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PACKERS-BEARS IN THE WINDY CITY

The NFL's oldest rivalry plays out in Chicago this Sunday as the Packers and Bears meet on the gridiron for game No. 179 in the all-time series.

- ▶ No two franchises in NFL annals have met more than Green Bay and Chicago, with the most-recent chapter coming down to the final moments of the fourth quarter. Green Bay took the season opener at Lambeau Field, 21-15, thanks to a late 50-yard scoring pass from QB **Aaron Rodgers** to WR **Greg Jennings**, then sealed the win with its fourth interception of the night.
- ▶ With its win in the season opener, Green Bay narrowed Chicago's lead in the series to a 81-90-6 advantage.
- ▶ For the Packers, the late-season trip to Chicago is getting to be routine. Sunday marks the sixth consecutive year the Packers will play in Chicago in December or later.
- ▶ Though they've lost two consecutive games at Soldier Field, both in frigid conditions, the Packers have still won 12 of the last 16 meetings in the Windy City. All-time at Soldier Field, Green Bay is an even 18-18-0.
- ▶ Sunday marks the final division game of 2009 for the Packers, 3-2 in division play thus far, and matches up teams heading in opposite directions. Green Bay has reeled off four consecutive victories, while Chicago has dropped six of its last eight games.
- ▶ Green Bay will have a short week to prepare for Chicago, having defeated Baltimore 27-14 at Lambeau Field Monday night.
- ▶ Chicago defeated St. Louis at home on Sunday, 17-9, to improve to 5-7 on the season.
- ▶ The roles are nearly reversed from last December's matchup, when Green Bay entered the game with slim playoff chances and hoped to knock its rival a step back in the playoff picture.



THE PLAYOFF PICTURE

Winners of four consecutive games, including a three-game stretch in 12 days against NFC opponents, Green Bay has thrust itself back into prime playoff contention in the conference.

- ▶ At 8-4, Green Bay and Philadelphia currently hold the top positions for Wild Card berths, while the Dallas Cowboys (8-4) and New York Giants (7-5) both could be in that position as the NFC East picture clears up. Dallas will step out of the division to take on the San Diego Chargers, while the Eagles and Giants meet on Sunday night in New York.
- ▶ 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 6-3 against the NFC so far this season with three conference games remaining.
- ▶ By virtue of its Week 10 win over the Cowboys, Green Bay would hold the first tiebreaker over Dallas should the two clubs be competing for a Wild Card berth.

WITH THE CALL

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

- ▶ Play-by-play man **Thom Brennaman** and color analyst **Brian Billick** will have the call from the broadcast booth with **Chris Myers** 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.
- ▶ For out-of-town listeners, the broadcast is available to NFL Field Pass subscribers on www.packers.com as well as on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 147 WTMJ feed) as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive.
- ▶ DIRECTV subscribers can watch the game in HD on channel 711.

PRESEASON

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

REGULAR SEASON

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sun., Sept. 13	CHICAGO BEARS.W, 21-15		(70,920)
Sun., Sept. 20	CINCINNATI BENGALS (Gold Pkg.)L, 24-31		(70,678)
Sun., Sept. 27	at St. Louis RamsW, 36-17		(60,234)
Mon., Oct. 5	at Minnesota VikingsL, 23-30		(63,846)
Sun., Oct. 11	Open Date		
Sun., Oct. 18	DETROIT LIONSW, 26-0		(70,801)
Sun., Oct. 25	at Cleveland BrownsW, 31-3		(69,797)
Sun., Nov. 1	MINNESOTA VIKINGSL, 26-38		(71,213)
Sun., Nov. 8	at Tampa Bay BuccaneersL, 28-38		(62,994)
Sun., Nov. 15	DALLAS COWBOYS (Gold Pkg.)W, 17-7		(70,894)
Sun., Nov. 22	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERSW, 30-24		(70,445)
Thurs., Nov. 26	at Detroit Lions (Thanksgiving)W, 34-12		(57,383)
Mon., Dec. 7	BALTIMORE RAVENSW, 27-14		(70,286)
Sun., Dec. 13	at Chicago Bears	12 noon	FOX
Sun., Dec. 20	at Pittsburgh Steelers	3:15 p.m.	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

HEATING UP IN DECEMBER

With playoff implications on the line for both teams Monday night, Green Bay came out victorious in its first game of the season's stretch run.

- ▶ The smash-mouth affair at Lambeau Field on Monday night is what December football in the National Football League is all about. A second-straight game in winter conditions is expected this Sunday in Chicago, and there will be no letup on either side in one of professional sports' most storied rivalries.
- ▶ Armed with an incredible home-field advantage, Green Bay has been a consistently successful team this decade as the regular season winds down in December and January. Often times, as will be the case Sunday in Chicago, those games are the final determining factors in the race for playoff berths and seeding.
- ▶ The Packers own one of the NFL's best home records since 2000 in regular-season games played in December and January. Now at 19-4 (.826), only New England (18-3, .857) and Denver (16-3, .842) own better home records over that period. Interestingly, each of the top three teams plays outdoors in what is usually cold temperatures.
- ▶ But it's not just about wins at home, as Green Bay has proved to be one of the league's best teams in regular-season games played in December and January since 2000. A look at the top five records over that period:

Team	W-L in Dec/Jan	Pct.
New England	34-8-0	.810
Pittsburgh	32-12-0	.727
Green Bay	31-12-0	.721
Philadelphia	29-13-0	.690
Indianapolis	29-15-0	.659

ROSTER MOVES

The Packers made a roster move Monday prior to the Ravens contest, placing LB **Aaron Kampman** on injured reserve and signing LB **Cyril Obiozor** from the practice squad.

- ▶ Kampman played in and started nine games this season for the Packers, totaling 55 tackles, 3.5 sacks and a forced fumble.
- ▶ Obiozor (pronounced SEER-uhl OH-bee-AH-zer) signed with the team in May as a non-drafted free agent from Texas A&M, where he played defensive end for the Aggies.
- ▶ He cracked the lineup Monday night as well, seeing time on various special teams units. Given the neck sprain suffered by LB **Jeremy Thompson** in practice last week, and his uncertainty moving forward, it's likely Obiozor will be counted on to contribute again on special teams in Chicago and could see time from scrimmage in a backup role.

THE LEAGUE'S TOP-RANKED DEFENSE

Yielding just 185 total net yards to the Ravens, the Green Bay defense maintained its standing as the league's No. 1 overall defense. The Packers' defense has not ranked among the league's top-ranked units this late in the season since 1996, when it finished the year No. 1 overall and went on to win Super Bowl XXXI.

- ▶ The last time the Packers ranked No. 1 overall at any point in the season was in 2001, when it was atop the league rankings after Week 3.
- ▶ Behind new defensive coordinator **Dom Capers** and all-everything CB **Charles Woodson**, the Packers have thrived in their new 3-4 scheme. The team ranks No. 4 against the run and No. 3 against the pass.
- ▶ Green Bay is allowing a league-low 273.5 yards per contest, ahead of the New York Jets (276.4) and Denver Broncos (288.9).
- ▶ Some would argue that a more important and telling statistic is scoring defense, and not how many yards a team allows. With 209 points allowed, Green Bay ranks 11th in scoring defense.
- ▶ Green Bay's improved defense against the run has kept opponents in long down-and-distances, enhancing the defense's ability to get off the field on third down. Through the first four games, the unit ranked No.

28. As soon as Green Bay began to stop the run, it shot up the league rankings in third-down defense, now at No. 6. This week's opponent, Chicago, ranks tied for 19th in third-down offense.

- ▶ One constant for the defense this season has been its ability to take the ball away, registering 30 of the team's 31 takeaways. The Packers and Saints (36) are the only teams with 30-plus takeaways on the year.
- ▶ Whether they 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** (five INTs) and **Woodson** (seven), those 31 turnovers have led to 102 points, the second-most points-off-turnovers total in the NFL. New Orleans leads the category with 134 points.
- ▶ In the first two years of the **Mike 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.
- ▶ 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.

STAT OF THE WEEK



With his second-quarter TD catch vs. Baltimore, WR **Donald Driver** became the 10th player in franchise history to record 50 touchdowns.

- ▶ Green Bay is the only franchise with 10 players with 50-or-more career touchdowns.
- ▶ For Driver, it was his 49th career receiving touchdown. He also had a 31-yard touchdown run in 2001.
- ▶ That moves him into a tie with No. 5 James Lofton (49) on the team's all-time touchdown receptions list. One more would match No. 4 Max McGee with 50.
- ▶ It was Driver's 19th career receiving TD at Lambeau Field, one behind No. 2 Sterling Sharpe.
- ▶ As mentioned, the Packers are the only franchise with 10 players reaching the 50 career touchdown milestone. A look at the list:

Player	Years	TDs
Don Hutson	1935-45	105
Jim Taylor	1958-66	91
Ahman Green	2000-06, 09-	67
Sterling Sharpe	1988-94	66
Paul Hornung	1957-62, 64-66	62
Antonio Freeman	1995-2001, 03	57
Verne Lewellen	1924-32	51
Max McGee	1954, 57-67	51
Donald Driver	1999-	50
James Lofton	1978-86	50

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

**Green Bay Packers vs.
Chicago Bears**

All-time, regular season:
81-90-6

All-time, postseason:
0-1

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

Streaks: The Packers have won two of the last three meetings.

Last meeting, regular season:

Sept. 13, 2009, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 21-15

Last meeting, in Chicago:

Dec. 22, 2008; Bears won, 20-17 OT



COACHES CAPSULES

Mike McCarthy: 36-26-0, .580 (incl. 1-1 postseason); 4th NFL season

Lovie Smith: 53-44-0, .546 (incl. 2-2 postseason); 6th NFL season

Head to Head: Smith 4-3

vs. Opponent: McCarthy 3-4 vs. Bears; Smith 7-4 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.

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

- ▶ With 50 regular-season wins, ranks third in franchise history behind Hall of Famers Mike Ditka and George Halas.
- ▶ Guided the team to its first Super Bowl appearance in 21 years in '06.
- ▶ Named the AP NFL Coach of the Year in 2005 after he led a worst-to-first revival in the NFC North. The Bears' six-win improvement from the previous season was tied for the biggest in the NFL that year.
- ▶ Came to Chicago from St. Louis, where he served as defensive coordinator from 2001-03, helping the Rams return to the Super Bowl in 2001. Prior to that, coached LBs for Tampa Bay from 1996-2000.

THE PACKERS-BEARS SERIES

No two teams have met on the gridiron more than the Packers and Bears. Sunday they face off for the 179th time.

- ▶ The Packers' 37-3 win last November marked the largest margin of victory in the series since Green Bay's 40-3 win on Dec. 11, 1994. Chicago's win last December was just the second overtime game in series history and first since Sept. 7, 1980, when Packers K Chester Marcol returned his own blocked field goal for the winning score.
- ▶ Chicago has swept the season series twice in the last four years (2005, 07), their only series sweeps since 1991. The Packers last swept the season series in '03, capping a seven-game win streak and an 18-2 stretch dating back to 1994. On only four occasions in NFL history has a team enjoyed a better 20-game stretch against a single opponent.
- ▶ The last time Green Bay led the overall series? On the heels of its three straight NFL championships, 1932, when the Packers led 11-10-5. Two months after Babe Ruth allegedly called his shot at Wrigley Field in the 1932 World Series, the Bears stole from Green Bay a fourth straight title (which at the time was determined by league standings). Chicago barely finished atop the league standings, which unlike today did not count ties. Had the league counted ties in standings, the Packers would

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

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

Green Bay running backs coach Edgar Bennett finished his playing career in Chicago (1998-99)...Packers assistant offensive line coach Jerry Fontenot was a third-round draft choice of the Bears in 1989 and was a mainstay at center in his eight seasons (1989-96) in Chicago...Lovie Smith was a University of Wisconsin assistant in 1987, while Bears defensive coordinator Bob Babich spent two seasons on the Badgers' staff (1988-89)...Packers NT Ryan Pickett played for Bears head coach Lovie Smith in St. Louis from 2001-03 when Smith served as the Rams' defensive coordinator. Pickett and LB Brandon Chillar were also teammates of Bears T Orlando Pace in St. Louis...Bears assistant defensive backs coach Gill Byrd served as the Packers executive director/player programs and community affairs from 1999-2001...Bears LB Hunter Hillenmeyer was taken by Green Bay in the fifth round of the 2003 NFL Draft...Bears LB Nick Roach is a Milwaukee native who played in college at Northwestern...Bears WR Rashied Davis, DT Jarron Gilbert and Packers WR James Jones were teammates at San Jose State...Bears G Josh Beekman and Packers NT B.J. Raji were teammates at Boston College...Packers QB Matt Flynn and FB Quinn Johnson and Bears S Craig Steltz led LSU to the BCS national title in 2007.

INDIVIDUALLY VS. BEARS

QB Aaron Rodgers is a combined 64-of-97 for 671 yards with five TDs and two interceptions (94.5 rating) in three career games against Chicago...WR Donald Driver's career-long catch was an 85-yard TD reception at Chicago (Champaign) on Oct. 7, 2002, on Monday Night Football...S Nick Collins has four career interceptions against the Bears, including a two-INT game at Chicago on Dec. 31, 2006, that featured a 55-yard return for a touchdown...The first two-interception game of CB Charles Woodson's career came at Chicago on Oct. 5, 2003, while playing for Oakland. Woodson has had three games with two INTs since coming to Green Bay...Ryan Grant's 66-yard TD run in Chicago in 2007 was a career long, and his 145 yards in last year's game at Lambeau was a season-high. Grant also scored the lone receiving TD of his career against the Bears last year.

LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 13, 2009, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 21-15.

- ▶ The Packers intercepted QB Jay Cutler four times in his Chicago debut, the final one by Al Harris with 58 seconds left to seal the win. Tramon Williams' INT and 67-yard return in the second quarter set up a Green Bay TD, while Johnny Jolly's INT in the red zone turned away a potential Chicago scoring drive.
- ▶ Trailing 15-13, the Packers took the lead on a 50-yard TD pass from Aaron Rodgers to Greg Jennings with 1:11 remaining. Jennings finished with six catches for 106 yards.

LAST MEETING, AT SOLDIER FIELD

Dec. 22, 2008; Bears won, 20-17 OT.

- ▶ TD catches by Greg Jennings and Ryan Grant in the second quarter gave the Packers a 14-3 halftime lead. But Chicago tied it at 17 on Matt Forte's 3-yard TD run with 3:11 left in the fourth quarter, one play after Forte converted a fourth-and-1 run.
- ▶ Green Bay had a chance to win the game in regulation, but Mason Crosby's 38-yard field-goal try was blocked by Alex Brown with 18 seconds left.
- ▶ The Bears won the OT coin flip and scored on the first possession. Passes of 15 yards to Greg Olsen and 14 yards to Forte, plus a 15-yard horse-collar tackle penalty on Packers S Aaron Rouse, put Chicago in position for Robbie Gould's game-winning 38-yard field goal.



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

QUITE THE PAIR

S **Nick Collins** and CB **Charles Woodson** tied for the NFC lead with seven interceptions last season and both were named to the Pro Bowl.

- ▶ The pair continue to give opposing quarterbacks fits, as Woodson has seven interceptions to Collins' five. They are one of only two teammate combos in the league with five or more interceptions. Philadelphia's Asante Samuel (7) and Sheldon Brown (5) are the other pair.
- ▶ Both are leading candidates to return to the Pro Bowl this season, as Woodson's 14 interceptions since '08 lead all NFL players and Collins' 12 picks rank tied for second with Baltimore's Ed Reed.

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 for the Packers 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 and was honored as the NFC Offensive Player of the Month for October, the first such award of his career.
- ▶ He has engineered one of the NFL's most potent offenses, as the Packers have eclipsed 400 total net yards seven times this year, behind only New England (eight) and New Orleans (nine).
- ▶ Through 12 games, his 103.3 passer rating ranks fourth in the NFL. In addition, he is the game's top-ranked passer on third downs (132.0).
- ▶ The fourth-year pro has thrown for 3,399 yards through 12 games, fifth most in the league. At his current pace, Rodgers would finish with 4,532 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 QB rating and passing yards, Rodgers ranks among the top 10 in touchdowns and both completion and interception percentage.
- ▶ And just for good measure, the Cal product tops all QBs with 277 rushing yards on 45 carries (5.7 avg.).
- ▶ 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 28 career starts, Rodgers has eclipsed the century mark in passer rating 15 times.



- ▶ The Packers' 31 takeaways ranks second in the NFL. New Orleans leads the league with 36 takeaways.
- ▶ The offense is doing its part as well, with 13 giveaways on the year. That ranks tied for second-lowest in the league with Minnesota, while San Diego has a league-low 12.
- ▶ 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 280 times without a fumble in 2009. For Grant, he enters play Sunday against the Bears with 236 consecutive carries without a fumble, a new career high.
- ▶ 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-18 turnover ratio tops the league.
- ▶ This week's opponent, Chicago, stands at minus-four, which ranks 23rd in the NFL. It has 21 takeaways (11 interceptions, 10 fumble recoveries) and 25 turnovers (20 interceptions, five fumbles).
- ▶ Of the Packers' takeaways, 21 have come via the interception, tied with Buffalo for the second-highest total in the league. The Packers also have 10 fumble recoveries.

▶ In the first meeting of the season against the Bears, the Packers were plus-four in the turnover margin, picking off Bears QB Jay Cutler four times.

▶ 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 11 forced fumbles on the year (one on special teams), 10 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.

ROOKIE TRIO

Not to be overlooked in the Packers' ascension to the top of the league rankings in overall defense are the contributions of three rookies.

- ▶ LB **Brad Jones**, who had to fill the rather large shoes of Pro Bowl honoree **Aaron Kampman** after a season-ending knee injury, collected his first career sack Monday night against the Ravens.
- ▶ Jones became the third Packers rookie to collect a sack this season, joining first-round picks NT **B.J. Raji** (1.0) and LB **Clay Matthews** (7.0). The last time three Packers rookies recorded sacks was 1987.
- ▶ Joining Jones with a sack against Baltimore was Matthews, who recorded the second multi-sack performance of the season. It marked the first time two Packers rookies have recorded sacks in a single game since Nov. 15, 1998, when Vonnie Holliday (2) and Jude Waddy both had sacks against the New York Giants.

TURNOVER RATIO TOPS THE LEAGUE

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

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

WOODSON AT THE TOP OF HIS GAME

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

- ▶ In fact, Woodson is being talked about as one of the leading candidates for Defensive Player of the Year. He was named to the *Pro Football Weekly* Midseason All-Pro Team, and that was prior to his career performances against the Cowboys and Lions.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Against the Lions, Woodson tallied two interceptions, including one he returned for a score, a sack, forced fumble and fumble recovery, all while holding WR Calvin Johnson to 2 catches for 10 yards.
- ▶ Woodson was named NFC Defensive Player of the Week for both his Dallas (Week 10) and Detroit (Week 12) performances, and naturally won NFC Defensive Player of the Month for November. Woodson also was honored as the NFC Defensive Player of the Month for September.
- ▶ His Detroit performance marked the fifth multi-interception game of his career, and his fourth since coming to Green Bay.
- ▶ Woodson's sixth INT return for a score moved him into second place on the franchise's all-time list behind Hall of Famer Herb Adderley (seven).
- ▶ Woodson's sixth INT return for a TD since 2006 leads all NFL players. Overall, he has eight career.
- ▶ In addition to his team-high seven interceptions, he has been credited with 63 tackles through 12 games, third most on the team. That pace would have him surpass his career high (79) before season's end, a total he has accomplished twice before (OAK, 2000; GB, 2008).
- ▶ A skilled blitzer, Woodson has two sacks in his last four games. His five sacks since 2008 lead all NFL defensive backs (safeties and corners).
- ▶ His four forced fumbles ranks second among all NFL defensive backs.
- ▶ There's no doubt Woodson's career has undergone a revitalization since coming to Green Bay. He now has 43 career interceptions, fifth among active NFL players. For his career, 26 have come in 58 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 in the 3-4 scheme, Green Bay's defensive line has created an imposing physical presence as the Packers' first line of defense.

- ▶ DE **Cullen Jenkins**, who played both inside and outside in the old scheme, has 38 tackles and ranks second on the team in sacks (4.5) and forced fumbles (three).
- ▶ Against Detroit in Week 6, 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 56 tackles. His eight passes defended show his ability to be a disruptive force at the line of scrimmage. Jenkins (nine in 2007) has the most for a defensive lineman since the team began recording the statistic in 1980.
- ▶ Displaying rare athleticism for a 6-foot-3, 320-pound man, Jolly made a highlight-reel one-handed interception in the red zone against Jay Cutler and the Bears in Week 1. He 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, has been a disruptive force in the middle with 46 tackles and a pass deflection. The recent emergence of rookie **B.J. Raji** should keep all four players in the unit fresh down the stretch, which should maintain their ability to penetrate opponents' backfields and stop the run.

▶ Since the Packers gave up 117 yards to RB Steven Jackson in Week 3, they have allowed 660 yards in nine games (73.3 yards a game), the fewest allowed over that span.

▶ Over that time, opponents' average of 3.4 yards per carry is the best in the NFL. Green Bay has allowed three rushing TDs over that span, tied for third-fewest in the league.

GRANT AND THE GROUND GAME

The nature of the rivalry dictates that a Bears-Packers game should always be a battle in the trenches, but Chicago has been vulnerable against the run this season, ranking 25th in the league.

- ▶ While it was tough sledding against the Ravens (18 carries, 41 yards), RB **Ryan Grant** did produce a 100-yard effort (129 yards and a score on 21 carries) against a top-10 unit in San Francisco.
- ▶ Though he has just two 100-yard performances on the season, 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 (931 yards) ranks fourth in the NFC and eighth overall in the NFL. Utilized more in the screen game this season, his 190 receiving yards already is a career high.
- ▶ Grant's 1,121 total yards from scrimmage ranks fourth in the NFC and eighth 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.
- ▶ Jackson appears to be working his way back into form after missing the first four games with an ankle injury, while Green returned to game action against Baltimore after being sidelined by a groin injury. Both could begin to spell Grant from scrimmage and keep all three backs fresh as the team makes its push 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 one remaining home game, not to mention potential cold-weather games in Chicago and Pittsburgh, the offense may become a more ground-based attack.



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

284 AND COUNTING

Another packed house at Lambeau Field against the Ravens brought the stadium's consecutive sellouts streak to 284 games (268 regular season, 16 playoffs). Just one home game on the regular-season schedule remains.

- ▶ 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 tougher 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 5-2 at home so far this season, they are on their way to accomplishing that goal.
- ▶ With the victory over the Ravens, the team has won 18 of its last 25 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 18-7 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	106-37-0	.741
Denver	103-39-0	.725
Pittsburgh	102-39-1	.722
Minnesota	98-44-0	.690
Dallas	96-46-0	.676

HARRIS, KAMPMAN SIDELINED

Undoubtedly one of the main story lines on the defensive side of the ball will be how the team is able to finish the season, and maintain its lofty ranking, 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 had missed his entire career. He had played in 182 of a possible 186 games prior to the injury, including starts in 102 of the last 106 games since coming to Green Bay in 2003.

- ▶ The two major injuries came at a time when Green Bay was getting relatively healthy on defense, with the return of LB **Brandon Chillar**, but also on offense, as TE **Jermichael Finley** and WR **Jordy Nelson** gave QB **Aaron Rodgers** back his full arsenal of receivers.
- ▶ CB **Tramon Williams** takes over Harris' spot just as he did last season in Week 4. Williams picked off passes in each of his first three starts filling in for an injured Harris in 2008 and has done the same in his first two starts for Harris. A naturally gifted athlete who rose from the practice squad to a starting role last year, Williams has nine interceptions in his last 29 games.
- ▶ LB **Brad Jones**, a pleasant surprise as a seventh-round pick from Colorado in the 2009 NFL Draft, has played well in three starts for Kampman. His first NFL start came against Dallas, when Kampman was sidelined with a concussion, and Jones led all linebackers with eight tackles (seven solo). He collected four stops in Detroit and against Baltimore, including his first career sack against QB Joe Flacco.

DOMINATING TIME OF POSSESSION

Time of possession is a seldom-quoted statistic, but one that easily can underscore how a football game was played out.

- ▶ For a team that is in the thick of the NFC playoff chase, the Packers' current ranking near the top of the time-of-possession chart bodes well. Of the teams that finished the season in the Top 3 in the category this decade, 21 of those 27 teams made the playoffs.
- ▶ Of the six that didn't qualify for the postseason, only one, the 2004 Kansas City Chiefs (7-9), finished with a record below .500.
- ▶ In Green Bay's 30-24 win over San Francisco in Week 11, it controlled the ball for 41 minutes, 39 seconds. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, time-of-possession statistics have only been kept since 1977, but that mark for the Packers was a franchise record.
- ▶ Combined with the Packers' 40:48 time of possession against the Lions in Week 6, it gives the team two games with 40-plus minutes of controlling the ball, which is also a single-season franchise record.
- ▶ The Packers and Vikings are the only teams in the NFL to accomplish that feat, registering over 40 minutes of time of possession in a regulation game twice this season.
- ▶ Entering Week 14, the Packers rank No. 2 in the league with a time-of-possession average of 33:36, trailing only New England (33:45). Cincinnati (33:16), Minnesota (33:11) and Pittsburgh (32:28) round out the league's Top 5.
- ▶ Green Bay's best single-season mark came in 1992, when it posted an average of 32:30 per game.
- ▶ In the past eight games, the Packers have controlled the ball for just under 37 minutes per contest, nearly a full quarter more than their opponents, and have posted seven drives of 10-plus plays in the past three games compared to just nine in the first nine games.
- ▶ As the weather turns at Lambeau Field, not to mention outdoor games in Chicago and Pittsburgh, Green Bay will most likely enter each game with time of possession goals as it becomes a more ground-oriented team. Though the nature of a "big-play" offense suggests quick strikes, the Packers could very well produce multiple 10-play drives in the games to come.



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

EXCELLING ON THIRD DOWN

Part of Green Bay's recent success in a four-game winning streak has been due in part to its ability to win the third-down battle on both sides of the ball. Both the offense (No. 5) and defense (No. 6) rank among the league's best in third-down efficiency.

- ▶ It would be hard to imagine a better performance on third down than what QB **Aaron Rodgers** did in Detroit on Thanksgiving.
- ▶ He finished 11-of-13 passing, good for eight first downs and two touchdowns for a perfect 158.3 passer rating.
- ▶ That's not all that surprising when you consider Rodgers is the league's top-ranked passer (132.0) on third down. No other quarterback has thrown for as many yards (1,223) or touchdowns (11) on third down as Rodgers. In 122 third-down attempts, he has a 69.7% completion rate and has yet to throw an interception.
- ▶ The last quarterback to finish the season with a 135-plus rating on third down was Kurt Warner (137.3) in 1999.
- ▶ Now in his second season as a starter, his third-down success is becoming a trend. He finished 2008 as the league's third-ranked passer on third down with a passer rating of 105.8. Of his 28 TD passes last season, 14 came on third down.
- ▶ As for the defense, it ranked No. 28 in the league on third down after Week 4. Whether it was bye-week adjustments or players settling into the new scheme, the unit now ranks No. 6.
- ▶ Some of the success can be attributed to the Packers' improved run defense. Starting with Week 4, it has allowed the fewest rushing yards in the NFL.

ANOTHER FRANCHISE MARK

WR **Donald Driver**, now in his 11th season with the Packers, established yet another team mark Monday night. It seems the franchise records fall on a weekly basis for Driver this season.

- ▶ Driver became the 10th player in franchise history to reach the 50-touchdown plateau. No other NFL franchise has 10 players with 50-plus TDs.
- ▶ Earlier, Driver topped the 50-catch plateau for an eighth straight season (2002-09), a new franchise record. The only other players to accomplish that feat from '02-'09 are Tony Gonzalez, Chad Ochocinco, Derrick Mason and Hines Ward.
- ▶ Though he is the oldest player on the active roster at age 34, Driver has shown no signs of slowing down in 2009. He leads the team in catches (56), receiving yards (876), and touchdown catches (6). 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 9,666 yards. Driver is at No. 2, entering play Sunday with 8,865.
- ▶ Driver has been the model of consistency for the Packers, catching at least one pass in 123 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 this season. His 14 catches of 20-plus yards is the third-highest total in the NFL.

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 from

the last three contests.

- ▶ Over the last three games, he has caught a team-high 17 passes for 158 yards and two TDs, with both scores coming against the Ravens. In fact, all three of Finley's touchdowns in 2009 have come on *MNF*.
- ▶ Rodgers clearly loves his athletic ability down the middle of the field, as evidenced by his six catches of 20-plus yards. And in goal-line situations, as was seen Monday night, Rodgers is confident in Finley's ability to win a one-on-one battle on a fade route.
- ▶ Though a knee sprain caused him to miss the better part of four games, he has already set career highs in nearly every statistical category.
- ▶ Finley's coming-out party came on the team's first appearance on *Monday Night Football* in front of the largest television audience in cable history. That night, he set a new career high in receiving yards (128), highlighted by his 62-yard catch-and-run for a score. The catch marked 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 fourth on the team with 31 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.

AROUND THE 'BLACK AND BLUE'

At 8-4, Green Bay stands solidly in second place in the NFC North with four games remaining on the schedule. It will need considerable help from

- Minnesota's opponents, not to mention a stellar record in the final four games, to challenge for the division crown.
- ▶ Green Bay is 3-2 in division play and now heads to Chicago for its final NFC North game of the season.
- ▶ Minnesota, off to a 10-2 start, lost in Arizona on Sunday night. It will host Cincinnati this weekend at the Metrodome.
- ▶ 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 six of its last eight but is coming off a victory, having defeated the Rams at home this past weekend. After hosting the Packers on Sunday, the Bears will travel to Baltimore before finishing the season with two division games against the Vikings and Lions.
- ▶ Detroit dropped a contest in Cincinnati over the weekend to fall to 2-10 on the year. The Lions will be on the road again this weekend, traveling to Baltimore to take on the Ravens.
- ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** has always stressed the importance of division play. Through the first 12 weeks of the '09 season, the Packers own the best division mark over the three-plus seasons of McCarthy's tenure at 16-7. The Packers are trailed by Chicago (13-8) and then Minnesota (14-9) over that period.

MIKE McCARTHY TRANSCRIPT

EXCERPTS FROM THE COACH – MONDAY, DEC. 7

I'll start with the injuries. Spencer Havner had the wind knocked out of him. He did return. Jermichael Finley had a knee bruise. He did return. Ryan Pickett had a hamstring pull and did not return. With that I'll take your questions.

► **(What do you make with all the penalties tonight? There were over 300 yards combined with both teams. Were the officials flag happy or what was going on?)**

Well, it's interesting that's the first question, but yeah definitely. The penalties were unbelievable for both sides. I thought it was a tightly officiated football game, two competitive, physical football teams. That is the game we anticipated coming into Monday night throughout our preparation. We had a lot of respect for the way they played on film. And that's the style of play that we wanted to take into the game. So, that's where that is. But I'll say this about our football team: I was very proud and excited the way they overcame the adversity throughout the football game, whether it was overcoming penalties, being in a long down and distance situation, or being on the one-yard line, overcoming giveaways, overcoming takeaways. The adversity that we overcame throughout the football game is something that we'll definitely carry forward with us as a football team.

► **(What did you think of your defense tonight, especially the run defense?)**

It starts with our defense. That's the face of our football team. That's the way we want to be identified with, particularly starting at home. To play great defense at home, it's huge to have the crowd behind you. It's something that I think we are doing a much better job of this year and it starts with the run defense. We had a lot of respect for the run game coming in. They gave us a lot of unbalanced lines throughout the preparation, more unbalanced lines than we've ever seen. So they really challenged us schematically, the bunch of shifts and motion and so forth. But I thought our guys played outstanding up front.

► **(Can you talk about your rookies on defense, Raji, Clay, and Brad?)**

They're all contributing. They're getting more and more play. They fit right into the plan. We talk about winning football games, playing December football. That's the way we want to play, the way we played tonight here at Lambeau Field. We're going to have an opportunity here shortly down in Chicago in some tough weather. But those guys, they're improving, they're getting better, they're quality reps, they're producing. And you just cannot have enough of those guys. So we're happy with the progress we're making with our rookie class.

► **(Flynn dropped the snap on the field goal. Should Mason have made that one?)**

Well, I can't answer that right now without seeing it. I saw it live. We need to make those field goals. That's the bottom line. I know the snap wasn't handled correctly and so forth so we need to continue to improve in that area. Still that was a big drive and to come out of that with no points, we need to do a better job there.

► **(Do you feel like this team is going on the upswing here for the final stretch?)**

I think that's accurate. We've won four games in a row. You know, we've had some injuries, we're doing a good job of overcoming, just like we talked about earlier with our rookie production on defense. But yes, we're winning games and I felt like we improved today. And that's our goal every week. We're going to do whatever it takes to win the football game, to play the certain style of football, especially against the opponent that we had in here tonight. But I felt that we improved, especially overcoming adversity tonight.

► **(Can you talk about Aaron Rodgers? He's finally up to .500 as a starter. He's won four in a row, especially against the Ravens. How good has he been these last four weeks?)**

I think Aaron Rodgers' numbers speak for themselves. He's having an

excellent year. He's grown every single day as a leader of this football team. We had too many giveaways on offense. That has not been the way we have played and will not play down the stretch because you can't turn the football over. But I'm very pleased with Aaron's overall play.

► **(How much does Aaron's confidence rise, not taking as many sacks tonight as he had earlier in the year?)**

Well, confidence comes with production. Obviously, a sack is a negative play so that works against you. But we're playing better as a unit. There's a lot of positive things throughout the game in the pass part of it. We threw the ball early a lot more than we probably anticipated, just based off the way they came in to play us to stop the run. We're happy with the win. We'll make the corrections and get ready for Chicago.

► **(Outside of the giveaways, how good does it feel to come up with the takeaways in the red zone?)**

That's the way we play. Our turnover ratio is something that's coached every single day. We're disappointed with the giveaways, I can tell you that right now. That's not who we are. That's not the way we're going to play down the stretch. We need to make sure that doesn't happen. But our guys do an outstanding job of going after the football. They're playing with a lot more vision with our defense here than in the past. That's something that we want to show up every time we play a game. Every team is noted for something, every team has strengths. And that's been a strength of ours and needs to continue to do so down the stretch.

► **(What did you think of Finley tonight?)**

I thought Jermichael Finley was big for us. You know we had him involved heavily in the passing game, particularly the vertical game. He got hurt and bounced back, that was big for us. But he's a big target, he gives you matchup problems. I thought he played well tonight.

► **(How were you guys able to bundle up Ray Rice? Not many teams are able to do that.)**

Well, I mean the biggest thing with Ray is you've got to tackle him. I thought we did a very good job tackling him. I think we had a little run there in the third quarter where he got out on us a couple times and broke some tackles. But you have to tackle him and they do a good job of trying to get him the ball on the perimeter with the swing screens, or things like that. But he's a dynamic player. We had a lot of respect for him coming in and I thought our guys rose up big, particularly in the run defense. But he's a tough guy to tackle.

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 12 games.

- ▶ When it comes to the long ball, few are as accurate as Rodgers. His 13 completions of 40-plus yards ranks second in the NFL behind Dallas QB Tony Romo (14).
- ▶ In terms of what coaches often classify as 'big plays' (gains of 20-plus yards), Rodgers has 41 completions, tied for the seventh-best total in the league with Chicago's Jay Cutler and Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger.
- ▶ 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 ninth overall with 49 plays of 20-plus yards. Chicago comes into the game with 46 plays of 20-plus yards, which ranks tied for 11th.
- ▶ WR **Donald Driver** and WR **Greg Jennings** each have four receptions of 40-plus yards, the first teammates to accomplish the feat in 2009.
- ▶ 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 eight 'big' runs on the season, five from RB **Ryan Grant**, two from QB **Aaron Rodgers** and one from RB **Ahman Green**.
- ▶ The Packers had 10 "big-play" runs 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 emerged for the Packers earlier this season, as TE **Spencer Havner** found the end zone four times, tied for second on the team in TD receptions with WR **James Jones**.

- ▶ 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 tied for second on special teams with 14 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."

MATTHEWS CONTINUES TO IMPRESS

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 second in the NFL with three fumble recoveries. Matthews also has forced two fumbles on the season.
- ▶ 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 four 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 recorded the second multi-sack game of his career against the Ravens, giving him seven for the season. In addition to leading the Packers, his seven sacks ties Washington's Brian Orakpo for the lead among all rookies.
- ▶ The last rookie to finish as the team leader in sacks was LB Tim Harris in 1986. Harris and Vonnie 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 portion 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 Ravens, giving them 23 points on opening drives (two TDs, three FGs) through 12 games.
- ▶ In terms of opening-quarter scoring, the Packers have already surpassed their 2008 output with 70 points in the opening frame. That first-quarter total is fifth highest in the NFL.
- ▶ Thus far, the defense also has taken to beginning the game fast, with 17 of its 30 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 38 points. That ranks seventh 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 192 first-half points. Opponents have scored only 105 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 55-37 advantage.



STATE OF THE O-LINE

Green Bay's improved pass protection in recent weeks can be attributed in part to the continuity it has enjoyed along the line.

- ▶ Thanks to a return to health for some of its starters, Green Bay has employed the same starting five each of the last three weeks.
- ▶ Though QB **Aaron Rodgers** has been sacked a league high 45 times, he has been sacked just four times in the last three games with the Packers' primary unit.
- ▶ To show how important pass protection is to the team's overall success, the Packers are 8-0 when Rodgers is sacked less than six times.
- ▶ 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 killed the team's early-season continuity, as McCarthy has had to use six different starting lineups across the offensive line. 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 lost

C/G **Jason Spitz** to injured reserve. T **Chad Clifton** has returned from a nagging ankle injury, while veteran T **Mark Tauscher** saw his most action of the season against the Ravens. 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.

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Chicago collected four sacks in the first meeting of the season and has 25 sacks on the season. That total ranks right around the middle of the NFL, tied for 17th best. DE Adewale Ogunleye leads the Bears' defense with six sacks.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Green Bay will look to improve upon its 3-2 road record in the season's final stretch, as trips to Chicago (Sunday), 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 16-13 (.552). 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 nine of 32 NFL teams have road records over .500.

Team	W	L	T	Pct.
Indianapolis	23	7	0	.767
New England	22	8	0	.733
New York Giants	20	10	0	.667
Dallas	18	12	0	.600
New Orleans	18	12	0	.600
San Diego	18	12	0	.600
Philadelphia	17	12	1	.583
Green Bay	16	13	0	.552
Tennessee	17	14	0	.548

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)
 NFC Defensive Player of the Week - Week 13 (vs. Baltimore)

QB Aaron Rodgers

NFC Offensive Player of the Month - October

CB Charles Woodson

NFC Defensive Player of the Month - September
 NFC Defensive Player of the Month - November
Pro Football Weekly Midseason All-Pro Team
 NFC Defensive Player of the Week - Week 10 (vs. Dallas)
 NFC Defensive Player of the Week - Week 12 (at Detroit)

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	18	12
Terrell Owens, BUF	16	11
Donald Driver, GB	14	3
Steve Smith, CAR	14	6

TOP 10 AGAIN

For an offense that has registered over 400 yards in seven of its last 10 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 around 1,200 yards again this year, which would make him only the third back in franchise annals to accomplish the feat in consecutive seasons. 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	6	11	6	1	4	6
13	BAL	6	13	8	1	4	3
14	at Chi						
15	at Pit						
16	SEA						
17	at Ari						
Packers in 2008		8	17	8	20	26	12
Packers in 2007		2	21	2	11	14	12
Packers in 2006		9	23	8	12	13	17
Packers in 2005		18	30	7	7	23	1
Packers in 2004		3	10	3	25	14	25
Packers in 2003		4	3	16	17	10	23
Packers in 2002		12	12	10	12	21	3
Packers in 2001		6	21	3	12	16	15
Packers in 2000		15	23	8	15	8	19
Packers in 1999		9	21	7	19	22	18
Packers in 1998		5	25	3	4	4	10
Packers in 1997		4	12	3	7	20	8
Packers in 1996		5	11	5	1	4	1
Packers in 1995		7	26	3	14	7	21
Packers in 1994		9	19	9	6	3	15
Packers in 1993		19	22	18	2	8	7
Packers in 1992		15	21	9	23	16	23

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 is 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 three interceptions and leads the team with 17 passes defended, a new career high.
- ▶ Capers and the defense can also rely on Pro Bowl S **Nick Collins**, who intercepted his fifth pass of the season Monday against Baltimore. 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 12 interceptions over the last two seasons is tied for the second-highest total in the NFL with Baltimore's Ed Reed (12).
- ▶ Both Woodson and Collins got sacks against Dallas three 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 has rushed in different blitz packages as well, narrowly missing a sack against the San Francisco 49ers and becoming the fourth member of the secondary to notch one.

IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS, 2009



GREEN BAY (Team)

Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (+18)	1	1
Total Offense (379.3)	4	6
Rushing (117.1)	7	13
Passing (262.3)	4	8
Total Defense (273.5)	1	1
vs. Rush (87.2)	2	4
vs. Pass (186.3)	1	3
Third-Down Offense (45.7%)	3	5
Third-Down Defense (34.4%)	4	6
Red-Zone Offense (52.3%)	7	13
Red-Zone Defense (61.8%)	13	28

CHICAGO (Team)

Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (-4)	11	23
Total Offense (309.2)	12	24
Rushing (88.0)	16	31
Passing (221.2)	10	16T
Total Defense (330.9)	8	15
vs. Rush (126.4)	13	25
vs. Pass (204.5)	5	9
Third-Down Offense (36.9%)	9T	19T
Third-Down Defense (42.9%)	14	29
Red-Zone Offense (42.1%)	15	30
Red-Zone Defense (67.5%)	15	31

GREEN BAY (Individual)

Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Grant (931)	4	8
Passing: Rodgers (103.3)	3	4
Receptions: Driver (56)	12T	24T
Rec. Yds.: Driver (876)	5	13
Sacks: Matthews (7.0)	7T	13T
Interceptions: Woodson (7)	2T	3T

CHICAGO (Individual)

Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Forte (634)	12	22
Passing: Cutler (75.3)	12	22
Receptions: Hester (54)	14	27T
Rec. Yds.: Hester (682)	17	32T
Sacks: Ogunleye (6.0)	12T	24T
Interceptions: Bowman (4)	7T	11T

GAME REVIEW - PACKERS 27, RAVENS 14

WINNING STREAK HITS FOUR

The Green Bay Packers are approaching every game these days like it's a playoff game, and in the process they keep moving closer and closer to an actual playoff spot.

► Monday night's 27-14 win over the Baltimore Ravens in front of 70,286 at Lambeau Field was the Packers' fourth straight victory, putting them at 8-4 and keeping them among the leaders for an NFC Wild Card berth.

► In an ugly contest that featured seven turnovers and 23 penalties for a combined 310 yards, the Packers overcame enough of their miscues to survive and keep their winning streak and postseason aspirations very much alive.

► "Games like this are ugly sometimes, and no matter what it looked like on the exterior, on the interior it feels very beautiful," linebacker **Nick Barnett** said. "They were fighting for their playoff chances and we were fighting for ours, and it was a battle.

► "It's huge. Every game from here on out the rest of the year is important. There's so much relevance and so much significance in these games. We can't afford to go into a game with any other attitude than our back is against the wall."

► It seemed at intermission like the Packers might have an easy time of it against the Ravens (6-6) after an early field goal, a Baltimore turnover in the red zone, and two Green Bay touchdown drives in the second quarter staked the Packers to a 17-0 halftime lead.

► Touchdown receptions by **Jermichael Finley** and **Donald Driver** in the final five minutes of the first half had the Packers in control, and a good drive to start the second half had a chance to put the Ravens away early.

► But after catching a slant pass that would have converted a third-and-6 inside the Baltimore 35-yard line, Driver fumbled. Baltimore's Chris Carr recovered, and the momentum shifted.

► The Ravens responded with a 71-yard touchdown drive - after managing just 72 yards of offense in the first half - and Joe Flacco's 12-yard TD pass to Kelley Washington made it 17-7.

► On Green Bay's next offensive snap, a low throw by **Aaron Rodgers** deflected off Driver's leg and into the arms of linebacker Jarret Johnson, giving Baltimore the ball on the Packers' 42. One of nine pass interference penalties in the game, this one on Green Bay's **Tramon Williams** in the end zone against receiver Demetrius Williams, put the ball on the 1 and running back Willis McGahee ran it in from there.

► Suddenly, in a span of 30 seconds, the Ravens had two touchdowns and were within 17-14. And when **Mason Crosby** subsequently missed a 38-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter, the game had the look of one that was slipping away.

► But it didn't.

► "I was very proud and excited the way they overcame the adversity throughout the football game," Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** said. "The adversity that we overcame throughout the football game is something that we'll definitely carry forward with us."

► First it was the defense that rose up, getting a three-and-out with the help of an offensive pass interference penalty on Baltimore receiver Derrick Mason that wiped out his 46-yard reception against cornerback **Charles Woodson**.

► Then it was the offense, going 49 yards in a quick four plays, with Finley hauling in a 19-yard TD pass for his second score of the night to make

it 24-14.

► And finally it was the defense again, getting two huge turnovers on Baltimore's next two possessions to preserve the two-score lead.

► The Ravens were poised to score quickly once again after a 68-yard kickoff return by Baltimore's Lardarius Webb and another pass interference call on **Tramon Williams** in the end zone made it first-and-goal on the 1. Woodson knifed through to take down McGahee for a 2-yard loss and then Williams redeemed himself by intercepting a scrambling Flacco, who tried to throw back across his body to Demetrius Williams in the end zone and paid dearly for the bad decision.

► Linebacker **A.J. Hawk** then punctuated the defensive effort with an interception on the first play of the Ravens' next drive, as he blanketed tight end Todd Heap on a middle seam route and snagged Flacco's throw near midfield.

► "I thought we did a great job today finally finishing that fourth quarter," Barnett said. "We were able to prove ourselves as a finishing defense, but we're far from where we need to be.

► "I'm not going to say we're the Steel Curtain, back in the day or anything. But we're just going to keep doing what we do, and hopefully we can prove to everybody else we're one of the best defenses."

► Indeed, the defensive effort was impressive, and good enough for the Packers to hold onto the league's No. 1 ranking in yards allowed. Baltimore finished with just 185 total yards - penalty yards don't count in the offensive statistics - as the Packers contained running back Ray Rice (54 yards rushing, 17 receiving) and made things generally miserable for Flacco, who completed less than 50 percent of his throws (15-

of-36 for 137 yards), was sacked three times, intercepted three times and posted just a 27.2 passer rating.

► "Their defense is notoriously known for being a good defense and being physical and shutting teams down, and we thought it would be a good game for us to go out and do what they say they do," Barnett said. "I have so much respect for that defense, ... but we wanted to come out and show that we're a good defense, too, and it's not just a floozy ranking that's out there. We're playing hard."

► That goes for the whole team, as Rodgers had just his second multi-interception game of the season but still produced (26-of-40, 263 yards, 3 TD, 2 INT, 87.8 rating) against a formidable defense, with a big assist from Finley (7 catches, 78 yards, 2 TDs). Rodgers also had the team's longest rush of the night, a key 23-yard scramble up the middle to help set up one of the second-quarter touchdowns.

► With the win, the Packers remained ahead of both the New York Giants (7-5) and Atlanta Falcons (6-6) in the NFC Wild Card chase. Dallas and Philadelphia are also 8-4, with Dallas currently holding the tiebreaker for the NFC East lead, so for the time being the Packers are even with the Eagles as the top two Wild Card contenders with four games remaining.

► "We control our own destiny, so that's always kind of what you want," Rodgers said. "We did a nice job winning last three home games knowing what we had to do. Big wins against Dallas and San Francisco, and tonight against a football team that was fighting, still is fighting for their playoff lives. It's a big win for us."



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

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 was tied for second on the team with 55 tackles at the time of his injury, to go along with his 3.5 sacks and a forced fumble. His 28 quarterback hits still leads the team.
- ▶ Kampman's absence will probably increase the attention opponents pay to LB **Clay Matthews**, who has provided consistent pass rush with seven sacks so far on the year, most on the team.
- ▶ The team has turned to rookie **Brad Jones**, who has recorded 16 tackles in three starts for Kampman. Veteran **Brady Poppinga** also has been in the mix, spelling Jones on a couple of series the past two weeks.
- ▶ Second-year pro **Jeremy Thompson**, who like Kampman made the transition from end to linebacker in the new scheme, suffered a neck sprain in practice last week. LB **Cyril Obiozor**, a member of the practice squad all season, was signed and saw immediate action on special teams against the Ravens.
- ▶ 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)	54.5
2	Jared Allen, Min. (DE)	50.0
3	Elvis Dumervil, Den. (LB)	41.0
4	Aaron Kampman, GB (LB)	40.5
5	Trent Cole, Phi. (DE)	39.0

TAKEAWAY POINTS KEY FOR PACKERS

Green Bay has continued to show its knack for the takeaways in the first 12 games with 21 interceptions and 10 fumble recoveries, which it has turned into 102 points.

- ▶ Green Bay's 31 takeaways rank second behind only New Orleans, which has 36 takeaways.
- ▶ The Packers' 102 points scored off those 31 takeaways also ranks second, again to New Orleans (134).
- ▶ With four takeaways against the Ravens (three interceptions, one fumble recovery), Green Bay extended its own streak to 15 straight games with a takeaway. That is the second-longest active streak in the NFL behind Houston (18).
- ▶ 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 325 return yards on 21 interceptions, Green Bay ranks third 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 and the team's two leading tacklers. A steady player, Hawk has topped 120 tackles in each of his three NFL seasons.
- ▶ 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 reps 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 89 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, played against Baltimore with a club cast to protect his broken hand. Chillar also saw time on the field against Baltimore in the team's 'Big Okie' formation, which puts him as a fifth linebacker on the field to help defend against the run.
- ▶ **Desmond Bishop**, another talented player in the unit, is known mostly for his contributions on special teams. Bishop leads the coverage units with a career-high 17 tackles.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

2009 OPPONENTS

		NFL Rank	
	Record	Offense	Defense
 at Arizona Cardinals.....	(8-4)	10	24
 Baltimore Ravens	(6-6)	15	10
 Chicago Bears	(5-7)	24	15
 Cincinnati Bengals	(9-3)	18	4
 at Cleveland Browns.....	(1-11)	32	32
 Dallas Cowboys	(8-4)	3	14
 Detroit Lions.....	(2-10)	26	30
 Minnesota Vikings	(10-2)	5	8
 at Pittsburgh Steelers.....	(6-6)	7	5
 San Francisco 49ers...	(5-7)	28	20
 Seattle Seahawks.....	(5-7)	23	21
 at St. Louis Rams.....	(1-11)	25	25
 at Tampa Bay Buccaneers..	(1-11)	27	26

ANOTHER INTERCEPTION-FREE STREAK FOR RODGERS

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 tenure of Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**. Much credit must be given to McCarthy, who works closely with those under center, and quarterbacks coach **Tom Clements**.

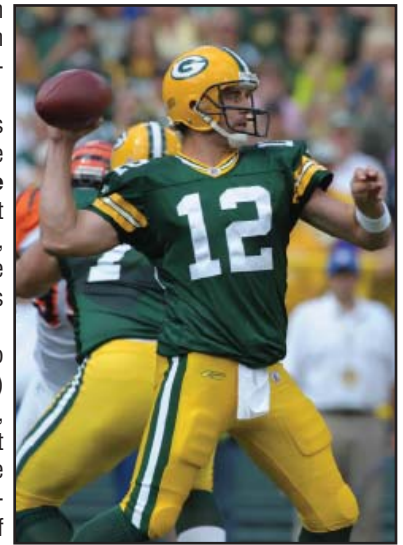
► In addition to Rodgers' two long streaks (159 and 157) over the past two seasons, Favre had two of the longest streaks of his career under the duo in 2007. He had a 142-pass streak (third longest of Packers' career) and followed up with a 139-pass streak (fourth) later in the season.

► Rodgers has not thrown an interception in eight different games this season, tied for the third highest single-season mark in team history.

► In his first season as a starter, he threw 13 interceptions on 536 attempts (2.4%).

► For the season, Rodgers has thrown seven interceptions in 420 attempts, or 1.7% of his passes.

► He had a smaller streak snapped against the Ravens. His first interception ended a streak of 133 consecutive passes without an interception.



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 is coming off what is almost a second bye with nine days in between the Detroit and Baltimore games.

► 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 final stretch tougher is the fact that three of the last four games come on the road.

► For the first time since 2003, the Packers will not play a division opponent in the season's final three weeks. Only one division game (at Chicago in Week 14) remains.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

NATIONALLY TELEVISED GAMES HEADLINE 2009 SCHEDULE

Including games that have set records for television ratings, the Green Bay Packers have played in a number of games with playoff-like atmospheres this season.

- ▶ The Packers have played each division rival once in front of a national television audience, including its most recent division game against the Lions on Thanksgiving.
- ▶ The team has already played a season-opening game against Chicago on NBC *Sunday Night Football* and a Monday night game at Minnesota. Its second appearance on *Monday Night Football* came this past week against the Ravens, the first *MNF* game played at Lambeau Field in the month of December.
- ▶ 2009 marks the 17th consecutive season the Packers have appeared on *Monday Night Football*, the NFC's longest active streak.
- ▶ 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.

WITH THE GAME ON THE LINE

Five of the Packers' first 12 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.

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.
- ▶ The Packers will end their season with road trips in three of the final four weeks, something they haven't done since 1997. That year, it won all three road games in the season's final quarter.
- ▶ All collected, the team will fly 12,260 miles according to numbers com-

plied 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).

MEET THE NEWCOMERS

Of the current 53-man roster, there are only a few new faces in the Packers' locker room. 14 players are new to the team this year, while 39 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 in Week 6, Matthews set a career-high with two sacks.
- ▶ Sixth-round pick DE **Jarius Wynn** has seen action in seven 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 in Week 6. 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 will be counted on with 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 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, where he ranks tied for second on the team with 14 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.
- ▶ Two players have been signed from the practice squad in recent weeks, CB **Trevor Ford** and LB **Cyril Obiozor**, while the team also signed free agent CB **Josh Bell**.

WILLIAMS WITH THE BALL IN HIS HANDS

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.
- ▶ Williams is now being pressed into a starting role on defense, so his return duties will be limited. He remains an option should in-game injuries occur.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

NFL'S YOUNGEST ROSTER ... AGAIN

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

- ▶ Dating back to 2000, Arizona was the only other club to hold or share the distinction for at least three years. The Cardinals were the NFL's youngest team in 2001 and tied for the league's youngest roster the following two seasons.
- ▶ With an average 2009 roster age of 25.70, Green Bay again checks in with the youngest average age in the NFL. Indianapolis and Kansas City are tied for second with an average age of 25.89 years.
- ▶ Green Bay 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), but also has lost CB **Al Harris** (34) and LB **Aaron Kampman** (30) to season-ending injuries.

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.
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ On Nov. 28, 25 semi-finalists were chosen by the Hall of Fame's Selection Committee. The most significant name on that list in regards to the Packers was 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.

THE THIRD QUARTER

The 16-game NFL schedule allows teams to break down their season into quarters, with the Packers about to wrap up 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, San Francisco, Detroit and Baltimore, the team finished the third quarter 4-0, with the first three wins coming in a span of 12 days.
- ▶ The last four games of the season look formidable, especially considering the Packers and some of their opponents will be 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.
- ▶ 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 had 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.
- ▶ Now with the season-ending injury to CB **Al Harris**, the team has taken Williams off primary punt return duties, giving them back to Nelson.
- ▶ Williams is the backup on punts and kicks, but given his importance on defense, the team could go to backups RB **Ahman Green** and RB **Brandon Jackson** on kick returns in the event of injury.
- ▶ With all the bodies getting their shot at kick and punt return, Green Bay has been toward the bottom of the league. Its kick-return average ranks 21st, while its punt return ranks 25th.
- ▶ On kick and punt coverage, Green Bay's special teams units have been susceptible to the big play. Its kickoff-return coverage ranks 25th in the NFL, while its punt-cover team ranks 30th.

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 Sunday with 8,240 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.
- ▶ Green got the chance to improve upon that mark against the Ravens, rushing five times for 23 yards. A groin injury suffered in practice kept him out of game action against San Francisco and Detroit.



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

WINNING WAYS AFTER THE BYE

With the victory over Detroit in Week 6, 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.
- ▶ So far this season, the team is 6-2 (.750) after the bye. Since 2000, the Packers over the balance of their season after the bye are a combined 58-35 (.623).

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 four straight wins. 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 eight different receivers against the Lions and Ravens 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 surpassed the plateau for the first time in his career with his six-catch, 128-yard performance in Minnesota.
- ▶ WR **Donald Driver** has topped the 100-yard mark in both games against Detroit, including a 142-yard performance on Thanksgiving. That is the highest receiving-yardage total for the Packers so far in 2009.
- ▶ 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 important 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 26-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, though there's no question the team has seen improvement in recent weeks. 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 12 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 has already established a career high in receiving yards (190) and with 23 catches thus far, could surpass another career mark (30 in 2007).
- ▶ Vying for carries behind Grant are 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 in practice that left him inactive for two games before returning against Baltimore. 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 and Detroit, the first times 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 continues to play with a cast on his broken hand, which has limited his snaps in offensive sets.
- ▶ Hall's return from a knee injury provided an immediate 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, already with a career-high four touchdowns, 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 fourth on the team with 31 catches and is the unit's primary starter. A reliable veteran, he's played in 73 games for the Packers.
- ▶ One of the emerging players on the roster is **Jermichael Finley**, who has returned 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 six catches of 20-plus yards in eight 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 through the early portion of the season, 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 and Lions, but Tauscher played his first full game of the season against Baltimore.
- ▶ **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 and remains an option if an ankle injury suffered in practice is fully healed.

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 and recorded his first NFL sack 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 seven 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, leaves a hole at the position with his knee injury. Luckily for the Packers, they have rookie **Brad Jones** and veteran **Brady Poppinga**. The team got an extended look at Jones when Kampman was sidelined with a concussion against Dallas and gave the rookie from Colorado the nod with the No. 1 unit.
- ▶ The team also used second-year man **Jeremy Thompson** against the Lions, but a neck sprain suffered in practice leaves his availability up in the air.
- ▶ First-round draft pick **Clay Matthews** is the other starter on the outside and looks to have a bright future. Armed with a full stat sheet, he could compete for Defensive Rookie of the Year honors.
- ▶ 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 see his most

action against Baltimore since breaking the hand. **Desmond Bishop** brings a physical presence who gives the team great depth along the inside.

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 seven 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. **Trevor Ford** was signed from the practice squad and played in the first two games on special teams, while **Josh Bell** was signed as a free agent two weeks ago.



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 in the calls and as a play-maker will be magnified given Harris' injury.
- ▶ **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. 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 in the nickel formation.
- ▶ 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 with Chillar after only slightly using the package against Baltimore.

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 kickoffs and punts. **Ahman Green**, **Brandon Jackson**, **Tramon Williams** and **Charles Woodson** all have experience on returns should they be needed.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS

56 NICK BARNETT

- ▶ Needs 1 tackle to move past No. 4 LeRoy Butler (953) and 15 to surpass No. 3 Mike Douglass (967) on the team's all-time list. He enters with 953 career tackles.

76 CHAD CLIFTON

- ▶ Has played in 139 career games, including 134 starts.
- ▶ Has started 102 of last 108 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. 3 Bobby Dillon and Darren Sharper, each of whom returned five.
- ▶ With 12 interceptions since 2008, ranks tied for second among all NFL players with 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 99 points in 2009.
- ▶ For his career, has hit 55-of-60 field goals from 39 yards-and-closer.
- ▶ Has hit 18-of-26 field goals from 40-49 yards.
- ▶ Has hit 7-of-16 field goals from 50-plus yards.

80 DONALD DRIVER

- ▶ Needs 135 receiving yards for 9,000 career. He ranks No. 2 on the franchise's all-time receiving yards list (8,865 career) behind No. 1 James Lofton (9,656).
- ▶ Surpassed Sterling Sharpe (595) to become the franchise's all-time leader in receptions. Driver enters with 633 career catches.
- ▶ Has a reception in 123 consecutive games, besting the franchise's previous long streak of Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).
- ▶ His 14 catches of 20-plus yards is the third-highest total in the NFL.
- ▶ For the eighth time has 50-plus receptions, a new franchise record. Lofton and Sharpe each had seven seasons with 50-plus catches.
- ▶ Needs 124 yards to reach 1,000 in 2009. His six 1,000-yard campaigns already is a franchise record, ahead of Lofton and Sharpe (five each).
- ▶ Extended another Packers record in 2008 by recording his fifth consecutive season (2004-08) with 1,000 receiving yards.
- ▶ Is the all-time leading receiver at Lambeau Field, with 4,252 career receiving yards at the stadium.
- ▶ Also is Lambeau Field's all-time leader in receptions with 308.
- ▶ Stands at No. 3 with 19 touchdown receptions at Lambeau Field. Antonio Freeman (36) ranks first in the stadium's history, while Sharpe (20) is No. 2.
- ▶ Has 22 career 100-yard receiving games, No. 4 in team history. Needs

- two more games to equal No. 3 Don Hutson (24) on the all-time list.
- ▶ With 49 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 9,082. Driver needs 631 yards to move past No. 3 Jim Taylor (9,712).

88 JERMICHAEL FINLEY

- ▶ Already has career highs in catches (34) and receiving yards (418).
- ▶ 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 3,090 career rushing yards.
- ▶ Needs 69 rushing yards to surpass 1,000 on the season.
- ▶ 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).
- ▶ Has established a new career-high with 190 receiving yards, including a single-game career high at Minnesota in Week 4 (50).

34 AHMAN GREEN

- ▶ Surpassed Jim Taylor (8,207 yards) to become the franchise's all-time leading rusher. Green enters with 8,240.
- ▶ Also surpassed Taylor (1,811 attempts) for the franchise mark in career carries. Green has 1,826 career attempts.
- ▶ His 10,966 yards from scrimmage also is a franchise best.

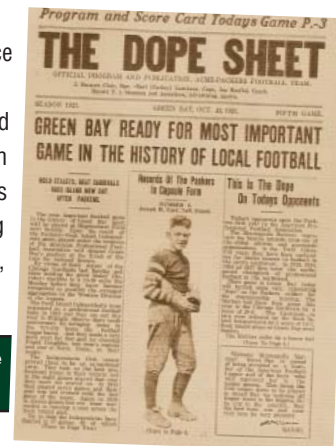
50 A.J. HAWK

- ▶ Has played in all 60 games in his career, including 58 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).

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

- ▶ 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 3,643 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.

86 DONALD LEE

- ▶ With 14 touchdowns while with the Packers, needs one more to match No. 5 Ron Kramer (15) on the franchise's all-time tight ends list.
- ▶ Needs 15 receptions to move past No. 5 Rich McGeorge (175) on the team's all-time tight ends list.

12 AARON RODGERS

- ▶ Ranks fifth in passing yards (3,399), tied for third in touchdowns (25), fourth in QB rating (103.3), ninth in completion percentage (65.5%), tied for eighth in interception percentage (1.7%), tied for seventh in 20-plus yard completions (41) and second in 40-plus yard passes (13).
- ▶ 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 28 career starts, has eclipsed a 100.0-plus passer rating 15 times.
- ▶ Has eight career 300-yard games and eight 3-TD games.
- ▶ Needs 601 passing yards over the final four games for another 4,000-yard season, which would make him the first player in NFL history to post 4,000 yards passing in each of his first two seasons as a starter.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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

- ▶ Starting with his first career interception in the 2007 regular-season finale, has nine interceptions in the last 29 games.
- ▶ Leads the team with a career-high 17 passes defended.

21 CHARLES WOODSON

- ▶ Has 43 career interceptions, 26 in 58 games since coming to Green Bay in 2006. Woodson had 17 interceptions in 106 games with Oakland.
- ▶ Is second in interceptions in the NFL since 2006 with 26 (Asante Samuel - PHI, 27). Woodson's 14 since 2008 leads all NFL players.
- ▶ His six interception-return TDs since 2006 is the most in the league during that span.
- ▶ With six interception returns for scores, moves into second on Green Bay's all-time career list. Needs two more to surpass No. 1 Herb Adderley (seven).
- ▶ With seven defensive touchdowns as a member of the Packers (six interceptions, one fumble return), is tied at No. 1 on the team's all-time list with Adderley and Darren Sharper.
- ▶ For his career, has eight interception-return TDs, tying him with No. 6 Eric Allen (1988-2001) on the NFL's all-time list.
- ▶ With seven interceptions in 2009, becomes only the second player in franchise history to post at least seven interceptions in three different seasons (Dillon, 1953-57).
- ▶ With two interceptions against Detroit on Thanksgiving, recorded the fifth multi-interception game of his career. Four of those games have come with Green Bay.
- ▶ His five sacks since 2008 lead all NFL defensive backs.
- ▶ Became the first NFL player since sacks became an official statistic in 1982 to record two interceptions, an interception for a touchdown, a sack and a fumble recovery in the same game when he posted all of those statistics at Detroit on Thanksgiving.

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

PLAYERS

Allen BarbreBAR-ber
 Atari Bigbyah-TARR-ee BIG-bee
 Brandon ChillarCHILL-er
 Biren Ealyeel-EE
 Breno GiacominiBREH-no GEE-ah-coh-MEE-knee
 Matt GiordanoG-or-DAHN-O
 Brett GoodeGEWD
 Ahman Greenah-MAHN
 Spencer HavnerHAY-vner
 Cullen JenkinsKULL-en
 Jeremy KapinosCAP-eh-nos
 John KuhnKOON
 Cyril ObiozorSEER-uhl Oh-BEE-AH-zer

Ryan PickettPICK-ett
 Brady Poppingapuh-PING-ah
 B.J. RajiRAH-jee
 Josh SittonSITT-en
 Mark TauscherTAO-sheer
 Tramon Williamstrah-MAHN

COACHES

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

DEPTH CHART

Unofficial, Dec. 8, 2009

OFFENSE

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

DEFENSE

LDE:	97	Johnny Jolly		<u>90</u>	<u>B.J. Raji</u>
NT:	79	Ryan Pickett		<u>90</u>	<u>B.J. Raji</u>
RDE:	77	Cullen Jenkins		96	Michael Montgomery
LOLB:	<u>59</u>	<u>Brad Jones</u>		<u>57</u>	<u>Cyril Obiozor</u>
BLB:	50	A.J. Hawk		55	Desmond Bishop
MLB:	56	Nick Barnett		54	Brandon Chillar
ROLB:	<u>52</u>	<u>Clay Matthews</u>		51	Brady Poppinga
LCB:	21	Charles Woodson		24	Jarrett Bush
RCB:	38	Tramon Williams		<u>33</u>	<u>Brandon Underwood</u>
SS:	20	Atari Bigby		29	Derrick Martin
FS:	36	Nick Collins		47	Matt Giordano
				94	<u>Jarius Wynn</u>
				99	Jeremy Thompson
				<u>41</u>	<u>Spencer Havner</u>
				26	Josh Bell
				<u>39</u>	<u>Trevor Ford</u>

SPECIAL TEAMS

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

Rookies and first-year players are underlined



HOW THE PACKERS WERE BUILT

Year	Record	Draft (32)	Trades (2)	Free Agents (17)
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			
2003	10-6-0	LB Nick Barnett D1		
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		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)	CB Josh Bell G/C Evan Dietrich-Smith WR Biren Ealy CB Trevor Ford RB Ahman Green S Matt Giordano LB Cyril Obiozor

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

MEDIA INFORMATION & POLICIES

MIKE MCCARTHY PRESS CONFERENCES

During the regular season, the coach will be available in the Media Auditorium Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

PLAYER INTERVIEWS

The team's locker room will generally be open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and following games.

- ▶ At the conclusion of all games, the locker room will be opened following the NFL's standard "cooling off" period.
- ▶ Any requests to interview players other than at the aforementioned times should be directed to a member of the Packers' P.R. department.

ASSISTANT COACH AVAILABILITY

All interviews by request only, through the P.R. department

- ▶ Assistants will generally be available in-person on Monday, Thursday (offense and special teams) and Friday (defense).
- ▶ Following games, coordinators will be available upon request, provided the request is made through the P.R. department (preferably by the 2-minute warning and no later than the time the locker room opens to media).
- ▶ Coordinators – Joe Philbin (offense), Dom Capers (defense) and Shawn Slocum (special teams) – will continue to serve as primary spokesmen in their respective areas.
- ▶ However, position coaches are available for questions on specific players and the position group only. Broader interview topics need to be directed to the respective coordinator.
- ▶ Assistant coaches also are available for interviews on more personal subjects, such as Winston Moss on his NFL playing career.
- ▶ No assistant coach should be contacted directly by telephone (at his desk, home or on his cell phone), or by e-mail. All interviews must be arranged through the P.R. department.
- ▶ Sarah Quick (quicks@packers.com) serves as the primary contact for assistant coaches. In her absence, feel free to contact Rob Crane (craner@packers.com).

GENERAL PRACTICE REPORTING GUIDELINES

PRACTICE INFORMATION

Once granted admission to practice, the Packers make the following requirements of reporting across all media platforms (print, television, radio, online or other) mandatory. All policies in place during the regular season are done so for competitive reasons and in accordance with guidelines established by the Pro Football Writers of America. Failure to adhere to the following policies will result in the revocation of practice access.

- ▶ NO reporting of specific plays (trick or other), personnel groupings or special/unusual formations. This includes the reporting of individual players as part of sub packages or special formations across offense, defense and special teams.
- ▶ It is incumbent upon media to ask a member of the P.R. staff about any information that may be close to violating these policies BEFORE it is reported.

PRIVATE TEAM COMMUNICATION

The Packers ask all media to refrain from reporting and/or recording/filming any team communication meant solely for the team.

- ▶ This includes the post-practice team huddle, in which McCarthy addresses his players. It also includes mid-practice and/or post-practice communication between any coach and his players, especially conversations of a reprimanding, negative nature.
- ▶ In general, reporting that the conversation took place is acceptable, just not the details of those conversations. Details are not to be relayed to the public either directly (through first-hand hearing), or indirectly (through interviews, even if the subject answers the question).

- ▶ If media has any question as to whether communication should be kept private, please contact the public relations department before writing or airing such conversations.

INJURY INFORMATION

All information concerning player injuries will be issued by Head Coach Mike McCarthy. Please don't address injury questions to Ted Thompson.

PRACTICE ACCESS & PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

PRACTICE CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

Admittance will not be granted without a credential. No guests will be permitted to use media credentials, which are subject to revocation if used in that manner.

- ▶ Practice sessions will be open to members of the media who cover the team on a regular basis, unless otherwise stipulated.
- ▶ All other media (news departments, etc.) must secure a practice field pass from the public relations department and sign the necessary waiver before attending practice. No exceptions can be made.
- ▶ Visiting media may not attend practice in the regular season.
- ▶ Practice field (season-long photo ID and daily) credentials, required for all practice sessions, are not transferable and will be closely monitored.
- ▶ Under policy, members of the media (who have yet to do so) will need to sign a liability waiver before gaining access to the Packers' practices. They will be able to sign the waiver upon picking up their practice field credentials from Sarah Quick in the public relations department office.
- ▶ Members of the media are asked to e-mail their requests for practice field credentials to the public relations department's Sarah Quick (quicks@packers.com) at least 24 hours in advance of the day (or days) on which they wish to cover practice.
- ▶ Practices will be open to media for designated periods during the first half of each session, similar to previous seasons. Also, as in previous years, videotaping opportunities will be limited to a few periods at the beginning of practice.

ADDITIONAL PHOTO/VIDEO GUIDELINES

- ▶ Filming or relaying messages/information on closed-circuit televisions throughout the building, including the locker room, is prohibited.
- ▶ Shots that require members of the media to be in a kneeling position with camera resting on the ground are strongly discouraged.
- ▶ No tripods are allowed during practice.

INJURY FOOTAGE POLICY

- ▶ Again this season, the Packers respectfully ask all photographers (video and still) to follow guidelines related to shooting injured players.
- ▶ Photographers are asked to avoid filming, photographing, printing and/or airing any shots of any injury situation, while the injury occurs, while trainers attend to/treat the injured player, and while the player is leaving the field, either on his own or with aid. This includes minor injuries.
- ▶ The team will allow shots of players after they've been treated. For instance, cameras are allowed to shoot a player on the sideline with ice on his knee, after trainers have left.
- ▶ However, cameras are not allowed to film a player on crutches, either on the field or in the locker room.
- ▶ If outlets choose not to respect this policy — or any other policy — the team will have no choice but to consider limiting access to the field and/or locker room.

BOUNDARIES

All practice guests, including members of the media, must remain within the boundaries established by the team.

MEDIA INFORMATION & POLICIES

PHOTO CREDENTIALS

Photo credentials will not be issued to free-lance photographers unless on a specific assignment from an accredited organization. Credentials are not provided to "grips" due to on-field space limitations.

OTHER POLICIES & INFORMATION

2009 NFL NON-GAME ONLINE CONTENT POLICY

- ▶ Accredited organizations may distribute online non-game audio and video content, including interviews, press conferences and team practices at NFL venues, acquired as a result of credentialed access ("Game Information") to games or club/league facilities provided that such distribution:
 - ▶ is 90 seconds maximum per day (180 seconds maximum in two-team markets -- 90 seconds per team);
 - ▶ may not be "archived" (i.e., made available for on-demand public access) for more than 24 hours;
 - ▶ appears in an editorial context only (no sponsorship, merchandising or advertising integrated with or around the content);
 - ▶ is not posted live, and is accompanied by links back to NFL.com and to the club web site, www.packers.com in this instance.
- ▶ The 90-second limit does not include video/audio material that is comprised entirely of a credentialed media employee providing commentary or analysis ("Talking Head" reporting), including pre- or post-game stand-up material shot on the field or other facility location.
- ▶ While a game is in progress, any forms of accounts of the game must be sufficiently time-delayed and limited in amount (e.g., score updates with detail given only in quarterly game updates, fewer than 10 photographs during the game) so that the Accredited Organization's game coverage cannot be used as a substitute for, or otherwise approximate, authorized play-by-play accounts.

LIVE BLOGGING/TWITTER POLICY

The Packers ask that members of the media utilizing such technology adhere to the following guidelines, similar to policies already in place:

- ▶ NO live reports can be filed until after the open portion of practice.
- ▶ NO detailed speculation as to the potential nature or severity of an injury or level of practice participation until Coach McCarthy has addressed it following practice. Once again, acknowledging that an injury occurred and providing general details (i.e. 'Right leg...' or 'Left wrist...') is permitted, but anything beyond that would be purely speculative and possibly inaccurate, likewise with levels of practice participation.
- ▶ NO entries that violate the team's policy in regards to practice information (schemes, formations, etc.) or private team communication.

MISCELLANEOUS

For their safety and the safety of Packers players, media are requested to adhere to the following:

- ▶ Any member of the media who does not have a credential will be asked to obtain one and sign the necessary waiver at the public relations office or practice field before gaining admittance.
- ▶ All items brought to practice (cameras, bags, equipment, etc.) should be stored against the wall, away from the field, for safety reasons.
- ▶ **Food** is not allowed during practice. **Bottled drinks** are allowed, as long as they are stored in a personal bag against the wall, and consumed near the wall.
- ▶ Any equipment not stored should be held at all times; when avoiding oncoming action, it is important that anything in your possession moves as you move.
- ▶ When asked to move, media should move immediately.
- ▶ No players or coaches may be actively engaged in conversation or interviewed while practice is in progress.

CELL PHONES

The team does not tolerate cell-phone distractions at practice. Please set all phones to off or vibrate. Any phone conversations should be conducted well away from the field, while lengthy conversations must be conducted outside of the practice gate.

SINGLE-GAME CREDENTIALS

- ▶ Following are credential application deadlines for the Packers' regular-season games. All written requests should be directed to Sarah Quick, via e-mail: quicks@packers.com.
- ▶ **at Pittsburgh** - Mon., Dec. 14, by noon
- ▶ **vs. Seattle** - Wed., Dec. 23, by 5 p.m.
- ▶ **at Arizona** - Mon., Dec. 28, by noon

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Dec. 8

4:45-4:55 p.m. Head Coach Mike McCarthy in Media Auditorium
No assistant coach availability due to meetings
Players off; no player or coach availability

Wednesday, Dec. 9

10:30 a.m. Practice open to media until team periods begin
12:15 p.m. LB Lance Briggs conference call in media workroom
12:30 p.m. Lovie Smith conference call in media workroom
1:00 p.m. Head Coach Mike McCarthy in Media Auditorium
1:10-1:55 p.m. Packers locker room open for 45 minutes

Thursday, Dec. 10

10:30 a.m. Practice open to media until team periods begin
12:50 p.m. Head Coach Mike McCarthy in Media Auditorium for five minute post-practice update
12:55-1:10 p.m. Offensive and special teams assistants available in person for 15 minutes, in hallway outside locker room (upon request through P.R. by practice)
1:10-1:55 p.m. Packers locker room open for 45 minutes

Friday, Dec. 11

10:15 a.m. Practice open to media until team periods begin
12:15 p.m. Head Coach Mike McCarthy in Media Auditorium
12:25-1:10 p.m. Packers locker room open for 45 minutes
12:35-12:50 p.m. Defensive assistants available in person for 15 minutes, in hallway outside locker room (upon request through P.R. by practice)

Saturday, Dec. 12

No practice; no player or coach availability

Sunday, Dec. 13

Noon Packers vs. Bears; Soldier Field

Monday, Dec. 14

12:15 p.m. Head Coach Mike McCarthy in Media Auditorium
2:55 p.m. Assistants available in person for 15 minutes, in hallway outside locker room (upon request through P.R. by practice)
2:55-3:40 p.m. Packers locker room open for 45 minutes

REMINDERS

- *Times and locations of practices are provided for media use only; they are not intended for publication or broadcast*
- *Post-practice press conference and locker room times are approximate and subject to change based upon practice length and meeting schedules; practice location also subject to change*

2009 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

	Packers	Opponent
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	257	200
Rushing	76	51
Passing	155	119
Penalty	26	30
3rd Down: Made/Att.	75/164	54/157
3rd Down Pct.	45.7	34.4
4th Down: Made/Att.	1/7	9/21
4th Down Pct.	14.3	42.9
POSSESSION AVG.	33:36	26:24
TOTAL NET YARDS	4552	3282
Avg. Per Game	379.3	273.5
Total Plays	798	708
Avg. Per Play	5.7	4.6
NET YARDS RUSHING	1405	1046
Avg. Per Game	117.1	87.2
Total Rushes	330	292
NET YARDS PASSING	3147	2236
Avg. Per Game	262.3	186.3
Sacked/Yards Lost	45/267	26/165
Gross Yards	3414	2401
Att./Completions	423/277	390/204
Completion Pct.	65.5	52.3
Had Intercepted	7	21
PUNTS/AVERAGE	52/43.2	55/45.8
Net Punting Avg.	52/33.5	55/41.1
PENALTIES/YARDS	98/905	69/559
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	17/6	22/10
TOUCHDOWNS	37	28
Rushing	9	4
Passing	25	22
Returns	3	2

SCORE BY PERIODS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	70	122	37	94	0	323
OPPONENTS	38	67	55	69	0	229

SCORING

	TD	-Ru	-Pa	-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mason Crosby	0	0	0	0	33/34	22/29	0	99
Donald Driver	6	0	6	0			0	36
Ryan Grant	5	5	0	0			0	30
Spencer Havner	4	0	4	0			0	24
James Jones	4	0	4	0			0	24
Greg Jennings	3	0	3	0			0	20
Jermichael Finley	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
Charles Woodson	2	0	0	2			0	12
Donald Lee	1	0	1	0			0	6
Clay Matthews	1	0	0	1			0	6
PACKERS	37	9	25	3	33/34	22/29	0	323
OPPONENTS	28	4	22	2	26/26	9/13	3	229

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

SACKS: Clay Matthews 7, Cullen Jenkins 4.5, Aaron Kampman 3.5, Nick Barnett 3, Charles Woodson 2, Brandon Chillar 1, Nick Collins 1, Al Harris 1, A.J. Hawk 1, Brad Jones 1, B.J. Raji 1, PACKERS 26, OPPONENTS 45

RUSHING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Grant	227	931	4.1	37	5
Aaron Rodgers	49	277	5.7	35	3
Ahman Green	16	78	4.9	26	0
Brandon Jackson	23	69	3.0	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
PACKERS	330	1405	4.3	37	9
OPPONENTS	292	1046	3.6	42	4

PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Aaron Rodgers	420	275	3399	65.5	8.09	25	6.0	7	1.7	74t	45/267	103.3
Matt Flynn	3	2	15	66.7	5.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	0/0	78.5
PACKERS	423	277	3414	65.5	8.07	25	5.9	7	1.7	74t	45/267	103.1
OPPONENTS	390	204	2401	52.3	6.16	22	5.6	21	5.4	68	26/165	67.7

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Donald Driver	56	876	15.6	71t	6
Greg Jennings	53	799	15.1	64t	3
Jermichael Finley	34	418	12.3	62t	3
Donald Lee	31	227	7.3	19	1
James Jones	26	381	14.7	74t	4
Ryan Grant	23	190	8.3	27	0
Jordy Nelson	16	181	11.3	33t	2
Brandon Jackson	13	115	8.8	16	0
Spencer Havner	7	112	16.0	45t	4
John Kuhn	6	43	7.2	14	2
Korey Hall	4	34	8.5	13	0
Ahman Green	3	18	6.0	12	0
DeShawn Wynn	2	19	9.5	11	0
Quinn Johnson	2	4	2.0	4	0
Mark Tauscher	1	-3	-3.0	-3	0
PACKERS	277	3414	12.3	74t	25
OPPONENTS	204	2401	11.8	68	22

INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Charles Woodson	7	125	17.9	38t	2
Nick Collins	5	79	15.8	31	0
Tramon Williams	3	73	24.3	67	0
Al Harris	2	29	14.5	29	0
A.J. Hawk	1	13	13.0	13	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
PACKERS	21	325	15.5	67	2
OPPONENTS	7	91	13.0	36	1

PUNTING

	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In 20	LG	Bk
Jeremy Kapinos	51	2245	44.0	33.5	7	13	58	1
PACKERS	52	2245	43.2	33.5	7	13	58	1
OPPONENTS	55	2520	45.8	41.1	4	25	62	0

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Tramon Williams	13	5	135	10.4	45	0
Jordy Nelson	10	3	31	3.1	14	0
Will Blackmon	3	1	11	3.7	6	0
Charles Woodson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
PACKERS	27	9	177	6.6	45	0
OPPONENTS	32	5	362	11.3	60	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordy Nelson	14	370	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
Evan Dietrich-Smith	1	5	5.0	5	0
Charles Woodson	1	18	18.0	18	0
PACKERS	41	910	22.2	46	0
OPPONENTS	57	1395	24.5	83	0

FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mason Crosby	1/1	10/10	6/7	4/6	1/5
PACKERS	1/1	10/10	6/7	4/6	1/5
OPPONENTS	0/0	3/3	1/2	4/6	1/2

Crosby: (49N,52G,39G) (55N,45G) (48G,38G,25G) (31G) (46G,28G,31G,26G) (55N,18G) (37G,26G,51N) () (52N,48G) (23G,27G,27G) (43N,20G,25G) (28G,38N, 32G) Opponents: (47G,21G) (40G) (48B,53G) () () (22G) (41G) (45N,38G) (38N) (46G) (54N,22G) ()

2009 REGULAR-SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Official totals - based on coaches' film review, through December 7 vs. Baltimore

Player	Total			Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
	Tackles	Solo	Asst					
Nick Barnett	89	72	17	3.0/27.0	0/0	0	0	5
A.J. Hawk	64	49	15	1.0/7.0	1/13	0	0	1
Charles Woodson	63	51	12	2.0/18.0	7/125	1	4	12
Johnny Jolly	56	25	31	0.0/0.0	1/2	2	0	8
Aaron Kampman	55	32	23	3.5/9.5	0/0	0	1	1
Ryan Pickett	46	24	22	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Brandon Chillar	42	31	11	1.0/2.0	0/0	1	0	4
Nick Collins	41	35	6	1.0/1.0	5/79	1	0	13
Clay Matthews	40	28	12	7.0/47.0	0/0	3	2	6
Cullen Jenkins	38	30	8	4.5/40.5	1/4	0	3	1
Al Harris	37	28	9	1.0/8.0	2/29	1	0	7
Atari Bigby	28	20	8	0.0/0.0	1/0	0	0	5
Tramon Williams	26	18	8	0.0/0.0	3/73	0	0	17
B.J. Raji	23	16	7	1.0/1.0	0/0	0	0	1
Brad Jones	17	12	5	1.0/4.0	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
Jarrett Bush	12	10	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	6
Desmond Bishop	7	6	1	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
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
Jarius Wynn	2	1	1	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
Totals	725	521	204	26.0/165.0	21/325	9	10	90

SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	IT	FR	FF
Desmond Bishop	17	0	1
Spencer Havner	14	0	0
Derrick Martin	14	0	0
Korey Hall	10	0	0
Tramon Williams	10	0	0
John Kuhn	9	0	0
Brad Jones	8	0	0
Jarrett Bush	6	0	0
Brady Poppinga	6	0	0
Brandon Chillar	5	0	0
Brandon Underwood	5	0	0
Matt Giordano	4	0	0
Brett Swain	4	0	0
Nick Collins	2	1	0
Mason Crosby	2	0	0
A.J. Hawk	2	0	0
DeShawn Wynn	2	0	0
Will Blackmon	1	0	0
Trevor Ford	1	0	0
Brett Goode	1	0	0
Brandon Jackson	1	0	0
Jeremy Kapinos	1	0	0
Jeremy Thompson	1	0	0
Totals	126	1	1

BLOCKED KICKS

Player	PAT	FG	P
Johnny Jolly	0	1	0
Totals	0	1	0

DEFENSIVE SCORING

Player	TD	Int		Fum	Safeties
		Ret	Ret		
Charles Woodson	2	2	0	0	0
Clay Matthews	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	3	2	1	0	0

Defensive touchdowns (2):

Matthews — 42-yard fumble return at Minnesota (10/5)
 Woodson — 37-yard interception return vs. Cincinnati (9/20);
 38-yard interception return at Detroit (11/26)

MISCELLANEOUS TACKLES

Player	Tackles
Greg Jennings	3
Josh Sitton	2
Donald Driver	1
Korey Hall	1
Brandon Jackson	1
James Jones	1
T.J. Lang	1
Aaron Rodgers	1
Jason Spitz	1
Totals	12

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.
26	Bell, Josh	CB	5-11	177	1/8/85	2	Baylor	Dallas, Texas
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	2/27/75	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
39	Ford, Trevor	CB	6-0	188	2/19/86	R	Troy	Miami, Fla.
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
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.
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.
57	Obiozor, Cyril	LB	6-4	249	9/26/86	R	Texas A&M	Pearland, Texas
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

83	Crabtree, Tom	TE	6-4	245	11/4/85	R	Miami (Ohio)	Carroll, Ohio
64	Daniels, Stanley	G	6-4	328	11/30/84	1	Washington	San Diego, Calif.
28	Lumpkin, Kregg	RB	5-11	228	5/15/84	2	Georgia	Stone Mountain, Ga.
13	Reilly, Mike	QB	6-3	213	1/25/85	R	Central Washington	Kalispell, Mont.
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)
31	Harris, Al	CB	6-1	190	12/7/74	12	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Nov. 25 (knee)
74	Kampman, Aaron	LB	6-4	260	11/30/79	8	Iowa	Dec. 7 (knee)
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 Acquired	Reg. season
						Exp				
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	25	3		Colorado	D6c-07	12/0/0/0
7	Jeremy Kapinos	P	6-1	233	25	1		Penn State	FA-08	12/0/0/0
10	Matt Flynn	QB	6-2	225	24	2		Louisiana State	D7a-08	12/0/0/0
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	220	26	5		California	D1-05	12/12/0/0
19	Biren Ealy	WR	6-2	212	25	2		Houston	FA-09	1/0/0/4
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	213	28	4		Central Florida	FA-05	9/7/0/3
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	202	33	12		Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	12/12/0/0
24	Jarrett Bush	CB/S	6-0	200	25	4		Utah State	W-06 (Car)	12/0/0/0
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	222	27	3		Notre Dame	T-07 (NYG)	12/12/0/0
26	Josh Bell	CB	5-11	177	24	2		Baylor	FA-09	0/0/0/2
29	Derrick Martin	S	5-10	198	24	4		Wyoming	T-09 (BAL)	11/1/0/1
30	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	250	27	4		Shippensburg	W-07 (Pitt)	12/4/0/0
32	Brandon Jackson	RB	5-10	216	24	3		Nebraska	D2-07	8/0/0/4
33	Brandon Underwood	CB	6-1	191	23	R		Cincinnati	D6b-09	8/0/0/4
34	Ahman Green	RB	6-0	217	32	12		Nebraska	FA-09	4/0/0/3
35	Korey Hall	FB	6-0	236	26	3		Boise State	D6a-07	8/3/0/4
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	207	26	5		Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	12/12/0/0
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	191	26	3		Louisiana Tech	FA-06	12/5/0/0
39	Trevor Ford	CB	6-0	188	23	R		Troy	FA-09	2/0/0/0
41	Spencer Havner	TE/LB	6-3	250	26	1		UCLA	FA-08	12/1/0/0
45	Quinn Johnson	FB	6-1	255	23	R		Louisiana State	D5a-09	6/0/0/6
47	Matt Giordano	S	5-11	200	27	5		California	FA-09	4/0/0/6
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	250	25	4		Ohio State	D1-06	12/10/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	250	30	5		Brigham Young	D4b-05	11/3/0/1
52	Clay Matthews	LB	6-3	250	23	R		Southern California	D1b-09	12/9/0/0
54	Brandon Chillar	LB	6-3	237	27	6		UCLA	UFA-08 (StL)	9/4/2/1
55	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	238	25	3		California	D6b-07	12/0/0/0
56	Nick Barnett	LB	6-2	236	28	7		Oregon State	D1-03	12/12/0/0
57	Cyril Obiozor	LB	6-4	249	23	R		Texas A&M	FA-09	1/0/0/0
59	Brad Jones	LB	6-3	239	23	R		Colorado	D7-09	10/3/0/2
61	Brett Goode	LS	6-1	261	25	2		Arkansas	FA-08	12/0/0/0
62	Evan Dietrich-Smith	G/C	6-2	305	23	R		Idaho State	FA-09	9/0/0/3
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	300	28	6		Tennessee	D7-04 (FA-04)	11/10/1/0
65	Mark Tauscher	T	6-3	316	32	10		Wisconsin	D7a-00 (FA-09)	4/4/1/3
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	311	24	2		Louisville	D5-08	0/0/1/11
70	T.J. Lang	G/T	6-4	316	22	R		Eastern Michigan	D4-09	12/3/0/0
71	Josh Sitton	G	6-3	322	23	2		Central Florida	D4b-08	12/12/0/0
73	Daryn Colledge	G	6-4	308	27	4		Boise State	D2a-06	12/12/0/0
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	320	33	10		Tennessee	D2-00	8/8/1/3
77	Cullen Jenkins	DE	6-2	305	28	6		Central Michigan	FA-04	12/12/0/0
78	Allen Barbre	T/G	6-4	305	25	3		Missouri Southern State	D4-07	9/7/0/3
79	Ryan Pickett	NT	6-2	340	30	9		Ohio State	UFA-06 (StL)	12/9/0/0
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	194	34	11		Alcorn State	D7b-99	12/12/0/0
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	198	26	4		Western Michigan	D2b-06	12/10/0/0
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	29	7		Mississippi State	FA-05	12/10/0/0
87	Jordy Nelson	WR	6-3	217	24	2		Kansas State	D2a-08	9/0/0/3
88	Jermichael Finley	TE	6-5	247	22	2		Texas	D3-08	9/7/0/3
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	208	25	3		San Jose State	D3a-07	12/3/0/0
90	B.J. Raji	NT	6-2	337	23	R		Boston College	D1a-09	10/0/0/2
94	Jarius Wynn	DE	6-3	285	23	R		Georgia	D6a-09	7/0/0/5
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	282	26	5		Texas A&M	D6a-05	8/0/0/4
97	Johnny Jolly	DE	6-3	325	26	4		Texas A&M	D6a-06	12/12/0/0
99	Jeremy Thompson	LB	6-4	260	24	2		Wake Forest	D4a-08	6/0/0/6

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
64	Stanley Daniels	G	6-4	328	25	1		Washington	FA-09	0/0/0/0
83	Tom Crabtree	TE	6-4	245	24	R		Miami (Ohio)	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)
31	Al Harris	CB	6-1	190	35	12		Texas A&M-Kingsville	T-03 (Phil)	Nov. 25 (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)
74	Aaron Kampman	LB	6-4	260	30	8		Iowa	D5a-02	Dec. 7 (knee)
91	Justin Harrell	DE	6-4	320	25	3		Tennessee	D1-07	Sept. 5 (back)