## PACKERS ENTER 'O8 DRAFT WITH EICHT SELECTIONS

Armed with eight selections overall - including three picks in the top 60 General Manager Ted Thompson and the personnel staff will look to add increased competition and depth to one of the league's most talented young clubs this weekend in the annual NFL Draft.
Thompson will be running the draft room in Green Bay for the fourth time (2005-present). He ran the draft room for five seasons in Seattle (2000-04) when he served as vice president of football operations for the Seahawks.

- The Packers will have their own picks in Rounds 1 and 2 to go with Cleveland's second-round selection (No. 56 overall), obtained in the trade for defensive tackle Corey Williams. Those three picks will make up the Packers' first-day selections with the NFL's new format. Only Rounds 1 and 2 will take place on Saturday.
- The team will have a busy Sunday as well, currently holding five overall selections. A look at what picks the Packers hold:

| Round | Round \# | Overall \# |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | 30 | 30 |
| 2 | 25 | 56 |
| 2 | 29 | 60 |
| 3 | 28 | 91 |
| 4 | 30 | 128 |
| 4 | 37 | 135 |
| 5 | 29 | 162 |
| 7 | 30 | 237 |

## THOMPSON'S DRAFT HISTORY

It's hard to doubt the success of Thompson's drafts, dating back to his time with the Seahawks. The Seattle team that reached Super Bowl XL had Thompson's fingerprints all over it. Nine starters, as well as kicker Josh Brown, were drafted by Thompson.

- Thompson's work is Green Bay has been evident as well, stockpiling a roster with young talent at nearly every position. Having overseen a turnaround from a 4-12 record in 2005 to a 13-3 mark in 2007 and an appearance in the NFC Championship Game, he was named 'George Young NFL Executive of the Year' by The Sporting News last month.
- Thompson's philosophy of building through the draft has brought the Packers 34 selections over the last three seasons, 23 of whom are still with the club.
- In 2005, he entered his first draft with Green Bay armed with seven picks. Through draft-day trades, he wound up with 11 selections. Included in that bunch were Aaron Rodgers (first round), Brady Poppinga (fourth), Junius Coston (fifth) and Michael Montgomery (sixth).
- Similarly in 2006, he entered draft day with seven selections, this time turning those seven picks into 12. Among those selected were A.J. Hawk (first round), Daryn Colledge and Greg Jennings (second), Jason Spitz (third), Will Blackmon (fourth), Tony Moll (fifth) and Johnny Jolly (sixth).
Last year Thompson brought more core players to the club, turning nine picks into 11 selections. Nine of those picks remain on the roster.


## TRADING UP? OR DOWN?

Draft weekend is almost always a fluid situation in draft rooms around the league, with scenarios and possibilities changing with each selection.

- Much has been made of the fact that Thompson has never traded up in either his three seasons with the Packers or five with the Seahawks.
- "We're not opposed to it," Thompson said to the media this week. "We almost need to move up just so we can put this conversation (to rest). But, no, it's certainly possible. Once you get going we'll see how it's working and how the board looks for us. If it looks a little desperate and there's one guy that we think addresses something really important in terms of his long-term value to the Packers and we just don't think he's going to make it to us, that's when you try to step on the accelerator."
- Thompson noted that in each of those eight drafts, there have been times when he's tried to move up: "I think we've tried at one time or another in probably every draft I've ever been involved in. But you have to have another team willing to make that trade at that particular time."
Looking at more of Thompson's draft history, a trade involving the Packers at some point this weekend seems likely. In each of the three Packers' drafts, Thompson has opted to accumulate picks by moving backwards.
- He made three draft-day trades in 2005 and four in '06. In last year's draft, Thompson made two draft-day trades.


## 2008 NFL DRAFT CHANGES

73rd Annual NFL Player Selection Meeting
Radio City Music Hall, New York, NY
252 total selections, including 32 compensatory choices

Saturday, April 26, 2 p.m.


Rounds 1-2
Sunday, April 27, 9 a.m.
Rounds 3-7
In order to streamline the draft process, the NFL announced a number of changes to the draft process.
-Only Rounds $1-2$ will take place on Saturday (April 26), the first day of the draft. Previously, the first three rounds of the draft were conducted on Saturday. Round 3 has been moved to Sunday.
-The time allocated for each club to make its selection in Rounds $1-2$ also has been changed. Instead of 15 minutes for each pick in Round 1, clubs now will be allowed 10 minutes. In Round 2, the selection time has been shortened from 10 to seven minutes.
-Rounds 3-7 will be conducted on Sunday, with each selection allocated five minutes.
-The draft also will begin at 2 p.m. CDT Saturday, three hours later than in previous years.
-The draft on Sunday now will begin at 9 a.m. CDT, one hour earlier than in the past.

## WITH THE 30TH PICK...

Since the very first NFL player selection meeting in 1936, Green Bay has chosen at No. 30 overall just three times.

- The Packers last chose at No. 30 in 1997, selecting tackle Ross Verba from lowa. Verba became the first rookie to start at left tackle in Super Bowl history when he got the nod against Denver in Super Bowl XXXII. He spent four years in Cleveland (2001-04) before finishing his career in Detroit (2006).
-Green Bay also picked No. 30 overall in 1966. At that time a secondround selection, the Packers selected tackle Tom Cichowski from Maryland. Cichowski never appeared in a game for Green Bay.
-1950 marked the Packers' first time selecting at No. 30. A third-round pick that year, Green Bay chose end Gordy Soltau from Minnesota, though Soltau never appeared in a game for the franchise.
So what does Thompson expect from this year's selection?
"We're expecting to get a really good player there," Thompson said Monday. "Whether they come in and start right away, that's not as important as whether it's a good long-term investment for the organization. We're going to try to put some heat on these guys and let them compete and see what happens. We want to create competition, as we've always done, create as much competition as we can at every spot, and there is no spot that doesn't need more competition."
There will undoubtedly be some talented players around at No. 30 on Saturday. The challenge for Thompson and the personnel staff will be to duplicate the success other teams have had at the spot in recent years. A look at some of the recent No. 30 picks:

| Player | Team | $\frac{\text { Year }}{1999}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Patrick Kerney | Atlanta | 2000 |
| Keith Bulluck | Tennessee | 2001 |
| Reggie Wayne | Indianapolis | 2005 |
| Heath Miller | Pittsburgh | 2006 |
| Joseph Addai | Indianapolis | 200 |

Kerney, the 2007 NFC Defensive Player of the Year, is a two-time Pro Bowler and two-time All-Pro.

- Bulluck was the Titans' leading tackler from 2002-06 and was a Pro Bowl selection in 2003.
- One of the league's dynamic receivers, Wayne has been selected to the past two Pro Bowls (2006-07) and was honored this past season as a second-team All-Pro.
- Miller contributed immediately, winning Super Bowl XL in his rookie season, and has grown into one of the AFC's top tight ends.
- Another find for the Colts, Addai became the second consecutive rookie selected at No. 30 to contribute to a Super Bowl championship (XLI). He was named to the AFC Pro Bowl roster in 2007.


## WHAT THOMPSON HAS DRAFTED IN GREEN BAY

- First round (3): Quarterback, linebacker, defensive tackle

Second round (5): Wide receiver (2), safety, guard, running back

- Third round (4): Linebacker, guard, wide receiver, safety

Fourth round (5): Safety, linebacker, wide receiver, cornerback, guard
Fifth round (5): Guard, cornerback, quarterback, tackle, wide receiver
Sixth round (7): Defensive end, wide receiver, defensive tackle, safety, linebacker, fullback, kicker
$\rightarrow$ Seventh round (5): Linebacker, guard, defensive end, running back, tight end,

2008 DRAFT ORDER

| No | Team | W | L |  | sched | $\text { 1 of } \begin{array}{r} \text { Opp } \\ \text { W-L-T } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Miami Dolphins | 1 | 15 | 0.063 | . 539 | 138-118-0 |
| 2. | St. Louis Rams | 3 | 13 | 0.188 | . 512 | 131-125-0 |
| 3. | Atlanta Falcons | 4 | 12 | 0.250 | 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 4. | Oakland Raiders | 4 | 12 | 0.250 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 5. | Kansas City Chiefs | 4 | 12 | 0.250 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 6. | New York Jets | 4 | 12 | 0.250 | . 523 | 134-122-0 |
| 7. | San Francisco 49ers | 5 | 11 | 0.313 | . 465 | 119-137-0 |
| 8. | Baltimore Ravens | 5 | 11 | 0.313 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 9. | Cincinnati Bengals | 7 | 9 | 0.438 | . 461 | 118-138-0 |
| 10. | New Orleans Saints | 7 | 9 | 0.438 | . 480 | 123-133-0 |
| 11. | Buffalo Bills | 7 | 9 | 0.438 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 12. | Denver Broncos | 7 | 9 | 0.438 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 13. | Carolina Panthers | 7 | 9 | 0.438 | . 523 | 134-122-0 |
| 14. | Chicago Bears | 7 | 9 | 0.438 | . 543 | 139-117-0 |
| 15. | Detroit Lions | 7 | 9 | 0.438 | . 543 | 139-117-0 |
| 16. | Arizona Cardinals | 8 | 8 | 0.500 | . 434 | 111-145-0 |
| 17. | K.C. (from Minnesota) | ) 4 | 12 | 0.250 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 18. | Houston Texans | 8 | 8 | 0.500 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 19. | Philadelphia Eagles | 8 | 8 | 0.500 | . 563 | 144-112-0 |
| 20. | Tampa Bay Buccaneer | ers 9 | 7 | 0.563 | . 469 | 120-136-0 |
| 21. | Washington Redskins | s 9 | 7 | 0.563 | . 555 | 142-114-0 |
| 22. | Cleveland Browns | 10 | 6 | 0.625 | . 430 | 110-146-0 |
| 23. | Pittsburgh Steelers | 10 | 6 | 0.625 | . 453 | 116-140-0 |
| 24. | Tennessee Titans | 10 | 6 | 0.625 | . 500 | 128-128-0 |
| 25. | Seattle Seahawks | 10 | 6 | 0.625 | . 414 | 106-150-0 |
| 26. | Jacksonville Jaguars | 11 | 5 | 0.688 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 27. | San Diego Chargers | 11 | 5 | 0.688 | . 500 | 128-128-0 |
| 28. | Dallas Cowboys | 13 | 3 | 0.813 | . 496 | 127-129-0 |
| 29. | Indianapolis Colts | 13 | 3 | 0.813 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 30. | Green Bay Packers | 13 | 3 | 0.813 | . 469 | 120-136-0 |
| 31. | New York Giants | 10 | 6 | 0.625 | . 516 | 132-124-0 |
| 32. | New England Patriots (forfeited pick) |  | 0 | 01.000 | . 469 | 120-136-0 |

Draft-order ties are resolved by the cumulative record of each team's opponents. The team with the weaker opponents receives drafting priority. Within a tied segment, nonplayoff clubs are given priority over playoff clubs. Priority of playoff clubs within a tied segment will be based on their advancement in the playoffs, but they will not drop out of their tied segment unless they participate in the Super Bowl.

## OFFENSE [33]

## QUARTERBACK [3]

| Name | Height | Weight | Age | Exp. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Aaron Rodgers | 6-2 | 223 | 24 | 4 |
| Jerry Babb | 6-2 | 225 | 24 | 1 |
| Dalton Bell | 6-2 | 210 | 25 | 1 |

## RUNNING BACK [5]

| Ryan Grant | $6-1$ |  | 224 | 25 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Vernand Morency | $5-10$ | 217 | 28 | 4 |
| Brandon Jackson | $5-10$ | 212 | 22 | 2 |
| DeShawn Wynn | $5-10$ | 232 | 24 | 2 |
| Noah Herron | $5-11$ | 218 | 26 | 4 |

FULLBACK [3]

| Korey Hall | $6-0$ | 236 | 24 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| John Kuhn | $6-0$ | 250 | 25 | 3 |
| Corey White | $6-1$ | 239 | 22 | 1 |

WIDE RECEIVER [8]

| Donald Driver | $6-0$ |  | 190 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Greg Jennings | $5-11$ | 197 | 24 | 3 |
| James Jones | $6-1$ |  | 212 | 24 |
| Koren Robinson | $6-2$ | 205 | 28 | 7 |
| Ruvell Martin | $6-4$ | 215 | 25 | 3 |
| Shaun Bodiford | $5-11$ | 194 | 25 | 3 |
| Chris Francies | $6-1$ | 193 | 25 | 2 |
| Johnny Quinn | $6-0$ | 197 | 24 | 1 |

## TICHT END [2]

| Donald Lee | $6-4$ | 248 | 27 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Tory Humphrey | $6-2$ | 250 | 25 | 3 |

## OFFENSIVE LINE [12]

| Chad Clifton | 6-5 | 320 | 31 | 9 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mark Tauscher | 6-3 | 315 | 30 | 9 |
| Scott Wells | 6-2 | 295 | 27 | 5 |
| Jason Spitz | 6-3 | 300 | 25 | 3 |
| Daryn Colledge | 6-4 | 305 | 26 | 3 |
| Junius Coston | 6-3 | 313 | 24 | 4 |
| Allen Barbre | 6-4 | 300 | 23 | 2 |
| Tony Moll | 6-5 | 304 | 24 | 3 |
| Orrin Thompson | 6-6 | 322 | 25 | 1 |
| Cameron Stephenson | 6-3 | 320 | 24 | 1 |
| Joe Toledo | 6-5 | 325 | 25 | 3 |
| Ryan Keenan | 6-4 | 299 | 24 | 1 |

## DEFENSE [30]

## DEFENSIVE END [5]

| Name | Height |  | Weight |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Age |  |  | Exp. |  |  |  |
| Aaron Kampman | $6-4$ |  | 265 |  | 28 | 7 |
| Cullen Jenkins | $6-2$ |  | 303 |  | 27 | 5 |
| Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila | $6-4$ |  | 247 |  | 30 | 9 |
| Michael Montgomery | $6-5$ |  | 270 |  | 24 | 4 |
| Jason Hunter | $6-4$ |  | 260 |  | 24 | 3 |

## DEFENSIVE TACKLE [7]

| Ryan Pickett | $6-2$ |  | 330 | 28 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Johnny Jolly | $6-3$ | 318 | 25 | 3 |
| Justin Harrell | $6-4$ | 318 | 24 | 2 |
| Colin Cole | $6-1$ | 320 | 27 | 4 |
| Daniel Muir | $6-2$ | 312 | 24 | 2 |
| Conrad Bolston | $6-3$ | 300 | 23 | 1 |
| Alfred Malone | $6-4$ | 305 | 26 | 2 |

LINEBACKER [7]

| Nick Barnett | $6-2$ | 232 | 26 | 6 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| A.J. Hawk | $6-1$ | 247 | 24 | 3 |
| Brady Poppinga | $6-3$ | 245 | 28 | 4 |
| Brandon Chillar | $6-3$ | 242 | 25 | 5 |
| Tracy White | $6-0$ | 234 | 27 | 6 |
| Abdul Hodge | $6-0$ | 229 | 25 | 3 |
| Spencer Havner | $6-3$ | 244 | 25 | 1 |

## CORNERBACK [6]

| Al Harris | $6-1$ | 188 | 33 | 11 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Charles Woodson | $6-1$ | 200 | 31 | 11 |
| Tramon Williams | $5-11$ | 185 | 25 | 2 |
| Will Blackmon | $6-0$ | 202 | 23 | 3 |
| Jarrett Bush | $6-0$ | 197 | 23 | 3 |
| Joe Porter | $5-10$ | 197 | 22 | 1 |

SAFETY [5]

| Nick Collins | $5-11$ | 200 | 24 | 4 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Atari Bigby | $5-11$ | 211 | 26 | 3 |
| Aaron Rouse | $6-4$ | 223 | 24 | 2 |
| Charlie Peprah | $5-11$ | 202 | 25 | 3 |
| Tyrone Culver | $6-1$ | 200 | 24 | 3 |

## SPECIALISTS [4]

| Mason Crosby | $6-1$ | 212 | 23 | 2 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Jon Ryan | $6-0$ | 202 | 26 | 3 |
| Ryan Dougherty | $6-1$ | 233 | 24 | 1 |
| Thomas Gafford | $6-2$ | 252 | 25 | 1 |

## TED THOMPSON PRE-DRAFT EXCERPTS

(Is it hard to find an edge at 30 in the first round?) No, I think you just have to stick with your basics, and understand and keep reminding yourself that you're looking for good guys, good football players, and stay true to the work that you've put in. Our guys, our coaching staff, our personnel staff, it's always me out here talking to you, but there are a lot of guys that have put in a lot of work, and continue to. We're in meetings now, and we'll be in meetings for the bulk of the rest of the week. So we just work hard, try to do the right thing, and keep reminding ourselves what our goal is.
(I'll get this out of the way ... are you going to take the best player available?) Yeah, yeah. We try to. Now, it might not be the best available player in everyone's eyes, but we'll try to stick to that. We always think that's the best way to go. But oftentimes, it works itself out. The bad thing is we're picking at 30 . The good thing is we're picking at 30 . That way, 29 other teams have to make some decision for us, and that makes our decision easier.
(Why do you choose not to go with needs or wants?) Again, I think a draft is a long-term investment for the organization. It's not that you don't go into the draft with blinders on and realize that you'd like to have another of this and another of this. I just think the draft is a long-term investment, especially the early-round picks, and I think if you take a lesser player ... in your own mind, if you know Player A is a better player and you wind up taking Player B because he happens to play a different position, I think that's a mistake.

- (Do you have to find a backup for Aaron Rodgers this weekend?) No. I mean, we don't have to. The quarterback position is an important position, and we feel very good about Aaron. There are other ways to get quarterbacks as you go through the spring and the summer, so we don't feel compelled to do anything. But again, if we can create more competition, that's a good thing.
- (In the draft room, how much give-and-take is there between you and Mike?) During the draft? Yeah, we sit side-by-side and we talk all the time. But by the time we get to the draft, it's pretty much done by then.
(Do you have to be careful about taking a quarterback too high, because of your support for Aaron and how you feel he's your guy?) No. In fact, it's no slight on anybody. If we take a player at any other position, it's no slight on the players that we have at those positions. Aaron, he's comfortable in his own skin. He understands the NFL is the NFL. As a player, all those players in there that are working out, it's probably not their favorite day, and I'm not talking about Aaron specifically, I'm talking about anybody. When I was with the Oilers for 10 years, and nine of those 10 springs, I sat there and I was hoping that the Oilers would not draft a linebacker, because I didn't want that added competition, but there's nothing you can really do about it. That's part of it. I think all the players know they came from the draft, and there will be other players that will come behind them, and that's just the way it is.
-(You haven't signed a backup quarterback yet. Is that a sign of the weak free-agent group of QBs, and does that make you more prone to address that in this draft? You have to get a backup at some point, right?) Well, yeah. At some point, we're going to address that, sure. And we're constantly doing stuff. You don't see it, but it's behind closed doors, we're talking to teams and looking at tape and studying different ways you can go about that. But no, just because we don't have one already, it doesn't necessarily indicate anything other than we haven't found the right match for us.
(You've had success with players from smaller schools. Is that a philosophy, or did it just work out that way?) It's a coincidence. We scout small schools, and I think some people probably believe that spending

that time at small schools is probably not a good enough return on investment. But other than that, it's just a coincidence.
(Do you try to get a gauge on what the teams ahead of you are trying to do, by reading the papers or the internet?) Sure. Sure. You do. And some teams are a little bit more open about it, but again, you don't know what to believe. Nobody's telling anybody, really, the truth. You can look at it and say he mentioned four running backs there, and he didn't mention this one, so this must be the guy he wants. Or did he put the guy they really want in the first four guys they mentioned? So you can drive yourself crazy doing that.
(How many run-throughs will you do before Draft Day? Is that something you'll do?) No. Not really. We've been talking about it quite a bit, certainly a little bit more over the last week or 10 days. But ever since we started the meetings, we kind of speculated, who's going to take (whom), who's Atlanta going to take at whatever spot, that sort of thing. But we don't do mock drafts per se.
(How do you like the new quicker-paced draft early on?) I'm for it. I haven't been through it yet, so we'll see. That first round last year was a marathon, so I think it's probably better for all of us. It gives us plenty of time. There's some people that were concerned that you might not be able to do as many trades, things like that. I don't think that will have any effect at all. I wish it would start earlier in the day.
(If there are several players there at 30 equal in value, do you initiate calls for a possible trade, or do you wait for teams to call you?) We're always calling people. In fact this week, everybody does the calls: 'Well, if there's somebody we want, we're willing to move up. And if you want somebody, you can come up to us.' So you're always talking about that. And during the course of the draft and leading up to the draft, there will be people saying, 'If our guy is there, we want to call you.' So there's always communication. We have Reggie McKenzie, John Schneider, John Dorsey and Russ Ball, those guys are really good at making sure that we're in tuned with all the other teams and then you play it by ear by what happens. But I think probably with 10 minute sessions, people might call you a pick earlier than they used to call.
(Do you use the trade value chart as a reference? Are you a proponent of seeing that changed considering the financial ramifications at the top of the draft?) I've seen some of the newer things. Everybody uses some sort of trade value chart and it sort of depends on which chart the other guy you're talking to is looking at. Because if he's looking at a different chart than you're looking at, then it doesn't make sense. But they're all basically the same. The whole idea is they've lowered the value of the very, very top picks because of the perception that the money is a hindrance and it's more difficult to trade those picks. We haven't studied that in depth, quite frankly, because it's not going to affect us. But I know what they're getting at. I'm just not sure. It was 3,000 points, how to come to 2,000 points? I don't know. We spend a lot of time on it. We have Mike Eayrs in the draft room with us all the time and he's an expert on all to do with numbers. He knows more numbers than I'll ever know in my lifetime. Our guys are talking to teams and they're saying, 'It's whatever for whatever.' He kind of comes back and says, 'This is fair. This is not fair. This is whatever.'
(Do you have to get a tight end this weekend? You only have two on the roster.) No. Not necessarily. If it works out and it's a player that we think is a value there, then that's fine. But no. There's other ways of getting players.
(With the success you had last season, is it hard to identify specific needs?) You're always weighing potential draft choices against your current roster, in terms of how are they going to fit in. But again, we don't draft based upon need.


## 2008 NFL DRAFT

## PRESEASON

| Date | Opponent | Wis. Time TV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mon., Aug. 11 | CINCINNATI BENGALS ... <br> (Bishop's Charities Game) | 7 p.m. ESPN |
| Sat., Aug. 16 | at San Francisco 49ers | . 8 p.m. state |
| Fri., Aug. 22 | at Denver Broncos | 8 p.m. state |
| Thurs., Aug. 28 | TENNESSEE TITANS (Gold pkg.) | 7 p.m. state |

(Midwest Shrine Game)

## REGULAR SEASON

| Date | Opponent | Wis. Time | IV |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mon., Sept. 8 | MINNESOTA VIKINGS | 6 p.m. | ESPN |
| Sun., Sept. 14 | at Detroit Lions | 12 noon | FOX |
| Sun., Sept. 21 | DALLAS COWBOYS (Gold Pkg.) | 7:15 p.m. | NBC |
| Sun., Sept. 28 | at Tampa Bay Buccaneers | 12 noon | FOX |
| Sun., Oct. 5 | ATLANTA FALCONS | 12 noon | FOX |
| Sun., Oct. 12 | at Seattle Seahawks | 3:15 p.m. | FOX |
| Sun., Oct. 19 | INDIANAPOLIS COLTS | 3:15 p.m. | CBS |
| Sun., Oct. 26 | Open Date |  |  |
| Sun., Nov. 2 | at Tennessee Titans | 12 noon | FOX |
| Sun., Nov. 9 | at Minnesota Vikings | 12 noon | OX |
| Sun., Nov. 16 | CHICAGO BEARS (Gold Pkg.) | *12 noon | FOX |
| Mon., Nov. 24 | at New Orleans Saints | 7:30 p.m. | ESPN |
| Sun., Nov. 30 | CAROLINA PANTHERS | *12 noon | FOX |
| Sun., Dec. 7 | HOUSTON TEXANS | *12 noon | CBS |
| Sun., Dec. 14 | at Jacksonville Jaguars | *12 noon | FOX |
| Mon., Dec. 22 | at Chicago Bears | 7:30 p.m. | ESPN |
| Sun., Dec. 28 | DETROIT LIONS | 12 noon | OX |

## NFL POSTSEASON DATES

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

## DRAFT HEADQUARTERS AT PACKERS.COM

The team's official Web site is the best source for up to the minute information on Draft weekend and the only place to see live press conferences from Lambeau Field in their entirety, in addition to an exclusive peek into the Packers' Draft Room.
-In a special draft section, Packers.com will provide biographical information on each Packers pick as it happens, with additional coverage by the Packers.com team.
Want to see more than just a quick snippet on the nightly news? Packers.com serves as the only place to see press conferences featuring GM Ted Thompson, Head Coach Mike McCarthy and other members of the Packers staff in their entirety. All press conferences on the site will be carried LIVE via
 Flash video and GREEN BAY PAGKERS FOUTBALL CLUB ESI. 1921 archived for later viewing. Additionally, a LIVE video stream from the Packers' Media Auditorium will be available during Draft hours.
$\rightarrow$ Packers.com also is pleased to provide an EXCLUSIVE peek into the Packers' Draft Room with the 2008 Draft Cam. This unique, behind-thescenes cam will bring updated images every minute during the draft.

- For the first time ever, fans can watch the Draft online as it happens. NFL.com will give fans access to NFL Network's live telecast of the 2008

NFL Draft. Live coverage starts at 2:30 p.m. ET on Saturday, April 26, at NFL.com/Live. NFL.com will stream the final 30 minutes of NFL Network's four-hour NFL Total Access pre-Draft show followed by Rounds 1 and 2 of the Draft. NFL.com's coverage continues on Sunday at 10 a.m. ET with NFL Network's telecast of Rounds 3-7.

## NOT EVERY SUPERSTAR IS DRAFTED

As the Draft nears its completion on Sunday night, teams begin the scramble to sign the top non-drafted players still on their board.

- The Packers currently have 67 players on their roster, and since draft picks do not sign contracts until later in the summer, the team could technically sign 13 non-drafted players. There is no limit to how many nondrafted players one team can sign, but no team can go over the roster limit of 80.
- A more sensible approach is to count those draft picks against the roster limit and then bring in a smaller number of non-drafted players.
- Thompson and the personnel staff go to work almost immediately to sign some of the top non-drafted players, agreeing to terms many times that night.
- The Packers have a strong history of succeeding with non-drafted free agents. Clarke Hinkle, Don Hutson and
 Willie Wood - all members of the Professional Football Hall of Fame - came to the Packers as non-drafted free agents.
A look at the current Packers roster shows plenty of contributors that never heard their name called on Draft day.
Running back Ryan Grant exploded onto the NFL scene this season, but never heard his name called on Draft day in 2005.
- Safety Atari Bigby never heard his name called on Draft day either. Bigby led the team in '07 with five interceptions and also earned NFC Defensive Player of the Month honors in December.
Defensive end Cullen Jenkins probably doesn't have happy memories of Draft day either, but the Central Michigan product will be entering his fifth season in the league in '08. Jenkins started 15 games at defensive end for the Packers last season.
A number of key Packers backups also reached the NFL via the nondrafted route. Contributors Jarrett Bush, Jason Hunter, Ruvell Martin and Tramon Williams prove that value can be found after the last pick has been called.
Despite countless hours of studying by scouts and personnel folks around the league, sometimes everyone misses on Draft weekend. San Diego's Antonio Gates, one of the top tight ends in the game, was not drafted. Kurt Warner won two NFL MVPs and a Super Bowl, but no one saw that potential on Draft day. Every club also had a chance to draft wide receiver Wes Welker, who tied for the league lead in receptions this past season.


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## OFFSEASON SCHEDULE SET

All draft picks and non-drafted free agent will arrive in Green Bay for next weekend's Rookie Orientation Camp, to be held May 2-4.

- OTAs will begin Monday, May 19 and continue through the second week of June.
The Packers' mandatory mini-camp has been set for Tuesday, June 17, through Thursday, June 19.
- Players' reporting date for training camp will be Sunday, July 27. The first practice will be held the morning of Monday, July 28.
Other important dates:

May 19-21
June 29-July 2
July 19
July 24
Aug. 26
Aug. 30

NFL Spring Meeting; Buckhead, Ga.
NFL Rookie Symposium; Carlsbad, Calif.
Packers Hall of Fame Induction Banquet (Lambeau Field Atrium)
Packers shareholders' meeting (Lambeau Field seating bowl)
Roster cutdown to maximum of 75 players
Roster cutdown to maximum of 53 players

| IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| GREEN BAY (Team) |  |  |
| Category | NFC | NFL |
| Turnover Margin (+4) | 4 T | 10T |
| Total Offense ( 370.7 total yards per game) | 1 | 2 |
| Rushing (99.8 net yards per game) | . 9 | 21 |
| Passing (270.9 net yards per game) | 1 | 2 |
| Total Defense (313.3 total yards allowed per game) | . 6 | 11 |
| vs. Rush (102.9 net yards allowed per game) | . 9 | 14 |
| vs. Pass (210.4 net yards allowed per game) | 3 | 12 |
| Third-Down Offense (42.6 percent conversion rate) | . | 8 |
| Third-Down Defense ( 33.0 percent opponent conversion rate) | 2 | 3 |
| Red-Zone Offense ( 54.0 percent TD percentage) | 6 | 14 |
| Red-Zone Defense (48.8 percent opponent TD percentage) | 4 | 8 |
| GREEN BAY (Individual) |  |  |
| Category | NFC | NFL |
| Rushing: Ryan Grant (956 yards) | . 9 | 19 |
| Passing: Brett Favre (95.7 passer rating) | 2 | 6 |
| Receptions: Donald Driver (82) | . 9 | 17T |
| Receiving Yards: Donald Driver (1,048) | 9 | 20 |
| Sacks: Aaron Kampman (12) | . 6 | 11T |
| Interceptions: Atari Bigby (5) | 4 T | 23 T |

## Packers draft choices by school (1,265 picks, 260 schools)

| Abilene Christian ..... 1 | Cincinnati . . . . . . . . . 3 | Idaho ............... 4 | Missouri Southern St. . 1 | Portland State . . . . . . . 1 | Texas A\&I . . . . . . . . . . 3 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Alabama . . . . . . . . . . 21 | Clemson . . . . . . . . . . 10 | Idaho State . . . . . . . . . 2 | Missouri Valley . . . . . . 1 | Prairie View . . . . . . . . 2 | Texas A\&M . . . . . . . . 13 |
| Alabama A\&M ....... 1 | Colgate . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 | Illinois . . . . . . . . . . . . 16 | Montana . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | Presbyterian ......... 2 | Texas-Arlington . . . . . . . 4 |
| Albany .............. 1 | College of Idaho . . . . . . 1 | Illinois State . . . . . . . . 1 | Montana State . . . . . . . 1 | Purdue ............ . 15 | Texas Christian . . . . . 16 |
| Albion . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Colorado . . . . . . . . . . 16 | Indiana . . . . . . . . . . . . 8 | Moorhead State . . . . . 1 | Rhode Island ......... 1 | Texas-El Paso/Mines . . 10 |
| Alcorn State . . . . . . . . 1 | Colorado Mines . . . . . 1 | lowa . . . . . . . . . . . . 18 | Morgan State . . . . . . . 2 | Rice ............... . . 8 | Texas Southern . . . . . . . 1 |
| American-Intl. . . . . . . . 3 | Connecticut . ........ 3 | Jackson State . . . . . . . 3 | Morris Brown . ....... . 2 | Richmond . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Texas Tech ......... 11 |
| Angelo State . . . . . . . . . 1 | Cornell . . . . . . . . . . . . 3 | James Madison ...... 1 | Muskingum .......... 1 | Ripon . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | The Citadel . . . . . . . . . 1 |
| Arizona . . . . . . . . . . . . 5 | Cortland State . . . . . . . 1 | John Carroll . . . . . . . . 1 | Navy . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | Rutgers . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | Toledo . . . . . . . . . . . . . 4 |
| Arizona State . . . . . . 10 | Dartmouth . ......... 1 | Johnson C. Smith . . . . 1 | Nebraska .......... . 23 | Sacramento State . . . . 1 | Trinity (Conn.) . . . . . . 1 |
| Arkansas . . . . . . . . . . 19 | Dayton ............. 1 | Kansas ............. 8 | Nebraska-Omaha ..... 3 | St. Ambrose . . . . . . . . 1 | Trinity (Texas) . . . . . . . . 3 |
| Arkansas AM\&N . . . . . 1 | Denver . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | Kansas State . . . . . . . . . 2 | Nevada ............. . . 8 | St. Benedict's . . . . . . . 1 | Tulane . . . . . . . . . . . . . 15 |
| Arkansas-Pine Bluff . . . 3 | Detroit .............. 1 | Kent State . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | New Mexico . . . . . . . . 2 | St. Cloud State . . . . . . 1 | Tulsa . . . . . . . . . . . . . 11 |
| Arkansas State . . . . . . 5 | Doane . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | Kentucky . . . . . . . . . . . 7 | New Mexico Highlands . 1 | St. John's (Minn.) . . . . 1 | Tuskegee ........... 1 |
| Arkansas Tech ....... 3 | Drake ............... 5 | Kentucky State . . . . . . 2 | North Carolina . ...... . 8 | St. Mary's (Calif.) . . . . . 6 | UCLA . . . . . . . . . . . 13 |
| Army . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | Duke . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6 | Lafayette . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | North Carolina A\&T . . . 1 | St. Norbert . . . . . . . . . . 5 | Utah . ............... 10 |
| Auburn . . . . . . . . . . 11 | Eastern Kentucky ..... 1 | Langston ........... 1 | North Carolina Central . 2 | St. Olaf . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Utah State . . . . . . . . . . 7 |
| Baldwin-Wallace . . . . . 1 | Eastern Michigan . . . . . 2 | Lawrence . .......... . 2 | North Carolina State . . . 2 | St. Vincent . . . . . . . . . 1 | Vanderbilt . . . . . . . . . . 5 |
| Ball State . . . . . . . . . . 2 | Eastern Washington . . . 1 | Lewis .............. 1 | North Dakota . . . . . . . 1 | Sam Houston State . . . 1 | Villanova . . . . . . . . . . . 4 |
| Baylor . . . . . . . . . . . . 12 | East Texas State . . . . . . 2 | Lewis and Clark . . . . . 1 | North Dakota State . . . . 5 | San Diego State . . . . 10 | Virginia . . . . . . . . . . . . 7 |
| Beloit . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Elon . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Long Beach State . . . . . 2 | Northeastern (Okla.) St. 1 | San Francisco . . . . . . . 2 | Virginia Tech . . . . . . . . 6 |
| Benedictine . . . . . . . . . 1 | Florida . . . . . . . . . . 12 | Louisiana State . . . . . . . 9 | Northeast Louisiana . . . 1 | San Jose State . . . . . . . 5 | Virginia Union . . . . . . . . 1 |
| Bethune-Cookman .... 3 | Florida A\&M . . . . . . . . 6 | Louisiana Tech ....... 2 | Northeast Mo. State . . . 1 | Santa Clara . . . . . . . . . . 4 | Wake Forest . . . . . . . . 4 |
| Bishop . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Florida State . . . . . . . 10 | Louisville . . . . . . . . . 5 | Northern Colorado . . . . 1 | South Carolina . . . . . 17 | Washington ........ 15 |
| Boise State . . . . . . . . . 2 | Fordham ............ . 1 | Marquette . . . . . . . . . . 5 | Northern Illinois ..... . 2 | South Dakota . . . . . . . 2 | Washington State . . . . 8 |
| Boston College . . . . . 14 | Fort Hays State . . . . . . . 1 | Marshall . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Northern lowa . . . . . . 2 | South Dakota State . . . . 5 | Weber State . . . . . . . . 1 |
| Boston University . . . . . 1 | Fresno State . . . . . . . . 4 | Maryland .......... 11 | Northern Michigan . . . . 3 | Southern . . . . . . . . . . . 5 | West Chester . . . . . . . 1 |
| Bowling Green . . . . . . 3 | Furman . . . . . . . . . . . . 4 | Maryland State . . . . . . 1 | North Texas State . . . . 3 | Southern California . . 32 | Western Kentucky . . . . . 1 |
| Bradley . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 | Gardner-Webb ....... 1 | Massachusetts ...... . 2 | Northwest Missouri St. . . 1 | Southern Methodist . . 19 | Western Michigan . . . . . 4 |
| Bridgeport .......... 1 | Georgetown ......... 2 | McNeese State . . . . . . 2 | Northwestern ....... 15 | Southern Mississippi . . 7 | West Texas State . . . . . 2 |
| Brigham Young . . . . . . . 4 | Georgia . . . . . . . . . . . 15 | Memphis ........... 1 | Northwestern (La.) St . . 2 | South Florida . ....... 1 | West Virginia . . . . . . . 5 |
| Bucknell . ........... . 2 | Georgia Tech . . . . . . . . 13 | Memphis State . . . . . . 7 | Northwestern Okla. St . 1 | Southwestern La. . . . . 3 | Wichita . . . . . . . . . . . 3 |
| California .......... . 9 | Gonzaga . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Mesa State . . . . . . . . . 1 | Notre Dame . . . . . . . 27 | Southwest J.C. . . . . . . 1 | William \& Mary . . . . . 3 |
| Cal Poly-S.L.Obispo . . . 2 | Grambling State . . . . . 6 | Miami (Fla.) . . . . . . . . 9 | Ohio State . . . . . . . . . . 23 | Southwest Texas . . . . . . 1 | Williamette .......... . 1 |
| Cal State-Los Angeles . 1 | Gustavus Adolphus ... 1 | Miami (Ohio) . . . . . . . 2 | Oklahoma . . . . . . . . . 21 | Springfield . . . . . . . . . 2 | Wisconsin . . . . . . . . . 36 |
| Carson-Newman . . . . . 1 | Hardin-Simmons .... 3 | Michigan . . . . . . . . . . 26 | Oklahoma State ...... 8 | Stanford . . . . . . . . . . . 9 | Wisconsin-Eau Claire . . 1 |
| Case Western Reserve . 1 | Heidelberg .......... 1 | Michigan State . . . . . 14 | Oregon .............. 9 | Stephen F. Austin ..... 2 | Wisconsin-La Crosse . . 1 |
| Catawba ............ . 1 | Hillsdale ............ . 3 | Millikin .............. 1 | Oregon State . ........ 9 | Syracuse . . . . . . . . . . . 6 | Wisconsin-Stevens Pt . 2 |
| Central Connecticut . . . 1 | Holy Cross . . . . . . . . 7 | Milwaukee Teachers . . . 1 | Ottawa (Kan.) . . . . . . . 1 | Temple . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Wyoming . .......... 1 |
| Central Florida . . . . . . 1 | Houston ............ 6 | Minnesota . . . . . . . . . 41 | Pacific . . . . . . . . . . . . . 5 | Tennessee . . . . . . . . . 13 | Xavier . . . . . . . . . . . . 2 |
| Central Michigan ..... 3 | Howard . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Mississippi . . . . . . . . 9 | Parsons ............ 1 | Tennessee A\&I . . . . . . 1 |  |
| Central Missouri . . . . . . 2 | Howard Payne ....... 2 | Mississippi State . . . . 7 | Penn State . . . . . . . . 10 | Tenn.-Chattanooga .... 1 |  |
| Central (Okla.) State . . . 1 | Humboldt State ...... 2 | Missouri . . . . . . . . . 10 | Philander Smith ...... 1 | Tennessee State . . . . . . 2 |  |
| Chattanooga . . . . . . . . 1 | Huron . . . . . . . . . . . . . 1 | Missouri-Rolla ....... 1 | Pittsburgh ......... . . 14 | Texas .............. 9 |  |

