



FAIL SAFE: PACKERS RUN OVER SEATTLE
GREEN BAY IMPROVES TO 10-4 WITH A WIRE-TO-WIRE, 30-13 DRUBBING OF INFAMOUS FOE

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers completed the season sweep over the NFC West with a 30-13 win against the Seattle Seahawks on Dec. 15 in Seattle.

With four wins over the NFC West, Green Bay has now defeated two entire divisions this season, including the AFC South, with wins over the Tennessee Titans, Indianapolis Colts, Houston Texans and Jacksonville Jaguars.

The Seahawks have often had one of the best home-field advantages in the NFL due to the overwhelming crowd noise. That home-field advantage seemed to quickly dissipate in this game, as Green Bay opened the game with a 10-play, 63-yard drive. For the majority of the drive, Josh Jacobs carried the team, recording 44 total yards and capping it off with a touchdown.

As has been the theme in recent weeks, Jacobs continued to be the catalyst in the offense, as the former Raider logged 94 rushing yards and the aforementioned

touchdown on 26 carries. Through the passing game, he added 42 receiving yards on four receptions.

Jayden Reed recorded 27 yards on three touches, Emanuel Wilson nine yards on three touches and Chris Brooks six yards on one touch.

Like we saw last season, Jordan Love continued to bring his game to the next level as the winter months have come around. In this game, Love completed 20-of-27 passes for 229 yards and two touchdowns.

Assisting him in the passing game was Romeo Doubs. Doubs, in his first game back since being diagnosed with a concussion on Nov. 24, caught three balls, totaling 40 yards and both of Love's touchdown passes. Christian Watson added another 56 yards on three receptions. Rounding out the pass game was Tucker Kraft (two receptions for 34 yards), Reed (five receptions for 34 yards) and Dontayvion Wicks (two receptions for 14 yards).

While the offense was certainly rolling for Green Bay in this game, the defense was just as good,



if not better. Holding the Seahawks to just 13 points, Green Bay came away with seven sacks and two interceptions.

Linebacker Kingsley Enagbare led the team with two sacks, while Edgerin Cooper, Rashan Gary, Brenton Cox, Devonte Wyatt and Karl Brooks each added one. Cooper also added an interception, along with Carrington Valentine, who played in relief of Jaire Alexander.



Top, running back Josh Jacobs rushed for 94 yards and a touchdown - his ninth in the last five games - while the defense came up big when it mattered. Above, cornerback Carrington Valentine picked off a pass deep in his own end zone, one of two Packer interceptions on the day, to preserve a 17-3 halftime lead, while quarterback Jordan Love (left) threw for 229 yards and two TDs with a passer rating of 123.8.

Saints looking to be spoiler for Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are back at home after a two-week road trip in which they split between Detroit and Seattle. The Packers made a statement with a big win over the Seahawks on Sunday Night Football, winning 30-13 and controlling most of the game. The New Orleans Saints are invading Lambeau Field now, with the Packers having a chance to get to 11 wins and clinch a playoff berth with a victory on Monday Night Football. If they're going to do that, here are three things

they need to ensure they win. **Jordan Love vs. Saints' defense**

The last time the Packers played the Saints was just over a year ago; Jordan Love was probably swimming upstream. The Packers were 1-1, and Love was set to make his first home start for the team. Now? He's firmly entrenched as the starter and one of the top players in the league at his position. Last year's start had him tied up in knots for three quarters. New Orleans' defense, which Matt LaFleur called "salty," was pitching a shutout through three

quarters. Love and the offense responded with 18 unanswered points, including a touchdown pass to Romeo Doubs, to give them an 18-17 lead late in the fourth quarter. A missed field goal by the Saints ensured that the Lambeau faithful would walk away happy. This time around, the Saints' defense is not what it used to be, but they still have shown plenty of fight. Jayden Daniels is likely to win offensive rookie of the year, and the Saints just held Washington's offense to 20 points. Love has been excellent since the bye week in taking care of the ball; he will need that to continue in Monday night's game as a way to not give the Saints any momentum toward stealing a win.

Special teams When the Saints fired Dennis Allen, they turned to their special teams' coordinator Darren Rizzi to be the interim head coach. Rizzi, to his credit, has gotten his team to play hard for him in what has otherwise been a lost season. Rizzi's team came within mere yards of beating the Washington Commanders on Sunday, losing on a failed two-point conversion. Rizzi was New Orleans' special teams coordinator when the Saints marched into Lambeau Field a year ago and, frankly, took it to Green Bay's special teams. They returned a punt for a touchdown and held Green Bay's return unit in check. The Packers' special teams showed some cracks

in their armor in Sunday's win over Seattle. It was a poor performance from Daniel Whelan. They struggled in kick coverage. Jayden Reed muffed a punt. Simply put, the way to beat inferior teams is to not give them any hope. **Edgerrin Cooper** Edgerrin Cooper is coming off a big performance against the Seattle Seahawks. He was all over the field with countless big plays, including an interception that all but sealed Sunday night's win over Seattle. The key for Cooper now is whether he can stack big performances. Sunday was his first game back after a brief absence with a hamstring injury. As Cooper got back into the lineup, Quay Walker

exited with a high-ankle sprain. It remains to be seen how the Packers will deploy their linebackers later in the season without Walker. Earlier in the year when Walker was injured, Eric Wilson and Isaiah McDuffie were the primary players on the field, with Cooper playing spot duty. This week against the Saints, however, Cooper should be getting more time on the field. Cooper will still have opportunities to make plays on running backs coming out of the backfield like Alvin Kamara and Kendre Miller. He's also shown an ability to make plays down the field in coverage, and the Saints are likely to want to push the ball into the middle of the field.

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TIME AND DATE: 7:15 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23
LOCATION: Lambeau Field
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RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee — 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay — 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo — 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette — 95.1, and WSAU Wausau — 550 AM and 95.1 FM
2024 RECORDS: Packers 10-4, Saints 5-9.
HISTORY: The Saints and Packers used to be must-see TV when Aaron Rodgers and Drew Brees were at the controls. Those two met five times, with Rodgers holding a 3-2 edge in that series. Overall, Green Bay leads the series 18-10, with the most famous meeting likely coming in September 2011. The Packers had just won the Super Bowl and won a 42-34 shootout against the

Saints at Lambeau Field that was decided on a late goal line stand. The Saints were the team that Jordan Love got his first start at home against last year. They looked like they were going to spoil the party, leading 17-0 in the fourth quarter before Love and the offense found its sea legs. The Packers scored 18 unanswered points, and the Saints missed a field goal late, giving the Packers an 18-17 victory in their home opener. **COACHES:** Packers — Matt LaFleur, fifth season, 66-31. Saints — Darren Rizzi, interim, 3-2.
PACKERS SCHEDULE Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34 Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis W 16-10 Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee W 30-14 Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota L 29-31

Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams W 24-19 Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona W 34-13 Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22 Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27 Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit L 14-24 Week 10 BYE Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago W 20-19 Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco W 38-10 Thursday, Nov. 28 vs. Miami W 30-17 Thursday, Dec. 5 at Detroit L 34-31 Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle W 30-13 Monday, Dec. 23 vs. New Orleans 7:15 p.m. ESPN Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota Noon FOX Week 18 vs. Chicago TBD
NFL SCHEDULE **Thursday, Dec. 19** Denver at LA Chargers, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 21 Houston at Kansas City, Noon Pittsburgh at Baltimore, 3:30 p.m. **Sunday, Dec. 22** New England at Buffalo, Noon NY Giants at Atlanta, Noon Detroit at Chicago, Noon Arizona at Carolina, Noon LA Rams at NY Jets, Noon Philadelphia at Washington, Noon Cleveland at Cincinnati, Noon Tennessee at Indianapolis, Noon Minnesota at Seattle, 3:05 p.m. Jacksonville at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m. San Francisco at Miami, 3:25 p.m. Tampa Bay at Dallas, 7:20 p.m. **Monday, Dec. 23** New Orleans at Green Bay, 7:15 p.m.



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WEEK 15/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Green Bay defensive lineman Rashan Gary (52) and linebacker Edgerrin Cooper (56) converge on Seattle quarterback Geno Smith. Linebacker Kingsley Enagbare led the Packers with two sacks, while Cooper, Gary, Brenton Cox, Devonte Wyatt and Karl Brooks each added one. Smith left the game midway through the third quarter with an injured knee.

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Week 16 Games: Sun., Dec. 22

LA Rams @ NY Jets
Detroit @ Chicago
Minnesota @ Seattle
Tampa Bay @ Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
New Orleans @ Green Bay - Mon., Dec. 23

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, NEW Media	3-2	57-18
Mike Worachek, Card & Coin	4-1	55-20
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive	5-0	54-21
Luke Reimer, NEW MEDIA	4-1	50-25
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media	3-2	50-25
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services	3-2	48-27
Marilyn Kielman, The Cottages at Meadowland	4-1	46-29
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	1-4	45-30
Kevin Passon, NEW Media	4-1	45-30
Daniel Bechard, The Cottages on Golden Pond	3-2	44-31
Staff Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	4-1	40-35



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 10 @ Green Bay 21





This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Seattle
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 20 @ Green Bay 28





This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 10 @ Green Bay 27





This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Seattle
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score : New Orleans 14 @ Green Bay 34

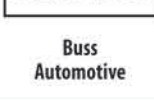


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This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 21 @ Green Bay 28





This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Chicago
Minnesota
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 14 @ Green Bay 31





This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Seattle
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 17 @ Green Bay 24





This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 3 @ Green Bay 40





This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 21 @ Green Bay 27





This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 27 @ Green Bay 20





This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
Detroit
Minnesota
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: New Orleans 21 @ Green Bay 31



WEEK 15/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Romeo Doubs scored two touchdowns against Seattle, his first game back after missing two due to a concussion he suffered against San Francisco. The first came on Green Bay's second drive, when the 6-foot-2, 204-pound receiver pushed through two Seattle defenders for a 13-yard touchdown. It gave the Packers a 14-0 lead after the first quarter. Later, he snagged a 22-yard pass at the back of the end zone to help put away the Seattle Seahawks 30-13 at Lumen Field.

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8	Josh Jacobs.....RB	31	Emanuel Wilson.....RB	75	Sean Rhyan.....G
9	Christian Watson.....WR	33	Evan Williams.....S	76	Kadeem Telfort.....T
10	Jordan Love.....QB	39	Zayne Anderson.....S	79	Travis Glover.....T
11	Jayden Reed.....WR	42	Matt Orzech.....LS	80	Bo Melton.....WR
13	Dontayvion Wicks.....WR	45	Eric Wilson.....LB	85	Tucker Kraft.....TE
17	Brandon Mcmanus.....K	50	Zach Tom.....OL	86	John FitzPatrick.....TE
18	Malik Heath.....WR	52	Rashan Gary.....DL	87	Romeo Doubs.....WR
19	Daniel Whelan.....P	53	Arron Mosby.....DL	89	Ben Sims.....TE
20	Javon Bullard.....S	55	Kingsley Enagbare.....DL	90	Lukas Van Ness.....DL
21	Eric Stokes.....CB	56	Edgerrin Cooper.....LB	93	T.J. Slaton.....DL
22	Robert Rochell.....CB	57	Brenton Cox Jr.....DL	94	Karl Brooks.....DL
23	Jaire Alexander.....CB	58	Isaiah McDuffie.....LB	95	Devonte Wyatt.....DL
24	Carrington Valentine.....CB	59	Ty'Ron Hopper.....LB	96	Colby Wooden.....DL
25	Keisean Nixon.....CB	62	Jacob Monk.....C/G	97	Kenny Clark.....DL
26	Corey Ballentine.....CB	63	Rasheed Walker.....T		
27	Kitan Oladapo.....S	71	Josh Myers.....C/G		

NEW ORLEANS

SAINTS

0	Ugo Amadi.....S	32	Tyrann Mathieu.....S	70	Trevor Penning.....T
1	Alontae Taylor.....CB	33	Jordan Mims.....RB	74	Olisaemka Udoh.....OL
3	Jake Haener.....QB	36	Rico Payton.....CB	75	Taliese Fuaga.....T
4	Derek Carr.....QB	41	Alvin Kamara.....RB	78	Erik McCoy.....C/G
5	Will Harris.....DB	43	Matthew Hayball.....P	81	Kevin Austin Jr.....WR
6	Willie Gay Jr.....LB	45	Nephi Sewell.....LB	83	Juwan Johnson.....TE
10	Marquez Valdes-Scantling.....WR	46	Adam Prentice.....FB	84	Mason Tipton.....WR
11	Cedrick Wilson Jr.....WR	48	J.T. Gray.....DB	85	Dallin Holker.....TE
14	Kool-Aid McKinstry.....CB	49	Zach Wood.....LS	87	Foster Moreau.....TE
17	Dante Pettis.....WR	50	Khalen Saunders.....DT	90	Bryan Bresee.....DT
18	Spencer Rattler.....QB	51	Cesar Ruiz.....C/G	92	Tanoh Kpassagnon.....DE
19	Blake Grupe.....K	53	Jaylan Ford.....LB	93	Nathan Shepherd.....DT
20	Peter Werner.....LB	55	Isaiah Foskey.....DE	94	Cameron Jordan.....DE
21	Jamaal Williams.....RB	56	Demario Davis.....LB	95	John Ridgeway III.....DT
25	Kendre Miller.....RB	58	Anfernee Orji.....LB	96	Carl Gunderson.....DE
27	Shemar Jean-Charles.....DB	62	Lucas Patrick.....OL	97	Kristian Boyd.....DT
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WEEK 15/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Green Bay wide receiver Jayden Reed evades Seattle cornerback Josh Jobe. Reed collected 61 yards from scrimmage against the Seahawks, 27 rushing on three carries and 34 receiving yards on five catches. Reed has had three 100-yard games this season, the last being in Week 9 against the Detroit Lions. But, in the last four weeks, Reed's usage has been minimal. He has only totaled eight catches for 73 yards and two touchdowns.

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WEEK 15/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Josh Jacobs carried the ball 26 times for 94 yards and caught four passes for 42 yards as Green Bay dominated Seattle 30-13 in a Sunday Night Football game. The Packers improved to 10-4, while Seattle dropped to 8-6. Both teams remain in the hunt for the playoffs, the Packers most likely as a wild card team and the Seahawks possibly as division champions or another wild card team. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

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WEEK 15/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 vs. SEATTLE 13



Green Bay wide receiver Christian Watson caught three balls for 56 yards against Seattle. Watson has an incredible 387 receiving yards in his last 13 receptions for a whopping 29.8 yards per catch. For the 2024 season, he has 29 catches for 620 yards for a 21.4 yards per catch average.

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WATSON ON A ROLL

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