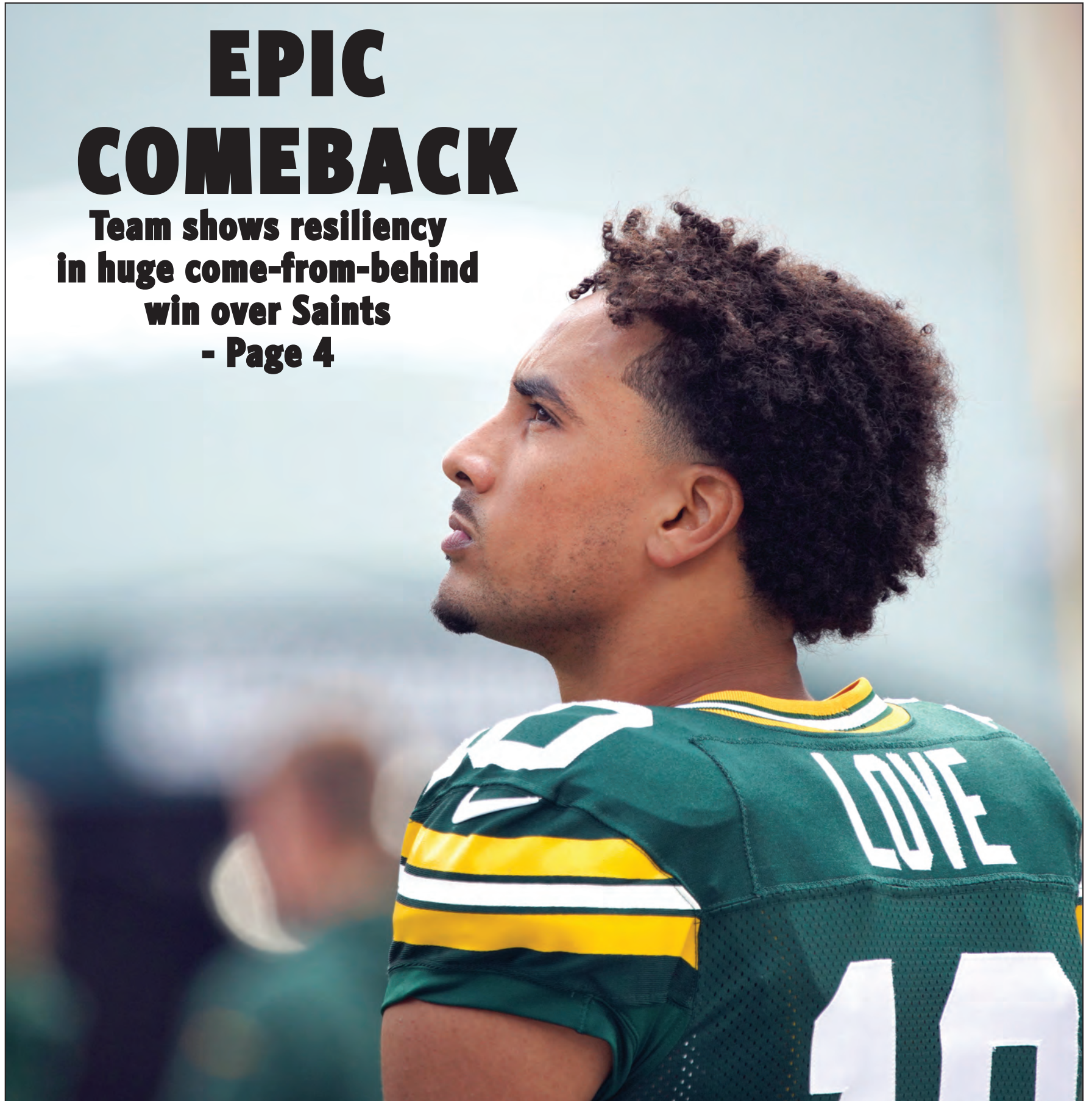


EPIC COMEBACK

**Team shows resiliency
in huge come-from-behind
win over Saints
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Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love gazes toward the sky during the singing of the national anthem Sunday against the New Orleans Saints. Love led a fourth-quarter comeback to earn his first win as a starter at Lambeau Field.

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Packers come alive in fourth, defeat Saints

Green Bay scores 18 unanswered points for the win

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers' defense held strong, shutting out the New Orleans Saints in the second half to complete an 18-point comeback and win 18-17 on Sept. 24 in Green Bay.

Entering the second half with a 17-0 deficit, Green Bay rattled off 18 points in the fourth quarter to hold the lead in the NFC North. The comeback was catalyzed by a strong fourth quarter performance from quarterback Jordan Love.

Love finished the game with 259 passing yards and one touchdown, with 104 of those yards coming in the fourth quarter. He added a rushing touchdown in the fourth quarter as well, evading former All-Pro Linebacker Demario Davis on the one-yard line.

The story of the game, though, was Green Bay's defense. In total, the New Orleans Saints were only able to muster 10 points, with seven of the team's 17 points coming from a punt return touchdown from New Orleans' Rashid Shaheed.

New Orleans' first touchdown of the game came on the team's second drive as former Packer Jimmy Graham found the end zone on an 8-yard touchdown pass from Derek Carr. The defense's strong performance came without star defensive back Jaire Alexander, who was ruled out before the game, after injuring his back in practice.

"Having a guy like that out — we have no choice but to step up, and that is what everybody did," said Packers pass rusher Rashan Gary. "One thing about this group is that we understand the standard; we understand what it is like to play at a high level. We just have to be consistent, and today is just a stepping stone to being consistent."

That touchdown to Graham proved to be Carr's only major contribution to the game, as the Fresno



Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love (10) and his teammates celebrate after a fourth-quarter touchdown against the Saints on Sunday. Love orchestrated a comeback from 17 points down to earn his first victory as a starter at Lambeau Field. Love ran for one touchdown and threw for another as the team scored 18 points in the final quarter for the 18-17 win. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

State alum was knocked out of the game with a shoulder injury. Jameis Winston took over for Carr, but he proved lackluster as he threw for just 101 yards on 10-of-16 passing.

Gary's claim to being one of the best defensive players in the league was hard to argue, as he led Green Bay's defense with three sacks, including the one that knocked Carr out of the game.

"The most important thing is being an impact to this team, and I am happy that I was able to do that today," said Gary.

The turning point of the game came on Green Bay's drive that resulted in Love's rushing touchdown. The drive started with two long defensive pass interference calls, totaling 67 yards. From there, Love connected with Jayden Reed for 11 yards on third-and-10 to the New Orleans 2-yard line to extend the drive. Two incompletions and a 1-yard rush from Patrick Taylor set up a fourth-and-one, ultimately ending with Love's rushing touchdown to bring the score to 17-9. In a curious

move that ultimately paid off, coach Matt LaFleur called for a two-point attempt. Love connected with wide receiver Samori Toure to add the additional two points.

Finally, Green Bay's winning drive came late in the fourth quarter, as Love connected with wide receiver Romeo Doubs for an 8-yard touchdown to put the team up by one. The Saints quickly marched down the field but a field goal attempt from Blake Grupe missed wide right, giving Green Bay the ball back to kneel out the clock.

"I have never been a part of a win like this," said LaFleur. "The guys in the locker room — they believe in one another and they continue to battle and really, as a coach, that is all you can ask of anybody. To hold an offense to 10 points in this league, you should typically win that game, but the resiliency of that locker room was incredible. I have never seen anything like it."

THE VITALS

Detroit Lions at Green Bay Packers

WHEN: 7:20 p.m. Thursday

LOCATION: Lambeau Field

TV: Amazon Prime, NBC-26

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, 2-1. Lions, 2-1.

HISTORY: The Lions and Packers have played 187 times including two games in the postseason.

Green Bay leads the all-time season series 105-75-7. They had a run of dominance where the Lions did not win in Wisconsin from 1992 until 2015. The Lions have flipped the script in recent memory, however, having won the last three games against the Packers — including a game that ended the Packers' season a year ago.

LINE: Lions by 2

COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 49-20). Lions - Dan Campbell (third season, 15-23-1).

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

Sept. 24 vs. New Orleans W 18-17

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

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

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

Jan. 7 vs. Chicago, TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, SEPT. 28

Lions at Packers, 7:20 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCT. 1

Falcons at Jaguars, 8:30 a.m.

Rams at Colts, Noon

Ravens at Browns, Noon

Vikings at Panthers, Noon

Bengals at Titans, Noon

Buccaneers at Saints, Noon

Dolphins at Bills, Noon

Broncos at Bears, Noon

Commanders at Eagles, Noon

Steelers at Texans, Noon

Raiders at Chargers, 3:05 p.m.

Cardinals at 49ers, 3:25 p.m.

Patriots at Cowboys, 3:25 p.m.

Chiefs at Jets, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 2

Seahawks at Giants, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 5

Bears at Commanders, 7:15 p.m.

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Week 4 Games: Sunday, Oct. 1



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Detroit @ Green Bay.....Thurs., Sept 28

Minnesota @ Carolina

Denver @ Chicago

New England @ Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Kansas City @ New York Jets

Week 3 Winner :

**Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center**

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Jacob Westendorf, New Media.....	5-0	13-2
Staff, Shawano Health Services.....	4-1	11-4
Jim Wiegand, Tower Clock Eye Center.....	5-0	11-4
Kevin Passon, New Media.....	4-1	10-5
Tim Murphy, New Media.....	5-0	9-6
Luke Reimer, New Media.....	2-3	9-6
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.....	4-1	9-6
Robt Buss, Buss Automotive.....	4-1	8-7
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance.....	4-1	7-8
Sue Moede, Moede & Sons Plumbing.....	2-3	6-9
Staff, Walsh Dental.....	2-3	5-10



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Denver
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 25 @ New York Jets 10



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Green Bay
Minnesota
Denver
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 38 @ New York Jets 24



Shane Senn
Senn
Insurance

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Chicago
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 27 @ New York Jets 24



Staff
Walsh Dental
Shawano

This Week's Picks:

Green Bay
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Chicago
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 31 @ New York Jets 16



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 20 @ New York Jets 21



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This Week's Picks:

Detroit
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 14 @ New York Jets 21



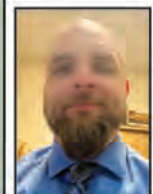
Staff
Iverson's
Piggly Wiggly

This Week's Picks:

Green Bay
Minnesota
Denver
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 21 @ New York Jets 28



Jacob Westendorf
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Denver
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 34 @ New York Jets 10



Luke Reimer
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Green Bay
Carolina
Denver
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Kansas City 35 @ New York Jets 14



Tim Murphy
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Detroit
Minnesota
Denver
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 20 @ New York Jets 18



Kevin Passon
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Green Bay
Minnesota
Denver
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Kansas City 31 @ New York Jets 10

NOTEBOOK

Packers' running game needs a lift

By JACOB WESTENDORF

Green & Gold Express

Packers' offense vs. Lions' defense

The Packers' offense was about as ugly as could be for the first three quarters on Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

They were shut out through three quarters and had little they could hang their hats on. The injury situation on offense has been abysmal. Christian Watson, Aaron Jones, David Bakhtiari and Elgton Jenkins all missed Sunday's game with a litany of ailments.

Zach Tom exited Sunday's game with a knee injury of which the severity is unclear. If Tom can't play, Yosh Njiman would likely be called upon. The Packers have said they're confident in him, but he's already been passed on the depth chart by Rasheed Walker.

On the other side of the line of scrimmage, the Lions have a budding star as one of their pass rushers.

Aidan Hutchinson has tormented the Packers in his short career. He has two sacks and an interception in two games against them.

Hutchinson didn't have any sacks coming into Sunday's game against the Falcons but had 13 pressures in the first two games.

Typically production follows quickly with disruption numbers like that. It did for Hutchinson as he brought Desmond Ridder down twice in the team's 20-6 win.

The Lions' defensive front has been stout against the run. Opposing run games are averaging a paltry 3.2 yards per carry over the first three games.

That could present a problem for the Packers who have not been able to run the ball at all through the first three games.

Aaron Jones hasn't played since the second half of the season opener against Chicago.

AJ Dillon, who has struggled in the early going, appeared to cede some of his snaps to Patrick Taylor.

Taylor is out of practice squad elevations, and he would have to be signed to the active roster in order to play in Thursday's game.

Taylor has been the preferred second option to preseason darling Emanuel Wilson. Taylor's ability in the passing game appears to be the



Patrick Taylor (27) was activated from the practice squad to assist the running game Sunday against the Saints.

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difference there. He caught three passes on four targets against New Orleans.

Regardless of how the running backs are performing in the passing game, the Packers need to be more productive in the run game.

The offense isn't going to be successful all that often when Jordan Love is the team's leading rusher as he was in Sunday's game.

In Jones' absence, Packers running backs have run for 106 yards in two games. Considering this team was supposed to have a dynamic ground game, that isn't good enough.

The pass catching group was a mixed bag for the Packers on Sunday. Love has spread the ball around to a variety of receivers and had a different leading receiver in each of the first three games.

Luke Musgrave had a big game on Sunday with six catches. He was open

for what could have been the biggest play of the game, but Love missed him down the middle of the field.

If there's a place the Lions' defense can be had, it's in the secondary. CJ Gardner-Johnson is out of the lineup with an injury that ended his season.

Cam Sutton, Brian Branch and Jerry Jacobs are the team's preferred starters at cornerback. Two of the three are ranked in the bottom half of Pro Football Focus' corner grades. Branch is a rookie, which could cause Matt LaFleur to try and scheme up some opportunities for his receivers against him.

The Lions' other safety is Kerby Joseph, who caught the final pass of Aaron Rodgers' career with Green Bay.

Packers' defense vs. Lions' offense

The Packers' defense bounced back tremendously after getting

shredded by Bijan Robinson and the Atlanta Falcons' run game.

New Orleans held a three-score lead for most of the second half. They had a two-score lead until the midway point of the fourth quarter as well.

The game lent itself to New Orleans being able to run the ball and lean on Green Bay's defense that has struggled against the run traditionally.

Instead, the Packers' defense bowed its neck. They held Saints' running backs to 77 yards on 22 carries.

That was as big of a reason as any that Green Bay was able to make a dramatic comeback Sunday.

One potential pressure point for the Green Bay defense is the cornerback situation. Jaire Alexander did not play on Sunday with a back injury. His status for Thursday is unclear.

Carrington Valentine, who started in Alexander's place, left the game with a biceps injury.

That leaves the team with three healthy cornerbacks. Rasul Douglas, Keisean Nixon and Corey Ballentine.

Ballentine was elevated from the practice squad for Sunday's game. With the injury situation at cornerback, presumably he will be elevated from the practice squad again.

The shortage at cornerback comes at a time where the Packers are facing one of the more dynamic passing offenses in football.

Jared Goff is often looked at as a failed draft pick for the Rams, but he's been excellent for the Lions.

He's thrown five touchdowns through the first three weeks. He distributes the ball to all of his playmakers, but his go-to guy is Amon-Ra St. Brown.

St. Brown has caught at least 90 passes in each of his first two seasons as a pro.

He operates primarily in the slot, where he'll be met by Nixon.

Nixon is coming off a game where he blanked Saints' primary slot receiver Rashid Shaheed: 0 catches and 0 yards for Nixon's primary assignment.

Nixon had a tough first week of the season, but has been largely good since then in coverage. St. Brown, however, is a different challenge than anything he has seen on



Green Bay Packers punter Daniel Whelan couldn't chase down Rashid Shaheed, as the Saints returner scored a touchdown Sunday.

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this young season. The winner of that matchup could go a long way toward determining who wins the game.

Apart from St. Brown, Sam Laporta scored his first touchdown of the season on Sunday. He's been a focal point in the Lions' offense early in the year. He can make an impact in both the run and passing game.

Special teams

The Packers are coming off one of their worst special teams performances on the young season.

The special teams group was penalized three times, with nothing to make up for those penalties in the return game.

The punt coverage team gave up a 76-yard touchdown to Shaheed, who was not touched on his way to the goal line.

On the bright side, Anders Carlson has not missed a kick in the regular season. He made the game-winning extra point in Sunday's 18-17 win over the Saints.

The Lions' special teams is led by return specialist Kalif Raymond. He averaged 13.2 yards per punt return a season ago.

The Lions ranked sixth in Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings

a season ago. Detroit kicker Riley Patterson has not missed a kick yet in 2023. The group led by Dave Fipp has been excellent to start the 2023 season after a strong 2022 campaign.

This could be one of the biggest advantages the Lions have in Thursday night's game.

Speaking of the run game.

The Lions have the 12th overall pick in the backfield. Jahmyr Gibbs is one of the more explosive young players in the NFL. He's also the style of back that typically gives Green Bay fits.

Gibbs isn't the same caliber that Atlanta's Bijan Robinson is. There aren't many, if any, that are as good as Robinson.

Gibbs, however, is an explosive runner with a slashing style that can attack the edges of Green Bay's defense. With a strong emphasis on rushing the quarterback, the Packers have struggled to set the edge.

Maybe that starts to change with Rashan Gary starting to earn more snaps. He played the most snaps of the season on Sunday and rewarded the defense with three sacks.

With as many guys that are missing due to injury, getting more from Gary will help soften some of that blow.

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KEYS TO THE GAME

Injury report a big challenge for Packers against Lions

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

There's no rest for the weary, as the Green Bay Packers will face off against the Detroit Lions on Thursday Night Football.

The Packers had an exciting comeback victory over the New Orleans Saints to get to 2-1. Jordan Love led the offense to 18 unanswered points, and the Saints missed a field goal with 1:08 left on the clock. The Packers were able to kneel out the clock from there and get to 2-1.

The Lions kept pace with the Packers, winning 20-6 over the Atlanta Falcons.

Both teams are in a big spot in the NFC North, with Minnesota and Chicago going through some early season struggles.

This is a matchup of two teams tied for first place.

The winner of this game should have an early spot in the driver's seat for the NFC North. Here are the keys for the Packers to be in that spot.

Packers vs. injury report

The Green Bay Packers had a M*A*S*H unit playing on Sunday against the New Orleans Saints.

Love was greeted for his first start at Lambeau Field with an inactive list that included Christian Watson, David Bakhtiari, Elgton Jenkins and Aaron Jones.

There's an argument to be made those are the Packers' four best players on offense.

To boot, Jaire Alexander missed the game with a back injury after he popped up on the injury report on Friday. That's five of their 10 best players.

It's hard enough to win in the NFL. Every team will talk about a next man up mentality, but there's a reason the next man up is on the bench. It's hard to win in the NFL without your star players.

Should the Packers be missing any combination of those players, they'll be trying to do just that against a Lions team that has had some injury issues of its own.

Thursday's matchup against Detroit is one of the first true litmus tests for the Packers' ability to compete for a division title this season. Asking Love and company to win against a solid Lions team without their best players would be a tall order.



Romeo Doubs shows some love to the crowd after catching the game-winning TD on Sunday. The 17-point comeback matched the come-from-behind win over the Bears five years ago.

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Packers cornerbacks vs. Amon-Ra St. Brown

Amon-Ra St. Brown keeps a list of every receiver drafted before him in a notebook that he uses for motivation.

One of those receivers is former Green Bay Packer Amari Rodgers.

St. Brown will not be short on motivation for this game. Not that he needs much anyway. He has become the Lions' go-to guy in the passing game.

He's caught at least 90 passes in both seasons of his young career.

The Packers could be short-handed at cornerback with Alexander missing last week's game with a back injury.

Even if Alexander plays, it remains to be seen how much he matches up with St. Brown. St. Brown operates primarily from the slot, with Alexander playing on the boundary.

Alexander may travel with St. Brown some if he plays, but that won't be every snap. Keisean Nixon and Rasul Douglas should see plenty of St. Brown throughout the course

of the game as well.

When Jared Goff needs to make a big play, more often than not, he's looking for St. Brown. If the Packers can slow him down, that will go a long way toward slowing down the Lions' passing game.

Packers' offensive line vs. Aidan Hutchinson

Aidan Hutchinson has not been in the NFL for long, but he has already become a thorn in the Packers' side.

Hutchinson was picked second overall by the Lions a year ago to

boost their pass rush and help change their culture.

He has done both.

He had 9.5 sacks as a rookie with three interceptions.

One of which came on an ill-advised pass to Bakhtiari when the Packers were in Detroit last November.

Hutchinson followed that up with two sacks at Lambeau Field in the season finale.

It's anyone's guess as to whether Bakhtiari is going to play. Even if he does, Hutchinson is a tough matchup for anyone that he lines up against.

He's had a quiet start to the season in terms of sacks but had 13 pressures going into play on Sunday. Big plays typically come in bunches when a player is around the quarterback as much as Hutchinson has been.

Rasheed Walker has been the next man up at left tackle if Bakhtiari cannot go. He struggled in Atlanta for his first career starts.

The potential struggles of a tackle making his second career start could make for a long night for Love.



Rashan Gary (52) and Quay Walker (7) take down Saints quarterback Derek Carr (4). Carr was knocked out of the game Sunday, and backup Jameis Winston ran into a buzz saw in the Packers defense and could not move the well at all.

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LaFleur happy with Packers' resiliency

Score reflects 1-point decision for 2nd straight game

By LUKE REIMER

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For the second game in a row, Green Bay saw its final score come down to one point.

In fact, in a very similar fashion to how Atlanta beat Green Bay, Green Bay beat New Orleans. Against Atlanta, Green Bay played three very good quarters of football and one very bad quarter; against New Orleans, Green Bay played three really bad quarters of football and one really good quarter.

In the face of adversity, Jordan Love, Matt LaFleur and the rest of the Packers delivered and were able to squeak out a victory. That point needs to be stated, as having as young of a team as Green Bay does can often lead to losing a game like this one, as proven by the loss to Atlanta.

The adversity came even before kickoff though, as many of the Packers' best players — including David Bakhtiari, Jaire Alexander, Elgton Jenkins, Aaron Jones and Christian Watson — were out with injuries, leaving LaFleur to put a skeleton crew on the field Sunday.

"I just can't say enough great things about this group in terms of their mentality, their belief in one another, the way they work," said LaFleur. "Obviously we were short-handed. When you looked at that injury list, there were a lot of big name players on that list. But it doesn't matter, because that is the NFL, and everyone is dealing with injuries. But our guys continued to fight and continued to battle. It was like a nightmare that went to a dream."

LaFleur's comment about a nightmare becoming a dream shows that this Green Bay Packers team is not one to lay down and die when it is put into tough situations. That is something that any fan can get behind, and it is something that each member of the organization is getting behind.

LaFleur pointed to Green Bay

successfully converting the two-point conversion as when he felt that nightmare turn into a dream. The momentum and the overall vibe at Lambeau Field took a 180, and if you had just walked into the stadium, you would have thought that the Packers were about to win the NFC Championship. With such a young team, it is very easy for the players to buy into the momentum and the energy that the crowd is giving off, somewhat helping the team as a whole battle that adversity.

"After we got that two-point conversion — I have been on the other side of that thing now, when that momentum flips. It is a crazy phenomenon that you cannot explain," said LaFleur. "I think that there is a lot of belief that we were going to find a way."

While facing and overcoming adversity is great, the seemingly obvious sticking point is: How can Green Bay avoid find themselves in another 17-0 hole? Obviously, having those five key contributors back on the team is a start, but can Green Bay really rely on Bakhtiari to play every

game the rest of the season? Will the team clean up the numerous penalties in the first half that played a large part in them going down three scores? And can the Packers hold a lead once they have it?

The answers to these questions and more probably have to fall on the back of Love. While he has only started four games in the NFL, the time and preparation that he has from sitting behind Aaron Rodgers and the overall belief in him from both his teammates and the Green Bay fans is a great starting point to covering up mistakes and ultimately putting together four quarters against a team that is not the Chicago Bears.

"We went into the locker room, and we knew it wasn't good," said Love. "We knew that we were putting some drives together, but penalties and not converting third downs were hurting us. So we knew that if we stuck together, stuck to the plan and executed and locked on all of the details, that there was a chance for us (to win) — and we did."

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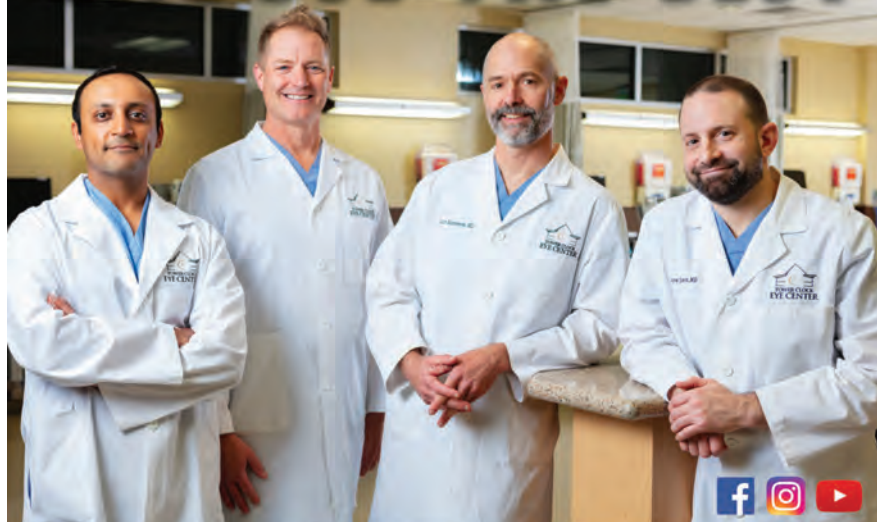
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Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Jaire Alexander	23	CB	5-10	196	26	6	Louisville
Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
David Bakhtiari	69	T	6-4	310	31	11	Colorado
Karl Brooks	94	DL	6-3	296	23	R	Bowling Green
De'Vondre Campbell	59	LB	6-4	232	30	8	Minnesota
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
Alex Anzalone	34	LB	6-3	238	28	7	Florida
Kayode Awosika	74	G	6-3	315	24	2	Buffalo
Derrick Barnes	55	LB	6-0	240	24	3	Purdue
Brian Branch	32	DB	6-0	203	21	R	Alabama
Teddy Bridgewater	10	QB	6-2	212	30	10	Louisville
Isaiah Buggs	96	DL	6-3	335	27	5	Alabama
Jason Cabinda	45	FB	6-1	235	27	5	Penn State
Jack Campbell	46	LB	6-5	243	23	R	Iowa
John Cominsky	79	DL	6-5	285	27	5	Charleston
Scott Daly	47	LS	6-1	245	29	3	Notre Dame
Taylor Decker	68	T	6-7	318	30	8	Ohio State
Jack Fox	3	P	6-2	218	27	4	Rice
Jahmyr Gibbs	26	RB	5-9	200	21	R	Alabama
Steven Gilmore	24	CB	6-0	174	24	R	Marshall
Graham Glasgow	60	OL	6-6	315	31	8	Michigan
Jared Goff	16	QB	6-4	217	28	8	California
Antoine Green	80	WR	6-2	199	23	R	North Carolina
Charles Harris	53	DL	6-3	250	28	7	Missouri
Will Harris	25	CB	6-1	206	27	5	Boston College
Aidan Hutchinson	97	DL	6-7	268	23	2	Michigan
Jonah Jackson	73	G	6-4	311	26	4	Ohio State
Jerry Jacobs	23	CB	5-11	203	25	3	Arkansas
Benito Jones	94	DL	6-1	335	25	3	Mississippi
Marvin Jones Jr.	0	WR	6-2	199	33	12	California
Kerby Joseph	31	S	6-1	203	22	2	Illinois
Zonovan Knight	28	RB	5-11	209	22	2	N.C. State
Sam LaPorta	87	TE	6-3	245	22	R	Iowa
Chase Lucas	27	CB	5-11	184	26	2	Arizona State
Brodrick Martin	98	DL	6-5	330	24	R	Western Kentucky
Alim McNeill	54	DL	6-2	315	23	3	N.C. State
Ifeatu Melifonwu	6	S	6-3	210	24	3	Syracuse
James Mitchell	82	TE	6-4	246	24	2	Virginia Tech
David Montgomery	5	RB	5-11	224	26	5	Iowa State
Emmanuel Moseley	4	CB	5-11	195	27	6	Tennessee
Matt Nelson	67	T	6-7	315	27	4	Iowa
Romeo Okwara	95	DL	6-4	255	28	8	Notre Dame
Levi Onwuzurike	91	DL	6-3	290	25	3	Washington
Riley Patterson	36	K	6-0	195	24	3	Memphis
Anthony Pittman	57	LB	6-3	242	26	3	Wayne St.
Frank Ragnow	77	C	6-5	310	27	6	Arkansas
Kalif Raymond	11	WR	5-8	180	29	7	Holy Cross
Jalen Reeves-Maybin	42	LB	6-1	226	28	7	Tennessee
Craig Reynolds	13	RB	5-11	216	27	2	Kutztown
Josh Reynolds	8	WR	6-3	194	28	7	Texas A&M
Malcolm Rodriguez	44	LB	5-11	234	24	2	Oklahoma State
Penei Sewell	58	T	6-5	335	22	3	Oregon
Colby Sorsdal	75	OL	6-6	315	23	R	William & Mary
Amon-Ra St. Brown	14	WR	6-0	202	23	3	USC
Cameron Sutton	1	CB	5-11	180	28	7	Tennessee
Halapoulivaati Vaitai	72	G	6-6	322	30	8	Texas Christian
Tracy Walker III	21	S	6-1	206	28	6	Louisiana-Lafayette
Brock Wright	89	TE	6-5	250	24	3	Notre Dame
Reserve/Injured							
Khalil Dorsey	30	CB	5-8	185	25	3	Northern Arizona
C.J. Gardner-Johnson	2	DB	5-11	208	25	4	Florida
James Houston	41	LB	6-1	245	24	2	Jackson State Univ.
Julian Okwara	99	LB	6-4	239	25	4	Notre Dame
Josh Paschal	93	DL	6-3	274	23	2	Kentucky
Nate Sudfeld	N/A	QB	6-6	230	29	7	Indiana
Shane Zylstra	N/A	TE	6-4	240	26	2	Minnesota State
Reserve/Non-Football Injury							
Hendon Hooker	12	QB	6-3	220	25	R	Tennessee
Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner							
Jameson Williams	9	WR	6-1	180	22	2	Alabama

Jayden Reed: From first pitch to fast returns

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

You threw the first pitch at the Brewers game, was it good?

I threw a foul ball but it got to the plate. So, I did a little something.

What do you think about the life of a rookie, throwing the first pitch in Milwaukee, are you a celebrity now?

That's great. First-time thing for me. My family got to be in attendance, so it was a great experience. I appreciate the Brewers for having me and my family there. It was definitely a cool experience just being at a baseball game and being in a suite and watching it from up top.

You've played in front of 80,000 people before. Were you nervous before throwing the first pitch?

I wasn't really that nervous. Usually, it's more (nervous) during the football game, where it's a little more rowdy. It was kind of a pregame thing. Obviously, I never threw a first pitch, so that was kind of nerve-racking, but I've thrown a baseball before. It was cool.

Would you rather play on grass or turf?

Grass — 1,000%. I'm not a huge turf guy. I do agree that turf causes more injuries. I've been seeing all the controversy with that, and I totally agree with what David said. I'm not a huge turf guy at all. I love the grass way more.

Are you faster on turf?

No doubt. You're definitely faster on turf, for sure, but I say safety over speed any day.

Are you happy with your performance thus far?

Yeah but I've got a lot to clean up even with making those big plays. Every ball that touches your hands, it should be caught. I definitely think I've got a lot to clean up. Obviously, that's why we've got practice.

I've never caught a punt. So, what's up with the little hop you have?

The pause.

Why do you pause?

It's really just to let everybody get on their blocks and try to bring the punt team in a little bit. Pause them, draw them more to me so I can make my decision, whether I hit it vertical, if I hit it around the outside. I just want to freeze the punt team a little bit. That's really my plan with that. I want to freeze them a little bit to create more space for me.



Jayden Reed stretches out for the catch Sunday. Reed had three receptions for 63 yards on the day.

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How do you keep your eyes on the ball and the kicking team?

No doubt. It's definitely a multi-tasking job. My first thing is when the ball's punted, I try to take a look at the gunners, see if they got off the jam or not. If the jammers jam pretty well, I'll take my eyes off them and I'll lock in on the ball. Really, it's a feel thing. You get a feel of the punt team the closer they get. The more reps you get at it, the easier it gets. It's a rhythm thing. You've got to trust it.

Is catching a punt done with a feel? Do you have a time clock? How does it all work?

It's so weird. It's easier said than done.

Yeah, it sounds impossible.

If I'm looking that way, I can feel you being in my space. It's kind of like that. If someone walks behind you, you can feel them walking behind you sometimes. It's that kind of feeling. So, looking up, you can feel them getting closer and closer.

On the big return, you've got space. What's in your head?

Just take it. I've got to win with speed at that point. Hit the edge. You've always got to be able to make one guy miss. That's the main thing. Once I got the edge, I had to make one guy miss, make another guy miss. They did great blocking for me so I was able to hit the edge.



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