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WILD CARD PLAYOFFS

## GREEN BAY (11-5) at ARIZONA (10-6)

Sunday, Jan. 10 • University of Phoenix Stadium • 3:40 p.m. CST

### PACKERS-CARDINALS MEET AGAIN IN PLAYOFFS

One week after wrapping up the regular season in Arizona, Green Bay returns to University of Phoenix Stadium to take on the Cardinals in the NFC Wild Card playoffs.

- ▶ At 11-5, the Packers earned their second postseason berth in three seasons and will be the No. 5 seed as one of two NFC Wild Card entrants.
- ▶ Sunday will mark the third meeting this season between the two clubs and the second postseason meeting in the all-time series.
- ▶ Green Bay comes into the game with plenty of momentum thanks to a 33-7 victory over the Cardinals this past weekend and an outstanding second half. Winners of seven of their last eight, the Packers own the NFC's best record (7-1) over the second half of 2009. Only San Diego (8-0) enjoyed a better second half than Green Bay.
- ▶ The Packers' lone defeat in the second half came on a last-second play at Pittsburgh. Though momentum may be on their side, Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** acknowledged Monday that the team faces an uphill challenge, playing the defending NFC champions in their own stadium.
- ▶ Arizona, by virtue of its second consecutive NFC West title, secured the No. 4 seed. Last year, the Cardinals earned the No. 4 overall seed and won three consecutive games before falling in Super Bowl XLIII.
- ▶ Dating back to 1921 when the Cardinals franchise resided in Chicago, this remains one of the oldest rivalries in football. Green Bay owns a 43-22-4 advantage in the all-time series, including wins in six of the last seven regular-season games.
- ▶ The two franchises met in the playoffs after the 1982 strike-shortened season when the Packers hosted the then-St. Louis Cardinals at Lambeau Field. Behind three TD passes from Lynn Dickey, the Packers defeated the Cardinals 41-16.



### WITH THE CALL

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

- ▶ Play-by-play man **Joe Buck** and color analyst **Troy Aikman** will have the call with **Pam Oliver** and **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.
- ▶ Westwood One will air the game across the country. **Marv Albert** (play-by-play) and **James Lofton** (analyst) will be in the broadcast booth with **Tony Boselli** reporting from the sidelines.
- ▶ Univision Radio, with **Clemson Smith Muñiz** (play-by-play) and **Alfredo Béjar** (color), will broadcast in Spanish to a national audience.
- ▶ For out-of-town listeners, the broadcast is available to NFL Field Pass subscribers on [www.packers.com](http://www.packers.com) as well as on Sirius Satellite Radio as part of the network's NFL Sunday Drive.

### BACK IN THE PLAYOFFS

Green Bay's 25th postseason berth in team history marks the franchise's 12th appearance in the last 17 seasons.

- ▶ The Packers own the league's second-best postseason winning percentage (.625, 25-15) among NFL teams behind Baltimore (.636, 7-4).
- ▶ A second-place finish in the NFC North gave Green Bay 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.
- ▶ Green Bay is 3-3 against 2009 playoff teams, with all three wins (vs. Dallas, vs. Baltimore, at Arizona) coming in the second half of the year. Arizona was 1-2 on the year against '09 playoff teams.



### 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	.W, 33-7	(67,597)

### POSTSEASON

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sun., Jan. 10	at Arizona Cardinals	3:40 p.m.	FOX
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

### THE STORY OF THE '09 PACKERS

The story of the Green Bay Packers began Aug. 1 as a standing-room only crowd gathered for the unveiling of the new Ray Nitschke Field and the first day of training camp practice. Like their passionate fan base, the Packers were eager to erase the memories of 2008 and return to their place among playoff contenders in the NFC.

- ▶ A quick start in preseason action built buzz around the team as the regular season approached, and a fantastic finish in Week 1 over the rival Bears kicked off the 2009 campaign with a bang.
- ▶ A second loss to Minnesota put the team at 4-3 heading into Tampa in Week 9. A 10-point loss to the previously winless Buccaneers left the Packers at 4-4 at the midway point, with a number of tough games still looming ahead on the schedule.
- ▶ Green Bay showed its ability to bounce back from adversity the following week against Dallas in a pivotal NFC matchup. A fantastic defensive effort kept Dallas out of the end zone until the waning moments of the game and helped springboard the team to a five-game win streak that put it back into the NFC playoff picture.
- ▶ In what was one of the more memorable games of the '09 regular season, Green Bay lost on the final play of the game in Pittsburgh, a tough finish to a back-and-forth fourth quarter.
- ▶ Again Green Bay responded, using all three phases to dominate Seattle at home and clinch a postseason berth in Week 16. Another fine performance in Arizona last weekend has the team riding the momentum of its second-half surge into the postseason.
- ▶ Many of the players on the roster were a part of the 2007 run to the NFC Championship Game, and 17 of 22 starters, not to mention many of the key reserves, bring playoff experience to the table.

### ALL THREE PHASES

Green Bay is one of two teams in the NFL to have both the offense (No. 6) and defense (No. 2) rank among the league's Top 6. Minnesota (No. 5 offense, No. 6 defense) is the other.

- ▶ The Packers offense ranks among the league's Top 10 for the fourth consecutive season and is a unit that seems to be hitting its stride at the right time.
- ▶ There's no shortage of statistical measures to show its strength, chief among them the 461 points scored, a new franchise record. The 1996 Super Bowl champion Packers had the previous team record at 456.
- ▶ It was just the third team in franchise history to surpass 6,000 total net yards, finishing No. 3 in team annals with 6,065.
- ▶ Though its perimeter players are as dangerous in big-play production as any group in the NFL, Green Bay dominated the ball and control of the clock in its second-half run and finished No. 1 in the NFL with a time of possession average of 33:03, establishing a new franchise standard since the statistic began being recorded in 1977.
- ▶ Green Bay became the first team in NFL history to have a 4,000-yard passer (QB **Aaron Rodgers**), 1,200-yard rusher (RB **Ryan Grant**) and two 1,000-yard receivers (WRs **Donald Driver** and **Greg Jennings**) in back-to-back seasons.
- ▶ Driver and Jennings lead a wideout group whose ability downfield and after the catch has opened up the middle of the field for Grant and TE **Jermichael Finley**, two players whose production increased during the season's second half.
- ▶ On defense, veteran coordinator **Dom Capers** installed the 3-4 defense and led a unit that finished the year with the highest league ranking by a Packers defensive unit since the 1996 Super Bowl team (No. 1).
- ▶ For the first time in team history, Green Bay ranked No. 1 in run defense. The unit allowed 83.3 rushing yards per game, the lowest average in franchise history.
- ▶ Its stellar run defense kept opponents in difficult down-and-distance situations, where the defense excelled in turnovers.
- ▶ The Packers led the league with 40 takeaways and led the NFL with 30

interceptions, the first time the Packers led the league in interceptions since 1965 (tied with Washington for No. 1 that season with 27).

- ▶ CB **Charles Woodson** led the team with as fine a season as any player in the NFL on the defensive side of the ball. His nine interceptions marked a new career high and tied for the league lead, while he returned three of those interceptions for touchdowns, also tied for the NFL lead.
- ▶ Highlighting the defense's ability to take the ball away also brings the spotlight back onto the offense, which finished the season with 16 giveaways, fewest in the NFL. Not since 1997 (New York Giants) has a team led the league in most takeaways and fewest giveaways.
- ▶ Green Bay's plus-24 turnover margin also ranked atop the league standings, while its 141 points off takeaways tied for No. 1.
- ▶ Special teams, shaky in both the return and coverage units early on in the season, has steadied itself as of late and had perhaps its finest performance of the season against Arizona. The fact that the team appears as healthy as it's been all season can only help the team's depth, which tends to reveal itself in the kick and punt units.
- ▶ "We're just playing good, balanced football, and really everybody is talking about our offense and defense, our special teams has played extremely well the past five or six weeks," Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** said Monday. "We're playing complete football. We put together a good body of work over 16 games, and it's important for us to take this body of work into the playoffs."

### STAT OF THE WEEK



After meeting in the preseason and in Week 17, the Packers and Cardinals will line up across from one another in the postseason.

- ▶ The only time the Packers played an opponent in the preseason, regular season and postseason was 1961 with the New York Giants.
- ▶ Under legendary coach Vince Lombardi, the Packers beat the Giants at Lambeau Field in the preseason and in Milwaukee in the regular season. On Dec. 31 in the NFL Championship, the Packers blanked the Giants at Lambeau Field, 37-0. It was the first of five NFL championships under Lombardi.
- ▶ Sunday's game will mark the fourth time this decade that two teams have met in the preseason, regular season and playoffs in the same season. Tennessee and Oakland were the first to do it in 2002. The Titans won the preseason matchup in Nashville but lost both the regular season and postseason meetings in Oakland.
- ▶ The same situation happened the following year in 2003 with Indianapolis and Denver. The Colts won the preseason matchup in Denver before hosting the final two meetings. They dropped a game in Week 16 but won in the Wild Card round.
- ▶ Lastly, the Giants and Patriots were the last pair to do it in 2007. New England won at home in the preseason and on the road in Week 17 at the Meadowlands but ultimately lost the matchup in Super Bowl XLII.



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

**Green Bay Packers vs. Arizona Cardinals**



**All-time, regular season:** 43-22-4

**All-time, postseason:** 1-0

**All-time, in Arizona:** 4-1-0

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

**Last meeting, regular season:**

Jan. 3, 2010, University of Phoenix Stadium; Packers won, 33-7

**Last meeting, postseason:**

Jan. 8, 1983, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 41-16

**COACHES CAPSULES**

**Mike McCarthy:** 39-27-0, .591 (incl. 1-1 postseason); 4th NFL season

**Ken Whisenhunt:** 30-22-0, .577 (incl. 3-1 postseason); 3rd NFL season

**Head to Head:** McCarthy 1-0

**vs. Opponent:** McCarthy 2-0 vs. Cardinals; Whisenhunt 0-1 vs. Packers

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

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

**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 15 of the last 19 (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' 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 five career games against Arizona, WR Donald Driver has 16 receptions for 152 yards, and RB Ahman Green has 73 carries for 315 yards and 3 TDs, as well as 10 receptions for 119 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...As a Packer, CB Charles Woodson has an interception in each of his two meetings with the Cardinals.

**LAST MEETING, REGULAR SEASON**

- Jan. 3, 2010, at University of Phoenix Stadium; Packers won, 33-7.
- ▶ In a preview of this playoff meeting, the Packers played their starters longer than the Cardinals did and bolted to a 26-0 halftime lead. QB Aaron Rodgers completed 21-of-26 passes for 235 yards, with one TD pass to TE Jermichael Finley and one rushing TD. RB Ryan Grant also added a rushing TD while gaining 51 yards on 11 carries.
  - ▶ CB Charles Woodson had one of three Green Bay interceptions, returning it 45 yards for a TD. The Packers defense also scored via a safety.
  - ▶ In the game, the Packers established a single-season franchise record for run defense (83.3 yards per game) and Woodson scored his eighth career defensive TD for Green Bay, also a franchise mark.
  - ▶ Donald Driver's six catches for 65 yards pushed him over 1,000 receiving yards for a sixth straight season and seventh overall, both franchise records.

**LAST MEETING, POSTSEASON**

- Jan. 8, 1983, at Lambeau Field; Packers won, 41-16.
- ▶ In a first-round playoff game following the strike-shortened 1982 season, the Packers halted a first-quarter Cardinals drive at the 1-yard line and then scored four unanswered touchdowns to take a 28-3 lead.
  - ▶ QB Lynn Dickey threw TD passes to John Jefferson (60 yards) and James Lofton (20 yards) before a pair of St. Louis turnovers resulted in two TDs by Eddie Lee Ivey. Dickey (17-of-23, 260 yards, no INT) tied a team playoff record with four TD passes, two to Jefferson, who posted 148 receiving yards.
  - ▶ The Packers were playing in the postseason for the first time in 10 years.

## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### PLAYOFF CAPTAINS

As per tradition, the Packers alternate game captains each week during the regular season. For the postseason, the team elected captains.

► Chosen as captains on offense were WR **Donald Driver** and QB **Aaron Rodgers**. Though he is the oldest (age 34) and most-tenured (11th Packers season) player on the roster, Driver remains one of the game's best and most consistent wideouts. He surpassed the 1,000-yard mark for a seventh overall and sixth straight season and led the offense with six touchdown catches.

► Though only 26 and in his second season as the man under center, Rodgers also ranks as one of the elder statesmen in the locker room. Of the current 53-man roster, only six players have spent more time with the Packers. His election as captain validates his stance as a team leader, and all the Chico, Calif., native did in his second year as a starter was turn in one of the finest seasons ever by a Green Bay quarterback. Last week he was selected to his first career Pro Bowl.

► On defense, the team elected S **Nick Collins** and CB **Charles Woodson**. With six interceptions, a sack and a fumble recovery on the year, Collins was selected to his second consecutive Pro Bowl, the first Packers safety to earn the honor in back-to-back seasons since LeRoy Butler (1996-98).

► Woodson turned in the finest season of his career and is a leading candidate for Defensive Player of the Year. He tied for the league lead with a career-high nine interceptions and also totaled 81 tackles, another career high. One of the few players on the roster with Super Bowl experience, he will be playing in his 10th career postseason game Sunday.

► On special teams, the team chose LB **Desmond Bishop** and S **Derrick Martin** as captains. Bishop's physical nature sets the tone for the coverage units, where his career-high 22 tackles led the team. He also had the unit's lone forced fumble on the season.

► Acquired in a trade with Baltimore in September, Martin came in with a reputation as a standout special teams player and did not disappoint. His career-high 21 tackles on the coverage team ranked second to Bishop.



### GREEN BAY AS A WILD CARD

Now in the 25th postseason appearance in team history, Green Bay is one of the conference's Wild Card entrants for the fifth time, excluding the strike-shortened 1982 season which had a different playoff format.

► The Packers made their way to the postseason via the Wild Card in 1993, '94, '98 and 2001. In three out of four appearances as an NFC Wild Card, Green Bay won its first game.

► Its first time in 1993 brought one of the most electrifying victories in team postseason history, as a touchdown pass in the final minute gave Green Bay the edge over the division-rival Lions in Detroit, 28-24.

► In 1994, Green Bay hosted a game at Lambeau Field as a Wild Card, a time when the NFL had three division champions and three Wild Card entrants. Its first home playoff game since 1982 brought another victory over the Lions, 16-12.

► Another memorable game, albeit not for Green Bay, came in 1998. Having won five straight over San Francisco, Green Bay surged ahead just after the two-minute warning. However, a Steve Young-to-Terrell

Owens touchdown pass with three seconds remaining gave the 49ers a 30-27 victory.

► Green Bay exacted its revenge on the 49ers in the Wild Card round in 2001 at Lambeau Field. Four second-half scoring drives helped push the Packers ahead, scoring the game's final 10 points for a 25-15 win.

► 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.

### LED BY THE DEFENSE

The Green Bay defense remained at the No. 2 spot in the league's final overall defensive rankings. 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.

► Behind new defensive coordinator **Dom Capers** and all-everything CB **Charles Woodson**, the Packers have thrived in their new 3-4 scheme. The team finished the season ranked No. 1 against the run, a first in team history, and No. 5 against the pass.

► The previous top ranking in franchise history in run defense came in 1972, when the team finished No. 2.

► Green Bay allowed an average of 284.4 yards per game, second behind the N.Y. Jets (252.3) and

ahead of No. 3 Baltimore (300.5).

► Green Bay's improved defense against the run 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, finishing the year at No. 9. This week's opponent, Arizona, ranks 21st in third-down offense.

► One constant for the defense has been its ability to take the ball away, registering 39 of the team's 40 takeaways. That takeaway total led the NFL in 2009, and it's something that has become a habit for the defense. It has registered at least one takeaway in 18 of its last 19 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** (nine), those 40 turnovers have led to 141 points, tied with New Orleans for the most points-off-turnovers total in the NFL.

► 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 before making the jump up to No. 2 this year.

► 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.





## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### THREE PACKERS NAMED PRO BOWLERS

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

- ▶ For Collins, it is his second consecutive and second career selection. For the season, the fifth-year pro had 51 tackles, six interceptions, a sack and fumble recovery. His six interceptions were 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 ranked among the league's top 10 in nearly every significant passing category.
- ▶ Woodson earned his sixth career Pro Bowl bid and second as a member of the Packers. He registered a career high in tackles (81) and interceptions (nine). Additionally, the 12-year pro had two sacks, four forced fumbles, one fumble recovery and 21 passes defended.
- ▶ 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**.



### HEALTH WATCH

Woodson came out of the Cardinals contest in Week 17 with a shoulder injury but should be ready to go for the playoffs. Woodson has played through the shoulder injury for much of the season and has always been known to play through injuries.

- ▶ Woodson played the entire 2008 season with a fractured toe sustained in the season opener, yet still performed at a Pro Bowl level.
- ▶ Two other defensive players who missed the Week 17 matchup in Arizona are NT **Ryan Pickett** and LB **Brandon Chillar**, two regulars in the defensive rotation. As the starting nose tackle, Pickett has been a key cog in the top-ranked run defense, and his return from a hamstring injury would help keep the rotation of DE **Cullen Jenkins**, DE **Johnny Jolly** and NT **B.J. Raji** fresh against the Cardinals' high-powered offensive attack. He has missed most of the past four contests, only playing sparingly in Pittsburgh, but seemed optimistic about his chances to play this Sunday. Chillar, coming off back spasms, is one of the more versatile players on the defensive side of the ball and gives Capers the ability to play a number of different sub-packages. The Arizona contest was the first game Chillar had missed with the back problem after recently returning to full strength from a broken hand.
- ▶ Key members of the special teams unit could also return if S **Derrick Martin** (ankle) and FB **Korey Hall** (elbow) get through the practice week healthy. Martin ranks second on the team with 21 special teams stops, but has not practiced since suffering the injury against Seattle in Week 16. Hall too has been one of the coverage unit's more productive players, totaling 12 special teams stops despite missing four games with a knee injury and Week 17 with the elbow injury.
- ▶ Veteran T **Chad Clifton** may also be on the injury report with a knee injury, but his usual game preparation involves limited practice time during the early portions of the week. The offensive line is expected to maintain its continuity, the main reason for its second-half success.

### THEY'LL HAVE TO DO IT ON THE ROAD

As the NFC's No. 5 seed, the Packers' most likely path to the Super Bowl will be on the road. The only possibility for a home game is the NFC Championship Game, which would be hosted at Lambeau Field if the No. 6 Philadelphia Eagles and the Packers win two games.

- ▶ Green Bay finished 5-3 (.625) on the road this year and is above the .500 mark on the road in the four years under Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** (18-14, .563).
- ▶ Among the 40 playoff games in team history, Green Bay has played 17 true road games in the postseason, not including games at a neutral site in which Green Bay was listed as the road team. The Packers' record in those 17 games is 6-11 (.353).
- ▶ Last season, both Baltimore and Philadelphia won two road games to advance to the conference championship. However, both teams still had to play on the road in the championship round and did not advance.
- ▶ The 2005 Pittsburgh Steelers and 2007 New York Giants, Wild Card entrants, both won three road games to advance to the Super Bowl, and both emerged with Super Bowl titles.
- ▶ The top four seeds in the NFC (New Orleans, Minnesota, Dallas and Arizona) all play indoors, which may play to the strengths of the Green Bay offense. While it naturally has a reputation as a cold-weather team, Green Bay has shown to be an explosive offense on the road.
- ▶ Green Bay scored 242 points on the road, a new franchise record. That total ranked No. 2 among NFL teams this season behind New Orleans (256).
- ▶ Also in road games, the Packers averaged 401.1 yards per game, another team record. That total also ranked No. 2 in the NFL behind Houston (407.4).
- ▶ The only venue which would be new to this Packers team would be Dallas. This will be its third trip to the University of Phoenix Stadium, and it plays annually in Minneapolis at the Metrodome. Also, the team made a trip down to New Orleans to play in the Superdome last season.

### UPON A CLOSER LOOK AT PACKERS-CARDS STATS

Arizona, ranked 14th in total offense, has a noted aerial attack, ranked 12th in the league, but finished just 28th overall in rushing.

- ▶ Combine that with the Packers' No. 1 ranking against the run, and it seems as though the Cardinals would aim to attack Green Bay through the air. However, an ankle injury to star WR Anquan Boldin last Sunday could leave Arizona without a player who caught 84 passes for 1,024 yards and four TDs.
- ▶ WR Steve Breaston totaled over 1,000 yards in 2008 and finished the '09 campaign with 55 catches for 712 yards. RB Tim Hightower also is a frequent target out of the backfield and finished third on the team with 63 receptions.
- ▶ Green Bay could also choose to attack the Cardinals through the air, as its full stable of receivers is healthy for the league's No. 7 overall passing unit. Arizona's defense against the pass, ranked No. 23 in the league, will certainly be dependent upon the return of Pro Bowl CB Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie. The second-year pro went down early in the contest last Sunday with a knee injury and may not be back to full strength.
- ▶ Another area to watch would be when the Arizona offense is able to move into the red zone. The Cardinals' offense ranks No. 1 in the league in red-zone offense, scoring a touchdown on 70.4% of their opportunities. Green Bay's red-zone defense was one of its lower rankings on the season, ranking No. 28 in the NFL.
- ▶ Third down is always a critical play over the course of a football game, and no passer had a higher QB rating than Rodgers (133.5) on third down. The Green Bay offense ranked No. 3 in the league on third down, but the Arizona defense also ranks among the game's best on third down at No. 6.

## 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 ranked 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 is the youngest of the six quarterbacks named to this year's Pro Bowl squads.
- ▶ He has engineered one of the NFL's most potent offenses, ranked No. 6 overall, and avoided costly mistakes, spearheading a unit that has a league-low 16 giveaways.
- ▶ His 103.2 passer rating ranked fourth in the NFL. In addition, he is the game's top-ranked passer on third downs (133.5).
- ▶ The fourth-year pro threw for 4,434 yards, fourth most in the league. That total finished just shy of Lynn Dickey's franchise record (4,458, 1983) for passing yards in a single season.
- ▶ In addition to QB rating and passing yards, Rodgers ranked fourth in TD passes (30) and first in interception percentage (1.3).
- ▶ And just for good measure, he ranked second among QBs with 316 rushing yards on 58 carries (5.4 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 32 career starts, Rodgers has eclipsed the century mark in passer rating 18 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' 40 takeaways led the NFL, while its 16 giveaways also led the league and established a new franchise record.
- ▶ The 1997 New York Giants were the last team to lead the league in most takeaways and fewest giveaways.
- ▶ While Rodgers has always been careful with the ball in the passing game, credit must be given to the Packers running backs, who carried the ball 374 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-24 turnover ratio topped the league.
- ▶ This week's opponent, Arizona, stands at minus-seven, which ranks tied for 24th in the NFL. It has 29 takeaways (21 interceptions, eight fumble recoveries) and 36 turnovers (18 interceptions, 18 fumbles).

- ▶ Of the Packers' takeaways, 30 came via the interception, most in the NFL. It is the most for the Packers since 1981, when the team also had 30. In 2009 it also had 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, streaks they will carry into play in 2010. Green currently has 393 consecutive rushes without a fumble, the longest active streak in the league, while Grant has a streak of 291 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 finished 4-1 in the season's final month, on par for a team that tends to excel as the weather turns.

- ▶ Physical games in winter conditions against the Ravens, Bears and Steelers typified what December football in the National Football League is all about.
- ▶ 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 finished the decade as 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:

Team	W-L in Dec/Jan	Pct.
New England	37-9-0	.804
Pittsburgh	35-13-0	.729
<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>34-13-0</b>	<b>.723</b>
Philadelphia	32-14-0	.696
Indianapolis	31-17-0	.646



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### AS GOOD AS HE'S EVER BEEN

At age 33, CB **Charles Woodson** enjoyed perhaps the finest season of his career in his first year 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 fourth player in NFL history since sacks became an official statistic to record at least nine interceptions and two sacks in a single season. One of the players who previously accomplished the feat (Ed Reed - 2004) went on to win Defensive Player of the Year. Woodson also led 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 INT return for a score against Arizona was his seventh with Green Bay, giving him eight defensive touchdowns with the Packers to establish a new franchise record. The seven INT returns for scores with Green Bay ties him for first on the franchise's all-time list with Hall of Famer Herb Adderley.
- ▶ In addition to his team-high and career-best nine interceptions, he has established a new career high with 81 tackles, third 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 tied for second among NFL defensive backs.
- ▶ There's no doubt Woodson's career has undergone a revitalization since coming to Green Bay. He now has 45 career interceptions, fifth among active NFL players. Of his interceptions, 28 have come in 62 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 ranked No. 1 against the run.

- ▶ DE **Cullen Jenkins**, who played both inside and outside in the old scheme, had 50 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** led all defensive linemen with 75 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, 325-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 36 tackles and a sack, should keep all four players in the unit fresh down the stretch.

- ▶ The Packers gave up a league-best 1,333 rushing yards, the lowest total in a 16-game season in team history. The average of 83.3 yards per game set a franchise record for any season.

### GRANT AND THE GROUND GAME

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

- ▶ Grant had a TD run over 20 yards in three straight weeks (Weeks 14-16), the type of play that typified his breakout season in 2007.
- ▶ He had a career-high 11 touchdowns on the ground, second most in the NFC.
- ▶ While he had 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 ranked among the leaders in the NFC. His rushing total (career-high 1,253 yards) ranked third in the NFC and seventh overall in the NFL. Utilized more in the screen game this season, his 197 receiving yards also was a career high.
- ▶ Grant's 1,450 total yards from scrimmage ranked fourth in the NFC and ninth 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 totaled over 100 net yards on the ground nine times in 2009. Its record in those contests was 8-1.
- ▶ 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 Cardinals, and both could see considerable action this weekend, especially in the screen game and spelling Grant for some occasional carries.
- ▶ 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 postseason play.

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QUITE THE PAIR

S **Nick Collins** and CB **Charles Woodson** will each make a return trip to the Pro Bowl, again ranking among the NFC leaders in interceptions.

- ▶ The pair continues to give opposing quarterbacks fits as they became the first duo in franchise history to each post six or more interceptions in back to back seasons. With nine, Woodson established a career high and tied for the NFL lead. Collins, with six interceptions, tied for fifth.
- ▶ Woodson's 16 interceptions since '08 lead all NFL players, while Collins' 13 since '08 ranks tied for second with Philadelphia's Asante Samuel.
- ▶ Woodson became only the second player in team history to record at least eight picks in two or more seasons. He 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** continued to pace one of the league's most dominant offenses. They are one of three teammate tandems in the NFC to each have 1,000 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 had big performances in the team's run to the playoffs. Finley finished with 676 receiving yards, just missing out on having three players surpass the 700-receiving yards mark. The only time the team had three 700-yard receivers 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 in Week 14 and has been used sparingly 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.
- ▶ One storyline to watch on Sunday will be just how Capers plans to utilize his sub packages, and if anything new will debut in Arizona.

THE EFFECTS OF CONTINUITY

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

- ▶ Having constantly shuffled the lineup due to injury and performance issues early in the season, Green Bay settled on its starting five of LT **Chad Clifton**, LG **Daryn Colledge**, C **Scott Wells**, RG **Josh Sitton** and RT **Mark Tauscher**.
- ▶ That unit started the last seven 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 Cardinals game, and the unit is expected to make its eighth consecutive start together Sunday against Arizona, a team tied for the sixth-highest sack total (43) 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 was sacked nine times in the final seven games, compared to 41 times in the first nine games of the year.
- ▶ Though Arizona's No. 1 defense didn't play much last Sunday, the starting offensive line did not allow a sack.
- ▶ 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
<b>Ahman Green</b>	<b>2000-06, 09-</b>	<b>68</b>
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
<b>Donald Driver</b>	<b>1999-</b>	<b>50</b>
James Lofton	1978-86	50





## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### EXCELLING ON THIRD DOWN

Part of Green Bay's recent success winning seven of its last eight games was 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. 9 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 (133.5) on third down. No other quarterback threw for as many yards (1,710) or touchdowns (14) on third down as Rodgers, who threw all three of his scores on third down in Pittsburgh. In 157 third-down attempts, he has a 67.5% completion rate and did not throw an interception. Tom Brady is the only other quarterback yet to throw an interception on third down (min. 100 attempts).
- ▶ Rodgers' third-down rating was the best in the NFL since Kurt Warner's 137.3 rating in 1999.
- ▶ Now after two seasons 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 finished at No. 7.
- ▶ Some of the success can be attributed to the Packers' improved run defense, ranked No. 1 overall, helping put the opposition in third-and-long.



### AROUND THE 'BLACK AND BLUE'

- At 11-5, Green Bay finished 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, at 12-4, won the division and earned the NFC's No. 2 seed. There are scenarios, whether in the Divisional round or in the NFC Championship Game, in which the Packers and Vikings could meet for a third time this season.
  - ▶ 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 Lions in Week 17 and finished the year 7-9. It does not have a first-round pick at this point, having to give the No. 10 overall pick to Denver as part of the Jay Cutler trade.
  - ▶ Detroit, having lost to the Bears, finished 2-14. It will have the No. 2 overall selection in the 2010 NFL Draft.
  - ▶ Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** has always stressed the importance of division play. Through 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 (15-9) and Minnesota (14-10) over that period.

### ANOTHER FRANCHISE MARK

WR **Donald Driver**, in his 11th season with the Packers, established yet

another team mark in Week 13. This season, it seems as though franchise records fell 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.
- ▶ Though he is the oldest player on the active roster at age 34, Driver has shown no signs of slowing down in 2009. He led the team in catches (70), ranked second in receiving yards (1,061) and first in touchdown catches (6).
- ▶ Driver also extended his own franchise record by recording a seventh overall season and sixth straight 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 No. 2 with 9,050.
- ▶ Driver has been the model of consistency for the Packers, catching at

least one pass in 127 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 were tied for 13th 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 seven contests.

▶ Over the last seven games, he caught a team-high 38 passes for 416 yards and four TDs. His reception total over that time ranks third among

- tight ends, trailing only Jason Witten (45) and Tony Gonzalez (39).
- ▶ His nine catches at Pittsburgh matched the single-game record for receptions by a tight end, and Finley finished tied for the No. 2 spot for catches in a single season by a Packers tight end with 55.
- ▶ 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, Steelers and Cardinals, 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 set career highs in 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 37 catches. Finley and Lee are the only NFL tight-end combo with at least 37 catches each.
- ▶ 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 seven weeks.
- ▶ The unit is coming off another solid performance, as the starting five did not allow a sack as the Packers jumped out to a 33-0 lead at Arizona.
- ▶ Still, Green Bay allowed a league-high 51 sacks. Pittsburgh finished No. 2 with 50 sacks.
- ▶ 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 atop the depth chart at center after the team lost C/G **Jason Spitz** to injured reserve. LT **Chad Clifton** returned from a nagging ankle injury, while veteran RT **Mark Tauscher** has played all the reps with the No. 1 offense in the last five 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 each of the last two weeks.
- ▶ 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's No. 1 unit will be a test for the offensive line. The Cardinals collected 43 sacks on the year, sixth best in the NFL.



**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. This season, the team produced 37 points on game-opening drives (four TDs, three FGs).
- ▶ In terms of first-quarter scoring, Green Bay surpassed its 2008 output

with 115 points. That first-quarter total was second highest in the NFL behind Philadelphia (122).

▶ The defense also has taken to beginning the game fast, with 22 of its 39 defensive takeaways coming in the first half.

▶ In terms of holding opponents out of the end zone, Green Bay did 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 scored 269 first-half points. Opponents scored only 136 first-half points against the Packers' defense.

▶ Green Bay scored on its opening possession of the second half against Seattle, which was its first score on an opening drive of the second half all year. Another area of emphasis is maintaining first-half momentum. The lone quarter the Packers were outscored in was the third, where opponents held a 65-58 advantage.

▶ Just as they are rounding into form in a number of areas, the Packers scored touchdowns on their first drive of each half Sunday in Arizona. They opened the game with a 10-play, 69-yard scoring drive and opened the second half with a 14-play, 94-yard drive.

**ON THE ROAD AGAIN**

Green Bay is 5-3 on the road this year and will have to win a number of road games if it is to make a postseason run.

▶ 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	8	0	.750
New England	23	9	0	.719
New York Giants	21	11	0	.656
Dallas	20	12	0	.625
San Diego	20	12	0	.625
New Orleans	19	13	0	.594
Philadelphia	18	13	1	.578
<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.563</b>
Tennessee	18	14	0	.563

**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 Seattle, the team has now 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	103-41-0	.715
Minnesota	100-44-0	.694
Dallas	97-47-0	.674

### GETTING AFTER THE QUARTERBACK

The Packers finished the season with 37 sacks, tied for 11th best in the league.

- ▶ Three times this year the Packers 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 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 (franchise rookie record 10.0). The last time three Packers rookies recorded sacks was 1987.

- ▶ For the first time in franchise history, two rookies had 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.
- ▶ All three rookies missed time during training camp due to various injuries, meaning none of the three may hit the supposed "rookie wall" as they get their first taste of the NFL postseason.

### 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' final ranking at 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, 24 of those 30 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 Cardinals, helping it achieve the league's No. 1 ranking in the category and a new franchise record.



- ▶ The Packers ranked No. 1 in the league with a time-of-possession average of 33:03, ahead of No. 2 New England (32:55) and No. 3 Minnesota (32:40). Pittsburgh (32:13) and Dallas (32:04) round out the league's top 5, with Pittsburgh being the only team not to make the postseason.
- ▶ The Packers' Wild Card opponent, Arizona, ranked 16th in the category with an average of 29:52.
- ▶ Green Bay's previous 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 seven games, they had 14 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.
- ▶ Against Arizona in Week 17, it sustained three drives of 10 plays or more. Two went for touchdowns, while the third ended with a field goal.
- ▶ The Cardinals, ranked No. 28 in rushing offense, would tend not to take too much time off the clock with a pass-oriented offense. If Green Bay can control the ball in the game, as it proved this year during the regular season, it should have a good chance to advance to the next round.

## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### THE BIG PLAY RETURNS

Thanks to a bevy of talent around him at the skill positions, QB **Aaron Rodgers** did 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 17 completions of 40-plus yards tied for the NFL lead with Dallas QB Tony Romo and Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb.
- ▶ In terms of what coaches often classify as 'big plays' (gains of 20-plus yards), Rodgers had 55 completions, tied for the ninth-best total in the league and 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.
- ▶ In 2009, the Packers finished 10th overall with 66 plays of 20-plus yards. Arizona finished the year with 56 plays of 20-plus yards, which ranked tied for 14th.
- ▶ WR **Greg Jennings** (six) and WR **Donald Driver** (five) were 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 didn't spring the big play until later in the year. The Packers had 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. Six different players (**Driver, Jennings, Jermichael Finley, James Jones, Spencer Havner** and **Jordy Nelson**) have a reception of 45-plus yards on the season, tying a team record. Six players also accomplished the feat in 1951 and 1983.



### 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 fourth on the team in TD catches with 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 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 was third on special teams with 20 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 tied for third in the NFL with three fumble recoveries and led all rookies.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ He just missed tying the franchise's rookie record held by S Johnnie Gray (4, 1975). Matthews had a strip-sack and recovery of Steelers QB Ben Roethlisberger that was overturned after a Pittsburgh challenge.
- ▶ The first recovery of his career was in Week 4, when he forced a fumble on Vikings RB Adrian Peterson and raced the ball 42 yards for a touchdown, the longest fumble return for a TD by a rookie in team history.
- ▶ Matthews recorded the third multi-sack game of his career against the Steelers and had 10 sacks on the season, a new Green Bay rookie record. In addition to leading the Packers, his 10 sacks ranked second behind Washington's Brian Orakpo (11) for the lead among all rookies.
- ▶ The only other rookie to finish as the Packers' 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 Eayrs (research and development), Curtis Fuller (special teams asst.), Kevin Greene (outside linebackers), Ben McAdoo (tight ends), Winston Moss (inside linebackers/asst. head coach), Darren Perry (secondary - safeties), Jimmy Robinson (wide receivers), Shawn Slocum (special teams coordinator) and Mike Trgovac (defensive line).

## MIKE McCARTHY TRANSCRIPT

## EXCERPTS FROM THE COACH – MONDAY, JAN. 4

► **(Generally speaking, how do you feel about your team heading into the postseason?)**

I feel very good about our football team. It's like anything you're trying to build as far as the vision, the plan. I like the way our football team looks right now. I like the energy they're playing with, I like the way they prepare, and I like the way they're focused, and we'll be totally in tune with the fact that playoff football is different. We have a group of men that experienced this two years ago. We have a group of men that have not experienced it. Through our week of preparation, I'm looking for a focused, disciplined week of preparation, and we're getting ready to go play Arizona. We're playing an opponent on the road, they're the defending NFC champions, they've won their division. There's definitely some challenge of playing a little bit uphill, and that's the mindset we're taking into this game.

► **(When you look at the NFC, do you feel you're one of the hottest teams right now?)**

I think that's great conversation really for yourself and the media and everybody else. We're worried about Arizona, and that's playoff football. That's really what I'm talking about. That's part of the charge, that's part of the discipline, that's part of the focus that we need to make sure we stay in tune with this next game. Playoff football is different than regular-season football. Anybody that's been through it will tell you that. It goes to a different level. We're the opposing team on the road. We had 20, I don't know how many thousands, the Green Bay Packer fans at that game yesterday, it was phenomenal. To hear the 'Go Pack Go's' throughout the game was incredible. I hope we can accomplish that again. But playing on the road in the playoffs is a challenge, and that's really what we're focused on. What goes on around us, really, it makes no difference. Because there's no next week if you don't take care of this week.

► **(In scouting the Cardinals, what are you able to take away from yesterday?)**

I think the biggest thing about yesterday's game, you can look at the personnel matchups that occur, based on the way they played the game. Also, how they adjusted and so forth, and frankly how they played us and being ready for the adjustment or the next personnel group, or where you think they're going to go from there. But it's one of 16 games. We hit the target that we wanted to hit yesterday. Now we're preparing for once again the defending NFC champions. That's the way we'll view it. They're a very talented football team. They're a hell of a football team. They've won their division two years in a row. They have experience. They're coming off of a Super Bowl run. They have playoff experience, pretty much their whole football team. Those are the things that play to their strengths, and not to be redundant, we need to have our best week of preparation.

► **(Was there much decoy stuff going on yesterday?)**

They did some things that I'm sure we probably won't see this week. I think that would be accurate. But still, football is football. I'm more focused on how we play fundamentally. That's where our focus will be. We didn't roll out everything we had either. There's two sides to that.

► **(How much of what you have in mind for this game did you develop in your game plan meetings last week?)**

A lot of it. We're not going to just change everything that we did in yesterday's game when we play these guys Sunday over there in Arizona. Our principles are still the same, our base concepts are still the same. We've established who we are, the way we want to play, that will not change. Now, what you do, change the face of it, those types of things, that's all part of the game planning. But we need to do the fundamental things that we've been doing very well. We need to take care of the football, we need to take the football away, we need to tackle, and we need to block. Those are things we're going to spend more time emphasizing this week.

► **(Are you seeing something different with Bigby?)**

Yeah, I think Atari Bigby is playing at a very high level. He's going to receive another game ball this week and I think that is three in a row. He's playing outstanding. He has always been a very good communicator. He has done a very good job of being the last line of defense back

there, and now that he has been given some opportunities, he's definitely cashed in on them. I think Atari's confidence is as high as I have seen it. He has battled through a couple of injuries and now he has been able to put a full season together. He has a lot of confidence in this new scheme, and he is playing at a very high level for us.

► **(Were injuries bugging him earlier in the season?)**

Yeah, definitely. He missed a couple of games. I think he had a little bit of almost "here we go again" because he had the back-to-back injuries that happened very early in the season. Yeah, I think that definitely affected him a little bit, but he is such an upbeat personality. He brings a lot to the table as far as the way he fits into the group. They really trust him. He's an excellent communicator. It's just really part of the growth of the whole defense. Nick Collins has put together a Pro Bowl season back there, so I really like our safety play. It has really picked up and it is a big part of our defense. They are the key communicators in our defense, and you're just seeing a defense growing and getting better and better each week.

► **(How deserving do you think Clay Matthews is for the rookie of the year?)**

I mean, definitely. He had my vote, but I haven't studied or broke down the other players, so I would only be going off of what you hear. I can only tell you what I know about Clay Matthews. He comes to work every single day. He's a true pro, whether it's his upbringing, whatever you want to say it comes from, but I love the way he goes about his work. He's a very talented young man, and for him to have the production that he has had in this scheme, missing a bunch of training camp with the hamstring injuries, he has been so consistent. You don't see that in younger players. He has just had an incredible year for us. I'd love to see him win the award because I think it definitely reflects your productivity as a defense, and he has been a big part of that. He's a young man, how can you not root for him because he does everything right. He does it the way it is supposed to be. You never have a discipline issue with him. He is always where he is supposed to be, he is always doing what he is supposed to be doing, and he's an exceptional athlete, plays with a great motor. I hope he is here for a long time playing that way.

► **(When you go back to Tampa Bay, did you think this team was capable of going 7-1?)**

I go back to March. We put together a good body of work. We're 11-5. We had some tough lessons that we encountered in the first eight weeks, and the most important thing is we learned from them and we were able to put together eight weeks of good, quality football. Yeah, I'm not surprised by anything because just the way they worked, their attitude, the ability in the locker room, the cohesiveness. They are playing with a lot of energy. They are playing with a lot of energy, a lot of enthusiasm. I think the greatest strength of this football team is overcoming adversity. I see it time and time again, more than the teams I have coached here in the past. So I think those are all strengths of our football team. Once again, we're going into the playoffs. We're playing on the road, we're playing an outstanding opponent, and we need to play our best football. But I think their preparation up to this point has put us in position to do that.

► **(Was yesterday's game important from a psychological standpoint because you're going to play the same team?)**

Frankly that was not part of my thought process. I was really totally focused on us playing very well. Obviously the bottom line is winning, because during the course of the week we didn't know who we were going to play. I didn't know if we were going to be playing Arizona. I knew we had a 75 percent chance to play Arizona and obviously when the game started it was pretty much a done deal that we were going to be playing Arizona. So that was not part of our thought process. Our thought process was simply this: we're playing good football. We've got a chance to get better. Let's make sure we take advantage of this opportunity, that we take our best game into the playoffs. The Good Lord blessed us keeping us healthy. That's the only concern that I had going into the game. You can't control it, so were fortunate that way, but I like what we were able to accomplish yesterday.

PACKERS TEAM NOTES

THE TOP DEEP-THREAT DUO

Green Bay remains one of the league's most dangerous teams in yards after the catch, ranking in the top five for the fourth time in five seasons. Its consistent standing near the top of those rankings is due in large part to WRs **Greg Jennings** and **Donald Driver**.

▶ 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
<b>Greg Jennings, GB</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>11</b>
Randy Moss, NE	19	12
Terrell Owens, BUF	17	12
Steve Smith, CAR	17	8
<b>Donald Driver, GB</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>3</b>
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 again ranked 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 offenses. Since 2006, New Orleans is the only other NFL team to have ranked in the top 10 each of the last four seasons. This year, the Packers averaged 379.1 yards per contest, its top average under McCarthy.

▶ 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 in three straight weeks (Week 14-16). The streak concluded against Seattle, as 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.

▶ 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 only other NFL players to post back-to-back 1,200-yard seasons in 2008-09 were Chris Johnson (TEN), Thomas Jones (NYJ) and Adrian Peterson (MIN).

▶ 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	3,814	35
<b>Ryan Grant, GB</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>23</b>
Thomas Jones, NYJ	3,346	28
Chris Johnson, TEN	3,234	23
Steven Jackson, StL	3,227	16

		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	6	14	7	2	1	5
<b>Packers in 2008</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Packers in 2007</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Packers in 2006</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Packers in 2005</b>		<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Packers in 2004</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Packers in 2003</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Packers in 2002</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Packers in 2001</b>		<b>6</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Packers in 2000</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Packers in 1999</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Packers in 1998</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Packers in 1997</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Packers in 1996</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Packers in 1995</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>Packers in 1994</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Packers in 1993</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Packers in 1992</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>



## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### CAPERS HEADLINES NEW STAFF

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

- **Dom Capers** was brought in as defensive coordinator, and the Packers began the transition to a 3-4 scheme in offseason workouts.
- Joining Capers on the defensive staff were **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** remained on the staff, as did **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, was brought in 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 was charged with transitioning the Packers to a 3-4 defense. From a defensive unit that ranked No. 20 overall in 2008, Capers brought the defense up to the No. 2 ranking in 2009, the franchise's highest defensive ranking in over a decade.
- In addition to serving as the head coach of two different expansion franchises (Carolina and Houston), Capers brought 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 '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 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 enjoyed a career year in the new defense.

Woodson, who lined up all over the field in Capers' defense, was named to his sixth career Pro Bowl last week.

- The team has also relied 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. In '09, he finished with four interceptions and led the team with 22 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 16.
- S **Atari Bigby** is playing his best football of the year heading into the postseason, with three interceptions in his last two games.
- Collins, Williams and Woodson 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.

## IN THE LEAGUE RANKINGS, 2009



GREEN BAY (Team)			ARIZONA (Team)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Turnover Margin (+24)	1	1	Turnover Margin (-7)	11T	24T
Total Offense (379.1)	4	6	Total Offense (344.4)	7	14
Rushing (117.8)	5	14	Rushing (93.4)	15	28
Passing (261.3)	3	7	Passing (251.0)	7	12
Total Defense (284.4)	1	2	Total Defense (346.4)	10	20
vs. Rush (83.3)	1	1	vs. Rush (112.8)	10	17
vs. Pass (201.1)	2	5	vs. Pass (233.7)	11	23
Third-Down Offense (47.0%)	1	3	Third-Down Offense (36.3%)	10	21
Third-Down Defense (36.0%)	6	9	Third-Down Defense (35.3%)	4	6
Red-Zone Offense (54.8%)	6	9	Red-Zone Offense (70.4%)	1	1
Red-Zone Defense (60.9%)	13	28	Red-Zone Defense (46.8%)	5	9

GREEN BAY (Individual)			ARIZONA (Individual)		
Category	NFC	NFL	Category	NFC	NFL
Rushing: Grant (1,253)	3	7	Rushing: Wells (793)	12T	24T
Passing: Rodgers (103.2)	3	4	Passing: Warner (93.2)	5	10
Receptions: Driver (70)	13T	27T	Receptions: Fitzgerald (97)	2	7
Rec. Yds.: Jennings (1,113)	6	15	Rec. Yds.: Fitzgerald (1,092)	7	17
Sacks: Matthews (10.0)	8	11T	Sacks: Campbell (7.0)	11T	23T
Interceptions: Woodson (9)	1T	1T	Dockett (7.0)	11T	23T
			Interceptions: Rodg.-Cro. (6)	4T	5T



## GAME REVIEW - PACKERS 33, CARDINALS 7

### PACKERS CRUISE TO VICTORY IN PLAYOFF PREVIEW

With a playoff berth already clinched, Head Coach **Mike McCarthy** talked throughout the week about the importance of continuing to build momentum with a strong showing on Sunday, and Green Bay did just that with a dominant first-half performance on the way to a decisive win over the Arizona Cardinals.

► After a 33-7 victory on Sunday in front of 67,597 at University of Phoenix Stadium, the Packers finished the season as the No. 5 team in the NFC with an 11-5 record. Green Bay won seven of its last eight games, the best finish since 1997 when Green Bay won 10 of its final 11 contests. The Packers will return to Arizona next Sunday to face the Cardinals in a Wild Card contest at 3:40 p.m. (CT).

► When the Minnesota Vikings defeated the New York Giants earlier in the afternoon, the Packers and Cardinals knew they would face each other in the playoffs next weekend. McCarthy and Arizona head coach Ken Whisenhunt took different approaches, with Green Bay playing all its starters for three quarters while Arizona began pulling some of its front-line players in the first half, starting with quarterback Kurt Warner, who came out after two series.

► The Packers were in control of the game from start to finish, outgaining Arizona with 345 yards to the Cardinals' 187, and dominating the time of possession by holding the ball for over 37 minutes.

► "I felt it was clear that our football team needed to continue to stay on the pace, continue to make progress, and we wanted to come out here and win the game, keep our razor sharp and gain some momentum going into the playoffs," McCarthy said. "It didn't really matter who we were playing. I understand Arizona had a different agenda. We had 16 games to prove ourselves. We're an 11-5 football team. We like the way we've played the last eight weeks, and it was very important for our particular team to maximize this opportunity.

► "Our goal going into the game was to play three quarters and see where the game stood. Obviously we made our changes there in the third quarter with about four minutes left, so feel very fortunate that we came out of the game healthy because I understand the risk as much as anybody and the concerns people would have by going with this plan. But in the best interest of our football team, to play their best football going into the playoffs, that's why we took this approach."

► Green Bay scored on its opening drive of the game, capping off a 10-play, 69-yard drive with a 1-yard run from running back **Ryan Grant**. Wide receiver **Donald Driver** caught two passes for 21 yards, and wide receiver **Greg Jennings** drew a 28-yard pass interference penalty on Cardinals cornerback Michael Adams that put the ball at the Arizona 1 to set up the score.

► Green Bay added to its lead on its next possession on a 1-yard plunge for a touchdown by quarterback **Aaron Rodgers**. On the previous play, wide receiver **Jordy Nelson** beat Adams down the middle and Rodgers found him for a 51-yard gain down to the Cardinals' 1.

► Arizona forced the Packers to punt on its next drive, but Steve Breaston fielded **Jeremy Kapinos'** 54-yard punt at the Cardinals' 1-yard line and was tackled by cornerback **Josh Bell** at the 2. On third down from the 3, guard Reggie Wells held outside linebacker **Clay Matthews** in the end zone on a Matt Leinart pass, which resulted in a safety and a 16-0 lead for Green Bay.

► On the Cardinals' next possession, cornerback **Charles Woodson** jumped a slant route by Larry Fitzgerald to pick off a Leinart pass on

third down. Woodson returned the interception, his career-high ninth of the season, 45 yards down the right sideline for the touchdown and a 26-0 halftime advantage.

► Green Bay's No. 1 offense took the field for just one series in the second half, but made the most of it with a 14-play, 94-yard scoring drive. Rodgers connected on 9-of-10 passes on the series for 82 yards, completing passes to four different receivers, and found tight end **Jermichael Finley** on a jump-ball pass over cornerback Greg Toler for a 5-yard touchdown.

► "You take some confidence I think, but you've got to realize once their first unit went out they really didn't blitz much, if at all," said Rodgers, who wasn't sacked on Sunday. "They played kind of against their statistics up to that point with the kind of style of defense they played. So we'll look at the film obviously and critique it, but the body of work we'll focus on will be really the last four or five games they played before this game.

► "I think the way we were playing the last eight games, winning seven of them, and we're one pass short (at Pittsburgh) of winning the last eight. That says a lot about the direction we are going and the kind of identity we've got on offense and on defense. We really played well in the second half of the season and we wanted to keep that going."

► "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."

► Rodgers threw for 235 yards and a touchdown on 21-of-26 passing for a 117.1 rating before resting the entire fourth quarter along with some other veterans on offense.

► With a shutout for the Packers in reach, Arizona got on the board with just over three minutes remaining in the game. On third down in the red zone, backup quarterback **Matt Flynn's** pass intended for wide receiver **James Jones** was intercepted by cornerback Ralph Brown and returned all the way to Green Bay's 7-yard line. A low block penalty on Flynn on the return moved the ball to the Packers' 3, and third-string quarterback Brian St. Pierre found wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald on the next play for the touchdown.

► While the Packers will be prepared for a different Cardinals team next weekend, they left Arizona a confident and relatively healthy team as they look ahead to their second season.

► "We know that they are going to come and do some different things next week, and we will too," linebacker **Nick Barnett** said. "We'll be ready and they'll be ready too. It's going to be a great game.

► "Obviously playoff games, both of our backs are against the wall and neither one of us wants to go home. They've got some great players and we've got some great players, so it's going to be a great battle."







## PACKERS TEAM NOTES

### ROOKIES PROVIDING A PASS RUSH FROM THE OUTSIDE

While a number of positions had 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 showed his consistent pressure on opposing quarterbacks.
- ▶ 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 seven starts together, the rookie pair collected 10 sacks (Matthews, 6; Jones, 4). Matthews 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) all got to the quarterback in 2009, giving the linebacker group 25.5 of the team's 37 sacks.



### TAKEAWAY POINTS KEY FOR PACKERS

Green Bay continued to show its knack for the takeaways with 30 interceptions and 10 fumble recoveries, which it turned into 141 points.

- ▶ The 30 interceptions led the league and is the team's highest single-season total since 1981, when it also had 30.
- ▶ Green Bay's 40 takeaways also led the NFL, and its 141 points scored off those 40 takeaways tied New Orleans for most in the league.
- ▶ 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 and three against the Cardinals. The Seattle game marked the third time this season that the team recorded four interceptions, which it also did against Chicago (Week 1) and at Detroit (Week 12).
- ▶ Green Bay surpassed its 2008 total of 124 points off takeaways, which led the NFL last season.
- ▶ It also eclipsed its '08 total in interceptions (22) and fumble recoveries (six) while at the same time protecting the ball at a better clip. Green

Bay's 16 giveaways was the lowest total in the NFL.

- ▶ If the Packers don't commit a turnover, like they didn't against Seattle in Week 16, 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

Three interception returns against Arizona helped add to an already impressive team yardage total on interceptions.

- ▶ 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 477 yards on 30 interceptions, in 2009 Green Bay finished second in the category behind New Orleans (652).
- ▶ Combined with the 685 return yards in '08, it is just the second time in franchise history that the Packers have posted back-to-back seasons of 475-plus INT return yards. The only other time was 1965 (561) and 1966 (547).
- ▶ 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, finishing Nos. 1 and 2 on the team in tackles. Barnett led the team with 122 tackles, topping the century mark for the sixth time in his seven seasons, while Hawk totaled 87.
- ▶ For the seventh-year pro Barnett, he has returned 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 finished 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, but sat out the Arizona game in Week 17 with back spasms. His presence allows 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 ranked first on the coverage units with a career-high 22 tackles. However, Bishop did see time from scrimmage in the team's 'Psycho' package.

**PACKERS TEAM NOTES**

**2009 OPPONENTS**

			NFL Rank	
		Record	Offense	Defense
	at Arizona Cardinals.....	(10-6)	14	20
	Baltimore Ravens .....	(9-7)	13	3
	Chicago Bears .....	(7-9)	23	17
	Cincinnati Bengals .....	(10-6)	24	4
	at Cleveland Browns.....	(5-11)	32	31
	Dallas Cowboys .....	(11-5)	2	9
	Detroit Lions.....	(2-14)	26	32
	Minnesota Vikings .....	(12-4)	5	6
	at Pittsburgh Steelers.....	(9-7)	7	5
	San Francisco 49ers....	(8-8)	27	15
	Seattle Seahawks.....	(5-11)	21	24
	at St. Louis Rams.....	(1-15)	29	29
	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers..	(3-13)	28	27

**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 personal record of 157 passes established last year, when it wasn't until the fourth game of the season that he threw an interception. 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 finished the season with just seven interceptions on 541 attempts. That percentage (1.3%) ranked as the lowest among all NFL quarterbacks.

►Rodgers did not throw an interception in 12 different games this season, breaking 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, barely more than half of Rodgers' 2009 output.

►Rodgers also became 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). Rodgers' 2009 percentage ranks No. 2 in team annals.

►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 will bring another interception-free streak into play in 2010 with a current streak of 133 consecutive passes without an interception.



**SCHEDULE NUGGETS**

Green Bay's bye week – Week 5 – was the earliest bye for the team since 1999, when it had its bye in Week 4. Though its bye week came early, the team had what almost amounted to a second bye with nine days in between the Detroit (Week 12) and Baltimore (Week 13) games.

►The Packers played six games against 2009 playoff teams (Arizona, Baltimore, Cincinnati, Dallas, Minnesota twice) and went 3-3 in those games, winning each of the last three.

►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 a playoff game on the road in Arizona this weekend.

- ▶ 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 five weeks ago against the Ravens, the first MNF game played at Lambeau Field in the month of December.
- ▶ 2009 marks the 17th consecutive season the Packers have appeared on *Monday Night Football*, the NFC's longest active streak.
- ▶ The team will get the opportunity to play in front of a national TV audience again on Sunday, this time on FOX.

### WITH THE GAME ON THE LINE

Seven of the Packers' games in 2009 came 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 in 2008 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 practice 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.
- ▶ The Packers ended 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.
- ▶ Another trip to Arizona, the team's longest trip of the year, is on deck for a second consecutive weekend.
- ▶ All collected, the team flew 12,260 miles in preseason and regular season action 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 headed 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 worked his way into a starting role and led the team with 10 sacks.
- ▶ Sixth-round pick DE **Jarius Wynn** has seen action in 11 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 finished the year 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 in the postseason 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 ranks second on the team 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.
- ▶ Four players have been signed from the practice squad in recent weeks, CB **Trevor Ford**, LB **Cyril Obiozor**, NT **Anthony Toribio** 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 did race back an interception 21 yards against the Cardinals last Sunday.



## 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 having recently wrapped up their final quarter with a 3-1 record.

- ▶ 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 one of his better all-around performances of the year in Arizona.

- ▶ As a return man, he totaled 105 yards on kickoff and punt returns, including a season-long 54-yard kickoff return. For the season, he averaged 25.4 yards per kick return, the best average by a Packers player since Allen Rossum's 25.8-yard average in 2000 (min. 20 returns).
- ▶ Nelson also proved his worth in the passing game, hauling in a picturesque 51-yard pass from QB **Aaron Rodgers**.
- ▶ For the year, the second-year man totaled 1,045 yards (320 receiving, 725 return) and had two receiving scores.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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 19th, while its punt return ranks 23rd.
- ▶ On the coverage units, Green Bay's kickoff-return coverage climbed the league rankings after a few solid performances to end the season. It finished 18th in the final standings, while its punt-cover team was 24th.

### 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 finished 2009 with 8,322 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 plenty of action from scrimmage against the Cardinals and got 12 carries, totaling 42 yards. He scored his lone TD on the year against Seattle in Week 16.



## 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.
- ▶ In 2009, the team finished 9-3 (.750) after the bye. Since 2000, the Packers over the balance of their season after the bye are a combined 61-36 (.629).

### 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 seven of their last eight 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 eight different receivers against the Cardinals. 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, most recently topping the century mark in Week 15 and 16.
- ▶ 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 marked the highest receiving-yardage total for the Packers 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 2008, 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 future opponents considering the statistical milestones Rodgers eclipsed in 2009. 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 saw 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. His most extensive action as a pro came in Week 17 against Arizona.
- ▶ Flynn went through his first year of McCarthy's quarterback school last off-season and won the No. 2 job with another solid preseason.

#### Running back – 3

- ▶ **Ryan Grant** is entrenched as the clear starter and got the bulk of the carries. He hit for long scoring runs in three of the last four games and stands as one of the most productive backs in the NFC.
- ▶ He topped the 1,200-yard mark and set new career highs in yards and rushing TDs.
- ▶ Emerging as a threat out of the backfield, Grant established another career high in receiving yards (197).
- ▶ 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. He 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.
- ▶ There were games this season where the team kept all three active on the 45-man gameday roster, so it remains a possibility if the coaches feel good about a particular matchup.
- ▶ 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 five 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 enjoyed 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, totaling 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 three weeks ago but was inactive for the final three games.

#### 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 returned to the lineup with a bang 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 55 catches rank third on the team, veteran **Donald Lee** ranks fourth on the team with 37 catches and has been a reliable target for Rodgers. He's played in 77 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 68 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 played all the meaningful reps in the last five weeks.
- ▶ **Tauscher** was seeing his first action of the season in Tampa when he injured his knee, the same knee that he suffered a season-ending ACL injury to in Week 14 of 2008. He held the right tackle position for each of the last nine (2000-08) seasons.
- ▶ While Lang is the team's primary backup at both tackle positions, the team also has young backups in **Allen Barbre** (tackle), who started seven games earlier at right tackle, **Breno Giacomini** (tackle) and **Evan Dietrich-Smith** (three inside positions).

**POSITION-BY-POSITION**

**Defensive end – 4**

- ▶ Defensive end has a much different look both in responsibility and in roster numbers in defensive coordinator **Dom Capers'** 3-4 defense, but they were valuable contributors to the No. 1 run defense.
- ▶ **Cullen Jenkins**, who has played both inside and outside in previous seasons, played all 16 games 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 11 games.



**Nose tackle – 3**

- ▶ The Packers kept only three defensive tackles last season in their 4-3 scheme, but only have three 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 but has missed nearly all of the reps the last four weeks with a hamstring injury. Pickett said he should be ready to go Sunday in Arizona.
- ▶ 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 was a first-team alternate selection for the NFC Pro Bowl squad.
- ▶ 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 nine 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** played at a Pro Bowl level again in 2009 and earned another selection to the NFC squad. Now in the 3-4 scheme, Collins must make more calls and checks, and his importance in the calls and as a play-maker are 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 three interceptions in the final two games. Competing for reps at backup positions are newcomers **Derrick Martin** and **Matt Giordano**. Martin arrived from Baltimore in a trade at the roster cut-down, while Giordano was signed prior to Week 3. Martin is one of the team's top tacklers on special teams but suffered an ankle sprain against the Seahawks, forcing him to miss the Week 17 game in Arizona.
- ▶ 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.



## NOTABLE NUMBERS FROM 2009

**No. 2** – final defensive ranking, the highest finish since the 1996 Packers finished No. 1. Green Bay ranked No. 20 overall in 2008.

**No. 6** – final offensive ranking, the fourth consecutive top 10 finish under Head Coach **Mike McCarthy**, the unit's play caller. New Orleans is the only other team to finish in the top 10 each of the last four seasons.

**461** – a new franchise record for points scored, besting the previous record of 456 set by the 1996 Super Bowl champion Packers. It was the third highest total in the NFL this season.

**83.3** – rushing yards allowed per game, No. 1 in the league. It was the first time in the history of the franchise that the Packers had the top run defense in the league. The average of 83.3 yards per game set a new franchise record for any season.

**1,333** – rushing yards allowed, fewest in a 16-game season in team history. In 12 games, Green Bay held an opponent to under 90 net yards, breaking the previous franchise record of 11 set in 1996.

**40** – takeaways on the season, most in the NFL.

**30** – interceptions on the year, tops in the NFL. It was the first time the Packers have led the league in interceptions since 1965, when it tied with Washington atop the league rankings with 27. The 30 interceptions also were the most in a season since the 1981 Packers posted 30.

**16** – giveaways on the season, fewest in the league in 2009 and fewest in franchise history, surpassing the previous low of 19 in 1972.

**+24** – the top turnover ratio in the league and tied for the second-best mark in team annals. It was the first time Green Bay led the league in turnover ratio since 2002, and the Packers were the first team since the 1997 Giants to lead the league in most takeaways and fewest giveaways.

**141** – points off takeaways, tied with New Orleans for the top mark in the league. Green Bay also led the category in 2008 with 124 points.

**33:03** – average time of possession, No. 1 in the NFL and the best mark in team history since the stat began to be recorded in 1977.

**+164** – Green Bay's scoring differential this year, No. 2 in the league behind New Orleans (+169).

**4,000, 1,200, 1,000** – The Packers became the first team in NFL history to have a 4,000-yard passer, 1,200-yard rusher and two 1,000-yard receivers in back-to-back seasons.

**6,065** – total net yards, the third-best mark in team history behind the 2004 (6,357) and 1983 (6,172) teams.

**4,000** – Aaron Rodgers became the first quarterback in NFL history to

total more than 4,000 yards in each of his first two seasons as a starter. **0** – fumbles by a member of the Packers' backfield on 374 rushes in 2009. Ahman Green (393) and Ryan Grant (291) rank Nos. 1 and 2 in the NFL among active streaks of consecutive carries without a fumble, streaks they will carry into 2010.

**6-45-plus** – Green Bay had six different players (Donald Driver, Greg Jennings, James Jones, Jordy Nelson, Jermichael Finley and Spencer Havner) post a reception of 45 yards or more, which matched a franchise record (1951, 1983).

**1,200** – Ryan Grant became the third back in franchise history to post back-to-back 1,200 yard seasons, joining Jim Taylor (1961-62) and Ahman Green (2001-03).



**397** – points by Mason Crosby over his first three seasons, including 129 in 2009. That total establishes a new NFL record for points scored by a player in his first three seasons, eclipsing the record of New England's Stephen Gostkowski (388, 2006-08).

**9 and 2** – Charles Woodson became just the fourth player in NFL history since sacks became an official statistic to record at least nine interceptions and two sacks. The other players to accomplish the feat were Ronnie Lott in 1986 (10/2), Eugene Robinson in 1993 (9/2) and Ed Reed in 2004 (9/2).

**10** – sacks by Clay Matthews, a new franchise rookie record. The total finished No. 2 among 2009 rookies behind Washington's Brian Orakpo (11).

**17** – passes of 40 yards or more for Rodgers, tied for the NFL lead with Dallas QB Tony Romo and Philadelphia QB Donovan McNabb.

**4-100** – The Packers had four different players (Donald Driver, Jermichael Finley, Greg Jennings, James Jones) tally over 100 yards receiving in a single game this season. 1994 marked the last time the Packers had four different players top the 100-yard mark in a season.

**12** – games without an interception by Rodgers (min. 10 attempts), a new franchise record. Bart Starr had the previous mark with 11 games without an interception in 1964. Rodgers' interception percentage (1.3%) was tops in the NFL.

**34.2** – average yards per touchdown catch for Greg Jennings. Of his 28 career touchdown catches, 13 have been at least 40 yards in length. His average is tops among current players with at least 20 career touchdown catches.



## PLAYOFFS PARTICIPATION

Player	Career		Green Bay	
	GP	GS	GP	GS
Allen Barbre	2	0	2	0
Nick Barnett	5	5	5	5
Atari Bigby	2	2	2	2
Desmond Bishop	1	0	1	0
Jarrett Bush	2	0	2	0
Brandon Chillar	2	0	0	0
Chad Clifton	7	7	7	7
Daryn Colledge	2	2	2	2
Nick Collins	2	2	2	2
Mason Crosby	2	0	2	0
Donald Driver	8	6	8	6
Matt Giordano	6	0	0	0
Ryan Grant	2	2	2	2
Ahman Green	7	6	6	6
Korey Hall	2	2	2	2
A.J. Hawk	2	2	2	2
Brandon Jackson	2	0	2	0
Cullen Jenkins	3	2	3	2
Greg Jennings	2	0	2	0
James Jones	2	0	2	0
John Kuhn	2	1	2	1
Donald Lee	2	2	2	2
Michael Montgomery	2	0	2	0
Ryan Pickett	8	5	2	2
Brady Poppinga	2	2	2	2

Player	Career		Green Bay	
	GP	GS	GP	GS
Aaron Rodgers	1	0	1	0
Mark Tauscher	7	7	7	7
Scott Wells	3	2	3	2
Tramon Williams	2	0	2	0
Charles Woodson	9	8	2	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>55</b>

Coach	Games	
	Career	Green Bay
Mike McCarthy	10	2
Winston Moss	4	2
Dom Capers	11	0
Joe Philbin	5	5
Edgar Bennett	2	2
James Campen	3	3
Tom Clements	4	2
Jerry Fontenot	2	2
Ben McAdoo	2	2
Darren Perry	6	0
Jimmy Robinson	12	2
Shawn Stocum	2	2
Mike Trgovac	11	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>24</b>

### PACKERS AMONG BEST IN POSTSEASON

On the brink of their 12th playoff appearances in the last 17 years, the Packers own the second-best postseason winning percentage in NFL history. They have won 25 of 40 playoff games since their first-ever postseason contest — the 1936 NFL championship, a 21-6 victory over the Boston Redskins.

Franchise	W	L	Pct	Pts	Opp
Baltimore Ravens	7	4	.636	202	130
<b>Green Bay Packers</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>.625</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>769</b>
Pittsburgh Steelers	31	19	.620	1,170	1,020
*New England Patriots	21	13	.618	730	666
Carolina Panthers	6	4	.600	219	203
San Francisco 49ers	25	17	.595	1,044	853
*Oakland Raiders	25	18	.581	1,028	797
*Washington Redskins	23	17	.575	819	707
Dallas Cowboys	32	24	.571	1,318	1,050
Denver Broncos	17	15	.531	694	794
Philadelphia Eagles	19	18	.510	727	665
Miami Dolphins	20	20	.500	789	875
*Indianapolis Colts	17	18	.486	702	718
Chicago Bears	16	17	.485	714	669
Buffalo Bills	14	15	.483	681	658
*Arizona Cardinals	5	6	.454	240	271
Jacksonville Jaguars	5	6	.454	262	288
New York Giants	20	24	.454	763	833
*St. Louis Rams	19	24	.442	770	944
*Tennessee Titans	14	19	.424	579	760
New York Jets	8	11	.421	388	389
Minnesota Vikings	18	25	.420	838	983
Detroit Lions	7	10	.412	365	404
Seattle Seahawks	7	10	.412	356	367
Atlanta Falcons	6	9	.400	322	361
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	6	9	.400	230	279
*San Diego Chargers	10	15	.400	474	575
Cincinnati Bengals	5	8	.385	263	288
*Kansas City Chiefs	8	13	.381	340	445
Cleveland Browns	11	20	.355	629	728
New Orleans Saints	2	6	.250	144	248
Houston Texans	-	-	-	-	-

\* — **Arizona** totals include two games when franchise was in Chicago (won 28-21, lost 7-0) and three games when franchise was in St. Louis (lost 30-14, lost 35-23, lost 41-16); **Indianapolis** totals include 15 games when franchise was in Baltimore (won 8, lost 7, 264 points scored, 262 points allowed); **Kansas City** totals include one game while franchise was Dallas Texans (won 20-17); **New England** totals include two games when franchise was in Boston (won 26-8, lost 51-10); **Oakland** totals include 12 games when franchise was in Los Angeles (won 6, lost 6, 268 points scored, 224 points allowed); **St. Louis Rams** totals include one game when franchise was in Cleveland (won 15-14) and 32 games played when franchise was in Los Angeles (won 12, lost 20, 486 points scored, 683 points allowed); **San Diego** totals include one game when franchise was in Los Angeles (lost 24-16); **Tennessee** totals include 22 games when franchise was in Houston and known as the Oilers (won 9, lost 13, 371 points scored, 533 points allowed); **Washington** totals include one game when franchise was in Boston (lost 21-6).



## INDIVIDUAL NOTES & STREAKS

### **56 NICK BARNETT**

- ▶ Established a new career high with four sacks.
- ▶ Finished 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 143 career games, including 138 starts.
- ▶ Has started 106 of last 112 games since returning from a serious pelvic injury that ended his 2002 season.

### **36 NICK COLLINS**

- ▶ Became the first Packers player to record an interception in four consecutive games (Week 11-14) since 1961 (John Sybank).
- ▶ With 13 interceptions since 2008, ranks tied for second with Philadelphia's Asante Samuel among all NFL players behind Charles Woodson (16).
- ▶ 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 now has 397 career points.
- ▶ For his career, has hit 59-of-65 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**

- ▶ Topped the 1,000-yard receiving mark for a seventh overall season and sixth consecutive, extending his own team record in each category.
- ▶ Has 9,050 career receiving yards, No. 2 on the franchise's all-time receiving yards list behind No. 1 James Lofton (9,656).
- ▶ Surpassed Sterling Sharpe (595) this season to become the franchise's all-time leader in receptions. Driver has 647 career catches.
- ▶ Has a reception in 127 consecutive games, besting the franchise's previous long streak of Sharpe's 103 (1988-94).
- ▶ For the eighth time had 50-plus receptions, a new franchise record. Lofton and Sharpe each had seven seasons with 50-plus catches.
- ▶ 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 9,267. Driver needs 446 yards to move past No. 3 Jim Taylor (9,712).

### **88 JERMICHAEL FINLEY**

- ▶ His 55 catches tied for the second-best mark in team history by a tight end in a single season behind only Paul Coffman's 56 in 1979.
- ▶ Had eight 50-yard games on the season, a team record for tight ends.
- ▶ Has career highs in catches (55), receiving yards (676) and TDs (5).
- ▶ 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 in Minnesota was the longest reception by a tight end since 1993 (Jackie Harris, 66t, Oct. 10, 1993).

### **25 RYAN GRANT**

- ▶ Established career highs in rushing yards (1,253) rushing touchdowns (11) and receiving yards (197).
- ▶ 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 3,385 rushing yards over that period ranks second in the NFL (Adrian Peterson, 3,814).
- ▶ Has 3,412 career rushing yards, No. 9 in team history.
- ▶ Has 12 career 100-yard games.
- ▶ When he gets 22 carries or more, the team is 9-1 (10-1 incl. playoffs).

### **34 AHMAN GREEN**

- ▶ Surpassed Jim Taylor (8,207 yards) to become the franchise's all-time leading rusher. Green has 8,322 yards.
- ▶ Also surpassed Taylor (1,811 attempts) for the franchise mark in career carries. Green has 1,851 career attempts.
- ▶ His 11,048 yards from scrimmage also is a franchise best.

### **50 A.J. HAWK**

- ▶ Has played in all 64 games in his career, including 62 starts.
- ▶ Tied a career high with two interceptions on the year.

### **85 GREG JENNINGS**

- ▶ Led the team in receiving yards (1,113) for the second straight season.
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ 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

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



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in 2008 at Tampa Bay, his 31st career game. He now has 3,957 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 four receptions to move past No. 6 Ron Kramer (170) 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.
- ▶ Finished the season with 4,434 passing yards, No. 2 on the franchise's single-season list behind Lynn Dickey (4,458, 1983).
- ▶ Finished the season fourth in the NFL in passing yards (career high 4,434), fourth in touchdown passes (career-high 30), fourth in QB rating (103.2), ninth in completion percentage (64.7%), first in interception percentage (1.3%), tied for ninth in 20-plus yard completions (55) and tied for first in 40-plus yard passes (17).
- ▶ His 316 rushing yards ranked second among quarterbacks, and his five rushing TDs are the most by a Packers quarterback since 1989, when Don Majkowski also had five.
- ▶ His passer rating of 103.2 is the second-best single-season mark in franchise history, behind Bart Starr's 105.0 in 1966 (min. 200 attempts).
- ▶ Is one of only two QBs in NFL history to post 30-plus passing TDs and seven or fewer interceptions in the same season.
- ▶ His third-down passer rating of 133.5 led the league and is the best mark in the NFL since Kurt Warner's 137.3 in 1999 with St. Louis.
- ▶ Has nine career 300-yard games and nine 3-TD games.
- ▶ In 32 career starts, has eclipsed a 100.0-plus passer rating 18 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).

**38 TRAMON WILLIAMS**

- ▶ Starting with his first career interception in the 2007 regular-season finale, has 10 interceptions in the last 33 games.
- ▶ Led the team with a career-high 22 passes defended.

**21 CHARLES WOODSON**

- ▶ In 2009, established new career highs in tackles (81), interceptions (9, tied league lead), interception returns for TDs (3, tied league lead and team record) and matched a career high with four forced fumbles.
- ▶ Has 45 career interceptions, 28 in 62 games since coming to Green Bay in 2006. Woodson had 17 interceptions in 106 games with Oakland.
- ▶ Woodson's 16 interceptions since 2008 leads all NFL players.
- ▶ Becomes the fourth player in NFL history since sacks became an official statistic in 1982 to record at least nine interceptions and two sacks in a single season. Is the only player in NFL history to post at least seven interceptions and two sacks in back-to-back seasons.
- ▶ His eight defensive touchdowns with Green Bay (seven interceptions, one fumble recovery) is a new team record.
- ▶ With seven interception returns for scores, is tied at No. 1 on Green Bay's all-time list with Herb Adderley (1961-69).
- ▶ For his career, has nine INT-return TDs, tying him at No. 3 on the NFL's all-time list with Ken Houston, Deion Sanders and Aeneas Williams.
- ▶ Became the first NFC player to win the conference's Defensive Player of the Month award twice in one season (September, November).
- ▶ With nine interceptions in 2009, becomes only the second player in franchise history to post at least seven interceptions in three different seasons (Bobby 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.

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**PLAYERS**

Allen Barbre . . . . . BAR-ber  
 Atari Bigby . . . . . ah-TARR-ee BIG-bee  
 Brandon Chillar . . . . . CHILL-er  
 Breno Giacomini . . . . . BREH-no GEE-ah-coh-MEE-knee  
 Matt Giordano . . . . . G-or-DAH-N-0  
 Brett Goode . . . . . GEWD  
 Ahman Green . . . . . ah-MAHN  
 Spencer Havner . . . . . HAY-vner  
 Cullen Jenkins . . . . . KULL-en  
 Jeremy Kapinos . . . . . CAP-eh-nos  
 John Kuhn . . . . . KOON  
 Cyril Obiozor . . . . . SEER-uhl Oh-BEE-AH-zer  
 Ryan Pickett . . . . . PICK-ett

Brady Poppinga . . . . . puh-PING-ah  
 B.J. Raji . . . . . RAH-jee  
 Josh Sitton . . . . . SITT-en  
 Mark Tauscher . . . . . TAO-sheer  
 Anthony Toribio . . . . . tuh-rib-EE-oh  
 Tramon Williams . . . . . trah-MAHN

**COACHES**

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



## DEPTH CHART

Unofficial, Jan. 5, 2010

### OFFENSE

<b>WR:</b>	85	Greg Jennings	87	Jordy Nelson	
<b>LT:</b>	76	Chad Clifton	<u>70</u>	<u>T.J. Lang</u>	78 Allen Barbre
<b>LG:</b>	73	Daryn Colledge	<u>70</u>	<u>T.J. Lang</u>	
<b>C:</b>	63	Scott Wells	<u>62</u>	<u>Evan Dietrich-Smith</u>	
<b>RG:</b>	71	Josh Sitton	<u>62</u>	<u>Evan Dietrich-Smith</u>	
<b>RT:</b>	65	Mark Tauscher	<u>70</u>	<u>T.J. Lang</u>	68 Breno Giacomini
<b>TE:</b>	88	Jermichael Finley	86	Donald Lee	<u>41</u> <u>Spencer Havner</u>
<b>WR:</b>	80	Donald Driver	89	James Jones	<u>18</u> <u>Patrick Williams</u>
<b>QB:</b>	12	Aaron Rodgers	10	Matt Flynn	
<b>RB:</b>	25	Ryan Grant	32	Brandon Jackson	34 Ahman Green
<b>FB:</b>	30	John Kuhn	35	Korey Hall	<u>45</u> <u>Quinn Johnson</u>

### DEFENSE

<b>LDE:</b>	97	Johnny Jolly	<u>90</u>	<u>B.J. Raji</u>	
<b>NT:</b>	79	Ryan Pickett	<u>90</u>	<u>B.J. Raji</u>	<u>93</u> <u>Anthony Toribio</u>
<b>RDE:</b>	77	Cullen Jenkins	<u>94</u>	<u>Jarius Wynn</u>	96 Michael Montgomery
<b>LOLB:</b>	<u>59</u>	<u>Brad Jones</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>Cyril Obiozor</u>	
<b>BLB:</b>	50	A.J. Hawk	55	Desmond Bishop	
<b>MLB:</b>	56	Nick Barnett	54	Brandon Chillar	<u>41</u> <u>Spencer Havner</u>
<b>ROLB:</b>	<u>52</u>	<u>Clay Matthews</u>	51	Brady Poppinga	
<b>LCB:</b>	21	Charles Woodson	24	Jarrett Bush	26 Josh Bell
<b>RCB:</b>	38	Tramon Williams	<u>33</u>	<u>Brandon Underwood</u>	<u>39</u> <u>Trevor Ford</u>
<b>SS:</b>	20	Atari Bigby	29	Derrick Martin	
<b>FS:</b>	36	Nick Collins	47	Matt Giordano	

### SPECIAL TEAMS

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

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

## HOW THE PACKERS WERE BUILT

Year	Record	Draft (31)	Trades (2)	Free Agents (18)
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 G Josh Sitton D4b T Breno Giacomini D5 QB Matt Flynn D7a		LB Brandon Chillar (UFA) LS Brett Goode P Jeremy Kapinos NT Anthony Toribio
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 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Official totals - based on coaches' film review, through January 3 at Arizona

Player	Total			Sacks/ Yards	Int/ Yards	Fum Rec	For Fum	Pass Def
	Tackles	Solo	Asst					
Nick Barnett	122	96	26	4.0/34.0	0/0	0	0	8
A.J. Hawk	87	70	17	1.0/7.0	2/42	0	0	4
Charles Woodson	81	63	18	2.0/18.0	9/179	1	4	21
Johnny Jolly	75	33	42	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	54	45	9	1.0/1.0	6/110	1	0	16
Atari Bigby	54	44	10	0.0/0.0	4/14	0	0	12
Cullen Jenkins	50	33	17	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	42	29	13	1.0/8.0	4/94	0	0	22
Al Harris	37	28	9	1.0/8.0	2/29	1	0	7
B.J. Raji	36	24	12	1.0/1.0	0/0	0	0	1
Brad Jones	31	23	8	4.0/25.0	0/0	0	0	0
Jarrett Bush	26	22	4	0.0/0.0	1/3	0	0	7
Brady Poppinga	21	14	7	1.0/4.0	0/0	0	0	1
Desmond Bishop	14	11	3	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Aaron Rouse	13	11	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Brandon Underwood	5	5	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	1
Jarius Wynn	5	3	2	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Derrick Martin	4	4	0	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0	0
Josh Bell	2	2	0	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
Matt Giordano	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>973</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>37.0/232.0</b>	<b>30/477</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>125</b>

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Player	IT	FR	FF
Desmond Bishop	22	0	1
Derrick Martin	21	0	0
Spencer Havner	20	0	0
Korey Hall	12	0	0
John Kuhn	11	0	0
Tramon Williams	11	0	0
Jarrett Bush	10	0	0
Brady Poppinga	10	0	0
Brandon Underwood	9	0	0
Brad Jones	8	0	0
Nick Collins	6	1	0
Brandon Chillar	5	0	0
Josh Bell	4	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
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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

### BLOCKED KICKS

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

### DEFENSIVE SCORING

Player	TD	Int		Fum	Safeties
		Ret	Ret		
Charles Woodson	3	3	0	0	0
Clay Matthews	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

#### 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); 45-yard  
 interception return at Arizona (1/3)

### MISCELLANEOUS TACKLES

Player	Tackles
Greg Jennings	3
Donald Driver	2
James Jones	2
Josh Sitton	2
Korey Hall	1
Brandon Jackson	1
T.J. Lang	1
Aaron Rodgers	1
Jason Spitz	1
Scott Wells	1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>15</b>

No	ALPHABETICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Birthdate	NFL Exp	College	High School Hometown
78	Barbre, Allen	T/G	6-4	305	6/22/84	3	Missouri Southern St.	Granby, Mo.
56	Barnett, Nick	LB	6-2	236	5/27/81	7	Oregon State	Fontana, Calif.
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.
93	Toribio, Anthony	NT	6-1	315	3/1/85	1	Carson-Newman	Miami, Fla.
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.

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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.
17	Jones, Khalil	WR	6-1	212	12/10/85	R	Miami	Miami, Fla.
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.

**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)
99	Thompson, Jeremy	LB	6-4	260	10/9/85	2	Wake Forest	Dec. 30 (neck)
42	Wynn, DeShawn	RB	5-10	232	10/9/83	3	Florida	Oct. 21 (knee)



No	NUMERICAL ROSTER	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	NFL		How Acquired	Reg. season
						Exp	College		
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	25	3	Colorado	D6c-07	16/0/0/0
7	Jeremy Kapinos	P	6-1	233	25	1	Penn State	FA-08	16/0/0/0
10	Matt Flynn	QB	6-2	225	24	2	Louisiana State	D7a-08	15/0/1/0
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	220	26	5	California	D1-05	16/16/0/0
18	Patrick Williams	WR	6-1	204	23	R	Colorado	FA-09	0/0/0/3
20	Atari Bigby	S	5-11	213	28	4	Central Florida	FA-05	13/11/0/3
21	Charles Woodson	CB	6-1	202	33	12	Michigan	UFA-06 (Oak)	16/16/0/0
24	Jarrett Bush	CB/S	6-0	200	25	4	Utah State	W-06 (Car)	16/3/0/0
25	Ryan Grant	RB	6-1	222	27	3	Notre Dame	T-07 (NYG)	16/16/0/0
26	Josh Bell	CB	5-11	177	25	2	Baylor	FA-09	4/0/0/2
29	Derrick Martin	S	5-10	198	24	4	Wyoming	T-09 (BAL)	14/1/0/2
30	John Kuhn	FB	6-0	250	27	4	Shippensburg	W-07 (Pitt)	14/6/0/2
32	Brandon Jackson	RB	5-10	216	24	3	Nebraska	D2-07	12/0/0/4
33	Brandon Underwood	CB	6-1	191	23	R	Cincinnati	D6b-09	11/0/0/5
34	Ahman Green	RB	6-0	217	32	12	Nebraska	FA-09	8/0/0/3
35	Korey Hall	FB	6-0	236	26	3	Boise State	D6a-07	11/5/0/5
36	Nick Collins	S	5-11	207	26	5	Bethune-Cookman	D2a-05	16/16/0/0
38	Tramon Williams	CB	5-11	191	26	3	Louisiana Tech	FA-06	16/9/0/0
39	Trevor Ford	CB	6-0	188	23	R	Troy	FA-09	3/0/0/3
41	Spencer Havner	TE/LB	6-3	250	26	1	UCLA	FA-08	16/1/0/0
45	Quinn Johnson	FB	6-1	255	23	R	Louisiana State	D5a-09	9/0/0/7
47	Matt Giordano	S	5-11	200	27	5	California	FA-09	5/0/0/9
50	A.J. Hawk	LB	6-1	250	26	4	Ohio State	D1-06	16/14/0/0
51	Brady Poppinga	LB	6-3	250	30	5	Brigham Young	D4b-05	15/3/0/1
52	Clay Matthews	LB	6-3	250	23	R	Southern California	D1b-09	16/13/0/0
54	Brandon Chillar	LB	6-3	237	27	6	UCLA	UFA-08 (STL)	12/4/2/2
55	Desmond Bishop	LB	6-2	238	25	3	California	D6b-07	16/0/0/0
56	Nick Barnett	LB	6-2	236	28	7	Oregon State	D1-03	16/16/0/0
57	Cyril Obizor	LB	6-4	249	23	R	Texas A&M	FA-09	5/0/0/0
59	Brad Jones	LB	6-3	239	23	R	Colorado	D7-09	14/7/0/2
61	Brett Goode	LS	6-1	261	25	2	Arkansas	FA-08	16/0/0/0
62	Evan Dietrich-Smith	G/C	6-2	305	23	R	Idaho State	FA-09	13/0/0/3
63	Scott Wells	C	6-2	300	29	6	Tennessee	D7-04 (FA-04)	15/14/1/0
65	Mark Tauscher	T	6-3	316	32	10	Wisconsin	D7a-00 (FA-09)	8/8/1/3
68	Breno Giacomini	T	6-7	311	24	2	Louisville	D5-08	0/0/1/15
70	T.J. Lang	G/T	6-4	316	22	R	Eastern Michigan	D4-09	16/4/0/0
71	Josh Sitton	G	6-3	322	23	2	Central Florida	D4b-08	16/16/0/0
73	Daryn Colledge	G	6-4	308	27	4	Boise State	D2a-06	16/16/0/0
76	Chad Clifton	T	6-5	320	33	10	Tennessee	D2-00	12/12/1/3
77	Cullen Jenkins	DE	6-2	305	28	6	Central Michigan	FA-04	16/16/0/0
78	Allen Barbre	T/G	6-4	305	25	3	Missouri Southern State	D4-07	10/7/0/6
79	Ryan Pickett	NT	6-2	340	30	9	Ohio State	UFA-06 (STL)	13/9/0/3
80	Donald Driver	WR	6-0	194	34	11	Alcorn State	D7b-99	16/16/0/0
85	Greg Jennings	WR	5-11	198	26	4	Western Michigan	D2b-06	16/13/0/0
86	Donald Lee	TE	6-4	248	29	7	Mississippi State	FA-05	16/12/0/0
87	Jordy Nelson	WR	6-3	217	24	2	Kansas State	D2a-08	13/0/0/3
88	Jermichael Finley	TE	6-5	247	22	2	Texas	D3a-08	13/10/0/3
89	James Jones	WR	6-1	208	25	3	San Jose State	D3a-07	16/4/0/0
90	B.J. Raji	NT	6-2	337	23	R	Boston College	D1a-09	14/1/0/2
93	Anthony Toribio	NT	6-1	315	24	1	Carson-Newman	FA-08	1/0/0/0
94	Jarius Wynn	DE	6-3	285	23	R	Georgia	D6a-09	11/0/0/5
96	Michael Montgomery	DE	6-5	282	26	5	Texas A&M	D6a-05	10/0/0/6
97	Johnny Jolly	DE	6-3	325	26	4	Texas A&M	D6a-06	16/16/0/0

### Practice Squad

13	Chris Pizzotti	QB	6-5	226	23	R	Harvard	FA-09	0/0/0/0
17	Khalil Jones	WR	6-1	212	24	R	Miami	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
95	Ronald Talley	DE	6-3	286	23	R	Delaware	FA-09	0/0/0/0

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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)
99	Jeremy Thompson	LB	6-4	260	24	2	Wake Forest	D4a-08	Dec. 30 (neck)