

Chicago Bears

2019

coach: Matt Nagy

AFC

East	South	North	West
New England 12- 4	Baltimore 14- 2	Houston 10- 6	Kansas City 12- 4
Buffalo 10- 6	Pittsburgh 8- 8	Tennessee 9- 7	Oakland 7- 9
NY Jets 7- 9	Cleveland 6-10	Indianapolis 7- 9	Denver 7- 9
Miami 5-11	Cincinnati 2-14	Jacksonville 6-10	LA Chargers 5-11

NFC

East	South	North	West
Philadelphia 9- 7	New Orleans 13- 3	Green Bay 13- 3	San Francisco 13- 3
Dallas 8- 8	Tampa Bay 7- 9	Minnesota 10- 6	Seattle 11- 5
NY Giants 4-12	Atlanta 7- 9	Chicago 8- 8	LA Rams 9- 7
Washington 3-13	Carolina 5-11	Detroit 3-12-1	Arizona 5-10-1

Offense: **AFC:** Baltimore 531 points **NFC:** San Francisco 479 points
Defense: **AFC:** New England 225 points **NFC:** **Chicago** 298 points

Club:

Offense: 280 points (15th in NFC, 29th in NFL) **Defense:** 298 points (1st in NFC, 4th in NFL) **Takeaways:** 19/19 (0)

1/11: **Not long after** Denver hired Bears' defensive coordinator **Vic Fangio**, Bears replaced him with **Chuck Pagano**.
Pagano was former head coach of the Indianapolis Colts.

8/18: Bears' #1 pick in the 2004 draft, **Cedric Benson**, was killed in a motorcycle accident.

- Bears traded up (87 to 72) and 3 draft choices (3rd, 4th & 5th) to obtain RB Montgomery.
- *Sports Illustrated* picked Bears to go 7-9 and finish last in the North Division. Local writers had Bears finish 1st.
- Thousands of fans attended the Donald E Stephens Convention Center to see Bears past and present at **Chicago Bears100**.
The event celebrated franchise's 100 years.
- Pre-season kicking competition: With a week left, Eddy Piniero beat out 7 other candidates, including Elliot Fry.

9/3: Club unveiled 12' statues of George Halas and Walter Payton outside Soldier Field.

12/5: Trubisky: 1st NFL QB to complete 70% of passes, throw 3+ TD passes, rush for 50+ yards, and rush for a TD.

Draft: Round 1: To Oakland for Khalil Mack
Round 3: RB **David Montgomery** (Iowa State).
Round 4: WR Riley Ridley (Georgia)
Round 6: DB Duke Shelley (Kansas State).
Round 7: RB Kerrith Whyte (Florida Southern). Waived and signed by Pittsburgh.
DB Stephen Denmark (Valdosta State). Waived prior to season.

Here: WR/KR **Cordarrelle Patterson**, OL Ted Larson, RB Mike Davis, S **Buster Skrine**, S **Ha Ha Clinton Dix**, (K) **Eddy Piniero**, LB **Kevin Pierre-Louis**, TE Jesper Horsted

Gone: K Cody Parkey, LB Sam Acho and Bryce Callahan (GB), WR Kevin White, Josh Bellamy, WR Taquan Mizzell, DE Jonathan Bullard, RB Mike Davis. RB **Jordan Howard** was traded to Philadelphia

Injuries: Trubisky, Hicks (knee, elbow), OT Kyle Long was placed on IR, Trevathan (elbow), Roquan Smith, Amukamara, Cordarrelle Patterson, and Taylor Gabriel

Season:

9/5: **Lost to Green Bay** 10-3 at home. Packers led 7-3 at the half. Eddy Piniero's 38-yard FG began the scoring. Green Bay took lead for good on an 8-yard pass from QB Aaron Rodgers (18-30/203, 1/0) to Jimmy Graham. It was the Packers' lone drive of the game (74 yards, 4 plays). Mason Crosby's 39-yard FG in the 3rd Q finished all scoring.

Bears led in yards (254-213) and 1st downs (16-13) but were unable to convert 3rd downs (3-15) and committed the game's lone turnover. Bears' defense held Rodgers and the Packers throughout the game.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 26-45/228 0/1 5 sacks 62.1
Rushing: Mike Davis 5/19
Receiving: **Allen Robinson** 7/102
Defense: 0 interceptions & 5 sacks (Floyd 2, Hicks, Robertson-Harris, and Aaron Lynch 1/ea).

9/15: **Beat Denver** 16-14 away on Eddie Piniero's 53-yard FG with no time remaining. Bears led 6-3 at the half on 2 Piniero FGs (52 & 40 yards).

Second half: Following 1-yard run by Montgomery, Broncos took 14-13 lead with 31 seconds left on a short FG and a 7-yard TD pass from Joe Flacco to Emmanuel Sanders. Broncos converted on 2-point conversion after 2 penalties (1 on Denver, the other on the Bears). With 0:09 left, Trubisky's 25-yard pass to Robinson setup Piniero's final kick. Broncos led in yards (373-273) and 1st downs (27-18). Turnovers: Bears 0, Denver 1.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 16-27/120 0/0 0 sacks 70.0
Rushing: David Montgomery 18/26 1 TD
Receiving: Allen Robinson 4/41
Defense: 1 interception (Fuller) and 2 sacks (Mack and Nick Williams)

K Eddie Piniero NFC Special Teams Player of the Week

9/23: **Beat Washington** 31-15 away. Bears led 28-3 at the half on a 37-yard interception return by Ha Ha Clinton Dix, and three 2nd Q TD passes from Mitch Trubisky to Taylor Gabriel (3-, 1-, and 36-yards). Bears' defense smothered Redskins QB Case Keenum throughout the game (4 sacks, 3 interceptions, and 2 recovered fumbles).

Second-half: Keenum and Washington tightened the game to 28-15 before Eddie Piniero's 38-yard FG closed the scoring. Redskins led in yards (356-298) and 1st downs (25-21). Turnovers: Bears 1, Washington 5.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 25-31/231 3/1 3 sacks 116.5
Rushing: David Montgomery 13/67
Receiving: Taylor Gabriel 6/75 3 TDs
Defense: 3 interceptions (Dix, 2; Fuller 1) and 4 sacks (Mack 2, Trevathan, and Nick Williams)

9/29: **Beat Minnesota** 16-6 at home. Bears wore 1936 throwback jerseys. Bears led 10-0 at the half. QB Mitch Trubisky suffered injured arm during opening drive. Bears scored on 10-yard pass from Chase Daniels to Tarik Cohen and Eddie Piniero booted a 25 yard FG with no time left.

Second-half: Piniero added 2 more FGs in the 3rd Q (38-, 30 yards). Bears' defense sacked QB Kirk Cousins 6 times and held Vikings and RB Dalvin Cook to 40 yards rushing. Minnesota WR **Stephon Diggs** 7 catches for 108 yards. Bears led in yards (269-222) and 1st downs (17-15). Turnovers: Bears 0, Vikings 2.

Passing: Chase Daniels 22-30/195 1/0 1 sack 101.4
Rushing: David Montgomery 21/53
Receiving: Allan Robinson 7/77
Defense: 0 interceptions and 6 sacks (Nick Williams 2, Robertson-Harris & Mack 1.5/ea, Kwiatkowski 1)

10/6: **Lost to Oakland** 24-21 in London. Raiders led 17-0 at the half. RB **Josh Jacobs** (26 rushes/123 yards, 2 TDs) began the scoring with a 12-yard run in the 1st Q. Oakland dominated the 1st half, totaling 14 1st downs to the Bears' 2.

Second half: Bears took the lead in the 3rd Q on a 1-yard TD run by David Montgomery and two TD passes from Chase Daniels to Allan Robinson (4 & 16 yards) – the 2nd was setup by a 71-yard punt return by Tarik Cohen. With 1:57 left, Jacobs 2nd TD came from 3 yards out. Oakland led in yards (398-236) and 1st downs (25-15). Bears were penalized 10 times for 75 yards. Turnovers: Bears 2, Raiders 2.

Passing: Chase Daniels 22-30/231 2/2 4 sacks 89.7
Rushing: David Montgomery 11/25 1 TD
Receiving: Allan Robinson 7/97 2 TDs
Defense: 0 interceptions and 0 sacks

10/13: bye

10/20: **Lost to New Orleans** 36-25 at home. Saints led 12-10 at the half. Bears scored on a 102-yard kickoff return by Cordarrelle Patterson and a 46-yard FG by Eddie Piniero. Saints' safety came on a blocked punt in the end zone.

Second-half: Subbing for the injured Drew Brees, New Orleans QB Teddy Bridgewater led Saints to (4) 2nd half TDs. Bears had no offense: by the end of the 3rd Q, Saints out-gained the home team 349-85. Behind 36-10, Mitch Trubisky tossed 2 late TD passes: the first a 7-yard pass to Allan Robinson (Adam Shaheen 2 pt. conversion) and a 6-yard pass to Javon Wims. Saints were led by RB **Latavius Murray** (26 rushes, 117 yards & 2 TDs) and WR **Michael Thomas** (9 catches, 131 yards). Stats: Saints led in yards (424-252), 1st downs (24-16) and ball possession (37:26 -22:34). Bears were unable to convert on 3rd down (2-12 vs. New Orleans: 7-15). Turnovers: Bears 2, Saints 0.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 34-54/251 2/0 2 sacks
Rushing: Tarik Cohen 3/10
Receiving: Allen Robinson 10/87 1 TD
Defense: 0 interceptions and 1 sack (Abdulah Anderson)

10/27: **Lost to LA Chargers** 17-16 at home. Bears led 9-7 at the half on 3 short Eddie Piniero FGs (22-, 25-, and 19-yards), all in the 2nd Q. Piniero missed from 33 yards out in the 1st Q. Kyle Fuller's interception led to the 1st of Piniero's FGs; David Montgomery's 55-yard run led to his 3rd.

Second half: Montgomery's 4-yard run gave Bears 16-7 lead. Bears were their own worst enemy: Two crucial turnovers (interception, fumble), a costly penalty, a sack and a 41-yard FG attempt that went wide-left at the end. Bears led in yards (388-231), first downs (26 -11), time of possession (38:00 - 22:00) and also in turnovers: 2 - 0.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 23-35/253 0/1 4 sacks 75.1
Rushing: **David Montgomery** 27/135 1 TD
Receiving: Anthony Miller 3/67
Defense: 1 interception (Kyle Fuller) and 1 sack (Khalil Mack)

11/3: **Lost to Philadelphia** 22-14 away. Eagles led 12-0 at the half on 2 Jake Elliott FGs and a 25-yard pass from QB Carson Wentz to Zack Ertz. Offensive numbers were ugly: Bears went 3-and-out 5 straight times, totaled 1 first down, gained but 9 yards (net) and were penalized 8 times for 56 yards in the 1st half.

Second half: A 13-yard run by former Bears RB Jordan Howard put the Eagles up 19-0. Bears closed the gap to 19-14 on 2 David Montgomery TD runs, both from 1-yard out. Eagles led in yards (373-164), 1st downs (26-10), 3rd down conversions (8-18 vs. 2-10) and ball possession (40:18-19:42). Eagles **TE Zach Ertz:** 9 catches for 103 yards and 1 TD. Turnovers: Bears 1, Eagles 0.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 10-21/125 0/0 3 sacks 66.6
Rushing: David Montgomery 14/40 2 TDs
Receiving: Tyler Gabriel 3/69
Defense: 0 interceptions & 4 sacks (Nick Williams, Leonard Floyd, Aaron Lynch, and Eddie Goldman)

11/10: **Beat Detroit** 20-13 at home. Bears led 7-6 at the half. With Matt Stafford healing from a back injury, Lions started backup QB Jeff Driskell. With the Lions leading 6-0, Mitch Trubisky tossed an 18-yard TD pass to Ben Braunecker.

Second-half: Bears scored twice in the 3rd Q on Trubisky TD passes to Tarik Cohen (10 yards) and Taylor Gabriel (24 yards). Lions made it close at the end – had the ball on Bears' 25 yard line but were unable to score. Lions led in yards (357-226), first downs (21-13) and 3rd down conversions (7-18 vs. 2-12). Turnovers: Bears 0, Lions 1.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 16-23/173 3/0 5 sacks 131.0
Rushing: David Montgomery 17/60
Receiving: Allen Robinson 6/86
Defense: 1 interception (Nick Kwiatkoski) and 2 sacks (Nick Williams & Nick Kwiatkoski)

11/17: **Lost 17-7 to LA Rams** away. Rams led 10-0 at the half. Bears 1st half futility continued, including 2 missed FGs by Eddie Piniero from 48- and 47-yards away.

Second-half: Bears drove 80 yards in 12 plays, ending with Mitch Trubisky's 14-yard TD pass to Taylor Gabriel. Trubisky was injured late in the 4th Q and replaced by Chase Daniel. Stats were mixed: Rams led in yards (283-267), Bears in 1st downs (17-13), time of possession (32:44-27:16), and 3rd down efficiency (6-17 vs. 3-10) indicting the Bears' defense held their own. Turnovers: Bears 1, Rams 2.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 24-43/190 1/1 1 sack (Rams totaled 3 sacks)
Rushing: Tarik Cohen 9/39
Receiving: Gabriel 7/57 1 TD
Defense: 1 interception (Roquan Smith) and 0 sacks.

11/24: **Beat NY Giants** 19-14 at home. Giants led 7-3 at the half. Bears' Eddie Piniero 26-yard FG came with 0:08 left in the half. Offense got as close, but Mitch Trubisky threw a red-zone pick and TE Ben Braunecker dropped a sure TD pass.

Second-half: Bears took a 19-7 lead on a 32-yard TD pass from Mitch Trubisky to Alan Robinson, Piniero added a 24-yard FG, and Trubisky scored from 2 yards out. Bears led in yards (335-243), 1st downs (20-14), ball possession (33:11 – 26:49) and 3rd down conversions (4-15 to 1-12). Turnovers: Bears 2, Giants 1.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 25-41/278 1/2 2 sacks 69.0
Rushing: Tarik Cohen 6/25
Receiving: **Allen Robinson** 6/131 1 TD
Defense: 0 interceptions and 1 sack (Khalil Mack)

11/28: **Beat Detroit 24-20** away. Lions led 17-10 at the half. Bears began scoring on 10-yard TD pass from Mitch Trubisky to Allen Robinson. After Detroit scored the next 17 points on (2) TD passes from 3rd string QB David Blough and a Matt Prater FG, Eddie Piniero finished scoring with at 30-yard FG. Blough's 1st NFL start: 22-38/280 yards & 2/1.

Second-half: Trubisky's 18-yard TD pass to rookie TE Jesper Horsted tied game at 17. Following Matt Prater's 2nd FG, Trubisky took the Bears 90 yards, ending with a 3-yard TD pass to David Montgomery. Bears led in yards (419-364), and 1st downs (22-19). Lions WR **Kenny Golladay:** 4 catches, 158 yards & 1 TD. Penalties: Bears 10/89, Lions 9/85. Turnovers: Bears 1, Lions 1.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 29-38/338 3/1 1 sack 118.1
Rushing: David Montgomery 16/75
Receiving: **Anthony Miller** 9/140
 Allen Robinson 8/86
Defense: 1 interception (Eddie Jackson) and 2 sacks (Roquan Smith, 2)

Cardarrelle Patterson NFC Special Teams Player of the Month

12/5: **Beat Dallas 31-24** at home. Bears led 17-7 at the half. Behind 7-0, Bears scored the next 17 points on (2) Mitch Trubisky TD passes to Allen Robinson (5 yards & 8 yards) and a 36-yard FG by Eddie Piniero.

Second-half: Bears widened their lead to 24-7 on a 14-yard pass from Trubisky to Anthony Miller. After the Cowboys' Ezekiel Elliott scored his 2nd rushing TD, Trubisky (10 rushes, 63 yards) ran 23 yards for the Bears final TD. Stats were mixed: Cowboys, who led NFL in yardage, out-gained the Bears 408-382; Bears led in 1st downs (24-22). Dallas WR **Michael Gallup**: 6 catches, 109 yards. Turnovers: Bears 2, Dallas 0.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 23-31/244 3/1 2 sacks 115.5
Rushing: David Montgomery 20/86
Receiving: Allen Robinson 5/48 2 TDs
Defense: 0 interceptions & 2 sacks (Eddie Jackson and Khalil Mack)

12/15: **Lost to Green Bay 21-13** away. Packers led 7-3 at the half. Bears' Eddie Piniero booted a 30-yard FG late in the 2nd Q.

Second-half: After the Packers added 2 more TDs, the Bears got on the board in the 4th Q on a 27-yard FG by Piniero and a 2-yard TD pass from Mitch Trubisky to Allen Robinson. Bears led in total yards (429-292), 1st downs (20-12), 3rd down conversions (9-20 vs. 5-15) and time of possession: (34:22 - 25:38). Turnovers: Bears 3, Packers 0. Bears held Aaron Rodgers to 16-33/203 yards and 1/0. Packers' **Davante Adams**: 7 catches, 103 yards, 1 TD.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 29-53/348 1/2 3 sacks 64.5
Rushing: David Montgomery 14/39
Receiving: **Allen Robinson** 7/125 1 TD
Anthony Miller 9/118
Defense: 0 interceptions and 1 sack (Kwiatkoski)

12/22: **Lost to Kansas City 26-3** at home. The 10-4 Chiefs led 17-0 at the half. Kansas City led in yards 203-93 and 1st downs (16-6). Bears penalties (6 for 40 yards) - including running into the punter led to Chiefs first downs.

Second-half: Piniero's 46-yard FG in the 3rd Q made the score 17-3. Stats: Chiefs led in yards (350-234) and 1st downs (25-18). Chiefs QB Patrick Mahomes: passed 23-33 for 251 yards and 1/0. Turnovers: None.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 18-34/157 0/0 3 sacks
Rushing: David Montgomery 13/57
Receiving: Allen Robinson 6/53
Defense: 0 interceptions and 1 sack (Mack)

12/29: **Beat Minnesota 21-19** away on Eddie Piniero's 22-yard FG with 0:04 left. Bears led 11-6 at the half on 3 short Piniero FGs (26, 33, and 34 yards) and a safety by Nick Kwiatkoski. Vikings' points came on 2 FGs by Dan Bailey. Playoff-bound Minnesota played many of their 2nd-stringers, including QB Sean Mannion (12-21/126, 0/2).

Second-half: David Montgomery's 14-yard run made the score 18-6. Prior to Piniero's heroics, Vikings took a 19-18 lead on 2 Bailey FGs and a 1-yard TD by RB **Mike Boone** (17 rushes for 148 yards). Bears led in yards (337-300), 1st downs (24-14) and ball possession (37:40 - 22:20). Turnovers: Bears 1, Vikings 3.

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 26-37/207 0/0 4 sacks 84.0
Rushing: **David Montgomery** 23/113 1 TD
Receiving: Allen Robinson 9/71
Defense: 2 interceptions (Pierre-Louis and Eddie Jackson) and 0 sacks.

Season stats:

Passing: Mitch Trubisky 326-516/3138 63.2 17/10 83.0
Chase Daniels 45-64/435 70.3 3/2 91.6

Rushing David Montgomery 242/889 3.7 6 TDs
Tarik Cohen 64/213 4.0
Mitch Trubisky 48/193 4.0 2 TDs

Receiving: Allen Robinson 98/1147 11.7 7 TDs
Tarik Cohen 79/456 5.8 3 TDs
Anthony Miller 52/656 12.6 2 TDs
Taylor Gabriel 29/353 12.2 4 TDs
David Montgomery 25/185 7.4 1 TD
Javon Wims 18/186 10.3 1 TD
Jesper Horsted 8/87 10.9 1 TD
Ben Braunecker 6/59 9.8 1 TD

Did not score: (Trey Burton 14/84, Cordarrelle Patterson 11/83, Adam Shaheen 9/74, and Riley Ridley 6/69)

KR: Cordarrelle Patterson 29.6 1 TD 2nd in NFL; 1st in return yards (825)
PR: Tarik Cohen 9.2

Kicking: Eddie Piniero(23-28 FGs, 27-29 PATs) 96 points
Punting: Pat O'Donnell 80 44.8

Defense:

Interceptions (10): Kyle Fuller 3/37, Ha Ha Clinton Dix 2/96 1 TD, Eddie Jackson 2/18; Nick Kwiatkoski 1/4, Kevin Pierre-Louis 1/ 2, Roquan Smith 1

Sacks (32): Khalil Mack (8.5), Nick Williams (6), Nick Kwiatkoski & Leonard Floyd (3/ea), Roy Robertson-Harris 2.5, Roquan Smith & Aaron Lynch (2/ea), Danny Trevathan, Eddie Jackson, Eddie Goldman, Akiem Hicks, and Abdullah Anderson (1/each)

Scoring: Eddie Piniero 96 points

Pro Bowl: Khalil Mack, Eddie Jackson, Cordarrelle Patterson (KR & Special Teams)

All-Pro: KR Cordarrelle Patterson

NFL Top 3 Leaders

Passing

AFC	Player	Team	Att/Comp	Yards	%	TDs	Rating
	Ryan Tannehill	TN	201-286/2742	70.3%	22/6	117.5	
	Lamar Jackson	Balt	265-401/3127	65.9	36/6	113.3	
	Patrick Mahomes	KC	319-484/4031	65.9	26/5	105.3	

NFC	Player	Team	Att/Comp	Yards	%	TDs	Rating
	Drew Brees	NO	281-378/2979	74.3%	27/4	116.3	
	Kirk Cousins	Min	307-444/3603	69.1	26/6	107.4	
	Russell Wilson	Sea	341-516/4110	66.1	31/5	106.3	

Rushing:

AFC	Player	Team	Att/Comp	Yards	TDs
	Derrick Henry	TN	303/1540	5.1	16 TDs
	Nick Chubb	Cle	298/1540	5.0	8 TDs
	Lamar Jackson	Balt	176/1206	6.9	7 TDs

NFC	Player	Team	Att/Comp	Yards	TDs
	Christian McCaffrey	Car	287/1387	4.8	15 TDs
	Ezekiel Elliott	Dallas	301/1357	4.5	12 TDs
	Chris Carson	Sea	278/1230	4.4	7 TDs

Receiving

AFC	Player	Team	Att/Comp	Yards	TDs
	Travis Kelce	KC	97/1229	12.7	5 TDs
	DeVante Parker	Miami	72/1202	16.7	9TDs
	Keenan Allen	LAC	104/1199	11.5	6 TDs

NFC	Player	Team	Att/Comp	Yards	TDs
	Michael Thomas	NO	149/1725	11.6	9 TDs
	Julio Jones	Atl	99/1394	14.1	6 TDs
	Chris Godwin	Tampa	86/1333	15.5	9 TDs

Scoring

AFC	Player	Team	Points
	Harrison Butker	KC	147 points (34 FGs, 45 PATs)
	Wil Lutz	NO	144 points (32 FGs, 48 PATs)

Sacks (AFC & NFC)

Shaquil Barrett	Tampa Bay	19.5
Chandler Jones	Arizona	19.0
Cameron Jordan	New Orleans	15.5
Danielle Hunter	Minnesota	14.5
TJ Watt	Pittsburgh	14.5
Za'Darius Smith	Green Bay	13.5

Interceptions (AFC & NFC)

Stephen Gilmore	New England	6
Anthony Harris	Minnesota	6
Tre'Davious White	Buffalo	6
Nine tied with 5/each		

League:

5/26: Bart Starr, Green Bay Packers' Hall of Fame QB, passed away at 85.

- NFL celebrated its **100th anniversary**. First known as the American Professional Football Association (**APFA**), the league changed its name to the **National Football League** in 1922.
- San Francisco's **Katie Sowers** became NFL's 1st full-time female coach. Sowers assisted on offense.

Pass interference and non-calls now reviewable. Coaches could challenge such calls outside of 2 minutes; calls within 2 minutes of play would be subject to booth review.

- No more **blind-side blocks**. The popular **Oklahoma Drill** was also eliminated.
- League once again considered adding 2 more games to the schedule.
- Oakland WR **Antonio Brown** lost his challenge to **NFL's Helmet Rule**. Brown wanted to keep his current helmet, whereas the rule stipulates any helmet more than 10 years old are not approved and must be replaced.

- QB **Russell Wilson's** \$140M/4-year contract extension with Seattle made him the highest paid player in NFL history. Philadelphia extended QB **Carson Wentz's** contract: \$128M/4 years. LA Rams extended QB **Jared Goff's** contract: \$134M/4 years. Dallas RB **Ezekiel Elliott's** \$90M/6-year extension made him the highest paid RB in league history.
- Over 600K attended the 3-day **NFL draft** in Nashville, TN. More than 6M watched the draft "at any given time" on major network channels (ESPN, ABC, and NFL Network).

11/16: Free agent QB **Colin Kaepernick** worked out before eight NFL teams. Kaepernick hadn't played since 2016 season. Despite high-profile media attention, Kaepernick received no offers.

Fines, Suspensions/Arrests:

Violating NFL drug policy: Minnesota CB **Holton Hill** & RB **Roc Thomas**, NY Giants WR **Golden Tate**, S **Jordan Miller** (Atl), Indianapolis OL **Antonio Garcia** and G **Tyreke Evans** (banned; possible reinstatement in 2 years); New England TE **Ben Watson** & DT **Gerald McCoy**, NY Jets **LB Brandon Copeland**, Arizona CB **Patrick Peterson**; New Orleans DB **PJ Williams**; DE **Robert Quinn.**, Dallas DE **Randy Gregory** & **Josh Gordon** (both indefinitely) Oakland LB **Vontaze Burfict** 12G (remainder of season) for helmet-to-helmet hit on an Indianapolis receiver. Cleveland DE **Myles Garrett** 7G (remainder of season) and DT **Larry Ogunjobi** 3G for their part during brawl on 11/14 Pittsburgh C **Maurkice Pouncey** (2G) for his role during the on-field fight. Total of 33 players were fined. Pittsburgh Steelers and Cleveland Browns franchises were each fined \$250K.

- NE Patriots owner **Robert Kraft** was among many implicated in a prostitution/sex trafficking sting in Florida.
- **Ten former NFL players** were charged with defrauding a health care plan that was setup for retired players.

Trades: QB Nick Foles (Jacksonville), DE Jadeveon Clowney (Sea), OG Kevin Zeitler & WR Golden Tate (NYG); DL Michael Bennett & WRs Antonio Brown and Emmanuel Sanders (NE), S Eric Weddle, DB Jalen Ramsey, QB Blake Bortles & LB Clay Matthews (LA Rams), DL Ndamukong Suh (TB), Danny Amendola (Det); S Eric Berry, WR Randall Cobb and DL Michael Bennett (Dal), QB Ryan Tannehill (TN), Demaryius Thomas (NY Jets), RB Carlos Hyde, OT Laremy Tunsil & WR Kenny Stills (Tex), QB Ryan Fitzpatrick (Miami), DT Gerald McCoy (Carolina); DB Tyrann Mathieu, DE Frank Clark & RB LeSean McCoy (KC); Desean Jackson (Phil), S Minkah Fitzpatrick (Pitt)

Cleveland RB **Kareem Hunt** was required to serve 8G suspension for battery during 2018 season.

Pre-season drama: Oakland released WR **Antonio Brown** the day before the team was to play their 1st game. Brown later signed on with the New England Patriots. Brown played 1 game for the Pats before his release when allegations of rape and sexual misconduct surfaced.

Noteworthy games:

- 9/8: **Cleveland** lost to Tennessee 43-13. The favored Browns were penalized 18 times for 182 yards. **Cincinnati** lost to Seattle 21-20. Bengals QB **Andy Dalton**: passed 35-51/418 yards, 2/0. QB Rating 106.5. **Baltimore** beat Miami 59-10. Ravens led 42-10 at the half. QB **Lamar Jackson**: 17-20/324 yards, 5/0 & 158.3 QB Rating.
- 9/15: **Kansas City** beat Oakland 28-10. Chiefs KB **Patrick Mahomes**: passed 30-44/443, 4/0 & QB Rating 131.2.
- 9/29: **Jacksonville** beat Denver 26-24. Jaguars RB **Leonard Fournette**: rushed 29 times for 225 yards. **LA Rams** lost to Tampa Bay 55-40. Rams QB **Jared Goff**: passed 45-68 for 517 yards and 2/3. Rams out-gained the Bucs 521-464 and led in 1st downs (36-29).
- 10/6: **Philadelphia** beat NY Jets 31-6. Eagles' defense sacked Jets QB Luke Falk 10 times (3 by DE Brandon Graham). **Green Bay** beat Dallas 34-24. Packers RB **Aaron Jones**: 19 rushes for 107 yards and 4 TDs. Cowboys QB **Dak Prescott** passed for 463 yards & 2 TDs; Dallas WR **Amari Cooper**: 11 catches, 226 yards & 2 TDs. **Houston** beat Atlanta 53-32. Texans QB **Deshaun Watson**: passed 28-33 for 426 yards and 5/0; QB Rating 158.3. Houston WR **Will Fuller V**: 14 receptions for 217 yards and 3 TDs.
- 10/13: **Tampa Bay** lost to Carolina 37-26. Bucs QB **Jameis Winston** (400 yards passing): intercepted 5 times & sacked 7 times.
- 10/20: **Green Bay** beat Oakland 42-17. Packers QB **Aaron Rodgers**: passed 25-31 for 429 yards & 5 TDs. QB Rating: 158.3.
- 10/27: **LA Rams** beat Cincinnati 24-10. Rams **Cooper Kupp**: 7 receptions for 220 yards and 1 TD.
- 11/3: **LA Chargers** beat Green Bay 26-11. First time since 1984 the Chargers beat the Packers.
- 11/14: **Cleveland** beat Pittsburgh 21-17. Ugly brawl at end of game led to 3 ejections and heavy fines (see Fines above).
- 11/17: **Minnesota** beat Denver 27-23. Vikings overcame 20-0 half-time deficit. **Dallas** beat Detroit 35-27. Cowboys QB **Dak Prescott**: passed 29-46 for 444 yards and 3/0 (QBR 115.0). **San Francisco** beat Arizona 36-26. Niners QB **Jimmy Garoppolo**: passed 31-45 for 424 yards & 4/2 (QBR 115.4).
- 12/8: **Tampa Bay** beat Indiana 38-35. Bucs QB **Jameis Winston**: rushed for 1 TD and passed 33-45 for 456 yards and 4/3. **Miami** lost to NY Jets 22-21. Dolphins K **Jason Sanders**: 7-8 in FGs. Distances: 22, 25, 28, 31, 37, 47, and 53 yards. **San Francisco** beat New Orleans 48-46. Niners QB **Jimmy Garoppolo**: passed 26-35/349 yards and 4/1 (131.7) Saints QB **Drew Brees**: 1 rushing TD and passed 29-40/349 yards & 5/0 (138.4).

12/15: **Tampa Bay** beat Detroit 38-17. Bucs QB **Jameis Winston**: passed 28-42 for 458 yards and 4/1 (124.9).
Oakland lost to Jacksonville 20-16. Jaguars scored 17 unanswered points in 2nd half. Raiders' final game in Oakland.

12/16: **New Orleans** beat Indianapolis 34-7. Saints QB **Drew Brees**: passed 29-39 (**ML record** 96.7%) for 307 yards and 5/0.

12/29: **Tennessee** beat Houston 35-14. Titans RB **Derrick Henry** rushed 32 times for 211 yards and 3 TDs.

Playoffs:

1/11: #6 **Tennessee** beat #1 Baltimore 28-12. Titans RB **Derrick Henry** rushed 30 times for 195 yards.
Ravens QB **Lamar Jackson** passed for 365 yards (1 TD, 2 int.) and rushed 20 times for 143 yards (1 fumble lost).

1/12: **Kansas City** beat Texas 51-31. Chiefs overcame 24-0 1st half deficit. QB **Patrick Mahomes**: 23-35/321 yards & 5/0.
Kansas City TE **Travis Kelce** caught 10 passes for 134 yards & 3 TDs; DE **Frank Clark** recorded 3 sacks.

1/19: **NFC Championship: San Francisco** beat Green Bay 37-20. Niners RB **Raheem Mostert**: 29 carries, 220 yards & 4 TDs.

Records broken:

New England QB **Tom Brady** passed Brett Favre and Peyton Manning in career passing yards.
New Orleans QB **Drew Brees** passed Peyton Manning for most career TD passes.
Buffalo RB **Frank Gore** rose to 3rd on all-time rushing yards, surpassing Barry Sanders.
Baltimore QB **Lamar Jackson** broke Michael Vick's 2006 record for rushing yards by a QB.
Tampa Bay's **Jameis Winston** 1st QB to record 30 TD passes and 30 interceptions – including 7 “pick sixes.”

Fast/Slow starts:

New England and **San Francisco** began 8-0; **New Orleans** 7-1; **Buffalo** and **Seattle** 5-2.
Baltimore began 2-2 before winning 10+ straight games
Cincinnati started out 0-11, **Miami**, **Washington**, **Atlanta** and the **NY Jets** all began 1-7.

The **Miami Dolphins** were out-scored 102-10 during 1st 2 games of the season.

The 17th straight season **New England Patriots** won 10+ games.

Carolina's **Christian McCaffrey**: All-Pro in 2 positions – **RB** (1,387 yds rushing) and **flex** (1,005 yds receiving); 19 total TDs.

Final Season*: WRs Torrey Smith, Antonio Brown, QBs Eli Manning and Brock Osweiler, OL Kyle Long, RB Darren Sproles,
TE Antonio Gates, LB Luke Kuechly, S Eric Weddle, C Travis Frederick,

Rookie Class: DT Quinnen Williams & Ed Oliver, DE Nick Bosa, Clelin Ferrell, LBs Devin White, Devin Bush & Josh Allen;
QB Daniel Jones & Gardner Minshaw; TE TJ Hockenson, RBs Josh Jacobs and David Montgomery

NFL #1 Pick: QB Kyler Murray (Arizona). Murray was also chosen in 1st round by MLB's Oakland A's

Walter Payton Award: DE Calais Campbell, Jacksonville

Hall of Fame: Tony Gonzalez, Ed Reed, Champ Bailey, Ty Law, Kevin Mawae, Johnny Robinson,
Gil Brandt (Dallas Cowboys executive, and Pat Bowlen (Denver Broncos owner)

Comeback: QB Ryan Tannehill, Tennessee

Rookies/Year: Offense: Kyler Murray, Arizona Defense: Nick Bosa, San Francisco

Defense MVP: DB Stephon Gilmore, New England

Offense MVP: Michael Thomas, New Orleans

MVP: Lamar Jackson, Baltimore

Coach of the Year: John Harbaugh, Baltimore

AFC Championship: Kansas City beat Tennessee 35-24.
Chiefs' 1st return to Super Bowl since January, 1969.

NFC Championship: San Francisco beat Green Bay

Super Bowl: **Kansas City** beat San Francisco 31-20

*As of 6/25/20