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PACKERS, RAMS FACE OFF IN ST. LOUIS

Green Bay looks to get back to its winning ways this Sunday as it travels to St. Louis to take on the Rams in their home opener.

- ▶ The Packers lost a disappointing contest last weekend to the Bengals, 31-24, in which none of its three phases performed up to standard.
- ▶ Now, it takes to the road to try and earn a victory and get another step closer to its goal of a fast start to the 2009 season.
- ▶ Green Bay has considerable history with the Rams franchise, dating back to its days in Cleveland (1937-45) and Los Angeles (1946-94). Sunday marks the 89th all-time regular-season meeting between the two teams, with the Rams holding a slight 45-41-2 edge in the series.
- ▶ Including five contests against the St. Louis Cardinals, who played in the city from 1960-87, the Packers are 4-4-1 all-time in the city. They have won just twice by the Arch (1996, 2007) since Vince Lombardi left the team in the late 1960s.
- ▶ True to the close nature of the all-time series, the teams have split the last eight meetings, which included the 2001 NFC Divisional playoff game won by St. Louis. Green Bay won the only other postseason meeting between the two teams, the 1967 Western Conference Championship. The Packers went on to win the famed 'Ice Bowl' the following week and Super Bowl II weeks later.
- ▶ Under new head coach Steve Spagnuolo, the Rams are still searching for their first win of the '09 campaign. Head Coach Mike McCarthy has faced Spagnuolo twice during his tenure as defensive coordinator of the New York Giants. The Packers defeated the Giants in Week 2 of the 2007 season but dropped the NFC Championship Game later in the year.
- ▶ St. Louis lost the season opener 28-0 in Seattle and then dropped another contest on the road, 9-7, in Washington on Sunday.



ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Green Bay makes its first road trip of 2009 to St. Louis, a city where it is 2-1 all-time in regular-season meetings.

- ▶ Historically, Green Bay has performed well as a franchise in road openers. Its 50 wins in road openers are the most in NFL history. The New York Giants own the league's second-best mark at 48-32-5.
- ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** has contributed to that history, winning the road opener in each of his three years at the helm.
- ▶ The three straight victories in road openers is the NFC's longest active streak. Only Indianapolis (five) has a longer streak.
- ▶ Twice those victories have come in Detroit. McCarthy got his first career win as a head coach in 2006 in Detroit, a 31-24 victory in Week 3. Last season, Green Bay used a huge fourth quarter to defeat the Lions 48-25 in Week 2.
- ▶ In 2007, the team routed the Giants in New York, 35-13, in Week 2.
- ▶ The Packers hope to continue that success Sunday in St. Louis, a site where they earned a road victory in 2007. In three seasons under McCarthy, the team is 13-11 on the road.

WITH THE CALL

The Packers make their first appearance of the 2009 season on FOX Sports, now in its 16th season as an NFL network television partner. The network will air the contest to a regional audience.

- ▶ Play-by-play man **Chris Myers** and color analyst **Trent Green** will have the call from the broadcast booth.
- ▶ Milwaukee's WTMJ (620 AM), airing Green Bay games since 1929, heads up the 53-station Packers Radio Network, with **Wayne Larrivee** (play-by-play) and two-time Packers Pro Bowler **Larry McCarren** (color) calling the action. The duo enters its 11th season of broadcasts together across the Packers Radio Network, which covers 43 markets in five states.
- ▶ For out-of-town listeners, the broadcast is available to NFL Field Pass subscribers on www.packers.com as well as on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 113 WTMJ feed) as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive.
- ▶ DIRECTV subscribers can watch the game in HD on channel 711.

PRESEASON

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sat., Aug. 15	CLEVELAND BROWNS (Gold Pkg.)W, 17-0 (Midwest Shrine Game)		(69,091)
Sat., Aug. 22	BUFFALO BILLS.W, 31-21 (Bishop's Charities Game)		(68,908)
Fri., Aug. 28	at Arizona Cardinals.W, 44-37		(61,753)
Thur., Sept. 3	at Tennessee Titans.L, 13-27		(69,143)

REGULAR SEASON

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sun., Sept. 13	CHICAGO BEARS.W, 21-15		(70,920)
Sun., Sept. 20	CINCINNATI BENGALS (Gold Pkg.)L, 24-31		(70,678)
Sun., Sept. 27	at St. Louis Rams12 noon		FOX
Mon., Oct. 5	at Minnesota Vikings7:30 p.m.		ESPN
Sun., Oct. 11	Open Date		
Sun., Oct. 18	DETROIT LIONS12 noon		FOX
Sun., Oct. 25	at Cleveland Browns12 noon		FOX
Sun., Nov. 1	MINNESOTA VIKINGS.12 noon		FOX
Sun., Nov. 8	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers12 noon		FOX
Sun., Nov. 15	DALLAS COWBOYS (Gold Pkg.)3:15 p.m.		FOX
Sun., Nov. 22	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS12 noon		FOX
Thurs., Nov. 26	at Detroit Lions (Thanksgiving)11:30 a.m.		FOX
Mon., Dec. 7	BALTIMORE RAVENS7:30 p.m.		ESPN
Sun., Dec. 13	at Chicago Bears*12 noon		FOX
Sun., Dec. 20	at Pittsburgh Steelers*12 noon		FOX
Sun., Dec. 27	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS*12 noon		FOX
Sun., Jan. 3	at Arizona Cardinals.*3:15 p.m.		FOX

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

NFL POSTSEASON DATES

Jan. 9-10	AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs
Jan. 16-17	AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
Jan. 24	AFC and NFC Championship Games
Jan. 31	AFC-NFC Pro Bowl at Land Shark Stadium, Miami
Feb. 7	Super Bowl XLIV at Land Shark Stadium, Miami



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

HEALTH WATCH AND LINEUP CHANGES

The most significant injuries suffered against Cincinnati were by T **Chad Clifton** (ankle) and S **Nick Collins** (clavicle).

- ▶ Clifton's injury appeared serious at first as he was carted off the field early in the second half. X-rays on the ankle were negative, though Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** said the team will not know more about his status until Wednesday as they see how the ankle responds.
- ▶ Clifton has been a fixture on the Packers' offensive line during his time in the NFL, starting 128 games at the left-tackle spot. Since returning from a serious pelvic injury that ended his 2002 season, he has started 96 of 98 games, missing two ('06 at Miami, '08 at Tennessee) due to illness.
- ▶ Though the team will certainly keep a close eye on Clifton's progress, McCarthy said the team is preparing as though the 10th-year pro will not be in the lineup Sunday.
- ▶ McCarthy seemed more optimistic about Collins, who suffered his injury in the second quarter underneath a pileup. McCarthy and the medical staff will make a more informed decision on Collins and his potential practice schedule on Wednesday. The other safety injured in the contest, **Aaron Rouse** with a neck stinger, is being counted on to return.
- ▶ The team is already without the services of S **Atari Bigby**, who suffered a knee injury in Week 1 and will be out for an extended period. CB/S **Jarrett Bush** filled in for Collins against the Bengals and will be counted on heavily if Collins is unable to play. The only other safety on the roster, **Derrick Martin**, has been with the team only two weeks after being acquired from Baltimore in a trade. His learning curve could be quick with his familiarity with the 3-4 defense, and he could be called upon to spell Bush and Rouse.
- ▶ In addition to Clifton, both RB **Brandon Jackson** and NT **B.J. Raji** are trying to return from ankle injuries. Raji, injured in the preseason finale, practiced last week but did not return to game action. If he is able to show coaches he is back to full strength during the practice week, his NFL debut could come in St. Louis. Jackson has not returned to the practice field since suffering his injury in the third preseason game.

STARTING FAST

Mike McCarthy, like all NFL coaches, stresses the importance of getting out to a quick start in the early portions of the 2009 schedule in order to springboard the team to greater successes.

- ▶ This offseason, one of the main goals was an added emphasis on starting fast – literally – in the first quarter through an increased tempo at the line of scrimmage and ultimately more point production.
- ▶ The Packers produced a total of 13 points (one TD, two FGs) on their first offensive possessions a year ago, second fewest among all NFL teams (Detroit, 10). Despite ranking No. 5 in total scoring (419 points) in 2008, the Packers produced their lowest output (61 points) in the first quarter. That total ranked tied for 20th.
- ▶ That emphasis appeared to be paying off in the preseason, as QB **Aaron Rodgers** led an offense that scored touchdowns on nine of 13 possessions as he registered an NFL-best 147.9 quarterback rating.
- ▶ Not to be outdone, the defense finished its preseason action with 13 takeaways (eight interceptions, five fumbles) and 12 sacks.
- ▶ With the third preseason game being as close to a dress rehearsal as there is in the NFL, Green Bay's starters stormed out of the gates in a road contest against defending NFC champion Arizona, building a 38-10 halftime advantage. All told, Green Bay's starters outscored opponents 76-13 in just over six quarters of play.
- ▶ Thus far, only the defense seems to be translating to the regular season. It has five first-half interceptions thus far, including one returned for a score by CB **Charles Woodson**.
- ▶ The offense has produced 24 first-half points, but has struggled to gain any sustained momentum in the first half. It gained just 104 net yards against Chicago and 113 against the Bengals.

O-LINE LOOKS TO REBOUND

After rough outings in the first two weeks, the offensive line will look to get back on track against the Rams.

- ▶ With an injury to T **Chad Clifton**, McCarthy indicated the team would most likely opt to go with the lineup it finished with against the Bengals.
- ▶ That is one that slides C **Scott Wells** back into the starting lineup, moves **Daryn Colledge** out to left tackle and C **Jason Spitz** to left guard. Colledge has started at left tackle each of the two games Clifton has missed over the past three seasons and was a four-year starter at the position at Boise State.
- ▶ Spitz and Wells are both familiar in the new lineup as well. Spitz has started 35 NFL games at guard, including six on the left side. Wells served as the team's starting center the past three seasons and has 46 career starts at the position.
- ▶ What has been most troubling about the early-season woes has been the pressure allowed. Green Bay has already surrendered 10 sacks on the season, the most over the first two weeks of the season since 1992.
- ▶ Perhaps the St. Louis Rams come on the schedule at the right time. Thus far, the team has generated one sack in two games, tied for the second lowest output in the NFL thus far. Dallas is the only team without a sack in 2009.
- ▶ Green Bay's offensive unit could also use some more production from its running game. Thus far, the team's running backs have combined for 115 yards on 33 carries, or 3.48 yards per rush.



NOTE OF THE WEEK

It's no secret that early success dramatically increases a team's chances to make the postseason. Though statistics can only tell so much in the National Football League, they are on the side of teams who start fast.

- ▶ Since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978, 442 teams won their opener. Of those teams, 233 went to the playoffs and 136 won division crowns. Now, compare those numbers to the 442 teams that lost the first game of the season. Of that group, only 103 went to the playoffs and only 58 captured their division.
- ▶ Coaches typically break the season into four-game quarters, and success in the first quarter greatly enhances a team's chances of making the postseason.
- ▶ Under McCarthy, Green Bay started 1-3 (2006) and 2-2 (2008) in seasons in which it did not make the playoffs. In 2007, the Packers started 4-0 when they ultimately played in the NFC Championship Game.
- ▶ Teams rebounding from slow starts isn't unheard of, especially with earning a wild-card berth being an alternate route to the postseason. Still, the stats bear out that early-season success goes a long way in determining who will play in January and February.
- ▶ A look at how important fast starts have become to an eventual playoff berth, compiled from 1990-2008:

<u>Record through 4 games</u>	<u>% of teams in playoffs</u>
0-4	1.6%
1-3	15.8%
2-2	35.5%
3-1	64.5%
4-0	83.9%



THE DOPE ON THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:

Green Bay Packers vs. St. Louis Rams

All-time regular season:
41-45-2

All-time, postseason:
1-1

All-time, in St. Louis:
2-2-0 (incl. Rams' 2001 NFC Divisional playoff victory)

Streaks: The teams have split the last four regular-season games.

Last meeting, regular season:
Dec. 16, 2007, at Edward Jones Dome; Packers won, 33-14



COACHES CAPSULES

Mike McCarthy: 29-23-0, .557 (incl. 1-1 postseason); 4th NFL season

Steve Spagnuolo: 0-2-0, .000; 1st NFL season

Head to Head: Never met

vs. Opponent: McCarthy 1-1 vs. Rams; Spagnuolo 0-0 vs. Packers

MIKE MCCARTHY...Is in fourth 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.
- ▶ One of only three head coaches to lead an offense ranked in the top 10 in the league each of the past three years.

STEVE SPAGNUOLO...Is in first year as the Rams' 25th head coach.

- ▶ Was defensive coordinator of the N.Y. Giants in 2007-08, leading the defense that helped defeat the Packers in the 2007 NFC Championship and ultimately upset the New England Patriots in the Super Bowl.
- ▶ Previous spent eight seasons as a defensive assistant for the Philadelphia Eagles (1999-2006).
- ▶ Coached collegiately at six different schools from 1982-97, the final two stops being Rutgers and Bowling Green.

THE PACKERS-RAMS SERIES

These clubs first met in 1937, when the NFL launched its long relationship with the city of Cleveland. The franchises met every year from 1937-71 except 1943, when the Rams didn't field a team.

- ▶ Beginning in 1946, when the Rams moved from Cleveland to Los Angeles, these foes consistently played their Wisconsin games early in the year (before cold weather set in) and their warm West Coast games late in the year.
- ▶ Including five contests against the St. Louis Cardinals, who played in the city from 1960-87, the Packers are 4-4-1 all-time in St. Louis. They have won only twice by the Arch (1996, 2007) since Vince Lombardi left the team in the late 1960s.
- ▶ The series has been even lately, with the teams splitting the last eight contests, including the Rams' 2001 win in the NFC Divisional Playoffs. Previously, the Packers had won three meetings in a row (1992-95).

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

As an NFL rookie in 2000, Rams QB Marc Bulger spent training camp in New Orleans working with Packers Head Coach Mike McCarthy, who was in his first training camp as the Saints' offensive coordinator... Rams head coach Steve Spagnuolo was on Philadelphia's coaching staff for four of Packers cornerback Al Harris' five seasons with the Eagles, and was his

position coach for two of them (2001-02)...Rams assistant coaches who previously have worked in Green Bay include WR coach Charlie Baggett (1999), RB coach Sylvester Croom (2001-03), defensive coordinator Ken Flajole (1998), and strength coach Rock Gullickson (2006-08). Rams assistant to head coach/football operations Bruce Warwick also spent six seasons (2000-05) with the Packers...Packers defensive line coach Mike Trgovac and Rams linebackers coach Paul Ferraro coached together on the Carolina staff...Rams offensive coordinator Pat Shurmur is the nephew of the late Fritz Shurmur, the former Packers defensive coordinator... Packers outside LB coach Kevin Greene was a fifth-round selection of the Los Angeles Rams in 1985 and played the first eight seasons (1985-92) of his career there. He ranks second in franchise history with 72.5 sacks... Packers NT Ryan Pickett played his first five NFL seasons (2001-05) in St. Louis, while LB Brandon Chillar played his first four seasons with the Rams (2004-07). Both signed as free agents with Green Bay...Rams LB Paris Lenon played four seasons for the Packers (2002-05), WR Ruvell Martin played three (2006-08), RB Samkon Gado played one (2005), and S Anthony Smith was in training camp with Green Bay this past summer...Packers LB Nick Barnett and Rams RB Steven Jackson were teammates at Oregon State...Packers CB Charles Woodson and Rams DE James Hall were defensive teammates on the University of Michigan's 1997 national championship team...Packers T Chad Clifton and Rams DE Leonard Little were teammates at Tennessee, while Packers RB Brandon Jackson and Rams G Richie Incognito were teammates at Nebraska... Packers LB A.J. Hawk was a senior at Ohio State when Rams LB James Laurinaitis was a freshman in 2005...Packers TE Donald Lee and Rams TE Randy McMichael were teammates with the Dolphins...Rams WR Derek Stanley played collegiately at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and is originally from Verona, Wis., near Madison.

INDIVIDUALLY VS. RAMS

WR Donald Driver has 18 receptions for 242 yards and a touchdown against the Rams in four career games...In two career contests, WR Greg Jennings has nine catches for 171 yards and two TDs, of 46 and 44 yards in length...S Atari Bigby had two interceptions and LB Nick Barnett had two sacks, both career highs, in the 2007 meeting.

LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON

- Dec. 16, 2007, at Edward Jones Dome; Packers won, 33-14.
- ▶ The Packers earned a first-round playoff bye for the first time since 1997 with the win, which featured QB Brett Favre surpassing Dan Marino for the most passing yards in NFL history on a 7-yard pass to Donald Driver in the fourth quarter.
 - ▶ Donald Lee and Greg Jennings each caught a TD pass, while Ryan Grant ran for one and Mason Crosby was 4-of-4 on field goals, three of them from 44 yards or longer.
 - ▶ For the Rams, Steven Jackson rushed 24 times for 143 yards, including a 46-yard touchdown that tied the game early in the second quarter at 14.
 - ▶ The Packers sacked Rams QB Marc Bulger four times and intercepted him twice. Nick Barnett had two of the sacks, with A.J. Hawk and Aaron Kampman getting the others. Atari Bigby had both INTs.



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

NFL'S YOUNGEST ROSTER ... AGAIN

Based upon analysis of Kickoff Weekend rosters done by the league office, the Green Bay Packers have the distinction of being the league's youngest squad for a fourth consecutive season.

- ▶ Dating back to 2000, Arizona was the only other club to hold or share the distinction for at least three years. The Cardinals were the NFL's youngest team in 2001 and tied for the league's youngest roster the following two seasons.
- ▶ With an average 2009 roster age of 25.70, Green Bay again checks in with the youngest average age in the NFL. Indianapolis and Kansas City are tied for second with an average age of 25.89 years.
- ▶ Green Bay has four players age 30 or over, the lowest total in the NFL.
- ▶ Kansas City and Green Bay tied for the youngest roster last season with an average age of 25.57 years.
- ▶ The Packers were the youngest team in the NFL in 2007 with an average age of 25.72 years, while the Colts placed second at 25.74 years. Both teams made playoff appearances that season.
- ▶ In Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**'s first season, the Packers checked in as the league's youngest team with an average age of 25.57 years. Tennessee (25.77) was second.

DON'T CHALLENGE THE PACK

Bears coach Lovie Smith challenged two plays (CB **Tramon Williams**' interception return, fake punt) in Week 1 and lost both of them.

- ▶ Opponents were just 1-for-8 in challenges against Green Bay last season, meaning they have been successful just once in their last 10 tries.
- ▶ McCarthy has lost its only challenge of the season thus far, challenging whether Bengals QB Carson Palmer crossed the plane on a first-half touchdown run in Week 2.

PRO FOOTBALL HOF LIST HAS GREEN BAY CONNECTIONS

Headlined by all-time leading receiver Jerry Rice and all-time leading rusher Emmitt Smith, the Pro Football Hall of Fame preliminary list of modern-era nominees for election to Class of 2010 was announced. Among the list of 131 players, coaches and contributors were a number of nominees with connections to the Packers.

- ▶ WR **Sterling Sharpe** and S **LeRoy Butler**, two of the significant contributors to the Packers revitalization in the 1990s, were among the list. Sharpe, a three-time first-team All-Pro and five-time Pro Bowler, still ranks near the top of most of the Packers' all-time receiving records despite having only played seven seasons.
- ▶ Butler, a four-time first-team All-Pro and Pro Bowler, was one of the most feared defensive players of his era. Butler was named to the 1990s NFL All-Decade Team and finished his career with 38 interceptions and 20.5 sacks.
- ▶ Also on the list was the architect of those teams, former general manager **Ron Wolf**. Over his tenure (1992-2000), the Packers compiled the league's second-best record (92-52), recorded seven straight winning seasons and six consecutive playoff appearances, and of course emerged victorious in Super Bowl XXXI.
- ▶ More recent Packers connections on the list include outside linebackers coach **Kevin Greene**. Greene leads all linebackers in NFL history with 160 sacks, a number that ranks third all-time among all players. He has been a semifinalist each of the last two years.
- ▶ Also on the list of nominees was **Clay Matthews**, father of Packers

rookie LB **Clay Matthews**. The elder Matthews was a four-time Pro Bowler in his 16 seasons in the NFL, and his brother Bruce is already a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame after his illustrious 19-year career as an offensive lineman.

- ▶ Other players on the list who made brief stops in Green Bay during their career include LB **Hardy Nickerson** (2002), DL **Steve McMichael** (1994), and RB/WR **Eric Metcalf** (2002).

PROTECTING THE FOOTBALL

Much has been made of the early-season struggles by the offensive line, which has allowed QB **Aaron Rodgers** to be sacked 10 times and take a number of other punishing blows.



- ▶ But even under heavy duress, Rodgers has been careful with the football and in his decision-making.
- ▶ He has not thrown an interception in his last 125 attempts. That is the second-longest streak among active QBs (Todd Collins, WAS, 203) and longest among starting signal-callers.
- ▶ With perhaps another game or two, Rodgers can begin to approach some of the all-time franchise marks.
- ▶ His own personal best was set last year, when it wasn't until the fourth game of the season that he threw an interception. That snapped a streak of 157 consecutive passes without an interception, a streak that began in 2005 and is the third-longest in team history.
- ▶ Bart Starr holds the franchise record with an astounding 294 straight passes without an interception, second-most in NFL history.
- ▶ Brett Favre stands at No. 2 on the team's all-time list with 163 consecutive passes without an interception.
- ▶ The interception-free streaks have come

in bunches in the McCarthy tenure. Much credit must be given to McCarthy, who works closely with those under center, and quarterbacks coach **Tom Clements**.

- ▶ In addition to Rodgers' current streak and his 157-pass streak last season, Favre had two of the longest streaks of his career under the duo in 2007. Early in the season, he had a 142-pass streak (third longest of his career) and followed up with a 139-pass streak (fourth) later in the season.

TRAVELIN' LIGHT

Each season, the NFL compiles the number of miles each team will travel during the season, including preseason trips.

- ▶ Green Bay's first road trip of the regular season, a short trip to St. Louis, will cover just under 500 miles, a relatively quick flight by NFL standards.
- ▶ The Packers' longest trips will be to Tampa and Phoenix, the latter of which also was a trip in the preseason.
- ▶ All collected, the team will fly 12,260 miles according to numbers compiled by the NFL league office.
- ▶ That total is the fourth-lowest mileage total among the 32 teams in 2009. Perhaps not surprisingly, five West Coast clubs head the list when it comes to logging miles through the air this season: Seattle (29,054), San Francisco (29,020), San Diego (28,628), Arizona (27,840) and Oakland (27,232).

MIKE McCARTHY TRANSCRIPT

EXCERPTS FROM THE COACH – MONDAY, SEPT. 21

OK, I'll start off with the three injuries to report on. Chad Clifton had an ankle sprain. It's really too early to tell how long he'll be out. Nick Collins has a clavicle sprain, so we'll see how he is Wednesday, on whether he'll practice or not. Aaron Rouse had a neck stinger. We'll see how he is Wednesday as far as his practice status.

▶ **(Any chance Clifton can play on Sunday?)**

Pat just thinks it's too early to tell. I talked to him right before I came in here, Dr. McKenzie. He said we'll see how he is Wednesday, but he just felt it was too early to give me a diagnosis on one week, two weeks or so forth. So he wants to look at him Wednesday before he gives me a better estimate.

▶ **(Going into the season, you felt Colledge was your best backup option at left tackle, but you wanted to keep him at left guard. Did you ever consider something else?)**

Really, Daryn Colledge playing left guard is as much about, A, I think that's his best position, and B, to try to establish continuity in the core of the offense. It's a philosophy of mine that you start with the interior of your line, your quarterback and your running back, because those particular individuals make the most adjustments for your offense, to just try to stabilize that. Now as far as the second-best left tackle on our roster, yes, I think Daryn Colledge fits that role.

▶ **(If Daryn has a full week, do you expect different results?)**

Yes I do. I think that didn't help him. He's jumped out there and played well for us in the past without any reps on short notice. I'm thinking of down there in Tennessee and his rookie year in Miami. But he was challenged a little bit, missing practice on Friday with a foot sprain, and he just did not look very comfortable there. I thought he played well at left guard, graded out well. He just did not look comfortable at left tackle.

▶ **(How do you explain the issues up front with protection?)**

It's a combination of a number of things. It's frustrating when you call heavy protection plays and you're encountering sacks, and then you go into Week 2 and you try to make adjustments for that. The reality of it is we have fundamental breakdowns. As we talked about as a staff, we could have had nine-man protections on a couple of those where we flat-out just get beat, one individual gets beat fundamentally, and it causes a sack and a quarterback hit that we need to eliminate from our play. I'm not going to go overboard here, but four of those sacks in the last two weeks are totally uncalled for. They're unacceptable to get beat the way that we did and hit the quarterback. That's just something we have to correct on the field. If we have a tendency as an offensive staff, we may try to help these guys too much. At some point, you have to win the one-on-one battle with the help being secondary instead of a primary focus.

▶ **(Your top three safeties are injured. Do you need to get reinforcements there?)**

That's something that we're going to let the medical people give us a little more information on. I think Wednesday will help us out a lot. We'll plan with Aaron Rouse being ready to go. I think Derrick Martin has picked up the scheme very well. He'll be ready to go. And I think Jarrett Bush working back there primarily will give him a better opportunity to play, as much as he did this past week.

▶ **(Are you amazed you're talking about fundamentals two games into the season and with guys who have played a lot for you?)**

I'm not amazed by talking about fundamentals in Week 2. I wish I wasn't talking as much about them. I'm not particularly satisfied with the level of fundamentals that we're playing after having two weeks of competition. But sometimes it goes this way early in the season. I'm not making excuses. We're going to work at it. I do not like what's gone on in the pass protection area. It affects the way you call games, it affects the way you plan for games. But frankly, Cincinnati beat us on both fronts, the offensive line and the defensive line yesterday, and it was a big part of their success.

▶ **(Could you talk about your decision to keep Raji inactive?)**

I just sat down with B.J. Saturday and talked to him about it. He doesn't have a full gait back. He's not running without a limp. He feels good. He just has to get over that last hurdle, and that comes down to strength. We just didn't feel he was 100 percent, and I didn't think it was smart to expose him when he's not 100 percent. Everybody is excited to see him play, he's excited to get out there and play, but at the end of the day, there's 16 games in the regular season. I did not want to put him out there until he's 100 percent.

▶ **(What about the defense's inability to stop the run. What's the issue there?)**

It all fits into gap control and staying in your gaps. Tackling was an issue throughout the game yesterday. We had some adjustments to their formations. They did a lot of movement with their formation and ability with some of their slot formations to try and create the extra gap, which people do in two-tight end formations, and we did not handle the adjustments, particularly after Nick Collins was hurt. I thought Nick Collins was off to probably one of his better performances up until his injury. So those are things we're going to correct today.

▶ **(Are the hits Rodgers is taking affecting his play?)**

I thought he hung in there again this week like he did last week, but it's all about trust. Every player has got to trust the other player to do his job. You don't want him looking over his left shoulder and things like that. I don't see any of that going on, but Aaron has done a good job playing with his feet. He had some big-time plays generating first downs when he comes out of the pocket. We need to do a better job.

▶ **(Is it hard to commit to the run game when it's not clicking?)**

I don't think it was really a matter of our run game not clicking. I thought we started the game running the ball fairly well. I thought we hit a lull there in the third quarter. Frankly, the six sacks put me in some tough down and distances, particularly the ones on first and second down. We had four that I recall, run/pass type plays that we went with the pass over the run. That kind of goes that way sometimes. When you have a game like this you look at everything. You look at your game planning. You're critical of how you call a game and so forth. I think sometimes as coaches we probably try to have the perfect play too much. There is time and time again that you just need to get out there and run it, run it ugly, run it hard, run at them, and we could probably do a little more of that. That's something we could probably do a better job of.

▶ **(Do you think you've gotten away on offense from what you're good at - the slants and short throws? Have you gone deep too much?)**

I'm not happy with either game that I have called. Number one, it's because of the outcome. Number two, look at the down and distances that we are playing in. I don't carry into the game six third-and-11-pluses calls. I don't do that. I carry three. There are some things that lead to that. Trust me, you can be as critical as you want, no one is going to be more critical of play-calling than myself because A, I know why it was called, when it was called, and the reality of why it did not work or if it did work. Sometimes you call plays not so good and they work out great, but that's the way it goes. As far as percentages of three-step drop and five-step drop, I don't think we're excessive. I know we have had some success down the field, but we also have a responsibility to the players that can win down the field to get them the ball. If I didn't think we could pass protect and throw the ball down the field, then I wouldn't try it. We're not asking people to do things that they cannot do. We've just got to keep working at it. I'm a big believer in coach accountability in putting players in position to be successful, and also the accountability for the player to do their job. We'll re-visit that today when we watch the film and we'll make sure we have a solid plan Wednesday as we get ready for the Rams.



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

WOODSON AND JENKINS PERFORMING AT ELITE LEVEL

It's hard to imagine getting off to a better start than two veteran leaders of the defense have: DE **Cullen Jenkins** and CB **Charles Woodson**.

- ▶ Jenkins, who played both inside and outside in the old-scheme, seems to be thriving in his new position at end in the 3-4. Thus far, Jenkins has eight tackles and leads the team in tackles for loss (4) and sacks (2.0). He also has the team's only forced fumble.
- ▶ Certainly the loss of Jenkins last season to a season-ending pectoral injury had a lot to do with the defensive failures that plagued the team toward the end of the year. Stout enough to hold the point against the run and adeptly quick at getting past lineman in pass-rush scenarios, it's no doubt Jenkins is one of the most talented players on the defensive side of the ball.
- ▶ Perhaps it just runs in the family, as older brother Kris is a four-time Pro Bowler and two-time All-Pro currently playing for the New York Jets.
- ▶ Woodson, who has also had to make an adjustment from playing man-to-man style to one that involves more reading of the quarterback, also is thriving in the new scheme.
- ▶ Matched up against TE Greg Olsen in Week 1, Woodson limited one of Chicago's biggest offensive threats to just one catch for eight yards.
- ▶ Last weekend against the Bengals, Woodson recorded his fourth career multi-interception game, his third since coming to Green Bay in 2006.
- ▶ He raced one of the interceptions 37 yards for a touchdown, his fifth interception return for a score since coming to Green Bay. That number ties him with No. 2 Bobby Dillon and Darren Sharper on the team's all-time list. Woodson now has 38 interceptions for his career, 21 of which have come in Green and Gold.



FAMILIAR FACES SQUARE OFF IN ST. LOUIS

Two former Rams, NT **Ryan Pickett** and LB **Brandon Chillar**, return to the city where they got their start in the National Football League.

- ▶ Pickett, a first-round selection (No. 29) by the Rams in 2001, played five seasons in St. Louis. While with the Rams, he appeared in 75 games including 59 starts, becoming a full-time starter in his second season.
- ▶ Twice he tallied over 100 tackles in a season, including a career-high 115 in 2005. That total was tops among all NFL defensive linemen. During his time with the Rams, he helped lead the team to three postseason appearances (2001, '03, '04).
- ▶ Chillar was a fourth-round selection (No. 130) by the Rams in 2004 and spent his first four seasons with the club. A part-time starter his first two years, Chillar started for the club in 2006-07. He appeared in 63 games, including 40 starts, while with St. Louis.
- ▶ The Rams have four players on the roster with experience in Green Bay. WR **Ruvell Martin** signed with the team after being released by the Packers in the final roster reduction. Both Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** and General Manager **Ted Thompson** reflected on what a tough decision it was because of what Martin had meant to the team on the field, in the locker room and in the community.
- ▶ Having been through roster cutdowns before with San Diego, and having dominated the competition in NFL Europe, Martin stuck with the Packers in 2006 against tall odds.
- ▶ A popular player in the locker room, Martin appeared in 41 games, including nine starts, with the Packers. Serving mostly as the team's No. 5 receiver, he totaled 52 catches for 749 yards and six scores over his

three seasons (2006-08) with the team.

- ▶ Also on the Rams is linebacker **Paris Lenon**, who spent his first four NFL seasons (2002-05) in Green Bay. He saw action in all 16 games each season, including 16 career starts.
- ▶ S **Anthony Smith** spent training camp in Green Bay this past summer, while RB **Samkon Gado** (2005-06) also spent time with the Packers.

TAKEAWAYS A PLUS

While many of the stats don't look pretty through two weeks for the Packers, they do rank atop the league in turnover ratio, a stat they'd like to stay near the top of all season.

- ▶ Every single Packers practice, be it during OTAs, training camp or the regular season, has a period devoted to ball security.
- ▶ Headed by assistant head coach/inside linebackers **Winston Moss**, the drill has offensive skill players carry the ball while two defenders (linebackers and defensive backs) try to strip the ball. Once free, the offensive player then must run through a gauntlet of offensive and defensive linemen attempting to strip the ball loose.
- ▶ The drill puts an emphasis on ball security to offensive players. Thus far in 2009, the team has only one fumble.
- ▶ For defensive players, the drill keeps the focus on stripping the ball from opposing players.
- ▶ The team has only one forced fumble on the year, as its takeaways so far have all come via the interception, of which it has six.
- ▶ While the Packers can be proud of their hold atop the turnover margin league standing at plus-five, the statistic isn't always as telling as some may portend it to be.

- ▶ Green Bay finished with a plus-seven margin a year ago, No. 6 among all teams and the franchise's best mark since 2002 (+17).

MORE FROM THE HEAD COACH

Other remarks from Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** on Monday:

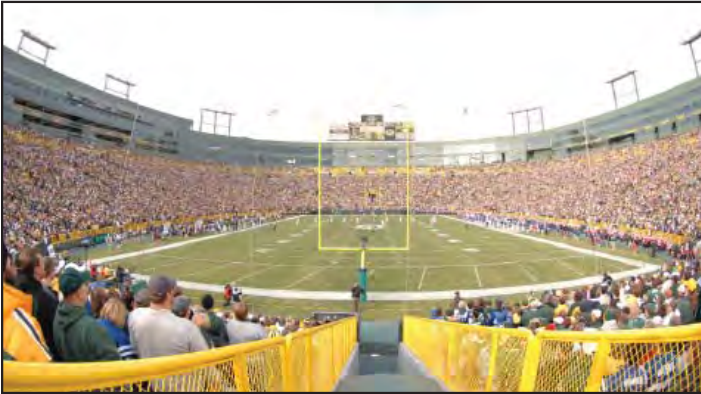
- ▶ **(The ankle sprains for Jackson and Raji have kept them out awhile. Any chance Clifton's is as serious as those?)**
It could be. Everybody was nervous, particularly the way Chad left the field. The testing for the x-ray was negative, so obviously that's a positive. But we're preparing to play without him, I guess to answer your question.
- ▶ **(Did you feel you were leaving yourself vulnerable by not having someone else to play left tackle besides Colledge?)**
That's really a benefit of our linemen, the ability to play multiple positions. I think it says enough about **Daryn Colledge** that you have the confidence in him to go out there and play. Ideally, **Chad Clifton** has played a lot of football for us in the past. We felt confident coming off of his particular surgeries in the offseason that he'd be ready to go. Injuries are part of the game, and we just need to adjust and move on.
- ▶ **(Do you go to more one-on-one drills in practice?)**
We already do those drills. We do them every week. I don't think there's anything that we're lacking from a training standpoint. We go padded practices Wednesdays and Thursdays. We did not go pads this past Wednesday coming off the Sunday night division game. But we'll pad it up Wednesday and Thursday, and we'll work on it. We'll get after it, and fundamentals will be obviously a major emphasis for our whole football team, because there was plenty to go around watching the film today.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

279 AND COUNTING

Another sellout at Lambeau Field against the Cincinnati Bengals brought the consecutive sellouts streak to 279 games (263 regular season, 16 playoffs).

- ▶ Lambeau Field, the league's longest-tenured stadium, is hosting its 53rd season of football this year.
- ▶ A total of 565,460 fans came through the turnstiles in the eight home contests last season, an average of 70,683.
- ▶ Lambeau Field also saw the four largest regular-season crowds in stadium history in 2008 (vs. Minnesota, vs. Dallas, vs. Indianapolis, vs. Chicago). The Week 3 contest vs. Dallas (71,113) set a new regular-season attendance record.



MEET THE NEWCOMERS

With 44 players returning for another season in Green Bay, there are only a few new faces in the Packers' locker room.

- ▶ The rookie draft class, seven of whom made the opening-day roster, are led by first-round picks NT **B.J. Raji** and LB **Clay Matthews**. Raji was forced to miss the season's first two contests after suffering an ankle injury in the preseason finale but could make his debut in St. Louis if he is able to show the coaches his ankle is fully healed. He will most likely be used in sub-packages and perhaps on obvious running downs. Matthews has been a regular on special teams and has seen considerable action from scrimmage, even recording his first career sack.
- ▶ Sixth-round pick DE **Jarius Wynn** has seen action in both games and provided depth along the defensive line, while sixth-round pick CB **Brandon Underwood** as well as seventh-round selection LB **Brad Jones** have been inactive thus far.
- ▶ Rookies on offense include fourth-round pick G/T **T.J. Lang**, fifth-round choice FB **Quinn Johnson** and non-drafted free agent G/C **Evan Dietrich-Smith**. Lang and Dietrich-Smith both showed the ability to play multiple positions along the line, while Johnson packs a punch clearing holes for running backs. Lang has been the only rookie on offense to be among the 45-man active roster thus far.
- ▶ The only other newcomer to the 2009 team is S **Derrick Martin**, who was acquired in a trade with Baltimore on the roster cutdown day. He arrives with a familiarity with the 3-4 defense and a reputation as a solid special-teams player. Martin has mostly seen time on special teams in the first two contests, but given the injury to S **Atari Bigby** and the uncertainty of S **Nick Collins** for Sunday, Martin could be counted on to perform in extended action from scrimmage this weekend.
- ▶ "We studied him quite a bit out of Wyoming three or four years ago," GM **Ted Thompson** said. "We liked him then, and a lot of our moves that we make on the pro side are based first and foremost of what we thought of him in college, and we thought he was a good player. We thought even then he would have the ability to play inside, and the fact that he does have that versatility and he's a good special teams player."

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.

- ▶ Splitting their first two home games of the season, the Packers have won 14 of their last 20 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 is 11-5 at home over the last two seasons, 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.
Green Bay	102-36-0	.739
Denver	100-37-0	.729
Pittsburgh	99-37-1	.726
Kansas City	93-44-0	.678
Minnesota	92-44-0	.676

WITH THE GAME ON THE LINE

Just like in Week 1 against Chicago, the game against Cincinnati was decided upon in the final minutes of the fourth quarter. No one needs to remind the Packers how important play in the fourth quarter can be.

- ▶ In eight of the 10 losses from 2008, the Packers either led or were behind by no more than one score in the fourth quarter. In those same eight games, the outcome was decided in the final two minutes.
- ▶ Even though the Packers finished the season plus-39 in scoring differential, they finished 6-10 because of their failure to make a play when they needed it.
- ▶ The "lessons of 2008", as Coach McCarthy referred to them this entire offseason, most likely center around the Packers coming up with the critical play in crunch time, whether it be on offense, defense or special teams.
- ▶ Their seven losses in games decided by four points or less tied the second-highest total in NFL history.
- ▶ It wasn't a problem of putting up points in the final frame, as Green Bay's 150 fourth-quarter points were second in the NFL behind San Diego (152).
- ▶ Perhaps most telling was the fact that the Green Bay defense allowed the second-most fourth-quarter points (135) in the league. Only Houston (136) allowed more.
- ▶ The two-minute drill was heavily stressed on both sides of the ball all offseason and still occurs in the course of a regular-season week. The drill almost always comes toward the end of practice to help simulate the fatigue and end-of-game conditions.

A LOOK AT THE 53

Faced with some of the toughest cuts of his tenure, General Manager **Ted Thompson** and the football operations staff finalized the opening-day roster Sept. 5. Though as Thompson pointed out in his media availability, rosters often take many shapes over the course of a season.

- ▶ "Every year is a new year," Thompson said regarding his roster. "I do think, especially our first group, has played very well in the preseason. That is preseason, but there is a confident air in our locker room and I think our guys think that we can hold our own against most people."
- ▶ It's a balanced roster for Green Bay, which holds 24 offensive players, 25 defensive players, three specialists and one two-way player (TE/LB **Spencer Havner**).
- ▶ 44 players on the team were with the Packers in 2008. Seven of eight 2009 draft picks also made the team.

PACKERS NOTES - OFFENSE

RECORDS KEEP FALLING FOR DRIVER

Already the owner of a number of franchise receiving records, WR **Donald Driver** moved closer to a few others Sunday against Cincinnati.

- ▶ Driver (8,127 career yards) needs eight receiving yards to surpass No. 2 Sterling Sharpe (8,134) on the franchise's all-time list. With his first catch against the Bears in Week 1, Driver moved past Don Hutson (7,991) and into third place. He will still have a ways to go to match No. 1 James Lofton (9,656).
- ▶ Already the record holder for receptions and receiving yards at Lambeau Field, Driver (587) needs nine catches to surpass No. 1 Sharpe (595) on the team's all-time receptions list.
- ▶ Proving he has been one of the most consistent receivers in the decade, Driver recorded his fifth consecutive, and sixth overall, 1,000-yard campaign last year. Both are franchise records.
- ▶ Driver and Indianapolis' Reggie Wayne are the only receivers with 1,000-yard seasons in each of the last five years (2004-08). A look at the NFL's most productive receivers over that span:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Yards</u>	<u>Receptions</u>
Reggie Wayne, IND	6,230	432
Chad Ochocinco, CIN	6,055	425
Larry Fitzgerald, ARI	5,975	426
Torry Holt, JAX	5,876	446
Donald Driver, GB	5,784	418

FIRST YEAR UNDER CENTER

Quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** isn't one to talk about stats or milestones, but he exceeded nearly all expectations in his first season under center.

- ▶ He finished the season with 4,038 passing yards, becoming only the second quarterback in NFL history to surpass 4,000 yards in the same season in which he made his first career start. Kurt Warner (4,353) was the first to accomplish the feat in 1999.
- ▶ Rodgers is the fourth player in club history to surpass the 4,000-yard mark, joining Lynn Dickey (1), Brett Favre (5) and Don Majkowski (1).
- ▶ Four times Rodgers went over 300 yards passing in 2008. He also tossed three touchdown passes in four games.
- ▶ Rodgers' 28 touchdown passes were tops among first-year starters and marked the first time since Daunte Culpepper (33) in 2000 that a first-year starter threw for 25-plus touchdowns.
- ▶ The California product took care of the ball as well, throwing 13 interceptions in 536 attempts, 2.42% of his throws. It was the lowest percentage by a Packers quarterback in over a decade (Favre, 1996, 2.39%).
- ▶ And perhaps most importantly in Green Bay, Rodgers started all 16 games in 2008, fighting through a serious shoulder injury suffered in Week 4 at Tampa that kept him out of practice for one month.
- ▶ Proving he is among the NFL's top quarterbacks will take years of consistent play, but there is no doubt the 25-year-old Rodgers is off to a great start. A look at where his 2008 totals ranked in the NFL:

<u>Statistic</u>	<u>2008 total</u>	<u>NFL Rank</u>
Passing Yards	4,038	4
Completions	341	7
Completion %	65.6	10
Touchdowns	28	4
QB Rating	93.8	6
20-plus yd. completions	48	5T
40-plus yd. completions	16	1T
Third-down QB rating	105.8	3
First downs passing	182	9T

COLLEDGE, SPITZ IRONMEN UP FRONT

Good friends off the field, G **Daryn Colledge** and C **Jason Spitz** have made measurable progress in their development on it over the course of their first three seasons in the league.

- ▶ Both players were on the field for every offensive snap in 2008, with Colledge being featured predominantly at left guard and Spitz seeing time at both the center and right guard positions. They were the only two on the club to participate in every play on their side of the ball. CB **Charles Woodson** led all defenders with a 97.5% participation rate.
- ▶ Most impressive was that over the course of those 1,049 plays, the two linemen combined were penalized a total of two times for holding.
- ▶ Colledge was flagged against Dallas (Sept. 21) and later at Minnesota (Nov. 9), while Spitz, a powerful technician, survived the season with a clean sheet in the holding department after being called for four in 2007.
- ▶ Spitz was flagged for holding in the season-opening victory over Chicago, snapping his current streak. His last holding penalty came in the 2007 Week 14 contest against Oakland.
- ▶ With both sliding to new positions for Week 3, there will be even more need for them to continue to perform at a high level in both pass protection and making calls and checks at the line.

FINLEY AND LEE FORM 1-2 COMBO

Every preseason, a number of emerging young players or surprising rookies jump out immediately when game action begins.

- ▶ On the offensive side of the ball, it was hard to ignore the emergence of second-year TE **Jermichael Finley**. His team-high nine receptions in the preseason showcased his ability to separate from linebackers and safeties and his abilities in the open field. An athletic specimen at 6-foot-5 and 247 pounds, Finley turned down an opportunity to play college basketball at Arizona in order to play tight end at Texas.
- ▶ "He's definitely a weapon for us," McCarthy said. "We felt that last year, just the way we were able to utilize Jermichael the last couple games of the season, and now he's able to do the full gamut. He's another young player that looks like he's ready to take off."
- ▶ Finley entered the draft after his redshirt sophomore season with the Longhorns, meaning he was just 21 years old his entire rookie season. Whether it be his highlight-reel catches or vastly improved blocking, Finley is a prime example of a young player who is ready to take the leap after spending an entire offseason in the NFL.
- ▶ The emergence of Finley has only pushed TE **Donald Lee's** game, giving the Packers solid depth at the position.
- ▶ Lee, the unit's primary starter each of the last two seasons, might be one of the more unheralded players at the position across the NFL. His numbers in 2007-08 (87 catches, 878 yards, 11 touchdowns) prove as much.

COACH LOCATIONS

- ▶ **Coaches' Box:** Dom Capers (defensive coordinator), Jerry Fontenot (asst. offensive line), Scott McCurley (defensive quality control), Chad Morton (administrator), Joe Philbin (offensive coordinator), John Rushing (offensive quality control), and Joe Whitt (secondary - cornerbacks).
- ▶ **Sideline:** Edgar Bennett (running backs), James Campen (offensive line), Tom Clements (quarterbacks), Mike Eayrs (research and development), Curtis Fuller (special teams asst.), Kevin Greene (outside linebackers), Ben McAdoo (tight ends), Winston Moss (inside linebackers/asst. head coach), Darren Perry (secondary - safeties), Jimmy Robinson (wide receivers), Shawn Slocum (special teams coordinator) and Mike Trgovac (defensive line).



PACKERS NOTES - OFFENSE

JENNINGS AMONG GAME'S MOST DANGEROUS

After a breakout season in 2008 and a long-term contract extension in the offseason, WR **Greg Jennings** started the season with a bang with another 100-yard effort and the game-winning TD catch in Week 1.

- ▶ He is already one of the top "big-play" receivers in the league, something he has proven in each of his first three seasons.
- ▶ Jennings established career highs last season in catches (80) and receiving yards (1,292), finishing sixth among all players in yardage.
- ▶ Jennings' 21 catches of 20 yards-or-more tied for second in the NFL behind Carolina's Steve Smith (23). Detroit's Calvin Johnson also had 21 catches of 20-plus yards. Of 178 career catches, 44 (24.7%) have gone for 20-plus yards.
- ▶ On even longer receptions, Jennings begins to break away from the field. He led all players in 2008 with eight catches of 40-plus yards.
- ▶ Of his 25 career touchdown catches, 11 have been at least 40 yards in length. He has a staggering average of 32.0 yards per TD catch.
- ▶ Over the past two seasons, no one has been as productive a deep threat as Jennings. A look at the numbers across the NFL from 2007-08:



Player	40-plus-yard catches	40-plus-yard TDs
Greg Jennings, GB	15	8
Randy Moss, NE	12	8
Terrell Owens, BUF	12	8
Donald Driver, GB	10	2
Steve Smith, CAR	10	5

TOP 10 AGAIN

Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**, the offensive play caller, has produced a unit that has achieved considerable success in his three years.

- ▶ For the third consecutive season in 2008, the unit finished among the NFL's top 10. Philadelphia and New Orleans are the only other teams to finish in the top 10 in offense each of the last three seasons.
- ▶ Even with a new starting quarterback in 2008, the Packers finished No. 8 overall with an average of 351.1 yards per contest.
- ▶ The unit finished No. 2 in 2007 (370.7 yards per game) and No. 9 in 2006 (341.1) under McCarthy.
- ▶ McCarthy spent six seasons as an offensive coordinator and play caller prior to his arrival in Green Bay (New Orleans 2000-04, San Francisco 2005). Twice the Saints ranked among the NFL's top-10 offenses.

HIT THE GROUND RUNNING

Looking at RB **Ryan Grant**'s numbers from 2008, it'd be hard to think the third-year back is hoping for bigger and better in '09.

- ▶ Grant became just the fourth running back in team history to surpass the 1,200-yard mark, as his total (1,203) in 2008 was the seventh-best single-season rushing total in franchise history.
- ▶ Though it didn't cause him to miss any playing time, Grant suffered a hamstring injury during training camp last year, and it clearly had an effect on his early-season performance.
- ▶ Having emerged from 2009 training camp fresh and healthy, Grant hopes to pick up where he left off in 2008 when he recorded 100-yard performances in three of his final seven contests.
- ▶ Statistics from 2008 show how pivotal the success in the run game was to the Packers' overall success. Interestingly, the team performed much better on the ground at home than it did on the road. While deficits and

game-planning may factor in to how much a team commits to the run, carries at home versus on the road were nearly identical.

- ▶ Five times a Green Bay running back surpassed 100 yards in a game in 2008 (four by Grant, one by **DeShawn Wynn**). All five 100-yard efforts came at Lambeau Field. The Packers were 3-1 in games in which a running back recorded 100 yards or more.
- ▶ Green Bay lost all five contests last season in which it failed to eclipse the 100-yard rushing mark as a team. One of those came at Lambeau Field (vs. Dallas), while the rest came on the road (at Tampa, at Minnesota, at Jacksonville, at Chicago). It has failed to surpass the 100-yard rushing mark as a team in the first two weeks of '09 and has split the contests.
- ▶ Green Bay's four best single-game rushing totals in '08 (vs. Det., vs. Chi., vs. Car., vs. Min.) all came at home. The team was 3-1 in those games.
- ▶ The team had nearly an equal amount of carries at home as it did on the road, but the production on the road was more than 400 yards less than at Lambeau Field. Perhaps most glaring is that the team nearly averaged two more yards per carry at home than on the road.

In 2008	Home	Away
Attempts	220	217
Attempts/Game	27.50	27.13
Rushing Yards	1,107	698
Yards/Game	138.38	87.25
Yards/Attempt	5.03	3.22

PACKERS IN WEEKLY 2009 TEAM RANKINGS



After Week...	NFL Offense			NFL Defense			
	Opp.	Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
1	CHI	28	22	27	22	15T	23
2	CIN	28	23	25	19	18	15
3	at StL						
4	at Min						
5	(bye)						
6	DET						
7	at Cle						
8	MIN						
9	at TB						
10	DAL						
11	SF						
12	at Det						
13	BAL						
14	at Chi						
15	at Pit						
16	SEA						
17	at Ari						
Packers in 2008							
Packers in 2007		8	17	8	20	26	12
Packers in 2006		2	21	2	11	14	12
Packers in 2005		9	23	8	12	13	17
Packers in 2004		18	30	7	7	23	1
Packers in 2003		3	10	3	25	14	25
Packers in 2002		4	3	16	17	10	23
Packers in 2001		12	12	10	12	21	3
Packers in 2000		6	21	3	12	16	15
Packers in 1999		15	23	8	15	8	19
Packers in 1998		9	21	7	19	22	18
Packers in 1997		5	25	3	4	4	10
Packers in 1996		4	12	3	7	20	8
Packers in 1995		5	11	5	1	4	1
Packers in 1994		7	26	3	14	7	21
Packers in 1993		9	19	9	6	3	15
Packers in 1992		19	22	18	2	8	7
		15	21	9	23	16	23

PACKERS NOTES - DEFENSE

STAFF CHANGES HEADLINE OFFSEASON

On the heels of a disappointing 6-10 season, a new defensive staff and scheme headlined the changes this offseason at 1265 Lombardi Ave.

- ▶ **Dom Capers** was brought in as defensive coordinator, and the Packers began the transition to a 3-4 scheme in offseason workouts.
- ▶ Joining Capers on the defensive staff are **Mike Trgovac** (defensive line), who spent the last six years in Carolina as defensive coordinator; outside linebackers coach **Kevin Greene**, third on the NFL's all-time sacks list and a former player under Capers; and safeties coach **Darren Perry**, who most recently coached in Oakland and also played under Capers in Pittsburgh. Assistant head coach/inside linebackers coach **Winston Moss** remains on the staff, as does **Joe Whitt Jr.**, who spent 2008 as defensive quality control before his promotion to cornerbacks coach this offseason.
- ▶ **Shawn Slocum** was promoted to special teams coordinator after serving as the unit's assistant each of the last three seasons. **Curtis Fuller**, a former Packers safety and training camp coaching intern, will serve as his assistant. New strength and conditioning coordinator **Dave Redding** is entering his 23rd season at the NFL level, while **Scott McCurley** (defense) and **John Rushing** (offense) will serve as the quality control coaches.



MORE ON DOM CAPERS

Charged with revamping the Packers' defense is veteran coach **Dom Capers**, who is in his 24th season on the NFL level in 2009, his 17th as a defensive coordinator or head coach.

- ▶ Noted around the league as one of the game's best defensive minds, Capers will transition the Packers to a 3-4 defense. Much of the depth chart on defense returns, including all 11 primary starters. The offseason was heavily focused on learning the new system, including position changes for some. None has received more attention than Pro Bowler **Aaron Kampman**, who makes the switch to playing upright at outside linebacker as opposed to having his hand on the ground at end.
- ▶ In addition to serving as the head coach of two different expansion franchises (Carolina and Houston), Capers brings an impressive résumé as a coordinator. Pittsburgh ranked No. 22 in overall defense in 1991, the year before Capers' arrival. The Steelers' defense rose up in the defensive rankings to 13th in 1992, Capers' first season as a defensive coordinator in the NFL. The unit rose to No. 3 in 1993 and No. 2 in 1994, earning the moniker "Blitzburgh" with one of the decade's most feared defenses.
- ▶ Capers' instant impact was also seen in his stint as defensive coordinator with Jacksonville (1999-00) and Miami (2006-07). Ranking 25th in overall defense in 1998, the Jaguars' unit rose immediately under Capers in '99 to No. 4 overall in addition to allowing the fewest points in the NFL. The Dolphins ranked No. 18 in overall defense in 2005 but rose to No. 4 in 2006 under Capers, with DE Jason Taylor earning Defensive Player of the Year honors that season as well.

PRO BOWL SECONDARY

While much is made of the transition to the 3-4 defense for the front seven, the secondary also undergoes a change from the man-to-man style it had been known for in the past.

- ▶ Now instead of playing bump-and-run, corners have to work in more space, while safeties now have more responsibility in making calls and checks at the line of scrimmage. Luckily for Capers and the Packers, the

team can rely on three Pro Bowl honorees from a year ago to help ease the transition in the defensive backfield.

- ▶ You'd be hard-pressed to find a more productive cornerback duo than **Al Harris** and **Charles Woodson** across the NFL. Harris, named to the NFC Pro Bowl squad each of the last two years, is one of the most physical corners in the game. Woodson, who has lined up all over the field in Capers' defense, was named to his fifth career Pro Bowl in '08.
- ▶ Harris will most likely continue to match up against opponents' top receivers, while Woodson seems to do more pre-snap reads and adjustments. Having already established a career high with three sacks in 2008, Woodson may be poised to eclipse that number this season. In just one half of preseason play at Arizona, he had three forced fumbles and two sacks.
- ▶ **S Nick Collins** enjoyed a career season last year as he was named to his first Pro Bowl. Collins tied Woodson for the NFC lead with seven interceptions, three of which he returned for touchdowns. His 295 interception return yards led the NFL and established a new franchise record. A tough defender in run support as well, he finished second on the team with 99 tackles.
- ▶ Those three will have to bring a new starter up to speed given **S Atari Bigby's** knee injury. **S Aaron Rouse** started against the Bengals and has the most experience of the backups, while CB/S **Jarrett Bush** and S **Derrick Martin**, both involved heavily on special teams, will see more action from scrimmage.

IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS, 2009



GREEN BAY (Team)				ST. LOUIS (Team)				
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (+5)	1	1	Turnover Margin (+2)	6T	7T			
Total Offense (268.5)	14	28	Total Offense (246.0)	16	31			
Rushing (82.5)	13	23	Rushing (101.5)	11	20			
Passing (186.0)	12	25	Passing (144.5)	15	31			
Total Defense (335.5)	10	19	Total Defense (404.0)	14	29			
vs. Rush (118.5)	8	18	vs. Rush (146.0)	12	25			
vs. Pass (217.0)	8	15	vs. Pass (258.0)	13	25			
Third-Down Offense (37.0%)	9	20T	Third-Down Offense (33.3%)	13	26			
Third-Down Defense (44.8%)	11	24	Third-Down Defense (50.0%)	15T	29T			
Red-Zone Offense (60.0%)	5	10	Red-Zone Offense (25.0%)	14T	30T			
Red-Zone Defense (57.1%)	10	17T	Red-Zone Defense (25.0%)	4	5			
GREEN BAY (Individual)				ST. LOUIS (Individual)				
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Grant (107)	12	23	Rushing: Jackson (171)	5	9			
Passing: Rodgers (87.0)	9	15	Passing: Bulger (69.5)	14	27			
Receptions: Driver (10)	15T	27T	Receptions: Robinson (11)	9T	17T			
Rec. Yds.: Driver (138)	13	25	Rec. Yds.: Robinson (141)	8T	20T			
Sacks: Jenkins (2.0)	2T	5T	Sacks: Hall (1.0)	13T	21T			
Interceptions: Woodson (2)	2T	3T	Interceptions: Atogwe (1)	8T	10T			
			Butler (1)	8T	10T			



PACKERS NOTES - DEFENSE

THE TRANSITION TO OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

While a number of players are making drastic changes in the new defense, none has received the same attention as LB **Aaron Kampman**.

- ▶ A two-time Pro Bowl honoree at defensive end, Kampman worked all offseason under position coach **Kevin Greene**, who perfected the art of the pass rush from the outside linebacker position as a player.
- ▶ Veteran LB **Brady Poppinga** has started opposite Kampman with the No. 1 defensive unit. Poppinga started the last three seasons at outside linebacker in the 4-3 scheme and now must revert to some of the same techniques he used as a defensive end in college at BYU.
- ▶ Backing up Kampman and Poppinga is a trio of young players, most notably first-round pick LB **Clay Matthews**. Matthews was sidelined by a hamstring injury most of training camp but did return for the final preseason game at Tennessee. He saw significant time with the No. 1 unit over the season's first two weeks and could push for a starting role with a few solid performances in the regular season.
- ▶ Second-year pro **Jeremy Thompson**, like Kampman, is making the transition from end to linebacker in the new scheme. One of the team's most gifted athletes, he could see action from scrimmage but will most likely make his most immediate contributions on special teams. Likewise for rookie LB **Brad Jones**, who comes with some familiarity with the position, having played it at Colorado.
- ▶ Kampman did play linebacker in his first two seasons at Iowa before switching to the defensive line, so playing in space has been a transition all summer. Surely the coaches will try to maximize his rush opportunities, as he has been one of the most productive pass rushers over the last three seasons:

Rank	Player, Team	Sacks (2006-08)
1	DeMarcus Ware, Dal. (LB)	45.5
2	Jared Allen, Min. (DE)	37.5
3	Aaron Kampman, GB (LB)	37.0
4	John Abraham, Atl. (DE)	30.5
5	Mario Williams, Hou. (DE)	30.5



TAKEAWAY POINTS KEY FOR PACKERS

- ▶ Green Bay continued to show its knack for the takeaways against the Bears and Bengals with six total interceptions, which it has turned into 21 points over two games. Most important is turning those turnovers into points.
- ▶ Last season, the Green Bay defense led the NFL in defensive touchdowns (7) and interception returns for touchdowns (6).
- ▶ Green Bay (plus-seven) finished with the sixth-best turnover ratio in the NFL, its best finish under **Mike McCarthy**.
- ▶ Green Bay had 28 takeaways (22 interceptions, six fumble recoveries) on the season against 21 turnovers (13 interceptions, eight fumbles). The 21 turnovers tied the second-lowest total in franchise history.
- ▶ Thanks to an opportunistic defense, with its seven touchdowns, and an offense that was able to capitalize after an opponent's mistake, Green Bay led all NFL teams with 124 points off takeaways. Baltimore (123) finished just behind the Packers at No. 2.
- ▶ On the other sideline, the Packers surrendered 75 points off the 21 turnovers last year – 24 of which came at Tampa in Week 4. That point total off turnovers tied for 16th in the NFL.
- ▶ If the Packers don't commit a turnover, a case which happened in Week 1 against the Bears, they're almost guaranteed to win. A rarity occurred

for the Packers last year at Minnesota: they lost a game in which they did not commit a turnover. They have now won 33 of 35 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 again in 2008.

- ▶ Including playoffs, the Packers have won 36 of their last 38 games without a giveaway.

ANOTHER TEAM RECORD IN 2008 - RETURN YARDAGE

The Packers finished 2008 with an astounding 685 return yards on their 22 interceptions, tops in the NFL. That was over 200 yards better than the next closest team, Baltimore, which finished the year with 477 return yards on 26 interceptions.

- ▶ The 685 return yards set a new franchise record, but perhaps Green Bay is looking to challenge the mark again this year. It has tallied 188 return yards so far on the season.
- ▶ The 685 mark beat the previous franchise record established in 1943, when the team had 616 yards on 42 interceptions. In the modern era, the two previous highs were 561 return yards on 27 interceptions in 1965, and the following season when Green Bay had 547 return yards on 28 interceptions. The Packers won the NFL Championship both seasons.

▶ McCarthy has 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. Every offensive player, whether part of the 11 on the play or the group on the sidelines, attempts to catch the defender before he can advance up the field.

LINEBACKERS FORM EFFECTIVE ROTATION

With a wealth of talent at the inside linebacker position, coordinator **Dom Capers** and position coach **Winston Moss** have opted to go with a rotation in the early going.

- ▶ Starters **Nick Barnett** and **A.J. Hawk** are the starters in the base defense. A steady and reliable player, Hawk has started every game in his pro career and topped 120 tackles each season. He tallied five in his first action of 2009.
- ▶ For the seventh-year pro Barnett, it marks his first action since Week 10 of 2008 when he tore his ACL at Minnesota. He only played in one pre-season game, so coaches have been careful with his reps as he works his way back to full strength.
- ▶ **Brandon Chillar** was one of the recipients of a game ball for his performance on defense in Week 1, which included eight tackles and a high-light-reel sack in which he hurdled Bears RB Garrett Wolfe. **Desmond Bishop**, another talented player in the unit, makes his presence felt on special teams, where he leads the team with five tackles. Bishop led the defense in tackles in the preseason.
- ▶ While the team isn't in any rush to push Barnett and his knee past their physical limits, the team can rely on its depth at the position as Barnett gets more comfortable both physically and mentally in the new defense.
- ▶ Chillar, known as one of the best defenders in pass coverage on the team, has seen action in sub packages on obvious passing downs, and essentially gives the team a third starter at the position.
- ▶ McCarthy has said he'd like to see if the team can find more opportunities for Bishop from scrimmage. A noted hard-hitter, Bishop was all over the field in the preseason.



GAME REVIEW - BENGALS 31, PACKERS 24

PACKERS FALL SHORT IN SLOPPY PERFORMANCE

There was plenty of blame to go around in all three phases for the Packers in their 31-24 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals at home on Sunday.

► On offense it was struggles in the running game, dropped passes and problems protecting QB **Aaron Rodgers**, who was sacked six times. On defense, it was the inability to get off the field as the Bengals converted 9 of 14 third downs, and giving up 141 rushing yards to RB Cedric Benson. And on special teams, two long punt returns by Quan Cosby led to scores by the Bengals.

► It all added up to the first loss of the season as the Packers fell to 1-1 in front of 70,678 at Lambeau Field.

► “We have not played to the standard that we need to play at home, especially with this great home-field advantage that we have with our fans, our stadium and so forth,” Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** said. “That’s the most disappointing part for me. When you emphasize something for your football team and it doesn’t get done, that falls solely on the responsibility of the head coach.

► “We didn’t play very well offensively, we didn’t play very well defensively, and we didn’t play very well on special teams. So we’ll get back at it tomorrow, we’ll get it cleaned up, and we’ll move on. We’re 1-1, but it is disappointing to have a home loss like that.”

► The struggles on offense started on the first possession of the game, with two dropped passes that would have gone for first downs. After a punt gave the Bengals the ball at their own 37, the Bengals quickly marched down the field on a 7-play, 63-yard drive capped off with a 5-yard touchdown pass from Carson Palmer to WR Laveranues Coles. The bulk of yardage was provided by running back Benson, who posted three 12-yard runs on the drive and six gains of 10-plus yards on the afternoon.

► The Packers answered with their only touchdown drive of the afternoon on offense as Rodgers led the Packers on an 80-yard march to even the score at 7. On the Bengals’ next play, CB **Charles Woodson** picked off Palmer’s pass intended for WR Chad Ochocinco at the Cincinnati 33 and returned it 22 yards to the 11. RB **Ryan Grant** scored two plays later on a 4-yard run to give Green Bay the 14-7 lead.

► The momentum swung back to Cincinnati courtesy of its special teams, as WR Quan Cosby returned Kapinos’ 53-yard punt down the right sideline all the way down to Green Bay’s 6 to set up a 1-yard sneak by Palmer for a score.

► Woodson provided another spark midway through the second, this time picking off Palmer’s short pass intended for TE Daniel Coats at the Cincinnati 37 and going in untouched for the score.

► The Packers looked to have a great opportunity to build on the lead before halftime. After a sack by LB **Clay Matthews** and two penalties, the Bengals faced a 3rd-and-34 from their own 7 late in the first half.

► Palmer’s screen pass to Coats went for 23 yards out to the Cincinnati 30, and DE **Cullen Jenkins** knocked the ball loose at the end of the run. But Coles came in to recover the fumble 15 yards down the field for the first down, and Palmer found Ochocinco on a flea-flicker the next play for a 44-yard pickup. He then connected with WR Chris Henry for a 5-yard score in the back of the end zone to even the game at 21 at the break.

► Green Bay put together an impressive drive on their first possession of the second half as Rodgers connected with WRs **Jordy Nelson** and **Donald Driver** for passes of 11 and 26 yards respectively. After

Rodgers rushed for 15 yards to Cincinnati’s 40, he completed a short pass to Grant over the middle, but LB Rey Mauluga forced a fumble with a big hit and Cincinnati re-gained possession.

► The Bengals took advantage of the Packers’ lone turnover with a 12-play drive capped off with a 13-yard touchdown pass from Palmer to Ochocinco, giving them a 28-21 lead, one they wouldn’t relinquish.

► The Packers’ offense was unable to get any closer than the Cincinnati 31 on their next three possessions. Rodgers was sacked by DE Antwan Odom, who finished with five of Cincinnati’s six sacks, on each of those drives, putting the offense in tough down-and-distance situations.

► After Cincinnati pushed its lead to 31-21 with just under two minutes remaining on a Shayne Graham field goal, Rodgers led the Packers on a 52-yard drive to set up a 45-yard field goal from **Mason Crosby**. CB **Tramon Williams** was able to recover Crosby’s onside kick on the ensuing play, setting up the Packers for one last opportunity to tie the game.

► With no timeouts left, Rodgers found TE **Jermichael Finley** on a 22-yard pass down the right sideline to Cincinnati’s 35. After spiking the ball to stop the clock at 16 seconds remaining, Rodgers connected with Driver on a 25-yard pass over the middle down to the Bengals’ 10. Rodgers rushed to the line to get off one final play, but the Packers were flagged for a false start with one second remaining, ending the game. McCarthy said after the game that the officials told him WR **Greg Jennings** was not lined up when the ball was snapped.

► “I think adversity is always good for a team,” Rodgers said. “We’re going to have to respond properly to this. We’ve

got to go to St. Louis next week and get a win. We need to have a good week of practice. Offensively our two weeks of practice have been average. We haven’t practiced the way we are capable of practicing.

► “I think young guys and old guys alike need to focus on a little more in practice and practice like a professional. I’m including myself in that sentence, but we’re two weeks into the season now and we’re 1-1. It’s time to grow up and be a pro and practice and play like it.”

GAME NOTES

McCarthy said Friday that he wouldn’t be surprised if backup C **Scott Wells** still played a lot of football for the Packers this season, and Wells’ first opportunity to do so came Sunday afternoon when starting LT **Chad Clifton** went down with an ankle injury on the Packers’ first offensive play of the third quarter.

► With Clifton sidelined, the Packers were forced to shuffle the offensive line. With Wells entering the game at center, starting LG **Daryn Colledge** assumed Clifton’s duties at LT and starting C **Jason Spitz** moved over to LG.

► For the first time in his three-plus-year career, WR **Greg Jennings** did not catch a pass on Sunday. It snapped a streak of 44 consecutive games with a reception for Jennings.

► Rodgers put up career-best numbers on the ground Sunday, rushing for 43 yards on four carries. He posted three runs of 10-plus yards, with a long of 16. His previous career best was 36 yards.














► The Packers’ eight inactives were S **Atari Bigby**, G/C **Evan Dietrich-Smith**, T **Breno Giacomini**, RB **Brandon Jackson**, FB **Quinn Johnson**, LB **Brad Jones**, NT **B.J. Raji** and CB **Brandon Underwood**.





PACKERS TEAM NOTES

2009 OPPONENTS

		NFL Rank	
	Record	Offense	Defense
 at Arizona Cardinals.....(1-1)	(1-1)	15	6
 Baltimore Ravens	(2-0)	3	17
 Chicago Bears	(1-1)	20	5
 Cincinnati Bengals	(1-1)	21	11
 at Cleveland Browns.....(0-2)	(0-2)	32	25
 Dallas Cowboys.....(1-1)	(1-1)	2	30
 Detroit Lions.....(0-2)	(0-2)	30	27
 Minnesota Vikings	(2-0)	27	4
 at Pittsburgh Steelers.....(1-1)	(1-1)	16	9
 San Francisco 49ers...(2-0)	(2-0)	26	7
 Seattle Seahawks.....(1-1)	(1-1)	11	12
 at St. Louis Rams.....(0-2)	(0-2)	31	29
 at Tampa Bay Buccaneers..(0-2)	(0-2)	4	31

FLAGS ON THE FIELD

The Packers have been flagged 17 times thus far, a high number for a team that wanted to put an emphasis on reducing penalties in 2009. Last season, it was flagged for 125 penalties – tied for third most in the NFL.

- ▶ Of those, 110 of the Packers' penalties were accepted, resulting in a league-high 984 penalty yards. Dallas (952), Tennessee (855), Tampa Bay (834) and Oakland (823) rounded out the top 5.
- ▶ The Packers drew penalties against their opponents, too. Eighty-nine opponent penalties were accepted by Green Bay, resulting in 721 penalty yards. That yardage total ranked No. 15.

NATIONALLY TELEVISED GAMES HEADLINE 2009 SCHEDULE

After playing in front of a national audience in Week 1, the Packers still have nationally televised contests against its other two division opponents, including a Thanksgiving game in Detroit against the Lions in Week 12.

- ▶ Green Bay also will travel to Minnesota to take on the rival Vikings in Week 4 for the first of two appearances on *Monday Night Football*. The signing of QB Brett Favre by Minnesota ensures that the game will be among the most watched this season.
- ▶ The Packers' other appearance on Monday night comes Dec. 7 in a Week 13 showdown with the Baltimore Ravens at Lambeau Field. It marks the first *MNF* game played at Lambeau Field in the month of December.
- ▶ 2009 marks the 17th consecutive season the Packers have appeared on *Monday Night Football*, the NFC's longest active streak.
- ▶ Green Bay's fifth game in front of a national TV audience comes against the Dallas Cowboys in Week 10. The Nov. 15 game will kick off at 3:15 p.m. on FOX. The fifth home game on the schedule, the Cowboys contest is slated as a Gold Package (Milwaukee season-ticket holders) game. Cincinnati came to Lambeau Field in Week 2 for the other Gold Package game.
- ▶ Though it is a noon kickoff, the Vikings-Packers matchup at Lambeau Field on Nov. 1 will certainly be watched by many around the country as Favre makes his return to Lambeau Field.
- ▶ Green Bay's final four games of the season, including matchups at Super Bowl XLIII opponents Arizona and Pittsburgh, as well as the final division game in Chicago, are all subject to the NFL's flexible scheduling.
- ▶ Green Bay is not a candidate to be flexed in Week 11 against San Francisco because the team plays just four days later against Detroit on Thanksgiving. The Packers also are not a candidate to be flexed in Week 13 because of the Monday night matchup against the Ravens.

SCHEDULE NUGGETS

Green Bay's bye week – which occurs in Week 5 – is the earliest bye for the team since 1999, when it had its bye in Week 4. Though its bye week comes early, the team will get some rest coming off the Thanksgiving contest. It won't play until the following Monday night, Dec. 7, at home.

- ▶ The Packers have five games against playoff teams from a year ago (Week 4 at Minnesota, Week 8 vs. Minnesota, Week 13 vs. Baltimore, Week 15 at Pittsburgh and Week 17 at Arizona).
- ▶ The first four games of the season are being broadcast on four different networks. After the bye week, Green Bay has seven straight games on FOX and could have 11 of the last 12 on the network, pending the NFL's flex scheduling. Also dependent upon the flex scheduling is the amount of 12 noon starts, which at this point is set for 10 games. An 11th, at Detroit, is set for 11:30 a.m.
- ▶ Green Bay plays three of the four teams who played in last season's conference championships. All three games (vs. Baltimore, at Pittsburgh, at Arizona) occur in the season's final five weeks. Making the season's final stretch tougher too is the fact that three of the final four games will be on the road.
- ▶ For the first time since 2003, the Packers will not play a division opponent in the season's final three weeks.

POSITION-BY-POSITION

BY THE NUMBERS

Here's a look at the Packers' current roster by position.

Quarterback – 2

- ▶ **Aaron Rodgers** begins his second year under center for the Packers and looks more comfortable in the offense than he did a year ago. That may not be good news for opponents considering the statistical milestones Rodgers eclipsed in 2008. His stated goals this offseason were to improve on his consistency and to work with play-caller **Mike McCarthy** to expand his role in the offensive game plan.
- ▶ Only one other quarterback is on the 53-man roster, second-year player **Matt Flynn**. Though Flynn is coming off a shoulder injury that forced him to miss the final two preseason games, he is healthy at this point should he be needed. He does serve as the team's primary holder for field goals and extra points.
- ▶ 2008 second-round choice **Brian Brohm** was released in the final cutdown but did return to the team's practice squad.
- ▶ Both Flynn and Brohm went through their first year of McCarthy's quarterback school this offseason, with Flynn emerging the winner of the No. 2 job.

Running back – 3

- ▶ **Ryan Grant** is entrenched as the clear starter and under much different circumstances than a year ago. Grant missed all of the offseason work prior to the 2008 season because of contract issues, and then proceeded to hurt his hamstring in one of his first training camp practices.
- ▶ That hamstring caused Grant to come out of the gates a bit slow, but he still managed to become the fourth player in team history to top the 1,200-yard mark. Now Grant has a full preseason under his belt, which could help him return to the explosive form he showed in 2007.
- ▶ Vying for carries behind Grant will be young veterans **Brandon Jackson** and **DeShawn Wynn**. Jackson is coming off a preseason ankle injury and his status for Sunday is still unknown after missing Weeks 1 and 2, meaning Wynn could continue to see plenty of action as a third-down back.



Fullback – 3

- ▶ Last year the team kept two fullbacks, but with two veterans returning and a rookie draft pick, the team opted to keep all three heading into the season.
- ▶ McCarthy said that he can foresee a scenario in which all three are active, particularly because all three have seen time on some special teams units. Also, McCarthy has used a two-fullback formation for running plays in previous seasons.
- ▶ Both **Korey Hall** and **John Kuhn** have been valuable special teams players each of the last two seasons and also reliable targets out of the backfield. They have served as the two active fullbacks so far.
- ▶ A knee injury suffered early in the season ultimately cost Hall five games last season, but the third-year pro enters 2009 healthy. Kuhn saw his most extended action in '08 since arriving in Green Bay, especially in short-yardage running situations.
- ▶ Also added to the mix this spring was **Quinn Johnson**, the team's fifth-round pick in the 2009 NFL Draft. Lauded as a traditional fullback, Johnson paved the way for a 1,100-yard rusher in each of his final two seasons at LSU while also proving to be a reliable option in short-yardage situations and as a pass catcher.

Wide receiver – 5

- ▶ **Donald Driver** and **Greg Jennings** head up what is one of the deepest receiving groups across the league. Both are coming off 1,000-yard campaigns and look to be in top so far in 2009.
- ▶ Green Bay was one of four teams in 2008 to have at least a pair of 1,000-yard receivers. The others were Arizona (L. Fitzgerald 1,431; A. Boldin 1,038; S. Breaston 1,006), Kansas City (T. Gonzalez 1,058; D. Bowe 1,022) and New England (W. Welker 1,165; R. Moss 1,008).
- ▶ **James Jones** and **Jordy Nelson** are dangerous threats when Green Bay goes to its multiple wideout formations. Jones looks to be completely healthy after knee troubles plagued his 2008 season, while Nelson led the team in receiving yards this preseason. On teams with thin secondary talent, look for Rodgers to target either Jones or Nelson in mismatch opportunities.
- ▶ **Brett Swain** earned his spot on the team after arriving in Green Bay as a seventh-round pick in 2008 and spending a year on the practice squad. Improved technique and his value on special teams helped earn him a spot on the final 53.

Tight end – 3

- ▶ Tight end is always an interesting position to keep an eye on because of the way McCarthy likes to utilize the position on offense, especially with multiple tight-end sets.
- ▶ **Donald Lee**, the unit's primary starter each of the last two seasons, might be one of the more unheralded players at the position across the NFL. His numbers over the past two seasons (87 catches, 878 yards, 11 touchdowns) prove as much.
- ▶ One of the players on the roster most will be keeping an eye on is **Jermichael Finley**, a prime candidate to have a breakout season. In his second season and still only 22, Finley showed flashes of his potential at the end of his rookie season and is certainly a big, athletic target for Rodgers. He is a mismatch when lined up against an opposing linebacker.
- ▶ **Spencer Havner** earned the third spot after making the transition to tight end this offseason. Havner had previously spent two seasons on the practice squad at linebacker and is a special teams standout. He could become the first three-way player in McCarthy's tenure.

Offensive line – 9

- ▶ Coach McCarthy settled on his starting five on Aug. 24, marking the only changes among the offensive unit from 2008. T **Chad Clifton's** injury, should he be forced to miss the game, could change a few positions.
- ▶ **Jason Spitz**, the starter at center, would slide over to left guard, while veteran **Scott Wells** would come off the bench to play center. Wells started all last season at the position, so there would not be much of a transition under center for Rodgers.
- ▶ **Daryn Colledge**, normally lining up at left guard, would slide to left tackle, a position he has played in the past in Clifton's absence. RG **Josh Sitton** and RT **Allen Barbre** would hold as the unit's two players on the right side.
- ▶ Clifton's injury would also have an effect on who would be first off the bench in any injury situation. Rookie **T.J. Lang** has played a number of positions and seems to have grasped everything the coaches have thrown at him thus far. **Breno Giacomini** had a solid summer and provides depth at the right tackle spot, while G/C **Evan Dietrich-Smith** was the only non-drafted rookie to make the club.



POSITION-BY-POSITION

Defensive end – 4

- ▶ Defensive end will have a much different look both in responsibility and in roster numbers in defensive coordinator **Dom Capers'** 3-4 defense.
- ▶ **Cullen Jenkins**, who has played both inside and outside, has looked outstanding thus far in his return from a pectoral injury that cut short what was promising to be a career season in 2008. Last season, Jenkins appeared in the first four games, with the Packers' defense collecting nine sacks over that time. The team accumulated 18 sacks in the 12 games Jenkins missed.
- ▶ Getting the chance to start opposite Jenkins is **Johnny Jolly**. A former defensive tackle in the old scheme, Jolly has played outstanding even with some added bulk to hold the line of scrimmage. He has experience with 33 games played, including 24 starts.
- ▶ There also is the potential for immediate playing time to first-round pick **B.J. Raji**, who would make a fifth player in the rotation at the end spot should his ankle be ready to go in Week 3. Raji spent significant time at end once he arrived in Green Bay this offseason and appears as though he will spend time both inside and outside in his first season. On run downs, he adds considerable bulk to the first line of defense.
- ▶ Veteran **Michael Montgomery**, thought by some a bad fit for the new scheme, played well in the pre-season and held on to his spot as a backup. At 6-5, Montgomery is able to use his length to his advantage to occupy offensive lineman. DE **Jarius Wynn**, a sixth-round draft pick from Georgia, showed the ability to rush the passer and could be called upon in obvious passing downs.



Nose tackle – 2

- ▶ The Packers kept only three defensive tackles last season in their 4-3 scheme, but only have two nose tackles in the new scheme.
- ▶ Raji will obviously see time at the position once he gets more reps in general but is behind starter **Ryan Pickett**. Like Raji, Pickett could see time at multiple positions along the line, but he has practiced exclusively at nose tackle thus far.
- ▶ Both have the necessary size to hold the line of scrimmage at the position. It's a possibility that others – perhaps Jolly – could see time at nose tackle.

Linebacker – 9

- ▶ No position may look more different in 2009 than it did in 2008 than linebacker. Whether it be former defensive ends converting to the outside or veterans adjusting to new responsibilities, it will be one of the most-watched position groups this season.
- ▶ Converted from defensive end were **Aaron Kampman** and **Jeremy Thompson**, both of whom will be counted on to rush the passer. Kampman, one of the NFL's most productive pass rushers over the past three seasons, could see his play-making opportunities increase as he converts to playing without his hand on the ground.
- ▶ Thompson seems like an ideal fit for the position and was praised by coaches for his quick transition to the position. Still, Thompson is in just his second season, and could split some reps from scrimmage with first-round draft pick **Clay Matthews**. Both should be major contributors on various special-teams units and push LB **Brady Poppinga** for playing time as well as provide solid help behind Kampman.
- ▶ In the middle are veterans **Nick Barnett** and **A.J. Hawk**. **Desmond**

Bishop and **Brandon Chillar** enjoyed outstanding preseasons, including some impactful plays in game action, and give the team great depth along the inside.

Cornerback – 6

- ▶ While the team may no longer play as much press coverage as it had become known for in prior seasons, this group is still led by Pro Bowlers **Al Harris** and **Charles Woodson**. Both have been impressive in the earlygoing and seem to have grasped the new system quickly.
- ▶ Woodson seems to relish his new role as a blitzer, as evidenced by his two forced fumbles on blitzes against Arizona in the preseason. He forced another fumble in the secondary against wide receiver Jerheme Urban.
- ▶ Behind the veteran duo is a group of young corners, led by third-year man **Tramon Williams**. When Harris was sidelined last season with a spleen injury, Williams stepped up in his absence and finished the season with five interceptions.
- ▶ After Williams, a number of young corners will be looking to establish themselves in sub packages and on special teams. **Will Blackmon**, the team's primary return specialist, and sixth-round draft pick **Brandon Underwood** from the University of Cincinnati, will have every chance to earn those opportunities. **Jarrett Bush**, who will play both corner and safety and is a top player on the Packers' special-teams units, also will be in the mix.

Safety – 4

- ▶ **Nick Collins** is coming off a career season in which he earned his first Pro Bowl berth, and the fifth-year player remained neck-and-neck with Woodson for the interception lead throughout training camp. Collins, who must make more calls and checks in the new scheme, will be under close watch to see how quickly he can transition to the new defense.
- ▶ At the other safety position, **Atari Bigby** suffered a knee injury against the Bears and it is unknown at this point just how much time he will miss. Competing for reps at both safety spots, but particularly now in Bigby's spot, will be veteran **Aaron Rouse**, who saw time in the secondary last season in Bigby's absence, and newcomer **Derrick Martin**. Martin arrived from Baltimore in a trade at the roster cutdown, so he has some familiarity with the 3-4. He saw action on special teams against the Bears and Bengals but will have to throw himself in the playbook this week should he be needed from scrimmage against the Rams. Bush gives the coaches another player at the position should injuries continue to occur.

Specialists – 3

- ▶ **K Mason Crosby** and LS **Brett Goode** are back for another year and were solid all preseason. Crosby hopes to improve upon his accuracy and consistency, but there is no doubting his leg strength, as evidenced by his 52-yard field goal against the Bears. It was his seventh career kick from 50 yards or longer.
- ▶ Incumbent punter **Jeremy Kapinos** won the job in training camp. Kapinos punted in the last four games for the team last season and does cause return men some problems as a left-footed kicker.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS

27 WILL BLACKMON

- ▶ Needs one punt return touchdown to set a career franchise record. Enters tied atop the team's all-time list with Desmond Howard (1996, 1999) with three.

76 CHAD CLIFTON

- ▶ Has played in 133 career games, including 128 starts.
- ▶ Has started 96 of last 98 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) over that span.

36 NICK COLLINS

- ▶ With four interception returns for scores in his career, matches No. 5 Johnny (Blood) McNally on Green Bay's all-time career list. With another, would match No. 2 Bobby Dillon, Darren Sharper and Charles Woodson, each of whom returned five.

2 MASON CROSBY

- ▶ His 268 points from 2007-08 is the most ever by a Green Bay kicker over a two-season span.
- ▶ Needs 121 points this season to set the NFL record for most points scored by a player in his first three seasons (Stephen Gostkowski, NE, 388, 2006-08). Through two games, has 13 points.
- ▶ For his career, has hit 39-of-43 field goals from 39 yards-and-closer.
- ▶ Has hit 15-of-22 field goals from 40-49 yards.
- ▶ Has hit 7-of-13 field goals from 50-plus yards.



80 DONALD DRIVER

- ▶ Needs nine receptions to surpass No. 1 Sterling Sharpe (595) on the team's all-time catches list. Driver, with 587 career catches, is No. 2.
- ▶ Needs eight receiving yards to surpass No. 2 Sharpe (8,134) on the franchise's all-time receiving yards list. James Lofton (9,656) ranks No. 1. Driver is No. 3 with 8,127 career receiving yards.
- ▶ Has a reception in 113 consecutive games, besting the franchise's previous long streak of Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).
- ▶ In 2008, became the first player in franchise history with 1,000 receiving yards in a sixth overall season. Lofton and Sharpe each had five 1,000-yard campaigns.
- ▶ Extended another Packers record by recording his fifth consecutive season (2004-08) with 1,000 receiving yards. Driver had 1,012 yards.
- ▶ For the eighth time had 50-plus receptions in 2008, a new franchise record. Lofton and Sharpe each had seven seasons with 50-plus catches.
- ▶ Is the all-time leading receiver at Lambeau Field, surpassing Antonio Freeman (3,477 yards). Driver has 3,961 career receiving yards at the stadium.
- ▶ Also is Lambeau Field's all-time leader in receptions with 283. Freeman (213) also ranks No. 2.
- ▶ Stands at No. 3 with 18 touchdown receptions at Lambeau Field.

Freeman (36) ranks first in the stadium's history, while Sharpe (20) is No. 2.

- ▶ Has 20 career 100-yard receiving games, which ties him with Freeman for No. 4 in team history. Needs four more games to equal No. 3 Don Hutson on the all-time list.
- ▶ With 44 career TD receptions, joins Hutson (99), Sharpe (65), Freeman (57), Max McGee (50), Lofton (49), Billy Howton (43) and Boyd Dowler (40) as the only Packers with 40 career TD catches.
- ▶ Ranks fourth all-time in yards from scrimmage with 8,331. Driver needs 1,382 yards to move past No. 3 Jim Taylor (9,712).

25 RYAN GRANT

- ▶ With 1,200 yards this season, would become only the third player in franchise history to post back-to-back seasons of 1,200-plus rushing yards (Ahman Green, 2001-03; Jim Taylor, 1961-62).
- ▶ Became the eighth back in franchise history to surpass 1,000 yards in a season in 2008, making it the 20th such season by a running back in Packers history.
- ▶ Enters with 2,266 career rushing yards.
- ▶ In his first two NFL seasons, totaled 2,159 rushing yards. That ranked eighth among all NFL players over that period.
- ▶ Has nine 100-yard games in his career.

31 AL HARRIS

- ▶ Has 114 career starts.
- ▶ Needs to return one interception for a touchdown to tie No. 7 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. 5 Johnny (Blood) McNally and Nick Collins (4).

50 A.J. HAWK

- ▶ Has tallied over 120 tackles in each of his first three seasons.
- ▶ Has started every game in his pro career (50 regular season, 2 playoffs).

85 GREG JENNINGS

- ▶ His 15 catches of 40-plus yards from 2007-08 was tops in the NFL.
- ▶ Did not catch a pass against Cincinnati (Week 2), snapping a streak of 44 consecutive games with at least one reception.
- ▶ With 1,200 yards receiving, would become just the fourth player in franchise history to post 1,200 receiving yards in back-to-back seasons (Sterling Sharpe, 1992-93; Antonio Freeman, 1997-98; Donald Driver, 2005-06).
- ▶ Had 106 receiving yards on opening weekend, his 10th career 100-yard

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

game.

- ▶ Needs 50 receiving yards for 3,000 career. Surpassed 2,000 career receiving yards in 2008 at Tampa Bay, his 31st career game.
- ▶ Surpassed 1,000 career receiving yards on the 82-yard, game-winning touchdown catch in OT vs. Denver in 2007, his 19th career game.

74 AARON KAMPMAN

- ▶ His 37 sacks over the last three seasons (2006-08) ranked third among all NFL players.
- ▶ With 50½ career sacks, is No. 4 on the team's all-time sacks list. Needs five more to move past No. 3 Tim Harris (55).
- ▶ In 2008, became the fourth player to record 50 sacks with the Packers, joining Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (74½), Reggie White (68½) and Harris (55).
- ▶ Has tallied over 85 tackles for four consecutive seasons.
- ▶ Has started 91 of the last 92 games, only missing the 2007 regular-season finale to rest for the playoffs.

86 DONALD LEE

- ▶ With 15 career touchdowns, matches No. 5 Ron Kramer (15) on the franchise's all-time tight ends list.
- ▶ His 11 touchdowns over the last two seasons ranked tied for fourth among all tight ends over that time behind Dallas Clark (17), Antonio Gates (17) and Tony Gonzalez (15). Jason Witten also had 11 touchdowns.

12 AARON RODGERS

- ▶ In 2008, became only the second player in NFL history to surpass 4,000 yards passing in the same season in which he made his first career start. Kurt Warner (4,353) accomplished the feat during his MVP season in 1999.
- ▶ With another 4,000-yard season, would become the first player in NFL

history to post 4,000 yards passing in each of his first two seasons as a starter.

- ▶ Became the fourth player in Packers history to surpass the 4,000-yard mark, joining Lynn Dickey (1), Brett Favre (5) and Don Majkowski (1).
- ▶ Among quarterbacks in the NFL in 2008, ranked fourth in passing yards (4,038), fourth in touchdowns (28), sixth in QB rating (93.8), 10th in completion percentage (63.6%), tied for fifth in 20-plus yard passes (48) and tied for first in 40-plus yard passes (16).
- ▶ Has four career 300-yard games and four 3-TD games.
- ▶ Had a passer rating over 100.0 in eight games in 2008.
- ▶ His four rushing touchdowns in 2008 were 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.



38 TRAMON WILLIAMS

- ▶ Established career highs in 2008 in nearly every statistical category, including tackles (52), interceptions (5) and passes defended (14).

21 CHARLES WOODSON

- ▶ Has 38 career interceptions, 21 in 48 games since coming to Green Bay in 2006. Woodson had 17 interceptions in 106 games with Oakland.
- ▶ With five interception returns for scores, matches No. 2 Bobby Dillon and Darren Sharper on Green Bay's all-time career list. Needs two more to match No. 1 Herb Adderley (seven).
- ▶ With six defensive touchdowns as a member of the Packers (five interceptions, one fumble return), is No. 3 on the team's all-time list. Needs one more to match Adderley and Sharper with seven atop the list.
- ▶ With seven interceptions in 2009, would become only the second player in franchise history to post at least seven interceptions in three different seasons (Dillon, 1953-57).
- ▶ With two interceptions against Cincinnati, recorded the fourth multi-interception game of his career. Three have come with Green Bay.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS

- Allen BarbreBAR-ber
- Atari Bigbyah-TARR-ee BIG-bee
- Brandon ChillarCHILL-er
- Breno GiacominiBREH-no GEE-ah-coh-MEE-knee
- Brett GoodeGEWD
- Spencer HavnerHAY-vner
- Cullen JenkinsKULL-en
- Aaron KampmanCAMP-man
- Jeremy KapinosCAP-eh-nos
- John KuhnKOON
- Ryan PickettPICK-ett
- Brady Poppingapuh-PING-ah
- B.J. RajiRAH-jee

- Aaron RouseROWSE
- Josh SittonSITT-en
- Jason SpitzSPITTS
- Tramon Williamstrah-MAHN

COACHES

- James CampenKAMP-en
- Tom ClementsKLEMM-ints
- Jerry FontenotFON-tin-oh
- Ben McAdooMACK-ah-doo
- Shawn SlocumSLOW-kumm
- Mike TrgovacTUR-go-vac



DEPTH CHART

Unofficial, Sept. 22, 2009

OFFENSE

WR: 85	Greg Jennings	87	Jordy Nelson	16	<u>Brett Swain</u>
LT: 76	Chad Clifton	73	Daryn Colledge		
LG: 73	Daryn Colledge	72	Jason Spitz	70	<u>T.J. Lang</u>
C: 72	Jason Spitz	63	Scott Wells		
RG: 71	Josh Sitton	62	<u>Evan Dietrich-Smith</u>		
RT: 78	Allen Barbre	68	Breno Giacomini		
TE: 86	Donald Lee	88	Jermichael Finley	41	<u>Spencer Havner</u>
WR: 80	Donald Driver	89	James Jones		
QB: 12	Aaron Rodgers	10	Matt Flynn		
RB: 25	Ryan Grant	42	DeShawn Wynn	32	Brandon Jackson
FB: 30	John Kuhn	35	Korey Hall	45	<u>Quinn Johnson</u>

DEFENSE

LDE: 97	Johnny Jolly	90	<u>B.J. Raji</u>	94	<u>Jarius Wynn</u>
NT: 79	Ryan Pickett	90	<u>B.J. Raji</u>		
RDE: 77	Cullen Jenkins	96	Michael Montgomery		
LOLB: 74	Aaron Kampman	99	Jeremy Thompson		
BLB: 50	A.J. Hawk	55	Desmond Bishop		
MLB: 56	Nick Barnett	54	Brandon Chillar	41	<u>Spencer Havner</u>
ROLB: 51	Brady Poppinga	52	<u>Clay Matthews</u>	59	<u>Brad Jones</u>
LCB: 21	Charles Woodson	24	Jarrett Bush	33	<u>Brandon Underwood</u>
RCB: 31	Al Harris	38	Tramon Williams	27	Will Blackmon
SS: 20	Atari Bigby	37	Aaron Rouse	24	Jarrett Bush
FS: 36	Nick Collins	29	Derrick Martin		

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

Rookies and first-year players are underlined

HOW THE PACKERS WERE BUILT

Year	Record	Draft (37)	Trades (3)	Free Agents (11)
1999	8-8-0	WR Donald Driver D7b		
2000	9-7-0	T Chad Clifton D2		
2001	12-4-0			
2002	12-4-0	LB Aaron Kampman D5a		
2003	10-6-0	LB Nick Barnett D1	CB Al Harris (PHI)	
2004	10-6-0	C Scott Wells D7 (FA-04)		DE Cullen Jenkins
2005	4-12-0	QB Aaron Rodgers D1 S Nick Collins D2a LB Brady Poppinga D4b DE Michael Montgomery D6a		S Atari Bigby TE Donald Lee
2006	8-8-0	LB A.J. Hawk D1 G Daryn Colledge D2a WR Greg Jennings D2b C/G Jason Spitz D3b CB Will Blackmon D4b DE Johnny Jolly D6a		TE/LB Spencer Havner NT Ryan Pickett (UFA) CB Tramon Williams CB Charles Woodson (UFA)
2007	13-3-0	RB Brandon Jackson D2 WR James Jones D3a S Aaron Rouse D3b T/G Allen Barbre D4 FB Korey Hall D6a LB Desmond Bishop D6b K Mason Crosby D6c RB DeShawn Wynn D7a (FA-08)	RB Ryan Grant (NYG)	
2008	6-10-0	WR Jordy Nelson D2a TE Jermichael Finley D3 LB Jeremy Thompson D4a G Josh Sitton D4b T Breno Giacomini D5 QB Matt Flynn D7a WR Brett Swain D7b (FA-09)		LB Brandon Chillar (UFA) LS Brett Goode P Jeremy Kapinos
2009		NT B.J. Raji D1a LB Clay Matthews D1b G/T T.J. Lang D4 FB Quinn Johnson D5a DE Jarius Wynn D6a CB Brandon Underwood D6b LB Brad Jones D7	S Derrick Martin (BAL)	G/C Evan Dietrich-Smith

Waivers (2): CB/S Jarrett Bush (from Carolina), 2006; FB John Kuhn (from Pittsburgh), 2007

2009 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

	Packers	Opponent
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	34	37
Rushing.....	9	11
Passing.....	21	22
Penalty.....	4	4
3rd Down: Made/Att.....	10/27	13/29
3rd Down Pct.....	37.0	44.8
4th Down: Made/Att.....	0/0	1/3
4th Down Pct.....	0.0	33.3
POSSESSION AVG.	26:35	33:25
TOTAL NET YARDS	537	671
Avg. Per Game.....	268.5	335.5
Total Plays.....	117	128
Avg. Per Play.....	4.6	5.2
NET YARDS RUSHING	165	237
Avg. Per Game.....	82.5	118.5
Total Rushes.....	40	65
NET YARDS PASSING	372	434
Avg. Per Game.....	186.0	217.0
Sacked/Yards Lost.....	10/73	4/28
Gross Yards.....	445	462
Att./Completions.....	67/38	59/32
Completion Pct.....	56.7	54.2
Had Intercepted.....	0	6
PUNTS/AVERAGE	12/43.9	8/47.9
Net Punting Avg.....	12/29.8	8/43.6
PENALTIES/YARDS	17/121	16/125
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	2/1	2/0
TOUCHDOWNS	5	5
Rushing.....	2	1
Passing.....	2	4
Returns.....	1	0

SCORE BY PERIODS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	14	17	0	14	0	45
OPPONENTS	7	16	17	6	0	46

SCORING

	TD	-Ru	-Pa	-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mason Crosby.....	0	0	0	0	4/4	3/5	0	13
Ryan Grant.....	2	2	0	0			0	12
Greg Jennings.....	1	0	1	0			0	8
Donald Driver.....	1	0	1	0			0	6
Charles Woodson.....	1	0	0	1			0	6
PACKERS	5	2	2	1	4/4	3/5	0	45
OPPONENTS	5	1	4	0	5/5	3/3	1	46

2-Point Conversions: Jennings, Team 1-1, Opponents 0-0

SACKS: Cullen Jenkins 2, Brandon Chillar 1, Clay Matthews 1, PACKERS 4, OPPONENTS 10

RUSHING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Grant.....	30	107	3.6	17	2
Aaron Rodgers.....	7	50	7.1	16	0
DeShawn Wynn.....	3	8	2.7	5	0
PACKERS	40	165	4.1	17	2
OPPONENTS	65	237	3.6	14	1

PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Aaron Rodgers.....	67	38	445	56.7	6.64	2	3.0	0	0.0	50t	10/73	87.0
PACKERS	67	38	445	56.7	6.64	2	3.0	0	0.0	50t	10/73	87.0
OPPONENTS	59	32	462	54.2	7.83	4	6.8	6	10.2	68	4/28	62.9

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Donald Driver.....	10	138	13.8	26	1
Donald Lee.....	7	36	5.1	11	0
Greg Jennings.....	6	106	17.7	50t	1
Jermichael Finley.....	5	62	12.4	22	0
Ryan Grant.....	4	28	7.0	13	0
James Jones.....	2	24	12.0	16	0
Spencer Havner.....	1	21	21.0	21	0
Korey Hall.....	1	11	11.0	11	0
Jordy Nelson.....	1	11	11.0	11	0
DeShawn Wynn.....	1	8	8.0	8	0
PACKERS	38	445	11.7	50t	2
OPPONENTS	32	462	14.4	68	4

INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Charles Woodson.....	2	59	29.5	37t	1
Tramon Williams.....	1	67	67.0	67	0
Nick Collins.....	1	31	31.0	31	0
Al Harris.....	1	29	29.0	29	0
Johnny Jolly.....	1	2	2.0	2	0
PACKERS	6	188	31.3	67	1
OPPONENTS	0	0	---	---	0

PUNTING

	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In 20	LG	Blk
Jeremy Kapinos.....	12	527	43.9	29.8	2	2	58	0
PACKERS	12	527	43.9	29.8	2	2	58	0
OPPONENTS	8	383	47.9	43.6	1	4	61	0

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordy Nelson.....	2	1	14	7.0	14	0
Will Blackmon.....	0	1	0	---	---	0
PACKERS	2	2	14	7.0	14	0
OPPONENTS	7	2	129	18.4	60	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Will Blackmon.....	5	113	22.6	28	0
Jordy Nelson.....	4	124	31.0	46	0
PACKERS	9	237	26.3	46	0
OPPONENTS	8	191	23.9	29	0

FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mason Crosby.....	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/2	1/2
PACKERS	0/0	0/0	1/1	1/2	1/2
OPPONENTS	0/0	1/1	0/0	2/2	0/0

Crosby: (49N,52G,39G) (55N,45G)

Opponents: (47G,21G) (40G)

2009 REGULAR-SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Official totals - based on coaches' film review, through September 20 vs. Cincinnati

SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	Total			Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
	Tackles	Solo	Asst					
Aaron Kampman	18	10	8	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Al Harris	15	11	4	0.0/0.0	1/29	0	0	2
Charles Woodson	14	13	1	0.0/0.0	2/59	0	0	2
Aaron Rouse	13	11	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Brandon Chillar	12	8	4	1.0/2.0	0/0	0	0	0
Johnny Jolly	12	5	7	0.0/0.0	1/2	0	0	1
Nick Collins	10	9	1	0.0/0.0	1/31	0	0	3
Cullen Jenkins	8	7	1	2.0/17.0	0/0	0	1	0
Ryan Pickett	7	4	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
A.J. Hawk	6	6	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Nick Barnett	6	5	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Brady Poppinga	6	3	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Atari Bigby	5	2	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jarrett Bush	3	2	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Clay Matthews	2	2	0	1.0/9.0	0/0	0	0	1
Tramon Williams	2	1	1	0.0/0.0	1/67	0	0	4
Michael Montgomery	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	140	100	40	4.0/28.0	6/188	0	1	14

Player	TT	FR	FF
Desmond Bishop	5	0	0
Korey Hall	3	0	0
Derrick Martin	3	0	0
Spencer Havner	2	0	0
John Kuhn	2	0	0
Tramon Williams	2	0	0
Jarrett Bush	1	0	0
Brandon Chillar	1	0	0
A.J. Hawk	1	0	0
Jeremy Kapinos	1	0	0
Totals	21	0	0

DEFENSIVE SCORING

Player	TD	Int		Fum	Safeties
		Ret	Ret		
Charles Woodson	1	1	0	0	0
Totals	1	1	0	0	0

MISCELLANEOUS TACKLES

Player	Tackles
Josh Sitton	1
Totals	1

Defensive touchdowns (1):

Woodson — 37-yard interception return vs. Cincinnati (9/20)

No	ALPHABETICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	NFL Exp	College	High School Hometown
78	Barbre, Allen	T/G	6-4	305	6/22/84	3	Missouri Southern St.	Granby, Mo.
56	Barnett, Nick	LB	6-2	236	5/27/81	7	Oregon State	Fontana, Calif.
20	Bigby, Atari	S	5-11	213	9/19/81	4	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.
55	Bishop, Desmond	LB	6-2	238	7/24/84	3	California	Fairfield, Calif.
27	Blackmon, Will	CB	6-0	206	10/27/84	4	Boston College	Warwick, R.I.
24	Bush, Jarrett	CB/S	6-0	200	5/21/84	4	Utah State	Vacaville, Calif.
54	Chillar, Brandon	LB	6-3	237	10/21/82	6	UCLA	Carlsbad, Calif.
76	Clifton, Chad	T	6-5	320	6/26/76	10	Tennessee	Martin, Tenn.
73	Colledge, Daryn	G	6-4	308	2/11/82	4	Boise State	North Pole, Alaska
36	Collins, Nick	S	5-11	207	8/16/83	5	Bethune-Cookman	Cross City, Fla.
2	Crosby, Mason	K	6-1	207	9/3/84	3	Colorado	Georgetown, Texas
62	Dietrich-Smith, Evan	G/C	6-2	305	7/19/86	R	Idaho State	Salinas, Calif.
80	Driver, Donald	WR	6-0	194	2/2/75	11	Alcorn State	Houston, Texas
88	Finley, Jermichael	TE	6-5	247	3/26/87	2	Texas	Diboll, Texas
10	Flynn, Matt	QB	6-2	225	6/20/85	2	Louisiana State	Tyler, Texas
68	Giacomini, Breno	T	6-7	311	9/27/85	2	Louisville	Malden, Mass.
61	Goode, Brett	LS	6-1	261	11/2/84	2	Arkansas	Fort Smith, Ark.
25	Grant, Ryan	RB	6-1	222	12/9/82	3	Notre Dame	Ramsey, N.J.
35	Hall, Korey	FB	6-0	236	8/5/83	3	Boise State	Glenns Ferry, Idaho
31	Harris, Al	CB	6-1	190	12/7/74	12	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Pompano Beach, Fla.
41	Havner, Spencer	TE/LB	6-3	250	2/2/83	1	UCLA	Grass Valley, Calif.
50	Hawk, A.J.	LB	6-1	250	1/6/84	4	Ohio State	Centerville, Ohio
32	Jackson, Brandon	RB	5-10	216	10/2/85	3	Nebraska	Horn Lake, Miss.
77	Jenkins, Cullen	DE	6-2	305	1/20/81	6	Central Michigan	Belleville, Mich.
85	Jennings, Greg	WR	5-11	198	9/21/83	4	Western Michigan	Kalamazoo, Mich.
45	Johnson, Quinn	FB	6-1	255	9/30/86	R	Louisiana State	Edgard, La.
97	Jolly, Johnny	DE	6-3	325	2/21/83	4	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas
59	Jones, Brad	LB	6-3	239	4/1/86	R	Colorado	East Lansing, Mich.
89	Jones, James	WR	6-1	208	3/31/84	3	San Jose State	San Jose, Calif.
74	Kampman, Aaron	LB	6-4	260	11/30/79	8	Iowa	Parkersburg, Iowa
7	Kapinos, Jeremy	P	6-1	233	8/23/84	1	Penn State	Springfield, Va.
30	Kuhn, John	FB	6-0	250	9/9/82	4	Shippensburg	York, Pa.
70	Lang, T.J.	G/T	6-4	316	9/20/87	R	Eastern Michigan	Birmingham, Mich.
86	Lee, Donald	TE	6-4	248	8/31/80	7	Mississippi State	Maben, Miss.
29	Martin, Derrick	S	5-10	198	5/16/85	4	Wyoming	Denver, Colo.
52	Matthews, Clay	LB	6-3	250	5/14/86	R	Southern California	Agoura Hills, Calif.
96	Montgomery, Michael	DE	6-5	282	8/18/83	5	Texas A&M	Center, Texas
87	Nelson, Jordy	WR	6-3	217	5/31/85	2	Kansas State	Riley, Kan.
79	Pickett, Ryan	NT	6-2	340	10/8/79	9	Ohio State	Zephyrhills, Fla.
51	Poppinga, Brady	LB	6-3	250	9/21/79	5	Brigham Young	Evanston, Wyo.
90	Raji, B.J.	NT	6-2	337	7/11/86	R	Boston College	Washington Township, N.J.
12	Rodgers, Aaron	QB	6-2	220	12/2/83	5	California	Chico, Calif.
37	Rouse, Aaron	S	6-4	227	1/8/84	3	Virginia Tech	Virginia Beach, Va.
71	Sitton, Josh	G	6-3	322	6/6/86	2	Central Florida	Pensacola, Fla.
72	Spitz, Jason	C/G	6-3	307	12/19/82	4	Louisville	Jacksonville, Fla.
16	Swain, Brett	WR	6-0	203	6/21/85	1	San Diego State	Carlsbad, Calif.
99	Thompson, Jeremy	LB	6-4	260	10/9/85	2	Wake Forest	Charlotte, N.C.
33	Underwood, Brandon	CB	6-1	191	6/24/86	R	Cincinnati	Hamilton, Ohio
63	Wells, Scott	C	6-2	300	1/7/81	6	Tennessee	Brentwood, Tenn.
38	Williams, Tramon	CB	5-11	191	3/16/83	3	Louisiana Tech	Napoleonville, La.
21	Woodson, Charles	CB	6-1	202	10/7/76	12	Michigan	Fremont, Ohio
42	Wynn, DeShawn	RB	5-10	232	10/9/83	3	Florida	Cincinnati, Ohio
94	Wynn, Jarius	DE	6-3	285	8/29/86	R	Georgia	Lincolnton, Ga.

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13	Allen, Jake	WR	6-4	196	1/18/85	1	Mississippi College	Waynesboro, Miss.
11	Brohm, Brian	QB	6-3	223	9/23/85	2	Louisville	Louisville, Ky.
39	Ford, Trevor	CB	6-0	188	2/19/86	R	Troy	Miami, Fla.
28	Lumpkin, Kregg	RB	5-11	228	5/15/84	2	Georgia	Stone Mountain, Ga.
49	Obiozor, Cyril	LB	6-4	259	9/26/86	R	Texas A&M	Pearland, Texas
95	Talley, Ronald	DE	6-3	286	2/21/86	R	Delaware	Detroit, Mich.
93	Toribio, Anthony	NT	6-1	315	3/1/85	1	Carson-Newman	Miami, Fla.

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46	Frischknecht, Devin	TE	6-3	258	11/6/86	R	Washington State	Aug. 25 (leg)
91	Harrell, Justin	DE	6-4	320	2/14/84	3	Tennessee	Sept. 5 (back)
22	Lee, Pat	CB	6-0	194	2/20/84	2	Auburn	Sept. 5 (knee)



No	NUMERICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	NFL		College	How Acquired	Reg. season
						Exp	GP/GS/DNP/IA			
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	25	3		Colorado	D6c-07	2/0/0/0
7	Jeremy Kapinos	P	6-1	233	25	1		Penn State	FA-08	2/0/0/0
10	Matt Flynn	QB	6-2	225	24	2		Louisiana State	D7a-08	2/0/0/0
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	220	25	5		California	D1-05	2/2/0/0
16	Brett Swain	WR	6-0	203	24	1		San Diego State	D7b-08 (FA-08)	2/0/0/0
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	213	28	4		Central Florida	FA-05	1/1/0/1
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	202	32	12		Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	2/2/0/0
24	Jarrett Bush	CB/S	6-0	200	25	4		Utah State	W-06 (Car)	2/0/0/0
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	222	26	3		Notre Dame	T-07 (NYG)	2/2/0/0
27	Will Blackmon	CB	6-0	206	24	4		Boston College	D4b-06	0/0/0/2
29	Derrick Martin	S	5-10	198	24	4		Wyoming	T-09 (BAL)	2/0/0/0
30	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	250	27	4		Shippensburg	W-07 (Pitt)	2/1/0/0
31	Al Harris	CB	6-1	190	34	12		Texas A&M-Kingsville	T-03 (Phil)	2/2/0/0
32	Brandon Jackson	RB	5-10	216	23	3		Nebraska	D2-07	0/0/0/2
33	Brandon Underwood	CB	6-1	191	23	R		Cincinnati	D6b-09	0/0/0/2
35	Korey Hall	FB	6-0	236	26	3		Boise State	D6a-07	2/1/0/0
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	207	26	5		Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	2/2/0/0
37	Aaron Rouse	S	6-4	227	25	3		Virginia Tech	D3b-07	2/1/0/0
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	191	26	3		Louisiana Tech	FA-06	2/0/0/0
41	Spencer Havner	TE/LB	6-3	250	26	1		UCLA	FA-08	2/0/0/0
42	DeShawn Wynn	RB	5-10	232	25	3		Florida	D7a-07 (FA-08)	2/0/0/0
45	Quinn Johnson	FB	6-1	255	22	R		Louisiana State	D5a-09	0/0/0/2
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	250	25	4		Ohio State	D1-06	2/2/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	250	30	5		Brigham Young	D4b-05	2/2/0/0
52	Clay Matthews	LB	6-3	250	23	R		Southern California	D1b-09	2/0/0/0
54	Brandon Chillar	LB	6-3	237	26	6		UCLA	UFA-08 (StL)	2/0/0/0
55	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	238	25	3		California	D6b-07	2/0/0/0
56	Nick Barnett	LB	6-2	236	28	7		Oregon State	D1-03	2/2/0/0
59	Brad Jones	LB	6-3	239	23	R		Colorado	D7-09	0/0/0/2
61	Brett Goode	LS	6-1	261	24	2		Arkansas	FA-08	2/0/0/0
62	Evan Dietrich-Smith	G/C	6-2	305	23	R		Idaho State	FA-09	0/0/0/2
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	300	28	6		Tennessee	D7-04 (FA-04)	1/0/1/0
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	311	24	2		Louisville	D5-08	0/0/0/2
70	T.J. Lang	G/T	6-4	316	22	R		Eastern Michigan	D4-09	2/0/0/0
71	Josh Sitton	G	6-3	322	23	2		Central Florida	D4b-08	2/2/0/0
72	Jason Spitz	C/G	6-3	307	26	4		Louisville	D3b-06	2/2/0/0
73	Daryn Colledge	G	6-4	308	27	4		Boise State	D2a-06	2/2/0/0
74	Aaron Kampman	LB	6-4	260	29	8		Iowa	D5a-02	2/2/0/0
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	320	33	10		Tennessee	D2-00	2/2/0/0
77	Cullen Jenkins	DE	6-2	305	28	6		Central Michigan	FA-04	2/2/0/0
78	Allen Barbre	T/G	6-4	305	25	3		Missouri Southern State	D4-07	2/2/0/0
79	Ryan Pickett	NT	6-2	340	29	9		Ohio State	UFA-06 (StL)	2/2/0/0
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	194	34	11		Alcorn State	D7b-99	2/2/0/0
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	198	26	4		Western Michigan	D2b-06	2/1/0/0
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	29	7		Mississippi State	FA-05	2/2/0/0
87	Jordy Nelson	WR	6-3	217	24	2		Kansas State	D2a-08	2/0/0/0
88	Jermichael Finley	TE	6-5	247	22	2		Texas	D3-08	2/1/0/0
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	208	25	3		San Jose State	D3a-07	2/0/0/0
90	B.J. Raji	NT	6-2	337	23	R		Boston College	D1a-09	0/0/0/2
94	Jarius Wynn	DE	6-3	285	23	R		Georgia	D6a-09	2/0/0/0
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	282	26	5		Texas A&M	D6a-05	2/0/0/0
97	Johnny Jolly	DE	6-3	325	26	4		Texas A&M	D6a-06	2/2/0/0
99	Jeremy Thompson	LB	6-4	260	23	2		Wake Forest	D4a-08	2/0/0/0

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11	Brian Brohm	QB	6-3	223	24	2		Louisville	D2b-08	0/0/0/0
13	Jake Allen	WR	6-4	196	24	1		Mississippi College	FA-08	0/0/0/0
28	Kregg Lumpkin	RB	5-11	228	25	2		Georgia	FA-08	0/0/0/0
39	Trevor Ford	CB	6-0	188	23	R		Troy	FA-09	0/0/0/0
49	Cyril Obiozor	LB	6-4	259	23	R		Texas A&M	FA-09	0/0/0/0
93	Anthony Toribio	NT	6-1	315	24	1		Carson-Newman	FA-08	0/0/0/0
95	Ronald Talley	DE	6-3	286	23	R		Delaware	FA-09	0/0/0/0

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