

2016 Cleveland Browns season



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The **2016 Cleveland Browns season** was the franchise's 68th season as a professional sports franchise, its 64th as a member of the National Football League and its first under head coach Hue Jackson and de facto general manager Sashi Brown. The Browns failed to improve upon their 3–13 record from their previous season, finishing 1–15, their worst record in franchise history at the time. They started the season 0–14, tied for their worst 14-game start in franchise history, and in so doing, clinched a losing record for a franchise record ninth straight season, failed to make the playoffs for a franchise record 14th straight season, finished in fourth place in the AFC North for the sixth straight season, went 0-6 within the division, failed to win a road game in a season for only the second time in franchise history (first occurred during the 1975 season), and set a franchise record for most consecutive losses, losing 17 straight games going back to their final three games of the previous season. They also extended their road losing streak to 13 games, a streak that began in Week 7 of the 2015 season, when they lost their final five road games. The Browns were also the first team to start 0–14 since the Detroit Lions went winless during 2008, the first team to finish with a 1– 15 record since 2009, and only the 10th team in NFL history to finish

2016 Cleveland Browns				
٤	season			
Owner	Jimmy Haslam			
General	Sashi Brown ^[1]			
manager				
Head coach	Hue Jackson			
Home field	FirstEnergy Stadium			
Local radio	WKNR · WKRK-			
	FM · WNCX			
F	Results			
Record	1–15			
Division	4th AFC North			
place				
Playoff finish	Did not qualify			
Pro Bowlers	Joe Thomas, OT			

with 15 losses. The Browns' lone victory was a 20–17 win over the San Diego Chargers in Week 16.

Despite the team's performance, history was made as OT Joe Thomas became one of only five players in the NFL to be selected to the Pro Bowl in each of his first 10 seasons. [2]

Offseason

Front office changes

On January 3, just hours after the Browns' final game of the 2015 season, the team fired general manager Ray Farmer, who had been the general manager the past two seasons. [3] Team owner Jimmy Haslam also announced that the team's general counsel Sashi Brown would become the team's vice president of football operations. $\frac{[4]}{[4]}$

On January 5, the Browns hired former New York Mets executive Paul DePodesta to be their chief strategy officer. DePodesta brings over 20 years of experience in the Major League Baseball front offices, but has never held an executive position in the NFL before this. [5]

On March 4, the Browns announced the resignation of team president Alec Scheiner, effective March 31. [6]

Coaching changes

On January 3, the Browns fired head coach Mike Pettine. In two seasons with the Browns, Pettine had a record of 10-22, but went just 4-19 after a 6-3 start to the 2014 season. [3]

On January 13, the Browns hired former <u>Cincinnati Bengals</u> offensive coordinator <u>Hue Jackson</u> as head coach. Jackson was the Bengals' offensive coordinator for the past two seasons and was the head coach of the <u>Oakland Raiders</u> in 2011, in which they posted an 8–8 record. [7]

Roster changes

Free agents

Pos	Player	Tag	2016 Team	Signed
SS	Johnson Bademosi	UFA	Detroit Lions	March 10 ^[8]
WR	Travis Benjamin	UFA	San Diego Chargers	March 9 ^[9]
ILB	Tank Carder	UFA	Cleveland Browns	March 7 ^[10]
K	Travis Coons	ERFA	Cleveland Browns	April 4 ^[11]
QB	Pat Devlin	RFA		
FS	Tashaun Gipson	UFA	Jacksonville Jaguars	March 9 ^[12]
WR	Darius Jennings	ERFA	Cleveland Browns	April 6 ^[13]
OLB	Cam Johnson	ERFA	Cleveland Browns	
FS	Don Jones	UFA	Cleveland Browns	March 17 ^[14]
С	Alex Mack	UFA	Atlanta Falcons	March 9 ^[15]
DE	Jamie Meder	ERFA	Cleveland Browns	March 7 ^[10]
Т	Darrian Miller	ERFA		
RB	Raheem Mostert	ERFA	Cleveland Browns	March 7 ^[10]
G	Austin Pasztor	RFA	Cleveland Browns	April 4 ^[16]
WR	Terrelle Pryor	UFA	Cleveland Browns	March 17 ^[14]
LB	Craig Robertson	UFA	New Orleans Saints	March 22 ^[17]



 $\frac{ \hbox{Robert Griffin III}}{\hbox{camp}} \hbox{ at Browns training}$

Т	Mitchell Schwartz	UFA	Kansas City Chiefs	March 9 ^[18]
ILB	Scott Solomon	RFA		

Releases

Pos	Player	Released	2016 Team	Signed
WR	Dwayne Bowe	March 16 ^[19]		
LB	Karlos Dansby	March 16 ^[20]	Cincinnati Bengals	March 29 ^[21]
QB	Johnny Manziel	March 11 ^[22]		
SS	Donte Whitner	April 2 ^[23]	Washington Redskins	October 5
WR	Brian Hartline	May 23		

Signings

Pos	Player	2015 Team	Signed
G	Alvin Bailey	Seattle Seahawks	March 11 ^[24]
LB	Demario Davis	New York Jets	March 16 ^[25]
QB	Robert Griffin III	Washington Redskins	March 24 ^[26]
S	Rahim Moore	Houston Texans	March 16 ^[27]
LB	Justin Tuggle	Houston Texans	March 11 ^[24]

2016 Draft Class

	2016 Cleveland Browns Draft							
Round	Selection	Player	Position	College				
1	15	Corey Coleman	WR	Baylor				
2	32	Emmanuel Ogbah	DE	Oklahoma State				
	65	Carl Nassib	DE	Penn State				
3	76	Shon Coleman	Ţ	Auburn				
	93	Cody Kessler	QB	USC				
	99	Joe Schobert	OLB	Wisconsin				
4	114	Ricardo Louis	WR	Auburn				
4	129	Derrick Kindred	FS	TCU				
	138^	Seth DeValve	<u>TE</u>	Princeton				

	154	Jordan Payton	WR	UCLA
168	Spencer Drango	Ţ	Baylor	
5	172^	172^ Rashard Higgins		Colorado State
	173^	Trey Caldwell	СВ	Louisiana-Monroe
7	250	Scooby Wright III	ILB	Arizona

Notes

- The Browns traded their original 1st round selection (No. 2) to the <u>Philadelphia Eagles</u> for the Eagles' 1st (8), 3rd (77), and 4th (100) round selections, as well as the Eagles' 1st round selection in 2017 and 2nd round selection in 2018.
 - The Browns would then trade the No. 8 and its 6th round (176) selection to the <u>Tennessee</u> Titans for their 1st (15) and 3rd (76) round selections and a 2nd round selection in 2017.
- The Browns traded their 3rd (No. 77) and 5th (141) round selections to the <u>Carolina Panthers</u> for their 3rd (93), 4th (129), and 5th (168) round selections.
- The Browns traded their 4th round selection (No. 100) to the <u>Oakland Raiders</u> for their 4th (114) and 5th (154) round selections.
- The Browns traded their 7th round selection (No. 223) to the Miami Dolphins for their 7th round selection (250) and CB Jamar Taylor.
- ^As the result of a negative differential of free agent signings and departures that the Browns experienced during the 2015 free agency period, the team received three compensatory selections for the 2016 draft: [28] selection 138 in the fourth round, and selections 172 and 173 in the fifth round. Free agent transactions that occurred after May 12, 2015 did not impact the team's formula for determining compensatory selections for the 2016 draft. [29]

Josh Gordon's reinstatement and rehab

On April 1, wide receiver <u>Josh Gordon</u> applied for reinstatement following an indefinite suspension by the NFL due to repeated violations of the league's substance abuse policy, causing him to miss the entire 2015 season. On April 11, it was revealed that Gordon had failed another drug test, and on April 12, the league announced that Gordon's appeal had been denied. He was eligible to reapply on August 1.

On July 25, the NFL announced that Gordon would be reinstated on a conditional basis, and can stay with the team during a four-game ban to begin the season.

Preseason

Schedule

Week	Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Game site	NFL.com recap
1	August 12	at Green Bay Packers	L 11– 17	0–1	Lambeau Field	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016081255/2016/PRE1/browns@packers)
2	August 18	Atlanta Falcons	L 13– 24	0–2	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016081853/2016/PRE2/falcons@browns)
3	August 26	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	L 13- 30	0–3	Raymond James Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016082653/2016/PRE3/brow ns@buccaneers)
4	September 1	Chicago Bears	L 7–21	0–4	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016090161/2016/PRE4/bears @browns)

Regular season

Schedule

Week	Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Game site	NFL.com recap
1	September 11	at Philadelphia Eagles	L 10–29	0–1	Lincoln Financial Field	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016091107/2016/REG1/brow ns@eagles)
2	September 18	Baltimore Ravens	L 20–25	0–2	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016091801/2016/REG2/rave ns@browns)
3	September 25	at <u>Miami</u> Dolphins	L 24-30 (OT)	0–3	Hard Rock Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016092505/2016/REG3/brow ns@dolphins)
4	October 2	at Washington Redskins	L 20–31	0–4	FedExField	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016100207/2016/REG4/brow ns@redskins)
5	October 9	New England Patriots	L 13–33	0–5	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016100901/2016/REG5/patri ots@browns)
6	October 16	at <u>Tennessee</u> <u>Titans</u>	L 26–28	0–6	Nissan Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016101607/2016/REG6/brow ns@titans)

7	October 23	at Cincinnati Bengals	L 17–31	0–7	Paul Brown Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016102301/2016/REG7/brow ns@bengals)
8	October 30	New York Jets	L 28–31	0–8	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016103003/2016/REG8/jets @browns)
9	November 6	Dallas Cowboys	L 10–35	0–9	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016110602/2016/REG9/cowb oys@browns)
10	November 10	at Baltimore Ravens	L 7–28	0–10	M&T Bank Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016111000/2016/REG10/bro wns@ravens)
11	November 20	Pittsburgh Steelers	L 9–24	0–11	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016112001/2016/REG11/ste elers@browns)
12	November 27	New York Giants	L 13–27	0–12	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016112704/2016/REG12/gia nts@browns)
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14	December 11	Cincinnati Bengals	L 10–23	0–13	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016121102/2016/REG14/ben gals@browns)
15	December 18	at <u>Buffalo Bills</u>	L 13–33	0–14	New Era Field	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016121801/2016/REG15/bro wns@bills)
16	December 24	San Diego Chargers	W 20–	1–14	FirstEnergy Stadium	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2016122403/2016/REG16/cha rgers@browns)
17	January 1	at Pittsburgh Steelers	L 24–27 (OT)	1–15	Heinz Field	Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamece nter/2017010108/2016/REG17/bro wns@steelers)

Note: Intra-division opponents are in **bold** text.

Game summaries

Week 1: at Philadelphia Eagles

Week One: Cleveland Browns at Philadelphia Eagles – Game summary

at Lincoln Financial Field, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Date: September 11

■ **Game time**: 1:00 p.m. <u>EDT</u>

■ Game weather: 85 °F (29 °C), sunny

Game attendance: 69,596Referee: Walt Anderson

■ TV announcers (CBS): <u>Greg Gumbel</u>, <u>Trent Green</u> and <u>Jamie Erdahl</u>

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016091107/2016/REG1/browns@eagles), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/56909/PHI_Gamebook.pdf)

Period	1	2	3	4	Total
Browns	0	7	3	0	10
Eagles	7	6	9	7	29

First quarter

■ PHI – <u>Jordan Matthews</u> 19-yard pass from <u>Carson Wentz</u> (<u>Caleb Sturgis</u> kick), 9:50. *Eagles 7–0. Drive:* 9 plays, 75 yards, 5:10.

Second quarter

- PHI <u>Caleb Sturgis</u> 22-yard field goal, 12:30. Eagles 10–0. **Drive: 5 plays, 31 yards, 2:14.**
- CLE <u>Isaiah Crowell</u> 2-yard run (<u>Patrick Murray kick</u>), 9:11. *Eagles 10–7. Drive: 7 plays*, 75 yards, 3:19.
- PHI <u>Caleb Sturgis</u> 38-yard field goal, 0:27. Eagles 13–7. **Drive:** 11 plays, 60 yards, 3:16.

Third quarter

- CLE Patrick Murray 35-yard field goal, 13:57. Eagles 13–10. Drive: 5 plays, 58 yards, 1:03.
- PHI <u>Cameron Erving</u> fumble out of bounds in end zone for a safety, 10:49. *Eagles 15–10*.
- PHI Nelson Agholor 35-yard pass from Carson Wentz (Caleb Sturgis kick), 6:17.
 Eagles 22–10. Drive: 9 plays, 73 yards, 4:32.

Fourth quarter

PHI – Ryan Mathews 1-yard run (Caleb Sturgis kick), 1:12. Eagles 29–10. Drive: 5 plays, 15 yards, 2:24.

Top passers

- CLE Robert Griffin III 12/26, 190 yards, INT
- PHI Carson Wentz 22/37, 278 yards, 2 TD

Top rushers

- CLE <u>Isaiah Crowell</u> 12 rushes, 62 yards, TD
- PHI <u>Ryan Mathews</u> 22 rushes, 77 yards, TD

Top receivers

- CLE <u>Corey Coleman</u> 2 receptions, 69 yards
- PHI <u>Jordan Matthews</u> 7 receptions, 114 yards, TD

The Browns opened their 2016 regular season with a road game against the <u>Philadelphia Eagles</u> and rookie quarterback <u>Carson Wentz</u>, whom the Browns had passed up in the 2016 draft. The Eagles won 29–10 and with the loss, the Browns started the season 0–1. This would be their 12th straight regular season opening loss.

Week 2: vs. Baltimore Ravens

Week Two: Baltimore Ravens at Cleveland Browns – Game summary

at FirstEnergy Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio

■ Date: September 18

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EDT

■ Game weather: 74 °F (23 °C), sunny

Game attendance: 67,431Referee: John Hussey

TV announcers (CBS): Carter Blackburn and Chris Simms

Period	1	2	3	4	Total
Ravens	2	10	7	6	25
Browns	20	0	0	0	20

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016091801/2016/REG2/ravens@browns), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/56919/CLE_Gamebook.pdf)

Game information

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First quarter

- CLE <u>Corey Coleman</u> 31-yard pass from <u>Josh McCown</u> (<u>Patrick Murray kick</u>), 9:45.
 Browns 7–0. **Drive: 9 plays, 75 yards, 5:15.**
- CLE <u>Isaiah Crowell</u> 85-yard run (Patrick Murray kick), 6:47. *Browns 14–0. Drive:* 1 play, 85 yards, 0:11.
- CLE Corey Coleman 11-yard pass from Josh McCown, 4:34. Browns 20–0. Drive: 4 plays, 27 yards, 1:25.
- BAL <u>Tavon Young</u> defensive two-point conversion, 4:34. *Browns 20–2.*

Second quarter

- BAL Mike Wallace 7-yard pass from Joe Flacco (Justin Tucker kick), 1:15. Browns 20–9. Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, 1:59.
- BAL Justin Tucker 52-yard field goal, 0:00.
 Browns 20–12. Drive: 7 plays, 27 yards,
 0:42.

Third quarter

 BAL – Mike Wallace 17-yard pass from Joe Flacco (Justin Tucker kick), 12:17. Browns 20–19. Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, 2:43.

Fourth quarter

- BAL Justin Tucker 49-yard field goal, 11:19.
 Ravens 22–20. Drive: 5 plays, 27 yards,
 2:35.
- BAL Justin Tucker 41-yard field goal, 2:53.
 Ravens 25–20. Drive: 11 plays, 41 yards,
 5:08.

Top passers

- BAL <u>Joe Flacco</u> 24/45, 302 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT
- CLE <u>Josh McCown</u> 20/33, 260 yards, 2
 TD, 2 INT

Top rushers

- BAL Terrance West 11 rushes, 42 yards
- CLE <u>Isaiah Crowell</u> 18 rushes, 133 yards, TD

Top receivers

- BAL Dennis Pitta 9 receptions, 102 yards
- CLE <u>Corey Coleman</u> 5 receptions, 104 yards, 2 TD

The Browns scored on their first three drives and led 20–2 early in the first quarter. The 18 point lead at the end of the first quarter was the Browns' largest lead after the 1st quarter since 1960. However, the Browns' offense stalled the rest of the game. The Ravens would score the final 23 points of the game to win 25–20. The Browns had a chance to score a go ahead touchdown on a drive with less than a minute to play, but things went wrong after a controversial taunting penalty was called on Pryor following his catch at the Ravens' 10-yard line with under 30 seconds to play. McCown would throw an interception on the next play to seal the loss. With the loss, the Browns fell to 0–2.

Week 3: at Miami Dolphins

Week Three: Cleveland Browns at Miami Dolphins – Game summary

at Hard Rock Stadium, Miami Gardens, Florida

Date: September 25

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EDT

■ Game weather: 85 °F (29 °C), partly cloudy

• Referee: Clete Blakeman

TV announcers (CBS): Spero Dedes and Solomon Wilcots

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016092505/2016/REG3/browns@dolphins), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/56939/MIA Gamebook.pdf)

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First quarter

 MIA – <u>DeVante Parker</u> 26-yard pass from <u>Ryan Tannehill</u> (<u>Andrew Franks</u> kick), 10:16. <u>Dolphins 7–0.</u> **Drive: 5 plays, 61 yards, 2:37.**

Second quarter

- CLE <u>Cody Parkey</u> 46-yard field goal, 13:32.
 Dolphins 7–3. **Drive: 10 plays, 58 yards,** 5:03.
- CLE Briean Boddy-Calhoun 27-yard interception return (Cody Parkey kick), 6:47.
 Browns 10–7.
- MIA Andrew Franks 37-yard field goal, 1:57.
 Tied 10–10. Drive: 10 plays, 56 yards, 4:50.
- CLE Cody Parkey 48-yard field goal, 0:42.
 Browns 13–10. Drive: 8 plays, 45 yards,
 1:15.

Third quarter

 MIA – <u>Jarvis Landry</u> 42-yard pass from Ryan Tannehill (Andrew Franks kick), 5:17.
 Dolphins 17–13. **Drive: 4 plays, 68 yards,** 2:10.

Fourth quarter

- MIA <u>Damien Williams</u> 10-yard pass from Ryan Tannehill (Andrew Franks kick), 14:17. Dolphins 24–13. **Drive: 6 plays, 64 yards,** 3:16.
- CLE Terrelle Pryor 3-yard run (Cody Kessler–Gary Barnidge pass), 10:12.
 Dolphins 24–21. Drive: 9 plays, 83 yards, 4:05.

Top passers

Period

Dolphins

Browns

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- CLE Cody Kessler 21/33, 244 yards
- MIA Ryan Tannehill 25/39, 319 yards, 3 TD, 2 INT

Top rushers

- CLE Isaiah Crowell 15 rushes, 79 yards
- MIA Kenyan Drake 9 rushes, 37 yards

- CLE Terrelle Pryor 8 receptions, 144 yards
- MIA <u>Jarvis Landry</u> 7 receptions, 120 yards, TD

 CLE – Cody Parkey 38-yard field goal, 3:14. Tied 24-24. Drive: 8 plays, 74 yards, 3:03.

Overtime

MIA – Jay Ajayi 11-yard run, 8:26. Dolphins 30-24. Drive: 3 plays, 44 yards, 1:13.

Cody Kessler made his debut as the Browns' starting quarterback. The Browns led 13–10 at halftime. However, the Dolphins scored two consecutive touchdowns to go up 24–13 early in the fourth quarter. The Browns, sparked by Pryor, rallied to tie the game. The Dolphins attempted a game-winning drive in the final minute of regulation. However, Dolphins QB, Ryan Tannehill, fumbled the ball, and the Browns secured possession. The Browns had a chance to win it at the end of regulation. However, recently signed Browns kicker, Cody Parkey, missed the 46-yard field goal, sending the game to overtime. It was his third miss of the day. Both teams traded punts on their opening possession in overtime. On their second possession, the Dolphins, who got the ball around midfield to start the drive, reached the endzone after a few plays and won the game. With the loss, the Browns fell to 0–3 and remained in 4th place in the AFC North.

This would also be the team's sixth straight regular season loss dating back to last season.

Week 4: at Washington Redskins

Week Four: Cleveland Browns at Washington Redskins – Game summary

at FedExField, Landover, Maryland

Date: October 2

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EDT

■ Game weather: 67 °F (19 °C), cloudy

■ Game attendance: 76,249

Referee: Jeff Triplette

TV announcers (CBS): Kevin Harlan and Rich Gannon

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016100207/2016/REG4/browns@redskins), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/56957/WAS Gamebook.pdf)

Game information

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Total

20

31

First quarter

- WAS Jordan Reed 8-yard pass from Kirk Cousins (Dustin Hopkins kick), 7:40. Redskins 7-0. Drive: 12 plays, 75 yards, 7:20.
- WAS Jordan Reed 9-yard pass from Kirk Cousins (Dustin Hopkins kick), 0:27. Redskins Top rushers 14-0. Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, 4:14.

Second quarter

- CLE Isaiah Crowell 2-yard run (Cody Parkey WAS Matt Jones 22 rushes, 117 yards, kick), 9:33. Redskins 14-7. Drive: 12 plays, 81 yards, 5:54.
- CLE Terrelle Pryor 9-yard pass from Cody Kessler (Cody Parkey kick), 7:55. Tied 14-14. Drive: 3 plays, 12 yards, 1:25.

Top passers

Period

Redskins

Browns

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- CLE Cody Kessler 28/40, 223 yards, TD,
- WAS Kirk Cousins 21/27, 183 yards, 3 TD, INT

- CLE Isaiah Crowell 15 rushes, 112 yards,

Top receivers

CLE – Gary Barnidge – 7 receptions, 57 yards

- WAS Dustin Hopkins 49-yard field goal,
 2:29. Redskins 17–14. Drive: 10 plays, 32 yards, 5:26.
- CLE Cody Parkey 51-yard field goal, 0:00.
 Tied 17–17. Drive: 7 plays, 42 yards, 2:29.

■ WAS – <u>Jordan Reed</u> – 9 receptions, 73 yards, 2 TD

Third quarter

CLE – Cody Parkey 45-yard field goal, 9:25.
 Browns 20–17. Drive: 11 plays, 48 yards,
 5:35.

Fourth quarter

- WAS Chris Thompson 5-yard pass from Kirk Cousins (Dustin Hopkins kick), 10:39.
 Redskins 24–20' Drive: 10 plays, 91 yards, 5:28
- WAS <u>Matt Jones</u> 1-yard run (Dustin Hopkins kick), 4:25. Redskins 31–20. Drive: 4 plays, 39 yards, 2:03.

The Browns came to Washington for a matchup against the Redskins. The Browns had a 20–17 lead going into the fourth quarter but the offense once again stalled with a <u>Josh Norman</u> pick and two touchdowns by the Redskins' offense would drop the Browns to 0–4 for the first time since 2012. Wins by the Jaguars, Bears, and Saints would make the Browns the only team in the NFL without a victory through Week 4.

The team's losing streak increased to 7.

Week 5: vs. New England Patriots

Week Five: New England Patriots at Cleveland Browns – Game summary

at FirstEnergy Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio

Date: October 9

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EDT

■ Game weather: 58 °F (14 °C), sunny

■ Game attendance: 67,431

Referee: Bill Vinovich

TV announcers (CBS): Greg Gumbel, Trent Green and Jamie Erdahl

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016100901/2016/REG5/patriots@browns), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/56966/CLE Gamebook.pdf)

Game information

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Total

33

13

First quarter

- NE LeGarrette Blount 1-yard run (Stephen Gostkowski kick), 10:28. Patriots 7–0. Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, 3:13.
- CLE Andrew Hawkins 11-yard pass from <u>Cody Kessler</u> (Cody Parkey kick), 6:09. *Tied* 7–7. *Drive: 9 plays*, 75 yards, 4:19.

Top passers

Period

Patriots

Browns

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- NE Tom Brady 28/40, 406 yards, 3 TD
- CLE Charlie Whitehurst 14/24, 182 yards, TD, INT

Top rushers

- NE <u>Martellus Bennett</u> 7-yard pass from <u>Tom Brady</u> (Stephen Gostkowski kick), 2:06.
 Patriots 14–7. **Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 4:03.**
- NE Cody Kessler fumble out of bounds in end zone for a safety, 1:20. *Patriots* 16–7.

Second quarter

 NE – Martellus Bennett 5 -yard pass from Tom Brady (Stephen Gostkowski kick), 12:10.
 Patriots 23–7. Drive: 8 plays, 64 yards, 4:10.

Third quarter

 NE – Martellus Bennett 37-yard pass from Tom Brady (Stpehen Gostkowski kick), 12:24.
 Patriots 30–7. Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 2:36.

Fourth quarter

- CLE Connor Hamlett 17-yard pass from Charlie Whitehurst (pass failed), 14:05.
 Patriots 30–13. Drive 7 plays, 80 yards, 3:22.
- NE Stephen Gostkowski 31-yard field goal, 7:42. Patriots 33–13. Drive 11 plays, 72 yards, 6:23.

With <u>Tom Brady</u> back from his four-game suspension due to his alleged role in <u>Deflategate</u>, the Browns hosted the Patriots in a duel game. The game turned out to be a disaster for the Browns as Brady and the Pats stormed the Browns defense, dropping the Browns to 0–5. This was the second consecutive season a team started 0–5, after the <u>2015 Detroit Lions</u>. This is the team's first start with such a record since 2012. It is also the team's eighth straight loss, dating back to the 2015 season.

Week 6: at Tennessee Titans

Week Six: Cleveland Browns at Tennessee Titans – Game summary

at Nissan Stadium, Nashville, Tennessee

Date: October 16

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EDT/12:00 p.m. CDT

■ Game weather: 75 °F (24 °C), sunny

Game attendance: 60,897Referee: Carl Cheffers

TV announcers (CBS): Tom McCarthy and Adam Archuleta

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016101607/2016/REG6/browns@titans), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/56986/TEN Gamebook.pdf)

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First quarter

Top passers

■ TEN – <u>Rishard Matthews</u> 11-yard pass from Marcus Mariota (Ryan Succop kick), 10:37.

■ CLE – <u>Cody Kessler</u> – 26/41, 336 yards, 2 TD

Total Period 1 2 3 4 7 0 13 **Browns** 6 26 7 7 7 7 **Titans** 28

■ NE – LeGarrette Blount – 18 rushes, 37

■ CLE – Isaiah Crowell – 13 rushes, 22 yards

NE – <u>Chris Hogan</u> – 4 receptions, 114 yards
 CLE – Gary Barnidge – 5 receptions, 76 yards

yards, TD

Titans 7–0. **Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 4:23.**

■ CLE – Cody Parkey 45-yard field goal, 8:47. Titans 7–3. **Drive: 5 plays, 48 yards, 1:50.**

CLE – Cody Parkey 37-yard field goal, 2:08.
 Titans 7–6. Drive: 8 plays, 71 yards, 4:53.

Second quarter

- TEN <u>Kendall Wright</u> 48-yard pass from Marcus Mariota (Ryan Succop kick), 11:41.
 Titans 14–6. **Drive: 4 plays, 59 yards, 2:16.**
- CLE <u>Terrelle Pryor</u> 7-yard pass from <u>Cody</u> <u>Kessler</u> (Cody Parkey kick), 0:40. *Titans 14–13. Drive: 9 plays, 94 yards, 3:49.*

Third quarter

TEN – <u>DeMarco Murray</u> 3-yard run (Ryan Succop kick), 9:33. *Titans 21–13. Drive: 7 plays, 70 yards, 3:36.*

Fourth quarter

- TEN Anthony Fasano 15-yard pass from Marcus Mariota (Ryan Succop kick), 6:43. Titans 28–13. Drive: 12 plays, 80 yards, 6:59.
- CLE Terrelle Pryor 5-yard pass from Cody Kessler (pass failed), 2:07. *Titans 28–19.*

Drive: 13 plays, 75 yards, 4:36.

 CLE – <u>Duke Johnson</u> 1-yard run (Cody Parkey kick), 0:27. *Titans 28–26. Drive: 9* plays, 62 yards, 1:40. ■ TEN – Marcus Mariota – 17/24, 284 yards, 3 TD, INT

Top rushers

- CLE <u>Duke Johnson</u> 4 rushes, 18 yards, TD
- TEN DeMarco Murray 21 rushes, 65 yards, TD

Top receivers

- CLE <u>Terrelle Pryor</u> 9 receptions, 75 yards, 2 TD
- TEN <u>Kendall Wright</u> 8 receptions, 133 yards, TD

With the loss, the Browns dropped to 0–6 and became the first NFL team to start 0–6 since the Oakland Raiders in 2014. It was the Browns' first 0–6 start since the 1999 season. It is also the Browns' ninth consecutive loss dating back to Week 15 of last season.

Week 7: at Cincinnati Bengals

Week Seven: Cleveland Browns at Cincinnati Bengals – Game summary

at Paul Brown Stadium, Cincinnati, Ohio

■ Date: October 23

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EDT

■ Game weather: 65 °F (18 °C), sunny

■ Game attendance: 65,047

Referee: Ed Hochuli

TV announcers (CBS): Andrew Catalon, Steve Beuerlein and Steve Tasker

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016102301/2016/REG7/browns@bengals), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/56995/CIN_Gamebook.pdf)

Period	1	2	3	4	Total
Browns	0	10	7	0	17
Bengals	7	14	10	0	31

First quarter

 CIN – Giovani Bernard 5-yard run (Mike <u>Nugent</u> kick), 12:14. Bengals 7–0. Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 2:46.

Second quarter

- CLE <u>Cody Parkey</u> 28-yard field goal, 13:26.
 Bengals 7–3. **Drive: 10 plays, 60 yards,** 5:16.
- CLE <u>Isaiah Crowell</u> 1-yard run (Cody Parkey kick), 6:20. *Browns* 10–7. *Drive:* 9 plays, 70 yards, 5:39.
- CIN Brandon LaFell 44-yard pass from Andy Dalton (Mike Nugent kick), 4:09. Bengals 14–10. Drive: 5 plays, 80 yards, 2:11.
- CIN A. J. Green 48-yard pass from Andy Dalton (Mike Nugent kick), 0:00. Bengals 21– 10. Drive: 7 plays, 85 yards, 1:03.

Third quarter

- CLE <u>Kevin Hogan</u> 28-yard run (Cody Parkey kick), 10:43. *Bengals 21–17. Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 4:17.*
- CIN Jeremy Hill 74-yard run (Mike Nugent kick), 9:47. Bengals 28–17. Drive: 2 plays, 75 yards, 0:56.
- CIN Mike Nugent 36-yard field goal, 4:19.
 Bengals 31–17. Drive: 7 plays, 66 yards, 3:16.

Fourth quarter

No scoring plays

With their fourth straight loss to the Bengals, the Browns started 0–7 for the first time since 1999 and became the first NFL team to start 0–7 since the 2014 Raiders.

Their regular season losing streak now sits at 10.

Week 8: vs. New York Jets

Week Eight: New York Jets at Cleveland Browns – Game summary

at FirstEnergy Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio

Date: October 30

• Game time: 1:00 p.m. EDT

■ Game weather: 53 °F (12 °C), rain

■ Game attendance: 67,431

Referee: Pete Morelli

TV announcers (CBS): Kevin Harlan and Rich Gannon

Top passers

- CLE Kevin Hogan 12/24, 100 yards, 2 INT
- CIN Andy Dalton 19/28, 308 yards, 2 TD

Top rushers

- CLE Kevin Hogan 7 rushes, 104 yards, TD
- CIN Jeremy Hill 9 rushes, 168 yards, TD

- CLE Gary Barnidge 6 receptions, 66 yards
- CIN A. J. Green 8 receptions, 169 yards, TD

Period	1	2	3	4	Total
Jets	0	7	14	10	31
Browns	10	10	0	8	28

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016103003/2016/REG8/jets@browns), Gamebook (http:// www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/57012/CLE Gamebook.pdf)

Game information

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First quarter

- CLE Andrew Hawkins 5-yard pass from Josh McCown (Cody Parkey kick), 11:45. Browns 7-0. Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 3:15.
- CLE Cody Parkey 41-yard field goal, 3:11. Browns 10–0. **Drive: 8 plays, 59 yards, 3:42.** Top rushers

Second quarter

- NYJ Bilal Powell 35-yard run (Nick Folk kick), 12:44. Browns 10-7. Drive: 12 plays, 87 yards, 5:27.
- CLE Isaiah Crowell 1-yard run (Cody Parkey kick), 1:51. Browns 17-7. Drive: 9 plays, 70 yards, 4:40
- CLE Cody Parkey 27-yard field goal, 0:00. Browns 20-7. Drive: 6 plays, 49 yards, 1:25.

Third quarter

- NYJ Quincy Enunwa 24-yard pass from Rvan Fitzpatrick (Nick Folk kick), 8:15. Browns 20-14. Drive: 12 plays, 78 yards, 6:45.
- NYJ Matt Forte 4-yard run (Nick Folk kick), 2:11. Jets 21–20. Drive: 8 plays, 84 yards, 3:03.

Fourth quarter

- NYJ Matt Forte 2-yard run (Nick Folk kick), 9:38. Jets 28–20. Drive: 13 plays, 81 yards, 6:27.
- NYJ Nick Folk 24-yard field goal, 4:04. Jets 31-20. Drive: 4 plays, 2 yards, 1:09.
- CLE Andrew Hawkins 1-yard pass from Josh McCown (Josh McCown-Terrelle Pryor pass), 0:12. Jets 31–28. Drive: 14 plays, 84 yards, 3:52.

Top passers

- NYJ Ryan Fitzpatrick 16/34, 228 yards, TD
- CLE Josh McCown 25/49, 341 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT

- NYJ Matt Forte 25 rushes, 82 yards, 2 TD
- CLE Isaiah Crowell 11 rushes, 29 yards, TD

Top receivers

- NYJ Quincy Enunwa 4 receptions, 93 vards, TD
- CLE Terrelle Pryor 6 receptions, 101 yards

Hoping to stop a 10-game losing streak dating back to last year, the Browns hosted the Jets in an AFC duel. The Browns led 20–7 at halftime. However, they gave up 24 unanswered points to fall behind 31–20 in the 4th quarter. They also committed two turnovers in the 4th quarter. The Browns scored late in the 4th quarter to cut the deficit to 31–28, but a comeback could not be secured as the Jets secured the onside kick, ran out the clock, and dropped the Browns to 0-8. It was only their second 0-8 start in franchise history and the first 0-8 start since the 1975 season. With the loss, the Browns failed to have a winning record for the ninth consecutive season. They also tied a franchise record (first set in between the 2011 and 2012 seasons) for most consecutive losses (11) in franchise history. They would also be the first team to start 0–8 since the 2014 Raiders.

Week 9: vs. Dallas Cowboys

Week Nine: Dallas Cowboys at Cleveland Browns – Game summary

at FirstEnergy Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio

Date: November 6

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EST

■ Game weather: 58 °F (14 °C), clear

■ Game attendance: 67,431

• Referee: Jeff Triplette

TV announcers (Fox): Thom Brennaman, Charles Davis, Chris Spielman and Peter Schrager

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016110602/2016/REG9/cowboys@browns), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/57023/CLE Gamebook.pdf)

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First quarter

- CLE <u>Cody Parkey</u> 31-yard field goal, 12:40.
 Browns 3–0. **Drive:** 6 plays, 62 yards, 2:20.
- DAL Jason Witten 26-yard pass from <u>Dak</u>
 <u>Prescott</u> (<u>Dan Bailey</u> kick), 6:47. *Cowboys 7–* 3. *Drive:* 10 plays, 75 yards, 5:53.

Second quarter

- DAL Ezekiel Elliott 10-yard run (Dan Bailey kick), 10:02. Cowboys 14–3. Drive: 9 plays, 69 yards, 4:48.
- DAL <u>Cole Beasley</u> 6-yard pass from Dak Prescott (Dan Bailey kick), 1:50. *Cowboys* 21–3. *Drive:* 9 plays, 67 yards, 4:39.
- CLE Terrelle Pryor 12-yard pass from Cody Kessler (Cody Parkey kick), 0:23. Cowboys 21–10. Drive: 7 plays, 80 yards, 1:27.

Third quarter

- DAL Ezekiel Elliott 8-yard run (Dan Bailey kick), 11:30. Cowboys 28–10. Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 3:30.
- DAL <u>Gavin Escobar</u> 2-yard pass from Dak Prescott (Dan Bailey kick), 1:41. *Cowboys* 35–10. *Drive:* 9 plays, 64 yards, 5:30.

Fourth quarter

No scoring plays

Top passers

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Cowboys

Browns

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- DAL Dak Prescott 21/27, 247 yards, 3 TD
- CLE Cody Kessler 19/27, 203 yards, TD

Top rushers

- DAL <u>Ezekiel Elliott</u> 18 rushes, 92 yards, 2 TD
- CLE Duke Johnson 5 rushes, 30 yards

- DAL <u>Jason Witten</u> 8 receptions, 134 yards, TD
- CLE <u>Isaiah Crowell</u> 4 receptions, 63 yards

Attempting to stop their 11-game losing streak, the Cleveland Browns hosted the Dallas Cowboys. The Cowboys routed the Browns 35–10. With the loss, the Browns dropped to 0–9 for the first time since 1975 and clinched their ninth consecutive losing season. They also lost their 12th consecutive game dating back to the end of the previous season, setting a new franchise record for most consecutive losses.

Week 10: at Baltimore Ravens

Week Ten: Cleveland Browns at Baltimore Ravens – Game summary

at M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore, Maryland

Date: November 10

■ Game time: 8:25 p.m. EST

■ Game weather: 54 °F (12 °C), fair

■ Game attendance: 70,921 Referee: Jerome Boger

TV announcers (NFLN): Al Michaels, Cris Collinsworth and Heather Cox

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016111000/2016/REG10/browns@ravens), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/57034/BAL Gamebook.pdf)

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First quarter

No scoring plays

Second quarter

- BAL Justin Tucker 25-yard field goal, 10:29. Top rushers Ravens 3-0. Drive: 8 plays, 41 yards, 3:53.
- CLE Seth DeValve 25-yard pass from Cody Kessler (Cody Parkey kick), 6:30. Browns 7-3. Drive: 7 plays, 75 yards, 3:59.
- BAL Justin Tucker 40-yard field goal, 0:00. Browns 7-6. Drive: 12 plays, 57 yards, 1:39.

Third quarter

- BAL Darren Waller 4-yard pass from Joe Flacco (Justin Tucker kick), 9:36. Ravens 13-7. Drive: 9 plays, 64 yards, 3:58.
- BAL Steve Smith Sr. 11-yard pass from Joe Flacco (Joe Flacco-Kyle Juszczyk pass). 2:05. Ravens 21-7. Drive: 6 plays, 43 yards, 2:57.

Fourth quarter

 BAL – Breshad Perriman 27-yard pass from Joe Flacco (Justin Tucker kick), 6:21. Ravens 28-7. Drive: 12 plays, 90 yards, 7:27.

Top passers

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- CLE Cody Kessler 11/18, 91 yards, TD
- BAL Joe Flacco 30/41, 296 vards, 3 TD, 2 INT

- CLE Isaiah Crowell 9 rushes, 23 yards
- BAL Terrance West 21 rushes, 65 yards

- CLE Terrelle Pryor 5 receptions, 48 yards
- BAL Breshad Perriman 3 receptions, 64 yards, TD

Trying to halt their 12-game losing streak that had started back during the 2015 NFL season, the Browns traveled to Baltimore to play against the Baltimore Ravens who beat them in Week 2. This was the Browns' only prime time game this year. The Browns led 7–6 at halftime, but the Ravens dominated the second half, outscoring them 22–0 and winning 28–7. The seven points scored by the Browns represented their fewest points scored in a game this season. With the loss, the Browns fell to 0–10. It was their worst 10-game start in franchise history. They also lost their 13th consecutive game, extending their current franchise record for most consecutive losses. They are also the first team to begin the season 0–10 since the 2014 Oakland Raiders. On the following Sunday, the Denver Broncos and the Kansas City Chiefs won their games, which mathematically eliminated the Browns from the NFL Wild Card race.

Week 11: vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

Week Eleven: Pittsburgh Steelers at Cleveland Browns – Game summary

at FirstEnergy Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio

Date: November 20

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EST

■ Game weather: 36 °F (2 °C), cloudy

■ Game attendance: 67,431

Referee: Brad Allen

TV announcers (CBS): Kevin Harlan and Rich Gannon

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016112001/2016/REG11/steelers@browns), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/57050/CLE Gamebook.pdf)

Game information

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Total

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First quarter

■ PIT – <u>Chris Boswell</u> 32-yard field goal, 2:28. Steelers 3–0. **Drive: 16 plays, 82 yards, 9:18.**

Second quarter

- PIT Chris Boswell 33-yard field goal, 4:43. Steelers 6–0. Drive: 16 plays, 68 yards, 9:28.
- PIT Le'Veon Bell 1-yard run (Ben Roethlisberger–David Johnson pass), 0:00. Steelers 14–0. Drive: 11 plays, 59 yards, 1:51.

Third quarter

- CLE <u>Cody Parkey</u> 24-yard field goal, 8:05.
 Steelers 14–3. **Drive: 11 plays, 48 yards,** 5:00.
- PIT Chris Boswell 22-yard field goal, 0:03. Steelers 17–3. **Drive: 15 plays, 71 yards,** 8:02.

Fourth quarter

Top passers

Period

Steelers

Browns

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- PIT Ben Roethlisberger 23/36, 167 yards
- CLE Cody Kessler 7/14, 128 yards, INT

Top rushers

- PIT Le'Veon Bell 28 rushes, 146 yards, TD
- CLE Josh McCown 2 rushes, 11 yards

- PIT Antonio Brown 8 receptions, 76 yards
- CLE Terrelle Pryor 5 receptions, 97 yards

- CLE Gary Barnidge 14-yard pass from Josh McCown (kick failed, wide right), 9:45.
 Steelers 17–9. Drive: 11 plays, 75 yards, 5:18.
- PIT <u>Javon Hargrave</u> fumble recovery in the end zone (Chris Boswell kick), 3:36. *Steelers* 24–9.

The Browns hosted the Pittsburgh Steelers, who were coming off a loss against the Cowboys. The Steelers defeated the Browns 24–9, dropping the Browns to 0–11. With the loss, the Browns were mathematically eliminated from postseason contention for the 14th consecutive season. For the second consecutive season, they were the first NFL team to be mathematically eliminated from contention. The Browns have now gone 24 consecutive seasons without winning a division title, extending the longest active streak in the NFL. They also extended their current franchise record for most consecutive games lost to 14 games. The team is also the first team to start 0–11 since the 2011 Indianapolis Colts.

Week 12: vs. New York Giants

Week Twelve: New York Giants at Cleveland Browns – Game summary

at FirstEnergy Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio

Date: November 27

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EST

■ Game weather: 48 °F (9 °C), sunny

Game attendance: 60,034Referee: Walt Anderson

■ TV announcers (Fox): Dick Stockton, Matt Millen and Peter Schrager

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016112704/2016/REG12/giants@browns), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/57069/CLE Gamebook.pdf)

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First quarter

No scoring plays

Second quarter

- NYG <u>Dwayne Harris</u> 13-yard pass from <u>Eli</u> Manning (Robbie Gould kick), 7:03. *Giants* 7–0. *Drive: 2 plays, 31 yards, 0:42.*
- CLE <u>Cody Parkey</u> 20-yard field goal, 1:43.
 Giants 7–3. **Drive: 10 plays, 28 yards, 3:51.**
- NYG Odell Beckham Jr. 32-yard pass from Eli Manning (Robbie Gould kick), 1:13. *Giants* 14–3. *Drive:* 4 plays, 69 yards, 0:30.
- CLE Cody Parkey 25-yard field goal, 0:00.
 Giants 14–6. Drive: 8 plays, 68 yards, 1:13.

Top passers

Period

Giants

Browns

■ NYG – Eli Manning – 15/27, 194 yards, 3 TD

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■ CLE – Josh McCown – 25/43, 322 yards, TD

Top rushers

- NYG <u>Rashad Jennings</u> 15 rushes, 55 yards
- CLE Isaiah Crowell 16 rushes, 44 yards

Top receivers

- NYG Odell Beckham Jr. 6 receptions, 96 yards, 2 TD
- CLE <u>Terrelle Pryor</u> 6 receptions, 131 yards

Third quarter

No scoring plays

Fourth quarter

- NYG <u>Jason Pierre-Paul</u> 48-yard fumble return (kick failed, wide right), 10:58. *Giants* 20–6.
- CLE <u>Corey Coleman</u> 21-yard pass from <u>Josh McCown</u> (Cody Parkey kick), 8:17.
 Giants 20–13. **Drive:** 5 plays, 75 yards, 2:41.
- NYG Odell Beckham Jr. 4-yard pass from Eli Manning (Robbie Gould kick), 5:10. *Giants* 27–13. *Drive:* 6 plays, 73 yards, 3:07.

The Browns took on the Giants who were on a five-game winning streak and were coming off their 22–16 win over the Bears, but the Browns suffered their 12th straight loss this season due to three touchdown passes by <u>Eli Manning</u> to <u>Odell Beckham Jr.</u> and a fumble return by <u>Jason Pierre-Paul</u> for a touchdown. The Browns extended their current franchise record for most consecutive losses. They have now lost 15 straight games, with their last win coming in Week 14 of 2015 over San Francisco.

The team went into their bye week at 0–12. They would be the first team to start with such a record since the 2011 Colts.

Week 14: vs. Cincinnati Bengals

Week Fourteen: Cincinnati Bengals at Cleveland Browns – Game summary

at FirstEnergy Stadium, Cleveland, Ohio

■ Date: December 11

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EST

■ Game weather: 28 °F (-2 °C), snow

Game attendance: 60,028Referee: Gene Steratore

Period	1	2	3	4	Total
Bengals	13	7	0	3	23
Browns	0	0	7	3	10

- TV announcers (CBS): Andrew Catalon, Steve Beuerlein and Steve Tasker
- Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016121102/2016/REG14/bengals@browns), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/57096/CLE_Gamebook.pdf)

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First quarter

- CIN Tyler Eifert 14-yard pass from Andy Dalton (Mike Nugent kick), 12:21. Bengals 7–0. Drive: 6 plays, 73 yards, 2:39.
- CIN Jeremy Hill 1-yard run (kick short),
 6:27. Bengals 13–0. Drive: 9 plays, 45 yards, 4:49.

Second quarter

 CIN – Tyler Eifert 5-yard pass from Andy Dalton (Mike Nugent kick), 5:06. Bengals 20– 0. Drive: 5 plays, 26 yards, 2:37.

Third quarter

CLE – Robert Griffin III 1-yard run (Cody Parkey kick), 8:11. Bengals 20–7. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 4:40.

Fourth quarter

- CLE Cody Parkey 30-yard field goal, 14:14. Bengals 20–10. Drive: 10 plays, 69 yards, 4:06.
- CIN Mike Nugent 44-yard field goal, 8:38. Bengals 23–10. Drive: 11 plays, 57 yards, 5:36.

Top passers

- CIN Andy Dalton 20/28, 180 yards, 2 TD
- CLE Robert Griffin III 12/28, 104 yards, INT

Top rushers

- CIN Jeremy Hill 25 rushes, 111 yards, TD
- CLE Isaiah Crowell 10 rushes, 113 yards

Top receivers

- CIN Tyler Boyd 6 receptions, 49 yards
- CLE Gary Barnidge 3 receptions, 27 yards

Coming off their bye week, the Browns hosted the Bengals in a rematch of Week 7. The Bengals jumped out to a 20–0 halftime lead and never looked back, handing Cleveland a 23–10 loss. It was the Browns' 16th consecutive defeat dating back to the 2015 season. With the loss, Cleveland became the eighth team since 1960 to start a season 0–13, and the first since the 2011 Indianapolis Colts. They became the first franchise to lose 16 in a row since the Oakland Raiders did it during the 2013 and 2014 seasons.

Week 15: at Buffalo Bills

Week Fifteen: Cleveland Browns at Buffalo Bills – Game summary

at New Era Field, Orchard Park, New York

• Date: December 18

■ Game time: 1:00 p.m. EST

■ Game weather: 25 °F (-4 °C), cloudy

Game attendance: 66,529Referee: Clete Blakeman

- TV announcers (CBS): Tom McCarthy and Adam Archuleta
- Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016121801/2016/REG15/browns@bills), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/57112/BUF Gamebook.pdf)

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Browns	3	0	10	0	13
Bills	10	7	7	9	33

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- BUF <u>Dan Carpenter</u> 21-yard field goal, 10:14. *Bills 3–0. Drive: 7 plays, 44 yards,* 3:06.
- CLE <u>Cody Parkey</u> 35-yard field goal, 3:50.
 Tied 3–3. **Drive: 12 plays, 63 yards, 6:24.**
- BUF Mike Gillislee 3-yard run (Dan Carpenter kick), 0:00. Bills 10–3. Drive: 8 plays, 74 yards, 3:50.

Second quarter

■ BUF – Charles Clay 19-yard pass from Tyrod Taylor (Dan Carpenter kick), 0:34. *Bills* 17–3. **Drive:** 13 plays, 91 yards, 7:29.

Third quarter

- CLE Robert Griffin III 18-yard run (Cody Parkey kick), 8:58. Bills 17–10. Drive: 8 plays, 80 yards, 3:54.
- BUF <u>LeSean McCoy</u> 3-yard run (Dan Carpenter kick), 5:50. Bills 24–10. Drive: 6 plays, 75 yards, 3:08.
- CLE Cody Parkey 40-yard field goal, 1:32.
 Bills 24–13. Drive: 8 plays, 45 yards, 4:18.

Fourth quarter

- BUF LeSean McCoy 8-yard run (kick failed, wide right), 12:38. Bills 30–13. Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 3:54.
- BUF Dan Carpenter 34-yard field goal, 7:21. Bills 33–13. **Drive:** 7 plays, 34 yards, 4:00.

■ CLE – Robert Griffin III – 17/28, 196 yards

■ BUF – Tyrod Taylor – 17/24, 174 yards, TD

Top rushers

- CLE Robert Griffin III 8 rushes, 48 yards, TD
- BUF <u>LeSean McCoy</u> 19 rushes, 153 yards, 2 TD

Top receivers

- CLE Duke Johnson 5 receptions, 62 yards
- BUF <u>Charles Clay</u> 7 receptions, 72 yards, TD

The Browns headed to Buffalo to try to collect their first win of the season, but the Bills routed the Browns 33–13. With the loss, the Browns fell to 0–14 and became the first team to lose 17 consecutive regular season games since the St. Louis Rams in the 2008 and 2009 seasons. The Browns also became the fourth team to start a season 0–14, joining the 1976 Tampa Bay Buccaneers (went winless in a 14-game season), 1980 New Orleans Saints (went 1-15), and the 2008 Detroit Lions (went 0–16). The Browns also tied their franchise record for total losses in a single season. The Browns also became the first team since the 2013 Houston Texans, who lost their last 14 games after starting their season 2-0, to have 14 straight losses in a single season.

On December 21, OT <u>Joe Thomas</u> was voted to his 10th consecutive Pro Bowl. Thomas now holds the Browns record for most Pro Bowls, passing Pro Football Hall of Famers Jim Brown (nine) and Lou Groza (nine). Thomas joins Pro Football Hall of Famers Merlin Olsen (14), Mel Renfro (10), Barry Sanders (10) and Lawrence Taylor (10) as the only players in NFL history to make the Pro Bowl in each of their first 10 seasons. Thomas' streak of 10 consecutive Pro Bowls is the longest active streak in the NFL. [30]

Week 16: vs. San Diego Chargers

Date: December 24

Game time: 1:00 p.m. EST

■ Game weather: 38 °F (3 °C), cloudy

Game attendance: 57,272 Referee: Walt Coleman

TV announcers (CBS): Spero Dedes and Solomon Wilcots

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2016122403/2016/REG16/chargers@browns), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/57129/CLE Gamebook.pdf)

Game information

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Total

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First quarter

- SD Antonio Gates 1-vard pass from Philip Rivers (Josh Lambo kick), 10:49. Chargers 7-0. Drive: 8 plays, 75 yards, 4:11.
- CLE <u>Isaiah Crowell</u> 8-yard run (<u>Cody Parkey</u> **Top rushers** kick), 5:12. Tied 7-7. Drive: 10 plays, 72 yards, 5:37.
- SD Josh Lambo 43-yard field goal, 1:49. Chargers 10-7. Drive: 7 plays, 50 yards, 3:23.

Second quarter

- CLE Isaiah Crowell 4-yard run (Cody Parkey kick), 12:39. Browns 14-10. Drive: 10 plays. 75 yards, 4:10.
- CLE Cody Parkey 49-yard field goal, 4:46. Browns 17-10. Drive: 10 plays, 39 yards, 4:49.

Third quarter

- CLE Cody Parkey 27-yard field goal, 10:58. Browns 20-10. Drive: 8 plays, 57 yards, 4:02.
- SD Tyrell Williams 1-yard pass from Philip Rivers (Josh Lambo kick), 6:04. Browns 20-17. Drive: 11 plays, 75 yards, 4:54.

Fourth quarter

No scoring plays

In their final home game of the year, the Browns hosted the San Diego Chargers on Christmas Eve afternoon, looking to get their first win. The contest was competitive throughout the afternoon. The Chargers had a gametying field goal attempt blocked by Jamie Meder with just under 4 minutes to go in the fourth quarter. After the Browns punted, the Chargers drove down the field and reached the Browns' 27-yard line in the final seconds. However, the Chargers had no timeouts remaining and had to rush the field goal unit out in the final seconds. Kicker Josh Lambo missed the potential game-tying field goal as time expired, allowing the Browns to pick up

Top passers

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Chargers

Browns

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- SD Philip Rivers 23/46, 322 yards, 2 TD, INT
- CLE Robert Griffin III 17/25, 164 yards

- SD Kenneth Farrow 9 rushes, 28 yards
- CLE Isaiah Crowell 16 rushes, 54 yards, 2 TD

- SD Antonio Gates 8 receptions, 94 yards,
- CLE Gary Barnidge 5 receptions, 42 yards

their first win of the season, ending a 17-game losing streak and improving to 1–14. It was the first and only time this season that the Browns allowed fewer than 23 points in a single game. This was the last victory the Browns achieved as of the current year 2018.

Week 17: at Pittsburgh Steelers

Week Seventeen: Cleveland Browns at Pittsburgh Steelers – Game summary

at Heinz Field, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Date: January 1, 2017Game time: 1:00 p.m. EST

■ Game weather: 41 °F (5 °C), sunny

Game attendance: 55,921Referee: John Hussey

■ TV announcers (CBS): Kevin Harlan and Rich Gannon

Recap (http://www.nfl.com/gamecenter/2017010108/2016/REG17/browns@steelers), Gamebook (http://www.nfl.com/liveupdate/gamecenter/57149/PIT Gamebook.pdf)

Game information

show

Total

24

27

First quarter

 CLE – <u>Seth DeValve</u> 12-yard pass from <u>Robert Griffin III</u> (<u>Cody Parkey kick</u>), 7:48.
 Browns 7–0. **Drive: 8 plays, 55 yards, 4:18.**

Second quarter

- CLE Gary Barnidge 4-yard pass from Robert Griffin III (Cody Parkey kick), 9:21. Browns 14–0. Drive: 11 plays, 67 yards, 5:42.
- PIT DeAngelo Williams 11-yard pass from Landry Jones (Chris Boswell kick), 0:31.
 Browns 14–7. Drive: 7 plays, 37 yards, 1:30.

Third quarter

No scoring plays

Fourth quarter

- PIT DeAngelo Williams 1-yard run (Chris Boswell kick), 13:21. Tied 14–14. Drive: 10 plays, 80 yards, 5:01.
- PIT <u>Demarcus Ayers</u> 11-yard pass from Landry Jones (Chris Boswell kick), 5:14. Steelers 21–14. **Drive: 5 plays, 61 yards, 2:20.**
- CLE George Atkinson III 5-yard run (Cody Parkey kick), 3:28. Tied 21–21. Drive: 3 plays, 68 yards, 1:46.

Top passers

Period

Browns

Steelers

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- CLE Robert Griffin III 29/40, 232 yards, 2
 TD, INT
- PIT <u>Landry Jones</u> 24/37, 277 yards, 3 TD, INT

Top rushers

- CLE Isaiah Crowell 19 rushes, 152 yards
- PIT <u>DeAngelo Williams</u> 23 rushes, 67 yards, TD

Top receivers

- CLE Terrelle Pryor 7 receptions, 94 yards
- PIT <u>Eli Rogers</u> 6 receptions, 61 yards

Overtime

- CLE Cody Parkey 34-yard field goal, 7:17.
 Browns 24–21. Drive: 17 plays, 65 yards, 7:43.
- PIT <u>Cobi Hamilton</u> 26-yard pass from Landry Jones, 2:57. Steelers 27–24. **Drive: 9** plays, 75 yards, 4:20.

The Browns entered this game looking to win consecutive games for the first time since they won 3 in a row during Weeks 8-10 of the 2014 season. The Steelers entered the game locked into the AFC's #3 seed and rested most of their starters. However, the Browns would still fall to the Steelers, losing 27–24 in an overtime affair. With the loss, the Browns finished the season with a 1–15 record, their worst record in franchise history. The Browns also became the 10th team in NFL history, and the first team since the 2009 Rams, to finish 1-15. They failed to win a division game for the first time since the 2011 season and extended their losing streak within the division to 11 games. The Browns also failed to win a road game in a season for only the second time in franchise history and the first time since the 1975 season. They also extended their road losing streak to 13 games and failed to win a road game against the Steelers for the thirteenth consecutive season. The Browns finished with the worst record in the NFL and secured the #1 overall pick in the 2017 NFL Draft. This marked the beginning of a 17 game losing streak continuing into the 2017 0-16 season.

Standings

Division

AFC North												
	W	L	. T.	PCT	DIV	CONF	P.E	PA	STK			
(3) Pittsburgh Steelers	11	5	0	.688	5–1	9–3	399	327	W7			
Baltimore Ravens	8	8	0	.500	4–2	7–5	343	321	L2			
Cincinnati Bengals	6	9	1	.406	3–3	5–7	325	315	W1			
Cleveland Browns	1	15	0	.063	0–6	1–11	264	452	L1			

Conference

	AFC												
#	Team	Division	W	Ţ.	.T.	PCT	DIV	CONF	sos	SOV	STK		
	Division leaders												
1	New England Patriots	East	14	2	0	.875	5–1	11–1	.439	.424	W7		
2 ^[a]	Kansas City Chiefs	West	12	4	0	.750	6–0	9–3	.508	.479	W2		
3	Pittsburgh Steelers	North	11	5	0	.688	5–1	9–3	.494	.423	W7		
4 ^[b]	Houston Texans	South	9	7	0	.563	5–1	7–5	.502	.427	L1		

Wild Cards											
5 ^[a]	Oakland Raiders	West	12	4	0	.750	3–3	9–3	.504	.443	L1
6	Miami Dolphins	East	10	6	0	.625	4–2	7–5	.455	.341	L1
		Did no	ot qua	lify fo	r the p	ostsea	son				
7 ^{[b][c]}	Tennessee Titans	South	9	7	0	.563	2–4	6–6	.465	.458	W1
8[c]	Denver Broncos	West	9	7	0	.563	2–4	6–6	.549	.455	W1
9 ^[d]	Baltimore Ravens	North	8	8	0	.500	4–2	7–5	.498	.363	L2
10 ^[d]	Indianapolis Colts	South	8	8	0	.500	3–3	5–7	.492	.406	W1
11	Buffalo Bills	East	7	9	0	.438	1–5	4–8	.482	.339	L2
12	Cincinnati Bengals	North	6	9	1	.406	3–3	5–7	.521	.333	W1
13 ^[e]	New York Jets	East	5	11	0	.313	2–4	4–8	.518	.313	W1
14 ^[e]	San Diego Chargers	West	5	11	0	.313	1–5	4–8	.543	.513	L5
15	Jacksonville Jaguars	South	3	13	0	.188	2–4	2–10	.527	.417	L1
16	Cleveland Browns	North	1	15	0	.063	0–6	1–11	.549	.313	L1

Tiebreakers[f]

- a. Kansas City clinched the AFC West division over Oakland based on head-to-head sweep.
- b. Houston clinched the <u>AFC South</u> division title over Tennessee based on record vs. division opponents.
- c. Tennessee finished ahead of Denver based on head-to-head victory.
- d. Baltimore finished ahead of Indianapolis based on record vs. conference opponents.
- e. The New York Jets finished ahead of San Diego based record vs. common opponents the Jets' cumulative record against Cleveland, Indianapolis, Kansas City and Miami was 1–4, while San Diego's cumulative record against the same four teams was 0–5.
- f. When breaking ties for three or more teams under the NFL's rules, they are first broken within divisions, then comparing only the highest ranked remaining team from each division.

Staff

2016 Cleveland Browns staff

Front office

- Owners Jimmy and Dee Haslam
- Chief Strategy Officer Paul DePodesta
- Executive Vice President of Football Operations Sashi Brown

Defensive coaches

- Defensive Coordinator Ray Horton
- Defensive Line Robert Nunn
- Assistant Defensive Line Ken Delgado
- Outside Linebackers Ryan Slowik
- Inside Linebackers Johnny Holland

- Vice President, Player Personnel Andrew Berry
- Vice President, Player Personnel Ken Kovash
- Vice President, Football Operations Phil Dangerfield
- Director of Football Administration Chris Cooper
- Director of Research & Strategy Kevin Meers
- Director of Player Personnel Chisolm Opara
- Director of College Scouting Bobby Vega
- Director of Pro Scouting Dan Saganey
- Director of Scouting Mike Cetta
- Assistant Director of Scouting Glenn Cook
- Special Advisor Jim Brown

Head coaches

- Head Coach Hue Jackson
- Associate Head Coach/Quarterbacks Pep Hamilton

Offensive coaches

- Offensive Coordinator vacant
- Running Backs/Run Game Coordinator Kirby Wilson
- Tight Ends Greg Seamon
- Offensive Line Hal Hunter
- Assistant Offensive Line Mark Hutson
- Senior Offensive Assistant/Wide Receivers Al Saunders
- Offensive Quality Control/Assistant Wide Receivers - Bob Saunders
- Offensive Quality Control/Assistant Running Backs Rock Cartwright

- Defensive Backs Louie Cioffi
- Assistant Defensive Backs Cannon Matthews
- Defensive Quality Control Eric Sanders

Special teams coaches

- Special Teams Coordinator Chris Tabor
- Special Teams Assistant Shawn Mennenga
- Special Teams Quality Control Stan Watson

Strength and conditioning

- Director, High Performance Adam Beard
- Strength and Conditioning Coordinator -**Evan Marcus**
- Strength and Conditioning Coordinator Jason Veltkamp
- Assistant Stength/Skill Development Joe
- Assistant Strength and Conditioning Derik Keyes
- Assistant Strength and Conditioning Art **Tolhurst**
- Sports Scientist Jamey Mroz
- Strength and Conditioning Intern Ian Jones

Final roster

Offensive linemen Quarterbacks

10 Robert Griffin III

- 8 Kevin Hogan
- 6 Cody Kessler
- 13 Josh McCown

Running backs

- 25 George Atkinson Ш
- 34 Isaiah Crowell
- 35 Darius Jackson
- 29 Duke Johnson
- 40 Danny Vitale FB

- 78 Alvin Bailey G
- 72 Shon Coleman T
- 66 Spencer Drango G
- 74 Cameron Erving
- 61 Anthony Fabiano
- 60 Gabe Ikard C
- 67 Austin Pasztor T
- 73 Joe Thomas T

Defensive linemen

Linebackers

2016 Cleveland Browns final roster

- 54 Dominique Alexander ILB
 - 59 Tank Carder ILB
- 51 Jamie Collins OLB
- 56 Demario Davis **ILB**
- 57 Cam Johnson OLB
- 58 Christian Kirksey **ILB**
- 53 Joe Schobert OLB

Reserve lists

- 75 Joel Bitonio G (IR)
- 92 Desmond Bryant DE (NF-Inj.) •
- 12 Josh Gordon WR (Suspended)
- 77 John Greco G (IR)
- 85 Rannell Hall WR (IR) 🛨
- 30 Derrick Kindred SS (NF-Inj.) •
- 70 Nile Lawrence-Stample NT (IR) •

Wide receivers

- 15 Mario Alford KR/PR
- 19 Corey Coleman
- 16 Andrew Hawkins
- 81 Rashard Higgins
- 80 Ricardo Louis
- 11 Terrelle Pryor

Tight ends

- 82 Gary Barnidge
- 87 Seth DeValve
- 86 Randall Telfer

- 96 Xavier Cooper DE
- 91 <u>Tyrone Holmes</u> DE
- 98 Jamie Meder DE
- 94 Carl Nassib DE
- 90 Emmanuel Ogbah DE
- 99 <u>Stephen Paea</u> DE
- 55 <u>Danny Shelton</u> NT
- 97 Gabe Wright NT

Defensive backs

- 20 Briean Boddy-Calhoun CB
- 26 Marcus Burley CB
- 31 Trey Caldwell CB
- 24 <u>Ibraheim</u>
 Campbell SS
- 23 Joe Haden CB
- 41 Tracy Howard FS
- 39 Ed Reynolds FS
- 21 Jamar Taylor CB
- 22 <u>Tramon Williams</u> CB

Special teams

- 4 Britton Colquitt P
- 47 Charley Hughlett LS
- 3 Cody Parkey K

- 43 Rajion Neal RB
 (IR) •
- 44 Nate Orchard OLB (IR) ◆
- 83 <u>Dennis Parks</u> WR (IR) •
- 84 Jordan Payton WR (Suspended)
- 33 <u>Jordan Poyer</u> FS (IR) <u>+</u>
- 62 <u>Austin Reiter</u> C (<u>IR</u>) <u>•</u>
- 28 Glenn Winston RB (IR) ◆
- 97 <u>Dylan Wynn</u> DE (<u>IR</u>) <u>+</u>

Practice squad

- 83 Josh Boyce WR
- 52 <u>James Burgess</u> LB
- 93 Trevon Coley NT
- 36 Justin Currie S
- 37 Trae Elston S
- 89 Connor Hamlett
 TE
- 28 Darius Hillary CB
- 49 J. P. Holtz TE
- 17 Jordan Leslie WR
- 79 Zach Sterup T

Rookies in italics
53 active, 15 inactive, 10 practice squad

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