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16TH GAME

GREEN BAY (7-8) at CHICAGO (13-2)
Sunday, Dec. 31 • Soldier Field • 7:15 p.m. CST

THIS WEEK'S NOTABLE STORYLINES:

- ▶ Winners of three straight, the Packers have played their way onto prime-time, their first foray into flexible scheduling. The league announced last night that the Packers and Bears would kick off the NFL's final regular-season game, New Year's Eve on NBC.
- ▶ Having overcome a 1-4 start, and a 4-8 mark entering the month, the Packers are positioned well for a shot at the playoffs. They need a win — and help from a couple teams.
- ▶ For the second time in three years, the Packers close the regular season at Soldier Field.
- ▶ Green Bay is 11-1 (.917) over its previous 12 regular-season finales, the league's best mark since 1994. The Packers have won three straight, including Jan. 2, 2005, at Chicago.
- ▶ The Packers haven't lost consecutive games at Soldier Field since 1990-91. Green Bay had won 12 straight at the stadium — and 13 straight series road games, including 2002 at Champaign — until the Packers came up on the short end of a 19-7 decision last year.
- ▶ For the second year in a row, the Packers close the regular season against the NFC's best team. Seattle, like the Bears having clinched homefield advantage, rested many of its starters in the second half on Jan. 1, 2006, at Lambeau Field, a 23-17 Green Bay victory.

NATIONAL TELEVISION: NBC, winding down its return season as an NFL broadcast partner, will air the game to 100 percent of the country. NBC also will air the AFC and NFC Wild Card contests on Saturday, Jan. 6.

- ▶ After nearly three decades (1977-2006) with ABC — including his broadcasts of the Super Bowl, World Series, NBA Finals and Stanley Cup Finals — play-by-play man Al Michaels is in his first year with NBC.
- ▶ Pro Football Hall of Famer John Madden, known by three generations of Americans as a Super Bowl-winning coach of the Raiders, a longtime broadcaster and video game entrepreneur, is the color analyst.
- ▶ Longtime ESPN correspondent Andrea Kremer is on the sidelines.
- ▶ Fred Gaudelli (producer) and Drew Esocoff (director), whose final ABC broadcast together was Super Bowl XL, team up in the truck.
- ▶ Rene Giraldo will call the game for NBC in Spanish.

NATIONAL RADIO: Westwood One Radio Sports will air the game across the country, with Dave Sims (play-by-play), Bob Trumpy (color) and Kevin Kiley (sideline). Tommy Tighe hosts pregame and halftime shows and Larry Costigan will produce the broadcast.

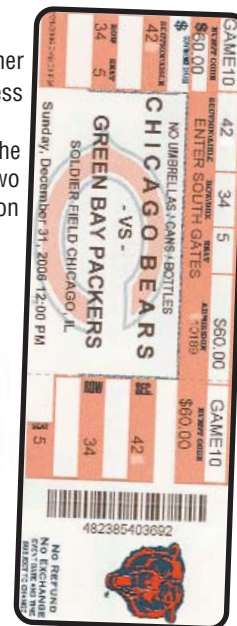
PACKERS RADIO: Milwaukee's WTMJ (620 AM), airing Green Bay games since 1929, heads up the 57-station Packers Radio Network, with versatile Wayne Larrivee (play-by-play) and two-time Packers Pro Bowler Larry McCarren (color). Spanning six states, the 57-station network covers 47 markets throughout the upper Midwest.

- ▶ The broadcast also is available to **NFL Field Pass** subscribers on packers.com and NFL.com.
- ▶ Those with **SIRIUS Satellite Radio** can listen to live play-by-play as part of the network's NFL *Sunday Drive*. Check local listings for the Green Bay broadcast channel.

NOTE OF THE WEEK: In addition to help from other teams, the Packers will not get into the playoffs unless they win this week.

▶ And, barring a miracle, they also won't get in unless the Washington Redskins win. Incidentally, those two teams own the NFL's best W-L record in regular-season finales since 1994:

Club	W	L	T	Pct
Green Bay	11	1	0	.917
Washington	10	2	0	.833
Tennessee	9	3	0	.750
New England	8	4	0	.667
Jacksonville	7	4	0	.636
Denver	7	5	0	.583
Indianapolis	7	5	0	.583
Miami	7	5	0	.583
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583
St. Louis	7	5	0	.583



OFFICIAL PLAYOFF SCENARIOS: Mike McCarthy could become the first Head Coach ever to lead Green Bay to the postseason in his first year at the helm of the Packers — something neither Vince Lombardi (7-5 in 1959) nor Mike Holmgren (9-7 in 1992) could accomplish.

- ▶ The season doesn't continue, however, unless the Packers win Sunday night at Chicago — and rest assured, that is clearly McCarthy's focus. In the team's view, this week is still all about the Packers and the Bears.
- ▶ In addition to a win, the Packers qualify for the postseason with:
 - NYG win and a clinch of strength-of-victory tiebreaker over NYG
 - NYG loss or tie and a STL loss or tie OR
 - NYG loss or tie and a CAR win OR
 - NYG loss or tie and an ATL win
- ▶ In the event the Packers tie the Bears, Green Bay would need a NYG loss + STL loss + ATL loss or tie + CAR loss or tie.

REGULAR SEASON SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Sun., Sept. 10	CHICAGO BEARS	.L, 0-26 (70,918)
Sun., Sept. 17	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	.L, 27-34 (70,602)
Sun., Sept. 24	at Detroit Lions	.W, 31-24 (61,095)
Mon., Oct. 2	at Philadelphia Eagles	.L, 9-31 (69,222)
Sun., Oct. 8	ST. LOUIS RAMS	.L, 20-23 (70,804)
Sun., Oct. 15	Open Date	
Sun., Oct. 22	at Miami Dolphins	.W, 34-24 (73,548)
Sun., Oct. 29	ARIZONA CARDINALS	.W, 31-14 (70,809)
Sun., Nov. 5	at Buffalo Bills	.L, 10-24 (72,205)
Sun., Nov. 12	at Minnesota Vikings	.W, 23-17 (63,924)
Sun., Nov. 19	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	.L, 0-35 (70,753)
Mon., Nov. 27	at Seattle Seahawks	.L, 24-34 (68,256)
Sun., Dec. 3	NEW YORK JETS	.L, 10-38 (70,527)
Sun., Dec. 10	at San Francisco 49ers	.W, 30-19 (68,539)
Sun., Dec. 17	DETROIT LIONS	.W, 17-9 (70,472)
Thu., Dec. 21	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	.W, 9-7 (70,864)
Sun., Dec. 31	at Chicago Bears	.7:15 p.m. NBC





THIS WEEK — CHICAGO BEARS

PLENTY OF GAMES WITH IMPLICATIONS: Incredibly, 15 of this weekend's 16 games could affect whether the Packers get into the playoffs. The Packers could be eliminated before they arrive at Soldier Field Sunday, or — especially if the Redskins win Saturday — the Packers' fate could be "a win and they're in" with the entire nation and several NFC teams watching closely.

► A closer look at how other teams can help the Packers (SOV — strength of victory; SOS — strength of schedule):

Date	Game	CST	TV	Packers Want	Why primarily?
Sat	NYG at WAS	7 p.m.	NFLN	WAS	Conference record
Sun	DET at DAL	12 p.m.	FOX	DET	Improves GB SOV
Sun	CLE at HOU	12 p.m.	CBS	CLE	Decreases NYG SOV
Sun	JAX at KC	12 p.m.	CBS	KC	Decreases NYG SOS
Sun	STL at MIN	12 p.m.	FOX	MIN	Head-to-head L to STL
Sun	CAR at NO	12 p.m.	FOX	CAR/NO	Conference record (CAR) Decreases NYG SOV (NO)
Sun	OAK at NYJ	12 p.m.	CBS	NYJ	Improves GB SOS
Sun	SEA at TB	12 p.m.	FOX	SEA	Decreases NYG SOV
Sun	NE at TEN	12 p.m.	CBS	NE	Decreases NYG SOS
Sun	BUF at BAL	3:15 p.m.	CBS	BUF	Improves GB SOS
Sun	SF at DEN	3:15 p.m.	FOX	SF	Improves GB SOV
Sun	MIA at IND	3:15 p.m.	CBS	MIA	Improves GB SOV
Sun	ATL at PHI	3:15 p.m.	FOX	ATL/PHI	Conf. record (ATL) Decreases NYG SOV (PHI)
Sun	ARI at SD	3:15 p.m.	FOX	ARI	Improves GB SOV
Sun	GB at CHI	7:15 p.m.	NBC	GB	Conference record

STRENGTH OF VICTORY: For playoff contenders, strength of victory is the cumulative record of all opponents defeated.

► That tiebreaker is primarily why the Packers need the Washington Redskins to upset the N.Y. Giants at FedEx Field Saturday night. If the Giants and Packers win, strength of victory likely will decide the NFC's final playoff berth — in favor of the Giants.

► If both the Giants and Packers win, Green Bay needs a virtual miracle to get in. Here's what has to happen for the Packers to overcome the Giants' strength of victory:

- Arizona must win at San Diego
- Detroit must win at Dallas
- Miami must win at Indianapolis
- Minnesota at the Metrodome must defeat St. Louis
- An eliminated San Francisco club must win at an AFC contender, Denver
- Carolina, also competing for the final NFC berth, must lose at New Orleans, who has clinched the No. 2 seed
- Houston must lose at home to Cleveland and
- Tampa Bay must lose at home to Seattle

► If Green Bay and the Giants tie in the strength of victory tiebreaker, the teams would shift to the next step — strength of schedule.

THE NFL'S WILD CARD TIEBREAKER SYSTEM: If it is necessary to break ties to determine the two Wild Card clubs from each conference, the following steps will be taken:

- A. If all the tied clubs are from the same division, apply division tie-breaker.
- B. If the tied clubs are from different divisions, apply the following steps:

TWO CLUBS

1. Head-to-head, if applicable.
2. Best won-lost-tied percentage in the games played within the conference.

3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games, minimum of four.
4. Strength of victory.
5. Strength of schedule.
6. Best combined ranking among conference teams in points scored and points allowed.
7. Best combined ranking among all teams in points scored and points allowed.
8. Best net points in conference games.
9. Best net points in all games.
10. Best net touchdowns in all games.
11. Coin toss.

THREE OR MORE CLUBS

1. Apply division tie-breaker to eliminate all but highest ranked club in each division prior to proceeding to Step 2. The original seeding within a division upon application of the division tie-breaker remains the same for all subsequent applications of the procedure that are necessary to identify the Wild Card participants.
2. Head-to-head sweep (apply only if one club has defeated each of the others or one club has lost to each of the others).
3. Best won-lost-tied percentage in games played within the conference.
4. Best won-lost-tied percentage in common games, minimum of four.
5. Strength of victory.
6. Strength of schedule.
7. Best combined ranking among conference teams in points scored and points allowed.
8. Best combined ranking among all teams in points scored and points allowed.
9. Best net points in conference games.
10. Best net points in all games.
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When the first Wild Card team has been identified, the procedure is repeated to name the second Wild Card (i.e., eliminate all but the highest ranked club in each division prior to proceeding to Step 2.) In situations which three teams from the same division are involved in the procedure, the original seeding of the teams remains the same for subsequent applications of the tie-breaker if the top-ranked team in that division qualifies for a Wild Card berth.

Most touchdown passes, vs. one team

TD	Quarterback	Opp	Years
72	Dan Marino, Mia	NYJ	1983-99
54	Dan Marino, Mia	Ind/BalC	1983-99
51	Brett Favre, GB	ChiB	1992-2006
50	Dan Marino, Mia	Buf	1983-99
49	Brett Favre, GB	Min	1992-2006
	Brett Favre, GB	Det	1992-2006
43	John Hadl, SD-LARm-GB-HouO	Den	1962-77
42	Dan Marino, Mia	NE	1983-99
38	Joe Montana, SF-KC	Atl	1979-94

Favre's touchdown passes vs. other teams: Tampa Bay 37, Carolina 20, St. Louis/L.A. Rams 16, Dallas 13, New Orleans 13, Philadelphia 12, San Francisco 12, San Diego 10, Buffalo 9, Cleveland 9, Indianapolis 9, Oakland/L.A. Raiders 9, Seattle 9, Atlanta 8, Tennessee/Houston Titans/Oilers 8, Cincinnati 7, Jacksonville 7, Miami 7, New England 7, N.Y. Giants 7, Denver 6, Arizona 5, Baltimore 5, Kansas City 5, N.Y. Jets 5, Pittsburgh 4, Washington 4, Houston Texans 1.



THE DOPE ON THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:

Packers vs. Decatur Staleys/Chicago Bears:

All-time regular season: 78-87-6

Postseason: 0-1

All-time, Soldier Field: 17-16-0

Streaks: The Bears have won the last three meetings and four of the last five

Last meeting, regular season: Sept. 10, 2006, Lambeau Field; Bears won, 26-0

Last meeting, Soldier Field: Dec. 4, 2005; Bears won, 19-7

Playoff meeting: Dec. 14, 1941, Wrigley Field (NFL Western Division playoff); Bears won, 33-14

COACHES CAPSULES

Mike McCarthy: 7-8-0, 467, first NFL season

Lovie Smith: 29-19-0, .604, third NFL season, third guiding Bears

Head to Head: Smith 1-0 (earlier this season)

Vs. Opponent: McCarthy 0-1 vs. Bears; Smith 4-1 vs. Packers

MIKE McCARTHY...Is in his first year as the Packers' 14th head coach.

- ▶ Was named Packers head coach on Jan. 12, 2006, his first head coaching job after 13 years as an NFL assistant — all under head coaches with defensive backgrounds.
- ▶ One of those previous 13 years was with the Packers, as quarterbacks coach in 1999.
- ▶ Spent the past six seasons as an offensive coordinator for the New Orleans Saints (2000-04) and San Francisco 49ers (2005).
- ▶ Had not been a head coach at any level, having begun his coaching career as a college assistant at Fort Hays State (1987-88) and the University of Pittsburgh (1989-92) before breaking into the NFL as a quality control assistant with the Chiefs in 1993.

LOVIE SMITH...Is in his third year as the Bears' 13th head coach.

- ▶ Named the Associated Press NFL Coach of the Year in 2005, posting the most victories (11) and first division title by a second-year coach in team history.
- ▶ Led a worst-to-first revival in the NFC North as the Bears' six-win improvement from the previous season was tied for the biggest in the NFL in 2005.
- ▶ During two seasons, Bears' defense has ranked second in the NFL in points allowed (16.7 per game) and first in opponent passer rating, opponent third-down, fourth-down and red-zone TD percentage.
- ▶ Came to Chicago from St. Louis, where he served as defensive coordinator from 2001-03, helping the Rams return to the Super Bowl in 2001. Prior to that, coached LBs for Tampa Bay from 1996-2000.

THE BEARS-PACKERS SERIES: These teams mark meeting No. 173 in another chapter of one of sports' greatest rivalries.

- ▶ The Bears' two wins in 2005 marked the first time Chicago swept the season series since 1991, before Brett Favre became Green Bay's quarterback. With those two wins plus the season opener this year, the Bears have extended their lead in the NFL's richest rivalry to nine games, 87-78-6. The last time the gap had been as close as seven was the end of World War II and the Don Hutson era, 1945, when the Packers trailed 27-20-5.
- ▶ The last time Green Bay led the series? On the heels of its three straight NFL championships, 1932, when the Packers led 11-10-5. Two months after Babe Ruth allegedly called his shot at Wrigley Field in the '32 World Series, the Bears stole from Green Bay a fourth straight title (which at the time was determined by league standings). Chicago barely finished atop the league standings, which unlike today did not count ties. Had the league counted ties in standings, the Packers would have won. The next year, 1933, the NFL began determining its champion

with postseason games.

- ▶ The Packers meet Lovie Smith for the sixth time as Bears head coach. Smith on Jan. 15, 2004, elevated one of sports' top rivalries to another level, saying his No. 1 goal, ahead of winning the division and Super Bowl, was to beat Green Bay. He won on Sept. 19, 2004. The Packers went 18-2 against Chicago from 1994-2003. On only four occasions in NFL history has a team enjoyed a better 20-game stretch against a single opponent.
- ▶ Green Bay against Smith during his career as an NFL coach is 9-9 (all Favre starts).

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS...Green Bay running backs coach Edgar Bennett finished his playing career in Chicago (1998-99)...Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera was one of the finalists who interviewed for the Packers head coaching job this past offseason...Bears running backs coach Tim Spencer played with the late Reggie White, the Packers' all-time sacks leader, with Memphis of the USFL in 1985...Bears defensive quality control coach Gill Byrd served as the Packers executive director/player programs and community affairs from 1999-2001...The late Mark Hatley, the Bears' top personnel executive from 1998-2001, also coached Lovie Smith in 1976 at Tulsa...Smith was a Wisconsin assistant in 1987...Long-snapper Rob Davis held that role for the Bears in 1996...Bears LB Hunter Hillenmeyer was taken by Green Bay in the fifth round of the 2003 NFL Draft...Bears WR Craig Bragg was taken by Green Bay in the sixth round of the 2005 NFL Draft...Bears quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson joined the Falcons in 1992, after Atlanta traded Brett Favre.

INDIVIDUALLY VS. CHICAGO...Favre is 21-8 against the Bears, the most wins he has against any single opponent. He also has more TD passes against the Bears than any other opponent, with 51...Donald Driver's career-long catch was an 85-yard TD reception at Chicago (Champaign) on Oct. 7, 2002, on *Monday Night Football*...Another single-game career high set against the Bears was Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila's four sacks (Jan. 2, 2005)...Earlier this season, Ahman Green recorded his fifth 100-yard rushing game against Chicago, his most against any opponent...The first two-interception game of Charles Woodson's career, and his only two-INT effort prior to the Seattle game this season, came at Chicago on Oct. 5, 2003, while playing for Oakland.

LAST MEETING: Sept. 10, Lambeau Field; Bears won 26-0...Rex Grossman began the game with a 49-yard TD pass to Bernard Berrian on the first series and the Bears handed the Packers their first shutout since 1991...Grossman completed 18 of 26 passes for 262 yards, with Muhsin Muhammad catching six for 102 yards and tight end Desmond Clark adding five for 77 yards...After the early TD, Chicago added four FGs by Robbie Gould and Devin Hester returned a punt 84 yards for a score...The lone bright spots for Green Bay were running back Ahman Green (20 carries, 110 yards) and receiver Donald Driver (seven catches, 96 yards), accounting for all but 61 yards of the team's offensive output.

LAST MEETING, CHICAGO: Dec. 4, 2005; Bears won 19-7...The Packers held the Bears' offense without a third-down conversion (0-for-10) and limited QB Kyle Orton to just six completions in 17 attempts for 68 yards...But four Green Bay turnovers, including two critical interceptions, proved to be the difference...Leading 7-6, the Packers drove 75 yards to the Chicago 7-yard line and were looking to extend their lead at the end of the first half when Charles Tillman intercepted Favre and returned it 95 yards to set up a field goal on the half's final play, giving Chicago a 9-7 advantage...Then, trailing 12-7 with just over three minutes left, Favre was picked off by Nathan Vasher, who returned it 45 yards for the game-clinching score...Running backs Thomas Jones (19 carries, 93 yards) and Adrian Peterson (11-48) combined for 141 rushing yards for the Bears as Chicago beat Green Bay in Soldier Field for the first time since 1993.



THIS WEEK — CHICAGO BEARS *continued*

EVEN IF THEY DON'T GET IN: The fact that the players are even able to discuss playoff tiebreakers is remarkable, considering the team's adversity at the beginning of the year — and even the beginning of this month. Even if the Packers don't qualify for the postseason, they still could:

- ▶ Finish 5-1 in their division, which would tie the Bears, Eagles, Chargers, and Ravens for the NFL's best mark. New Orleans or Carolina also will join the group Sunday.
- ▶ Win their last four games, a strong springboard into the 2007 season. The last time the club swept its final four contests and didn't make the playoffs was 2000. Green Bay went 12-4 and advanced to the Divisional playoffs one year later.
- ▶ Finish 5-3 on the road, the best mark for a Green Bay coach in his first season (Phil Bengtson was 4-2-1 in 1968).

NEW YEAR'S EVE IS SPECIAL IN TEAM ANNALS: The Packers might be on a bus bound for O'Hare International Airport when the clock strikes midnight after their game Sunday. But they won't be that upset if they can add to the history that New Year's Eve represents for their franchise.



- ▶ The Packers have never lost on the date — claiming all four contests on New Year's Eve (all postseason games).
- ▶ Sunday marks the 39th anniversary of the Ice Bowl, when the Packers knocked off Dallas. The Dec. 31, 1967, contest — Vince Lombardi's final game on the Lambeau sidelines — was one of the most memorable contests in sports history.
- ▶ Green Bay played its first NFL title game on home soil Dec. 31, 1961, and blanked the Giants, 37-0.
- ▶ The Packers closed 1994 with a Wild Card playoff win over Atlanta at Lambeau Field.
- ▶ One year earlier, on Dec. 31, 1993, Green Bay held Barry Sanders to minus-1 yard in a throwback Wild Card win over Detroit at Lambeau.

ANOTHER 13-WIN OPPONENT: According to Elias Sports Bureau, this will be the third time that the Packers play a team with at least 13 wins — but the second time in as many seasons.

- ▶ On Dec. 20, 1986, Green Bay (4-11) lost to the Giants (13-2) at Giants Stadium, 55-24.
- ▶ On Jan. 1, 2006, the Packers (3-12) beat Seattle (13-2) at Lambeau Field, 23-17.
- ▶ Each of their previous 13-win opponents went on to play in the Super Bowl — the Giants defeating the Broncos in XXI and Seattle losing to Pittsburgh in XL.
- ▶ The last time Chicago had 13 wins — in 2001 — Green Bay accounted for two of their three losses that season.

FAVRE ENJOYS THE LAKEFRONT: Brett Favre is 11-2 (.846) career at Soldier Field. That's actually a better winning percentage than his 82-27 (.752) lifetime regular-season record at Lambeau Field.

SUNDAY MARKS END OF AN ERA: Sunday marks the final regular-season game of Chairman & CEO Bob Harlan's tenure as the leader of the Green Bay Packers franchise. Harlan's legacy will live on primarily in the spectacular renovation of the NFL's crown jewel stadium, Lambeau Field. Harlan at a glance:

- ▶ Joined the organization as assistant general manager on June 1, 1971.
- ▶ He later was named corporate general manager in 1975, corporate assistant to the president in 1981 and executive vice president of administration on Feb. 16, 1988.
- ▶ Elected the ninth president and chief executive officer of the Green Bay Packers, Inc., on June 5, 1989. Elected chairman and CEO May 31,

2006, as part of succession plan approved by the team's Board of Directors. Will retire in May 2007 and become chairman emeritus.

- ▶ Inducted into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame, July 17, 2004.
- ▶ Under his guidance, franchise posted a .500-or-better season 13 straight years (1992-2004) for the first time since the 1930s and '40s (1934-47).
- ▶ Packers boast one of NFL's best records, 138-85, since 1993, the dawn of free agency and the salary cap, a period many observers predicted would send Green Bay into a downward spiral.
- ▶ Got his start in sports in 1960 at Marquette University as sports information director, working with legendary basketball coach Al McGuire during the 1964-65 season.
- ▶ In addition to the Super Bowl ring from the Packers' 1996 championship, possesses a 1967 World Series ring, earned while he worked for the St. Louis Cardinals.
- ▶ Hired Ron Wolf as General Manager in 1991, initiating an on-field renaissance that has seen the Packers achieve 10 playoff berths, six division championships, three consecutive NFC Championship Games and back-to-back Super Bowl appearances, including a 35-21 victory over New England in Super Bowl XXXI, returning the Lombardi Trophy to Green Bay for the first time in 29 years.
- ▶ Presided over a historic move — the 1994 decision to leave Milwaukee, ending a 62-year stay, and play all home games in Green Bay.
- ▶ Launched the fourth stock sale in the team's history in 1997, a mechanism which produced more than \$20 million in "new money" and in excess of 100,000 new shareholders.
- ▶ Authorized construction of the Don Hutson Center, the team's "state of the art" indoor practice facility.

THIRD-DOWN DEFENSE: Both the Packers and the Bears are among league leaders in getting off the field on third down:

Defense	Conv	Att	Pct
Baltimore	55	195	28.2
Chicago	63	219	28.8
Carolina	66	212	31.1
Green Bay	68	202	33.7
Oakland	69	204	33.8

IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS, 2006 —



GREEN BAY (Team)			CHICAGO (Team)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (-5)	.11	23T	Turnover Margin (+13)	.1	2T
Total Offense (339.0)	.5	9	Total Offense (325.5)	.7	13
Rushing (104.4)	.12	23	Rushing (118.9)	.8	15
Passing (234.6)	.6	8	Passing (206.7)	.8	13
Total Defense (321.2)	.6	13	Total Defense (288.9)	.1	5
vs. Rush (112.7)	.6	14	vs. Rush (99.5)	.2	6
vs. Pass (208.5)	.7	17	vs. Pass (189.3)	.4	9
Third-Down Offense (37.7%)	.7T	16	Third-Down Offense (38.1%)	.5	14
Third-Down Defense (33.7%)	.3	2	Third-Down Defense (28.8%)	.1	4
Red-Zone Offense (33.3%)	.16	31	Red-Zone Offense (50.0%)	.7	16T
Red-Zone Defense (53.5%)	.10	21	Red-Zone Defense (50.0%)	.6	13

GREEN BAY (Individual)			CHICAGO (Individual)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: A.Green (988)	.13	21	Rushing: T.Jones (1183)	.6	10
Passing: B.Favre (72.9)	.14	25	Passing: R.Grossman (77.8)	.7	17
Receptions: D.Driver (89)	.1	3T	Receptions: M.Muhammad (59)	.21T	38T
Rec. Yds.: D.Driver (1272)	.1	3	Rec. Yds.: M.Muhammad (836)	.15	29
Sacks: A.Kampman (15.5)	.1	1T	Sacks: M.Anderson (12)	.3T	6T
Interceptions: C.Woodson (7)	.1	4T	Interceptions: R.Manning & C.Tillman (5)	.4T	9T

THIS WEEK — CHICAGO BEARS *continued*

WELCOME BACK, NBC: The league returns to NBC in 2006, with familiar faces Al Michaels and John Madden in the booth, and producer Fred Gaudelli in the truck.

- ▶ The league didn't schedule the Packers on NBC over the season's first nine weeks. However, because of the new flexible scheduling element, the network was able to "flex" Green Bay onto the network as one of seven open weekends.
- ▶ The last time Green Bay played on the network was also the network's last NFL broadcast prior to 2006, Super Bowl XXXII in San Diego, Jan. 25, 1998. The Packers lost, 31-24, to the Denver Broncos.
- ▶ In the regular-season, however, the Packers own a 13-game winning streak on NBC.
- ▶ Green Bay hasn't dropped a regular-season game on NBC in 15 years, since Nov. 10, 1991, when Jim Kelly, Andre Reed and Don Beebe topped the Packers, 34-24, at Milwaukee County Stadium. Marv Albert and Paul Maguire were in the television booth as Buffalo improved to 10-1.

DAY-AFTER-GAME TRANSCRIPT

FROM THE HEAD COACH: Mike McCarthy's day-after-game press conference transcript, Friday, Dec. 22, 2006:

- ▶ OK, injuries, nothing's really changed from last night. Charles Woodson with the shoulder. Donald Driver also has a thigh along with his shoulder injury, and we'll re-evaluate him Tuesday. With that I'll take your questions.
- ▶ (The guys are entirely off until Tuesday? What do you hope to gain by giving the time off?) Yes. Well, really to get their bodies back, from a professional standpoint. But personally, I think it's very unique the schedule we've had this year. To have the ability to be off for Thanksgiving and Christmas, that's something that will probably never happen again in our careers. It doesn't hurt our preparation for Chicago. We're still going to have an extra day to get ready for the Bears. I thought it was a good opportunity to let the players get out of here, and especially with the traveling on the holidays, I thought it was important to give them that extra day.
- ▶ (Will guys do any workouts?) Our guys will run. We've talked about doing 20-30 minutes of cardiovascular over the next four days, and actually our workout is conducive Tuesday to make sure we get our bodies back along with the preparation Tuesday. We'll have an extra day of practice, but the health of our team is going to be important.
- ▶ (What will Tuesday's practice be like? A normal Wednesday?) It's going to be abbreviated. It will be a shells workout. We'll have an extended jog-through period just for the installation part of it, and the team periods will be cut down.
- ▶ (Are the players on their own over the weekend? Can they go home?) Yes. I know a couple of them tried to fly out last night. I don't know if they got out, but they are off for four days.
- ▶ (They're supposed to do the cardio on their own?) Correct.
- ▶ (What about you? Are you headed down to Texas?) I'm going to head out to Texas here in the next day or so. I'm going to try to get out tomorrow night.
- ▶ (In terms of defensive improvement, what have you seen these past couple weeks?) You're seeing the continuity and consistency. That's the thing that really jumps off the film about our players. I think with that brings more energy, and it was very evident last night. I thought they played with great energy. It started up front. The defensive line really set the course. The linebackers were extremely physical, and I thought we did a very good job for the most part, I think maybe two plays, of staying deeper than the deepest and breaking on the football, so I think they've really hit their stride.
- ▶ (So it's more than just playing struggling offenses? The improvement is legitimate?) Anytime you line up it's legitimate. You can swing it any way



you want with the rookie quarterback or Detroit's situation too. But it starts up front. The attitude and the energy they're playing with is exciting to watch.

- ▶ (Are you more confident now in facing a playoff-caliber opponent now?) Absolutely. I think defense wins championships. I believe in that statement. The defense we had coming out of the preseason and training camp, I definitely thought that was going to be the strength of our football team, and now we're at crunch time, and they have stepped to the forefront.
- ▶ (Have you made any adjustments scheme-wise in the last couple weeks to take better advantage of your safeties and not put them in positions they might struggle?) Not really. I think anytime you struggle, you go back to your core, go back to your base, and we are doing a lot more of our base. It's really probably over the last six weeks. As far as whether we cheat them up or cheat them back, based on the scheme or our opponent, those are things that are more situation-specific. But Bob has done a great job just staying the course with the system, and once again, I think the biggest thing you're seeing from our defense is the continuity, the consistency and the energy.
- ▶ (Why are they playing better?) They just keep doing the same things over and over and over again. I think sometimes scheme is made too much of in our game, because when we go in there every Monday morning after a game, we're not talking about the other team's scheme. We're talking about fundamentals, pad level, footwork, tackling, blocking. Those are the things that you're always correcting, and that's why you play the game. It's not video game, it's not a game played on a board. It's a game played by human beings in different environments with different adversity and all the other factors that you can't put on a piece of paper. We're improving definitely in the fundamental area defensively.
- ▶ (What have you tried to adjust scheme-wise inside the 20 on offense?) When we attack a situation offense, or situation in a game, from an offensive standpoint, we do it conceptually. Who's in whatever slot that is as far as the concept depends on your health, the match-up, all those types of things. As far as having new plays, new ideas, there's not a whole lot of that going on. But really our red zone production has been an issue all year. The biggest thing you're seeing is the turnovers. I don't think I've ever been around an offense that has turned the ball over that much in the red zone, and that's really our Achilles' heel on offense as a whole. That's the first thing we need to get fixed. And the other one is clearly the playmaking ability, the production. It's easy to over-react to it because we all go through it. You go down there and kick another field goal, and it's that air-going-out-of-the-balloon feeling you have to stay away from. Because when you watch the film the next day and you see the screen you have for a touchdown and the defensive end knocks it down, well why did that happen? Was it the technique of the quarterback, was it the technique of the left tackle? Once again, that leads you right back to, it's fundamentals again. So you can put too much into the scheme. I can't be naïve that if it's scheme, we're going to change it. But as far as what we're doing in the red zone, we have conceptual things that we do versus our opponent based on the match-ups and everything, so we've stayed the course with that. I don't see a problem with that. If I did, we would change. We have plenty of ammunition down there, we're just not executing at a high level. To go from the 20 to the 20 the way we do week in and week out, and then to go down there and have the production down there, it's really been holding us back.
- ▶ (What are the common denominators for teams that do well in the red zone?) The biggest one I've seen over the years is playmakers. That's really what it comes down to. Making the tough catch, making that tight throw, breaking that tackle. The West Coast offense historically has always been a touchdown, check-down philosophy. That's an approach that you have to take, because if you want to score points, you have to attack the end zone. Now with that, the defense also is aware of that too, so you see the challenges they present to you as you go through time, and as you do call plays for certain years in the league offensively because people figure out what you believe in too, so you have to guard against that. But the biggest common denominator is guys making plays



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down there, and that will never change in this league.

- ▶ (How is Aaron Rodgers doing?) He's done great. He actually does a very good job for us on game day. He's on the headset, he speaks up when it's appropriate, if he sees something. He's very much involved still in the game-planning and continuing to grow as a quarterback, because he has to take the mental reps now in his situation.
- ▶ (What are some examples of things Aaron might say in the headset?) Just the technique of a DB if something is said and he sees something on a particular pass from the chair of the quarterback.
- ▶ (He's in on all the meetings?) Yes pretty much, if it's outside of his rehab.
- ▶ (Can you trust Bubba Franks anymore this season, the way things are going?) I think that would be the easy thing to do. I think anytime something negative happens, it's easy to go the other way. But I think in the long-term, I don't think that's the right thing to do. We need Bubba Franks. Bubba Franks is an important member of our football team. He's the leader of the tight end group, he's viewed as one of the leaders on offense. If he didn't have history, you may think differently, but you're looking at a player that has done it before. He's had a couple tough stretches as far as games throughout the season, but we need him to bounce back, because we're going to need him to beat Chicago.
- ▶ (Is it a mental thing?) Fundamentals. It's just like anything else. He makes a nice catch on his first fumble, you have to get your pads down. Bubba is a big man. Those guys are not going to come in and tackle him high, the guy came right in and put his head right on the ball. You catch the football, you have to get your pads down over the football and run accordingly. It just keeps going back to the same things over and over. Same thing down on the goal line. Put the ball away, get your pads down. He should be celebrating a touchdown right now as opposed to what happened. They're just all fundamental things that we need to continue to focus on.
- ▶ (He was a big red zone target earlier in his career. Is there a reason his touchdowns are so far down?) Well his opportunities haven't been there probably nearly as much as he had in the past. He was always a big target, particularly in the goal-line offense. We haven't been in goal-line offense a whole lot this year. I've gone through years where there's been less. He's had a lot of production there, too. Also the emergence of Dave Martin. Dave Martin when he's been healthy has done a good job in the red zone. So it's really a combination of those things. He had some opportunities last night.
- ▶ (Why were Favre and Jennings not on the same page so much last night?) Well the interception was clearly the one they were not on the same page. It was a coverage that Greg did not identify, and the route should have stayed on, and that's what resulted with the interception. But the timing, Greg has never really come back fully from the injury, and that's something we just need to continue to work through. But I agree, there are probably three or four times, or two or three times, where they're just not in sync. Once again it's fundamentals. Route running, rhythm, timing. All those things are very important.
- ▶ (On the Sharper pick, it looked like Jennings stalled or stopped run-

- ning?) He's on the backside route, and I haven't talked to Greg yet so I don't what his view, what happened on the play, but obviously, when Brett came backside, he felt that Greg was running and he had him one-on-one down the sideline, and that's when he threw it. Obviously it looks like from watching the film, it looked like Greg thought he was going to pull up into the hole and get the ball thrown to him. It's a scramble drill, something you spend a lot of time in. But those are relationships, it does take reps, just guys being on the same page, because that's not a designed play. When we talk about the passing game, we always talk about in-pocket and out-of-pocket route responsibilities, and on the backside of the scramble drill, you look for the home run and then you pull up on the boundary when you're outside the numbers. Obviously, the quarterback and receiver were not on the same page.
- ▶ (When Walker was here, a lot of deep throws he had a good chance of coming down with the ball with maybe two guys around him. Are you OK with those jump balls he's throwing?) I think the term that's been used here in the past, you can correct me if I'm wrong, is a 50-50 ball. Now I don't coach quarterbacks to throw the ball into double coverage. We don't have reads that tell him to do that. I'm not going to sit here and say he's never done it either. But that's not the way we're playing. I've never coached with Walker. When you see the one-on-one runners down the sideline, that's a little different story, one-on-one. But as far as throwing the ball with two guys (in coverage), that's not something we're interested in doing.
- ▶ (Are there plays you have missed on jump balls this year?) The thing about jump balls, I really don't like the term jump ball unless you're down there about the 5-yard line. Because I think there's a proper way to throw the go route. There's technique in how you teach the route, where the ball location is supposed to be. That's different than rolling out and just throwing it up and hoping the guy comes down with the ball. So that's what we focus on. But hey, it goes back into players making plays. If you've got a one-on-one down the sideline with a guy, based on the design of the play and the opportunity, you have to take that shot. You cannot score points throwing three-step all day. Now we moved the ball very well, but you have to take your shots in the course of the game, and the go route, post routes, those are the common ways of doing that.
- ▶ (So last night was Sharper too deep to make that a viable throw, or if Jennings had been running would you be OK with that?) If you think about it, if Greg is still running, we're getting into what if's here, but if Greg is still running, I would think that Greg would be competing for that football. The ball is thrown 5 yards from the boundary and with the angle he's running, it's at least two guys going for the ball at the same time, because there is separation between Greg and Sharper, when Brett does throw the ball. You'd like to see us make that play, or pulling him up in the hole, too. So whatever the option. They've got to be on the same page.
- ▶ (What have you seen from Poppinga in recent weeks after struggling some early on?) Well Brady, he plays with excellent energy. I thought he was very physical. I thought the whole group was, the linebacker group as a whole. I think you're seeing a young player get more comfortable. He's more comfortable with the matches. He's a playmaker for us in the pressure schemes. He's doing a good job with that, particularly in the

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PLAYERS

- Todd BoumanBAU-man
- Atari Bigbyah-TARR-ee BIG-bee
- Daryn ColledgeCALL-edge
- Junius CostonJ0ON-ee-us KAHST-in
- Brett FavreFARVE
- Chris FranciesFRAN-siss
- Kabeer Gbaja-Biamilakah-BEER BAH-jah BEE-ah-MILL-lah
- Ahman Greenah-MAHN
- *Spencer HavnerHEY-vner
- Noah HerronHAIR-un
- Cullen JenkinsKULL-en

- Aaron KampmanCAMP-man
- Marquand ManuelMARR-qwand MAN-you-ell
- Ingle MartinEEN-gull
- Ruvell Martinroo-VELL
- Brandon Mireemy-REE
- Tony MollMAHL
- Vernand MorencyVERN-in mo-REN-see
- *Alvin Nnabuifenah-BOO-fee
- Ryan PickettPICK-ett
- Brady Poppingapuh-PING-ah
- Jason SpitzSPITTS
- Mark TauscherTAU-scher
- *Tramon Williamstrah-MAHN

COACHES

- James CampenCAMP-en
- Tom ClementsKLEMM-ints
- Jeff JagodzinskiJAY-gah-zin-skee
- Ben McAdooMACK-ah-doo
- Kurt SchottenheimerSHOTT-in-hyme-err
- Shawn SlocumSLOW-kumm

*—practice squad

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pass rush. Once again, another young player getting better.

- ▶ (Are those recurring shoulder things Woodson and Driver have had all year, will those require surgery?) I'm not sure. I have not had a discussion with Pat McKenzie about surgery with either Donald or Charles, but they are recurring injuries that frankly just need time to heal.
- ▶ (Do you know what the chances are David Martin might play next week? Did he suffer a setback last week?) He had a setback with his rib, and I'm hopeful with the four days off that he will be able to go. We'll see Tuesday.
- ▶ (Tauscher come through OK?) Yes, everything was positive about Mark. I thought he played very well too.



- ▶ (How vital is that tight end spot to your offense, and is it difficult to see it go from the strength you expected it to be to not being so strong?) Well, the production in the passing game is something we need to improve on. And I think some of that reflects our completion percentage too, because of attacking the underneath middle of the field with something that you're able to take advantage of that body type. But as far as what we've asked them to do and the other parts of it, I'm very pleased with. Their run blocking is definitely much better this year. They've given us a lot of flexibility in the pass protection, particularly early in the year when we were extremely conservative in the pass protection part of it. So there are a number of positives. I know the glaring statistic is catches. I'm not really concerned with how many catches they have, but the dropped balls and the missed opportunities are the things we need to improve on.
- ▶ (By some estimates you lead the league in dropped balls. Do you know what's going on there?) Well dropping the football, a lot of it is confidence, because we don't have a lot of body catchers on our football team. Our guys for the most part do a good job of catching it with their hands. But when you see a guy that has good hands start catching it with his body, that's an illustration of lack of confidence, and we have some of that going on right now. We just need to continue, I keep saying you know, but it goes back to fundamentals. Those are fundamentals we work on every day and we just need to continue to improve it. I want to say, the Philadelphia game was kind of the game that jumps out. I felt going into that Philadelphia game, particularly that first half, I thought we were really starting to hit our stride offensively, throwing the football particularly, and the run game was just starting to come on. We've been up and down since then, and that's been a problem, particularly in late. The points and the opportunities to score points have been there in the passing game, especially last night, I thought the pass protection was outstanding. Brett had all day to throw. We had a lot of time. When you have opportunities like that as a receiver, we should have had a much bigger day.
- ▶ (What route should Jennings have run on that interception for a touchdown?) It was a hitch. Quick hitch
- ▶ (What do you think of your playoff chances?) Jeff and I were just talking about it before I came in, and I'm not real clear on it to be honest with you. I'm going to worry about Chicago. I'm going to enjoy the weekend, and obviously we'll have more information Sunday night. But it's important for our football team to prepare like we have been, Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday, take it one day at a time, and going down to Chicago and winning that football game. That's clearly our focus, because nothing else that we want to achieve can happen unless we do that. So that's clearly our focus.
- ▶ (How much do you think they're going to be playing their starters?) You know, there's always two schools of thought there, because you do have the bye week coming up. I have no idea what their approach is going to be. Frankly, I don't really care. We need to get ready to play their football team. Schematically I don't think they're going to change a whole



lot. But as far as who lines up, we're probably not going to know, really, truly know potentially until the game time. We just have to get ready for their best.

- ▶ (Do you have to prepare for both of their quarterbacks?) I think so. I think that's accurate. They may try to play (the starter) first quarter and put him down, like some people have done. You look at Seattle, what they did here the last game of the season (last year). That's an approach. Or play him a half, or don't him at all. Those are different scenarios that we're probably looking at.
- ▶ (Will you pay attention to any of these games this weekend or will you just enjoy the time with your family?) I have a 15-year-old daughter, I don't think I'll be watching football Sunday afternoon.

THE 2006 PACKERS

ON DEFENSE: Bob Sanders' defense over the last six weeks has improved from 32nd in total yards allowed to 17th.

- ▶ Instrumental during the club's current winning streak, the defense has allowed only 246 total yards over the last two games.

TEAM NOTES & TRENDS

- ▶ Last week vs. Minnesota, the Packers' defense held the Vikings to 104 yards, Green Bay's best defensive effort in that category since Dec. 1, 1985, when the club limited Tampa Bay to 65 yards in the snow at Lambeau (the Buccaneers' quarterback in that game was future Hall of Famer Steve Young.)

STINGY AFTER TURNOVERS: The Packers have turned the ball over seven times over the last two games but opponents have just 10 points off those turnovers.

- ▶ Green Bay gave up a field goal vs. Detroit Dec. 17 and Fred Smoot returned a Brett Favre interception for a touchdown vs. Minnesota Dec. 21. In other words, Green Bay's defense has blanked opponents five of the last six times the unit has had an opportunity to restore momentum following a Packers turnover.
- ▶ The Packers have forced four punts and an interception over those five drives.

DEFENSIVE PENALTIES: Once labeled as penalty-prone, the Packers' defense has seen officials walk off penalties against the unit just four times during the month of December (four games), and just twice over the last three contests. Officials have penalized the Packers for pass interference just once since Oct. 22.

OLDEST RUSHING RECORDS: Ahman Green needs 117 yards Sunday to erase Pro Football Hall of Famer Jim Taylor from the Packers' record book. Taylor (8,207) played his final Packers game in 1966, making his record 43 years old. The NFL's oldest franchise rushing marks:

Player	Franchise	Yards	Years
Joe Perry	San Francisco 49ers	7,344	1950-60, 63
Jim Brown	Cleveland Browns	12,312	1957-65
Jim Taylor	Green Bay Packers	8,207	1958-66
Larry Csonka	Miami Dolphins	6,737	1968-74, 79
Sam Cunningham	New England Patriots	5,453	1973-82
Franco Harris	Pittsburgh Steelers	11,950	1972-83
Wilbert Montgomery	Philadelphia Eagles	6,538	1977-84
John Riggins	Washington Redskins	7,472	1976-85
Ottis Anderson	Arizona Cardinals	7,999	1979-86
Walter Payton	Chicago Bears	16,726	1975-87
Eric Dickerson	St. Louis Rams	7,245	1983-87



PACKERS TEAM NOTES *continued*

A NEW NETWORK: Fifty-three years after making their debut on national TV, the Packers Dec. 21 made their debut on a new network — The NFL Network.

- ▶ Supported by unselfish leaders such as Tim Mara and George Halas — who placed the good of the NFL above the good of their teams — Commissioner Bert Bell laid the groundwork for a deal with CBS and the Packers played for the first time on the network in 1956.
- ▶ With help from Congress, Bell pushed to allow small-market teams such as the Packers to share equally in television revenue. After Bell's death, his successor Pete Rozelle picked up that legacy and had revenue sharing in place by 1961. Five years later, Rozelle signed the first NFL television package, with CBS and NBC, which gave the Packers more than \$1 million. The deal allowed Vince Lombardi to sign RB Donny Anderson to the first long-term contract in Packers history.
- ▶ Fast forward five decades to Dec. 21, when the Packers played on an eighth television network. The Packers' first league games on each network (research by Mary Jane Herber, Lee Rimmel, the NFL, the Pro Football Hall of Fame and CBS):

Network	First game	Opponent	Result
Dumont	10/24/1953	at Pittsburgh	L, 14-31
CBS	09/30/1956	vs. Detroit	L, 16-20
NBC	12/26/1960	at Philadelphia	L, 13-17
ABC	10/12/1970	at San Diego	W, 22-20
ESPN	12/02/1990	at Minnesota	L, 7-23
TNT	10/17/1991	vs. Chicago	L, 0-10
FOX	09/04/1994	vs. Minnesota	W, 16-10
NFL	12/21/2006	vs. Minnesota	

SHORT FIELD: The Packers over the past three games have enjoyed their best field position in years.

- ▶ Green Bay's average start Dec. 10 at San Francisco was its own 35-yard line, the Packers' best field position since Nov. 13, 2005, when they averaged the 37-yard line in a win at Atlanta.
- ▶ One week later, Dec. 17 vs. Detroit, Green Bay's average start was the 39-yard line. The last time their field position was that good was Dec. 7, 2003, when they averaged the 40-yard line in a 34-21 Lambeau Field win over Chicago.

AGAINST ROOKIE HEAD COACHES: The Packers won back-to-back games against rookie head coaches, divisional rematches against Detroit's Rod Marinelli Dec. 17 and Minnesota's Brad Childress Dec. 21.

- ▶ The Packers are 4-3 this season against rookie head coaches (road wins at Detroit and at Minnesota, home wins over Detroit and Minnesota, home losses to Sean Payton's Saints, Scott Linehan's Rams and Eric Mangini's Jets).
- ▶ The Packers have won 10 of their last 18 meetings against rookie head coaches, dating to their 2001 season opener, at Lambeau Field vs. Marty Mornhinweg and the Lions, a 28-6 triumph.

ROOKIE HEAD COACHES IN ONE DIVISION: The NFC North features three first-time NFL head coaches in 2006: Minnesota's Brad Childress, Detroit's Rod Marinelli and McCarthy.

- ▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, in the era since the 1970 league merger, this marks the first instance as many as three rookie head coaches have occupied the same division at the start of a season.
- ▶ The last time there were three rookie head coaches in a division at any point in a season was 2000, when Dallas' Dave Campo, Arizona's Dave McGinnis and Washington's Terry Robiskie battled in the NFC East.
- ▶ There are 10 new NFL head coaches, including three in the NFC North —

Brad Childress (Minnesota), Rod Marinelli (Detroit) and Mike McCarthy (Green Bay). That trio comprises three of the seven "rookie" head coaches in the league this year — those with no previous NFL head-coaching experience. That is the most rookie head coaches in any one year in 40 years (1966). The other rookies: Gary Kubiak (Houston), Scott Linehan (St. Louis), Eric Mangini (N.Y. Jets) and Sean Payton (New Orleans). The "veteran" new head coaches: Herm Edwards (Kansas City), Dick Jauron (Buffalo) and Art Shell (Oakland).

SMOOTH ROAD: By winning a fourth road game Dec. 10 at San Francisco, Mike McCarthy tied the franchise record for a first-year head coach, held by Phil Bengtson, who went 4-2-1 in his debut season, 1968.

TURNOVER RATIO: At San Francisco Dec. 10, the Packers turned in a season-high plus-three turnover ratio, their highest since they were plus-five in a 52-3 win vs. New Orleans, Oct. 9, 2005.

- ▶ The plus-three was Green Bay's best mark in a road game since Dec. 22, 2003, when the Packers also were plus-three in a 41-7 win at Oakland the day after Brett Favre's dad passed away.
- ▶ All three Packers takeaways Dec. 10 ended 49ers drives in Green Bay territory, including two inside their 8-yard line (Woodson fumble recovery and Hawk INT in end zone). The Packers now have six takeaways inside their own 10.
- ▶ The Packers have 10 INTs in their last five games alone. They managed just 10 all of last season and eight all of 2004. This season, Green Bay has 18.
- ▶ The Packers now are minus-five in turnover ratio on the season. They have not had a positive turnover ratio since they were plus-one after a Week 2 contest vs. Chicago, Sept. 19, 2004.

TURNOVER FREE: Green Bay now is 3-0 this season in games without a giveaway (vs. Arizona, at Minnesota, at San Francisco).

- ▶ Over a longer stretch, the team has won 24 of its last 25 games playing turnover-free football, since a loss at Minnesota, Dec. 1, 1997. Green Bay's only loss in such games during that stretch was a 23-20 setback at Minnesota, Oct. 23, 2005.
- ▶ Including playoffs, the Packers have won 27 of their last 28.

LIMITING TURNOVERS: The Packers in their seven wins have a cumulative plus-four turnover ratio. In their eight losses, the margin is minus-nine.

- ▶ On Nov. 19 vs. New England, the team lost for only the fifth time since 2000 when it committed one turnover or less.
- ▶ Still, no other NFL club has a better winning percentage since 2000 when committing **one turnover or less** than the Packers (43-5, .896)

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.





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L.T. CATCHES GOLDEN BOY: San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson Dec. 17 vs. Kansas City broke an NFL record that had stood for 46 years, Paul Hornung's single-season scoring mark.

- ▶ In 1960, the Packers' Golden Boy scored 15 touchdowns, kicked 41 PAT and 15 field goals, playing just 12 games.
- ▶ Most points in a season, NFL history:
186 LaDainian Tomlinson, San Diego, 2006
176 Paul Hornung, Green Bay, 1960
168 Shaun Alexander, Seattle, 2005
164 Gary Anderson, Minnesota, 1998

NEARLY PENALTY FREE: The Packers Dec. 10 at San Francisco did not commit a penalty until 11 minutes, 50 seconds were left in game. Green Bay's two penalties were its fewest since Dec. 1, 2002, when officials also flagged the Packers twice, as the team clinched the first NFC North championship with a win at Lambeau Field over Chicago.

LONG DRIVES: The Packers now have orchestrated nine touchdown drives of at least 80 yards. Opponents, by comparison, have five.

- ▶ Green Bay's 97-yard drive to close the first half Nov. 12 at Minnesota was its longest since a 98-yard march vs. Tennessee, Oct. 11, 2004.

IN DECEMBER: Since 2000, when the Packers went 4-0 in sweeping their NFC Central foes during a December stretch that left them just shy of the playoffs, Green Bay has played solid late-season football.

- ▶ The Packers' 25-8-0 regular-season mark (.758) since the 2000 season is the league's third-best record Dec. 1 and later (including January):

Club	W	L	T	Pct
Pittsburgh	26	7	0	.788
New England	24	7	0	.774
Green Bay	25	8	0	.758
Philadelphia	21	10	0	.677
Baltimore	19	11	0	.633
Denver	19	13	0	.594
Seattle	19	14	0	.576
Indianapolis	19	14	0	.576
Kansas City	18	14	0	.563
Miami	18	15	0	.545

ROOKIE STARTERS ON THE O-LINE: Tony Moll Nov. 12 at Minnesota played much of the second half in place of an injured Mark Tauscher (groin). Moll, a natural right tackle who has made several starts at guard this year, made his first NFL start at that position for Tauscher Nov. 19 vs. New England.

- ▶ Moll, who like former Patriots tackle Tom Ashworth and Broncos tackle Matt Lepsis was a tight end in college, was drafted in the fifth round by the Packers out of Nevada.
- ▶ Including guards Daryn Colledge and Jason Spitz, the Packers have started three rookie offensive linemen for the only instances in their recorded history (all this season).
- ▶ **The last NFL team** to start three rookies on its offensive line in multiple games was the 2003 N.Y. Giants (twice). In research dating to the 1970 merger, the Packers had never started three in a game before Oct. 22.
- ▶ Already this season, three Packers rookies have started on the offensive line, and four — including Tony Palmer — have played. Palmer took two snaps, including a third-down conversion in short yardage vs. New Orleans Sept. 17.
- ▶ The Packers have not had as many as four rookie offensive linemen play at least one game in one season since 1987, when replacement players filled in for three contests during an NFL players' strike. Green Bay used six rookies on the O-line that year.
- ▶ The last non-strike year they used as many as four rookies on the line

was 1984 (Mark Cannon, Gary Hoffman, Tony DeLuca and Boyd Jones).

ROOKIE GUARDS: The Packers gave starting nods to rookie guards Tony Moll and Jason Spitz Sept. 10. According to Elias Sports Bureau, the last NFL team to start a rookie at each guard position in a season opener was the 1996 Cincinnati Bengals, whose first offensive huddle included Ken Blackman and Rod Jones.

- ▶ The last *offensive line* to feature a pair of rookies in a season opener was the 2004 Chargers — Nick Hardwick (center) and Shane Olivea (tackle).
- ▶ The last three NFL teams to start two rookie guards in a single contest were: the 2004 Colts — six games with Ryan Lilja and Jake Scott; the 2003 Giants — six games with David Diehl and Wayne Lucier; and the 2002 49ers — one game with Eric Heitmann and Kyle Kosier.
- ▶ In Packers history, Sept. 10 was believed to be the first time the Packers started rookies at both guard spots in the same game.
- ▶ The last three times Green Bay started two rookies on the offensive line were: 2000 — 10 games with Chad Clifton and Mark Tauscher (both tackles); 1987 — three strike games with Jim Hobbins (G) and Ed Konopasek (T); and 1985 — one game with Ken Ruettgers (T) and Rich Moran (G).

STRONG-LEGGED KICKERS: Because they play most of their games in the challenging climate of the Upper Midwest, the Packers are constantly on the lookout for kickers with above-average leg strength. They seem to have found just that in first-year punter Jon Ryan and second-year kicker Dave Rayner.

- ▶ Rayner on Oct. 2 at Philadelphia nailed a 54-yard field goal that tied the longest ever kicked by a Packers player. Later that night, he attempted another 54-yarder that had the distance but sailed wide left. Chris Jacke had a 54-yarder on Jan. 2, 1994, at Detroit, and Ryan Longwell had one on Dec. 16, 2001, at Tennessee.
- ▶ On Oct. 22 at Miami, Rayner booted a 55-yard field goal. The kick would have been a franchise record but a pre-snap Miami penalty took the points off the board.
- ▶ The Michigan State product, who beat out veteran Billy Cundiff in training camp, is used to kicking in the Midwest. His 10 touchbacks this year already are the most in a season by a Packers kicker since Longwell had 11 in 1997.
- ▶ Ryan, meanwhile, on the strength of two 66-yard punts, is just off the pace to break the 1997 franchise record held by Craig Hentrich (45.0 avg. on 75 punts).

MULTIPLE HAT TRICKS: Corey Williams Nov. 5 at Buffalo became the first defensive tackle in team history with three sacks. Cullen Jenkins enjoyed his own three-sack day Dec. 17 vs. Detroit.

- ▶ Coupled with Kampman's three-sack effort vs. New Orleans (Sept. 17), the Packers for the first season ever have had three players record three-or-more sacks in a game. Kampman did it again Dec. 21 vs. Minnesota.
- ▶ Only four times in team annals have more than one player pulled off the sack hat trick (also Reggie White and Bryce Paup in 1993, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila and Vonnie Holliday in 2002 and Gbaja-Biamila and Kampman in 2005).

MULTIPLE 100-YARD RUSHERS: On Oct. 29 vs. Arizona, for the first time since the "Snow Bowl," Dec. 1, 1985, two Packers topped 100 yards rushing. Ahman Green (106) and Vernand Morency (101 yards) became the first pair since Eddie Lee Ivery (109) and Gerry Ellis (101) 21 years ago.

- ▶ While Morency sustained a back injury that sidelined him indefinitely, the player who took his place is no stranger to 100-yard games. Noah Herron, with Ahman Green inactive Oct. 8 vs. St. Louis, rushed for 106 yards on 20 carries (5.3 avg.) and one TD.
- ▶ So, also for the first time since 1985, the Packers have three players who've enjoyed 100-yard rushing games in the same season.
- ▶ While uncommon in Packers annals, three 100-yard rushers isn't that odd across the league. Atlanta also has three players this season and Jacksonville and San Francisco had three last season, when Mike



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McCarthy was the 49ers' offensive coordinator.

▶ When the Packers won Super Bowl XXXI, the team had just one 100-yard rushing game during a 13-3 regular season: Edgar Bennett (109) vs. Minnesota, Dec. 22, 1996.

▶ Multiple Packers players with 100 yards rushing in the same game:

Date	Opp	Players	Att	Yds
12/16/73	at ChiB	John Brockington MacArthur Lane	22 19	142 101
11/23/80	at Min	Eddie Lee Ivery Gerry Ellis	24 15	145 101
12/01/85	TB	Gerry Ellis Eddie Lee Ivery	9 13	101 109
10/29/06	Ari	Ahman Green Vernand Morency	21 11	106 101

▶ Three or more players with 100-yard rushing games during a single season, Packers history:

Year	Players
1961	Paul Hornung, Tom Moore, Jim Taylor
1979	Steve Atkins, Terdell Middleton, Nate Simpson
1985	Jessie Clark, Gerry Ellis, Eddie Lee Ivery
2006	Ahman Green, Noah Herron, Vernand Morency

MORE FAVRE MILESTONES: Brett Favre, who extended two more NFL records Dec. 10 at San Francisco in reaching 3,000 yards for a 15th overall/consecutive year, reached another all-time mark Dec. 17 vs. Detroit and is approaching another individual accomplishment.

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▶ Favre needs three touchdown passes to reach 20 for a 13th straight season and extend his league record. Most consecutive seasons with 20-plus TD passes, NFL history:

12	Brett Favre	1994-2005
10	Dan Marino	1983-1992
9	Peyton Manning	1998-2006
6	Len Dawson	1962-1967
5	Tom Brady	2002-2006

▶ In addition, the future Hall of Famer Dec. 17 vs. Detroit broke Dan Marino's NFL completions record, 4,967. The NFL's all-time leaders in pass completions:

Player, Years	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	Rtg
B.Favre, 1991-2006	8,131	4,974	56,930	61.2	413	270	85.3
D.Marino, 1983-99	8,358	4,967	61,361	59.4	420	252	86.4
J.Elway, 1983-98	7,250	4,123	51,475	56.9	300	226	79.9
W.Moon, 1984-2000	6,823	3,988	49,325	58.4	291	233	80.9
D.Bledsoe, 1993-2006	6,717	3,839	44,611	57.2	251	206	77.1

FRANKS HAD IMPRESSIVE STRING: Tight end Bubba Franks endured one of the toughest games of his NFL career Dec. 21 vs. Minnesota, losing a fumble on the goal line as he stretched out for a touchdown and getting called for a holding penalty on an Ahman Green reception that pierced the Vikings' 5-yard line on the Packers' final drive.

▶ Still heavily counted upon in the Packers offense, despite lacking the strong statistics he enjoyed earlier in his career, Franks can take solace knowing that his two fumbles vs. Minnesota were the first of his career since his 2000 rookie season. What's more, the holding call in the fourth quarter marked the first time officials have walked off holding against him since Nov. 23, 2003, vs. San Francisco.

NINTH NFL SEASON IS BEST FOR WOODSON: Charles Woodson in the third quarter Dec. 17 vs. Detroit recorded his sixth interception this year to establish a single-season career high.

▶ The ninth-year veteran, who had five INTs as a rookie in 1998 with Oakland, leads the NFC and ranks tied for fourth in the league with seven INTs.

▶ His seven INTs are the most by a Packers player since Darren Sharper had seven in 2002. Prior to that, Sharper had nine in 2000.

▶ What's more, his 24 passes defensed this season have eclipsed his 1998 career high. He had 21 combined passes defensed from 2003-05 with Oakland. Most passes defensed, single season, Packers annals:

28	Al Harris	.....	2004
27	Doug Evans	.....	1995
24	Charles Woodson	.....	2006
23	Darren Sharper	.....	2000
	LeRoy Butler	.....	1993
22	Darren Sharper	.....	2001
21	Mike McKenzie	.....	2001
	Tyrone Williams	.....	2000
20	Mike McKenzie	.....	2003

SUNDAY DRIVER: Donald Driver had a TD reception of at least 20 yards in three straight games, from Nov. 27-Dec. 10. According to Elias, he's one of six Packers players since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger to have had at least three straight games with a scoring catch of 20-plus yards, but he's the only one to do it twice over that period.

▶ Consecutive Packers games with a 20-yard TD reception, since 1970:

4	Donald Driver	Sept. 15-Oct. 7, 2002
	Sterling Sharpe	Nov. 20-Dec. 11, 1994
3	Donald Driver	Nov. 27-Dec. 10, 2006
	Javon Walker	Nov. 23-Dec. 7, 2003
	Antonio Freeman	Nov. 9-23, 1997
	James Lofton	Oct. 7-21, 1984
	Steve Odom	Nov. 9-23, 1975

MORE ON DRIVER: Donald Driver Dec. 10 at San Francisco reached 1,000 yards receiving for a fourth season and joined James Lofton (5) and Sterling Sharpe (5) as one of three Packers ever with as many as four overall 1,000-yard campaigns.

▶ He also joined Lofton (3, 1983-85) and Sharpe (3, 1992-94) as one of three Packers ever with three *consecutive* 1,000-yard seasons.

▶ Additionally in San Francisco, Driver became only the sixth Packers player with 400 career receptions, joining Sharpe, Lofton, Don Hutson, Boyd Dowler and Antonio Freeman.

▶ Driver had a TD reception in three straight games from Nov. 27-Dec. 10, his longest streak since Dec. 12-24, 2004 (also three). His career long was a four-game streak from Sept. 15-Oct. 7, 2002.

▶ Driver registered his 16th career 100-yard receiving game, at San Francisco, and needs just one more to match No. 6 Billy Howton and Max McGee (both 17) on the Packers' all-time list.

▶ One week later, by securing a critical 12-yard reception in the fourth quarter Dec. 17 vs. Detroit, Driver reached 80 catches and joined Sterling Sharpe (4) as one of two Packers ever with as many as three 80-catch seasons. Driver now has three such seasons.

▶ For the second straight season, Driver has established his career bests in receptions and receiving yards.

ELIAS SAYS — BRETT FAVRE: Brett Favre made the 236th start of his NFL career on Dec. 21 at Lambeau Field – and in the other corner was Minnesota rookie quarterback Tarvaris Jackson, making his first pro start.

- ▶ That represented the widest disparity between the number of previous starts made by the opposing starting quarterbacks in any game in the history of the NFL. The old record for most previous starts by one starting quarterback in a game in which his opposite number was making his NFL starting debut was held by Dan Marino, who faced Denver's Brian Griese in the 1999 season opener: it was Marino's 230th start and Griese's first.
- ▶ Favre became the first NFL player to throw 5,000 completions – and number 5,000 came on his final pass of the night. It came on third-and-17 from the Vikings' 34-yard line with two minutes left in the fourth quarter, and while it was a long-gainer to Ahman Green that was shortened due to a holding penalty, it was enough to move the Packers into field-goal range. Two plays later, Dave Rayner's 44-yard field goal provided the winning points in Green Bay's 9-7 victory.
- ▶ That marked the 33rd regular-season instance that Favre has led a game-winning drive in the fourth quarter or overtime, the highest total among active players. The breakdown: 25 of them have come in Wisconsin, 21 at Lambeau Field, and 11 in the month of December.
- ▶ Favre, playing what some think might be his final game at Lambeau Field, gave his fans something to remember him by: 50 passes, including a career-high and NFL-high-for-the-2006-season total of 33 passes in the first half. It was the 11th time that he had thrown as many as 50 passes in a regular-season game; Dan Marino (14) and Drew Bledsoe (12) are the only other players with as many games of that type.
- ▶ Green Bay's 9-7 win was Favre's 146th regular-season victory as a starting quarterback, one fewer than Marino and two behind NFL record-holder John Elway. But it was just the second of those 146 wins in which the Packers did not score a touchdown; on Sept. 17, 2000, the Packers defeated the Eagles, 6-3, on a pair of field goals.

ANOTHER FAVRE TRIVIA QUESTION: Who was the 200th other quarterback to start an NFL game since Favre began his streak on Sept. 27, 1992? Answer: Derek Anderson, Cleveland. The 23-year-old made his initial NFL start Dec. 7 at Pittsburgh, becoming the 16th different quarterback Cleveland has started during the streak.

200 IN THE BOOKS: Before Minnesota's Tavaris Jackson became No. 201, Cleveland's Derek Anderson became 200 and Denver's Jay Cutler Dec. 3 became the 199th other quarterback to start an NFL game since Brett Favre launched his streak, Sept. 27, 1992 (Elias Sports Bureau).

- ▶ Favre is the only athlete in North American major league sports to have started every game for the same team since 1992. His streak routinely is mentioned in the same breath with Cal Ripken and Lou Gehrig among the greatest ironman stretches in history.
- ▶ Looking solely at Favre's position, 14 notable quarterbacks switched teams this offseason alone.
- ▶ This season, 19 quarterbacks already have made a starting debut for their respective teams. Included among those 19 are 11 — Minnesota's Jackson, Cleveland's Anderson, Denver's Cutler, Washington's Jason Campbell, San Diego's Philip Rivers, Oakland's Andrew Walter, Arizona's Matt Leinart, Tampa Bay's Bruce Gradkowski, Tennessee's Vince Young, Seattle's Seneca Wallace and Dallas' Tony Romo — who have made their first NFL starts this season.
- ▶ And, while the Packers have started one player at quarterback since Sept. 27, 1992, 22 NFL teams have started at least 10. Most quarterbacks started during Favre's streak:

Chicago (20) — Henry Burris, Chris Chandler, Will Furrer, Rex Grossman, Jim Harbaugh, Chad Hutchinson, Erik Kramer, Craig Krenzel, Dave Krieg, Shane Matthews, Cade McNown, Jim Miller,

Rick Mirer, Moses Moreno, Kyle Orton, Jonathan Quinn, Steve Stenstrom, Kordell Stewart, Steve Walsh, Peter Tom Willis

Arizona/Phoenix (17) — Steve Beuerlein, Jeff Blake, Dave Brown, Stoney Case, Chris Chandler, Boomer Esiason, Kent Graham, Shaun King, Dave Krieg, Matt Leinart, Josh McCown, Jim McMahon, John Navarre, Jake Plummer, Timm Rosenbach, Jay Schroeder, Kurt Warner

Washington (17) — Tony Banks, Mark Brunell, Jason Campbell, Cary Conklin, Gus Frerotte, John Friesz, Rich Gannon, Jeff George, Trent Green, Tim Hasselbeck, Jeff Hostetler, Brad Johnson, Shane Matthews, Patrick Ramsey, Mark Rypien, Heath Shuler, Danny Wuerffel

New Orleans (16) — Jeff Blake, Todd Bouman, Drew Brees, Aaron Brooks, Mike Buck, Kerry Collins, Jake Delhomme, Jim Everett, Bobby Hebert, Billy Joe Hobert, Doug Nussmeier, Heath Shuler, Billy Joe Tolliver, Steve Walsh, Wade Wilson, Danny Wuerffel

Cleveland (16) — Derek Anderson, Tim Couch, Ty Detmer, Trent Dilfer, Charlie Frye, Jeff Garcia, Kelly Holcomb, Bernie Kosar, Luke McCown, Doug Pederson, Todd Philcox, Mark Rypien, Vinny Testaverde, Mike Tomczak, Spergon Wynn, Eric Zeier

Detroit (15) — Charlie Batch, Stoney Case, Ty Detmer, Gus Frerotte, Jeff Garcia, Joey Harrington, Erik Kramer, Jon Kitna, Dave Krieg, Don Majkowski, Mike McMahon, Scott Mitchell, Rodney Peete, Frank Reich, Andre Ware

FAVRE CAPTURES COMPLETIONS RECORD: One day after Morten Andersen became the NFL's all-time leading scorer, Brett Favre passed Dan Marino as the league's all-time leader in pass completions. Favre completed 20 of 37 passes in the Packers' 17-9 win over the Lions, Dec. 17, raising his career total to 4,974 completions.

- ▶ His current career total is 69 more than the combined career totals of Roger Staubach, Sammy Baugh, and Norm Van Brocklin (Elias).
- ▶ Baugh held the record for career completions longer than anyone else, for 20 years, from 1941-61. Other holders of the record since then were Bobby Layne (1961-63), Y.A. Tittle (1963-67), Johnny Unitas (1967-75), Fran Tarkenton (1975-95), and Marino.

FAVRE AT HOME VS. LIONS — BEST EVER: Brett Favre improved to 16-0, including a 1994 playoff win, at home against the Detroit Lions. The last time Green Bay lost in Wisconsin to Detroit was Dec. 15, 1991.

- ▶ Take away that '94 playoff victory and Favre has a record of 15-0 starting at home against the Lions. That's the most home wins any starting QB has ever recorded against an opposing team. The runner-up is John Elway, who was 13-2 against the Chiefs at Denver (Elias Sports Bureau).

RARE THREE-INTERCEPTION WIN: Dec. 17 marked only the seventh time in his NFL career that Brett Favre threw at least three interceptions, without throwing for a touchdown and it was only the second time that the Packers won such a game.

- ▶ Green Bay beat Philadelphia, 6-3, on Sept. 17, 2000, in a game in which Favre threw three INTs and no TDs.

DAVIS REACHES 150 MILESTONE: Green Bay long snapper Rob Davis played in his 150th game for the team Dec. 21.

- ▶ Only 16 other Packers players have reached that landmark. But Davis became only the sixth player to do it in consecutive fashion.

Most Games Played, Overall

238	Brett Favre, 1992-2006 (15 seasons)
196	Bart Starr, 1956-71 (16 seasons)
190	Ray Nitschke, 1958-72 (15 seasons)
187	Forrest Gregg, 1956, 1958-70 (14 seasons)
187	William Henderson, 1995-2006 (12 seasons)
181	LeRoy Butler, 1990-2001 (12 seasons)





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- 167 Ed West, 1984-94 (11 seasons)
- 166 Willie Wood, 1960-71 (12 seasons)
- 164 Robert Brown, 1982-92 (11 seasons)
- 162 Larry McCarren, 1973-84 (12 seasons)
- Ron Hallstrom, 1982-92 (11 seasons)
- 160 Dave Hanner, 1952-64 (13 seasons)
- 157 Mark Lee, 1980-90 (11 seasons)
- 156 Ken Ruettggers, 1985-96 (12 seasons)
- Frank Winters, 1992-2002 (11 seasons)
- 150 Boyd Dowler, 1959-69 (11 seasons)
- Rob Davis, 1997-2006 (10 seasons)**

Most Consecutive Games Played

- 238 Brett Favre, 1992-2006 (current)**
- 187 Forrest Gregg, 1956, 1958-70
- 166 Willie Wood, 1960-71
- 162 Larry McCarren, 1973-84
- 150 Boyd Dowler, 1959-69
- Rob Davis, 1997-2006 (current)**
- 144 Ryan Longwell, 1997-2005
- 140 Fred Carr, 1968-77
- 138 Bill Forester, 1953-63
- Willie Davis, 1960-69
- 136 James Lofton, 1978-86
- 126 Jim Ringo, 1954-63
- 121 Larry Craig, 1939-49

IRISH EYES ARE SMILING:

Carlyle Holiday, acquired on waivers earlier this month from Arizona, made his Packers debut Dec. 10 at San Francisco and caught his first NFL pass, a 3-yard reception from Brett Favre.

- ▶ One week later, Dec. 17 vs. Detroit, Favre completed his record-breaking 4,968th pass to Holiday, a 21-yard gain.
- ▶ Following in the footsteps of players such as Curly Lambeau and Paul Hornung, Holiday became the 51st Packers player produced by Notre Dame. No other school has sent more players to the Green Bay Packers. The University of Minnesota (44) is second.

GREEN REDISCOVERS HANDS, TOO:

Having already proven on the ground he has been able to overcome his 2005 season-ending injury, Green also is proving it through the air.

- ▶ His 8.0-yard average per reception this season is on pace for the second-best mark of his career. It's his highest since 2001, when he averaged 9.6 yards on 62 catches (594 yards).
- ▶ This season, he has 42 catches, more than the 40 he had in 2004, one year prior to his injury. He had 50 receptions in 2003.

GREEN PROTECTING BALL WELL:

Including 22 touches Dec. 21 vs. Minnesota, Ahman Green has not fumbled since Sept. 24 at Detroit. Since that last fumble, the running back has 211 offensive touches (185 carries,

Favre's streaks at a glance
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<p>Active games streaks*</p> <p>237 Brett Favre, GB</p> <p>223 Will Shields, KC</p> <p>207 Lorenzo Neal, SD</p> <p>191 Kevin Carter, Mia</p> <p>Derrick Brooks, TB</p>	<p>Active starts streaks</p> <p>236 Brett Favre, GB</p> <p>222 Will Shields, KC</p> <p>175 Derrick Brooks, TB</p> <p>159 Jon Runyan, Phi</p>
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*—does not include kickers

Favre streak breakdown:

Games played, regular season	238
Games started, regular season	236
Games played, including postseason	258
Games started, including postseason	256

25 receptions, one fumble recovery).

GREEN GIANT: Ahman Green Dec. 3 vs. the N.Y. Jets posted the sixth-highest average per attempt of his career (min. seven carries).

Date	Opp	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
12/28/2003	Den (W)	20	218	10.9	98t	2
10/24/2004	Dal (W)	15	163	10.9	90t	2
09/29/2003	at Chi (W)	19	176	9.3	60t	2
09/09/2001	Det (W)	17	157	9.2	83t	2
09/24/2000	at Ari (W)	12	93	7.8	25	1
12/03/2006	NYJ (L)	14	102	7.3	35	0

HAWK AMONG ROOKIES:

The Packers have tracked defensive statistics since 1975. Over the past 31 years, only one rookie has collected more tackles than A.J. Hawk. Rookies who've topped 100 tackles:

- 166 Rich Wingo, 1979
- 145 A.J. Hawk, 2006**
- 134 Nick Barnett, 2003
- 123 Johnnie Gray, 1975
- 111 Michael Hunt, 1978
- 104 Brian Noble, 1985
- 102 John Anderson, 1978

ROAD TD PASSES:

Quarterback Brett Favre now has thrown for 201 touchdowns on the road, setting an NFL record. Longtime Miami quarterback Dan Marino had held the record of 197. Marino still holds the overall career touchdown pass record with 420.

▶ Most touchdown passes in road games, NFL history:

- 201 Brett Favre, 1991-2006**
- 197 Dan Marino, 1983-1999
- 169 Fran Tarkenton, 1961-1978
- 140 Joe Montana, 1979-1994
- 135 Warren Moon, 1984-2000
- 127 Drew Bledsoe, 1993-2006
- 125 Peyton Manning, 1998-2006**
- 124 Johnny Unitas, 1956-1973
- 123 Dave Krieg, 1981-1998
- 121 Vinny Testaverde, 1987-2005
- 120 John Elway, 1983-1998
- 119 Len Dawson, 1959-1975

ONLY TWO VIKINGS REMAIN:

Only about half the NFL teams publish consecutive starts in their records section, partly because early press-box statisticians did not universally and consistently document starting line-ups. Here are the longest starting streaks on record, as published in team media guides:

- 270 Jim Marshall, Min1961-79
 - 240 Mick Tingelhoff, Min1962-78
 - 236 *Brett Favre, GB1992-2006**
 - 229 Bruce Matthews, HouO-Ten1987-2001
 - 222 *Will Shields, KC1993-2006
 - 210 Jim Otto, Oak1960-74
 - 202 Randall McDaniel, Min-TB1989-2001
 - 194 Doug Dieken, CleB1971-84
- * — active streak



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TOP RECEIVING AVERAGE DURING STREAK: Donald Driver's 31.83-yard average per reception Nov. 12 at Minnesota was the highest figure by a Packers receiver during Brett Favre's 233-game starting streak (minimum three receptions, since Sept. 27, 1992). The previous high was 31.00, by Javon Walker at Oakland, Dec. 22, 2003, one day after Favre's father passed away.

► Driver now owns three of the top five marks, all of which have come in road games, during the streak (Elias Sports Bureau):

- 31.83 Donald Driver, Nov. 12, 2006 at Min. (6/191)
- 31.00 Javon Walker, Dec. 22, 2003 at Oak. (4/124)
- 30.25 Donald Driver, Nov. 17, 2002 at Min. (4/121)
- 30.00 Donald Driver, Oct. 7, 2002 at Chi. (4/120)
- 29.75 Bill Schroeder, Oct. 7, 2001 at TB (4/119)

AARON KAMPMAN: Defensive end Aaron Kampman ranks first in the NFC and tied for first in the NFL with 15½ sacks.

► From Oct. 2-Nov. 12, he had at least ½ sack in six straight games, one shy of the team record, seven, by Tony Bennett in 1992. The last time a Packers player had at least ½ sack over five straight was Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila in a stretch that covered two seasons, Dec. 24, 2000 — Oct. 7, 2001. The last player with a streak of at least five games *during a single season* was Reggie White, Nov. 5-Dec. 3, 1995 (five games).

► The fifth-year player, who signed a multi-year extension of the eve of free agency this past March, is only the eighth Packers player to reach double-figures in sacks. The franchise's single-season leaders (1982-2006):

- 19.5 Tim Harris, 1989
- 16.0 Reggie White, 1998
- 15.5 Aaron Kampman, 2006**
- 14.5 Ezra Johnson, 1983
- 13.5 Tim Harris, 1988
- Tony Bennett, 1992
- Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, 2001, 2004
- 13.0 Tony Bennett, 1991
- Reggie White, 1993
- 12.0 Reggie White, 1995
- Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, 2002
- 11.0 Bryce Paup, 1993
- Reggie White, 1997
- 10.5 Sean Jones, 1994
- 10.0 Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, 2003

CLOSING IN ON MARINO: Brett Favre stands seven TD passes from matching Dan Marino's NFL-record 420. Most TD passes, NFL history:

- 420 Dan Marino, Mia., 1983-99**
- 413 Brett Favre, Atl-GB, 1991-2006**
- 342 Fran Tarkenton, Min-NYG, 1961-78
- 300 John Elway, Den., 1983-98
- 291 Warren Moon, Hou-Min-Sea-KC, 1984-2000
- 290 Johnny Unitas, BalC-SD, 1956-73
- 273 Joe Montana, SF-KC, 1979-94
- Peyton Manning, Ind, 1998-2006**
- 269 Vinny Testaverde, TB-CleB-BalR-NYJ-DalC-NE, 1987-2006
- 261 Dave Krieg, Sea-KC-Det-Ari-Chi-Ten, 1980-98

ROOKIE RECEIVING RECORDS I: Greg Jennings on Oct. 8 vs. St. Louis posted his second 100-yard effort (also 101 at Detroit, Sept. 24). A closer look at rookie receiving records in Packers history:

Most Receptions, Rookie, Season

- 55 Sterling Sharpe, 1988
- 53 Billy Howton, 1952
- 48 Gerry Ellis, 1980 (RB)
- 46 James Lofton, 1978
- 45 Greg Jennings, 2006**
- 39 Keith Woodside, 1988 (RB)

Most Receiving Yards, Rookie, Season

- 1,231 Billy Howton, 1952
- 818 James Lofton, 1978
- 791 Sterling Sharpe, 1988
- 632 Greg Jennings, 2006**
- 614 Max McGee, 1954
- 549 Boyd Dowler, 1959

Most Receiving Touchdowns, Rookie, Season

- 13 Billy Howton, 1952
- 9 Max McGee, 1954
- 6 Don Hutson, 1935
- James Lofton, 1978
- 5 Carl Elliott, 1951
- Ray Pelfrey, 1951
- 4 Boyd Dowler, 1959
- Ed West, 1984 (TE)

ROOKIE RECEIVING RECORDS II: Greg Jennings' 101 yards on Sept. 24 at Detroit marked the most by a Packers rookie since Sterling Sharpe had 137 (on seven catches), Sept. 25, 1988, vs. Chicago at Lambeau Field. Billy Howton holds the team's single-game rookie record, 200 yards (on six catches), Dec. 7, 1952, at the Los Angeles Rams.

► For future reference, Max McGee holds the **single-game** Packers record for the most receptions by a rookie. McGee had nine, Dec. 12, 1954, at the Los Angeles Rams. Several rookies have caught eight in a game. The last time a rookie caught eight was Nov. 20, 1988, vs. Detroit (in Milwaukee), when both Keith Woodside and Sterling Sharpe reached the mark.

► Three rookies have caught three TD passes in a game, the franchise record: Billy Howton at Detroit (Nov. 27, 1952); Max McGee at Philadelphia (Oct. 30, 1954) and James Lofton vs. New Orleans in Milwaukee (Sept. 10, 1978).

PACKERS IN WEEKLY 2006 TEAM RANKINGS							
After Week...	Opp.	NFL Offense			NFL Defense		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
1	CHI	21	14T	21	26	21	27
2	NO	15	24	8	27	11	30
3	at Det	7	26	4	31	11	31
4	at Phi	12	26	4	31	16	31
5	STL	9	26	3	31	15	31
6	(bye)	9	27	2	31	13	32
7	at Mia	10	18	6	32	10	32
8	ARI	9	11	8	30	9T	32
9	at Buf	10	11	7	21	10	32
10	at Min	7	16	6	22	7	32
11	NE	10	20	9	24	11	31
12	at Sea	11	23	9	25	16	29
13	NYJ	12	20	9	29	17	30
14	at SF	9	20	9	29	17	28
15	DET	9	19	9	19	15	26
16	MIN	9	23	8	13	14	17
17	at Chi						
Packers in 2005		18	30	7	7	23	1
Packers in 2004		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



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FAVRE HAS 400: A closer look at Favre's milestone touchdown passes:

NFL						
No	Game	Date	Opp	Reception	Yds	Result
1	4	09/20/92	Cin (GB)	Sterling Sharpe	5	W, 24-23
50	42	11/06/94	Det (Milw)	Robert Brooks	28	W, 38-30
100	62	12/03/95	Cin (GB)	Edgar Bennett	14	W, 24-10
200	107	11/15/98	at NYG	Tyrone Davis	2	W, 37-3
300	167	10/13/02	at NE	Ahman Green	8	W, 28-10
400	228	09/24/06	at Det	Greg Jennings	75	W, 31-24

- ▶ Dan Marino reached the 400 milestone in his 227th contest.
- ▶ Including Greg Jennings and Noah Herron, who joined the group on Sept. 17, and Ruvell Martin (Dec. 10), 42 players now have caught a touchdown pass from Favre. His favorite all-time touchdown targets (1992-present):

Antonio Freeman	.57
Sterling Sharpe	.41
Donald Driver	.33
Robert Brooks	.32
Bubba Franks	.26

DONALD DRIVER: Has a reception in 79 straight games, the franchise's second-longest streak behind Sterling Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).

ACTIVE PLAYING STREAKS: With Brett Favre leading the way, several Packers players look to extend personal playing streaks this week.

- ▶ Longest active games-played streaks, Packers uniform (reg. season):
- | | |
|----------------------|------|
| Brett Favre | .238 |
| *Rob Davis | .150 |
| Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila | .75 |
| *Al Harris | .63 |
| Donald Driver | .61 |
| Aaron Kampman | .57 |

*—Davis' personal streak is 166 games played, including 1996 with Chicago; Harris has a personal streak of 143 games played, including 1998-2002 with Philadelphia.

- ▶ Longest active games-started streaks, Packers uniform (reg. season):
- | | |
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| Brett Favre | .236 |
| Al Harris | .63 |
| Aaron Kampman | .57 |

- ▶ Longest all-time games-played streaks, Packers uniform (reg. season):
- | | |
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| Brett Favre, 1992-2006 (current) | .238 |
| Forrest Gregg, 1956, 1958-70 | .187 |
| Willie Wood, 1960-71 | .166 |
| Larry McCarren, 1973-84 | .162 |
| Boyd Dowler, 1959-69 | .150 |
| Rob Davis, 1997-2006 (current) | .150 |
| Ryan Longwell, 1997-2005 | .144 |
| Fred Carr, 1968-77 | .140 |
| Bill Forester, 1953-63 | .138 |
| Willie Davis, 1960-69 | .138 |
| James Lofton, 1978-86 | .136 |

HENDERSON PASSES BUTLER: William Henderson Nov. 19 vs. New England surpassed No. 5 LeRoy Butler on the franchise's all-time list. Most regular-season games played, overall, Packers uniform:

237	Brett Favre, 1992-2006 (15 seasons)
196	Bart Starr, 1956-71 (16 seasons)
190	Ray Nitschke, 1958-72 (15 seasons)
187	Forrest Gregg, 1956, 1958-70 (14 seasons)
	William Henderson, 1995-2006 (12 seasons)
181	LeRoy Butler, 1990-2001 (12 seasons)
167	Ed West, 1984-94 (11 seasons)
166	Willie Wood, 1960-71 (12 seasons)
164	Robert Brown, 1982-92 (11 seasons)
162	Larry McCarren, 1973-84 (12 seasons)
	Ron Hallstrom, 1982-92 (11 seasons)

RAYNER SHINE: Packers kicker Dave Rayner Dec. 10 posted his 11th touchback this season. Most touchbacks by a Packers kicker in a single season, since 1991:

15	Chris Jacke, 1991
11	Ryan Longwell, 1997
	Dave Rayner, 2006
9	Craig Hentrich, 1995
7	Chris Jacke, 1993
	Ryan Longwell, 1998

SEASONS OF CHANGE: Brett Favre is in his 16th NFL season in 2006.

Most experienced Packers players, all-time:

NFL					
Exp	Year	Player	Pos	In Green Bay	
17	1983	Jan Stenerud	K	1980-83	
16	1971	Bart Starr	QB	1956-71	
	2000	Raleigh McKenzie	G/C	1999-2000	
	2002	Hardy Nickerson	LB	2002	
	2002	Frank Winters	C	1992-2002	
	2006	Brett Favre	QB	1992-2006	
15	1972	Ray Nitschke	LB	1958-72	
	1989	Dave Brown	CB	1988-89	
	1994	Steve McMichael	DT	1994	
	1996	Jim McMahon	QB	1995-96	
	2003	Wesley Walls	TE	2003	
	2004	Bryan Barker	P	2004	

- ▶ Most seasons played in a Packers uniform, all-time:
- | | | |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 16 | Bart Starr (QB), Alabama | .1956-71 |
| 15 | Ray Nitschke (LB), Illinois | .1958-72 |
| | Brett Favre (QB), Southern Mississippi | .1992-2006 |
| 14 | Forrest Gregg (T), Southern Methodist | .1956, 1958-70 |
| 13 | Buckets Goldenberg (G/B), Wisconsin | .1933-45 |
| | Dave Hanner (DT), Arkansas | .1952-64 |

WHAT TO LOOK FOR SUNDAY —

76 CHAD CLIFTON:

- ▶ Will play his 100th NFL game.

80 DONALD DRIVER:

- ▶ Needs 11 catches to become only the third player in franchise history with 100 in a season, joining Sterling Sharpe (112 in 1993, 108 in 1994) and Robert Brooks (102 in 1995).
- ▶ Needs two touchdowns to match his single-season career high, nine (2002, 2004). Driver enters with seven.
- ▶ Has 33 career TD receptions from Brett Favre. The duo needs one to break a tie on the franchise's all-time list with No. 4 Cecil Isbell-Don Hutson (33) and two to match No. 3 Lynn Dickey-Paul Coffman (35).
- ▶ Needs one 100-yard game to match No. 6 Billy Howton and Max McGee



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(17). Driver enters with 16 career 100-yard receiving games.

- ▶ Has a reception in 79 consecutive games, the franchise's second-longest streak behind Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).

4 BRETT FAVRE: On the NFL's all-time passing list...

- ▶ Is expected to play in his 239th straight game (257 including playoffs). He should start his 237th consecutive game (257 including playoffs), extending the NFL's record among quarterbacks.
- ▶ Needs seven TD passes to match Dan Marino's NFL record, 420. Favre enters with 413.
- ▶ Needs one win to match No. 2 Dan Marino (147-93-0, .613) and two to tie No. 1 John Elway (148-82-1, .643). Favre enters third on the all-time quarterback wins list (145-90-0, .617).

88 BUBBA FRANKS:

- ▶ Needs one TD reception to reach 30 career. In team history, only 11 previous players have reached the milestone, including Donald Driver this season.

94 KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA:

- ▶ On Green Bay's all-time sacks list, needs five to match Reggie White's career record, 68½. Gbaja-Biamila enters with 63½.
- ▶ With five more sacks, would reach 10 in a fifth overall season and break a tie with White for the franchise record; White also recorded at least 10 sacks four times.

30 AHMAN GREEN: On Green Bay's all-time rushing list...

- ▶ Needs 24 rushing attempts to surpass No. 1 Jim Taylor (1,811). Green enters with 1,788.
- ▶ Could become one of only three players ever to lead the Packers in rushing for six overall seasons, joining Clarke Hinkle (seven) and Jim Taylor (seven). Green has led the team five seasons.
- ▶ Needs 117 rushing yards to surpass No. 1 Jim Taylor (8,207). Green enters with 8,091.
- ▶ Needs 12 rushing yards to reach 1,000 and surpass Jim Taylor's record of five overall 1,000-yard seasons. Green also has five.
- ▶ Needs three receptions to surpass No. 6 Max McGee (345) on the team's all-time receiving list. Green enters with 342 in a Packers uniform, already most ever by a Packers back.
- ▶ By leading the team in rushing touchdowns for a sixth overall season, would tie No. 1 Clarke Hinkle (six).
- ▶ By leading the team in combined attempts for a sixth overall season, would surpass No. 3 Sterling Sharpe (five). Only Don Hutson (eight) and Jim Taylor (seven) have led the team in more seasons. The category counts all touches, including interceptions, kick returns and fumble recoveries.

31 AL HARRIS:

- ▶ Needs to return one interception for a touchdown to tie No. 5 Charley Brock, Doug Hart and Ken Ellis (all with three) on Green Bay's all-time career list. With a second TD on an interception, would match No. 4 Johnny (Blood) McNally, who returned four. Harris enters with two.

85 GREG JENNINGS:

- ▶ Can become the first Packers rookie with four TD receptions since Ed West (TE) had four in 1984. The last rookie *wide receiver* with at least four was James Lofton, who had six in 1978.
- ▶ With 45 catches, already has the most by a Packers rookie since Sharpe had 55, the team's rookie record, in 1988. Jennings needs two receptions to top No. 4 James Lofton (46 in 1978), four to surpass No. 3 Gerry Ellis (48 in 1980), nine to top No. 2 Billy Howton (53 in 1952) and 11 to surpass Sharpe on the team's all-time rookie receiving list.
- ▶ With 632 receiving yards, already has the most by a Packers rookie since Sharpe had 791 in 1988. Jennings needs 160 to surpass No. 3

Sharpe.

74 AARON KAMPMAN:

- ▶ Bids to become the first player in franchise history to lead the NFL in sacks. He enters tied for the top spot.
- ▶ Needs one sack to become just the eighth player to record 30 career sacks in a Packers uniform.

87 DAVID MARTIN:

- ▶ Needs seven catches, 27 yards and two touchdowns to surpass his respective 2005 career bests.

LAST WEEK — MINNESOTA VIKINGS

DRAMATIC WIN KEEPS PACKERS IN PLAYOFF HUNT: No one in the Green Bay Packers' locker room even wanted to think about what this one would have felt like to lose.

- ▶ It would have felt worse than squandering a 13-point lead against New Orleans, worse than losing a fumble in the waning seconds of a three-point loss to St. Louis, and much worse than dominating Buffalo statistically only blow the game on turnovers.

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- ▶ But fortunately, and finally, this one went Green Bay's way.
- ▶ Dave Rayner's 44-yard field goal with 1 minute, 34 seconds left made a dominant defensive performance stand up as the Packers edged the Vikings 9-7 in front of 70,864 fans who braved the rain on Thursday night at Lambeau Field.
- ▶ The Packers won their third straight game for the first time this season, improved to 7-8, and kept their playoff hopes alive heading into a scoreboard-watching weekend.
- ▶ "We're just staying in the mix, getting wins," cornerback Charles Woodson said. "(At) 7-8 you wouldn't think you could think about any type of playoff implications. But here we are, we're in the middle of it, and who knows what will happen."
- ▶ It was hard to know how this one was going to end. Rayner had missed two of four field goal tries earlier in the game, slipping badly on the wet turf in the first quarter and drilling the upright in the second quarter.
- ▶ The botched field goals were just part of a frustrating night for the Packers offense, which never found the end zone and made two huge blunders in the second half that nearly cost Green Bay the game.
- ▶ First, leading 6-0 in the third quarter with a first down at the 40, quarterback Brett Favre and receiver Greg Jennings got crossed up on a route, and Favre's pass went right to Minnesota cornerback Fred Smoot, who returned it 47 yards untouched for the score.
- ▶ Then, trailing 7-6 in the fourth quarter and driving for the potential go-ahead touchdown, the turnover bug bit again. On third-and-7 from the Minnesota 9, tight end Bubba Franks caught a short pass, had a first down at the 1-yard line and while trying to dive across the goal line fumbled the ball, with Minnesota's Antoine Winfield recovering with 8:32 left in the game.
- ▶ "We definitely had some opportunities where we shot ourselves in the foot, and we have to stop doing that," center Scott Wells said. "There's one bad play that overshadows everything else."
- ▶ Even the game-winning drive had its struggles.
- ▶ Favre got it started with a perfectly thrown deep ball to Ruell Martin, who beat Winfield down the right sideline for a 36-yard gain to the Minnesota 27. On the play, running back Ahman Green picked up a blitzing Viking to give Favre time to loft the throw, and Martin ran under it and hauled it in.
- ▶ "I walked up to Brett afterwards and said 'Hey, I appreciate the trust,'" Martin said. "For him to give me an opportunity like that in the clutch moments of the game, I was very happy he did and obviously I'm happy I came through for him."



LAST WEEK — MINNESOTA VIKINGS *continued*

- ▶ From there, two straight runs lost 2 yards, and then a false start on Daryn Colledge pushed Green Bay back to the 34, making it third-and-17 and a potential field goal longer than 50 yards.
- ▶ A well-executed screen pass to Green appeared to pick up the first down and get the ball all the way inside the 5, but a holding call downfield on Franks made it a net gain of just 7 yards. Then a 1-yard run by Noah Herron brought on Rayner.
- ▶ "I had to make that kick," Rayner said. "My job might have been riding on that kick, missing the two in the first half in such a big game."
- ▶ "I just wanted an opportunity to hit a game-winner, and it worked out well."
- ▶ The defense was certainly thankful its stellar effort wasn't squandered. Combining sure tackling with steady pressure, the Packers made the Vikings' offense and rookie quarterback Tarvaris Jackson totally ineffective.
- ▶ Making his first NFL start, Jackson completed 10 of 20 passes for just 50 yards, was sacked three times by Aaron Kampman, and threw an interception the only time he got the ball into Green Bay territory. Early in the third quarter, Woodson stepped in front of Travis Taylor at the Green Bay 26-yard line and thwarted the Vikings' only legitimate drive in the game.
- ▶ The Vikings finished with just 104 total yards and three first downs. They went three-and-out eight times and were 2-for-14 on third downs. Minnesota hurt itself all night with penalties (10 for 68 yards), including two illegal shift flags that negated crucial third-down completions of 11 and 42 yards to Taylor.
- ▶ The biggest stop came right after Franks' fumble on the goal line in the fourth quarter. Starting from their 3, the Vikings gained one first down, but then Jackson was tackled by safety Nick Collins after a 2-yard scramble on third-and-5, forcing a punt from the 25 that gave the offense 4:47 to work with on the game-winning drive.
- ▶ "It was a good all-around effort by the defense, the whole team," cornerback Al Harris said. "Everybody stuck together. When the momentum shifted, we didn't let the air out of the balloon. We just stood strong."
- ▶ They did so after Rayner's clutch kick as well. With 1:28 left and Minnesota on its own 31, a sack by Kampman and tackle-for-loss by linebacker Nick Barnett set up third-and-long.
- ▶ Then Jackson's scramble was 5 yards shy of a first down, and his fourth-down pass to Billy McMullen sailed out of bounds, giving the Packers their second series sweep of an NFC North opponent in the last five days as well as hope for a .500 season and possible playoff berth.
- ▶ At 7-8, the Packers need to beat NFC North champion Chicago next week and get some help to get in, and losses this weekend by the Giants, Falcons and Rams would aid the cause. Because the Giants are the only other team with seven wins fighting for the NFC's No. 6 seed, their game against New Orleans is the most critical this weekend.
- ▶ "We're glad to be in the hunt for the playoffs, and it's good," linebacker A.J. Hawk said. "We knew if we could get this game and hopefully play well next week and get that one, then we'll have a chance, and we'll see how it works out."

DEFENSE GIFT-WRAPPS VICTORY: Though the final score may have not indicated it, the Green Bay Packers were dominant in Thursday night's victory over the Minnesota Vikings.

- ▶ Well, dominant on the defensive side of the ball, that is.
- ▶ On a night that featured rainy conditions throughout, the Packers had the upper hand in nearly all facets of the game, including time of possession and yards gained. But at the same time, the season's final game at Lambeau Field was exactly what you'd expect between two bitter rivals fighting for their playoff lives: a close, hard-fought, physical contest.
- ▶ Sure, the numbers are misleading when you consider the fact that the Packers had 319 total yards compared to the Vikings' 104. Or that the green and gold had the ball for nearly 35 minutes to the Vikings' 25. If

- ▶ that's not enough, keep in mind that the Packers had 19 first downs and the Vikings could only muster three.
- ▶ Letting the numbers soak in, you get the feeling that the game had every component necessary for a Packers blowout, right?
- ▶ Well, not exactly.
- ▶ In the end, the defense carried the day, and fortunately for the Packers, it lifted them to a narrow 9-7 win to keep their playoff hopes alive.
- ▶ Though it may not have been the prettiest victory of all-time, it was a victory nonetheless, and that's all that mattered in the winning team's locker room after the game.
- ▶ "It was a huge win for us," linebacker Nick Barnett said. "Obviously, we're trying to get to 8-8 and that road went right through Minnesota. We have to continue to keep driving this truck of momentum and go down to Chicago, face a tough team, and get to 8-8."
- ▶ According to fellow linebacker A.J. Hawk, the key to the Packers' success was third-down execution.
- ▶ "We emphasize that every week, but this week especially because we knew they had a good offense, a good balanced attack running and throwing the ball," Hawk said. "And it's just something where we knew if we wanted a chance in this game we had to get off the field on third down, regardless if it was third-and-2 or third-and-15."
- ▶ "When we have a front four like we do that gets so much pressure and is so stout against the run, it makes everyone else's job a whole lot easier."
- ▶ Aaron Kampman, who finished with three sacks on rookie quarterback Tarvaris Jackson, echoed Hawk's sentiments.
- ▶ "Those are the fine-line plays that make a difference in a game," Kampman said. "We found a way the last couple weeks to make those. Obviously it adds up to a cumulative effect and we're playing really well right now."
- ▶ Playing well on defense might just be an understatement, too. The fact that the Packers held the Vikings to 2-for-14 on third down and didn't allow running back Chester Taylor to get untracked was the story of the game. It also didn't hurt that the Packers made the mobile Jackson strictly a passer, never an easy task against a defense that seems to be hitting its stride down the stretch.
- ▶ "We were trying to stay in our rush lanes," Corey Williams said. "We weren't trying to give him lanes to run. He's a good scrambling quarterback. He's not the type of quarterback that's going to sit in the pocket."
- ▶ "He's going to move around and he looks for one seam and he's going to hit it. I think we did a great job overall of keeping him from getting to the seams."
- ▶ Nick Collins explained that facing Jackson was a little different than defending Brad Johnson, who had been the Vikings' starter up until this game.
- ▶ "We knew he was kind of a runner and he has a deep ball," Collins said. "Brad Johnson can't throw the ball deep. So we prepared for him running the ball and going deep and we did a great job of keeping him in the pocket. The guys were just everywhere on him tonight."
- ▶ Al Harris claimed that it was actually Jackson who had the most difficult task of the night. Making his first start, he had to learn on the fly in front of a hostile crowd and less than ideal conditions.
- ▶ "This is Week 15," Harris said. "We're not going to change our game plan in Week 15, we just do what we have to do. We're not going to change our scheme, they are the ones who have to adjust."
- ▶ "We just had to do what we do well and execute. He's the rookie. He really has to adjust, we have been doing it for 15 weeks."
- ▶ Williams admitted that the defense was more than happy to pick up the slack tonight.
- ▶ "It's a team thing," he said. "When the offense isn't clicking, the defense is clicking. When the defense isn't clicking, the offense is clicking. So, whoever isn't clicking, the other one has to get their back. We did a great job tonight of getting their back."
- ▶ "It's just such a team effort and our team is really coming together, especially the defensive side," Kampman added. "It's a great win and a great



gift for Christmas."

- In the season of giving, it's also fitting that the defense gave the offense just the boost it needed — a gift that is useful any time of the season.

RAYNER MAKES GOOD ON GAME-WINNER: Before Thursday night, kicker Dave Rayner had only two cracks at a game-winning field goal in his career.

- One came at Oxford High School in Michigan, and he made it. The other came in college as a senior at Michigan State, and his 53-yarder into the wind against arch-rival Michigan fell short.
- Try No. 3, and his first in the NFL, came from 44 yards with less than 2 minutes left of a one-point game against the NFC North rival Vikings on a cold, wet night at Lambeau Field.
- No pressure, Dave.
- "It was probably the most nervous I've ever been in my entire life, but it worked out well," said Rayner, who was true to give the Packers a 9-7 victory. "The hold was good, the snap was good, protection was great. We got into field position and it worked out."
- Up until then, it had been a rough night for the second-year kicker. He made his first try from 38 yards in the first quarter, but on his next field goal, also from 38, he slipped badly on the wet turf and his low kick was easily blocked.
- At that point, Rayner switched from three-quarter inch cleats to one-inch cleats, "the longest cleats that were legal I think," he said. His footing wasn't a problem the rest of the night, but his next field goal try in the second quarter hit the left upright from 34 yards out.
- "I didn't miss it by much, but I was kind of thinking about the footing and was worried about that and then didn't hit the ball real well," he said. "But I'm glad I got another opportunity."
- Two more, actually. Rayner was good from 44 yards on the final play of the first half to give the Packers a 6-0 lead. Then, with Green Bay down 7-6, he was needed at the end of the game to cap the Packers' 41-yard drive to the Minnesota 26.
- "It won't be his last one like that," receiver Donald Driver said. "He'll continue being nervous, but he showed that he can go out there and kick in these types of conditions. Even though he missed a couple early on, he bounced back, and that's what he had to do."
- It was only fitting Rayner's first game-winner as a Packer came this year against the Vikings. Ryan Longwell, Green Bay's all-time leading scorer who kicked his share of game-winners at Lambeau, is now Minnesota's kicker, and he came up to Rayner after the game.
- "He said, 'This is one of many,' and I said, 'Hey, if I could hit as many game winners as you've hit and have half the career (you've) had, I'd be happy,'" Rayner said. "He's a class guy and has been nothing but nice to me."
- And his teammates were paying him the ultimate compliment afterwards.
- "We used to always call Ryan clutch," Driver said. "Dave, he was clutch tonight."

SPECIAL GAME BALL — In the locker room immediately after the game, Head Coach Mike McCarthy presented Packers Chairman Bob Harlan with the game ball. Harlan was attending his last regular-season home game as CEO of the franchise. He is retiring in May after 18 years as team president and 36 in the front office.

- "A total surprise, and I'm thrilled and honored both," Harlan said. "When Mike called me up, it was a tremendous thrill for me. Very touching."
- Harlan then said a few words to the players amidst strong applause.
- "I just said I've been here 36 years and I'm just so proud to be a part of this organization and so proud of this team the way it's battled back this year, and what a great future they've got," he said.

PRO BOWLERS SHINE BRIGHT — Pro Bowl selections Donald Driver and Aaron Kampman continued to shine with standout performances on

Thursday.

- Driver set a new career high for receiving yards and receptions in a season. His 12-yard catch in the opening moments of the second quarter gave him 1,223 yards on the season, surpassing the 1,221 he had last season. His 13-yard grab early in the third quarter was his 87th catch, besting the 86 he had a year ago.
- With nine catches for 99 yards in the game, Driver now has 89 catches for 1,272 yards in 2006 with one game to play.
- Driver also went over 1,200 yards for a third straight season and became only the third receiver in team history to go over that mark three times in his career. Sterling Sharpe also did it three times while James Lofton did it four.
- Meanwhile, Kampman recorded three sacks for his fourth multi-sack game of 2006, pushing his season total and career high to 15 1/2. That also moved him past Ezra Johnson for the third-most sacks in one season in team history. Johnson had 14 1/2 in 1983.
- The two biggest sack seasons by Packers were recorded by Tim Harris, who had 19 1/2 in 1989, and Reggie White, who had 16 in 1998.
- Before sacks became an official statistic in 1982, Johnson unofficially recorded 20 1/2 in 1978.

FAVRE HITS 5,000 COMPLETIONS — Brett Favre's 17-yard completion to Ahman Green on a screen pass on the game-winning drive in the fourth quarter was the 5,000th of his career, making him the first NFL quarterback to hit that mark.

- Favre surpassed Dan Marino Dec. 17 as the all-time completions leader. With 33 pass attempts in the first half on Thursday, Favre set a new first-half career-high, besting this 31 first-half attempts against Detroit on Nov. 10, 2002.
- Favre finished the game 26 of 50 for 285 yards, with two interceptions.

COMMISSIONER IN ATTENDANCE — New NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell was in attendance on Thursday night, and he noted it was the first time he'd visited Lambeau Field since the renovation was completed in 2003.

- Goodell addressed a small group of reporters before the game regarding the ongoing dispute between the NFL Network and cable companies Time Warner and Charter Communications.
- A large portion of western Wisconsin was unable to see Thursday night's game against the Vikings because the NFL Network is not on the cable systems in those areas. Fans in the Green Bay and Milwaukee markets got the game via a local feed, as per NFL procedure on cable-only games, but in the rest of the state, absent a satellite dish or trip to a sports bar with one, fans were blacked out.
- "We're upset about it not being on a broader basis," Goodell said. "One of the things the NFL is most proud of is the fact that we go to the broadest possible audience."
- At issue in the dispute is Time Warner's and Charter's insistence on putting the NFL Network on a digital sports tier, making it a service cable customers could pay extra for if they wanted to receive it. The NFL Network's position is it wants to be on the basic tier of those cable systems, as it is with the other major cable providers in the country.
- "We want to be on the broadest possible tier," Goodell said. "We want everyone to see our product. We are the only sports league to put all our games on free television into the home markets and the visiting markets, and we're proud of that, and I think it's a great part of our success. So we want to make sure we continue to build our audience to make sure the games are available to the broadest possible audience."
- "We believe it should be on a broader service because our fans are looking for football 365 days a year."

OTHER POSTGAME NOTES:

- Donald Driver now has a reception in 79 consecutive games, extending the franchise's second-longest streak behind Sterling Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).

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LAST WEEK — MINNESOTA VIKINGS *continued*

- ▶ Charles Woodson, snubbed two days earlier in Pro Bowl selections, intercepted his seventh pass to extend his single-season career high. This season he also established a single-season best with his 22nd pass defended, topping the 21 he had as a 1998 rookie with Oakland.
- ▶ Aaron Kampman, who also had three sacks in Minnesota's last Lambeau Field appearance, also had three Sept. 17 vs. New Orleans.
- ▶ In the first half, Brett Favre attempted 33 passes, his most ever over the first two quarters of a game. His previous first-half career high was 31, vs. Detroit, Nov. 10, 2002.
- ▶ On Favre's final completion of the night, a pass to Ahman Green that helped to set up Dave Rayner's first career game-winning field goal, the quarterback became the first in NFL history to complete 5,000 passes. He broke Dan Marino's career record Dec. 17 vs. Detroit.
- ▶ Favre posted the 36th fourth-quarter comeback of his career, his first since Dec. 11, 2005, vs. Detroit. In other words, 36 times, including three playoff games, Favre has led the Packers back from a fourth-quarter deficit or tie to win.
- ▶ The paid attendance was 70,864, the second-largest crowd in Lambeau Field history, surpassed only by the 70,918 in the stadium Sept. 10, 2006, vs. Chicago.

PACKERS VS. ROOKIE SIGNAL-CALLERS: Green Bay hasn't faced a lot of rookie starters in recent memory, but the Packers have won six of their last seven against rookie quarterbacks. Instances since 1999:

Dec. 21, 2006	vs. Minnesota	Tavaris Jackson	W, 9-7
Oct. 29, 2006	vs. Arizona	Matt Leinart	W, 31-14
Dec. 4, 2005	at Chicago	Kyle Orton	L, 19-7
Nov. 10, 2002	vs. Detroit	Joey Harrington	W, 40-14
Oct. 20, 2002	vs. Washington	Patrick Ramsey	W, 30-9
Sept. 22, 2002	at Detroit	Joey Harrington	W, 37-31
Sept. 30, 2001	at Carolina	Chris Weinke	W, 28-7
Dec. 26, 1999	at Tampa Bay	Shaun King	L, 29-10
Nov. 7, 1999	vs. Chicago	Cade McNown	L, 14-13

LAMBEAU WORKS OVERTIME: For the first time in its 50 NFL seasons, Lambeau Field hosted two games in five days. Never before have the Packers had as few as three days rest between Lambeau Field games.

ON THURSDAY NIGHT: The Packers Thursday earned their first-ever prime-time win on a Thursday. They were 0-3 all-time, with losses vs. Chicago in 1991 (TNT), at Minnesota in 1994 (TNT) and at Detroit in 1998 (ESPN).

IN HOME FINALES: In their last regular-season game at home, the team has won 14 of its last 15. The stretch parallels Favre's time in Green Bay. The quarterback is 14-1 in regular-season home finales, losing only in 2004 — to Jacksonville.

OTHER TEAM NOTES

FOUR HEAD COACHES: Former 49ers offensive coordinator Mike McCarthy in January became Brett Favre's fourth head coach in Green Bay. Several quarterbacks, though, have played for more. Since the league merger in 1970, 13 other quarterbacks have played for at least four head coaches on the same team:

Manning, Archie, NO 7	Favre, Brett, GB 4
Anderson, Ken, Cin 5	Ferguson, Joe, Buf 4
Fouts, Dan, SD 5	Jaworski, Ron, Phi 4
Grogan, Steve, NE 5	Jones, Bert, Ind 4
Aikman, Troy, Dal 4	Kosar, Bernie, Cle 4
Cunningham, Randall, Phi . . . 4	Pastorini, Dan, HouO 4
DeBerg, Steve, TB 4	Simms, Phil, NYG 4

WHEN FAVRE HITS CENTURY MARK: Elias Sports Bureau, the NFL's official statistician for half a century, never intended for its 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 73-7 (.913) and 4-0 this year. They're 40-0 at home (1.000) and 33-7 (.825) on the road.

FIVE IN THE FIRST 75: The Packers this past April used several trades to increase their draft class from seven to 12 overall selections, and wound up with the most draft choices in the NFL.

- ▶ Included in that group of 12 were five Day 1 choices in the fertile ground from selections 1-75 — LB A.J. Hawk (5), G/T Daryn Colledge (47), WR Greg Jennings (52), LB Abdul Hodge (67) and G/C Jason Spitz (75).
- ▶ Since 1993, when the league reduced the draft from 12 rounds to seven, only four previous teams have had as many picks in the first 75 selections:

<u>Team</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Choices</u>
San Francisco	2000	LB Julian Peterson (16), CB Ahmed Plummer (24), DE John Engelberger (35), CB Jason Webster (48), QB Giovanni Carmazzi (65)
Tampa Bay	1997	RB Warrick Dunn (12), WR Reidel Anthony (16), T Jerry Wunsch (37), G Frank Middleton (63), CB Ronde Barber (66)
Jacksonville	1995	T Tony Boselli (2), RB James Stewart (19), T Brian DeMarco (40), LB Bryan Schwartz (64), S Chris Hudson (71)
L.A. Rams	1994	T Wayne Gandy (15), WR Isaac Bruce (33), S Toby Wright (49), DE Brad Ottis (56), S Keith Lyle (71)



PACKERS PROBABLE STARTERS

OFFENSE

- WR 80 Donald Driver (6-0, 190, Eighth Year, Alcorn State)** — Two-time Pro Bowler (including 2006)...Ranks first in the NFC with 1,272 receiving yards...Tied a franchise record for consecutive 1,000-yard seasons (2004-06)...One of two in team annals with three 80-catch seasons...Has a catch in 79 straight games, the second-longest streak in team history...Had first fumble Dec. 17 since 2004...Former seventh-round pick.
- LT 76 Chad Clifton (6-5, 330, Seventh Year, Tennessee)** — Favre's blind-side shield, became ill before the game at Miami (Oct. 22) and ended a 53-game starting streak, tied for second-longest on the team behind Favre...Battled neck stinger Dec. 17 vs. Detroit.
- LG 73 Daryn Colledge (6-4, 299, Rookie, Boise State)** — Began camp as the starting left guard, lost the post after his first preseason game, then regained it in Week 2...Made emergency start at LT Oct. 22 at Miami in place of an ill Chad Clifton.
- C 63 Scott Wells (6-2, 304, Third Year, Tennessee)** — Former seventh-round selection replaced starter Mike Flanagan, who departed for Houston as an unrestricted free agent...One of seven centers to deliver the ball to Brett Favre during his starting streak...Tough and unflappable, signed multi-year contract extension Nov. 6.
- LG 72 Jason Spitz (6-4, 313, Rookie, Louisville)** — Mature, third-round draft pick, had been entrenched in the starting lineup since camp...Sustained a thigh injury in his NFL debut, vs. Chicago (Sept. 10), and was inactive for two weeks until returning as a reserve at Philadelphia (Oct. 2)...Returned to the starting lineup Oct. 8.
- RT 65 Mark Tauscher (6-4, 315, Seventh Year, Wisconsin)** — Pronounced "TAU-sheer"...Snapped a 57-game starting streak Nov. 19 vs. New England (groin); returned to lineup Dec. 21...Along with Clifton, with whom he started as a fellow rookie in 2000, serves as an anchor for the young interior linemen...A local product.
- TE 88 Bubba Franks (6-6, 265, Seventh Year, Miami, Fla.)** — Three-time Pro Bowler...In his sixth season as Green Bay's full-time starter...Owns the second-most receptions and TD catches by a tight end in Green Bay history, behind Paul Coffman...In 2005, for the first time as an athlete at any level, missed significant playing time due to injury.
- WR 85 Greg Jennings (5-11, 197, Rookie, Western Michigan)** — Ranks among rookie league leaders in several receiving categories...Injured his ankle at Miami (Oct. 22) and missed the ensuing contest vs. Arizona (Oct. 29).
- QB 4 Brett Favre (6-2, 222, 16th Year, Southern Mississippi)** — Three-time NFL MVP, eight-time Pro Bowler...Has started 236 consecutive games (256 including playoffs)...Went without an INT over three straight games (111 passes) for the first time in four years...With 413, stands just seven TDs from tying Dan Marino's NFL record.
- RB 30 Ahman Green (6-0, 218, Ninth Year, Nebraska)** — Pronounced "ah-MAHN"...Four-time Pro Bowler...Has five 100-yard games in 2006...Needs just 117 yards to surpass the Packers' all-time leading rusher, Hall of Famer Jim Taylor (8,207)...Returned from quadriplegia injury that ended his 2005 season...Hasn't fumbled since Sept. 24 at Detroit (211 offensive touches).
- FB 33 William Henderson (6-1, 252, 12th Year, N.Carolina)** — One-time Pro Bowler...Unselfish throwback player...Only four players in franchise history, future Hall of Famer Favre and enshrined Hall of Famers Bart Starr, Ray Nitschke and Forrest Gregg, have played more games in a Green Bay uniform.
- K 16 Dave Rayner (6-2, 210, Second Year, Michigan State)** — After beating out Billy Cundiff, is only the third Packers kicker since 1989, joining Chris Jacke and Ryan Longwell...Tied a club record with a 54-yarder, at Philadelphia (Oct. 2)...Has 11 touchbacks on kickoffs.

DEFENSE

- LDE 74 Aaron Kampman (6-4, 278, Fifth Year, Iowa)** — First-time Pro Bowler, ranks first in NFC with 15.5 sacks (tied for No. 1 in NFL)...Has at least a share of a sack in 11 of 15 games this year...Signed a multi-year extension on the eve of free agency this past March.
- LDT 99 Corey Williams (6-4, 313, Third Year, Arkansas State)** — Made his first NFL start, at Philadelphia (Oct. 2), after collecting two sacks the previous week at Detroit (Sept. 24)...Collected a career-best three sacks at Buffalo (Nov. 5), becoming the first DT in team history to do so, after entering the game with no more than three in any single season.
- RDT 79 Ryan Pickett (6-2, 322, Sixth Year, Ohio State)** — Recorded a season-high eight tackles in consecutive games vs. New England (Nov. 19) and at Seattle (Nov. 27)...Called by Packers coaches the team's most consistent defensive lineman...Career-best seven PBU.
- RDE 77 Cullen Jenkins (6-3, 290, Third Year, C.Michigan)** — Replaced Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, to keep him fresh during passing downs, in the starting lineup Dec. 17 vs. Detroit and turned in the best game of his career (three sacks, fumble recovery)...Younger brother of Panthers' All-Pro Kris Jenkins.
- SAM 51 Brady Poppinga (6-3, 245, Second Year, BYU)** — Passionate, energetic playmaker, returned to the starting lineup this year after a torn ACL ended his '05 season in his first NFL start last December...Has two forced fumbles, including his sack that set up a TD at Minnesota (Nov. 12).
- MIKE 56 Nick Barnett (6-2, 232, Fourth Year, Oregon State)** — The quarterback of the Packers' defense, broke his hand vs. New England (Nov. 19) and missed ensuing contest at Seattle (Nov. 27)...Owns two of the top six single-season tackles totals in team history, including a record 194 in 2005 (third in the NFL)...Green Bay's first-round choice in 2003, is the remaining member of Packers' draft class that spring.
- WILL 50 A.J. Hawk (6-1, 246, Rookie, Ohio State)** — A favorite of Packers fans since even before the club drafted him, leads the team in tackles and has the most tackles by a rookie since Rich Wingo had 166 in 1979...Humble by nature, shrugs off comparisons to Brian Urlacher.
- LCB 21 Charles Woodson (6-1, 208, Ninth Year, Michigan)** — Four-time Pro Bowler...Green Bay's premier unrestricted free agent acquisition this offseason, became the sixth Heisman winner to play for the Packers, following Bruce Smith, Paul Hornung, Ty Detmer, Desmond Howard and Danny Wuerffel...Had career-long 40-yard punt return, at 49ers (Dec. 10)...Returned an INT for his third career TD, at Miami (Oct. 22)...Career-best seven INTs lead NFC.
- RCB 31 Al Harris (6-1, 185, Ninth Year, Texas A&M-Kingsville)** — The point man in the Packers' secondary, has 121 career passes defended and hasn't missed a game as an active NFL player (1998-2006; 152 games including playoffs).
- SS 22 Marquand Manuel (6-0, 209, Fifth Year, Florida)** — Pronounced "MARR-qwand MAN-you-eil"...Another UFA, played for Seattle en route to Super Bowl XL...Enjoyed a breakout season in '05 after filling the void left by an injured Ken Hamlin in Seattle's secondary...Scored on his first regular-season INT, at Detroit (Sept. 24).
- FS 36 Nick Collins (5-11, 200, Second Year, Bethune-Cookman)** — The former second-round draft pick earned the team's Defensive Rookie of the Year honors and NFL All-Rookie recognition in 2005...Has two forced fumbles and an INT over his past four games.
- P 9 Jon Ryan (6-0, 202, First Year, Regina, Canada)** — Canada native...Played Dec. 3 despite losing his father to cancer two days earlier...Has two 66-yard punts...Completed a 16-yard pass to Noah Herron in the opener vs. Chicago (Sept. 10).

PACKERS PAST WITH LEE REMMEL

FANS OWE NFL'S GREATEST RIVALRY TO FEISTY LAMBEAU, HALAS

By Lee Remmel
Team Historian



The late George Stanley Halas, urbane founder of the Chicago Bears, and ebullient Earl Louis Lambeau, who co-founded the Green Bay Packers, could arguably be saluted as the founding fathers of the National Football League.

But, even more appropriately, as the co-authors of professional football's most prolific and colorful rivalry, which Sunday will find the Green and Gold meeting the alleged Monsters of the Midway for the 172nd time in regular-season competition.

No two other NFL teams can make that claim.

The reason being that no two other NFL teams have met as many as 172 times.

Nor with as much annual animus on both sides of the ball.

Halas, of course, was there at the very beginning — on Aug. 20, 1920 — when the American Professional Football Conference, forerunner of the NFL, was organized in the Jordan and Hupmobile auto showroom in Canton, Ohio.

Lambeau, who had founded the fledgling Packers in 1919, came upon the league scene in 1921 — the same season the Green and Gold launched their rivalry with the Bears.

From time to time over the years, some observers have expressed doubts about the intensity level of what unquestionably is the granddaddy of all rivalries in the history of professional football, the customary suggestion being that it might be on the wane.

And, candidly, the neighborhood series might never have reached its currently imposing dimensions if Lambeau and Halas, both consummate competitors, had not shrewdly fueled the feud from the start.

Each a showman in his own right, they did so in part by making it an invariable point never to shake hands after any of their twice-annual contests...win, lose or draw.

To the tightly "wired" Lambeau, losing to the Bears any time...any year... was unthinkable.

And, to be sure, it was equally distasteful to the suave and comparably committed Halas, a classic and crafty competitor,

In point of fact, Halas allegedly would go to extreme lengths to make sure his athletes would have an optimum opportunity to win.

All of which added another emotional chapter to the Packers-Bears rivalry.

For example, it was not uncommon for the Packers to arrive at Wrigley Field or — in more recent years, at Soldier Field in the Windy City — and discover that the phone from the press box to the field was not operative.

Because, on occasion in an earlier, less-monitored time, the wires had been cut.

And further, in the distant days when there was a Packers Lumberjack Band and the Packers traveled their musicians to Chicago — as far back as the 1920s and '30s — it was not uncommon to find that the band had been assigned to some remote corner of the Bears' home field, where its music could not be heard by

the Green and Gold — or their visiting fans.

Also, more than once, the Packers would discover there was only cold water for the postgame shower in the visitors' dressing room.

One such incident occurred in 1978, a day on which the Packers were shut out by the Monsters of the Midway, 14-0.

Then, to subsequently suffer an icy shower in the bowels of Soldier Field — adding insult to injury — before boarding a Northwest Airlines 747 and the long ride to Los Angeles to prepare for the season finale against the Rams a week later.

Not exactly what the disgruntled Green and Gold had in mind.

The immediate, knee-jerk reaction, inevitably, was to blame Halas for any such "irregularity."

George, of course, never acknowledged involvement in or awareness of any such inconveniences as cut phone lines or frosty showers.

And, admittedly, the statute of limitations has long since expired.

Despite such presumably cavalier treatment, what sometimes becomes lost in the process is that Papa Bear was a true friend of the Packers when and where it counted most.

Such as the time in 1956, when the City of Green Bay and the Packers Corporation sponsored a referendum vote for the funding of what initially became "City Stadium" and now is Lambeau Field.

Halas himself came to Green Bay shortly before the election, to speak in highly positive fashion of the Packers' value to the Bears in the already-celebrated rivalry, and to the National Football League — and of the team's need for a new stadium and the economic benefits that would accrue to the City of Green Bay with that entity.

And, as important as his endorsement was at that point in time, it today pales by comparison to the Bears owner-coach's vocal support of the 1962 proposal that all NFL teams share equally in television revenue, a long-standing policy that has been a model for all of professional sports.

Without it, assuredly, the Packers would no longer exist.

Imagine, Green and Gold loyalists, what that would be like....



DEPTH CHART

Unofficial, Dec. 26, 2006

OFFENSE

WR:	<u>85</u>	<u>Greg Jennings</u>	80	Donald Driver	<u>83</u>	<u>Chris Francies</u>
LT:	76	Chad Clifton	<u>73</u>	<u>Daryn Colledge</u>	70	Tyson Walter
LG:	<u>73</u>	<u>Daryn Colledge</u>	64	<u>Tony Palmer</u>	70	Tyson Walter
C:	63	Scott Wells	<u>72</u>	<u>Jason Spitz</u>		
RG:	<u>72</u>	<u>Jason Spitz</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>Tony Moll</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>Tony Palmer</u>
RT:	65	Mark Tauscher	<u>75</u>	<u>Tony Moll</u>	62	Junius Coston
TE :	88	Bubba Franks	87	David Martin	86	Donald Lee
					<u>49</u>	<u>Zac Alcorn</u>
WR:	80	Donald Driver	<u>82</u>	<u>Ruvell Martin</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>Carlyle Holiday</u>
QB:	4	Brett Favre	8	Todd Bouman	<u>7</u>	<u>Ingle Martin</u>
RB:	30	Ahman Green	34	Vernand Morency	23	Noah Herron
					<u>28</u>	<u>P.J. Pope</u>
FB:	33	William Henderson	40	Brandon Miree		

DEFENSE

LDE:	74	Aaron Kampman	<u>57</u>	<u>Jason Hunter</u>	99	Corey Williams
LDT:	99	Corey Williams	90	Colin Cole	77	Cullen Jenkins
RDT:	79	Ryan Pickett	<u>93</u>	<u>Johnny Jolly</u>		
RDE:	77	Cullen Jenkins	94	Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila		
SAM:	51	Brady Poppinga	58	Ben Taylor	<u>57</u>	<u>Jason Hunter</u>
MIKE:	56	Nick Barnett	<u>55</u>	<u>Abdul Hodge</u>		
WILL:	<u>50</u>	<u>A.J. Hawk</u>	58	Ben Taylor	59	Tracy White
LCB:	21	Charles Woodson	43	Patrick Dendy		
RCB:	31	Al Harris	<u>24</u>	<u>Jarrett Bush</u>		
SS:	22	Marquand Manuel	<u>29</u>	<u>Tyrone Culver</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>Atari Bigby</u>
FS :	36	Nick Collins	<u>29</u>	<u>Tyrone Culver</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>Charlie Peprah</u>

SPECIAL TEAMS

K:	16	Dave Rayner				
P:	<u>9</u>	<u>Jon Ryan</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Ingle Martin</u>		
H:	<u>9</u>	<u>Jon Ryan</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>Ruvell Martin</u>		
PR :	21	Charles Woodson	<u>85</u>	<u>Greg Jennings</u>	<u>82</u>	<u>Ruvell Martin</u>
KR :	34	Vernand Morency	23	Noah Herron	<u>18</u>	<u>Carlyle Holiday</u>
PC:	60	Rob Davis	<u>75</u>	<u>Tony Moll</u>		
KC:	60	Rob Davis	<u>75</u>	<u>Tony Moll</u>		



Rookies and first-year players are underlined



2006 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

Sun., Sept. 10	CHICAGO BEARS	L, 0-26	(70,918)
Sun., Sept. 17	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	L, 27-34	(70,602)
Sun., Sept. 24	at Detroit Lions	W, 31-24	(61,095)
Mon., Oct. 2	at Philadelphia Eagles	L, 9-31	(69,222)
Sun., Oct. 8	ST. LOUIS RAMS	L, 20-23	(70,804)
Sun., Oct. 15	Open Date		
Sun., Oct. 22	at Miami Dolphins	W, 34-24	(73,548)
Sun., Oct. 29	ARIZONA CARDINALS	W, 31-14	(70,809)
Sun., Nov. 5	at Buffalo Bills	L, 10-24	(72,205)
Sun., Nov. 12	at Minnesota Vikings	W, 23-17	(63,924)
Sun., Nov. 19	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	L, 0-35	(70,753)
Mon., Nov. 27	at Seattle Seahawks	L, 24-34	(68,256)
Sun., Dec. 3	NEW YORK JETS	L, 10-38	(70,527)
Sun., Dec. 10	at San Francisco 49ers	W, 30-19	(68,539)
Sun., Dec. 17	DETROIT LIONS	W, 17-9	(70,472)
Thu., Dec. 21	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	W, 9-7	(70,864)
Sun., Dec. 31	at Chicago Bears	7:15 p.m.	NBC

	Packers	Opponent
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	281	278
Rushing	88	89
Passing	171	164
Penalty	22	25
3rd Down: Made/Att	83/220	68/202
3rd Down Pct.	37.7	33.7
4th Down: Made/Att	7/17	12/20
4th Down Pct.	41.2	60.0
POSSESSION AVG.	30:21	29:39
TOTAL NET YARDS	5085	4818
Avg. Per Game	339.0	321.2
Total Plays	1007	948
Avg. Per Play	5.0	5.1
NET YARDS RUSHING	1566	1690
Avg. Per Game	104.4	112.7
Total Rushes	397	417
NET YARDS PASSING	3519	3128
Avg. Per Game	234.6	208.5
Sacked/Yards Lost	22/143	44/324
Gross Yards	3662	3452
Att./Completions	588/329	487/278
Completion Pct.	56.0	57.1
Had Intercepted	17	18
PUNTS/AVERAGE	79/44.8	78/44.8
Net Punting Avg.	79/35.5	78/38.1
PENALTIES/YARDS	87/654	91/666
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	23/15	26/9
TOUCHDOWNS	29	40
Rushing	9	12
Passing	17	24
Returns	3	4

SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	74	69	62	70	0	275
OPPONENTS	64	115	77	103	0	359

SCORING	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Dave Rayner	0	0	0	0	29/29	24/32	0	101
Donald Driver	7	0	7	0			0	42
Ahman Green	6	5	1	0			0	36
Noah Herron	3	1	2	0			0	18
Greg Jennings	3	0	3	0			0	18
David Martin	2	0	2	0			0	12
Vernand Morency	2	2	0	0			0	12
Brett Favre	1	1	0	0			0	6
Robert Ferguson	1	0	1	0			0	6
Abdul Hodge	1	0	0	1			0	6
Marquand Manuel	1	0	0	1			0	6
Ruvell Martin	1	0	1	0			0	6
Charles Woodson	1	0	0	1			0	6
PACKERS	29	9	17	3	29/29	24/32	0	275
OPPONENTS	40	12	24	4	37/37	26/27	0	359

2-Point Conversions: PACKERS 0-0, OPPONENTS 2-3

SACKS: Aaron Kampman 15.5, Cullen Jenkins 6.5, Corey Williams 6, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila 5, A.J. Hawk 3.5, Nick Barnett 2, Michael Montgomery 1.5, Ahmad Carroll 1, Colin Cole 1, Brady Poppinga 1, Charles Woodson 1, PACKERS 44, OPPONENTS 22

PUNTING	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In 20	LG	Blk
Jon Ryan	79	3539	44.8	35.5	12	15	66	0
PACKERS	79	3539	44.8	35.5	12	15	66	0
OPPONENTS	78	3496	44.8	38.1	7	22	65	0

PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Brett Favre	571	322	3600	56.4	6.30	17	3.0	17	3.0	82t	19/125	72.9
Aaron Rodgers	15	6	46	40.0	3.07	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	3/18	48.2
Carlyle Holiday	1	0	0	0.0	0.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0/0	39.6
Jon Ryan	1	1	16	100.0	16.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	0/0	118.8
PACKERS	588	329	3662	56.0	6.23	17	2.9	17	2.9	82t	22/143	72.3
OPPONENTS	487	278	3452	57.1	7.09	24	4.9	18	3.7	57	44/324	80.2

RUSHING	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ahman Green	244	988	4.0	70t	5
Vernand Morency (NFL)	87	397	4.6	39	2
Green Bay	82	384	4.7	39	2
Noah Herron	37	150	4.1	19	1
Brett Favre	23	29	1.3	14	1
Donald Driver	6	22	3.7	16	0
Aaron Rodgers	2	11	5.5	6	0
Samkon Gado	2	-7	-3.5	-3	0
Jon Ryan	1	-11	-11.0	-11	0
PACKERS	397	1566	3.9	70t	9
OPPONENTS	417	1690	4.1	72	12

RECEIVING	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Donald Driver	89	1272	14.3	82t	7
Greg Jennings	45	632	14.0	75t	3
Ahman Green	42	334	8.0	20	1
Noah Herron	29	211	7.3	16	2
Bubba Franks	25	232	9.3	19	0
David Martin	21	198	9.4	23	2
Vernand Morency (NFL)	17	118	6.9	29	0
Green Bay	16	112	7.0	29	0
Ruvell Martin	14	240	17.1	36t	1
William Henderson	11	59	5.4	13	0
Donald Lee	9	135	15.0	32	0
Brandon Miree	9	57	6.3	20	0
Koren Robinson	7	89	12.7	24	0
Robert Ferguson	5	31	6.2	10	1
Carlyle Holiday	4	39	9.8	21	0
Chris Francies	2	16	8.0	12	0
Samkon Gado TM	1	5	5.0	5	0
PACKERS	329	3662	11.1	82t	17
OPPONENTS	278	3452	12.4	57	24

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Charles Woodson	7	58	8.3	23t	1
Al Harris	3	39	13.0	34	0
Patrick Dendy	2	7	3.5	7	0
Nick Barnett	2	3	1.5	3	0
Marquand Manuel	1	29	29.0	29t	1
A.J. Hawk	1	25	25.0	25	0
Brady Poppinga	1	21	21.0	21	0
Nick Collins	1	5	5.0	5	0
PACKERS	18	187	10.4	34	2
OPPONENTS	17	194	11.4	76	2

PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Charles Woodson	38	2	334	8.8	40	0
Shaun Bodiford	6	1	25	4.2	16	0
Greg Jennings	5	0	29	5.8	10	0
Ruvell Martin	1	0	-2	-2.0	-2	0
PACKERS	50	3	386	7.7	40	0
OPPONENTS	52	3	495	9.5	84t	1

KICKOFF RETURNS	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Vernand Morency	30	644	21.5	35	0
Koren Robinson	12	253	21.1	31	0
Noah Herron	8	143	17.9	23	0
Shaun Bodiford	5	81	16.2	22	0
Robert Ferguson	5	110	22.0	26	0
William Henderson	4	41	10.3	16	0
Samkon Gado	3	57	19.0	23	0
Michael Montgomery	1	14	14.0	14	0
Charles Woodson	1	10	10.0	10	0
PACKERS	69	1353	19.6	35	0
OPPONENTS	54	1219	22.6	61	0

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Dave Rayner	0/0	10/11	6/8	7/10	1/3
PACKERS	0/0	10/11	6/8	7/10	1/3
OPPONENTS	0/0	8/8	7/7	11/11	0/1

Rayner: (53N) (24G,36G) (24G) (23G,54G,46G,54N) (27G,45N,32G) (42G,34G) (42G) (49G) (20G,24G,29G) (44N) (28B,34G) (40N, 34G) (23G,44G,21G) (24G) () (38G, 38B,34N,44G,44G)

Opponents: (40G,39G,28G,30G) (45G,47G) (40G) (40G) (31G,26G,20G) (32G,40G,45G,52N) () (28G) (34G) () (45G,41G,37G,28G) (24G) (24G,36G) (42G, 42G, 23G) ()

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Jon Ryan	1	1	16	100.0	16.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	16	0/0	118.8
PACKERS	588	329	3662	56.0	6.23	17	2.9	17	2.9	82t	22/143	72.3
OPPONENTS	487	278	3452	57.1	7.09	24	4.9	18	3.7	57	44/324	80.2



2006 REGULAR SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Official totals — based on coaches' film review through Dec. 21 vs. Minnesota

Player	Total Tackles	Solo	Asst	Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
A.J. Hawk	145	104	41	3.5/31.0	1/25	2	1	8
Nick Barnett	130	82	48	2.0/15.0	2/3	1	0	9
Aaron Kampman	102	76	26	15.5/108.0	0/0	1	3	1
Marquand Manuel	101	73	28	0.0/0.0	1/29	0	0	3
Nick Collins	96	78	18	0.0/0.0	1/5	0	2	13
Ryan Pickett	86	44	42	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	7
Brady Poppinga	74	49	25	1.0/6.0	1/21	0	2	4
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	61	40	21	5.0/35.5	0/0	0	2	0
Charles Woodson	60	48	12	1.0/9.0	7/58	1	3	24
Colin Cole	48	29	19	1.0/4.0	0/0	0	1	1
Cullen Jenkins	46	27	19	6.5/62.0	0/0	1	0	2
Corey Williams	44	29	15	6.0/38.0	0/0	1	0	3
Al Harris	37	35	2	0.0/0.0	3/39	0	0	19
Patrick Dendy	27	22	5	0.0/0.0	2/7	0	0	6
Michael Montgomery	21	15	6	1.5/13.5	0/0	0	0	1
Ahmad Carroll	6	6	0	1.0/2.0	0/0	0	0	4
Abdul Hodge	6	5	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	0	2
Tyrone Culver	5	4	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Jason Hunter	2	2	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Johnny Jolly	2	2	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Ben Taylor	2	2	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Will Blackmon	0	0	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Totals	1101	772	329	44.0/324.0	18/187	8	14	109

DEFENSIVE SCORING

Player	TD	Int Ret	Fum Ret	Safeties
Abdul Hodge	1	0	1	0
Marquand Manuel	1	1	0	0
Charles Woodson	1	1	0	0
Totals	2	2	0	0

Defensive touchdowns (3):

Hodge 1, 29-yard fumble return at Seattle (11/27);
 Manuel 1, 29-yard interception return at Detroit (9/24);
 Woodson 1, 23-yard interception return at Miami (10/22)

MISCELLANEOUS TACKLES

Player	Tackles
Bubba Franks	3
Ahman Green	3
Greg Jennings	3
Jason Spitz	3
Donald Driver	2
Scott Wells	2
Chris Francies	1
Noah Herron	1
Ruvell Martin	1
Tony Moll	1
Vernand Morency	1
Totals	21

SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	TT	FR	FF
Donald Lee	14	0	0
Tracy White	14	0	0
Jarrett Bush	12	0	0
Patrick Dendy	12	0	0
Ben Taylor	12	0	0
Rob Davis	9	0	1
Noah Herron	8	0	0
Jason Hunter	7	0	0
Vernand Morency	7	0	0
Dave Rayner	6	0	0
Ahmad Carroll	5	0	0
Tory Humphrey	5	0	0
Michael Montgomery	5	0	0
Atari Bigby	4	0	0
A.J. Hawk	4	0	0
William Henderson	4	0	0
Brady Poppinga	4	0	0
Will Blackmon	3	0	0
Tyrone Culver	3	0	0
Abdul Hodge	3	0	0
Zac Alcorn	2	0	0
Shaun Bodiford	2	0	0
Ruvell Martin	2	0	0
Charlie Pehrah	2	0	0
Jon Ryan	2	0	0
Nick Collins	1	0	0
Robert Ferguson	1	0	0
Carlye Holiday	1	0	0
Marquand Manuel	1	0	0
P.J. Pope	1	0	0
Totals	156	0	1

BLOCKED KICKS

Player	PAT	FG	P
Totals	0	0	0

2006 COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Mike McCarthy, first year

Assistants: Rock Gullickson (Strength & Conditioning Coordinator), Jeff Jagodzinski (Offensive Coordinator), Bob Sanders (Defensive Coordinator), Mike Stock (Special Teams Coordinator), Edgar Bennett (Running Backs), James Campen (Assistant Offensive Line), Tom Clements (Quarterbacks), Carl Hairston (Defensive Ends), Ty Knott (Offensive Quality Control), Eric Lewis (Defensive Quality Control), Ben McAdoo (Tight Ends), Winston Moss (Linebackers), Robert Nunn (Defensive Tackles), Joe Philbin (Offensive Line), Jimmy Robinson (Wide Receivers), Kurt Schottenheimer (Secondary), Shawn Slocum (Assistant Special Teams), Lionel Washington (Defensive Nickel Package/Cornerbacks).



ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

NFL

No	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	Exp	College	High School Hometown
49	Alcorn, Zac	TE	6-4	260	8/24/80	R	Black Hills State	Chadron, Neb.
56	Barnett, Nick	LB	6-2	232	5/27/81	4	Oregon State	Fontana, Calif.
20	Bigby, Atari	S	5-11	211	9/19/81	1	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.
8	Bouman, Todd	QB	6-2	226	8/1/72	9	St. Cloud State	Tyler, Minn.
24	Bush, Jarrett	CB	6-0	194	5/21/84	R	Utah State	Vacaville, Calif.
76	Clifton, Chad	T	6-5	330	6/26/76	7	Tennessee	Martin, Tenn.
90	Cole, Colin	DT	6-2	325	6/24/80	2	Iowa	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
73	Colledge, Daryn	G/T	6-4	299	2/11/82	R	Boise State	North Pole, Alaska
36	Collins, Nick	S	5-11	200	8/16/83	2	Bethune-Cookman	Cross City, Fla.
62	Coston, Junius	T/G	6-3	317	11/5/83	2	North Carolina A&T	Raleigh, N.C.
29	Culver, Tyrone	S	6-1	200	7/6/83	R	Fresno State	Palmdale, Calif.
60	Davis, Rob	LS	6-3	284	12/10/68	11	Shippensburg	Greenbelt, Md.
43	Dendy, Patrick	CB	6-0	190	3/10/82	2	Rice	Austin, Texas
80	Driver, Donald	WR	6-0	190	2/2/75	8	Alcorn State	Houston, Texas
4	Favre, Brett	QB	6-2	222	10/10/69	16	Southern Mississippi	Kiln, Miss.
83	Francies, Chris	WR	6-1	193	7/26/82	R	Texas-El Paso	Houston, Texas
88	Franks, Bubba	TE	6-6	265	1/6/78	7	Miami (Fla.)	Big Spring, Texas
94	Gbaja-Biamila, Kabear	DE	6-4	250	9/24/77	7	San Diego State	Los Angeles, Calif.
30	Green, Ahman	RB	6-0	218	2/16/77	9	Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.
31	Harris, Al	CB	6-1	185	12/7/74	9	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Pompano Beach, Fla.
50	Hawk, A.J.	LB	6-1	246	1/6/84	R	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio
33	Henderson, William	FB	6-1	252	2/19/71	12	North Carolina	Chester, Va.
23	Herron, Noah	RB	5-11	224	4/3/82	2	Northwestern	Mattawan, Mich.
55	Hodge, Abdul	LB	6-0	236	9/9/82	R	Iowa	Lauderdale Lakes, Fla.
18	Holiday, Carlyle	WR	6-2	217	10/4/81	1	Notre Dame	San Antonio, Texas
57	Hunter, Jason	LB/DE	6-4	255	8/28/83	R	Appalachian State	Fayetteville, N.C.
77	Jenkins, Cullen	DT/DE	6-3	290	1/20/81	3	Central Michigan	Belleville, Mich.
85	Jennings, Greg	WR	5-11	197	9/21/83	R	Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, Mich.
93	Jolly, Johnny	DT	6-3	317	2/21/83	R	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas
74	Kampman, Aaron	DE	6-4	278	11/30/79	5	Iowa	Parkersburg, Iowa
86	Lee, Donald	TE	6-4	248	8/31/80	4	Mississippi State	Maben, Miss.
22	Manuel, Marquand	S	6-0	209	7/11/79	5	Florida	Miami, Fla.
87	Martin, David	TE	6-4	265	3/13/79	6	Tennessee	Norfolk, Va.
7	Martin, Ingle	QB	6-2	220	8/15/82	R	Furman	Nashville, Tenn.
82	Martin, Ruvell	WR	6-4	217	8/10/82	1	Saginaw Valley State	Muskegon, Mich.
40	Miree, Brandon	FB	6-0	236	4/14/81	2	Pittsburgh	Cincinnati, Ohio
75	Moll, Tony	T/G	6-5	308	8/23/83	R	Nevada	Sonoma, Calif.
34	Morency, Vernand	RB	5-10	212	2/4/80	2	Oklahoma State	Miami, Fla.
64	Palmer, Tony	G	6-2	326	2/23/83	R	Missouri	Midwest City, Okla.
26	Peprah, Charlie	S	5-11	202	2/24/83	R	Alabama	Plano, Texas
79	Pickett, Ryan	DT	6-2	322	10/8/79	6	Ohio State	Zephyrhills, Fla.
28	Pope, P.J.	RB	5-9	218	2/26/84	R	Bowling Green	Wyoming, Ohio
51	Poppinga, Brady	LB	6-3	245	9/21/79	2	Brigham Young	Evanston, Wyo.
16	Rayner, Dave	K	6-2	210	10/26/82	2	Michigan State	Oxford, Mich.
9	Ryan, Jon	P	6-0	202	11/26/81	1	Regina (Canada)	Regina, Saskatchewan
72	Spitz, Jason	G/C	6-4	313	12/19/82	R	Louisville	Jacksonville, Fla.
65	Tauscher, Mark	T	6-4	315	6/17/77	7	Wisconsin	Auburndale, Wis.
58	Taylor, Ben	LB	6-2	238	8/31/78	5	Virginia Tech	Bellaire, Ohio
70	Walter, Tyson	TG	6-4	300	3/17/78	5	Ohio State	Chagrin Falls, Ohio
63	Wells, Scott	C	6-2	304	1/7/81	3	Tennessee	Brentwood, Tenn.
59	White, Tracy	LB	6-0	236	4/14/81	4	Howard	St. Stephens, S.C.
99	Williams, Corey	DT	6-4	313	8/17/80	3	Arkansas State	Camden, Ark.
21	Woodson, Charles	CB	6-1	208	10/7/76	9	Michigan	Fremont, Ohio
Practice Squad:								
13	Brewster, Carlton	WR	5-11	214	2/12/83	R	Ferris State	Grand Rapids, Mich.
53	Havner, Spencer	LB	6-3	245	2/2/83	R	UCLA	Grass Valley, Calif.
61	Leffew, Travis	G/T	6-4	292	1/27/83	R	Louisville	Danville, KY
47	Nnabuife, Alvin	S	6-0	210	4/3/83	R	Southern Methodist	Missouri City, Texas
17	Russell, Calvin	WR	6-0	190	6/14/83	R	Tuskegee	Fairburn, Ga.
68	Stenavich, Adam	G	6-4	308	3/11/83	R	Michigan	Marshfield, Wis.
69	Thompson, Orrin	T	6-6	322	11/11/82	1	Duke	Charlotte, N.C.
38	Williams, Tramon	CB	5-11	182	3/16/83	R	Louisiana Tech	Napoleonville, La.
Injured Reserve (out for season):								
97	Allen, Kenderick	DT	6-5	328	9/14/78	4	Louisiana State	foot, Oct. 4
71	Barry, Kevin	T	6-4	332	7/20/79	5	Arizona	quadriceps, July 27
32	Beach, Arliss	RB	5-10	219	3/28/84	R	Kentucky	ankle, Sept. 2
27	Blackmon, Will	CB	6-0	198	10/27/84	R	Boston College	rib; Nov. 25
19	Bodiford, Shaun	WR	5-11	186	5/4/82	R	Portland State	leg, Nov. 15
67	Bourke, Josh	T	6-7	314	10/16/82	R	Grand Valley State	back, Sept. 2
52	Campbell, Kurt	LB	6-1	227	7/30/82	2	Albany	shoulder, Aug. 29
89	Ferguson, Robert	WR	6-1	219	12/17/79	6	Texas A&M	foot, Oct. 23
84	Humphrey, Tory	TE	6-2	257	1/20/83	1	Central Michigan	hamstring, Nov. 15
96	Montgomery, Michael	DE	6-5	275	8/18/83	2	Texas A&M	knee; Dec. 16
12	Rodgers, Aaron	QB	6-2	223	12/2/83	2	California	foot, Nov. 21
25	Underwood, Marviel	S	5-10	197	2/17/82	2	San Diego State	knee, Aug. 28
Practice Squad/Injured:								
91	Tollefson, Dave	DE	6-4	255	5/19/81	R	Northwest Missouri St.	back, Nov. 8



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No	NUMERICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College	Acquired	GP/GS/DNP/IA
4	Brett Favre	QB	6-2	222	37	16	Southern Mississippi	T-92 (Atl)	15/15/0/0
7	Ingle Martin	QB	6-2	220	24	R	Furman	D5a-06	0/0/0/15
8	Todd Bouman	QB	6-2	226	34	9	St. Cloud State	FA-06	0/0/5/0
9	Jon Ryan	P	6-0	202	25	1	Regina (Canada)	FA-06	15/0/0/0
16	Dave Rayner	K	6-2	210	24	2	Michigan State	W-06 (Ind)	15/0/0/0
18	Carlyle Holiday	WR	6-2	217	25	1	Notre Dame	W-06 (Ari)	3/0/0/0
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	211	25	1	Central Florida	FA-06	4/0/0/2
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	208	30	9	Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	15/15/0/0
22	Marquand Manuel	S	6-0	209	27	5	Florida	UFA-06 (Sea)	15/15/0/0
23	Noah Herron	RB	5-11	224	24	2	Northwestern	FA-05	15/0/0/0
24	Jarrett Bush	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Utah State	W-06 (Car)	15/0/0/0
26	Charlie Peprah	S	5-11	202	23	R	Alabama	W-06 (NYG)	7/0/0/8
28	P.J. Pope	RB	5-9	218	22	R	Bowling Green	FA-06	1/0/1/6
29	Tyrone Culver	S	6-1	200	23	R	Fresno State	D6b-06	14/0/0/1
30	Ahman Green	RB	6-0	218	29	9	Nebraska	T-00 (Sea)	13/13/0/2
31	Al Harris	CB	6-1	185	31	9	Texas A&M-Kingsville	T-03 (Phil)	15/15/0/0
33	William Henderson	FB	6-1	252	35	12	North Carolina	D3b-95	13/8/0/2
34	Vernand Morency	RB	5-10	212	26	2	Oklahoma State	T-06 (Hou)	12/2/0/2
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	200	23	2	Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	15/15/0/0
40	Brandon Miree	FB	6-0	236	25	2	Pittsburgh	FA-06	9/3/0/3
43	Patrick Dendy	CB	6-0	190	24	2	Rice	FA-05	11/3/0/0
49	Zac Alcorn	TE	6-4	260	26	R	Black Hills State	FA-06	5/0/0/1
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	246	22	R	Ohio State	D1-06	15/15/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	245	27	2	Brigham Young	D4b-05	15/11/0/0
55	Abdul Hodge	LB	6-0	236	24	R	Iowa	D3a-06	8/1/0/7
56	Nick Barnett	LB	6-2	232	25	4	Oregon State	D1-03	14/14/0/1
57	Jason Hunter	LB/DE	6-4	255	23	R	Appalachian State	FA-06	13/0/0/2
58	Ben Taylor	LB	6-2	238	28	5	Virginia Tech	UFA-06 (Cle)	9/0/0/6
59	Tracy White	LB	6-0	236	25	4	Howard	FA-06	13/0/0/1
60	Rob Davis	LS	6-3	284	38	11	Shippensburg	FA-97	15/0/0/0
62	Junius Coston	T/G	6-3	317	23	2	North Carolina A&T	D5a-05	1/0/7/7
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	304	26	3	Tennessee	FA-04 (D7-04)	15/15/0/0
64	Tony Palmer	G	6-2	326	23	R	Missouri	W-06 (StL)	6/0/1/8
65	Mark Tauscher	T	6-4	315	29	7	Wisconsin	D7a-00	10/10/0/5
70	Tyson Walter	T/G	6-4	300	28	5	Ohio State	FA-06	4/0/1/0
72	Jason Spitz	G/C	6-4	313	24	R	Louisville	D3b-06	13/12/0/2
73	Daryn Colledge	G/T	6-4	299	24	R	Boise State	D2a-06	14/14/1/0
74	Aaron Kampman	DE	6-4	278	27	5	Iowa	D5a-02	15/15/0/0
75	Tony Moll	T/G	6-5	308	23	R	Nevada	D5b-06	15/10/0/0
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	330	30	7	Tennessee	D2-00	14/14/0/1
77	Cullen Jenkins	DT/DE	6-3	290	26	3	Central Michigan	FA-04	13/4/0/2
79	Ryan Pickett	DT	6-2	322	26	6	Ohio State	UFA-06 (StL)	15/15/0/0
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	190	31	8	Alcorn State	D7b-99	15/15/0/0
82	Ruvell Martin	WR	6-4	217	24	1	Saginaw Valley State	FA-06	12/2/0/3
83	Chris Francies	WR	6-1	193	24	R	Texas-El Paso	FA-06	3/0/2/3
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	197	23	R	Western Michigan	D2b-06	14/11/0/1
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	26	4	Mississippi State	FA-05	14/2/1/0
87	David Martin	TE	6-4	265	27	6	Tennessee	D6-01	11/4/0/4
88	Bubba Franks	TE	6-6	265	28	7	Miami (Fla.)	D1-00	15/13/0/0
90	Colin Cole	DT	6-2	325	26	2	Iowa	FA-04	14/3/0/1
93	Johnny Jolly	DT	6-3	317	23	R	Texas A&M	D6a-06	5/0/0/10
94	Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	DE	6-4	250	29	7	San Diego State	FA-00 (D5a-00)	15/13/0/0
99	Corey Williams	DT	6-4	313	26	3	Arkansas State	D6-04	15/10/0/0

Practice Squad:

13	Carlton Brewster	WR	5-11	214	23	R	Ferris State	FA-06	0/0/0/0
17	Calvin Russell	WR	6-0	190	23	R	Tuskegee	FA-06	0/0/0/0
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	182	23	R	Louisiana Tech	FA-06	0/0/0/0
47	Alvin Nnabuife	S	6-0	210	23	R	Southern Methodist	FA-06	0/0/0/0
53	Spencer Havner	LB	6-3	245	23	R	UCLA	FA-06	0/0/0/0
61	Travis Leffew	G/T	6-4	292	23	R	Louisville	FA-06	0/0/0/0
68	Adam Stenavich	G	6-4	308	23	R	Michigan	FA-06	0/0/0/0
69	Orrin Thompson	T	6-6	322	24	1	Duke	FA-06	0/0/0/0

Injured Reserve (out for season):

12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	223	22	2	California	D1-05	foot, Nov. 21
19	Shaun Bodiford	WR	5-11	186	24	R	Portland State	W-06 (Det.)	leg, Nov. 15
25	Marviel Underwood	S	5-10	197	24	2	San Diego State	D4a-05	knee, Aug. 28
27	Will Blackmon	CB	6-0	198	22	R	Boston College	D4b-06	rib; Nov. 25
32	Arliss Beach	RB	5-10	219	22	R	Kentucky	FA-06	ankle, Sept. 2
52	Kurt Campbell	LB	6-1	227	24	2	Albany	D7a-05	shoulder, Aug. 29
67	Josh Bourke	T	6-7	314	24	R	Grand Valley State	FA-06	back, Sept. 2
71	Kevin Barry	T	6-4	332	27	5	Arizona	FA-02	quadriceps, July 27
84	Tory Humphrey	TE	6-2	257	23	1	Central Michigan	FA-05	hamstring, Nov. 15
89	Robert Ferguson	WR	6-1	210	26	6	Texas A&M	D2-01	foot, Oct. 23
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	275	23	2	Texas A&M	D6a-05	knee; Dec. 16
97	Kenderick Allen	DT	6-5	328	28	4	Louisiana State	FA-06	foot, Oct. 4

Practice Squad/Injured:

91	Dave Tollefson	DE	6-4	255	24	R	Northwest Missouri St.	D7-06	back, Nov. 8
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