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## PACKERS HEAD TO DETROIT FOR HOLIDAY TRADITION

One of the NFL's oldest rivalries takes to the national stage as the Green Bay Packers head to Detroit to face the Lions on Thanksgiving.

- ▶ It is the 33rd NFL game on Thanksgiving for the Packers franchise. All-time on the holiday, Green Bay is 12-18-2, including a 6-11-1 mark on Thanksgiving in Detroit.
- ▶ The Packers come into the game riding a two-game winning streak and are right in the thick of things in the NFC postseason race. Green Bay defeated San Francisco at home last Sunday, 30-24.
- ▶ No other NFL teams have played every year since 1932, when the Packers and the Lions, then known as the Portsmouth (Ohio) Spartans, began their yearly home-and-home series.
- ▶ The rivalry actually kicked off in 1930 at City Stadium in Green Bay, a 47-13 Packers win. Some two seasons later, the teams began a yearly series. Thursday marks meeting No. 161 in the all-time series.
- ▶ Now rivals in the NFC North, Green Bay owns a 87-64-7 advantage over the Lions in the regular season and have won both playoff matchups.
- ▶ Green Bay's current eight-game winning streak over Detroit is the longest in the series in over 50 years, dating back to Detroit's 11-game winning streak from 1949-54.
- ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** is 7-0 against the Lions since taking over coaching duties in 2006.
- ▶ Overall, Green Bay has won 16 of the last 18 games in the series, including six of the last eight matchups in Detroit.
- ▶ At 2-8, Detroit is coming off a last-second win over Cleveland. With no time remaining on the clock, the Lions threw a 1-yard touchdown pass to defeat the Browns 38-37.



## WITH THE CALL

FOX Sports, now in its 16th season as an NFL network television partner, will broadcast the game to a national audience.

- ▶ Play-by-play man **Joe Buck** and color analyst **Troy Aikman** will have the call from the broadcast booth with **Pam Oliver** serving as the sideline reporter.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Westwood One will air the game across the country, with **Larry Kahn** (play-by-play), **Dan Fouts** (analyst) and **Troy West** (sideline reporter). **Scott Graham** hosts the pre-game and halftime shows.
- ▶ For out-of-town listeners, the broadcast is available to NFL Field Pass subscribers on [www.packers.com](http://www.packers.com) as well as on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 125 WTMJ feed) as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive.

## THE NFC PLAYOFF PICTURE

Winners of two consecutive games against NFC opponents, Green Bay has thrust itself back into playoff contention in the conference.

- ▶ At 6-4, Green Bay has the same record as the N.Y. Giants and Philadelphia, teams it will jockey with for playoff position over the final six weeks. Atlanta, at 5-5, also is in the picture.
- ▶ The Packers' stretch of three consecutive games against the NFC in 12 days will wrap up Thursday in Detroit.
- ▶ Wild-card playoff berths are given to the conference's top two teams that do not win a division. If teams within the same division are fighting for those spots, division tiebreakers apply. Should teams be competing against teams from another division, conference record is the second tiebreaker after head-to-head matchups. Green Bay is 5-3 against the NFC so far this season.

## 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 Rams . . . . .W, 36-17		(60,234)
Mon., Oct. 5	at Minnesota Vikings. . . . .L, 23-30		(63,846)
Sun., Oct. 11	Open Date . . . . .		
Sun., Oct. 18	DETROIT LIONS . . . . .W, 26-0		(70,801)
Sun., Oct. 25	at Cleveland Browns . . . . .W, 31-3		(69,797)
Sun., Nov. 1	MINNESOTA VIKINGS. . . . .L, 26-38		(71,213)
Sun., Nov. 8	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers. . . . .L, 28-38		(62,994)
Sun., Nov. 15	DALLAS COWBOYS (Gold Pkg.) . . . . .W, 17-7		(70,894)
Sun., Nov. 22	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS . . . . .W, 30-24		(70,445)
Thurs., Nov. 26	at Detroit Lions (Thanksgiving) . . . . .11:30 a.m.		FOX
Mon., Dec. 7	BALTIMORE RAVENS . . . . .7:30 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





## THIS WEEK AT 1265 LOMBARDI AVENUE

### GREEN BAY ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Thursday's game in Detroit marks the 33rd Thanksgiving NFL game in Packers history. Overall, the team has played 35 times on the holiday, including three games (1920, '22, '33) that were not official NFL games.

- ▶ Green Bay's all-time record in NFL games on the holiday is 12-18-2.
- ▶ The Packers first played a league game on Thanksgiving in 1923, a 19-0 victory over the Hammond Pros in Green Bay. Of the Packers' 32 league games on the holiday, their first was the only one to come at home.
- ▶ They last played on Thanksgiving against the Lions in Detroit in 2007, a 37-26 Green Bay victory. WR **Greg Jennings**, a Kalamazoo, Mich., native, caught two touchdowns and RB **Ryan Grant** ran for 101 yards and a score.
- ▶ Green Bay first played at Detroit on Thanksgiving 58 years ago, a 52-35 Detroit victory on Nov. 22, 1951. The two rivals played for 13 consecutive seasons, from 1951-1963, before the league began rotating opponents for the Lions.
- ▶ The Packers next played on the holiday in 1970, when they traveled to Dallas. They also played the Cowboys in Dallas on Thanksgiving in a 1994 matchup.
- ▶ The Green Bay-Detroit Thanksgiving matchup occurred just twice in a 37-year span (1984, '86), but the holiday tradition was renewed in 2001. Thursday will mark the fourth time this decade the teams have squared off on Thanksgiving.



### HARRIS, KAMPMAN SIDELINED

Undoubtedly the story line this week in Green Bay – and in the weeks to come – will be how the Packers defense is able to react after losing two of its veteran leaders, Pro Bowlers CB **Al Harris** and LB **Aaron Kampman**, to season-ending knee injuries.

- ▶ Their abilities and statistics aside, the two were so valuable to the defense because week in and week out, they were in green and gold. Kampman had started 98 of the last 100 games, missing only the 2007 regular-season finale to rest up for the postseason and the Week 10 game this season against Dallas because of a concussion.
- ▶ Harris lacerated his spleen last season, an injury that many forecasted would end his season. Instead, he only missed four games, the only four games he has missed his entire career. He has played in 182 of a possible 186 games, including starts in 102 of the last 106 games since coming to Green Bay in 2003.
- ▶ The two major injuries come at a time when Green Bay was getting healthy. TE **Jermichael Finley** and WR **Jordy Nelson** gave QB **Aaron Rodgers** back his full arsenal of receivers, while LB **Brandon Chillar** saw his first action since breaking his hand against Minnesota Nov. 1, playing special teams against the 49ers. Also, T **Mark Tauscher** returned and played most of the game.
- ▶ Besides those two injuries, Green Bay came out of the 49ers game relatively healthy. With a short week ahead, the Packers may rest some players from practice on Tuesday and Wednesday.

### INJURIES THE STORYLINE IN DETROIT, TOO

Coming off a dramatic victory on the final play of the game, the Detroit Lions may be without rookie QB Matthew Stafford. Stafford injured his non-throwing shoulder on the second-to-last play of the game and appeared to be in a considerable amount of pain after the final play.

- ▶ Stafford missed the Packers game in Week 6 with a knee injury, as QB Daunte Culpepper got the start. After Culpepper pulled his hamstring during the game, QB Drew Stanton finished the game for the Lions.
- ▶ WR Calvin Johnson also missed the Week 6 game against the Packers but figures to play Thursday. He always has been a tough matchup against the Packers, and the absence of CB **Al Harris** will add more

intrigue to the matchup in the secondary.

- ▶ Johnson twice had big games against the Packers last season. In the first matchup in Detroit, he had six receptions for 129 yards and two touchdowns. Later in the regular-season finale, he finished with nine catches for 102 yards and two scores.

### HOME SWEET HOME

Members of the Packers who hail from Michigan include DE **Cullen Jenkins** (Belleville), WR **Greg Jennings** (Kalamazoo), LB **Brad Jones** (East Lansing) and G/T **T.J. Lang** (Birmingham). All are expected to have sizeable groups of family and friends in attendance.

- ▶ Jones may get the call in Kampman's absence at outside linebacker, while Lang could spell Tauscher on a series or two. Both rookies will be playing in their native state for the first time.
- ▶ Jenkins has always enjoyed playing against his hometown team, as he set a career high in sacks against the Lions with three on Dec. 17, 2006. He also tied a career high in that game with seven tackles.
- ▶ Jennings has always played well against Detroit, specifically at Ford Field. He posted his first career 100-yard game as a rookie in Week 3 at the stadium and then caught two scores in the 2007 Thanksgiving game in Detroit. Last season at Ford Field, he established a career high with 167 receiving yards. In three games at the stadium, he has 14 catches for 328 yards and three touchdowns.

### STAT OF THE WEEK



The Packers produced one of the finest halves of football in recent memory Sunday against the 49ers.

- ▶ On defense, the team allowed just three points and a season-low 57 total net yards in the first half. The 49ers had minus-7 passing yards at the half.
- ▶ In perhaps one of the more lopsided stats of Green Bay's season, the team had 17 first downs in the opening half compared to San Francisco's one.
- ▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, offensive production by half dates back to 1991. The Packers produced a total of 362 in the first half, tied for their most in any half since '91. Green Bay also had 362 in the first half at Oakland on Dec. 22, 2003.
- ▶ QB **Aaron Rodgers** threw for 274 yards in the first half, a career high for a single half. That total is the fourth best since 1991 for passing yards in a single half.
- ▶ WR **Greg Jennings** became the first Packers player to record 100 yards or more in a single half since WR **Donald Driver** had 131 yards in the second half at Tennessee last season. Jennings had 121 yards in the first half Sunday.
- ▶ Not to be outdone, RB **Ryan Grant** rushed for 70 yards on 10 carries, his highest first-half output of the season and third-highest half of the season.

**THE DOPE ON THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:**

**Green Bay Packers vs. Detroit Lions**

**All-time, regular season:**  
87-64-7

**All-time, postseason:**  
2-0

**All-time, in Detroit:** 35-40-3 (5-2 at Ford Field)

**Streaks:** Green Bay has won eight straight and 16 of the last 18 meetings.

**Last meeting, regular season:**

Oct. 18, 2009, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 26-0

**Last meeting, in Detroit:**

Sept. 14, 2008, at Ford Field; Packers won, 48-25



**COACHES CAPSULES**

**Mike McCarthy:** 34-26-0, .567 (incl. 1-1 postseason); 4th NFL season

**Jim Schwartz:** 2-8-0, .200; 1st NFL season

**Head to Head:** Never met

**vs. Opponent:** McCarthy 7-0 vs. Lions; Schwartz 0-1 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.

**JIM SCHWARTZ**...Is in first year as the Lions' 25th head coach.

- ▶ Spent the past 10 years with the Tennessee Titans, including the last eight as defensive coordinator.
- ▶ Broke into the NFL as a college and pro scout for the Cleveland Browns from 1993-95 before becoming a defensive assistant coach for the Ravens after the franchise moved to Baltimore.
- ▶ Coached as a graduate assistant and then position coach at four different colleges (Maryland, Minnesota, North Carolina Central, Colgate) after a playing career as a linebacker at Georgetown University.

**THE PACKERS-LIONS SERIES**

No other NFL teams have played every year since 1932, when the Packers first met the Lions, then known as the Portsmouth (Ohio) Spartans.

- ▶ Including a pair of playoff clashes in the early 1990s, this week marks Game No. 161 in the venerable Detroit-Green Bay series.
- ▶ The Packers are looking for their ninth straight win in the series, which would mark the longest winning streak by either team since the Lions won 11 straight from 1949-54. The current eight-game string tops a six-game Green Bay run from 2000-03.
- ▶ The Packers have scored more points (3,321 in reg. season) against the Lions than any other franchise.
- ▶ The Packers have won 19 consecutive contests over Detroit in Wisconsin, including the 1994 playoffs. The streak spans eight Lions head coaches: Wayne Fontes (1992-96), Bobby Ross (1997-99), Gary Moeller (2000), Marty Mornhinweg (2001-02), Steve Mariucci (2003-04), Dick Jauron (2005), Rod Marinelli (2006-08) and Schwartz (2009).
- ▶ The 18 straight regular-season wins in Wisconsin is tied for first among active NFL streaks at one team's home field (Wash. over Det., 18).

**NOTABLE CONNECTIONS**

Detroit defensive coordinator Gunther Cunningham held the same position in Kansas City for four seasons (1995-98) when McCarthy was an offensive assistant for the Chiefs; also on staff in Kansas City were Packers strength and conditioning coordinator Dave Redding and Lions defensive line coach Bob Karmelowicz...Packers running backs coach Edgar Bennett and Lions GM Martin Mayhew were teammates for one season at Florida State...Packers strength and conditioning assistant Monday Gee held the same position with the Lions for seven seasons (2001-07)...Packers G Josh Sitton blocked for Lions RB Kevin Smith at Central Florida. Both were drafted in 2008...Lions T Jeff Backus, T Jon Jansen, and Packers CB Charles Woodson were teammates on the University of Michigan's 1997 national championship team...Packers DE Cullen Jenkins (Belleville), WR Greg Jennings (Kalamazoo), LB Brad Jones (East Lansing) and G/T T.J. Lang (Birmingham) are Michigan natives...Lions DT Grady Jackson (2003-05), S Marquand Manuel (2006) and DE Jason Hunter (2006-08) previously played for the Packers...Jennings and Lions S Louis Delmas played together for one season (2005) at Western Michigan...Lions T Gosder Cherilus and Packers NT B.J. Raji were teammates at Boston College...Lions QB Matthew Stafford was a teammate at Georgia with Packers DE Jarius Wynn...Lions LB Jordon Dizon and Packers LB Brad Jones played the position together at Colorado...Lions LB DeAndre Levy played collegiately at Wisconsin and attended Milwaukee Vincent High School.

**INDIVIDUALLY VS. LIONS**

QB Aaron Rodgers has topped 300 yards passing in each of his three career starts against Detroit. Combined, he is 74-of-106 for 994 yards with eight TDs and one interception vs. the Lions, good for a 120.6 rating...WR Greg Jennings has three touchdown receptions and three 100-yard efforts in six career games against the Lions. His 167 yards against Detroit in Week 2 of 2008 is a career high...WR Donald Driver matched his career high with 11 receptions against the Lions on Nov. 10, 2002. His seven TD receptions are his most against any opponent, his 84 catches are tied for the most, and his 1,091 yards are second-most (Minnesota, 84-1,223)...LB Aaron Kampman has 8.5 career sacks against Detroit...WR Jordy Nelson caught his first NFL touchdown pass in the first meeting last season, while TE Jermichael Finley snagged his first in the season finale...One of CB Charles Woodson's four two-interception games in his career also came in last season's first meeting...DE Cullen Jenkins' first career interception came in the first meeting this season.

**LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON**

Oct. 18, 2009, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 26-0.

- ▶ The Packers shut out the Lions for the first time since 1946, posting five sacks and three interceptions on defense.
- ▶ Green Bay took an early 7-0 lead on a 47-yard TD pass to James Jones and then quickly made it 14-0 when Cullen Jenkins intercepted a screen pass deep in Detroit territory to set up another score, a 1-yard TD toss to John Kuhn.
- ▶ From there the Packers cruised, adding four Mason Crosby field goals and allowing the Lions just 149 yards of total offense. Detroit was 0-for-10 on third downs.

**LAST MEETING, IN DETROIT**

Sept. 14, 2008, at Ford Field; Packers won, 48-25.

- ▶ The Lions overcame a 21-0 deficit to take a 25-24 lead in the fourth quarter, only to see the Packers drive for a field goal and then intercept three passes, with Charles Woodson and Nick Collins returning two of them for touchdowns, to seal the game.
- ▶ Green Bay scored three times in the first half on TD passes to Jones, Driver and Nelson.
- ▶ Calvin Johnson led Detroit's comeback with six receptions for 129 yards and two scores, from 38 and 47 yards.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

TAKING HIS PLACE AMONG THE GAME'S BEST

QB **Aaron Rodgers** has had to endure plenty of fanfare off the field since he took over the starting job in 2008. What shouldn't be ignored is just how well he is playing on it.

- ▶ Rodgers ranks near the top of the NFL in most passing categories. He was honored as the NFC Offensive Player of the Month for October, the first such award of his career.
- ▶ Elias Sports Bureau never intended for passer rating to measure the effectiveness of a signal caller in one game, but rather over the course of a group of games or entire season.
- ▶ Having said that, Rodgers' performance in Week 7 in Cleveland (15-of-20, 246 yards, 3 TDs) earned him a passer rating of 155.4, the highest single-game rating (minimum 20 attempts) in the history of the franchise. It bested the previous high, Brett Favre's 154.9 rating set in Oakland on Dec. 22, 2003.
- ▶ It was Rodgers' fourth consecutive game with a passer rating over 110.0, becoming only the second signal caller in team history to eclipse the mark four straight times in a single season. The legendary **Bart Starr** accomplished the feat four straight weeks during the 1966 season (Sept. 18-Oct. 9) en route to an NFL Championship and Super Bowl title.
- ▶ Rodgers just missed becoming the first to do it in five straight games, registering a 108.5 rating against Minnesota the following week.
- ▶ Not only does the statistic explain his play this season, but just how efficient he has been since becoming a starter. In 26 career starts, Rodgers has eclipsed the century mark in passer rating 14 times.
- ▶ Through 10 games, his 102.6 passer rating ranks fourth in the NFL.
- ▶ Rodgers is the game's top-ranked passer on third downs (129.9), well ahead of No. 2 Eli Manning (121.6). Of Rodgers' 19 TD passes, nine have come on third down, tied with Manning atop the league.
- ▶ The fourth-year pro has thrown for 2,788 yards through 10 games, fourth most in the league. At his current pace, Rodgers would finish with 4,460 yards at season's end. That would put him in a position to break Lynn Dickey's franchise record (4,458, 1983) for passing yards in a single season in the final weeks.
- ▶ In addition to passer rating, Rodgers ranks among the top 10 in passing yards, touchdowns, and both completion and interception percentage.
- ▶ And just for good measure, the Cal product tops all QBs with 242 rushing yards on 44 carries (5.5 avg.).

DEFENSE BEGINS RISE IN RANKINGS

Green Bay's defense has seen a slow and steady rise up the league rankings, finding itself as the league's third-ranked unit heading into Week 12. The story for the remainder of the season will be whether it can keep its lofty ranking amid season-ending injuries to two of its veteran stars.

- ▶ Allowing an average of 282.5 yards per contest, Green Bay ranks No. 3 in overall defense, behind only Pittsburgh (277.9) and the New York Giants (282.2).
- ▶ The last time Green Bay ranked in the top three in overall defense this late in the season was 1996, when it finished the year No. 1.
- ▶ Some would argue that a more important and telling statistic is scoring defense, and not how many yards a team allows. With 185 points allowed, Green Bay ranks 12th in scoring defense.
- ▶ In the first two years of the McCarthy tenure, Green Bay's defense was close to being a top-10 unit, finishing at No. 12 in 2006 and No. 11 in 2007. Last season, it slipped to No. 20.
- ▶ Enter a new defensive coordinator, veteran coach **Dom Capers**, and a switch to the 3-4 scheme. The early results have been good, especially now that the defense has over half a season in the scheme.
- ▶ Green Bay's improved defense against the run has put opponents in third-and-long situations.
- ▶ Keeping opponents in long down-and-distances has helped the defense's ability to get off the field on third down. Through the first four games, the unit ranked No. 28. Solid third-down defense over the past six

games now has the unit at No. 2. This week's opponent, Detroit, ranks No. 16 in third-down offense.

- ▶ One constant for the defense this season has been its ability to take the ball away, registering 21 of the team's 22 takeaways.
- ▶ Whether it be caused by pressure from a deep and talented front seven, or a fantastic read by a ball-hawking secondary led by Pro Bowlers **Nick Collins** (three INTs) and **Charles Woodson** (five), those 22 turnovers have led to 82 points, third most in the NFL.
- ▶ In Capers' previous stints as a coordinator, his units have made a jump in the rankings in his first season. In Pittsburgh, the defense went from No. 22 to No. 13 in '92 under Capers, then continued to rise to No. 3 in '93 and No. 2 in '94. In Jacksonville, the defense climbed to No. 4 under Capers in '99 after ranking 25th the previous season. The Dolphins ranked No. 4 in 2006, Capers' first year, after ranking No. 18 in '05.

TURNOVER RATIO TOPS THE LEAGUE

While many football statistics don't have far-reaching implications through the early part of the season, turnover ratio is always a telling statistic when it comes to a game's final outcome.

- ▶ The Packers' 22 takeaways ranks tied for third in the NFL. New Orleans leads the league with 29 takeaways, while Philadelphia has 23.
- ▶ The offense is doing its part as well, with a league-low eight giveaways. Of the Packers' turnovers, five have come on interceptions and three have come on fumbles. All eight have come in the passing game. Two of the fumbles lost have come on sacks of QB **Aaron Rodgers**, while another came on a screen pass to RB **Ryan Grant**.
- ▶ While Rodgers has always been careful with the ball in the passing game, credit must be given to the Packers running backs, who have carried the ball 231 times without a fumble in 2009. For Grant, he enters play Sunday with 198 consecutive carries without a fumble.
- ▶ With a defense that excels at the takeaway and an offense that protects the football as well as it does, it is no surprise Green Bay's plus-14 turnover ratio tops the league.
- ▶ This week's opponent, Detroit, stands at minus-eight, tied for 30th in the NFL. It has 13 takeaways (six interceptions, seven fumble recoveries) and 21 turnovers (18 interceptions, three fumbles). Detroit's 18 interceptions are a league high.
- ▶ Of the Packers' takeaways, 14 have come via the interception, fourth highest in the league. The Packers also have eight fumble recoveries.
- ▶ 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. For defensive players, the drill keeps the focus on stripping the ball from opposing players.
- ▶ Overall, the team has nine forced fumbles on the year (one on special teams), eight of which it has recovered.
- ▶ While the Packers can be proud of their place atop the league in turnover margin, it is a statistic that has trended upwards in each of McCarthy's three seasons.
- ▶ In 2006, the team finished at even in the category but improved to plus-four in 2007. Last season's plus-seven margin, No. 6 among NFL teams, was the franchise's best mark since 2002 (+17).
- ▶ Prior to McCarthy's arrival, the team had a franchise-worst turnover ratio (-24) in 2005.

**PACKERS TEAM NOTES**

**WOODSON AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME**

With Pro Bowl balloting having opened, it'd be hard to imagine CB **Charles Woodson** not being named to the NFC squad later this year.

- ▶ Woodson has made the adjustment from playing a man-to-man style to one that involves more reading of the quarterback, and he is thriving in the new scheme. He was named to the *Pro Football Weekly* Midseason All-Pro Team, and that was prior to his performance for the ages against the Cowboys.
- ▶ Against Dallas, Woodson became the first NFL player to record two forced fumbles, an interception and a sack in a game since Steelers linebacker James Harrison accomplished the feat two years ago to the day vs. Baltimore on Nov. 15, 2007. In that contest, Harrison posted three forced fumbles, 3½ sacks and an interception.
- ▶ Woodson was named NFC Defensive Player of the Week for his performance against Dallas on the heels of winning NFC Defensive Player of the Month for September.
- ▶ Matched up against TE Greg Olsen in Week 1, Woodson limited one of Chicago's biggest offensive threats to one catch for eight yards.
- ▶ In Week 2 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.
- ▶ In addition to his team-high five interceptions, he has been credited with 55 tackles through 10 games, tied for second on the team. That pace would have him surpass his career high before season's end. Twice he has tallied 79, which he recorded two different times, first in Oakland in 2000 and again last season with Green Bay.
- ▶ There's no doubt Woodson's career has been revitalized since coming to Green Bay in 2006. Thanks to the ability of those around him, opposing quarterbacks can no longer decide to ignore throwing in Woodson's direction.
- ▶ Woodson now has 41 career interceptions, sixth among active NFL players. For his career, 24 have come in Green and Gold. Those 24 interceptions have come in 56 games with the Packers. In 106 games with the Oakland Raiders, he had 17.



**D-LINE HEADLINES RUN DEFENSE**

With each returning player adjusting to new positions and a new scheme, Green Bay's defensive line has made the transition to the new assignments in the 3-4 and brings an imposing physical presence to the Packers' first line of defense.

- ▶ DE **Cullen Jenkins**, who played both inside and outside in the old scheme, has 32 tackles, including four for loss, 4.5 sacks and stands tied with Woodson for the team lead in forced fumbles with three. Jenkins' and Woodson's forced fumble total is tied for seventh highest in the NFL.
- ▶ Against Detroit, Jenkins recorded his first NFL interception, sniffing out a screen pass to RB Kevin Smith.
- ▶ Making the transition from an inside defensive tackle in the old scheme to an end this season, DE **Johnny Jolly** leads all defensive linemen with 50 tackles. His seven passes defended show his ability to be a disruptive force at the line of scrimmage.
- ▶ Displaying rare athleticism for a 6-foot-3, 320-pound man, he made a highlight-reel one-handed interception in the red zone against Jay Cutler

and the Bears in Week 1. Jolly also plucked another ball out of the air on a dive against St. Louis, though the ball was ruled a fumble because of a strip by LB **Aaron Kampman**.

- ▶ That play came just minutes after Jolly blocked a field-goal attempt on the Rams' opening drive. It was the second block of his career.
- ▶ It had been awhile since a Packers player recorded an interception, fumble recovery and blocked kick in the same season. That was CB **Doug Evans** in 1993.
- ▶ Coupled with Jenkins' interception against the Lions, the duo became the first pair of Packers defensive linemen to record interceptions in the same season since 2002, when Kabeer Gbaja-Biamilia and Vonnie Holliday accomplished the feat.
- ▶ NT **Ryan Pickett**, playing the position for the first time, is off to a fantastic start with 39 tackles and a pass deflection. The emergence of rookie **B.J. Raji** should keep all four players in the unit fresh to help defend against the run.
- ▶ Since the Packers gave up 117 yards to RB Steven Jackson in Week 3, they have allowed 521 yards in seven games (74.4 yards a game), which is the third fewest allowed over that span. Houston, playing tonight, has allowed 363, and Pittsburgh has given up 462 yards.
- ▶ Over that time, opponents' average of 3.5 yards per carry also ranks third in the NFL.

**GRANT AND THE GROUND GAME**

Going up against a San Francisco defense that ranked a then-No. 3 against the run, the Packers produced 158 yards on 32 carries (4.9 avg.)

- ▶ RB **Ryan Grant** is coming off another fine performance, as he ran for 129 yards and a score on 21 carries (6.1 avg.) against the 49ers.
- ▶ Though it was just his second 100-yard performance in 2009, Grant has surpassed the 90-yard mark on three other occasions.
- ▶ Without much fanfare, Grant's numbers rank among the leaders in the NFC. His rushing total (829 yards) ranks fifth in the conference and ninth overall in the NFL.
- ▶ Being utilized more in the screen game this season, his 148 receiving yards through 10 games already establishes a career high, besting his 2007 total of 145 receiving yards.
- ▶ His 977 yards from scrimmage ranks fourth in the NFC and seventh in the NFL.
- ▶ McCarthy has consistently stated in his time in Green Bay that the most important rushing statistic to him is attempts, and there is no doubting the team's success when the attempts are up, specifically for Grant.
- ▶ When Grant gets 22-or-more carries, the team is 9-1 (10-1 with playoffs).
- ▶ With veteran RB **Ahman Green** back in the fold, not to mention a quarterback whose feet are a weapon opposing defenses must account for, Green Bay has totaled over 100 net yards on the ground six times. Its record in those contests is 5-1.
- ▶ RB **Brandon Jackson** still sits at No. 2 on the depth chart and has served as the team's third-down back in his two-plus seasons.
- ▶ As Green works his way back into football shape, not to mention Jackson who missed the first four games of the season with an ankle injury he suffered in the preseason, both could begin to spell Grant from scrimmage and keep all three backs fresh as the team makes its push to contend for a playoff spot in the NFC.
- ▶ Traditionally the Packers have run more over the second half of the season as the weather turns. With two remaining home games, not to mention potential cold-weather games in Chicago and Pittsburgh, the offense may become a more ground-based attack.



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### FINLEY'S RETURN A WELCOME SIGHT

Anyone needing to know how much the Packers missed TE **Jermichael Finley** in his three-game absence need only to watch the game tape against San Francisco.

- ▶ Facing a third-and-short on the game's opening series, QB **Aaron Rodgers** found Finley over the middle of the field and the second-year pro raced down the sideline for a gain of 20 yards, his fifth catch of 20-plus yards on the season.
- ▶ In crunch time on the game's final drive, Finley converted another critical third down, the last of his career-high seven catches.
- ▶ Finley was a unanimous choice as the Packers' "breakout performer" in 2009 by the prognosticators. A knee sprain suffered early in the first quarter at Cleveland kept him sidelined for the better part of the last four games.
- ▶ It has been a breakout year for the second-year pro, as he has already set career highs in nearly every statistical category in seven games.
- ▶ He has become a clear favorite of Rodgers, who targeted a team-high 10 passes his way against the 49ers.
- ▶ Finley's coming-out party came in Week 4 at Minnesota in front of the largest television audience in cable history as he established new career highs in receptions (six) and receiving yards (128). His 62-yard touchdown is the Packers' third-longest play from scrimmage on the season and the longest reception by a Green Bay tight end since Jackie Harris caught a 66-yard scoring pass against Denver on Oct. 10, 1993.
- ▶ Finley's day also stands tied for the most productive day by a tight end in team history. His 128 yards matched Harris' output from that Broncos contest, tying the franchise high for most receiving yards by a tight end.
- ▶ There's no doubting the Packers depth at the position. TE **Donald Lee** remains the unit's starter and is third on the team with 26 catches, and TE **Spencer Havner** filled in nicely in Finley's absence. Of Havner's seven catches on the year, four have gone for scores.
- ▶ The team often likes to go with multiple-tight end sets, which should exploit the mismatches against linebackers and defensive backs this group is able to create.



### ANOTHER FRANCHISE MARK ABOUT TO FALL

WR **Donald Driver**, now in his 11th season with the Packers, has yet another team record in his sights that could fall in Detroit.

- ▶ With four more receptions, Driver will reach the 50-catch plateau for a team record eighth overall season. WR **James Lofton** and **Sterling Sharpe** stand tied with Driver with seven seasons of 50-plus catches.
- ▶ No records will likely equal the thrill of his first catch against Detroit in Week 6, as Driver surpassed Sharpe (1988-94, 595) to become the franchise's all-time leader in receptions.
- ▶ Though he is the second-oldest player on the roster at age 34, Driver has shown no signs of slowing down in 2009. He leads the team in catches (46), receiving yards (703), and is tied for the lead in TD catches (4). Those numbers certainly put him in the conversation for a fourth career Pro Bowl selection.
- ▶ By the end of the season, the most significant record still within Driver's grasp will be career receiving yards. Lofton ranks No. 1 with 9,656 yards. Driver is at No. 2, entering play Thursday with 8,692.
- ▶ Driver has been the model of consistency for the Packers, catching at least one pass in 121 consecutive games, also a franchise record. His

consistency also serves as a great example for younger teammates, as Driver has rarely missed a practice in his NFL career.

- ▶ While his reputation is as a slot guy who will make the tough catch over the middle, Driver has made his share of big plays already this season. His 12 catches of 20-plus yards is tied for fourth best in the NFL this season.

### AROUND THE 'BLACK AND BLUE' DIVISION

At 6-4, Green Bay stands in second place in the NFC North with six games remaining on the schedule.

- ▶ After losing to the Vikings for the second time this season, Green Bay is 2-2 in division play. Only two division games remain on the schedule: Thursday's showdown in Detroit and a Week 14 contest in Chicago.
- ▶ Minnesota, off to a 9-1 start, beat Seattle at home over the weekend. The Vikings will remain at home to play Chicago on Sunday, the third straight game at home for Minnesota, before hitting the road to take on Arizona Dec. 6.

- ▶ The defending division champion Vikings broke a string last season of seven straight years when either the Packers or Bears won the NFC North/Central. This year, Minnesota is working against history again, trying to become the first team other than Chicago or Green Bay to win back-to-back division crowns in three decades. The Vikings were the last to do it, in the 1977-78 seasons, which concluded a string of six straight division championships for Minnesota in the Bud Grant era.

- ▶ Chicago has lost five of its last six, dropping a home game against the Eagles on Sunday night. The Bears will try to end their losing skid in Minnesota this upcoming Sunday before welcoming the St. Louis Rams to Chicago the following weekend.

- ▶ Detroit won in dramatic fashion over the weekend and like Green Bay now must prepare for the challenge of a short week. Following the Thanksgiving game, the Lions will travel to Cincinnati to take on the Bengals.

- ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** has always stressed the importance of division play. Through the first 11 weeks of the '09 season, the Packers own the best division mark over the three-plus seasons of McCarthy's tenure at 15-7. The Packers are trailed by Chicago (13-7) and then Minnesota (13-9) over that period.

### GREEN RUNS INTO HISTORY BOOKS

When RB **Ahman Green** left the Packers for the Houston Texans as a free agent in March 2007, few could have predicted that he would someday return to break the Green Bay franchise rushing record.

- ▶ After spending the 2007-08 seasons with the Texans, Green returned to the Packers prior to Week 7.
- ▶ In Tampa, his final rush moved him past Jim Taylor (8,207 yards) to become the Packers' all-time leading rusher. Green enters play Thursday with 8,217 career rushing yards with the Packers.
- ▶ It was perhaps the final rushing record to fall for Green, who already held the franchise marks for single-game (218) and single-season (1,883 in 2003) rushing yards. His six 1,000-yard seasons is also a franchise best.
- ▶ It's unclear whether or not Green will get the chance to improve upon that mark Thursday in Detroit. He injured his groin in practice late last week and was held out of action Sunday against San Francisco.

**MIKE McCARTHY TRANSCRIPT**

**EXCERPTS FROM THE COACH – MONDAY, NOV. 23**

We just got the confirmation on both Al Harris and Aaron Kampman's results, and both individuals will have season-ending knee surgery. It will be a big challenge for our football team. Both Aaron and Al have meant a lot to us and our football team. Both have over 100-plus starts. Just thinking about it walking down here after visiting with Aaron, not seeing 74 and 31 in the huddle, it's going to be different. But it's a challenge that our younger players, they're going to have to step up and get ready on a short week for Detroit.

► **(How are they?)**

I guess they're as good as to be expected. They're both professionals. We have a lot of confidence both will respond very well. They're both in great shape. Both take great care of their bodies. They've got a rehab road ahead of them, and I'm sure they're looking at all their options.

► **(Given Aaron's situation becoming a free agent, do you fear he's played his last game as a Packer?)**

I would hope not. But those are all questions for the future. Right now, we want to make sure that they get the best care, just like we do for all of our players, and just make sure that we're part of their decisions and help them the best that we can. They've meant a lot to our organization. Like I said, they've played a lot of football and have been great representatives of the Green Bay Packers, and we want to make sure they're taken care of.

► **(It didn't look like either one had much contact. Is there anything anyone is going to look into - cleats, the field, anything?)**

I think every individual injury is obviously different. I don't think it was anything to do with the equipment or the field. I think our field is definitely one of the best, or best fields that we've played on so far this year. So I don't see that as part of the reason.

► **(What did you see from Brad Jones on film?)**

I thought he played well. I thought he played very well for a young man playing in his first game, against that opponent, and the number of defensive calls that were called in the game, particularly the multiple pressure schemes and everything. I thought Brad did a very nice job.

► **(If you go with Tramon for Al, what do you do at the linebacker spot?)**

Well, Tramon is the natural move. As far as moving forward at Aaron's position, that's really what we'll spend today going through. Obviously the game plan for the Detroit Lions will factor into a lot of our decisions in who plays and where they play.

► **(Is Derrick Martin an option at corner for you?)**

I don't think so, not today. But that's definitely an option. He has that ability. We talked about a number of different options, and I don't think that's the way we'll go.

► **(Yesterday you said you're a realist, so what do you tell your team about this?)**

It's the National Football League. Really our hurt right now is for the individual because of what Aaron and Al have been ... just like all the players that are hurt. You don't ever want to see the individual go through this. But it's part of the game. You have to overcome injuries. It's something you can't control. We will step up. We're going to play the game just like we always play the game against Detroit. We're going to play to win. Our coaches need to be creative. These are challenges you don't always prepare for, from week to week, but this is what your offseason program, and this is what your menu that you set -- offense, defense and special teams -- that give you flexibility to overcome these types of situations. This is a challenge that we'll meet. This is a challenge that we're working on today, and we'll be ready for Detroit. It's the National Football League. You lose good players, but really you don't want to see the individual go through it. But as far as our football team, trust me, they're in here today, they're getting treatment, they've worked out, they're watching film, and we'll be ready for Detroit.

► **(What do you try to get out of practice this week?)**

It's a challenge when you play a team, like for our offensive coaches, San Francisco ran the 3-4 defense. Obviously Detroit runs a 4-3, so how much can you carry over from one week to the next is what you are looking for. So our volume was a little higher going into San Francisco than it has been because the things that we can carry over, we will carry over, and it's no different for defense and special teams. You try to go a little heavier the week before a Thursday game in my experience to take it into the next game. Our coaches have been here Thursday, Friday, Saturday and after the game Sunday getting ready for Detroit. So we'll finalize our game-planning throughout the day and really tomorrow, Tuesday, will be more like a combination of Wednesday and Thursday for us and we'll have a good plan for the Detroit Lions.

► **(You've played a fair number of Thursday games, so what have you taken from those experiences that helps you this week?)**

The challenge is really today and tomorrow. The course of the week is always the challenge that you have to meet as far as your preparation, so when you squeeze five days into two, that's a challenge. Frankly on Wednesday I think everybody will be excited to get on that plane because the fun part is playing the games. So when the plane ride happens, you can see the light of getting ready to play again. You just have to get your work done. There is a lot of prep planning really from the support staff and the coaching staff that we feel like we're way ahead. Like I said, we had assistant coaches really start their game-planning late Friday and Saturday after our meetings.

► **(You had an early bye week, so if you win this game Thursday, what does that do for you with a daunting final five games ahead?)**

This is a target that we've been keeping our eye on, definitely, being 7-4 with another bye week. A chance to regroup, get healthy, that's what you're looking for. Thursday games, it's a national TV game, it's the tradition of playing on Thanksgiving. We had the opportunity to play up there a couple of years ago so we're excited about that. But definitely, I think both teams would echo a second bye week will definitely help you before your final run.

► **(How did Brad Jones play yesterday?)**

Frankly, I did not watch the film. I will watch the film this evening. The coaches have graded the film, so I would just be going off of what they told me. I will watch our film tonight. We've been game-planning for Detroit.

► **(Is Chillar an option at outside linebacker?)**

Athletically, and he could play there mentally too, but I think we're fine with the guys we have there.

► **(How do you feel about where your offense is at? With the injuries on defense, but getting a couple of key guys back on offense, can you outscore people if you have to?)**

Our goal is to outscore them every week. We have that ability. The most important thing for us offensively is to stay balanced, and I felt for the most part we were balanced in yesterday's football game. Because when you have the ability to run the football and the things that come off of the run game, everything improves. It improves your play-action pass and it improves your pass protection and we feel our perimeter is as good as anybody in the league. So we feel very confident that we can play whatever game we need to play, and that's really offense, defense and special teams. We're still going to be aggressive on defense. Once again, we will meet the challenge. Our younger players will step up and we will keep this thing going.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

THE BIG PLAY RETURNS

Thanks to a bevy of talent around him at the skill positions, QB **Aaron Rodgers** has been doing plenty of damage through the air in the season's first 10 games.

- ▶ When it comes to the long ball, few are as accurate as Rodgers. His 11 completions of 40-plus yards ranks tied with Dallas QB Tony Romo for most in the NFL.
- ▶ In terms of what coaches often classify as 'big plays' (gains of 20-plus yards), Rodgers has 34 completions, the eighth-best total in the league through 10 games.
- ▶ The big plays have always been a staple of the offense under Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**, as the team ranked second in the NFL in gains of 20-plus yards when it went to the NFC Championship in 2007. That year, the team racked up 67 such plays, 52 of which came through the air.
- ▶ In 2008 when it went 6-10, the team had 58 plays of 20-plus yards, 12th best in the NFL, and 48 came via the pass last season.
- ▶ As team statistics are now balanced out with the bye weeks, the Packers currently rank tied for ninth overall with 41 plays of 20-plus yards. Detroit comes into the game with 34 plays of 20-plus yards, which ranks tied for 17th.
- ▶ WR **Donald Driver** leads the team with 12 catches of 20-plus yards, while WR **Greg Jennings** is second on the team with eight.
- ▶ While the numbers do show the explosiveness of the Packers' offense through the air, it also tells the story of a run game that hasn't sprung the big play consistently. The Packers have seven 'big' runs on the season, five from RB **Ryan Grant**, one from RB **Ahman Green** and a career-long 35-yard scramble from Rodgers.
- ▶ The Packers had 10 "big-play" runs on the ground in 2008 and 15 in 2007. Getting into the double digits and teens in 'big runs' helps maintain offensive balance, a key if Green Bay is to hold onto its place among the NFL's most dangerous offenses.
- ▶ Through the air, it's been tough for opponents to pick just one player to stop. So far, five different players (**Driver, Jennings, Jermichael Finley, James Jones** and **Spencer Havner**) have a reception of 45-plus yards on the season. The last time the team had five or more players post a gain of 45-plus yards was 1983, when a team-record six players accomplished the feat. The franchise mark of six was originally established in 1951.



MR. EVERYTHING FINDS THE END ZONE

An unlikely star has emerged for the Packers over the last month, as TE **Spencer Havner** has found the end zone four times, tied for the team lead in TD receptions with WR **Donald Driver**.

- ▶ When TE **Jermichael Finley** went down on the opening drive in Cleveland, Havner (pronounced HAY-vner) made his presence felt thanks to a 45-yard catch-and-run touchdown, the first TD of his career.
- ▶ Coupled with a 62-yard scoring pass by Finley in Minnesota in Week 4, this marks the first time the Packers have had two tight ends with 45-plus yard TDs in the same season.
- ▶ Proving just how versatile, and valuable, he is to the Packers, Havner made the tackle of Browns WR Joshua Cribbs on the ensuing kickoff. Havner ranks second on special teams with 13 tackles.
- ▶ Against Minnesota in Week 8, Havner caught two TD passes in the third quarter, the first multi-TD game of his career, and caught another red-zone score against the Cowboys.
- ▶ Havner is the type of guy all players in the locker room root for, having

spent parts of the last three seasons (2006-08) on the Packers' practice squad. He played the last four games of 2008, all on special teams.

- ▶ A decorated linebacker at UCLA, Havner spent the previous three years at linebacker before coaches had him begin practicing at tight end this past spring in OTAs. During two-a-days in training camp, he would practice once with each side of the ball.
- ▶ Havner remains on the depth chart at inside linebacker and would probably see action there in the event of an injury or two. Should he see time on defense this season, he would become the first three-way player in Head Coach **Mike McCarthy's** tenure.
- ▶ "Going through the personnel in the spring, we just felt we needed to create an opportunity to get Spencer on the 53," McCarthy said. "The opportunity was created with him playing both tight end and linebacker and trying to be a core special teams player, and he definitely took advantage of that in the preseason. I thought his special teams play was definitely exemplary coming off the way he played those last three, four games when he was up on our 53-man roster to finish last season. We just felt he's an instinctive football player. He's a young man that's taken full advantage of his opportunities. You love to see guys like Spencer have success."

A NOSE FOR THE BALL

Rookie LB **Clay Matthews** seems to have a knack for the football, twice pouncing on fumbles forced by CB **Charles Woodson** against Dallas.

- ▶ Matthews is tied for the NFL lead with three fumble recoveries. No Packers player has recorded three recoveries since 2005, when LB **Nick Barnett** and DE Kabere Gbaja-Biamila each had three.
- ▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, the last Green Bay rookie to recover two opponents' fumbles in a game was DB Val Joe Walker on Nov. 26, 1953, against the Detroit Lions.
- ▶ If Matthews can recover another fumble over the final six games, he will tie the franchise's rookie record held by S Johnnie Gray (1975).
- ▶ The first recovery of his career was in Week 4, when he forced a fumble on Vikings RB Adrian Peterson and raced the ball 42 yards for a touchdown, the longest fumble return for a TD by a rookie in team history.
- ▶ Matthews also recorded a sack against Dallas QB Tony Romo, his fourth on the season. That ranks second on the Packers and second among all NFL rookies, behind Washington's Brian Orakpo (seven).
- ▶ The last rookie to finish as the team leader in sacks was LB Tim Harris in 1986. Harris and Vonnice Holliday (eight in 1998) share the franchise mark for sacks by a rookie since the statistic became official in 1982.

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 TEAM NOTES**

**STARTING FAST**

**Mike McCarthy**, like all NFL coaches, stresses the importance of getting out to a quick start in the first half 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.
- ▶ The Packers notched a field goal on their opening drive against the 49ers, giving them 20 points on opening drives (two TDs, two FG) through 10 games.
- ▶ In terms of opening-quarter scoring, the Packers have already surpassed their 2008 output with 67 points in the opening frame. That first-quarter total is the third highest in the NFL.
- ▶ Thus far, the defense also has taken to beginning the game fast, with 13 of its 21 defensive take-aways coming in the first half.
- ▶ In terms of holding opponents out of the end zone, Green Bay has done a good job in the first quarter, allowing just 31 points. That ranks eighth among NFL teams and is the fewest of any quarter for the defense.
- ▶ Thanks to opportunities created in part by their ball-hawking defense, the Packers have scored 162 first-half points. Opponents have scored only 98 first-half points against the Packers' defense.
- ▶ The Packers' TD drives on the opening possession this season came in Tampa and once at home. Of games played at Lambeau Field, Green Bay's opening TD drive against Detroit in Week 6 was its first time finding the end zone on the game's opening drive at home since the 2007 regular-season finale, also against Detroit.
- ▶ An area of emphasis down the final stretch of the season will be maintaining first-half momentum. The lone quarter the Packers have been outscored in is the third, where opponents hold a 41-23 advantage.



**STATE OF THE O-LINE**

Playing against the Minnesota Vikings is about as difficult a challenge as there is for an offensive line in the National Football League.

- ▶ Against a talented defensive line that features three Pro Bowl players and a solid linebacking corps, the Packers allowed 14 sacks to their division rivals in two matchups.
- ▶ However, Green Bay has failed to protect QB **Aaron Rodgers** against other opponents as well, allowing an NFL-high 43 sacks.
- ▶ That number already surpasses the team's 2008 total, when it allowed 34.
- ▶ Rodgers has only gone one game (at Cleveland) without getting sacked. The team allowed two sacks Sunday against San Francisco, which ties the Week 3 total (two at St. Louis) for the second-lowest output of the season.
- ▶ McCarthy has pointed out all year that pass protection involves more than just the offensive line, including making calls and adjustments that bring the tight end or back into the protection scheme, as well as the decision-making of the quarterback.
- ▶ Injuries have not helped the unit in terms of continuity, as McCarthy has

had to use six different starting lineups across the offensive line through the first 10 games. The offensive line he settled on in training camp started the first two contests before it was beset by injuries.

- ▶ **C Scott Wells** is now atop the depth chart at center after the team placed C/G **Jason Spitz** on injured reserve. T **Chad Clifton** has returned from a nagging ankle injury, while veteran T **Mark Tauscher** returned against the 49ers after suffering a knee injury in Tampa. Rookie G/T **T.J. Lang**, who started two games at left tackle and one on the right side, serves as the primary backup to both. Lang also spelled Tauscher on a couple series against the 49ers, so look for him to do the same Thursday in Detroit.
- ▶ At the guard positions, G **Josh Sitton** has started every game on the right side. G **Daryn Colledge** has started every game as well, though

two of those starts came at left tackle.

- ▶ In the first meeting this season, Detroit was able to collect four sacks of Rodgers.
- ▶ Ten different players have collected sacks this season for the Lions, led by LB Julian Peterson with 3.5. DE Cliff Avril ranks second with 2.5 sacks.
- ▶ In the 2008 matchup at Ford Field, the Detroit defense got to Rodgers just once.

**THANKSGIVING DAY HISTORY (12-18-2)**

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	
N25, 1920	Stambaugh Miners	W	14 -0	(NL)
N30, 1922	Duluth Kelleys	W	10 -0	(NL)
N29, 1923	Hammond Pros	W	19 -0	
N27, 1924	@ Kansas City Blues	W	17 -6	
N26, 1925	@ Pottsville Maroons	L	31 -0	
N25, 1926	@ Frankford Yellow Jackets	L	20-14	
N24, 1927	@ Frankford Yellow Jackets	W	17 -9	
N29, 1928	@ Frankford Yellow Jackets	L	2 -0	
N28, 1929	@ Frankford Yellow Jackets	T	0 -0	
N27, 1930	@ Frankford Yellow Jackets	W	25 -7	
N26, 1931	@ Providence Steam Roller	W	38 -7	
N24, 1932	@ Brooklyn Dodgers	W	7 -0	
N30, 1933	@ Staten Island Stapletons	W	21 -0	(NL)
N29, 1934	@ Chicago Cardinals	L	6 -0	
N28, 1935	@ Chicago Cardinals	L	9 -7	
N22, 1951	@ Detroit Lions	L	52-35	
N27, 1952	@ Detroit Lions	L	48-24	
N26, 1953	@ Detroit Lions	L	34-15	
N25, 1954	@ Detroit Lions	L	28-24	
N24, 1955	@ Detroit Lions	L	24-10	
N22, 1956	@ Detroit Lions	W	24-20	
N28, 1957	@ Detroit Lions	L	18 -6	
N27, 1958	@ Detroit Lions	L	24-14	
N26, 1959	@ Detroit Lions	W	24-17	
N24, 1960	@ Detroit Lions	L	23-10	
N23, 1961	@ Detroit Lions	W	17 -9	
N22, 1962	@ Detroit Lions	L	26-14	
N28, 1963	@ Detroit Lions	T	13-13	
N26, 1970	@ Dallas Cowboys	L	16 -3	
N22, 1984	@ Detroit Lions	L	31-28	
N27, 1986	@ Detroit Lions	W	44-40	
N24, 1994	@ Dallas Cowboys	L	42-31	
N22, 2001	@ Detroit Lions	W	29-27	
N27, 2003	@ Detroit Lions	L	22-14	
N22, 2007	@ Detroit Lions	W	37-26	

*NL—Non-league game, not reflected in Thanksgiving W-L record*

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

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-plus 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).
- ▶ But it is on even longer catches that Jennings begins to separate himself from the field as one of the game's elite deep threats.
- ▶ Of his 27 career touchdown catches, 12 have been at least 40 yards in length. He has a staggering average of 32.4 yards per TD catch.
- ▶ He led all players with eight catches of 40-plus yards last season and has four such catches in 2009. A look at the league numbers since 2007:



Player	40-plus-yard catches	40-plus-yard TDs
Greg Jennings, GB	19	10
Randy Moss, NE	16	11
Terrell Owens, BUF	15	10
Steve Smith, CAR	13	6
Donald Driver, GB	12	3

TOP 10 AGAIN

For an offense that has registered over 400 yards in six of its last eight games, the unit finds itself back among the NFL's top 10 offenses, a familiar place under play caller and Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**.

- ▶ 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 aiming 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.
- ▶ He is right on pace to hit another 1,200-yard season this year, which would make him only the third back in franchise annals to accomplish the feat. The franchise's top two rushers, **Ahman Green** and Jim Taylor, both accomplished the feat.
- ▶ Grant has traditionally gotten the bulk of his yardage in the second half of the season. In 2008, he recorded three 100-yard performances over the final seven games.
- ▶ In his breakout season of 2007, Grant notched 929 rushing yards over the season's final 10 weeks, second most in the NFL over that span behind San Diego's LaDainian Tomlinson (947). Included in those 10

games were five 100-yard performances.

- ▶ Interestingly, the Packers performed much better on the ground at home than it did on the road in 2008. 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.
- ▶ Green Bay lost all five contests last season in which the team failed to eclipse the 100-yard rushing mark. One came at Lambeau Field (vs. DAL), while the rest came on the road (at TB, at MIN, at JAX, at CHI).
- ▶ 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 at Lambeau Field surpassed the road total by more than 400 yards. 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...	Opp.	NFL Offense			NFL Defense		
		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	22	18	18	19	23	13
4	at Min	13	22	12	15	17	18
5	(bye)	14	22	12T	18	20	17
6	DET	10	19	10	8	16	10
7	at Cle	8	13	10	3	12	4
8	MIN	9	16	9	4T	9	9
9	at TB	7	10	9	4	9	8
10	DAL	8	12	11	4	4	6
11	SF	7	11	7	3	4	7
12	at Det						
13	BAL						
14	at Chi						
15	at Pit						
16	SEA						
17	at Ari						
<b>Packers in 2008</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Packers in 2007</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Packers in 2006</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Packers in 2005</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Packers in 2004</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Packers in 2003</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Packers in 2002</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Packers in 2001</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Packers in 2000</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Packers in 1999</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Packers in 1998</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Packers in 1997</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Packers in 1996</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Packers in 1995</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Packers in 1994</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Packers in 1993</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Packers in 1992</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>

## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### CAPERS HEADLINES NEW STAFF

On the heels of a disappointing 6-10 season, a new defensive staff and scheme headlined the changes for 2009 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, serves as his assistant. New strength and conditioning coordinator **Dave Redding** is in his 23rd season at the NFL level, while **Scott McCurley** (defense) and **John Rushing** (offense) are the quality control coaches.



### CAPERS' INSTANT IMPACT

Charged with orchestrating the Packers' new 3-4 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 is charged with transitioning the Packers to a 3-4 defense. Much of the depth chart on defense returned, including all 11 primary starters. The offseason was heavily focused on learning the new system, including position changes for some.
- In addition to serving as the head coach of two different expansion franchises (Carolina and Houston), Capers brings an impressive résumé as a coordinator. Green Bay's rise in the defensive ranks this season is typical of Capers' instant impact over the course of his NFL career. 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' impact also was 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 LOSES HARRIS

Part of the reason Capers was able to trust in his defense as the Packers made the transition to the 3-4 was because he was able to rely on a secondary that included three Pro Bowl players.

- Now the team must move on without CB **Al Harris**, a physical corner who routinely lined up against the opposing team's top wide receiver. Harris was a Pro Bowl honoree each of the last two seasons.
- The team still does have one of the best corners in the league in CB **Charles Woodson**, who is off to a fantastic start in the new defense.

Woodson, who has lined up all over the field in Capers' defense, was named to his fifth career Pro Bowl in '08.

- The team will also rely heavily on CB **Tramon Williams**, who filled in with the No. 1 defense when Harris went down with a spleen injury last season for four games. Williams recorded an interception in each of his first three starts for Harris last season, finishing the season with a career-high five. Thus far in '09, he has one interception and leads the team with 12 passes defended.
- Capers and the defense can also rely on Pro Bowl S **Nick Collins**, who intercepted his third pass of the season Sunday against San Francisco. Collins enjoyed a career season last year as he was named to his first Pro Bowl and 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. His 10 interceptions over the last two seasons is tied with Pittsburgh's Troy Polamalu for the second-highest total among safeties behind Baltimore's Ed Reed (12).
- Both Woodson and Collins got sacks against Dallas two weeks ago. For Collins, it was the first of his career.
- Harris notched one earlier in the year, giving the Packers three defensive backs with sacks in the same season for the first time since 2003, when it had four members of the secondary record sacks. Williams came on a blitz Sunday against 49ers QB Alex Smith, narrowly missing the sack and becoming the fourth member of the secondary to notch one.

### IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS, 2009



#### GREEN BAY (Team)

Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (+14) . . . . .	1	1
Total Offense (378.0) . . . . .	4	7
Rushing (123.1) . . . . .	6	11
Passing (254.9) . . . . .	3	7
Total Defense (282.5) . . . . .	2	3
vs. Rush (90.7) . . . . .	2	4
vs. Pass (191.8) . . . . .	4	7
Third-Down Offense (44.4%) . . . . .	3	7
Third-Down Defense (32.8%) . . . . .	2	2
Red-Zone Offense (52.9%) . . . . .	7	13
Red-Zone Defense (66.7%) . . . . .	14	29T

#### DETROIT (Team)

Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (-8) . . . . .	15T	30T
Total Offense (311.8) . . . . .	12	24
Rushing (98.5) . . . . .	13	25
Passing (213.3) . . . . .	11	18
Total Defense (391.5) . . . . .	16	31
vs. Rush (116.2) . . . . .	10	21
vs. Pass (275.3) . . . . .	16	32
Third-Down Offense (39.6%) . . . . .	6	16
Third-Down Defense (39.7%) . . . . .	10	21
Red-Zone Offense (52.2%) . . . . .	8	15
Red-Zone Defense (48.8%) . . . . .	6	14

#### GREEN BAY (Individual)

Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Grant (829) . . . . .	5	9
Passing: Rodgers (102.6) . . . . .	3	4
Receptions: Driver (46) . . . . .	15	29T
Rec. Yds.: Driver (703) . . . . .	6	16
Sacks: Jenkins (4.5) . . . . .	15T	31T
Interceptions: Woodson (5) . . . . .	2T	3T

#### DETROIT (Individual)

Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: K.Smith (560) . . . . .	10	19
Passing: Stafford (66.9) . . . . .	15	28
Receptions: C.Johnson (39) . . . . .	25T	42T
Rec. Yds.: C.Johnson (597) . . . . .	17	30
Sacks: Peterson (3.5) . . . . .	27T	NR
Interceptions: Several (1) . . . . .	35T	NR

**PACKERS NOTES - DEFENSE**

**IN KAMPMAN'S ABSENCE**

While a number of positions have to learn new techniques, none perhaps appears as different as the role of the outside linebacker in the 3-4.

- ▶ Under position coach **Kevin Greene**, who perfected the art of the pass rush from the outside linebacker position as a player, some players were making the transition from defensive end, while others came in from a similar position in college.
- ▶ Though his sack numbers were a bit down from previous years, LB **Aaron Kampman** was having another fine season before suffering a season-ending knee injury. Though he missed the Dallas contest after suffering a concussion the week before, he still was tied for second on the team with 55 tackles, to go along with his 3.5 sacks and a forced fumble. His 28 quarterback hits leads the team by a wide margin.
- ▶ Kampman's absence will probably increase the attention opponents pay to LB **Clay Matthews**, who has provided consistent pass rush with four sacks so far on the year. In the last meeting against the Lions, he collected two sacks.
- ▶ The team could turn to rookie **Brad Jones**, who recorded eight tackles in his first career start against Dallas, or veteran **Brady Poppinga** to fill the void left by Kampman.
- ▶ Also available is second-year pro **Jeremy Thompson**, who like Kampman made the transition from end to linebacker in the new scheme. Jones and Matthews played similar positions at Colorado and Southern California last year, while Poppinga was an outside linebacker.
- ▶ Finding consistent pressure on the quarterback is something the team will have to search for, whether from this position or others, in order to remain among the league's top-ranked units. Few players over the past few seasons got to the quarterback as consistently as Kampman, as evidenced by his sack total over the last three-plus years:

Rank	Player, Team	Sacks since 2006
1	DeMarcus Ware, Dal. (LB)	52.5
2	Jared Allen, Min. (DE)	48.0
3	<b>Aaron Kampman, GB (LB)</b>	<b>40.5</b>
4	Trent Cole, Phi. (DE)	38.0
4	Elvis Dumervil, Den. (LB)	38.0
6	Julius Peppers, Car. (DE)	37.0

**TAKEAWAY POINTS KEY FOR PACKERS**

Green Bay has continued to show its knack for the takeaways in the first 10 games with 14 interceptions and eight fumble recoveries, which it has turned into 82 points.

- ▶ Green Bay's 22 takeaways rank tied with New England for third highest in the NFL, behind only New Orleans (29) and Philadelphia (23).
- ▶ The Packers' 82 points scored off those 22 takeaways ranks third in the NFL, behind the Saints (117) and New York Giants (85).
- ▶ With another interception against the 49ers, Green Bay extended its own streak to 12 straight games with a takeaway. That is the second-longest active streak in the NFL behind Houston (15, plays tonight).
- ▶ Last season, the Green Bay defense led the NFL in defensive touchdowns (7) and interception returns for touchdowns (6).
- ▶ 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.

- ▶ If the Packers don't commit a turnover, they're almost guaranteed to win – the lone exception being games against the Vikings. They have now won 37 of 40 games playing turnover-free football, since a loss at Dallas, Nov. 18, 1996. Green Bay's only losses in such games during that stretch came against Minnesota: twice in Minneapolis (2005, '08) and once at home (2009).
- ▶ Including playoffs, the Packers have won 40 of their last 43 games without a giveaway.

**INT RETURN YARDAGE A HABIT**

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, besting the previous 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.

▶ While it may not be on a franchise-record-shattering pace this season, it still ranks among top teams in the NFL when its defenders have the ball in their hands. With 243 return yards on 14 interceptions, Green Bay ranks fourth in the NFL.

- ▶ 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 utilize a rotation of players depending upon the formation.

- ▶ **Nick Barnett** and **A.J. Hawk** are the starters in the base defense. A steady player, Hawk has topped 120 tackles in each of his three NFL seasons. He made three behind the line of scrimmage against the Browns.
- ▶ For the seventh-year pro Barnett, he is returning to the form that made him a Pro Bowl candidate in previous seasons. Coming off an ACL injury, coaches were careful with his return in the early going as he worked his way back to full strength. He returned to his normal workload in Week 4 and leads the team with 73 tackles. Barnett has led the team in tackles in four of his six overall seasons.
- ▶ **Brandon Chillar**, the linebacker with Barnett in the nickel package, will practice again this week with the club cast to protect his broken hand. Chillar often matches up against opposing tight ends and is athletic enough to play in space. Chillar also had seen time on the field in the team's 'Big Okie' formation, which puts him as a fifth linebacker on the field to help defend against the run.
- ▶ Coaches have used Hawk in Chillar's place in the nickel defense, so it would figure they would go that direction again if Chillar cannot go. Another option is **Desmond Bishop**, another talented player in the unit, known mostly for his contributions on special teams. Bishop leads the coverage units with a career-high 16 tackles.

## GAME REVIEW - PACKERS 30, 49ERS 24

### PACKERS START FAST, CLOSE OUT VICTORY

The Packers played one of their most impressive halves of football this season on the way to a 20-point halftime lead over San Francisco, and withheld a second-half rally by the 49ers to post a 30-24 victory and stay in the thick of the NFC playoff race.

▶ Green Bay's second straight win improved the Packers to 6-4 on the season, which ties them with the New York Giants for fifth in the NFC and the top wild-card spot.

▶ The Packers dominated the 49ers in every statistical category in the opening half, outgaining them by over 300 yards, 362 to 57, posting 17 first downs to San Francisco's one, and controlling the ball for 22:32 to 7:28 for the 49ers. The 362 yards were the most in a half since the Packers put up the same number at Oakland on Dec. 22, 2003, in the opening half.

▶ "I thought we played an extremely productive first half as a football team, you know, in all three phases," Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** said. "I thought the defense really set the tone. They had the one long run and the ability to give off the field on third down and to continue to give us the ball back on offense.

▶ "On offense, we had a lot of production. We didn't play as well as we liked in the red zone on those first two series. I thought the special teams was really... they kind of picked up where they left off against Dallas."

▶ Green Bay was able to move the ball inside San Francisco's 10 on its opening two possessions with the help of two big gains, a 26-yard run by running back **Ryan Grant** on the first drive and a 37-yard reception by wide receiver **Greg Jennings** on the second, but were only able to come away with two **Mason Crosby** field goals.

▶ San Francisco's only offensive production came on its first drive with a 42-yard run up the middle from running back Frank Gore on the 49ers' second offensive play that set up their only score of the half, a 46-yard Joe Nedney field goal.

▶ Taking the long Gore run out, the 49ers generated just 15 yards on their 16 other plays. Quarterback Alex Smith completed his first pass in the second quarter and only 3-of-7 for 5 yards in the half, and was sacked three times.

▶ With just under 10 minutes remaining in the half, the Packers were able to get in the end zone, courtesy of a big play. On first down from the Green Bay 36, Rodgers found Jennings over the middle about 10 yards down the field, and Jennings did the rest, eluding safety Dashon Goldson and cornerback Tarell Brown at the San Francisco 45, before taking it the rest of the way for the 64-yard touchdown.

▶ After Green Bay's defense forced a three-and-out, Rodgers led the offense on a 10-play, 81-yard drive that was capped off with his second touchdown pass of the half, a quick-hitter to wide receiver **Jordy Nelson** for the 7-yard score. The series included two catches by wide receiver **Donald Driver** for 27 combined yards, a 16-yard screen to running back **Brandon Jackson**, a 15-yard run from Grant, and a 11-yard scramble by Rodgers.

▶ The Packers would tack on three more points on a 27-yard kick from Crosby as time expired, capping one of their most productive stretches on offense this season.

▶ "I think we had good tempo and good rhythm in the passing game, a lot of time, good scheme, good concepts, and we were just kind of clicking," Rodgers said. "I think Greg made a good play off a little 10-yard pass, and good to have Jermichael (Finley) back making plays. He kind

of opens things up for everybody. Just got into a good rhythm."

▶ Rodgers finished the half with 274 yards on 22-of-31 passing, a career-high for passing yards in a half. Jennings went over the 100-yard mark with four receptions for 121 yards, also a career-high for a half, and Grant piled up 70 yards on just 10 carries (7.0 avg.).

▶ For as much as San Francisco's offense struggled in the first half, the 49ers were able to get back into the game courtesy of some big plays from their offense and special teams.

▶ Facing a third-and-20 midway through the third quarter, Smith connected with rookie wideout Michael Crabtree for a 38-yard touchdown with cornerback **Al Harris** covering to narrow the margin to 23-10.

▶ Early in the fourth quarter, the Packers pinned San Francisco deep in its own territory with a **Jeremy Kapinos** punt downed at the 2, and the defense took advantage immediately with a **Nick Collins** interception that he returned to the 49ers' 11. Grant scored on a 1-yard run three plays later, and Green Bay had a commanding 30-10 lead with just over 11 minutes remaining.



▶ But in a scene that is all-too-familiar from the fourth quarter of games vs. Minnesota and at Tampa Bay, San Francisco was able to swing the momentum back with a 76-yard kickoff return from wide receiver Josh Morgan that set up a 24-yard touchdown pass from Smith to tight end Vernon Davis. Davis finished the afternoon with 108 yards on six catches.

▶ The Packers went three-and-out on their next series, and Smith led the 49ers on another scoring drive that was capped off with a 10-yard touchdown pass to Gore on fourth down, narrowing Green Bay's lead to six points with just under six minutes remaining.

▶ "We didn't take the foot off the gas," cornerback **Charles Woodson** said. "We just made too many mental mistakes. Just because you are up on a team doesn't mean they are going to quit, and they didn't quit.

▶ "We gave them some big plays in that second half and let them hang around and gave them some confidence. In this league you've got to stay consistent throughout the whole game and we didn't."

▶ With the six-point lead and the 49ers still possessing two timeouts, the offense had to come through with at least a couple of first downs to put the game away. Despite having posted just over 80 yards of offense in the second half to that point, Green Bay's offense came through when they needed it most.

▶ Taking over at the Green Bay 9, Rodgers found Finley on the sideline for a 5-yard gain on 3rd-and-4 to move the chains. Grant bounced a run outside for 21 more yards on the next play, and after two runs from Jackson picked up 9 yards, Rodgers' quarterback sneak on third-and-1 at midfield for 2 yards iced the win.

▶ "We were kind of backed up there on the 9, and what we like to say coming out is, 'Let's just start with one first down,'" Rodgers said. "We knew their timeout situation; they had two left. We were going to have to put together some yards to give our punter some room to punt and make it a longer field for them.

▶ "Once we got that first first down and then 'RG' kind of broke out to the left there, we knew (we needed) just one more first down and Brandon had a nice run to put us in third and less than one."

▶ The Packers now face a short week of preparation as they look ahead to a Thanksgiving tilt at Detroit. While there were certainly some positives to take away from Sunday's victory, it doesn't change the fact that there is plenty of work to do as well.

**PACKERS TEAM NOTES**

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

Green Bay will look to improve upon its 2-2 road record in the season's second half. After the trip to Detroit, games at Chicago (Week 14), Pittsburgh (Week 15) and Arizona (Week 17) still remain.

- ▶ The Packers have been able to stay above the .500 mark on the road during the tenure of Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**, a notable achievement in the National Football League.
- ▶ In three-plus seasons, the team has a road record of 15-13 (.556). Only once under McCarthy has the team finished below .500 on the road, which was a 2-6 (.250) mark in 2008.
- ▶ Since 2006, McCarthy's first season as the head coach in Green Bay, only 10 of 32 NFL teams have road records over .500.

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
New England	22	6	0	.786
Indianapolis	22	7	0	.759
New York Giants	20	9	0	.690
Dallas	18	11	0	.621
New Orleans	17	12	0	.586
San Diego	17	12	0	.586
Philadelphia	16	12	1	.569
Tennessee	16	13	0	.552
<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.536</b>
Carolina	15	14	0	.517

**MEET THE NEWCOMERS**

Of the current 53-man roster, there are only a few new faces in the Packers' locker room. 11 players are new to the team this year, while 42 return.

- ▶ 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 made his professional debut in Week 3 after missing the first two weeks with an ankle sprain. He has played both the nose tackle and end positions and recorded his first NFL sack against the 49ers. Matthews began the season as a backup but has now worked his way into a starting role. In his first start with the "base" defense against the Lions, Matthews registered a career-high two sacks.
- ▶ Sixth-round pick DE **Jarius Wynn** has seen action in six games on special teams and provided depth along the defensive line, while sixth-round pick CB **Brandon Underwood** made his professional debut against the Lions. LB **Brad Jones** has been a valuable member of the coverage units, collecting eight special teams stops, and played well in his first career start against the Cowboys. Both Underwood and Jones may take on increased roles in the coming weeks with the injuries to CB **Al Harris** and LB **Aaron Kampman**.
- ▶ 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 seen the most game action of the group, having made three starts so far.
- ▶ The only other newcomers to the 2009 team are in the secondary with S **Derrick Martin**, who was acquired in a trade with Baltimore on the roster cutdown day, and S **Matt Giordano**, who signed prior to Week 3. Martin arrived with a familiarity with the 3-4 defense and a reputation as a solid special-teams player and saw considerable action from scrimmage against the Rams and Vikings given the injury to S **Atari Bigby**. Martin has made an early impact on special teams, where he ranks third on the team with 12 stops.
- ▶ Giordano, who played four seasons and won a Super Bowl ring with the Colts, tallied two special teams stops in his Packers debut at St. Louis.
- ▶ While he technically doesn't count as a returning player, RB **Ahman Green** has spent seven previous seasons in Green Bay, including the 2006 season with mostly the same offensive staff.

**SCHEDULE NUGGETS**

Green Bay's bye week – Week 5 – was the earliest bye for the team since 1999, when it had its bye in Week 4. Though its bye week came 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).
- ▶ 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. After Thursday's game against the Lions, only one division game (at Chicago) remains.

**ALL IN THE FAMILY**

Rookie LB **Clay Matthews** has a ways to go before entering the stratosphere of his father's exceptional 19-year NFL playing career.














- ▶ Drafted in the first round by the Browns in 1978, Clay Jr. played 16 of his 19 NFL seasons in Cleveland, earning four Pro Bowl berths.
- ▶ Now entrenched as the starter at one of the outside linebacker spots, Matthews has begun to make the big plays the Packers knew he was capable of when they traded back into the first round to select him.
- ▶ In his first career start against the Vikings, just his fourth professional contest, he accomplished something it took his dad nine-plus seasons to cross off his own checklist.
- ▶ Matthews' second-quarter strip of All-Pro running back Adrian Peterson and subsequent 42-yard sprint to the end zone marked the first touchdown of his young career.
- ▶ The elder Matthews didn't find the end zone until his 127th pro game, when he returned an interception 26 yards for a touchdown on Sept. 20, 1987, in a win over the rival Pittsburgh Steelers.
- ▶ Through 10 games, Matthews is filling up the stat sheet. To go along with 31 tackles, he ranks second on the team in sacks (four) and first in fumble recoveries (three), while also collecting five passes defensed and a forced fumble and recovery for a touchdown. He also has been a staple on the special-teams units.
- ▶ Thanks to a two-sack effort against Detroit, Matthews was honored as the Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week in Week 6. He also took home the award for his Week 10 performance (sack, two fumble recoveries) against Dallas.
- ▶ According to the Elias Sports Bureau, Matthews is one of seven players in the NFL this season whose father has also scored in a league game:

**Father**  
**Clay Matthews Jr.**  
 Danny Bradley  
 Marion Barber  
 Kellen Winslow  
 Stan Edwards  
 Tim Wilson

**Son**  
**Clay Matthews III**  
 Mark Bradley  
 Marion and Dominique Barber  
 Kellen Winslow II  
 Braylon Edwards  
 Josh Wilson

## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### 2009 OPPONENTS

		NFL Rank	
	Record	Offense	Defense
 at Arizona Cardinals.....(7-3)	(7-3)	10	21
 Baltimore Ravens .....	(5-5)	13	9
 Chicago Bears .....	(4-6)	19	13
 Cincinnati Bengals .....	(7-3)	17	10
 at Cleveland Browns.....(1-9)	(1-9)	31	32
 Dallas Cowboys .....	(7-3)	5	16
 Detroit Lions.....	(2-8)	24	31
 Minnesota Vikings .....	(9-1)	8	12
 at Pittsburgh Steelers.....(6-4)	(6-4)	6	1
 San Francisco 49ers...	(4-6)	27	22
 Seattle Seahawks.....	(3-7)	21	20
 at St. Louis Rams.....(1-9)	(1-9)	26	29
 at Tampa Bay Buccaneers..	(1-9)	29	26

### WILLIAMS ON THE RETURNS

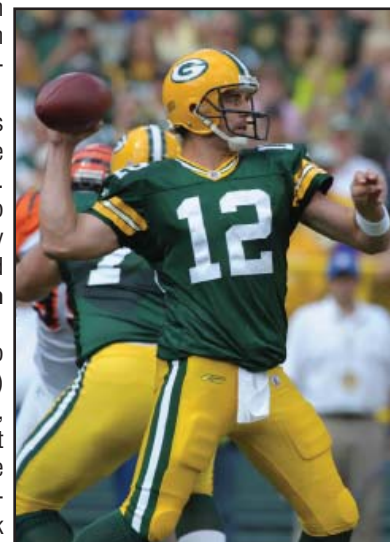
CB **Tramon Williams**, whether it be on a punt return or after an interception, is dangerous once he has the ball in his hands.

- ▶ In Week 1, he had a 67-yard interception return against the Bears that gave the Green Bay offense the ball inside the 5-yard line.
- ▶ In Week 6 against the Lions, he filled in for WR **Jordy Nelson** on punt returns and returned his only opportunity for 45 yards, the team's longest punt return of the season.
- ▶ Throughout Packers history, no player has had an interception return of 65-plus yards and a punt return of 45-plus yards in the same season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.
- ▶ Individual interception records were not kept until 1940.
- ▶ Given the knee injury to CB **Al Harris**, Williams will now be pressed into a starting role on defense. It remains to be seen whether coaches will continue to have him return punts in order to minimize his injury risk.

### PROTECTING THE FOOTBALL

It took QB **Aaron Rodgers** until his fourth game of the season to record his first interception, a second-quarter pass intended for WR **Greg Jennings** that was picked off by Vikings CB Antoine Winfield.

- ▶ Prior to that second-quarter throw against Minnesota, his last interception came in Week 16 of last season, a streak that stretched 159 consecutive attempts. Rodgers' streak had been the second-longest streak among active quarterbacks and longest among starting signal-callers.
- ▶ The streak of 159 passes without an interception was a new personal best for Rodgers, topping a record established 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 now the fourth-longest in team history. Rodgers' new career high (159) ranks third all-time among Green Bay signal callers for consecutive passes without an interception.
- ▶ 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 **Mike 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' two long streaks (159 and 157) over the past two seasons, 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.
- ▶ For the season, Rodgers has thrown five interceptions in 341 attempts, or 1.5% of his passes.
- ▶ In his first season as a starter, he threw 13 interceptions on 536 attempts (2.4%).
- ▶ Rodgers enters play Thursday with a smaller interception-free streak of 86 attempts. His last interception came in the fourth quarter at Tampa.



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2009 HONOR ROLL



**LB Clay Matthews**

Week 6 - Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week (vs. Detroit)  
 Week 10 - Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week (vs. Dallas)

**QB Aaron Rodgers**

NFC Offensive Player of the Month - October

**CB Charles Woodson**

NFC Defensive Player of the Month - September  
 Pro Football Weekly Midseason All-Pro Team  
 NFC Defensive Player of the Week - Week 10 (vs. Dallas)

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 had 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.
- ▶ Still, rosters are fluid throughout an NFL season, and it's possible the Packers would no longer hold the distinction. Since Kickoff Weekend, the team has added S **Matt Giordano** (27), RB **Ahman Green** (32) and T **Mark Tauscher** (32).

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 the 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 among the most feared defensive players of his era. He was named to the 1990s NFL All-Decade Team and tallied 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).

THE THIRD QUARTER

The 16-game NFL schedule allows teams to break down their season into quarters, with the Packers now in their third.

- ▶ Coming off back-to-back losses, Green Bay knew it was entering the pivotal stretch of its 2009 schedule. With wins over Dallas and San Francisco, the team has opened the third quarter of the season at 2-0 but won't have much time to rest on its laurels.
- ▶ Detroit will be the third game in 12 days for the Packers, all of which come against NFC opponents.
- ▶ After the Thanksgiving game, Green Bay wraps up the third quarter of the schedule with a home game against Baltimore on *Monday Night Football*.
- ▶ Continued success in the third quarter of the 2009 schedule will help propel the team in what could shape up as a tough final four games of the season, especially if the team is fighting for playoff contention. Tough road games at Chicago, Pittsburgh and Arizona are looming, with just one home game against Seattle.

THE RETURN GAME

With the season-ending knee injury to CB **Will Blackmon**, WR **Jordy Nelson** figured to become the team's primary returner on both kickoffs and punts.

- ▶ In Week 6 against the Lions, Nelson suffered a knee sprain on a punt return and though he returned to game action against Dallas, did not figure in on special teams returns.
- ▶ In Nelson's absence, CB **Tramon Williams** took the first punt return for 45 yards, the team's longest return on punts this season.
- ▶ Williams has been the team's primary punt returner, with CB **Charles Woodson** the primary backup.
- ▶ Coupled with his 45-yard return against the Lions, Williams' 94-yard return for a score in '07 against Carolina shows he has a knack for finding the lane to the open field on punt returns.
- ▶ Though placing Woodson back on punt returns poses a risk to one of the team's best players, he does have ample experience, serving as the team's punt returner from 2006-07. For his career, he has 86 punt returns, including 74 with the Packers, and a solid 8.2-yard average.
- ▶ Nelson returned to his kickoff return duties against the 49ers, returning four kickoffs for 85 yards. Williams continued to return punts, including one he raced back 27 yards against San Francisco.
- ▶ Backup RB **Ahman Green** and RB **Brandon Jackson** would be the most likely candidates to handle kick returns in the event of injury.
- ▶ On kick and punt coverage, Green Bay's special teams units have been susceptible to the big play. Its kickoff return coverage ranks 28th in the NFL, while its punt cover team ranks 29th.



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### 283 AND COUNTING

Another packed house at Lambeau Field against the 49ers brought the stadium's consecutive sellouts streak to 283 games (267 regular season, 16 playoffs).

- ▶ This year's home game against Minnesota saw the largest regular-season crowd in Lambeau Field history (71,213).
- ▶ The league's longest-tenured stadium, Lambeau Field is hosting its 53rd season of football this year. A total of 565,460 fans came through the turnstiles in the eight home contests in 2008, an average of 70,683.
- ▶ Across American professional sports, only Boston's Fenway Park (1912) and Chicago's Wrigley Field (1914) have longer tenures.

### THE LAMBEAU ADVANTAGE

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

- ▶ Re-establishing home-field advantage after a 4-4 mark in 2008 was one of the goals of 2009, and with the Packers at 4-2 at home so far this season, it appears as though they're on their way to accomplishing that goal.
- ▶ With the victory over the 49ers, the team has won 17 of its last 24 regular-season games at Lambeau Field.
- ▶ McCarthy stated consistently upon his arrival in Green Bay that one of the team's goals would be to reclaim the mystique of playing at Lambeau Field. Mission accomplished. The team is 15-7 at home since 2007, 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	105-37-0	.739
Denver	102-39-0	.723
Pittsburgh	102-38-1	.727
Minnesota	97-44-0	.688
Dallas	95-46-0	.674

### WITH THE GAME ON THE LINE

Five of the Packers' first 10 games have come down to plays in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter, most notably the season opener.

- ▶ QB **Aaron Rodgers** hit WR **Greg Jennings** with the game-winning touchdown pass with just over one minute remaining vs. Chicago. In three of Green Bay's losses, the team has tried to rally from double-digit deficits but fell short each time in the closing moments.
- ▶ 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 team finished the season plus-39 in scoring, 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, 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.

### NATIONALLY TELEVISED GAMES HEADLINE 2009 SCHEDULE

The Packers play each division rival once in front of a national television audience, including the upcoming Thanksgiving game in Detroit against the Lions on Thursday.



▶ The team has already played a season-opening game against Chicago on NBC *Sunday Night Football* and a Monday night game at Minnesota, and the Packers will have another appearance on Monday night 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 NFL's longest active streak.

- ▶ Of Green Bay's final four games of the season, a slate that includes matchups at Super Bowl XLIII opponents Arizona and Pittsburgh, only the Seahawks (Week 16) and Cardinals (Week 17) games are subject to the flexible scheduling.
- ▶ The Packers will not be flexed in Week 14 or 15 because of FOX protecting the games.

### 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, covered just under 500 miles, a relatively quick flight by NFL standards.
- ▶ Green Bay had a short flight to Minnesota for its second road contest, and traveled just over 550 miles for its third trip of the year Oct. 25 to Cleveland.
- ▶ Its next trip on Wednesday is a familiar one to Detroit, where it will play on Thanksgiving Day.
- ▶ 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).

## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### WINNING WAYS AFTER THE BYE

With the victory over Detroit, the Packers have now won three of the four contests immediately after the bye week under McCarthy.

- ▶ Dating back further, the team has now won 10 of its last 14 games immediately following the bye week.
- ▶ Green Bay finished a disappointing 2-7 (.222) after the bye week in 2008, a stark contrast to the previous two seasons under McCarthy.
- ▶ In 2007, the team finished 8-2 (.800) after the bye, which helped wrap up a first-round playoff bye. In McCarthy's first season, the team was 7-4 (.636) after the week off.
- ▶ Since 2000, the Packers over the balance of their season after the bye are a combined 57-35 (.619).

### WHAT 2-2 MEANS IN THE LONG RUN

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.
- ▶ Success in the first quarter of the year has proven to enhance 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.
- ▶ While the Packers finished their first quarter of the season at 2-2, they have rebounded with two straight wins against NFC opponents. Next up is a division game, always important in late-season tiebreakers.
- ▶ 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:

Record through 4 games	% of teams in playoffs
0-4 .....	1.6%
1-3 .....	15.8%
2-2 .....	35.5%
3-1 .....	64.5%
4-0 .....	83.9%

### PICK YOUR POISON

QB **Aaron Rodgers** connected with seven different receivers against the 49ers, one week after hitting a season-high 10 different receivers against Dallas, showing what a balanced attack the offense possesses.

- ▶ And with the return of TE **Jermichael Finley**, a mismatch because of his size and speed for the position, Rodgers finally has his full complement of receivers at his disposal.
- ▶ Not only is it tough to study and gameplan for so many different players, but it becomes increasingly difficult when so many of those players have game-changing ability.

- ▶ When WR **James Jones** topped the 100-yard receiving mark in Tampa, hauling in four catches for 103 yards, he became the fourth player on the Packers to produce a 100-yard receiving game this season, making Green Bay the first NFL team in 2009 to have four different players top the mark.
- ▶ WR **Greg Jennings** has three 100-yard performances on the season, most recently his 126-yard effort against San Francisco.
- ▶ Finley maintains the single-game high in 2009 for receiving yards with his six-catch, 128-yard performance in Minnesota.
- ▶ WR **Donald Driver** topped the 100-yard mark in Week 6 against Detroit with 107 receiving yards.
- ▶ According to the Elias Sports Bureau, 1994 was the last season the Packers had four different players top the 100-yard mark.
- ▶ WR Sterling Sharpe surpassed the mark five times that season, while WR Robert Brooks and WR Anthony Morgan topped it once. RB Edgar Bennett, the team's current running backs coach, also topped the 100-yard receiving mark in a game.



### 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:

Statistic	2008 total	NFL Rank
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

## POSITION-BY-POSITION

### BY THE NUMBERS

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

#### Quarterback – 2

- ▶ Now in his second year under center, **Aaron Rodgers** looks more comfortable in the offense than he did a year ago. That is not good news for opponents considering the statistical milestones Rodgers eclipsed in 2008, ones he is on pace to match or surpass in most cases. His stated goals for 2009 were to improve on his consistency and to work with play-caller **Mike McCarthy** to expand his role in the offensive game plan.
- ▶ Pass protection has been the overriding issue thus far, a problem that coaches have acknowledged falls on many different units. With increased time in the pocket and more awareness by Rodgers, there is no shortage of weapons at the skill positions for him to feature in the passing game.
- ▶ Only one other quarterback is on the 53-man roster, second-year player **Matt Flynn**. He does serve as the team's primary holder for field goals and extra points and would run the offense in Rodgers' absence.
- ▶ Flynn went through his first year of McCarthy's quarterback school this off-season and won the No. 2 job with another solid preseason.

#### Running back – 3

- ▶ **Ryan Grant** is entrenched as the clear starter and has gotten the bulk of the carries through 10 games.
- ▶ Grant has produced solid numbers thus far for the Packers, who have traditionally run more later in the season as the weather turns, particularly at home.
- ▶ Emerging as a threat out of the backfield, Grant's 20 catches on the year already surpasses his 2008 total of 18.
- ▶ Vying for carries behind Grant is third-year pro **Brandon Jackson** and veteran **Ahman Green**. Jackson has served as the team's third-down back the past couple of seasons and is a favorite target of Rodgers in the screen game. Green made his '09 debut a month ago but suffered a groin injury last week in practice. Green passed a franchise milestone in Week 9, becoming the franchise's all-time leading rusher.

#### 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.
- ▶ All three were active against San Francisco, the first time all season that the group was on the 45-man gameday roster.
- ▶ Both **Korey Hall** and **John Kuhn** have been core special teams players each of the last two seasons and also reliable targets out of the backfield. Kuhn played with a cast on his broken hand against the 49ers.
- ▶ Hall's return two weeks ago has provided a boost to the special teams coverage units, where he ranks among the team leaders despite missing four games. Kuhn is a traditional power fullback and has already found the end zone three times on the season.
- ▶ Also available is **Quinn Johnson**, the team's fifth-round pick in the 2009 NFL Draft. He 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, giving McCarthy the option to spread the field with four-plus receivers.
- ▶ Driver and Jennings form what is one of the league's top duos. Driver, at age 34, has not slowed a bit and is on pace to enjoy one of the finest seasons of his career. Jennings, 26, has proved to be one of the game's top big-play threats.
- ▶ **James Jones** and **Jordy Nelson** are dangerous threats when Green Bay goes to its multiple-wideout formations. Jones has rebounded from a 2008 season that was plagued by knee troubles, while Nelson returned to action against Dallas after a knee injury forced him to miss three games. Rodgers likes the matchup of either Jones or Nelson as opposing defenses are forced to go down deeper into their depth chart.
- ▶ **Biren Ealy**, a good-sized athlete who was signed from the practice squad a few weeks ago, gives the Packers a fifth player at the position.



#### 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 in different offensive sets.
- ▶ **Donald Lee** ranks third on the team with 26 catches and is the unit's primary starter. A reliable veteran, he's played in 71 games for the Packers.
- ▶ One of the emerging players on the roster is **Jermichael Finley**, who made his return to the lineup after a three-week absence due to a knee injury. In his second season and still only 22, Finley is a tough matchup for linebackers with his speed and can utilize his size against defensive backs, as evidenced by his five catches of 20-plus yards in seven games.
- ▶ **Spencer Havner** earned the third spot after making the transition to tight end this offseason. Havner had previously spent three seasons on the practice squad at linebacker and is a special teams standout. His four receiving touchdowns on the season prove just how far he has come on the offensive side of the ball.

#### Offensive line – 9

- ▶ Injuries have shuffled the starting lineup nearly every week, while pass protection has been the unit's glaring issue.
- ▶ C **Scott Wells** returns in the middle, while LG **Daryn Colledge** and RG **Josh Sitton** have been mainstays in the lineup, as the unit's main continuity has been along the interior.
- ▶ The tackle positions have been hit hardest, as LT **Chad Clifton** missed time with an ankle injury. Rookie **T.J. Lang** serves as his backup.
- ▶ Lang rotated with veteran **Mark Tauscher** on the right side against the 49ers, as Tauscher made his return from a knee injury that sidelined him against Dallas.
- ▶ **Tauscher** was seeing his first action of the season in Tampa when he injured his knee, the same knee that he suffered a season-ending ACL injury to in Week 14 of 2008. He held the right tackle position for each of the last nine (2000-08) seasons.
- ▶ While Lang is the team's primary backup at both tackle positions, the team also has young backups in **Breno Giacomini** (tackle) and **Evan Dietrich-Smith** (three inside positions). Allen Barbre had been the starter at right tackle for the first seven weeks before giving way to Tauscher, and now Barbre is sidelined with an ankle injury suffered in practice.

**POSITION-BY-POSITION**

**Defensive end – 4**

- ▶ Defensive end has 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 in previous seasons, has looked good 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 well even with some added bulk to hold the line of scrimmage. Both Jenkins and Jolly have interceptions, the first time a pair of Packers linemen have had interceptions since 2002.
- ▶ Also in the mix is first-round pick **B.J. Raji**, who has seen his reps increase in recent weeks. Raji recorded his first NFL sack this past weekend against the 49ers. On obvious 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, has played well 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 linemen. DE **Jarius Wynn**, a sixth-round draft pick from Georgia, showed the ability to rush the passer in the preseason and has seen time on special teams and from scrimmage in six games.

**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 also has seen his reps increase at the nose, but still remains behind starter **Ryan Pickett**. Pickett has been disruptive in the middle and is off to an excellent start at his new position.
- ▶ Both Pickett and Raji have the necessary size to hold the line of scrimmage at the position and form a nice 1-2 combo at the spot.

**Linebacker – 9**

- ▶ No position looks 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 has been one of the most-watched position groups this season.
- ▶ **Aaron Kampman**, one of the NFL's most productive pass rushers over the past three seasons, will leave a hole at the position with his knee injury. Luckily for the Packers, they have veteran **Brady Poppinga** and rookie **Brad Jones**. The team got an extended look at Jones when Kampman was sidelined with a concussion against Dallas.
- ▶ The team also has second-year man Jeremy Thompson, who like Kampman made the transition from a 4-3 defensive end. Thompson has seen most of his action on special teams so far.
- ▶ First-round draft pick **Clay Matthews** is the other starter on the outside and looks to have a bright future.
- ▶ In the middle are veterans **Nick Barnett** and **A.J. Hawk**. **Brandon Chillar** played in the nickel and 'Big Okie' packages and had been off to a fast start before breaking his hand against the Vikings. Hawk has filled his spot in the nickel formation, and though Chillar did return to game action against San Francisco, he only saw time on special teams. **Desmond Bishop** brings a physical presence who gives the team

great depth along the inside.

- ▶ Should Chillar still not play in any of the defensive formations, the team could stick with Hawk in the nickel and also use Bishop from scrimmage.

**Cornerback – 5**

- ▶ Like the outside linebacker position, this unit was dealt a significant blow with the knee injury to **Al Harris**.
- ▶ It does of course still have **Charles Woodson**, one of the best corners in the game. He seems to relish his new role playing with more vision to the quarterback, as evidenced by his five interceptions.
- ▶ Many of the increased reps in Harris' absence will fall to third-year man **Tramon Williams**. When Harris was sidelined last season with a spleen injury, Williams filled in and finished the season with five interceptions.
- ▶ After Williams, young corners will be called upon to fill in on nickel and dime formations and on special teams. Sixth-round draft pick **Brandon Underwood** from the University of Cincinnati has seen most of his NFL action on special teams, but will likely play in sub-packages with **Jarrett Bush**. Bush has the ability to play both corner and safety and is a top player on the Packers' special-teams units.



**Safety – 4**

- ▶ **Nick Collins** is coming off a career season in which he earned his first Pro Bowl berth. Now, Collins must make more calls and checks in the new scheme, and his importance was magnified given the early-season injuries the secondary had to overcome at the other safety spot.
- ▶ **Atari Bigby** has made his return from a knee injury suffered in Week 1 and seems to be playing with his usual speed and physical style. In fact, Bigby picked off a pass in the red zone to help preserve the shutout against Detroit in the first matchup. Competing for reps at backup positions are newcomers **Derrick Martin** and **Matt Giordano**. Martin arrived from Baltimore in a trade at the roster cutdown, so he has some familiarity with the 3-4, while Giordano was signed prior to Week 3. Both have played on special teams, while Bush gives the coaches another player at the position should injuries continue to occur.
- ▶ The 'Big Okie' formation uses LB **Brandon Chillar** in a hybrid role as a fifth linebacker on the field. It remains to be seen whether the team will employ the package should Chillar be used from scrimmage this week against Detroit.

**Specialists – 3**

- ▶ **K Mason Crosby** and LS **Brett Goode** are back for another year and have been solid all season. There is no doubting Crosby's leg strength, but consistency from long range is something the third-year pro hopes to improve. He is 1-for-5 on field goals of 50-plus yards this season.
- ▶ Incumbent punter **Jeremy Kapinos** won the job in training camp but has had an up-and-down season thus far. Kapinos does cause return men some problems as a left-footed kicker.
- ▶ Given the season-ending injury to Will Blackmon, the team's primary return specialist, coaches have opted to go with Jordy Nelson on kick-offs and Tramon Williams on punts. **Ahman Green**, **Brandon Jackson**, and **Woodson** all have experience on returns should they be needed.

**INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS**

**56 NICK BARNETT**

- ▶ Needs 17 tackles to move past No. 4 LeRoy Butler (953) and 31 to surpass No. 3 Mike Douglass (967) on the team's all-time list.

**76 CHAD CLIFTON**

- ▶ Has played in 137 career games, including 132 starts.
- ▶ Has started 100 of last 106 games since returning from a serious pelvic injury that ended his 2002 season.

**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.
- ▶ With 10 interceptions since 2008, ranks tied for second with Pittsburgh's Troy Polamalu among NFL safeties behind Baltimore's Ed Reed (12).

**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). Has 80 points in 2009.
- ▶ For his career, has hit 51-of-55 field goals from 39 yards-and-closer.
- ▶ Has hit 18-of-25 field goals from 40-49 yards.
- ▶ Has hit 7-of-16 field goals from 50-plus yards.

**80 DONALD DRIVER**

- ▶ Surpassed Sterling Sharpe (595) to become the franchise's all-time leader in receptions. Driver enters with 623 career catches.
- ▶ Also surpassed No. 3 Sharpe (8,134) on the franchise's all-time receiving yards list. James Lofton (9,656) ranks No. 1. Driver ranks No. 2 with 8,692 career receiving yards.
- ▶ Has a reception in 121 consecutive games, besting the franchise's previous long streak of Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).
- ▶ His 12 catches of 20-plus yards is tied for fourth in the NFL.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ For the seventh time had 50-plus receptions in 2008, tying a franchise record. Lofton and Sharpe each had seven seasons with 50-plus catches. Driver (45 catches) is on pace to eclipse the mark for an eighth season.
- ▶ Is the all-time leading receiver at Lambeau Field, with 4,221 career receiving yards at the stadium.
- ▶ Also is Lambeau Field's all-time leader in receptions with 305.
- ▶ Stands at No. 3 with 18 touchdown receptions at Lambeau Field. Antonio Freeman (36) ranks first in the stadium's history, while Sharpe (20) is No. 2.

- ▶ Has 21 career 100-yard receiving games, No. 4 in team history. Needs three more games to equal No. 3 Don Hutson (24) on the all-time list.
- ▶ With 47 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 8,909. Driver needs 804 yards to move past No. 3 Jim Taylor (9,712).

**88 JERMICHAEL FINLEY**

- ▶ His 13.1-yard average per catch ranks sixth among NFL tight ends.
- ▶ Tied a franchise record for receiving yards by a tight end (Jackie Harris, 128, Oct. 10, 1993, vs. Denver) with 128 receiving yards in Week 4.
- ▶ His 62-yard touchdown was the longest reception by a tight end since 1993 (Jackie Harris, 66t, Oct. 10, 1993).

**25 RYAN GRANT**

- ▶ Enters with 2,988 career rushing yards.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ In his first two NFL seasons, totaled 2,159 rushing yards. That ranked eighth among all NFL players over that period.
- ▶ Has 11 career 100-yard games.
- ▶ When he gets 22 carries or more, the team is 9-1 (10-1 incl. playoffs).
- ▶ Established a new career-high at Minnesota in Week 4 with 50 receiving yards.

**34 AHMAN GREEN**

- ▶ Surpassed Jim Taylor (8,207 yards) to become the franchise's all-time leading rusher. Green enters with 8,217.
- ▶ Also surpassed Taylor (1,811 attempts) for the franchise mark in career carries. Green has 1,821 career attempts.
- ▶ His 10,943 yards from scrimmage also is a franchise best.

**31 AL HARRIS**

- ▶ Has 122 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).

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





## INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS

### 50 A.J. HAWK

- ▶ Has played in all 58 games in his career, including 56 starts.
- ▶ Tallied over 120 tackles in each of his first three seasons.

### 85 GREG JENNINGS

- ▶ His 19 catches of 40-plus yards since 2007 leads all NFL players.
- ▶ With 1,200 yards receiving, would become just the fourth player in team 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 126 receiving yards in Week 11, his 12th career 100-yard game.
- ▶ In Week 3, surpassed 3,000 career receiving yards in his 46th career game. Surpassed 2,000 career receiving yards in 2008 at Tampa Bay, his 31st career game. He now has 3,513 career yards.
- ▶ 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 40.5 sacks since 2006 ranks third among all NFL players, behind Dallas' DeMarcus Ware (52.5) and Minnesota's Jared Allen (48).
- ▶ With 54 career sacks, is No. 4 on the team's all-time sacks list. Needs two more to move past No. 3 Tim Harris (55).
- ▶ Became the fourth player to record 50 sacks with the Packers, joining Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila (74½), Reggie White (68½) and Harris (55).
- ▶ Has made 85-plus tackles for four straight seasons.
- ▶ Has started 98 of the last 100 games.

### 12 AARON RODGERS

- ▶ His 155.4 passer rating at Cleveland in Week 7 was the franchise's highest single-game total (min. 20 attempts), besting Brett Favre's 154.9 rating set in Oakland on Dec. 22, 2003.
- ▶ Registered a passer rating over 110.0 in four consecutive games (Weeks 3-7), becoming just the second quarterback in franchise history (Bart Starr, 1966) to accomplish the feat in a single season.
- ▶ In 26 career starts, has eclipsed a 100.0-plus passer rating 14 times.
- ▶ Has seven career 300-yard games and six 3-TD games.
- ▶ Became 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).
- ▶ With four rushing TDs in 2008 and three this season, becomes the first Packers quarterback since Lynn Dickey (1983-84) to record back-to-back seasons with three or more.

### 38 TRAMON WILLIAMS

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

### 21 CHARLES WOODSON

- ▶ Has 41 career interceptions, 24 in 56 games since coming to Green Bay in 2006. Woodson had 17 interceptions in 106 games with Oakland.
- ▶ Is tied for second in interceptions in the NFL since 2006 with 24 (Asante Samuel - PHI, 25; Ed Reed - BAL, 24).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ His five interception-return TDs since 2006 is the most in the league during that span.
- ▶ 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). Currently has five.
- ▶ With two interceptions against Cincinnati, recorded the fourth multi-interception game of his career. Three have come with Green Bay.

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

### PLAYERS

Allen Barbre	.....BAR-ber
Atari Bigby	.....ah-TARR-ee BIG-bee
Brandon Chillar	.....CHILL-er
Biren Ealy	.....eel-EE
Breno Giacomini	.....BREH-no GEE-ah-coh-MEE-knee
Matt Giordano	.....G-or-DAH-N-O
Brett Goode	.....GEWD
Ahman Green	.....ah-MAHN
Spencer Havner	.....HAY-vner
Cullen Jenkins	.....KULL-en
Aaron Kampman	.....CAMP-man
Jeremy Kapinos	.....CAP-eh-nos
John Kuhn	.....KOON

Ryan Pickett	.....PICK-ett
Brady Poppinga	.....puh-PING-ah
B.J. Raji	.....RAH-jee
Josh Sitton	.....SITT-en
Jason Spitz	.....SPITTS
Mark Tauscher	.....TAO-scher
Tramon Williams	.....trah-MAHN

### COACHES

James Campen	.....KAMP-en
Tom Clements	.....KLEMM-ints
Jerry Fontenot	.....FON-tin-oh
Ben McAdoo	.....MACK-ah-doo
Shawn Slocum	.....SLOW-kumm
Mike Trgovac	.....TUR-go-vac

# DEPTH CHART

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## OFFENSE

<b>WR:</b>	85	Greg Jennings		87	Jordy Nelson		
<b>LT:</b>	76	Chad Clifton		<u>70</u>	<u>T.J. Lang</u>		
<b>LG:</b>	73	Daryn Colledge		<u>70</u>	<u>T.J. Lang</u>		
<b>C:</b>	63	Scott Wells		<u>62</u>	<u>Evan Dietrich-Smith</u>		
<b>RG:</b>	71	Josh Sitton		<u>62</u>	<u>Evan Dietrich-Smith</u>		
<b>RT:</b>	65	Mark Tauscher		<u>70</u>	<u>T.J. Lang</u>	78	Allen Barbre
						68	Breno Giacomini
<b>TE:</b>	86	Donald Lee		88	Jermichael Finley	<u>41</u>	<u>Spencer Havner</u>
<b>WR:</b>	80	Donald Driver		89	James Jones	19	Biren Ealy
<b>QB:</b>	12	Aaron Rodgers		10	Matt Flynn		
<b>RB:</b>	25	Ryan Grant		32	Brandon Jackson	34	Ahman Green
<b>FB:</b>	30	John Kuhn		35	Korey Hall	<u>45</u>	<u>Quinn Johnson</u>

## DEFENSE

<b>LDE:</b>	97	Johnny Jolly		<u>90</u>	<u>B.J. Raji</u>		<u>94</u>	<u>Jarius Wynn</u>
<b>NT:</b>	79	Ryan Pickett		<u>90</u>	<u>B.J. Raji</u>			
<b>RDE:</b>	77	Cullen Jenkins		96	Michael Montgomery			
<b>LOLB:</b>	<u>59</u>	<u>Brad Jones</u>		99	Jeremy Thompson	74	Aaron Kampman	
<b>BLB:</b>	50	A.J. Hawk		55	Desmond Bishop			
<b>MLB:</b>	56	Nick Barnett		54	Brandon Chillar	<u>41</u>	<u>Spencer Havner</u>	
<b>ROLB:</b>	<u>52</u>	<u>Clay Matthews</u>		51	Brady Poppinga			
<b>LCB:</b>	21	Charles Woodson		24	Jarrett Bush			
<b>RCB:</b>	38	Tramon Williams		<u>33</u>	<u>Brandon Underwood</u>	31	Al Harris	
<b>SS:</b>	20	Atari Bigby		29	Derrick Martin			
<b>FS:</b>	36	Nick Collins		47	Matt Giordano			

## SPECIAL TEAMS

<b>K:</b>	2	Mason Crosby					
<b>P:</b>	<u>7</u>	<u>Jeremy Kapinos</u>					
<b>H:</b>	10	Matt Flynn		<u>7</u>	<u>Jeremy Kapinos</u>		
<b>PR:</b>	38	Tramon Williams		87	Jordy Nelson	36	Nick Collins
<b>KR:</b>	87	Jordy Nelson		38	Tramon Williams	34	Ahman Green
						32	Brandon Jackson
<b>PC:</b>	61	Brett Goode		71	Josh Sitton		
<b>KC:</b>	61	Brett Goode		71	Josh Sitton		

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



## HOW THE PACKERS WERE BUILT

Year	Record	Draft (33)	Trades (3)	Free Agents (15)
1999	8-8-0	WR Donald Driver D7b		
2000	9-7-0	T Chad Clifton D2 T Mark Tauscher D7a (FA-09)		
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 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 T/G Allen Barbre D4 FB Korey Hall D6a LB Desmond Bishop D6b K Mason Crosby D6c	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 Jake Allen 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 WR Biren Ealy RB Ahman Green S Matt Giordano

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



## 2009 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

	Packers	Opponent
<b>TOTAL FIRST DOWNS</b> .....	<b>212</b>	<b>167</b>
Rushing .....	68	43
Passing .....	126	100
Penalty .....	18	24
3rd Down: Made/Att. ....	60/135	42/128
3rd Down Pct. ....	44.4	32.8
4th Down: Made/Att. ....	1/6	8/17
4th Down Pct. ....	16.7	47.1
<b>POSSESSION AVG.</b> .....	<b>33:23</b>	<b>26:37</b>
<b>TOTAL NET YARDS</b> .....	<b>3780</b>	<b>2825</b>
Avg. Per Game. ....	378.0	282.5
Total Plays. ....	663	580
Avg. Per Play. ....	5.7	4.9
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b> .....	<b>1231</b>	<b>907</b>
Avg. Per Game. ....	123.1	90.7
Total Rushes. ....	276	248
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b> .....	<b>2549</b>	<b>1918</b>
Avg. Per Game. ....	254.9	191.8
Sacked/Yards Lost. ....	43/254	21/133
Gross Yards. ....	2803	2051
Att./Completions. ....	344/223	311/169
Completion Pct. ....	64.8	54.3
Had Intercepted. ....	5	14
<b>PUNTS/AVERAGE</b> .....	<b>46/43.1</b>	<b>47/45.3</b>
Net Punting Avg. ....	46/33.5	47/40.2
<b>PENALTIES/YARDS</b> .....	<b>80/673</b>	<b>54/396</b>
<b>FUMBLES/BALL LOST</b> .....	<b>13/3</b>	<b>19/8</b>
<b>TOUCHDOWNS</b> .....	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>
Rushing .....	9	3
Passing .....	19	20
Returns .....	2	2

**SCORE BY PERIODS**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	67	95	23	77	0	262
OPPONENTS	31	67	41	64	0	203

**SCORING**

	TD	-Ru	-Pa	-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mason Crosby. ....	0	0	0	0	26/27	18/23	0	80
Ryan Grant. ....	5	5	0	0			0	30
Donald Driver. ....	4	0	4	0			0	24
Spencer Havner. ....	4	0	4	0			0	24
Greg Jennings. ....	3	0	3	0			0	20
James Jones. ....	3	0	3	0			0	18
John Kuhn. ....	3	1	2	0			0	18
Aaron Rodgers. ....	3	3	0	0			0	18
Jordy Nelson. ....	2	0	2	0			0	12
Jermichael Finley. ....	1	0	1	0			0	6
Clay Matthews. ....	1	0	0	1			0	6
Charles Woodson. ....	1	0	0	1			0	6
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26/27</b>	<b>18/23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>262</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23/23</b>	<b>8/11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>203</b>

**2-Point Conversions:** Jennings, Team 1-3, Opponents 1-2

**SACKS:** Cullen Jenkins 4.5, Clay Matthews 4, Aaron Kampman 3.5, Nick Barnett 3, Brandon Chillar 1, Nick Collins 1, Al Harris 1, A.J. Hawk 1, B.J. Raji 1, Charles Woodson 1, PACKERS 21, OPPONENTS 43

**RUSHING**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Grant. ....	189	829	4.4	37	5
Aaron Rodgers. ....	44	242	5.5	35	3
Ahman Green. ....	11	55	5.0	26	0
Brandon Jackson. ....	17	55	3.2	9	0
DeShawn Wynn. ....	6	19	3.2	6	0
John Kuhn. ....	8	18	2.3	5	1
Donald Driver. ....	1	13	13.0	13	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>1231</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>907</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>3</b>

**PASSING**

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Aaron Rodgers. ....	341	221	2788	64.8	8.18	19	5.6	5	1.5	74t	43/254	102.6
Matt Flynn. ....	3	2	15	66.7	5.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	0/0	78.5
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2803</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>8.15</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>74t</b>	<b>43/254</b>	<b>102.4</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2051</b>	<b>54.3</b>	<b>6.59</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>21/133</b>	<b>77.5</b>

**RECEIVING**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Donald Driver. ....	46	703	15.3	71t	4
Greg Jennings. ....	43	669	15.6	64t	3
Donald Lee. ....	26	202	7.8	19	0
Jermichael Finley. ....	24	314	13.1	62t	1
Ryan Grant. ....	20	148	7.4	20	0
James Jones. ....	18	302	16.8	74t	3
Jordy Nelson. ....	14	157	11.2	33t	2
Brandon Jackson. ....	11	101	9.2	16	0
Spencer Havner. ....	7	112	16.0	45t	4
John Kuhn. ....	6	43	7.2	14	2
Ahman Green. ....	3	18	6.0	12	0
DeShawn Wynn. ....	2	19	9.5	11	0
Quinn Johnson. ....	2	4	2.0	4	0
Korey Hall. ....	1	11	11.0	11	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>2803</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>74t</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>2051</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>20</b>

**INTERCEPTIONS**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Charles Woodson. ....	5	87	17.4	37t	1
Nick Collins. ....	3	54	18.0	31	0
Al Harris. ....	2	29	14.5	29	0
Tramon Williams. ....	1	67	67.0	67	0
Cullen Jenkins. ....	1	4	4.0	4	0
Johnny Jolly. ....	1	2	2.0	2	0
Atari Bigby. ....	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>

**PUNTING**

	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In 20	LG	Blk
Jeremy Kapinos. ....	45	1984	44.1	33.5	5	12	58	1
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>43.1</b>	<b>33.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2131</b>	<b>45.3</b>	<b>40.2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>

**PUNT RETURNS**

	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Tramon Williams. ....	13	5	135	10.4	45	0
Jordy Nelson. ....	4	2	15	3.8	14	0
Will Blackmon. ....	3	1	11	3.7	6	0
Charles Woodson. ....	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>

**KICKOFF RETURNS**

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordy Nelson. ....	11	290	26.4	46	0
Will Blackmon. ....	10	233	23.3	28	0
Ahman Green. ....	9	196	21.8	37	0
Spencer Havner. ....	2	26	13.0	16	0
Brandon Jackson. ....	2	36	18.0	23	0
Tramon Williams. ....	2	26	13.0	24	0
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>807</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1086</b>	<b>25.3</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>0</b>

**FIELD GOALS**

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mason Crosby. ....	1/1	7/7	5/5	4/5	1/5
<b>PACKERS</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>7/7</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>1/5</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>4/6</b>	<b>1/1</b>

Crosby: (49N,52G,39G) (55N,45G) (48G,38G,25G) (31G) (46G,28G,31G,26G) (55N,18G) (37G,26G,51N) ( ) (52N,48G) (23G,27G,27G)

Opponents: (47G,21G) (40G) (48B,53G) ( ) ( ) (22G) (41G) (45N,38G) (38N) (46G)

## 2009 REGULAR-SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Official totals - based on coaches' film review, through November 22 vs. San Francisco

Player	Total Tackles	Solo	Asst	Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
Nick Barnett	73	59	14	3.0/27.0	0/0	0	0	5
Charles Woodson	55	44	11	1.0/12.0	5/87	0	3	8
Aaron Kampman	55	32	23	3.5/9.5	0/0	0	1	1
Johnny Jolly	50	21	29	0.0/0.0	1/2	2	0	7
A.J. Hawk	47	36	11	1.0/7.0	0/0	0	0	0
Brandon Chillar	41	30	11	1.0/2.0	0/0	1	0	3
Ryan Pickett	39	21	18	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Al Harris	37	28	9	1.0/8.0	2/29	1	0	7
Nick Collins	34	30	4	1.0/1.0	3/54	0	0	11
Cullen Jenkins	32	25	7	4.5/40.5	1/4	0	3	1
Clay Matthews	31	20	11	4.0/25.0	0/0	3	1	5
Atari Bigby	23	17	6	0.0/0.0	1/0	0	0	5
Tramon Williams	19	14	5	0.0/0.0	1/67	0	0	12
B.J. Raji	17	12	5	1.0/1.0	0/0	0	0	0
Brady Poppinga	16	12	4	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Aaron Rouse	13	11	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Brad Jones	9	8	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Desmond Bishop	7	6	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Jarrett Bush	7	5	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	2
Derrick Martin	4	4	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jeremy Thompson	2	2	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Spencer Havner	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Michael Montgomery	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Brett Swain	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Brandon Underwood	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jarius Wynn	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>442</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>21.0/133.0</b>	<b>14/243</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>70</b>

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	TT	FR	FF
Desmond Bishop	16	0	1
Spencer Havner	13	0	0
Derrick Martin	12	0	0
Korey Hall	9	0	0
Brad Jones	8	0	0
John Kuhn	8	0	0
Tramon Williams	8	0	0
Brady Poppinga	6	0	0
Brandon Underwood	5	0	0
Matt Giordano	4	0	0
Jarrett Bush	4	0	0
Brett Swain	4	0	0
Brandon Chillar	3	0	0
Mason Crosby	2	0	0
A.J. Hawk	2	0	0
DeShawn Wynn	2	0	0
Will Blackmon	1	0	0
Brett Goode	1	0	0
Brandon Jackson	1	0	0
Jeremy Kapinos	1	0	0
Jeremy Thompson	1	0	0
Nick Collins	0	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### BLOCKED KICKS

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

### DEFENSIVE SCORING

Player	Int Fum			
	TD	Ret	Ret	Safeties
Clay Matthews	1	0	1	0
Charles Woodson	1	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Defensive touchdowns (2):

Matthews — 42-yard fumble return at Minnesota (10/5)  
Woodson — 37-yard interception return vs. Cincinnati (9/20)

### MISCELLANEOUS TACKLES

Player	Tackles
Donald Driver	1
Brandon Jackson	1
Greg Jennings	1
James Jones	1
T.J. Lang	1
Aaron Rodgers	1
Josh Sitton	1
Jason Spitz	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>8</b>

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.
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
19	Ealy, Biren	WR	6-2	212	7/7/84	2	Houston	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.
47	Giordano, Matt	S	5-11	200	10/16/82	5	California	Clovis, Calif.
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.
34	Green, Ahman	RB	6-0	217	2/16/77	12	Nebraska	Omaha, Neb.
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.
71	Sitton, Josh	G	6-3	322	6/6/86	2	Central Florida	Pensacola, Fla.
65	Tauscher, Mark	T	6-3	316	6/17/77	10	Wisconsin	Auburndale, Wis.
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
94	Wynn, Jarius	DE	6-3	285	8/29/86	R	Georgia	Lincolnton, Ga.

**Practice Squad**

13	Reilly, Mike	QB	6-3	213	1/25/85	R	Central Washington	Kalispell, Mont.
64	Daniels, Stanley	G	6-4	328	11/30/84	1	Washington	San Diego, Calif.
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.
18	Williams, Patrick	WR	6-1	204	1/13/86	R	Colorado	DeSoto, Texas

**Injured Reserve**

27	Blackmon, Will	CB	6-0	206	10/27/84	4	Boston College	Oct. 12 (knee)
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)
72	Spitz, Jason	C/G	6-3	307	12/19/82	4	Louisville	Nov. 7 (back)
16	Swain, Brett	WR	6-0	203	6/21/85	1	San Diego State	Oct. 27 (knee)
42	Wynn, DeShawn	RB	5-10	232	10/9/83	3	Florida	Oct. 21 (knee)

No	NUMERICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	NFL	College	How	Reg. season
						Exp		Acquired	GP/GS/DNP/IA
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	25	3	Colorado	D6c-07	10/0/0/0
7	Jeremy Kapinos	P	6-1	233	25	1	Penn State	FA-08	10/0/0/0
10	Matt Flynn	QB	6-2	225	24	2	Louisiana State	D7a-08	10/0/0/0
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	220	25	5	California	D1-05	10/10/0/0
19	Biren Ealy	WR	6-2	212	25	2	Houston	FA-09	1/0/0/2
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	213	28	4	Central Florida	FA-05	7/5/0/3
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	202	33	12	Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	10/10/0/0
24	Jarrett Bush	CB/S	6-0	200	25	4	Utah State	W-06 (Car)	10/0/0/0
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	222	26	3	Notre Dame	T-07 (NYG)	10/10/0/0
29	Derrick Martin	S	5-10	198	24	4	Wyoming	T-09 (BAL)	9/1/0/1
30	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	250	27	4	Shippensburg	W-07 (Pitt)	10/4/0/0
31	Al Harris	CB	6-1	190	34	12	Texas A&M-Kingsville	T-03 (Phil)	10/10/0/0
32	Brandon Jackson	RB	5-10	216	24	3	Nebraska	D2-07	6/0/0/4
33	Brandon Underwood	CB	6-1	191	23	R	Cincinnati	D6b-09	6/0/0/4
34	Ahman Green	RB	6-0	217	32	12	Nebraska	FA-09	3/0/0/2
35	Korey Hall	FB	6-0	236	26	3	Boise State	D6a-07	6/1/0/4
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	207	26	5	Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	10/10/0/0
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	191	26	3	Louisiana Tech	FA-06	10/3/0/0
41	Spencer Havner	TE/LB	6-3	250	26	1	UCLA	FA-08	10/1/0/0
45	Quinn Johnson	FB	6-1	255	23	R	Louisiana State	D5a-09	5/0/0/5
47	Matt Giordano	S	5-11	200	27	5	California	FA-09	4/0/0/4
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	250	25	4	Ohio State	D1-06	10/8/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	250	30	5	Brigham Young	D4b-05	9/3/0/1
52	Clay Matthews	LB	6-3	250	23	R	Southern California	D1b-09	10/7/0/0
54	Brandon Chillar	LB	6-3	237	27	6	UCLA	UFA-08 (StL)	8/4/1/1
55	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	238	25	3	California	D6b-07	10/0/0/0
56	Nick Barnett	LB	6-2	236	28	7	Oregon State	D1-03	10/10/0/0
59	Brad Jones	LB	6-3	239	23	R	Colorado	D7-09	8/1/0/2
61	Brett Goode	LS	6-1	261	25	2	Arkansas	FA-08	10/0/0/0
62	Evan Dietrich-Smith	G/C	6-2	305	23	R	Idaho State	FA-09	7/0/0/3
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	300	28	6	Tennessee	D7-04 (FA-04)	9/8/1/0
65	Mark Tauscher	T	6-3	316	32	10	Wisconsin	D7a-00 (FA-09)	2/2/1/3
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	311	24	2	Louisville	D5-08	0/0/1/9
70	T.J. Lang	G/T	6-4	316	22	R	Eastern Michigan	D4-09	10/3/0/0
71	Josh Sitton	G	6-3	322	23	2	Central Florida	D4b-08	10/10/0/0
73	Daryn Colledge	G	6-4	308	27	4	Boise State	D2a-06	10/10/0/0
74	Aaron Kampman	LB	6-4	260	29	8	Iowa	D5a-02	9/9/0/1
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	320	33	10	Tennessee	D2-00	6/6/1/3
77	Cullen Jenkins	DE	6-2	305	28	6	Central Michigan	FA-04	10/10/0/0
78	Allen Barbre	T/G	6-4	305	25	3	Missouri Southern State	D4-07	9/7/0/1
79	Ryan Pickett	NT	6-2	340	30	9	Ohio State	UFA-06 (StL)	10/7/0/0
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	194	34	11	Alcorn State	D7b-99	10/10/0/0
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	198	26	4	Western Michigan	D2b-06	10/8/0/0
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	29	7	Mississippi State	FA-05	10/9/0/0
87	Jordy Nelson	WR	6-3	217	24	2	Kansas State	D2a-08	7/0/0/3
88	Jermichael Finley	TE	6-5	247	22	2	Texas	D3-08	7/5/0/3
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	208	25	3	San Jose State	D3a-07	10/3/0/0
90	B.J. Raji	NT	6-2	337	23	R	Boston College	D1a-09	8/0/0/2
94	Jarius Wynn	DE	6-3	285	23	R	Georgia	D6a-09	6/0/0/4
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	282	26	5	Texas A&M	D6a-05	7/0/0/3
97	Johnny Jolly	DE	6-3	325	26	4	Texas A&M	D6a-06	10/10/0/0
99	Jeremy Thompson	LB	6-4	260	24	2	Wake Forest	D4a-08	5/0/0/5

**Practice Squad**

13	Mike Reilly	QB	6-3	213	24	R	Central Washington	FA-09	0/0/0/0
18	Patrick Williams	WR	6-1	204	23	R	Colorado	FA-09	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
64	Stanley Daniels	G	6-4	328	24	1	Washington	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

**Injured Reserve**

16	Brett Swain	WR	6-0	203	24	1	San Diego State	D7b-08 (FA-08)	Oct. 27 (knee)
22	Pat Lee	CB	6-0	194	25	2	Auburn	D2c-08	Sept. 5 (knee)
27	Will Blackmon	CB	6-0	206	25	4	Boston College	D4b-06	Oct. 12 (knee)
42	DeShawn Wynn	RB	5-10	232	26	3	Florida	D7a-07 (FA-08)	Oct. 21 (knee)
46	Devin Frischknecht	TE	6-3	258	23	R	Washington State	FA-09	Aug. 25 (leg)
72	Jason Spitz	C/G	6-3	307	26	4	Louisville	D3b-06	Nov. 7 (back)
91	Justin Harrell	DE	6-4	320	25	3	Tennessee	D1-07	Sept. 5 (back)