth round out of Wake Forest.

The speedster ranked third among RBs in the 40-yard dash at this year's NFL Combine, clocking in at 4.37.



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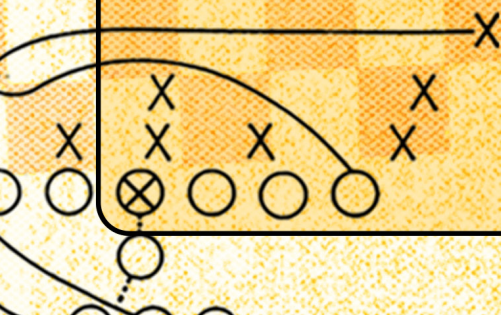
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DEFENSIVE LINE

RETURNEES:

Tyrion Ingram-Dawkins, Jalen Redmond, Levi Drake Rodriguez, Taki Taimani, Elijah Williams

NEWCOMERS:

Draft picks Caleb Banks and Domonique Orange; veterans Eric Johnson II, Isaiahh Loudermilk and Jahvaree Ritzie; UDFA Smith Vilbert

STARGAZING:

Mined from the UFL spring league, Redmond took a baby step toward stardom in 2024 and legitimized his potential in 2025. Another year of ascending play, and he could become the Vikings first interior Pro Bowler since Linval Joseph.

JUICE WORTH THE SQUEEZE:

Minnesota added roughly 650 pounds of mass to the group via the draft by taking Banks out of the Sunshine State and Orange, whose nickname is "Big Citrus," from nearby Iowa State. The decisions underpinned the team's desire to shut down the run and level up its pass-rush creativity.

OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

RETURNEES:

Tyler Batty, Chaz Chambliss, Bo Richter, Dallas Turner, Andrew Van Ginkel

NEWCOMERS:

UDFA Cam'Ron Stewart; free agent Kenny Dyson

RISEING TIDE:

Trading Jonathan Greenard, a team captain in 2025, to the Eagles for draft capital swung open the doors for Turner to make the kind of impact Minnesota envisioned when he was selected 17th overall out of Alabama in 2024. Turner has 6.5 sacks in 10 career starts (11 sacks in total).

PICK 'EM:

The Vikings like the talent they've landed in undrafted free agency the past three years, but Minnesota's depth of game experience creates a proving ground for young players in camp and preseason games.

LINEBACKERS

RETURNEES:

Blake Cashman, Ivan Pace, Jr., Josh Ross (PS in 2025), Eric Wilson

NEWCOMERS:

Draft pick Jake Golday; free agent Jacob Roberts (CFL); UDFA Bangally Kamara

UNDERRATED DUO:

Cashman has delivered his hometown fans 256 tackles, 6.5 sacks and 10 pass breakups in two seasons (27 games due to injuries) as the Green Dot defender. His reliability was only overshadowed by Wilson's knack for making splashes during his return to Purple in 2025.

GOING FOR GOLDAY:

The 51st overall pick in the draft has been floated as an understudy to Van Ginkel thanks to his on-the-ball experience and versatility. Golday will get introduced to the NFL as an inside linebacker, though, and is trending to be an immediate X-factor on special teams.



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CORNERBACKS

RETURNEES:

Dwight McGlother Jr., Byron Murphy, Jr., Isaiah Rodgers, Zemaiah Vaughn

NEWCOMERS:

Veteran James Pierre; draft pick Chuck Demmings; UDFA's Marcus Allen, Da'Veawn Armstead and Tyreek Chappell; rookie free agents Bryce Phillips and Jarod Washington

FLO'S FINGERPRINTS:

Under Defensive Coordinator Brian Flores, Murphy has plucked 11 passes and denied 34 – his game has soared. Rodgers benefited from a change in scenery and Flores' tutelage, too, producing a game for the ages and his best year to date in 2025. Now, Pierre enters, and like Rodgers, he's someone Flores identified.

DEVELOPING DEPTH:

There's a shortage of experience beyond the top 3 CBs, but zero shortage of athleticism and playmaking in practice. McGlother and Vaughn have popped throughout multiple offseasons, and this year's additions added to the mix with length, ball skills and competitiveness.



SAFETIES

RETURNEES:

Kahlef Hailassie (PS in 2025), Theo Jackson, Joshua Metellus, Tavierre Thomas, Jay Ward

NEWCOMERS:

Draft pick Jakobe Thomas; UDFA Jacob Thomas

ONE SCENARIO:

Harrison Smith fades into retirement after 14 seasons, accepting 2025 as the end of his Hall of Fame-caliber career and passing the baton for the longest-tenured safety to Metellus, who is hungry to reestablish himself in 2026.

ANOTHER SCENARIO:

Smith bides his time away from football and re-signs at some point for Year 15 and another chance to convince the world that he belongs in Canton. This doesn't take Thomas (any of the Thomases) out of the equation but primarily lets him tap into a bank vault of resources.

AIMING TO REPEAT:

Special Teams Coordinator Matt Daniels thinks there's another level Reichard can reach. That's after the 2024 sixth-rounder earned First-Team All-Pro honors and drilled 11 of 13 attempts from 50-plus yards in 2025. DePaola, 39, has been a First- or Second-Team All-Pro since 2022.

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

Hekker was voted to the NFL All-Decade Team of the 2010s and has plenty of leg left. He will be tested, however, by the 2025 Ray Guy Award winner out of Georgia. Thorson has an Aussie rules football background and could stick around with the Vikings win-or-lose the job due to a roster exemption allowed through the International Player Pathway Program.

COACHING

In addition to Flores signing an extension, and Minnesota retaining Daniels and Offensive Coordinator Wes Phillips, former Dolphins Offensive Coordinator Frank Smith joined O'Connell as assistant head coach, and Keith Carter was promoted to lead the offensive line in his second season. The Vikings added a slew of assistants, too: most notably, Defensive Passing Game Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach Gerald Alexander and Defensive Running Game Coordinator Ryan Nielsen, a former DC. Smith and Nielsen are very important to the offensive and defensive fronts progressing to championship form.

SPECIALISTS

RETURNEES:

K Will Reichard; LS Andrew DePaola; RS Myles Price

NEWCOMERS:

Veteran P Johnny Hekker; UDFA P Brett Thorson



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GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL

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BY CRAIG PETERS

Lights, cameras, (flag football) action. The Vikings in April hosted girls flag football players from 62 different high schools for a media production day at Twin Cities Orthopedics Performance Center.

Teams attended either a morning or afternoon session, and all joined for a special discussion with Vikings defensive lineman Levi Drake Rodriguez and USA Football Senior Director of High Performance & National Team Operations Callie Brownson, whose five seasons with the Cleveland Browns from 2020-24 included a historic role as assistant wide receivers coach.

Rodriguez shared his football journey and how hard work motored him through times when he was duct-taping his shoes to becoming a seventh-round pick in 2024.

Brownson shared her love for football began when she was a child being raised singly by her father.

"Football changed my life, and it will change yours if you let it," said Brownson, before she and Rodriguez fielded a variety of questions for how to advance toward potentially earning college scholarships or maybe one day even trying out for or making Team USA.

The content-capture stations included a flashy metallic backdrop that featured an iridescent flag for stylized photos and videos, as well as a dramatically lit area for

filming football skills and a gray backdrop for portraits.

The setup in the Indoor Practice Facility shared similarities to the Vikings annual production day, during which they capture videos and photos for use at U.S. Bank Stadium, in social and digital content and team publications.

Completely unique, players created a flag wall, with attendees writing out their "whys" for loving flag football on multicolored flags.

Students from different schools connected over their love for the sport, and opponents and teammates alike filmed TikTok dances together during lulls. Positive energy and excitement filled the atmosphere.

Themes of opportunity and appreciation for what flag football has offered so far emerged and resonated.

The most celebrated stat? The number of programs in the state has gone from four to 51 to an incredible 104 just three years after the Vikings first launched the campaign on a trial basis. Although girls flag is not yet sanctioned by the Minnesota State High School League, it is clearly surging.

"I think it's really important for the girls to

see an organization at the caliber of the Vikings that takes interest in girls and making sure they have experiences that the boys have," Minneapolis North Head Coach Krista Clausen said before the school's second season.

Mahtomedi Head Coach Nick Sullivan, whose squad won the 2025 title, said participation at the school enabled formation of a varsity, JV, JV2 and B-squad team.

Sullivan, a school resource officer, said players "gained an incredible amount of confidence, not only around the game of football, but I think in general."

Vikings Director of Youth & High School Football Joe Rush said the Vikings were pleased to host the production day and are excited about the growth of girls flag football.

The organization has helped support the rapid growth and expansion by providing flag kits and opportunities for coaches

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- ROSEMOUNT HEAD COACH JEFF ERDMANN



as the Minnesota State High School League has examined the possibility of sanctioning the sport.

"The education is catching up to the interest," Rush said. "There are a lot of community leaders that see the value add to the school and community. We know the power of playing team sports, whether it's the physical nature or the social-emotional side, and flag football is such a low barrier-to-entry opportunity to expand what it means for girls to identify as student athletes and see a viable pathway into the sport of football, so it's adding value to their high school experience, their social circles, and I think leaders are seeing that value and seeking it out. They're coming to us saying, 'How do we start it?' And we're here to support that journey for them."

Rosemount, which finished first in the four-team pilot season, won the 13-team 2026 Minnesota Girls High School Flag Tournament presented by the Minnesota Star Tribune. Talia Vescio threw seven touchdown passes for the second-seeded Irish in the championship against upset-minded Rogers, which began the day as the No. 13 seed.

The Irish edged No. 10 seed Minnetonka in overtime in the quarterfinals and

outlasted No. 6 seed Centennial in the semifinals.

Rosemount Head Coach Jeff Erdmann was asked what needs to happen for girls flag football to become sanctioned.

"I think what we need is every school, every parent of a girl that plays, every young parent, they need to call their school athletic directors, their school board members and put pressure on them, that we want this to be a state-sanctioned sport," Erdmann said. "The Vikings have done an incredible job of promoting and giving girls this opportunity, and after our section championship game, we had our girls take their pictures with their moms who never had a chance to play this [sport]."

"We need people to step up and put pressure on their schools to put pressure on the Minnesota State High School League to make this happen," Erdmann said. "Minnesota State High School League is driven by the schools, so we've got to do the grassroots of putting pressure on them so we can get it to be a sanctioned sport."





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That group then went through interviews with Vikings staff and

took part in a four-day MVC training camp, where they worked closely with coaches and staff in a rehearsal setting to prepare for the 2026 MVC Final Auditions, held at Mall of America on April 28.

Congratulations to Ashley, Brooklyn, Jordan F., Maxie, Taylor and Yuka! Learn a fun fact about each of them below.



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FOREST LAKE, MN

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MILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

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JORDAN F.
CHANHASSEN, MN

Lived in Italy where she worked as a dance teacher and au pair.



MAXIE
RACINE, WI

Solely trained in classical ballet for 15 years.



TAYLOR
OMAHA, NE

Played the flute, earning first-chair position.



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