

CHICAGO BEARS 2026 SEASON PREVIEW

One-page printable cheat sheet · All times Central · Track your season in the W/L column

SPORTS WIRE NETWORK

HEAD COACH	2025 RECORD	2025 PLAYOFFS	BYE WEEK	HOME OPENER
Ben Johnson (Yr 2)	11-6 · NFC North Champs	Beat GB · Lost Div. in OT	Week 10	Sun Sept 20 vs MIN

2026 SCHEDULE & RESULTS TRACKER

WK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (CT)	RESULT
1	Sun Sept 13	at Carolina Panthers	Noon	_____
2	Sun Sept 20	vs Minnesota Vikings	Noon	_____
3	Mon Sept 28	vs Philadelphia Eagles	7:15 · MNF	_____
4	Sun Oct 4	vs New York Jets	Noon	_____
5	Sun Oct 11	at Green Bay Packers	3:25 · FOX	_____
6	Sun Oct 18	at Atlanta Falcons	Noon	_____
7	Thu Oct 22	vs New England Patriots	7:15 · TNF	_____
8	Mon Nov 2	at Seattle Seahawks	7:15 · MNF	_____
9	Sun Nov 8	vs Tampa Bay Buccaneers	7:20 · SNF	_____
10	—	BYE WEEK	—	_____
11	Sun Nov 22	vs New Orleans Saints	Noon	_____
12	Thu Nov 26	at Detroit Lions	Noon · Thnx	_____
13	Sun Dec 6	vs Jacksonville Jaguars	TBD	_____
14	Sun Dec 13	at Miami Dolphins	TBD	_____
15	Sat Dec 19	at Buffalo Bills	7:20 · CBS	_____
16	Fri Dec 25	vs Green Bay Packers	Noon · NFLX	_____
17	Sun Jan 3	vs Detroit Lions	3:25 · FOX	_____
18	Jan 9/10*	at Minnesota Vikings	TBD*	_____

Home games in bold. *Dates/times set by NFL flex scheduling.
Preseason: vs Cleveland · at Cincinnati · at Tennessee

KEY OFFSEASON ADDITIONS

- **S Coby Bryant** — 3 yr / \$40M (ex-Seahawks)
- **LB Devin Bush** — 3 yr / \$30M
- **C Garrett Bradbury** — trade from New England
- **DT Neville Gallimore** — 2 yr / \$12M
- **WR/KR Kalif Raymond** — 1 yr / \$5.1M
- **OT Jedrick Wills Jr.** — 1 yr, tackle depth

ROOKIES TO WATCH

- **S Dillon Thieneman** (Oregon) — likely Day 1 starter
- **WR Zavion Thomas** (LSU, Rd 3) — slot / returner
- **CB Malik Muhammad** (Texas, Rd 4) — CB2 competition
- **LB Keyshaun Elliott** (Ariz. St, Rd 5)

NOTABLE DEPARTURES

- **WR DJ Moore** — traded to Buffalo (2026 2nd)
- **C Drew Dalman** — retired (2025 Pro Bowler)

THE RETURNING CORE

- **QB Caleb Williams** — Year 3, breakout 2025
- **WR Rome Odunze** — now the clear WR1
- **TE Colston Loveland** + Cole Kmet
- **RT Darnell Wright** — All-Pro, extended 4 yrs
- **RB Kyle Monangai** · CB Kyler Gordon

THE OUTLOOK

Defending champs of the NFL's toughest division draw the league's hardest 2026 slate (.550 opp. win pct, 7 playoff teams). Weeks 7-9 bring three straight primetime games; December closes at Buffalo, Green Bay & Detroit at home, at Minnesota.

2026 NFL MILESTONES

- **Aug 30** — Final roster cuts to 53
- **Nov 10** — Trade deadline
- **Jan 16-18** — Wild Card Weekend
- **Feb 14** — Super Bowl LXI, SoFi Stadium