

2008 player grades: Offense

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Mason Crosby: He had a chance to sweep the Vikings but missed from 52 in the Metrodome. Then he had a chance to sweep the Bears but booted a low one from 38 and had it blocked at Soldier Field. Those were the lowest moments in Crosby's disappointing season. He made 27 of 34 field goals for 79.4%, 28th-best in the NFL. In the three previous seasons, the Packers' kicker ranked 26th. Crosby did make all 46 extra points. His average distance per miss (46.7) tied for sixth-longest in the league. Crosby's average kickoff distance (67.2) was 1.3 yards longer than last year. However, his average hang time decreased from 3.96 seconds to 3.84. He mis-hit four of his five kickoffs in Minnesota, was 0 for 3 on onside kicks and tied for third in the NFL by sending three kickoffs out of bounds. **Grade: D**

Brett Goode: The free-agent signing of Goode on Sept. 1 was the best post-camp acquisition of the year. He didn't have a bad snap. **Grade: C**

J.J. Jansen: Had the long-snapping job locked up until he suffered lateral collateral knee ligament damage in the exhibition finale and went on injured reserve. He'll probably have a chance to compete with Goode, but with the roster limit now firm at 80 it might not be for long. **Grade: Incomplete**

Jeremy Kapinos: Derrick Frost's 12-game act (42.1 gross, 36.1 net, hang time of 3.91 seconds, which was the poorest in the last decade) wasn't hard to follow. What made it a daunting assignment was having to punt in games with the temperature at 3, 2 and 22 degrees. Although it wasn't pretty, Kapinos managed to get seven of his 17 punts inside the 20. He averaged 39.2 (gross), 34.5 (net) and 3.80 (hang time). **Grade: D+**