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SEATTLE (5-9) at GREEN BAY (9-5)

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HOME SCHEDULE CONCLUDES WITH SEAHAWKS

The Packers wrap up the 2009 regular-season slate at Lambeau Field on Sunday as they take on the Seattle Seahawks.

- ▶ Green Bay comes into the game with playoff hopes on the line and a chance to secure the franchise's 25th postseason bid. With a win Sunday, the Packers would achieve double-digit victories for the 24th time in team history and second under Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**.
- ▶ Coming off an emotional, last-second defeat in Pittsburgh that also snapped a five-game winning streak, Green Bay will welcome a familiar foe to Lambeau Field, where it has won 18 of its last 25 games.
- ▶ This will mark the fifth consecutive season in which the Packers and Seahawks will meet. The two clubs last met in Green Bay in the 2007 NFC Divisional playoffs, a 42-20 Packers win in one of the most memorable postseason contests in franchise history. Including another playoff victory over Seattle at Lambeau Field in the 2003 postseason, the Packers own a 5-1 advantage over the Seahawks in Green Bay. Seattle's lone win came in its first-ever Lambeau Field appearance in 1999.
- ▶ Green Bay owns a 7-5-0 advantage in the all-time regular-season series, which has taken on the feeling of a friendly rivalry in recent years. Packers GM **Ted Thompson** spent five seasons (2000-04) as director of football operations for the Seahawks where he worked side-by-side with Mike Holmgren, who coached Seattle for 10 years (1999-2008) after coaching the Packers for seven (1992-98).
- ▶ Seattle dropped its most recent game at home to the Buccaneers, 24-7, to fall to 5-9 on the year. The Seahawks wrap up their season at home next weekend against the Titans.



COULD THEY CLINCH?

Green Bay could clinch a playoff berth in front of the home fans at Lambeau Field on Sunday, the place where it clinched its last postseason berth in 2007 in Week 14.

- ▶ There are three scenarios by 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.
- ▶ The Giants play at home against Carolina at noon, while the Cowboys travel to Washington to take on the Redskins Sunday night.
- ▶ At 9-5, Green Bay stands ahead of Dallas (9-5) and the New York Giants (8-6) 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.
- ▶ While the loss at Pittsburgh certainly stung in the way in which it occurred, the fact that it came against an AFC opponent helps soften the blow. 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 conference matchups ahead Sunday against the Seahawks and in Week 17 in Arizona.

WITH THE CALL

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

- ▶ Play-by-play man **Thom Brennaman** and color analyst **Brian Billick** will have the call from the broadcast booth.
- ▶ Milwaukee's WTMJ (620 AM), airing Green Bay games since 1929, heads up the 53-station Packers Radio Network, with **Wayne Larrivee** (play-by-play) and two-time Packers Pro Bowler **Larry McCarren** (color) calling the action. The duo enters its 11th season of broadcasts together across the Packers Radio Network, which covers 43 markets in five states.
- ▶ For out-of-town listeners, the broadcast is available to NFL Field Pass subscribers on www.packers.com as well as on Sirius Satellite Radio (channel 121 WTMJ feed) as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive.
- ▶ DIRECTV subscribers can watch the game in HD on channel 712.

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 SteelersL, 36-37	(57,452)	
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

PRO BOWL BALLOTING CONCLUDES

Pro Bowl balloting concluded Monday night and the AFC and NFC teams will be announced early next week.

- ▶ With a 9-5 record and offensive and defensive units ranked among the league's top 10, the Packers have a number of candidates on both sides of the ball who could be selected to represent the NFC in South Florida.
- ▶ On offense, QB **Aaron Rodgers** is a prime candidate thanks to an outstanding sophomore campaign as a starter. He is poised to set career highs in nearly every category and at 26 has matured into one of the game's top young signal callers.
- ▶ Also looking to make his first career Pro Bowl is RB **Ryan Grant**, who is enjoying another fine year with 1,105 yards and eight TDs. WRs **Donald Driver**, a three-time selection, and **Greg Jennings** both have a chance to represent the conference, as each could go over the 1,000-yard mark Sunday.
- ▶ On defense, it'd be hard to leave CB **Charles Woodson** and S **Nick Collins** off any postseason all-star team. Woodson is among the leading candidates for *The Associated Press* Defensive Player of the Year, while Collins' six interceptions are second among NFC safeties.
- ▶ LB **Nick Barnett** has totaled over 100 tackles and three sacks as one of the leaders of the league's No. 2-ranked unit. Also at linebacker is **Clay Matthews**, a leading contender for Defensive Rookie of the Year who may earn some Pro Bowl consideration thanks to a forced fumble, three recoveries and a team-best 10 sacks.



A FAMILIAR FOE

Meeting for the seventh time overall in the past seven seasons (2003-09), Green Bay has taken five of the last six meetings from Seattle.

- ▶ The Packers have played the Seahawks each year under Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**, who is 2-1 overall against Seattle.
- ▶ Most recently, Green Bay defeated the Seahawks in Seattle last season, 27-17, behind two TD passes from **Aaron Rodgers**. Additionally, the Packers held an injury-riddled Seattle unit to 177 yards of total offense.
- ▶ The 2007 meeting marked one of the most memorable games in the history of Lambeau Field. While a forecast called for light snow, near-blizzard conditions turned Lambeau Field into a snow globe as the Packers defeated the Seahawks, 42-20, in the Divisional playoffs.
- ▶ It was a career day for RB **Ryan Grant**, who bounced back from two early fumbles to record the top ground performance (201 yards, three TDs) in Packers' playoff history.
- ▶ There are connections abound between the coaching staffs and players, most notably with Seattle QB Matt Hasselbeck, a former Green Bay draft pick who spent his first three NFL seasons with the Packers.
- ▶ Additionally, three of the top members of the Packers' personnel department worked for the Seahawks: GM **Ted Thompson**, Director - Football Operations **John Schneider** and Director of College Scouting **John Dorsey**. Thompson ran the draft for the Seahawks for five seasons (2000-04), and nine starters on Seattle's Super Bowl XL team, including league MVP Shaun Alexander, were drafted by the Seahawks under Thompson's watch.

LED BY THE DEFENSE

Despite surrendering 537 total net yards to the Steelers, the Green Bay defense remained at 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.

- ▶ 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. 11 against the pass.
- ▶ Green Bay is allowing 290.9 yards per game, second behind the N.Y.

Jets (262.8) and ahead of No. 3 Denver (294.4).

- ▶ 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. 7. This week's opponent, Seattle, ranks 26th 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 and Eagles in total takeaways in 2009 and had their streak of 16 consecutive games with a takeaway snapped in Pittsburgh.
- ▶ 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 third-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



WR **Greg Jennings** hauled in an 83-yard touchdown against the Steelers for the team's opening score last Sunday.

- ▶ It was the longest reception of his career, topping an 82-yard TD on the opening play of overtime to beat Denver in 2007.
- ▶ It was also the longest throw in the career of QB **Aaron Rodgers**, who has been one of the most potent deep-ball throwers in the NFL the past two seasons.
- ▶ It helps to have a deep ball threat like Jennings, who notched the 28th TD catch of his career. An amazing 13 of those TDs have been from 40 yards or more.
- ▶ That improved his average yards-per-TD-catch to a staggering 34.2, tops in the league among active players with at least 20 career touchdown receptions, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Player	Average/TD	TDs
Greg Jennings	34.2	28
Bernard Berrian	34.0	24
Santana Moss	33.2	46
Joey Galloway	32.2	77
Lee Evans	31.2	38



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

**Green Bay Packers vs.
Seattle Seahawks**

All-time, regular season:
7-5-0

All-time, postseason: 2-0

All-time, in Green Bay: 5-1 (incl. two playoff victories)

Streaks: The Packers have won five of the last six, including the two postseason contests.

Last meeting, regular season:

Oct. 12, 2008, at Qwest Field; Packers won, 27-17

Last meeting, at Lambeau Field:

Jan. 8, 2008, in NFC Divisional playoff; Packers won, 42-20



COACHES CAPSULES

Mike McCarthy: 37-27-0, .578 (incl. 1-1 postseason); 4th NFL season

Jim Mora: 32-32-0, .500 (incl. 1-1 postseason); 4th NFL season (1st Seahawks)

Head to Head: Never met

vs. Opponent: McCarthy 2-1 vs. Seahawks; Mora 0-1 vs. Packers

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

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

JIM MORA...Is in first year as the Seahawks' seventh head coach.

- ▶ Took over team for Mike Holmgren after serving as assistant head coach/defensive backs the past two seasons.
- ▶ Was head coach of the Atlanta Falcons the three years prior (2004-06), winning a division title in his first season.
- ▶ Also worked as an assistant coach for the San Diego Chargers (1985-91), New Orleans Saints (1992-96) and San Francisco 49ers (1997-2003, serving as San Francisco's defensive coordinator his final four years there.
- ▶ A walk-on linebacker at the University of Washington (1981-83), played on two Rose Bowl teams.

THE PACKERS-SEAHAWKS SERIES

- ▶ The two clubs have met 14 times, including the regular season and playoffs, since Seattle entered the National Football League in 1976. The 2007 NFC Divisional playoff was the second in the postseason, both at Lambeau Field and won by the Packers.
- ▶ This will mark the first Packers-Seahawks game without Mike Holmgren coaching one of the squads since 1990, a span of eight games.
- ▶ Since Seattle's shift to the NFC in 2002, the two teams have met six times including playoffs. Including this year, the two teams have met every year over the last seven seasons except 2004.
- ▶ Neither team has ever won more than three in a row in the series

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

Packers GM Ted Thompson spent five seasons (2000-04) as the Seahawks' vice president of football operations...Packers personnel analyst John Schneider (2000) and director of college scouting John Dorsey (1999) both worked in Seattle's front office...Green Bay assistant head coach/linebackers Winston Moss played his final three seasons in Seattle (1995-97) and began his coaching career with the Seahawks as defensive quality control in 1998...Seahawks defensive backs coach Tim Lewis was

a first-round pick of the Packers in 1983, and played four seasons in Green Bay before his career was cut short by a neck injury...Lewis was also Packers secondary-safeties coach Darren Perry's position coach for four seasons (1995-98)...Packers special teams assistant Curtis Fuller was a fourth-round draft choice of the Seahawks as a safety in 2001 and played two seasons there...Former Packers GM Ron Wolf selected Matt Hasselbeck in the sixth round of the 1998 draft; the quarterback spent his first three seasons in Green Bay, including his rookie campaign on the Packers' practice squad. McCarthy was his position coach during the 1999 season...Seattle DT Colin Cole played five seasons in Green Bay (2004-08) while Seattle P Jon Ryan played two (2006-07)...Former college teammates include Seahawks RB Julius Jones and TE John Carlson and Packers RB Ryan Grant (Notre Dame), Seahawks LB Aaron Curry and C Steve Vallos and Packers LB Jeremy Thompson (Wake Forest), Seahawks S Deon Grant and Packers LT Chad Clifton (Tennessee), Seahawks DT Red Bryant and Packers DEs Johnny Jolly and Michael Montgomery and LB Cyril Obiozor (Texas A&M), Seahawks WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Packers LB Nick Barnett (Oregon State), Seahawks LS Kevin Houser and Packers NT Ryan Pickett (Ohio State), Seahawks DT Brandon Mebane and RB Justin Forsett and Packers QB Aaron Rodgers and S Matt Giordano (Cal), Seahawks DE Lawrence Jackson and Packers LB Clay Matthews (USC), and Seahawks G Rob Sims and Packers LB A.J. Hawk (Ohio State)...Packers assistant director of pro personnel Tim Terry played linebacker for Seattle for two seasons (2001-02)...Seattle vice president Lance Lopes worked in the Packers' front office from 1993-2000.

INDIVIDUALLY VS. SEAHAWKS

RB Ryan Grant set franchise playoff records with 201 rushing yards and three TDs in the 2007 NFC Divisional playoff. He added a career-high 33 carries in last year's meeting...WR Greg Jennings had two TD catches in the playoff game and added another last year...WR Donald Driver has caught 31 passes for 416 yards and two scores in six games against Seattle...LB A.J. Hawk posted a career-high 20 tackles (16 solo) in the 2006 matchup...Also in the 2006 game, CB Charles Woodson recorded his second career two-INT game, and he has five career interceptions against the Seahawks.

LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON

Oct. 12, 2008, at Qwest Field; Packers won, 27-17.

- ▶ The Packers snapped a three-game losing streak against an injury-depleted Seattle team that was forced to start No. 3 QB Charlie Frye.
- ▶ The Packers broke a 10-all tie in the third quarter when Aaron Rodgers hit Greg Jennings for a 45-yard touchdown pass. In the fourth, John Kuhn added a 1-yard TD reception and Mason Crosby tacked on a field goal to give the Packers a comfortable 27-10 cushion.
- ▶ Ryan Grant carried the ball a career-high 33 times for 90 yards, tying him for the second-most carries in a game in franchise history.
- ▶ The Packers intercepted Frye twice and sacked him three times, limiting Seattle to just 177 yards of total offense.

LAST MEETING, AT LAMBEAU FIELD

Jan. 8, 2008, NFC Divisional playoff; Packers won, 42-20.

- ▶ In a steady snowstorm that turned into white-out conditions in the second half, Ryan Grant overcame two early fumbles that staked Seattle to a 14-0 lead and rushed for 201 yards and three scores, both franchise playoff records, as the Packers scored touchdowns on six straight possessions.
- ▶ A TD pass to Greg Jennings midway through the first quarter got Green Bay on the board, and Jennings' second TD grab early in the second quarter put the Packers up for good at 21-14.
- ▶ Brett Favre finished 18-of-23 for 173 yards and three TDs (137.6 rating), setting a franchise playoff record for completion percentage in one game (78.26 percent).

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. 6 overall, and avoided costly mistakes, spearheading a unit that has just 15 giveaways, tied with San Diego for the lowest total in the league.
- ▶ Through 14 games, his 102.4 passer rating ranks fourth in the NFL. In addition, he is the game's top-ranked passer on third downs (134.4).
- ▶ The fourth-year pro has thrown for 3,962 yards, fourth 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 305 rushing yards on 55 carries (5.5 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 30 career starts, Rodgers has eclipsed the century mark in passer rating 16 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 third 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 tied for the fewest in the league with San Diego.
- ▶ 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 316 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, Seattle, stands at minus-five, which ranks tied for 22nd in the NFL. It has 21 takeaways (12 interceptions, nine fumble recoveries) and 26 turnovers (14 interceptions, 12 fumbles).

- ▶ Of the Packers' takeaways, 23 have come via the interception, tied with Philadelphia for third highest in the league behind Buffalo (26) 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 264 consecutive carries without a fumble, third 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

Despite the loss in Pittsburgh, Green Bay remains 2-1 in the season's final month and could clinch a playoff spot with a win and some help Sunday.

- ▶ Physical games against the Ravens, Bears and Steelers typify what December football in the National Football League is all about. A fourth straight game in winter conditions is expected for the Packers this Sunday before concluding the regular season in Arizona.
- ▶ 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, 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) owns a better home record over that period. Interestingly, both teams play their home games 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:

<u>Team</u>	<u>W-L in Dec/Jan</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
New England	36-8-0	.818
Pittsburgh	33-13-0	.717
Green Bay	32-13-0	.711
Philadelphia	31-13-0	.705
Indianapolis	31-15-0	.674



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

AS GOOD AS HE'S EVER BEEN

With Pro Bowl balloting finished, 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 77 tackles through 14 games, second most on the team. That pace should allow him to 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. Of his interceptions, 27 have come in 60 games with Green Bay. In 106 games with the 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 46 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 65 tackles and also has a sack and forced fumble. His nine passes defended show his ability to be a disruptive force at the line of scrimmage and also tied a franchise record set by Jenkins in 2007, a stat the team began recording 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.
 ▶ Since the Packers gave up 117 yards to RB Steven Jackson in Week 3, they have allowed 784 yards in 11 games (71.2 yards a game), the fewest allowed in the NFL over that span.

▶ If the Packers can hold their opponents to a total of 192 yards rushing (96 per game) in the final two games, they will set a franchise record for the fewest rushing yards allowed in a 16-game season. The franchise record is 1,363 allowed in 1994 (85.2 per game).

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 (1,105 yards) ranks fourth in the NFC and ninth overall in the NFL. Utilized more in the screen game this season, his 197 receiving yards already is a career high.
- ▶ Grant's 1,302 total yards from scrimmage ranks fourth in the NFC and eighth in the NFL.
- ▶ McCarthy has consistently stated in his time in Green Bay that the most important rushing statistic to him is attempts, and there is no doubting the team's success when the attempts are up, specifically for Grant.
- ▶ When Grant gets 22-or-more carries, the team is 9-1 (10-1 with playoffs).
- ▶ With veteran RB **Ahman Green** back in the fold, not to mention a quarterback whose feet are a weapon opposing defenses must account for, Green Bay has totaled over 100 net yards on the ground 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 has 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 the possibility of a cold-weather playoff game, the offense may shift to a more ground-based attack.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

QUITE THE PAIR

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

- ▶ The pair 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 since '08 ranks second. The Ravens' Ed Reed (12) is third.
- ▶ Woodson became only the second player in team history to record at least eight picks in two or more seasons. He also had eight in '06.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Collins nearly set a record with an interception in four straight games, tied for the second-longest streak in team history. The last to accomplish the feat was John Symank in 1961, who also had four.
- ▶ 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 950 receiving yards. The AFC has four pairs: Indianapolis' Dallas Clark and Reggie Wayne, Pittsburgh's Santonio 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 has 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 run to an NFC playoff berth.



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. 3 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

'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 and was used on a number of third downs against Pittsburgh.

- ▶ 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 were its starting four along with nickel CB **Jarrett 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 and Steelers had trouble finding any light in the run game. Green Bay held the Bears (59 net yards rushing, second-fewest on the year) and Steelers (65 rushing yards) in check on

the ground.

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 five 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 Steelers game, perhaps its finest performance of the season, and the unit is expected to make its sixth consecutive start together Sunday against Seattle.
- ▶ The results speak for themselves, as the group has produced the best results of the season in pass protection and hit for increased production and big plays 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.
- ▶ Most importantly, the unit is protecting QB **Aaron Rodgers**. He has been sacked eight times in five games, the best streak of the season in pass protection.
- ▶ The eight sacks over the past five games is tied for the eighth 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.



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

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. 3) and defense (No. 7) 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 (134.4) on third down. No other quarterback has thrown for as many yards (1,512) or touchdowns (14) on third down as Rodgers, who threw all three of his scores on third down in Pittsburgh. In 144 third-down attempts, he has a 67.4% completion rate and has yet to throw an interception. Tom Brady is the only other quarterback yet to throw an interception on third down (min. 85 attempts).
- ▶ 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. 7.
- ▶ 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.



AROUND THE 'BLACK AND BLUE'

At 9-5, Green Bay stands solidly in second place in the NFC North with two games remaining on the schedule.

- ▶ Green Bay finished the year 4-2 in division play with its 21-14 victory over the Bears in Chicago.
- ▶ Minnesota, off to a 11-3 start, lost at Carolina over the weekend but still wrapped up the division crown by virtue of the Packers' loss. It will play in Chicago on Monday night before finishing the season at home against the New York Giants.
- ▶ 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 worked against history again, becoming 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 eight of its last 10 games and was officially eliminated from postseason contention by the Packers two weeks ago. The Bears will have to play a divisional game against the Vikings as ESPN's *Monday Night Football* travels to Soldier Field. It will conclude its 2009 slate with another division game against the Lions.
- ▶ Detroit dropped a close contest against Arizona over the weekend and will look to rebound in its final road trip of the season to San Francisco.
- ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** has always stressed the importance of division play. Through the first 14 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.

ANOTHER FRANCHISE MARK

WR **Donald Driver**, now in his 11th season with the Packers, established yet another team mark in Week 13. 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 is tied for the team lead in catches (61), second in receiving yards (963), and first in touchdown catches (6). Those numbers certainly put him in the conversation for a fourth career Pro Bowl.
- ▶ 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 8,952.

▶ Driver has been the model of consistency for the Packers, catching at least one pass in 125 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 15 catches of 20-plus yards is tied for 11th in the NFL.

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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 five contests.

- ▶ Over the last five games, he has caught a team-high 31 passes for 302 yards and three TDs. His reception total over that time ranks third among tight ends, trailing Tony Gonzalez (34) and Jason Witten (33).
- ▶ His nine catches at Pittsburgh matched the single-game record for receptions by a tight end.
- ▶ 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 and Steelers, 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 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 35 catches. Finley and Lee are the only NFL tight-end combo with at least 35 catches.
- ▶ TE **Spencer Havner** has made the most of his opportunities this year, as four of his seven catches on the year have gone for scores.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

284 AND COUNTING

Another packed house at Lambeau Field against the Ravens brought the stadium's consecutive sellouts streak to 284 games (268 regular season, 16 playoffs). The last home game on the regular-season schedule comes this Sunday against Seattle, expected to be consecutive sellout No. 285.

- ▶ 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. So far, a total of 495,237 fans came through the turnstiles in the seven home contests in 2009.
- ▶ 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 host Seattle, which is 1-6 on the road so far this season. Its lone win came in Week 12 at St. Louis.
- ▶ 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
Pittsburgh	103-39-1	.724
Denver	103-40-0	.720
Minnesota	99-44-0	.692
Dallas	96-47-0	.671

GETTING AFTER THE QUARTERBACK

The Packers recorded five sacks against the Steelers, the third time this season it has totaled five or more sacks in a game.

- ▶ The last time the Packers had five or more sacks in three games was 2002. The team record is four games, a number that was hit in three separate seasons (1985, 2000, 2001).
- ▶ LB **Brad Jones**, who has filled in following season-ending knee injury to **Aaron Kampman**, recorded his first multi-sack game of his career against Pittsburgh, joining LB **Clay Matthews** (three multi-sack games) as the first rookie duo to post multi-sack games in a season.
- ▶ Jones became the third Packers rookie to collect a sack this season, joining first-round picks NT **B.J. Raji** (1.0) and Matthews (10.0). The last time three Packers rookies recorded sacks was 1987.

- ▶ With another sack against the Bears, Matthews became the first rookie in Packers history to record a sack in three consecutive games. His current streak is at four after a two-sack effort against Pittsburgh.
- ▶ Raji has seen his most extensive action of the season at nose tackle in relief of starter NT **Ryan Pickett**, who missed the Chicago game and only played sparingly in Pittsburgh with a hamstring injury.
- ▶ All three rookies 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.

▶ In a game which featured a combined 94 pass attempts, Green Bay lost the time of possession battle against the Steelers, holding the ball for only 24:38.

- ▶ Also keep in mind the Packers had two short scoring drives. A long scoring pass to WR **Greg Jennings** capped a three-play drive, while RB **Ryan Grant's** touchdown run was just the fourth play of the drive.
- ▶ Entering Week 16, the Packers rank tied for No. 2 in the league with a time-of-possession average of 32:47, trailing only New England (33:16). Cincinnati shares the No. 2 spot with Green Bay, while Pittsburgh (32:33) and Miami (32:30) round out the league's Top 5.
- ▶ The Packers could get the opportunity to improve upon their average this week against the Seahawks. Seattle ranks No. 31 in the category with an average of 27:29.
- ▶ The Packers' final opponent, Arizona, ranks 13th in the category with an average of 30:05. Improved ball control in the final two games could allow the Packers to establish a new franchise record.
- ▶ Green Bay's best single-season mark came in 1992, when it posted an average of 32:30 per game.
- ▶ Before Pittsburgh, the Packers had really controlled the ball in their past eight contests, averaging just under 37 minutes per contest, nearly a full quarter more than their opponents.
- ▶ In the first nine games of the season, the Packers had just nine drives of 10 plays or more. Over their last five games, they have 10 drives of 10 or more plays.
- ▶ As the weather turns, Green Bay has traditionally become 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. 21

▶ **(Do you look at passing yards as an anomaly or was something exposed that other teams may look at?)**

Well, if you look at our 14 weeks' work, it is an anomaly to give up that much production against our defense. I think the biggest thing you need to look at from a statistics standpoint, it starts with the big plays. They generated 366 yards off of 12 plays, so that's where you have to start as a defense in the evaluation of how and why. And like most times when you have a chance to look at the film and evaluate it, they're all things technical or assignment-wise that are definitely controllable by us. The players are in there right now correcting the film with the coaches, offensively and defensively, and we'll do that today and we'll actually move on to Seattle when they complete.

▶ **(So if you play another offense as potent as Pittsburgh, do you attack it differently schematically or do the players just have to make better plays?)**

I think that's such a blanket statement, just because they were effective. Who are their players? What schemes are we talking about? What are the matchups? Weather conditions. All those things factor into it. Obviously Pittsburgh has a pretty good handle on trying to attack this defensive scheme with all the empty and types of things that they did. Sub-packages is something that we've been playing exclusively in throughout the year. So none of this is really new, we just didn't do a very good job handling it as we did in the past. We knew going into the game that Ben Roethlisberger was very good at extending plays, and he extended a number of plays where he was able to create big plays. That was a focus of ours all week, and we did not get that part done.

▶ **(Do you need to change your nickel and dime defensive backs?)**

Well, changing personnel frankly is not an option and it's really not an interest of mine. We've had our share of injuries like everybody. Tryouts are over. We've got game No. 15 coming up and we need to do some of the things that we didn't do very well yesterday better, and if we need to adjust some things based on who's coming in here and what the matchup is across from them this week, then we'll do that. We have answers for the issues that we encountered. We didn't handle it very well yesterday.

▶ **(Any thought given to more pressure on that final series?)**

Well, there's pressure throughout, and the pressure call earlier I think concerned everybody. Rightfully so. After going through the film, I didn't on the field have an issue at all with the way we called it, even watching the film. We had a number of opportunities to end that game on that last drive, and play-calling was not the issue.

▶ **(Where are you with the kicking situation?)**

Mason Crosby is our kicker. He will be our kicker moving forward. Zero interest in bringing in a kicker. I have all the confidence that Mason will fix the issue that he's had with missing the one kick a game. I know it doesn't do any good talking about it in here or publicly, but he's kicked the ball very well, and the two opportunities to make key field goals, he did not. They're technical things that he's fully capable of correcting, and that will be our focus. He's a very talented kicker, he's our kicker, he will be our kicker, and he will kick it through the uprights. That will be our focus as we move forward with him.

▶ **(Are you sticking with Jeremy as the holder?)**

Jeremy, we'll stick with Jeremy with the holder. Just like I talked about yesterday, it was a change that was made more mentally for Mason, the punter, and everybody knows how the operation works. The punter and the kicker, they spend all their time together. There's more opportunities for them to work on it, based on Matt Flynn's other responsibilities in practice. This is really not an indictment on Matt Flynn or his holding ability. This is something that from a confidence standpoint we felt would help our operation. The ability to spend more time, like Mason and Jeremy do. That's a big reason we made the switch.

▶ **(Are you worried about Crosby's confidence level?)**

Well, I'm sure he doesn't feel very good today. We're very honest, and I'm sure he would be too if he was standing up here in front of you. He needs

to kick that ball through the upright there. That was an important field goal for us. To drive the football and come away with no points there, we've done it a couple times this year. It's a lesson that needs to be well-learned as we move down the stretch here. We're going into game No. 15, and he needs to do a better job of making key field goals. I think he's kicking the ball extremely well in the kickoff part of it. We're asking him to do more in that phase than he's done in the past. He didn't have a very good pre-game in Pittsburgh, and part of that carried over to that kick.

▶ **(Did you go into the game thinking it would be as pass-oriented as it was on both sides?)**

It did not surprise me. We were obviously fully prepared for it. I think it was evident on both sides of the field. Both offenses were extremely productive. The second half was all about offensive production. It did not surprise me. I'll be honest with you, I was a little, not surprised, I was impressed on how well the playing surface was because I know they have had some history in the past. They have the high school, the WPIAL All-Star games, all four games in one day there and the field is always replaced after that. Anytime you have a field that is not in order for a couple of weeks, you potentially have some issues. But I thought the field was in great shape. I'm sure that had a little bit to do with it too.

▶ **(It's all about winning, but do you find value in a loss like that?)**

I think you gain experience from every opportunity, and I think yesterday is an experience that we'll definitely be able to draw from as we move forward. You always want the victory, because with that victory comes that big chunk of confidence that goes along with it. It would have been very helpful to go into that environment, playing the defending world champions when they are basically on the ropes fighting for their playoff lives, and we did not get that done. But there are a lot of things in that game, and I just look at the one aspect of adversity. I think that has been a real strength of our football team. It's been a very important aspect of the way we have won games here in the last month and a half, and it was very evident in that game yesterday. So there were a number of opportunities that did get away from us, but we definitely responded time and time again to a very good football team playing at a high level, and those are the things that we'll carry forward.

▶ **(What can you say about Aaron's performance?)**

I thought Aaron Rodgers played probably one of his better games here in Green Bay, just for the fact that the way it started. We had every intention of going in there and punching them in the mouth, and frankly I thought they punched us in the mouth there in the beginning of the game. I love the way our team responded and I like the way he just stayed steady. He never flinched. He had some adversity obviously with a couple of hits early, some dropped balls early, but I thought he was very consistent. He handled all of the pressure looks. I thought Scott Wells and Aaron, just from an adjustment standpoint in our protection scheme, did an outstanding job. I thought the protection unit was outstanding, starting up front with the offensive line. I thought Brandon Jackson played as well as any running back I have seen in pass protection. I thought he played at a very high level. That was a big day for Aaron Rodgers.

▶ **(Are you OK with running the ball as little as you did?)**

It's about points; it always has been. I think running the ball and throwing the ball statistically, it just makes you look at that area. I know you go through the run/pass ratios all of the time. We don't always play that way. We have a quarterback and an offensive unit that can handle a lot of adjustments at the line, and I think we're very good at that part of it. If it's running the ball versus a better look, we'll run it, and if it's throwing it versus a better look then we'll throw it. That's a starting point. Sometimes we line up and just throw it and sometimes we line up and just run it. The way the defense plays you when you are a multiple-personnel, multiple-concept, multiple-formation offense, has a lot to do with the direction of the game. Walking into the game I thought we would be a little more mixed run/throw the football, but the way they played us on first and second down, I thought we did a good job of attacking their defense.

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 his second season as the quarterback in Green Bay.

- ▶ When it comes to the long ball, few are as accurate as Rodgers. His 15 completions of 40-plus yards ranks tied for second in the NFL with Dallas QB Tony Romo (15). Philadelphia's QB Donovan McNabb leads the league with 16.
- ▶ In terms of what coaches often classify as 'big plays' (gains of 20-plus yards), Rodgers has 49 completions, the eighth-best total in the league, already surpassing his 2008 total.
- ▶ 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 59 plays of 20-plus yards. Seattle comes into the game with 44 plays of 20-plus yards, which ranks 23rd.
- ▶ WR **Donald Driver** and WR **Greg Jennings** each have five receptions of 40-plus yards, the only set of teammates to have at least five such receptions 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 until recently. The Packers have 10 'big' runs on the season: seven 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 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 third on the team in TD catches with TE **Jermichael Finley** and WR **Greg Jennings**.

- ▶ When 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 third 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 touchdown, the longest fumble return for a TD by a rookie in team history.
- ▶ Matthews recorded the third multi-sack game of his career against the Steelers and has 10 sacks on the season, a new Green Bay rookie record. In addition to leading the Packers, his 10 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 (8) and Vonnie Holliday (eight in 1998) had shared the team rookie record for sacks 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 Eays (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

Green Bay remains one of the league's most dangerous teams when it comes to yards after the catch, ranking fifth in the league. Their consistent standing near the top of those rankings is due in large part to WRs **Greg Jennings** and **Donald Driver**, two of the league's top deep threats.

- ▶ Both showed their capabilities against the Steelers, as Jennings scored an 83-yard catch-and-run TD in the first quarter. It was the longest reception of his career and the longest pass of QB **Aaron Rodgers'** career.
- ▶ When it comes to scoring passes, Jennings has an eye-popping average even over three-plus seasons. Of his 28 career touchdown catches, 13 have been at least 40 yards in length. He has a staggering average of 34.2 yards per TD catch.



- ▶ Driver wasn't held in check by the Steelers either, taking his long reception of the day for 49 yards.
- ▶ When it comes to the 40-plus yard plays, there is no doubting the Driver-Jennings duo is 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	20	11
Randy Moss, NE	18	12
Steve Smith, CAR	17	8
Terrell Owens, BUF	16	11
Donald Driver, GB	15	3
Andre Johnson, HOU	15	5

TOP 10 AGAIN

For an offense that has registered over 400 yards eight 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.
- ▶ 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 a 20-plus yard TD run for the second straight week. Against the Steelers, he raced 24 yards to the end zone one week after taking the ball for a 62-yard score on the game's opening play in Chicago.

- ▶ 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 score against the Steelers was his eighth rushing TD of the year, matching a career high. It was the 21st TD of his career.
- ▶ The long touchdown runs remind 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.

- ▶ Grant is just 95 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 in 2007 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 in '07 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 in 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	3,666	32
Ryan Grant, GB	3,237	20
Steven Jackson, StL	3,164	16
Thomas Jones, NYJ	3,163	25
DeAngelo Williams, CAR	3,060	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	6	15	8	2	2	11
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. Through 14 games, the team has produced 30 points on game-opening drives (three TDs, three FGs).
- ▶ In terms of first-quarter scoring, Green Bay has already surpassed its 2008 output with 87 points in the opening frame. That first-quarter total is second highest in the NFL behind Philadelphia (112).
- ▶ 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 its finest work in the first quarter, allowing just 52 points, fewest of any quarter.
- ▶ Thanks to opportunities created in part by their ball-hawking defense, the Packers have scored 219 first-half points. Opponents have scored only 133 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 65-37 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 five weeks.
- ▶ The unit may be coming off what could be considered its finest performance of the season, as QB **Aaron Rodgers** was sacked just once in 48 attempts against a Steelers defense that came into the game ranked No. 2 in the NFL in total sacks.
- ▶ Still, QB **Aaron Rodgers** has been sacked a league-high 49 times.
- ▶ To show how important pass protection is to the team's overall success, the Packers are 9-1 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. He saluted the work of RB **Brandon Jackson** against Pittsburgh, calling it as fine a performance as he had seen by a running back in pass protection.
- ▶ Injuries killed the team's early-season continuity up front, 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. LT **Chad Clifton** has returned from a nagging ankle injury, while veteran RT **Mark Tauscher** has played the entirety of the past three 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.
- ▶ Seattle comes into the game with 27 sacks, tied for 21st in the NFL. DE Patrick Kerney leads the team with five.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Green Bay is 4-3 on the road this year and will have a final shot in Arizona to keep its road record over the .500 mark.

▶ 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 17-14 (.548). The 2-6 road record in '08 was the lone season below .500 on the road under McCarthy.

▶ 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	24	7	0	.774
New England	23	8	0	.742
New York Giants	21	10	0	.677
Dallas	19	12	0	.613
New Orleans	19	12	0	.613
San Diego	19	12	0	.613
Philadelphia	18	12	1	.597
Green Bay	17	14	0	.548
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 19 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 are 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 (378.8)	4	6
Rushing (115.9)	6	15
Passing (262.9)	3	8
Total Defense (290.9)	1	2
vs. Rush (83.6)	1	2
vs. Pass (207.4)	6	11
Third-Down Offense (46.6%)	1	3
Third-Down Defense (35.5%)	4	7
Red-Zone Offense (51.0%)	10	17
Red-Zone Defense (63.4%)	14	30

SEATTLE (Team)

Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (-5)	10T	22T
Total Offense (319.2)	10	22
Rushing (93.6)	15	28
Passing (225.6)	8	14
Total Defense (355.9)	12	24
vs. Rush (106.4)	7	13
vs. Pass (249.4)	14	29
Third-Down Offense (33.3%)	14	26
Third-Down Defense (37.4%)	8	15
Red-Zone Offense (41.5%)	15	30
Red-Zone Defense (52.2%)	9	19

GREEN BAY (Individual)

Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Grant (1,105)	4	9
Passing: Rodgers (102.4)	3	4
Receptions: Driver (61)	14T	29T
Jennings (61)	14T	29T
Rec. Yds.: Jennings (973)	7	18
Sacks: Matthews (10.0)	7	9T
Interceptions: Woodson (8)	1T	2T

SEATTLE (Individual)

Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Jones (563)	18	34
Passing: Hasselbeck (79.6)	9	19
Receptions: Houshmandzadeh (72)	6	16
Rec. Yds.: Burleson (812)	15	28
Sacks: Kerney (5.0)	22T	47T
Interceptions: Hawthorne (3)	17T	31T



GAME REVIEW - STEELERS 37, PACKERS 36

PACKERS FALL ON FINAL PLAY IN PITTSBURGH

Green Bay showed its mettle on Sunday by coming back from a 10-point deficit in the fourth quarter to take the lead, but the Packers couldn't come up with one final stop as it tried to knock off the defending Super Bowl champions.

▶ Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger found rookie wide receiver Mike Wallace on the side of the end zone for a 19-yard touchdown pass as time expired to give Pittsburgh (7-7) a 37-36 victory over the Packers in front of 57,452 at Heinz Field, the first 37-36 game in the history of the NFL.

▶ The loss snapped Green Bay's five-game winning streak as the team fell to 9-5 on the season. If the playoffs started today, the Packers would be in as the No. 5 seed in the NFC, with Dallas also standing at 9-5.

▶ "All losses are difficult," Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** said. "Losses in December are probably a little more important. This was a game we had a lot of confidence coming into. We knew we were going to have to score some points today on the offensive side of it. I don't think we thought it would go that way as far as their aggressiveness and the passing game against our defense.

▶ "We came up one play short and it will be corrected (Monday). I'm sure there will be a number of opportunities where we could've probably made one play. I think this is classic December football. It came down to the last play of the game and we didn't get it done."

▶ Coming in as the No. 2-ranked defense in the league (272.0 yards per game), the Packers allowed a season-high 537 yards of total offense by the Steelers. Most of the damage came through the air courtesy of a team-record 503 yards and three touchdowns by Roethlisberger on 29-of-46 passing (121.9 passer rating), which was also the most yards allowed by the Packers in franchise history.

▶ Both teams made big plays through the air in the first quarter, with Wallace getting behind cornerback **Jarrett Bush** to catch a 60-yard touchdown pass from Roethlisberger on the Steelers' first offensive play of the game. The Packers answered less than five minutes later with quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** finding **Greg Jennings** over the middle for an 83-yard score, the longest touchdown pass and reception in the respective players' careers, to even the score at seven.

▶ Roethlisberger would lead the Steelers on two more 70-plus yard scoring drives on the way to Pittsburgh's 21-14 halftime lead, and the only points of the third quarter came by way of a 37-yard Jeff Reed field goal as the Steelers led 24-14 after three quarters.

▶ But then Green Bay's offense started to find its rhythm, with Rodgers leading a 13-play drive capped off with an 11-yard touchdown pass to tight end **Jermichael Finley** to bring the Packers within three at 24-21 early in the fourth quarter.

▶ After Pittsburgh tacked on three more points with another Reed field goal, the Packers struck back in a hurry, going 62 yards in less than two minutes as running back **Ryan Grant** found a hole on the left side for a 24-yard touchdown and a 28-27 lead.

▶ "The offense did a good job of finishing and fighting through," Grant said. "I think it is a tribute to Aaron really keeping guys motivated guys the whole time. In the huddle each drive he was saying, 'Let's go. We can do it.' We felt like we could move the ball against them. We just needed to play our game and stay solid and make the plays. Guys stepped up."

▶ The Steelers re-took the lead on another Reed field goal with under four minutes remaining, and then made the aggressive move to attempt an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff. Cornerback Ike Taylor scooped up Reed's kick, but it was a yard shy of the required 10 yards, so Green Bay found themselves with a short field at the Pittsburgh 39.

▶ "I don't think it surprises you," McCarthy said. "They were playing to win. I thought they threw caution to the wind. I thought they threw everything at us. They didn't hold anything back. I thought (offensive coordinator) Bruce Arians did a hell of a job today. I thought he called an extremely aggressive game on their part, and obviously Mike (Tomlin) was going for the win there with the onside kick."

▶ The Packers made the Steelers pay when Rodgers found wide receiver **James Jones** on a 3rd-and-14 for a 24-yard touchdown, Rodgers' third touchdown pass of the day, and running back **Brandon Jackson** on a two-point conversion pass as Green Bay once again grabbed a hold of the lead with just over two minutes remaining. Rodgers finished with 383 yards on 26-of-48 passing, the second-highest yardage total of his career.



▶ **Mason Crosby's** squib kick on the ensuing kickoff went past returner Stefan Logan, who ran back to pick up the ball and returned it just 2 yards out to the Pittsburgh 14. Facing a 4th-and-7 at the 22 four plays later, Roethlisberger connected with wide receiver Antonio Holmes with line-backer **Nick Barnett** covering for a 32-yard gain into Green Bay territory.

▶ Two plays later, it looked like Green Bay had put the game away when line-backer **Brandon Chillar** deflected Roethlisberger's pass into the arms of Bush for an interception, but Chillar was flagged for illegal contact on the play to give Pittsburgh another first

down.
▶ After two incomplete passes and a false-start penalty, Roethlisberger came through once again, finding tight end Heath Miller on the left sideline for a 20-yard pickup to Green Bay's 36 to convert a 3rd-and-15.

▶ Defensive end **Cullen Jenkins** sacked Roethlisberger on the next play, but it was wiped out by a holding penalty on cornerback **Josh Bell**. Roethlisberger connected with Miller again on the next play, this time a 15-yard gain over the middle to Green Bay's 19 as the Steelers used their final timeout with 18 seconds remaining.

▶ After two incomplete passes ran the clock down to three seconds, Pittsburgh had one final chance. With Bell in man-to-man coverage against Wallace, Roethlisberger threaded the pass to him on the sideline for the touchdown to give Pittsburgh the win as time expired.

▶ Several players said after the game that Sunday's loss in a playoff-like atmosphere could serve as a learning experience for the team, but Green Bay now sets its sights on getting a 10th win next Sunday that would push the team that much closer to being a part of the postseason.

▶ "Confidence comes with winning," McCarthy said. "There are different levels of success that you have during the course of a performance, and we'll point to that. We're very honest and realistic with our correction and evaluation process, and that's the way we'll go at it in the morning with the players.

▶ "It's important to correct this and move on to Seattle. The Seattle game is very important to us. We need to get our win total to 10. That'll be the focus as soon as we get off the plane back here in Green Bay. But a tough loss for everybody. To let one get away at the last play of the game, it's a hard one to swallow."

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

ROOKIES PROVIDING A PASS RUSH FROM THE OUTSIDE

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.
- ▶ The team faced extra adversity when it learned it had lost LB Aaron Kampman to a season-ending injury against the 49ers in Week 11. Even at his new position, Kampman was enjoying a fine season. At the time of his injury, he ranked second on the team with 55 tackles to go along with his 3.5 sacks and a forced fumble. His 28 quarterback hits still lead the team through Week 15.
- ▶ Transitioning from defensive end, Kampman was one of the most feared pass rushers in the game. Since his breakout season in 2006, he had tallied 40.5 sacks in 56 games.
- ▶ Kampman's absence has put the spotlight on two rookie draft picks of GM **Ted Thompson**: LB **Clay Matthews** (first round) and LB **Brad Jones** (seventh round).
- ▶ Charged with providing a consistent pass rush from the outside linebacker spot, the rookie duo has come up huge. In five starts together, the rookie pair has collected nine sacks (Matthews, 6; Jones, 3).
- ▶ The pair became just the fourth set of rookies in Packers history to record sacks in the same game and the first pair to do it twice in a single season.
- ▶ Both Jones and Matthews posted two sacks against the Steelers, the first rookie pair to produce multiple sacks in the same game since Buffalo had three rookies post multiple sacks on Nov. 11, 2001, against the New England Patriots.
- ▶ Finding a path to the quarterback hasn't just been for the rookies. Fellow linebackers **Nick Barnett** (3), **Brandon Chillar** (1), **A.J. Hawk** (1) and **Brady Poppinga** (1) have all gotten to the quarterback in 2009.



TAKEAWAY POINTS KEY FOR PACKERS

Green Bay has continued to show its knack for the takeaways in the first 14 games with 23 interceptions and 10 fumble recoveries, which it has turned into 113 points.

- ▶ Green Bay's 33 takeaways rank third in the league behind only New Orleans (37) and Philadelphia (36).
- ▶ The Packers' 113 points scored off those 33 takeaways also ranks third behind New Orleans (134) and Philadelphia (116).
- ▶ Green Bay did not register a takeaway against the Steelers, snapping a streak of 16 straight games with at least one takeaway. That was the second-longest active streak behind Houston, which extended its NFL-best streak to 20 straight games with a takeaway this past weekend.
- ▶ 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. They have now won 37 of 41 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 three times against Minnesota, twice in Minneapolis (2005, '08) and once at home (2009), and this past Sunday in Pittsburgh against the Steelers.

- ▶ Including playoffs, the Packers have won 40 of their last 44 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 was 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, the Packers' defense has established it is still among the top units when it comes to piling up yardage on interception returns.
- ▶ With 365 yards on 23 interceptions, Green Bay ranks third in the category behind New Orleans (631) and Tennessee (432).
- ▶ 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 have racked up the tackles. Barnett leads the team with 103 tackles, topping the century mark for the sixth time in his seven seasons, while Hawk ranks third with 75.
- ▶ For the seventh-year pro Barnett, he is returning to the form that made him a Pro Bowl candidate in previous seasons. Coming off an ACL injury, coaches were careful with his reps in the early going as he worked his way back to full strength. He returned to his normal workload in Week 4 and should finish as the team's leading tackler for the franchise-record fifth time in his seven seasons.
- ▶ Recently signed to a long-term contract extension, **Brandon Chillar** provides the team with the option of utilizing a number of sub packages. Chillar appears back at full strength after breaking his hand in Week 8, allowing the team to use the '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 ranks second on the coverage units with a career-high 19 tackles. However, Bishop has seen time in the team's 'Psycho' package the past two weeks.

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2009 OPPONENTS

		NFL Rank	
	Record	Offense	Defense
 at Arizona Cardinals.....(9-5)	(9-5)	14	23
 Baltimore Ravens	(8-6)	13	4
 Chicago Bears	(5-9)	24	16
 Cincinnati Bengals	(9-5)	19	5
 at Cleveland Browns.....(3-11)	(3-11)	31	31
 Dallas Cowboys	(9-5)	3	14
 Detroit Lions.....	(2-12)	25	32
 Minnesota Vikings	(11-3)	9	8
 at Pittsburgh Steelers.....(7-7)	(7-7)	8	6
 San Francisco 49ers...	(6-8)	28	19
 Seattle Seahawks.....	(5-9)	22	24
 at St. Louis Rams.....	(1-13)	26	29
 at Tampa Bay Buccaneers..	(2-12)	29	25

LIMITING HIS MISTAKES BETTER THAN THE REST

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 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.

►Rodgers has thrown just seven interceptions on 492 attempts. That percentage (1.4%) is tops in the NFL.

►Rodgers has not thrown an interception in 10 different games this season, the second highest single-season mark in team history. **Bart Starr** owns the team record with 11 such games in a season (1964). But, to highlight what was a different era in terms of the passing game, Starr attempted 272 passes that season.

►Starr is the only signal caller in team history to finish with an interception percentage under 2.0% (min. 200 attempts), which he accomplished twice (1.2% in 1966, 1.47% in 1964)

►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, Brett Favre had two of the longest streaks of his career (142, 139) under the duo in 2007.

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

►Rodgers enters play Sunday against Seattle with a current streak of 84 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 had what almost amounted to a second bye with nine days in between the Detroit (Week 12) and Baltimore (Week 13) 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.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

NATIONALLY TELEVISED GAMES HEADLINE 2009 SCHEDULE

Including games that have set records for television ratings, the Green Bay Packers have played in a number of games with playoff-like atmospheres this season. They can only hope that experience pays off as the team makes its final push for a playoff berth.

- ▶ The Packers have played each division rival once in front of a national television audience, most recently 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 three 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 NFL's longest active streak.
- ▶ Of Green Bay's final two games of the season, only the matchup against the Cardinals (Week 17) in Arizona is subject to the flexible scheduling.

WITH THE GAME ON THE LINE

Seven of the Packers' first 14 games have come down to plays in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter, including a back-and-forth contest against the Steelers in Pittsburgh last weekend.

- ▶ In 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 four 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 Packers finished the year 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 end their season with road trips, with three of the final four games on the road, something they haven't done since 1997. That year, it won all three road games in the season's final quarter.
- ▶ A final trip to Arizona, the team's longest trip of the year, is still to come in Week 17.
- ▶ All collected, the team will fly 12,260 miles according to numbers com-

plied by the NFL league office.

- ▶ That total is the fourth-lowest mileage total among the 32 teams in 2009. Perhaps not surprisingly, five West Coast clubs head the list when it comes to logging miles through the air this season: Seattle (29,054), San Francisco (29,020), San Diego (28,628), Arizona (27,840) and Oakland (27,232).

MEET THE NEWCOMERS

The Packers opened the season with many of the same players from a year ago, bringing in only a few new faces to the locker room. Injuries forced the team to bring in several free agents, and of the current 53-man roster, 15 players were not with the team a season ago.

- ▶ The rookie draft class, seven of whom remain on the 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 and leads the team with 10 sacks.
- ▶ Sixth-round pick DE **Jarius Wynn** has seen action in nine 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** began his season as a valuable member of the coverage units but is now in the starting lineup, recording the first multi-sack game of his career in Pittsburgh. Both Underwood and Jones will be counted on with increased roles given 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.
- ▶ 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 has provided an instant impact on special teams, where he leads the Packers with 20 tackles.
- ▶ 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 are limited. He remains an option should in-game injuries occur.



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

NFL'S YOUNGEST ROSTER ... AGAIN

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

- ▶ Dating back to 2000, Arizona was the only other club to hold or share the distinction for at least three years. The Cardinals were the NFL's youngest team in 2001 and tied for the league's youngest roster the following two seasons.
- ▶ With an average 2009 roster age of 25.70, Green Bay again checks in with the youngest average age in the NFL. Indianapolis and Kansas City are tied for second with an average age of 25.89 years.
- ▶ Green Bay had four players age 30 or over, the lowest total in the NFL.
- ▶ Kansas City and Green Bay tied for the youngest roster last season with an average age of 25.57 years.
- ▶ The Packers were the youngest team in the NFL in 2007 with an average age of 25.72 years, while the Colts placed second at 25.74 years. Both teams made playoff appearances that season.
- ▶ In Head Coach **Mike McCarthy's** first season, the Packers checked in as the league's youngest team with an average age of 25.57 years. Tennessee (25.77) was second.
- ▶ Still, rosters are fluid throughout an NFL season, and it's possible the Packers would no longer hold the distinction. Since Kickoff Weekend, the team has added S **Matt Giordano** (27), RB **Ahman Green** (32) and T **Mark Tauscher** (32), but also has lost CB **Al Harris** (34) and LB **Aaron Kampman** (30) to season-ending injuries.

PRO FOOTBALL HOF LIST HAS GREEN BAY CONNECTIONS

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

- ▶ WR **Sterling Sharpe** and S **LeRoy Butler**, two of the significant contributors to the Packers revitalization in the 1990s, were among the list. Sharpe, a three-time first-team All-Pro and five-time Pro Bowler, still ranks near the top of most of the Packers' all-time receiving records despite having only played seven seasons.
- ▶ Butler, a four-time first-team All-Pro and Pro Bowler, was among the most feared defensive players of his era. He was named to the 1990s NFL All-Decade Team and tallied 38 interceptions and 20.5 sacks.
- ▶ Also on the list was the architect of those teams, former general manager **Ron Wolf**. Over his tenure (1992-2000), the Packers compiled the league's second-best record (92-52), recorded seven straight winning seasons and six consecutive playoff appearances, and of course emerged victorious in Super Bowl XXXI.
- ▶ Also on the list of nominees was **Clay Matthews**, father of Packers rookie LB **Clay Matthews**. The elder Matthews was a four-time Pro Bowler in his 16 seasons in the NFL, and his brother Bruce is already a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame after his illustrious 19-year career as an offensive lineman.
- ▶ Other players on the list who made brief stops in Green Bay during their career include LB **Hardy Nickerson** (2002), DL **Steve McMichael** (1994), and RB/WR **Eric Metcalf** (2002).
- ▶ On Nov. 28, 25 semi-finalists were chosen by the Hall of Fame's Selection Committee. The most significant name on that list in regards to the Packers was outside linebackers coach **Kevin Greene**. Greene leads all linebackers in NFL history with 160 sacks, a number that ranks third all-time among all players. Over the course of his career, he was honored as a Pro Bowl selection five times and as an All-Pro twice. 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 now in their fourth and final portion of the season.

- ▶ Coming off back-to-back losses, Green Bay entered the third quarter of its schedule knowing 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 third quarter will definitely be pointed to as the turning point of the season should the Packers earn a postseason bid. It ultimately turned its winning streak to five with a win over Chicago.
- ▶ The Packers will take on NFC West opponents in the last two games of the season. A final home game comes against Seattle on Sunday before the team heads west to close out the regular season in Arizona.

THE RETURN GAME

WR **Jordy Nelson** took over kickoff and punt return duties after CB **Will Blackmon** suffered a season-ending knee injury, and Nelson had perhaps his finest all-around performance of the year in Pittsburgh.

- ▶ As a return man, he totaled 110 yards on kickoff and punt returns. For the season, he is averaging 24.5 yards per kick return.
- ▶ Nelson also set a new career high with 71 receiving yards, highlighted by a 27-yard catch in which the second-year man made a good adjustment on the ball just before its arrival.
- ▶ With the season-ending injury to CB **Al Harris**, the team has opted to keep CB **Tramon Williams** and CB **Charles Woodson** in backup roles on punt return, a role both have experience in.
- ▶ Williams still owns the longest punt return of the year, a 45-yard return in Week 6 against Detroit. Nelson owns the team's longest kickoff return of the season at 46 yards.
- ▶ Though Williams is listed as the primary backup on punts and kicks, his importance on defense could mean the team could turn to backups RB **Ahman Green** and RB **Brandon Jackson** on kick returns in the event of injury.
- ▶ With different players getting their shot at kick and punt return, Green Bay has been toward the bottom of the league. Its kick-return average ranks 25th, while its punt return ranks 24th.
- ▶ On the coverage units, Green Bay's kickoff return coverage has begun to climb the league rankings, ranking 16th heading into Week 16, while its punt-cover team ranks 25th.

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 saw action from scrimmage against the Steelers but did not get any carries. Should the team clinch a playoff bid in Week 16, it's possible he could see his most action of the season should the team limit RB **Ryan Grant's** carries prior to the playoffs.



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 7-3 (.700) after the bye. Since 2000, the Packers over the balance of their season after the bye are a combined 59-36 (.621).

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 hit their stride with a five-game win streak, including a perfect 4-0 mark in the season's third quarter.
- ▶ Teams rebounding from slow starts isn't unheard of, especially with earning a wild-card berth being an alternate route to the postseason. Still, the stats bear out that early-season success goes a long way in determining who will play in January and February.
- ▶ A look at how important fast starts have become to an eventual playoff berth, compiled from 1990-2008:

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

PICK YOUR POISON

QB **Aaron Rodgers** connected with seven different receivers against the Steelers. His season high of 10 came 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 four 100-yard performances on the season, most recently his 118-yard effort against Pittsburgh.
- ▶ 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 and is taking his place among the game's top signal callers. 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 seen a dramatic improvement in recent weeks. With increased time in the pocket, not to mention Rodgers' ability to buy more time with his feet, 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 runs much of the scout-team reps in practice 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. Though he has lacked the spectacular highlight-reel runs this season, make no mistake about Grant's standing as one of the most productive backs in the NFC.
- ▶ He is on pace to top the 1,200-yard mark and needs just 99 yards to establish a new career high.
- ▶ 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 in Week 8 and 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.
- ▶ 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**, a physical blocker and 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 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 five touchdowns, while Nelson has returned to form after a knee injury sidelined him for 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 last 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.
- ▶ One of the emerging players in the NFL 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 in the red zone against defensive backs.
- ▶ While Finley's 48 catches rank third on the team, veteran **Donald Lee** ranks fourth on the team with 35 catches and has been a reliable target for Rodgers. He's played in 75 games for the Packers.
- ▶ **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 shuffled the starting lineup nearly every week through the early portion of the season, but now a clean bill of health has given the unit a consistent lineup and drastically improved pass protection.
- ▶ **C Scott Wells** has 66 career starts for the Packers, 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 were hit hardest, as LT **Chad Clifton** missed time with an ankle injury. Rookie **T.J. Lang** serves as his backup.
- ▶ Lang rotated in with veteran **Mark Tauscher** on the right side as Tauscher worked his way back into game shape, but the veteran tackle has played the entire game each of the last three weeks.
- ▶ **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 **Allen Barbre** (tackle), who started seven games earlier at right tackle, **Breno Giacomini** (tackle) and **Evan Dietrich-Smith** (three inside positions).

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 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 nine 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, but has missed considerable action the last two weeks 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.
- ▶ 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 and double-digit sacks, he is among the front runners 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. Now healthy, he gives the team the ability to go in different sub packages and put him in space. **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 have fallen 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 and has seen time on the coverage units and in the dime formation.



Safety – 4

- ▶ **Nick Collins** is coming off a career season in which he earned his first Pro Bowl berth and appears poised to make a return trip. 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. On obvious run downs, it gives the team added size near the line of scrimmage.

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 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 and has been solid of late after an up-and-down start. 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 one tackle to surpass No. 3 Mike Douglass (967) on the team's all-time list. He also enters with 967 career tackles.
- ▶ Totaled over 100 tackles for the sixth time in his career.

76 CHAD CLIFTON

- ▶ Has played in 141 career games, including 136 starts.
- ▶ Has started 104 of last 110 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 110 points in 2009.
- ▶ For his career, has hit 57-of-63 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 48 receiving yards for 9,000 career. He ranks No. 2 on the franchise's all-time receiving yards list (8,952 career) behind No. 1 James Lofton (9,656).
- ▶ Needs 37 yards to reach 1,000. His six 1,000-yard campaigns already is a franchise record, ahead of Lofton and Sterling Sharpe (five each).
- ▶ Has a reception in 125 consecutive games, besting the franchise's previous long streak of Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).
- ▶ Surpassed Sharpe (595) to become the franchise's all-time leader in receptions. Driver enters with 638 career catches.
- ▶ His 15 catches of 20-plus yards is tied for 11th 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.
- ▶ 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 TD catches 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

- ▶ Needs nine catches to surpass Paul Coffman's single-season team record (56, 1979) for catches by a tight end.
- ▶ Has career highs in catches (48), receiving yards (562) and TDs (4).
- ▶ 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 3,314 career rushing yards.
- ▶ Needs 95 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 3,237 rushing yards over that period ranks second in the NFL (Adrian Peterson, 3,666).
- ▶ 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 62 games in his career, including 60 starts.
- ▶ Tallied over 120 tackles in each of his first three seasons.

85 GREG JENNINGS

- ▶ Needs 27 receiving yards for a second consecutive 1,000-yard season.
- ▶ His 20 catches of 40-plus yards since 2007 leads all NFL players.
- ▶ With 1,200 yards receiving, would

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.



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become just the fourth player in team history to post 1,200 receiving yards in back-to-back seasons (Sterling Sharpe, 1992-93; Antonio Freeman, 1997-98; Donald Driver, 2005-06).

- ▶ Had 118 receiving yards in Week 15, his 13th 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 3,817 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 11 receptions to move past No. 5 Rich McGeorge (175) on the team's all-time tight ends list.

12 AARON RODGERS

- ▶ Needs 38 passing yards 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.
- ▶ Ranks fourth in the NFL in passing yards (3,962), third in touchdowns (28), fourth in QB rating (102.4), 10th in completion percentage (64.4%), first in interception percentage (1.4%), tied for seventh in 20-plus yard completions (49) and tied for second in 40-plus yard passes (15).
- ▶ 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 30 career starts, has eclipsed a 100.0-plus passer rating 16 times.
- ▶ Has nine career 300-yard games and nine 3-TD games.
- ▶ 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).

- ▶ Became the third QB in team history to rush for four or more TDs in back-to-back seasons (Tobin Rote, 1954-56; Scott Hunter, 1971-72).

38 TRAMON WILLIAMS

- ▶ Starting with his first career interception in the 2007 regular-season finale, has nine interceptions in the last 31 games.
- ▶ Leads the team with a career-high 19 passes defended.

21 CHARLES WOODSON

- ▶ Has 44 career interceptions, 27 in 60 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 '06 leads the league over that span.
- ▶ With six interception returns for scores, ranks second on Green Bay's all-time 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 is tied for the most among 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-sher
- 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. 22, 2009

OFFENSE

WR:	85	Greg Jennings	87	Jordy Nelson	
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	<u>18</u> <u>Patrick Williams</u>
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	<u>94</u> <u>Jarius Wynn</u>
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:	<u>7</u>	<u>Jeremy Kapinos</u>	10	Matt Flynn	
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	291	242
Rushing	86	59
Passing	177	147
Penalty	28	36
3rd Down: Made/Att.	90/193	66/186
3rd Down Pct.	46.6	35.5
4th Down: Made/Att.	2/8	10/23
4th Down Pct.	25.0	43.5
POSSESSION AVG.	32:47	27:13
TOTAL NET YARDS	5303	4073
Avg. Per Game	378.8	290.9
Total Plays	916	834
Avg. Per Play	5.8	4.9
NET YARDS RUSHING	1623	1170
Avg. Per Game	115.9	83.6
Total Rushes	372	328
NET YARDS PASSING	3680	2903
Avg. Per Game	262.9	207.4
Sacked/Yards Lost	49/297	34/210
Gross Yards	3977	3113
Att./Completions	495/319	472/256
Completion Pct.	64.4	54.2
Had Intercepted	7	23
PUNTS/AVERAGE	61/43.1	66/44.7
Net Punting Avg.	61/33.6	66/39.8
PENALTIES/YARDS	109/988	92/752
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	19/8	23/10
TOUCHDOWNS	44	34
Rushing	13	5
Passing	28	27
Returns	3	2

SCORE BY PERIODS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	87	132	37	124	0	380
OPPONENTS	52	81	65	82	0	280

SCORING

	TD	-Ru	-Pa	-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mason Crosby	0	0	0	0	38/39	24/33	0	110
Ryan Grant	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
Donald Driver	6	0	6	0	0	0	0	36
James Jones	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	30
Greg Jennings	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	28
Jermichael Finley	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	24
Spencer Havner	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	24
Aaron Rodgers	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
John Kuhn	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	18
Jordy Nelson	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
Charles Woodson	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	12
Donald Lee	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Clay Matthews	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Brandon Jackson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
PACKERS	44	13	28	3	38/39	24/33	0	380
OPPONENTS	34	5	27	2	32/32	12/16	3	280

2-Point Conversions: Jennings 2, Jackson, Team 3-5, Opponents 1-2

SACKS: Clay Matthews 10, Cullen Jenkins 4.5, Aaron Kampman 3.5, Nick Barnett 3, Brad Jones 3, Charles Woodson 2, Brandon Chillar 1, Nick Collins 1, Al Harris 1, A.J. Hawk 1, Johnny Jolly 1, Brady Poppinga 1, B.J. Raji 1, Tramon Williams 1, PACKERS 34, OPPONENTS 49

RUSHING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Grant	255	1105	4.3	62t	8
Aaron Rodgers	55	305	5.5	35	4
Ahman Green	21	89	4.2	26	0
Brandon Jackson	26	74	2.8	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	372	1623	4.4	62t	13
OPPONENTS	328	1170	3.6	42	5

PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Aaron Rodgers	492	317	3962	64.4	8.05	28	5.7	7	1.4	83t	49/297	102.4
Matt Flynn	3	2	15	66.7	5.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	12	0/0	78.5
PACKERS	495	319	3977	64.4	8.03	28	5.7	7	1.4	83t	49/297	102.2
OPPONENTS	472	256	3113	54.2	6.60	27	5.7	23	4.9	68	34/210	73.5

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Greg Jennings	61	973	16.0	83t	4
Donald Driver	61	963	15.8	71t	6
Jermichael Finley	48	562	11.7	62t	4
Donald Lee	35	247	7.1	19	1
James Jones	28	417	14.9	74t	5
Ryan Grant	25	197	7.9	27	0
Jordy Nelson	20	252	12.6	33t	2
Brandon Jackson	16	139	8.7	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	319	3977	12.5	83t	28
OPPONENTS	256	3113	12.2	68	27

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	60	2629	43.8	33.6	10	14	58	1
PACKERS	61	2629	43.1	33.6	10	14	58	1
OPPONENTS	66	2948	44.7	39.8	5	28	62	0

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordy Nelson	15	5	74	4.9	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	32	11	220	6.9	45	0
OPPONENTS	37	6	379	10.2	60	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordy Nelson	20	490	24.5	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
Desmond Bishop	1	6	6.0	6	0
Evan Dietrich-Smith	1	5	5.0	5	0
Charles Woodson	1	18	18.0	18	0
PACKERS	48	1036	21.6	46	0
OPPONENTS	68	1578	23.2	83	0

FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mason Crosby	1/1	11/11	7/9	4/7	1/5
PACKERS	1/1	11/11	7/9	4/7	1/5
OPPONENTS	0/0	3/3	3/4	5/7	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) (34N)

Opponents: (47G,21G) (40G) (48B,53G) () () (22G) (41G) (45N,38G) (38N) (46G) (54N,22G) () () (37G,34G, 43G)

2009 REGULAR-SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Official totals - based on coaches' film review, through December 20 at Pittsburgh

Player	Total			Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
	Tackles	Solo	Asst					
Nick Barnett	103	84	19	3.0/27.0	0/0	0	0	6
Charles Woodson	77	61	16	2.0/18.0	8/134	1	4	17
A.J. Hawk	75	59	16	1.0/7.0	1/13	0	0	2
Johnny Jolly	65	28	37	1.0/4.0	1/2	2	1	9
Aaron Kampman	55	32	23	3.5/9.5	0/0	0	1	1
Clay Matthews	53	38	15	10.0/63.0	0/0	3	1	6
Nick Collins	47	40	7	1.0/1.0	6/110	1	0	15
Ryan Pickett	47	25	22	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Cullen Jenkins	46	33	13	4.5/40.5	1/4	0	3	1
Atari Bigby	43	34	9	0.0/0.0	1/0	0	0	7
Brandon Chillar	43	31	12	1.0/2.0	0/0	1	0	4
Al Harris	37	28	9	1.0/8.0	2/29	1	0	7
Tramon Williams	34	24	10	1.0/8.0	3/73	0	0	19
B.J. Raji	29	19	10	1.0/1.0	0/0	0	0	1
Brad Jones	22	17	5	3.0/17.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jarrett Bush	18	16	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	6
Brady Poppinga	18	13	5	1.0/4.0	0/0	0	0	1
Aaron Rouse	13	11	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Desmond Bishop	10	8	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	847	612	235	34.0/210.0	23/365	9	10	104

SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	IT	FR	FF
Derrick Martin	20	0	0
Desmond Bishop	19	0	1
Spencer Havner	15	0	0
Korey Hall	11	0	0
Tramon Williams	10	0	0
John Kuhn	9	0	0
Jarrett Bush	8	0	0
Brad Jones	8	0	0
Brady Poppinga	8	0	0
Nick Collins	6	1	0
Brandon Underwood	6	0	0
Brandon Chillar	5	0	0
Matt Giordano	4	0	0
Brett Swain	4	0	0
Mason Crosby	2	0	0
Brett Goode	2	0	0
A.J. Hawk	2	0	0
DeShawn Wynn	2	0	0
Will Blackmon	1	0	0
Trevor Ford	1	0	0
Brandon Jackson	1	0	0
Jeremy Kapinos	1	0	0
Jeremy Thompson	1	0	0
Totals	146	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 (3):

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

43	Clark, D.J.	CB	6-1	200	11/30/86	R	Idaho State	Oceanside, Calif.
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	14/0/0/0
7	Jeremy Kapinos	P	6-1	233	25	1	Penn State	FA-08	14/0/0/0
10	Matt Flynn	QB	6-2	225	24	2	Louisiana State	D7a-08	13/0/1/0
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	220	26	5	California	D1-05	14/14/0/0
18	Patrick Williams	WR	6-1	204	23	R	Colorado	FA-09	0/0/0/1
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	213	28	4	Central Florida	FA-05	11/9/0/3
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	202	33	12	Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	14/14/0/0
24	Jarrett Bush	CB/S	6-0	200	25	4	Utah State	W-06 (Car)	14/2/0/0
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	222	27	3	Notre Dame	T-07 (NYG)	14/14/0/0
26	Josh Bell	CB	5-11	177	24	2	Baylor	FA-09	2/0/0/2
29	Derrick Martin	S	5-10	198	24	4	Wyoming	T-09 (BAL)	13/1/0/1
30	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	250	27	4	Shippensburg	W-07 (Pitt)	13/5/0/1
32	Brandon Jackson	RB	5-10	216	24	3	Nebraska	D2-07	10/0/0/4
33	Brandon Underwood	CB	6-1	191	23	R	Cincinnati	D6b-09	9/0/0/5
34	Ahman Green	RB	6-0	217	32	12	Nebraska	FA-09	6/0/0/3
35	Korey Hall	FB	6-0	236	26	3	Boise State	D6a-07	10/4/0/4
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	207	26	5	Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	14/14/0/0
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	191	26	3	Louisiana Tech	FA-06	14/7/0/0
39	Trevor Ford	CB	6-0	188	23	R	Troy	FA-09	3/0/0/1
41	Spencer Havner	TE/LB	6-3	250	26	1	UCLA	FA-08	14/1/0/0
45	Quinn Johnson	FB	6-1	255	23	R	Louisiana State	D5a-09	7/0/0/7
47	Matt Giordano	S	5-11	200	27	5	California	FA-09	4/0/0/8
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	250	25	4	Ohio State	D1-06	14/12/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	250	30	5	Brigham Young	D4b-05	13/3/0/1
52	Clay Matthews	LB	6-3	250	23	R	Southern California	D1b-09	14/11/0/0
54	Brandon Chillar	LB	6-3	237	27	6	UCLA	UFA-08 (StL)	11/4/2/1
55	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	238	25	3	California	D6b-07	14/0/0/0
56	Nick Barnett	LB	6-2	236	28	7	Oregon State	D1-03	14/14/0/0
57	Cyril Obiozor	LB	6-4	249	23	R	Texas A&M	FA-09	3/0/0/0
59	Brad Jones	LB	6-3	239	23	R	Colorado	D7-09	12/5/0/2
61	Brett Goode	LS	6-1	261	25	2	Arkansas	FA-08	14/0/0/0
62	Evan Dietrich-Smith	G/C	6-2	305	23	R	Idaho State	FA-09	11/0/0/3
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	300	28	6	Tennessee	D7-04 (FA-04)	13/12/1/0
65	Mark Tauscher	T	6-3	316	32	10	Wisconsin	D7a-00 (FA-09)	6/6/1/3
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	311	24	2	Louisville	D5-08	0/0/1/13
70	T.J. Lang	G/T	6-4	316	22	R	Eastern Michigan	D4-09	14/3/0/0
71	Josh Sitton	G	6-3	322	23	2	Central Florida	D4b-08	14/14/0/0
73	Daryn Colledge	G	6-4	308	27	4	Boise State	D2a-06	14/14/0/0
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	320	33	10	Tennessee	D2-00	10/10/1/3
77	Cullen Jenkins	DE	6-2	305	28	6	Central Michigan	FA-04	14/14/0/0
78	Allen Barbre	T/G	6-4	305	25	3	Missouri Southern State	D4-07	9/7/0/5
79	Ryan Pickett	NT	6-2	340	30	9	Ohio State	UFA-06 (StL)	13/9/0/1
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	194	34	11	Alcorn State	D7b-99	14/14/0/0
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	198	26	4	Western Michigan	D2b-06	14/11/0/0
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	29	7	Mississippi State	FA-05	14/11/0/0
87	Jordy Nelson	WR	6-3	217	24	2	Kansas State	D2a-08	11/0/0/3
88	Jermichael Finley	TE	6-5	247	22	2	Texas	D3-08	11/9/0/3
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	208	25	3	San Jose State	D3a-07	14/3/0/0
90	B.J. Raji	NT	6-2	337	23	R	Boston College	D1a-09	12/0/0/2
94	Jarius Wynn	DE	6-3	285	23	R	Georgia	D6a-09	9/0/0/5
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	282	26	5	Texas A&M	D6a-05	9/0/0/5
97	Johnny Jolly	DE	6-3	325	26	4	Texas A&M	D6a-06	14/14/0/0
99	Jeremy Thompson	LB	6-4	260	24	2	Wake Forest	D4a-08	6/0/0/8

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
43	D.J. Clark	CB	6-1	200	23	R	Idaho State	FA-09	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	27	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)