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REGULAR SEASON WRAPS UP IN ARIZONA

One week after clinching a postseason berth, Green Bay will travel to Arizona to take on the Cardinals to close out the 2009 regular season.

- ▶ Green Bay is coming off one of its most well-rounded performances in recent memory and will look to continue that momentum in Arizona.
- ▶ Though a postseason berth has been clinched, the outcome of three NFC games on Sunday will determine the final seeding. The possibility remains that the Packers could turn right around and make another trip to Phoenix to take on the Cardinals in the Wild Card round.
- ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** did not reveal any of the team's intentions regarding playing time for most of its starters. As a Wild Card entrant, Green Bay could be either the No. 5 or No. 6 seed.
- ▶ Depending upon the outcome of the games, Arizona has the opportunity to rise all the way up to the NFC's No. 2 seed.
- ▶ If past performance is any indication, Green Bay could provide a tough challenge. It is 14-1 in regular-season finales since 1994, the league's top mark in regular-season finales over that period.
- ▶ The two clubs already met in the preseason, a game that was highlighted by a near-flawless performance by the Packers' first units in the opening half.
- ▶ Dating back to 1921 when the Cardinals franchise resided in Chicago, this remains one of the oldest rivalries in football. Green Bay owns a 42-22-4 advantage in the all-time series, including wins in five of the last six regular-season games.
- ▶ Arizona improved to 10-5 with a 31-10 victory at home over St. Louis.



BACK IN THE PLAYOFFS

Green Bay's convincing win over Seattle, coupled with a New York Giants loss, clinched the 25th postseason berth in Packers' team history.

- ▶ For the Packers, it is their 12th postseason appearance in 17 years and their second under Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**.
- ▶ Green Bay owns the league's second-best postseason winning percentage (.625, 25-15) among NFL teams behind Baltimore (.636, 7-4).
- ▶ Though it won't know when or where it is playing until the conclusion of Week 17, Green Bay has earned one of the NFC's two Wild Card berths. Not including the 1982 season, which involved a different playoff system due to a strike-shortened season, the Packers have made their way to the postseason via the Wild Card four previous times: 1993, '94, '98 and 2001. In three out of four appearances as an NFC Wild Card, Green Bay won its first game.
- ▶ Wild Card teams have achieved postseason success in recent years. Last season, both Philadelphia and Baltimore reached the conference title game, while the New York Giants won the Super Bowl in 2007 as a Wild Card entrant. Two Wild Card teams also reached the conference title games in '05 (Carolina and Pittsburgh), with the Steelers going on to win Super Bowl XL.



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 **Sam Rosen** and color analyst **Tim Ryan** will have the call from the broadcast booth with **Chris Myers** on the sidelines.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Sports USA Radio will broadcast the game with **Larry Kahn** (play-by-play), **John Robinson** (analyst) and **Troy West** (sideline reporter).
- ▶ 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 127 WTMJ feed) as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive.
- ▶ DIRECTV subscribers can watch the game in HD on channel 715.

PRESEASON

Date	Opponent	Time	Att.
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	Att.
Sun., Sept. 13	CHICAGO BEARS	. . . . .W, 21-15	(70,920)
Sun., Sept. 20	CINCINNATI BENGALS (Gold Pkg.)	. . . . .L, 24-31	(70,678)
Sun., Sept. 27	at St. Louis Rams	. . . . .W, 36-17	(60,234)
Mon., Oct. 5	at Minnesota Vikings	. . . . .L, 23-30	(63,846)
Sun., Oct. 11	Open Date		
Sun., Oct. 18	DETROIT LIONS	. . . . .W, 26-0	(70,801)
Sun., Oct. 25	at Cleveland Browns	. . . . .W, 31-3	(69,797)
Sun., Nov. 1	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	. . . . .L, 26-38	(71,213)
Sun., Nov. 8	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	. . . . .L, 28-38	(62,994)
Sun., Nov. 15	DALLAS COWBOYS (Gold Pkg.)	. . . . .W, 17-7	(70,894)
Sun., Nov. 22	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	. . . . .W, 30-24	(70,445)
Thurs., Nov. 26	at Detroit Lions (Thanksgiving)	. . . . .W, 34-12	(57,383)
Mon., Dec. 7	BALTIMORE RAVENS	. . . . .W, 27-14	(70,286)
Sun., Dec. 13	at Chicago Bears	. . . . .W, 21-14	(62,214)
Sun., Dec. 20	at Pittsburgh Steelers	. . . . .L, 36-37	(57,452)
Sun., Dec. 27	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	. . . . .W, 48-10	(70,429)
Sun., Jan. 3	at Arizona Cardinals	. . . . .3:15 p.m.	FOX

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

WHOM COULD THEY PLAY?

An already cloudy NFC playoff picture got a bit more mysterious with Chicago's win over Minnesota on Monday night.

- ▶ This weekend, three games (Green Bay vs. Arizona, Dallas vs. Philadelphia and New York Giants vs. Minnesota) will determine the playoff seeding. New Orleans has locked in home-field advantage as the No. 1 seed.
- ▶ The Packers know they will play on the road, but whom they will play and on which day (Jan. 9 or 10) remains up in the air.
- ▶ Essentially there are eight different possibilities to the seeding, six of which have Green Bay making a return trip to play Arizona. It would mark the third meeting between the teams this season in Arizona, as they also met in the preseason.
- ▶ Green Bay has a one-in-eight chance of playing either Dallas or Minnesota. It defeated Dallas 17-7 at Lambeau Field in Week 10, while it was swept in the season series by Minnesota.
- ▶ The Vikings and Giants will play at 12 p.m. CST, while the Cowboys and Eagles are a 3:15 p.m. CST kickoff.

THREE PACKERS NAMED PRO BOWLERS

S **Nick Collins**, QB **Aaron Rodgers** and CB **Charles Woodson** were named to the NFC Pro Bowl squad Tuesday afternoon. Additionally, Woodson was named a starter on the NFC squad.

- ▶ For Collins, it is his second consecutive and second career selection. So far on the season, the fifth-year pro has 51 tackles, six interceptions, a sack and fumble recovery. His six interceptions are second most among NFC safeties and tied for fifth overall in the NFL.
- ▶ Collins becomes the first Packers safety to be named to consecutive Pro Bowls since **LeRoy Butler**, who went three consecutive seasons (1996-98).
- ▶ Rodgers earns his first career selection in his second season as a starter. He became the first player in NFL history to throw for 4,000 yards in each of his first two seasons as a starter and ranks among the league's top 10 in nearly every significant passing category.
- ▶ Woodson has earned his sixth career Pro Bowl bid and second as a member of the Packers. He has registered a career high in tackles (81) and has tied his career high with eight interceptions. Additionally, the 12-year pro has two sacks, four forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and 18 passes defensed.
- ▶ With Woodson and Collins being named to the team, the Packers have two or more secondary players going to the Pro Bowl in consecutive years for the first time since 1973-74, when cornerbacks **Willie Buchanan** and **Ken Ellis** were selected. Last season, **Al Harris** joined Collins and Woodson on the NFC Pro Bowl squad.
- ▶ LB **Clay Matthews** was named a first alternate to the NFC squad. Other alternates include T **Chad Clifton**, RB **Ryan Grant** and LB **A.J. Hawk**.



LED BY THE DEFENSE

Heading into the final weekend of regular-season football, the Green Bay defense remains 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. 1 against the run and No. 10 against the pass.
- ▶ In Packers history, the team has never led the league in rushing defense. The top ranking in franchise history came in 1972, when the team finished No. 2.
- ▶ Green Bay is allowing 290.9 yards per game, second behind the N.Y. Jets (264.3) and ahead of No. 3 Baltimore (298.9).

- ▶ 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, Arizona, ranks 22nd in third-down offense.
- ▶ One constant for the defense has been its ability to take the ball away, registering 36 of the team's 37 takeaways. The Packers rank only behind the Saints in total takeaways in 2009 and have had a takeaway in 17 of their last 18 games.
- ▶ Whether they be caused by pressure from a deep and talented front seven, or a fantastic read by a ball-hawking secondary led by Pro Bowlers **Nick Collins** (six INTs) and **Woodson** (eight), those 37 turnovers have led to 134 points, the second-most points-off-turnovers total in the NFL. New Orleans leads the category with 141 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



When WR **Donald Driver** totals four more receiving yards against the Cardinals on Sunday, NFL history will be made.

- ▶ According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it would be the first unit in league history to produce a 4,000-yard passer, 1,200-yard rusher and two 1,000-yard receivers in back-to-back seasons.
- ▶ That statistic shows how balanced, and dangerous, the Packers' offensive unit can be. QB **Aaron Rodgers** became the first passer in league history to top 4,000 passing yards in his first two seasons as a starter and needs 260 yards against Arizona to break the single-season franchise mark.
- ▶ RB **Ryan Grant** became the third running back in team annals to post back-to-back 1,200-yard seasons. He already has a career-high 10 rushing touchdowns and is two yards shy of a career yardage mark.
- ▶ WR **Greg Jennings** topped the 1,000-yard mark against the Seahawks, becoming the fifth player in team history to top the mark in consecutive seasons. He enters play Sunday with 1,084 yards.
- ▶ Driver could extend his own franchise record by recording a seventh overall season with 1,000 receiving yards. It's almost a certainty that Driver will surpass the mark in Arizona, as the 11th-year pro has caught at least one pass in 126 consecutive games.



THE DOPE ON THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:

Green Bay Packers vs. Arizona Cardinals

All-time, regular season: 42-22-4

All-time, postseason: 1-0

All-time, in Arizona: 3-1-0

Streaks: The Packers have won five of the last six regular-season meetings.

Last meeting, regular season:

Oct. 29, 2006, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 31-14

Last meeting, at Arizona:

Sept. 21, 2003; Cardinals won, 20-13



COACHES CAPSULES

Mike McCarthy: 38-27-0, .584 (incl. 1-1 postseason); 4th NFL season

Ken Whisenhunt: 30-21-0, .589 (incl. 3-1 postseason); 3rd NFL season

Head to Head: Never met

vs. Opponent: McCarthy 1-0 vs. Cardinals; Whisenhunt 0-0 vs. Packers

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

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

KEN WHISENHUNT...Is in third year as the Cardinals' 34th head coach.

- ▶ In just his second season as an NFL head coach in 2008, led the franchise to its first Super Bowl berth.
- ▶ Played nine seasons as a tight end for three different clubs -- the Atlanta Falcons (1985-88), Washington Redskins (1989-90) and N.Y. Jets (1991-93).
- ▶ Before taking over the Cardinals in 2007, served as an NFL assistant coach for 10 seasons, the last six as tight ends coach (2001-03) and then offensive coordinator (2004-06) with the Pittsburgh Steelers, the team that beat Arizona in Super Bowl XLIII.
- ▶ Is just the second Cardinals head coach to go .500 or better in his first two seasons (Arnie Horween 1923-24).

THE PACKERS-CARDINALS SERIES

One of the oldest rivalries in sports, the series launched on Nov. 20, 1921, when the Packers and Chicago Cardinals tied 3-3. That afternoon marked one of four ties in the series, with the last tie coming in 1971.

- ▶ The series has been noted for its streaks, with the Packers winning 15 straight between 1937 and 1946, followed by the Cardinals winning seven straight through 1949, and the Packers winning 14 of the last 18 (with one tie) since.
- ▶ With the Cardinals franchise located in Chicago prior to 1960, the two teams played two or more times in a season 20 different years between 1926 and 1949.
- ▶ One postseason meeting following the 1982 season marked the Packers' first trip to the playoffs in 10 years and first playoff victory since winning Super Bowl II.
- ▶ In the teams' last meeting in Arizona in 2003, the kickoff temperature was 102 degrees, tied for the hottest game ever recorded in Packers history. The temperature reached 106 in the fourth quarter.

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

Arizona's Whisenhunt, assistant head coach Russ Grimm, special teams coach Kevin Spencer and linebackers coach Matt Raich, along with Packers safeties coach Darren Perry, coached together on the Pittsburgh Steelers staff for four seasons (2003-06), with Whisenhunt, Grimm and Raich on the offensive side...Cardinals defensive coordinator Bill Davis was a defensive assistant for one season with the Packers (2000)... Packers offensive coordinator Joe Philbin and Cardinals defensive line coach Ron Aiken coached together for four seasons at the University of Iowa (1999-2002)...Cardinals defensive quality control coach Ryan Slowik played strong safety and coached one season at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh while his father, Bob, was a former defensive assistant coach for the Packers (2000-04)...Green Bay's director of football operations Reggie McKenzie played linebacker for the then-Phoenix Cardinals in 1989-90...Cardinals QB Kurt Warner got his NFL start in Green Bay at training camp in 1994. He was released before the regular season...Packers defensive quality control coach Scott McCurley was a four-year letterwinner at Pittsburgh, where he was teammates with Cardinals LB Gerald Hayes and WR Larry Fitzgerald...Packers QB Matt Flynn, FB Quinn Johnson and Cardinals WR Early Doucet and G Herman Johnson were teammates at LSU, as were Cardinals QB Matt Leinart and Packers LB Clay Matthews at USC, Cardinals C Lyle Sendlein and Packers TE Jermichael Finley at Texas, and Packers LB Brandon Chillar and Cardinals S Matt Ware at UCLA.

INDIVIDUALLY VS. CARDINALS

In four career games against Arizona, WR Donald Driver has 10 receptions for 87 yards...LB Nick Barnett has 1.5 sacks and one interception in his career against the Cardinals. He had 15 tackles in the 2003 contest... LB Aaron Kampman has two sacks, both in the 2006 meeting.

LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON

Oct. 29, 2006, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 31-14.

- ▶ The Packers put together four touchdown drives of 70 yards or longer, fueled by two 100-yard rushers in Ahman Green (21 carries, 106 yards) and Vernand Morency (11-101). It marked the first time since 1985 the Packers had two 100-yard rushers in the same game.
- ▶ Green scored on two short TD runs in the second quarter to give the Packers a 21-0 lead. Brett Favre's 1-yard TD run in the third quarter preceded his first career "Lambeau Leap."
- ▶ The defense held the Cardinals to just 218 total yards, as rookie quarterback Matt Leinart had a rough day, completing just 14 of 35 passes for 157 yards with one touchdown and one interception.
- ▶ Donald Driver led the Packers' receivers with five catches for 48 yards. Greg Jennings sat out the game with an ankle injury sustained the previous week in Miami.

LAST MEETING, IN ARIZONA

Sept. 21, 2003, at Sun Devil Stadium; Cardinals won, 20-13.

- ▶ Super Bowl XXXVII MVP Dexter Jackson saved Arizona's upset victory by intercepting Brett Favre's pass in the end zone in the game's final seconds.
- ▶ In record heat that reached 106 degrees by the fourth quarter (kickoff temperature was 102, tied for the hottest game ever recorded for the Packers), the Cardinals' Jeff Blake (20 of 31, 273 yards) threw a 1-yard TD pass to James Hodgins for the winning score with three minutes, 59 seconds left, breaking a 13-all tie.
- ▶ Favre (23 of 33, 245 yards) responded by driving to the Cardinals' 7-yard line in the waning moments, but on third-and-goal his pass intended for Javon Walker was picked off by Jackson.
- ▶ Rookie linebacker Nick Barnett recorded 15 tackles and an interception for the Packers.

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** has gone from solid first-year starter to one of the game's top young signal callers.

- ▶ 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. 4 overall, and avoided costly mistakes, spearheading a unit that has a league-low 15 giveaways.
- ▶ Through 15 games, his 102.4 passer rating ranks fourth in the NFL. In addition, he is the game's top-ranked passer on third downs (135.1).
- ▶ The fourth-year pro has thrown for 4,199 yards, fifth most in the league. Rodgers needs 260 yards Sunday in Arizona to surpass Lynn Dickey's franchise record (4,458, 1983) for passing yards in a single season.
- ▶ In addition to QB rating and passing yards, Rodgers ranks tied for third in TD passes (29) and first in interception percentage (1.4).
- ▶ And just for good measure, the Cal product tops all QBs with 314 rushing yards on 56 carries (5.6 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 31 career starts, Rodgers has eclipsed the century mark in passer rating 17 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' 37 takeaways ranks tied for second in the NFL with Philadelphia. New Orleans leads the league with 39 takeaways.
- ▶ The offense is doing its part as well, as its 15 giveaways on the year ranks as the league's lowest total. The franchise record for fewest in a season is 19, set in 1972.
- ▶ 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 345 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-22 turnover ratio tops the league.
- ▶ This week's opponent, Arizona, stands at minus-five, which ranks tied for 22nd in the NFL. It has 28 takeaways (20 interceptions, eight fumble

- recovery) and 33 turnovers (15 interceptions, 18 fumbles).
- ▶ Of the Packers' takeaways, 27 have come via the interception, most in the NFL. It is the most for the Packers since 1984, when the team also had 27. It also has 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. The pair ranks No. 1 and No. 2 in the NFL for consecutive carries without a fumble. Green currently has 381 consecutive rushes without a fumble, the longest active streak in the league, while Grant has a streak of 280 consecutive carries without a fumble, second longest among active streaks. Both streaks are individual career highs.

- ▶ While the Packers can be proud of their place atop the league in turnover margin, it is a statistic that has trended upwards in each of McCarthy's three seasons.
- ▶ In 2006, the team finished at even in the category but improved to plus-four in 2007. Last season's plus-seven margin, No. 6 among NFL teams, was the franchise's best mark since 2002 (+17).
- ▶ Prior to McCarthy's arrival, the team had a franchise-worst turnover ratio (-24) in 2005.

WINNING WHEN IT COUNTS – IN DECEMBER

Green Bay is 3-1 in the season's final month and could improve upon that record Sunday in Arizona.

- ▶ Physical games in winter conditions against the Ravens, Bears and Steelers typify what December football in the National Football League is all about. Green Bay will get some relief this weekend in the dome.
- ▶ 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 was the case this past 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 20-4 (.833), only New England (20-3, .869) 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 this decade:

Team	W-L in Dec/Jan	Pct.
New England	37-8-0	.822
Pittsburgh	34-13-0	.723
Green Bay	33-13-0	.717
Philadelphia	32-13-0	.711
Indianapolis	31-16-0	.660



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

AS GOOD AS HE'S EVER BEEN

At age 33, CB **Charles Woodson** is enjoying one of the finest seasons of his career in his first season in the 3-4 scheme.

- ▶ 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 established a new career high with 81 tackles, second most on the team. His previous career high had been 79, a total he accomplished twice before (OAK, 2000; GB, 2008).
- ▶ A skilled blitzer, he has two sacks on the year. His five sacks since 2008 is tied for the NFL lead among 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 61 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. 1 against the run.

- ▶ DE **Cullen Jenkins**, who played both inside and outside in the old scheme, has 47 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 70 tackles and also has a sack and forced fumble. His 11 passes defended show his ability to be a disruptive force at the line of scrimmage and is a new team record for linemen since the team began recording the stat in 1980. Jenkins (nine, 2007) held the previous mark.
- ▶ 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 Kabeer 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**, with 32 tackles and a sack, should keep all four players in the unit fresh down the stretch.

- ▶ The Packers have given up a league best 1,285 rushing yards. If the Packers can hold Arizona to a total of 77 yards rushing or fewer, 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, also a franchise record for any season).

GRANT AND THE GROUND GAME

RB **Ryan Grant** is having one of the better seasons among running backs in the NFC and seems to be rounding into top form as the playoffs near.

- ▶ For the third straight week, Grant had a TD run over 20 yards, eventually finishing the Seattle game with 97 yards and two scores on

- 16 carries (6.1 avg.).
- ▶ While he has three 100-yard performances on the season, he also has surpassed the 90-yard mark on four other occasions.
- ▶ Without much fanfare, Grant's numbers rank among the leaders in the NFC. His rushing total (1,202 yards) ranks third in the NFC and eighth overall in the NFL. Utilized more in the screen game this season, his 197 receiving yards already is a career high.
- ▶ Grant's 1,399 total yards from scrimmage ranks third in the NFC and seventh in the NFL.
- ▶ McCarthy has consistently stated in his time in Green Bay that the most important rushing statistic to him is attempts, and there is no doubting the team's success when the attempts are up, specifically for Grant.
- ▶ When Grant gets 22-or-more carries, the team is 9-1 (10-1 with playoffs).
- ▶ With veteran RB **Ahman Green** back in the fold, not to mention a quarterback whose feet are a weapon opposing defenses must account for, Green Bay has totaled over 100 net yards on the ground eight times in 2009. Its record in those contests is 7-1.
- ▶ 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, and his three-TD performance against Seattle shows he too is ready for the postseason. Green also had some hard runs against the Seahawks, and both could see considerable action this weekend if the team decides to rest Grant.
- ▶ Traditionally the Packers have run more over the second half of the season as the weather turns, and it's no doubt the run game appears to be in top form heading into January. With NFC playoff seeding still up in the air, there is no telling whether Green Bay will get a game in an outdoor, winter environment or one in a dome.

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 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 '08 lead all NFL players, while Collins' 13 since '08 ranks tied for second with Baltimore's Ed Reed.
- ▶ 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 one of three teammate tandems in the NFC to each have 950 receiving yards. Arizona (Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald) and Dallas (Miles Austin and Jason Witten) are the others.
- ▶ 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 a playoff berth. Should Finley's receiving yardage surpass 700, which requires 58 yards in Arizona, it would mark just the second time in team history the team had three 700-yard receivers. The other was 1983 with **James Lofton** (1,300), **John Jefferson** (830) and **Paul Coffman** (814).



'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 has been used mostly in third down situations since.

- ▶ 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 unveiled 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, teams have had trouble running against the Packers this season. If the Packers can hold Arizona to 77 yards or less on the ground, it will set a new franchise record for fewest rushing yards allowed in a 16-game season.

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 six 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 Seahawks game, and the unit is expected to make its seventh consecutive start together Sunday against Arizona, a team tied for the third-highest sack total (42) in the NFL.
- ▶ 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 six-game streak together, the team produced 158 net rushing yards. It paved the way for another 146 yards on the ground against Chicago and 153 against Seattle.
- ▶ Most importantly, the unit is protecting QB **Aaron Rodgers**. He has been sacked nine times in the six games, compared to 41 times in the first nine games of the year.
- ▶ The nine sacks over the past six 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.

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-	68
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



PACKERS TEAM NOTES

EXCELLING ON THIRD DOWN

Part of Green Bay's recent success winning six of seven games has been due in part to its ability to win the third-down battle on both sides of the ball. The third-down offense tops the NFC rankings and is No. 3 overall, while the defense ranks No. 7 overall in the category.

- ▶ 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 (135.1) on third down. No other quarterback has thrown for as many yards (1,673) or touchdowns (14) on third down as Rodgers, who threw all three of his scores on third down in Pittsburgh. In 152 third-down attempts, he has a 67.8% 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 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. It is ranked No. 1 overall, surrendering the fewest ground yards (1,285) in the NFL.



AROUND THE 'BLACK AND BLUE'

- At 10-5, Green Bay is poised to finish in second place in the NFC North.
- ▶ Green Bay finished the year 4-2 in division play with its 21-14 victory over the Bears in Chicago in Week 14.
 - ▶ Minnesota, off to an 11-4 start, lost in Chicago on Monday night, its third loss in four games. It will wrap up the season at home against the New York Giants and must wait on the outcomes of several games Sunday before it knows its playoff destination.
 - ▶ 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 defeated the Vikings in overtime on Monday night to improve to 6-9. It will conclude its 2009 slate with another division game against the Lions.
 - ▶ Detroit, at 2-13, will close out the season against the Bears in Detroit.
 - ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** has always stressed the importance of division play. Through the first 15 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 Chicago (14-9) and Minnesota (14-10) 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 fran-

chise 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 ranks second on the team in catches (64) and receiving yards (996) and first in touchdown catches (6).
- ▶ With four more receiving yards, Driver will extend his own franchise record by recording a seventh overall season with 1,000 yards.
- ▶ By the end of the season, the most significant record still within Driver's grasp will be career receiving yards. James Lofton ranks No. 1 with 9,656 yards. Driver is at No. 2 entering play Sunday with 8,985.

▶ Driver has been the model of consistency for the Packers, catching at least one pass in 126 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 12th in the NFL.

FINLEY'S RETURN A WELCOME SIGHT

Anyone needing to know how much the Packers missed TE **Jermichael Finley** in his three-game absence need only to watch the game tape from the last six contests.

▶ Over the last six games, he has caught a team-high 34 passes for 382 yards and three TDs. His reception total over that time ranks third among tight ends, trailing only Jason Witten (39) and Tony Gonzalez (36).

- ▶ His nine catches at Pittsburgh matched the single-game record for receptions by a tight end and with six more catches against Arizona, Finley will break the franchise single-season mark by a tight end.
- ▶ Rodgers clearly loves his athletic ability down the middle of the field, as evidenced by his eight 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

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 six weeks.
- ▶ The unit is coming off another solid performance, allowing just one sack and creating holes for 153 rushing yards.
- ▶ Still, QB **Aaron Rodgers** has been sacked a league-high 50 times.
- ▶ To show how important pass protection is to the team's overall success, four of the five Packers' losses have come when Rodgers has been sacked six or more times.
- ▶ **Mike 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 in pass protection.

▶ Injuries killed the team's early-season continuity up front, as McCarthy 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 four 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 and saw time in relief of Clifton in the fourth quarter against the Seahawks.

▶ 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.

▶ Arizona will be a test for the offensive line before it heads into the post-season. The Cardinals come into the game tied at No. 3 with 42 sacks.



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 15 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 101 points. That first-quarter total is second highest in the NFL behind Philadelphia (122).

▶ Thus far, the defense also has taken to beginning the game fast, with 20 of its 36 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 243 first-half points. Opponents have scored only 136 first-half points against the Packers' defense.

▶ For the first time all season, Green Bay scored on its opening possession of the second half against Seattle. Another 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 65-51 advantage.

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.

▶ 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	20	12	0	.625
San Diego	20	12	0	.625
New Orleans	19	12	0	.613
Philadelphia	18	12	1	.597
Green Bay	17	14	0	.548
Tennessee	17	14	0	.548

2009 HONOR ROLL



S Nick Collins

2010 Pro Bowl selection (second career)

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

2010 Pro Bowl selection (first career)
 NFC Offensive Player of the Month - October

CB Charles Woodson

2010 Pro Bowl selection (sixth career)
 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

285 AND COUNTING

Another packed house at Lambeau Field against the Seahawks brought the stadium's consecutive sellouts streak to 285 games (269 regular season, 16 playoffs). The game was the last regular-season home game and likely last of the season at Lambeau Field.

- ▶ 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 hosted its 53rd season of football this year. A total of 565,666 fans made their way through the turnstiles in the eight 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 finishing at 6-2 at home, they have accomplished that goal.
- ▶ With the victory over the Seahawks, the team has won 19 of its last 26 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 19-7 at home since 2007, a marked improvement over the prior three seasons (10-14 combined).
- ▶ Since **Ron Wolf** and **Mike Holmgren** began the revitalization of the franchise in 1992, Green Bay owns the best home record in the NFL. A look at the top home W-L records since the '92 season:

Team	W-L record	Pct.
Green Bay	107-37-0	.743
Pittsburgh	104-39-1	.726
Denver	103-40-0	.720
Minnesota	99-44-0	.692
Dallas	96-47-0	.671

GETTING AFTER THE QUARTERBACK

The Packers recorded three more sacks against Seattle, bringing their season total to 37, tied for eighth best in the league.

- ▶ Three times this year the Packers have had five or more sacks. The last time Green Bay had five or more sacks in three games was '02. 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 a season-ending knee injury to **Aaron Kampman**, recorded the 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.
- ▶ For the first time in franchise history, two rookies have four or more

sacks.

- ▶ With another sack against the Bears, Matthews became the first rookie in Packers history to record a sack in three consecutive games. His streak ultimately rose to 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 has missed most of the last three games 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.

- ▶ The Packers' current ranking near the top of the time-of-possession chart should have been a sign the team was due to make the postseason. 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.

- ▶ Green Bay won the time of possession battle against the Seahawks, controlling the ball for 32:14.
- ▶ Also keep in mind the Packers had four short scoring drives against Seattle. Three drives that ended in touchdowns were just four plays, while another took five plays.
- ▶ Entering Week 17, the Packers rank No. 3 in the league with a time-of-possession average of 32:45, trailing only New England (33:13) and Cincinnati (32:51). Minnesota (32:23) and Pittsburgh (32:13) round out the league's Top 5.
- ▶ The Packers' final opponent, Arizona, ranks 12th in the category with an average of 30:21. Ball control in the final game 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.
- ▶ In the first nine games of the season, the Packers had just nine drives of 10 plays or more. Over their last six games, they have 11 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' offense seems more suited to a controlled offense led by a ground attack, capable of producing multiple 10-play drives in a game.
- ▶ Many factors, including a controlled weather environment and how much the coaching staff will decide to play its starters in advance of the postseason, will determine whether or not the 2009 Packers will set a new franchise standard in time of possession.

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 16 completions of 40-plus yards ranks tied for second in the NFL with Dallas QB Tony Romo (16). Philadelphia's QB Donovan McNabb leads the league with 17.
- ▶ In terms of what coaches often classify as 'big plays' (gains of 20-plus yards), Rodgers has 54 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 eighth overall with 65 plays of 20-plus yards. Arizona comes into the game with 55 plays of 20-plus yards, which ranks tied for 12th.
- ▶ WR **Greg Jennings** (six) and WR **Donald Driver** (five) are the only set of teammates to have at least five 40-plus yard catches in '09.
- ▶ 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 11 'big' runs on the season: eight 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. The threat of hitting the big play on the ground helps keep a healthy offensive balance for the Packers and will be necessary if the team is to make a deep postseason run.
- ▶ 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.



HAVNER DOES IT ALL

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 18 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 the 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 against Arizona, 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 Adian Peterson and raced the ball 42 yards for a touch-down, the longest fumble return for a TD by a rookie in team history.
- ▶ Matthews recorded the 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).

MIKE McCARTHY TRANSCRIPT

EXCERPTS FROM THE COACH – MONDAY, DEC. 28

OK, I have two injuries to report on. Derrick Martin had an ankle sprain. He will be doubtful for this week's game. Mike Montgomery also had an ankle sprain, and he will potentially be doubtful. With that, I'll take your questions.

► **(Derrick Martin has given special teams a jump lately ...)**
Derrick Martin has been outstanding on special teams, he really has. Hopefully he can get back sooner than later. But he's made a big impact, and that's what we saw of him coming over here from Baltimore. He's done a very good job for us.

► **(How's Ryan Pickett looking for this week?)**
Ryan is probably about the same place he was last week. We'll take him through the rehab on Wednesday, as far as potential practice on Thursday. He has slightly improved.

► **(With a guy like him, will you be extra cautious during a week like this with what's ahead?)**
We're going to play it the same way. I'll just answer that question right here. I'm not going to get into who's playing, how long, if ... The game-planning for this game will go accordingly, just like it always has. Now, if a player has health issues, we'll go through the same process, and when we sit in here on Friday, we'll make final decisions.

► **(What do you mean?)**
We're going to game plan for the Arizona Cardinals, and then we're going to decide anything to do with personnel, health, and so forth at the end of the week like we always do.

► **(Why would you game plan for Arizona when it's likely you'll play them again?)**
I'm not sure what you're asking. Why wouldn't I game plan for them? We play them Sunday.

► **(Because this game doesn't matter. Why reveal things before you play them in the playoffs?)**
I'll just say this. Every game plan that you have going into a game, you don't run every one of your plays. I think any NFL football team in all three phases could play a doubleheader from a game-planning standpoint if they needed to. I'm not worried about showing anything. You play football games to win games, and that's not going to change.

► **(It is a little bit of a cat-and-mouse game between the two teams? To save something for the game that matters?)**
I guess it depends on your view. I think frankly a lot of this gets over-hyped, game-planning and so forth. Football is about fundamentals, and the people that do that win games. Putting this individual against that individual, yeah, you try to do that, but also, the opponent has the ability to grab the chalk and get on the board too and take that away from you. That component never changes. If we do play them in two weeks, great, we'll be ready. If we don't, we're going to make sure we're ready for them this week. That's our approach.

► **(Would you consider pulling some starters, for instance Aaron Rodgers might not play the whole game?)**
I understand the desire to ask those questions. As far as who plays, where they play, how long they play, those are all part of game-plan decisions. I'm not going to get into those situations.

► **(We saw the value when you unveiled 'Psycho' and it confused Cutler, so is there value to holding something back and using it when it's one-and-done?)**
The reality of 'Psycho,' we'll use that as the example. If I recall, the particular game was Chicago. We ran it five plays. Yes, it worked, but at the end of the year, and at the end of every game, when you go back and evaluate the plays that count probably the most, it's your base concepts. It always is. Everybody is known for something at this point in the season. We're not going to change the way we approach games, the way we play games, and I'm sure our opponent's not going to, this week or next week. To me, I think a lot is being made of this, but it's also part of game-planning. It serves me no good to sit here in the best interests of

our football team and discuss those things today.

► **(Are you approaching it the same way you did Detroit in '07?)**
I think it's a totally different situation. Detroit in '07, we had a bye week following. I think this is a totally different situation.

► **(You have a good road record here. How do you view that routine and what are the keys to success on the road?)**
It really comes off of the last question. I think it's about regularity. We keep our away and home schedule as close as we can to one another as far as the time that they are finished on Saturday. Obviously you have to factor in the travel, but try to get to the opposing city as fast as we can and to get them on the same program. Encourage them to go to dinner with one another. I think it's great for team dynamics, team-building. You'll see a number of our positions eat dinner together in opposing cities. We have the chapel at the exact same time so that the schedules home and away are as close as they can be, obviously factoring in the travel time.

► **(You'll probably have to win three road games in the playoffs. Is that as big a challenge as it seems?)**
It's a big challenge. Everybody is in the position they are in for a reason. We've earned this playoff berth with 10 wins. Obviously people have played better, but the NFL is a great example of you get what you earn, and we're going to have to earn it on the road, and we feel good about our chances.

► **(Bigby finished the '07 season strong. Are we seeing a repeat of that now?)**
I think Atari has really been consistent for the most part this season, just the communication part of it. His role is different in this defense than it was in the prior defense. What I like about Atari is he has now been given some opportunities and he is making those plays. A lot of times when you are the deep safety you don't hear much about him, and that's probably a good thing. But I think his communication and his consistency, you can tell that the defensive players are very comfortable with him back there. That is something that goes back to two years ago that was evident when he became the starter. He is someone that they trust and someone that they believe in, and he definitely has the ability to make big plays. That obviously was evident yesterday with his two big interceptions.

► **(Did you have much concern about the defensive line when you made the transition? At No. 1 in run defense, they're a big part of that.)**
I did not have concern with our defensive line, and frankly the No. 1 objective was run defense. I felt that was the area in my prior three years that needed to improve. Anytime you set out to accomplish something for your football team primarily on defense, and you're sitting at No. 1, I think that speaks volumes. You still have to make the offense one-dimensional and I understand that the offenses in today's game are going more with the passing game, but the ability to shut down the run and dictate the flow of the game, it helps you with your calls from Dom's standpoint. We're very pleased with our production so far in the run game.

► **(Is there something about the home run in the run game, like Grant's 56-yarder, that's more important than a long pass because it's so demoralizing to a run defense?)**
If you break a run down versus a pass, to have a long run come out, really, you get the back to the second level and he makes the free safety miss, you've got a number of individuals that are doing their job exactly right or being productive. Where sometimes you can have a breakdown in the passing game where one player can make up the difference or make a couple of guys miss in space. So I think it is, in my opinion, a little harder to generate big plays running the football than throwing the football. I think if you'd ask any defender when a team is running the ball at them, that definitely gets to them because since we all have started playing this game the first thing you ever learned on defense is you've got to stop the run first.

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, tied for fourth in the league. Its 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.

▶ Jennings is one of the league's top deep threats, with his most recent TD, an 83-yard score against Pittsburgh, marking a career long for both him and QB **Aaron Rodgers**.

▶ 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. That average is tops among current players with at least 20 career touchdown catches.

▶ While Jennings has six catches of 40-plus yards on the year, Driver isn't far behind with five. 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	21	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

The offense registered over 400 yards against Seattle, the ninth time this year it has gone over the mark. The unit seems to be hitting its stride at the right time and finds itself back among the NFL's top-10 offenses, a familiar place under play caller and Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**.

▶ Each year under McCarthy, it has finished among the league's top 10 and is expected to do so again this year, ranking No. 4 heading into the final weekend of play. Since 2006, only two other teams have ranked in the top 10 each of the last three seasons, New Orleans and Philadelphia, and both have a chance to finish the year in the top 10 for a fourth consecutive year.

▶ 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 third straight week. Against Seattle, he raced 56 yards to the end zone after scoring on runs of 24 yards in Pittsburgh and 62 yards on the offense'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.

▶ With another two rushing TDs, Grant has a new career high of 10.
▶ 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. Make no mistake, Grant is among the game's top backs in both consistency and production.

▶ He became just the third player in team annals to post consecutive 1,200-yard seasons. 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	3,760	34
Ryan Grant, GB	3,334	22
Thomas Jones, NYJ	3,268	26
Steven Jackson, StL	3,164	16
Chris Johnson, TEN	3,100	21

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

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

CAPERS HEADLINES NEW STAFF

On the heels of a disappointing 6-10 season, a new defensive staff and scheme headlined the changes for 2009 at 1265 Lombardi Ave.

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



CAPERS' INSTANT IMPACT

Charged with orchestrating the Packers' new 3-4 defense is veteran coach **Dom Capers**, who is in his 24th season on the NFL level in 2009, his 17th as a defensive coordinator or head coach.

- Noted around the league as one of the game's best defensive minds, Capers is charged with transitioning the Packers to a 3-4 defense. Much of the depth chart on defense returned, including all 11 primary starters. The offseason was heavily focused on learning the new system, including position changes for some.
- In addition to serving as the head coach of two different expansion franchises (Carolina and Houston), Capers brings an impressive résumé as a coordinator. Green Bay's rise in the defensive ranks this season is typical of Capers' instant impact over the course of his NFL career. Pittsburgh ranked No. 22 in overall defense in 1991, the year before Capers' arrival. The Steelers' defense rose up in the defensive rankings to 13th in 1992, Capers' first season as a defensive coordinator in the NFL. The unit rose to No. 3 in 1993 and No. 2 in 1994, earning the moniker "Blitzburgh" with one of the decade's most feared defenses.
- Capers' impact also was seen in his stint as defensive coordinator with Jacksonville (1999-00) and Miami (2006-07). Ranking 25th in overall defense in 1998, the Jaguars' unit rose immediately under Capers in '99 to No. 4 overall in addition to allowing the fewest points in the NFL. The Dolphins ranked No. 18 in overall defense in 2005 but rose to No. 4 in 2006 under Capers, with DE Jason Taylor earning Defensive Player of the Year honors that season as well.

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.

- The team has had to play its last stretch 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 enjoying a career year 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 20 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 tied for 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 (+22)	1	1
Total Offense (381.3)	3	4
Rushing (118.4)	6	14
Passing (262.9)	3	8
Total Defense (290.9)	1	2
vs. Rush (85.7)	1	1
vs. Pass (205.3)	4	10
Third-Down Offense (47.3%)	1	3
Third-Down Defense (35.5%)	4	7
Red-Zone Offense (54.4%)	6	9
Red-Zone Defense (60.0%)	14	28

ARIZONA (Team)

Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (-5)	9T	22T
Total Offense (354.9)	7	12
Rushing (96.4)	13	26
Passing (258.5)	5	10
Total Defense (346.5)	10	20
vs. Rush (113.0)	9	18
vs. Pass (233.5)	10	22
Third-Down Offense (35.7%)	12	22
Third-Down Defense (35.0%)	2	4
Red-Zone Offense (69.8%)	1	1
Red-Zone Defense (45.2%)	5	8

GREEN BAY (Individual)

Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Grant (1,202)	3	8
Passing: Rodgers (102.4)	3	4
Receptions: Jennings (65)	14T	29T
Rec. Yds.: Jennings (1,084)	6	15
Sacks: Matthews (10.0)	8	11T
Interceptions: Woodson (8)	3	4

ARIZONA (Individual)

Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Wells (774)	13	24
Passing: Warner (93.3)	7	12
Receptions: Fitzgerald (94)	2	6
Rec. Yds.: Fitzgerald (1,075)	7	16
Sacks: Campbell (7.0)	10T	21T
Interceptions: Dockett (7.0)	10T	21T
Interceptions: Rodg.-Cro. (6)	4T	5T



GAME REVIEW - PACKERS 48, SEAHAWKS 10

PACKERS HEADED TO PLAYOFFS

The playoffs await the Green Bay Packers, and the way this team has played in the second half of 2009, it likes its chances of making a run.

► The Packers' 48-10 rout of the Seattle Seahawks coupled with the Carolina Panthers' surprising 41-9 blowout of the New York Giants clinched an NFC Wild Card berth for Green Bay on Sunday. The post-season security came just one week after a difficult, last-play loss in Pittsburgh and less than two months after an ugly defeat in Tampa Bay led to some soul-searching that turned the Packers' season around.

► Green Bay has gone 6-1 since that loss to the Buccaneers, improving to 10-5 after a 4-4 start left open the question as to just where this season was headed.

► "I don't think anyone ever blinked," Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** said. "We felt that we lost a game at Tampa that we shouldn't have lost. But it happened. So I think anytime you have negative experiences the most important thing is to learn from it, and I think our team did. And just the way they responded from Tampa in the second half of the season illustrates that."

► Responding from a gut-wrenching last-second loss to the Steelers last week continued that progress, as a Packers' victory in the home finale was never in doubt. Green Bay posted five rushing touchdowns for the first time in 21 years and intercepted four passes for the third time this season to set off a playoff celebration with the 70,429 in attendance at Lambeau Field.

► "I had a sense really going back to the flight back (from Pittsburgh)," quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** said of the team's resolve to bounce back right away. "It was a tough loss and devastating to lose on the last play, but it was a different feel from maybe the Tampa loss or the Minnesota loss at home, which were our two previous losses."

► "There was an air of confidence about the guys on the way back that as difficult as it was that we were still going in the right direction and were going to get this thing to the playoffs."

► The Packers gained control on Sunday in the first half with some big plays on both sides of the ball to take a 24-3 lead at the break.

► The defense posted two of its four interceptions in the first half, the first by **A.J. Hawk**, which he returned 29 yards to the Seattle 35 to end the Seahawks' first drive. That set up a 13-yard TD on a screen pass to **Brandon Jackson** for a 7-0 lead.

► The second pick thwarted Seattle's best drive of the half, as on third down from the Green Bay 8-yard line, **Johnny Jolly** deflected Matt Hasselbeck's pass and **Atari Bigby** made a diving interception at the goal line.

► Jolly also made a critical tackle on Seattle's next threat, stopping running back Julius Jones for a 3-yard loss on third-and-2 from the Green Bay 7, forcing the Seahawks to settle for a field goal for their only first-half points.

► Meanwhile, the offense was a bit erratic at first, but productive nonetheless. After Jackson's early TD, back-to-back completions of 40 and 24 yards to **Greg Jennings** preceded a 3-yard TD run from Grant in the final half-minute of the first quarter.

► Grant (16 carries, 97 yards) then busted off a 56-yard TD run in the second quarter, and the Packers nearly got another touchdown before halftime, when **Spencer Havner** caught a fourth-and-goal pass from the 1 with 3 seconds left. But Havner was called for offensive pass

interference, and Green Bay settled for a 29-yard **Mason Crosby** field goal on the final play of the half for a 21-point lead.

► "We started off three-and-out, which is not what we wanted to do," said Jennings, who finished with four catches for 111 yards, his 14th career 100-yard game. "But then we picked it up, got the ball rolling, and it was like a freight train going downhill. We kept punching the ball in in the red zone, the defense played outstanding, and special teams came up big. We're definitely clicking on all cylinders right now."

► It only continued in the second half with two more interceptions, the first of **Jarrett Bush's** career and the second of Bigby's in the game. Drives of 47 and 62 yards were capped by short TD runs from Jackson, who had never had two touchdowns in a game let alone three.

► Then after Rodgers (12-of-23, 237 yards, 1 TD, 103.0 rating) gave way to backup **Matt Flynn** in the fourth quarter, Crosby was true from long range and **Ahman Green** added the fifth rushing TD midway through the fourth quarter to make it 48-3.

► There wasn't any drama in the scoreboard watching, either, as the Panthers took a commanding 31-0 lead early in the third quarter over the Giants and cruised. The Packers still don't know whether they'll be the No. 5 or 6 seed in the NFC, as next week's game with Arizona as well as remaining games involving Dallas and Philadelphia will factor into that.

► But they know they'll be hitting the road on Wild Card weekend (Jan. 9-10), playing against a division champion, with the immediate goal of earning another road trip to face another division champ the following week.

► "As we talk as a football team, our goal of winning the world championship is right in front of us," McCarthy said. "We're going to be a road-warrior mentality as we plan for that."

► That's fine with this bunch, which - as McCarthy has pointed out several times - has learned to deal with adversity throughout the season, and those lessons could prove valuable in the coming weeks when it's do-or-die in the playoffs.

► "It feels great, it really does," Rodgers said. "I think it's a lot of hard work. The second half of the season we've been really putting it together. Guys are very excited in the locker room, but we realize this is just the beginning for us."

► "Anything can happen. We like our chances. We like the way we're playing. We're peaking at the right time. We're 6-1 the second half of the season, and we're excited about the possibilities that await us in that second season."





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 remains tied for the team lead.
- ▶ 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). Thompson moved up to get Matthews as the second of the team's two first-round choices, while Jones was the 29th linebacker selected in the 2009 NFL Draft at pick No. 218 overall.
- ▶ Charged with providing a consistent pass rush from the outside linebacker spot, the rookie duo has come up huge. In six starts together, the rookie pair has collected 10 sacks (Matthews, 6; Jones, 4). Matthews has established a new franchise rookie record with 10 sacks on the year.
- ▶ 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** (4), **Brandon Chillar** (2), **A.J. Hawk** (1) and **Brady Poppinga** (1) have all gotten to the quarterback in 2009, giving the linebacker group 25.5 of the team's 37 sacks.



TAKEAWAY POINTS KEY FOR PACKERS

Green Bay has continued to show its knack for the takeaways with 27 interceptions and 10 fumble recoveries, which it has turned into 134 points.

- ▶ The 27 interceptions is the team's highest single-season total since 1984, when it also had 27.
- ▶ Green Bay's 37 takeaways is tied for second in the league with Philadelphia (37) and behind only New Orleans (39).
- ▶ The Packers' 134 points scored off those 37 takeaways ranks second in the league, again behind New Orleans (141).
- ▶ Green Bay did not register a takeaway against the Steelers, snapping a streak of 16 straight games with at least one takeaway, but responded with four interceptions against the Seahawks. It was the third time this season that the team has recorded four interceptions, which it also did against Chicago (Week 1) and at Detroit (Week 12).
- ▶ Green Bay has already surpassed its 2008 total of 124 points off takeaways, which led the NFL last season.
- ▶ It has also eclipsed its '08 total in interceptions (22) and fumble recover-

ies (six) while at the same time protecting the ball at a better clip. Green Bay's 15 giveaways is the lowest total in the NFL.

- ▶ If the Packers don't commit a turnover, like they didn't against Seattle over the weekend, they're almost guaranteed to win. They have now won 38 of 42 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 in Week 15 this year in Pittsburgh against the Steelers.
- ▶ Including playoffs, the Packers have won 41 of their last 45 games without a giveaway.

INT RETURN YARDAGE CLIMBING AGAIN

LB **A.J. Hawk** helped improve the Packers' interception return yardage total, racing his interception back 29 yards against Seattle.

- ▶ The Packers finished 2008 with an astounding 685 interception return yards, tops in the NFL, and remain among the league's most dangerous units after turnovers.
- ▶ With 397 yards on 27 interceptions, Green Bay ranks third in the category behind New Orleans (652) and Tennessee (432) this season.
- ▶ The 685 return yards in '08 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.
- ▶ 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 115 tackles, topping the century mark for the sixth time in his seven seasons, while Hawk ranks third with 80.
- ▶ 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 will 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 20 tackles. However, Bishop has seen time in the team's 'Psycho' package recently.

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2009 OPPONENTS

	Record	NFL Rank	
		Offense	Defense
 at Arizona Cardinals.....(10-5)	(10-5)	12	20
 Baltimore Ravens .....(8-7)	(8-7)	14	3
 Chicago Bears .....(6-9)	(6-9)	24	17
 Cincinnati Bengals .....(10-5)	(10-5)	20	4
 at Cleveland Browns.....(4-11)	(4-11)	32	32
 Dallas Cowboys .....(10-5)	(10-5)	3	12
 Detroit Lions.....(2-13)	(2-13)	25	31
 Minnesota Vikings .....(11-4)	(11-4)	8	9
 at Pittsburgh Steelers.....(8-7)	(8-7)	9	6
 San Francisco 49ers...(7-8)	(7-8)	29	18
 Seattle Seahawks.....(5-10)	(5-10)	22	25
 at St. Louis Rams.....(1-14)	(1-14)	27	29
 at Tampa Bay Buccaneers...(3-12)	(3-12)	26	26

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.

►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 515 attempts. That percentage (1.4%) is the lowest among all NFL quarterbacks.

►Rodgers has not thrown an interception in 11 different games this season, tying the franchise mark held by **Bart Starr**. In 1964, Starr also went 11 games without an interception. However, to highlight what was a different era in terms of the passing game, Starr attempted only 272 passes that season, nearly half of Rodgers' 2009 output.

►Rodgers could become the franchise leader in the category with a 12th interception-free game in Arizona (minimum 10 attempts).

►Rodgers could become the second signal caller in team history to finish with an interception percentage under 2.0% (min. 200 attempts), which Starr accomplished twice in his career (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.

►Rodgers enters play Sunday against Arizona with a current streak of 107 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 will have played at least five games against 2009 playoff teams (Arizona, Cincinnati, Dallas, Minnesota twice) and that number could increase if Baltimore or Pittsburgh were to make the playoffs.

►Green Bay played three of the four teams who played in last season's conference championships. All three games (vs. Baltimore, at Pittsburgh, at Arizona) came in the season's final five weeks.

►For the first time since 2003, the Packers did 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 faces playoff games on the road in January.

- ▶ 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 four weeks ago against the Ravens, the first *MMF* game played at Lambeau Field in the month of December.
- ▶ 2009 marks the 17th consecutive season the Packers have appeared on *Monday Night Football*, the NFC's longest active streak.

WITH THE GAME ON THE LINE

Seven of the Packers' first 15 games have come down to plays in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter, highlighted by the season opener against Chicago and a back-and-forth contest against the Steelers in Pittsburgh.

- ▶ 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, one the team may end up making the following week.
- ▶ All collected, the team will fly 12,260 miles according to numbers compiled by the NFL league office.
- ▶ That total is the fourth-lowest mileage total among the 32 teams in 2009.

Perhaps not surprisingly, five West Coast clubs head the list when it comes to logging miles through the air this season: Seattle (29,054), San Francisco (29,020), San Diego (28,628), Arizona (27,840) and Oakland (27,232).

MEET THE NEWCOMERS

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, is 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 10 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 21 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 about to wrap up 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 go on a run in the postseason. It ultimately turned its winning streak to five with a win over Chicago.

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 24.8 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.
- ▶ He enjoyed another fine performance against Seattle, taking two kickoffs for 56 yards and a catch for 17 yards.
- ▶ 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 ranked toward the bottom of the league. Its kick-return average ranks 23rd, while its punt return ranks 25th.
- ▶ On the coverage units, Green Bay's kickoff return coverage has begun to climb the league rankings, ranking 17th heading into Week 16, while its punt-cover team ranks 26th.

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 8,280 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 Seahawks and got eight carries, one of which he took for a touchdown from six yards out. Should the team opt to give RB **Ryan Grant** some rest in Arizona, it's possible Green could see his most action of the season.



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 8-3 (.727) after the bye. Since 2000, the Packers over the balance of their season after the bye are a combined 60-36 (.697).

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, and even hit the halfway point at 4-4, they have hit their stride in the season's second half with wins in six of their last seven games.
- ▶ 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 Seahawks. 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 five 100-yard performances on the season, topping the century mark in each of his last two games.
- ▶ 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 recently became the only player to do it in each of his first two years.
- ▶ 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 over the second half of the season. 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. He has hit for long scoring runs in three straight games and stands as one of one of the most productive backs in the NFC.
- ▶ He already topped the 1,200-yard mark and needs just two 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 come on of late both on offense and in pass protection in his role as the third-down back 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 enjoying another fine season. 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 two weeks ago 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 51 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 76 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 67 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 for the last month.
- ▶ **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 10 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 nearly all of the reps the last three 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. Jarrett Bush has been the team's primary man in nickel formations and recorded his first career interception against the Seahawks. Sixth-round draft pick **Brandon Underwood** from the University of Cincinnati has seen most of his NFL action on special teams, but will be in the mix with **Josh Bell** and **Trevor Ford** for action in the team's dime formation. All three players have seen extensive action on special teams when active.



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, evidenced by his two interceptions against Seattle. 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. Martin is the team's top tackler on special teams but suffered an ankle sprain against the Seahawks, leaving his status for Arizona in doubt.

- ▶ 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. His 52-yard field goal against Seattle could give him the necessary confidence boost for the postseason.
- ▶ 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

- ▶ Established a new career high with four sacks.
- ▶ Could finish the season as the team's leading tackler for a franchise-record fifth time in his seven seasons.
- ▶ Totaled over 100 tackles for the sixth time in his career.

76 CHAD CLIFTON

- ▶ Has played in 142 career games, including 137 starts.
- ▶ Has started 105 of last 111 games since returning from a serious pelvic injury that ended his 2002 season.

36 NICK COLLINS

- ▶ Became the first Packers player to record four consecutive games with an interception (Week 11-14) since 1961 (John Symank).
- ▶ With 13 interceptions since 2008, ranks tied for second with Philadelphia's Asante Samuel among all NFL players behind Charles Woodson (15).
- ▶ With 405 interception return yards since 2008, leads all NFL players.
- ▶ 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.

2 MASON CROSBY

- ▶ Established a new NFL record for most points scored by a player in his first three seasons, breaking the record held by New England's Stephen Gostkowski (388, 2006-08). Crosby enters with 390 points.
- ▶ For his career, has hit 58-of-64 field goals from 39 yards-and-closer.
- ▶ Has hit 18-of-27 field goals from 40-49 yards.
- ▶ Has hit 8-of-17 field goals from 50-plus yards.

80 DONALD DRIVER

- ▶ Needs 15 receiving yards for 9,000 career. He ranks No. 2 on the franchise's all-time receiving yards list (8,985 career) behind No. 1 James Lofton (9,656).
- ▶ Needs four 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 126 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 641 career catches.
- ▶ His 15 catches of 20-plus yards is tied for 12th 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 4,285 career receiving yards at the stadium.
- ▶ Also is Lambeau Field's all-time leader in receptions with 311.
- ▶ 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 9,126. Driver needs 587 yards to move past No. 3 Jim Taylor (9,712).

88 JERMICHAEL FINLEY

- ▶ Needs six catches to surpass Paul Coffman's single-season team record (56, 1979) for catches by a tight end.
- ▶ Has career highs in catches (51), 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 3,361 career rushing yards, No. 9 in team history.
- ▶ Became 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).
- ▶ Since becoming the Packers' feature back in Week 8 of 2007, his 3,334 rushing yards over that period ranks second in the NFL (Adrian Peterson, 3,760).
- ▶ 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 8,280.
- ▶ Also surpassed Taylor (1,811 attempts) for the franchise mark in career carries. Green has 1,839 career attempts.
- ▶ His 11,006 yards from scrimmage also is a franchise best.

50 A.J. HAWK

- ▶ Has played in all 63 games in his career, including 61 starts.
- ▶ Tallied over 120 tackles in each of his first three seasons.

85 GREG JENNINGS

- ▶ Became the fifth player in team history to post back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons, joining Lofton, Sharpe, Freeman and Driver.
- ▶ His 21 catches of 40-plus yards since 2007 leads all NFL players.
- ▶ Needs 116 yards to become the fourth player in team history to post 1,200

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



INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS

receiving yards in back-to-back seasons (Sharpe,1992-93; Freeman, 1997-98; Driver, 2005-06).

- ▶ Had 111 receiving yards in Week 16, his 14th 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 3,928 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

- ▶ Became the first player in NFL history to post 4,000 yards passing in each of his first two seasons as a starter.
- ▶ Needs 260 passing yards to break the franchise's single-season mark of 4,458 held by Lynn Dickey (1983).
- ▶ Ranks fifth in the NFL in passing yards (career high 4,199), tied for third in touchdowns (career-high 29), fourth in QB rating (102.4), 10th in completion percentage (63.9%), first in interception percentage (1.4%), eighth in 20-plus yard completions (54) and tied for second in 40-plus yard passes (16).
- ▶ His 314 rushing yards leads all quarterbacks, and he 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).
- ▶ Has nine career 300-yard games and nine 3-TD games.
- ▶ In 31 career starts, has eclipsed a 100.0-plus passer rating 17 times.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Is 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).

38 TRAMON WILLIAMS

- ▶ Starting with his first career interception in the 2007 regular-season finale, has nine interceptions in the last 32 games.
- ▶ Leads the team with a career-high 20 passes defended.

21 CHARLES WOODSON

- ▶ In 2009 has established a new career high in tackles (81) and tied his career high with eight interceptions.
- ▶ Has 44 career interceptions, 27 in 61 games since coming to Green Bay in 2006. Woodson had 17 interceptions in 106 games with Oakland.
- ▶ Woodson's 15 interceptions 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).
- ▶ For his career, has eight interception-return TDs, tying him with No. 6 Eric Allen (1988-2001) on the NFL's all-time list.
- ▶ With seven 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.
- ▶ 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-DAHN-O
- Brett GoodeGEWD
- Ahman Greenah-MAHN
- Spencer HavnerHAY-vner
- Cullen JenkinsKULL-en
- Jeremy KapinosCAP-eh-nos
- John KuhnKOON
- Cyril ObiozorSEER-uhl Oh-BEE-AH-zer

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

SPECIAL TEAMS

K: 2	Mason Crosby				
P: <u>7</u>	<u>Jeremy Kapinos</u>				
H: <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	311	259
Rushing.....	94	66
Passing.....	187	157
Penalty.....	30	36
3rd Down: Made/Att.....	98/207	72/203
3rd Down Pct.....	47.3	35.5
4th Down: Made/Att.....	2/8	10/25
4th Down Pct.....	25.0	40.0
POSSESSION AVG.	32:45	27:15
TOTAL NET YARDS	5720	4364
Avg. Per Game.....	381.3	290.9
Total Plays.....	978	903
Avg. Per Play.....	5.8	4.8
NET YARDS RUSHING	1776	1285
Avg. Per Game.....	118.4	85.7
Total Rushes.....	404	357
NET YARDS PASSING	3944	3079
Avg. Per Game.....	262.9	205.3
Sacked/Yards Lost.....	50/306	37/232
Gross Yards.....	4250	3311
Att./Completions.....	524/335	509/275
Completion Pct.....	63.9	54.0
Had Intercepted.....	7	27
PUNTS/AVERAGE	65/43.0	70/44.8
Net Punting Avg.....	65/33.8	70/40.0
PENALTIES/YARDS	114/1038	100/838
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	20/8	23/10
TOUCHDOWNS	50	35
Rushing.....	18	5
Passing.....	29	28
Returns.....	3	2

SCORE BY PERIODS

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
PACKERS	101	142	51	134	0	428
OPPONENTS	52	84	65	89	0	290

SCORING

	TD	-Ru	-Pa	-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS
Mason Crosby.....	0	0	0	0	44/45	26/35	0	122
Ryan Grant.....	10	10	0	0			0	60
Donald Driver.....	6	0	6	0			0	36
James Jones.....	5	0	5	0			0	30
Greg Jennings.....	4	0	4	0			0	28
Jermichael Finley.....	4	0	4	0			0	24
Spencer Havner.....	4	0	4	0			0	24
Aaron Rodgers.....	4	4	0	0			0	24
Brandon Jackson.....	3	2	1	0			0	20
John Kuhn.....	3	1	2	0			0	18
Jordy Nelson.....	2	0	2	0			0	12
Charles Woodson.....	2	0	0	2			0	12
Ahman Green.....	1	1	0	0			0	6
Donald Lee.....	1	0	1	0			0	6
Clay Matthews.....	1	0	0	1			0	6
PACKERS	50	18	29	3	44/45	26/35	0	428
OPPONENTS	35	5	28	2	33/33	13/17	3	290

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

SACKS: Clay Matthews 10, Cullen Jenkins 4.5, Nick Barnett 4, Brad Jones 4, Aaron Kampman 3.5, Brandon Chillar 2, Charles Woodson 2, Nick Collins 1, Al Harris 1, A.J. Hawk 1, Johnny Jolly 1, Brady Poppinga 1, B.J. Raji 1, Tramon Williams 1, PACKERS 37, OPPONENTS 50

RUSHING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Ryan Grant.....	271	1202	4.4	62t	10
Aaron Rodgers.....	56	314	5.6	35	4
Ahman Green.....	29	118	4.1	26	1
Brandon Jackson.....	31	94	3.0	9	2
DeShawn Wynn.....	6	19	3.2	6	0
John Kuhn.....	8	18	2.3	5	1
Donald Driver.....	1	13	13.0	13	0
Matt Flynn.....	2	-2	-1.0	-1	0
PACKERS	404	1776	4.4	62t	18
OPPONENTS	357	1285	3.6	42	5

PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Aaron Rodgers.....	515	329	4199	63.9	8.15	29	5.6	7	1.4	83t	50/306	102.4
Matt Flynn.....	9	6	51	66.7	5.67	0	0.0	0	0.0	17	0/0	81.3
PACKERS	524	335	4250	63.9	8.11	29	5.5	7	1.3	83t	50/306	102.0
OPPONENTS	509	275	3311	54.0	6.50	28	5.5	27	5.3	68	37/232	70.4

RECEIVING

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Greg Jennings.....	65	1084	16.7	83t	4
Donald Driver.....	64	996	15.6	71t	6
Jermichael Finley.....	51	642	12.6	62t	4
Donald Lee.....	35	247	7.1	19	1
James Jones.....	29	423	14.6	74t	5
Ryan Grant.....	25	197	7.9	27	0
Jordy Nelson.....	21	269	12.8	33t	2
Brandon Jackson.....	19	158	8.3	16	1
Spencer Havner.....	7	112	16.0	45t	4
John Kuhn.....	6	43	7.2	14	2
Korey Hall.....	5	41	8.2	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	335	4250	12.7	83t	29
OPPONENTS	275	3311	12.0	68	28

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
Atari Bigby.....	3	0	0.0	0	0
A.J. Hawk.....	2	42	21.0	29	0
Al Harris.....	2	29	14.5	29	0
Cullen Jenkins.....	1	4	4.0	4	0
Jarrett Bush.....	1	3	3.0	3	0
Johnny Jolly.....	1	2	2.0	2	0
PACKERS	27	397	14.7	67	2
OPPONENTS	7	91	13.0	36	1

PUNTING

	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In 20	LG	Blk
Jeremy Kapinos.....	64	2793	43.6	33.8	10	14	58	1
PACKERS	65	2793	43.0	33.8	10	14	58	1
OPPONENTS	70	3139	44.8	40.0	6	28	64	0

PUNT RETURNS

	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordy Nelson.....	15	6	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	12	220	6.9	45	0
OPPONENTS	38	7	399	10.5	60	0

KICKOFF RETURNS

	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Jordy Nelson.....	22	546	24.8	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
Charles Woodson.....	2	30	15.0	18	0
Desmond Bishop.....	1	6	6.0	6	0
Evan Dietrich-Smith.....	1	5	5.0	5	0
PACKERS	51	1104	21.6	46	0
OPPONENTS	75	1720	22.9	83	0

FIELD GOALS

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Mason Crosby.....	1/1	12/12	7/9	4/7	2/6
PACKERS	1/1	12/12	7/9	4/7	2/6
OPPONENTS	0/0	4/4	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) (29G,52G)

Opponents: (47G,21G) (40G) (48B,53G) () () (22G) (41G) (45N,38G) (38N) (46G) (54N,22G) () () (37G,34G, 43G) (28G)

2009 REGULAR-SEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Official totals - based on coaches' film review, through December 27 vs. Seattle

Player	Total Tackles	Solo	Asst	Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
Nick Barnett	115	93	22	4.0/34.0	0/0	0	0	6
Charles Woodson	81	63	18	2.0/18.0	8/134	1	4	18
A.J. Hawk	80	64	16	1.0/7.0	2/42	0	0	3
Johnny Jolly	70	32	38	1.0/4.0	1/2	2	1	11
Clay Matthews	58	42	16	10.0/63.0	0/0	3	1	6
Aaron Kampman	55	32	23	3.5/9.5	0/0	0	1	1
Nick Collins	51	44	7	1.0/1.0	6/110	1	0	15
Atari Bigby	50	40	10	0.0/0.0	3/0	0	0	11
Cullen Jenkins	47	33	14	4.5/40.5	1/4	0	3	1
Ryan Pickett	47	25	22	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Brandon Chillar	46	34	12	2.0/9.0	0/0	1	0	4
Tramon Williams	38	26	12	1.0/8.0	3/73	0	0	20
Al Harris	37	28	9	1.0/8.0	2/29	1	0	7
B.J. Raji	32	21	11	1.0/1.0	0/0	0	0	1
Brad Jones	29	23	6	4.0/25.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jarrett Bush	22	19	3	0.0/0.0	1/3	0	0	7
Brady Poppinga	20	14	6	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	12	10	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Derrick Martin	4	4	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Brandon Underwood	3	3	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Jarius Wynn	3	1	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Michael Montgomery	2	2	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jeremy Thompson	2	2	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Josh Bell	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Spencer Havner	1	1	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Cyril Obiozor	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
Totals	921	670	251	37.0/232.0	27/397	9	10	115

SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	IT	FR	FF
Derrick Martin	21	0	0
Desmond Bishop	20	0	1
Spencer Havner	18	0	0
Korey Hall	12	0	0
Tramon Williams	10	0	0
Jarrett Bush	9	0	0
John Kuhn	9	0	0
Brady Poppinga	9	0	0
Brad Jones	8	0	0
Brandon Underwood	8	0	0
Nick Collins	6	1	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
Brandon Jackson	2	0	0
DeShawn Wynn	2	0	0
Josh Bell	1	0	0
Will Blackmon	1	0	0
Trevor Ford	1	0	0
Jeremy Kapinos	1	0	0
Cyril Obiozor	1	0	0
Jeremy Thompson	1	0	0
Totals	159	1	1

BLOCKED KICKS

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

DEFENSIVE SCORING

Player	Int Fum			
	TD	Ret	Ret	Safeties
Charles Woodson	2	2	0	0
Clay Matthews	1	0	1	0
Totals	3	2	1	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		College	How Acquired	Reg. season GP/GS/DNP/IA
						Exp				
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	25	3		Colorado	D6c-07	15/0/0/0
7	Jeremy Kapinos	P	6-1	233	25	1		Penn State	FA-08	15/0/0/0
10	Matt Flynn	QB	6-2	225	24	2		Louisiana State	D7a-08	14/0/1/0
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	220	26	5		California	D1-05	15/15/0/0
18	Patrick Williams	WR	6-1	204	23	R		Colorado	FA-09	0/0/0/2
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	213	28	4		Central Florida	FA-05	12/10/0/3
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	202	33	12		Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	15/15/0/0
24	Jarrett Bush	CB/S	6-0	200	25	4		Utah State	W-06 (Car)	15/2/0/0
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	222	27	3		Notre Dame	T-07 (NYG)	15/15/0/0
26	Josh Bell	CB	5-11	177	24	2		Baylor	FA-09	3/0/0/2
29	Derrick Martin	S	5-10	198	24	4		Wyoming	T-09 (BAL)	14/1/0/1
30	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	250	27	4		Shippensburg	W-07 (Pitt)	13/5/0/2
32	Brandon Jackson	RB	5-10	216	24	3		Nebraska	D2-07	11/0/0/4
33	Brandon Underwood	CB	6-1	191	23	R		Cincinnati	D6b-09	10/0/0/5
34	Ahman Green	RB	6-0	217	32	12		Nebraska	FA-09	7/0/0/3
35	Korey Hall	FB	6-0	236	26	3		Boise State	D6a-07	11/5/0/4
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	207	26	5		Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	15/15/0/0
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	191	26	3		Louisiana Tech	FA-06	15/8/0/0
39	Trevor Ford	CB	6-0	188	23	R		Troy	FA-09	3/0/0/2
41	Spencer Havner	TE/LB	6-3	250	26	1		UCLA	FA-08	15/1/0/0
45	Quinn Johnson	FB	6-1	255	23	R		Louisiana State	D5a-09	8/0/0/7
47	Matt Giordano	S	5-11	200	27	5		California	FA-09	4/0/0/9
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	250	25	4		Ohio State	D1-06	15/13/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	250	30	5		Brigham Young	D4b-05	14/3/0/1
52	Clay Matthews	LB	6-3	250	23	R		Southern California	D1b-09	15/12/0/0
54	Brandon Chillar	LB	6-3	237	27	6		UCLA	UFA-08 (STL)	12/4/2/1
55	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	238	25	3		California	D6b-07	15/0/0/0
56	Nick Barnett	LB	6-2	236	28	7		Oregon State	D1-03	15/15/0/0
57	Cyril Obiozor	LB	6-4	249	23	R		Texas A&M	FA-09	4/0/0/0
59	Brad Jones	LB	6-3	239	23	R		Colorado	D7-09	13/6/0/2
61	Brett Goode	LS	6-1	261	25	2		Arkansas	FA-08	15/0/0/0
62	Evan Dietrich-Smith	G/C	6-2	305	23	R		Idaho State	FA-09	12/0/0/3
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	300	28	6		Tennessee	D7-04 (FA-04)	14/13/1/0
65	Mark Tauscher	T	6-3	316	32	10		Wisconsin	D7a-00 (FA-09)	7/7/1/3
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	311	24	2		Louisville	D5-08	0/0/1/14
70	T.J. Lang	G/T	6-4	316	22	R		Eastern Michigan	D4-09	15/3/0/0
71	Josh Sitton	G	6-3	322	23	2		Central Florida	D4b-08	15/15/0/0
73	Daryn Colledge	G	6-4	308	27	4		Boise State	D2a-06	15/15/0/0
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	320	33	10		Tennessee	D2-00	11/11/1/3
77	Cullen Jenkins	DE	6-2	305	28	6		Central Michigan	FA-04	15/15/0/0
78	Allen Barbre	T/G	6-4	305	25	3		Missouri Southern State	D4-07	9/7/0/6
79	Ryan Pickett	NT	6-2	340	30	9		Ohio State	UFA-06 (STL)	13/9/0/2
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	194	34	11		Alcorn State	D7b-99	15/15/0/0
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	198	26	4		Western Michigan	D2b-06	15/12/0/0
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	29	7		Mississippi State	FA-05	15/11/0/0
87	Jordy Nelson	WR	6-3	217	24	2		Kansas State	D2a-08	12/0/0/3
88	Jermichael Finley	TE	6-5	247	22	2		Texas	D3-08	12/9/0/3
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	208	25	3		San Jose State	D3a-07	15/4/0/0
90	B.J. Raji	NT	6-2	337	23	R		Boston College	D1a-09	13/1/0/2
94	Jarius Wynn	DE	6-3	285	23	R		Georgia	D6a-09	10/0/0/5
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	282	26	5		Texas A&M	D6a-05	10/0/0/5
97	Johnny Jolly	DE	6-3	325	26	4		Texas A&M	D6a-06	15/15/0/0
99	Jeremy Thompson	LB	6-4	260	24	2		Wake Forest	D4a-08	6/0/0/9

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)