

Final Grades: Offensive Players

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WIDE RECEIVERS (7)

Antonio Chatman: In 1995, Antonio Freeman had seven fumbles as a return specialist. In 1998, Roell Preston went to the Pro Bowl but fumbled nine times, losing four. From the first exhibition game to the playoff loss Chatman didn't fumble one time. Ranked 20th in punt-return average at 8.4 yards, failing to break one longer than 33 yards in 18 games. Can't play as a wide receiver. The Packers need better. **Grade: D+**

Donald Driver: Found a way to be more or less a non-factor as the nominal No. 1 receiver in an offense quarterbacked by Brett Favre. Longest play he made all year (45 yards) came on a reverse. Didn't make the tough grab on a consistent basis and offered next to nothing after the catch (2.78 yards, down from 4.62 in '02). Adequate blocker. Turns 29 next month and due a \$1 million roster bonus this spring, which might be tough for the front office to swallow. Can he accept being a No. 3 receiver next year if it came to that? **Grade: C.**

Robert Ferguson: Gets better every year. Big, gifted split end who improved by leaps and bounds in his third season but still has a considerable distance to go. Still not polished but doesn't make the route-running errors he once did. Dropped just one of 66 passes thrown to him and had three receptions for 40 yards or more in the last five games. Regarded by the coaches as the club's most valuable player on special teams. Fast and fearless in everything that he does. Surprisingly poor after the catch (2.95-yard average). **Grade: B-**

Carl Ford: Seventh-round draft choice from Toledo who appeared to have the team made before suffering a torn knee ligament in the exhibition finale and being placed on injured reserve. Rehabilitated successfully and has added some much-needed weight. **Grade: Incomplete**

Antonio Freeman: Was a positive influence on younger players this time around. Still runs crafty routes from the slot but can't separate anymore and averaged an embarrassing 1.93 yards after the catch on 14 receptions. No good reason to bring him back. **Grade: D-**

Devin Lewis: Blew out a knee ligament in the first week of training camp and went on injured reserve. He won't be back. **Grade: Incomplete**

Javon Walker: Ranked second in yards per catch (17.5) among NFL players with more than 25 receptions behind Dallas' Joey Galloway (19.8). Went up and got six home-run balls in final eight games with catch-points of 39, 39, 42, 43, 45 and 46 yards. He didn't have any that long in his first 1 1/2 seasons. Provided the deep threat the offense desperately needed. Adequate after the catch (4.02-yard average). Still needs a lot of work on third down. Long strider who tends to bump into defenders and gets knocked off against zone coverage. Big, fast and strong. Slashed drop total from 9 to 3. **Grade: B-**

TIGHT ENDS (3)

Bubba Franks: West Coast offensive teams prefer a better downfield receiver at tight end but the Packers seem stuck with him long-term. Tall, rangy and OK toughness but hasn't had a reception longer than 24 yards since a 31-yard bootleg against Detroit in November 2001. Excellent in red zone (5 touchdowns) but had fewer chances than in the past. Shows ideal concentration and catches about everything (three drops in last two years). Better-equipped to block defensive ends one-on-one than most tight ends but still led the team by allowing 19 "bad" runs (defined as carries for 1 yard or less in non-goal-line or short-yardage situations). Had five penalties, two more than any other skill-position player. **Grade: C**

David Martin: Keeps making a lot of plays in practice but it doesn't carry over into games. Definitely has made major strides as a blocker. Spent most of the season as an H-back leading to one side or the other on counter plays. A WR in college, he didn't shy away from collisions. Laid-back personality who needs to be prodded. Might be a perennial tease. **Grade: D+**

Wesley Walls: Came to Green Bay three or four years too late. A favorite of coach Mike Sherman but turns 38 next month. Hopes to be back but the Packers must get younger with a player who can contribute on special teams. A pro's pro who didn't have a drop (34 chances) or a penalty. His spectacular 22-yard touchdown catch opened the floodgates of the rout in Oakland, but there were three or four other instances in which he appeared to be running in quicksand and failed to convert on third down. **Grade: D+**

OFFENSIVE LINE (9)

Kevin Barry: Used as the second tight end in the "U-71" (his jersey number) or "U-Bacon" (his favorite food) personnel grouping from Week 4 on. A 332-pound body-slammer who meted out more punishment in just 15 to 20 snaps per game than any other player on the roster. Possesses the kind of brutish striking power that is seldom seen. Doesn't seem to know his own strength. Has a fierce determination to finish blocks. Seems best-suited for right tackle when the time to start comes. **Grade: C+**

Chad Clifton: Candidate for NFL comeback player of the year after being blown up Warren Sapp in '02. Very, very talented pass blocker. Led the team in combination of sacks, knockdowns and hurries allowed with 12, but often drew the hardest matchup and never needed double-team help. Agile, graceful and extremely quick in his pass sets. The least effective run blocker on an outstanding line, both at the point of attack and on plays away from him. Responsible for 17 "bad" runs, second most behind Franks. Had far too many false-start penalties (10). **Grade: B-**

Brennan Curtin: Sixth-round pick from Notre Dame who was inactive every game. Added 15 pounds during the season and is starting to look the part of an NFL lineman. An impressive prospect. If Clifton leaves in free agency, don't count him out to be the starting left tackle in '04. **Grade: Incomplete.**

Mike Flanagan: Allowed just 5 ½ sacks, knockdowns and hurries, the fewest total among the starters. Highly intelligent center who sorts out the pre-snap frenzy at the line and doesn't make many incorrect adjustments. Uses his excellent quickness and athletic ability to get up on linebackers, get out on screens and pull on occasion. Didn't have a faulty snap all season, including 174 from shotgun, and had the fewest number of "bad" runs charged to him (9). On the tall side for a center and will get overpowered at times by squatty nose tackles. **Grade: B+**

Marco Rivera: Played at a phenomenally high level for 11 games and then was merely good after that. Pretty much owned Philadelphia's Corey Simon, San Francisco's Bryant Young and Sapp near midseason, and had weak-side end Simeon Rice ready to cry "uncle" on counter plays in the Buccaneers game. Thick, strong and more athletic than you would think. Improves his pass protection every year. Ranked second on the line in fewest "bad" runs allowed (91/2) and tied for second fewest in combination of sacks, knockdowns and hurries with nine. Became too careless with his hands and was charged with six of the unit's nine holding penalties. Had 11 penalties in all; no Packers offensive lineman has had more in a season for at least a decade. **Grade: A-**

Grey Ruegamer: One of the Packers' greatest fears this season was one of the guards or Flanagan would be injured and he might have to play. Didn't cost a lot (\$275,000 signing bonus) during unrestricted free agency but it just didn't pan out. Long shot to stick in '04. **Grade: D**

Marcus Spriggs: Started 17 games for Bills and Dolphins from 1997-2002 but didn't play a down this season and was inactive for all but two games. He will be 30 in May and probably won't be back. **Grade: Incomplete**

Mark Tauscher: Did everything that he possibly could during his knee rehabilitation and started 18 games, more than earning the \$2.25 million roster bonus due him March 1. Didn't move quite as well as in the past but made no excuses and should be better in '04. Has always had the ability to recover well in protection. Lost a little pop in the run game because of the knee, but looks to finish and plays with a mean streak. Allowed second-highest total of sacks, knockdowns and hurries (111/2) and was responsible for second-highest total of "bad" runs among linemen (141/2). **Grade: B-**

Mike Wahle: Might well have been the best offensive lineman in the NFC North. Tremendous athlete who makes it look easy. Able to block much smaller players in space because he runs well, bends well and adjusts well on the move. Six or seven times each week Wahle would pull around the corner on the signature Power-O play and make the critical block. His strength has improved, too, so the number of times that he is bull-rushed and stalemated or worse at the point of attack on running plays has decreased. **Grade: A**

QUARTERBACKS (3)

Brett Favre: A streaky season. Started poorly in Weeks 1-3 (67.6 passer rating), bounced back with a vengeance in Weeks 4-8 (107), slumped in Weeks 9-12 (64) as the broken right thumb that he suffered in Week 7 became a problem and caught fire in Weeks 13-18 (105.5) despite the unexpected death of his father Dec. 21. His 18-game rating of 90.8 was one of his best in recent years. Afforded fantastic protection and benefited from a run game other quarterbacks would have killed for. Did a lot of handing off in midseason but proved he still had the nerve and accuracy to go downtown in the final month. Still forces too many passes; he was at fault on 181/2 of the 22 interceptions. Never had a better season in terms of ball security but also never rushed for fewer yards (17). His sublime Monday night performance in Oakland long will be remembered. So will his wayward interception in Philadelphia. **Grade: B**

Craig Nall: Beat out Akili Smith in training camp but couldn't dislodge Doug Pederson as No. 2. Smart and eager to learn. Will get another training camp. **Grade: Incomplete**

Doug Pederson: Turns 36 in two weeks but seems forever young in terms of athleticism and outlook on life. Outstanding holder. Favre's great friend. Ready to return if asked. **Grade: Incomplete**

RUNNING BACKS (5)

Najeh Davenport: Some teams think he's good enough to be a starter. Others don't. Gained almost 500 yards in 93 carries and averaged 5.2. Often ran harder than hard but didn't always make the right read. Lacks some patience, change of direction and receiving skill. Fumbled four times in 122 touches for poor fumble rate of 3.3%. Turned the kickoff-return game around from Week 10 on, averaging 28 yards in 23 runbacks. Good in coverage, too. **Grade: B-**

Tony Fisher: The coaches thought he was every bit as effective as Green on third down and didn't much mind when Green needed a breather away from the red zone. Eager, wide-eyed player who has a knack for making the right cut and picking up the right blitz. Has some size, some speed and terrific hands. Had some exceptional games in coverage on special teams. **Grade: C+**

Ahman Green: Rewrote the record book in Green Bay, rushing 403 times for 2,105 yards (5.2) and catching 58 passes for 427. Ferocious competitor who does whatever he can to perform like Walter Payton, his idol. His uncompromising toughness rubs off on the entire team. Ran with patience, vision, body lean, subtle inside cuts, speed to the edge and a punishing style. Had 21 plays of 20 yards or more, nine more than Dorsey Levens had in each of his two big seasons and 17 more than all the running backs had combined in '98. Had runs of 65, 60, 45, 47 and 98 yards. Also enjoyed his best season as a receiver, dropping only two after averaging eight drops over the previous three seasons. Had altogether too many fumbles (seven in 215 touches, 3.3%) at midseason but accepted constructive criticism, focused even more and didn't fumble in final 246 touches. His 18-game fumble rate was 1.5%. His need for breathers does detract from the offense. Got his personal life in order and became a star of the highest magnitude. **Grade: A**

William Henderson: For the first time in his career he wasn't always on the field when the formation called for a fullback. Clearly blocked better than in '02, but his reduced snap count also was a factor why the number of "bad" runs that he was responsible for dropped from 13 to 7 1/2. Starting to drop too many passes. Would like to return. With his cap salary (\$1.188 million) and contributions on special teams it seems likely that he will. **Grade: C+**

Nick Luchey: Played more and more in the second half of the season until he was just about splitting time with Henderson. At times, he absolutely destroyed any defender that got in his way on isolation plays. At other times, he didn't make the hair-trigger adjustments against moving targets and ended up missing the block. The Packers probably won't feel comfortable putting Henderson out to pasture until Luchey makes strides as a receiver (he dropped two of the three passes thrown to him) and gets in better shape. Won't be 27 until March. **Grade: C**

Final Grades: Defensive Players

DEFENSIVE LINE (13)

Gilbert Brown: This grand old man played 549 snaps in 1998 and 513 in '99, but after sitting out the 2000 season his body was never the same. His snap counts were 323 in '01, 337 in '02 and just 261 in '03. He'll be 33 next month, needs arthroscopic knee surgery and should retire, but he loves the game and probably will try to play another year. It just can't be in Green Bay. **Grade: D-**

Earl Cochran: Due back in training camp after suffering a season-ending dislocated shoulder in late July. Decent athlete. **Grade: Incomplete**

Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila: Not even considering his \$11 million signing bonus, he still had a disappointing season. Had 10 sacks but four were strictly garbage-variety and the best tackle that he beat was Minnesota's Bryant McKinnie. Seattle's Walter Jones (twice), St. Louis' Orlando Pace and Kansas City's Willie Roaf never let him get a sniff. Can't fault his effort but at this point just a one-dimensional up-field rusher. Has a great first step, but if that doesn't work there isn't much to him. Played way too many plays (87%) and faded late in games. Still led the team in total of sacks, knockdowns and hurries with 421/2, 11/2 more than what he had last year. Lacks strength and instincts against the run and doesn't flatten down the line to make plays like the top undersized ends do. **Grade: B-**

Cletidus Hunt: Once, maybe twice each quarter he'd blast off the line and make a disruptive play in the backfield. Grading the flashes, you could justify giving him the \$6 million signing bonus. What drives the coaches up a wall is he will not do it all the time. Played 80.5% of the downs and had a total of 251/2 sacks, knockdowns and hurries, second to "KGB." He had six of the line's 11 batted passes and finished second on the team in tackles for loss (6). He's a 300-pound dancing bear with tremendous ability - when he wants to use it. **Grade: B**

Grady Jackson: How in the world could 29 other teams fail to join Green Bay and Carolina Nov. 3 and submit waiver claims for him? The Packers' immense gain was everyone else's immense loss. Looks fat and roly-poly coming off the bus but has suddenness off the ball, great short-area burst and enormous power. A one-gap player who closed the season by dominating six straight backup right guards who had to play due to injury. Don't expect to see him in Green Bay during the off-season, but supposedly he has made plans to train at least some of the off-season in Houston. **Grade: A-**

Joe Johnson: Blew out quadriceps muscle in Week 6 and underwent season-ending surgery Oct. 21. He had showed absolutely no acceleration but held up OK at the point of attack. In 248 snaps he had seven solo tackles, no sacks, one-half knockdown and three hurries. In other words, he was invisible. So far, he has followed his rehabilitation schedule to the letter. He needs the money, but will he agree to chop his \$4 million signing bonus to the minimum of about \$775,000? And do the Packers even want him around anymore? He'll be 32 in July and probably will just get hurt again, anyway. **Grade: D-**

Aaron Kampman: Third on the unit in snaps (576) and fourth in combination of sacks, knockdowns and hurries with 16. Played much better than Johnson at power end, and in the two playoff games performed well enough to suggest the Packers might have a future with him as a

starter. Somewhat undersized and will get washed down inside. Slow to disengage at times and can be late off the ball. Must improve as a pass rusher, but don't expect him to relax until he does. **Grade: C+**

James Lee: Fifth-round draft choice who didn't make it past the first day of practice because of a bum back. Never did diddly as a nose tackle at Oregon State and obviously can't be counted on now, but did tend to business during his \$130,000 stint on injured reserve and made major advances in weight loss and strength gain. **Grade: Incomplete**

Chukie Nwokorie: Enthusiastic, works hard and does what he's told. Became a fixture at end on passing downs in the second half of season and finished with a total of 13 sacks, knockdowns and hurries, fifth-best among the linemen. Cleanly beat Philadelphia right tackle Jon Runyan for a sack in 2.8 seconds last Sunday. Has a nose for the ball and decent strength. Not a starter but good enough to be sixth, seventh or eighth man. **Grade: C**

Kenny Peterson: It was all downhill for this third-round draft choice from Ohio State after his hometown fans cheered his entrance into the lineup during the Hall of Fame Game. Played 144 snaps in 10 games, didn't have a pressure and had seven solo tackles. Really didn't make a play all year. **Grade: F**

Jamal Reynolds: Snap count dipped from 147 in eight games as a rookie to 132 in eight games last year to 111 in six games this year. Seems to give OK effort but nothing ever happens. Comes from an athletic family but isn't an instinctive player and sometimes doesn't know how to play the defense. No sensible reason to bring him back. **Grade: F**

Larry Smith: Signed off the street 3 1/2 weeks before Jackson's arrival and made a solid contribution. Unlikely-looking inside player. Seems too tall but is quick off the ball, has long arms and doesn't get buckled at the point. Unselfishly gave up himself on blitzes so others could get home. Starting tackle in the dime but also took some of his 307 snaps at nose tackle, three technique and power end. Better inside. Had all kinds of problems in Jacksonville but was on his best behavior in Green Bay. If the price is right, he'll be back. **Grade: C**

Rod Walker: Demonstrated little strength in the first seven games because off-season shoulder surgery prevented him from lifting weights. Had surgery on his other shoulder in December and is scheduled for arthroscopic knee surgery this month. If he checks out medically, the Packers might bring him back to battle Lee for a backup berth behind Jackson. One thing he can do is run and chase for his size. **Grade: D-**

LINEBACKERS (6)

Nick Barnett: Led the team in tackles with 134, although seven players had more tackles for loss than his total of two. Played almost every snap of the 17 games that he played, winning the dime job early on because he was the best linebacker in coverage. Added speed to a semi-slow defense and was a big improvement over Hardy Nickerson. Led the linebackers in combination of sacks, knockdowns and hurries with 11 ½. Tied for third on the team in turnover plays (interceptions, forced fumbles, recovered fumbles) with five. Better-suited for the weak side than the middle but held his own most of the time. Needs considerable refinement in coverage, against both tight ends and in zone drops. Must be protected against the run. Lacks bulk and strength at the point of attack and must spend lots of time in the weight room during the off-season. Was primarily at fault for vacating the middle for no good reason on the fateful fourth-and-26 play against the Eagles. **Grade: C+**

Na'il Diggs: Played hurt the first half of the season. Brings a degree of nasty temperament to a defense that needed it badly. Looks for the big strike and chances to inflict pain. No better than average taking on fullbacks and linemen at the point of attack. Did some good things in coverage on the strong side for three years but had a rather disappointing season in both man and zone coverage on the weak side. Respected leader who made many of the calls and adjustments on the field. Voice of reason in the locker room. **Grade: C+**

Paris Lenon: Reliable, willing and a good listener. Missed six tackles on special teams, tied with Robert Ferguson for team lead, but also tied for second in special-teams tackles with 16. Won't ever be a starter but he's versatile and has a burning desire to succeed. **Grade: D**

Torrance Marshall: Talks a better game on sideline than he plays on field. Started for an injured Barnett in the middle in Detroit and didn't embarrass himself. Late reactor who spends too much time running into piles instead of being decisive. With his combination of size and speed he should play much better on special teams than he does. **Grade: D**

Hannibal Navies: Stayed healthy for the first time five-year career and proved to be a wise free-agent signing. Third on the team in tackles with 118 while missing just two, in stark contrast to Diggs (10) and Barnett (8). Doesn't manhandle tight ends like Wayne Simmons did in the mid-1990s but still gave ground grudgingly at point of attack. Runs well for his size but is just so-so in coverage. Only starting linebacker or defensive back not to allow a TD pass; also allowed just 2 1/2 plays of 20 yards or more, fewest among the starters. **Grade: C+**

Marcus Wilkins: Inactive 10 times and backed up eight. Appeared to improve as much as anyone on the roster in training camp but wasn't able to sustain it during the regular season. An excellent testing athlete with superb speed, but didn't do much other than block a punt on special teams and didn't generate much confidence among the coaches regarding his future as a linebacker. **Grade: D-minus.**

DEFENSIVE BACKS (13)

Marques Anderson: Can be tolerated as a No. 3 safety but no contending team would want him as a starter. Stiff and mechanical. Limited range. Will pack a punch and plug holes adequately near the line of scrimmage but a poor tackler in space and downfield. Led the team in missed tackles (20) for second straight season. Doesn't turn and run well when matched against wide receivers and out of position too much in zones. **Grade: D+**

Derek Combs: Questionable why the Packers decided to keep him after the first month and therefore have to give the Chiefs a seventh-round draft choice in '05. Probably one of the two or three fastest players on the roster. Converted from running back and still miles away from being ready to play. Doesn't work that hard. **Grade: D-**

Antuan Edwards: Better overall player than Anderson, but the Packers need a better strong safety than either of them. Has a good feel for recognizing routes and what the offense is trying to do to the defense. Played the best game of his career in Week 11 against San Francisco and then blew out his hamstring the next week when he wasn't in proper tackling position. Never has been a physical player and never will be a physical player. Average speed. Will be unrestricted in March and not expected back. **Grade: C-**

Curtis Fuller: Claimed on waivers from Seattle Sept. 1 and played some in dime when injuries struck. Smart, small free safety. Runs well. Isn't more than a No. 4 safety. **Grade: D**

Al Harris: Allowed 13 plays of 20 yards or more, 5 1/2 more than anyone else. His predecessor, Tyrone Williams, gave up five in '02 but averaged 8.75 in six seasons as a starter. Loves to push and pester in the bump zone, where he does his best work. Gets in trouble when playing off. Must get his hands on the better receivers because his speed and quickness are on the edge for a starter. Just an average tackler for the position but more physical than Williams, although he missed 12 tackles this year compared with a career-low total of two for Williams in '02. Had eight penalties, twice as many as anyone else on defense. Better team guy than Williams. Won the Seattle playoff game with 52-yard touchdown return in overtime. **Grade: C**

Michael Hawthorne: Assumed the job as dime back in Week 5 and held it for the rest of the season. Allowed just three plays of 20 yards or more, didn't give up a touchdown pass, missed three tackles and had two interceptions against Oakland, one of his two starts. Stands a shade under 6 feet 3 inches and runs 40 yards in mid-4.5s. Not all that physical but has long, long arms and can re-route receivers. Had lots of attitude and injury problems during five-year career at Purdue. Those factors didn't show during his four months in Green Bay. Will be unrestricted in March. To keep him the Packers will have to pay him more than the minimum. **Grade: C-**

Chris Johnson: The Packers are holding their breath he'll make it back from Sept. 22 surgery for cartilage damage beneath his right patellar tendon. Not expected to start running until March, at which time the medical staff should know if he can resume his career. Possesses blazing speed and nice size, but faded later on in training camp amid questions about his toughness. Has the ability to be a player if his knee checks out. **Grade: Incomplete**

Bhawoh Jue: Toasted for game-costing touchdowns against Kansas City and Philadelphia in regular season and lost all his confidence. Reinstated in the dime for final six games and played a little better. Stayed healthy this season. Has enough ability to get better but there's absolutely no guarantee that he will. Also can play safety in a pinch. **Grade: D-**

Mike McKenzie: Gave up seven plays of 20 yards or more, one more than his average from 1999-2002. A notch or two below the great cornerbacks but never an easy mark. Competes hard every Sunday. Better playing the man than the ball and at his best in bump and run. Lacks great hands (dropped team-high total of three interceptions) but gets to more balls than he once did. Rugged face-up tackler. Might flourish if playing in a system that he has more confidence in. **Grade: B+**

Darren Sharper: Wasn't as detail conscious in coverage this year, his sixth as a starter. Allowed six plays of 20 yards or more, up from 1 1/2 in '02. Led the club with five interceptions but three were in stat-padding Hail Mary situations. Shared the team lead in forced fumbles with three. Had chances to make a few game-turning plays early in the season but couldn't do it. Smart, savvy veteran hamstrung the past two seasons by having to play alongside inferior safeties. Not a blow-'em-up tackler but saved a lot of long gainers. Missed eight tackles in all, down from his average of 11 from 1999-2002. **Grade: B**

Erwin Swiney: Former Nebraska cornerback who has hung around for two seasons for no good reason. Got too heavy this year and gave up 2 1/2 plays of 20 yards or more in scant playing time. **Grade: F**

Bryant Westbrook: Probably the unluckiest player on the roster. Ruptured his right Achilles' tendon planting his foot at the Georgia Dome Aug. 9 three years after he tore his left Achilles' tendon in Minnesota. Willingly accepted a move from cornerback to safety a week into training camp. Unlikely to return. **Grade: Incomplete**

James Whitley: Played extensively in Rams' dime package last year and made a name for himself here on special teams in the last five games. Adequate speed and very good toughness. Lacks starter-caliber ability but should be in running for a backup job. **Grade: D**

Final Grades: Special Teams

Josh Bidwell: Ranked 14th in gross average (41.7) and 15th in net average (35.1), down a bit from the last two years but still acceptable considering the climate in which he punts. Had average hang time of 4.08 seconds for 81 punts, off slightly from 4.10 average in 2002 and '00 and off quite a bit from 4.22 in '01. So-so get-off times. Good hands. Decent athlete. Below average on pooch punts. **Grade: C**

Rob Davis: Played through some major injuries and never missed a game. Fast, accurate long snapper whose lack of speed in coverage isn't regarded as a major drawback by coaches. Turned 35 in December. A one-time bouncer, he's always smack dab in the middle protecting his guys when extracurricular activity arises. **Grade: B-**

Travis Dorsch: A fourth-round bust with the Bengals in '02 gets '04 chance to punt and kick off in Green Bay. Tallest kicker (6-6) to enter draft in more than 20 years. Had averages of 48.5 (gross) and 44 (net) for Purdue in '01. **Grade: Incomplete**

Ryan Longwell: One of the game's premier field-goal kickers, especially in bad weather. Ranked fourth in field-goal percentage (.885), making 23 of 26. Tied for 19th in average distance per attempt (36.2 yards). Made every extra point. Averaged 61.9 yards and 3.72 seconds of hang time as kickoffs continued to be his weakness. **Grade: B+**