



DEFENSE DELIVERS SILENT NIGHT

PACKERS MOVE TO 11-4 WITH THE FIRST NFL SHUTOUT OF THE 2024 SEASON

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

The first shutout of the NFL season came Monday night as the Green Bay Packers dominated the New Orleans Saints 34-0 as they clinched a playoff spot for the second straight season.

Two years ago, there were a number of questions surrounding the Green Bay Packers, as Aaron Rodgers was traded to the New York Jets and Jordan Love was just starting his first season as the number one guy. Since then, the Packers have ripped off 20 wins and found itself in the playoffs for the second straight season.

“It is big time,” said Love, on clinching the playoffs. “Obviously the goal is Super Bowl, so that is the first step - making the playoffs. Obviously this was a big time game to clinch that spot, and I am proud of how we came out here and handled business.”

Love should be proud, as Green Bay demolished a very injured New Orleans Saints team from the first kick off. Love finished the

game completing 16-of-28 passes for 182 yards and one touchdown. Backup quarterback Malik Willis also saw some time in the game, due to the blowout, as he completed 1-of-2 passes for 34 yards.

Jayden Reed was the leading receiver on the team, as the Michigan State alum totaled 76 receiving yards on three receptions. Tucker Kraft added 63 yards on three receptions, and Romeo Doubs totaled 20 yards on two receptions. It was Dontayvion Wicks, though, who hauled in the lone touchdown pass, as he scored on Green Bay’s first drive of the game.

While the passing attack was effective, Green Bay was able to rely on its strong run game once again.

Josh Jacobs continued his stellar season, picking up 69 rushing yards and one touchdown on 13 carries. Emanuel Wilson had his best game this season, rushing for 52 yards on 11 carries and scoring a touchdown.

Like the quarterback room, Jacobs did not play a full game to help preserve him for the future, so Chris



Top, New Orleans quarterback Spencer Rattler spent a lot of time on the ground, staring up at Green Bay’s defense in the Packers’ 34-0 shutout Monday. Defensive coordinator Jeff Hafley’s unit held New Orleans to just 196 total yards while Rattler turned over the ball twice off a strip-sack and interception. Above, running back Kendre Miller managed only 15 rushing yards on eight carries.

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Brooks saw a number of touches in this game. Like Wilson, Brooks registered his best game of the season, totaling 23 yards on six touches, including a touchdown rush.

“We did what we had to do running the football,” said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur.

Green Bay has now scored 30 or more points in five straight games, and Jacobs has rushed for a touchdown in six straight games.

On the Saints side of the ball, rookie quarterback Spencer Rattler completed 15-of-30 passes for 153 passing yards and one interception. The interceptions came by way of Packers’ defensive back Zayne Anderson, who made his first start of his career after injuries to Evan Williams and Javon Bullard forced both players out of the game.

Tight end Foster Moreau was the leading receiver for the Saints in this game, totaling 33 yards on two receptions. Wide receiver Dante Pettis and tight end Juwan Johnson added another 31 yards on two receptions and 27 yards on two receptions, respectively.

As for the run game, the Saints really struggled to move the ball on the ground. Rattler was the team’s leading rusher, totaling 28 yards on five carries. Jordan Mims recorded 16 yards on four carries and Kendre Miller added 15 yards on eight carries.

In total, the Packers’ defense held the Saints to just 196 total yards on offense in the game.

WEEK 16/OFFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 34 vs. SAINTS 0



With his first-half touchdown, Josh Jacobs, in his first season with the Packers, has now continued a career-high streak of six consecutive games with a touchdown. Jacobs' 13th rushing touchdown of the season marks a career high, and he is expected to remain a key source of production for Green Bay as they head into a crucial Week 17 matchup against the Minnesota Vikings and the postseason in a couple of weeks.

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Packers need to be at their best against Vikings

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay hopes to split the season with the Minnesota Vikings again this year, just as they did in 2023.

The two teams will face off at 3:25 p.m. Dec. 29.

Packers' offense vs. Vikings' defense

Green Bay's offense looked drastically different since their bye week.

They struggled with turning the ball over prior to the bye this season.

Jordan Love led the league in interceptions.

Since the bye week, however, those issues have been cleaned up.

Josh Jacobs lost a fumble against the Seahawks, that was his first since the second week of the season.

Love went into Monday

night's game against the Saints having thrown one interception since the bye week. That came Nov. 17 against the Chicago Bears.

Love is playing what Matt LaFleur has called the best football of his career.

Tom Clements echoed those sentiments before they played the Saints.

If they're going to win against the Vikings, they'll need to be on the top of their game. They're facing a challenge that is unlike most of the ones they've faced most of the year.

Minnesota's defense has been dominant all season long.

They are one of the best in football at stopping the run, and once they get you into predictable passing situations, Brian Flores begins to toy with opposing offenses.

They force turnovers as well as anyone in football. Byron Murphy leads the team with six interceptions on the year.

They did have moments where they struggled last week against the Seattle Seahawks offense. Jaxon Smith-Njigba and DK Metcalf were both able to make big plays against Minnesota's secondary.

They were saved by Geno Smith's late interception that sealed a 27-24 victory for Minnesota.

Packers' defense vs. Vikings' offense

Green Bay's defense has gone through some Jekyll and Hyde moments through the last month and a half.

They were good against San Francisco and Miami before struggling against Detroit.

They were very good

against Smith and the Seahawks' offense, surrendering only one touchdown in a dominant 30-13 victory.

Edgerrin Cooper returned from injury and has continued to be an impact player for the Packers.

He should be in line for more snaps this week than he played the first time these two teams met.

Perhaps they could be getting some reinforcements as well.

Jonathan Bullard and Quay Walker both missed Monday's game against the Saints with ankle injuries.

Jaire Alexander has been hobbled for most of the second half of the season. He was questionable going into Monday's game.

If he's back and able to play a full helping of snaps, one of his favorite matchups is waiting for

him. Justin Jefferson will be on the other side and is a challenge Alexander has relished in the past.

It feels like the whole world has been waiting for Minnesota's offense to hit a wall with Sam Darnold at the controls.

Maybe that will happen; it just might not be this year.

Darnold is a lock for the NFL's Comeback Player of the Year award and might be causing the Vikings to have some difficult conversations regarding the future of their quarterback position.

Darnold is set to be a free agent, and they used a first-round pick on JJ McCarthy a season ago.

Around him, the Vi-

kings have one of the more well-rounded offenses in football.

Aaron Jones has been a stabilizing force for them at running back, and he'll certainly have a chip on his shoulder as he faces his former team.

Special teams

One big change from the last time these two teams met is the difference in Green Bay's kicking situation.

Brayden Narveson was the kicker in late September for the Packers, and he played a huge role in their 31-29 loss to the Vikings.

He was 0-for-2 on field goals that day, effectively leaving six points on the field in what was a two-point loss.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT MINNESOTA VIKINGS

TIME AND DATE: 3:25 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 29

LOCATION: US Bank Stadium

TV: Fox

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 11-4, Vikings 13-2.

HISTORY: The Vikings and Packers have a rivalry that dates all the way back to 1961. The Packers lead the all-time series 66-59-3.

The two teams have split the season series each of the last four years.

The Packers lost at Lambeau Field this year 31-29 but are looking to bounce back at US Bank Stadium.

Last year, the Packers dominated the Vikings in

Minnesota as they made their run to the postseason.

Matt LaFleur has never lost to the Chicago Bears but has struggled a little more with the Vikings.

His record is one game under .500 against Kevin O'Connell, and Sunday's game gives LaFleur a chance to even things up with O'Connell.

COACHES: Packers — Matt LaFleur, sixth season, 67-31. Vikings — Kevin O'Connell, third season, 33-16.

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 3:25 p.m. 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 W 34-0

Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m., Fox

Week 18 vs. Chicago TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Kansas City at Pittsburgh, Noon

Baltimore at Houston, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 26

Seattle at Chicago, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28

LA Chargers at New England, Noon

Denver at Cincinnati, 3:30 p.m.

Arizona at LA Rams, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 29

Dallas at Philadelphia, Noon

Carolina at Tampa Bay, Noon

NY Jets at Buffalo, Noon

Indianapolis at NY Giants, Noon

Las Vegas at New Orleans, Noon

Tennessee at Jacksonville, Noon

Miami at Cleveland, 3:05 p.m.

Green Bay at Minnesota, 3:25 p.m.

Atlanta at Washington, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 30

Detroit at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.

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Margaret Vandembush,
Meadowlands Tenant





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2024-25

Week 17 Games: Sun., Dec. 29

Seattle @ Chicago - Thurs., Dec. 26
Dallas @ Philadelphia
NY Jets @ Buffalo
Detroit @ San Francisco - Mon., Dec. 30

Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Minnesota

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy NEW Media.....	3-1	60-19
Mike Worachek, Card & Coin.....	3-1	58-21
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive.....	3-1	57-22
Luke Reimer, NEW Media	3-1	53-26
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media	2-2	52-27
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health.....	2-2	50-29
Kevin Passon, NEW Media.....	4-0	49-30
Tina Golden, The Cottages at Meadowlands.....	3-1	49-30
Staff, Walsh Dental Group.....	3-1	48-31
Susan Lendved, The Cottages on Golden Pond.....	3-1	47-32
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.....	3-1	43-36



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Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Seattle
Philadelphia
Buffalo
San Francisco

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Minnesota 21



Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Buffalo
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Minnesota 27



Mike Worachek
Card & Coin

This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Buffalo
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ Minnesota 28



Margaret Vandembush
The Cottages at
Meadowlands

This Week's Picks:

Seattle
Philadelphia
Buffalo
San Francisco

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Minnesota 14



Tanya Hintz
Shawano
Health Services

This Week's Picks:

Seattle
Philadelphia
Buffalo
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Minnesota 21



Staff
Walsh Dental Group
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Seattle
Philadelphia
Buffalo
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 20 @ Minnesota 23



Kevin Passon
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Seattle
Philadelphia
Buffalo
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Minnesota 24



Jacob
Westendorf
New Media

This Week's Picks:

Seattle
Philadelphia
Buffalo
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Green Bay 27 @ Minnesota 31



Tim Murphy
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Seattle
Philadelphia
Buffalo
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 23 @ Minnesota 26



Luke Reimer
New
Media

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Seattle
Philadelphia
Buffalo
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WEEK 16/DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 34 vs. SAINTS 0



Even an illegal hold on Green Bay defensive tackle Colby Wooden couldn't stop him and the rest of the Packers' defense, which was no match for a heavily-injured New Orleans Saints team that was forced to play several backups.

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PACKERS

2 Malik Willis.....QB	29 Xavier McKinney.....S	73 Andre Dillard.....T
7 Quay Walker.....LB	30 Chris Brooks.....RB	74 Elgton Jenkins.....G/T
8 Josh Jacobs.....RB	31 Emanuel Wilson.....RB	75 Sean Ryan.....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	



MINNESOTA
VIKINGS

1 Shaq Griffin.....CB	26 Theo Jackson.....S	65 Michael Jurgens.....G
2 Stephon Gilmore.....CB	27 Cam Akers.....RB	66 Dalton Risner.....G
3 Jordan addison.....WR	29 Dwight McGlothern.....CB	67 Ed Ingram.....G
4 Brandon Powell.....WR	30 C.J. Ham.....FB	69 Dan Freeney.....C
6 Brian Asamoah II.....LB	32 Ty Chandler.....RB	74 Cam Robinson.....T
7 Bryon Murphy Jr.....CB	33 Aaron Jones Sr.....RB	75 Brian O'Neill.....T
11 Trent Sherfield Sr.....WR	42 Andrew DePaola.....LS	76 David Queessenberry.....T
12 Nick Mullens.....QB	43 Andrew Van Ginkel.....OLB	78 Waltrer Rouse.....T
14 Sam Darnold.....QB	44 Joshua Metellus.....S	83 Jalen Nailor.....WR
15 Dallas Turner.....OLB	50 Levi Drake Rodriguez.....DL	84 Josh Oliver.....TE
16 Will Reichard.....K	51 Blake Cashman.....LB	86 Johnny Mundt.....TE
17 Ryan Wright.....P	52 Jihad Ward.....OLB	87 T.J. Hockenson.....TE
18 Justin Jefferson.....WR	54 Kamu Grugier-Hill.....LB	90 Jonathan Bullard.....DL
19 Brett Rypien.....QB	56 Garrett Bradbury.....C	91 Pat Jones II.....OLB
20 Jay Ward.....S	57 Jamin Davis.....LB	97 Harrison Phillips.....DL
22 Harrison Smith.....S	58 Jonathan Greenard.....OLB	98 Bo Richter.....OLB
23 Fabian Moreau.....CB	61 Jalen Redmond.....DL	99 Jerry Tillery.....DL
24 Camryn Bynum.....S	64 Blake Brandel.....G	

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PACKERS 34 vs. SAINTS 0



Quarterback Jordan Love was 16-of-28 for 182 yards with one touchdown, to wide receiver Dontayvion Wicks. Love's passer rating of 88.7 broke his streak of five straight games with a triple-digit rating. Wide receiver Jayden Reed had three catches for 76 yards, and tight end Tucker Kraft added three receptions for 63 yards. Wide receiver Christian Watson left the game with a knee injury and did not return.

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THE MOMENT

PACKERS 34 vs. SAINTS 0



Brandon McManus (17) watches his 55-yard field goal attempt sail through the uprights as Daniel Whelan (19) and Tucker Kraft (85) look on. McManus also make a 46-yard field goal and was 4-for-4 in extra point kicks. To say that McManus stabilized the kicking situation in Green Bay this season would be an understatement.

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