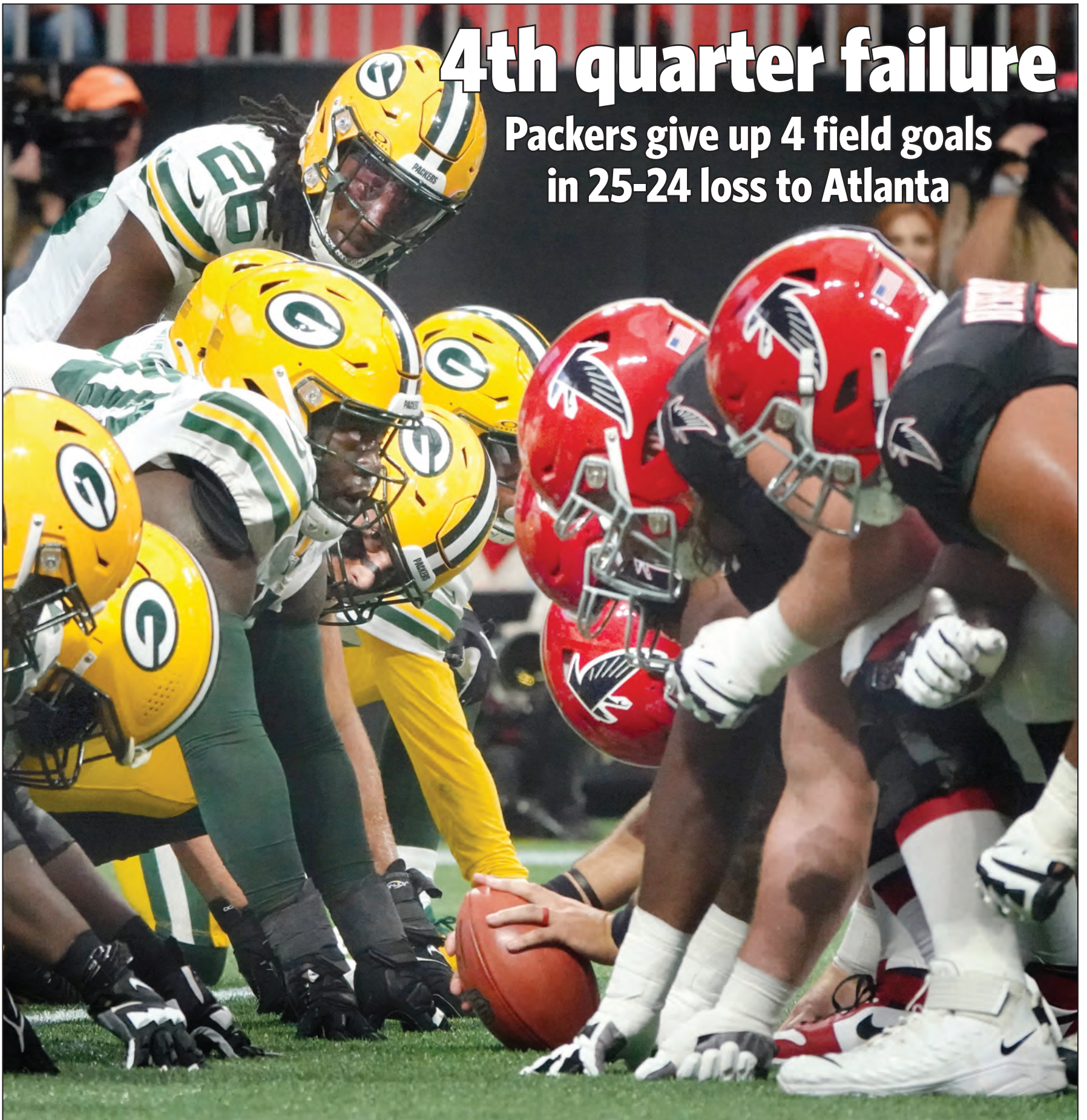


## 4th quarter failure

Packers give up 4 field goals  
in 25-24 loss to Atlanta



The Green Bay Packers defensive line waits for the snap as it looks to block a field goal in the team's 25-24 loss to the Atlanta Falcons on Sept. 17 in Atlanta.



The Packers' defense had trouble stopping Falcons quarterback Desmond Ridder (9) and running back Bijan Robinson (7) in the team's 25-24 loss.



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# Packers blow 12-point lead

## Falcons gash Packers for 211 rushing yards

By **LUKE REIMER**  
Green & Gold Express

A 12-point fourth-quarter lead was not enough for the Green Bay Packers, as the Atlanta Falcons ripped off 13 unanswered points to hand Green Bay its first loss of the season.

The 25-24 Sept. 17 loss drops Green Bay to 1-1 on the season, but with the Minnesota Vikings, Detroit Lions and Chicago Bears all losing this week, the Packers stay atop the division.

Quarterback Jordan Love once again did his part, throwing for 151 yards and three touchdowns, with rookie wide receivers Jayden Reed (two) and Dontayvion Wicks (one) on the receiving ends of those scores. It was the rookie on Atlanta who was the X-factor of the game, though. Running back Bijan Robinson gashed Green Bay for 124 yards on 19 carries. The Texas alum added another 48 yards through the air.

In total, the Falcons picked up 211 yards on the ground, with quarterback Desmond Ridder scoring a 9-yard rushing touchdown.

"You guys saw; they shredded us," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, when asked about Atlanta's rushing attack. "Consistently."

Even with running back Aaron Jones, left tackle



Green Bay Packers coach Matt LaFleur looks on during the Packers 25-24 loss to the Falcons on Sept. 17.

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David Bakhtiari and wide receiver Christian Watson out of the game, Green Bay was able to march down the field on its first drive of the day. Facing a third-and-seven from the Falcons' 28-yard line, back-up tackle Rasheed Walker jumped offsides and Green Bay was called for a false start. Pushed back to a third-and-12, Love missed Reed on a pass attempt and the Packers saw fourth-and-12 from Atlanta's 33. That fourth-and-12 turned into a fourth-and-17 after a delay of game on the ensuing field goal attempt.

In what would have been a 56-yard field goal attempt, LaFleur marched the punting unit onto the field, giving the ball to Atlanta on its own 20-yard line. LaFleur's decision to punt the ball was a curious decision, as rookie kicker Anders Carlson hit

a 52-yard field goal last week against the Chicago Bears.

"It was just a really long field goal," said LaFleur, on his decision to punt. "I mean, that was a silly penalty. We can't have that. Those are penalties that get you beat and, obviously, when you lose a game by one point, that is one of the critical points of the game."

The major turning point in the game came though in the middle of the fourth quarter. Up two points and facing a third-and-one from the Packers' own 34-yard line, Love audibled the play call to a quarterback sneak, which would have given Green Bay a first down and kept the clock moving. Instead, Love ran the play before the ball was snapped and was called for a false start, pushing Green Bay back to a fourth-and-four and forcing them to punt the ball back to Atlanta.

"If (Love) thought that he could get it on the sneak, then it is on him to check to it," said LaFleur. "I think he did and nobody heard him. I mean, it was loud and it was an unfortunate situation."

While the loss for Green Bay hurts, given that the team was up 12 in the fourth quarter, what may hurt even more is guard Elgton Jenkins being forced to leave the game with a knee injury. That injury turned out to be an MCL sprain. Jenkins was not the only Packer to leave the game, as rookie pass rusher Lucas Van Ness was also forced to leave the game with an apparent elbow injury.

With injuries all over the team, Green Bay will look to bounce back in its home opener against the New Orleans Saints on Sept. 24.

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## Week 3 Games: Sunday, Sept. 24



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LA Chargers @ Minnesota  
Atlanta @ Detroit  
Chicago @ Kansas City  
New England @ New York Jets

**Tie Breaker Game:**  
New Orleans @ Green Bay

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| Luke Reimer, New Media.....              | 4-1              | 7-3               |
| Jim Wiegand, Tower Clock Eye Center..... | 4-1              | 6-4               |
| Kevin Passon, New Media.....             | 4-1              | 6-4               |
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New England

#### Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New Orleans 17 @ Green Bay 20



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#### This Week's Picks:

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Detroit  
Kansas City  
New York Jets

#### Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New Orleans 24 @ Green Bay 28



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#### This Week's Picks:

Minnesota  
Detroit  
Kansas City  
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#### Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New Orleans 20 @ Green Bay 31



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Detroit  
Kansas City  
New York Jets

#### Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New Orleans 28 @ Green Bay 24



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Final Score: New Orleans 21 @ Green Bay 28



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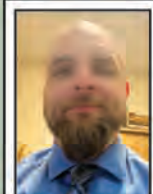
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#### This Week's Picks:

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Detroit  
Kansas City  
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#### Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New Orleans 17 @ Green Bay 27



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New  
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#### This Week's Picks:

LA Chargers  
Detroit  
Kansas City  
New England

#### Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New Orleans 20 @ Green Bay 27



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#### This Week's Picks:

LA Chargers  
Atlanta  
Kansas City  
New York Jets

#### Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New Orleans 24 @ Green Bay 14



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#### This Week's Picks:

LA Chargers  
Detroit  
Kansas City  
New England

#### Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New Orleans 17 @ Green Bay 23



Kevin Passon  
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#### This Week's Picks:

LA Chargers  
Detroit  
Kansas City  
New York Jets

#### Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: New Orleans 20 @ Green Bay 31



Packers running back Patrick Taylor (27) had one rush for one yard in Green Bay's 25-24 loss to Atlanta on Sept. 17.

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## NOTEBOOK

# Packers' offense, defense look to rebound against Saints

By JACOB WESTENDORF

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### Packers offense vs. Saints defense

Jordan Love backed up his debut in Chicago with another strong performance on the road against the Atlanta Falcons. Love was only 14-25, but threw three more touchdown passes to get the team a 24-12 lead. Unfortunately, Love's first sign of growing pains surfaced as he and the offense failed to pick up a first down in the fourth quarter, and the Packers squandered a double-digit lead.

The Packers' offense is averaging 31 points per game on the young season. Love has thrown three touchdown passes and posted a quarterback rating over 100 in both games.

He's done that in spite of getting zero snaps from Christian Watson, and Romeo Doubs being limited.

Jayden Reed has been a nice story early in the season. He scored two touchdowns on Sunday in Atlanta and made two big catches in the season opener. He's quickly growing into one of Love's favorite targets.

Dontayvion Wicks leads the Packers' receivers in snaps on the young season. He didn't have a target or catch in the opener but caught his first career touchdown on a nice in-



At left, Josiah Deguara caught two passes for five yards against the Falcons on Sept. 17. At right, quarterback Jordan Love releases a sidearm throw. Love threw for three touchdowns, matching his output in the first week of the season against the Bears.

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breaking route.

He made two men miss before getting into the end zone as well.

Luke Musgrave hasn't had quite the impact that seemed possible coming out of training camp.

The team, however, clearly keeps him involved in the game plan, and he could have an opportunity for a

big day against the Saints linebackers Zach Baun and Demario Davis, who can struggle in coverage. He's a weekly mismatch problem for opposing defenses.

The picture in the run game is a little muddier. Aaron Jones did not play against Atlanta due to a hamstring injury suffered in the third

quarter against the Chicago Bears. AJ Dillon took 15 of the 19 carries in his absence. There's a clear hierarchy in the Packers' backfield, where Dillon is the complement to Jones.

If Jones can't go, there's little reason to believe that much would change in terms of who takes the majority of the snaps in the backfield.

The offensive line situation is murky with David Bakhtiari missing Sunday's game and Elgton Jenkins leaving with a knee injury that's likely to sideline him for a short period of time.

The Saints' defense, led by Dennis Allen, has traditionally been stout. Cameron Jordan is one of the better pass rushers in football, but they are in a bit of a transition around him. Sheldon Rankins and Marcus Davenport are both gone.

Carl Granderson, Nathan Shepherd and Bryan Bresee are working their way into the rotation along the Saints' front.

Their linebackers are led by Demario Davis and a former Wisconsin Badger, Zach Baun. Paulson Adebo has been solid across from standout corner Marshon Lattimore. Lattimore typically draws the opposing team's best receivers, which will make it interesting as to who the Saints will match him up with, assuming all of their preferred starters are healthy.

Marcus Maye was signed to a free agent contract in March 2022 to help run the back end of the defense. He's now joined by Louisiana legend, Tyrann Mathieu, who has a nose for the football with 29 career interceptions.

This secondary is probably the biggest test of Jordan Love's young career.

### Packers defense vs. Saints offense

After a sparkling debut in Chicago, the Packers' defense had a flat tire in Atlanta, helping blow a double-digit lead in the second half.

The main reason is the same issue that has plagued the Packers every year since Brian Gutekunst took over as the general manager.

The Packers were gashed by the Falcons run game, giving up more than 6 yards per carry to Bijan Robinson. The Falcons as a whole were able to gain 211 yards on the ground, including 172 by their two-headed monster in the backfield.

The Falcons as a team were able to run 78 plays due to their ability to control the football with their run game. That kept the Packers' pass rush at bay. They only sacked Desmond Ridder once and forced one punt.

Sunday's theme was missed opportunities. Rasul Douglas intercepted a pass, but the Packers' defense missed three more on the day. Jaire Alexander dropped what was probably a touchdown. Quay Walker dropped what would've been his second interception of the season. Darnell Savage misplayed a ball that



Colby Wooden (96) reaches out for Atlanta quarterback Desmond Ridder.

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could have been an interception, that instead was an explosive pass play for the offense. The Falcons would score on that drive to cut the Packers' lead to 24-19.

The Saints' offense is going through a bit of a transition with Derek Carr taking over for Jameis Winston as the team's starting quarterback, their second quarterback in as many seasons after Drew Brees provided stability at that position for more than a decade.

Their backfield has a familiar face in it, as Jamaal Williams returns to Lambeau Field. He led the league in touchdowns a season ago, but was allowed to leave in free agency as the Lions opted to sign David Montgomery.

Williams is the team's starter as Alvin Kamara is suspended for the first three games of the season. Kamara will miss this game as well, giving the Packers a bit of a reprieve.

Chris Olave and Michael Thomas form what is one of the better duos at receiver in football, if Thomas is healthy. Thomas being healthy has been difficult to come back for the last two years. He's played in four games since the end of the 2020 season.

Theoretically the Packers defensive backs match up well with these receivers. Rasul Douglas tends to fare better against bigger, more physical receivers, which should have him drawing Thomas.

Alexander can cover anyone, but he's best suited against twitcher athletes, which describes Olave.

Rashid Shaheed provides a wrinkle in the passing game, and

he caught five passes in the season opener.

The Saints' offensive line is excellent, and should have a good battle with a Packers' front that has been able to get after opposing quarterbacks in the first two games.

### Special teams

For all the concerns about breaking in a new kicker, Anders Carlson has been excellent to begin the 2023 season. He has yet to miss a kick in two games. He's made all eight extra points, plus both field goals.

Daniel Whelan is coming off a strong performance. He's averaging just under 50 yards per punt through two games. He's shown off a strong leg with good hangtime, allowing the Packers' coverage team to limit opposing returners.

Keisean Nixon has yet to break a kickoff return this season, but he's always a threat once the ball is in his hands. A

s the temperature starts to drop, kickoffs should be shorter, which will give Nixon more opportunities to put the ball in his hands.

The Saints finished 20th in Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings a season ago, which was about even with Green Bay's ranking of 22nd.

Like the Packers, the Saints are breaking in a new field goal operation with a new kicker and holder.

Blake Grupe did not miss a kick in his NFL debut.

Rashid Shaheed is the Saints kickoff and punt returner. He was dangerous in the season opener and is the best kickoff returner the Packers will have faced this season, to date.

## The Vitals

New Orleans Saints at Green Bay Packers

**WHEN:** Noon Sunday

**LOCATION:** Lambeau Field

**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

**2023 RECORDS:** Packers 1-1, Saints 2-0

**HISTORY:** The Falcons and Packers have played 27 times. The Packers lead the all-time season series 17-10-0. The two teams met most recently in the season opener for 2021, with the Saints winning 38-3. That game was played in Jacksonville due to issues with New Orleans' home stadium stemming from a hurricane. The last time the two teams met at Lambeau Field, the Saints won 26-17 in what was Brett Hundley's first start.

**LINE:** Packers by 2

**HISTORY:** Packers. Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 48-20). Saints, Dennis Allen (second season, 8-10)

### PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

Sept. 24 vs. New Orleans Noon FOX

Sept. 28 vs. Detroit 7:15 p.m. Prime Video

Oct. 9 at Las Vegas 7:15 p.m. ESP

Oct. 15 BYE

Oct. 22 at Denver 3:25 p.m. CBS

Oct. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon FOX

Nov. 5 vs. LA Rams Noon FOX

Nov. 12 at Pittsburgh Noon CBS

Nov. 19 vs. LA Chargers Noon FOX

Nov. 23 at Detroit 11:30 a.m. FOX

Dec. 3 vs. Kansas City 7:20 p.m. NBC

Dec. 11 at NY Giants 7:15 p.m. ABC

Dec. 17 vs. Tampa Bay Noon FOX

Dec. 24 at Carolina Noon FOX

Dec. 31 at Minnesota 7:20 p.m. NBC

TBD vs. Chicago

### NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Sept. 21

Giants at 49ers, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 24

Falcons at Lions, Noon

Chargers at Vikings, Noon

Saints at Packers, Noon

Texans at Jaguars, Noon

Broncos at Dolphins, Noon

Titans at Browns, Noon

Bills at Commanders, Noon

Colts at Ravens, Noon

Patriots at Jets, Noon

Panthers at Seahawks, 3:05 p.m.

Bears at Chiefs, 3:25 p.m.

Cowboys at Cardinals, 3:25 p.m.

Steelers at Raiders, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 25

Eagles at Buccaneers, 6:15 p.m.

Rams at Bengals, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 28

Lions at Packers, 7:15 p.m.

## KEYS TO THE GAME

# Injuries, mistakes plague the Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF

Green & Gold Express

Add score of Saints MNF game Tuesday morning

The Green Bay Packers are 1-1 after a disappointing loss to the Atlanta Falcons, in a game where they led by 12 points in the second half.

After taking a 24-12 lead, the Packers would not gain another first down, and the Falcons outscored them 13-0 in the fourth quarter.

Instead of winning and getting to 2-0, the Packers are now entering their home opener at 1-1 against a Saints team that EDIT AS TO WHETHER THEY WON OR LOST ON MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL.

The Packers and Saints have locked horns frequently during the Aaron Rodgers era, where he was often opposed by Drew Brees.

Now, both teams are going through a transition. Jordan Love is the starter in Green Bay and will be making his first start at Lambeau Field.



The Packers' defense had trouble all day against the Falcons, but it looked even worse in the fourth quarter when the team squandered a 12-point lead, gave up a touchdown and two field goals, and lost the game by a point.

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Derek Carr is at the controls for the Saints now. He is their second

opening-day quarterback in as many years since Brees retired.

Both teams are looking to be play-off contenders, and this game could be one that matters at the end of the year for tiebreaker purposes.

Here are the keys to Green Bay getting to 2-1.

### PACKERS' DEFENSE VS. SAINTS RUN GAME

This portion of the game is likely to make the list every week until the Packers prove they can consistently stop the opponent's run game.

Matt LaFleur was visibly displeased with his team after Sunday's loss to the Atlanta Falcons.

"You saw what happened; they shredded us, consistently," LaFleur said.

He was right. After slowing down the Bears' run game, the Packers reverted to their usual form against the Falcons dynamic duo of Bijan Robinson and Tyler Allgeier.

The Saints don't have the same running back duo that the Falcons do, but they have capable guys in their backfield.

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Jamaal Williams should be familiar to Packer fans as the former Packer is now on his third team in three years. Williams led the league in touchdowns last year, but was allowed to leave via free agency. He's the lead back with Alvin Kamara missing time due to a suspension.

Williams is a tough, physical runner who tends to lean on opposing defenses as the games get longer.

The Packers saw last week what happens when they don't earn the right to rush the passer. Derek Carr can be rattled when he is pressured, but like Desmond Ridder, his life is made easier if his run game is productive.

Packers' offensive line vs Saints' pass rush

David Bakhtiari missed Sunday's game against Atlanta with a knee issue that has plagued him for nearly three full years at this point. His availability is going to be questionable on a weekly basis moving forward.

Elgton Jenkins sprained his MCL in Atlanta and missed most of the game. He's unlikely to play on Sunday.

If Bakhtiari can go, that mitigates

some of the loss of Jenkins, but if he can't, the Packers will be down two starters against a Saints front that is stout.

Cameron Jordan, a veteran, is still a good player. Khaleke Saunders is a solid run defender, and the Saints have the ability to use some exotic blitz packages with head coach Dennis Allen at the controls.

Those packages would include former Wisconsin standout Zach Baun.

The Packers have allowed two sacks through two games, and Jordan Love has operated mostly from a clean pocket through his two starts.

If he has time to throw, he should have another solid day. If he doesn't, the Saints' secondary could feast led by former All-Pro Tyrann Mathieu.

#### CHRIS OLAVE VS. JAIRE ALEXANDER

Jaire Alexander is coming off a game that he's unlikely to be proud of. Drake London caught a touchdown with Alexander in coverage. Alexander had a change to make a game-changing play when Desmond Ridder threw a ball right into his breadbasket.

Alexander had his eyes on the

end zone, but he forgot to secure the catch first. Had he caught the ball, he didn't have anyone in his way. He could have scored and broken the game open for the Packers. Instead, it was a drop.

That was one of several miscues by the Packers' defense on the day.

Alexander has openly talked about relishing the challenges of facing opposing teams' top receivers.

There aren't many better than former Ohio State Buckeye Chris Olave.

Olave caught eight passes and had more than 100 yards receiving in the season opener. He's quickly emerged as one of Derek Carr's favorite targets in his young Saints tenure.

Michael Thomas still has some gas left in his tank, but he's not the same player he was a couple of seasons ago.

That makes Olave the go-to guy for Carr, and he's likely to see a lot of Alexander. The winner of this matchup could go a long way toward who wins the game.

#### PACKERS VS. INJURY REPORT

Every player in the NFL talks about having the next-man-up mentality whenever a player gets injured.

That might be the way players think, but there are certain realities that set in whenever a starter is injured.

For example, Elgton Jenkins is likely to miss Sunday's game. That means Royce Newman needs to play. Newman has struggled to find his footing since a solid rookie season.

Christian Watson hasn't played yet this season; that makes a young Packers receiving corps even younger.

Aaron Jones didn't play on Sunday, that means AJ Dillon and Emanuel Wilson need to pick up the slack.

All of the players and situations mentioned for Green Bay are less than ideal.

The Packers have been solid on offense through two games, but there's no question they could use more explosive players. Watson is the only receiver on the roster with the ability to score anytime he touches the ball. Jones is a dynamic player who changes the dynamics of the run game.

The offensive line has a chance to be solid or in shambles with very little in between.



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# Inexperience shows in Falcons loss

## Packers currently have youngest roster in the NFL

By **LUKE REIMER**  
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One of the positives surrounding the Green Bay Packers this year has been the youth on the team.

The average age of the team currently sits at 25, and while that is exciting for the future, there can be growing pains. Those growing pains reared their ugly head in Green Bay's 25-24 loss to the Atlanta Falcons in week two. The quarterback and the center not being on the same page, defensive breakdowns and untimely penalties proved to be major turning points for the Packers, as the team blew a 12-point fourth-quarter lead against Atlanta.

That is to be expected though. Players with limited experience are going to have mental lapses, but what is concerning in Green Bay regarding

the inexperience is the lack of veteran leadership on the team. Players like De'Vondre Campbell, Preston Smith and Kenny Clark have been around for years on the defense and can help in certain spots, but they have jobs that they need to focus on as well.

Take Quay Walker for an example. The second-year linebacker was kicked out of two games last season and that can only be blamed on mental lapses. In Walker's case, that seems to have been cleaned up so far this year, but can the same be said about the offense?

Nobody has been kicked out of the game on the offensive side of the ball this year, but as we saw in the Atlanta Falcons game, penalties have caused Green Bay to blunder in big spots. From jumping on third-and-long to Love running a play without the snap, what we have seen from the offense has been encouraging — but it has come with its rough spots.

"I just messed up the operation with the cadence on that one," said Love, about his false start penalty against Atlanta. "Not everybody got the call to get the sneak, so I just

messed that operation up right there."

The snap and the cadence seem like it should be first day work, and it is. However, when put into a high-pressure situation, something as easy as relaying a play can be very difficult. Having Aaron Rodgers under center for the last 15 years helped to cover up those mistakes, but now with Love, who only has three career starts, are situations like this to be expected in the future?

With little to no experience at the quarterback position, players in other positions are going to have to step up. It is hard to believe that that will come from the pass catchers though, as other than Josiah Deguara, no pass catcher on the Packers has more than one year of real NFL experience. If you look to the running backs, Aaron Jones and A.J. Dillon can both be considered "veterans," but with Jones out with an injury, that is one less veteran presence on the field.

The Packers may see a similar lack of veteran-presence on the offensive line as well moving forward, as All-Pro tackle David Bakhtiari sat out the game against Atlanta, due to what

is assumed as his ongoing problems with playing on turf. Green Bay's other Pro-Bowler on the offensive line, Elgton Jenkins, will also have his status up in question as he is now dealing with a knee injury.

With all of that being said, where does the voice of the offense come from? It probably has to be Love, as the fourth-year quarterback will now have to keep his team motivated — especially without Jones, Bakhtiari and Jenkins.

"(These are things) that we definitely expect to get right," said Love, on the growing pains showing in the Atlanta game. "We have a chance to win that game, and I think we hurt ourselves more than anything. We lost it for ourselves."

Love's comments seem to indicate the growing pains excuse is not going to be tolerated. Based on that, the big question moving forward is going to be how can a young Green Bay team answer adversity and tough situations like the ones it saw in the fourth quarter of the game against Atlanta.

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|--------------------------------------|----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-------------------------|
| Jaire Alexander                      | 23 | CB  | 5-10 | 196 | 26  | 6   | Louisville              |
| Zayne Anderson                       | 39 | S   | 6-2  | 206 | 26  | 1   | BYU                     |
| David Bakhtiari                      | 69 | T   | 6-4  | 310 | 31  | 11  | Colorado                |
| Karl Brooks                          | 94 | DL  | 6-3  | 296 | 23  | R   | Bowling Green           |
| De'Vondre Campbell                   | 59 | LB  | 6-4  | 232 | 30  | 8   | Minnesota               |
| Anders Carlson                       | 17 | K   | 6-5  | 219 | 25  | R   | Auburn                  |
| Kenny Clark                          | 97 | DL  | 6-3  | 314 | 27  | 8   | UCLA                    |
| Sean Clifford                        | 8  | QB  | 6-2  | 218 | 25  | R   | Penn State              |
| Brenton Cox Jr.                      | 57 | LB  | 6-4  | 250 | 23  | R   | Florida                 |
| Josiah Deguara                       | 81 | TE  | 6-2  | 238 | 26  | 4   | Cincinnati              |
| AJ Dillon                            | 28 | RB  | 6-0  | 247 | 25  | 4   | Boston College          |
| Romeo Doubs                          | 87 | WR  | 6-2  | 204 | 23  | 2   | Nevada                  |
| Rasul Douglas                        | 29 | CB  | 6-2  | 209 | 29  | 7   | West Virginia           |
| Kingsley Enagbare                    | 55 | LB  | 6-4  | 258 | 23  | 2   | South Carolina          |
| Rudy Ford                            | 20 | S   | 6-0  | 210 | 28  | 7   | Auburn                  |
| Rashan Gary                          | 52 | LB  | 6-5  | 277 | 25  | 5   | Michigan                |
| Malik Heath                          | 18 | WR  | 6-2  | 213 | 23  | R   | Mississippi             |
| Justin Hollins                       | 47 | LB  | 6-5  | 248 | 27  | 5   | Oregon                  |
| Elgton Jenkins                       | 74 | G/T | 6-5  | 311 | 27  | 5   | Mississippi State       |
| Anthony Johnson Jr.                  | 36 | S   | 6-0  | 205 | 23  | R   | Iowa State              |
| Aaron Jones                          | 33 | RB  | 5-9  | 208 | 28  | 7   | Texas-El Paso           |
| Caleb Jones                          | 72 | T   | 6-9  | 370 | 24  | 2   | Indiana                 |
| Tucker Kraft                         | 85 | TE  | 6-5  | 259 | 22  | R   | South Dakota State      |
| Dallin Leavitt                       | 6  | S   | 5-10 | 195 | 29  | 5   | Utah State              |
| Jordan Love                          | 10 | QB  | 6-4  | 219 | 24  | 4   | Utah State              |
| Isaiah McDuffie                      | 58 | LB  | 6-1  | 227 | 24  | 3   | Boston College          |
| Luke Musgrave                        | 88 | TE  | 6-6  | 253 | 23  | R   | Oregon State            |
| Josh Myers                           | 71 | C/G | 6-5  | 310 | 25  | 3   | Ohio State              |
| Royce Newman                         | 70 | G/T | 6-5  | 310 | 26  | 3   | Mississippi             |
| Yosh Nijman                          | 73 | T   | 6-7  | 314 | 27  | 4   | Virginia Tech           |
| Keisean Nixon                        | 25 | CB  | 5-10 | 200 | 26  | 5   | South Carolina          |
| Matt Orzech                          | 42 | LS  | 6-3  | 245 | 28  | 4   | Azusa Pacific           |
| Jonathan Owens                       | 34 | S   | 5-11 | 210 | 28  | 5   | Missouri Western        |
| Jayden Reed                          | 11 | WR  | 5-11 | 187 | 23  | R   | Michigan State          |
| Sean Rhyan                           | 75 | G   | 6-5  | 321 | 22  | 2   | UCLA                    |
| Jon Runyan                           | 76 | G   | 6-4  | 307 | 26  | 4   | Michigan                |
| Darnell Savage                       | 26 | S   | 5-11 | 198 | 26  | 5   | Maryland                |
| Ben Sims                             | 89 | TE  | 6-5  | 250 | 23  | R   | Baylor                  |
| T.J. Slaton                          | 93 | DL  | 6-4  | 330 | 25  | 3   | Florida                 |
| Preston Smith                        | 91 | LB  | 6-5  | 265 | 30  | 9   | Mississippi State       |
| Zach Tom                             | 50 | OL  | 6-4  | 304 | 24  | 2   | Wake Forest             |
| Samori Toure                         | 83 | WR  | 6-1  | 191 | 25  | 2   | Nebraska                |
| Carrington Valentine                 | 37 | CB  | 6-0  | 189 | 21  | R   | Kentucky                |
| Lukas Van Ness                       | 90 | LB  | 6-5  | 272 | 22  | R   | Iowa                    |
| Quay Walker                          | 7  | LB  | 6-4  | 241 | 23  | 2   | Georgia                 |
| Rasheed Walker                       | 63 | T   | 6-6  | 324 | 23  | 2   | Penn State              |
| Christian Watson                     | 9  | WR  | 6-4  | 208 | 24  | 2   | North Dakota State      |
| Daniel Whelan                        | 19 | P   | 6-5  | 216 | 24  | R   | UC Davis                |
| Dontayvion Wicks                     | 13 | WR  | 6-1  | 206 | 22  | R   | Virginia                |
| Emanuel Wilson                       | 31 | RB  | 5-11 | 226 | 24  | R   | Fort Valley State Univ. |
| Eric Wilson                          | 45 | LB  | 6-1  | 230 | 28  | 7   | Cincinnati              |
| Colby Wooden                         | 96 | DL  | 6-4  | 273 | 22  | R   | Auburn                  |
| Devonte Wyatt                        | 95 | DL  | 6-3  | 304 | 25  | 2   | Georgia                 |
| Reserve/Injured                      |    |     |      |     |     |     |                         |
| Tyler Davis                          | 84 | TE  | 6-4  | 252 | 26  | 4   | Georgia Tech            |
| Luke Tenuta                          | 78 | T   | 6-8  | 314 | 24  | 2   | Virginia Tech           |
| Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform |    |     |      |     |     |     |                         |
| Eric Stokes                          | 21 | CB  | 6-0  | 194 | 24  | 3   | Georgia                 |

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| Player                            | #  | Pos   | HT   | WT  | Age | Exp | College            |
|-----------------------------------|----|-------|------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|
| Paulson Adebo                     | 29 | CB    | 6-1  | 192 | 24  | 3   | Stanford           |
| Ugo Amadi                         | 0  | S     | 5-9  | 201 | 26  | 5   | Oregon             |
| Zack Baun                         | 53 | LB    | 6-3  | 225 | 26  | 4   | Wisconsin          |
| Lynn Bowden                       | 5  | WR    | 6-1  | 204 | 25  | 3   | Kentucky           |
| Bryan Bresee                      | 90 | DT    | 6-5  | 305 | 21  | R   | Clemson            |
| Derek Carr                        | 4  | QB    | 6-3  | 215 | 32  | 10  | Fresno State       |
| Demario Davis                     | 56 | LB    | 6-2  | 248 | 34  | 12  | Arkansas State     |
| Isaiah Foskey                     | 55 | DE    | 6-5  | 265 | 22  | R   | Notre Dame         |
| Max Garcia                        | 73 | G     | 6-4  | 309 | 31  | 9   | Florida            |
| Jimmy Graham                      | 80 | TE    | 6-7  | 265 | 36  | 13  | Miami              |
| Carl Granderson                   | 96 | DE    | 6-5  | 261 | 26  | 5   | Wyoming            |
| J.T. Gray                         | 48 | DB    | 6-0  | 202 | 27  | 6   | Mississippi State  |
| Blake Grupe                       | 19 | K     | 5-7  | 156 | 24  | R   | Notre Dame         |
| Lou Hedley                        | 39 | P     | 6-4  | 220 | 30  | R   | Miami              |
| Taysom Hill                       | 7  | QB    | 6-2  | 221 | 33  | 7   | Brigham Young      |
| Jordan Howden                     | 31 | DB    | 6-0  | 209 | 23  | R   | Minnesota          |
| James Hurst                       | 74 | OL    | 6-5  | 310 | 31  | 10  | North Carolina     |
| D'Marco Jackson                   | 52 | LB    | 6-1  | 233 | 25  | 2   | Appalachian State  |
| Juwan Johnson                     | 83 | TE    | 6-4  | 231 | 27  | 4   | Oregon             |
| Lonnie Johnson Jr.                | 28 | CB    | 6-2  | 213 | 27  | 5   | Kentucky           |
| Cameron Jordan                    | 94 | DE    | 6-4  | 287 | 34  | 13  | California         |
| Keith Kirkwood                    | 18 | WR    | 6-3  | 210 | 28  | 4   | Temple             |
| Tanoh Kpassagnon                  | 92 | DE    | 6-7  | 289 | 29  | 7   | Villanova          |
| Marshon Lattimore                 | 23 | CB    | 6-0  | 192 | 27  | 7   | Ohio State         |
| Tyrann Mathieu                    | 32 | S     | 5-9  | 190 | 31  | 11  | LSU                |
| Marcus Maye                       | 6  | S     | 6-0  | 207 | 30  | 7   | Florida            |
| Erik McCoy                        | 78 | C/G   | 6-4  | 303 | 26  | 5   | Texas A&M          |
| Kirk Merritt                      | 33 | WR    | 6-1  | 214 | 26  | 1   | Arkansas State     |
| Kendre Miller                     | 25 | RB    | 6-0  | 220 | 21  | R   | TCU                |
| Foster Moreau                     | 87 | TE    | 6-4  | 250 | 26  | 5   | LSU                |
| Chris Olave                       | 12 | WR    | 6-0  | 187 | 23  | 2   | Ohio State         |
| Andrus Peat                       | 75 | G/T   | 6-7  | 316 | 29  | 9   | Stanford           |
| Trevor Penning                    | 70 | OT    | 6-7  | 325 | 24  | 2   | Northern Iowa      |
| A.T. Perry                        | 17 | WR    | 6-5  | 205 | 23  | R   | Wake Forest        |
| Kyle Phillips                     | 91 | DE    | 6-4  | 277 | 26  | 4   | Tennessee          |
| Adam Prentice                     | 46 | FB    | 6-0  | 245 | 26  | 3   | South Carolina     |
| Ryan Ramczyk                      | 71 | T     | 6-6  | 314 | 29  | 7   | Wisconsin          |
| Malcolm Roach                     | 97 | DL    | 6-3  | 290 | 25  | 4   | Texas              |
| Cesar Ruiz                        | 51 | C/G   | 6-4  | 316 | 24  | 4   | Michigan           |
| Nick Saldiveri                    | 64 | OL    | 6-6  | 316 | 23  | R   | Old Dominion       |
| Khalen Saunders                   | 99 | DT    | 6-0  | 324 | 27  | 5   | Western Illinois   |
| Nephi Sewell                      | 45 | LB    | 6-0  | 228 | 24  | 1   | Utah               |
| Rashid Shaheed                    | 22 | WR/RS | 6-0  | 180 | 25  | 2   | Weber State        |
| Nathan Shepherd                   | 93 | DT    | 6-4  | 315 | 29  | 6   | Fort Hays State    |
| Alontae Taylor                    | 1  | CB    | 6-1  | 199 | 24  | 2   | Tennessee          |
| Michael Thomas                    | 13 | WR    | 6-3  | 212 | 30  | 8   | Ohio State         |
| Pete Werner                       | 20 | LB    | 6-3  | 242 | 24  | 3   | Ohio State         |
| Jamaal Williams                   | 21 | RB    | 6-0  | 224 | 28  | 7   | BYU                |
| Jameis Winston                    | 2  | QB    | 6-4  | 231 | 29  | 9   | Florida State      |
| Zach Wood                         | 49 | LS    | 6-3  | 255 | 30  | 7   | Southern Methodist |
| Isaac Yiadom                      | 27 | CB    | 6-1  | 188 | 27  | 6   | Boston College     |
| Landon Young                      | 67 | T     | 6-7  | 321 | 26  | 3   | Kentucky           |
| Reserve/Injured                   |    |       |      |     |     |     |                    |
| Eno Benjamin                      | 26 | RB    | 5-9  | 207 | 24  | 4   | Arizona State      |
| Ryan Connelly                     | 43 | LB    | 6-2  | 234 | 27  | 4   | Wisconsin          |
| Andrew Dowell                     | 50 | LB    | 6-1  | 225 | 26  | 3   | Michigan State     |
| Tre'Quan Smith                    | 10 | WR    | 6-2  | 210 | 27  | 6   | Central Florida    |
| Payton Turner                     | 98 | DE    | 6-6  | 270 | 24  | 3   | Houston            |
| Trai Turner                       | 59 | G     | 6-3  | 320 | 30  | 10  | LSU                |
| Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner |    |       |      |     |     |     |                    |
| Jake Haener                       | 3  | QB    | 6-1  | 200 | 24  | R   | Fresno State       |
| Alvin Kamara                      | 41 | RB    | 5-10 | 215 | 28  | 7   | Tennessee          |

# Kenny Clark plays in front of his father for first time in nearly 20 years

By JACOB WESTENDORF  
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Kenny Clark received a game ball following the Sept. 10 victory over the Bears. His father, who was released from prison this summer after spending 19 years behind bars, was at Soldier Field to see his son.

**What did it mean to have your dad at the game?**

It was a special moment for me and my family, and it was cool just to be able to get a win and share that moment with my teammates. I appreciate them for that. Yeah, it was my first time playing in front of him so, yeah, it was a surreal moment for me.

**So that was a new experience for both of you?**

He went to my first couple games when I was 8 and then he went to prison right after that. That was the first time he's seen me play in person in the league.

**What did he think of the game?**

It was awesome, man. He loved it. He was smiling the whole time. The atmosphere, just being up there. It was his first time getting on the plane; first time going to an NFL game. He was just shocked the whole time.

**How much time did you get to spend with him?**

About 30 minutes before we got on the buses.

**Did he give you any feedback on your performance?**

Nah, he was just happy. He was just so happy to see us out there playing. He's seen some of my teammates, too. Just had a lot of good words for them. He was just taking it all in.

**That must have led to some different emotions than normal.**

Yeah, in the beginning at first, I had a lot of emotions, especially during the national anthem and all that. But it's football. Yeah, definitely hit me early on in the game.



Kenny Clark (97) is held as he rushes Atlanta Falcons quarterback Desmond Ridder on Sept. 17. Clark, a 27-year-old defensive tackle, is in his eighth year in the NFL, having coming out of UCLA.

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**Did it live up to what you were hoping it was going to be?**

Y'all see me smiling and stuff all the time, but I don't really get too emotional and stuff like that.

In the beginning of the game, it for sure hit me.

**The way you played in front of him, are you proud of it?**

I'm just blessed, man. I've been through a lot in my life, good or bad. I'm just happy that we were able to go out there and play how we did. It was a special moment, and it was special to share that with him, with my teammates.

**How did your side of the ball do?**

I think we handled it well. A lot of people sleeping on us. I think we came out there and we were very disruptive up front no matter who we had in there and what positions we had them in there. Everybody was playing hard, being disruptive, getting up field, getting off blocks. Mad that we gave up those garbage points and those garbage yards at the end, but I love how we played.

**The coaches talked about the need to play consistently. Is that the next step?**

Yeah. I literally just told the D-line today: "It's fun to win. It's fun to be able to see us out making plays." It's no secret of why that happened. It's about the work that we put in. It's about the work we put in at practice and how we prepare. That's how you

perform on Sunday. If we want to keep winning and we want to keep feeling good about ourselves going into Monday, then we've got to keep on preparing how we prepare and coming out and doing our job.

**Rashan Gary played only 12 snaps, but what did you think of his impact?**

He had like seven pressures or something like that. Every time RG out there, you're going to feel him - his energy, his effort, how he rushes. He's disruptive. His effort alone is contagious for us. Anytime you've got RG out there, it's great for our defense.

"Everyone is sleeping on us" is something a lot of players have mentioned. Where does that feeling come from?

It's been all year. I know everybody heard, everybody's been sleeping on us. I don't know. I just feel like ever since Aaron's been gone, everybody think that we don't got a lot of really good players in this locker room. Yeah, we're young and all that but it's all about the process and how we practice and how we prepare at the end of the day. A lot of those young guys didn't look too young yesterday and that's a credit to them and how they prepared. That's a credit to them and how they work throughout the week and throughout camp and the preseason. They were able to come out and perform on Sunday.



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