2018 Packers Individual Report Card:Offense

QUARTERBACKS

Aaron Rodgers: In 2008, when Rodgers posted a 93.8 rating in his first season as starter, he ranked sixth in the NFL. In 2017, when Rodgers posted a 97.2 rating, he ranked eighth. Rodgers' 97.6 rating in 2018 was higher than both years, but in a season that saw passing numbers explode across the league, his production was stagnant. Rodgers ranked 13th in passer rating last season, only the second time in his career he dropped outside the top 10 (the first time was 2015). While his interceptions were down, so was his completion percentage. His 62.3 percent clip was a career low and tied Case Keenum for 26th in the league. It's fair to consider the knee injury that forced Rodgers to miss several weeks of practices formed some bad habits, but his surprising inefficiency highlighted a quarterback who too often hunted the big play, and too infrequently was willing to take risks. That said, Rodgers also had some magnificent moments, chief among them when he led the Packers on a 20-point, second-half comeback in the opener against the Bears on one leg. Other special moments included the Packers' final-drive comeback against the San Francisco 49ers, and their overtime win at the New York Jets. But for a quarterback accustomed to making the magical come to life on the football field, those moments were too sporadic in 2018. **Grade: B-minus**

DeShone Kizer: Kizer looked unprepared to play in Week 1 when Rodgers went down. In one quarter, he had one interception returned for a touchdown, one fumble, took two sacks and had a 42.9 rating. When Rodgers went down with a concussion in the season finale, Kizer completed 45 percent of his passes (16-for-35), averaged 3.8 yards per pass and had another interception. He has a big arm and can evade rushers with his athleticism, but Kizer's lack of field vision, slow reactions and poor decision making — all problems exhibited as a rookie in Cleveland — were no better in his second season. **Grade: D**

Tim Boyle: Boyle, an undrafted rookie out of Eastern Kentucky, spent all season on the 53-man roster but never played a snap, although perhaps he should have. At this point, he appears to be a better prospect than Kizer, though it would be a big stretch to expect him to fill the No. 2 role next fall. **Grade: Incomplete**

WIDE RECEIVERS

Davante Adams: There was almost nothing Adams could do wrong in 2018. He was not only Rodgers' most reliable target, sharpest route-runner and had the surest hands, but he also put up one of the greatest single seasons in franchise history. **Grade: A**

Randall Cobb: Cobb missed seven games and felt limited in several others due to a severe hamstring injury, and his season opening stat line against Chicago (9 catches, 142 yards, TD) represented about a quarter of his full-season production. He struggled getting separation and caught just 38 balls in his nine games at 10.1 yards per catch. **Grade: D**

Marquez Valdes-Scantling: Pressed into a larger role due to injury, the fifth-round pick produced two 100-yard games and earned Rodgers' trust. But when asked to shoulder the weight of being the No. 2 option, he too often was taken away. **Grade: C**

Equanimeous St. Brown: The sixth-round rookie also quickly earned Rodgers' trust and had several big catches while showing great hands. But he still was a role player on offense despite earning seven starts. **Grade: C-minus**

J'Mon Moore: The fourth-round pick admitted it took him a while to earn his way onto the field and he was leapfrogged by his two rookie teammates and then by Kumerow. Moore caught just two passes and when given the chance to return kicks, he fumbled against the New York Jets and was subsequently benched. **Grade: F**

Jake Kumerow: A preseason sensation, he came off injured reserve to appear in only five games. Used primarily on special teams initially, Kumerow eventually worked his way onto the field to catch six passes for one touchdown over the final two games. **Grade: Incomplete**

Geronimo Allison: Started the year fast with 11 catches in two weeks but injured a core muscle in practice after Week 4. He returned to catch one ball against the Los Angeles Rams in Week 8 but was placed on IR after that. **Grade: Incomplete**

Trevor Davis: He reinjured his hamstring just before the season opener, was inactive and placed on injured reserve. He returned in Week 11 in Seattle but got hurt again the next week and ended his year on IR. **Grade: Incomplete**

Allen Lazard: Signed to the active roster Dec. 18, the rookie plucked off the Jacksonville practice squad caught one ball for seven yards in the season finale. **Grade: Incomplete**

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Lance Kendricks: Reliable in many facets, Kendricks was asked to play an H-back type of role early in the season with no fullback on the roster. He found himself targeted in key spots but struggled to hang on to the ball at times. **Grade: C-minus**

Marcedes Lewis: Former Pro Bowler was totally marginalized in the offense, used primarily as a sixth offensive lineman (four targets, three catches). **Grade: D**

Robert Tonyan: First-year player had a big special teams error in New England and a drop in New York, which stick out as he played just 67 offensive snaps (6.2 percent) and 191 on special teams (40.6 percent). Showed athleticism and nice hands at times, but his development as a blocker will be important. **Grade: D**

RUNNING BACKS

Aaron Jones: Began the season with a two-game suspension and ended his year on injured reserve with another MCL injury. But in between, Jones was on pace to become the first running back in franchise history to run for 1,000 yards on fewer than 200 carries (he finished with 728 yards on 133 carries, a 5.5 average). He also ranked sixth on the team in receptions with 26. **Grade**: **B**

Jamaal Williams: He split time for most of the season but was the team's most consistent pass blocker in the backfield. Showed flashes of explosion and power in the run game and developed into a steady outlet in the pass game late in the season. **Grade**: **C+**

Dan Vitale: Signed to the active roster Dec. 1, Vitale appeared in just five games and had only 19 offensive plays. Struggled to block at times as a fullback and wasn't utilized in the pass game. **Grade**: **Incomplete**

Kapri Bibbs: Claimed off waivers Dec. 17, he was pressed into action as a fill-in for 17 snaps over the final two weeks of the season. He received one carry and caught three balls. **Grade**: **Incomplete**

Lavon Coleman: Signed to the active roster Dec. 22, the rookie played eight special teams snaps in New York on Dec. 23. **Grade**: **Incomplete**

OFFENSIVE LINE

David Bakhtiari: Asserted himself among the best pass blockers in the NFL, if not the best. Excellent athlete who plays with quick feet and nimble frame, enabling him to shadow speed rushers while keeping balance against bull rush. Biggest struggle of the season came Week 11 vs. Miami, when he allowed 1.5 sacks against Dolphins end Robert Quinn. Arizona's Chandler Jones beat him with a bull rush Week 13. The previous week, he failed to pick up a good exterior stunt against Minnesota's Sheldon Richardson. An otherwise splendid season. "I think he has Hall of Fame potential," Rodgers said in December. **Grade: A**

Bryan Bulaga: Still a B-level (above average) player when healthy, but major injury concerns exist as he turns 30. Returned from second torn ACL in his career to play 14 games in 2018. Missed two games with a knee injury late in the season, but returned for Weeks 16 and 17 despite his team being eliminated from the playoffs. Failed to finish four other games because of an assortment of injuries. Of the four regular starters (excluding right guard), Bulaga's 781 snaps (72 percent) were the fewest. **Grade: C+**

Corey Linsley: Played every snap for the second straight season. In first season of a three-year, $25.5 million contract, Linsley showed he's deserving of a salary that places him among the 10 highest-paid centers. Named a Pro Bowl alternate. "I don't believe in the NFC that there's four centers better than him," Rodgers said late in the season. A key cog in Packers' pre-snap communication, directing traffic. Occasionally failed to pick up interior stunts, including Week 1 against the Bears on a sack that injured Rodgers' knee. **Grade: B+**

Lane Taylor: Missed the entire offseason program because of ankle surgery, not returning until early in camp. After a solid 2017 season, didn't look like the same player in 2018. Protection issues from early in Taylor's career returned. Struggled especially against interior speed rushes. Allowed a sack Week 3 against Washington's Da'Ron Payne. Couldn't handle Aaron Donald in Los Angeles, beaten by an outside and inside move for a pair of third-down sacks in the second half. A week later, New England's Trey Flowers beat Taylor with a speed move to the outside for a third-down sack. Packers will have to decide whether Taylor's issues were because of the ankle, or if at age 29 he's begun an early decline. **Grade: D**

Byron Bell: Opened season as a Plan B option at right guard, but the veteran started nine games. His season ended when a knee injury placed him on injured reserve. A journeyman along the offensive line, it was his first time starting exclusively at right guard. Praised for his veteran presence in the locker room, Bell provided some depth but isn't a full-time starter. **Grade: D**

Justin McCray: Allowed a sack in each of the first three games and lost his starting job to Bell before Week 4. Oddly, struggled more staying square and engaged with blockers on the interior, where his natural position is guard, than he did the previous season taking snaps at tackle. Regained his job when Bell was placed on IR late in the season, but again struggled. New York Jets end Hendry Anderson beat McCray for a sack and a pressure leading to a sack Week 16. In all, allowed a sack in four of his five starts. **Grade: D-**

Lucas Patrick: Played sparingly in 14 games as a backup, making four starts. Teammates love him because of his toughness. He's the first to defend them on the field, as seen when he started a scrum after Atlanta Falcons safety Brian Poole hit Rodgers late and high while sliding Week 14. Allowed a pressure against Atlanta's Grady Jarrett that led to a sack. **Grade: D-**

Jason Spriggs: Another poor year for the former second-round pick. Allowed three sacks in two starts (against Atlanta and at Chicago), though two sacks came against Bears star Khalil Mack. Allowed two more sacks spelling Bakhtiari briefly at Minnesota. Three seasons after the Packers traded up to draft him 48th overall, Spriggs has not shown enough to guarantee himself a spot in their future. **Grade: F**

Alex Light: An undrafted rookie out of Richmond. Spent entire season on 53-man roster but did not play until Week 14. Served a one-game NFL suspension and had just 26 snaps from scrimmage. **Grade: Incomplete**

Nico Siragusa: Signed from Baltimore's practice squad after Byron Bell was placed on injured reserve in December. Did not play. **Grade: Incomplete**

Adam Pankey: Spent past two seasons on practice squad. Promoted to active roster in early December. Played one snap, coming in Week 14 against Atlanta. **Grade: Incomplete**