

## 2020 SEASON SCHEDULE NOTES

**WEEK 1**SUNDAY, SEPT. 13  
NOON (FOX)**vs. Green Bay**  
**54-62-3**  
**(29-29) H**

Minnesota will play the season opener at home for the fourth consecutive season, marking the first time in franchise history the Vikings have hosted the Packers to open the schedule. Minnesota is 5-1 in season-opening games during the Mike Zimmer era (2014-present) and is 4-0 in season openers since the 2016 season.

**WEEK 2**SUNDAY, SEPT. 20  
NOON (FOX)at Indianapolis  
7-17-1  
(0-11) A

The Vikings look to break an 11-game road losing streak against the Colts franchise in Week 2, the only active team in the NFL that Minnesota has not defeated in a regular-season road game. The contest will be the Vikings fourth trip to play in Indianapolis after not playing the Colts on the road from 1969-2000.

**WEEK 3**SUNDAY, SEPT. 27  
NOON (CBS)**vs. Tennessee**  
**9-4**  
**(7-1) H**

Minnesota meets Tennessee for the first time since Week 1 of the 2016 season, a 25-16 road win in which two current Vikings, Eric Kendricks and Danielle Hunter, scored the first defensive touchdowns of their careers. The contest will feature two top-10 rushers from the 2019 season, with the Titans Derrick Henry (1,540 rushing yards) and the Vikings Dalvin Cook (1,135 rushing yards).

**WEEK 4**SUNDAY, OCT. 4  
NOON (FOX)at Houston  
4-0  
(2-0) A

The Vikings travel to Houston in Week 4 for the team's third consecutive game against an AFC South opponent. Minnesota enters the contest a perfect 4-0 against Houston, the only active team in the NFL the Vikings are undefeated against. The Vikings have averaged 4.25 sacks per game against the Texans, more than any other active opponent in the NFL.

**WEEK 5**SUNDAY, OCT. 11  
7:20 PM\* (NBC)at Seattle  
5-12  
(2-7) A

Minnesota travels to Seattle in Week 5, marking the first time since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger the Vikings will play the same non-divisional opponent for a regular-season road game in three consecutive years. The game will mark the Vikings 40th appearance on *Sunday Night Football* and the third consecutive season meeting the Seahawks in a nationally-televised game (*Monday Night Football*, 2018-19).

**WEEK 6**SUNDAY, OCT. 18  
NOON\* (FOX)**vs. Atlanta**  
**20-11**  
**(12-4) H**

The Vikings welcome the Falcons to U.S. Bank Stadium for the second consecutive season, having defeated Atlanta 28-12 in the 2019 season opener. Minnesota is a perfect 4-0 against Atlanta under Head Coach Mike Zimmer, thanks to an average of two takeaways per game in those contests.

**WEEK 8**SUNDAY, NOV. 1  
NOON\* (FOX)at Green Bay  
54-62-3  
(25-33-3) A

Minnesota finishes its regular-season slate against Green Bay in Week 8, marking just the sixth time in franchise history the division rivals will meet twice in the first half of a regular season. The Vikings look for their first victory at Lambeau Field since their 16-0 win in Week 16 of the 2017 season.

**WEEK 9**SUNDAY, NOV. 8  
NOON\* (CBS)**vs. Detroit**  
**76-39-2**  
**(41-16-1) H**

Minnesota chases a third consecutive victory over Detroit at U.S. Bank Stadium after dropping the first two contests between the teams since the venue opened in 2016. In the Week 13 home victory over Detroit in 2019, Vikings DE Danielle Hunter became the youngest player (25 years and 40 days old) to eclipse 50 career sacks since sacks became an official stat in 1982.

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Minnesota meets Chicago on *Monday Night Football* for the 15th time in franchise history, having split the series 7-7. A victory in Week 10 would give the Vikings a win at Soldier Field and on *Monday Night Football* for the first time since defeating the Bears, 20-17, in Week 5 of the 2017 season.

at Chicago  
60-56-2  
(23-33-2) A



WEEK 10  
MONDAY, NOV. 16  
7:15 PM (ESPN)

The Vikings play the Cowboys for the second consecutive season after defeating Dallas, 28-24, on *Sunday Night Football* on Nov. 10, 2019. Minnesota last hosted Dallas in Week 13 of the 2016 season, a 17-15 Cowboys victory on *Thursday Night Football*. Vikings Head Coach Mike Zimmer previously spent 13 seasons on the Cowboys coaching staff, serving as a defensive backs coach (1994-99) and defensive coordinator (2000-06).

vs. Dallas  
15-16  
(7-10) H



WEEK 11  
SUNDAY, NOV. 22  
3:25 PM\* (FOX)

Minnesota hosts Carolina for the first time since a 31-13 Vikings victory played on the campus of the University of Minnesota during the 2014 season. The game saw Vikings WR Adam Thielen record his first NFL touchdown by blocking and returning a punt 30 yards for a score. Former Vikings and current Panthers QB Teddy Bridgewater is poised to make his first start at U.S. Bank Stadium since the 2016 preseason.

vs. Carolina  
8-6  
(6-3) H



WEEK 12  
SUNDAY, NOV. 29  
NOON\* (FOX)

Minnesota and Jacksonville meet for their seventh regular-season matchup in Week 13. The Vikings seek their fifth consecutive victory over the Jaguars, and their first since a 25-16 win at Jacksonville in Week 14 of the 2016 season. Minnesota will complete a three-game home stand for the first time since opening U.S. Bank Stadium in 2016.

vs. Jacksonville  
5-1  
(3-1) H



WEEK 13  
SUNDAY, DEC. 6  
NOON\* (CBS)

Minnesota travels to Tampa Bay for the first time since Week 8 of the 2014 season, a game won in overtime by a 27-yard fumble recovery return for a touchdown by then-rookie LB Anthony Barr. Minnesota makes its fourth trip to Tampa Bay since the two teams moved to separate divisions in 2002.

at Tampa Bay  
33-22  
(14-13) A



WEEK 14  
SUNDAY, DEC. 13  
NOON\* (FOX)

The Vikings enter Week 15 having lost two consecutive home games to the Bears after previously defeating Chicago in six straight home contests from 2012-17. During the Mike Zimmer era (2014-present) Minnesota has allowed an average of 15.2 points per game at home against Chicago.

vs. Chicago  
60-56-2  
(37-23) H



WEEK 15  
SUNDAY, DEC. 12  
NOON\* (FOX)

Minnesota and New Orleans square off for the first time since the Vikings 26-20 overtime victory at New Orleans in the 2019 Wild Card Round. The contest marks the franchise's fourth game played on a Friday (first since 2004) and the fourth overall matchup scheduled on Christmas Day (first since 2005), including a postseason loss to the Cowboys on Dec. 25, 1971.

at New Orleans  
23-12  
(9-8) A



WEEK 16  
FRIDAY, DEC. 25  
3:30 PM\* (FOX/NFLN/AMZN)

The Vikings close out regular-season play on the road at Detroit for the first time since the 2010 season and the fifth overall time in franchise history, with the season-ending series split at 2-2. Minnesota's 42 points on the road against the Lions in Week 7 of the 2019 season marked the most at Detroit in franchise history.

at Detroit  
76-39-2  
(35-23-1) A



WEEK 17  
SUNDAY, JAN. 3  
NOON\* (FOX)

\*Sunday game times in Weeks 5-17 are subject to change.

\*\*All series records include both regular and postseason games.