

CINCINNATI BENGALS

CONFERENCE: AFC
DIVISION: North
STADIUM: Paul Brown Stadium
CAPACITY: 65,535
SURFACE: FieldTurf

COACH NAME: Marvin Lewis
EXPERIENCE: 6th
RECORD: 42-38
PLAYOFF REC: 0-1
WINNING%: .525

2007 REC	HOME	AWAY	ATS	HOME ATS	AWAY ATS	FAV ATS	DOG ATS	O/U	DIV	CONF	GRASS	TURF
7-9	5-3	2-6	6-9-1	4-4	2-5-1	4-6	2-3-1	7-9	3-3	6-6	1-4	6-5

The Bengals continued a trend they would rather forget in 2007. For the second straight season they had more off-field arrests than wins. Finishing at 7-9 (7-9 ATS), they regressed in SU wins and ATS wins from last season despite being the only team in the NFL to improve its numbers on both sides of the ball. Those stats show the talent is there but they need to clean up their act and bring in some missing character. Cincinnati took linebacker Keith Rivers in the opening round of the draft. Rivers is a can't-miss prospect who should pan out and bring a positive attitude to a team that needs it. The Bengals could not stop anyone on defense last season, giving up 24.1 points per game (7-9 O/U record). This year they will be fielding a defensive unit full of youth including 10 starters with less than five years experience. The Bengals have a young but promising secondary that includes two first-round corners in Leon Hall and Jonathan Joseph, possibly giving the front seven the necessary changes needed to defend the run. On special teams, kicker Shayne Graham was a bright spot for the Bengals last season, connecting on 31 of 34 field goal attempts. But when all is said and done, what makes bettors back the Bengals is the offense. They still have receivers Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh, who accounted for over half of the 4,131 yards QB Carson Palmer threw last year. If the Bengals can get any kind of defense this season, they should be a playoff caliber team with or without Chad Johnson.

BETTING OUTLOOK

SB ODDS	+5000	TOTAL WINS	OVER 7½ (+105)
CONF. ODDS	+3000	3 YEAR ATS	23-23-2
DIV. ODDS	+500	3 YEAR O/U	21-27-0
TO WIN MVP	CARSON PALMER		+1800
	CHAD JOHNSON		+3000
TO WIN ROY	KEITH RIVERS		+800

2007 RANKINGS

CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS FOR	23.75
YARDS PER PLAY	5.52	9
1ST DOWNS	20	9
YARDS PER RUSH	3.74	29
YARDS PER PASS	10.75	13
RUSHING	97.25	24
PASSING	250.69	7
TOTAL YARDS	347.94	10
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:24	25

CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS AGAINST	24.06
YARDS PER PLAY	5.52	26
1ST DOWNS	19.56	24
YARDS PER RUSH	4.42	21
YARDS PER PASS	10.44	14
RUSHING	118.31	21
PASSING	230.38	26
TOTAL YARDS	348.69	27
TURNOVERS	2.19	3

2007 STATS LEADERS

QUARTERBACK	G	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y/G	Y/A	TD	INT	Rat.
Carson Palmer	16	373	575	64.9	4131	258.2	7.2	26	20	86.7

RUSHING	GP	ATT	YARDS	YPC	TD	FUM	YPG
Kenny Watson	16	178	763	4.3	7	3	47.7
Rudi Johnson	11	170	497	2.9	3	3	45.2
DeDe Dorsey	11	21	183	8.7	0	0	15.3

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	YAC
Chad Johnson	16	93	1440	15.5	8	3.4
T.J. Houshmandzadeh	16	112	1143	10.2	12	3.3
Kenny Watson	16	52	373	7.2	0	9.1
Chris Henry	8	21	343	16.3	2	2.4

KICKERS	GP	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	LONG
Shayne Graham	16	37	37	31	34	48

KICK RETURNS	KR	YDS	AVG	TD
Glenn Holt	58	1400	24.1	1
Tab Perry	7	145	20.7	0

PUNTERS	GP	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	IN20
Kyle Larson	16	59	2437	41.3	21

PUNT RETURNS	PR	YDS	AVG	TD
Antonio Chatman	18	93	5.2	0

DEFENSE	GP	TAK	SACK	IR	FR
Landon Johnson	16	104	0.5	0	2
Dhani Jones	14	85	1	0	0
Justin Smith	16	79	2.5	0	0
Madieu Williams	13	70	2	2	1
Leon Hall	16	60	0	5	0
Johnathan Joseph	15	58	0	4	0
Robert Geathers	16	47	3.5	1	1

2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LINE		FINAL SCORE		W/L
			OPEN	CLOSE	TEAM	OPP	
Sun, Sep 7	1:00 PM	at Baltimore					
Sun, Sep 14	1:00 PM	Tennessee					
Sun, Sep 21	1:00 PM	at NY Giants					
Sun, Sep 28	1:00 PM	Cleveland					
Sun, Oct 5	4:15 PM	at Dallas					
Sun, Oct 12	1:00 PM	at NY Jets					
Sun, Oct 19	1:00 PM	Pittsburgh					
Bye							
Sun, Nov 2	1:00 PM	Jacksonville					
Sun, Nov 9	1:00 PM	at Houston					
Sun, Nov 16	1:00 PM	Philadelphia					
Thu, Nov 20	8:15 PM	at Pittsburgh					
Sun, Nov 30	1:00 PM	Baltimore					
Sun, Dec 7	1:00 PM	at Indianapolis					
Sun, Dec 14	1:00 PM	Washington					
Sun, Dec 21	1:00 PM	at Cleveland					
Sun, Dec 28	1:00 PM	Kansas City					

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	RES	LINE	ATS	O/U	RES
Baltimore	27-20	W	-2.5	W	39.5	0
at Cleveland	45-51	L	-7.0	L	41.5	0
at Seattle	21-24	L	3.0	P	49.5	U
New England	13-34	L	8.0	L	54.0	U
at Kansas City	20-27	L	-2.5	L	44.0	0
NY Jets	38-31	W	-6.0	W	48.5	0
Pittsburgh	13-24	L	4.0	L	48.0	U
at Buffalo	21-33	L	-1.0	L	44.0	0
at Baltimore	21-7	W	3.0	W	44.5	U
Arizona	27-35	L	-3.0	L	48.0	0
Tennessee	35-6	W	-1.0	W	47.0	U
at Pittsburgh	10-24	L	7.0	L	40.5	U
St. Louis	19-10	W	-10.0	L	45.5	U
at San Francisco	13-20	L	-9.5	L	42.5	U
Cleveland	19-14	W	3.0	W	43.5	U
at Miami	38-25	W	-2.5	W	45.0	0

ROSTER CHANGES

ADDITIONS	DELETIONS
Antwan Odom, DE	A. Stepanovich, C
Antwon Burton, DT	A. Schlegel, LB
Ben Utecht, TE	B. Williams, CB
Brandon Johnson, LB	B. Robinson, DE
Darryl Blackstock, LB	C. Henry, WR
Doug Gabriel, WR	D. Baugher, P
	J. Verdon, DE
	J. Smith, DE
	L. Johnson, LB
	M. Williams, S
	N. Turnbull, DB
	O. Thurman, LB

TRENDS

- CIN is 14-2 ATS in L16 vs. poor passing defenses
- CIN is 15-30 ATS vs. good rushing teams since '92.
- CIN is 2-10 ATS in L12 vs. teams scoring >24 PPG.
- CIN is 8-21 ATS at home in September since '92
- CIN was 6-0 UNDER as DOGS last season.
- PIT is 12-3 SU & ATS at CIN since '94.
- The FAV is 17-8 ATS in CLE-CIN series since '92.
- The ROAD TEAM is 20-9 ATS in L30 of PIT-CIN games.