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## MEETING NO. 177 BETWEEN PACKERS, BEARS

On the heels of being eliminated from playoff contention, Green Bay heads to Chicago to face its oldest rival on *Monday Night Football*.

- ▶ With another close loss Sunday at Jacksonville, the Packers dropped their third consecutive game by four points or less.
- ▶ Since the bye week — when the club was 4-3 and tied for first place in the NFC North — the Packers have dropped six of seven games. Five of those losses have come by four-or-fewer points.
- ▶ Their lone win in that stretch came in dominating fashion, 37-3, against the archrival Bears. The Packers will search for the season sweep Monday in meeting No. 177 in the venerable series. No two clubs have met on the gridiron more than the Packers and Bears.
- ▶ For the ninth time in the rivalry, the teams will square off under the bright lights of *Monday Night Football*.
- ▶ Green Bay leads the Monday night series 5-3, which includes five straight Packers wins. The last came on Sept. 29, 2003, a 38-23 Green Bay victory at Soldier Field.
- ▶ Though they lost last year's game at Chicago, the Packers have won 12 of the last 15 meetings at Soldier Field.
- ▶ The Packers will look to keep up their success in the Windy City against a rested Chicago team. The Bears defeated the Saints 27-24 in OT last Thursday and have won three of four since the loss to Green Bay.
- ▶ With two division opponents remaining on the schedule, Green Bay can finish with the best division record in the NFC North.



## WITH THE CALL

ESPN enters its third season as host of the most successful series in sports television history, *Monday Night Football*. Play-by-play man **Mike Tirico** is joined by analysts **Ron Jaworski** and **Tony Kornheiser** for the 39th season of *MNF* broadcasts.

- ▶ The contest also will air as a simulcast locally on WBAY (Ch. 2) in Green Bay and WISN (Ch. 12) in Milwaukee. ESPN International will air the contest in three languages to over 180 countries.
- ▶ Milwaukee's WTMJ (620 AM), airing Green Bay games since 1929, heads up the 56-station Packers Radio Network, with **Wayne Larrivee** (play-by-play) and two-time Packers Pro Bowler **Larry McCarren** (color) calling the action. The duo enter their 10th season of broadcasts together across the Packers Radio Network, which covers 47 markets in six states.
- ▶ Westwood One will air the game across the country. **Ian Eagle** (play-by-play) and **Boomer Esiason** (analyst) will call the action. **Jim Gray** hosts pregame and halftime shows.
- ▶ Univision Radio will broadcast the game nationally in Spanish. **Rafael Hernandez Brito** (play-by-play), **Eduardo Martell** (color) and **Mario Guzman** (color) serve as the broadcast team.
- ▶ For out-of-town listeners, the broadcast is available to NFL Field Pass subscribers on [www.packers.com](http://www.packers.com) as well as on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 125 WTMJ feed) as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive. DIRECTV subscribers can watch the game in HD on channel 206.

## COLLINS, WOODSON EARN PRO BOWL HONORS

S **Nick Collins** and CB **Charles Woodson** learned Tuesday that they will represent the NFC as starters in the 2009 Pro Bowl.

- ▶ For Collins, this marks his first career Pro Bowl selection. The fourth-year pro is tied for the lead in the NFC with five interceptions and ranks first among all NFL players with three interception returns for scores and 230 interception return yards. Collins ranks second on the team with 93 tackles and third in passes defended with 11.
- ▶ Woodson earns his fifth career Pro Bowl selection and first with Green Bay. He also is tied for the NFC lead with five interceptions, two of which he has returned for touchdowns. This season, he has established a career high with three sacks, ranks fourth on the team in tackles (72) and leads the club with 17 passes defended. The 11th-year pro is making his first trip to the Pro Bowl since 2001.

## PRESEASON

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

## REGULAR SEASON

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Mon., Sept. 8	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	W, 24-19	(71,004)
Sun., Sept. 14	at Detroit Lions	W, 48-25	(60,285)
Sun., Sept. 21	DALLAS COWBOYS (Gold Pkg.)	L, 16-27	(71,113)
Sun., Sept. 28	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	L, 21-30	(64,122)
Sun., Oct. 5	ATLANTA FALCONS	L, 24-27	(70,610)
Sun., Oct. 12	at Seattle Seahawks	W, 27-17	(68,302)
Sun., Oct. 19	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	W, 34-14	(71,010)
Sun., Oct. 26	Open Date		
Sun., Nov. 2	at Tennessee Titans	L, 16-19+	(69,143)
Sun., Nov. 9	at Minnesota Vikings	L, 27-28	(63,845)
Sun., Nov. 16	CHICAGO BEARS (Gold Pkg.)	W, 37-3	(71,040)
Mon., Nov. 24	at New Orleans Saints	L, 29-51	(70,668)
Sun., Nov. 30	CAROLINA PANTHERS	L, 31-35	(70,297)
Sun., Dec. 7	HOUSTON TEXANS	L, 21-24	(70,245)
Sun., Dec. 14	at Jacksonville Jaguars	L, 16-20	(65,457)
Mon., Dec. 22	at Chicago Bears	7:30 p.m.	ESPN
Sun., Dec. 28	DETROIT LIONS	*12 noon	FOX

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





## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### THE INJURY BUG

Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** has steadfastly refused to use injuries as an excuse in his tenure in Green Bay, but it's evident that the team has seen its starters miss three times as many games as last season, a disparity that will only grow over the season's final two weeks.

- ▶ The team's 22 primary starters have missed a combined 35 games through the first 14 weeks of the season.
- ▶ Using the same qualifications, which doesn't account for starts missed due to formation changes or other non-injury issues, the Packers missed 10 games from primary starters in 2007 due to injuries.
- ▶ But the fact is the Packers have been hit by injuries to key players, specifically on defense. Defensive end **Cullen Jenkins** was lost for the season in the fourth game at Tampa Bay, and Green Bay's pass rush has been inconsistent ever since.
- ▶ Through their first four games, the Packers registered nine sacks, but have only 14 in the 10 games since Jenkins has been sidelined.
- ▶ The defense has been without middle linebacker **Nick Barnett** for the past five games, while safety **Atari Bigby** has been injured most of the year and missed seven games.
- ▶ Barnett was leading the team in tackles before his knee injury and led the team in tackles a season ago. Bigby hurt his hamstring in Week 2 at Detroit and has struggled with a number of nagging injuries ever since. He led the team in interceptions and finished third on the club in tackles a year ago, his first season as a starter.

### LOOKING AHEAD TO 2009

The Packers are guaranteed to finish third in the NFC North, which does begin to solidify next season's schedule.

- ▶ Green Bay already knows it will host Baltimore, Cincinnati, San Francisco and Seattle next season. It will also host the third-place finisher from the NFC East, which could be any one of three teams (Dallas, Philadelphia, Washington).
- ▶ The Packers will travel to Arizona, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, St. Louis, and the third-place finisher from the NFC South. That could be either Atlanta, New Orleans or Tampa Bay.
- ▶ If the standings were to hold true over the final two weeks, Green Bay would need a tiebreaker with Jacksonville and San Francisco to see who would pick at spots Nos. 8-10 in April's NFL Draft.
- ▶ It's too early to determine draft order and tiebreaker scenarios is much too early to do at this point. All NFL Draft tiebreakers are based on strength of schedule, with the weaker strength of schedule getting the higher pick.

### PACKERS TRIO TOUGH TO THROW ON

CB **Tramon Williams** has continued his rapid ascension into a playmaker at the NFL level, joining teammates **Nick Collins** and **Charles Woodson** atop the NFC leaderboard with five interceptions.

- ▶ Green Bay is the only NFL team with three players at five or more interceptions, while its 18 interceptions is the tied for fifth in the NFL.
- ▶ It is the first time since 1996 that the Packers have had three players with five interceptions in a season. In '96, Eugene Robinson picked off six passes and LeRoy Butler and Doug Evans each posted five.

### LULL IN RECORD-BREAKING RETURNS

DE **Jason Hunter** returned a fumble 54 yards for a score against Chicago in Week 11, the team's last return touchdown.

- ▶ Green Bay established new franchise records for return touchdowns (nine) and defensive touchdowns (seven) with Hunter's return, all of which were accumulated in the season's first 10 games.
- ▶ The Packers have not had a return touchdown, either on defense or special teams, over the last four games, its longest drought of the year.
- ▶ Still, 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 interception 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 two games left, league records as well.



### NOTE OF THE WEEK

The Packers' 20-16 loss last Sunday at Jacksonville was their third consecutive defeat by four points or less.

- ▶ For the season, it was their sixth defeat by four-or-fewer points.
- ▶ That ties the highest total in franchise history for a single season.
- ▶ Green Bay also lost six games by four points-or-less in 1991.



### GREEN BAY ON MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

The Bears contest marks the final of three appearances this season on ESPN's *Monday Night Football*.

- ▶ This is the 16th consecutive season with an appearance on Monday night for Green Bay, the NFC's longest *MNF* appearance streak. In the NFL, only Denver (1992-2008) now has a longer streak.
- ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** is an even 2-2 on Monday night in Green Bay, which is on par with the franchise's remarkably even record in Monday night games. Its all-time record stands at 26-26-1.
- ▶ On Kickoff Weekend, the Packers bested the Vikings, 24-19, on Monday night. In Week 12, they had their most lopsided defeat of the season, a 51-29 loss at New Orleans. Green Bay also hosted *MNF* at Lambeau Field for the preseason opener against the Cincinnati Bengals.



Team	Season	INT TDs
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. Chicago Bears**



**All-time regular season:**  
80-89-6

**All-time, postseason:**  
0-1

**All-time, at Soldier Field:** 18-17-0

**Streaks:** The Bears have won five of the last seven meetings overall, but the Packers have won 12 of the last 15 in Chicago.

**Last meeting, regular season:**

Nov. 16, 2008, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 37-3

**Last meeting, regular season, at Soldier Field:**

Dec. 23, 2007; Bears won, 35-7

**COACHES CAPSULES**

**Mike McCarthy:** 27-21-0, .563, (incl. 1-1 postseason); 3rd NFL season

**Lovie Smith:** 46-36-0, .561, (incl. 2-2 postseason); 5th NFL season

**Head to Head:** Smith 3-2

**vs. Opponent:** McCarthy 2-3 vs. Bears; Smith 6-3 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).

**LOVIE SMITH**...Is in fifth year as the Bears' 13th head coach.

- ▶ With 36 regular-season wins in his first four seasons, tied Mike Ditka for second-most wins in a coach's first four seasons with the franchise, one behind George Halas.
- ▶ Guided Chicago to its first Super Bowl appearance in 21 years in '06.
- ▶ Named the *Associated Press* NFL Coach of the Year in 2005 after he led a worst-to-first revival in the NFC North. The Bears' six-win improvement from the previous season was tied for the biggest in the NFL that year.
- ▶ Came to Chicago from St. Louis, where he served as defensive coordinator from 2001-03, helping the Rams return to the Super Bowl in 2001. Prior to that, coached LBs for Tampa Bay from 1996-2000.

**THE PACKERS-BEARS SERIES**

The NFL's most prolific rivalry, no two teams have met more than the Packers and Bears. Sunday they face off for the 177th time.

- ▶ The Bears' two wins in 2007 marked the second Chicago sweep in three years in the series. Prior to 2005, the Bears hadn't posted a sweep since 1991, before Brett Favre became Green Bay's quarterback. The Bears have the lead in the NFL's richest rivalry, 89-80-6. The last time the gap had been as close as seven prior to 2005 was the end of World War II and the Don Hutson era, 1945, when the Packers trailed 27-20-5.
- ▶ The last time Green Bay led the series? On the heels of its three straight NFL championships, 1932, when the Packers led 11-10-5. Two months after Babe Ruth allegedly called his shot at Wrigley Field in the 1932 World Series, the Bears stole from Green Bay a fourth straight title (which at the time was determined by league standings). Chicago barely finished atop the league standings, which unlike today did not count ties. Had the league counted ties in standings, the Packers would

have won. The next year, 1933, the NFL began determining its champion with postseason games.

- ▶ The Packers meet Lovie Smith for the 10th time as Bears head coach. Smith on Jan. 15, 2004, elevated one of sports' top rivalries to another level, saying his No. 1 goal, ahead of winning the division and Super Bowl, was to beat Green Bay. He won on Sept. 19, 2004, after the Packers went 18-2 against Chicago from 1994-2003. On only four occasions in NFL history has a team enjoyed a better 20-game stretch against a single opponent.

**NOTABLE CONNECTIONS**

Green Bay running backs coach Edgar Bennett finished his playing career in Chicago (1998-99)...Packers assistant offensive line coach Jerry Fontenot was a third-round draft choice of the Bears in 1989 and was a mainstay at center in his eight seasons (1989-96) in Chicago...Bears running backs coach Tim Spencer played with the late Reggie White, the Packers' all-time sacks leader, with Memphis of the USFL in 1985...Bears assistant defensive backs coach Gill Byrd served as the Packers executive director/player programs and community affairs from 1999-2001... Lovie Smith was a University of Wisconsin assistant in 1987, while Bears defensive coordinator Bob Babich spent two seasons on the Badgers' staff (1988-89)...Bears LB Hunter Hillenmeyer was taken by Green Bay in the fifth round of the 2003 NFL Draft...Bears DE Mark Anderson and Packers S Charlie Peprah were teammates at Alabama...Bears G Dan Buenning is a Green Bay-area native and played at Wisconsin...Bears G Josh Beekman and Packers CB Will Blackmon were teammates at Boston College.

**INDIVIDUALLY VS. BEARS**

Donald Driver's career-long catch was an 85-yard TD reception at Chicago (Champaign) on Oct. 7, 2002, on Monday Night Football...Nick Collins intercepted a career-high two passes against the Bears on Dec. 31, 2006, including a 55-yard interception return for a touchdown...The first two-interception game of Charles Woodson's career, and his only two-INT effort prior to the Seattle game in 2006, came at Chicago on Oct. 5, 2003, while playing for Oakland...Ryan Grant's 66-yard TD run in Chicago last year was a career-long, and his 145 yards rushing in the first meeting this year is a season-high.

**LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON**

Nov. 16, 2008, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 37-3.

- ▶ In the most lopsided score in the rivalry in 14 years, the Packers held the Bears to just 234 total yards and nine first downs. The Packers pounded out a season-high 200 yards on the ground, with Ryan Grant gaining 145 on 20 carries and Brandon Jackson adding 50 on 10 rushes. Grant's 4-yard TD run late in the second quarter made it 14-3.
- ▶ Aaron Rodgers was an efficient 23-of-30 for 227 yards (105.8 rating), throwing short TD passes to Greg Jennings and Donald Lee.
- ▶ Jason Hunter's 54-yard fumble return for a score in the fourth quarter was Green Bay's sixth defensive touchdown on the season.

**LAST MEETING, AT SOLDIER FIELD**

Dec. 23, 2007, at Soldier Field; Bears won, 35-7.

- ▶ On a frigid Sunday afternoon, the Bears blocked two punts and Brian Urlacher returned an interception 85 yards for a TD in a rout that ended Green Bay's chances of landing the No. 1 seed for the NFC playoffs.
- ▶ A 66-yard TD run by Ryan Grant (14 carries, 100 yards) in the second quarter put the Packers ahead 7-6, but it was all Chicago from there.
- ▶ In the final two minutes of the half, the Bears drove 55 yards for a touchdown, an 8-yard run by Adrian Peterson (30 carries, 102 yards). In the second half, Charles Tillman's blocked punt, returned 7 yards by Corey Graham for a TD, preceded Urlacher's defensive score to conclude the blowout.



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### TOUGH ROAD STRETCH CONTINUES

With a fourth consecutive road loss Nov. 24 in New Orleans, Green Bay must get back to the road success it is accustomed to under Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** to snap its losing streak.

- ▶ Monday night marks Green Bay's final road game of the season, so the team will try and improve its road record to 3-5.
- ▶ Green Bay has been just as good on the road (13-10) as it has at home (13-10) under McCarthy.
- ▶ Despite the recent four-game skid, the Packers have been one of the league's best road teams since McCarthy arrived in 2006. A look at the top road teams in the NFL since McCarthy took over :

Team	W-L record	Pct.
New England	20-3	.869
N.Y. Giants	17-6	.739
Indianapolis	16-7	.695
Dallas	15-8	.652
Chicago	13-10	.565
<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>13-10</b>	<b>.565</b>

### TEMPERATURE GOES DOWN, RUN GAME HEATS UP

After two straight games of averaging over five yards per rush, the Packers struggled against the Jacksonville Jaguars, gaining only 84 yards on 28 carries (3.0 avg).

- ▶ The Packers totaled their best rushing effort of the season against the Bears in the Week 11 matchup, totaling 200 yards on the ground.
- ▶ Against the Bears, RB **Ryan Grant** ran for a season-high 145 yards and a touchdown, while RB **Brandon Jackson** averaged five yards per rush (50 yards, 10 carries) in backup duty.
- ▶ 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 have failed to run consistently on the road this season, while at other times a deficit has forced them to abandon the run game. Green Bay's effort on the road in Jacksonville never seemed to get going, as the club did not have a single rush for 10-plus yards.
- ▶ 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 finish from the Notre Dame product, not to mention Jackson, 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

### TAKEAWAY POINTS KEY FOR PACKERS

Green Bay (plus-six) stands 10th in turnover ratio in the NFL, while Chicago (plus-five) is right behind the Packers at 11th. Who wins the turnover battle, one of football's most important statistics, on Monday night just may emerge victorious.

- ▶ Green Bay has 24 takeaways (18 interceptions, six fumble recoveries) on the season against 18 turnovers. Chicago's 29 takeaways (21 interceptions, eight fumble recoveries) is tied for the NFL lead, but it also has 24 giveaways (12 interceptions, 12 fumbles).
- ▶ The Packers lead all NFL teams with 114 points off takeaways. Baltimore (113) is just behind the Packers at No. 2. The Bears rank No. 9 with 80 points off turnovers.
- ▶ On the other side of the ball, the team has surrendered 61 points off the

18 turnovers this year – 24 of which came at Tampa in Week 4. That point total off turnovers is 13th lowest in the NFL.

- ▶ A rarity occurred for the Packers four 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.

### UPON A CLOSER LOOK AT THE STATS

Some of the good, bad and strange statistics through 14 games:

- ▶ **Aaron Rodgers'** four rushing scores are the most by a Packers QB since Don Majkowski had five rushing scores in 1989.
- ▶ Green Bay's pass defense has allowed 119 first downs through the air, fewest in the NFL. Philadelphia is No. 2 with 127. However, Green Bay has given up 112 first downs on the ground, fourth most in the league.
- ▶ Opponents have surely noted the disparity in Green Bay's first-down defensive statistics. Against the run on first down, the Packers allow 4.78 yards per rush, seventh highest in the NFL. When Green Bay defends the pass on first downs, it is holding opposing quarterbacks to a 69.2 rating, fourth-lowest in the NFL.
- ▶ Thanks in large part to CB **Will Blackmon**, Green Bay's punt return unit ranks fourth in the NFL. The club's punt coverage has been limiting opponents as well, ranking ninth in the league.
- ▶ Kick return and kickoff coverage where special teams has been struggling. Green Bay's return unit ranks last in the NFL, while its coverage, ranked 13th heading into the New Orleans contest, has slipped to 19th after some sub-par performances.

### IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS, 2008



GREEN BAY (Team)			CHICAGO (Team)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (+6) . . . . .	3	10	Turnover Margin (+5) . . . . .	4	11
Total Offense (343.5) . . . . .	7	10	Total Offense (302.1) . . . . .	13	25
Rushing (109.2) . . . . .	10	21	Rushing (109.3) . . . . .	9	20
Passing (234.3) . . . . .	5	9	Passing (192.9) . . . . .	12	22
Total Defense (344.5) . . . . .	13	24	Total Defense (326.8) . . . . .	9	17
vs. Rush (138.2) . . . . .	14	26	vs. Rush (93.1) . . . . .	4T	7T
vs. Pass (206.3) . . . . .	7	13	vs. Pass (233.6) . . . . .	15	28
Third-Down Offense (44.1%) . . .	3	6	Third-Down Offense (37.1%) . . .	12	24
Third-Down Defense (39.8%) . . .	12	20	Third-Down Defense (33.7%) . . .	3	6
Red-Zone Offense (61.0%) . . . . .	3	6	Red-Zone Offense (53.5%) . . . . .	7	14
Red-Zone Defense (53.3%) . . . . .	10	19	Red-Zone Defense (53.2%) . . . . .	9	18

GREEN BAY (Individual)			CHICAGO (Individual)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Grant (1036) . . . . .	6	9	Rushing: Forté (1115) . . . . .	5	8
Passing: Rodgers (91.8) . . . . .	6	9	Passing: Orton (80.1) . . . . .	12	22
Receptions: Jennings (69) . . . . .	8T	16T	Receptions: Forté (58) . . . . .	14T	30T
Rec. Yds.: Jennings (1153) . . . . .	5	6	Rec. Yds.: Hester (568) . . . . .	24	NR
Sacks: Kampman (9.5) . . . . .	6	11T	Sacks: A. Brown (6.0) . . . . .	14T	26T
Interceptions: Collins (5) . . . . .	1T	2T	Interceptions: Payne (4) . . . . .	5T	11T
Williams (5) . . . . .	1T	2T			
Woodson (5) . . . . .	1T	2T			





## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### DEFENSE SUCCUMBS TO BIG PLAYS

After giving up nine “big plays” — gains of 20-plus yards — to the Houston Texans two weeks ago, Green Bay allowed just three last Sunday at Jacksonville.

- ▶ All three of the Jaguars’ big plays came through the air.
- ▶ The Packers have allowed 51 plays of 20-plus yards this season, tied with Houston for the 11th highest total in the league.
- ▶ Most troubling is that those big plays are costing the Packers on the scoreboard, and it happened again in Jacksonville. They have allowed 13 touchdowns on plays of 20 yards or more, the highest in the league. Arizona and Oakland are tied at No. 2 with 12.
- ▶ The Packers have allowed 14 big runs this season — tied for fifth highest in the league — and 34 big passes — tied for 14th.

### WHEN THE PACKERS RUN

Green Bay faces a defense that statistically ranks lower against the run (tied for seventh) than against the pass (28th), but **Ryan Grant** and **Brandon Jackson** were able to gash the Bears last game to the tune of 200 yards.

- ▶ Green Bay, ranked 21st in the league in rushing offense, struggled against the Jaguars and will look to get back on track against the Bears.
- ▶ 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 in short-yardage situations.

### WHEN THE BEARS RUN

Rookie running back Matt Forté headlines the class of rookie running backs. Forté (No. 8) ranks just ahead of Ryan Grant (No. 9) in rushing.

- ▶ The rookie back from Tulane has proven to be a dual threat as well, as he also leads the team in receptions with 58.
- ▶ His 1,539 yards from scrimmage ranks third in the NFL, and he is one of three rookie running backs ranked in the league’s top 10. Containing Forte in both the run and pass game will be a top priority for defensive coordinator **Bob Sanders** and his unit.
- ▶ The Packers have struggled against the run this year, ranking near the bottom of the league (26th) while giving up 138.2 yards per contest.
- ▶ The Packers have given up six 100-yard rushers on the season, including Houston’s Steve Slaton (120 yards on 26 carries) two weekends ago. Green Bay is 1-5 in those six games.

### WHEN THE PACKERS PASS

Green Bay’s passing unit, ranked ninth in the league, goes against a Chicago pass defense that ranks 28th in the NFL.

- ▶ Big-play wideouts **Greg Jennings** and **Donald Driver** will look to continue their productive seasons against the Jaguars’ secondary. Jennings (16.7 yards per catch) and Driver (13.5) 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.
- ▶ Jones, who had a career high 132 receiving yards last Sunday, looks to finally be healthy after battling through a knee injury. That allows for the return of the ‘Big 5’ formation, which 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 go with another variation of the five-wide set, spreading tight end **Donald Lee** out wide. Lee (39) and RB **Brandon Jackson** (30) rank Nos. 3 and tied for 4, respectively, on the club in receptions.

### WHEN THE BEARS PASS

Bears QB Kyle Orton did not have a good outing against the Packers defense in Week 11, completing 13-of-26 passes (50%) for 133 yards and a 65.1 quarterback rating. Orton’s fumble on a fourth-down attempt led to DE **Jason Hunter’s** first career NFL touchdown.

- ▶ The Chicago pass offense, ranked 22nd in the NFL, relies upon a running back (Forté, 58 catches) and a tight end (Greg Olsen, 45 catches) as its top two pass catchers. Wideouts Rashied Davis (33 receptions) and Devin Hester (43 catches), however, are capable of hitting for a big play at any time. Tight end Desmond Clark (36 catches) is another one of Orton’s favorite targets, with the team often times going with multiple tight-end formations.

### TOUGH AGAINST QUARTERBACKS

Green Bay allowed 238 passing yards to David Garrard and the Jaguars, but did give up chunks of yardage at critical times.

- ▶ The pass defense unit slipped to sixth in the NFL with an opposing QB rating of 74.1. The Packers led the league for much of the season but have slipped down the rankings in recent weeks.
- ▶ Green Bay’s defense has been able to smother potential receivers, allowing opposing signal callers to complete just 55.9% of their passes. That is tied for the third-lowest opponent completion percentage in the league, slightly behind the Baltimore (52.0%) and Philadelphia (53.9%). Washington is also allowing opponent passers to complete 55.9%.



### NICK SIX

Fourth-year pro S **Nick Collins** is enjoying his best season to date and was rewarded this week when he was named the NFC starter at free safety for February’s Pro Bowl.

- ▶ He ranks second on the team with 93 tackles and could surpass his previous career high of 102, established in 2006.
- ▶ Collins is tied with teammates **Charles Woodson** and **Tramon Williams** for first place in the NFC 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 191. With two 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, as both were selected to the 2009 Pro Bowl.



## 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 15, Jennings ranks No. 6 among all NFL receivers with a career-high 1,153 yards, his first 1,000-yard season.
- ▶ Jennings' 19 catches of 20 yards-or-more ranks tied for first among all NFL receivers with Detroit WR Calvin Johnson and Carolina's Steve Smith.
- ▶ Jennings also is tied for first in the NFL in 40-plus yard receptions with seven. Johnson and San Diego WR Vincent Jackson also have seven.
- ▶ Among the NFL leaders in receptions (min. 50 catches), Jennings' average of 16.7 yards per catch is tied for fourth in the league. Only Carolina's Smith (17.7), Detroit's Johnson (17.9) and San Diego's Jackson (18.8) average more yards per catch. Last season, Jennings' 17.4 yards per catch ranked fourth in the NFL.
- ▶ While he ranks sixth in the NFL in yardage, Jennings (66) ranks tied for 16th among receptions leaders.
- ▶ Jennings' long TD catch at Seattle was his 10th of at least 40 yards in length. He has 23 career TDs.
- ▶ His 4-yard TD catch against the Jaguars lowered his average TD catch for his career. Jennings has a staggering average of 32.3 yards per TD reception for his career.

### GRANT SURPASSES 1,000

Last Sunday, second-year pro **Ryan Grant** became the eighth back in franchise history to surpass the 1,000-yard milestone for the first time in his career.

- ▶ Grant hit the mark for the first time in his career, making it the 20th such season by a running back in Packers history.
- ▶ He nearly hit the mark last season, totaling 956 yards on 188 carries (5.1 avg). Grant entered the final regular-season contest of '07 with 899 rushing yards. After totaling 57 yards on six carries, Grant left the game with a stinger and was held out for the remainder of the game by a coaching decision as the team got ready for the playoff push.
- ▶ Grant's position coach **Edgar Bennett** accomplished the feat with the Packers in 1995 when he rushed for 1,067 yards on 316 carries.
- ▶ RB Ahman Green was the last Green Bay running back to accomplish the feat, which he did six times (2000-04, 2006).
- ▶ The Notre Dame product can reach another career milestone Monday night. He needs eight rushing yards to surpass 2,000 for his career.
- ▶ It has only been 26 games, including playoffs, since Grant took over duties as the team's full-time back. Over that time, Grant has piled up 2,195 rushing yards and 15 TDs on 490 carries (4.48 avg).

### WANTED: EXPLOSIVE GAINS

In what has been a familiar theme this season, the Packers picked up four big plays through the air against Jacksonville but failed to produce a run of 20-plus yards.

- ▶ Big plays served as the catalyst to Green Bay's high-octane offense last season, and all of those weapons at the skill positions returned 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 50 big plays (gains of 20 yards-or-more) thus far on

the season. Seven have come via the rush (Grant 4, Jackson 2, Rodgers) and 43 through the air (Jennings 19, Driver 12, Humphrey 3, Jones 3, D. Lee 3, Nelson 3). That total (50) ranks tied for 12th in the NFL.

- ▶ QB **Aaron Rodgers'** eight TD passes of 20 yards or more is tied for the third-highest total in the NFL. Drew Brees (11) leads all quarterbacks, with Tony Romo (10) second. Gus Frerotte, Philip Rivers and Rodgers are all tied with eight such TD throws.
- ▶ The Packers' current big-play pace would put them right around 57 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.
- ▶ Its hard to say a lack of big plays has been a major reason for the 5-9 record, as the Packers have scored 371 points, fifth highest in the NFL.



▶ The offense's big play numbers are down thanks to the other phases contributing big plays of their own. The defense and special teams have contributed nine touchdowns, a new team record. The Packers have also had more long, time-consuming drives this season, with 28 drives of 10 plays or more. That total ranks tied for eighth in the league.

### LEE LANDS IN END ZONE AGAIN

After a slow statistical start to the season, tight end **Donald Lee** has found the end zone five times, proving to be one of **Aaron Rodgers'** most reliable targets inside the red zone.

▶ Lee is beginning to accumulate similar numbers to his breakout season in 2007, when he set career highs in receptions (48), receiving yards (575) and touch-

- down receptions (6) and was a Pro Bowl alternate.
- ▶ He can challenge some of those numbers again this season, having already caught five touchdowns among his 39 receptions.
- ▶ His 20-yard scoring play against the Texans was his 15th career touchdown as a member of the Packers, tying him with No. 5 Ron Kramer on the team's all-time tight ends list.
- ▶ Paul Coffman (1978-85) leads all Packers tight ends with 39 TD catches, while Bubba Franks (2000-07) ranks second with 32.

### JONES RETURNS IN A BIG WAY

Wideout **James Jones** has been limited for much of the season by a knee injury suffered in the preseason, limiting his reps in some games while causing him to be sidelined for six others.

- ▶ Now healthy, Jones established a career high in Jacksonville with 132 receiving yards as he found separation down the sideline on three occasions.
- ▶ The three long catches by Jones were his first of the season of 20-plus yards.
- ▶ Rookie wideout **Jordy Nelson** (30 catches, 330 yards, two touchdowns) has filled in nicely in the No. 3 role in Jones' absence, while veteran **Donald Driver** continues to provide a veteran presence.
- ▶ Driver needs 162 receiving yards for a fifth consecutive 1,000-yard season. His four consecutive seasons already are a franchise record. Also, Driver needs 177 yards to surpass the venerable **Don Hutson** (7,991) on the team's all-time list. Driver enters with 7,815 yards.



**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.
- ▶ Due to injuries at safety, and the coaching staff wanting to get their best players on the field, Woodson has lined up at safety in each of the last three games.
- ▶ He ranks first on the team in passes defended (17), second in sacks (3) and fourth in tackles (72).
- ▶ It's hard to imagine any NFL cornerback playing better than Woodson right now. The 11-year pro will make his fifth Pro Bowl appearance and first since 2001.
- ▶ Among active players, Woodson's six career interception returns for scores ranks near the top of the NFL. Four have come as a member of the Packers:

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



- 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 workload and has continued to be on the field on nearly every down since.
- ▶ Williams has had some terrific teammates to work with and learn from. Woodson is a now five-time Pro Bowler, while Al Harris was honored as an alternate this season after making his first career appearance a season ago.

**KAMPMAN HEADLINES PASS RUSH**

Pro Bowl defensive end **Aaron Kampman** has been the defense's only consistent pass-rush threat this season.

- ▶ Green Bay's 23 sacks ranks as the seventh lowest total in the league, well down from the pace a season ago when the defense collected 36.
- ▶ Besides Kampman, Woodson, with three sacks, is the only other active player to record a sack in multiple games.
- ▶ Woodson was the only Green Bay player to record a sack against the Bears in Week 11. Chicago has done a good job protecting the quarterback this season, allowing 24 sacks through 14 games.
- ▶ With DE **Cullen Jenkins** (2.5 sacks) out for the season, the Packers must count on younger ends like **Jason Hunter**, **Michael Montgomery**, and **Jeremy Thompson** to help ease the pressure on Kampman.
- ▶ With 9.5 sacks already this year, Kampman remains one of the most feared pass rushers in today's game.
- ▶ Kampman, third on the team with 73 tackles, will look to tally 90-plus tackles for a fourth consecutive season. What's more, he's been a constant in the lineup for the Packers. He has started 87 of the last 88 games, as his consecutive starts streak was snapped in the 2007 finale when he was held out to rest for the playoff run.
- ▶ Having gone to the Pro Bowl each of the past two seasons, he was selected as an alternate this year. He has kept his production up at an elite level, as evidenced by looking at the NFL leaders in sacks since 2006:

Player	Team	Sacks since 2006
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas	44.5
Jared Allen	Minn./K.C.	37.5
<b>Aaron Kampman</b>	<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>37.0</b>
Joey Porter	Pitt./Miami	30.0
John Abraham	Atlanta	29.5
Shawne Merriman	San Diego	29.5
Mario Williams	Houston	29.5

**DIDN'T MISS A BEAT**

While **Al 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 five interceptions on the year, tying him with Woodson and **Nick Collins** for the NFC lead.
- ▶ 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

**ANOTHER TEAM RECORD - RETURN YARDAGE**

The Packers have 575 return yards on their 18 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 – MONDAY, DEC. 15

► **(A year ago you were telling the team their biggest challenge would be handling success. What sort of challenge are you facing now?)**

Well, our immediate challenge is to win a football game, and that will be our focus as we move through the week and play our arch-rival Chicago Bears. That's really where our focus will be. As we go through the correction period today, we'll go through all the different outlines, the checklist and so forth to identify the problems areas, and we'll continue to work to step out of this hole that we've been in stuck in for the last month, and that will be our focus.

► **(In these last couple of games, do you need to take a look at some younger guys more?)**

Our approach will be to beat Chicago. I'm not going to change the personnel or make roster moves to use this as a development game. Our full intentions this week will be to prepare to beat the Chicago Bears, to play the players that give us the best chance to win the game, and put them in position to win the game.

► **(Is it possible you overrated this team coming off a successful season?)**

I don't think that way. I look at every opportunity, every team, it's a different team no matter if you have everybody back. I've had experiences in my past where I've been on a very successful team and then you keep the same players, you move on, and you either achieve that success or you don't because of different obstacles and challenges that you have. I'm in the fight, and I'm in charge of winning football games. And it starts with me. We haven't been able to get that done of late. But I have one mindset. I've said this since the first time I stood in front of everybody here in front of this microphone, and that's to win the next world championship in Green Bay. No one probably wants to hear about it right now, but that will always be the drive. Every season brings on new challenges. You have obstacles you have to get through, and the last four weeks we haven't done the things necessary to win a game, and I need to get that fixed.

► **(The instances of finger-pointing, does that concern you?)**

I think a lot of that is competitive frustration. You can go down to any sideline, I'll just speak to our own sideline, you can go down the sidelines during the course of a game where you win football games by a big margin, you're going to have things happen. I learned that a long time ago in sports. What happens on the field, what's said on the field, stays on the field. I don't look at that as a mark of where we are. I understand how it's highlighted and what the perception may want to lead to, but hey, nobody is happy where we are. And I don't expect the players to be, and I know I am not also.

► **(Were you just beaten at the line of scrimmage, at the snap, on the second-, third- and fourth-and-1 plays?)**

I would say we didn't execute properly. The second-and-1 was an inside zone, if I remember, we had a pad level problem there to the front side. The third-and-1, purely execution. If you want to say it, obviously it happened at the line of scrimmage, because we didn't get the 1 yard, so I guess the answer to your question is yes.

► **(So you'd be more likely to address the circumstances that led to the miscommunication than the way they reacted?)**

I'm concerned about everything that's involved. When we're sitting here in Week 15 talking about miscommunication, that concerns me. It's been addressed with the team at halftime, and we'll go back in there today at 2:45 and go through every instance that happened yesterday. That's something that you need to move past. Now, does it happen in games? Yes it does. Is it highlighted now because we lost the game? Absolutely, and I understand that, and there's more frustration involved because we did not win. That's the reality of it. Sometimes things don't go as clean as you would like, but there's checks and balances built into

every situation, whether it's a play-call from the boundary, a check at the line of scrimmage, that give us the ability to overcome those instances.

► **(You're known for working with quarterbacks. What signs do you look for that somebody is losing their confidence, and do you see any of that with Aaron?)**

Everybody is different. There are certain mannerisms I think people tend to express in different times, positive and negative that they go through. I think it is important to look in an individual's eyes at those particular times. To answer your question, do I think Aaron Rodgers has a confidence problem? No, I don't. I think that's reflected in the way he plays. If Aaron is guilty of anything, it may be being a little too aggressive. He made a lot of plays in that game. He made a lot of plays with his feet. He threw the ball well moving in and out of the pocket. The two-minute drill, and I understand it and he understands, that's what he'll be judged on and we need to do a better job of executing in that spot.

► **(Was the decision OK on the last pass?)**

Yeah, I just thought the ball was high.

► **(Have you noticed guys taking chances a little bit? With all the interceptions you've had, are teams doing more double moves now to take advantage of guys jumping routes?)**

I'll tell you, Saturday night I talked about it in our team meeting. I talked about the fact no one wants to hear about how hard you work because that doesn't do you any good, or how good your practice was. That doesn't count either I guess anymore, but it's really how you play in the games. I think we have certain spots in a game that we might be trying to do too much, myself included. I made reference to it in the Saturday night meeting, and I think that's part of it. You need to play the defense or play the offense called, play the technique in special teams that you are asked to do, because it all fits together. It's an 11-man game every snap and we do have some of that going on in our games. Guys are trying to do too much.

► **(Is that the definition of pressing, as guys try to break out of this funk?)**

If that's the word you want to use. We're 5-9. We're trying to win a game.

► **(Since the bye, is there anything you look back on and ponder what you might have done differently, something to give this team a jolt?)**

I think those are thoughts you have every day. You're always looking to keep your team on the path to victory. That's a 24-hour thought process. I would think that would be true of any head coach, and I'll continue to do that. I'm always trying to push the right buttons, and we're 5-9 and my name is at the top of that. I take full responsibility for that. That's the challenge. That's the beauty of our business; we have the opportunity to go out and compete on Sunday and try to change that. We obviously play on a Monday, and that will be our focus going forward. But I believe in our structure. I believe in the environment that has been created here. I believe in the opportunity for growth. We have had some opportunities that we have been able to overcome in the past. We're not overcoming those types of situations right now. Those are all part of things that have put us in a position today of being 5-9.

► **(With guys taking chances, is that a natural reaction to some of the injuries you've had, trying to make up for the absence of some of the playmakers?)**

I think you have guys that are seeing things and trying to make plays instead of playing the technique, the fundamentals, and the assignment that they are supposed to. It all fits together. It's the same thing I learned a long time ago coaching quarterbacks. You can't stand up and applaud the quarterback when he takes a big chance and throws the ball through a key hole and it is a touchdown and then jump all over him when he does the same thing and it's an interception. It's the discipline and focus that is required of coaches to hold the players to. That's every challenge for every coach in every sport.



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### 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 254th game since the advent of free agency in 1993.
- Over that time, the Packers own one of the NFL's best W-L records. They have captured seven division titles in that time.
- The Packers have won 10 or more games in nine seasons since 1993.
- A look at the winningest teams in the free-agency era shows eight of the last 12 Super Bowl champions, starting with Green Bay's '96 title:

Team	W-L record	Pct.
Pittsburgh Steelers	159-94-1	.628
New England Patriots	159-95-0	.626
<b>Green Bay Packers</b>	<b>157-97-0</b>	<b>.618</b>
Denver Broncos	154-100-0	.606
Indianapolis Colts	148-106-0	.583
Philadelphia Eagles	140-112-2	.555
Kansas City Chiefs	137-117-0	.539

### IN THE 'BLACK AND BLUE' DIVISION

Green Bay will not repeat as NFC North champions but will have the opportunity to finish with the best record within division play if it is able to win its remaining two games.

- 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.
- As evidenced by McCarthy's solid 12-4 record in the NFL's 'black and blue' division, the Packers will look to continue their solid record in division play. McCarthy is 5-0 against Detroit, 5-1 against the Vikings and 2-3 against Chicago.

### BLACKMON SPARKS RETURN UNIT

CB **Will Blackmon** has provided plenty of spark in the punt return game. He ranks No. 3 in the NFC, and No. 5 in the NFL, with a 12.0-yard average on punt returns.

- Blackmon provided another special-teams 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-yard 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.
- Blackmon did have a 99-yard kickoff return score against Houston called back because of a holding call, erasing the Packers' first kickoff return TD since 2000.



### PACKERS IN WEEKLY 2008 TEAM RANKINGS



After Week...	Opp.	NFL Offense			NFL Defense		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
1	MIN	14T	12	17	25	30	13
2	at Det	6	11	9	22	22	20
3	DAL	8	15	7	27	26	22
4	at TB	15	23	10	26	26	15
5	ATL	11	23	8	26	27	13
6	at Sea	14	21T	10	20	27	7
7	IND	14	22	10	15	25	9
8	(bye)	16	23T	10	17	25	6
9	at Ten	14	21	9	20	27	5
10	at Min	19	23	11	21	28	3
11	CHI	16	19T	11	16	27	3
12	at NO	15	20	12	17	26	6
13	CAR	12	18	10	17	27	5
14	HOU	11	18	10	23	27	12
15	at Jax	10	21	9	24	26	13
16	at Chi						
17	DET						
<b>Packers in 2007</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Packers in 2006</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Packers in 2005</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Packers in 2004</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Packers in 2003</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Packers in 2002</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Packers in 2001</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Packers in 2000</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Packers in 1999</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Packers in 1998</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Packers in 1997</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Packers in 1996</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Packers in 1995</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Packers in 1994</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Packers in 1993</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Packers in 1992</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>

### YOUNG UNDER CENTER

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

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

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



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### DON'T CHALLENGE THE CALL

Green Bay opponents have not had much success when challenging a referee's call. So far this season, they are 0-for-6.

- ▶ Green Bay has challenged six calls on the year, winning four of them.

### 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.

- ▶ Despite the loss to Houston, the Packers have won 12 of their last 17 regular-season games at Lambeau Field.
- ▶ 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 and will look to win its final two this 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:

Team	W-L record	Pct.
<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>100-35-0</b>	<b>.740</b>
Denver	99-36-0	.733
Pittsburgh	97-37-1	.722
Kansas City	93-42-0	.689
Minnesota	91-43-0	.679

### IN THE RED ZONE

Despite ranking as one of the league's top offenses inside the 20-yard line, the Packers' inability to convert in the red zone (1-for-3) at Jacksonville prevented the team from stretching its early lead.

- ▶ On offense, the Packers have scored TDs on 25-of-41 possessions (61.0%), sixth best in the league.
- ▶ The Bears' defense ranks No. 18 in red-zone defense, allowing opponents to score touchdowns on 53.2% of chances.
- ▶ Green Bay's defense inside the 20-yard has allowed 24 TDs on 45 possessions (53.3%), ranking just behind Chicago at 19th. It had been ranked in the top 10 for most of the season until allowing Carolina to score on all five red zone trips three weeks ago.
- ▶ 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 89 points on offense outside of the red zone (eight TDs, 11 FGs), tied for 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 43 red-zone possessions, the Packers defense has come away with seven takeaways, tops in the NFL. The New York Jets rank second in the NFL with six. Green Bay has four interceptions in the red zone, the league's second-highest total, and three fumble recoveries, tied for the league lead with Kansas City.
- ▶ QB **Aaron Rodgers** has made the most of his red-zone opportunities this season. Fifteen of his 23 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

One hundred and eleven penalties have been called against the Packers – fourth most in the NFL – an area the team must improve on.

- ▶ Ninety-eight of the Packers' penalties have been accepted, resulting in a league-high 874 penalty yards. Dallas (825), Oakland (784), Tennessee

- (780) and the New York Giants (762) round out the top 5.
- ▶ The Packers have been drawing penalties against their opponents, too. Eighty opponent penalties have been accepted by Green Bay, resulting in 626 penalty yards.

### 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 14 starts, Rodgers' quarterback rating (91.8) ranks ninth among NFL QBs and tops among first-year starters. Atlanta QB Matt Ryan, the next closest first-year starter, ranks No. 11.
- ▶ His 23 touchdown passes rank tied with Peyton Manning for sixth in the NFL, again tops among first-year starters. New England QB Matt Cassell is next closest among first year starters with 18 TD passes.
- ▶ It's particularly interesting to see how consistent – and consistently good – Rodgers has been in his first season under center.
- ▶ Though not a complete or ultimate indicator of a quarterback's performance, the quarterback rating does attempt to rate efficiency.
- ▶ And if it is an accurate barometer of efficiency, then Rodgers has been as consistently good as the top signal callers in the league this year.
- ▶ Rodgers had a quarterback rating of 104.2 against the Texans, the seventh game in which he has exceeded a rating of 100.0. Not even MVP candidate Drew Brees (6) has tallied as many.
- ▶ A look at the quarterbacks with the most games with a passer rating of 100.0 or better in 2008:

Player	Games over 100.0
Philip Rivers, SD	8
<b>Aaron Rodgers, GB</b>	<b>7</b>
Tony Romo, DAL	7
Drew Brees, NO	6
Chad Pennington	6
Matt Ryan, ATL	6

### THE IMPORTANCE OF THIRD DOWN

Green Bay's third-down offense at Jacksonville (10-of-16) recovered from a poor performance one week prior, but the defense allowed its opponent to convert 50% of the third-down opportunities (6-of-12).

- ▶ The Packers offense had their second-poorest showing of the season on third down against Houston (1-for-10), while the defense allowed the highest percentage of third-down conversions (54%, 7-for-13) on the year.
- ▶ The Packers rank sixth in third-down offense, having converted 86-of-195 (44.1%) opportunities. Chicago's defense also ranks sixth in the NFL, allowing conversions on 33.7% of opportunities. The Packers offense finished 2007 ranked eighth in the category at 42.6%.
- ▶ Green Bay's third-down defense has allowed 72-of-181 (39.8%), 20th in the NFL, and faces a Chicago offense that ranks 24th (37.1%) in the league on third down.
- ▶ **Aaron Rodgers** is the NFL's third-ranked passer on third down with a passer rating of 103.7 (89-of-138, 64.5%, 1,126 yards).
- ▶ Twelve of Rodgers' 23 TD passes have come on third down, tied with San Diego's Philip Rivers for most on third down. New Orleans' Drew Brees and Philadelphia's Donovan McNabb are the next closest passers with nine TDs on third down.



GAME REVIEW - JAGUARS 20, PACKERS 16

PLAYOFF HOPES SACKED

The script was old before Sunday, and all it did was get another repetitive chapter in Jacksonville. The Packers once again gave themselves a chance to win a tight game, only to suffer from the same failures that have dogged the team all season long. There have been red-zone struggles, short-yardage hiccups, late defensive lapses and crucial offensive turnovers, and they all played a part in a 20-16 loss to the Jaguars at Jacksonville Municipal Stadium.

- ▶ The defeat was the Packers' fourth straight, dropping them to 5-9 and officially eliminating them from postseason contention. It's the team's sixth loss this season by four points or less, including the last three in a row.
- ▶ "It's frustrating because it seems to be the same thing every week," offensive lineman **Daryn Colledge** said. "I'm tired of doing the same interview. It's like, 'Ah man, it was so close. You guys had an opportunity. What happened at the end?'"
- ▶ "Right now need to find a way to get it done in the end so we can stop talking about what we didn't do."
- ▶ What the Packers didn't do early in the game was punch the ball in the end zone. After allowing an opening-drive TD by the Jaguars, the Packers dominated the rest of the first half, rolling up 193 yards of offense.
- ▶ But three trips inside the Jacksonville 10-yard line produced just one touchdown, a 4-yard pass to **Greg Jennings**, to go with two field goals for a precarious 13-7 halftime lead.
- ▶ Then an uneventful third quarter finished with a dramatic momentum shift, and the Packers never fully seized control again.
- ▶ Having just crossed midfield, the Packers faced second-and-1 on the Jacksonville 44. A conversion and one more first down would have at least put the offense in position to make it a two-score game.
- ▶ But **Ryan Grant**, who surpassed 1,000 yards on the season in the second quarter, was stuffed for no gain on both second and third down. And after the end-of-quarter break, fullback **John Kuhn** was stacked up as well on fourth-and-short, turning the ball over on downs.
- ▶ "We're not finishing drives," Grant said. "We've got to find a way to get that."
- ▶ The suddenly fired up Jaguars drove 56 yards for a touchdown, a 14-yard pass from David Garrard to running back Maurice Jones-Drew, to re-take the lead at 14-13.
- ▶ The Packers had to answer, and did. But as has been the case so often this season, it was with a field goal and not a touchdown, and that would prove costly once again.
- ▶ **James Jones'** third long catch of the game, this one for 34 yards, put the Packers right back in scoring range at the Jacksonville 33. A dropped pass by Grant that could have gone as far as first-and-goal stalled things momentarily, and after **Aaron Rodgers** scrambled for a first down at the 22, a sack by Reggie Hayward made it third-and-long and led to the field goal for a 16-14 lead with 5:35 left.
- ▶ "We've had our chances," Rodgers said. "We just haven't executed when we needed to. Today it goes back to the same stuff -- third-down conversions, red-zone efficiency. We get into the red zone four times and get three field goals. Leaving 12 points out there on those three drives, that's disappointing."
- ▶ So was the defense down the stretch. Jacksonville wasted no time com-



- ing right back, taking just six plays to go 80 yards for a touchdown. A 41-yard pass to a wide-open Dennis Northcutt (five catches, 127 yards) started things, and Garrard's 14-yard quarterback draw in the red zone set up the score.
- ▶ Garrard (21-of-33, 238 yards, 2 TD, 105.4 rating) had the ball punched out from behind by **Will Blackmon** on the key third-down draw from the 18, but the fumble bounced right back to him at the 2-yard line, and Jones-Drew (70 combined yards, 2 TD) ran it in on the next play.
- ▶ That left the Packers down by four with two timeouts, 1:50 left, and 86 yards to go. Three straight completions by Rodgers (20-of-32, 278 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT, 87.8 rating) moved the ball out to the Green Bay 48, but after a timeout, Rodgers overthrew tight end **Donald Lee** deep over the middle, and Reggie Nelson intercepted with 40 seconds left.
- ▶ The ending was all-too-familiar for Rodgers, who expressed frustration in himself more than anyone else for failing to pull another one out of the fire.

- ▶ "I need to make plays, and I haven't been doing that as well or as often as I want to be or should be," Rodgers said. "I take it on myself. It's disappointing. I have to make the throws. I get paid to make those plays down the stretch, and I haven't been making them, so I take that on my shoulders."
- ▶ But as Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** has said often this season, there's plenty of blame to go around, especially when the efforts late in games continue to come up short.
- ▶ "It's one thing to keep fighting but another thing to continue to lose," defensive back **Charles Woodson** said. "Fighting is just

- not enough. Fighting every week and being in the game down the stretch, and not being able to -- whether it's the defense getting off the field or the offense scoring - it's just not enough to fight."
- ▶ "At some point, if you're going to be a good football team, you have to be in situations like that and get the job done at the critical part of the game," said Jones, who posted a career-high 132 yards receiving. "We haven't done that this year. There's a lot of things you can put your finger on to say why, but we haven't gotten it done, and that's the big point."

GAME NOTES

- Ryan Grant** wasn't celebrating, especially not after the game.
- ▶ But upon eclipsing 1,000 yards on the season for the first time in his career on Sunday in Jacksonville, he was trying to make sure he got the ball as a keepsake.
- ▶ Grant's 4-yard run early in the second quarter to the Jacksonville 7-yard line, setting up a go-ahead field goal, pushed the Packers' feature back over 1,000 yards. He came into Sunday's game needing just 20 yards for the milestone, and he finished a day of tough sledding with 56 yards on 21 carries in the defeat.
- ▶ "As a whole, (the milestone) means something to the team. But for me, not really."
- ▶ Sundays inactives were QB **Brian Brohm**, S **Atari Bigby**, FB **Korey Hall**, CB **Joe Porter**, LB **Danny Lansanah**, G **Nevin McCaskill**, T **Breno Giacomini** and DT **Justin Harrell**.



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### WHAT LIES AHEAD

► Detroit visits Lambeau Field in Week 17. The Lions have not won in the state of Wisconsin since 1991, a streak that spans 17 consecutive Packers victories and seven Lions head coaches.



	NFL Rank		
	Record	Offense	Defense
Detroit Lions.....(0-13)	30	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 youngest team for a third consecutive season, Green Bay has experienced NFL players at nearly every position. Only five rookies or first-year players appear on the Week 16 two-deep – backup quarterback **Matt Flynn**, offensive tackle **Breno Giacomini**, linebacker **Spencer Havner**, 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 .....	1.7%
1-3 .....	15.6%
2-2 .....	34.0%
3-1 .....	66.2%
4-0 .....	84.9%

### 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.

### 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 TEAM NOTES



### 2008 HONOR ROLL



**CB Will Blackmon**

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

**S Nick Collins**

2008 Pro Bowl selection (first career)

**RB Ryan Grant**

Week 11 - FedEx Ground NFL Player of the Week

**Head Coach Mike McCarthy**

Week 11 - Motorola Coach of the Week

**QB Aaron Rodgers**

Week 2 - FedEx Air NFL Player of the Week

**S Aaron Rouse**

Week 7 - NFC 'Defensive Player of the Week'

**CB Charles Woodson**

2008 Pro Bowl selection (fifth career)

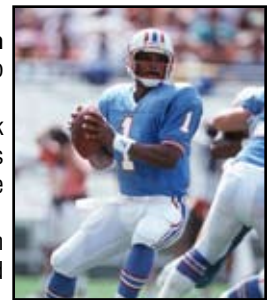
September - NFC Defensive Player of the Month

- ▶ 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.



### 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.



## INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS

### 76 CHAD CLIFTON

- ▶ A first-time Pro Bowler last year, has played in 129 career games, including 124 starts.
- ▶ Has started 92 of last 94 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 single-season 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

- ▶ With 115 points, matches No. 7 Jan Stenerud (1983) on the franchise's single-season scoring list.
- ▶ For his career, has hit 36-of-39 field goals from 39 yards and closer.
- ▶ Has hit 14-of-19 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 565.
- ▶ For the seventh time has 50-plus receptions, joining Lofton and Sharpe (both seven seasons) on top of the team's all-time list.
- ▶ Has a reception in 109 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 (7,815) stands at No. 4 in team history and needs 177 yards to surpass Hutson.
- ▶ Also this season became the all-time leading receiver at Lambeau Field, surpassing Freeman (3,477 yards). Driver has 3,712 career receiving yards at the stadium.

- ▶ Became Lambeau Field's all-time leader in receptions, surpassing Freeman (213) last season. Driver has 267 receptions at Lambeau.
- ▶ His 16 touchdown receptions at Lambeau Field rank fourth in the stadium's history. He needs two 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 42 career TD receptions, joins Hutson (99), Sharpe (65), Freeman (57), McGee (50), Lofton (49) and Billy Howton (43) and Dowler (40) as the only Packers with 40 career TD catches.
- ▶ Established a Packers record with four consecutive seasons (2004-07) with 1,000 receiving yards. Freeman, Lofton and Sharpe each had three. Driver needs 162 receiving yards for 1,000 yards this season.

▶ 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

- ▶ At Jacksonville, surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for the first time in his career. Grant has 1,036 rushing yards on the season.
- ▶ Needs 8 rushing yards for 2,000 career. Grant enters with 1,992.
- ▶ Has three 100-yard performances on the seasons and eight career 100-yard games.
- ▶ When he carries the ball 20-or-more times, the Packers are 8-2.

### 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.
- ▶ Has 110 career starts.
- ▶ Needs to return one interception for a touchdown to tie No. 5 Charley Brock, Doug Hart and Ken Ellis (all with three) on Green Bay's all-time career list. With a second TD on an interception, would match No. 4 Johnny (Blood) McNally, Nick Collins and Charles Woodson (4).



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





**INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS**

**50 A.J. HAWK**

- ▶ Surpassed 300 career tackles in Week 2. Hawk enters with 384.
- ▶ Also in Week 2, set career high with two sacks.
- ▶ Has started every game (46 regular season, 2 playoffs) since arriving in Green Bay.

**85 GREG JENNINGS**

- ▶ Ranks sixth in the NFL in receiving yards (1,153), tied for first in 20-plus yard catches (19) and tied for first in 40-plus yard catches (seven).
- ▶ Has caught a pass in 41 consecutive games.
- ▶ Registered 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, eight for his career.
- ▶ Surpassed 2,000 career receiving yards in Week 4 at Tampa Bay, his 31st career game. Jennings now has 2,705.
- ▶ 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 37 sacks since 2006 ranks second among all NFL players.
- ▶ This season surpassed Ezra Johnson (41½) on the team's all-time sack list. Kampman (50½) is at No. 4.
- ▶ Became just the fourth player to record 50 sacks in a Packers uniform, joining Kabeeb Gbaja-Biamila (74½), Reggie White (68½) and Tim Harris (55).
- ▶ Has tallied over 90 tackles for three consecutive seasons.
- ▶ Has started 87 of the last 88 games. Kampman had his consecutive starts streak stopped at 73 as he was held out of the 2007 regular-season finale vs. Detroit.

**86 DONALD LEE**

- ▶ With 15 career touchdowns, matches No. 5 Ron Kramer (15) on the franchise's all-time tight ends list.
- ▶ With 39 catches and five touchdowns on the season, could surpass his career highs in both categories (48, 6) established last season.

**12 AARON RODGERS**

- ▶ Became the fifth signal caller in franchise history to surpass the 3,000 yard mark, joining Lynn Dickey (3), Brett Favre (16), Don Majkowski (1) and Randy Wright (1).
- ▶ Needs 530 passing yards in his final two contests to become the fourth player with 4,000 yards passing in a season. Rodgers has 3,470.
- ▶ Has three career 300-yard games and three 3-TD games.
- ▶ Has seven 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.
- ▶ Became the first quarterback other than Brett Favre to start a Packers game since Don Majkowski, Sept. 20, 1992.

**37 AARON ROUSE**

- ▶ Has five interceptions in 23 career games.

**65 MARK TAUSCHER**

- ▶ Had played in 122 career games, including 120 starts, before his season ended with a knee injury in Week 14.

**38 TRAMON WILLIAMS**

- ▶ Already established career highs in nearly every statistical category, including tackles (48), interceptions (5) and passes defensed (13).

**21 CHARLES WOODSON**

- ▶ Enters with 34 career interceptions (17 in Green Bay).
- ▶ Has established a single-season career high with three sacks.
- ▶ 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.

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**PLAYERS**

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Atari Bigby	ah-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 Goode	G-ewd
Justin Harrell	HAIR-uhl
Spencer Havner	HAY-vner
Cullen Jenkins	KULL-en
Aaron Kampman	CAMP-man
Jeremy Kapinos	CAP-eh-nos
John Kuhn	KOON
Danny Lansasah	lan-SAN-ah
Ruvell Martin	roo-VELL
Tony Moll	MALL

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

**COACHES**

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



# DEPTH CHART

Unofficial, Dec. 16, 2008

## OFFENSE

<b>WR:</b>	85	Greg Jennings	82	Ruvell Martin	
<b>LT:</b>	76	Chad Clifton	73	Daryn Colledge	
<b>LG:</b>	73	Daryn Colledge	78	Allen Barbre	<u>67</u> <u>Nevin McCaskill</u>
<b>C:</b>	63	Scott Wells	72	Jason Spitz	
<b>RG:</b>	72	Jason Spitz	<u>71</u>	<u>Josh Sitton</u>	
<b>RT:</b>	75	Tony Moll	<u>68</u>	<u>Breno Giacomini</u>	
<b>TE:</b>	86	Donald Lee	84	Tory Humphrey	<u>88</u> <u>Jermichael Finley</u>
<b>WR:</b>	80	Donald Driver	89	James Jones	<u>87</u> <u>Jordy Nelson</u>
<b>QB:</b>	12	Aaron Rodgers	<u>10</u>	<u>Matt Flynn</u>	<u>11</u> <u>Brian Brohm</u>
<b>RB:</b>	25	Ryan Grant	32	Brandon Jackson	42 DeShawn Wynn
<b>FB:</b>	35	Korey Hall	30	John Kuhn	

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE:</b>	74	Aaron Kampman	<u>99</u>	<u>Jeremy Thompson</u>	
<b>LDT:</b>	79	Ryan Pickett	90	Colin Cole	<u>98</u> <u>Alfred Malone</u>
<b>RDT:</b>	97	Johnny Jolly	91	Justin Harrell	
<b>RDE:</b>	96	Michael Montgomery	57	Jason Hunter	
<b>SAM:</b>	51	Brady Poppinga	<u>53</u>	<u>Spencer Havner</u>	
<b>MIKE:</b>	50	A.J. Hawk	55	Desmond Bishop	
<b>WILL:</b>	54	Brandon Chillar	55	Desmond Bishop	<u>58</u> <u>Danny Lanasanah</u>
<b>LCB:</b>	38	Tramon Williams	21	Charles Woodson	<u>40</u> <u>Joe Porter</u>
<b>RCB:</b>	31	Al Harris	27	Will Blackmon	24 Jarrett Bush
<b>SS:</b>	21	Charles Woodson	20	Atari Bigby	37 Aaron Rouse
<b>FS:</b>	36	Nick Collins	26	Charlie Peprah	

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>K:</b>	2	Mason Crosby			
<b>P:</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>Jeremy Kapinos</u>			
<b>H:</b>	<u>10</u>	<u>Matt Flynn</u>	82	Ruvell Martin	<u>7</u> <u>Jeremy Kapinos</u>
<b>PR:</b>	27	Will Blackmon	38	Tramon Williams	<u>87</u> <u>Jordy Nelson</u>
<b>KR:</b>	27	Will Blackmon	<u>87</u>	<u>Jordy Nelson</u>	38 Tramon Williams
					42 DeShawn Wynn
<b>PC:</b>	<u>61</u>	<u>Brett Goode</u>	75	Tony Moll	<u>71</u> <u>Josh Sitton</u>
<b>KC:</b>	<u>61</u>	<u>Brett Goode</u>	75	Tony Moll	<u>71</u> <u>Josh Sitton</u>

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



## HOW THE PACKERS WERE BUILT

### Active Roster Players Only

Year	Record	Draft (29)	Trades (2)	Free Agents (19)
1999	8-8-0	WR Donald Driver D7b		
2000	9-7-0	T Chad Clifton D2		
2001	12-4-0			
2002	12-4-0	DE Aaron Kampman D5a		
2003	10-6-0		CB Al Harris (Phi)	
2004				DT Colin Cole C Scott Wells (D7-04)
2005	4-12-0	QB Aaron Rodgers D1 S Nick Collins D2a LB Brady Poppinga D4b DE Michael Montgomery D6a		S Atari Bigby TE Tory Humphrey TE Donald Lee
2006	8-8-0	LB A.J. Hawk D1 G/T Daryn Colledge D2a WR Greg Jennings D2b G Jason Spitz D3b CB Will Blackmon D4b T Tony Moll D5b DT Johnny Jolly D6a		DE Jason Hunter WR Ruvell Martin DT Ryan Pickett (UFA) CB Tramon Williams CB Charles Woodson (UFA)
2007	13-3-0	DT Justin Harrell D1 RB Brandon Jackson D2 WR James Jones D3a S Aaron Rouse D3b G Allen Barbre D4 FB Korey Hall D6a LB Desmond Bishop D6b K Mason Crosby D6c	RB Ryan Grant (NYG)	
2008		WR Jordy Nelson D2a QB Brian Brohm D2b TE Jermichael Finley D3 DE Jeremy Thompson D4a G Josh Sitton D4b T Breno Giacomini D5 QB Matt Flynn D7a		LB Brandon Chillar (UFA) LS Brett Goode LB Spencer Havner P Jeremy Kapinos LB Danny Lansanah DT Alfred Malone G Nevin McCaskill CB Joe Porter RB DeShawn Wynn (D7a-07)

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



## 2008 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

	Packers	Opponent
<b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS</b> .....	<b>259</b>	<b>261</b>
Rushing .....	86	112
Passing .....	156	119
Penalty .....	17	30
3rd Down: Made/Att. ....	86/195	72/181
3rd Down Pct. ....	44.1	39.8
4th Down: Made/Att. ....	6/14	12/17
4th Down Pct. ....	42.9	70.6
<b>POSSESSION AVG.</b> .....	<b>31:15</b>	<b>28:45</b>
<b>TOTAL NET YARDS</b> .....	<b>4809</b>	<b>4823</b>
Avg. Per Game .....	343.5	344.5
Total Plays .....	882	875
Avg. Per Play .....	5.5	5.5
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b> .....	<b>1529</b>	<b>1935</b>
Avg. Per Game .....	109.2	138.2
Total Rushes .....	381	403
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b> .....	<b>3280</b>	<b>2888</b>
Avg. Per Game .....	234.3	206.3
Sacked/Yards Lost .....	30/196	23/129
Gross Yards .....	3476	3017
Att./Completions .....	471/298	449/251
Completion Pct. ....	63.3	55.9
Had Intercepted .....	12	18
<b>PUNTS/AVERAGE</b> .....	<b>58/41.8</b>	<b>63/44.2</b>
Net Punting Avg. ....	58/36.1	63/37.1
<b>PENALTIES/YARDS</b> .....	<b>98/874</b>	<b>80/626</b>
<b>FUMBLES/BALL LOST</b> .....	<b>20/6</b>	<b>20/6</b>
<b>TOUCHDOWNS</b> .....	<b>42</b>	<b>38</b>
Rushing .....	10	18
Passing .....	23	19
Returns .....	9	1

### SCORE BY PERIODS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	47	119	75	130	0	371
OPPONENTS	65	93	57	121	3	339

### SCORING

	TD	-Ru	-Pa	-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mason Crosby .....	0	0	0	0	40/40	25/29	0	115
Greg Jennings .....	8	0	8	0			0	50
Donald Lee .....	5	0	5	0			0	30
Donald Driver .....	4	0	4	0			0	24
Ryan Grant .....	4	4	0	0			0	24
Aaron Rodgers .....	4	4	0	0			0	24
Nick Collins .....	3	0	0	3			0	18
Will Blackmon .....	2	0	0	2			0	12
John Kuhn .....	2	1	1	0			0	12
Jordy Nelson .....	2	0	2	0			0	12
Charles Woodson .....	2	0	0	2			0	12
Ruvell Martin .....	1	0	1	0			0	8
Korey Hall .....	1	0	1	0			0	6
Jason Hunter .....	1	0	0	1			0	6
Brandon Jackson .....	1	1	0	0			0	6
James Jones .....	1	0	1	0			0	6
Aaron Rouse .....	1	0	0	1			0	6
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>42</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>40/40</b>	<b>25/29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>371</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>38</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>34/34</b>	<b>23/28</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>339</b>

2-Point Conversions: Jennings, Martin, Team 2-2, Opponents 1-4

### SACKS:

Aaron Kampman 9.5, A.J. Hawk 3, Charles Woodson 3, Cullen Jenkins 2.5, Desmond Bishop 1, Brandon Chillar 1, Michael Montgomery 1, Ryan Pickett 1, Colin Cole 0.5, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila 0.5, PACKERS 23, OPPONENTS 30

### RUSHING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Grant .....	268	1036	3.9	57	4
Brandon Jackson .....	45	248	5.5	32	1
Aaron Rodgers .....	53	214	4.0	21	4
Kregg Lumpkin .....	1	19	19.0	19	0
John Kuhn .....	8	10	1.3	3	1
Donald Driver .....	2	4	2.0	6	0
Derrick Frost .....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Matt Flynn .....	3	-2	-7	0	0
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>381</b>	<b>1529</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>403</b>	<b>1935</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>60t</b>	<b>18</b>

### PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Aaron Rodgers .....	466	296	3470	63.5	7.45	23	4.9	12	2.6	63	30/196	91.8
Matt Flynn .....	5	2	6	40.0	1.20	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	0/0	47.9
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>471</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>3476</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>7.38</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>30/196</b>	<b>91.2</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>449</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>3017</b>	<b>55.9</b>	<b>6.72</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>70t</b>	<b>23/129</b>	<b>74.1</b>

### RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Greg Jennings .....	69	1153	16.7	63	8
Donald Driver .....	62	838	13.5	59	4
Donald Lee .....	39	303	7.8	26	5
Jordy Nelson .....	30	330	11.0	29t	2
Brandon Jackson .....	30	185	6.2	18	0
James Jones .....	16	233	14.6	46	1
Ruvell Martin .....	14	133	9.5	17	1
Ryan Grant .....	12	73	6.1	15	0
Tory Humphrey .....	10	148	14.8	37	0
Korey Hall .....	7	38	5.4	11	1
Kregg Lumpkin .....	3	22	7.3	12	0
Jermichael Finley .....	3	10	3.3	6	0
John Kuhn .....	2	3	1.5	2	1
DeShawn Wynn .....	1	7	7.0	7	0
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>298</b>	<b>3476</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>251</b>	<b>3017</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>70t</b>	<b>19</b>

### INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Nick Collins .....	5	230	46.0	62t	3
Charles Woodson .....	5	124	24.8	62t	2
Tramon Williams .....	5	78	15.6	39	0
Aaron Rouse .....	2	136	68.0	99t	1
Atari Bigby .....	1	7	7.0	7	0
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>18</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>31.9</b>	<b>99t</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>12</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>6.0</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>0</b>

### PUNTING

	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In 20	LG	Blk
Derrick Frost .....	48	2021	42.1	36.1	5	8	65	0
Jeremy Kapinos .....	10	403	40.3	36.3	1	4	49	0
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>58</b>	<b>2424</b>	<b>41.8</b>	<b>36.1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>63</b>	<b>2786</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>

### PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Blackmon .....	31	9	371	12.0	76t	2
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>76t</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>30</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

### KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Will Blackmon .....	50	1047	20.9	45	0
Jordy Nelson .....	10	163	16.3	40	0
Jason Hunter .....	1	7	7.0	7	0
Charles Woodson .....	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>62</b>	<b>1215</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>64</b>	<b>1502</b>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>

### FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mason Crosby .....	1/1	7/7	9/11	5/5	3/5
<b>PACKERS</b> .....	<b>1/1</b>	<b>7/7</b>	<b>9/11</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>3/5</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b> .....	<b>0/0</b>	<b>6/6</b>	<b>8/8</b>	<b>6/10</b>	<b>3/4</b>

Crosby: (42G,33B) (25G,39G) (36G,38G,33G) ( ) (53N, 50G) (29G,51G) (31G,36N,29G) (23G,25G,38G) (47G,40G,52N) (53G,33G,45G) ( ) (32G,44G,19G) ( ) (22G, 23G,38G) Opponents: (37G,27G) (38G,49G,53G) (25G,39G) (23G,36G,24G) (42G,41G) (50G) (45B) (31G,25G,22G,47N,41G) (54G,47N) (35G) (30G) ( ) (30G,41N,41G,40G) (51N)



**2008 REGULAR-SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS**

Official totals - based on coaches' film review, through December 14 at Jacksonville

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

Player	Total			Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
	Tackles	Solo	Asst					
A.J. Hawk	100	75	25	3.0/16.0	0/0	0	0	3
Nick Collins	93	72	21	0.0/0.0	5/230	0	1	11
Aaron Kampman	73	53	20	9.5/46.5	0/0	0	0	1
Charles Woodson	72	61	11	3.0/14.0	5/124	1	1	17
Brady Poppinga	69	43	26	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Nick Barnett	68	49	19	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	1	2
Johnny Jolly	67	43	24	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	0	5
Ryan Pickett	67	31	36	1.0/4.0	0/0	0	0	5
Michael Montgomery	56	40	16	1.0/7.0	0/0	0	1	1
Aaron Rouse	55	34	21	0.0/0.0	2/136	0	0	3
Brandon Chillar	51	43	8	1.0/5.0	0/0	0	1	8
Tramon Williams	48	41	7	0.0/0.0	5/78	1	2	13
Colin Cole	44	23	21	0.5/5.0	0/0	0	0	4
Atari Bigby	31	19	12	0.0/0.0	1/7	0	0	3
Desmond Bishop	26	18	8	1.0/6.0	0/0	0	2	0
Cullen Jenkins	18	13	5	2.5/25.5	0/0	0	1	1
Will Blackmon	17	16	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	2	1
Charlie Peprah	16	7	9	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Al Harris	14	14	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	10
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	13	8	5	0.5/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Jeremy Thompson	13	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
Jason Hunter	8	4	4	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	0	1
Alfred Malone	3	2	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Pat Lee	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Jarrett Bush	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,037</b>	<b>726</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>23.0/129.0</b>	<b>18/575</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>95</b>

Player	TT	FR	FF
Jarrett Bush	16	0	0
Will Blackmon	14	0	0
Brandon Chillar	13	0	0
Korey Hall	12	0	0
Desmond Bishop	11	0	0
John Kuhn	11	0	0
Aaron Rouse	7	0	0
Tracy White	6	0	0
Jermichael Finley	5	0	0
Charlie Peprah	5	0	0
Kenny Pettway	5	0	0
Tramon Williams	5	0	0
Mason Crosby	4	0	0
Tory Humphrey	4	0	0
Ruvell Martin	4	0	0
Spencer Havner	3	0	0
Michael Montgomery	3	0	0
Nick Collins	2	0	0
Derrick Frost	2	0	1
Brett Goode	2	1	0
Danny Lansanah	2	0	0
Pat Lee	2	0	0
Brady Poppinga	2	0	0
Jeremy Thompson	2	0	0
Jason Hunter	1	0	0
Brandon Jackson	1	0	0
Alfred Malone	1	0	0
DeShawn Wynn	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

**DEFENSIVE SCORING**

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

**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
Donald Driver	2
Brandon Jackson	2
Aaron Rodgers	2
Scott Wells	2
Chad Clifton	1
Greg Jennings	1
Donald Lee	1
Mark Tauscher	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>

**BLOCKED KICKS**

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

**Special teams touchdowns (2):**

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



# THE DOPE SHEET



No	ALPHABETICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	NFL Exp	College	High School Hometown
78	Barbre, Allen	G	6-4	305	6/22/84	2	Missouri Southern St.	Granby, Mo.
20	Bigby, Atari	S	5-11	213	9/19/81	3	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.
55	Bishop, Desmond	LB	6-2	238	7/24/84	2	California	Fairfield, Calif.
27	Blackmon, Will	CB	6-0	206	10/27/84	3	Boston College	Warwick, R.I.
11	Brohm, Brian	QB	6-3	223	9/23/85	R	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
24	Bush, Jarrett	CB/S	6-0	200	5/21/84	3	Utah State	Vacaville, Calif.
54	Chillar, Brandon	LB	6-3	243	10/21/82	5	UCLA	Carlsbad, Calif.
76	Clifton, Chad	T	6-5	320	6/26/76	9	Tennessee	Martin, Tenn.
90	Cole, Colin	DT	6-1	330	6/24/80	4	Iowa	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
73	Colledge, Daryn	G/T	6-4	308	2/11/82	3	Boise State	North Pole, Alaska
36	Collins, Nick	S	5-11	207	8/16/83	4	Bethune-Cookman	Cross City, Fla.
2	Crosby, Mason	K	6-1	207	9/3/84	2	Colorado	Georgetown, Texas
80	Driver, Donald	WR	6-0	194	2/27/75	10	Alcorn State	Houston, Texas
88	Finley, Jermichael	TE	6-5	247	3/26/87	R	Texas	Diboll, Texas
10	Flynn, Matt	QB	6-2	222	6/20/85	R	Louisiana State	Tyler, Texas
68	Giacomini, Breno	T	6-7	311	9/27/85	R	Louisville	Malden, Mass.
61	Goode, Brett	LS	6-1	261	11/2/84	1	Arkansas	Fort Smith, Ark.
25	Grant, Ryan	RB	6-1	226	12/9/82	2	Notre Dame	Ramsey, N.J.
35	Hall, Korey	FB	6-0	243	8/5/83	2	Boise State	Glenns Ferry, Idaho
91	Harrell, Justin	DT	6-4	320	2/14/84	2	Tennessee	Martin, Tenn.
31	Harris, Al	CB	6-1	190	12/7/74	11	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Pompano Beach, Fla.
53	Havner, Spencer	LB	6-3	248	2/2/83	1	UCLA	Grass Valley, Calif.
50	Hawk, A.J.	LB	6-1	248	1/6/84	3	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio
84	Humphrey, Tory	TE	6-2	255	1/20/83	3	Central Michigan	Saginaw, Mich.
57	Hunter, Jason	DE	6-4	271	8/28/83	3	Appalachian State	Fayetteville, N.C.
32	Jackson, Brandon	RB	5-10	220	10/2/85	2	Nebraska	Horn Lake, Miss.
85	Jennings, Greg	WR	5-11	198	9/21/83	3	Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, Mich.
97	Jolly, Johnny	DT	6-3	320	2/21/83	3	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas
89	Jones, James	WR	6-1	218	3/31/84	2	San Jose State	San Jose, Calif.
74	Kampman, Aaron	DE	6-4	265	11/30/79	7	Iowa	Parkersburg, Iowa
7	Kapinos, Jeremy	P	6-1	230	8/23/84	1	Penn State	Springfield, Va.
30	Kuhn, John	FB	6-0	259	9/9/82	3	Shippensburg	York, Pa.
58	Lansanah, Danny	LB	6-1	248	8/28/85	R	Connecticut	Harrisburg, Pa.
86	Lee, Donald	TE	6-4	248	8/31/80	6	Mississippi State	Maben, Miss.
98	Malone, Alfred	DT	6-4	312	2/21/82	1	Troy	Frisco City, Ala.
82	Martin, Ruvell	WR	6-4	220	8/10/82	3	Saginaw Valley State	Muskegon, Mich.
67	McCaskill, Nevin	G	6-4	315	12/29/83	1	Hampton	Tallahassee, Fla.
75	Moll, Tony	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
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.
40	Porter, Joe	CB	5-10	203	11/27/85	1	Rutgers	Franklin, N.J.
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.
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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41	Abrams, Joshua	CB	5-11	196	1/18/86	R	Ohio	Dunwoody, Ga.
13	Allen, Jake	WR	6-4	196	1/18/85	R	Mississippi College	Waynesboro, Miss.
95	Bledsoe, Fred	DT	6-3	329	4/7/86	R	Arkansas	Little Rock, Ark.
8	Brooks, Durant	P	6-0	204	4/15/85	R	Georgia Tech	Macon, Ga.
64	Carvalho, Brennen	C	6-1	300	12/8/86	R	Portland State	Honolulu, Hawaii
18	Sam, Lorne	WR	6-3	220	12/5/84	R	UTEP	Buford, Ga.
16	Swain, Brett	WR	6-0	203	6/21/85	R	San Diego State	Carlsbad, Calif.
69	Toribio, Anthony	DT	6-1	304	3/1/85	R	Carson-Newman	Miami, Fla.

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56	Barnett, Nick	LB	6-2	236	5/27/81	6	Oregon State	Dec. 1 (knee)
19	Bodiford, Shaun	WR	5-11	196	5/4/82	3	Portland State	July 28 (back)
46	Jansen, J.J.	LS	6-2	256	1/20/86	R	Notre Dame	Aug. 31 (knee)
77	Jenkins, Cullen	DE	6-2	305	1/20/81	5	Central Michigan	Oct. 1 (pectoral)
22	Lee, Pat	CB	6-0	194	2/20/84	R	Auburn	Dec. 5 (knee)
28	Lumpkin, Kregg	RB	5-11	228	5/15/84	R	Georgia	Oct. 11 (hamstring)
44	Moore, Evan	TE	6-6	247	1/3/85	R	Stanford	Aug. 19 (knee)
65	Tauscher, Mark	T	6-3	316	6/17/77	9	Wisconsin	Dec. 11 (knee)
93	Pettway, Kenny	DE	6-3	248	11/13/82	3	Grambling State	Dec. 1 (knee)



No	NUMERICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	NFL Exp	College	How Acquired	Reg. season GP/GS/DNP/IA
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	24	2	Colorado	D6c-07	14/0/0/0
7	Jeremy Kapinos	P	6-1	230	24	1	Penn State	FA-08	2/0/0/0
10	Matt Flynn	QB	6-2	222	23	R	Louisiana State	D7a-08	5/0/9/0
11	Brian Brohm	QB	6-3	223	23	R	Louisville	D2b-08	0/0/0/14
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	220	24	4	California	D1-05	14/14/0/0
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	213	27	3	Central Florida	FA-05	7/6/0/7
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	202	32	11	Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	14/14/0/0
24	Jarrett Bush	CB/S	6-0	200	24	3	Utah State	W-06 (Car)	14/0/0/0
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	226	25	2	Notre Dame	T-07 (NYG)	14/12/0/0
26	Charlie Peprah	S	5-11	203	25	3	Alabama	W-06 (NYG)	11/1/0/3
27	Will Blackmon	CB	6-0	206	24	3	Boston College	D4b-06	14/1/0/0
30	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	259	26	3	Shippensburg	W-07 (Pitt)	14/2/0/0
31	Al Harris	CB	6-1	190	33	11	Texas A&M-Kingsville	T-03 (Phil)	10/10/0/4
32	Brandon Jackson	RB	5-10	220	23	2	Nebraska	D2-07	13/0/0/1
35	Korey Hall	FB	6-0	243	25	2	Boise State	D6a-07	10/5/0/4
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	207	25	4	Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	14/14/0/0
37	Aaron Rouse	S	6-4	223	24	2	Virginia Tech	D3b-07	12/4/0/2
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	191	25	2	Louisiana Tech	FA-06	14/8/0/0
40	Joe Porter	CB	5-10	203	22	1	Rutgers	FA-07	0/0/0/2
42	DeShawn Wynn	RB	5-10	238	25	2	Florida	D7a-07	3/0/0/6
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	248	24	3	Ohio State	D1-06	14/14/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	247	29	4	Brigham Young	D4b-05	14/11/0/0
53	Spencer Havner	LB	6-3	248	25	1	UCLA	FA-08	2/0/0/0
54	Brandon Chillar	LB	6-3	243	26	5	UCLA	FA-08	12/5/0/2
55	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	238	24	2	California	D6b-07	13/1/0/1
57	Jason Hunter	DE	6-4	271	25	3	Appalachian State	FA-06	10/0/0/4
58	Danny Lansanah	LB	6-1	248	23	R	Connecticut	FA-08	5/0/0/4
61	Brett Goode	LS	6-1	261	24	1	Arkansas	FA-08	14/0/0/0
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	303	27	5	Tennessee	FA-04 (D7-04)	11/11/1/2
67	Nevin McCaskill	G	6-4	315	24	1	Hampton	FA-08	0/0/0/1
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	311	23	R	Louisville	D5-08	1/0/1/12
71	Josh Stitton	G	6-3	317	22	R	Central Florida	D4b-08	9/1/2/3
72	Jason Spitz	G/C	6-3	302	25	3	Louisville	D3b-06	14/14/0/0
73	Daryn Colledge	G/T	6-4	308	26	3	Boise State	D2a-06	14/14/0/0
74	Aaron Kampman	DE	6-4	265	28	7	Iowa	D5a-02	14/14/0/0
75	Tony Moll	T	6-5	306	25	3	Nevada	D5b-06	12/4/2/0
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	320	32	9	Tennessee	D2-00	13/13/1/0
78	Allen Barbre	G	6-4	305	24	2	Missouri Southern State	D4-07	6/0/1/7
79	Ryan Pickett	DT	6-2	330	29	8	Ohio State	UFA-06 (STL)	14/14/0/0
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	194	33	10	Alcorn State	D7b-99	14/14/0/0
82	Ruvell Martin	WR	6-4	220	26	3	Saginaw Valley State	FA-06	11/1/0/3
84	Tory Humphrey	TE	6-2	255	25	3	Central Michigan	FA-05	14/5/0/0
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	198	25	3	Western Michigan	D2b-06	14/13/0/0
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	28	6	Mississippi State	FA-05	14/13/0/0
87	Jordy Nelson	WR	6-3	217	23	R	Kansas State	D2a-08	14/2/0/0
88	Jermichael Finley	TE	6-5	247	21	R	Texas	D3-08	12/1/0/2
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	218	24	2	San Jose State	D3a-07	8/2/0/6
90	Colin Cole	DT	6-1	330	28	4	Iowa	FA-04	14/0/0/0
91	Justin Harrell	DT	6-4	320	24	2	Tennessee	D1-07	6/0/0/1
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	273	25	4	Texas A&M	D6a-05	12/6/0/2
97	Johnny Jolly	DT	6-3	320	25	3	Texas A&M	D6a-06	14/14/0/0
98	Alfred Malone	DT	6-4	312	26	1	Troy	FA-07	2/0/0/0
99	Jeremy Thompson	DE	6-4	270	23	R	Wake Forest	D4a-08	7/3/0/7

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8	Durant Brooks	P	6-0	204	23	R	Georgia Tech	FA-08	0/0/0/0
13	Jake Allen	WR	6-4	196	23	R	Mississippi College	FA-08	0/0/0/0
16	Brett Swain	WR	6-0	203	23	R	San Diego State	D7b-08	0/0/0/0
18	Lorne Sam	WR	6-3	220	24	R	UTEP	FA-08	0/0/0/0
41	Joshua Abrams	CB	5-11	196	22	R	Ohio	FA-08	0/0/0/0
64	Brennen Carvalho	C	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
95	Fred Bledsoe	DT	6-3	329	22	R	Arkansas	FA-08	0/0/0/0

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19	Shaun Bodiford	WR	5-11	196	26	3	Portland State	FA-07	July 28 (back)
22	Pat Lee	CB	6-0	194	24	R	Auburn	D2c-08	Dec. 5 (knee)
28	Kregg Lumpkin	RB	5-11	228	24	R	Georgia	FA-08	Oct. 11 (hamstring)
44	Evan Moore	TE	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)
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77	Cullen Jenkins	DE	6-2	305	27	5	Central Michigan	FA-04	Oct. 1 (pectoral)
93	Kenny Pettway	DE	6-3	248	26	3	Grambling State	FA-08	Dec. 1 (knee)