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WILD CARD PLAYOFF

**MINNESOTA (8-8) at GREEN BAY (10-6)**  
Sunday, Jan. 9 • Lambeau Field • 3:30 p.m. CST

### THIS WEEK'S NOTABLE STORYLINES:

- ▶ In a postscript to a rivalry that seemingly reached its peak two weeks ago, Green Bay hosts Minnesota in the teams' first-ever playoff meeting. The Packers won both regular-season tilts, but won each on a game-ending field goal, 34-31.
- ▶ The Packers play their 38th postseason contest, a 10th playoff appearance since the 1993 collective bargaining agreement, most in the NFL. A win would send them to Atlanta and the Divisional round. A loss would give them only their third ever postseason losing streak, which would tie for fewest in NFL history.
- ▶ Green Bay is 14-1 (.933) all-time in home playoff games, the best mark among NFL teams who've hosted at least three postseason contests. In Green Bay, the Packers are 12-1. In Milwaukee, they're 2-0. The early forecast calls for a mix of sun and clouds, with highs in the low 30s and lows in the upper teens.

**NATIONAL TELEVISION:** FOX Sports, with play-by-play man Joe Buck, color analysts Troy Aikman and Cris Collinsworth, sideline reporters Pam Oliver and Chris Myers, producer Richie Zrontz and director Artie Kempner, will air the game to 100 percent of the country. The crew produces a Packers game for the eighth time this season. It's the 15th time this year, including preseason, that the televising network broadcasts a Packers game to its largest national audience.

**LOCAL RADIO:** Milwaukee's WTMJ (620 AM), airing Green Bay games since 1929, heads up the 62-station Packers Radio Network, with Wayne Larrivee (play-by-play) and Larry McCarren (color). The broadcast also is available to NFL Field Pass subscribers on [packers.com](http://packers.com).

**NATIONAL RADIO:** CBS Sports/Westwood One will air the game in two languages. In English, Brad Sham (play-by-play), Jack Ham (color), Kenny Albert (sideline) and Mike Eaby (producer) will describe the action from Lambeau Field. In Spanish, Clemson Smith-Muniz and Roberto Abramowicz will broadcast from their New York studio.

G SCHEDULE & RESULTS	
Mon. Sept. 13	at Carolina Panthers . . . . .W, 24-14 (73,656)
Sun. Sept. 19	CHICAGO BEARS . . . . .L, 10-21 (70,688)
Sun. Sept. 26	at Indianapolis Colts . . . . .L, 31-45 (57,280)
Sun. Oct. 3	NEW YORK GIANTS . . . . .L, 7-14 (70,623)
Mon. Oct. 11	TENNESSEE TITANS . . . . .L, 27-48 (70,420)
Sun. Oct. 17	at Detroit Lions . . . . .W, 38-10 (62,938)
Sun. Oct. 24	DALLAS COWBOYS . . . . .W, 41-20 (70,679)
Sun. Oct. 31	at Washington Redskins . . . . .W, 28-14 (89,295)
Sun. Nov. 7	Open Date . . . . .
Sun. Nov. 14	MINNESOTA VIKINGS . . . . .W, 34-31 (70,671)
Sun. Nov. 21	at Houston Texans . . . . .W, 16-13 (70,769)
Mon. Nov. 29	ST. LOUIS RAMS . . . . .W, 45-17 (70,385)
Sun. Dec. 5	at Philadelphia Eagles . . . . .L, 17-47 (67,723)
Sun. Dec. 12	DETROIT LIONS . . . . .W, 16-13 (70,497)
Sun. Dec. 19	JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS . . . . .L, 25-28 (70,437)
Fri. Dec. 24	at Minnesota Vikings . . . . .W, 34-31 (64,311)
Sun. Jan. 2	at Chicago Bears . . . . .W, 31-14 (62,197)

**THE CHALLENGE — THREE WINS:** This weekend's NFC games, including St. Louis at Seattle, match division rivals in which one club swept the other during the regular season. So, how hard is beating a team three times in the same season?

▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, the sweeping team is 10-5 in the playoffs against the club it swept.

Year	Sweeping team	Opponent	Playoff result
2004	StLR	Sea	
	GB	Min	
2002	Pit	Cle	Pit
2000	NYG	Phi	*NYG
1999	Ten	Jax	*Ten
1998	Dal	Ari	Ari
1997	GB	TB	*GB
	NE	Mia	NE
1994	Min	Chi	Chi
	Pit	Cle	Pit
1993	LARai	Den	LARai
1992	KC	SD	SD
1991	KC	LARai	KC
1989	HouO	Pit	Pit
1986	NYG	Was	*NYG
1983	Sea	LARai	*LARai
1982	Mia	NYG	*Mia

\*—advanced to Super Bowl



**PLAYOFF BERTHS DON'T GROW ON TREES:** Green Bay has clinched a fourth straight postseason, and a 10th overall since 1993, most in the NFL. Streaks of at least four years in the salary cap era (1993-2004):

6 Green Bay, 1993-98	4 Dallas, 1993-96
San Francisco, 1993-98	Jacksonville, 1996-99
5 Miami, 1997-2001	Tampa Bay, 1999-02
Minnesota, 1996-2001	Green Bay, 2001-04
Philadelphia, 2000-04	
Pittsburgh, 1993-97	

▶ During the same span, no other team has as many overall playoff appearances:

10 Green Bay	7 Dallas	5 Buffalo
8 Minnesota	Denver	Detroit
Pittsburgh	Indianapolis	Kansas City
San Francisco	Miami	St. Louis
	New England	Tampa Bay
	Philadelphia	Tennessee

▶ And, since 1995, only the Steelers have as many division titles:

6 Green Bay . . . . .NFC Central 1995-97, NFC North 2002-04
Pittsburgh . . . . .AFC Central 1995-97, 2001; AFC North 2002, 2004
5 New England . . . . .AFC East 1996-97, 2001, 2003-04
4 Philadelphia . . . . .NFC East 2001-04
3 Dallas . . . . .NFC East 1995-96, 1998
Kansas City . . . . .AFC West 1995, 1997, 2003
Oakland . . . . .AFC West 2000-02
St. Louis . . . . .NFC West 1999, 2001, 2003
San Francisco . . . . .NFC West 1995, 1997, 2002





**REPORTS OF THEIR DEMISE GREATLY EXAGGERATED:** With Carolina and Buffalo attracting much of the spotlight in recent weeks, the Packers quietly overcame a difficult start to earn a playoff berth. Green Bay this year became the ninth NFL team to reach the postseason after a 1-4 start, and the 13th team to earn a playoff berth after beginning with one or fewer wins after five games.

Team	Year	After		Finish	Postseason
		Four	Five		
Green Bay	2004	1-3	1-4	10-6	Won division
N.Y. Jets	2002	1-3	1-4	9-7	Won division, lost divisional
Tennessee	2002	1-3	1-4	11-5	Won div., lost championship
Houston Oilers	1993	1-3	1-4	12-4	Won division, lost divisional
San Diego	1992	0-4	1-4	11-5	Won division, lost divisional
Detroit	1983	1-3	1-4	9-7	Won division, lost divisional
N.Y. Jets	1981	1-3	1-3-1	10-5-1	Wild card, lost wild card
Pittsburgh	1976	1-3	1-4	10-4	Won div., lost championship
Baltimore Colts	1975	1-3	1-4	10-4	Won division, lost divisional
Cincinnati	1970	1-3	1-4	8-6	Won division, lost divisional
Buffalo	1963	0-3-1	1-3-1	7-6-1	Lost divisional playoff
Houston Oilers	1961	1-3	1-3-1	10-3-1	Won AFL title game
*Chicago Bears	1932	0-1-3	1-1-3	7-1-6	Won NFL title by standing

\* — NFL championship decided by league standing (ties did not count)

**OFF ON THE RIGHT FOOT IN 2002:** In the 2002 draft, Mike Sherman's first as a general manager, he traded up to select Javon Walker in the first round. Walker earned his first Pro Bowl selection this season. Sherman's aggressiveness with his first career No. 1 pick proved pivotal in one of the most talented first rounds in recent memory. In 2004, Walker emerged as the leading receiver for the most prolific passing offense in Packers history — and not the offense of another club. Pro Bowlers from the first round of the '02 draft:

Overall	Player	NFL team
2	Julius Peppers	Carolina
8	Roy Williams	Dallas
11	Dwight Freeney	Indianapolis
14	Jeremy Shockey	N.Y. Giants
<b>20</b>	<b>Javon Walker</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>
24	Ed Reed	Baltimore
26	Lito Sheppard	Philadelphia

**HALFTIME LEAD IS HUGE:** The Packers in 2004 were 7-0 with a halftime lead, 3-0 at Lambeau Field and 4-0 on the road.

- ▶ Green Bay has won its last 12 when ahead at intermission.
- ▶ Under Mike Sherman, the Packers have finished off 39 of 43 halftime leads.

**ON OFFENSE:** Green Bay this season racked up more total net yards (6,357) and net yards passing (4,449) than any Packers team in the franchise's previous 83 NFL seasons.

- ▶ The Packers became one of few, if any, teams in NFL history to break their franchise records in rushing and passing in consecutive seasons. Green Bay in 2003 rushed for a team-record 2,558 yards.
- ▶ The only 2003 starter no longer on the active roster is center Mike Flanagan, who went on injured reserve Oct. 2 with debilitating knee tendinitis. All other starters go with the team into the playoffs.
- ▶ Green Bay in 2004 ranked third among NFL teams in both total offense (397.3 yards per game) and passing offense (278.1). The last time a Packers offense ranked that high in total yards was 1983, when the club finished second (385.8). The Packers in 2001 also ranked third in passing (235.6).

**SCORING CHANGE:** Elias Sports Bureau has changed one play in the Dec. 24 Vikings game. The change affects several offensive categories.

- ▶ On the game's first offensive series, Lance Johnstone sacked Favre and forced a fumble. After review, the bureau ruled Favre should have been sacked for only 7 yards, rather than the 15 he was charged.
- ▶ Essentially, the ruling gave Green Bay 8 more total net yards and net yards passing. The final numbers are reflected in this release, but not in the league statistics included in the Green Bay playoff guide.

**THE DOPE ON THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:**

**Packers vs. Vikings:**

All-time regular season: 44-42-1  
 All-time, postseason: 0-0  
 All-time, Lambeau Field: 14-14-1  
 Last meeting, regular season:  
 Dec. 24, Metrodome,  
 Packers won, 34-31  
 Last meeting, Lambeau Field:  
 Nov. 14, Packers won, 34-31



**COACHES CAPSULES**

Mike Sherman: 55-30-0, .647, fifth NFL season, fifth with Packers  
 Mike Tice: 23-26-0, .469, third NFL season, third with Vikings  
 Head to Head: Sherman 4-2 vs. Tice (2002-04)  
 vs. Opponent: Sherman 7-3 vs. Vikings, Tice 2-4 vs. Packers

**MIKE SHERMAN...** Is in his fifth year as Packers head coach, and fourth as executive vice president and general manager.

- ▶ Counting only regular-season games since 1970, only Chuck Knox, George Seifert, Joe Gibbs and Mike Ditka have posted a better record over their first five seasons as an NFL coach.
- ▶ With a win Dec. 24, surpassed No. 4 Bart Starr (53, 1975-83) on the team's all-time victory list. His overall wins are more than any Packers coach other than Curly Lambeau (212), Vince Lombardi (98) and Mike Holmgren (84).
- ▶ Inspired his players with a passionate speech on the eve of an Oct. 17 win at Detroit. The Packers, 1-4 at the time, are 9-2 since.
- ▶ After Tom Rossley underwent a heart angioplasty Oct. 12, stepped forward to serve as the team's primary play caller.
- ▶ Now has more wins at Minnesota (3-2) in five trips than Mike Holmgren (1-6) had in seven seasons as Green Bay head coach. Also has more wins against Minnesota (7-3) than Holmgren (5-9).
- ▶ Is 25-9 against division foes.
- ▶ Is now 6-0 against teams that played in the Super Bowl the previous season, including Sept. 13 at Carolina.

**MIKE TICE...** A highly regarded former NFL player, is in his third full season at the helm of the Vikings.

- ▶ Tice guided Minnesota to nine consecutive wins from 2002-03, tied for the third-best stretch in team history.
- ▶ Association with Vikings began in 1992. He lined up as a tight end from 1992-93 and in 1995, then coached the position in 1996 and coached Minnesota's offensive line from 1997-2001. In those five seasons as line coach, he produced five Pro Bowlers and 10 total Pro Bowl appearances.
- ▶ First Vikings alumni player to serve as head coach. Played 14 NFL seasons overall, the most by any active NFL head coach. Also played for the Seahawks and Redskins.

**THE PACKERS-VIKINGS SERIES:** Few, if any, rivalries in sports have exhibited more parity. These clubs have nearly split 86 meetings overall (44-42-1).

- ▶ Of late, the Packers have held a slight edge, 7-3 since Mike Sherman took Green Bay's reins in 2000.
- ▶ In 2003, the home clubs in the series were 0-2. The last time that happened was 1991.
- ▶ Over the last 11 seasons (1994-2004), these teams have accounted for nine division championships (NFC Central 1994-2001, NFC North 2002-04).

*Two years after he co-founded the Packers with Curly Lambeau, George Calhoun began writing a piece called The Dope Sheet, which served as the official press release and game program from 1921-24.*



**NOTABLE CONNECTIONS:** Vikings receivers coach Charlie Baggett (receivers coach, 1999) and secondary coach Chuck Knox Jr. (defensive assistant/quality control, 1999) were on previous Green Bay staffs... Ben Steele recently played for the Vikings... Meanwhile, four individuals in the Packers organization have previously worked or played for the Vikings: Receivers coach Ray Sherman (quarterbacks coach, 1995-97 and O-coordinator, 1999); director of research and development Mike Eayrs (similar capacity, 1985-99); college scout Lee Gissendaner (player, 1996); and PR director Jeff Blumb (PR intern 1985 in Bud Grant's return season)... College teammates: Bryant McKinnie (Vikings), Nick Luchey and Bubba Franks (Packers) at Miami (Fla.)... Brian Russell (Vikings) and Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (Packers) at San Diego State... Antoine Winfield (Vikings) and Na'il Diggs (Packers) at Ohio State... Minnesota's head trainer Chuck Barta and Packers assistant trainer Kurt Fielding were classmates at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse... Vikings running back Michael Bennett rushed for 1,681 yards in his only season as a Wisconsin starter, 2000, second in Badger history; a former Milwaukee Tech High School star, Bennett's uncle is former Packer Tony Bennett... Dean Dalton, Minnesota's running backs coach, was a coach at the University of Wisconsin (1986-87)... John Schneider, Green Bay's personnel analyst to the general manager, attended St. Thomas College in St. Paul, Minn. ... Packers Pro Hall of Famer Johnny (Blood) McNally attended St. John's University in Collegeville, Minn.

#### LAST MEETING, LAMBEAU FIELD (AP): Nov. 14, Packers won, 34-31:

- ▶ Former Viking Ben Steele recovered a fumble at midfield in the closing minutes, and the Packers drove for Ryan Longwell's 33-yard field goal as regulation expired. The Packers claimed a share of first place with Minnesota, who had rallied to tie with two touchdowns in a 93-second span.
- ▶ Both Brett Favre and Daunte Culpepper threw four touchdown passes without an interception. It was Favre's 18th game with four or more TD tosses, second only to Dan Marino's 21. Favre hit receiver Javon Walker, tailback Tony Fisher, tight end Bubba Franks and fullback William Henderson in the end zone as the Packers built a seemingly safe 31-17 lead.
- ▶ Culpepper, working without star receiver Randy Moss (strained hamstring) for the second successive game, passed for 363 yards, connecting with Nate Burleson 11 times for 141 yards and a score.
- ▶ Ahman Green rushed for 145 yards on 21 carries despite injuring his left kneecap when he was leg-whipped in the first half.
- ▶ Culpepper was sacked four times.

#### LAST MEETING, METRODOME (AP): Dec. 24, Packers won, 34-31.

- ▶ Brett Favre guided a 76-yard drive to set up Ryan Longwell's game-ending 29-yard field goal, lifting the Packers to a 34-31 victory and clinching a third consecutive NFC North crown.
- ▶ The Packers trailed 31-24 with 8:18 left after Favre's third-down throw from his end zone was intercepted by Chris Claiborne and returned 12 yards for a touchdown. But Green Bay answered when Donald Driver — who had 11 receptions for 162 yards — made a nifty, falling-down catch of Favre's pass on fourth-and-goal at the 3 to tie it at 31 with 3:34 remaining after an 80-yard drive.
- ▶ Minnesota appeared on its way to retaking the lead. But a holding penalty wiped out a 16-yard run by Michael Bennett that would have given them the ball at the Green Bay 40 right before the 2-minute warning.
- ▶ After a punt, Favre got the ball at his 13 with 1:35 left. Twelve plays later, Longwell's kick sailed through the uprights, sending the Packers into celebration on their biggest rival's home field.
- ▶ Favre finished 30-for-43 for 365 yards, three touchdowns and the interception.
- ▶ Favre is now 4-9 at the Metrodome, with victories in three of his past five games.

**REBOUND PERCENTAGE:** Since 1993, no other team has proven more resilient after playoff losses. Over the previous 11 seasons (1993-2003), the lifetime of the salary cap and free agency, the Packers have the best postseason "rebound percentage."

- ▶ Only once in eight opportunities during that period have the Packers failed to answer a playoff loss with a return to the postseason — an .875 percentage, best in the NFL.
- ▶ Green Bay has compiled that rebound percentage during an era when nearly half of postseason clubs miss the playoffs the following season. Of the 132 playoff teams from 1993-2003, 61 (46.2 percent) didn't reach the playoffs the next year.

Lost in playoffs	—Following season—		Pct
	Made playoffs	Missed playoffs	
<b>Green Bay+</b>	7	1	<b>.875</b>
Philadelphia	5	1	.833
Jacksonville	3	1	.750
Tampa Bay+	3	1	.750
Miami	5	2	.714
Minnesota	5	2	.714
Pittsburgh	5	2	.714
San Francisco+	5	2	.714
Indianapolis	4	2	.667
St. Louis*+	2	1	.667
Denver+	2	2	.500
New England+	2	2	.500
San Diego	1	1	.500
Buffalo	2	3	.400
Dallas+	2	3	.400
Detroit	2	3	.400
Kansas City	2	3	.400
Tennessee*	2	3	.400
N.Y. Jets	1	2	.333
Arizona	0	1	.000
New Orleans	0	1	.000
Seattle	0	1	.000
Washington	0	1	.000
Baltimore+	0	2	.000
Carolina	0	2	.000
Chicago	0	2	.000
Cleveland	0	2	.000
Oakland*	0	2	.000
Atlanta	0	3	.000
N.Y. Giants	0	4	.000

\* — Oakland played in Los Angeles from 1993-94; St. Louis played in Los Angeles from 1993-94; Tennessee played in Houston as Oilers from 1993-96.  
+ — won at least one Super Bowl during span

**ON THE ROAD:** The Packers (6-2) established their best road record since 1972, when they were 6-1 in a 14-game season.

- ▶ Over a longer stretch, Green Bay has won 10 of its last 13 regular-season road contests.
- ▶ The Packers finished with a road record (6-2) better than their home record (4-4) for the first time since 1987, when they were 2-5-1 at home and 3-4 on the road.
- ▶ Green Bay finished with winning records on artificial surfaces (2-1) and in indoor stadiums (3-1). That dome record matched the best mark by any previous Packers team, equalling the 3-1 record of the '96 squad, who won Super Bowl XXXI.
- ▶ With a 300-yard passer on the road, the Packers under Mike Sherman are now 8-1.
- ▶ Best Packers road records since 1965:

Year	W-L	Head Coach	Finish
1972	6-1	Dan Devine	NFC Central title; lost divisional playoff
1966	6-1	Vince Lombardi	NFL title; won Super Bowl XXXI
<b>2004</b>	<b>6-2</b>	<b>Mike Sherman</b>	<b>NFC North title</b>
1968	4-2-1	Phil Bengtson	Third, NFL Central; missed playoffs
1965	4-2-1	Vince Lombardi	Tied for div. title; won NFL Champ.
1967	5-2	Vince Lombardi	NFL title; won Super Bowl II
<b>2003</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>Mike Sherman</b>	<b>NFC North title; lost divisional playoff</b>
<b>2001</b>	<b>5-3</b>	<b>Mike Sherman</b>	<b>Second, NFC Central; lost div. playoff</b>
1997	5-3	Mike Holmgren	NFC Central title; lost Super Bowl XXXII
1996	5-3	Mike Holmgren	NFC Central title; won Super Bowl XXXI



**OUT OF THE LOCKER ROOM:** Proving excellent at making halftime adjustments, the Packers led the NFL with 55 points on their initial possessions of the second half:

Green Bay	.55
New England	.51
Dallas	.48
Indianapolis	.48
Kansas City	.44

**SACKS ALLOWED:** The Packers tied for the NFL lead and established a franchise record for fewest sacks allowed in any season. Before this year, the single-season record was 17, established by the 1972 and '74 offenses in 14-game campaigns. The previous record for a 16-game season was 19, set last year. NFL leaders in 2004:

14	Green Bay
	Indianapolis
15	Denver
20	San Diego
26	New England
30	Oakland
31	Cincinnati
	N.Y. Jets
32	Jacksonville
	Kansas City

**SPEAKING OF SACKS:** Since 2001, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila has 50½ sacks, third in the NFL. He and Simeon Rice are the only league players with double-digit sacks each season during the span (2001-04).

56	Michael Strahan
53 ½	Simeon Rice
50 ½	Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila
49 ½	Jason Taylor
46	Leonard Little
42	Patrick Kerney
40	Dwight Freeney
38 ½	John Abraham
34 ½	Bertrand Berry
	Mike Rucker
	Aaron Schobel

**NOT YOUR AVERAGE AVERAGE:** Javon Walker averaged 15.5 yards on 89 receptions, the most by an NFL receiver with that many catches since 2001, when Arizona's David Boston averaged 16.3 yards on 98 receptions.

IN THE FINAL RANKINGS —					
GREEN BAY (Team)			MINNESOTA (Team)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (-14)	.13th	27th	Turnover Margin (+1)	T8th	T18th
Total Offense (397.3)	.1st	3rd	Total Offense (396.2)	.2nd	4th
Rushing (119.3)	.3rd	10th	Rushing (113.9)	.5th	18th
Passing (278.1)	.2nd	3rd	Passing (282.3)	.1st	2nd
Total Defense (346.3)	.13th	25th	Total Defense (368.4)	.15th	28th
vs. Rush (117.4)	.4th	14th	vs. Rush (125.4)	.10th	21st
vs. Pass (228.9)	.14th	25th	vs. Pass (243.0)	.T15th	T27th
Third-Down Offense (47.3%)	2nd	2nd	Third-Down Offense (52.3%)	.1st	1st
Third-Down Defense (35.0%)	4th	9th	Third-Down Defense (45.9%)	15th	30th
Red-Zone Offense (57.7%)	.4th	10th	Red-Zone Offense (56.9%)	.6th	12th
Red-Zone Defense (63.6%)	.14th	29th	Red-Zone Defense (58.7%)	.11th	25th
GREEN BAY (Individual)			MINNESOTA (Individual)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: A.Green (1,163)	.4th	12th	Rushing: O.Smith (544)	.18th	36th
Passing: B.Favre (92.4)	.5th	10th	Passing: D.Culpepper (110.9)	.1st	2nd
Receptions: J.Walker (89)	.T5th	T8th	Receptions: J.Wiggins (71)	.14th	28th
Rec. Yds.: J.Walker (1,382)	.3rd	3rd	Rec. Yds.: N.Burleson (1,006)	10th	23rd
Sacks: K.Gbaja-Biamila (13.5)	.2nd	3rd	Sacks: K.Williams (12.0)	.T4th	T5th
Interceptions: D.Sharper (4)	.T10th	T21st	Interceptions: A.Winfield (3)	.T23rd	T48th

**THIRD-DOWN OFFENSE:** The Vikings and Packers, respectively, ranked 1-2 in the league in converting third downs.

Pct	Offense	Made	Att
52.3	Minnesota	102	195
47.3	Green Bay	98	207
47.2	Kansas City	91	193
46.6	San Diego	97	208
45.1	New England	93	206
42.9	Pittsburgh	94	219
42.7	Indianapolis	70	164
42.5	N.Y. Jets	91	214
42.2	St. Louis	89	211
40.3	Carolina	83	206

► On third-and-long, however, no offense was more dangerous in 2004. The Packers, on the strength of Javon Walker's league-leading 31 catches on third down, paced the NFL on third-and-6 or longer:

Pct	Offense	Made	Att
37.4	Green Bay	37	99
35.6	Minnesota	32	90
31.3	New England	35	112
30.8	Jacksonville	33	107
30.2	Dallas	35	116
28.6	Kansas City	26	91
27.8	St. Louis	27	97
27.7	San Diego	28	101
27.5	Baltimore	30	109
27.4	Cincinnati	31	113

**THIRD-DOWN DEFENSE:** The Packers' defense held opponents to just 35.0 percent on third downs, Green Bay's best mark since 1997, when the club compiled a 33.2 percent rate and advanced to Super Bowl XXXII.

**DEFENSIVE SCORES:** The Green Bay defense scored five TDs in 2004, also its most since 1997 (five). In fact, the last two times the Packers scored at least five defensive TDs, they went to the Super Bowl (also six in 1966).

PACKERS IN 2004 WEEKLY TEAM RANKINGS							
After Week...	Opp.	NFL Offense			NFL Defense		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
1	at Carolina	21	10	30	15	2	25
2	Chicago	12	6	17	13	13	15
3	at Ind.	7	9	8	21	8	28
4	N.Y. Giants	8	13	8	26	T23	24
5	Tennessee	5	23	2	31	30	22
6	at Detroit	3	18	2	21	25	15
7	Dallas	2	12	3	21	21	19
8	at Wash.	4	13	3	17	20	18
9	(bye)	4	12	3	17	18	18
10	Minnesota	4	9	3	22	12	25
11	at Houston	3	10	3	19	12	23
12	St. Louis	3	8	3	24	9	28
13	at Phila.	4	10	3	27	9	30
14	Detroit	4	10	3	27	9	30
15	Jacksonville	4	10	3	25	17	25
16	at Minnesota	4	10	3	27	16	26
17	at Chicago	3	10	3	25	14	25
Packers in 2003		4	3	16	17	10	23
Packers in 2002		12	12	10	12	21	3
Packers in 2001		6	21	3	12	16	15
Packers in 2000		15	23	8	15	8	19
Packers in 1999		9	21	7	19	22	18
Packers in 1998		5	25	3	4	4	10
Packers in 1997		4	12	3	7	20	8
Packers in 1996		5	11	5	1	4	1
Packers in 1995		7	26	3	14	7	21
Packers in 1994		9	19	9	6	3	15
Packers in 1993		19	22	18	2	8	7
Packers in 1992		15	21	9	23	16	23



## WHAT TO LOOK FOR SUNDAY —

### BRETT FAVRE:

- ▶ Will play in a 227th consecutive game (including playoffs) and make his 225th consecutive start (including playoffs), 102 more than the next-closest streak on the all-time quarterbacks list, 123 by Ron Jaworski (1977-84, including playoffs).
- ▶ Needs 279 yards passing to overtake No. 2 John Elway (4,964) on the all-time postseason list. Favre enters the weekend with 4,686.
- ▶ Needs 314 yards passing for 5,000 career in the postseason. Would join Joe Montana (5,772) as one of two passers in NFL history to reach the 5,000 barrier.
- ▶ Needs seven completions to surpass No. 2 Dan Marino (385) on the all-time postseason list. Favre enters the weekend with 379.
- ▶ Needs 22 attempts to surpass No. 3 John Elway (651) on the all-time postseason list. Favre enters the weekend with 630 career attempts.
- ▶ Needs one TD pass to extend his NFL-record streak of playoff games throwing for a TD to 16. The last time Favre did not throw a TD pass in a playoff game was in the 1994 playoffs, Jan. 8, 1995, at Dallas.

### AHMAN GREEN:

- ▶ Needs 73 yards rushing to surpass No. 3 Jim Taylor (508), 126 yards to surpass No. 2 Edgar Bennett and 212 yards to surpass No. 1 Dorsey Levens (647) on the Packers' career postseason list. Green enters the weekend with 436.
- ▶ Needs one rushing TD to tie No. 2 Dorsey Levens (4) and two to tie No. 1 Edgar Bennett (5) on Green Bay's career postseason list. Green enters the weekend tied with No. 3 Paul Hornung (3).
- ▶ With one reception, would extend his streak of postseason games with at least one catch to six, and tie for the team's fifth-longest streak.

### WILLIAM HENDERSON:

- ▶ By playing in a 16th career postseason game, will surpass No. 2 Gilbert Brown and Earl Dotson (15) on the team's all-time list. Only Brett Favre, set to play in a 20th playoff contest, has played more.

### RYAN LONGWELL:

- ▶ Needs 13 points to surpass No. 2 Antonio Freeman (72) on the Packers' all-time scoring list, and 14 to surpass No. 1 Chris Jacke (73). Longwell enters the weekend with 60 career postseason points.
- ▶ With one point, would match the longest scoring streak in franchise history, held by Chris Jacke (10 games). Longwell has scored in nine consecutive postseason contests.
- ▶ Needs one field goal to tie No. 1 Chris Jacke (15) on the Packers' career postseason list. Longwell enters the weekend with 14.
- ▶ Figures to lead the team in scoring for an eighth season, taking the franchise record from Don Hutson (seven).

### DARREN SHARPER:

- ▶ With one interception, would reach three in his postseason career and tie No. 4 Joe Laws, Mike Prior and Tyrone Williams on the team's all-time list. Herb Adderley, Craig Newsome and Eugene Robinson share the career lead with four.

### JAVON WALKER:

- ▶ Could post a third career 100-yard receiving game and tie No. 1 Robert Brooks and Antonio Freeman on the Packers' all-time postseason list.

**SINGLE-SEASON OFFENSIVE RECORDS:** Notable team marks established by the 2004 Packers offense:

	'04 Total	Prev. Record	Year(s)
First downs, overall	354	342	1989
Total net yards	6,357	6,172	1983
Net yards passing	4,449	4,365	1989
Completions	382	375	1994
Sacks allowed, any season	14	17	1972, 1974

**FAVRE PADS LEAD OVER JAWORSKI TO 100:** Favre Jan. 2 extended his consecutive-starts streak to 224 (including postseason) — 101 more than the next-closest all-time by a quarterback, 123 by Ron Jaworski.

▶ Kendall Gammon, Kansas City's long snapper, is the only non-kicker who owns a longer active games-played streak than Brett Favre.

▶ Tim Brown's 199-game streak, the third-longest at the time, ended Dec. 5 in Tampa Bay (vs. Atl.). A closer look at Favre's streak numbers:

### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Active reg.-season games streaks*	Active reg.-season starts streaks
208 Kendall Gammon, Pit-NO-KC	205 Brett Favre, GB
207 Brett Favre, GB	191 Will Shields, KC
194 Will Shields, KC	170 Kevin Mawae, Sea-NYJ
	144 Derrick Brooks, TB

\*does not include kickers

### Active starts streaks, quarterbacks

205 Brett Favre, GB
112 Peyton Manning, Ind
69 Aaron Brooks, NO
64 Trent Green, KC
62 Tom Brady, NE

### Favre streak breakdown:

Games played, regular season	.207
Games started, regular season	.205
Games played, including postseason	.226
Games started, including postseason	.224

### Favre in the postseason

PASSING		Yds/										Sacked/	
Year	Team	GP	GS	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Att	TD	Int	Lg	Yds	Rtng
1993	Green Bay	2	2	71	43	535	60.6	7.5	5	3	48	2/4	89.8
1994	Green Bay	2	2	73	41	473	56.2	6.5	0	1	59	2/15	70.2
1995	Green Bay	3	3	102	66	805	64.7	7.9	8	2	73t	6/41	106.9
1996	Green Bay	3	3	71	44	617	62.0	8.7	5	1	81t	7/60	107.5
1997	Green Bay	3	3	97	56	668	57.7	6.9	5	3	40	6/23	83.2
1998	Green Bay	1	1	35	20	292	57.1	8.3	2	2	47	1/10	79.7
2001	Green Bay	2	2	73	48	550	65.8	7.5	4	7	51	3/23	67.0
2002	Green Bay	1	1	42	20	247	47.6	5.9	1	2	37	2/14	54.4
2003	Green Bay	2	2	66	41	499	62.1	7.6	3	1	44	1/9	94.2
<b>Totals (eight seasons)</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>4,686</b>	<b>60.2</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>81t</b>	<b>30/199</b>	<b>86.1</b>

### HIGHEST RATED POSTSEASON PASSERS, ALL-TIME (150 ATTEMPTS)

Player	G	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	Avg Gain	TD	Int	Rating
<b>Bart Starr, GB</b>	10	213	130	61.0	1,753	8.23	15	3	104.8
Joe Montana, SF-KC	23	734	460	62.7	5,772	7.86	45	21	95.6
Ken Anderson, Cin	6	166	110	66.3	1,321	7.96	9	6	93.5
Kurt Warner, StLR	7	268	169	63.1	2,221	8.29	15	10	92.3
Joe Theismann, Was	10	211	128	60.7	1,782	8.45	11	7	91.4
Troy Aikman, Dal	16	502	320	63.7	3,849	7.67	23	17	88.3
<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	19	630	379	60.2	4,686	7.44	33	22	86.1
Steve Young, SF	22	471	292	62.0	3,326	7.06	20	13	85.8
Warren Moon, HouO-Min	10	403	259	64.3	2,870	7.12	17	14	84.9
Rich Gannon, Min-KC-Oak	10	240	154	64.2	1,691	7.05	11	9	84.6

### MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES, CAREER, NFL POSTSEASON

45	Joe Montana, SF-KC	23 games
33	<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	19 games
32	Dan Marino, Mia	18 games
30	Terry Bradshaw, Pit	19 games
27	John Elway, Den	22 games

### MOST YARDS PASSING, CAREER, NFL POSTSEASON

5,772	Joe Montana, SF-KC	23 games
4,964	John Elway, Den	22 games
<b>4,686</b>	<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	19 games
4,510	Dan Marino, Mia	18 games
3,863	Jim Kelly, Buf	17 games

### MOST CAREER POSTSEASON GAMES, ACTIVE PLAYERS

28	Jerry Rice, SF-Oak	1985-2002
22	Gary Anderson, Pit-Phi-SF-Min-Ten	1982-2003
20	Craig Hentrich, GB-Ten	1993-2003
<b>19</b>	<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	1993-2003
18	Sean Landeta, NYG-TB-GB-Phi-StLR	1985-2003
	Adam Timmerman, GB-StLR	1995-2003

### MOST CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH A TOUCHDOWN PASS, NFL POSTSEASON

15	<b>Brett Favre, GB (current)</b>	1995-2003
13	Dan Marino, Mia	1983-95
10	Ken Stabler, Oak	1973-77
	Joe Montana, SF-KC	1988-93
9	John Elway, Den	1984-89

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**LONGWELL STREAKING:** Ryan Longwell had four game-winning field goals in 2004, all in the last eight games. Over a longer stretch, he had at least one FG in 12 straight games. Longest streaks in Packers history:

- 14 Ryan Longwell, 1997-98
- 12 Jan Stenerud, 1980-81
- Chris Jacke, 1991-92
- Ryan Longwell, 2004 (current)**
- 11 Ryan Longwell, 2000

**NAILBITERS:** Over the last six seasons, nine of the last 12 games in the Packers-Vikings series have been decided by less than a touchdown. Five points or less has separated the teams in their last five encounters.

► The Packers against the league in games decided by three points or less have won eight of their last 10. Overall under Mike Sherman (2000-04), they're 13-4.

► 2004 NFL leaders in games decided by three points or less:

Cincinnati	3-0	1.000
Pittsburgh	3-0	1.000
Dallas	2-0	1.000
Philadelphia	2-0	1.000
Seattle	2-0	1.000
Atlanta	5-1	.833
<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>4-1</b>	<b>.800</b>
Jacksonville	5-2	.714
Tampa Bay	2-1	.667
New Orleans	3-2	.600
Oakland	3-2	.600

**BIRTHDAY WISHES:** On Thursday (Jan. 6), both tight end Bubba Franks and quarterbacks coach Darrell Bevell celebrate birthdays.

**WHAT MAKES THIS RIVALRY UNIQUE?:** Every major sports rivalry has its own historical twists and anecdotes, and supporters of each team usually engage in playful banter in the days leading up to the game. But why do Vikings fans hate the Packers more than any other team? Well, for starters, Minnesota fans can't even escape coverage of the Packers in their own market, year-round.

► Can you imagine the *Boston Globe* hiring a beat writer to live and work year-round in New York, providing daily Yankees coverage? Well, beginning last season, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune* assigned Judd Zulgad to the Packers beat, and he provides daily coverage in the enemy market. In pro sports, there isn't another known, similar arrangement — a beat writer in a division rival's market.

## Packers among best in postseason

The Packers own the best postseason winning percentage in NFL history among teams with at least eight games. They have won 24 of 37 playoff games since their first-ever postseason contest — the 1936 NFL championship (a 21-6 victory over the Boston Redskins). The Packers also hold the league record of nine consecutive playoff victories (1961-62, 1965-67). The standings:

Franchise	W	L	Pct	Pts	Opp
Baltimore Ravens	5	2	.714	142	73
Carolina Panthers	4	2	.667	140	115
<b>Green Bay Packers</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>.649</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>692</b>
San Francisco 49ers	25	17	.595	1044	853
*Washington Redskins	22	15	.595	778	642
Dallas Cowboys	32	22	.593	1281	1008
Pittsburgh Steelers	23	17	.575	902	808
*Oakland Raiders	24	18	.571	990	773
*New England Patriots	13	10	.565	443	461
Denver Broncos	16	13	.552	626	698
Miami Dolphins	20	19	.513	780	848
Jacksonville Jaguars	4	4	.500	208	200
Buffalo Bills	14	15	.483	681	658
Chicago Bears	14	15	.483	598	585
Philadelphia Eagles	14	15	.483	531	513
*Indianapolis Colts	12	14	.462	486	537
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	6	7	.462	206	238
*Tennessee Titans	14	17	.452	563	732
*St. Louis Rams	18	23	.439	726	877
New York Jets	7	9	.438	335	315
New York Giants	16	21	.432	647	699
Minnesota Vikings	17	23	.425	779	913
Atlanta Falcons	5	7	.417	241	287
Cincinnati Bengals	5	7	.417	246	257
Detroit Lions	7	10	.412	365	404
*Kansas City Chiefs	8	12	.400	332	422
*San Diego Chargers	7	11	.389	332	428
Cleveland Browns	11	20	.355	629	728
Seattle Seahawks	3	6	.333	172	192
*Arizona Cardinals	2	5	.286	122	182
New Orleans Saints	1	5	.167	103	185
Houston Texans	-	-	-	-	-

\* — **Arizona** totals include two games when franchise was in Chicago (won 28-21, lost 7-0) and three games when franchise was in St. Louis (lost 30-14, lost 35-23, lost 41-16); **Indianapolis** totals include 15 games when franchise was in Baltimore (won 8, lost 7, 264 points scored, 262 points allowed); **Kansas City** totals include one game while franchise was Dallas Texans (won 20-17); **New England** totals include two games when franchise was in Boston (won 26-8, lost 51-10); **Oakland** totals include 12 games when franchise was in Los Angeles (won 6, lost 6, 268 points scored, 224 points allowed); **St. Louis Rams** totals include one game when franchise was in Cleveland (won 15-14) and 32 games when franchise was in Los Angeles (won 12, lost 20, 486 points scored, 683 points allowed); **San Diego** totals include one game when franchise was in Los Angeles (lost 24-16); **Tennessee** totals include 22 games when franchise was in Houston (won 9, lost 13, 371 points scored, 533 points allowed); **Washington** totals include one game when franchise was in Boston (lost 21-6).

## Fewest postseason losing streaks

	No. losing streaks	Longest losing streak	NFL titles	Playoff appearances
<b>Green Bay Packers</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2 (two times)</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>
Oakland/L.A. Raiders	3	2 (three times)	3	21
San Francisco 49ers	3	3	5	22
Washington Redskins	3	3	5	20
New York Giants	4	6	6	26
Cleveland Browns	5	3	4	24
Dallas Cowboys	5	4 (current)	5	27
Miami Dolphins	5	3	2	21
Minnesota Vikings	5	6	0	24
Pittsburgh Steelers	5	3	4	22
Chicago Bears	6	2 (six times)	9	22
Cleveland/St. Louis/L.A. Rams	6	3	2	26



► What's more, since the Packers won their last Super Bowl in 1996, the Vikings' flagship radio station, KFAN Sportsradio 1130, has aired a weekly one-hour preview show devoted to the Packers. Dave Sinykin, a Whitefish Bay, Wis., native hosts the program, which this season expanded into the Duluth, Mankato and St. Cloud markets. Again, there isn't a known, similar situation in sports — exclusive programming on a division rival's flagship radio network.

**SHARPER & CULPEPPER GO WAY BACK:** Darren Sharper has intercepted Daunte Culpepper five times, more than any other quarterback. But that figure counts only NFL games.

- On Aug. 29, 1996, Sharper and Culpepper met for the first time, at Orlando's Florida Citrus Bowl. Culpepper and his Central Florida Golden Knights hosted Sharper and his William & Mary Tribe.
- Sharper recorded his first of a nation-leading 10 interceptions by picking off Culpepper that night. The quarterback, however, had the last laugh as Central Florida won, 39-33.
- Including that game, Culpepper has started against Sharper nine times, and gone 5-4.
- The Packers are 3-1 when Sharper intercepts Culpepper, and 1-2 when he does not.

**CHAVOUS WAS THORN LAST SEASON:** Minnesota strong safety Corey Chavous intercepted Brett Favre three times in 2003.

- Detroit's Dre Bly also pulled off the Favre "hat trick" in 2003.
- Before Chavous and Bly, the last player to intercept Favre at least three times in a single season was Minnesota's Vencie Glenn. Glenn did it in one game, Dec. 27, 1992, at the Metrodome.

**JUST GETTING LEAD IS IMPORTANT AGAINST VIKINGS:** Over their last 10 meetings with Minnesota (2000-04), the Packers are 7-0 when gaining the lead at any time. In the other three contests, the Vikings never trailed (at Minnesota 2001-02, Lambeau Field 2003).

**PROMOTIONS:** In a credit to the Packers' pro and college scouting departments, last month Andrae Thurman became the eighth Green Bay practice squad player promoted to the 53-man roster this season. To gauge just how amazing that figure is, consider that in 2003 the Packers promoted just two practice-squad players: Terdell Sands and Erwin Swiney. Those eight players haven't been sitting on the bench, either. The 2004 players to join the active roster, with dates and games played:

Player	Promoted	Starts	Games	Possible Games
TE Ben Steele	Sept. 15	0	15	15
C/G Scott Wells	Oct. 2	2	5	13
WR Kelvin Kight	Oct. 16	0	1	4
RB Walter Williams	Nov. 20	0	1	1
FB Vonta Leach	Nov. 29	0	6	6
DT Colin Cole	Nov. 30	1	3	5
TE Sean McHugh	Dec. 21	0	0	2
WR Andrae Thurman	Dec. 23	0	2	2
<b>Totals (eight players)</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>48</b>

**2005 OPPONENTS DETERMINED SUNDAY, TOO:** In addition to the 2004 playoffs, next season's non-NFC North Green Bay opponents were finalized after Sunday's games.

- According to the league's eight-year schedule rotation, which began in 2002 and goes through 2009, the two "unknown" opponents on Green Bay's 2005 slate are to come from the NFC West (home) and NFC East (road). Because Green Bay won its division, the Packers will again travel to Philadelphia (the East champion) and will host Seattle (the West champion).
- The Packers also play every team from the NFC South and AFC North. They will travel to Atlanta, Carolina, Baltimore and Cincinnati. They will host New Orleans, Tampa Bay, Cleveland and Pittsburgh.

**PRO BOWL PACKERS:** Fullback William Henderson and wide receiver Javon Walker became first-time Pro Bowlers, the NFL announced Dec. 22. Also elected were running back Ahman Green and guard Marco Rivera, for the fourth and third consecutive years, respectively, giving the Packers four

## Longest scoring streaks, NFL

Seattle shut out San Francisco Sept. 26, ending the 49ers' NFL-record 420-game scoring streak. The Packers' streak, now at 215, is second on the active list and would join the longest all-time streaks with a score Friday... The last team to blank Green Bay was Chicago, Oct. 17, 1991 (10-0 at Lambeau)... On Oct. 7, 2001, at Tampa, the team broke the previous franchise record, 156 games (Nov. 9, 1958 — Dec. 21, 1969).

CURRENT			ALL-TIME		
Streak	Team	Began	Streak	Team	Years
220	Minnesota Vikings	...9/29/1991	420	San Francisco 49ers	...1977-2004
217	Green Bay Packers	...10/27/1991	274	Cleveland Browns	...1950-71
196	Denver Broncos	...11/30/1992	220	Minnesota Vikings	...1991-2004 (current)
			218	Dallas Cowboys	...1970-85
			217	Oakland Raiders	...1966-81
				Green Bay Packers	...1991-2004 (current)
			216	New Orleans Saints	...1983-97

## Non-losing season streaks, NFL history

With Miami finishing with its first losing season since 1988, Green Bay with an eighth win Dec. 12 assumed the NFL's longest active streak of non-losing seasons. In 2001, the Packers captured the NFC's longest active streak, now 13. Green Bay's last sub-.500 campaign was 1991 (4-12). The Packers, who've now accomplished a streak of at least 10 years three times, are the only team ever to do it more than twice (and that does not include the Lombardi era)...

Team	Consecutive		Team	Consecutive	
	Non-Losing Seasons	Years		Non-Losing Seasons	Years
Green Bay Packers (current)	13	1992-2004	New York Giants	10	1954-63
Miami Dolphins	15	1989-2003	Washington Redskins	11	1936-46
Minnesota Vikings	10	1991-2000	Green Bay Packers	14	1934-47
San Francisco 49ers	16	1983-98	Detroit Lions/Portsmouth Spartans	10	1931-40
Miami Dolphins	11	1977-87	Chicago Bears	15	1930-44
Pittsburgh Steelers	13	1972-84	Green Bay Packers	12	1921-32
Dallas Cowboys	21	1965-85			
Oakland Raiders	16	1965-80			
Baltimore Colts	15	1957-71			

NOTE — Streaks listed in reverse chronological order.



players voted for the all-star contest.

- ▶ Henderson, in his 10th season, Dec. 19 broke Howard Griffith's NFL record among fullbacks by blocking for a 1,000-yard rusher in a seventh overall season. The University of North Carolina product has paved the way for 1,000-yard seasons for Green (2000-04) and Dorsey Levens (1997, '99).
- ▶ Walker's honor comes during a superb third NFL season. Walker was GM/Head Coach Mike Sherman's initial first-round pick; the Packers traded up to select the Florida State player in the 2002 NFL Draft.
- ▶ Green, meanwhile, becomes only the second Packers back to be named to as many as four consecutive seasons, joining Jim Taylor, who was named to five straight contests (1960-64).
- ▶ Rivera, a seven-year starter, is the first Green Bay offensive lineman to be named to the Pro Bowl three consecutive seasons since Gale Gillingham in 1969-71. One of the most durable performers in Packers history, Rivera has maintained a 99-game starting streak, second on the team to only Brett Favre (203).
- ▶ Eight other Packers were named as alternates on the NFC squad, including Favre, guard Mike Wahle and cornerback Al Harris. The others include tight end Bubba Franks, wide receiver Donald Driver and tackle Chad Clifton on offense, linebacker Nick Barnett on defense and place-kicker Ryan Longwell.
- ▶ Franks, Barnett and Longwell also were named alternates last season, with Franks eventually getting called up to play in the game. Two other alternates last season, center Mike Flanagan and defensive end Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, played in the contest as well.

**LAST WEEK:** Postgame notes from Green Bay's 31-14 victory Sunday at Soldier Field.

- ▶ Unlike other playoff-bound teams, Green Bay played most of its starters and earned important momentum entering the playoffs.
- ▶ In a rivalry that spans nine decades, the Bears still never have swept the Packers in a year when Chicago finished with a sub-.500 record...Green Bay hasn't lost consecutive games to the Bears since 1991-92. The last time Chicago swept the season series was 1991.
- ▶ The Packers haven't lost a road game to the Bears since 1993. The 11-game streak includes 10 contests at Soldier Field and one at Champaign Memorial Stadium (2002)...Only two times in NFL history has one team won more consecutive games over a road opponent — the L.A. Rams won 12 straight in San Francisco from 1969-80, and the 49ers won 12 straight at the Rams from 1987-98. Favre extended the NFL record for consecutive road wins by a quarterback over one opponent (11).
- ▶ Brett Favre cleared both the 4,000-yard and 30-touchdown milestones in the same season for a third time (also 1995 and 1998). He posted his eighth season of 30-plus TDs, extending his NFL record, now four more than No. 2 Dan Marino (1984-86, 1994).
- ▶ With two TD passes, reached 51 career against the Bears and surpassed

- Dan Marino's 50 against Buffalo for the third-most all-time by a quarterback against an opponent.
- ▶ Favre also recorded his 24th TD pass at Soldier Field, moving into sole possession of fourth on the stadium's all-time list, behind three Bears quarterbacks.
- ▶ Craig Nall, who in five previous NFL games had entered no earlier than the fourth quarter, came out of the bullpen in the second quarter. Nall threw for 131 yards, including a 48-yard strike; both figures marked the best respective performances ever by a Brett Favre backup (1992-2004). What's more, Nall's 33 attempts in 2004 were the most ever by a Packers quarterback without an interception.
- ▶ Darren Sharper became one of four players to lead the team in interceptions at least five seasons: Bobby Dillon (seven), Willie Wood (five) and LeRoy Butler (five).
- ▶ With a touchdown, Sharper tied two club records: Herb Adderley's career record of seven, and the single-season mark of three, held by Adderley (1965) and Sharper (1997).
- ▶ The Packers matched their single-game record with nine sacks. Green Bay recorded nine sacks on two previous occasions, Oct. 24, 1965, vs. Dallas (Milwaukee), and Nov. 1, 1998, vs. San Francisco (Green Bay).
- ▶ Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila established a career high with four of those sacks. The quartet allowed him to match his single-season career high of 13½ in 2001. It also gave him 49 since 2001, more than any Packers player ever over four straight seasons (Tim Harris had 48 from 1986-89).
- ▶ The Packers have won their season finale in 10 of the last 11 years. Their only loss was 2002 at the N.Y. Jets; they exited the playoffs one week later, their only home playoff loss ever.

**THREE STRAIGHT DIVISION CROWNS:** Green Bay has won a third straight division crown for the fourth time in its history (also 1960-62, 1965-67 and 1995-97). Each of its three previous streaks has included at least one world championship.

▶ Since the merger, the Packers' division (NFC Central 1970-2001, NFC North 2002-04) has produced three consecutive winners on only four occasions:

6	Minnesota	.....NFC Central	1973-78
5	Chicago	.....NFC Central	1984-88
3	<b>Green Bay</b>	..... <b>NFC Central</b>	<b>1995-97</b>
	<b>Green Bay</b>	..... <b>NFC North</b>	<b>2002-04</b>

**HENDERSON TOPS BUTLER:** Only Brett Favre has played more regular-season games at legendary Lambeau Field than William Henderson. Most regular-season games played at the stadium (1957-2004):

94	Brett Favre, 1992-2004
<b>78</b>	<b>William Henderson, 1995-2004</b>
77	LeRoy Butler, 1990-2001
70	Frank Winters, 1990-2002

### Victory as a yardstick

#### OVERALL RECORDS, STARTING QB, SINCE MERGER<sup>1</sup>

Joe Montana, SF-KC	.....	.117	47	.713
Terry Bradshaw, Pit	.....	.107	51	.677
Ken Stabler, Oak-HouO-NO	.....	.96	49	.662
<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	.....	<b>.135</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>.659</b>
Steve Young, TB-SF	.....	.94	49	.657

<sup>1</sup> — starters who began careers 1970 or later; minimum 100 starts; regular season only

#### HOME RECORDS, STARTING QB, SINCE 1967<sup>2</sup>

Terry Bradshaw, Pit	.....	.67	12	.848
Roger Staubach, DalC	.....	.49	10	.831
<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	.....	<b>.83</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>.814</b>
John Elway, Den	.....	.95	23	.805
Danny White, DalC	.....	.37	10	.787

<sup>2</sup> — starters who began careers 1967 or later; minimum 40 home starts; regular season only

#### OVERALL WINS, STARTING QB, ALL-TIME

John Elway, Den	.....	.148	82	1	.643
Dan Marino, Mia	.....	.147	93	0	.613
<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	.....	<b>.135</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.659</b>
Fran Tarkenton, Min-NYG	.....	.125	109	6	.533
Johnny Unitas, BalC-SD	.....	.119	63	4	.651
Joe Montana, SF-KC	.....	.117	47	0	.713
Terry Bradshaw, Pit	.....	.107	51	0	.677
Warren Moon, HouO-Min-Sea-KC	.....	.102	98	0	.510





**DON'T TAKE 1,000-YARD RUSHERS FOR GRANTED:** The Packers Dec. 19 extended their team streak with a 1,000-yard rusher to six seasons. Longest active NFL streaks:

Yrs	Club	1,000-yard rushers	'04 Leader
9	N.Y. Jets	A.Murrell 1996-97, C.Martin, 1998-2004	Martin 1,697
7	Seattle	R.Watters 1998-2000, S.Alexander 2001-04	Alexander, 1,696
6	Green Bay	D.Levens 1999, A.Green 2000-04	Green 1,163
5	New Orleans	R.Williams 2000-01, D.McAllister 2002-03	McAllister 1,074
4	San Diego	L.Tomlinson, 2001-04	Tomlinson 1,335

**BARNETT TACKLED PACKERS HISTORY:** Middle linebacker Nick Barnett collected more tackles than any Packers player over the last 21 years. Most total tackles, season (statistics kept since 1975):

180	Mike Douglass, 1981	157	Jim Carter, 1977
166	Rich Wingo, 1979	151	Randy Scott, 1985
165	Mike Douglass, 1980	150	Steve Luke, 1978
162	Mike Douglass, 1983		John Anderson, 1981

**Nick Barnett, 2004**

**RECORD TD STREAK:** By scoring a touchdown in a 76th consecutive regular-season game Dec. 24, Green Bay established a franchise record. The last time an opponent held the Packers without a TD was Sept. 17, 2000, Mike Sherman's first career win, a 6-3 victory over Philadelphia at Lambeau Field. Longest streaks, active (courtesy Elias Sports Bureau) and in Packers history:

Active NFL	Packers History
77 Green Bay	77 2000-04 (current)
48 Minnesota	75 1992-97
37 San Diego	48 1997-2000
36 St. Louis	45 1965-68
32 Kansas City	40 1940-44
	New Orleans

**HARRIS BREAKS DEFENSIVE RECORD:** Al Harris Dec. 24 broke the team record for passes defended in a season (club began tracking in 1982):

28	Al Harris	2004
27	Doug Evans	1995
23	Darren Sharper	2000
	LeRoy Butler	1993
22	Darren Sharper	2001
21	Mike McKenzie	2001
	Tyrone Williams	2000
20	Mike McKenzie	2003

**TEAM TD-PASS STREAK STILL ALIVE:** Brett Favre's incredible TD-pass streak — 36 games, second-longest in NFL annals — may have ended in Philadelphia Dec. 5, but the Packers' team streak remains active. Longest active team streaks, consecutive games with a TD pass:

41	Green Bay Packers
21	Minnesota Vikings

**LONGWELL QUIETLY AMONG TEAM'S TOP WEAPONS:** Kicker Ryan Longwell on Dec. 24 nailed his fourth game-winning kick of 2004, and ninth of his career.

► In the fourth quarter, Longwell has hit eight in a row, dating to the 2003 playoffs.

► What makes Longwell so impressive is not how he kicks, but where he kicks. At Lambeau Field, the league's toughest venue, weather hounds kickers even early in the season, when challenging wind and rain like to make themselves at home. Longwell's .842 career field-goal percentage at Lambeau Field compared to other kickers in Green Bay during his career (1997-2004):

Ryan Longwell, Lambeau Field	106	126	.842
Other kickers, Lambeau Field	80	109	.734

**LONGWELL CONVERSIONS AUTOMATIC SINCE 2001:** Ryan Longwell Nov. 29 eclipsed Chris Jacke's franchise record for consecutive PAT conversions. Jacke hit 134 straight from 1990-94. Longwell, 346-for-349 over his career, hasn't missed a PAT since the Browns blocked an attempt at Lambeau Field, Dec. 23, 2001. Longest active NFL streaks (courtesy Elias Sports Bureau) and in Packers history:

Active NFL streaks	Began	All-time Green Bay streaks
275	Jeff Wilkins . . . . .1999	153 Ryan Longwell, 2001-04
261	Matt Stover . . . . .1996	134 Chris Jacke, 1990-94
165	Rian Lindell . . . . .2000	104 Ryan Longwell, 1999-2001
153	Ryan Longwell . . . . .2001	99 Paul Hornung, 1960-62, 64
		87 Chris Jacke, 1994-96

**INSIDE 40 YARDS:** Ryan Longwell Dec. 19 ended a streak of 45 successful field goals under 40 yards. The streak was the longest in the league. He's still hit 47 of his last 48 in that range, since a miss Oct. 7, 2002.

**AT THE CENTER OF THE STREAK:** Scott Wells Dec. 12 vs. Detroit became the seventh center to start during Brett Favre's streak, which reached 205 starts Jan. 2. The seven centers during the streak (since Sept. 27, 1992), ranked by starts:

Frank Winters, 1992-2002	123
Mike Flanagan, 2000-04	43
James Campen, 1992-93	14
Grey Ruegamer, 2004	11
Jeff Dellenbach, 1997-98	6
Jamie Dukes, 1994	6
Scott Wells, 2004	2

**ROOKIE CENTERS:** Wells also became the first rookie to start at center for the Packers since Bill Cherry, Oct. 12, 1986, also vs. Detroit at Lambeau Field.

► That season also was the last year in which Green Bay started more than two centers.

► In 2004, Grey Ruegamer replaced Mike Flanagan in the lineup beginning with Week 4, after debilitating knee tendinitis put Flangan on injured reserve. Wells started two games for Ruegamer, who rolled his ankle Dec. 5 at Philadelphia, before Ruegamer returned to the lineup.

► In 1986, the Packers started Cherry, Mark Cannon and Karl Swanke.

**400-YARD GAMES LEAD OFFENSE TO TEAM RECORD:** The Packers' offense has produced 400 total yards in five of its last eight games.

► The Packers have 10 total 400-yard games in 2004. They had nine over the previous three seasons (2001-03).

► Most total yards gained, season:

6,357	2004 (1,908 rushing, 4,449 passing)
6,172	1983 (1,807 rushing, 4,365 passing)
5,798	2003 (2,558 rushing, 3,240 passing)
5,780	1989 (1,732 rushing, 4,048 passing)
5,750	1995 (1,428 rushing, 4,322 passing)

**BEST COACHES, WITHIN DIVISION:** Since his first season as head coach, Mike Sherman has had noticeable success against division opponents.

► Overall, Sherman is 25-9 against his division, including a 14-3 home record (winning 14 of last 16 at Lambeau). Best division records among active NFL head coaches (minimum two seasons):

Mike Martz, StL	25	9	.735
<b>Mike Sherman, GB</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.735</b>
Andy Reid, Phi	29	13	.690
Marty Schottenheimer, Cle-KC-Was-SD	88	48	.647
Bill Cowher, Pit	62	36	.633
Mike Shanahan, Oak-Den	55	31	.640

**DAVENPORT'S EFFORT RANKS HIGH:** According to Elias Sports Bureau, over the last 20 seasons (1985-2004), Najeh Davenport's 178 yards rushing Nov. 29 were the third-most by a player in his first NFL start:

Yds	Player, Club	Date, Opp.	Att	TD	Result
195	Trung Canidae, StLR	10/21/01 at NYJ	23	2	W, 34-14
186	Derrick Blaylock, KC	11/14/04 at NO	33	1	L, 27-20
<b>178</b>	<b>Najeh Davenport, GB</b>	<b>11/29/04 vs. StLR</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>W, 45-17</b>
173	Priest Holmes, BalR	9/27/98 vs. Cin	27	2	W, 31-24
170	George Wonsley, Ind	9/22/85 vs. Det	27	0	W, 14-6

**INCREDIBLE COMEBACK:** The Packers Nov. 21 rallied from a fourth-quarter deficit of at least 10 points to win a road game for the first time in 14 years. On Nov. 18, 1990, Anthony Dilweg replaced an injured Don Majkowski and erased a 21-10 deficit to win at Phoenix, 24-21.

**STRETCHING THE FIELD AT UNPRECEDENTED PACE:** Brett Favre from Oct. 11-Nov. 21 connected on a pass of at least 44 yards in six consecutive games, by far the longest streak of his career.

**CONSECUTIVE LAST-SECOND KICKS:** Ryan Longwell won two straight games, Nov. 14 vs. Minnesota and Nov. 21 at Houston, with field goals at the gun. The last time Green Bay won two straight contests on field goals as time expired, 9-year-old Longwell was in elementary school.

- ▶ Near the end of 1983, eventual Hall of Famer Jan Stenerud turned away consecutive opponents with last-second field goals.
- ▶ His 19-yarder beat the Bears, 31-28, at Lambeau Field Dec. 4. Lynn Dickey's improbable 67-yard pass to James Lofton, another Hall of Famer, set up that win.
- ▶ One week later, Dec. 12 at Tampa Bay, Stenerud booted a 23-yarder in overtime to sink the Bucs, 12-9. Dickey took the extra period's opening kickoff and drove 65 yards in 11 plays before the field goal.
- ▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, the last NFL team to win consecutive games on last-second field goals was Philadelphia, Nov. 5-12, 2000.

**RECEPTION DUOS:** Javon Walker (1,382) and Donald Driver (1,208) are the first set of 1,000-yard Packers receivers since 1999 (Antonio Freeman, Bill Schroeder) and only the third overall (also Freeman and Robert Brooks in 1997). Top receiving seasons by a Packers duo:

**RECEPTION COMBOS**

<b>173</b>	<b>Javon Walker</b> . . . . .	<b>.89</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>Donald Driver</b> . . . . .	<b>.84</b>	
172	Sterling Sharpe . . . . .	.94	1994
	Edgar Bennett . . . . .	.78	
171	Sterling Sharpe . . . . .	.112	1993
	Edgar Bennett . . . . .	.59	
171	Sterling Sharpe . . . . .	.112	1993
	Jackie Harris . . . . .	.59	
163	Robert Brooks . . . . .	.102	1995
	Edgar Bennett . . . . .	.61	
163	Sterling Sharpe . . . . .	.108	1992
	Jackie Harris . . . . .	.55	

**RECEIVING YARDS COMBOS**

<b>2590</b>	<b>Javon Walker</b> . . . . .	<b>1382</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>Donald Driver</b> . . . . .	<b>1208</b>	
2253	Antonio Freeman . . . . .	1243	1997
	Robert Brooks . . . . .	1010	
2176	Robert Brooks . . . . .	1497	1995
	Mark Chmura . . . . .	.679	
2145	Robert Brooks . . . . .	1497	1995
	Edgar Bennett . . . . .	.648	
2130	James Lofton . . . . .	1300	1983
	John Jefferson . . . . .	.830	
2125	Antonio Freeman . . . . .	1074	1999
	Bill Schroeder . . . . .	1051	

**TD RECEPTION COMBOS**

22	Sterling Sharpe . . . . .	.18	1994
	Edgar Bennett . . . . .	.4	
22	Sterling Sharpe . . . . .	.18	1994
	Robert Brooks . . . . .	.4	
22	Sterling Sharpe . . . . .	.18	1994
	Anthony Morgan . . . . .	.4	
21	Antonio Freeman . . . . .	.14	1998
	Tyrone Davis . . . . .	.7	
21	Don Hutson . . . . .	.17	1942
	Andy Uram . . . . .	.4	
<b>21</b>	<b>Javon Walker</b> . . . . .	<b>.12</b>	<b>2004</b>
	<b>Donald Driver</b> . . . . .	<b>.9</b>	

**BEIGHTOL'S LINE & 1,000-YARD RUSHERS:** Larry Beightol's offensive line has blocked for a 1,000-yard rusher in six consecutive seasons, and established a franchise record (five, 1960-64). The next comparable streak was three (1971-73).

- ▶ The Packers offensive line helped Dorsey Levens to the barrier in 1999, and Green over the last five seasons (2000-04).
- ▶ Beightol broke Bill Austin's Packers record among O-line coaches; Austin's unit, which executed the "run to daylight" Lombardi Sweep, recorded five individual 1,000-yard rushing seasons (Jim Taylor, 1960-64).

**WITH AN 11-POINT LEAD:** The Packers under Sherman are 37-2 with a lead of at least 11 points, at any point in the game, including six of their 10 wins in 2004.

**ANOTHER NAME JOINS THE QB LIST:** Sage Rosenfels Jan. 2 became the 11th quarterback to make his first NFL start this season, joining Matt Schaub (Dec. 26), John Navarre and Luke McCown (Dec. 5), Drew Henson (Nov. 25), Eli Manning (Nov. 21), Craig Krenzel (Oct. 31), Chris Simms (Oct. 10), Ben Roethlisberger (Sept. 26), Ken Dorsey (Sept. 19) and Carson Palmer (Sept. 12).

▶ Rosenfels became the 183rd quarterback to start an NFL game since Brett Favre launched his current starting streak, Sept. 27, 1992.

**STONEWALL JACKSON:** Since Mike Sherman claimed Grady Jackson on waivers Nov. 4, 2003, the Packers are 15-4 in Jackson's games.

▶ Since Jackson joined the club, in five games without him (all in 2004), the Packers are 1-4.

**ANOTHER ELECTION PUTS STREAK IN PERSPECTIVE:** Since Brett Favre launched his starting streak Sept. 27, 1992, people have moved from cassettes to CDs and 1 billion people went "on-line." The streak has encompassed the rise and fall of Martha Stewart, Beanie Babies, Ross Perot, Celine Dion and Y2K. Over the last 12-plus years, *The Bridges of Madison County*, *The Client* and *Cold Mountain* have gone from the best-seller list to the big screen to the video rental store. And, sandwiched within the streak are the O.J. Simpson trial, the first and last episodes of NBC's hit series *Friends* and Bill Clinton's two terms in office.

▶ In fact, Nov. 2 marked the fourth time during Favre's streak Americans have gone to the polls to vote for President. Clinton defeated George Bush (1992), won a second term over Bob Dole and Ross Perot (1996), George W. Bush beat Al Gore (2000) and won another term Nov. 2 (2004), defeating John Kerry.

**LONGWELL & BARKER:** Ryan Longwell since Oct. 11 when Bryan Barker began holding for the injured Doug Pederson, is 21-for-23 on FGs and 39-for-39 on PATs, including 50- and 53-yard field goals.



**SPEAKING OF BARKER:** The veteran has 828 straight punts without a block (his last was with Kansas City, Dec. 12, 1993, at Denver, by Reggie Rivers). That's the second-longest streak in league annals:

1,045	Chris Gardocki, Chi-Ind-Cle-Pit	1992-2004	(current)
<b>828</b>	<b>Bryan Barker, KC-Phi-Jax-Was-GB</b>	<b>1993-2004</b>	<b>(current)</b>
623	Dave Jennings, NYG	1976-83	

**ONE PLAY CAN TURN AROUND SEASON:** Ultimately, the Packers' four-game losing streak began with one play. And, the season turned around with another play in the Oct. 17 win at Detroit, launching a six-game streak.

- ▶ On Sept. 19 vs. Chicago, with Green Bay poised to take a 10-7 lead on first-and-goal from the Bears' 2, Brian Urlacher pierced the Packers' blocking scheme, stripped Ahman Green and Mike Brown returned the fumble 95 yards for a touchdown. Green Bay never recovered, and lost, 21-10, launching a four-game slide.
- ▶ On Oct. 17, Darren Sharper picked off Joey Harrington and, knowing already that defensive scores usually win NFL games, leaped over Dominic Raiola on a passionate return to the end zone. The play, at a crucial time in the third quarter, gave the Packers a 24-10 lead.

**PUNT PROTECTION:** The Packers haven't had a punt blocked in more than nine years, since Sept. 11, 1995, at Chicago, where the Bears' Anthony Marshall blocked Craig Hentrich. The streak spans 722 punts.

- ▶ Josh Bidwell, who signed in March as an unrestricted free agent with Tampa Bay, left with the team's longest individual streak without a block: 308, from 2000-03.

**SANDLOT FOOTBALL:** Najeh Davenport says he has the best arm among Green Bay's backs, but only Ahman Green (Oct. 17 at Detroit) and Tony Fisher (Oct. 24 vs. Dallas) have thrown passes this season, both for TDs.

- ▶ Including Green and Fisher, four players threw for TDs, the most by a Packers team since the 1987 strike year. The last time four Packers threw TDs in a non-strike season was Bart Starr's first year as head coach, 1975 — QBs John Hadl, Don Milan and Carlos Brown, and rookie RB Willard Harrell.

**THE TD-PASS STREAK:** Favre saw his streak of games with a TD pass end at 36 on Dec. 5 at Philadelphia. Over a longer stretch, he actually threw for a TD in 43 of 44 games, since Jan. 6, 2002. On Oct. 20, 2002, LaVar Arrington sacked him and sprained the quarterback's lateral collateral ligament, forcing him from that game. Had Favre remained and thrown for a TD, he could've challenged Unitas late this year. Instead, his recent streak began when he shrugged off the torn ligament in his knee two years ago and returned for Green Bay's next game. Longest all-time streaks:

#### NFL HISTORY

47	Johnny Unitas, BalC	1956-60
<b>36</b>	<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	<b>2002-04</b>
30	Dan Marino, Mia	1985-87
28	Dave Krieg, Sea	1983-85
27	Chris Chandler, Atl	1997-99
	Peyton Manning, Ind	1998-99

#### PACKERS HISTORY

<b>36</b>	<b>Brett Favre (Games 8-16, 2002; 1-16, 2003; and 1-11, 2004)</b>
22	Cecil Isbell (Games 1-11, 1941; Games 1-11, 1942)
18	Brett Favre (Games 3-16, 1997; Games 1-4, 1998)
17	Brett Favre (Games 8-16, 1994; Games 1-8, 1995)
15	Don Majkowski (Gms 15-16, 1988; Gms 1-13, 1989)

**FAVRE'S MAGIC NUMBER — 100.0:** Elias Sports Bureau, the NFL's official statistician for half a century, never intended for the passer rating to reflect efficiency on a game-by-game basis. The company implemented the system to reflect efficiency over an entire season, or an entire career.

- ▶ Nonetheless, in games when Brett Favre compiles at least a 100.0 rating, the Packers are 68-7. They're 38-0 at home and 30-7 on the road.

**LAST PLACE FOR FIRST TIME IN 16 YEARS:** Earlier in October, the Packers were alone in last place for the first time since 1988.

- ▶ The last time Green Bay was alone in last place after at least three games was Dec. 18, 1988, after a season-ending road win over the Phoenix Cardinals. Ironically, that win cost the Packers the No. 1 draft choice in 1989, and instead of Troy Aikman, the team took Tony Mandarich second overall. Had Aikman guided Green Bay rather than Dallas, the Packers may never have acquired Brett Favre.

**TURNOVERS TAKE AWAY WINS:** The Packers under Mike Sherman are now 37-3 (22-0 at home) when committing one or fewer turnovers.

- ▶ Including six of their 10 2004 wins, they're also 15-0 under Sherman in turnover-free games. Over a longer stretch, the team has won 21 straight zero-turnover contests, dating to a loss at Minnesota, Dec. 1, 1997.
- ▶ Since an Oct. 21, 2001, loss at Minnesota, the Packers have won 26 straight when ahead in turnover margin. Overall under Sherman, the Packers are 36-1 under the same criteria.

**SHERMAN REACHES NO. 50:** Mike Sherman Nov. 14 posted career win No. 50, including playoffs. Curly Lambeau (1929) and Mike Holmgren (1996) won NFL championships the year they recorded their 50th win (Vince Lombardi had already won two). Sherman was 50-28-0 (.641) in 78 games.

#### FASTEST PACKERS COACHES TO 50 WINS

Gm	Coach, Yrs	50th win	W	L	T	Pct
66	Vince Lombardi, 1959-63	11/24/63, vs. San Fran.+	50	16	0	.758
<b>78</b>	<b>Mike Sherman, 2000-04</b>	<b>11/14/04, vs. Minnesota</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.641</b>
80	Mike Holmgren, 1992-96	11/3/96 vs. Detroit	50	30	0	.625
87	Curly Lambeau, 1921-29	9/22/29, vs. Dayton Triangles	50	25	12	.644
127	Bart Starr, 1975-83	11/6/83 vs. Cleveland+	50	74	3	.406

+ — Milwaukee

# WHAT TOOK PACKERS, VIKINGS SO LONG TO MEET IN PLAYOFFS? SIMPLY PUT, FOOTBALL FATES DID NOT 'COOPERATE' UNTIL NOW

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It was bound to happen...sooner or later.

That the Green Bay Packers would meet the Minnesota Vikings in the National Football League playoffs, that is.

Now that such a confrontation is finally at hand — with the long-awaited pairing becoming a reality in Lambeau Field Sunday afternoon — it prompts the obvious and inevitable question: What took so long?

The Vikings, after all, have been in the NFL since 1961, the year they entered the league as an expansion team — and joined the Packers in the Western Conference.

Simply put, the primary reason such a meeting has never taken place is directly traceable to the teams' success — or lack thereof — in reaching the playoffs simultaneously — or the luck of the draw while advancing in the post-season.

It just hasn't happened.

From 1970 to 1990, there was a league rule which decreed that two teams within a given division could not meet in the first round of the playoffs, which would have tended to limit the chances of such a postseason meeting. But it never has been necessary to apply the rule in the case of the Packers and Vikings.

There have been two significant opportunities, however, for a postseason face-off between the Green and Gold and the Purple Gang...in back-to-back situations.

And, they occurred during the Packers' successive trips to Super Bowls XXXI and XXXII following the 1996 and 1997 seasons, when the neighborhood rivals were one game away from squaring off.

In the former, the Packers drew a first-round bye as NFC Central champions (13-3) and Minnesota was a Wild Card qualifier but fell to the Dallas Cowboys, 40-15. If the Vikings had won, they would have faced the Packers in the following week's divisional playoffs.

The Packers, meanwhile, went on to defeat the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XXXI, 35-21.

There was a somewhat similar scenario in '97, when the Vikings qualified as a Wild Card and defeated the New York Giants, 23-22, in their opening assignment and the Packers, as division champions, had the opening weekend off.

Then with a potential meeting with the Purple for the NFC Championship in the offing, the Green and Gold defeated the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the Divisional Playoffs, 21-7, but the Vikings fell by the wayside, losing to the San Francisco 49ers, 38-22.

That year, the Packers went on to defeat the 49ers for the NFC title on a windy, rain-swept afternoon in San Francisco, 23-10, to advance to Super Bowl XXXII against John Elway and the Denver Broncos.

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In addition to Sunday's matchup being the first-ever postseason showdown between the Packers and Vikings, it will find the Green and Gold coming full circle against the so-called "Black and Blue Division" in the playoffs.

Translation: The Packers, after meeting the Vikings in a postseason game, will have faced all three of their current NFC North Division rivals in playoff competition.

In terms of time, this "process" has taken decades to complete.

The Packers and their feisty neighbors to the south, the Chicago Bears, were the first members of the foursome to meet in a playoff, clashing in the very first divisional playoff in NFL history — at Chicago's Wrigley Field in 1941 — before there was a designated "Black and Blue Division."

The playoff was necessitated when the Packers and the defending NFL champion Bears tied for the Western Division championship during the '41 regular season with matching 10-1 records.

The teams had split during the regular season, the Bears prevailing, 25-17, in their initial '41 meeting in Green Bay's "old" City Stadium, and the Packers returning the favor in a rematch at Chicago's Wrigley Field, 16-14.

The latter was considered a major upset, the Bears having demolished the Washington Redskins, 73-0, in the 1940 championship game and gone undefeated in '41 until they encountered the Packers in their Nov. 2 rematch.

The Green and Gold were unable to match the Midway Monsters' firepower in the playoff contest, played in Wrigley Field on Dec. 14, the Bears carrying the day, 33-14.

The Bears then went on to dispatch the New York Giants, 37-9, the following Sunday to capture the NFL championship.

The Packers have faced their other current division rivals, the Detroit Lions, twice in postseason play — and won both games, coming from behind to post a 28-24, last-minute victory in a Wild Card playoff in the Pontiac, Mich., Silverdome following the 1993 season, and a 16-12 win in another Wild Card playoff in Lambeau Field following the 1994 season.

In the former, Brett Favre's 40-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Sterling Sharpe in the final minute gave Green Bay one of the most dramatic victories in its highly successful postseason history, which has seen the Packers win 24 of 37 playoff games.

Favre's pass, a scrambling, across-the-body throw from extreme left to extreme right, found Sharpe wide open in the end zone with 55 seconds remaining.

Favre's heroic climaxed a see-saw struggle with the NFC Central Division champion Lions.

Earlier, rookie safety George Teague returned an Erik Kramer interception 101 yards for a touchdown, thus recording the longest such runback in NFL playoff history and giving Green Bay a 21-17 lead.

Sharpe also invaded the record book, tying an NFL playoff mark with three touchdown receptions, his first coming on a 12-yard Favre strike in the second quarter and the second on a 28-yard bolt in the third period.

The Lions' Barry Sanders, meanwhile, rebounded from a knee injury in spectacular fashion, rushing for 169 yards in the Lions' losing effort to treat a Silverdome house of 68,479 fans.

A Wild Card "rematch" with the Lions the following December — punctuated by a classic defensive performance from the Green and Gold — turned out to be one for the Packers' memory book...as well as the NFL record book.

The Packers outlasted the Lions in Green Bay's first playoff game since 1982. With a defense directed by coordinator Fritz Shurmur, the Packers held the Lions' redoubtable Barry Sanders to a career-low minus 1-yard on 13 rushing attempts, and limited the Lions collectively to a minus-4 yards on the ground — wiping out a 31-year-old league playoff record.

Offensively, Brett Favre directed several long scoring drives, including a 76-yard excursion on the game's opening series, climaxed by a 3-yard touchdown run by Dorsey Levens.

The Packers, controlling the football for 37-plus minutes, played turnover-free football throughout, to the pleasure of 58,125 fans. Veteran placekicker Chris Jacke contributed three field goals to the cause, including a Packers postseason-record 51-yard effort.

The Lions moved to within a field goal in the fourth quarter (13-10), on Dave Krieg's 3-yard touchdown pass to Brett Perriman, and reached the Packers' 11-yard line on their final drive in the game's closing moments.

But Shurmur's Green Bay defense settled the issue, recapturing the ball on downs before Packers punter Craig Hentrich took an intentional safety to run the day's final seven seconds off the clock.



## DEPTH CHART

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### OFFENSE

WR:	89	Robert Ferguson	83	Antonio Chatman	81	<u>Andrae Thurman</u>
LT:	76	Chad Clifton	72	Brad Bedell		
LG:	68	Mike Wahle	<u>78</u>	<u>Steve Morley</u>	67	Grey Ruegamer
C :	67	Grey Ruegamer	<u>63</u>	<u>Scott Wells</u>	62	Marco Rivera
RG:	62	Marco Rivera	65	Mark Tauscher		
RT:	65	Mark Tauscher	71	Kevin Barry		
TE :	88	Bubba Franks	<u>82</u>	<u>Ben Steele</u>	85	<u>Sean McHugh</u>
WR:	80	Donald Driver	84	Javon Walker		
QB:	4	Brett Favre	16	Craig Nall	7	J.T. O'Sullivan
RB:	30	Ahman Green	44	Najeh Davenport	40	Tony Fisher
FB:	33	William Henderson	22	Nick Luchey	48	<u>Vonta Leach</u>

### DEFENSE

LE:	74	Aaron Kampman	98	Kenny Peterson	99	<u>Corey Williams</u>
NT:	75	Grady Jackson	<u>90</u>	<u>Colin Cole</u>		
DT:	97	Cletidus Hunt	<u>77</u>	<u>Cullen Jenkins</u>		
RE:	94	Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	91	R-Kal Truluck	99	<u>Corey Williams</u>
SLB:	50	Hannibal Navies	<u>54</u>	<u>Steve Josue</u>		
MLB:	56	Nick Barnett	53	Paris Lenon		
WLB:	59	Na'il Diggs	53	Paris Lenon	54	<u>Steve Josue</u>
LCB:	28	Ahmad Carroll	24	<u>Joey Thomas</u>	26	<u>Jason Horton</u>
RCB:	31	Al Harris	24	<u>Joey Thomas</u>	37	Chris Johnson
SS:	23	Mark Roman	21	Bhawoh Jue		
FS:	42	Darren Sharper	21	Bhawoh Jue	27	Michael Hawthorne

### SPECIAL TEAMS

K:	8	Ryan Longwell				
P:	9	Bryan Barker	11	<u>B.J. Sander</u>		
H:	9	Bryan Barker	16	Craig Nall		
PR:	83	Antonio Chatman	89	Robert Ferguson	81	<u>Andrae Thurman</u>
					42	Darren Sharper
KR:	44	Najeh Davenport	89	Robert Ferguson	83	Antonio Chatman
			<u>81</u>	<u>Andrae Thurman</u>	40	Tony Fisher
PC:	60	Rob Davis	67	Grey Ruegamer		
KC:	60	Rob Davis	67	Grey Ruegamer		

Rookies and first-year players are underlined

#### Pronunciation Guide

##### PLAYERS

Brad Bedell . . . . .buh-DELL  
 Colin Cole . . . . .KAHL-in  
 Najeh Davenport . . . . .NAH-jay  
 Na'il Diggs . . . . .NIE-uhl  
 Brett Favre . . . . .FARVE  
 Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila  
 . . .kah-BEER BAH-jah BEE-ah-MILL-lah  
 Ahman Green . . . . .ah-MAHN  
 Cletidus Hunt . . . . .CLEE-dee-us

Cullen Jenkins . . . . .KULL-en  
 Steve Josue . . . . .jo-SOO  
 Bhawoh Jue . . . . .BAU JOO  
 Aaron Kampman . . . . .CAMP-man  
 Vonta Leach . . . . .von-TAY  
 Paris Lenon . . . . .PAIR-is  
 Nick Luchey . . . . .LOO-chee  
 Sean McHugh . . . . .muh-Q  
 Craig Nall . . . . .NAHL  
 Hannibal Navies . . . . .NAY-vees

Grey Ruegamer . . . . .ROOG-ah-mer  
 Mark Tauscher . . . . .TAU-scher  
 R-Kal Truluck . . . . .TRUE-luck  
 Mike Wahle . . . . .WALL  
 Javon Walker . . . . .juh-VONN

##### COACHES

Larry Beightol . . . . .BECK-tull  
 Darrell Bevell . . . . .BEV-uhl  
 John Bonamego . . . . .bonn-ah-MAY-go  
 James Campen . . . . .KAMP-en  
 Johnny Roland . . . . .ROLL-and  
 Tom Rossley . . . . .ROSS-lee  
 Kurt Schottenheimer . . . . .SHOT-en-HIME-er  
 Bob Slowik . . . . .SLOW-ick  
 Vince Tobin . . . . .TOBE-in



# 2004 STATISTICS

Mon. Sept. 13	at Carolina Panthers	W, 24-14	(73,656)
Sun. Sept. 19	CHICAGO BEARS	L, 10-21	(70,688)
Sun. Sept. 26	at Indianapolis Colts	L, 31-45	(57,280)
Sun. Oct. 3	NEW YORK GIANTS	L, 7-14	(70,623)
Mon. Oct. 11	TENNESSEE TITANS	L, 27-48	(70,420)
Sun. Oct. 17	at Detroit Lions	W, 38-10	(62,938)
Sun. Oct. 24	DALLAS COWBOYS	W, 41-20	(70,679)
Sun. Oct. 31	at Washington Redskins	W, 28-14	(89,295)
Sun. Nov. 14	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	W, 34-31	(70,671)
Sun. Nov. 21	at Houston Texans	W, 16-13	(70,769)
Mon. Nov. 29	ST. LOUIS RAMS	W, 45-17	(70,385)
Sun. Dec. 5	at Philadelphia Eagles	L, 17-47	(67,723)
Sun. Dec. 12	DETROIT LIONS	W, 16-13	(70,497)
Sun. Dec. 19	JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	L, 25-28	(70,437)
Fri. Dec. 24	at Minnesota Vikings	W, 34-31	(64,311)
Sun., Jan. 2	at Chicago Bears	W, 31-14	(62,197)

RUSHING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ahman Green	259	1163	4.5	90t	7
Najeh Davenport	71	359	5.1	40t	2
Tony Fisher	65	224	3.4	24	0
Walter Williams	6	42	7.0	28	0
Antonio Chatman	4	36	9.0	18	0
Brett Favre	16	36	2.3	17	0
Nick Luchey	10	24	2.4	4	0
Doug Pederson	2	15	7.5	9	0
Craig Nall	3	7	2.3	9	0
Donald Driver	3	4	1.3	14	0
J.T. O'Sullivan	2	-2	-1.0	-1	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>1908</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>90t</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>409</b>	<b>1878</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>12</b>

RECEIVING					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Javon Walker	89	1382	15.5	79t	12
Donald Driver	84	1208	14.4	50	9
Ahman Green	40	275	6.9	48	1
Tony Fisher	38	277	7.3	25	2
Bubba Franks	34	361	10.6	29	7
William Henderson	34	239	7.0	38t	3
Robert Ferguson	24	367	15.3	48	1
Antonio Chatman	22	246	11.2	21	1
David Martin	5	88	17.6	35	0
Ben Steele	4	42	10.5	27	0
Najeh Davenport	4	33	8.3	12	0
Nick Luchey	2	20	10.0	11	0
Andrae Thurman	2	12	6.0	9	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>4550</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>79t</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>3943</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>68t</b>	<b>33</b>

INTERCEPTIONS					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Darren Sharper	4	97	24.3	43t	2
Al Harris	1	29	29.0	29	0
Bhawoh Jue	1	23	23.0	23	0
Nick Barnett	1	16	16.0	16	0
Ahmad Carroll	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>20.6</b>	<b>43t</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>8.7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>

PUNTING								
	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In 20	LG	Blk
Bryan Barker	66	2644	40.1	33.4	7	16	64	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>2644</b>	<b>40.1</b>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>3176</b>	<b>39.2</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>

PUNT RETURNS						
	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Antonio Chatman	32	27	245	7.7	28	0
Darren Sharper	1	0	9	9.0	9	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>0</b>

KICKOFF RETURNS					
	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Antonio Chatman	25	565	22.6	59	0
Robert Ferguson	21	526	25.0	71	0
Najeh Davenport	14	286	20.4	27	0
Andrae Thurman	3	59	19.7	28	0
Ahmad Carroll	2	31	15.5	16	0
William Henderson	2	16	8.0	10	0
James Whitley	2	33	16.5	20	0
Kenny Peterson	1	6	6.0	6	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>1522</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1594</b>	<b>20.2</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>0</b>

FIELD GOALS					
	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Ryan Longwell	0/0	8/8	8/9	6/8	2/3
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>8/8</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>6/8</b>	<b>2/3</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>5/8</b>	<b>7/12</b>	<b>0/0</b>

**Longwell:** (41G) (25G,45N) (38G,52N) ( ) (39G,53G) (50G) (26G,40G) (37G,39G) (43G,33G) (49N,23G,39G,46G) (27G) (40G) (36G,28G,23G) (35,31N) (42G,29G) (20G)

**Opponents:** ( ) (45N) (45G) (49N,30N,33N) (36G,38G,42B) (48G) (46G,24G) (35N) (21G) (40N,46G,40G) (42N,32G) (22G,45G,47G,22G) (31G,36G) ( ) (29G) ( )

Packers		Opponent	
<b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>307</b>	
Rushing	98	92	
Passing	228	181	
Penalty	28	34	
3rd Down: Made/Att	98/207	69/197	
3rd Down Pct.	47.3	35.0	
4th Down: Made/Att	8/14	5/9	
4th Down Pct.	57.1	55.6	
<b>POSSESSION AVG.</b>	<b>30:28</b>	<b>29:32</b>	
<b>TOTAL NET YARDS</b>	<b>6357</b>	<b>5541</b>	
Avg. Per Game	397.3	346.3	
Total Plays	1053	967	
Avg. Per Play	6.0	5.7	
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	<b>1908</b>	<b>1878</b>	
Avg. Per Game	119.3	117.4	
Total Rushes	441	409	
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	<b>4449</b>	<b>3663</b>	
Avg. Per Game	278.1	228.9	
Sacked/Yards Lost	14/101	40/280	
Gross Yards	4550	3943	
Att./Completions	598/382	518/314	
Completion Pct.	63.9	60.6	
Had Intercepted	19	8	
<b>PUNTS/AVERAGE</b>	<b>66/40.1</b>	<b>81/39.2</b>	
Net Punting Avg.	66/33.4	81/34.6	
<b>PENALTIES/YARDS</b>	<b>116/950</b>	<b>112/942</b>	
<b>FUMBLES/BALL LOST</b>	<b>22/10</b>	<b>17/7</b>	
<b>TOUCHDOWNS</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>47</b>	
Rushing	9	12	
Passing	36	33	
Returns	5	2	

SCORE BY PERIODS						
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	57	146	107	114	0	424
OPPONENTS	82	147	58	93	0	380

SCORING								
	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Ryan Longwell	0	0	0	0	48/48	24/28	0	120
Javon Walker	12	0	12	0			0	72
Donald Driver	9	0	9	0			0	56
Ahman Green	8	7	1	0			0	48
Bubba Franks	7	0	7	0			0	42
William Henderson	3	0	3	0			0	18
Darren Sharper	3	0	0	3			0	18
Najeh Davenport	2	2	0	0			0	12
Tony Fisher	2	0	2	0			0	12
Robert Ferguson	1	0	1	0			0	8
Ahmad Carroll	1	0	0	1			0	6
Antonio Chatman	1	0	1	0			0	6
Michael Hawthorne	1	0	0	1			0	6
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>48/48</b>	<b>24/28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>424</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>47/47</b>	<b>17/25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>380</b>

**2-Point Conversions: Driver, Ferguson, Packers 2-2, Opponents 0-0**

**SACKS:** Kabere Gbaja-Biamila 13.5, Cullen Jenkins 4.5, Aaron Kampman 4.5, Mark Roman 3.5, Nick Barnett 3.0, R-Kal Truluck 2.5, Ahmad Carroll 2.0, Cletidus Hunt 2.0, Na'il Diggs 1.0, Grady Jackson 1.0, James Lee 1.0, Corey Williams 1.0, Hannival Navies 0.5, Packers 40.0, Opponents 14.0

PASSING												
	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Brett Favre	540	346	4088	64.1	7.57	30	5.6	17	3.1	79t	12/93	92.4
Craig Nall	33	23	314	69.7	9.52	4	12.1	0	0.0	43	2/8	139.4
Doug Pederson	23	11	120	47.8	5.22	0	0.0	2	8.7	24	0/0	27.4
Tony Fisher	1	1	8	100.0	8.00	1	100.0	0	0.0	8t	0/0	139.6
Ahman Green	1	1	20	100.0	20.00	1	100.0	0	0.0	20t	0/0	158.3
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>382</b>	<b>4550</b>	<b>63.9</b>	<b>7.61</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>79t</b>	<b>14/101</b>	<b>93.8</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>3943</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>7.61</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>68t</b>	<b>40/280</b>	<b>99.1</b>



## 2004 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

OFFICIAL, through Jan. 2, based on coaches film

Player	Total Tackles	Solo	Asst	Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
Nick Barnett	162	116	46	3.0/27.0	1/16	1	0	8
Na'il Diggs	116	91	25	1.0/7.0	0/0	0	0	2
Mark Roman	85	62	23	3.5/32.5	0/0	0	0	3
Darren Sharper	77	68	9	0.0/0.0	4/97	1	2	9
Aaron Kampman	77	53	24	4.5/23.5	0/0	1	2	3
Hannibal Navies	73	49	24	0.5/5.5	0/0	0	0	0
Al Harris	67	62	5	0.0/0.0	1/29	0	0	28
Ahmad Carroll	53	49	4	2.0/8.0	1/0	1	0	10
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	52	34	18	13.5/97.0	0/0	0	1	3
Cletidus Hunt	37	21	16	2.0/16.0	0/0	0	1	3
Michael Hawthorne	36	26	10	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	2	7
Grady Jackson	36	25	11	1.0/5.0	0/0	0	0	2
Bhawoh Jue	34	31	3	0.0/0.0	1/23	0	0	5
Cullen Jenkins	28	18	10	4.5/29.5	0/0	1	1	2
Paris Lenon	28	17	11	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Corey Williams	24	11	13	1.0/6.0	0/0	0	1	0
Joey Thomas	15	13	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	1	2
R-Kal Truluck	14	11	3	2.5/23.0	0/0	0	0	0
Kenny Peterson	12	10	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
James Lee	10	8	2	1.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Steve Josue	9	5	4	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Colin Cole	7	6	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jason Horton	5	3	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Torrance Marshall	4	3	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Larry Smith	4	3	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Nick Rogers	2	1	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
James Whitley	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Mike McKenzie	0	0	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>40.0/280.0</b>	<b>8/165</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>89</b>

### Defensive Touchdowns (5):

Ahmad Carroll — 40-yard fumble return, vs. St. Louis (Nov. 29);  
 Michael Hawthorne — 34-yard fumble return, vs. St. Louis (Nov. 29);  
 Darren Sharper (3) — 36-yard interception return, at Detroit (Oct. 17); 15-yard fumble return, vs. Jacksonville (Dec. 19); 43-yard interception return, at Chicago (Jan. 2)

### Miscellaneous Tackles (24):

Donald Driver 4, Javon Walker 4, Robert Ferguson 3, Bubba Franks 3, Marco Rivera 2, Mark Tauscher 2, Antonio Chatman 1, Mike Flanagan 1, William Henderson 1, David Martin 1, Ben Steele 1, Mike Wahle 1

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Michael Hawthorne	19	1	0
Ben Steele	17	0	0
Jason Horton	16	0	0
Tony Fisher	13	0	0
William Henderson	12	0	0
Bhawoh Jue	11	0	0
Paris Lenon	8	0	0
Torrance Marshall	8	0	0
Joey Thomas	6	0	0
Steve Josue	5	0	0
Nick Rogers	5	0	0
Robert Ferguson	4	0	0
Vonta Leach	4	0	0
James Whitley	4	0	0
Corey Williams	4	0	0
Ahmad Carroll	3	0	0
Najeh Davenport	3	0	0
Rob Davis	3	0	0
David Martin	3	0	1
Nick Barnett	2	0	0
Hannibal Navies	2	0	0
Donald Driver	1	0	0
Mark Roman	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### Special Teams Forced Fumbles (1):

David Martin, at Carolina (Sept. 13)

### Special Teams Fumble Recoveries (1):

Michael Hawthorne, vs. Jacksonville (Dec. 19)

### Blocked field goals (1):

Na'il Diggs, vs. Tennessee (Oct. 11, G.Anderson, 42-yard attempt)

## 2004 COACHING STAFF

**Head Coach:** Mike Sherman, fifth year

**Assistants:** Tom Rossley (Offensive Coordinator), Bob Slowik (Defensive Coordinator), John Bonamego (Special Teams Coordinator), Larry Beightol (Offensive Line), Darrell Bevell (Quarterbacks), James Campen (Assistant Offensive Line/Quality Control), Mark Duffner (Linebackers), Jethro Franklin (Defensive Line), Brad Miller (Assistant Defensive Line), Joe Philbin (Tight Ends/Assistant Offensive Line), Johnny Roland (Running Backs), Barry Rubin (Strength and Conditioning), Kurt Schottenheimer (Defensive Backs), Ray Sherman (Wide Receivers), Vince Tobin (Special Assistant), Lionel Washington (Assistant Defensive Backs); Frank Novak (Special Teams Consultant)



### CAREER PLAYOFF PARTICIPATION

Players	Career		Green Bay	
	GP	GS	GP	GS
Barker, Bryan	.15	0	0	0
Barnett, Nick	.2	2	2	2
Barry, Kevin	.3	0	3	0
Bedell, Brad	.0	0	0	0
Carroll, Ahmad	.0	0	0	0
Chatman, Antonio	.2	0	2	0
Clifton, Chad	.4	4	4	4
Cole, Colin	.0	0	0	0
Davenport, Najeh	.2	0	2	0
Davis, Rob	.9	0	9	0
Diggs, Na'il	.5	5	5	5
Driver, Donald	.5	3	5	3
Favre, Brett	.19	19	19	19
Ferguson, Robert	.3	2	3	2
Fisher, Tony	.3	0	3	0
Franks, Bubba	.5	4	5	4
Gbaja-Biamila, Kabeer	.5	3	5	3
Green, Ahman	.6	5	5	5
Harris, Al	.9	2	2	2
Hawthorne, Michael	.4	1	2	0
Henderson, William	.15	10	15	10
Horton, Jason	.0	0	0	0
Hunt, Cletidus	.5	5	5	5
Jackson, Grady	.6	6	2	2
Jenkins, Cullen	.0	0	0	0
Johnson, Chris	.0	0	0	0
Josue, Steve	.0	0	0	0
Jue, Bhawoh	.4	0	4	0
Kampman, Aaron	.3	2	3	2
Leach, Vonta	.0	0	0	0
Lenon, Paris	.3	0	3	0
Longwell, Ryan	.9	0	9	0
Luchey, Nick	.2	0	2	0
McHugh, Sean	.0	0	0	0
Morley, Steve	.0	0	0	0
Nall, Craig	.0	0	0	0
Navies, Hannibal	.2	2	2	2
O'Sullivan, J.T.	.0	0	0	0
Peterson, Kenny	.1	0	1	0
Rivera, Marco	.9	6	9	6
Roman, Mark	.0	0	0	0
Ruegammer, Grey	.5	0	2	0

Players	Career		Green Bay	
	GP	GS	GP	GS
Sander, B.J.	.0	0	0	0
Sharper, Darren	.8	5	8	5
Steele, Ben	.0	0	0	0
Tauscher, Mark	.4	4	4	4
Thomas, Joey	.0	0	0	0
Thurman, Andrae	.0	0	0	0
Truluck, R-Kal	.1	0	0	0
Wahle, Mike	.5	5	5	5
Walker, Javon	.3	1	3	1
Wells, Scott	.0	0	0	0
Williams, Corey	.0	0	0	0
<b>Active Roster</b>	<b>.186</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>91</b>

Coaches	Career	Green Bay
	Games	Games
Sherman, Mike	.10	9
Beightol, Larry	.9	5
Bevell, Darrell	.5	5
Bonamego, John	.4	2
Campen, James	.0	0
Duffner, Mark	.2	2
Franklin, Jethro	.5	5
Miller, Brad	.5	5
Novak, Frank	.12	5
Philbin, Joe	.2	2
Roland, Johnny	.15	0
Rossley, Tom	.5	5
Rubin, Barry	.15	15
Schottenheimer, Kurt	.13	0
Sherman, Ray	.16	5
Slowik, Bob	.10	5
Tobin, Vince	.12	0
Washington, Lionel	.5	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>.145</b>	<b>75</b>





No	ALPHABETICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	NFL Exp	College	High School Hometown
9	Barker, Bryan	P	6-1	205	6/28/64	15	Santa Clara	Orinda, Calif.
56	Barnett, Nick	LB	6-2	233	5/27/81	2	Oregon State	Fontana, Calif.
71	Barry, Kevin	T	6-4	335	7/20/79	3	Arizona	Racine, Wis.
72	Bedell, Brad	T/G	6-4	306	2/12/77	4	Colorado	Arcadia, Calif.
28	Carroll, Ahmad	CB	5-10	185	8/4/83	R	Arkansas	Atlanta, Ga.
83	Chatman, Antonio	WR/KR	5-9	184	2/12/79	2	Cincinnati	Los Angeles, Calif.
76	Clifton, Chad	T	6-5	330	6/26/76	5	Tennessee	Martin, Tenn.
90	Cole, Colin	DT	6-2	320	6/24/80	1	Iowa	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
44	Davenport, Najeh	RB	6-1	250	2/8/79	3	Miami (Fla.)	Miami, Fla.
60	Davis, Rob	LS	6-3	283	12/10/68	9	Shippensburg	Greenbelt, Md.
59	Diggs, Na'il	LB	6-4	237	7/8/78	5	Ohio State	Los Angeles, Calif.
80	Driver, Donald	WR	6-0	192	2/2/75	6	Alcorn State	Houston, Texas
4	Favre, Brett	QB	6-2	224	10/10/69	14	Southern Mississippi	Kiln, Miss.
89	Ferguson, Robert	WR	6-1	210	12/17/79	4	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas
40	Fisher, Tony	RB	6-1	222	10/12/79	3	Notre Dame	Euclid, Ohio
88	Franks, Bubba	TE	6-6	265	1/6/78	5	Miami (Fla.)	Big Spring, Texas
94	Gbaja-Biamila, Kabeer	DE	6-4	252	9/24/77	5	San Diego State	Los Angeles, Calif.
30	Green, Ahman	RB	6-0	218	2/16/77	7	Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.
31	Harris, Al	CB	6-1	185	12/7/74	7	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Pompano Beach, Fla.
27	Hawthorne, Michael	S/CB	6-3	204	1/26/77	5	Purdue	Sarasota, Fla.
33	Henderson, William	FB	6-1	251	2/19/71	10	North Carolina	Chester, Va.
26	Horton, Jason	CB	6-0	193	2/16/80	1	North Carolina A&T	Ahoskie, N.C.
97	Hunt, Cletidus	DT	6-4	310	1/2/76	6	Kentucky State	Memphis, Tenn.
75	Jackson, Grady	DT	6-2	340	1/21/73	8	Knoxville	Greensboro, Ala.
77	Jenkins, Cullen	DT/DE	6-3	292	1/20/81	1	Central Michigan	Belleville, Mich.
37	Johnson, Chris	CB	5-11	197	9/25/79	2	Louisville	Longview, Texas
54	Josue, Steve	LB	6-2	230	4/5/80	1	Carson-Newman	Miami, Fla.
21	Jue, Bhawoh	S	6-0	199	5/24/79	4	Penn State	Chantilly, Va.
74	Kampman, Aaron	DE	6-4	284	11/30/79	3	Iowa	Parkersburg, Iowa
48	Leach, Vonta	FB	6-0	246	11/6/81	R	East Carolina	Rowland, N.C.
53	Lenon, Paris	LB	6-2	245	11/26/77	3	Richmond	Lynchburg, Va.
8	Longwell, Ryan	K	6-0	202	8/16/74	8	California	Bend, Ore.
22	Luchey, Nick	FB	6-2	273	3/30/77	6	Miami (Fla.)	Farmington Hills, Mich.
85	McHugh, Sean	TE	6-5	262	5/27/82	R	Penn State	Chagrin Falls, Ohio
78	Morley, Steve	G	6-7	332	8/18/81	1	St. Mary's (Canada)	Halifax, Nova Scotia
16	Nall, Craig	QB	6-3	228	4/21/79	3	Northwestern (La.) St.	Alexandria, La.
50	Navies, Hannibal	LB	6-3	249	7/19/77	6	Colorado	Berkeley, Calif.
7	O'Sullivan, J.T.	QB	6-2	220	8/25/79	3	UC-Davis	Carmichael, Calif.
98	Peterson, Kenny	DT/DE	6-3	295	11/21/78	2	Ohio State	Canton, Ohio
62	Rivera, Marco	G	6-4	307	4/26/72	9	Penn State	Elmont, N.Y.
23	Roman, Mark	S	5-11	200	3/26/77	5	Louisiana State	New Iberia, La.
67	Ruegamer, Grey	C/G	6-4	305	6/11/76	6	Arizona State	Las Vegas, Nev.
11	Sander, B.J.	P	6-4	217	7/29/80	R	Ohio State	Cincinnati, Ohio
42	Sharper, Darren	S	6-2	210	11/3/75	8	William & Mary	Richmond, Va.
82	Steele, Ben	TE	6-5	250	5/27/78	1	Mesa State	Palisade, Colo.
65	Tauscher, Mark	T	6-4	320	6/17/77	5	Wisconsin	Auburndale, Wis.
24	Thomas, Joey	CB	6-1	195	8/29/80	R	Montana State	Seattle, Wash.
81	Thurman, Andrae	WR	5-11	192	10/25/80	R	Southern Oregon	Avondale, Ariz.
91	Truluck, R-Kal	DE	6-4	260	9/30/74	3	SUNY Cortland	Rockland County, N.Y.
68	Wahle, Mike	G	6-6	304	3/29/77	7	Navy	Lake Arrowhead, Calif.
84	Walker, Javon	WR	6-3	215	10/14/78	3	Florida State	Lafayette, La.
63	Wells, Scott	C/G	6-2	300	1/17/81	R	Tennessee	Brentwood, Tenn.
99	Williams, Corey	DE/DT	6-4	310	8/17/80	R	Arkansas State	Camden, Ark.

**Practice Squad**

41	Curry, Julius	S	6-0	204	5/17/79	1	Michigan	Detroit, Mich.
47	Emodi, Ike	LB	6-3	234	2/28/83	R	East Carolina	Durham, N.C.
57	Herrion, Atlas	G/T	6-4	302	12/3/80	R	Alabama	Daphne, Ala.
10	Jones, Jamal	WR	6-0	214	4/24/81	R	North Carolina A&T	Hyattsville, Md.
19	Marker, Mike	WR	6-0	195	3/24/81	R	Millikin	White Heath, Ill.
54	McNeil, Nick	LB	6-2	245	8/19/81	R	Western Carolina	Leland, N.C.
38	Robertson, Chris	RB	6-1	233	4/30/80	R	Houston	Denison, Texas
29	Smith, Art	S	6-1	204	10/18/81	1	Northeastern (Mass.)	Hamilton, N.J.

**Injured Reserve**

69	Curtin, Brennan	T	6-9	334	6/30/80	2	Notre Dame	knee	Aug. 29
17	Davis, Shockmain	WR	6-1	206	8/20/77	2	Angelo State	ankle	Sept. 6
58	Flanagan, Mike	C	6-5	297	11/10/73	9	UCLA	knee	Oct. 2
64	Lee, James	DT	6-5	325	3/12/80	2	Oregon State	knee	Dec. 23
51	Marshall, Torrance	LB	6-2	255	6/12/77	4	Oklahoma	hamstring	Nov. 27
87	Martin, David	TE	6-4	262	3/13/79	4	Tennessee	knee	Nov. 30
18	Pederson, Doug	QB	6-3	222	1/31/68	12	Northeast Louisiana	back/rib	Oct. 7
95	Washington, Donnell	DT	6-6	323	2/6/81	R	Clemson	foot	Sept. 1
32	Williams, Walter	RB	6-1	206	9/8/77	2	Grambling State	ankle	Nov. 29

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13	Kight, Kelvin	WR/KR	6-0	209	7/2/82	R	Florida	quadricep	Dec. 14
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	Swiney, Erwin	CB	6-0	195	10/8/78	2	Nebraska	shoulder	June 14
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No	NUMERICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	NFL Exp	College	Acquired	GBP GP/GS/DNP/IA
4	Brett Favre	.QB	6-2	224	35	14	Southern Mississippi	T-92 (Atl)	16/16/0/0
7	J.T. O'Sullivan	.QB	6-2	220	25	3	UC Davis	T-04 (NO)	1/0/0/11
8	Ryan Longwell	.K	6-0	202	30	8	California	W-97 (SF)	16/0/0/0
9	Bryan Barker	.P	6-1	205	40	15	Santa Clara	FA-04	16/0/0/0
11	B.J. Sander	.P	6-4	217	24	R	Ohio State	D3c-04	0/0/0/16
16	Craig Nall	.QB	6-3	228	25	3	Northwestern (La.) St.	D5b-02	5/0/8/3
21	Bhawoh Jue	.S	6-0	199	25	4	Penn State	D3a-01	16/4/0/0
22	Nick Luchey	.FB	6-2	273	27	6	Miami (Fla.)	UFA-03 (Cin)	16/6/0/0
23	Mark Roman	.S	5-11	200	27	5	Louisiana State	UFA-04 (Cin)	16/15/0/0
24	Joey Thomas	.CB	6-1	195	24	R	Montana State	D3a-04	14/0/1/1
26	Jason Horton	.CB	6-0	193	24	1	North Carolina A&T	FA-04	14/0/0/2
27	Michael Hawthorne	.S/CB	6-3	204	27	5	Purdue	FA-03	16/5/0/0
28	Ahmad Carroll	.CB	5-10	185	21	R	Arkansas	D1-04	14/11/0/2
30	Ahman Green	.RB	6-0	218	27	7	Nebraska	T-00 (Sea)	15/15/0/1
31	Al Harris	.CB	6-1	185	30	7	Texas A&M-Kingsville	T-03 (Phil)	16/16/0/0
33	William Henderson	.FB	6-1	251	33	10	North Carolina	D3b-95	16/8/0/0
37	Chris Johnson	.CB	5-11	197	25	2	Louisville	D7a-03	0/0/0/8
40	Tony Fisher	.RB	6-1	222	24	3	Notre Dame	FA-02	16/0/0/0
42	Darren Sharper	.S	6-2	210	29	8	William & Mary	D2-97	15/13/0/1
44	Najeh Davenport	.RB	6-1	250	25	3	Miami (Fla.)	D4-02	11/1/0/5
48	Vonta Leach	.FB	6-0	246	23	R	East Carolina	FA-04	6/0/0/0
50	Hannibal Navies	.LB	6-3	249	27	6	Colorado	UFA-03 (Car)	15/14/0/1
53	Paris Lenon	.LB	6-2	245	27	3	Richmond	FA-02	16/4/0/0
54	Steve Josue	.LB	6-2	230	24	1	Carson-Newman	FA-04	4/0/0/0
56	Nick Barnett	.LB	6-2	233	23	2	Oregon State	D1-03	16/16/0/0
59	Na'il Diggs	.LB	6-4	237	26	5	Ohio State	D4a-00	14/14/0/2
60	Rob Davis	.LS	6-3	283	36	9	Shippensburg	FA-97	16/0/0/0
62	Marco Rivera	.G	6-4	307	32	9	Penn State	D6-96	16/16/0/0
63	Scott Wells	.C/G	6-2	300	23	R	Tennessee	FA-04 (D7-04)	5/2/8/0
65	Mark Tauscher	.T	6-4	320	27	5	Wisconsin	D7a-00	16/16/0/0
67	Grey Ruegamer	.C/G	6-4	305	28	6	Arizona State	UFA-03 (NE)	15/11/1/0
68	Mike Wahle	.G	6-6	304	27	7	Navy	SD2-98	16/16/0/0
71	Kevin Barry	.T	6-4	335	25	3	Arizona	FA-02	13/3/0/3
72	Brad Bedell	.T/G	6-4	306	27	4	Colorado	T-04 (Mia)	4/0/2/10
74	Aaron Kampman	.DE	6-4	284	25	3	Iowa	D5a-02	16/16/0/0
75	Grady Jackson	.DT	6-2	340	31	8	Knoxville	W-03 (NO)	10/10/0/6
76	Chad Clifton	.T	6-5	330	28	5	Tennessee	D2-00	16/16/0/0
77	Cullen Jenkins	.DT/DE	6-3	292	23	1	Central Michigan	FA-04	16/6/0/0
78	Steve Morley	.G	6-7	332	23	1	St. Mary's (Canada)	FA-04	0/0/0/16
80	Donald Driver	.WR	6-0	192	29	6	Alcorn State	D7b-99	16/11/0/0
81	Andrae Thurman	.WR	5-11	192	24	R	Southern Oregon	FA-04	2/0/0/0
82	Ben Steele	.TE	6-5	250	26	1	Mesa State	FA-04	15/0/0/0
83	Antonio Chatman	.WR/KR	5-9	184	25	2	Cincinnati	FA-03	16/2/0/0
84	Javon Walker	.WR	6-3	215	25	3	Florida State	D1-02	16/12/0/0
85	Sean McHugh	.TE	6-5	262	22	R	Penn State	FA-04	1/0/0/2
88	Bubba Franks	.TE	6-6	265	27	5	Miami (Fla.)	D1-00	16/14/0/0
89	Robert Ferguson	.WR	6-1	210	25	4	Texas A&M	D2-01	13/5/0/3
90	Colin Cole	.DT	6-2	320	24	1	Iowa	FA-04	3/1/0/2
91	R-Kal Truluck	.DE	6-4	260	30	3	SUNY Cortland	T-04 (KC)	14/1/0/2
94	Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	.DE	6-4	252	27	5	San Diego State	FA-00 (D5a-00)	16/15/0/0
97	Cletidus Hunt	.DT	6-4	310	29	6	Kentucky State	D3b-99	16/14/0/0
98	Kenny Peterson	.DT/DE	6-3	295	26	2	Ohio State	D3-03	9/0/0/7
99	Corey Williams	.DE/DT	6-4	310	24	R	Arkansas State	D6-04	12/0/0/4

**Practice Squad**

10	Jamal Jones	.WR	6-0	214	23	R	North Carolina A&T	FA-04	0/0/0/0
19	Mike Marker	.WR	6-0	195	23	R	Millikin	FA-04	0/0/0/0
29	Art Smith	.S	6-1	204	23	1	Northeastern (Mass.)	FA-04	0/0/0/0
38	Chris Robertson	.RB	6-1	233	24	R	Houston	FA-04	0/0/0/0
41	Julius Curry	.S	6-0	204	25	1	Michigan	FA-04	0/0/0/0
47	Ike Emodi	.LB	6-3	234	21	R	East Carolina	FA-04	0/0/0/0
52	Nick McNeil	.LB	6-2	245	23	R	Western Carolina	FA-04	0/0/0/0
57	Atlas Herrion	.G/T	6-4	302	24	R	Alabama	FA-04	0/0/0/0

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17	Shockmain Davis	.WR	6-1	206	27	2	Angelo State	FA-04	ankle	Sept. 6
18	Doug Pederson	.QB	6-3	222	36	12	Northeast Louisiana	FA-01	back	Oct. 7
32	Walter Williams	.RB	6-1	206	27	2	Grambling State	FA-04	ankle	Nov. 29
51	Torrance Marshall	.LB	6-2	255	27	4	Oklahoma	D3b-01	hamstring	Nov. 27
58	Mike Flanagan	.C	6-5	297	31	9	UCLA	D3a-96	knee	Oct. 2
64	James Lee	.DT	6-5	325	24	2	Oregon State	D5a-03	knee	Dec. 23
69	Brennan Curtin	.T	6-9	334	24	2	Notre Dame	D6-03	knee	Aug. 29
87	David Martin	.TE	6-4	262	25	4	Tennessee	D6-01	knee	Nov. 30
95	Donnell Washington	.DT	6-6	323	23	R	Clemson	D3b-04	foot	Sept. 1

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13	Kelvin Kight	.WR/KR	6-0	209	22	R	Florida	FA-04	quadri- ceps	Dec. 14
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	Erwin Swiney	.CB	6-0	195	25	2	Nebraska	FA-02	shoulder	June 14 age as of Jan. 9, 2005
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