

2007 Green Bay Packers: Player grades

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Specialists

Mason Crosby: After unseating Dave Rayner, the popular incumbent, Crosby never looked back. He made 79.5% of his field goals, the third straight year that the Packers' kicker has ranked 26th in accuracy, and 80.5% in all games. On 95 kickoffs, he averaged 65.9 yards and 3.96 seconds of hang time. Last year, Rayner averaged 66.8 and 3.88. Crosby's regular-season average per attempt of 38.6 ranked sixth-longest in the NFL. His 42-yarder in the waning seconds that beat the Eagles on opening day turned out to be his most pressurized boot. **Grade: B-minus.**

Rob Davis: Entered his 11th season in Green Bay as the NFL's oldest snapper by 2 ½ years. Provided his usual fast, accurate snaps until Week 15, when he had the worst game of his career in the winds of Soldier Field. Davis wasn't credited with a single tackle in punt coverage after averaging 5.1 tackles in his first nine full seasons. However, his leadership might be as valuable as his snapping. The Packers must decide if Davis, at 39, is slowing down, and whether it's time to move him into the front office on a full-time basis. **Grade: C-minus.**

Jon Ryan: Shortened his steps and still posted a net average of 37.6 yards, 12th in the NFL and the finest in Green Bay since Donny Anderson averaged 38.5 in 1969. Craig Hentrich's career net was 35.6. Ryan's gross of 44.4 ranked ninth in the NFL and was the fourth-best in club history. His average hang time of 4.22 seconds on 69 punts was the best since Josh Bidwell also averaged 4.22 in 2001. The two blocks in Chicago really weren't his fault, but the 9-yarder was. Ryan has worked to become an excellent holder. **Grade: B-minus.**