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#### **GREEN BAY, NOV. 25, 2008**

**WEEK 13** 

CAROLINA (8-3) at GREEN BAY (5-6) Sunday, Nov. 30 ● Lambeau Field ● 12 p.m. CST

# GREEN BAY HOSTS CAROLINA IN WEEK 13 CONTEST

Carolina comes to Lambeau Field for a November game for the second consecutive year as the Packers host the Panthers Sunday.

- One week after their most complete performance of the season against Chicago, the Packers were routed by the Saints, 51-29, on Monday night to fall one game behind in the division race. It was the team's third consecutive loss on the road, a first under Head Coach Mike McCarthy.
- ► Green Bay must rebound quickly in the midst of a short practice week - if it hopes to realize its postseason aspirations.
- ► The road doesn't get any easier with 8-3 Carolina, a familiar nondivisional foe. Sunday marks the 11th meeting in 13 years between the teams. Four of those games have been played in Green Bay, with the Packers holding a 3-1 advantage over the Panthers.
- ► The two clubs first met in the 1996 NFC Championship Game at Lambeau Field. Antonio Freeman's goahead TD catch gave the Packers their first lead of the day, as Green Bay earned its first Super Bowl berth in 29 years.



Carolina enters the game tied for the NFC South lead with Tampa Bay. A 45-28 loss at Atlanta last Sunday snapped a four-game winning streak for the Panthers.

► All three of Carolina's losses this season have come on the road, where it is 2-3 so far this year. The Panthers are one of three NFL clubs (N.Y. Giants, Tampa Bay) still undefeated at home.

# 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 Sam Rosen joins color analyst Tim Ryan in the booth with **Chris Myers** 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 Wavne 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.
- For out-of-town listeners, the broadcast is available to NFL Field Pass subscribers on www.packers.com as well as on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 122 WTMJ feed) as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive.
- ▶ DIRECTV subscribers can watch the game in HD on channel 709.

# **275 AND COUNTING...**

Sunday marks the 275th consecutive sellout (259 regular season, 16 playoffs) at Lambeau Field, the league's longest-tenured stadium.

- ► One of professional sports' most revered stadiums, Lambeau Field is hosting its 52nd season of football. A redevelopment completed in 2003 turned it into a year-round destination for Packers fans.
- The stadium is on pace for a single-season home attendance record this year, as well.

# THE PLAYOFF PICTURE FOR THE PACKERS

If Green Bay is to make a return trip to the playoffs this winter, it will almost certainly have to win the NFC North division for its berth.

- ► Ten NFC clubs have better records than the Packers, meaning the club would need to win perhaps all of its five remaining games in order to be in line for a wild card berth.
- ▶ Within the NFC North, the Packers are one game behind the Bears and Vikings. A loss to Carolina Sunday would drop them two games behind the division leader, as Chicago and Minnesota square off Sunday night at the Metrodome.
- Chicago, Green Bay and Minnesota still have two games within the division on the schedule.
- ► Three of the Packers' five remaining games will come at Lambeau Field. Two of the five opponents (Carolina and Chicago) are above .500.

#### 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	(74,213)
Thurs., Aug. 28	TENNESSEE TITANS (Gold Pkg.) L, 21-23	(69,744)

## **REGULAR SEASON**

Date	Opponent Tim	e TV
Mon., Sept. 8	MINNESOTA VIKINGSW, 24-1	9 (71,004)
Sun., Sept. 14	at Detroit LionsW, 48-2	5 (60,285)
Sun., Sept. 21	DALLAS COWBOYS (Gold Pkg.) L, 16-2	7 (71,113)
Sun., Sept. 28	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers L, 21-3	0 (64,122)
Sun., Oct. 5	ATLANTA FALCONS L, 24-2	7 (70,610)
Sun., Oct. 12	at Seattle Seahawks	7 (68,302)
Sun., Oct. 19	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	4 (71,010)
Sun., Oct. 26	Open Date	
Sun., Nov. 2	at Tennessee Titans L, 16-19	+ (69,143)
Sun., Nov. 9	at Minnesota Vikings L, 27-2	8 (63,845)
Sun., Nov. 16	CHICAGO BEARS (Gold Pkg.)W, 37-	3 (71,040)
Mon., Nov. 24	at New Orleans Saints L, 29-5	1 (70,668)
Sun., Nov. 30	CAROLINA PANTHERS 12 noc	n FOX
Sun., Dec. 7	HOUSTON TEXANS 12 noc	n CBS
Sun., Dec. 14	at Jacksonville Jaguars *12 noc	n FOX
Mon., Dec. 22	at Chicago Bears	n. ESPN
Sun., Dec. 28	DETROIT LIONS *12 noc	n FOX
*—Start time a	nd broadcast may shift due to NFL flexible so	heduling

+ - overtime

#### **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

# **MCCARTHY GOES AGAINST FORMER PUPIL**

Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** is well-respected around the league for his ability to develop quarterbacks, and that reputation is based upon the maturation and ascension of young quarterbacks that have played for him.

- ► Jake Delhomme is often one of the first quarterbacks mentioned when talking about McCarthy's days as an NFL assistant. The pair spent three seasons (2000-02) together in New Orleans during McCarthy's tenure as offensive coordinator.
- ► Delhomme signed as a free agent with Carolina in 2003 and led the team to Super Bowl XXXVIII in his first year as an NFL starter.
- ►He did not play against the Packers last season veteran Vinny Testaverde got the start – after his season was ended by an elbow injury in September.
- ►In two career starts against the Packers, Delhomme is 1-1. Sunday will mark his first career action at Lambeau Field.

# **TEMPERATURE GOES DOWN, RUN GAME HEATS UP**

The Packers had their most dominating run-game performance to date in their last home game, totaling 200 yards on 38 carries (5.3 avg) against Chicago. The contest was the coldest game Green Bay has played in this season.

- ► The 200 yards on the ground easily surpassed the previous season high (139) established in Week 1.
- Against the Bears, RB Ryan Grant ran for a season-high 145 yards and a touchdown, while RB Brandon Jackson contributed 50 yards on 10 carries.
- ► It's no surprise that a team that plays its late-season home games during a Wisconsin winter will need to run the ball effectively.
- ► The Packers established some momentum in the first half against New Orleans, picking up 87 of their 109 rushing yards before halftime. The growing deficit in the second half forced Green Bay to abandon the run, as the team had just nine carries in the second half.
- ► Grant has stated he's as healthy as he's been all year after fighting through a hamstring injury through the first half of the season. Prior to Chicago, he picked up 4.5 yards per carry against formidable run defenses in Tennessee and Minnesota.
- ► Including last season, the Packers seem to gain momentum in the run game as the season wears on. Last year the unit ranked last in the NFL through the first 10 weeks but churned out 100-yard performances in five of its last six games to finish 21st.
- ► The emergence of Grant had a lot to do with that late surge to finish the season, and the Packers hope to get a similar boost from the Notre Dame product again this year.

	First 8 '07	Last 8 '07	First 8 '08
Attempts	175	213	217
Attempts/Game	21.88	26.63	27.13
Rushing Yards	577	1,020	809
Yards/Game	72.13	127.50	101.13
Yards/Attempt	3.30	4.79	3.73
Touchdowns	5	8	5

# **THIRD-DOWN SUCCESS**

The Packers converted 10-of-17 (58.8%) third downs Monday night, boosting its average on offense.

- ►The Packers now rank 11th in third-down offense, having converted 67-of-153 (43.8%) opportunities. The Carolina defense is one of the league leaders on third down, allowing opponents to convert 34.7% (51-of-147). That ranks fifth in the league.
- ► Green Bay's third-down defense has allowed 55-of-146 (37.7%), 13th in the NFL, and faces a Panthers offense that has struggled (35.0%, 24th) thus far on third down.



# NOTE OF THE WEEK

QB **Aaron Rodgers** threw two touchdown passes and ran for another score in Monday night's loss in New Orleans.

- ► It marks the second time this season that Rodgers had two-ormore TD passes and a TD run in the same game. He first accomplished the feat at Seattle.
- ► The only other Packers player in the last 50 years to have two such games in one was season was Lynn Dickey in 1983.



► Aaron Rodgers is the NFL's fourth-ranked passer on third down with a passer rating of 105.8 (69-of-108, 63.9%, 908 yards).

Ten of Rodgers' 17 TD passes have come on third down. San Diego's Philip Rivers and Dallas' Tony Romo are the next closest passers with nine TDs on third down.

# **RETURNS KEEP COMING**

DE **Jason Hunter** returned a fumble 54 yards for a score against Chicago, Green Bay's ninth return touchdown of the season, a Packers record.

- ► The fumble return set another franchise record, becoming the seventh defensive touchdown of the season.
- ►The Packers lead all NFL clubs in return touchdowns (9), defensive touchdowns (7) and interception returns for touchdowns (6).
- "A defensive touchdown or a special teams touchdown, they're just huge momentum swings in the football game," McCarthy said. "Having (nine) this year is just a credit to the players and the extra time that they've put in, particularly in our practice structure. We emphasize it all the time, and you can just see the urgency and aggressiveness of our coverage units on special teams and defensively, when they do have an opportunity to get their hands on the ball. And we're finding the end zone, too, which is exciting. But it's definitely a big lift for you football team."
- ►CB Will Blackmon has returned two punts for scores. The last Green Bay player with multiple punt returns for touchdowns in a season was WR Desmond Howard, who returned three for scores in 1996.
- Six TDs have come on interceptions returns: three by S Nick Collins, two by CB Charles Woodson, and one from S Aaron Rouse.
- ►The Packers have allowed just one return TD this season a 38-yard fumble return by Tampa Bay.
- With six return TDs by interception thus far, Green Bay ties Vince Lombardi's 1966 championship club for the most in franchise history. Green Bay not only has an eye on its own record books, but with five games left, league records as well.

<u>Team</u>	<u>Season</u>	<u>INT TDs</u>
San Diego	1961	9
Seattle	1998	8
Seattle	1984	7
St. Louis	1999	7

# THE DOPE ON THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT: Green Bay Packers vs.

All-time regular season:

Carolina Panthers:



6-3-0 All-time, postseason: 1-0 All-time, in Green Bay: 3-1-0 Streake: The Packars have wen four of the last fi

Streaks: The Packers have won four of the last five meetings. Last meeting, regular season:

Nov. 18, 2007, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 31-17

# **COACHES CAPSULES**

Mike McCarthy: 27-18-0, .600, (incl. 1-1 postseason); 3rd NFL season John Fox: 64-50-0, .561 (incl. 5-2 postseason); 7th NFL season Head to Head: McCarthy 1-0

vs. Opponent: McCarthy 1-0 vs. Panthers; Fox 1-3 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).

JOHN FOX...Is in seventh year as the Panthers' third head coach.

- ► Has directed Carolina to two playoff appearances, two NFC Championship games and a Super Bowl in his six seasons.
- ► Also reached a Super Bowl with the New York Giants, where he served as defensive coordinator for five seasons (1997-2001) prior to his arrival in Carolina.
- ►Spent time on staff in Pittsburgh (1989-91), San Diego (1992-93), Oakland (1994-95) and St. Louis (1996).
- ► Coached at seven different colleges, including the University of Pittsburgh staff (1986-88) just before McCarthy's arrival in 1989.

# **THE PACKERS-PANTHERS SERIES**

Non-divisional opponents, the Packers and Panthers have met 10 times over the past 12 seasons.

- ► The first meeting between the two clubs came in the 1996 NFC Championship game at Lambeau Field. The Packers overcame two early deficits to defeat the Panthers, 30-13, and earn a berth in their first Super Bowl in 29 years.
- ► Two of Carolina's wins in the series carried strong implications. The Panthers registered a 33-31 win at Lambeau Field, Dec. 12, 1999. The Packers were 7-5 entering the game, and the loss launched a threegame losing streak that dropped them out of postseason contention; they finished 8-8. Then, on Nov. 27, 2000, Carolina's 31-14 Monday night win marked the Packers' last loss of the 2000 season, but their four-game winning streak wasn't enough to overcome the Panthers setback. Green Bay (9-7) missed the playoffs.
- ► In 2004, the Packers registered an emotional prime-time win, 24-14, over the Panthers, then the defending NFC champion, in the season opener on Monday Night Football.

# **NOTABLE CONNECTIONS**

Packers CB Jarrett Bush signed as a non-drafted free agent with Carolina in 2006 but was released following the team's final roster reduction... Panthers LB Na'il Diggs played for Green Bay from 2000-05 and was a college teammate of Packers DT Ryan Pickett at Ohio State...Panthers CB Chris Gamble, S Nate Salley and Packers LB A.J. Hawk were teammates on Ohio State's 2002 national championship team...Panthers DT Darwin Walker and Packers T Chad Clifton were college teammates at Tennessee. while Panthers P Jason Baker and Packers DE Aaron Kampman were teammates at Iowa...Panthers secondary coach Tim Lewis played cornerback in Green Bay for four seasons (1983-86) and is still tied for the team record for longest interception return, a 99-yard score against the L.A. Rams on Nov. 18, 1984...Add Panthers guarterbacks coach Mike McCoy to the long list of Brett Favre backups; McCoy spent the 1995 season on the Packers' practice squad...Packers wide receivers coach Jimmy Robinson and Panthers head coach John Fox spent four seasons on staff together (1998-2001) with the New York Giants; also spending time on that staff was Panthers assistant head coach/runnig backs coach Jim Skipper and Panthers secondary/safeties coach Mike Gillhamer (1998-2000)...Panthers defensive coordinator Mike Trgovac coached the Packers defensive line in 1999, when he was on staff with Mike McCarthy...McCarthy also worked with Panthers defensive line coach Sal Sunseri at the University of Pittsburgh (1989-92)...Panthers linebackers coach Ken Flajole began his NFL coaching career in Green Bay in 1998 as a quality control/defensive assistant...Packers DE Jason Hunter (Fayetteville, N.C., Appalachian State) is a North Carolina native and attended college in the state...Panthers QB Jake Delhomme was a backup for the New Orleans Saints and McCarthy was his offensive coordinator.

# **INDIVIDUALLY VS. PANTHERS**

In seven career games against Carolina, WR Donald Driver has 23 catches for 374 yards and five TDs, his highest number of scores against a team outside the NFC North...Driver made his first NFL catch a memorable one, pulling in an 8-yard TD reception vs. Carolina on Dec. 12, 1999...TE Donald Lee posted a career-high five receptions and two touchdowns in last year's meeting, giving him three TD receptions as a Packer against Carolina, including his first catch in a Green Bay uniform, a 16-yard touchdown, at Carolina on Oct. 3, 2005...LB Nick Barnett established a career high with 21 tackles in that game...CB Tramon Williams' 94-yard punt return for a TD in last year's game is tied for the second-longest punt return in team history and marks the longest punt return at Lambeau Field by a Packers player.

# LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON

Nov. 18, 2007, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 31-17.

- ► The Packers got on the board midway through the first quarter when Carolina K John Kasay, lined up in field-goal formation, pooched a punt that Tramon Williams scooped up and returned 94 yards for a score.
- Brett Favre's three subsequent TD passes -- one to Greg Jennings and two to Donald Lee -- put the Packers up 28-3 early in the second half.
- ► Favre finished 22-of-30 for 218 yards with the three TDs, his 62nd career game with three or more TD passes, tying Dan Marino's NFL record. Ryan Grant added 88 yards rushing on 20 carries. Carolina's Drew Carter caught five passes for 132 yards and a score.
- The game featured the oldest starting QB matchup in NFL history, with Favre (38 years, 39 days) and Vinny Testaverde (44 years, 5 days).

# PACKERS TEAM NOTES

# THE LAMBEAU ADVANTAGE

The crown jewel of the National Football League, Lambeau Field has long been known as one of the tougher venues to play in, particularly during the harsh Wisconsin winter.

- ► The Packers have won two in a row at Lambeau and 12 of their last 15 regular-season games at the stadium.
- McCarthy has stated consistently that one of the team's goals is to reclaim the mystique of playing at Lambeau Field. Mission accomplished. The team finished 7-1 at home last season, a marked improvement over the prior three seasons (10-14 combined).
- Since Ron Wolf and Mike Holmgren began the revitalization of the franchise in 1992, Green Bay owns the best home record in the NFL. A look at the top home W-L records since the '92 season:

<u>Team</u>	W-L record	Pct.
Green Bay	100-33-0	.752
Denver	98-36-0	.731
Pittsburgh	96-37-1	.720
Kansas City	93-41-0	.694
Minnesota	90-43-0	.676

# **TURNOVER STATISTIC KEY FOR PACKERS**

Green Bay (plus-five) stands tied for seventh in turnover ratio in the NFL. Carolina (plus-four) is tied for 10th in the NFL in the category, one of football's most important statistics.

- ►Green Bay has 19 takeaways (17 interceptions, two fumble recoveries) on the season against 14 turnovers.
- ► The Packers have been able to turn takeaways into points better than any other team, scoring 93 points off turnovers thus far. The Baltimore Ravens rank No. 2 with 89 points off turnovers.
- ►On the other side of the ball, the team has surrendered 54 points off the 14 turnovers this year 24 of which came at Tampa in Week 4. That point total off turnovers is the 14th highest in the NFL.
- ►A rarity occurred for the Packers two weeks ago in Minneapolis: they lost a game in which they did not commit a turnover. They have now won 32 of 34 games playing turnover-free football, since a loss at Dallas, Nov. 18, 1996. Green Bay's only losses in such games during that stretch both came at Minnesota, first in 2005 and later this season.
- ►Including playoffs, the Packers have won 35 of their last 37 games without a giveaway.

# NICK SIX

Fourth-year pro S Nick Collins is enjoying his best season to date.

- ► Collins is tied with teammate **Charles Woodson** for the NFL lead with five interceptions and ranks first among all players with three interception returns for scores. A fourth would tie the NFL record held by three players. Coming into 2008, Collins had four career picks in 45 games.
- ►He became only the second player in franchise history to post three touchdowns on interception returns in a season, matching Herb Adderley's mark set in 1965.
- ► Collins leads all NFL players with 230 interception return yards. The next closest player is Baltimore's Ed Reed, with 183. With five games remaining, his total already ranks third all-time on the franchise list behind Bobby Dillon (244, 1956) and Darren Sharper (233, 2002).
- ► Drafted in the second round in 2005 out of Bethune-Cookman, Collins is reminding fans of the last player to wear No. 36 in Green Bay LeRoy Butler. He has credited 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. Needless to say, it seems the offseason film sessions have paid off.

# **ON A SHORT WEEK**

Green Bay faces a pivotal game against Carolina on the heels of a short practice week with the Monday night contest.

► That may not seem as bad as one might think. The Packers have won their last four contests coming off a short week: at Detroit this season, at Kansas City and Detroit in 2007 and home against Minnesota in 2006.

# **UPON A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STATS**

Some of the good, bad and strange statistics through 11 games:

- Aaron Rodgers' four rushing scores are the most by a Packers QB since Don Majkowski had five rushing scores in 1989.
- ► The Packers and Titans are the only NFL teams that have three players with at least four interceptions (Collins 5, Woodson 5, Williams 4).
- ► Green Bay's offense has 23 drives of 10-or-more plays. That's tied for the sixth-highest total in the NFL.
- ▶ Opponents have surely noted the disparity in Green Bay's first-down defensive statistics. Against the run on first down, the Packers allow 4.91 yards per rush, fifth most in the NFL. When Green Bay defends the pass on first downs, it is holding opposing quarterbacks to a 59.9 rating, second-lowest in the NFL to Baltimore (55.9). The N.Y. Giants are next closest, holding opposing passers to a 65.0 rating on first down.
- Despite a rash of early 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 sixth best in the NFL, but its kick coverage slipped from 13th to 19th after the New Orleans contest.
- Thanks in large part to CB Will Blackmon, Green Bay's punt return unit ranks fourth in the NFL. It is still looking for more from its kickoff return unit, which currently ranks 31st.

IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS, 2008					
GREEN BAY (Team)		CAROLINA (Team)			
Category NFC	<u>NFL</u>	Category NFC	<u>NFL</u>		
Turnover Margin (+5) 3	7T	Turnover Margin (+4) 4	10T		
Total Offense (331.5) 9	15	Total Offense (328.4) 10	16T		
Rushing (108.4)	20	Rushing (133.7)5	6		
Passing (223.1) 6	12	Passing (194.6) 12	22		
Total Defense (332.1) 10	17	Total Defense (302.0) 8	11		
vs. Rush (142.9)	26	vs. Rush (109.9) 10	17		
vs. Pass (189.2)	6	vs. Pass (192.1)6	9		
Third-Down Offense (43.8%) 5	11	Third-Down Offense (35.0%) . 11	24		
Third-Down Defense (37.7%)8	13	Third-Down Defense (34.7%)4	5		
Red-Zone Offense (62.5%)2	6	Red-Zone Offense (54.8%)7	13		
Red-Zone Defense (47.1%)5T	9T	Red-Zone Defense (46.7%) 4	8		
GREEN BAY (Individual)		CAROLINA (Individual)			
Category <u>NFC</u>		Category NFC			
Rushing: Grant (837) 9		Rushing: Williams (883)5	6		
Passing: Rodgers (90.5)6		Passing: Delhomme (80.5) 11	22		
Receptions: Jennings (56) 6		Receptions: Smith (48) 12T	27T		
Rec. Yds.: Jennings (966) 3	4	Rec. Yds.: Smith (853) 6	8		

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 Sacks: Peppers (9.0)
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Collins (5).... 1T

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## **RODGERS CONSISTENT - AND CONSISTENTLY GOOD**

On the heels of one of the worst performances from both a team and individual standpoint, it's important to remember how consistent **Aaron Rodgers** has been in his first season under center.

- ► Though not a complete indicator of a quarterback's performance, the quarterback rating does attempt to rate efficiency.
- ► And if that is the case, Rodgers has been as consistently good as the top signal callers in the league thus far. A look at the quarterbacks with the most games with a passer rating of 100.0 or better in 2008:

<u>Player</u>	Games over 100.0
Philip Rivers, SD	7
Drew Brees, NO	6
Aaron Rodgers, G	àB6
	5

# WHEN THE PACKERS RUN

Green Bay's formula for winning seems to be one that involves controlling the time of possession through **Ryan Grant** and its run game.

- Green Bay had its best output of the season in its last home game, when game-time temperature was just above freezing. An early look at Sunday's forecast shows a similar temperature will be expected, along with the chance of snow.
- A reliable receiver out of the backfield, backup RB Brandon Jackson saw his most carries of the season (10) in the last home contest.
- ► Another reason Green Bay might try and emphasize the run? Statistically, Carolina's defense is weaker against the run (17th) than the pass (9th).
- ►QB Aaron Rodgers has had some success with his feet in both his ability to scramble and create more time in the pocket. FB John Kuhn has been used as a short-yardage back of late, too, converting all four 3rd-and-1 opportunities when called upon.

## WHEN THE PANTHERS RUN

The strength of the Carolina offense lies in the backfield, where both DeAngelo Williams and Jonathan Stewart are capable of hitting the big run any time.

- The unit ranks sixth among NFL clubs, with Williams (883 yards) ranking sixth among NFL backs in yards gained. Stewart, a first-round pick, has already surpassed 500 yards on the ground. Carolina is one of three teams (Tampa, NYG) to have to rushers with 500-plus yards.
- The Packers have struggled against the run this year but are coming on a bit as of late. They have held an opponent under 100 net rushing yards for two consecutive games and four times on the season.
- Two weeks ago against Detroit, both Williams and Stewart topped 120 rushing yards.
- ►It has been the Packers' inability to limit big plays that has hurt them most in the run game. The team has given up 11 runs of 20-plus yards, tied for fifth most in the NFL.

## WHEN THE PACKERS PASS

Green Bay's passing unit, ranked 12th in the league, goes against a strong Carolina pass defense that ranks ninth in the NFL.

▶Big-play wideouts Greg Jennings and Donald Driver will look to continue their productive seasons against the Panthers' secondary. Jennings (17.3 yards per catch) and Driver (12.6) represent two of the most elusive wideouts in the league after the catch.

- Rookie WR Jordy Nelson continues to impress when given the opportunity and may challenge the same franchise rookie records that Jennings and James Jones did the previous two seasons. Nelson (6-3, 217) has also proved to be physical as a run blocker, while Jones is battling through nagging knee issues.
- ► That has limited the return of the 'Big 5' formation Green Bay ran with much success last season. The formation aims to create mismatches on linebackers or safeties and emphasize the Packers' run-after-the-catch ability.

Green Bay will still go with the occassional five-wide set, spreading

tight ends **Donald Lee** and **Tory Humphrey** out wide. Lee (30) and RB **Brandon Jackson** (26) rank Nos. 3 and 4, respectively, on the club in receptions.

# WHEN THE PANTHERS PASS

Still smarting from its performance at the Superdome, the Packers will no doubt be looking to return to their elite level as a pass defense.

► Green Bay's pass defense, previously ranked third in the league, slipped down to No. 6 after surrendering over 320 yards and four scores to Drew Brees and the Saints.

► The unit has only benefited from the return of CB **AI Harris**, who has blanketed opposing receivers since returning from a spleen injury. In his absence, the Packers learned they can rely on CBs **Will Blackmon** and **Tramon Williams**, as well as S **Aaron Rouse**, to continue the unit's play-making ability.

Carolina is led by its duo at wide receiver, most

notably perennial Pro Bowler Steve Smith. Despite missing the first two games of the season, he is on pace for another 1,200-plus yard season. Muhsin Muhammad (45 receptions), familiar to the Packers from his days with Chicago, is the only other player who has caught more than 18 passes from Delhomme.

# **TOUGH AGAINST QUARTERBACKS**

The more they study the Packers' pass defense, the more opposing NFL quarterbacks learn about just how well they've played thus far.

- Drew Brees' nearly perfect QB rating Monday night meant that Green Bay no longer leads the league in opponent QB rating. The unit now ranks third in the NFL with a rating of 66.1. It ranks just behind Tennessee (64.5) and Baltimore (60.6).
- ► Green Bay's defense has been able to smother potential receivers, allowing opposing signal callers to complete just 53.2% of their passes. That is the second-lowest opponent completion percentage in the league, slightly behind the Baltimore defense (52.6%) ranked No. 1.
- ► In addition to holding opposing passers to a low quarterback rating and completion percentage, it has also surrendered the fifth-fewest gross passing yards at 2,188. Tampa Bay ranks No. 1 with 2,077 gross passing yards allowed.

# 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.

# **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 12, Jennings ranks No. 4 among all NFL receivers with a career-high 966 yards. The Western Michigan alum needs just 34 receiving yards for his first 1,000-yard season.
- ► Jennings' 17 catches of 20 yards-or-more ranks first among all NFL receivers. Detroit WR Calvin Johnson (14) is second while five players have 13 catches of 20-plus yards.
- ►He has six catches of 40 or more yards this season, again tops in the league. Detroit's Johnson also has six.
- Among NFL leaders in receptions, Jennings' average of 17.3 yards per catch is fourth in the league. Only Buffalo's Lee Evans (19.3), Detroit's Johnson (18.9) and Carolina's Steve Smith (17.8) average more yards per catch. Last season, Jennings' 17.4 yards per catch ranked fourth in the NFL.
- While he ranks fourth in the NFL in yardage, Jennings (56) only ranks in a tie for 14th among receptions \_\_\_\_\_

leaders. Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald and Houston's Andre Johnson lead all NFL receivers in yardage but also rank as the top two in receptions.

- ► Jennings' long TD catch at Seattle was his 10th of at least 40 yards in length. He has 21 career TDs.
- ► Jennings has a staggering average of 34.2 yards per TD reception for his career.

## **GRANT GAINING MOMENTUM**

Despite facing some of the league's top rush defenses this month, RB **Ryan Grant** has returned to the form that made him one of the league's most dangerous backs a year ago.

- Much of the credit has been given to the offensive line, which has been allowing Grant to reach the second level mostly untouched.
- Once he gets to the second level, Grant has done his job of breaking tackles and making defenders miss.
- Grant ranks No. 10 among running backs with 837 rushing yards. The Notre Dame product has 216 carries on the year, sixth-most among NFL backs.
- ► Bad news for the Panthers? Grant's two 100-yard efforts this season have come in his last two outings at Lambeau Field.
- ► Giving Grant the bulk of the carries seems to pay dividends for the Packers. When Grant has 19-plus carries, the team is 9-1.

## WANTED: MORE BIG PLAYS

For the second straight week, the Packers put up four "big plays", this time all coming through the air.

- 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 its lack of big plays on the ground, combined with a number of big plays from the defense and special teams, has the offense well behind last year's pace.
- ► The Packers have 35 big plays (gains of 20 yards-or-more) thus far on the season. Four have come via the rush (Grant 3, Rodgers) and 31 through the air (Jennings 17, Driver 9, Humphrey 2, Nelson 2, D. Lee).
- ►QB Aaron Rodgers' six TD passes of 20 yards or more is tied for the

sixth highest total in the NFL. This week's opposing signal caller, Jake Delhomme, also has six scores through the air of 20-plus yards.

- ► The Packers' current big-play pace would put them right around 50 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 on pace to score more points this season, thanks to a number of defensive scores and 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 440 points this season.

# **O-LINE ANCHORED BY TACKLES**

None of the offensive fireworks would be possible without the steady play

Green Bay gets from its offensive line.

The unit had its best outing in the last home game against Chicago, dominating the line of scrimmage.

► Chad Clifton and Mark Tauscher, fixtures at tackle, remain the leaders of the group. The unit faces a Carolina defense that has collected 22 sacks on the year. Pro Bowl end Julius Peppers leads the unit with 9.0.

► 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 239 career starts between them. All of that experience has come in a Packers uniform.

► Tauscher suffered a hamstring injury on the second play from scrimmage

against New Orleans, and his status for Sunday remains unclear. ►A look at the longest-tenured tackle duos in the NFL :

- 1. Jon Runyan (187) and Tra Thomas (160)- Phi. 347 combined starts
- 2. Chad Clifton (121) and Mark Tauscher (118)- GB 239
- 3. Walter Jones (179) and Sean Locklear (50)- Sea. 229
- 4. Flozell Adams (157) and Marc Colombo (50)- Dal. 207
- 5. Alex Barron (54) and Orlando Pace (149)- StL 203

# PACKERS, RODGERS IN IT FOR THE LONG HAUL

Earlier this season, the Packers signed QB **Aaron Rodgers** to a contract extension through the 2014 season.

- Through his first 11 starts, Rodgers' quarterback rating (90.5) ranks tied for 10th among NFL QBs with New England's Matt Cassel. The pair are the only first-year starters to rank in the league's top 10. Atlanta QB Matt Ryan (88.3) ranks No. 13.
- His 17 touchdown passes rank as the high among first-year starters, as well. So does his six games with a QB rating of 100.0 or better, tied for second among all NFL signal callers.



# **PACKERS NOTES - DEFENSE**

#### **WOODSON ENJOYING CAREER YEAR**

CB **Charles Woodson** suffered a broken toe against Minnesota on Kickoff Weekend and didn't return to practice as a full participant for another 10 weeks.

- ► 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.
- ► He notched his fifth interception of the season against Minnesota, giving him 17 interceptions in 40 games since arriving in Green Bay in 2006. He had 17 career interceptions in 106 career games as a member of the Oakland Raiders.
- ►A unanimous selection on the *Pro Football Weekly* midseason All-Pro team, he notched his second sack of the year against Chicago.
- ►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:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	TDs on INT return
Darren Sharper	Minnesota	8
Ronde Barber	Tampa Bay	7
Ty Law	N.Y. Jets	7
Derrick Brooks	Tampa Bay	6
Aaron Glenn	New Orleans	6
Charles Woodson	Green Bay	6

# **STEADY LB PLAY TO BE TESTED**

Through the team's first seven games, all six linebackers were kept on the 45-man gameday active roster. The team will now have to call upon that depth after LB **Nick Barnett** was lost for the rest of the season with a knee injury.

- ► A.J. Hawk, now the leading tackler on the defense, will be called upon to play nearly every down at the MLB spot, a position he hasn't played since his days at Centerville (Ohio) High School.
- ► SAM LB Brady Poppinga, a third-year starter, and WILL LB Brandon Chillar will flank Hawk on each side. Chillar came in as a noted coverage specialist and hasn't disappointed. He tallied a seasonhigh 12 tackles (10 solo) playing in the nickel coverage against the Colts and tied a career high with two passes defensed at Tennessee. Also, he leads the special teams coverage units with 12 tackles.
- ► It was Chillar who was inserted into the starting lineup following the injury to Barnett, but backup MLB **Desmond Bishop** could definitely see more action from scrimmage. Bishop recorded a career-high nine tackles in Minnesota, all coming in the second half in relief of an injured

Barnett. Also LB **Danny Lansanah**, a mainstay on the special teams coverage units, has seen his special teams duties increase and is still waiting for his first action from scrimmage.

# **DIDN'T MISS A BEAT**

While **AI Harris** missed four games recovering from a spleen injury suffered in Week 3, the Packers got to see that third-year pro **Tramon Williams** was 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. He has four interceptions on the year.
- ► 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.

► There hasn't been any easing in for Harris either. He returned at Tennessee to a full work-load and has continued to be on the field on nearly every down since.

## **KAMPMAN HEADLINES PASS RUSH**

Led by two-time Pro Bowl defensive end **Aaron Kampman**, the defense has generated 18 sacks on the season.

► Besides Kampman, Green Bay's pass rush has been inconsistent with Woodson being the only other active player to record a sack in multiple games. Overall, the team has recorded multi-sack games five times this year.

► With DE Cullen Jenkins (2.5 sacks) out

for the season, the Packers must count on younger ends like **Jason Hunter, Michael Montgomery, Kenny Pettway** and **Jeremy Thompson** to help ease the pressure on Kampman.

With 7.5 sacks already this year, Kampman remains one of the most feared pass rushers in today's game. He has kept his production up at a Pro Bowl level, as evidenced by looking at the NFL leaders in sacks since 2006:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Team</u>	Sacks since 2006
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas	37.5
Aaron Kampman	Green Bay	/ 35.0
Jared Allen	Minn./K.C.	31.0
Shawne Merriman	San Diego	29.5
Trent Cole	Philadelphia	27.5

# **ANOTHER TEAM RECORD - RETURN YARDAGE**

The Packers have 570 return yards on their 17 interceptions this season.

- ► That total bests the previous high marks in team history since the 1960 AFL-NFL merger.
- McCarthy said his team's ability to make a play after an interception is something the team has repped after every turnover in practice since he arrived in 2006.
- ►The Packers had 561 return yards on 27 interceptions in 1965. The following season, they had 547 return yards on 28 interceptions. The Packers won the NFL Championship both seasons.



# **MIKE McCARTHY TRANSCRIPT**

# EXCERPTS FROM THE COACH - TUESDAY, NOV. 25

#### ► (What's the early outlook for Tauscher?)

Mark is going to have an MRI today and we'll have more information as far as his specific situation.

#### ► (How did Tony Moll fare?)

I thought Tony played well. Tony is a tough guy, went in there and competed. Had the one mistake there, I think on the first or second series. Other than that, I thought he did well.

#### ►(After looking at the film, what were the common breakdowns in the secondary?)

As far as our defense's performance, it was definitely not a strength last night. As far as their passing game versus our defense, it's the combination of pass rush and defensive coverage. We weren't intact. We did not get the pressure on the quarterback that we prepared and planned to do, and he had a lot of time back there to throw. They won the individual matchups against our coverage, particularly in the first half with their ability to score as fast and as frequent as they did. We made some adjustments in the second half, but it was not a good day for our defense.

(How do you get the defense to recover from this and move forward?)

Well, we have to move forward. It's Tuesday. We have a short week. We'll spend a short period of time Wednesday morning, excuse me, noon, we're going to bring the team in later. We'll spend a short time going through the corrections of New Orleans. But we need to jump on Carolina. It's a big game at home this week.

► (This isn't the first time you haven't had an up-to-par pass rush. Is the skill level of the quarterback the rest of the equation?)

Frankly, I don't think I do a good enough job sometimes of giving the opponent credit. I think you have to give some credit to Drew Brees. He played at an extremely high level last night and has all year. I think his statistics speak for itself. We knew that going into the game. We had a particular plan to challenge him a certain way, and we didn't accomplish our plan. We didn't play at the level that we wanted to play. A hot quarterback, they did a lot of things against us with their offense.

(Is that more because of the execution of the players or the scheme going into the game from the coaching staff?)

It's always execution. The ability to prepare and perform is something we strive every week. The disappointment or frustrating that I stand here with as a coach is the way we've been preparing and the way we've been practicing and coming off a very solid, strong performance against Chicago, and the ability to take another step forward, and we didn't do that. There were segments throughout the game that we did a lot of positive things in the three areas, and then obviously there were segments in the game, particularly their offense versus defense, that we didn't do very well. So we'll correct that and move on. It's part of the National Football League. It's a tough environment to play in. I'm not making any excuses. We went down there well-prepared, had an excellent week, like I've already stated, and I anticipated us playing better, and we did not.

# ► (Are you perplexed by the inconsistencies of your team this year?)

Well, I don't share the same opinion as you as far as the inconsistencies up until this point. I thought clearly in the New Orleans game that based on the score, when you lose by three scores, that's a sound defeat. But I don't think I've ever stood here after a game and felt that way. I think for the most part, our level of execution, there has been some consistency. We didn't play well enough. Our record reflects that at 5-6. I'm not going to stand up here and tell you how good we played. That's not my point. But I think for the most part as a football team, we've been consistent in the games that we've been in. We've had opportunities to win almost I'd say every football game until this point against New Orleans.

# ► (Did you have a chance to look at the offensive tape and dissect Aaron's interceptions?)

Turnovers were a big part of the second half point swing, no doubt. As far as what went wrong and who did what, frankly I'm not going to get into all of that today. I thought he played very well in the first half. I thought the offense as a whole, that was the plan to go in was to control the clock, control the time of possession. We were able to accomplish that with the long drives, and then the turnovers were big factors in the momentum swing as far as their crowd. The first interception was a 17-point swing and then it went to a three-score. They definitely factored in their football team pulling away from ours.

# ►(Would you say those turnovers are as much to blame as the defensive breakdowns?)

It's a football team. There's things we did well and there's things we didn't do well. We don't believe in turning the football over. We turned it over three times. That definitely factors into a game.

(You said before there was not one game where you walked off the field and felt your team didn't play well. What was the feeling walking off the field last night?)

I felt like their team beat our football team. I think the scoreboard reflected that, and that happens in this league. We're not the first team this year to be beaten by three scores. The most important thing is for us to be real honest with what happened and correct it and move forward and apply it to Carolina. That's our plan.

(As bad as everything seems, you have give games left and you're not out of anything ...)

Five games left to play and we're not out of anything. It's right in front of us. We need to win football games. We know that; that's our focus. We don't want to be in a position where we're watching other scores and so forth, and we still have that opportunity. That's part of the big-picture focus for our football team, and our tight focus will be on the Carolina Panthers. Obviously with their record you know they are a good football team. They challenge you schematically a number of different ways, and we need to get ready and prepared to win that game on Sunday.

► (Are you looking at any punters this week?)

We didn't punt very well last night, no doubt about it. That is twice now indoors that we didn't have a good performance. We need to continue to just try to improve from within. That's something we have done very well here throughout our football team. I thought Derrick had a very good week of work, especially in the Hutson Center going down to an indoor environment. Like a couple other of our segments, we need to carry what we do during the course of the week to the game.

(How did Aaron come out with the shoulder? He had the big hit on the interception return and the TD dive.)

My understanding, he came out fine. I don't have anything on him as far as the medical report.

►(Are you OK with the hit he gave on that interception return?)

Well, I'm sure there was some frustration involved in that. I didn't see it live as clear as I'm sure everybody else did. I didn't pay much attention to it when I watched it on the film.

Does the holiday alter your schedule this week?)

We'll make adjustments in our Thursday schedule. We've actually just moved everything up. It's important for everybody, players, coaches, support staff, everybody involved to be with their family on Thanksgiving. Keeping everything in perspective, so we have adjusted our schedule. We'll start earlier so that everybody can be done between 12:00-1:00.

# **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.
- ► This past weekend marked the 251st game since the advent of free agency in 1993.
- ► Over that time, the Packers own a share of the NFL's best W-L record. 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:

<u>Team</u>	W-L record	Pct.
Green Bay Packers	157-94-0	.625
New England Patriots	157-94-0	.625
Pittsburgh Steelers	156-94-1	.623
Denver Broncos	152-99-0	.605
Indianapolis Colts	145-106-0	.577
Philadelphia Eagles	137-112-2	.549
Kansas City Chiefs	136-115-0	.541



# PACKERS IN WEEKLY 2008 TEAM RANKINGS



•		NF	L Offens	se	NF	L Defens	se
After	_			_			_
Week	Opp.	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 5	at TB ATL	15 11	23 23	10 8	26 26	26 27	15 13
6	at Sea	14	23 21T	。 10	20	27	7
7	IND	14	211	10	20 15	27	9
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9	at Ten	14	21	9	20	27	5
10	at Min	19	23	11	20	28	3
11	CHI	16	19T	11	16	27	3
12	at NO	15	20	12	17	26	6
13	CAR	10	20		÷	20	Ũ
14	HOU						
15	at Jax						
16	at Chi				:		
17	DET						
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Packers	in 2007	2	21	2	11	14	12
Packers	in 2006	9	23	8	12	13	17
Packers	in 2005	18	30	7	7	23	1
Packers	in 2004	3	10	3	25	14	25
Packers	in 2003	4	3	16	17	10	23
Packers	in 2002	12	12	10	12	21	3
Packers	in 2001	6	21	3	12	16	15
Packers	in 2000	15	23	8	15	8	19
Packers	in 1999	9	21	7	19	22	18
Packers	in 1998	5	25	3	4	4	10
Packers	in 1997	4	12	3	7	20	8
Packers	in 1996	5	11	5	1	4	1
Packers	in 1995	7	26	3	14	7	21
Packers	in 1994	9	19	9	6	3	15
Packers	in 1993	19	22	18	2	8	7
Packers	in 1992	15	21	9	23	16	23

# IN THE 'BLACK AND BLUE' DIVISION

Green Bay stands one game behind Minnesota and Chicago in the NFC North and will need a strong performance over the final five games of the season to repeat as NFC North champions.

- ► The Packers began the season with two division wins. Since division play opened in 1967, the team has opened the season only one other time with two divisional wins: 1998.
- 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.
- ► As evidenced by McCarthy's solid 12-4 record in the NFL's 'black and blue' division, the Packers will have to rely on their previous division successes to repeat as conference champions. McCarthy is 5-0 against Detroit, 5-1 against the Vikings and 2-3 against Chicago.
- Per NFL tie-breaking procedures, head-to-head matchups and division records are supremely important. The Packers splt the season series against the Vikings and stand 1-0 against Chicago. Their division record stands at 3-1 with two games remaining.

# **BLACKMON SPARKS RETURN UNIT**

CB **Will Blackmon** has provided plenty of spark in the punt return game. He ranks No. 1 in the NFC, and No. 3 in the NFL, with a 13.4-yard average on punt returns.

- Blackmon provided another specialteams spark with a 65-yard TD return at Minnesota. It was his third career punt return for a TD and second in '08, both of which have come against Minnesota. He returned one 76 yards for a score in Week 1.
- Prior to Blackmon, the last NFL player with a punt return score against the same team in two different games of one regular season was the Cowboys' Wane McGarity.
   In 2000, McGarity had a 64-vard



punt return for a TD at Arizona. Later in the season, he returned a punt 59 yards for a touchdown against the Cardinals in Dallas.

# **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 nine 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:

<u>Player</u>	Team	<u>Age</u>
Matt Ryan	Atlanta	23 (5/17/85)
<b>Aaron Rodgers</b>	Green Bay	<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)
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# **TOUGH ROAD STRETCH CONTINUES**

With a third consecutive road loss Monday night in New Orleans, Green Bay must get back to the road success it is accustomed to under Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** to make a final playoff push.

- ► Green Bay will travel twice in December to Jacksonville (Week 15) and Chicago (Week 16).
- ► Since McCarthy arrived in 2006, the Packers have been one of the league's toughest road teams. Green Bay has played nearly as well on the road (13-9) as it has at home (13-8) under McCarthy.
- ► Despite the recent three-game skid, the Packers have won 10 of their last 16 road games. A look at the top road teams in the NFL since McCarthy took over in 2006:

<u>Team</u>	W-L record	Pct.
New England	18-3	.857
N.Y. Giants	16-5	.762
Dallas	15-7	.681
Indianapolis	15-7	.681
Green Bay	13-9	.590
Chicago	12-9	.571

# **IN THE RED ZONE**

One bright spot for the Packers Monday night in New Orleans was their performance in red zone opportunities (4-for-4).

- ► On offense, the Packers have scored TDs on 20-of-32 possessions (62.5%), sixth best in the league.
- ► Its defense inside the 20-yard line is also ranked among the league's top 10. It has allowed 16 TDs on 34 possessions (47.1%), tied for 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 69 points on offense outside of the red zone (six TDs, nine FGs), ninth most in the NFL.
- ► The Packers defense has excelled in its takeaway ability thus far, and the red zone is no different. Of the 34 red-zone possessions, the Packers defense has come away with five takeaways. That ranks tied for first in the NFL with Kansas City and the N.Y. Jets. Its four interceptions in the red zone also ranks tied for first in the league.
- ▶ New Orleans' red-zone offense ranks 13th in the league (17-of-31), converting 54.8% of its opportunities. Its defense has allowed TDs on 46.7% of its possessions, ranked just ahead of Green Bay at eighth.
- ► QB **Aaron Rodgers** has made the most of his red-zone opportunities this season. Eleven of his 17 TD passes have come inside the 20-yard line.
- ► Rodgers, who has not thrown an interception in the red zone this season, has the most red-zone TD passes without an interception by any quarterback in the league this year.

# **FLAGS ON THE FIELD**

Ninety-three penalties have been called against the Packers – fourth most in the NFL – an area the team must improve on if it expects to be a viable postseason contender.

- ► Eighty-one of the Packers' penalties have been accepted, resulting in a league-high 730 penalty yards. The New York Giants (660) and Dallas Cowboys (655) are next closest.
- ►The Packers have been drawing penalties against their opponents, too. 68 opponent penalties have been accepted by Green Bay – 11th most in the NFL – resulting in 526 penalty yards.

# **BARNETT LOST FOR SEASON**

Green Bay's defense was delivered a blow as the diagnosis on LB **Nick Barnett** revealed the sixth-year pro would be lost for the season with a knee ligament tear.

- Head Coach Mike McCarthy confirmed that Barnett underwent surgery last week.
- "Everything was very positive with Nick Barnett's surgery," McCarthy said. "(Dr.) Pat McKenzie felt very good about how the procedure went and everything that he saw. He was very positive about it. A lot of (rehab) happens based on the individual, but I think it will be a normal rehab and hopefully he'll be ready to go next year. We haven't sat down and gone through the month-to-month targets and goals. Have not done that with him yet."
- ► Through nine games, Barnett led the defense with 68 tackles. His 49 solo tackles also were a team high. He finishes the season with two passes defensed and a forced fumble as well.
- ► Through his first five NFL seasons, Barnett led the Packers in tackles four times. He had tallied over 130 tackles each year.

# **THREE AND OUT**

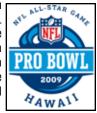
Green Bay's offense stalled a couple of times in the Superdome, but will try to use ball control to keep Jake Delhomme and the Carolina offense off the field.

- ► Out of 129 possessions, the Packers have gone three-and-out 29 times (23.8%). That percentage ranks 14th highest among all teams. Carolina's offense has fared slightly worse, having a three-and-out series on 25.5% of their drives (35-for-137, 12th highest).
- Through the season's first five games, Green Bay's defense forced the lowest percentage of three-and-outs in the league. Since that time, they have begun a slow and steady climb up the league rankings.
- ► Having forced a three-and-out 27 times on 133 series, their percentage (20.3%) now ranks tied for 21st in the league. Washington leads all teams by forcing a three-and-out on 33.6% of series.
- ► A season ago in the category, the Packers ranked 10th in offense (19.5%) and 16th (22.5%) on defense.
- ► Carolina's defense ranks 9th in the NFL in forcing its opponent to the sideline after just three plays. Out of 129 possessions, they have forced a three-and-out 31 times (24.0%).

# **KEEP THE CALENDAR OPEN FOR EARLY FEBRUARY**

Pro Bowl voting has begun 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.
- ►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 7.5 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 five interceptions, including two returned for scores, all the while playing with a broken toe.



- ▶ Both sides of the ball still have a number of candi-
- dates at this point, including Aaron Rodgers, Ryan Grant, Donald Driver, Chad Clifton, Mark Tauscher, 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.

# GAME REVIEW - SAINTS 51, PACKERS 29

#### **BLOWN AWAY BY BREES**

Drew Brees continued his assault on the single-season passing yardage record at the Green Bay Packers' expense Monday night.

- ► Facing only sporadic pressure from the Packers' pass rush and sporting his unfailing accuracy, Brees was in control from start to finish as he threw for 323 yards and four touchdowns, including two 70-yarders, to lead New Orleans to a 51-29 win over the Packers in front of 70,668 loud fans at the Louisiana Superdome.
- Brees completed 20-of-26 passes and posting a quarterback rating of 157.5, less than a full point from the highest possible rating of 158.3. He came in needing to average roughly 305 yards per game the rest of the season to break Dan Marino's passing record of 5,084 yards, set in 1984, and he was beyond that by the end of the third quarter before taking a well-earned rest.

► Even without star running back Reggie Bush, Brees had plenty of weapons to utilize. He completed passes to seven different receivers.

Lance Moore led the way with five catches for 115 yards and two scores, while tight ends Jeremy Shockey and Billy Miller combined for nine catches, 93 yards and another TD.

- "He was on fire," linebacker A.J. Hawk said. "Their whole offense was on fire. I give our offense credit for keeping us in the game as long as we were, because we definitely weren't doing it."
- ► The loss dropped the Packers to 5-6 and one game behind both Chicago and Minnesota in the NFC North Division with five games to play.
- ►One week after dominating the Bears for four quarters in a 37-3

blowout, the Packers were on the other end of a lopsided score, surrendering more than 50 points for the first time since the 1986 season finale (55, New York Giants).

- ► The Packers, who came in with the No. 3 ranked passing defense in the league to try to stop the league's top passing offense, simply couldn't rattle Brees. After an opening three-and-out, the Saints got going with a 70-yard TD pass to Moore as the speedy wideout caught a short throw over the middle, made a move past safety **Atari Bigby** and was off to the races.
- Brees went on to complete 13 passes in a row in leading the Saints to two more touchdowns in the first half, the second coming again to Moore, who topped 100 yards by intermission. His completion string was broken on the final drive of the first half as New Orleans settled for a field goal to take a 24-21 lead.
- ► QB Aaron Rodgers and the Packers were doing their best to keep up in the earlygoing. Despite missing what appeared to be a couple of open receivers deep early in the game, Rodgers still directed three touchdown drives in the first half with the help of 64 rushing yards from RB **Ryan Grant**.
- ► The last two were both long marches, covering 12 and 14 plays, respectively, and more than six minutes each. A 7-yard slant to WR Greg Jennings and a 10-yard scramble by Rodgers accounted for both of those touchdowns, the last one tying the score at 21.
- ► The Packers held the ball for 18 minutes, 24 seconds in the first half, but any supposed rest for the defense didn't seem to help any.
- ►Brees came out and started the second half by directing an 80-yard touchdown drive, capping it with a 16-yard pass to Miller, the No. 2 tight end. That marked the first time either team took a two-score lead in the

back-and-forth affair, and it would become the turning point.

- ► On Green Bay's next two possessions, Rodgers threw interceptions. Jason David got them both, returning the first one 42 yards to the Packers' 3-yard line to set up a short TD run by Deuce McAllister.
- The second interception didn't result in points for New Orleans, as a trick play failed when Moore took a backwards toss from Brees and tried to throw deep for the touchdown. Safety **Aaron Rouse**, who was in the game for Bigby, picked it off.
- ► The Packers couldn't take advantage, though, going three-and-out, and the Saints officially blew the game open with Brees' second 70-yard TD pass of the game. Marques Colston got behind CB **Charles Woodson** when the veteran cornerback cut underneath, and Brees bought time and made a perfect throw on the run. Colston then outran Rouse down the sideline to make it 45-21.
- "It just kind of snowballed on us," added defensive end Aaron Kampman. "We just weren't able to find that play to kind of swing it back around. I thought maybe after that trick play that we intercepted,

maybe we could mount a little bit of a comeback there. We tried to, but it wasn't enough."

► Rodgers (21-of-43, 248 yards, 2 TD, 3 INT, 59.8 rating) threw his second TD of the game early in the fourth quarter to WR **Ruvell Martin**, and connected with Martin again on the two-point conversion to keep the Packers barely within two scores at 45-29.

▶ But the Saints tacked on one more touchdown, a 31-yard run by Pierre Thomas (15 carries, 87 yards, 2 TD) that pushed New Orleans over 400 total yards with nearly 9 minutes still remaining in the game.

# **O-LINE ADJUSTS AGAIN; OTHER GAME NOTES**

It's becoming an all-too-familiar scenario for the Packers' offensive line.

- Once again on Monday night, a starter was out of the game early and the line had to adjust. This time, right tackle Mark Tauscher injured his hamstring on the second snap of the game and was replaced by Tony Moll.
- Most indicative of the line play, running back Ryan Grant was on his way to a productive night with 16 carries for 64 yards in the first half, a solid 4.0 average. But the Packers were so far behind in the second half, Grant got just two more carries for 3 yards after halftime.
- Fullback John Kuhn scored his first NFL touchdown on a pass reception a few weeks ago against Seattle, and he added his first career rushing TD on Monday night.
- ►Kuhn, who has been an effective weapon for the Packers in shortyardage situations, got the call on the Packers' first touchdown drive of the game. He was stopped just short of the goal line on first-and-goal from the 1, but he got it right back on the next snap and lunged up over top of the pile.
- ►In addition to Tauscher's injury, the Packers sustained three other injuries in the game. Safety Aaron Rouse and defensive tackle Johnny Jolly both had ankle injuries, while cornerback Pat Lee had a knee injury. Safeties Nick Collins (knee contusion) and Atari Bigby (chronic ankle) both got banged up, as did Tory Humphrey (ankle and Brandon Jackson (ankle).



# PACKERS TEAM NOTES

# WHAT LIES AHEAD

- ►The Packers will travel for their final prime-time contest at Chicago Dec. 22, on *Monday Night Football*. With the Packers and Bears currently battling for the division lead, that contest may well decide the NFC North title in the 177th overall meeting between the two clubs.
- ► The Houston Texans will make that franchise's first trip to Lambeau Field for a Dec. 7 matchup.

	<u>Record</u>	NFL R <u>Offense</u>	
Carolina Panthers	(8-3)	16T	11
Houston Texans	(4-7)	4	18T
at Jacksonville Jaguars	(4-7)	21	14
at Chicago Bears	(6-5)	20	15
Detroit Lions	(0-11)	28	31

# **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.

# 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 yongest team for a third consecutive season, Green Bay has experienced NFL players at nearly every position. Only three rookies appear on the Week 11 two-deep – backup quarterback Matt Flynn, offensive guard Josh Sitton and defensive end Jeremy Thompson.

# 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	
2-2	
3-1	
4-0	

# **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.



2008 HONOR ROLL



CB Will Blackmon Week 1 - NFC 'Special Teams Player of the Week'

<u>RB Ryan Grant</u> Week 11 - FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week

<u>Head Coach Mike McCarthy</u> Week 11 - Motorola Coach of the Week

**<u>QB Aaron Rodgers</u>** Week 2 - FedEx Air NFL Player of the Week

<u>S Aaron Rouse</u> 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).

# 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 quarterbacks, 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

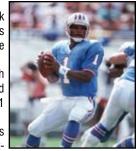
a game, taught me how to watch film, how to break down an opponent, how to study. It was really those things I took with me to Oakland."

- ► 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 (2000-04), 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**

# 20 ATARI BIGBY

Has five interceptions in his last 10 regular-season games played.

# 76 CHAD CLIFTON

- ►A first-time Pro Bowler last year, has played in 126 career games, including 121 starts.
- ► Has started 89 of last 91 games since returning from a serious pelvic injury that ended his 2002 season. Has missed two games due to illness ('06 at Miami, '08 at Tennessee).

## 36 NICK COLLINS

- ► Has five interceptions on the season, a new career high. Heading into the season, Collins had four interceptions in 45 career games.
- ►With four interception returns for scores in his career, matches No. 4 Johnny (Blood) McNally and Charles Woodson on Green Bay's all-time career list. With another, would match No. 2 Bobby Dillon and Darren Sharper, each of whom returned five.
- ► First NFL safety to have three interception return TDs since Kansas City's Lloyd Burruss in 1986.
- ► Needs one INT TD to match the NFL record.
- Tied with Herb Adderley (1965) for team singleseason record with three interception returns for touchdowns.
- Third in team history with 230 interception return yards, trailing only Darren Sharper (233 in 2002) and Bobby Dillion (244 in 1956).

►With four career defensive touchdowns as a

member of the Packers (four interceptions), ties No. 4 (Blood) McNally, Charley Brock and Keith McKenzie.

## 2 MASON CROSBY

- ► Needs nine points for a second consecutive 100-plus point season.
- ► For his career, has hit 31-of-34 field goals from 39 yards and closer.
- Has hit 13-of-18 field goals from 40-49 yards.
- ► Has hit 6-of-10 field goals from 50-plus yards.

## 80 DONALD DRIVER

- ► This season 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 552.
- ► Needs one reception for his seventh season of 50-plus receptions, joining Lofton and Sharpe (both seven) on top of the team's all-time list.
- ► Has a reception in 106 consecutive games, besting the franchise's previous long streak of 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 (7,592) stands at No. 4 in team history.
- Also this season became the all-time leading receiver at Lambeau Field,

surpassing Freeman (3,477 yards). Driver has 3,554 career receiving yards at the stadium.

- Became Lambeau Field's all-time leader in receptions, surpassing Freeman (213) last season. Driver has 259 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).
- Recorded his 19th 100-yard receiving game at Tennessee to match No. 5 Boyd Dowler (19). Needs one to reach No. 4 Freeman (20) and five to equal No. 3 Hutson (24) on the team's all-time list.
- ►With 41 career TD receptions, joins Hutson (99), Sharpe (65), Freeman (57), McGee (50), Lofton (49) and Billy Howton (43) and Dowler (40) 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.

► Also is only the second Packers player with four 80-catch seasons, joining Sharpe (four).

# 25 RYAN GRANT

- ►When he carries the ball 19-or-more times, the Packers are 9-1.
- ► Needs 163 rushing yards for his first career 1,000-yard season.

► Needs 207 rushing yards for 2,000 career. Grant enters with 1,793.

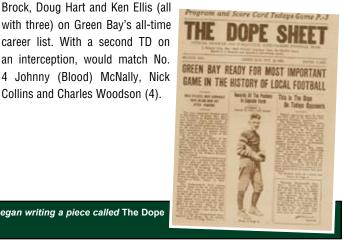
► Registered his second 100-yard performance of the season in Week 11. He has seven career 100-yard games.

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

Needs to return one interception for a touchdown to tie No. 5 Charley

Has 108 career starts.



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**

#### 50 A.J. HAWK

- Surpassed 300 career tackles in Week 2. Hawk enters with 356.
- Also in Week 2, set career high with two sacks.
- ► Has started every game (43 regular season, 2 playoffs) since arriving in Green Bay as the No. 5 overall pick in the 2006 NFL Draft.

#### 85 GREG JENNINGS

- ► Ranks fourth in the NFL in receiving yards (966), first in 20-plus yard catches (17) and tied for first in 40-plus yard catches (six).
- Has caught a pass in 38 consecutive games.
- ► Needs 34 receiving yards to notch his first 1,000-yard season.
- Established a career high with 167 receiving yards in Week 2.
- Has four 100-yard receiving games this season, giving him eight for his career.
- Surpassed 2,000 career receiving yards in Week 4 at Tampa Bay, his 31st career game. Jennings now has 2,518.
- Surpassed 1,000 career receiving yards on the 82-yard, game-winning touchdown catch in OT vs. Denver last season, his 19th career game.

#### 74 AARON KAMPMAN

- ► His 35 sacks since 2006 ranks second among all NFL players.
- ► Surpassed Ezra Johnson (41½) on the team's all-time sack list. Kampman (48½) 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).
- ► Has tallied over 90 tackles for three consecutive seasons.
- ► Has started 84 of the last 85 games. Kampman had his consecutive starts streak stopped at 73 as he was held out of the 2007 regularseason finale vs. Detroit.

#### 86 DONALD LEE

- With 13 career touchdowns, needs two more to match No. 5 Ron Kramer (15) on the franchise's all-time tight ends list.
- ► Last season, set career highs in receptions (48), receiving yards (575)

# **PRONUNCIATION GUIDE**

## **PLAYERS**

Allen BarbreBAR-ber
Atari Bigbyah-TARR-ee BIG-bee
Brian Brohm BRAH-m
Brandon Chillar Chill-ER
Daryn Colledge College
Breno Giacomini Breh-NO GEE-ah-coh-MEE-knee
Brett GoodeG-ewd
Justin Harrell
Cullen Jenkins
Aaron Kampman CAMP-man
John Kuhn
Danny Lansanah lan-SAN-ah
Ruvell Martinroo-VELL
Tony Moll

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.
- Has three career 300-yard games and two 3-TD games.
- Has six games with a passer rating over 100.0 this season.
- His four rushing touchdowns are the most by a Packers quarterback since Don Majkowski (5) in 1989.

#### **37 AARON ROUSE**

Has five interceptions in 21 career games.

#### 65 MARK TAUSCHER

Has played in 120 career games, including 118 starts.

#### 38 TRAMON WILLIAMS

Already established career highs in nearly every statistical category, including tackles (33), interceptions (4) and passes defensed (9).

#### 21 CHARLES WOODSON

- Enters with 34 career interceptions (17 in Green Bay).
- With four interception returns for scores, matches No. 4 Nick Collins and 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.

Charlie Peprah	PEP-rah
Ryan Pickett	PICK-ett
Brady Poppingap	ouh-PING-gah
Aaron Rouse	ROWSE
Josh Sitton	SITT-en
Jason Spitz	SPITTS
Mark Tauscher	TAU-sher
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, Nov. 25, 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
LDE:	74	Aaron Kampman
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LDT:	79	Ryan Pickett
RDT:	97	Johnny Jolly
RDE:	<u>99</u>	<u>Jeremy Thompson</u>
SAM:	51	Brady Poppinga
MIKE:	50	A.J. Hawk
WILL:	54	Brandon Chillar
LCB:	21	Charles Woodson

# RCB:31Al HarrisSS:20Atari BigbyFS:36Nick Collins

K:	2	Mason Crosby
P:	6	Derrick Frost
H:	6	Derrick Frost
PR:	27	Will Blackmon
KR:	27	Will Blackmon
PC:	<u>61</u>	Brett Goode
KC:	<u>61</u>	Brett Goode

# **OFFENSE**

82	Ruvell Martin		
73	Daryn Colledge		
78	Allen Barbre		
72	Jason Spitz		
<u>71</u>	Josh Sitton		
75	Tony Moll	<u>68</u>	<u>Breno Giacomini</u>
84	Tory Humphrey	<u>88</u>	Jermichael Finley
89	James Jones	<u>87</u>	Jordy Nelson
<u>10</u>	<u>Matt Flynn</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>Brian Brohm</u>
32	Brandon Jackson	42	DeShawn Wynn
30	John Kuhn		
	<b>DEFENSE</b>		
57	Jason Hunter	93	Kenny Pettway
90	Colin Cole		
91	Justin Harrell		

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Justin Harrell		
Michael Montgomery		
<u>Danny Lansanah</u>		
Desmond Bishop	56	Nick Barnett
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Will Blackmon	<u>22</u>	<u>Pat Lee</u>
Tramon Williams	24	Jarrett Bush
Aaron Rouse	24	Jarrett Bush
Charlie Peprah		

# **SPECIAL TEAMS**

96 <u>58</u> 55

55 27

38

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6	Derrick Frost	<u>10</u>	<u>Matt Flynn</u>	82	Ruvell Martin
27	Will Blackmon	38	Tramon Williams	<u>87</u>	Jordy Nelson
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## Rookies and first-year players are <u>underlined</u> ##

# **HOW THE PACKERS WERE BUILT**

**DOPE SHEET** 

#### **Active Roster Players Only**

Year	Record	Draft (32)	Trades (2)	Free Agents (16)
1999	8-8-0	WR Donald Driver D7b		
2000	9-7-0	T Chad Clifton D2		
		T Mark Tauscher D7a		
2001	12-4-0			
2002	12-4-0	DE Aaron Kampman D5a		
2003	10-6-0	LB Nick Barnett D1	CB AI Harris (Phi)	
2004				DT Colin Cole
				C Scott Wells (D7-04)
2005	4-12-0	QB Aaron Rodgers D1		S Atari Bigby
		S Nick Collins D2a		TE Tory Humphrey
		LB Brady Poppinga D4b		TE Donald Lee
		DE Michael Montgomery D6a		
2006	8-8-0	LB A.J. Hawk D1		DE Jason Hunter
		G/T Daryn Colledge D2a		WR Ruvell Martin
		WR Greg Jennings D2b		DT Ryan Pickett (UFA)
		G Jason Spitz D3b		CB Tramon Williams
		CB Will Blackmon D4b		CB Charles Woodson (UFA)
		T Tony Moll D5b		
		DT Johnny Jolly D6a		
2007	13-3-0	DT Justin Harrell D1	RB Ryan Grant (NYG)	
		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		
2008		WR Jordy Nelson D2a		LB Brandon Chillar (UFA)
		QB Brian Brohm D2b		P Derrick Frost
		CB Pat Lee D2c		LS Brett Goode
		TE Jermichael Finley D3		LB Danny Lansanah
		DE Jeremy Thompson D4a		DE Kenny Pettway
		G Josh Sitton D4b		RB DeShawn Wynn (D7a-07)
		T Breno Giacomini D5		
		QB Matt Flynn D7a		

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

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# **2008 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS**

				Packers	Oppor	ent
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS				200		202
Rushing				71		89
Passing				115		89
Penalty				14		24
3rd Down: Made/Att.				67/153	55	/146
3rd Down Pct.				43.8		37.7
4th Down: Made/Att.				5/12		0/15
4th Down Pct.				41.7		66.7
POSSESSION AVG				31:03	28	3:57
TOTAL NET YARDS				3646	3	653
Avg. Per Game				331.5	3	32.1
Total Plays				691		701
Avg. Per Play				5.3		5.2
NET YARDS RUSHING				1192	1	572
				108.4		42.9
Avg. Per Game.					I.	
Total Rushes				304	-	326
NET YARDS PASSING				2454		081
Avg. Per Game				223.1	1	89.2
Sacked/Yards Lost				23/151	18	/107
Gross Yards				2605	2	188
Att./Completions				364/230		/190
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Completion Pct.				63.2		53.2
Had Intercepted				9		17
PUNTS/AVERAGE				44/42.0	50/4	13.7
Net Punting Avg				44/36.4	50/	36.2
PENALTIES/YARDS				81/730		526
FUMBLES/BALL LOST				18/5		1/2
TOUCHDOWNS				35		28
						-
Rushing				9		12
Passing				17		15
Returns				9		1
SCORE BY PERIODS						
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	ΟΤ	PTS
PACKERS	44	92	64	103	0	303
OPPONENTS	44	76	54	83	3	260
Mason Crosby.         0           Greg Jennings.         6           Aaron Rodgers         4           Nick Collins.         3           Donald Driver         3           Ryan Grant         3           Donald Lee         3           Will Blackmon         2           John Kuhn         2           Charles Woodson         2           Ruvell Martin         1           Jason Hunter         1           Jardon Jackson         1           Jardy Nelson         1           Jordy Nelson         1           Aaron Rouse         1           PACKERS         35	Ru -Pa -           0         0           4         0           0         0           3         0           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1           0         1	0 0 3 0 0 2 0 2 0 0 1 0 0 1 <b>9</b> 1	K-PAT 34/34 34/34 34/34 26/26	FG 19/23 19/23 20/23	<b>S</b> 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	PTS 91 364 18 18 18 18 12 12 12 12 12 12 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 303 260
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PASSING	At	÷	Cmp	Yds	Cmp <sup>c</sup>	%

RECEIVING		No	Yds	Avq	Long	TD
Greg Jennings		56	966	17.3	62	6
Donald Driver		49	615	12.6	50	3
Donald Lee		30	210	7.0	26	3
Brandon Jackson		26	172	6.6	18	0
Jordy Nelson		24	268	11.2	29t	1
Tory Humphrey		9	126	14.0	37	Ó
James Jones.		8	69	8.6	18	1
Rvan Grant		8	33	4.1		0
Ruvell Martin		7	75	10.7	17	1
Korev Hall		5	29	5.8	11	1
Kregg Lumpkin		3	22	7.3	12	0
Jermichael Finley		2	10	5.0	6	0
John Kuhn		2	3	1.5	2	1
DeShawn Wynn		1	7	7.0	7	0
PACKERS		230	2605	11.3	62	17
OPPONENTS		190	2188	11.5	70t	15
INTERCEPTIONS		No	Yds	Avq	Long	TD
Nick Collins		5	230	46.0	62t	3
Charles Woodson		5	124	24.8	62t	2
Tramon Williams		4	73	18.3	39	0
Aaron Rouse		2	136	68.0	99t	1
Atari Bigby		1	7	7.0	7	0
PACKERS		17	570	33.5	99t	6
OPPONENTS		9	72	8.0	42	0
	o Yds	Avq	Net	тві	In 20 LG	Blk
Derrick Frost 44				5	8 65	0
PACKERS 44				5	8 65	ŏ
OPPONENTS				2	17 65	ŏ
OFF ONENTS	2104	45.7	50.2	2	17 05	U
PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avq	Long	TD
Will Blackmon	25	7	335	13.4	76t	2
PACKERS	25	7	335	13.4	76t	2
OPPONENTS	20	.7	143	7.2	20	ō
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KICKOFF RETURNS		No	Yds	Avq	Long	TD
Will Blackmon		39	836	21.4	45	0
Jordy Nelson.		8	135	16.9	40	Õ
Charles Woodson		1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
PACKERS		48	969	20.2	45	ŏ
OPPONENTS		51	1183	23.2	62	Ō
	•••	51	1100	20.2	02	Ŭ
FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-2	29 3	30-39	40-49	50+
Mason Crosby	0/0		<b>23 (</b> 5/5	7/9	4/4	3/5
PACKERS	0/0	-	5/5	7/9	4/4	3/5
OPPONENTS	0/0		//6	7/7	4/7	3/3
	0/0	0	, 0		- 1	5/5

Crosby: (42G,33B) (25G,39G) (36G,38G,33G) ( ) (53N, 50G) (29G,51G) (31G,36N,29G) (23G,25G,38G) (47G, 40G,52N) (53G,33G,45G) ( ) Opponents: (37G,27G) (38G,49G,53G) (25G,39G) (23G,36G,24G) (42G,41G) (50G) (45B) (31G,25G,22G,47N,41G) (54G,47N) (35G) (30G)

PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Aaron Rodgers	359	228	2599	63.5	7.24	17	4.7	9	2.5	62	23/151	90.5
Matt Flynn	5	2	6	40.0	1.20	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0/0	47.9
PACKERS	364	230	2605	63.2	7.16	17	4.7	9	2.5	62	23/151	89.8
OPPONENTS	357	190	2188	53.2	6.13	15	4.2	17	4.8	70t	18/107	66.1

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# **2008 REGULAR-SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Official totals - based on coaches' film review, through November 24 at New Orleans Includes New Orleans press box statistics

# **SPECIAL TEAMS**

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	Total			Sacks/	Int/	Fum	For	Pass
Player	<u>Tackles</u>	<u>Solo</u>	<u>Asst</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Yards</u>	Rec	<u>Fum</u>	Def
A.J. Hawk		53	19	2.0/8.0	0/0	0	0	2
Nick Collins	. 71	55	16	0.0/0.0	5/230	0	1	11
Nick Barnett		49	19	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	1	2
Aaron Kampman	. 53	37	16	7.5/39.5	0/0	0	0	1
Aaron Rouse	. 53	32	21	0.0/0.0	2/136	0	0	3
Ryan Pickett	. 53	28	25	1.0/4.0	0/0	0	0	4
Johnny Jolly	. 52	32	20	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	4
Brady Poppinga	. 49	31	18	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Charles Woodson	. 46	39	7	2.0/15.0	5/124	0	0	15
Brandon Chillar	. 41	35	6	1.0/5.0	0/0	0	1	5
Colin Cole	. 41	22	19	0.5/5.0	0/0	0	0	4
Michael Montgomery	. 40	29	11	1.0/7.0	0/0	0	0	1
Tramon Williams	. 33	29	4	0.0/0.0	4/73	0	1	9
Atari Bigby	. 30	18	12	0.0/0.0	1/7	0	0	3
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
Desmond Bishop	. 13	9	4	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	1	0
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila		8	5	0.5/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Jeremy Thompson		8	5	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Justin Harrell	. 13	7	6	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Al Harris	. 8	8	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	7
Jason Hunter	. 6	4	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	0	0
Pat Lee	. 1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Totals	815	567	248	18.0/107.0	17/570	2	7	77

Player	тт	FR	FF
Brandon Chillar	12	0	0
Will Blackmon	10	0	0
Jarrett Bush	10	0	0
Korey Hall	9	0	0
Desmond Bishop	8	0	0
Aaron Rouse	7	0	0
John Kuhn	6	0	0
Tracy White	6	0	0
Charlie Peprah	5	0	0
Tramon Williams	5	0	0
Jermichael Finley	4	0	0
Tory Humphrey	4	0	0
Kenny Pettway	4	0	0
Mason Crosby	3	0	0
Michael Montgomery	3	0	0
Nick Collins.	2	0	0
Derrick Frost	2	0	1
Pat Lee	2	0	0
Brady Poppinga	2	0	0
Brett Goode	1	0	0
Jason Hunter	1	0	0
Brandon Jackson	1	0	0
Danny Lansanah	1	0	0
DeShawn Wynn	1	0	0
Totals	109	0	1

## **BLOCKED KICKS**

Player	PAT	FG	P
Johnny Jolly	0	1	0
Totals	0	1	0

# **DEFENSIVE SCORING**

		Int	Fum	
<u>Player</u>	TD	Ret	Ret	Safeties
Nick Collins	3	3	0	0
Charles Woodson	2	2	0	0
Jason Hunter	1	0	1	0
Aaron Rouse	1	1	0	0
Totals	7	7	0	0

#### Defensive touchdowns (7):

Collins — 42-yard interception return at Detroit (9/14); 62-yard interception return vs. Indianapolis (10/19); 59-yard interception return at Minnesota (11/9) Hunter — 54-yard fumble recovery return vs. Chicago (11/16) 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	3
Aaron Rodgers	
Scott Wells	
Chad Clifton	1
Donald Driver	1
Brandon Jackson	1
Mark Tauscher	1
Totals	11

#### Special teams touchdowns (2):

Blackmon — 76-yard punt return vs. Minnesota (9/8); 65-yard punt return at Minnesota (11/9)

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No	ALPHABETICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	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	СВ	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		6-1	330	6/24/80	4	lowa	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	2/2/75	10	Alcorn State	Houston, Texas
88	Finley, Jermichael	TE	6-5	247	3/26/87	R	Texas	Diboll, Texas
6	Frost, Derrick		6-2	210	11/25/80	5	Northern Iowa	St. Louis, Mo.
10	Flynn, Matt	QB	6-2	222	6/20/85	<u>5</u>	Louisiana State	Tyler, Texas
68	Giacomini, Breno	T	6-7	311	9/27/85	R	Louisville	Malden, Mass.
61	Goode, Brett		6-1	261	11/2/84	1	Arkansas	Fort Smith, Ark.
25		RB	6-1	201		2		
	Grant, Ryan				12/9/82	2	Notre Dame	Ramsey, N.J.
35	Hall, Korey		6-0	243	8/5/83	2	Boise State	Glenns Ferry, Idaho
91	Harrell, Justin		6-4	320	2/14/84	11	Tennessee	Aug. 25 (back)
31	Harris, Al	CB	6-1	190	12/7/74		Texas A&M-Kingsville	Pompano Beach, Fla.
	Hawk, A.J	~	6-1	248	1/6/84	3	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio
84	Humphrey, Tory		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			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	<u>Kuhn, John</u>	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		6-4	248	8/31/80	6	Mississippi State	Maben, Miss.
22	Lee, Pat	СВ	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
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Practice Squad

13	Allen, Jake	6-4	196	1/18/85	R	Mississippi College	Waynesboro, Miss.
95	Bledsoe, Fred	6-3	329	4/7/86	R	Arkansas	Little Rock, Ark.
64	Carvalho, Brennen	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	6-3	248	2/2/83	1	UCLA	Grass Valley, Calif.
98	Malone, Alfred	6-4	312	2/21/82	1	Troy	Frisco City, Ala.
40	Porter, Joe	5-10	203	11/27/85	1	Rutgers	Franklin, N.J.
16	Swain, Brett	6-0	203	6/21/85	R	San Diego State	Carlsbad, Calif.

Injured Reserve

19	Bodiford, ShaunW	R 5-11	196	5/4/82	3	Portland State	July 28 (back)
46	Jansen, J.JL	6 6-2	256	1/20/86	R	Notre Dame	Aug. 31 (knee)
77	Jenkins, Cullen	E 6-2	305	1/20/81	5	Central Michigan	Oct. 1 (pectoral)
28	Lumpkin, Kregg R	3 5-11	228	5/15/84	R	Georgia	Oct. 11 (hamstring)
44	Moore, Evan	E 6-6	247	1/3/85	R	Stanford	Aug. 19 (knee)

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

#### Practice Squad

13	Jake Allen	6-4	196	23	R	Mississippi College	FA-08	0/0/0/0
16	Brett Swain	6-0	203	23	R	San Diego State	D7b-08	0/0/0/0
40	Joe Porter	5-10	203	23	1	Rutgers	FA-07	0/0/0/0
45	Kennard Cox	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	6-1	300	21	R	Portland State	FA-08	0/0/0/0
69	Anthony Toribio DT	6-1	304	23	R	Carson-Newman	FA-08	0/0/0/0
98	Alfred Malone	6-4	312	26	1	Troy	FA-07	0/0/0/0

#### Injured Reserve

19	Shaun BodifordWR	5-11	196	26	3	Portland State	FA-07	July 28 (back)
28	Kregg Lumpkin	5-11	228	24	R	Georgia	FA-08	Oct. 11 (hamstring)
44	Evan MooreTE	6-6	247	23	R	Stanford	FA-08	Aug. 19 (knee)
46	J.J. Jansen LS	6-2	256	22	R	Notre Dame	FA-08	Aug. 31 (knee)
77	Cullen Jenkins	6-2	305	27	5	Central Michigan	FA-04	Oct. 1 (pectoral)