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PACKERS HEAD TO PITTSBURGH

Two of the NFL's most storied franchises square off in Pittsburgh for an inter-conference game with playoff implications for both teams.

- ▶ The two clubs come into play Sunday on the opposite side of streaks. Green Bay has reeled off five consecutive victories, while Pittsburgh has dropped its last five.
- ▶ Though the Packers played a preseason game in Pittsburgh in 2007, Sunday will mark the team's first-ever regular season game at Heinz Field since its opening in 2001. Green Bay's last game in Pittsburgh came in 1998 at Three Rivers Stadium.
- ▶ The two teams first met in 1933, when the Packers soundly defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates 47-0. They have since played 30 times, with the Packers holding an 18-13-0 advantage in the all-time series. Included in that record is a 9-6 mark in the city of Pittsburgh.
- ▶ The two historic franchises have combined for 18 NFL championships and 39 members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame. No franchise has captured more NFL titles than Green Bay (12), while Pittsburgh has a league-best six championships in the Super Bowl era.
- ▶ The Packers finished their division slate with a 21-14 victory over the Bears in Chicago last Sunday. Their five consecutive victories is the fourth-longest active streak in the league.
- ▶ With a win Sunday, Green Bay would achieve double-digit victories for the 24th time in Packers' history. A win would also go a long way in the team's bid to play in the postseason for the 25th time in team history.
- ▶ Pittsburgh still remains in the picture in the AFC Wild Card hunt despite its five-game losing streak. Also, the Steelers come into play against the Packers as a rested team, having last played on Dec. 10, when they dropped a 13-6 contest in Cleveland.



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 **Joe Buck** and color analyst **Troy Aikman** will have the call from the broadcast booth with **Pam Oliver** serving as the sideline reporter.
- ▶ Milwaukee's WTMJ (620 AM), airing Green Bay games since 1929, heads up the 53-station Packers Radio Network, with **Wayne Larrivee** (play-by-play) and two-time Packers Pro Bowler **Larry McCarren** (color) calling the action. The duo enters its 11th season of broadcasts together across the Packers Radio Network, which covers 43 markets in five states.
- ▶ Westwood One Radio will air the game across the country. **Kevin Kugler** (play-by-play) and **Mark Malone** (analyst) will call the action. **Scott Graham** hosts the pregame and halftime shows.
- ▶ 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 130 WTMJ feed) as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive.
- ▶ DIRECTV subscribers can watch the game in HD on channel 710.

HOMECOMING FOR McCARTHY

Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**, the 14th coach in Green Bay Packers history, returns to his hometown for the first time in his NFL career.

- ▶ As an assistant coach with Kansas City, Green Bay, New Orleans and San Francisco, he faced the Steelers six times – each time at home. The Packers did make a preseason trip to Pittsburgh in 2007.
- ▶ McCarthy grew up one of five children in the Irish Catholic family of father Joe and mother Ellen in the Pittsburgh neighborhood of Greenfield. His father was a longtime firefighter and police officer.
- ▶ He graduated from Bishop Boyle High School in Homestead, Pa., and later served on Paul Hackett's staff at the University of Pittsburgh for four seasons (1989-92).
- ▶ In both 2008 and '09, McCarthy partnered with the Packers to make donations of \$100,000 to Pittsburgh's Greenfield Neighborhood to benefit youth and community programs.
- ▶ McCarthy will have over 30 family and friends in attendance.

PRESEASON

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sat., Aug. 15	CLEVELAND BROWNS (Gold Pkg.)W, 17-0	(69,091)	
	(Midwest Shrine Game)		
Sat., Aug. 22	BUFFALO BILLS.W, 31-21	(68,908)	
	(Bishop's Charities Game)		
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 Vikings.L, 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 VIKINGS.L, 26-38	(71,213)	
Sun., Nov. 8	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers.L, 28-38	(62,994)	
Sun., Nov. 15	DALLAS COWBOYS (Gold Pkg.)W, 17-7	(70,894)	
Sun., Nov. 22	SAN FRANCISCO 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 BearsW, 21-14	(62,214)	
Sun., Dec. 20	at Pittsburgh Steelers3:15 p.m.	FOX	
Sun., Dec. 27	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS12 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

COULD THEY CLINCH?

Winners of five consecutive games, including a three-game stretch in 12 days against NFC opponents, Green Bay stands in prime position for one of the conference's Wild Card berths.

- ▶ There are three scenarios in which Green Bay could clinch a playoff spot this weekend: 1) Packers win AND Cowboys loss; 2) Packers win AND Giants loss or tie; 3) Packers tie AND Giants loss.
- ▶ At 9-4, Green Bay stands ahead of Dallas (8-5) and the New York Giants (7-6) for the top NFC Wild Card seed. By virtue of its Week 10 win over the Cowboys, Green Bay holds the first tiebreaker over Dallas.
- ▶ 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 7-3 against the NFC so far this season with two conference games remaining.

'BLITZBURGH' RETURNS IN GREEN AND GOLD

In addition to a head coach with Pittsburgh ties, a number of coaches on the Green Bay staff have ties to the area and the Steelers organization.

- ▶ Defensive coordinator **Dom Capers**, now in his 24th NFL season, got his first chance to run a defense in Pittsburgh when he served as defensive coordinator for three seasons (1992-94) with the Steelers. The team earned postseason berths in all three years of Capers' tenure and ranked among the league's top 3 in overall defense each of his last two years.
- ▶ Two of Capers' leaders on defense with the Steelers are now on the defensive staff with Capers in Green Bay. Outside linebackers coach **Kevin Greene**, No. 3 on the league's all-time list with 160 career sacks, played two of his three seasons in Pittsburgh under Capers' tutelage. In '94, he was named a first-team All-Pro and Pro Bowler after leading the league with 14 sacks.
- ▶ Also on staff in Green Bay coaching safeties is **Darren Perry**, who played seven seasons (1992-98) and coached for four seasons (2003-06) with the Steelers organization. An immediate starter at safety as a rookie in 1992 under Capers, Perry went on to start all 110 games he saw action in as a member of the Steelers and tallied 32 career interceptions. As an assistant under Bill Cowher, he was credited for helping the rapid development of perennial All-Pro honoree Troy Polamalu.
- ▶ Quarterbacks coach **Tom Clements** was born in McKees Rocks, Pa., and spent three seasons coaching QBs (2001-03) under Cowher. Tight ends coach **Ben McAdoo** is a native of Homer City, Pa., and spent a season on staff at the University of Pittsburgh (2003). Defensive quality control coach **Scott McCurley**, a Bessemer, Pa., native, was a four-year letterman at the University of Pittsburgh (1999-2002) and spent three seasons (2003-05) there as a graduate assistant.

THE LEAGUE'S TOP-RANKED DEFENSE

Despite surrendering just 254 total net yards to the Bears, the Green Bay defense fell to the No. 2 spot in the league's overall defensive rankings. Still, it hasn't been since 1996, when it finished the year No. 1 overall and went on to win Super Bowl XXXI, that the Packers' defense has ranked among the league's top units this late in the season.

- ▶ Another solid defensive outing sparked Sunday's win in Chicago, in which the team added two interceptions and three sacks to its resume.
- ▶ 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. 2 against the run and No. 3 against the pass.
- ▶ Green Bay is allowing 272.0 yards per game, joining the N.Y. Jets (264.7) as the only teams to surrender less than 290 yards per outing.
- ▶ Some would argue that a more important and telling statistic is points allowed, and not how many yards a team has yielded. With 243 points against it this year, Green Bay ranks tied for ninth with Minnesota.
- ▶ 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, Pittsburgh, ranks 17th in third-down offense.

- ▶ One constant for the defense has been its ability to take the ball away, registering 32 of the team's 33 takeaways. The Packers rank only behind the Saints (37) in total takeaways in 2009 and own the league's second-longest active streak with a takeaway in 16 straight games.
- ▶ 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** (six INTs) and **Woodson** (eight), those 33 turnovers have led to 113 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



Opponents trying to run against the Packers' defense have found it particularly tough as of late. In nine of the last 10 games, Green Bay has held its opponent to under 90 total net rushing yards.

- ▶ Ranked as the league's No. 2 unit against the run, the Packers have held an opponent to under 90 total net yards rushing 10 times this season, with the latest coming last Sunday in Chicago when the Bears totaled just 59 yards on the ground.
- ▶ Green Bay is the only team in the NFL to hold its opponent under 90 net rushing yards 10 times this season. Cincinnati and Tennessee both enter play in Week 15 with nine.
- ▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, this marks just the second time in franchise history that the team has held an opponent to under 90 net rushing yards 10 times in a single season, dating back to 1933.
- ▶ The franchise record of 11 such games was set in 1996, when Green Bay finished as the league's No. 1 defense and won Super Bowl XXXI.
- ▶ It's not as if Green Bay's pass defense is lagging far behind. It ranks third in the league and is allowing the second-lowest completion percentage (53.3) in the NFL.
- ▶ Chicago's 254 total net yards was the sixth consecutive game in which the Packers have held an opponent under 300 total net yards.
- ▶ The last time the Green Bay defense held an opponent under 300 total net yards for six consecutive games was 1974, when the defense had a seven-game streak.



THE DOPE ON THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:

Green Bay Packers vs. Pittsburgh Steelers

All-time, regular season:
18-13-0

All-time, in Pittsburgh:
9-6-0

Streaks: The Steelers have won six of the last eight games.

Last meeting, regular season:
Nov. 6, 2005, at Lambeau Field; Steelers won, 20-10

Last meeting, in Pittsburgh:
Nov. 9, 1998; Steelers won, 27-20



COACHES CAPSULES

Mike McCarthy: 37-26-0, .587 (incl. 1-1 postseason); 4th NFL season

Mike Tomlin: 31-18-0, .632 (incl. 3-1 postseason); 3rd NFL season

Head to Head: Never met

vs. Opponent: McCarthy 0-0 vs. Steelers; Tomlin 0-0 vs. Packers

MIKE MCCARTHY...Is in fourth year as the Packers' 14th head coach.

- ▶ Was named Packers head coach on Jan. 12, 2006, his first head coaching job after 13 years as an NFL assistant.
- ▶ Honored as the 2007 Motorola NFL Coach of the Year and NFL Alumni Coach of the Year.
- ▶ Became the first Packers coach since Vince Lombardi to lead the team to a championship game in his second season.
- ▶ One of only three head coaches to lead an offense ranked in the top 10 in the league each of the past three years.

MIKE TOMLIN...Is in third year as the Steelers' 16th head coach.

- ▶ Became the youngest head coach (36 years, 323 days) in NFL history to win a Super Bowl when the Steelers defeated the Cardinals, 27-23, in Super Bowl XLIII.
- ▶ Is the only coach in Steelers' history to win division titles in each of his first two seasons.
- ▶ Was the Minnesota Vikings defensive coordinator in 2006 after spending the previous five seasons (2001-05) as defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.
- ▶ A three-year starter at wide receiver at William & Mary, was a teammate of former Packers safety Darren Sharper there.

THE PACKERS-STEELERS SERIES

- ▶ Sunday marks Green Bay's first regular-season trip to Heinz Field, following a preseason visit in 2007.
- ▶ The Packers lead the all-time regular-season series with an 18-13 edge, having won the first 12 contests between the two teams from 1933-46.
- ▶ Pittsburgh played its first-ever road game in the NFL at City Stadium on Oct. 15, 1933, a 47-0 Packers victory.
- ▶ The Packers' last win in the series was a memorable won, coming on Christmas Eve 1995. Pittsburgh receiver Yancey Thigpen dropped a potential game-winning touchdown pass in the end zone in the closing moments to give the Packers a 24-19 victory and the NFC Central Division title.

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

Several Packers coaches have ties to the Pittsburgh area...Head Coach Mike McCarthy grew up in Greenfield, a neighborhood just outside of downtown, and is making his first regular-season appearance in Pittsburgh as an NFL coach. He also coached at the University of Pittsburgh for four seasons...Defensive coordinator Dom Capers held the same job with

the Steelers from 1992-94, and outside linebackers coach Kevin Greene played for the Steelers during that same time...Safeties coach Darren Perry played seven seasons (1992-98) with the Steelers, starting in Super Bowl XXX, and he also coached defensive backs for Pittsburgh for four seasons (2003-06)...Offensive coordinator Joe Philbin spent four years coaching at Allegheny College in Meadville, Pa. ...Quarterbacks coach Tom Clements, who was born in McKees Rocks, Pa., an area on the outskirts of Pittsburgh, served as quarterbacks coach for the Steelers for three seasons under Bill Cowher (2001-03)...Tight ends coach Ben McAdoo, a Homer City, Pa., native, graduated from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and coached at the University of Pittsburgh as an offensive assistant in 2003...Special teams coordinator Shawn Slocum was a graduate assistant for the defense at the University of Pittsburgh in 1990... Steelers defensive coordinator Dick LeBeau coached defensive backs for the Packers for four seasons (1976-79)...Packers safeties coach Darren Perry's first NFL coaching job was with the Cincinnati Bengals in 2002 when LeBeau was the head coach there...Packers FB John Kuhn entered the NFL as a non-drafted free agent with the Steelers in 2005 and played nine games for Pittsburgh in 2006; he is also a York, Pa., native and played his college ball at Shippensburg University (Pa.)...Packers director of player development Rob Davis also played at Shippensburg... Packers defensive quality control coach Scott McCurley was a four-year letterman (1999-2002) at linebacker at the University of Pittsburgh, and was born in New Castle, Pa. ...Former college teammates include Packers G Josh Sitton and Steelers CB Joe Burnett (Central Florida), Packers T Breno Giacomini and Steelers CB William Gay (Louisville), and Packers LB A.J. Hawk and Steelers WR Santonio Holmes (Ohio State)... Packers TE Jermichael Finley and Steelers LS Tony Hills and WR Limas Sweed were also college teammates, at Texas, and were all 2008 draft picks...Steelers rookie G Kraig Urbik is originally from Hudson, Wis., and played collegiately at Wisconsin.

INDIVIDUALLY VS. STEELERS

WR Donald Driver caught five passes for 64 yards (12.8 avg.) in his only game against the Steelers (Nov. 6, 2005). In that same game, LB Nick Barnett recorded a game-high 13 tackles (nine solo) and DE Cullen Jenkins blocked a field-goal attempt.

LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON

- Nov. 6, 2005, at Lambeau Field; Steelers won, 20-10.
- ▶ Troy Polamalu's 77-yard touchdown return of a Brett Favre fumble set the stage for Pittsburgh's win.
 - ▶ Polamalu's TD return came in the first half, when Green Bay trailed 6-3 and had the ball at the Pittsburgh 3-yard line.
 - ▶ Green Bay held the Steelers without a single third-down conversion, allowed just two field goals and a 20-yard TD drive.
 - ▶ The Packers finally punched it in when Samkon Gado (26 carries, 62 yards) scored his first career TD to pull Green Bay within three points, 13-10, with 7:26 left in the third quarter.
 - ▶ Duce Staley (15 carries, 76 yards) scored from 3 yards out with 6:16 left in the game to round out the scoring.

LAST MEETING, IN PITTSBURGH

- Nov. 9, 1998, at Three Rivers Stadium; Steelers won, 27-20.
- ▶ In prime time on a Monday night, the Steelers held off a late Packers rally to get the victory.
 - ▶ Behind a TD pass and TD run by Kordell Stewart and 100 yards rushing by Jerome Bettis, Pittsburgh took a 27-0 lead in the third quarter.
 - ▶ But with the help of an 88-yard fumble return for a touchdown by Keith McKenzie in the fourth quarter, the Packers came back. Raymont Harris' 2-yard TD run, followed by a successful onside kick and field goal, cut the deficit to just seven points with 2:40 left.
 - ▶ Bettis iced the game for the Steelers with a 12-yard run on third-and-5 with two minutes to go.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

TAKING HIS PLACE AMONG THE GAME'S BEST

Now firmly entrenched in his role as the face of the franchise, QB **Aaron Rodgers** is a prime candidate to be named to his first Pro Bowl team when the rosters are announced later this month.

- ▶ 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, ranked No. 7 overall, and avoided costly mistakes, spearheading a unit that has just 15 giveaways, third fewest in the league.
- ▶ Through 13 games, his 102.5 passer rating ranks fourth in the NFL. In addition, he is the game's top-ranked passer on third downs (127.9).
- ▶ The fourth-year pro has thrown for 3,579 yards, sixth most in the league. At his current pace, Rodgers could end up challenging 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 TD passes and both completion and interception percentage.
- ▶ And just for good measure, the Cal product tops all QBs with 271 rushing yards on 53 carries (5.1 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 29 career starts, Rodgers has eclipsed the century mark in passer rating 15 times.



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.

- ▶ The Packers' 33 takeaways ranks second in the NFL. New Orleans leads the league with 37 takeaways.
- ▶ The offense is doing its part as well, as its 15 giveaways on the year ranks only behind San Diego (13) and Minnesota (14).
- ▶ 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 307 times without a fumble in 2009.
- ▶ 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, Pittsburgh, stands at minus-five, which ranks tied for 25th in the NFL. It has 16 takeaways (eight interceptions, eight fumble recoveries) and 21 turnovers (12 interceptions, nine fumbles).

- ▶ Of the Packers' takeaways, 23 have come via the interception, third highest in the league behind Buffalo (25) and New Orleans (24). The Packers also have 10 fumble recoveries.
- ▶ Every single Packers practice, be it during OTAs, training camp or the regular season, has a period devoted to ball security.
- ▶ Headed by assistant head coach/inside linebackers **Winston Moss**, the drill has offensive skill players carry the ball while two defenders (linebackers and defensive backs) try to strip the ball. Once free, the offensive player then must run through a gauntlet of offensive and defensive linemen attempting to strip the ball loose.
- ▶ The drill puts an emphasis on ball security to offensive players. For defensive players, the drill keeps the focus on stripping the ball from opposing players.
- ▶ Overall, the team has 11 forced fumbles on the year (one on special teams), 10 of which it has recovered.
- ▶ Offensive skill players need only to look at RBs **Ryan Grant** and **Ahman Green** for two players who exemplify ball security. Green currently has 373 consecutive rushes without a fumble, the longest active streak in the league, while Grant has a streak of 256 consecutive carries without a fumble, fifth longest among active streaks. Both streaks are individual career highs.
- ▶ 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.

WINNING WHEN IT COUNTS – IN DECEMBER

Green Bay continued its success in December, eliminating its archrival from playoff contention and moving to 2-0 in the final month.

- ▶ The physical game at Soldier Field not only typified the Packers-Bears rivalry, but what December football in the National Football League is all about. A third straight game in winter conditions is expected for the Packers this Sunday in Pittsburgh against another team fighting to keep its postseason hopes alive.
- ▶ 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 Pittsburgh, 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 (19-3, .863) 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	35-8-0	.814
Green Bay	32-12-0	.727
Pittsburgh	32-13-0	.711
Philadelphia	30-13-0	.698
Indianapolis	30-15-0	.667



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

AS GOOD AS HE'S EVER BEEN

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 *The Associated Press* Defensive Player of the Year.
- ▶ Woodson is the eighth player in NFL history since sacks became an official statistic to record at least eight sacks and two interceptions in a single season. Two of the players who previously accomplished the feat (Ed Reed - 2004; Rod Woodson - 1993) went on to win Defensive Player of the Year. Woodson also leads the Packers with four forced fumbles.
- ▶ 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 in Week 12, Woodson tallied two interceptions, including one he returned for a score, a sack, forced fumble and fumble recovery, and held Calvin Johnson to two 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 six INT returns for a TD since 2006 leads all NFL players. Overall, he has eight career.
- ▶ In addition to his team-high eight interceptions, he has been credited with 67 tackles through 13 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 on the year. 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 44 career interceptions, tied for fourth among active NFL players. For his career, 27 have come in 59 games with the Packers. In 106 games with the Oakland Raiders, he had 17.



D-LINE HEADLINES STOUT RUN DEFENSE

With each player adjusting to new responsibilities in the 3-4 scheme, Green Bay's defensive line has created an imposing presence as the first line of defense and is the main reason the team ranks No. 2 against the run.

- ▶ DE **Cullen Jenkins**, who played both inside and outside in the old scheme, has 42 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 61 tackles and also has a sack and forced fumble. 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, the duo became the first pair of Packers linemen to record interceptions in the same year since 2002, when Kabeeb Gbaja-Biamilia and Vonnie Holliday both had picks.
- ▶ 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 719 yards in 10 games (71.9 yards a game), the fewest allowed in the NFL 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 second-fewest in the league.

GRANT AND THE GROUND GAME

RB **Ryan Grant** is having one of the better seasons among running backs in the NFC and is a prime candidate to earn his first career Pro Bowl selection.

- ▶ Against the Bears, Grant rushed for his first 50-plus yard TD since 2007 and finished the game with 137 yards on 20 carries. His 6.9-yard average established a new career high in games with at least 20 rushes.
- ▶ It was the third 100-yard performance on the season for Grant, who also 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 (1,068 yards) ranks fourth in the NFC and seventh overall in the NFL. Utilized more in the screen game this season, his 197 receiving yards already is a career high.
- ▶ Grant's 1,265 total yards from scrimmage ranks fourth in the NFC and seventh in the NFL.
- ▶ McCarthy has consistently stated in his time in Green Bay that the most important rushing statistic to him is attempts, and there is no doubting the team's success when the attempts are up, specifically for Grant.
- ▶ When Grant gets 22-or-more carries, the team is 9-1 (10-1 with playoffs).
- ▶ With veteran RB **Ahman Green** back in the fold, not to mention a quarterback whose feet are a weapon opposing defenses must account for, Green Bay has totaled over 100 net yards on the ground seven times in 2009. Its record in those contests is 6-1.
- ▶ 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 has worked his way back into form after missing the first four games with an ankle injury, while Green returned to game action after being sidelined by a groin injury. Both could begin to spell Grant from scrimmage down the stretch run 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 another potential cold-weather game in Pittsburgh on Sunday, the offense may shift to a more ground-based attack.

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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 continues to give opposing quarterbacks fits and should make another Pro Bowl trip this winter as both remain among the league leaders in interceptions. With eight, Woodson has tied a career high and stands one behind the NFL lead. Collins, with six interceptions, is tied for fifth most in the NFL. They are the only teammates in the NFL with six or more interceptions.
- ▶ Woodson's 15 interceptions since 2008 lead all NFL players, while Collins' 13 picks since '08 ranks second. Baltimore's Ed Reed, with 12, ranks third.
- ▶ In terms of the franchise records, Woodson became only the second player in team annals to record at least eight interceptions in two or more seasons. Woodson also had eight in 2006.
- ▶ The franchise's all-time leader in interceptions, **Bobby Dillon**, had nine interceptions in three different seasons (1953, '55, '57). His finished his career with 52 interceptions.
- ▶ In addition to a Pro Bowl pair of skill players on defense, WR **Donald Driver** and WR **Greg Jennings** continue to pace one of the league's most dominant offenses. They are the only teammate tandem in the NFC to each have 850 receiving yards. The AFC has four pairs: Indianapolis' Dallas Clark and Reggie Wayne, Pittsburgh's Antonio Holmes and Hines Ward, New England's Randy Moss and Wes Welker and San Diego's Antonio Gates and Vincent Jackson.
- ▶ The skill of Driver and Jennings on the perimeter have opened things up in the middle of the field for TE **Jermichael Finley** and RB **Ryan Grant**, each of whom has had big performances in the team's current five-game winning streak.



'PSYCHO' D DEBUTS

Kept under wraps throughout the season but still in the legendarily thick playbook of defensive coordinator **Dom Capers**, the 'Psycho' defensive package made its debut in Chicago.

- ▶ On the third play from scrimmage, with Chicago facing a third-and-3 deep in its own territory, the Packers went to the package, an alternative version of the nickel defense which includes one down lineman, five linebackers and five defensive backs.
- ▶ A previously unscouted look, the scheme worked to perfection as DE **Cullen Jenkins** and LB **Desmond Bishop** stopped Bears RB Matt Forte for a loss of three yards.
- ▶ Along with Bishop, the five linebackers included **Nick Barnett**, **Brandon Chillar**, **A.J. Hawk** and **Clay Matthews**. The five in the secondary was its starting four along with nickel CB **Jarret Bush**.
- ▶ It wasn't the first time Green Bay has come out with a varied sub-package on defense. In Week 3 at St. Louis, it came out in its 'Big Okie' formation, which substitutes Chillar in as a fifth linebacker for S **Atari Bigby**.
- ▶ The package was shelved for a time when Chillar was recovering from a broken hand but did see its most extensive use in weeks in Chicago.
- ▶ No matter what the defense was, be it 'Psycho', 'Big Okie' or base, the Bears had trouble finding any light in the run game. Green Bay held the Bears to 59 total net yards rushing, the second-fewest rushing yards allowed by the Packers in 2009.

THE EFFECTS OF CONTINUITY

The Green Bay Packers' offensive line, the most maligned position group through the first half of the season, has turned it around thanks to the continuity it has been able to maintain.

- ▶ Having constantly shuffled the lineup due to injury and performance issues early in the season, Green Bay has settled on its starting five of LT **Chad Clifton**, LG **Daryn Colledge**, C **Scott Wells**, RG **Josh Sitton** and RT **Mark Tauscher**.
- ▶ That unit has started the past four contests, the only time this season Green Bay has gone more than two games with the same starting five. All emerged relatively healthy from the Bears contest and the unit is expected to make its fifth consecutive start together Sunday in Pittsburgh.
- ▶ The results speak for themselves, as the group has produced the best results of the season in pass protection and big production in the run game.
- ▶ Against San Francisco, the first of the unit's four-game streak together, the team produced 158 net rushing yards. It paved the way for another 146 yards on the ground against Chicago on Sunday.

▶ Over the past four games, QB **Aaron Rodgers** has been sacked six times, the best streak of the season in pass protection.

▶ The six sacks over the past four games is tied for the 10th fewest in the NFL over that span.

▶ One of the game's most talented passers, Rodgers has no shortage of weapons to deliver the ball to if afforded enough time.

DRIVER JOINS 50-TD GROUP

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 in the NFL with 10 players with 50-or-more career touchdowns. Current teammate RB **Ahman Green** stands at No. 2 on the overall list.
- ▶ 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



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EXCELLING ON THIRD DOWN

Part of Green Bay's recent success in a five-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 (127.9) on third down. No other quarterback has thrown for as many yards (1,295) on third down as Rodgers, who also shares the lead in TD passes (11) on third down. In 131 third-down attempts, he has a 67.9% 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 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 against the Ravens. This season, it seems as though franchise records fall on a weekly basis for Driver.

- ▶ 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 (58), receiving yards (887), 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 9,656 yards. Driver is at No. 2 entering play Sunday with 8,876.
- ▶ Driver has been the model of consistency for the Packers, catching at least one pass in 124 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 tied for 10th 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 four contests.

- ▶ Over the last four games, he has caught a team-high 22 passes for 228 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 seven catches of 20-plus yards. And in goal-line situations, as was seen against the Ravens, 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 a favorite target of Rodgers, ranking fourth on the team with 33 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 9-4, Green Bay stands solidly in second place in the NFC North with three games remaining on the schedule. It will need considerable help from

- Minnesota's opponents, not to mention a perfect record in its final three games, to challenge for the division crown.
- ▶ Green Bay finished the year 4-2 in division play with its 21-14 victory over the Bears in Chicago.
- ▶ Minnesota, off to a 11-2 start, beat Cincinnati this past weekend at the Metrodome. It will be on the road for two consecutive weeks, first traveling to Carolina before playing in Chicago.
- ▶ 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 seven of its last nine games and was officially eliminated from postseason contention by the Packers last weekend. The Bears will travel to Baltimore before finishing the season with two division games against the Vikings and Lions.
- ▶ Detroit dropped a road contest in Baltimore over the weekend to fall to 2-11 on the year. The Lions will host Arizona this weekend before traveling to San Francisco next weekend.
- ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** has always stressed the importance of division play. Through the first 13 games of the '09 season, the Packers own the best division mark over the three-plus seasons of McCarthy's tenure at 17-7. The Packers are trailed by Minnesota (14-9) and Chicago (13-9) over that period.

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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 against Seattle on Dec. 27.

- ▶ 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).
- ▶ This weekend it will travel to Pittsburgh, which also owns one of the distinct home-field advantages in the NFL. The Steelers are 4-2 so far this season at home.
- ▶ 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	99-44-0	.692
Dallas	96-47-0	.671

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 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** (8.0). 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.

- ▶ With another sack against the Bears, Matthews became the first rookie in Packers history to record a sack in three consecutive games.
- ▶ Raji saw his most extensive action of the season at nose tackle in Chicago, as starter NT **Ryan Pickett** missed the game with a hamstring injury.
- ▶ All three missed time during training camp due to various injuries, meaning none of the three may hit the supposed "rookie wall" that sometimes plagues first-year players this time of year.

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.

▶ Thanks to two turnovers, Green Bay did not have a decided advantage in the category in Chicago, holding the ball for 31 minutes and 12 seconds.

- ▶ Entering Week 15, the Packers rank No. 2 in the league with a time-of-possession average of 33:25, trailing only New England (33:48). Minnesota (33:06), Cincinnati (32:51), and Miami (32:21) round out the league's Top 5.

▶ The stat could prove interesting this Sunday in Pittsburgh. The Steelers rank No. 6 in the category with an average time of possession of 32 minutes and 20 seconds.

▶ The Packers might get the opportunity to improve upon their average next week against the Seahawks. Seattle ranks No. 31 in the category with an average of 27 minutes and 27 seconds.

▶ 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 nine drives of 10-plus plays in the past four games compared to just nine in the first nine games.

▶ As the weather turns at Lambeau Field, plus an outdoor game Sunday in 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.

MIKE McCARTHY TRANSCRIPT

EXCERPTS FROM THE COACH – MONDAY, DEC. 14

► ***(Is Dom's creativity energizing your guys week to week?)***

We're growing as a football team, and I know a lot has been made of the 'psycho' package. But it's really setting a menu for your defense and your offense and special teams during the offseason, and really frankly we're getting to some of the other packages that we haven't done yet. It really comes down to trust. It comes down to the players trusting one another and the responsibilities that they have. It's the coaches trusting the players to do things the right way. And it's just that variable of using all the different schemes we do have in place and making the adjustments, trying to continue to utilize as many players as you can, and we have that flexibility and those resources on defense. It's great to see players get excited about new wrinkles. I think that's human nature. But more importantly, it's the players taking the plan, believing, trusting the plan, and going out and executing it at a high level, because frankly, that's how those packages get called. It's one thing to have a great play-book and have all these great ideas, but to get it to Sunday, it has to be executed and it has to be done correctly, and there has to be trust from the coordinator making that call to the players. That's what I see probably the biggest part of our defense as far as we're growing and moving forward.

► ***(As an offensive coach, is it rare to get into Week 14 and face an unscouted look? Is there value in that?)***

The highest percentage of your unscouted looks on either side of the ball are definitely Weeks 1 through 3 in the season. Our situation is different this year because we are a new defensive scheme and we are a multiple defensive scheme, and you can't run everything in Weeks 1 through 10. And we're growing into some other areas. You're finding out more about your players as you move forward in Year 1. I think that's a normal progression. And we're starting to target and get to some of the things we haven't done yet.

► ***(How much more does he have?)***

He's got a big book. It's about concepts and principles, and that's the most important thing. Building on different concepts and principles, and utilizing the players that play to that skill set - use those principles because it plays to their skill set, and you're just trying to change the face. Football is still football. You're just trying to change the face of a number of different things.

► ***(Have you nailed down any reason for the red-zone struggles? Are you going to tinker with the plans?)***

The planning? Well, we've got a big playbook over on that side of the ball too. We feel good about the plan that we put together. Really, for the most part, a number of our issues have been execution. I'm very critical of some of the play-calling. We had the pre-snap penalty on the one series as we go forward. Had an opportunity on third down. The first part is our red zone possessions are close to where they need to be. You always want to be in the top five in the league. I'm not exactly sure where we're ranked. We're getting down there enough, but yeah, we need to score more touchdowns. We'll continue to work on that. That's just something that I feel the process of putting the plan together, and it's the same thing, ... we're not designing new plays and new things, and frankly that's not the answer, because you can't invest the time and the reps to get new concepts and new things ready for a game in my opinion. Now, you can have adjustments and variations, and we'll continue to look at that. But our red zone package will apply to our opponent like it does every week, and our players and coaches will work exclusively during the week and get it ready to go. But yeah, our production needs to improve in the red zone, there's no doubt about it.

► ***(You lost a bunch of close games last year. What have you done this year to get those wins?)***

think you look at adversity. Football is about overcoming adversity in so many different forms and fashions, and I think yesterday's game is another example of it. The ability to get out in front of your opponent,

and they make a surge to come back and just keep answering the bell. I think we're doing a much better job of that this year than we did in the past.

► ***(Is that part of growing up as a team?)***

We're just doing a better job this year. Every year is different. Every football team is different. To sit here and compare, I know a number of the same players may be here from this year to last year, so is there some maturity? Yes, that could be part of it. But every year is so different, whether it's injuries or opponents, the way you play and the maturation of your team. It's a whole different year.

► ***(Is Collins playing as well or better than last year when he made the Pro Bowl?)***

I think Nick's having an excellent year. That's something that, yeah, I think Nick's having a great year. I'm very happy with the way Nick has dove into the new scheme, and he's progressing and getting better as a communicator back there, and he's very comfortable. You can't say enough about his instincts and his ability to break on the football, especially when he gets his hands on the football. He's such a dangerous returner. Had a big play on special teams in the kickoff cover yesterday. Yeah, I think Nick's having an excellent year.

► ***(How did Tauscher hold up?)***

Well, that was the biggest challenge Mark has had this year as far as the number of reps, and that's something that we have to look at. Really, I'm curious to see how he comes in here Wednesday, because I'm sure he's sore today, and anytime you come off that major injury, the first time you go to a full game, that's something that we're watching very closely. But we feel like we've prepared ourselves as far as having T.J. ready to go. But we'll be smart with his reps. Wednesday will be a big day.

► ***(Are you going to bring in any kickers this week?)***

I'll just say this. I have all the confidence in the world in Mason Crosby. As far as what players, what position, we bring players in here all the time on Tuesday, and I've never commented on it in the past, and I won't today. But I have all the confidence in the world in Mason Crosby.

► ***(With the red-zone opportunities, is there one that sticks out in your head where you had the right play called, one that bothered you more than any other?)***

Not really. I'm not going to sit here as a play caller and blame it all on the players or the execution. We need to perform better in the red zone. We look at all of the calls every week, evaluate them. We review what the opponent gave us. Did we give the players the proper reps during the course of the week as far as what we expected to give there? That's all part of the evaluation; it's all part of the game-planning. We just need to do a better job.

► ***(Are you pleased with the improvement in the penalties and the discipline? Four is a low for this year.)***

The number was low, but it's just like anything. You always look at the numbers and what penalties occurred. The three pre-snap penalties I was not excited about. We'll definitely address that today with the players in their individual meetings. You can't control how the other team plays or how it's called. But yes, to answer your question, it's nice to be on that side of it, no doubt about it.

► ***(When you first brought Dom in here, did he show you his defensive playbook so you could see what all he had?)***

It's football. The size of the playbook didn't really have anything to do with why he was hired here. But it was interesting; he brought along the original notes and some of his game plans and things that he did in Year 1 in 1992 in Pittsburgh. So he talked about the origin of the defense, how it started, when it was brought into the league. That was interesting, but going through that whole process, it's about so many other things. He was brought in here for a reason, because of his expertise in that defense. But it was more about fit, to be honest with you. I think all of the candidates were excellent, but it's more about fit, and fit is a two-way street. I think he has been an excellent fit for us.

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 13 games.

- ▶ When it comes to the long ball, few are as accurate as Rodgers. His 13 completions of 40-plus yards ranks third in the NFL behind Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb (14) and Dallas QB Tony Romo (14).
- ▶ In terms of what coaches often classify as 'big plays' (gains of 20-plus yards), Rodgers has 44 completions, the seventh-best total in the league. Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger is tied for eighth with 43.
- ▶ 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 53 plays of 20-plus yards. Pittsburgh comes into the game with 57 plays of 20-plus yards, which ranks tied for fourth.
- ▶ 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 nine 'big' runs on the season: six 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 15 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.
- ▶ 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 three 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 touch-down, 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 and has eight sacks on the season. In addition to leading the Packers, his eight sacks ranks second behind Washington's Brian Orakpo (11) for the lead among all rookies.
- ▶ The last rookie to finish as the team leader in sacks was LB Tim Harris in 1986. Harris, Vonnie Holliday (eight in 1998) and Matthews now share the franchise mark for sacks by a rookie (eight) 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

THE TOP DEEP-THREAT DUO

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' 21 catches of 20 yards-or-more in 2008 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. Combined with WR Donald Driver, they form perhaps the most potent deep-threat combo in the NFL. 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
Steve Smith, CAR	15	7
Donald Driver, GB	14	3

TOP 10 AGAIN

For an offense that has registered over 400 yards seven times this season, 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.

QUIET, STEADY GRANT AMONG NFL'S MOST PRODUCTIVE

RB **Ryan Grant** hit his first long, explosive run of the year Sunday in Chicago, racing 62 yards for the touchdown on the offense's first play from scrimmage.

- ▶ For the Packers, it was their first time scoring on the offense's opening play since an 80-yard touchdown pass to WR **Antonio Freeman** on Nov. 1, 1998, against San Francisco.
- ▶ The long touchdown run reminded folks of the Grant from 2007, when he burst onto the national scene with a breakout year highlighted by a number of long touchdown runs.
- ▶ Though the long scoring runs haven't come as frequently over the past two seasons, there is no doubting Grant's production and consistency.
- ▶ He topped the 1,000 yard mark shortly after his long run in Chicago, the 21st such season by a running back in franchise history.
- ▶ Grant is just 132 yards away from his second consecutive 1,200-yard season, a feat accomplished by just two other players in team history.

The franchise's top two career rushers, **Ahman Green** (2001-03) and **Jim Taylor** (1961-62), are the only players to hit the milestone in back-to-back seasons.

- ▶ The Packers were able to acquire Grant in a roster-cutdown-day trade with the N.Y. Giants, where he had spent a year on the practice squad and another season on injured reserve.
- ▶ Grant spent the first couple of weeks learning the playbook, seeing occasional action in both the run and screen game.
- ▶ In Week 8 of 2007, in a Monday night contest in Denver, Grant filled when RB **DeShawn Wynn** went down with a shoulder injury and responded with the team's first 100-yard performance of the season.
- ▶ Ever since that Monday night game, Grant has been the Packers' starter and has been one of the top running backs in the league. Though he may not grab the headlines like some of the game's other players at the position, Grant's production has been elite. Starting with the Week 8 contests of 2007, only one player has produced more rushing yards:

Player	Yards	Rush TDs
Adrian Peterson, MIN	3,631	31
Ryan Grant, GB	3,200	19
Thomas Jones, NYJ	3,111	25
Steven Jackson, StL	3,090	16
DeAngelo Williams, CAR	3,047	28

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	7	13	9	2	2	3
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

STARTING FAST

Mike McCarthy, like all NFL coaches, stressed 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 couldn't have started any faster in Chicago, scoring on their first offensive play from scrimmage. That scoring run gives them 30 points on opening drives (three TDs, three FGs) through 13 games.
- ▶ In terms of opening-quarter scoring, the Packers have already surpassed their 2008 output with 80 points in the opening frame. That first-quarter total is fourth highest in the NFL.
- ▶ Thus far, the defense also has taken to beginning the game fast, with 18 of its 32 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 205 first-half points. Opponents have scored only 112 first-half points against the Packers' defense.
- ▶ The Packers' TD drives on the opening possession this season came in Tampa, in Chicago 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 62-37 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 four weeks.
- ▶ Still, QB **Aaron Rodgers** has been sacked a league high 47 times.
- ▶ To show how important pass protection is to the team's overall success, the Packers are 9-0 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** has

played the entirety of the past two games for the first time since his 2008 season ended with an ACL injury. 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.
- ▶ Pittsburgh has 39 sacks on the year, second most in the NFL, so pass protection will certainly be a highlight in the meeting rooms all week. LB James Harrison, the reigning AP Defensive Player of the Year, leads the team with 10 sacks.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Green Bay improved to 4-2 on the road this year and has its final two trips of the season against the two teams that played in Super Bowl XLIII, Pittsburgh and Arizona.

- ▶ 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 17-13 (.567). 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
New Orleans	19	12	0	.613
San Diego	19	12	0	.613
Dallas	18	12	0	.600
Philadelphia	18	12	1	.597
Green Bay	17	13	0	.567
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

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.

SECONDARY BRINGS SOME PASS RUSH, TOO

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 18 passes defended, a new career high.
- Capers and the defense can also rely on Pro Bowl S **Nick Collins**, who intercepted his sixth pass of the season against Chicago. 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 13 interceptions over the last two seasons is second most in the NFL behind Woodson's 15.
- Collins, Williams and Woodson have all notched sacks this season, which for Collins and Williams were the first of their career.
- Harris notched one earlier in the year, giving the Packers four defensive backs with sacks in the same season for the first time since 2003, when it also had four members of the secondary record sacks. A sack by a fifth member of the secondary would establish a new franchise record, with S **Atari Bigby** and CB **Jarrett Bush** the most likely candidates.

IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS, 2009



GREEN BAY (Team)

Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (+18)	1	1
Total Offense (374.4)	5	7
Rushing (119.3)	6	13
Passing (255.1)	5	9
Total Defense (272.0)	1	2
vs. Rush (85.0)	1	2
vs. Pass (187.0)	1	3
Third-Down Offense (45.2%)	3	5
Third-Down Defense (34.7%)	4	6
Red-Zone Offense (50.0%)	9T	16T
Red-Zone Defense (63.9%)	15	31

PITTSBURGH (Team)

Category	AFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (-5)	13T	24T
Total Offense (362.5)	4	9
Rushing (113.5)	9	16
Passing (249.0)	5	12
Total Defense (294.1)	3	4
vs. Rush (84.9)	1	1
vs. Pass (209.2)	7	13
Third-Down Offense (38.1%)	10	17
Third-Down Defense (39.8%)	13	24
Red-Zone Offense (50.0%)	8T	16T
Red-Zone Defense (43.8%)	1	5

GREEN BAY (Individual)

Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Grant (1068)	4	7
Passing: Rodgers (102.5)	3	4
Receptions: Driver (58)	13T	27T
Rec. Yds.: Driver (887)	8	19
Sacks: Matthews (8.0)	8	13T
Interceptions: Woodson (8)	1T	2T

PITTSBURGH (Individual)

Category	AFC	NFL
Rushing: Mendenhall (940)	7	11
Passing: Roethlisberger (98.2)	4	7
Receptions: Ward (76)	6	9
Rec. Yds.: Holmes (1,080)	3	3
Sacks: Harrison (10.0)	3	6T
Interceptions: Polamalu (3)	13T	26T



GAME REVIEW - PACKERS 21, BEARS 14

PACKERS GRIND OUT FIFTH STRAIGHT WIN

Nothing has come easy for the Packers during their now five-game winning streak, and that didn't change on Sunday against the archrival Chicago Bears.

▶ But in a see-saw game that saw the Packers blow a 13-point advantage, fall behind by one point, re-take the lead and then hold on down the stretch, Green Bay's 21-14 victory at Soldier Field proved to be a lot like the four that immediately preceded it - imperfect to be sure but noteworthy for what needed to be overcome to get it.

▶ "That momentum, there are going to be opportunities where it's going to swing back at you," Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** said. "You have to keep stepping up and swing it back the other way, and our guys did for four quarters."

▶ With the win, the Packers posted their first season sweep of the Bears since 2003. More important, they improved to 9-4 and took an even stronger hold on a potential NFC Wild Card playoff spot.

▶ With three games remaining, the Packers are now the NFC Wild Card leader. They hold a one-game lead plus the head-to-head tiebreaker on the Dallas Cowboys (8-5), and a two-game lead on the New York Giants (7-6). The NFC East-leading Philadelphia Eagles (9-4) share the same record as Green Bay.

▶ The Packers controlled the game early, grabbing a 13-0 lead just two minutes into the second quarter. **Ryan Grant's** 62-yard touchdown run on the offense's first play from scrimmage was followed by a pair of field goals, one set up by a **Charles Woodson** interception.

▶ But the Packers would regret not turning those two red-zone possessions into touchdowns, as the Bears finally got going midway through the second quarter with a 13-play, 80-yard touchdown drive. Quarterback Jay Cutler hit Johnny Knox for a 19-yard score with 1:48 left in the half to make it 13-7.

▶ Then the Packers got a bit sloppy. With time winding down in the first half, the offense was looking to tack on points when a 19-yard completion from **Aaron Rodgers** to **Jermichael Finley** got the ball to the edge of field-goal range, but Finley (five catches, 70 yards) fumbled at the end of the play and Chicago's Danieal Manning recovered.

▶ Another turnover on the opening possession of the second half proved even more costly. One play after a 24-yard pass to **Greg Jennings** got the Packers near field-goal range once again, Rodgers lost the handle on the ball not once, but twice. He grabbed his first flub in mid-air but then still tried to throw the ball again, only to have it squirt even higher into the air and fall into the arms of Chicago defensive tackle Anthony Adams.

▶ "It was one of those slow-motion deals where the ball floats in the air and as I'm going down, I'm hoping someone gets slowed down or tackled so he doesn't run it all the way down for a touchdown," said Rodgers, who finished 16-of-24 for 180 yards for an 88.9 rating. "That was definitely one of the more embarrassing plays of my career."

▶ The Bears turned the mistake into a 56-yard touchdown drive, capped by Cutler's 10-yard pass to Devin Aromashodu, for a 14-13 lead midway through the third quarter. Suddenly, the Packers' early domination was seemingly all for naught.

▶ "We kind of got on our heels a little bit when they went up," Woodson said. "But I think we all felt the offense would put some more points up. We just kind of figured that would happen. That's the way we've been playing this year. Get points when we need to and get stops when we

need to."

▶ The two converged nicely early in the fourth quarter for the go-ahead score. Under heavy pressure from a blitzing **Tramon Williams**, Cutler (23-of-36, 209 yards, 2 TD, 2 INT, 74.9 rating) threw woefully short down the left sideline to Knox and **Nick Collins** intercepted, returning it 31 yards to the Chicago 11-yard line.

▶ "We had a trap coverage over there," Collins explained, as Cutler tried to throw too late to the area vacated momentarily by Williams on the blitz. "I had a safety over the top so I was able to play underneath, and he just threw it right to me."

▶ After a pass-interference call in the end zone on cornerback Zackary Bowman against **Donald Driver**, Grant took it in from the 1 for his second touchdown of the game. A 2-point pass from Rodgers to Jennings made it 21-14 with 12:39 left.

▶ "You have to be able to keep fighting and understand it's not over -- grab the momentum back," Grant said of the roller-coaster affair, which he finished with 137 rushing yards on 20 carries (6.9 avg.). "Guys stepped up when we needed it most and we were able to finish it through."

▶ The Packers could have made it easier on themselves by getting a two-score lead, but running back **Brandon Jackson** dropped a short dump-off pass on third down that at a minimum would have made for a much shorter field goal try. Kicker **Mason Crosby** then missed from 42 yards anyway with 6:05 left, keeping the Bears in it.

▶ But the defense held firm, not allowing Chicago a first down on either of its last two possessions. Williams had a big sack just after the 2-minute warning, and when Cutler's fourth-down pass from his own 10 was

incomplete with 1:08 left, the game was finally over.

▶ "Dom (Capers) was very aggressive throughout the day, and you could see that all the way up to the last play," McCarthy said, referring to his defensive coordinator. "Dom is keeping his foot on the gas. There is a confidence, there is a trust there, and once again I think this game started and ended with our defense. I'm very pleased with the way we're playing on defense."

▶ And pleased with racking up yet another win, albeit similar to many of the others in not being secured as quickly and comfortably as it could have been.

▶ "Guys are feeling confident, and it's legit confidence and it should be," Grant said. "Because we're playing better football as a team. There are lulls here and there throughout the game, and we have to take care of that. We can't have those and let teams stay in the game like that."

▶ "But we'll take wins and keep moving forward."





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 eight sacks so far on the year, most on the team.
- ▶ The team has turned to rookie **Brad Jones**, who has recorded 16 tackles in four starts for Kampman. Veteran **Brady Poppinga** also has been in the mix, spelling Jones on a couple of series.
- ▶ 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 two weeks ago. LB **Cyril Obiozor**, a member of the practice squad all season, was signed and has seen immediate action on special teams.
- ▶ 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 13 games with 23 interceptions and 10 fumble recoveries, which it has turned into 113 points.

- ▶ Green Bay's 33 takeaways rank second behind only New Orleans, which has 37 takeaways.
- ▶ The Packers' 113 points scored off those 33 takeaways also ranks second, again to New Orleans (134).
- ▶ With two takeaways against the Bears (both interceptions), Green Bay extended its own streak to 16 straight games with a takeaway. That is the second-longest active streak in the NFL behind Houston (19).
- ▶ 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 CLIMBING AGAIN

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 the top teams in the NFL when its defenders have the ball in

their hands. With 365 return yards on 23 interceptions, Green Bay ranks third in the NFL behind New Orleans and Tennessee.

- ▶ 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 return in the early going as he worked his way back to full strength. He returned to his normal workload in Week 4 and leads the team with 97 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, saw his most extensive time since breaking his hand against Minnesota in Week 8. Chillar played extensively on special teams and also saw time on the field in the team's 'Big Okie' formation, which puts him as a fifth linebacker on the field to help defend against the run.
- ▶ **Desmond Bishop**, another talented player in the unit, is known mostly for his contributions on special teams, where he leads the coverage units with a career-high 18 tackles. However, Bishop did see time in the team's 'Psycho' package.

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2009 OPPONENTS

			NFL Rank	
		Record	Offense	Defense
	at Arizona Cardinals.....	(8-5)	14	25
	Baltimore Ravens	(7-6)	12	8
	Chicago Bears	(5-8)	24	15T
	Cincinnati Bengals	(9-4)	20	5
	at Cleveland Browns.....	(1-12)	32	31
	Dallas Cowboys	(8-5)	3	14
	Detroit Lions.....	(2-11)	26	32
	Minnesota Vikings	(11-2)	6	6
	at Pittsburgh Steelers.....	(6-7)	9	4
	San Francisco 49ers...	(6-7)	27	18
	Seattle Seahawks.....	(5-8)	23	22
	at St. Louis Rams.....	(1-12)	25	27
	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers..	(1-12)	28	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 nine different games this season, tied for the second 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 444 attempts, or 1.6% 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.

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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 two weeks ago 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 three games of the season, a slate that includes matchups at Super Bowl XLIII opponents Arizona and Pittsburgh, only the Cardinals (Week 17) game is subject to the flexible scheduling.

WITH THE GAME ON THE LINE

Six of the Packers' first 13 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 compiled by the NFL league office.
- ▶ That total is the fourth-lowest mileage total among the 32 teams in 2009. Perhaps not surprisingly, five West Coast clubs head the list when it

comes to logging miles through the air this season: Seattle (29,054), San Francisco (29,020), San Diego (28,628), Arizona (27,840) and Oakland (27,232).

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 15 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.
- ▶ Three players have been signed from the practice squad in recent weeks, CB **Trevor Ford**, LB **Cyril Obiozor** and WR **Patrick Williams**, 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.



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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 three 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 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 24th, while its punt return ranks 26th.
- ▶ 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 27th.

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 8,251 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 Bears, rushing five times for 11 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 7-2 (.778) after the bye. Since 2000, the Packers over the balance of their season after the bye are a combined 59-35 (.627).

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 13 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 (197) and with 25 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.
- ▶ **Patrick Williams**, who signed with the team in May as a non-drafted free agent from Colorado, was elevated from the practice squad this week and 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 33 catches and has been a reliable target for Rodgers. He's played in 74 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 seven catches of 20-plus yards.
- ▶ **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.



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 eight 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. His missed the Chicago game with a hamstring injury.
- ▶ 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 Chicago since breaking the hand. **Desmond Bishop** brings a physical presence who gives the team great depth along the inside and is a feared hitter on special teams.

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 eight 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 three 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 seven tackles to surpass No. 3 Mike Douglass (967) on the team's all-time list. He enters with 961 career tackles.

76 CHAD CLIFTON

- ▶ Has played in 140 career games, including 135 starts.
- ▶ Has started 103 of last 109 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 13 interceptions since 2008, ranks second among all NFL players behind Charles Woodson (15).
- ▶ With 405 interception return yards since 2008, leads all NFL players.

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 106 points in 2009.
- ▶ For his career, has hit 57-of-62 field goals from 39 yards-and-closer.
- ▶ Has hit 18-of-27 field goals from 40-49 yards.
- ▶ Has hit 7-of-16 field goals from 50-plus yards.

80 DONALD DRIVER

- ▶ Needs 124 receiving yards for 9,000 career. He ranks No. 2 on the franchise's all-time receiving yards list (8,876 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 635 career catches.
- ▶ Has a reception in 124 consecutive games, besting the franchise's previous long streak of Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).
- ▶ His 14 catches of 20-plus yards is tied for 10th 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 113 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 9,093. Driver needs 620 yards to move past No. 3 Jim Taylor (9,712).

88 JERMICHAEL FINLEY

- ▶ Has career highs in catches (39), receiving yards (488) and TDs (3).
- ▶ 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 3,227 career rushing yards.
- ▶ Needs 132 yards to 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).
- ▶ Is the fourth back in franchise history to post back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons, joining Jim Taylor (1960-64), John Brockington (1971-73) and Ahman Green (2000-04).
- ▶ Since becoming the Packers' feature back in Week 8 of 2007, his 3,200 rushing yards over that period ranks second in the NFL (Adrian Peterson, 3,631).
- ▶ Has 12 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 197 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 8,251.
- ▶ Also surpassed Taylor (1,811 attempts) for the franchise mark in career carries. Green has 1,831 career attempts.
- ▶ His 10,977 yards from scrimmage also is a franchise best.

50 A.J. HAWK

- ▶ Has played in all 61 games in his career, including 59 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 3,699 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 13 receptions to move past No. 5 Rich McGeorge (175) on the team's all-time tight ends list.

12 AARON RODGERS

- ▶ Ranks sixth in the NFL in passing yards (3,579), fourth in touchdowns (25), fourth in QB rating (102.5), seventh in completion percentage (65.5%), tied for third in interception percentage (1.6%), seventh in 20-plus yard completions (44) and third 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 29 career starts, has eclipsed a 100.0-plus passer rating 15 times.
- ▶ Has eight career 300-yard games and eight 3-TD games.
- ▶ Needs 421 passing yards over the final three 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 30 games.
- ▶ Leads the team with a career-high 18 passes defended.

21 CHARLES WOODSON

- ▶ Has 44 career interceptions, 27 in 59 games since coming to Green Bay in 2006. Woodson had 17 interceptions in 106 games with Oakland.
- ▶ His 27 interceptions since 2006 is tied with Philadelphia's Asante Samuel for the NFL lead. Woodson's 15 since 2008 leads all NFL players.
- ▶ Becomes the eighth player in NFL history since sacks became an official statistic in 1982 to record at least eight interceptions and two sacks in a single season.
- ▶ His six interception-return TDs since 2006 is the most in the league during that span.
- ▶ With six interception returns for scores, ranks 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 eight 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
- Breno GiacominiBREH-no GEE-ah-coh-MEE-knee
- Matt GiordanoG-or-DAH-N-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. 15, 2009

OFFENSE

WR: 85	Greg Jennings	87	Jordy Nelson	<u>18</u>	<u>Patrick Williams</u>
LT: 76	Chad Clifton	<u>70</u>	<u>T.J. Lang</u>	78	Allen Barbre
LG: 73	Daryn Colledge	<u>70</u>	<u>T.J. Lang</u>		
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>	<u>T.J. Lang</u>	68	Breno Giacomini
TE: 88	Jermichael Finley	86	Donald Lee	<u>41</u>	<u>Spencer Havner</u>
WR: 80	Donald Driver	89	James Jones		
QB: 12	Aaron Rodgers	10	Matt Flynn		
RB: 25	Ryan Grant	32	Brandon Jackson	34	Ahman Green
FB: 30	John Kuhn	35	Korey Hall	<u>45</u>	<u>Quinn Johnson</u>

DEFENSE

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

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	21	Charles Woodson
KR: 87	Jordy Nelson	38	Tramon Williams	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 CB Trevor Ford RB Ahman Green S Matt Giordano LB Cyril Obiozor WR Patrick Williams

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

2009 REGULAR-SEASON STATISTICS

	Packers	Opponent
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	273	214
Rushing	83	56
Passing	162	127
Penalty	28	31
3rd Down: Made/Att.	80/177	59/170
3rd Down Pct.	45.2	34.7
4th Down: Made/Att.	2/8	9/22
4th Down Pct.	25.0	40.9
POSSESSION AVG.	33:25	26:35
TOTAL NET YARDS	4867	3536
Avg. Per Game	374.4	272.0
Total Plays	855	764
Avg. Per Play	5.7	4.6
NET YARDS RUSHING	1551	1105
Avg. Per Game	119.3	85.0
Total Rushes	361	309
NET YARDS PASSING	3316	2431
Avg. Per Game	255.1	187.0
Sacked/Yards Lost	47/278	29/179
Gross Yards	3594	2610
Att./Completions	447/293	426/227
Completion Pct.	65.5	53.3
Had Intercepted	7	23
PUNTS/AVERAGE	56/43.2	61/45.2
Net Punting Avg.	56/33.5	61/40.7
PENALTIES/YARDS	102/935	82/668
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	20/8	23/10
TOUCHDOWNS	39	30
Rushing	11	4
Passing	25	24
Returns	3	2

SCORE BY PERIODS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	80	125	37	102	0	344
OPPONENTS	38	74	62	69	0	243

SCORING

	TD	-Ru	-Pa	-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mason Crosby	0	0	0	0	34/35	24/32	0	106
Ryan Grant	7	7	0	0			0	42
Donald Driver	6	0	6	0			0	36
Spencer Havner	4	0	4	0			0	24
James Jones	4	0	4	0			0	24
Greg Jennings	3	0	3	0			0	22
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	39	11	25	3	34/35	24/32	0	344
OPPONENTS	30	4	24	2	28/28	9/13	3	243

2-Point Conversions: Jennings 2, Team 2-4, Opponents 1-2

SACKS: Clay Matthews 8, 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, Johnny Jolly 1, Brad Jones 1, B.J. Raji 1, Tramon Williams 1, PACKERS 29, OPPONENTS 47

RUSHING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Grant	247	1068	4.3	62t	7
Aaron Rodgers	53	271	5.1	35	3
Ahman Green	21	89	4.2	26	0
Brandon Jackson	25	73	2.9	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	361	1551	4.3	62t	11
OPPONENTS	309	1105	3.6	42	4

PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Aaron Rodgers	444	291	3579	65.5	8.06	25	5.6	7	1.6	74t	47/278	102.5
Matt Flynn	3	2	15	66.7	5.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	0/0	78.5
PACKERS	447	293	3594	65.5	8.04	25	5.6	7	1.6	74t	47/278	102.3
OPPONENTS	426	227	2610	53.3	6.13	24	5.6	23	5.4	68	29/179	68.3

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Donald Driver	58	887	15.3	71t	6
Greg Jennings	56	855	15.3	64t	3
Jermichael Finley	39	488	12.5	62t	3
Donald Lee	33	243	7.4	19	1
James Jones	26	381	14.7	74t	4
Ryan Grant	25	197	7.9	27	0
Jordy Nelson	16	181	11.3	33t	2
Brandon Jackson	15	135	9.0	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	293	3594	12.3	74t	25
OPPONENTS	227	2610	11.5	68	24

INTERCEPTIONS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Charles Woodson	8	134	16.8	38t	2
Nick Collins	6	110	18.3	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	23	365	15.9	67	2
OPPONENTS	7	91	13.0	36	1

PUNTING

	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In 20	LG	Bk
Jeremy Kapinos	55	2418	44.0	33.5	9	14	58	1
PACKERS	56	2418	43.2	33.5	9	14	58	1
OPPONENTS	61	2757	45.2	40.7	4	26	62	0

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordy Nelson	13	3	49	3.8	14	0
Tramon Williams	13	5	135	10.4	45	0
Will Blackmon	3	1	11	3.7	6	0
Charles Woodson	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
PACKERS	30	9	195	6.5	45	0
OPPONENTS	34	5	360	10.6	60	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordy Nelson	16	405	25.3	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	43	945	22.0	46	0
OPPONENTS	62	1488	24.0	83	0

FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mason Crosby	1/1	11/11	7/8	4/7	1/5
PACKERS	1/1	11/11	7/8	4/7	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) (33G,26G,42N)

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 13 at Chicago

Player	Total			Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
	Tackles	Solo	Asst					
Nick Barnett	97	78	19	3.0/27.0	0/0	0	0	6
A.J. Hawk	69	53	16	1.0/7.0	1/13	0	0	2
Charles Woodson	67	53	14	2.0/18.0	8/134	1	4	15
Johnny Jolly	61	27	34	1.0/4.0	1/2	2	1	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
Clay Matthews	45	32	13	8.0/49.0	0/0	3	1	6
Nick Collins	44	38	6	1.0/1.0	6/110	1	0	15
Cullen Jenkins	42	32	10	4.5/40.5	1/4	0	3	1
Brandon Chillar	42	31	11	1.0/2.0	0/0	1	0	4
Al Harris	37	28	9	1.0/8.0	2/29	1	0	7
Atari Bigby	36	27	9	0.0/0.0	1/0	0	0	5
Tramon Williams	30	22	8	1.0/8.0	3/73	0	0	18
B.J. Raji	25	18	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	17	12	5	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Jarrett Bush	16	14	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	6
Aaron Rouse	13	11	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Desmond Bishop	9	7	2	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	780	562	218	29.0/179.0	23/365	9	10	98

SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	TT	FR	FF
Desmond Bishop	18	0	1
Spencer Havner	15	0	0
Derrick Martin	15	0	0
Korey Hall	10	0	0
Tramon Williams	10	0	0
John Kuhn	9	0	0
Brad Jones	8	0	0
Brady Poppinga	8	0	0
Jarrett Bush	7	0	0
Brandon Underwood	6	0	0
Brandon Chillar	5	0	0
Nick Collins	4	1	0
Matt Giordano	4	0	0
Brett Swain	4	0	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	135	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
Donald Driver	2
Josh Sitton	2
Korey Hall	1
Brandon Jackson	1
James Jones	1
T.J. Lang	1
Aaron Rodgers	1
Jason Spitz	1
Scott Wells	1
Totals	14

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	2/2/75	11	Alcorn State		Houston, Texas
88	Finley, Jermichael	TE	6-5	247	3/26/87	2	Texas		Diboll, Texas
10	Flynn, Matt	QB	6-2	225	6/20/85	2	Louisiana State		Tyler, Texas
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.
18	Williams, Patrick	WR	6-1	204	1/13/86	R	Colorado		DeSoto, Texas
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.
49	Francois, Robert	LB	6-3	255	5/14/85	R	Boston College		Byfield, Mass.
28	Lumpkin, Kregg	RB	5-11	228	5/15/84	2	Georgia		Stone Mountain, Ga.
13	Pizzotti, Chris	QB	6-5	226	6/29/86	R	Harvard		Reading, Mass.
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.

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 Exp	College	How Acquired	Reg. season GP/GS/DNP/IA
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	25	3	Colorado	D6c-07	13/0/0/0
7	Jeremy Kapinos	P	6-1	233	25	1	Penn State	FA-08	13/0/0/0
10	Matt Flynn	QB	6-2	225	24	2	Louisiana State	D7a-08	13/0/0/0
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	220	26	5	California	D1-05	13/13/0/0
18	Patrick Williams	WR	6-1	204	23	R	Colorado	FA-09	0/0/0/0
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	213	28	4	Central Florida	FA-05	10/8/0/3
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	202	33	12	Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	13/13/0/0
24	Jarrett Bush	CB/S	6-0	200	25	4	Utah State	W-06 (Car)	13/1/0/0
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	222	27	3	Notre Dame	T-07 (NYG)	13/13/0/0
26	Josh Bell	CB	5-11	177	24	2	Baylor	FA-09	1/0/0/2
29	Derrick Martin	S	5-10	198	24	4	Wyoming	T-09 (BAL)	12/1/0/1
30	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	250	27	4	Shippensburg	W-07 (Pitt)	13/5/0/0
32	Brandon Jackson	RB	5-10	216	24	3	Nebraska	D2-07	9/0/0/4
33	Brandon Underwood	CB	6-1	191	23	R	Cincinnati	D6b-09	9/0/0/4
34	Ahman Green	RB	6-0	217	32	12	Nebraska	FA-09	5/0/0/3
35	Korey Hall	FB	6-0	236	26	3	Boise State	D6a-07	9/3/0/4
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	207	26	5	Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	13/13/0/0
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	191	26	3	Louisiana Tech	FA-06	13/6/0/0
39	Trevor Ford	CB	6-0	188	23	R	Troy	FA-09	2/0/0/1
41	Spencer Havner	TE/LB	6-3	250	26	1	UCLA	FA-08	13/1/0/0
45	Quinn Johnson	FB	6-1	255	23	R	Louisiana State	D5a-09	6/0/0/7
47	Matt Giordano	S	5-11	200	27	5	California	FA-09	4/0/0/7
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	250	25	4	Ohio State	D1-06	13/11/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	250	30	5	Brigham Young	D4b-05	12/3/0/1
52	Clay Matthews	LB	6-3	250	23	R	Southern California	D1b-09	13/10/0/0
54	Brandon Chillar	LB	6-3	237	27	6	UCLA	UFA-08 (StL)	10/4/2/1
55	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	238	25	3	California	D6b-07	13/0/0/0
56	Nick Barnett	LB	6-2	236	28	7	Oregon State	D1-03	13/13/0/0
57	Cyril Obiozor	LB	6-4	249	23	R	Texas A&M	FA-09	2/0/0/0
59	Brad Jones	LB	6-3	239	23	R	Colorado	D7-09	11/4/0/2
61	Brett Goode	LS	6-1	261	25	2	Arkansas	FA-08	13/0/0/0
62	Evan Dietrich-Smith	G/C	6-2	305	23	R	Idaho State	FA-09	10/0/0/3
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	300	28	6	Tennessee	D7-04 (FA-04)	12/11/1/0
65	Mark Tauscher	T	6-3	316	32	10	Wisconsin	D7a-00 (FA-09)	5/5/1/3
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	311	24	2	Louisville	D5-08	0/0/1/12
70	T.J. Lang	G/T	6-4	316	22	R	Eastern Michigan	D4-09	13/3/0/0
71	Josh Sitton	G	6-3	322	23	2	Central Florida	D4b-08	13/13/0/0
73	Daryn Colledge	G	6-4	308	27	4	Boise State	D2a-06	13/13/0/0
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	320	33	10	Tennessee	D2-00	9/9/1/3
77	Cullen Jenkins	DE	6-2	305	28	6	Central Michigan	FA-04	13/13/0/0
78	Allen Barbre	T/G	6-4	305	25	3	Missouri Southern State	D4-07	9/7/0/4
79	Ryan Pickett	NT	6-2	340	30	9	Ohio State	UFA-06 (StL)	12/9/0/1
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	194	34	11	Alcorn State	D7b-99	13/13/0/0
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	198	26	4	Western Michigan	D2b-06	13/10/0/0
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	29	7	Mississippi State	FA-05	13/11/0/0
87	Jordy Nelson	WR	6-3	217	24	2	Kansas State	D2a-08	10/0/0/3
88	Jermichael Finley	TE	6-5	247	22	2	Texas	D3-08	10/8/0/3
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	208	25	3	San Jose State	D3a-07	13/3/0/0
90	B.J. Raji	NT	6-2	337	23	R	Boston College	D1a-09	11/0/0/2
94	Jarius Wynn	DE	6-3	285	23	R	Georgia	D6a-09	8/0/0/5
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	282	26	5	Texas A&M	D6a-05	9/0/0/4
97	Johnny Jolly	DE	6-3	325	26	4	Texas A&M	D6a-06	13/13/0/0
99	Jeremy Thompson	LB	6-4	260	24	2	Wake Forest	D4a-08	6/0/0/7

Practice Squad

13	Chris Pizzotti	QB	6-5	226	23	R	Harvard	FA-09	0/0/0/0
28	Kregg Lumpkin	RB	5-11	228	25	2	Georgia	FA-08	0/0/0/0
49	Robert Francois	LB	6-3	255	24	R	Boston College	FA-09	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)