



New York City lies dark on Thursday, August 14 in one of the biggest blackouts in U.S. history.

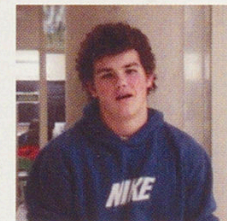
Approximately 60 million were left without power stretching from Michigan, to northern Ohio, through much of Pennsylvania, up to Vermont, New York, and the Canadian province of Ontario. Investigators later traced the outages to three power line failures in Ohio.

What were your reactions to the blackout over the summer?



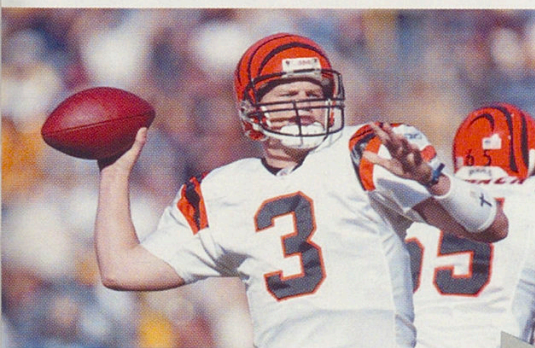
"I felt bad for the people because most of the cities that were affected were major technology using cities, so a lot of people were in a rut."

> **Sarah Lapin, 10**



"I was confused when I saw thousands of people walking down the highway on the news."

> **Luke Cody, 11**



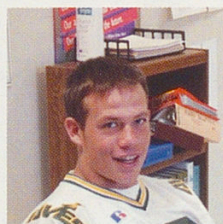
<Changes in Cincinnati>

THE BENGALS AND THE REDS MAKE SEVERAL MAJOR CHANGES. The Bengals replaced former head coach Mike Brown with NFL veteran coach Marvin Lewis, who made a few noticeable changes with the Bengals defense. Jon Kitna (pictured left) helped lead the Bengals through their best season since 1989, when they went to the Super Bowl. They ended the season with a record of 9-11. The sudden uprising in the Bengals play brought a new joy to the city. With games selling out right and left, the Cincinnati fans brought back the WhoDey chant, known notoriously around the NFL. **"WHODEY, WHODEY, WHODEY THINK GONNA BEAT THEM BENGALS TODAY?!"**

Disappointed by their first-half, the Reds got rid of General Manager Jim Bowden and replaced him with Jim O'Brien. Manager Bob Boone's position was filled December 4 by Dave Miley, (pictured left) Miley, a 24-year veteran of the Reds organization, managed the club's young players at triple-A Louisville. He received a one-year contract with a club option for another season, when promoted to Cincinnati as its 57th manager.

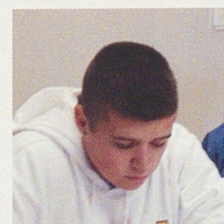
PRE-SEASON PREDICTIONS

How do you think the Bengals will do with their new coach Marvin Lewis?



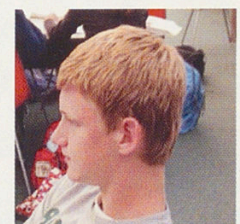
"I think the Bengals will still stink, and they should not have let Neil Rackers go, he is the best."

> **Cory Mangus, 11**



"I think they will still be terrible and they will only win two games."

> **Brandon Griesinger, 11**



"I think that they will improve a little, but they will make no great strides."

> **Elliot Skopin, 10**