## POSTGAME NOTES

# Cleveland Browns at Cincinnati Bengals Paul Brown Stadium | Nov. 7, 2021

#### **Team**

- Cleveland won its first outing against an AFC North foe this season after a 41-16 win against the Cincinnati Bengals. In addition to last year's sweep versus Cincinnati, the Browns have won six out of the last seven matchups.
- The Browns became the first team since the 1967 San Diego Chargers team to record an interception returned for touchdown (99), receiving (60), and rushing (70) touchdown all of 60 yards or more in a single game.
  - o In addition, the Browns are the fourth team NFL history to record a passing touchdown, rushing touchdown and defensive touchdown of 60-plus yards all in the same game.
  - o The team is also the first since 2012 to have three scores of at least 60 yards in a single game.
- The 3,421 total net yards on offense through the ninth game of this season are the most accounted by any Browns team in that span.
- The Browns recorded five sacks today, increasing their season total to 27.0. The defensive unit ended the day adding three takeaways and 13 points off turnovers.
- The Browns lead the league in rushing touchdowns with 16 and tie for second since the beginning of last season (36) (through 1 p.m. ET games).
- The team is first in the NFL in rushing yards (1,442) this season and third (3,816) since last season (through 1 p.m. ET games).
- The rushing attack has rushed for more than 100 yards in 20 games dating back to last season, second in the NFL, and in seven games in 2021, also tied for first. The team is 15-5 in those instances since last year.
  - o The seven such games in 2021 ties for third most games in a nine-game span in franchise history.

#### **DE Myles Garrett**

- NFL sack leader DE Myles Garrett upped his season total to 12.0 after a 1.5 sack performance this afternoon. He has recorded at least one full sack in each of past five games.
- Garrett raised his career total to 54.5 and currently sits 7.5 sacks back of Clay Matthews for the most in franchise history.

## Most sacks by a Brown in team history

<u>Player</u>	Games	<b>Count</b>
Clay Matthews	232	62.0
<b>Myles Garrett</b>	60	54.5
Michael Dean Perry	109	51.5
Rob Burnett	93	40.5

- After recording his 12th sack of the season, Garrett is the only Brown to record double-digit sacks in consecutive seasons, accomplishing the feat in each of his last four.
- His 54.5 career sacks not only rank first among all active players and No. 1 overall picks in their first 60 games, but are third amongst any player in their first 60 games only behind Derrick Thomas (55.0) and Reggie White (72.5).

- He has posted the second-most sacks by a No.1 overall pick in their first five years, trailing Bruce Smith's 57.5. He also passed Khalil Mack (53.0) for sole possession of fifth among all active first-round picks in the same span.
- Garrett has recorded 27.5 sacks in 30 career games at opposing teams' stadiums and at least a half-sack in 10 of his last 12 regular season away games.
- The 14 games Garrett has recorded more than a sack since 2017 tie for third-most with Cameron Jordan.
- Garrett's 14 career multi-sack games are the most by a Brown in history.

#### **RB Nick Chubb**

- RB Nick Chubb finished today's matchup with a game-leading 14 carries for 137 yards and two touchdowns. He also caught two passes for 26 yards.
- Chubb (34) passed Otto Graham (33) for sole possession of fifth-most rushing touchdowns in Browns history:

**Browns all-time rushing TD leaders** 

<u>Player</u>	Games	<u>TDs</u>
Jim Brown (1957-65)	118	106
Leroy Kelly (1964-68)	136	74
Mike Pruitt (1976-84)	124	47
Kevin Mack (1985-93)	99	46
Nick Chubb (2018-21)	51	34

- His two-touchdown performance broke a tie with Otto Graham and Kevin Mack (seven) for third-most games of multiple touchdowns in team history.
- This afternoon marked Chubb's 42nd game tallying 50-or-more scrimmage yards, the most by a Brown in their first 51 career games.
- Chubb recorded his 20th career game with 100-or-more rushing yards, placing him seven back of Leroy Kelly for second-most in franchise history:

Most games with 100-plus rushing yards by a Brown

<u>Player</u>	Games
Jim Brown (1957-65)	58
Leroy Kelly (1964-68)	27
Nick Chubb (2018-21)	20

- Since Chubb was drafted in 2018, he ties Derrick Henry and Saquon Barkley for first in rushes of 50-plus yards and leads the league in rushes of 25-or-more yards since then.
- He also logged his 40th game with 50-or-more rushing yards, the fourth-most by an active player behind Ezekiel Elliott (47), Adrian Peterson (44), and Le'Veon Bell (41) in their first 51 games.
- The 40 games Chubb has rushed for more than 50 yards are third-most by an active player in their first four seasons.
- Chubb now has 100 scrimmage yards in each of three road games this season.

#### **CB Denzel Ward**

• CB Denzel Ward returned a 99-yard interception for a touchdown on the opening drive of the game for his first interception on the season.

• His score was the second-longest interception return in team history behind Brodney Pool's 100-yard interception return on Nov. 18, 2007:

**Longest INT returns in Browns history** 

<u>Player</u>	Int Ret.
Brodney Pool	100 (TD)
Denzel Ward	99 (TD)
Brandon McDonald	98

- Ward has posted the most interceptions versus the AFC North division since he was drafted in 2018 with six and his two interceptions returned for a touchdown rank first.
- His two interceptions returned for a touchdown against Cincinnati tie for the most against Cincinnati in history.
- Ward's 14 pass deflections against Cincinnati since 2018 are the most by any NFL player against the Bengals in that span.
- Ward accomplished his 23rd career pass deflection versus the AFC North since he was drafted in 2018 and is second in the league by a player versus his own division in that span.
- Ward's 46 pass deflections rank sixth on the Browns' all-time pass defensed list, now just one back of tying with Eric Wright and Buster Skrine (47) for fourth.

## **QB** Baker Mayfield

- QB Baker Mayfield finished the game having completed 14 of 21 passes for 218 yards and two touchdown throws with a 132.6 rating on the day. He now has completed 150 of his 225 throws for eight touchdowns and 1,917 yards on the season.
- Mayfield (84) passed Cam Newton (82) for sole possession of fifth on the list of most passing touchdowns by a No.1 overall pick in their first four years in history.
- Mayfield is now just five touchdowns away from matching Otto Graham's 88 touchdown throws for fourth in franchise history.

**Browns all-time passing TD leaders** 

<u>Player</u>	Games	<u>TDs</u>	
Brian Sipe (1974-83)	125	154	
Frank Ryan (1962-68)	84	134	
Bernie Kosar (1985-93)	108	116	
Otto Graham (1950-55)	72	88	
Baker Mayfield (2018-21)	54	83	

- Mayfield's 14 completions (1,082) surpassed Jeff Garcia (1,074) and Daunte Culpepper (1,077) for 22nd on the list of most completions by a player in their first 54 games.
- After throwing for 218 passing yards, Mayfield (13,032) passed Derek Carr (12,848), Ryan Tannehill (12,880), Blake Bortles (12,898) for 16th most passing yards by a player in their first 54 games.
- This was Mayfield's fourth game in a row versus Cincinnati with two-or-more passing touchdowns and his third consecutive game with a 110-plus QB rating.

## S John Johnson

- S John Johnson snagged interception number two of the season and returned it for 31 yards, the 10th interception of his career.
- Along with the pick, Johnson also forced a fumble on Jamar Chase in the second quarter, which
  was recovered by CB A.J. Green and marked his first career game recording an interception and a
  forced fumble.

#### Other notes

- WR Donovan Peoples-Jones scored a 60-yard touchdown reception, his third of the season.
- CB Troy Hill ended today's contest with two sacks, which is a single-game career-high after he recorded just one in 2019.
- LB Anthony Walker Jr. tallied a season-high 14 tackles, his third double-digit tackle performance of the season. He also added his first sack as a Brown.
- TE David Njoku scored his second touchdown of the season on an 18-yard catch. He leads the team this season in receiving yards (341) and catches with 21.
- DE Sheldon Day notched a half-sack this afternoon, bringing his career total to 12.5.
- CB A.J. Green recorded his first fumble recovery of his career.

## **Injury report**

• CB Greedy Williams injured his shoulder in the second quarter and did not return.