

2019 Grades Specialists

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Hunter Bradley

As a rookie in 2018, Bradley missed a block to cause a punt to be blocked and was struggling so much at midseason that his job might have been in jeopardy. He still isn't as consistent as Brett Goode for most of his 10 seasons but his second season did represent a slight improvement. Bradley didn't send back an unusable snap in 2019 but his accuracy and velocity waned a bit down the stretch. He made three tackles this season compared to one as a rookie. **Grade: D+**

Mason Crosby

In Crosby's 13 seasons he has ranked among the top 10 in field-goal percentage only twice. In 2013, the year of his major comeback, he ranked fifth at 89.2 percent (33 of 37). In 2019, he also ranked fifth, this time at a career-high 91.7 percent (22 of 24). He was assisted by the fact the Packers attempted just five kicks longer than 45 yards. He hit from 54, missed wide left from 51 and hit from 48, 47 and 47. Crosby made a pair of game-winning boots as time expired, both against the Lions and measuring 23 and 33 yards. Of his 47 extra-point tries, he made 46. Crosby also had an outstanding season kicking off. Of his 81 boots for distance, he averaged 68.0 yards and 3.92 seconds of hang time with 50 touchbacks. He hasn't had more hang time in a season since 2010 (3.93), which marked the last season NFL teams kicked off from the 40. Crosby has a wide repertoire of kickoffs. He can boot for hang time left, middle or right, or for direction anywhere on the field with low, driving kicks. His onside attempts weren't successful but he is highly skilled there as well. Now the Packers have to make a decision. Crosby, 35, will hit the unrestricted free-agent market on March 18. With many teams looking for a kicker, he'll have suitors. If the Packers don't pay Crosby they won't have a kicker, either. **Grade: B+**

JK Scott

For the second consecutive season, Scott performed like a champ in the first half of the season and like a chump after that. The opposing punter had a better net average than Scott in 11 of the last 12 games. Scott has tremendous leg extension and a powerful leg. He also doesn't handle cold weather as well as some of his predecessors in Green Bay. He ranked 28th in gross average (44.0) and 24th in net (39.9) after ranking tied for 22nd (44.7) and tied for 26th (38.8) as a rookie. He ranked 18th in inside-the-20 percentage (.377) and 17th in touchback percentage (.052). The Packers used a fifth-round pick on Scott in 2018 to replace Justin Vogel, who as a rookie posted rankings of 23rd (44.4) and seventh (41.6). Scott's average hang time of 4.46 seconds was down slightly from 4.55 in 2018. His first two yearly hang-time averages were better than those of any Packers punter based on statistics available to 2000. Tim Masthay's 4.35 in 2012 was next followed by Vogel's 4.31 in 2017. This season, Scott had nine punts with hang times of 5.0 and above and 11 with hang times of 4.0 and below. As a holder, Scott was superb, on the same level as Masthay from 2010-15. **Grade: D+**

