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**GREEN BAY (4-3) at TENNESSEE (7-0)**

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## PACKERS HEAD SOUTH FOR CLASH WITH THE TITANS

Green Bay returns to game action this weekend, traveling to Nashville to face the NFL's only unbeaten team – the Tennessee Titans.

- ▶ Two weeks ago, the Packers turned in their best all-around performance of the season, defeating the Indianapolis Colts 34-14.
- ▶ Thanks to a two-game winning streak, Green Bay stands tied with Chicago atop the NFC North.
- ▶ The contest Sunday at Tennessee is the first in a critical five-game stretch over the month of November for the Packers. Four of their five opponents currently stand at .500 or better, while the other (Minnesota) could go a long way in determining the division race. What's more, three of the first four contests during the month come on the road.
- ▶ The Packers need only to look at last season to provide a blueprint for success over a tough November stretch. Last year, they played five games in the month – including three on the road – and finished 4-1. After wins at Kansas City and Detroit, and blowout victories at home over Minnesota and Carolina, Green Bay dropped its final game of November at Dallas.
- ▶ Green Bay and Tennessee have only met twice this decade, but they are familiar with each other's personnel. They have met in the preseason each of the last seven years.
- ▶ Sunday marks the second game in Tennessee for Green Bay. Preseason trips aside, it has only traveled to Nashville once (2001) since the franchise moved from Houston prior to the 1997 season.
- ▶ The Titans will face the Packers coming off a short week, but they won't have any travel involved. They remain undefeated behind a 31-21 victory over Indianapolis at LP Field Monday night.
- ▶ One streak will be snapped Sunday. Green Bay has won five consecutive games against the AFC, while Tennessee has won 10 straight regular-season games, the longest active streak in the NFL.



## WITH THE CALL

FOX Sports enters its 15th season as an NFL network television partner and will air the contest to a regional audience.

- ▶ Play-by-play man **Kenny Albert** joins color analyst **Daryl Johnston** in the booth with **Tony Siragusa** serving as the sideline reporter.
- ▶ Milwaukee's WTMJ (620 AM), airing Green Bay games since 1929, heads up the 56-station Packers Radio Network, with **Wayne Larrivee** (play-by-play) and two-time Packers Pro Bowler **Larry McCarren** (color) calling the action. The duo are in their 10th season of broadcasts together across the Packers Radio Network, which covers 47 markets in six states.
- ▶ Westwood One will air the game across the country. **Bill Rosinski** (play-by-play) and **Dan Reeves** (analyst) will call the action. **Tommy Tighe** hosts the pregame and halftime shows.
- ▶ For out-of-town listeners, the broadcast is available to NFL Field Pass subscribers on [www.packers.com](http://www.packers.com) as well as on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 127 WTMJ feed) as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive.
- ▶ DIRECTV subscribers can watch the game in HD on channel 711.

## TOUGH AFTER THE WEEK OFF

In games immediately following their bye week, the Packers have won nine of their last 12, including both contests under McCarthy.

- ▶ In 2006, Green Bay got a hard-earned victory at Miami in scorching temperatures. McCarthy called the victory a clear turning point in the season as seven of the team's eight victories came after the bye.
- ▶ Last season, the Packers enjoyed one of their most memorable victories in recent memory following the bye week. In a Monday night contest at Denver, the Packers won the game on the first snap of overtime, an 82-yard TD to **Greg Jennings**.
- ▶ The Denver contest was the second win of a six-game winning streak as the Packers cruised to an 8-2 mark following the bye.
- ▶ McCarthy has continued the Packers' success following the bye. The coach has compiled a 15-6 (.714) mark following the off week.
- ▶ Since 2000, the Packers over the balance of their season after the bye are a combined 51-26 (.662).

## PRESEASON

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Mon., Aug. 11	CINCINNATI BENGALS	L, 17-20	(69,675)
Sat., Aug. 16	at San Francisco 49ers	L, 6-34	(67,230)
Fri., Aug. 22	at Denver Broncos	.W, 27-24	(74,213)
Thurs., Aug. 28	TENNESSEE TITANS (Gold Pkg.)	L, 21-23	(69,744)

## REGULAR SEASON

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Mon., Sept. 8	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	.W, 24-19	(71,004)
Sun., Sept. 14	at Detroit Lions	.W, 48-25	(60,285)
Sun., Sept. 21	DALLAS COWBOYS (Gold Pkg.)	L, 16-27	(71,113)
Sun., Sept. 28	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	L, 21-30	(64,122)
Sun., Oct. 5	ATLANTA FALCONS	L, 24-27	(70,610)
Sun., Oct. 12	at Seattle Seahawks	.W, 27-17	(68,302)
Sun., Oct. 19	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	.W, 34-14	(71,010)
Sun., Oct. 26	Open Date		
Sun., Nov. 2	at Tennessee Titans	12 noon	FOX
Sun., Nov. 9	at Minnesota Vikings	12 noon	FOX
Sun., Nov. 16	CHICAGO BEARS (Gold Pkg.)	*12 noon	FOX
Mon., Nov. 24	at New Orleans Saints	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Sun., Nov. 30	CAROLINA PANTHERS	*12 noon	FOX
Sun., Dec. 7	HOUSTON TEXANS	*12 noon	CBS
Sun., Dec. 14	at Jacksonville Jaguars	*12 noon	FOX
Mon., Dec. 22	at Chicago Bears	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Sun., Dec. 28	DETROIT LIONS	*12 noon	FOX

\*—Start time and broadcast may shift due to NFL flexible scheduling

## NFL POSTSEASON DATES

Jan. 3-4	AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs
Jan. 10-11	AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
Jan. 18	AFC and NFC Championship Games
Feb. 1	Super Bowl XLIII at Raymond James Stadium, Tampa
Feb. 8	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Aloha Stadium, Honolulu





## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### TEAM RECORD IN SIGHTS

Through seven games, Green Bay has five defensive touchdowns.

- ▶ That's one away from the team record of six, established by **Vince Lombardi's** 1966 championship team, winners of the first Super Bowl. The statistic first began being recorded in 1950.
- ▶ Three of the TDs are interception returns of 60-plus yards, tying a team record established in '02.
- ▶ Green Bay has recorded five defensive scores three other times: 1997, 2004, and McCarthy's first season in 2006.

### CONSISTENT - AND CONSISTENTLY GOOD

First-year starter **Aaron Rodgers** has been accurate and efficient through his first stretch under center for the Packers.

- ▶ Though there is plenty of football still to play, Rodgers' completion percentage (65.6%) and quarterback rating (98.8) could become some of the highest marks in team annals.
- ▶ Rodgers' accuracy has helped minimize Green Bay's turnovers. His four interceptions account for just 1.8% of his attempts (221), a percentage that ranks tied for eighth in the NFL and tops among first-year QBs.
- ▶ Earlier in the season, Rodgers went 157 consecutive passes without an interception, the third-longest streak in team history. Rodgers' current streak without an interception stands at 64 attempts. He has not thrown an interception in five of the team's seven games thus far.
- ▶ Rodgers has eclipsed a QB rating of 100.0 five times this season, tied for second among all NFL quarterbacks:

Player	Team	Games over 100.0
Philip Rivers	San Diego	6
Drew Brees	New Orleans	5
<b>Aaron Rodgers</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>5</b>
Jason Campbell	Washington	4
Jake Delhomme	Carolina	4
Chad Pennington	Miami	4
Tony Romo	Dallas	4

### THIRD-DOWN SUCCESS

For the second straight game, the Packers offense was able to maintain manageable down-and-distances on third down, leading to a higher conversion rate, and thus overall success, for the offense.

- ▶ It has converted 43-of-96 (44.8%) third downs, sixth best in the NFL.
- ▶ Green Bay's third-down defense has begun to show flashes of the dominant unit it was a year ago. So far this season, the defense has allowed 36-of-94 (38.3%), 16th among NFL teams. Last season, the defense ranked third in the league on third down at 33.0%.
- ▶ QB **Aaron Rodgers** seems to be at his strongest on third down. He is the NFL's top-rated passer on third down with a 120.3 QB rating (45-of-68, 66.1%, 583 yards).
- ▶ Nine of his 12 TD passes have come on third down. San Diego's Philip Rivers is the next closest passer with 7 TDs on third down.

### MANY HAPPY RETURNS

The Packers are tied with the Bears for the NFL lead with six touchdowns on returns. Tampa Bay is next closest with four return scores.

- ▶ Things got going in Week 1 with CB **Will Blackmon's** 76-yard punt return against Minnesota.
- ▶ CB **Charles Woodson** and S **Nick Collins** both returned interceptions for touchdowns against Detroit in Week 2. Woodson returned another interception for a score at Tampa in Week 4.
- ▶ Collins and S **Aaron Rouse** returned Peyton Manning passes for TDs two weeks ago, giving the Packers five scores on interceptions. The next closest team in the NFL has two TD returns on interceptions.
- ▶ The Packers have allowed just one return TD this season – a 38-yard fumble return by Tampa Bay.

### TURNOVERS USUALLY TELL THE STORY

The turnover statistic remains one of the most important in all of football.

- ▶ Green Bay has 14 takeaways (13 interceptions, one fumble recovery) on the season. Their plus-6 turnover margin is tied for fourth among NFL clubs.
- ▶ The 13 interceptions mark a league high, just ahead of Tampa Bay and Tennessee, which each has 12 picks on the year.
- ▶ The Packers have been able to turn takeaways into points better than any other team. They have 69 points off turnovers thus far. Chicago ranks No. 2 with 60 points off turnovers.
- ▶ On the other side of the ball, things have not gone as well after turnovers. The team has surrendered 44 points off the eight turnovers this year – 24 of which came at Tampa in Week 4. That point total off turnovers is the 10th highest in the NFL.
- ▶ Green Bay did not have a giveaway against Indianapolis, the second time the team has played turnover-free football this season. It also went without a turnover in the opener against the Vikings, a feat they accomplished four times last season. Not surprisingly, all six were victories.
- ▶ Over a longer stretch, the Packers have won 32 of 33 games playing turnover-free football, since a loss at Dallas, Nov. 18, 1996. Green Bay's only loss in such games during that stretch was a 23-20 defeat at Minnesota, Oct. 23, 2005.
- ▶ Including playoffs, the Packers have won 35 of their last 36 games without a giveaway.



### NOTE OF THE WEEK

The Green Bay Packers have the only defense in the league that has recorded at least one interception in every game it has played this season.

- ▶ This season marks the first time in 12 years that Green Bay has intercepted at least one pass in each of the first seven games of the season.
- ▶ The 1996 Packers started the season with an eight-game streak.
- ▶ The Packers have a league-leading 13 interceptions on the season.
- ▶ In a streak that dates back to 2007, the Packers have an interception in eight consecutive games.



### FLAGS ON THE FIELD

Coaches and players undoubtedly harped upon penalties in their self-scout during the bye week.

- ▶ 67 penalties have been called against the club – third most among NFL teams – and it is an area the team must improve on if it expects to be a viable postseason contender.
- ▶ 58 of the Packers' penalties have been accepted, resulting in a league-high 534 penalty yards. New Orleans (502) and Dallas (495) are the next closest teams.
- ▶ The Packers have been drawing penalties against their opponents, too. 49 of the penalties have been accepted by Green Bay – tied for seventh most – resulting in 381 penalty yards.





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

**Green Bay Packers**

vs.

**Tennessee Titans/Houston Oilers:**

**All-time regular season:**

**4-5-0**

**All-time, in Houston/Tennessee: 3-1-0 (0-1 in Tennessee)**

**Streaks:** The teams have split the last six regular season games.

**Last meeting, regular season:** Oct. 11, 2004, Lambeau Field; Titans won, 48-27

**Last meeting, in Tennessee:** Dec. 16, 2001, at Adelphia Coliseum; Titans won, 26-20



**COACHES CAPSULES**

**Mike McCarthy:** 26-15-0, .634 (incl. 1-1 postseason); third NFL season

**Jeff Fisher:** 127-104-0, .549 (incl. 5-5 postseason); 14th NFL season

**Head to Head:** Never met

**vs. Opponent:** McCarthy 0-0 vs. Titans; Fisher 2-1 vs. Packers

**MIKE MCCARTHY**...Is in third 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.
- ▶ Honored as the 2007 Motorola NFL Coach of the Year and NFL Alumni Coach of the Year.
- ▶ Became the first Packers coach since Vince Lombardi to lead the team to a championship game in his second season.
- ▶ Tied franchise record for most victories by a coach in his first two seasons (21).

**JEFF FISHER**...Is in 14th year as the 15th head coach in Hou./Ten. history.

- ▶ Holds the franchise record for wins by a head coach (127).
- ▶ Has taken his team to the playoffs five times in the past nine years. The postseason trips have produced two AFC Championship Game appearances and one Super Bowl berth (XXXIV).
- ▶ Presided over the most successful five-year period (1999-2003) in his club's 46-year history, posting 56 regular-season and five postseason victories, including two division titles.

**THE PACKERS-TITANS SERIES**

Green Bay played its first ever dome game, a 23-10 win on Nov. 20, 1972, when the franchises first met 35 years ago at the Houston Astrodome.

- ▶ Since, the clubs have met only eight other times.
- ▶ The teams have split the last four meetings, all during the Brett Favre era, with the Packers getting victories at home in 1998 and at Houston in 1992.
- ▶ The Packers are just 1-2 vs. the Titans since the franchise moved from Houston to Tennessee in 1997.
- ▶ The teams' first meeting after the move, at Lambeau Field on Dec. 20, 1998, was a memorable contest. A 30-22 Packers win in snowy, 29-degree conditions, the game marked Reggie White's final Lambeau Field performance in a Packers uniform. Favre threw for three touchdowns, all to Antonio Freeman, who posted seven catches for 186 yards.

**NOTABLE CONNECTIONS**

Packers GM Ted Thompson played 10 years (1975-84) as a LB for the Houston Oilers...Titans GM Mike Reinfeldt spent eight years working at 1265 Lombardi Ave., as Chief Financial Officer (1991-93) and Vice President of Administration (1994-98); Reinfeldt is a Wisconsin native (Baraboo) and was a four-year starter at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee...Thompson and Reinfeldt are close friends, as the two

were teammates in Houston (1976-83) and co-workers in Green Bay (1992-98)...Titans DB coach Chuck Cecil entered the NFL as a fourth-round choice of the Packers in the 1988 draft and played in Green Bay's secondary from 1988-92...Titans assistant special teams coach Marty Galbraith coached at the University of Pittsburgh with McCarthy in 1991...Green Bay WR coach Jimmy Robinson launched his coaching career as an assistant with the USFL's Memphis Showboats in 1984, when the franchise's roster included DE Reggie White...T Chad Clifton (Martin, Tenn.), C Scott Wells (Brentwood, Tenn.) and DT Justin Harrell (Martin, Tenn.) are all natives of Tennessee and played collegiately at the University of Tennessee; Clifton and Wells played with Titans DT Albert Haynesworth in Knoxville...Titans P Craig Hentrich played for the Packers from 1994-97...Titans QB Kerry Collins and Packers CB Charles Woodson played together in Oakland (2004-05)...Titans S Vince Fuller and Packers S Aaron Rouse were teammates in the secondary at Virginia Tech...Tennessee DB Chris Carr played with Packers G Daryn Colledge and FB Korey Hall at Boise State...Packers LB Brandon Chillar and Titans DE Dave Ball were teammates at UCLA.

**INDIVIDUALLY VS. TITANS**

WR Donald Driver has 12 receptions for 167 yards and one touchdown in two games against the Titans.

**LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON**

Oct. 11, 2004, at Lambeau Field; Titans won, 48-27.

- ▶ On *Monday Night Football*, the Titans came into Green Bay and scored more points than any visitor ever at Lambeau, handing the Packers at the time their first four-game losing streak since 1991 and first 0-3 start at home since 1988.
- ▶ Titans RB Chris Brown rushed for 148 yards and two touchdowns, from 37 and 29 yards out on the first two series.
- ▶ Tennessee scored on five of its first six possessions, and Steve McNair threw two second-half TD passes to put the game out of reach.
- ▶ Brett Favre, playing after the death of his 24-year-old brother-in-law, was 24-of-44 for 338 yards, two touchdowns and three interceptions. Donald Driver (10 catches, 150 yards) and Javon Walker (8-159) each topped 150 receiving yards.

**LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON, IN TENNESSEE**

Dec. 16, 2001, at Adelphia Coliseum; Titans won, 26-20.

- ▶ A 7-yard TD catch by Donald Driver helped give the Packers a 10-2 lead after one quarter, but the Titans outscored the Packers 24-3 over the next 2½ periods.
- ▶ Receiver Derrick Mason (8 catches, 107 yards) and H-back Frank Wycheck (6 catches, 96 yards) were quarterback Steve McNair's primary targets during his 283-yard, two-TD day. Mason's 35-yard touchdown catch late in the second quarter gave Tennessee the lead for good.
- ▶ Skip Hicks rushed for 119 of his 142 yards in the fourth quarter, including a 22-yard TD run, for the Titans. On third-and-5 from the Tennessee 20 with just under 2 minutes left, Hicks broke off a 51-yard run to seal the game.
- ▶ Meanwhile, Tennessee's defense held Green Bay RB Ahman Green to just 11 yards on 10 carries, and tackled him in the end zone for a safety in the first quarter.



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### TOUGH STRETCH BEGINS ON THE ROAD

With three of the next four games on the road, Green Bay will look to continue the road success it has had under Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**.

- ▶ Where the Packers stand as a football team might well be determined after this stretch. Beginning with a trip to Nashville this weekend, trips to Minnesota (Week 10) and New Orleans (Week 12) follow.
- ▶ Since McCarthy arrived in 2006, the Packers have been one of the league's toughest road teams. Green Bay has actually played better on the road (13-6) than at home (12-8) under McCarthy.
- ▶ The Packers have won 10 of their last 13 road games. A look at the top road teams in the NFL since McCarthy took over in 2006:

Team	W-L record	Pct.
New England	17-2	.894
N.Y. Giants	14-5	.737
Dallas	14-6	.700
<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>13-6</b>	<b>.684</b>
Indianapolis	13-7	.650
Chicago	11-8	.579
San Diego	11-9	.550

### PACKERS RETURN FROM BYE A HEALTHIER SQUAD

An extra week's rest helped a number of players battling injuries return to Monday afternoon's padded practice.

- ▶ The secondary got a boost with the return of starters CB **Al Harris** and S **Atari Bigby**. Bigby has been sidelined by a hamstring injury suffered in Week 2, while Harris has been out since a spleen injury sidelined him in Week 3. The secondary has more than held its own in their absence, totaling all of the Packers' league-leading 13 interceptions.
- ▶ WR **James Jones** has appeared in just three games thus far because of a knee injury, and McCarthy said Jones and Harris are back on a trial basis. How they recover from Monday's work will determine their practice availability this week. Under McCarthy's direction, the Packers routinely utilize a number of multiple-receiver sets, but have had all five wideouts available just once this year.
- ▶ DE **Michael Montgomery** (ankle) also returned to practice after missing the last two games. His return would help bolster a thin defensive line, especially with the Titans' 1-2 punch at running back of LenDale White and Chris Johnson. DE **Jason Hunter** and LB **Danny Lansanah**, both with hamstring injuries, were held out Monday but could hit the practice field later this week.
- ▶ QB **Aaron Rodgers** (shoulder) and CB **Charles Woodson** (toe) may miss some practice time this week. Both benefited from the time off and are expected to be in the starting lineup Sunday.

### THREE AND OUT

Thanks to a renewed running game, the Packers have been able to get in manageable third-down situations and have limited their drives of three-and-out, something that plagued them early on.

- ▶ Green Bay had just one three-and-out against Indianapolis. Out of 77 possessions, they have gone three-and-out 19 times (24.7%). That percentage ranks 23rd among all teams. The New Orleans Saints lead the league with a three-and-out series on just 12.1% of their drives (11-for-91).
- ▶ The problems existed on defense, too. Through five games, Green Bay's defense forced the lowest percentage of three-and-outs in the league.
- ▶ Having forced a three-and-out 14 times on 82 series, their percentage (17.1%) now ranks tied for 28th in the league. Baltimore and New England lead all teams by forcing a three-and-out on 32.9% of series.
- ▶ A season ago in the category, the Packers ranked 10th in offense (19.5%) and 16th (22.5%) on defense.
- ▶ The Titans rank just ahead of the Packers, 22nd, with three-and-outs on offense (24.4%). They rank 18th on defense (22.1%).

### UPON A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STATS

Some of the good, bad and strange statistics through seven games:

- ▶ **Aaron Rodgers'** three rushing scores are the most by a Packers QB since Brett Favre had three in 1995. A fourth rushing TD for Rodgers would mark the most for a Green Bay signal caller since Don Majkowski had five rushing scores in 1989.
- ▶ The Packers are the only NFL team that has three players with at least three interceptions (Collins 4, Woodson 4, Williams 3).
- ▶ Green Bay's offense has 16 drives of 10-or-more plays. That's tied with four other teams (Houston, N.Y. Jets, Tampa Bay, Washington) for the league lead.
- ▶ Opponents have surely noted Green Bay's statistics on first downs. Against the run on first down, the Packers allow 5.19 yards per rush, fourth most in the NFL. When Green Bay defends the pass on first downs, it is holding opposing quarterbacks to a 47.8 rating, lowest in the NFL.
- ▶ Despite a rash of injuries, especially to core special teams players, Green Bay's coverage units have been solid no matter what personnel lines up. Its punt coverage ranks fifth best in the NFL, while its kick coverage ranks 12th.
- ▶ Its own return units could use a little boost. Green Bay's punt return average ranks ninth in the league, but its kickoff return unit ranks 31st.
- ▶ Behind an efficient offense and big-play defense, Green Bay is averaging 27.7 points per game, tied for fourth best in the league.
- ▶ Taking away kneeldowns, Green Bay has had 19 rushes for negative yardage, fifth most in the NFL. However, the stat can be deceiving. Minnesota, the No. 8 rushing offense in the NFL, has 20 rushes for negative yardage, which ranks tied for third. Tennessee, the league's No. 4 rushing offense, has 22 negative rushes, second most in the NFL.

### IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS, 2008



GREEN BAY (Team)			TENNESSEE (Team)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	AFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (+6) . . . . .	2	4T	Turnover Margin (+8) . . . . .	1	23
Total Offense (328.9) . . . . .	11	16	Total Offense (309.7) . . . . .	10	2
Rushing (101.0) . . . . .	11T	23T	Rushing (145.0) . . . . .	1	4
Passing (227.9) . . . . .	5	10	Passing (164.7) . . . . .	13	28
Total Defense (327.9) . . . . .	9	17	Total Defense (275.4) . . . . .	3	4
vs. Rush (141.9) . . . . .	14	25	vs. Rush (90.1) . . . . .	4	10
vs. Pass (186.0) . . . . .	2	6	vs. Pass (185.3) . . . . .	4	4
Third-Down Offense (44.8%) . . . . .	4	6	Third-Down Offense (38.7%) . . . . .	9	18
Third-Down Defense (38.3%) . . . . .	9	16	Third-Down Defense (35.7%) . . . . .	5	11
Red-Zone Offense (57.9%) . . . . .	5	11	Red-Zone Offense (72.7%) . . . . .	2	3
Red-Zone Defense (43.5%) . . . . .	6	9	Red-Zone Defense (47.4%) . . . . .	4	12

GREEN BAY (Individual)			TENNESSEE (Individual)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	AFC	NFL
Rushing: Grant (464) . . . . .	12	17	Rushing: Johnson (626) . . . . .	1	5
Passing: Rodgers (98.8) . . . . .	5	7	Passing: Collins (75.0) . . . . .	11	24
Receptions: Jennings (37) . . . . .	8T	16T	Receptions: Scaife (28) . . . . .	24	47T
Rec. Yds.: Jennings (685) . . . . .	1	2	Rec. Yds.: Scaife (318) . . . . .	26	NR
Sacks: Kampman (6.0) . . . . .	3T	7T	Sacks: Haynesworth (6.0) . . . . .	5T	7T
Interceptions: Woodson (4) . . . . .	1T	1T	Interceptions: Finnegan (4) . . . . .	1T	1T
Collins (4) . . . . .	1T	1T	Griffin (4) . . . . .	1T	1T





## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### WHEN THE PACKERS RUN

Green Bay's running game has begun to click in recent weeks, and RB **Ryan Grant** enjoyed his finest performance of the season against the Colts. He found the end zone for the first time in 2008 and also recorded his first 100-yard game.

- ▶ Grant has been shouldering the load as of late, tallying over 30 carries in each of the last two games. In fact, he is the only running back to get a carry over the last two games. FB **John Kuhn** did have one carry against Indianapolis, the first carry by a fullback of the McCarthy era.
- ▶ QB **Aaron Rodgers** is pitching in when it comes to the ground game. His 113 rushing yards ranks second on the club and fourth among NFL signal callers (Garrard-JAX-161, O'Sullivan-SF-146, Fitzpatrick-CIN-121). Rodgers' three rushing scores lead all quarterbacks.
- ▶ The Packers face one of their strongest tests of the season in Tennessee, who ranks 10th in the league, allowing just 90.1 yards per game.
- ▶ Leading the Tennessee run defense is DT Albert Haynesworth, an early MVP candidate. The Packers will certainly be keeping an eye on the health of DE Kyle Vanden Bosch, who missed the Monday night game against the Colts because of a groin injury.

### WHEN THE TITANS RUN

Just two weeks ago against Kansas City, Titans RBs LenDale White and Chris Johnson led a rushing attack that totaled a franchise-record 332 rushing yards.

- ▶ The duo headlines a rushing attack that ranks first in the AFC and fourth among NFL clubs.
- ▶ White, the powerful third-year back from Southern California, leads all NFL players with 10 rushing scores.
- ▶ Johnson, a rookie from East Carolina, has proved to be a quick study. Through his first seven NFL games, he has totaled 626 yards on 122 carries (5.13 avg) and four scores.
- ▶ Early in the season, it was no secret that Green Bay was struggling against the run, allowing 100-yard rushers in four of its first five games. However, it faced some of the toughest run offenses early. All four (Minnesota, Dallas, Tampa Bay and Atlanta) rank among the league's top-10 rushing teams. Tennessee will be the fifth top-10 rush offense the Packers have faced this season.
- ▶ Green Bay's run defense could see a boost from the return of a number of players. S **Atari Bigby** has been key against the run with his physical play near the line of scrimmage. Plus, the return of DE **Michael Montgomery** and possible activation of DT **Justin Harrell** could provide valuable depth for a defensive line that has been stretched thin with injuries.



- ▶ The formation aims to create mismatches on linebackers or safeties and emphasize the Packers' run-after-the-catch ability.
- ▶ Rodgers has limited his mistakes thus far and that will be key against a defense which ranks among the league leaders in takeaways.
- ▶ Tennessee has 12 interceptions on the year, tied with Tampa Bay for second-most behind the Packers. CB Cortland Finnegan and S Michael Griffin each have four interceptions.
- ▶ The Titans have allowed just three passing TDs all season, two of which came Monday night against the Colts.

### WHEN THE TITANS PASS

No team has proven as adept this season at accumulating interceptions as Green Bay, but Titans QB Kerry Collins' ability to play mistake-free football has been instrumental to Tennessee's success.

- ▶ Tennessee ranks 28th in the NFL in passing offense, while the Packers defense ranks sixth in the league against the pass.
- ▶ TE Bo Scaife leads all Titans receivers, while only two of their top five pass catchers are wide receivers.
- ▶ Green Bay's defense has been able to frustrate quarterbacks thus far, allowing them to complete just 51.7% of their passes. That is the lowest opponent completion percentage in the league, slightly ahead of the Baltimore defense (52.6%).
- ▶ Collins will face the Packers for the fourth time over his 14-year career and has never defeated Green Bay (0-3).
- ▶ His first game against the Packers came in the 1996 NFC Championship Game with Carolina (QB rating 55.6), and he also lost a year later against the Packers in Carolina (39.6).
- ▶ He last faced the Packers in 2001 with the New York Giants, throwing for 386 yards on 59 attempts (71.7 rating) in a 34-25 Green Bay victory.

### TOUGH AGAINST QUARTERBACKS

No NFL quarterback wants to face the Tennessee or Green Bay defense at this point in the season, so it's safe to say Rodgers and Collins have their work cut out for them in the film room this week.

- ▶ Opposing signal callers have a 59.5 passer rating against Green Bay this season, the lowest rating in the NFL. It ranks just ahead of Tennessee's defense, which ranks No. 2 with an opposing QB rating of 59.9.
- ▶ Green Bay has surrendered 1,375 yards through the air, fourth fewest among NFL defenses. Once again, Tennessee ranks just behind at No. 5, having allowed 1,422 passing yards thus far.

### LONG TD PASSES A STAPLE FOR MCCARTHY

QB **Aaron Rodgers** became the first Packers quarterback with a TD pass of 40 or more yards in three straight games (Weeks 4-6) since Lynn Dickey accomplished the feat in October 1976.

- ▶ With three on the season, the Packers seem poised to connect on a few more with a **Mike McCarthy** offense. In 2007, the team had eight TD passes of 40 yards or more. It connected on five in 2006.

### 30-30 CLUB

RB **Ryan Grant** became only the second player in franchise history with back-to-back games with 30-plus carries (33-90 at Sea., 31-105 vs. Ind).

- ▶ Dorsey Levens achieved the feat Nov. 23 (33-190 vs. Dal) and Dec. 1, 1997 (31-108 at Min.).

### WHEN THE PACKERS PASS

It will be strength versus strength here, as Green Bay's passing unit, ranked 10th in the league, goes against a Tennessee defense ranked fourth in the NFL against the pass.

- ▶ Big-play wideouts **Greg Jennings** and **Donald Driver** will look to continue their productive starts against the Titans' ball-hawking secondary. Jennings (18.5 yards per catch) and Driver (11.4) represent two of the most elusive wideouts in the league after the catch.
- ▶ The return of WR **James Jones** could mean the return of the 'Big 5' formation Green Bay ran with much success last season. It would mark only the second time this season Green Bay had all five wideouts active (Week 5 vs. Atlanta). The 'Big 5' uses all five receivers or splits a tight end out wide.



## PACKERS NOTES - OFFENSE

### MR. BIG PLAY

Third-year pro **Greg Jennings** has been known as a big-play receiver since coming to Green Bay. Now, the rest of the league is catching on.

- ▶ Through Week 8, Jennings ranks No. 2 among all NFL receivers with 685 yards.
- ▶ Jennings' 12 catches of 20 yards-or-more ranks first among all NFL receivers. Philadelphia rookie WR DeSean Jackson (11) ranks second.
- ▶ He has five catches of 40 or more yards this season. That is tied for the NFL lead with Saints WR Devery Henderson.
- ▶ Among players with at least 30 receptions, Jennings' average of 18.5 yards per catch is third in the league. Only Buffalo's Lee Evans (20.5) and Carolina's Steve Smith (18.6) average more yards per catch. Last season, Jennings' 17.4 yards per catch ranked fourth in the NFL.
- ▶ While he ranks second in NFL yardage, Jennings (37) only ranks in a tie for 16th among receptions leaders. Houston's Andre Johnson leads all NFL receivers in yardage (772) but has nearly 20 more catches than Jennings (56).
- ▶ Jennings' long TD catch at Seattle was his 19th career TD and 10th of at least 40 yards in length.
- ▶ Jennings has a staggering average of 37.3 yards per TD reception for his career.

### RUN GAME PICKING UP STEAM

For the third consecutive week, there were signs of improvement in the Packers' running game, a rushing attack that was dormant for much of the season's first month.

- ▶ Slow starts have plagued the run game each of the last two years. Last season, it ranked last in the league through the season's first 10 weeks.
- ▶ RB **Ryan Grant** rushed a career-high 33 times against Seattle, a mark that tied the second-highest total in Packers history. While Grant was able to gain just 90 yards on the ground, the Packers were able to pick up key first downs when they needed to. Perhaps the most telling statistic of the run game's success in Seattle: time of possession. The Packers held the ball for 37 minutes and 26 seconds.
- ▶ Green Bay came in with a similar plan of attack against the Colts and was able to dominate possession through the first three quarters. Grant again went over 30 carries and got his first 100-yard performance (105) and rushing score of the season.

### WANTED: MORE BIG PLAYS

Green Bay's offense made just one "big play" against the Colts, thanks in part to a defense that returned two interceptions for long scores.

- ▶ Big plays served as the catalyst to Green Bay's high-octane offense last season, and all of those weapons at the skill positions return this season. Its production through the air is slightly off pace from a year ago, but the lack of big plays on the ground has the offense well behind last year's pace.
- ▶ Most troubling is the fact that the Packers have not had a big play on the ground since the opening game versus Minnesota.
- ▶ The Packers have 21 big plays (gains of 20 yards-or-more) thus far on the season. Two have come via the rush (Grant, Rodgers) and 19 through the air (Jennings 12, Driver 4, Humphrey, D. Lee, Nelson).
- ▶ QB **Aaron Rodgers** is tied for second in the NFL with six TD passes of 20 yards or more. Drew Brees, Jake Delhomme and Philip Rivers also

- ▶ have six, while Tony Romo leads all passers with seven.
- ▶ Their current pace would put them at 48 big plays on the season, down from a year ago when the Packers finished the season with 67 plays of 20 yards or more, second only to Dallas (68). Fifteen of those big plays came on the ground, and 52 came through the air.
- ▶ Five touchdown runs were of 20 yards or more, while 11 touchdowns through the air were of 20 yards or more. Of those 11 TDs, eight were of 40 yards or more.
- ▶ There is no need to get too alarmed because the Packers are actually on pace to score more points this season, perhaps meaning a shift to longer, time-consuming drives. The team put up 435 points in 2007, fourth in the league and third on the Packers' all-time single-season list. They are on pace for 443 points this season.

### DRIVER SETTING MILESTONES, APPROACHING OTHERS

Pro Bowl wideout **Donald Driver** reached two franchise records last week and has yet another in his sights Sunday.

- ▶ Now in his 10th season in Green Bay, Driver surpassed James Lofton (530) on the franchise's all-time receptions list. Driver stands at No. 2 with 532. Sterling Sharpe has a franchise-best 595 career catches.
- ▶ Driver also became the all-time receiving leader in Lambeau Field history. He surpassed the stadium's all-time mark, held by Antonio Freeman (3,477 yards). Driver, who has 3,494 receiving yards at the stadium, became the stadium's all-time leader in receptions last season.
- ▶ He gets those receptions pretty consistently, too. Driver has caught a pass in 102 consecutive games, just one away from Sterling Sharpe's franchise record of 103 consecutive games (1988-1994).

### EXPERIENCED DUO ON THE EDGE

None of the offensive fireworks would be possible without the steady play Green Bay gets from its offensive line, led by

- ▶ its two bookends at tackles.
- ▶ While injuries have shuffled the interior line – much like they did in 2007 – **Chad Clifton** and **Mark Tauscher** remain fixtures at tackle.
- ▶ This week, they face a tough challenge in containing a couple of Pro Bowlers in DE Kyle Vanden Bosch and DT Albert Haynesworth. Tennessee has 18 sacks thus far, eighth most in the NFL.
- ▶ Although not necessarily the sole forecaster of strength at the position, experience on the offensive line is often closely related to the ultimate success or failure of the collective unit.
- ▶ Clifton and Tauscher boast a combined 16 years and 232 career starts between them. All of that experience has come in a Packers uniform.
- ▶ A look at the longest-tenured tackle duos in the NFL :

1. Jon Runyan (183) and Tra Thomas (156)- Phi. - 339 combined starts
2. **Chad Clifton (117) and Mark Tauscher (113)- GB - 232**
3. Walter Jones (175) and Sean Locklear (46)- Sea. - 221
4. Flozell Adams (154) and Marc Colombo (47)- Dal. - 201
5. Alex Barron (50) and Orlando Pace (146)- StL - 196







## PACKERS NOTES - DEFENSE

### COLLINS PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

Now in his fourth year in the NFL, safety **Nick Collins** is off to the best start of his young career.

- ▶ Battling through an injured back, Collins tallied a career-high 13 tackles against the Falcons. He ranks second on the defense with 51 tackles and is tied for the NFL lead with four interceptions.
- ▶ Collins is on pace for a career year. His four interceptions marks a career high. Coming into the season, he had four career picks in 45 games. He's on pace to total almost 120 tackles which would easily surpass his previous career high of 102, set in '06.
- ▶ Drafted in the second round of the 2005 draft out of Bethune-Cookman, Collins seems to be putting it all together. He has credited veteran teammate **Charles Woodson** with much of his success this season. Woodson spent time with Collins in the offseason, teaching the young safety the intricacies of reading a quarterback. The duo now stands tied atop the NFL's interception list.
- ▶ "I think Nick has kind of grown up in this defense, as far as the understanding of the scheme," McCarthy said. "The maturity of recognizing the opponent is definitely an asset that he's gained through film study. But I think Nick is off to a great start. The ability to fight through some nagging injuries too. He's really kind of come into his own this year."

### KAMPMAN HEADLINES PASS RUSH

Led by two-time Pro Bowl defensive end **Aaron Kampman**, the defense has generated 12 sacks on the season.

- ▶ Besides Kampman, Green Bay's pass rush has been inconsistent. Overall, the team has been shut out in three of the last four games, but has recorded multi-sack games three times this year.
- ▶ With DE **Cullen Jenkins** (2.5 sacks) out for the season and DE **Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila** still working his way back to full strength, the Packers must count on younger ends like **Mike Montgomery** and **Jeremy Thompson** to help ease the pressure on Kampman.
- ▶ With his six sacks already this year, Kampman remains among the NFL leaders in sacks since 2006:

Player	Team	Sacks since 2006
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas	34.5
<b>Aaron Kampman</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>33.5</b>
Shawne Merriman	San Diego	29.5
Jared Allen	Minn./K.C.	28.0
Jason Taylor	Wash./Miami	25.5
Mario Williams	Houston	25.5

### STEADY LB PLAY LEADS DEFENSE

No position on the Packers defense has proved as deep as the linebacker position. Six linebackers have been active every week.

- ▶ Led by **Nick Barnett** and **A.J. Hawk**, the top tacklers the previous two seasons, the unit has been the only defensive position not ravaged by injuries thus far.
- ▶ Barnett (53 tackles, first) and Hawk (43, third) again are among the club's leading tacklers. SAM LB **Brady Poppinga**, who has started four games thus far, isn't far behind with 27.
- ▶ Free agent acquisition **Brandon Chillar** came in as a noted coverage specialist and hasn't disappointed. He tallied a season-high 12 tackles (10 solo) in his most extensive playing time to date. Also, he leads the

special teams coverage units with 10 special teams tackles.

- ▶ Backup MLB **Desmond Bishop** is a staple of the coverage units and has seen limited reps from scrimmage, while LB **Danny Lansanah** has stepped up from the practice squad to contribute on special teams.
- ▶ "If you look at our depth chart the one thing that has been consistent for us as far as activating players is we have six linebackers up every week," McCarthy said. "It's a group that has really, really improved in our time here. I really like the depth of the linebacker group. We have the opportunity to play those guys more and just being smart with your reps."

### WOODSON CONTINUES TO AMAZE

CB **Charles Woodson** will most likely not participate in practice this week to help ease the pain of a broken toe he suffered against Minnesota on Kickoff Weekend.



- ▶ Since suffering the injury, Woodson's level of play seems to have risen. In Week 2, his first game action without hitting the practice field, he responded with two fourth-quarter interceptions, one returned for a score, to seal the victory for Green Bay over Detroit.
- ▶ Against Dallas in Week 3, Woodson matched up against Pro Bowler Terrell Owens, limiting him to just 17 receiving yards on two catches. It was Owens' lowest output since joining the Cowboys in 2006.
- ▶ At Tampa, he picked off a Brian Griese pass in the fourth quarter and returned it for his sixth career touchdown on an interception return.
- ▶ In Seattle, he registered another interception and his first sack since Oct. 2006.
- ▶ Against the Colts, Woodson matched up in the slot against Pro Bowler Reggie Wayne, limiting the receiver to 24 yards on two catches.

- ▶ It's hard to imagine any NFL cornerback playing better than Woodson right now. The 11-year pro appears poised to make his fifth Pro Bowl appearance and first since 2001.
- ▶ Among active players, Woodson's six career interception returns for scores ranks near the top of the NFL. Four have come as a member of the Packers:

Player	Team	TDs on INT return
Darren Sharper	Minnesota	8
Ronde Barber	Tampa Bay	6
Derrick Brooks	Tampa Bay	6
Aaron Glenn	New Orleans	6
<b>Charles Woodson</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>6</b>
Phillip Buchanon	Tampa Bay	5
Dré Bly	Denver	5
Nate Clements	San Francisco	5
Chris McAlister	Baltimore	5

### NO RUSH BACK

There hasn't been much of a need for **Al Harris** to hurry back from a spleen injury suffered in Week 3, and that's because third-year pro **Tramon Williams** has proven ready for the NFL stage.

- ▶ Williams picked off a pass in each of his first three starts for an injured Harris, including a highlight reel full-extension grab to save a touchdown against Atlanta.
- ▶ Williams is the latest example of a player who has risen from the Packers' practice squad – where he spent the final five weeks of the '06 season – to become a key contributor. He served as one of the team's return men on special teams a year ago and eventually worked his way up the depth chart at corner, solidifying his role as No. 3.



## MIKE McCARTHY TRANSCRIPT

### EXCERPTS FROM THE COACH – MONDAY, OCT. 27

► **(Congratulations on the new family addition. What's it like going back 17 years?)**

Thank you. Just the birth of a child, it's unbelievable. I can't say enough about the experience. It's been a long time since the birth of my daughter Alex, and just to go through it again, you talk about toughness of your football team, there's nothing that compares to what Jessica and what women go through to have a child. It was just a remarkable miracle and I enjoyed every second of it.

► **(How are you sleeping?)**

Periodically.

► **(Do football games keep you up more, or babies?)**

It's totally different. Bad calls keep you up for the wrong reasons. Babies keep you up for the right reasons.

► **(You've talked about the importance of family and giving guys time off when warranted. Last time you had a baby in the house you were working your way up the coaching food chain. How challenging will this be for you? Do you view it as you're just going to be overtired and a little grumpy sometimes in meetings?)**

It probably would help. I don't think it hurts to be grumpy as the head coach. No, I really don't. We have an excellent support group, Jessica and I, that's in place. We've prepared for this. The challenge at home, it doesn't affect me at all professionally. I would say it's a lot easier now than it was 17 years ago. I'm capable of doing more things in a different place in my particular life.

► **(Did you have any time to do the self-scout work you?)**

Absolutely. She's sleeping four hours, so you get four-hour cracks at self-scouting. No, I had an opportunity to get in here every day. It was actually, from a professional standpoint, it really worked out well for me, because everybody was off throughout the weekend. I had some quality time in the building by myself going through really the self-scout of every aspect of our program. Had time to spend with the doctors and some things we feel we can do better in that area, as far as the medical part, and strength and conditioning. Offense, defense and special teams went through their weekly self-scouts a lot more in depth. I thought we got some quality work out of it. It's always good to go through and clean your house in a sense a little more thoroughly than you do on a weekly basis, so that's really what we'll apply to today's practice. It's like anything. It's staying in tune with the identity of your football team. Smart, tough, fundamentally sound, and we'll focus more on the fundamentals today in pads.

► **(You had said you wanted to look at penalties, but in the last game you had no offensive penalties at all and they were all on defense. Do you accept those as part of physical play, or do you still want to work on those?)**

You have pre-snap penalties, that's the category we feel it's a mental mistake, mental error, however you want to classify it. Those are unacceptable, and that's part of our practice structure. And then you have combative penalties, and you really look at them two different ways. Is it poor judgment, was it improper technique, or was it a judgment call? That's the way we look at them, and we correct them accordingly. That's something that's really done on a weekly basis.

► **(What else did you learn in the self-scout? Any tendencies that jumped off the page you need to fix?)**

Nothing major. Nothing that you really weren't aware of. This is really a time, it can be a problem too for you as a coach. It's a little extra time to be more creative. We've done a very good job of being 50-50 in this area, maybe it's time for this next variation to come in, things like that. That's really probably the major emphasis of our conversations. There really wasn't a lot of throw this out, or we can't do this, can't do that. It's the things we need to do better, and keep doing the things that we do well, even better. I think it's important to stay in tune with the positives,

because one thing about the positive things of your football team, you want to keep doing those and you want to keep doing those at a high level and even improve on those too. So those are the things we focused on.

► **(How much do you watch the Tennessee game tonight or do you just wait for the coaches tape?)**

I tell you, I really get a lot out of watching a game on TV. There's things on TV you can't really see on the coaches tape, and vice versa. We'll get the coaches tape tomorrow probably around 2 o'clock, I would think. So we'll go back and look at that from a schematic standpoint, just really check the things we're looking to do based on the work we have done now. But watching the game tonight, there's things you can pick up in the game that you watch. I'll sit down and watch the game live tonight and then watch it again tomorrow when it comes in.

► **(It's good to get healthy, but is there any sense with the game you played before the bye week that you got this group together but now there are more changes to go through?)**

There's merit in that. There's no question about it. I think anytime you get into a rhythm, you get into where you're playing well, you just want to keep going. Hopefully we can pick up where we left off against Indianapolis. But like I said last week standing here, I thought this was a very good time for a bye week for us. Because we needed to get healthy, and it looks like we've achieved that on most fronts. Being here throughout the weekend, I thought the guys, every time I came in they were in here getting treatment and so forth.

► **(With Al Harris, if the doctors clear him to play, is it possible you wouldn't start him because of his football shape or would you start him right away?)**

The week's work will answer that question. It's important, number one, to get Al back on the practice field, just to see where he is, and get him back to football shape, and there's no substitute for that. Every player goes through it. You can condition with the best of them, and you still have to get out there and tug and pull and do the things that are required to get you in football shape. We'll answer that question at the end of the week. It's an option, though. Hey, it would be great to have Al out there starting, but I'm only going to put him out there when he's ready.

► **(Has Tramon afforded you more options because of how he's played?)**

Absolutely. I think Tramon Williams played very well. Will Blackmon played very well against Indianapolis. I'm very happy with the opportunities our young players have been given and what they've done with them.

► **(You made a comment about Favre on your weekly radio show. Will you be glad to see him live happily ever after out there and never have to hear about him from us the rest of the season?)**

I'll just say this. It's an unfortunate enough thing for everybody involved. No disrespect to the national media, but I think every time that I get involved in a conversation on a certain topic, there's always an angle that wants to go back to Brett or to what happened. It's unfortunate, but that's just the way it is. I don't think it's fair to him, I don't think it's fair to the Jets. My focus is simple. I don't want it in my locker room. I don't want our players to feel like they have to answer questions that first of all, they're not educated on, because they don't know exactly what so-and-so said, and this and that. We just want to stay above it and just don't want to deal with it, because it doesn't help us beat Tennessee, and that's the truth. I don't want to get into who said what or who did that because we don't want any part of it. It's something that's in the past. We have moved forward.





## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### TOPS IN THE FREE AGENCY ERA

The Packers own more NFL championships (12) than any other franchise, but it's not all about past glory for the Green and Gold.

- ▶ Talk of unrestricted free agency in the early '90s led many to believe small-town Green Bay would be the first franchise to fold.
- ▶ Since the advent of free agency in 1993, the Packers own the best W-L record in the NFL. They have captured seven division titles in that time.
- ▶ The Packers have won 10 or more games in nine seasons since 1993.
- ▶ A look at the winningest teams in the free-agency era shows eight of the last 12 Super Bowl champions, starting with Green Bay's '96 title:

Team	W-L record	Pct.
<b>Green Bay Packers</b>	<b>155-91-0</b>	<b>.630</b>
New England Patriots	155-91-0	.630
Pittsburgh Steelers	153-93-1	.621
Denver Broncos	150-96-0	.609
Indianapolis Colts	140-106-0	.569
Kansas City Chiefs	136-111-0	.551
Philadelphia Eagles	135-110-1	.550

### WHAT THE FIRST FOUR MEAN IN THE LONG RUN

It's no secret that early success dramatically increases a team's chances to make the postseason.

- ▶ After winning their first two games, the Packers dropped two in a row to end the first quarter of the season at 2-2.
- ▶ The Packers traditionally have done well in the first month of the season. Over the past 11 seasons (1998-2008), Green Bay's opening-month record stands at 24-15 (.615), fourth best in the NFL over that time.
- ▶ During that period, only Indianapolis (25-11, .694), Denver (26-13, .667) and Seattle (24-13, .648) have a better opening-month record.
- ▶ One only needs to look to 2007 to see what impact a fast start can and can't have. Of the four teams to reach the conference championship, only Green Bay and New England stood at 4-0.
- ▶ The eventual Super Bowl champion New York Giants were 2-2, while San Diego was just 1-3.
- ▶ A look at NFL teams' records through the first quarter of the year and the rate at which each got to the playoffs, compiled from 1990-2007:

Record through 4 games	% of teams in playoffs
0-4	1.7%
1-3	15.6%
2-2	34.0%
3-1	66.2%
4-0	84.9%

### PACKERS IN WEEKLY 2008 TEAM RANKINGS



After Week...	Opp.	NFL Offense			NFL Defense		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
1	MIN	14T	12	17	25	30	13
2	at Det	6	11	9	22	22	20
3	DAL	8	15	7	27	26	22
4	at TB	15	23	10	26	26	15
5	ATL	11	23	8	26	27	13
6	at Sea	14	21T	10	20	27	7
7	IND	14	22	10	15	25	9
8	(bye)	16	23T	10	17	25	6
9	at Ten						
10	at Min						
11	CHI						
12	at NO						
13	CAR						
14	HOU						
15	at Jax						
16	at Chi						
17	DET						
<b>Packers in 2007</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Packers in 2006</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Packers in 2005</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Packers in 2004</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Packers in 2003</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Packers in 2002</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Packers in 2001</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Packers in 2000</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Packers in 1999</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Packers in 1998</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Packers in 1997</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Packers in 1996</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Packers in 1995</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Packers in 1994</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Packers in 1993</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Packers in 1992</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>

### YOUNG UNDER CENTER

Packers quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** has been a mainstay in the headlines this offseason as he became the first quarterback not named Favre to start under center for Green Bay in nearly 16 years.

- ▶ Don Majkowski started for the Packers against the Bengals on Sept. 20, 1992, and 253 games later, Rodgers got the nod.
- ▶ While Rodgers is in his first year as a starter, it's not as if he's new to the NFL. Rodgers is now in his fourth year in the NFL – his third in Mike McCarthy's West Coast offense – and is already among the most tenured players in the locker room. Of the 53-man roster, only 10 have been in Green Bay longer than Rodgers.
- ▶ Even with his seniority on the league's youngest club, Rodgers is still young among starting NFL quarterbacks.
- ▶ A look at the youngest quarterbacks to start a game in the NFC in '08:

Player	Team	Age
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	23 (5/17/85)
<b>Aaron Rodgers</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>24 (12/2/83)</b>
Tarvaris Jackson	Minnesota	25 (4/21/83)
Kyle Orton	Chicago	25 (11/14/82)
Jason Campbell	Washington	26 (12/31/81)

### IN THE 'BLACK AND BLUE' DIVISION

Two of the Packers early wins have come against division opponents.

- ▶ Since division play opened in 1967, the team has opened the season only one other time with two divisional wins: 1998.
- ▶ Green Bay will play another division game next weekend when it travels to the HHH Metrodome to play the Vikings. The Packers will continue division play in Week 11, hosting the Bears, before stepping outside the NFC North for another month.
- ▶ In games that ultimately could decide playoff seeding and the division crown, Green Bay wraps up the regular season with a trip to Chicago and a home contest against the Lions.
- ▶ McCarthy's solid 11-3 record in the NFL's 'black and blue' division is noteworthy because he's undefeated against two of the division opponents: Detroit (5-0) and Minnesota (5-0). The Packers are just 1-3 against Chicago over the past two seasons.



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### PACKERS, HARRELL WILL PLAY IT SAFE

McCarthy said nothing will be determined early in the week on DT **Justin Harrell**, who per NFL rules is eligible to come off the physically unable to perform (PUP) list this week.

- ▶ Harrell returned to practice leading up to the Indianapolis game and has continued to practice since.
- ▶ A 2007 first-round pick, the 6-foot-4, 320-pound Tennessee product is rehabbing from a back injury suffered in the offseason.
- ▶ The season-ending injury to DE **Cullen Jenkins**, who would slide inside to tackle on passing downs, has left the rotation at defensive tackle to three: **Ryan Pickett**, **Johnny Jolly** and **Colin Cole**. Another body would no doubt help against one of the league's top run offenses this weekend.
- ▶ McCarthy addressed the situation Monday: "I just want him to make progress. (Monday) will be a good day for him. We're going to do a lot as far as run-game fundamentals, and things that apply to how we're going to move forward against Tennessee. So he just needs to put together a good string of practices."
- ▶ "It definitely is motivation for me to get out there and help because I have been here for a year and I pretty much know the system," Harrell said. "If I can take some reps off of Jolly and 'Grease' (Pickett), those guys will be a little fresher in the fourth quarter and hopefully we all can finish ballgames a little better."
- ▶ The Packers don't need to make a roster decision on Harrell before the Tennessee game. Per NFL rules, the team has 21 days after Harrell begins practicing to either activate the second-year pro or place him on season-ending injured reserve. That deadline would be early next week.

### IN THE RED ZONE

Green Bay ranks 11th in the NFL in red-zone offense, having converted 19 possessions into 11 touchdowns (57.9%).

- ▶ Its defense inside the 20-yard line has been better, allowing 10 TDs on 23 possessions (43.5%). That ranks ninth among NFL clubs.
- ▶ A side result of a big-play offense is not as many trips inside the opponent's 20-yard line. In fact, Green Bay has scored 57 points outside of the red zone (six TDs, five FGs), tied for eighth most in the NFL.
- ▶ The Packers defense has excelled in its takeaway ability thus far, and the red zone is no different. Of the 20 red-zone possessions, the Packers defense has come away with five takeaways. That ranks first in the NFL, as does its four interceptions inside the red zone.
- ▶ With such a potent rushing attack, Tennessee's red-zone offense ranks third in the NFL, converting 72.7% of its possessions (16-of-22) into touchdowns. Its defense has played solid as well, ranking 12th in the league by allowing TDs on 47.4% (9-of-19) of red-zone possessions.

### RETURN OF 'BIG 5' MEANS MORE Y-A-C

Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** utilizes a number of four- and five-wide sets to take advantage of his receivers' abilities after the catch.

- ▶ Called the 'Big Five' or 'Fab Five' formation by McCarthy, it proved a nightmare for opposing defenses last year with its matchup problems.
- ▶ It was the matchups – such as a wideout isolated on a linebacker – that Green Bay utilized to its advantage.
- ▶ Battling through injuries early this season, the entire wideout group was active against Atlanta for the first time this season.
- ▶ Led by wide receivers **Donald Driver**, **Greg Jennings**, **James Jones**, **Ruvell Martin** and tight end **Donald Lee**, Green Bay led the league in yards after the catch in 2007.
- ▶ The Packers amassed a league-best 2,294 yards after the catch, 51.4% of their total passing yards. The NFL average in 2007 was 1,596 yards.
- ▶ The only other teams to surpass 2,000 yards after the catch were New Orleans (2,112) and New England (2,052).
- ▶ The big-play ability of the group didn't come as a total surprise. Green

Bay finished second in yards after the catch, behind New Orleans, in 2006.

- ▶ Added in the draft was All-America wideout **Jordy Nelson** from Kansas State, who was praised by scouts for his run-after-the-catch abilities.
- ▶ Nelson got his first chance to contribute on offense against Detroit, hauling in his first career catch for a 29-yard score, his first "big play" in Green Bay.

### NEXT MAN UP

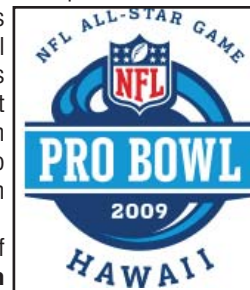
Injuries are a part of the NFL, and Head Coach Mike McCarthy has steadfastly refused to use them as an excuse in any way.

- ▶ Being the youngest team in the NFL, the Packers naturally have been forced to play a number of young players in recent weeks. McCarthy noted their improvement, especially in recent weeks.
- ▶ "(**Jeremy Thompson**) played well. I thought he played with a lot more urgency, played with a lot more speed. I think that's something that you always look for in your younger players. Also **Jordy Nelson**; you see Jordy playing faster. I think Thompson definitely made a step in that direction. That's a common progression that younger players go through because the speed of the game in the NFL is so much faster than anything they have ever experienced. We thought he played with much better tempo and much better urgency."
- ▶ Thompson has been pressed into duty with the injuries to **Cullen Jenkins**, **Michael Montgomery** and **Jason Hunter**. His improvement from the Atlanta game to the past two games was notable. He notched three tackles, including two solos and a stop for loss.
- ▶ Nelson seems to be on the same path as a rookie receiver that **Greg Jennings** was on in 2006 and **James Jones** last season. Nelson has moved the chains a number of times and has 16 receptions for 177 yards thus far. He is on pace to challenge the same rookie receiver records that Jennings and Jones did the previous two years.
- ▶ Another rookie who has responded when pressed into playing time has been second-round pick **Pat Lee**. Lee has been in on dime situations and has also made his presence felt as a gunner on the special teams coverage units.

### KEEP THE CALENDAR OPEN FOR EARLY FEBRUARY

Pro Bowl voting began this week and a number of Packers should receive plenty of votes thanks to their early season performance.

- ▶ WR **Greg Jennings** is a bona fide NFL star as he ranks among the league leaders in a number of receiving categories. The third-year pro looks like he'll make the first trip of his career to Hawaii this February.
- ▶ DE **Aaron Kampman** and CB **Charles Woodson**, two veteran leaders of the defense, look poised to make return trips to the Pro Bowl. Kampman is among the NFL leaders in sacks with 6.0 and has been voted to the Pro Bowl each of the last two seasons. Woodson is a four-time Pro Bowl selection but hasn't been to the game since 2001. Woodson already has four interceptions, including two returned for scores, all the while playing with a broken toe.
- ▶ Both sides of the ball still have a number of candidates at this point, including **Aaron Rodgers**, **Ryan Grant**, **Donald Driver**, **Chad Clifton**, **Mark Tauscher**, **Nick Barnett**, **A.J. Hawk** and **Nick Collins**.
- ▶ Balloting will conclude at 12:00 p.m. (ET) on Tuesday, Dec. 9. The teams will be announced at 4 p.m. (ET) Tuesday, Dec. 16, on a special *NFL Total Access 2009 NFL Pro Bowl Selection Show* on NFL Network. The 2009 NFL Pro Bowl will be played at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii on Sunday, Feb. 8, and televised by NBC.







## GAME REVIEW - PACKERS 34, COLTS 14

### PLAN WORKS TO PERFECTION AGAINST COLTS

It's incredibly satisfying when a game plan comes together, and the Packers couldn't have scripted a better way to beat the high-octane Indianapolis Colts on Sunday in front of 71,010 at Lambeau Field.

► It started with a ball-control offense that used running back **Ryan Grant** as a workhorse on the ground and quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** as an efficient passer and field general to dominate time of possession early. And it finished with a defense that stayed fresh throughout and ultimately turned two interceptions by a physical, ball-hawking secondary into scores.

► The result was a 34-14 victory in Green Bay's most impressive showing thus far. With their second straight win, the Packers improved to 4-3 and remained tied for first in the NFC North with the Chicago Bears heading into a much-needed bye week.

► The Packers talked all week about how their best defense against the Colts' offense and Peyton Manning was to limit his chances, and they did that to perfection in the first half.

► Grinding out drives of 13, 8, 11 and 10 plays, the Packers scored on three of four possessions in the first half and held the ball nearly 11 minutes longer (20:25 to 9:35). That left the Colts with only three possessions, and after directing a touchdown drive the first time he had the ball, Manning managed just two first downs the rest of the half and saw his offense outgained 230-88 at intermission.

► In getting a **Mason Crosby** field goal, a 12-yard TD reception from **Donald Lee** and an 11-yard TD run from Grant for a 17-7 halftime lead, the Packers racked up 19 first downs and looked nearly unstoppable.

► The residual benefit of that ball-control was the Packers' defense stayed energized from start to finish. And not only did the defense shut out the Colts from the four-minute mark of the first quarter until less than two minutes remained in the game, but it also scored twice on long interception returns by safeties **Nick Collins** and **Aaron Rouse**.

► Collins' play was the game-changer, coming on the opening possession of the third quarter. With the Colts driving across midfield looking to cut into the 10-point deficit, Manning's third-down pass bounced off the hands of Reggie Wayne and into the air. Collins ran under the deflection, took off down the right sideline and then made two nifty cuts to dodge potential tacklers, going 62 yards in all to the end zone to make it 24-7.

► Equally impressive was Rouse's play. With the Colts trailing 27-7 and inside the Green Bay 10 with just under 5 minutes left in the game, Manning tried to hit Anthony Gonzalez off to his left at the goal line. But Rouse read the play, jumped in front of the receiver and never broke stride, going 99 yards for the Packers' final points and putting an exclamation point on one of the more forgettable days of Manning's career.

► Playing against a nickel defense (with **Will Blackmon** the fifth defensive back and **Brandon Chillar** the second linebacker to cover tight end Dallas Clark) virtually the entire game, the future Hall of Famer finished just 21-of-42 for 229 yards with no touchdowns and the two interceptions for a 46.6 rating. It's only the fourth time since his rookie season of 1998 that Manning has posted a QB rating below 50 during the regular season, and the Colts' cause also wasn't helped by their 12 penalties for 110 yards.

► The win showed how formidable a team can be when it performs exactly the way it expects to. The Packers needed to control the ball on offense, react well to Manning's no-huddle on defense, and keep the score tilted in their favor. They did all that, and then some, an uplifting way to enter

a week of rest with AFC contenders Tennessee and Jacksonville and NFC North rivals Chicago and Minnesota all waiting in the season's second half.

### AGGRESSIVE APPROACH

Two early, aggressive calls by McCarthy let his players know he wasn't just paying lip service to his messages about playing aggressively this week.

► First, immediately after taking a 3-0 lead on the game's first possession, the Packers tried a surprise outside kick. It didn't work, as the ball skipped out of bounds, but with a better bounce the Packers appeared to be in good position to recover.

► Then later in the first half, with the Packers leading 10-7 and facing fourth-and-1 at their own 44-yard line, McCarthy decided to go for it. A risky move in Green Bay territory to be sure, but even after Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy called a timeout, McCarthy stuck with his decision and his play call, and Grant went around right end for 7 yards and a first down. The Packers finished that drive with a touchdown for a 10-point halftime lead.



### RUSHERS NEUTRALIZED

One of the key matchups heading into Sunday's game was the Colts' ultra-quick pass-rushing defensive ends, Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis, against the Packers' veteran offensive tackles, **Chad Clifton** and **Mark Tauscher**.

► Freeney and Mathis were held sackless, as was the entire Indy defense, and the Colts' ends combined for just four total tackles (three solo, one assist).

The Packers' ball-control offense and second-half lead played a key role here, not allowing Indy's ends to just turn it loose to come after the quarterback.

► "You can't say enough about the job Chad and Mark did on both (Freeney) and Mathis," quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** said. "I really did not get pressured much at all, got hit maybe two or three times. It gives you a lot of confidence when you're dropping back and you don't have to worry about those guys as much."

### BLOCKED FIELD GOAL FIRST SINCE '05

The Packers' defensive linemen had a good day getting their arms and hands in the way of Peyton Manning's passes, and **Johnny Jolly** also succeeded in getting his arm in the way of a field-goal attempt.

► Of all the big plays made by Green Bay's defense on Sunday, don't underestimate Jolly's block of Adam Vinatieri's 45-yard field goal try midway through the third quarter. It came with the Packers ahead 24-7, and had Vinatieri made it, the Colts would have pulled back within two scores with plenty of time remaining.

► Instead, after the block, the Packers responded with a field goal of their own and the Colts never did get within two scores in the second half.

► Interestingly, the blocked field goal was the first of the Mike McCarthy era. The last time the Packers blocked a field goal was on Nov. 6, 2005, when **Cullen Jenkins** blocked one against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

► Jolly's block also came one play after one of the defensive linemen's three batted passes at the line of scrimmage. Defensive tackle **Colin Cole** knocked down Manning's third-down pass to force the field-goal try. Defensive tackle **Ryan Pickett** also knocked a pass down at the line in the first half, and defensive end **Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila** did so in the second half, snuffing out a short dump-off to the running back.



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### WHAT LIES AHEAD

The second half of the Packers schedule begins at Tennessee, the NFL's only undefeated team.

- Five of the nine contests will come on the road. A strong road team under McCarthy, the Packers are 2-1 away from home this season.
- Four division games remain for Green Bay, including both contests against the Chicago Bears. No two NFL teams have met on the gridiron more than the Packers and Bears. The 2008 edition of the series marks the 176th and 177th overall meetings.
- The Packers will travel for their final two prime-time contests – at New Orleans Nov. 24, and at Chicago Dec. 22, both on *Monday Night Football*. With the Packers and Bears tied for the division lead, that contest may well decide the NFC North title.
- The Houston Texans will make that franchise's first trip to Lambeau Field for a Dec. 7 matchup.

### ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?

The Green Bay Packers entered the 2008 season with three quarterbacks on the roster: **Aaron Rodgers**, **Matt Flynn** and **Brian Brohm**. Rookies Flynn (LSU) and Brohm (Louisville) serve as the backups.

- None of the three players had ever started an NFL game, but that's not necessarily rare in this day and age in the NFL.
- In fact, it is the third time this decade that a team went into its opening game of a season without a quarterback on the roster who had ever started an NFL game. The two previous instances show decidedly different results.
- In **2006**, the San Diego Chargers began the season with two quarterbacks on the roster, neither of whom had started an NFL game: starter Philip Rivers and rookie backup Charlie Whitehurst. Rivers, a third-year pro in his first season as the starter, went to the Pro Bowl that season as the Chargers finished an NFL-best 14-2.
- In **2001**, the Carolina Panthers had three quarterbacks on the opening-day roster who had never started a game before: Chris Weinke, Dameyune Craig and Matt Lytle. The team finished 1-15.










### 2008 SCHEDULE QUICK HITS

- The Packers will travel for their final two prime-time contests – at New Orleans Nov. 24 (ESPN) and at Chicago Dec. 22 (ESPN).
- Green Bay will travel to New Orleans for the third of four prime-time games in Week 12. The Packers last traveled to the Superdome in 2002. The Nov. 24 *MONF* game will be head coach Mike McCarthy's first return to the Superdome since serving as the Saints' offensive coordinator from 2000-04.
- The Houston Texans will make that franchise's first trip to Lambeau Field for a Dec. 7 matchup.
- For the fifth consecutive season, the Packers will celebrate Christmas with NFC North foes – a trip to Chicago (Dec. 22) and a home tilt against Detroit (Dec. 28) mark the final regular-season matchups. *Monday Night Football* and the Packers roll into Chicago for Green Bay's third Monday night game against the Bears in Week 16. No two NFL teams have met on the gridiron more than the Packers and Bears. The 2008 edition of the series marks the 176th and 177th overall meetings.
- The Packers have 10 games with noon start times. Five of the noon start times beginning with Week 11 are subject to change due to NFL flexible scheduling. The '07 season saw 13 games with noon kickoffs.

### RIGHT ON TARGET

Quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** completed 18 of 22 passes (81.8 percent) in the Packers' win over the Vikings. It was his first career NFL start.

- According to Elias Sports Bureau, only one quarterback completed a higher percentage of his passes in his first NFL start (minimum 20 attempts) since 1950. Rob Johnson was 20 for 24 (83 percent) in his first NFL start for the 1997 Jaguars.
- Additionally, Rodgers' completion percentage ranked fourth all-time in Packers history for a single game (minimum 20 attempts).
- Quarterback Lynn Dickey (1976-77, 79-85) owns the top two spots on the franchise list. He completed 19-of-21 (90.5 percent) at New Orleans on Dec. 13, 1981, and was 27-for-31 (87.1 percent) at Houston on Sept. 4, 1983.
- Brett Favre (1992-2007) stands at No. 3 on the list. He connected on 23-of-28 passes (82.1 percent) at Cleveland on Nov. 19, 1995.

		NFL Rank	
		Record	Offense Defense
	at Tennessee Titans.....(7-0)	23	4
	at Minnesota Vikings.....(3-4)	12	8
	Chicago Bears.....(4-3)	14	18
	at New Orleans Saints....(4-4)	1	24
	Carolina Panthers.....(6-2)	17	9
	Houston Texans.....(3-4)	4	16
	at Jacksonville Jaguars..(3-4)	20	23
	at Chicago Bears.....(4-3)	14	18
	Detroit Lions.....(0-7)	29	32





## PACKERS TEAM NOTES



### 2008 HONOR ROLL



#### CB Will Blackmon

Week 1 - NFC 'Special Teams Player of the Week'

#### QB Aaron Rodgers

Week 2 - FedEx Air NFL Player of the Week

#### S Aaron Rouse

Week 7 - NFC 'Defensive Player of the Week'

#### CB Charles Woodson

September - NFC Defensive Player of the Month

### 2008 STRENGTH OF SCHEDULE

Though it faces six playoff teams from a year ago – the same number of playoff teams on the '07 schedule – Green Bay's 2008 schedule appears tougher on the surface than last year's slate.

- ▶ This season's schedule rotation matches up arguably the strongest division in the AFC, the South, against the NFC North. The AFC South sent three teams to the postseason in '07 (Colts, Jaguars and Titans), and its teams finished a combined 42-22 (.656) last season. By virtue of its first-place finish last season, Green Bay has played division winners Dallas and Seattle.
- ▶ By the strength of schedule statistic, Green Bay's schedule ranks tied for the 11th toughest (with Chicago) among NFL teams.
- ▶ Strength of schedule is a subjective statistic because as coaches often say, it's not *who* you play, but *when* you play them.
- ▶ The overall schedule this season shows opposing teams with a combined mark of 136-120 (.531) from last season. That's up from last year, when opponents had a 126-130 (.492) record the previous season.
- ▶ In that same vein, the eight opponents coming to Lambeau Field (67-61, .523) have a stronger record than last year's home opponents (61-67, .477). So too are Green Bay's road contests, where the opponents appear stronger this year (69-59, .539) than last (65-63, .508).

### NFL'S YOUNGEST FOR THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR

Based on an analysis of Kickoff Weekend rosters done by the league office, the Green Bay Packers and Kansas City Chiefs tied for the youngest roster with an average age of 25.57 years. For the Packers, that makes three years in a row.

- ▶ Last season, Green Bay's average roster age of 25.72 years on Kickoff Weekend was the youngest in the NFL. Indianapolis placed second with an average roster age of 25.74 years.
- ▶ In 2006, the Packers' average roster age of 25.57 years was the youngest in the league. Tennessee, with an average roster age of 25.77 years, was second.
- ▶ Despite being the league's youngest team for a third consecutive season, Green Bay has experienced NFL players at nearly every position. Only three rookies appear on the Week 9 two-deep – backup quarterback **Matt Flynn**, offensive guard **Josh Sitton** and defensive end **Jeremy Thompson**.

### SUCCESS WITH YOUNG QUARTERBACKS

Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** is known around the league as one of the preeminent teachers of quarterbacks.

- ▶ McCarthy now has two new pupils in **Matt Flynn** and **Brian Brohm**, rookie draft picks who will serve as the No. 2 and No. 3 backup quarter-

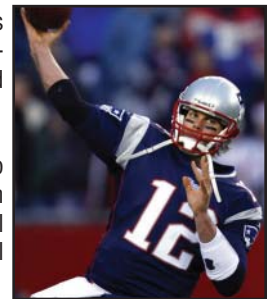
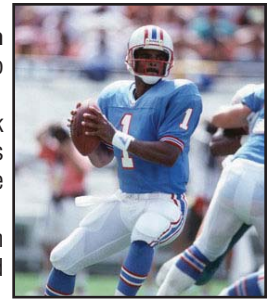
back, respectively, to starter **Aaron Rodgers**.

- ▶ Flynn, a three-year backup at LSU, led the Tigers to the BCS National Championship in 2007. Brohm finished his career at Louisville as the Big East's all-time leader in passing yards (10,775) and completions (780).
- ▶ While his work with starting QBs with names like Favre and Montana is well-documented, McCarthy's work with some of the backup QBs in his various coaching stops around the NFL is just as impressive.
- ▶ During his stint in K.C. (1993-98), McCarthy worked with backup Rich Gannon. Gannon said of his time with McCarthy: "He's the guy that really helped catapult my career. He was the guy who really taught me the West Coast system of football. He really taught me how to prepare for a game, taught me how to watch film, how to break down an opponent, how to study. It was really those things I took with me to Oakland."
- ▶ In Oakland, Gannon was a four-time Pro Bowler, two-time first-team All-Pro and 2002 NFL MVP.
- ▶ As quarterbacks coach for the Packers in 1999, McCarthy worked with Matt Hasselbeck in his first season on the Packers' active roster. Hasselbeck is a three-time Pro Bowler.
- ▶ During his time as offensive coordinator in New Orleans (2000-05), McCarthy tutored young quarterbacks Marc Bulger and Jake Delhomme. Bulger has been to two Pro Bowls with the St. Louis Rams, while Delhomme was a Pro Bowler in 2005 with Carolina.

### SOME GOOD COMPANY

Through his first three career starts, **Aaron Rodgers** totaled 796 passing yards and no interceptions.

- ▶ Rodgers became the third NFL quarterback since 1970 with 500-or-more passing yards and no interceptions over his first three career starts.
- ▶ The others were **Warren Moon** with Houston in 1984 (778 passing yards) and **Tom Brady** with New England in 2001 (618 passing yards).
- ▶ Moon, an NFL rookie in 1984, led the Oilers to a 3-13 mark in his first season as a starter. The nine-time Pro Bowler was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2006.
- ▶ Brady's first start came in Week 3 of the 2001 season. That season, he led the Patriots to an 11-5 regular-season mark and victory in Super Bowl XXXVI. A four-time Pro Bowl selection, he is a three-time Super Bowl champion.





## INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS

### 56 NICK BARNETT

- ▶ Has tallied over 130 tackles in each of his first five NFL seasons.
- ▶ Led the Packers in tackles four times in his first five seasons. Tied Brian Noble (4) and Bernardo Harris (4) for the franchise lead for most seasons leading the team in tackles (stat began in 1975).
- ▶ His 3½ sacks last season were a career high.

### 20 ATARI BIGBY

- ▶ Has five interceptions in his last six regular-season games played. Four came in the final month of 2007, when he was named 'NFC Defensive Player of the Month' for December.
- ▶ His 121 tackles last season were the most by any Packers defensive back since safety Mark Murphy recorded 128 tackles in 1990.
- ▶ Also led the team in interceptions (five) and passes defended (13) and tied for the lead with three forced fumbles.

### 76 CHAD CLIFTON

- ▶ A first-time Pro Bowler last year, has played in 123 career games, including 118 starts.
- ▶ Has started 86 of 87 games (missed '06 game vs. Miami, flu) since returning from a serious pelvic injury that ended his 2002 season.

### 36 NICK COLLINS

- ▶ Has four interceptions on the season, a new career high. Heading into the season, Collins had four interceptions in 45 career games.
- ▶ Tied with Charley Brock, Doug Hart and Ken Ellis (all with three) for No. 5 on the Packers' all-time list for interception returns for touchdowns. With one more, Collins would match No. 4 Johnny (Blood) McNally and Charles Woodson.

### 2 MASON CROSBY

- ▶ With 141 points, became the seventh rookie in NFL history to lead the league in scoring and first since Kevin Butler in 1985.
- ▶ Surpassed Ryan Longwell's franchise record of points in a season by a kicker (131, 2000) and placed third behind Paul Hornung (176, 1960; 146, 1961) on the team's single-season scoring list.
- ▶ Established a franchise record for points in a season by a rookie and joined Chester Marcol (1972), Chris Jacke (1989) and Longwell (1997) as the only kickers in Packers history to score more than 100 points as a rookie.

### 80 DONALD DRIVER

- ▶ Against Indianapolis, surpassed James Lofton (530) to move into second place on the team's all-time receptions list. Sterling Sharpe (595) stands at No. 1. Driver has 532.
- ▶ Has a reception in 102 consecutive games, the franchise's second-longest streak behind Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).

- ▶ Became only the fourth player in Packers history to reach 7,000 career yards, joining Lofton (9,656), Sharpe (8,134) and Don Hutson (7,991). Driver (7,307) stands at No. 4 in team history.
- ▶ Also against Indianapolis, became the all-time leading receiver at Lambeau Field, surpassing Freeman (3,477 yards). Driver has 3,494 career receiving yards at the stadium.
- ▶ Became Lambeau Field's all-time leader in receptions, surpassing Freeman (213) last season. Driver has 255 receptions at Lambeau.
- ▶ His 15 touchdown receptions at Lambeau Field rank fourth in the stadium's history. He needs three to surpass No. 3 Robert Brooks (17).
- ▶ Needs one 100-yard receiving game to match No. 5 Boyd Dowler (19), two to reach No. 4 Freeman (20) and six to equal No. 3 Hutson (24) on the team's all-time list. Driver has 18 career 100-yard receiving games.
- ▶ With 40 career TD receptions, stands tied on the team's all-time list with No. 7 Dowler, joining Hutson (99), Sharpe (65), Freeman (57), McGee (50), Lofton (49) and Billy Howton (43) as the only players with 40 career TD catches.
- ▶ Established a Packers record with four consecutive seasons with 1,000 receiving yards. Freeman, Lofton and Sharpe each had three.
- ▶ Tied a franchise record with 1,000 receiving yards in a fifth overall season. Lofton and Sharpe also have five 1,000-yard campaigns.
- ▶ Is one of four players in team annals to produce as many as six seasons with 50 receptions, joining Lofton and Sharpe (both seven) and Freeman (six).
- ▶ Also became only the second Packers player with four 80-catch seasons, joining Sharpe (four).



### 94 KABEER GBAJA-BIAMILA

- ▶ Stands as the franchise leader on Green Bay's all-time sacks list, having surpassed Reggie White's career record (68½) last season. Gbaja-Biamila enters with 74½.

### 25 RYAN GRANT

- ▶ When he carries the ball 19-or-more times, the Packers are 8-0.
- ▶ Surpassed 1,000 career rushing yards in Week 1. Grant enters with 1,420.
- ▶ Registered his first 100-yard performance of the season in Week 7. He has six career 100-yard games.

### 31 AL HARRIS

- ▶ Saw his consecutive games played streak end at 175 games (163 regular season, 12 playoffs), a streak that began in Philadelphia in 1998.
- ▶ Also saw his consecutive starts streak come to an end in Week 4.



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.





## INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS

Harris had started all 83 regular-season games since coming to Green Bay in 2003.

- ▶ Has 104 career starts.
- ▶ Needs to return one interception for a touchdown to tie No. 5 Charley Brock, Doug Hart, Ken Ellis and Nick Collins (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 and Charles Woodson (4).

### **50 A.J. HAWK**

- ▶ Surpassed 300 career tackles in Week 2. Hawk enters with 327.
- ▶ Also in Week 2, set career high with two sacks.
- ▶ Has started every game (39 regular season, 2 playoffs) since arriving in Green Bay as the No. 5 overall pick in the 2006 NFL Draft.

### **85 GREG JENNINGS**

- ▶ Has caught a pass in 34 consecutive games.
- ▶ Established a career high with 167 receiving yards in Week 2.
- ▶ With three straight 100-yard games (Weeks 2-5), set a career high.
- ▶ Surpassed 2,000 career receiving yards in Week 4 at Tampa Bay, his 31st career game. Jennings now has 2,237.
- ▶ Surpassed 1,000 career receiving yards on the 82-yard, game-winning touchdown catch in OT vs. Denver last season, his 19th career game.
- ▶ His 12 touchdown receptions last season were the most by a Packers player since Javon Walker had 12 TD catches in 2004.
- ▶ His average of 17.4 yards per catch last year ranked fourth in the NFL.

### **89 JAMES JONES**

- ▶ Last year, his 47 catches ranked third on the team's list of receptions by a rookie. His yardage total (676) ranked fourth on the team's all-time rookies list. His receptions and yardage ranked third among NFL rookies.

### **74 AARON KAMPMAN**

- ▶ His 33½ sacks since 2006 ranks second among all NFL players.
- ▶ Surpassed Ezra Johnson (41½) on the team's all-time sack list.

Kampman (47) is at No. 4.

- ▶ Became just the fifth player to record 40 sacks in a Packers uniform, joining Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (74½), Reggie White (68½), Tim Harris (55) and Ezra Johnson (41½).
- ▶ Tallied over 90 tackles for the third consecutive season.
- ▶ Has started 80 of the last 81 games. Kampman had his consecutive starts streak stopped at 73 as he was held out of the 2007 regular-season finale vs. Detroit.

### **86 DONALD LEE**

- ▶ Last season, set career highs in receptions (48), receiving yards (575) and touchdown receptions (6).

### **12 AARON RODGERS**

- ▶ Became the first quarterback other than Brett Favre to start a Packers game since Don Majkowski, Sept. 20, 1992.
- ▶ Registered his first career three-TD and first 300-yard game in Week 2. Surpassed both marks again in Week 5.
- ▶ Has five games with a passer rating over 100.0 this season.

### **65 MARK TAUSCHER**

- ▶ Has played in 116 career games, including 114 starts.

### **38 TRAMON WILLIAMS**

- ▶ Already established career highs in nearly every statistical category, including interceptions (3).

### **21 CHARLES WOODSON**

- ▶ Enters with 33 career interceptions (16 in Green Bay).
- ▶ With four interception returns for scores, matches No. 4 Johnny (Blood) McNally on Green Bay's all-time career list. With another, would match No. 2 Bobby Dillon and Darren Sharper, each of whom returned five.
- ▶ With five defensive touchdowns as a member of the Packers (four interceptions, one fumble return), ties No. 4 Dillon and Doug Hart on the team's all-time list.

## **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

### **PLAYERS**

Allen Barbre	BAR-ber
Atari Bigby	ah-TARR-ee BIG-bee
Brian Brohm	BRAH-m
Brandon Chillar	Chill-ER
Daryn Colledge	College
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	BAH-jah BEE-ah-MILL-lah
Breno Giacomini	Breh-NO GEE-ah-coh-MEE-knee
Brett Goode	G-ewd
Justin Harrell	HAIR-uhl
Cullen Jenkins	KULL-en
Aaron Kampman	CAMP-man
John Kuhn	KOON
Danny Lansanah	lan-SAN-ah
Ruvell Martin	roo-VELL
Tony Moll	MALL

Charlie Peprah	PEP-rah
Ryan Pickett	PICK-ett
Brady Poppinga	puh-PING-gah
Aaron Rouse	ROWSE
Josh Sitton	SITT-en
Jason Spitz	SPITTS
Mark Tauscher	TAU-scher
Tramon Williams	trah-MAHN

### **COACHES**

James Campen	KAMP-en
Tom Clements	KLEMM-ints
Jerry Fontenot	FON-tin-oh
Ben McAdoo	MACK-ah-doo
Kurt Schottenheimer	.SHOTT-in-hyme-err
Shawn Slocum	SLOW-kumm



# DEPTH CHART

Unofficial, Oct. 28, 2008

**WR:** 85 Greg Jennings  
**LT:** 76 Chad Clifton  
**LG:** 73 Daryn Colledge  
**C:** 63 Scott Wells  
**RG:** 72 Jason Spitz  
**RT:** 65 Mark Tauscher  
**TE:** 86 Donald Lee  
**WR:** 80 Donald Driver  
**QB:** 12 Aaron Rodgers  
**RB:** 25 Ryan Grant  
**FB:** 35 Korey Hall

**OFFENSE**

82 Ruvell Martin  
 73 Daryn Colledge  
 78 Allen Barbre  
 72 Jason Spitz  
71 Josh Sitton  
 75 Tony Moll **68** Breno Giacomini  
 84 Tory Humphrey **88** Jermichael Finley  
 89 James Jones **87** Jordy Nelson  
10 Matt Flynn **11** Brian Brohm  
 32 Brandon Jackson **42** DeShawn Wynn  
 30 John Kuhn

**LDE:** 74 Aaron Kampman  
**LDT:** 79 Ryan Pickett  
**RDT:** 97 Johnny Jolly  
**RDE:** 96 Michael Montgomery  
**SAM:** 51 Brady Poppinga  
**MIKE:** 56 Nick Barnett  
**WILL:** 50 A.J. Hawk  
**LCB:** 21 Charles Woodson  
**RCB:** 31 Al Harris  
**SS:** 20 Atari Bigby  
**FS:** 36 Nick Collins

**DEFENSE**

99 Jeremy Thompson **93** Kenny Pettway  
 90 Colin Cole  
 90 Colin Cole  
 94 Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila **57** Jason Hunter  
 54 Brandon Chillar **58** Danny Lansanah  
 55 Desmond Bishop  
 54 Brandon Chillar  
 27 Will Blackmon **22** Pat Lee  
 38 Tramon Williams **24** Jarrett Bush  
 37 Aaron Rouse **24** Jarrett Bush  
 26 Charlie Peprah

## **SPECIAL TEAMS**

**K:** 2 Mason Crosby  
**P:** 6 Derrick Frost  
**H:** 6 Derrick Frost 10 Matt Flynn **82** Ruvell Martin  
**PR:** 27 Will Blackmon **38** Tramon Williams **87** Jordy Nelson  
**KR:** 27 Will Blackmon 87 Jordy Nelson **38** Tramon Williams  
**PC:** 61 Brett Goode **42** DeShawn Wynn  
**KC:** 61 Brett Goode **97** Johnny Jolly  
**97** Johnny Jolly

## Rookies and first-year players are underlined ##



## HOW THE PACKERS WERE BUILT

### Active Roster Players Only

Year	Record	Draft (32)	Trades (2)	Free Agents (17)
1999	8-8-0	WR Donald Driver D7b		
2000	9-7-0	T Chad Clifton D2 T Mark Tauscher D7a		DE Kaber Gbaja-Biamila (D5a-00)
2001	12-4-0			
2002	12-4-0	DE Aaron Kampman D5a		
2003	10-6-0	LB Nick Barnett D1	CB Al Harris (Phi)	
2004				DT Colin Cole C Scott Wells (D7-04)
2005	4-12-0	QB Aaron Rodgers D1 S Nick Collins D2a LB Brady Poppinga D4b DE Michael Montgomery D6a		S Atari Bigby TE Tory Humphrey TE Donald Lee
2006	8-8-0	LB A.J. Hawk D1 G/T Daryn Colledge D2a WR Greg Jennings D2b G Jason Spitz D3b CB Will Blackmon D4b T Tony Moll D5b DT Johnny Jolly D6a		DE Jason Hunter WR Ruvell Martin DT Ryan Pickett (UFA) CB Tramon Williams CB Charles Woodson (UFA)
2007	13-3-0	*DT Justin Harrell D1 RB Brandon Jackson D2 WR James Jones D3a S Aaron Rouse D3b G Allen Barbre D4 FB Korey Hall D6a LB Desmond Bishop D6b K Mason Crosby D6c	RB Ryan Grant (NYG)	
2008		WR Jordy Nelson D2a QB Brian Brohm D2b CB Pat Lee D2c TE Jermichael Finley D3 DE Jeremy Thompson D4a G Josh Sitton D4b T Breno Giacomini D5 QB Matt Flynn D7a		LB Brandon Chillar (UFA) P Derrick Frost LS Brett Goode LB Danny Lansanah DE Kenny Pettway RB DeShawn Wynn (D7a-07)

**Waivers (3):** CB/S Jarrett Bush (from Carolina), 2006; S Charlie Peprah (from N.Y. Giants), 2006; FB John Kuhn (from Pittsburgh), 2007

\* - on Reserve/PUP



## 2008 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

	Packers	Opponent
<b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS</b> .....	<b>124</b>	<b>134</b>
Rushing .....	40	58
Passing .....	74	56
Penalty .....	10	20
3rd Down: Made/Att. ....	43/96	36/94
3rd Down Pct. ....	44.8	38.3
4th Down: Made/Att. ....	3/7	8/10
4th Down Pct. ....	42.9	80.0
<b>POSSESSION AVG.</b> .....	<b>30:59</b>	<b>29:01</b>
<b>TOTAL NET YARDS</b> .....	<b>2302</b>	<b>2295</b>
Avg. Per Game .....	328.9	327.9
Total Plays .....	432	447
Avg. Per Play .....	5.3	5.1
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b> .....	<b>707</b>	<b>993</b>
Avg. Per Game .....	101.0	141.9
Total Rushes .....	193	203
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b> .....	<b>1595</b>	<b>1302</b>
Avg. Per Game .....	227.9	186.0
Sacked/Yards Lost .....	13/79	12/73
Gross Yards .....	1674	1375
Att./Completions .....	226/147	232/120
Completion Pct. ....	65.0	51.7
Had Intercepted .....	4	13
<b>PUNTS/AVERAGE</b> .....	<b>28/43.9</b>	<b>30/44.0</b>
Net Punting Avg. ....	28/37.6	30/36.7
<b>PENALTIES/YARDS</b> .....	<b>58/534</b>	<b>49/381</b>
<b>FUMBLES/BALL LOST</b> .....	<b>12/4</b>	<b>7/1</b>
<b>TOUCHDOWNS</b> .....	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>
Rushing .....	5	7
Passing .....	12	9
Returns .....	6	1

### SCORE BY PERIODS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	23	55	40	76	0	194
OPPONENTS	20	46	23	70	0	159

### SCORING

	TD	-Ru	-Pa	-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mason Crosby .....	0	0	0	0	23/23	11/14	0	56
Greg Jennings .....	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	24
Aaron Rodgers .....	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
Nick Collins .....	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	12
Donald Driver .....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
Donald Lee .....	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
Charles Woodson .....	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	12
Will Blackmon .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Ryan Grant .....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Korey Hall .....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Brandon Jackson .....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
James Jones .....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
John Kuhn .....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Jordy Nelson .....	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Aaron Rouse .....	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>23</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23/23</b>	<b>11/14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>194</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>17</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>16/16</b>	<b>13/14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>159</b>

2-Point Conversions: PACKERS 0-0, OPPONENTS 0-1

**SACKS:** Aaron Kampman 6, Cullen Jenkins 2.5, A.J. Hawk 2, Charles Woodson 1, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila 0.5 PACKERS 12, OPPONENTS 13

### RUSHING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Grant .....	137	464	3.4	57	1
Aaron Rodgers .....	30	113	3.8	21	3
Brandon Jackson .....	20	104	5.2	19t	1
Kregg Lumpkin .....	1	19	19.0	19	0
Donald Driver .....	1	6	6.0	6	0
John Kuhn .....	1	3	3.0	3	0
Derrick Frost .....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Matt Flynn .....	2	-2	-1.0	-1	0
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>193</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>203</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>60t</b>	<b>7</b>

### PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Aaron Rodgers .....	221	145	1668	65.6	7.55	12	5.4	4	1.8	62	13/79	98.8
Matt Flynn .....	5	2	6	40.0	1.20	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0/0	47.9
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>226</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>1674</b>	<b>65.0</b>	<b>7.41</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>13/79</b>	<b>97.5</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>232</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1375</b>	<b>51.7</b>	<b>5.93</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>12/73</b>	<b>59.5</b>

### RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Greg Jennings .....	37	685	18.5	62	4
Donald Driver .....	29	330	11.4	50	2
Donald Lee .....	19	141	7.4	26	2
Brandon Jackson .....	18	106	5.9	18	0
Jordy Nelson .....	16	177	11.1	29t	1
Tory Humphrey .....	5	74	14.8	37	0
Ruvell Martin .....	5	61	12.2	17	0
James Jones .....	5	38	7.6	9t	1
Korey Hall .....	4	24	6.0	11	1
Ryan Grant .....	4	8	2.0	8	0
Kregg Lumpkin .....	3	22	7.3	12	0
DeShawn Wynn .....	1	7	7.0	7	0
John Kuhn .....	1	1	1.0	1t	1
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>147</b>	<b>1674</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>120</b>	<b>1375</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>9</b>

### INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Nick Collins .....	4	171	42.8	62t	2
Charles Woodson .....	4	115	28.8	62t	2
Tramon Williams .....	3	54	18.0	39	0
Aaron Rouse .....	1	99	99.0	99t	1
Atari Bigby .....	1	7	7.0	7	0
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>13</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>99t</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>4</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>

### PUNTING

	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In 20	LG	Bik
Derrick Frost .....	28	1228	43.9	37.6	5	4	65	0
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>28</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>43.9</b>	<b>37.6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>30</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>

### PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Will Blackmon .....	16	2	180	11.3	76t	1
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>76t</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>13</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

### KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Will Blackmon .....	24	527	22.0	45	0
Jordy Nelson .....	4	46	11.5	23	0
Charles Woodson .....	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>29</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>29</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>0</b>

### FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mason Crosby .....	0/0	3/3	5/7	1/1	2/3
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>0/0</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>5/7</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>2/3</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>0/0</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>3/4</b>	<b>2/2</b>

Crosby: (42G,33B) (25G,39G) (36G,38G,33G) ( ) (53N, 50G) (29G,51G) (31G,36N,29G)  
Opponents: (37G,27G) (38G,49G,53G) (25G,39G) (23G,36G,24G) (42G,41G) (50G) (45B)





**2008 REGULAR-SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Official totals - based on coaches' film review, through October 19 vs. Indianapolis

Player	Total			Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
	Tackles	Solo	Asst					
Nick Barnett	53	40	13	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	1	0
Nick Collins	51	38	13	0.0/0.0	4/171	0	0	8
A.J. Hawk	43	34	9	2.0/8.0	0/0	0	0	2
Aaron Rouse	41	25	16	0.0/0.0	1/99	0	0	2
Aaron Kampman	34	25	9	6.0/34.5	0/0	0	0	0
Ryan Pickett	32	15	17	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Johnny Jolly	29	19	10	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Brady Poppinga	27	18	9	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Tramon Williams	26	23	3	0.0/0.0	3/54	0	1	6
Colin Cole	26	15	11	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	2
Charles Woodson	22	19	3	1.0/5.0	4/115	0	0	13
Brandon Chillar	21	18	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	1	2
Cullen Jenkins	18	13	5	2.5/25.5	0/0	0	1	1
Charlie Peprah	15	7	8	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Will Blackmon	13	13	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	1	1
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	13	8	5	0.5/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Michael Montgomery	12	9	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jeremy Thompson	10	6	4	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Atari Bigby	7	6	1	0.0/0.0	1/7	0	0	1
Al Harris	6	6	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	4
Jason Hunter	5	4	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Desmond Bishop	3	2	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Pat Lee	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>12.0/73.0</b>	<b>13/446</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>48</b>

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Player	TT	FR	FF
Brandon Chillar	10	0	0
Jarrett Bush	8	0	0
Will Blackmon	6	0	0
Tracy White	6	0	0
Desmond Bishop	5	0	0
Korey Hall	5	0	0
Michael Montgomery	3	0	0
Tramon Williams	3	0	0
Mason Crosby	2	0	0
Tory Humphrey	2	0	0
John Kuhn	2	0	0
Pat Lee	2	0	0
Charlie Peprah	2	0	0
Brady Poppinga	2	0	0
Aaron Rouse	2	0	0
Jermichael Finley	1	0	0
Brandon Jackson	1	0	0
Kenny Pettway	1	0	0
DeShawn Wynn	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**BLOCKED KICKS**

Player	PAT	FG	P
Johnny Jolly	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**Special teams touchdowns (1):**

Blackmon — 76-yard punt return vs. Minnesota (9/8)

**DEFENSIVE SCORING**

Player	TD	Int		Fum	Safeties
		Ret	Ret		
Nick Collins	2	2	0	0	0
Charles Woodson	2	2	0	0	0
Aaron Rouse	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Defensive touchdowns (5):**

Collins — 42-yard interception return at Detroit (9/14);  
62-yard interception return vs. Indianapolis (10/19)  
Rouse — 99-yard interception return vs. Indianapolis (10/19)  
Woodson — 41-yard interception return at Detroit (9/14);  
62-yard interception return at Tampa Bay (9/28)

**MISCELLANEOUS TACKLES**

Player	Tackles
Jordy Nelson	2
Chad Clifton	1
Brandon Jackson	1
Aaron Rodgers	1
Mark Tauscher	1
Scott Wells	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>7</b>



# THE DOPE SHEET

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No	ALPHABETICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	NFL Exp	College	High School Hometown
78	Barbre, Allen	G	6-4	305	6/22/84	2	Missouri Southern St.	Granby, Mo.
56	Barnett, Nick	LB	6-2	236	5/27/81	6	Oregon State	Fontana, Calif.
20	Bigby, Atari	S	5-11	213	9/19/81	3	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.
55	Bishop, Desmond	LB	6-2	238	7/24/84	2	California	Fairfield, Calif.
27	Blackmon, Will	CB	6-0	206	10/27/84	3	Boston College	Warwick, R.I.
11	Brohm, Brian	QB	6-3	223	9/23/85	R	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
24	Bush, Jarrett	CB/S	6-0	200	5/21/84	3	Utah State	Vacaville, Calif.
54	Chillar, Brandon	LB	6-3	243	10/21/82	5	UCLA	Carlsbad, Calif.
76	Clifton, Chad	T	6-5	320	6/26/76	9	Tennessee	Martin, Tenn.
90	Cole, Colin	DT	6-1	330	6/24/80	4	Iowa	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
73	Colledge, Daryn	G/T	6-4	308	2/11/82	3	Boise State	North Pole, Alaska
36	Collins, Nick	S	5-11	207	8/16/83	4	Bethune-Cookman	Cross City, Fla.
2	Crosby, Mason	K	6-1	207	9/3/84	2	Colorado	Georgetown, Texas
80	Driver, Donald	WR	6-0	194	2/27/75	10	Alcorn State	Houston, Texas
88	Finley, Jermichael	TE	6-5	247	3/26/87	R	Texas	Diboll, Texas
6	Frost, Derrick	P	6-2	210	11/25/80	5	Northern Iowa	St. Louis, Mo.
10	Flynn, Matt	QB	6-2	222	6/20/85	R	Louisiana State	Tyler, Texas
94	Gbaja-Biamila, Kabeer	DE	6-4	249	9/24/77	9	San Diego State	Los Angeles, Calif.
68	Giacomini, Breno	T	6-7	311	9/27/85	R	Louisville	Malden, Mass.
61	Goode, Brett	LS	6-1	261	11/2/84	1	Arkansas	Fort Smith, Ark.
25	Grant, Ryan	RB	6-1	226	12/9/82	2	Notre Dame	Ramsey, N.J.
35	Hall, Corey	FB	6-0	243	8/5/83	2	Boise State	Glenns Ferry, Idaho
31	Harris, Al	CB	6-1	190	12/7/74	11	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Pompano Beach, Fla.
50	Hawk, A.J.	LB	6-1	248	1/6/84	3	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio
84	Humphrey, Tory	TE	6-2	255	1/20/83	3	Central Michigan	Saginaw, Mich.
57	Hunter, Jason	DE	6-4	271	8/28/83	3	Appalachian State	Fayetteville, N.C.
32	Jackson, Brandon	RB	5-10	220	10/2/85	2	Nebraska	Horn Lake, Miss.
85	Jennings, Greg	WR	5-11	198	9/21/83	3	Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, Mich.
97	Jolly, Johnny	DT	6-3	320	2/21/83	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas
89	Jones, James	WR	6-1	218	3/31/84	2	San Jose State	San Jose, Calif.
74	Kampman, Aaron	DE	6-4	265	11/30/79	7	Iowa	Parkersburg, Iowa
30	Kuhn, John	FB	6-0	259	9/9/82	3	Shippensburg	York, Pa.
58	Lansanah, Danny	LB	6-1	248	8/28/85	R	Connecticut	Harrisburg, Pa.
86	Lee, Donald	TE	6-4	248	8/31/80	6	Mississippi State	Maben, Miss.
22	Lee, Pat	CB	6-0	194	2/20/84	R	Auburn	Miami, Fla.
82	Martin, Ruvell	WR	6-4	220	8/10/82	3	Saginaw Valley State	Muskegon, Mich.
75	Moll, Tony	G/T	6-5	306	8/23/83	3	Nevada	Sonoma, Calif.
96	Montgomery, Michael	DE	6-5	273	8/18/83	4	Texas A&M	Center, Texas
87	Nelson, Jordy	WR	6-3	217	5/31/85	R	Kansas State	Riley, Kan.
26	Peprah, Charlie	S	5-11	203	2/24/83	3	Alabama	Plano, Texas
93	Pettway, Kenny	DE	6-3	248	11/13/82	3	Grambling State	Gilmer, Texas
79	Pickett, Ryan	DT	6-2	330	10/8/79	8	Ohio State	Zephyrhills, Fla.
51	Poppinga, Brady	LB	6-3	247	9/21/79	4	Brigham Young	Evanston, Wyo.
12	Rodgers, Aaron	QB	6-2	220	12/2/83	4	California	Chico, Calif.
37	Rouse, Aaron	S	6-4	223	1/8/84	2	Virginia Tech	Virginia Beach, Va.
71	Sitton, Josh	G	6-3	317	6/6/86	R	Central Florida	Pensacola, Fla.
72	Spitz, Jason	G/C	6-3	302	12/19/82	3	Louisville	Jacksonville, Fla.
65	Tauscher, Mark	T	6-3	316	6/17/77	9	Wisconsin	Auburndale, Wis.
99	Thompson, Jeremy	DE	6-4	270	10/9/85	R	Wake Forest	Charlotte, N.C.
63	Wells, Scott	C	6-2	303	1/7/81	5	Tennessee	Brentwood, Tenn.
38	Williams, Tramon	CB	5-11	191	3/16/83	2	Louisiana Tech	Napoleonville, La.
21	Woodson, Charles	CB	6-1	202	10/7/76	11	Michigan	Fremont, Ohio
42	Wynn, DeShawn	RB	5-10	238	10/9/83	2	Florida	Cincinnati, Ohio

### Practice Squad

13	Allen, Jake	WR	6-4	196	1/18/85	R	Mississippi College	Waynesboro, Miss.
95	Bledsoe, Fred	DT	6-3	329	4/7/86	R	Arkansas	Little Rock, Ark.
64	Carvalho, Brennen	C	6-1	300	12/8/86	R	Portland State	Honolulu, Hawaii
45	Cox, Kennard	CB	6-0	200	8/17/85	R	Pittsburgh	Miami, Fla.
53	Havner, Spencer	LB	6-3	248	2/2/83	1	UCLA	Grass Valley, Calif.
98	Malone, Alfred	DT	6-4	312	2/21/82	1	Troy	Frisco City, Ala.
40	Porter, Joe	CB	5-10	203	11/27/85	1	Rutgers	Franklin, N.J.
16	Swain, Brett	WR	6-0	203	6/21/85	R	San Diego State	Carlsbad, Calif.

### Reserve/PUP

91	Harrell, Justin	DT	6-4	320	2/14/84	2	Tennessee	Aug. 25 (back)
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19	Bodiford, Shaun	WR	5-11	196	5/4/82	3	Portland State	July 28 (back)
46	Jansen, J.J.	LS	6-2	256	1/20/86	R	Notre Dame	Aug. 31 (knee)
77	Jenkins, Cullen	DE	6-2	305	1/20/81	5	Central Michigan	Oct. 1 (pectoral)
28	Lumpkin, Kregg	RB	5-11	228	5/15/84	R	Georgia	Oct. 11 (hamstring)
44	Moore, Evan	TE	6-6	247	1/3/85	R	Stanford	Aug. 19 (knee)





No	NUMERICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	NFL Exp	College	How Acquired	Reg. season GP/GS/DNP/IA
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	24	2	Colorado	D6c-07	7/0/0/0
6	Derrick Frost	P	6-2	210	27	5	Northern Iowa	FA-08	7/0/0/0
10	Matt Flynn	QB	6-2	222	23	R	Louisiana State	D7a-08	2/0/5/0
11	Brian Brohm	QB	6-3	223	23	R	Louisville	D2b-08	0/0/0/7
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	220	24	4	California	D1-05	7/7/0/0
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	213	27	3	Central Florida	FA-05	2/2/0/5
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	202	31	11	Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	7/7/0/0
22	Pat Lee	CB	6-0	194	24	R	Auburn	D2c-08	4/0/0/3
24	Jarrett Bush	CB/S	6-0	200	24	3	Utah State	W-06 (Car)	7/0/0/0
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	226	25	2	Notre Dame	T-07 (NYG)	7/7/0/0
26	Charlie Peprah	S	5-11	203	25	3	Alabama	W-06 (NYG)	5/2/0/2
27	Will Blackmon	CB	6-0	206	24	3	Boston College	D4b-06	7/1/0/0
30	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	259	26	3	Shippensburg	W-07 (Pitt)	7/0/0/0
31	Al Harris	CB	6-1	190	33	11	Texas A&M-Kingsville	T-03 (Phil)	3/3/0/4
32	Brandon Jackson	RB	5-10	220	22	2	Nebraska	D2-07	7/0/0/0
35	Korey Hall	FB	6-0	243	25	2	Boise State	D6a-07	4/3/0/3
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	207	25	4	Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	7/7/0/0
37	Aaron Rouse	S	6-4	223	24	2	Virginia Tech	D3b-07	6/4/0/1
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	191	25	2	Louisiana Tech	FA-06	7/4/0/0
42	DeShawn Wynn	RB	5-10	238	24	2	Florida	D7a-07	2/0/0/0
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	248	24	3	Ohio State	D1-06	7/7/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	247	29	4	Brigham Young	D4b-05	7/5/0/0
54	Brandon Chillar	LB	6-3	243	26	5	UCLA	FA-08	7/1/0/0
55	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	238	24	2	California	D6b-07	7/0/0/0
56	Nick Barnett	LB	6-2	236	27	6	Oregon State	D1-03	7/7/0/0
57	Jason Hunter	DE	6-4	271	25	3	Appalachian State	FA-06	5/0/0/2
58	Danny Lansanah	LB	6-1	248	23	R	Connecticut	FA-08	2/0/0/0
61	Brett Goode	LS	6-1	261	24	1	Arkansas	FA-08	7/0/0/0
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	303	27	5	Tennessee	FA-04 (D7-04)	4/4/1/2
65	Mark Tauscher	T	6-3	316	31	9	Wisconsin	D7a-00	7/7/0/0
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	311	23	R	Louisville	D5-08	1/0/1/5
71	Josh Stiton	G	6-3	317	22	R	Central Florida	D4b-08	2/0/2/3
72	Jason Spitz	G/C	6-3	302	25	3	Louisville	D3b-06	7/7/0/0
73	Daryn Colledge	G/T	6-4	308	26	3	Boise State	D2a-06	7/7/0/0
74	Aaron Kampman	DE	6-4	265	28	7	Iowa	D5a-02	7/7/0/0
75	Tony Moll	G/T	6-5	306	25	3	Nevada	D5b-06	7/3/0/0
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	320	32	9	Tennessee	D2-00	7/7/0/0
78	Allen Barbre	G	6-4	305	24	2	Missouri Southern State	D4-07	5/0/1/1
79	Ryan Pickett	DT	6-2	330	28	8	Ohio State	UFA-06 (StL)	7/7/0/0
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	194	33	10	Alcorn State	D7b-99	7/7/0/0
82	Ruvell Martin	WR	6-4	220	26	3	Saginaw Valley State	FA-06	5/1/0/2
84	Tory Humphrey	TE	6-2	255	25	3	Central Michigan	FA-05	7/0/0/0
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	198	25	3	Western Michigan	D2b-06	7/7/0/0
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	28	6	Mississippi State	FA-05	7/6/0/0
87	Jordy Nelson	WR	6-3	217	23	R	Kansas State	D2a-08	7/0/0/0
88	Jermichael Finley	TE	6-5	247	21	R	Texas	D3-08	5/0/0/2
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	218	24	2	San Jose State	D3a-07	3/2/0/4
90	Colin Cole	DT	6-1	330	28	4	Iowa	FA-04	7/0/0/0
93	Kenny Pettway	DE	6-3	248	25	3	Grambling State	FA-08	3/0/0/0
94	Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	DE	6-4	249	31	9	San Diego State	FA-00 (D5a-00)	7/0/0/0
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	273	25	4	Texas A&M	D6a-05	5/1/0/2
97	Johnny Jolly	DT	6-3	320	25	3	Texas A&M	D6a-06	7/7/0/0
99	Jeremy Thompson	DE	6-4	270	22	R	Wake Forest	D4a-08	3/1/0/4

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16	Brett Swain	WR	6-0	203	23	R	San Diego State	D7b-08	0/0/0/0
40	Joe Porter	CB	5-10	203	22	1	Rutgers	FA-07	0/0/0/0
45	Kennard Cox	CB	6-0	200	23	R	Pittsburgh	FA-08	0/0/0/0
53	Spencer Havner	LB	6-3	248	25	1	UCLA	FA-08	0/0/0/0
64	Brennen Carvalho	C	6-1	300	21	R	Portland State	FA-08	0/0/0/0
95	Fred Bledsoe	DT	6-3	329	22	R	Arkansas	FA-08	0/0/0/0
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