



VIKINGS POSTGAME NOTES

WEEK 1 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS VS GREEN BAY PACKERS | SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

GAME NOTES

- **Captains:** Kirk Cousins, Harrison Smith, Dalvin Cook, Anthony Barr, Riley Reiff, Kyle Rudolph
- **Coin Toss:** Minnesota won the toss and deferred to the second half. Green Bay received the opening kickoff.
- For the first time since its installation in 2007, the Gjallahorn was silent at kickoff as the Vikings recognized the family of George Floyd and held a moment of silence in honor of those who have been killed by acts of racism or police brutality.
- Minnesota set a team record with three successful two-point conversions in a single game. The previous record of two successful conversions was done twice (at Denver, 12/30/07 and at Seattle, 11/10/1996)
- TE Kyle Rudolph made his 82nd consecutive start on Sunday. It's the longest active start streak among all NFL tight ends.
- Rookie CB Cameron Dantzler made his first career start in his NFL debut on Sunday. Overall, six Vikings rookies made their NFL debuts against Green Bay: WR K.J. Osborn, WR Justin Jefferson, CB Jeff Gladney, CB Cameron Dantzler, LB Troy Dye and WR Dan Chisena.

PLAYER NOTES

- RB Dalvin Cook capped an 8-play, 75-yard drive with a 1-yard rushing touchdown with 3:27 left on the clock in the first quarter. The score marked the 20th rushing touchdown of Cook's career and the Vikings' first of 2020.
- With a 3-yard rush, Dalvin Cook found the end zone for the second time. It's the fifth time in his career (including playoffs) that he's rushed for two touchdowns in a game. Cook also had two touchdowns in last season's opener against Atlanta.
- Following the touchdown, RB Dalvin Cook rushed up the middle for Minnesota's first two-point conversion since Kirk Cousins completed a pass to Kyle Rudolph at Dallas (11/10/19). The conversion was the first of Cook's career.
- In the third quarter, QB Cousins put together back-to-back scrambles of 16 and 14 yards, respectively. He finished the game with 37 rushing yards, his most since posting a career high 38 rushing yards against Kansas City (10/2) while with Washington in 2017.
- Rookie WR Justin Jefferson made the first catch of his career, a nine-yard reception, in the third quarter.
- WR Bisi Johnson made a career-long catch for 29 yards with three seconds left in the third quarter to start a scoring drive. Johnson finished the game with three catches for 56 yards, setting a new career high.
- Cousins connected with Adam Thielen in the end zone for a 37-yard touchdown with 13:53 remaining in the game. It was Cousins' 57th touchdown pass as a Viking and the 26th touchdown of Thielen's career.
- Thielen found the end zone again with 1:25 left on the clock, catching a 19-yard pass from Cousins. The two-point conversion attempt from Cousins to Thielen was completed for the final score of the game.
- With 110 yards receiving on Sunday, Thielen moved into third place for most 100-yard games in a player's first seven seasons on the team and fourth place for most 100-yard games in a career as a Viking. He also set a record for the most 100-yard receiving games for a career in season opening contests with three.
- The two touchdowns on Sunday marked the fourth time in Thielen's career he's achieved the feat. It's only the 10th time a Viking has recorded at least two receiving touchdowns in a Week 1 contest since 1978.
- The Vikings defense held Green Bay scoreless on the first drive of the second quarter, thanks to a pass defended by CB Holton Hill on the goaline on fourth down. It was the ninth pass broken up of his career and first since doing so at Dallas last season (11/10/19).
- LB Eric Wilson forced the second fumble of his career in the fourth quarter. The first was during his rookie season vs. Cincinnati on December 17, 2017.
- 2019 All-Pro LB Eric Kendricks led the team with 10 tackles and recorded his 40th career tackle for loss in the game.
- Minnesota went 58 yards on three plays in the final 14 seconds of the first half to set up a 35-yard field goal for K Dan Bailey. The kick was good, extending his streak to 23 made field goals (including three in the playoffs) since October 24, 2019.

GAMEDAY WEATHER

Conditions: Mostly Sunny

Temperature: 64°

Wind: W 2 mph

Operable Doors: Closed

VIKINGS INACTIVES

12	Chad Beebe	WR
38	Harrison Hand	CB
57	Ryan Connelly	LB
72	Ezra Cleveland	T
92	James Lynch	DT
98	D.J. Wonnum	DE

PACKERS INACTIVES

90	Montravius Adams	DE
24	Raven Greene	DB
10	Jordan Love	QB
35	Parry Nickerson	DB
56	Randy Ramsey	OLB
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR
77	Billy Turner	OL



VIKINGS STARTERS

OFFENSE

WR	Bisi Johnson
LT	Riley Reiff
LG	Dakota Dozier
C	Garrett Bradbury
RG	Pat Elflein
RT	Brian O'Neill
TE	Kyle Rudolph
WR	Adam Thielen
QB	Kirk Cousins
RB	Dalvin Cook
FB	C.J. Ham

DEFENSE

DE	Ifeadi Odenigbo
NT	Shamar Stephen
DT	Jaleel Johnson
DE	Jalyn Holmes
LB	Anthony Barr
LB	Eric Kendricks
LB	Eric Wilson
CB	Mike Hughes
CB	Cameron Dantzler
SS	Harrison Smith
FS	Anthony Harris



PACKERS STARTERS

OFFENSE

WR	Davante Adams
LT	David Bakhtiari
LG	Lucas Patrick
C	Corey Linsley
RG	Lane Taylor
RT	Elgton Jenkins
TE	Marcedes Lewis
TE	Josiah Deguara
WR	Allen Lazard
QB	Aaron Rodgers
RB	Aaron Jones

DEFENSE

DE	Dean Lowry
NT	Kenny Clark
DE	Kingsley Keke
OLB	Preston Smith
ILB	Christian Kirksey
ILB	Krys Barnes
OLB	Za'Darius Smith
CB	Jaire Alexander
CB	Kevin King
S	Adrian Amos
S	Darnell Savage