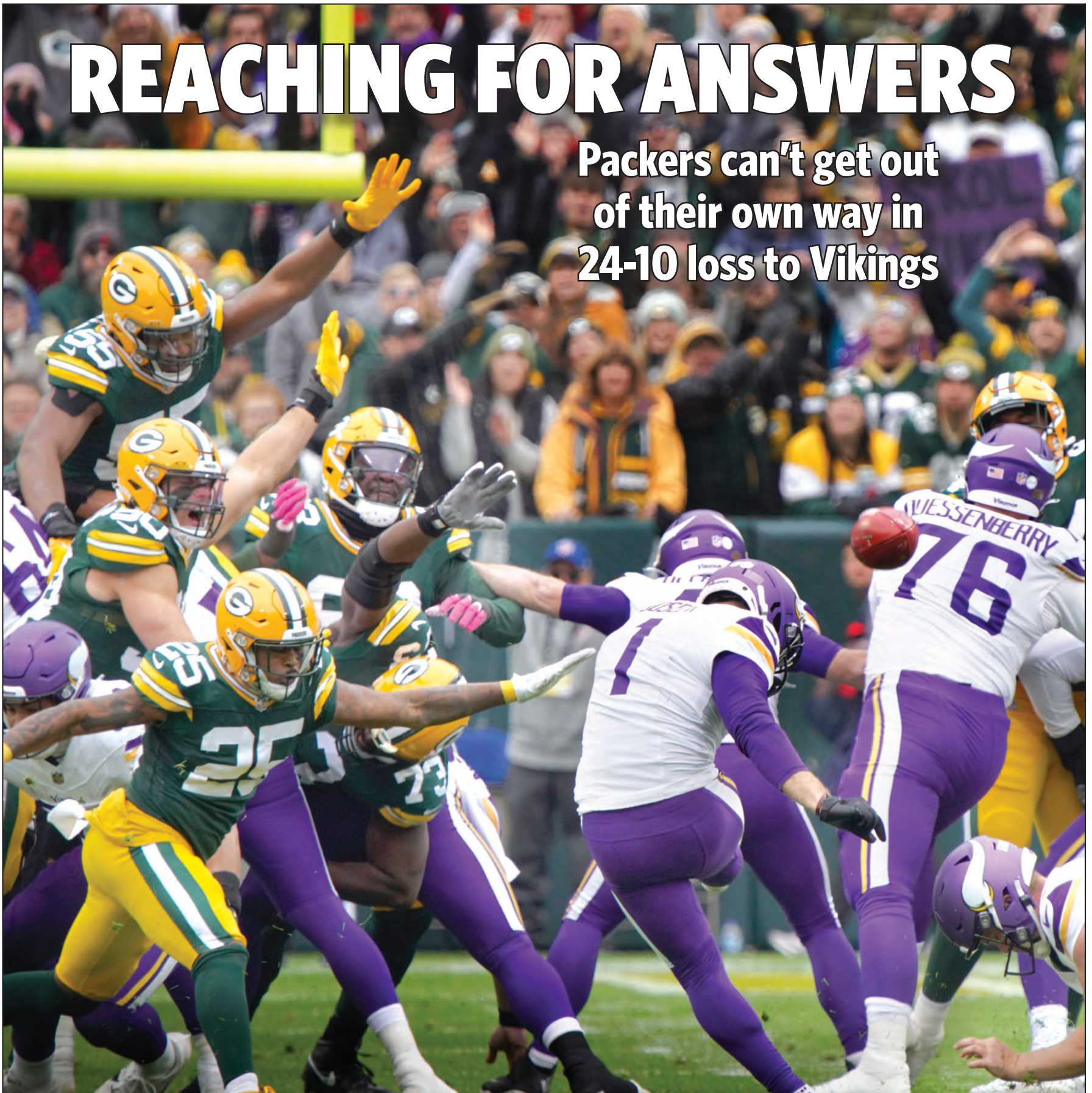


REACHING FOR ANSWERS

Packers can't get out of their own way in 24-10 loss to Vikings



The Packers busted through for their second blocked field goal of the season after rookie Karl Brooks got his hand on Greg Joseph's 44-yard attempt. Green Bay safety Jonathan Owens corralled the loose ball and returned it 23 yards to the Packers' 44. However, the Packers offense failed to capitalize on the block. After moving into the redzone, the team turned the ball over on downs.

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Packers averaging 15 points per game over four-game losing streak

Green Bay drops to 2-5 after loss to Minnesota

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

The Packers once again got off to a slow start Oct. 29 as the team dropped a divisional matchup to the Minnesota Vikings to record its fourth loss in a row.

With the loss, the Packers fall to 2-5 on the season, dropping to third place in the NFC North, holding just a 12% chance to make the playoffs and currently slotting in for the sixth pick in the 2024 NFL Draft.

As has been the case with numerous games involving Green Bay this year, the matchup was filled with mental mistakes — including twice turning the ball over on downs, deep in Minnesota territory, and racking up 11 penalties for 99 yards.

The real kicker for the Packers though, in this game, was the defense's inability to get off the field on third down. In total, the Vikings converted 10-of-18 on third downs.

Not only were the penalties and the inability to stop Minnesota's third down offense a problem for Green Bay, the receiving corps had close to 10 combined dropped passes throughout the game, limiting Packers quarterback Jordan Love's ability to properly lead his offense. In total, Love finished the game 24-of-41 with 229 yards, one touchdown and one interception.

That interception came when Vikings defensive back Josh Metellus ripped the ball out of Jayden Reed's hands on a deep seam route in the middle of the second quarter.

"That was obviously tough to watch," said Packers coach Matt LaFleur. "Just way too many mistakes — penalties, drops, not being able to convert on third down and conversely not getting off of the grass on third down, struggles in the red zone, starting the game out with four three-and-outs. It is hard to get into a rhythm offensively, and then



Green Bay Packers linebacker Preston Smith reaches for Vikings backup quarterback Jaren Hall. Smith would knock the ball from Hall's hand for a forced fumble. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins limps off the field after suffering what would later be diagnosed as a torn Achilles tendon. Cousins will be out for the remainder of the year. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

when we needed a stop, we weren't able to do that."

Love spoke on what happened on the interception, saying that the defender made a good play on the ball, but that Love wished he could have put the ball in a better position for his receiver Reed.

"I wish that I could have put it a little bit more in front of him, you

know. There was a DB playing a cover 2 look over the top, so I didn't want to put it too far out there in front of him, but I gave him an opportunity. But the DB made a great play and was able to just rip it out of his hands," said Love. "Those are the things that we can look back and say, 'I wish I would have thrown this ball a little farther,' but it comes down to execution, making those plays, me making better throws, and guys just going out there competing and winning."

Once again, though, Green Bay was able to make the game interesting in the second half, as it held many opportunities to come back and put points on the board.

Down 24-3, with 7:48 remaining in the third quarter, Love marched down the field to the tune of a 14-play drive. That drive included passes of five, 10, 31, 10, six, five and a one-yard gain. The drive ultimately culminated in Love connecting with Packers wide receiver Romeo Doubs for a one-yard touchdown.

Later in the third quarter, up 24-10, the Vikings marched all the way down to the Green Bay 13-yard line. On second down, Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins was sacked by Packers linebacker Preston Smith, to set up a third-and-19. On the ensuing

play, Cousins was once again sacked but came up limping. Minnesota was forced to try for a field goal. That field goal attempt was ultimately blocked by Packers defensive lineman Karl Brooks to keep it a two-score game.

Cousins was eventually ruled out of the game with an apparent ankle injury, but upon further tests after the game, it was determined that he had torn his meniscus, virtually ending the Michigan State alum's season. That left Vikings rookie quarterback Jaren Hall to succeed Cousins.

On Green Bay's ensuing drive after the blocked field goal, Love completed passes of 17 yards (to Christian Watson), 11 yards (to Dontayvion Wicks) and 10 yards (to Reed) to set up a first-and-10 from the Vikings 15-yard line. From there an Aaron Jones five-yard rush was followed up by three straight incompletions, resulting in a turnover on downs and giving the ball back to Minnesota with 7:15 left in the game.

With Hall in the game, the Packers defense jumped on the young quarterback quickly, with Smith recording his second sack of the game, this time forcing a fumble. Packers defensive tackle Devonte Wyatt jumped on the loose ball, and Green Bay took over possession at Minnesota's 15-yard line.

After an A.J. Dillon one-yard rush, Love was sacked for seven yards and Green Bay all of a sudden faced a third-and-16 from the Vikings' 21-yard line. Love's third-down pass attempt to Watson was incomplete and his fourth-down scramble attempt only picked up 15 yards, as Green Bay once again turned the ball over on downs, basically ending the team's chances at winning the game.

Looking at the positives after a game like this, LaFleur said that the team has to continue to fight to keep hope alive, something that the team has been doing in every game through the losing streak.

"I do see a group of men that continues to fight," LaFleur said. "If there is anything to hang your hat on, we have to continue to fight and scratch and claw and try to find ways to improve."

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Week 9 Games: Sunday, Nov.5



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Dallas @ Philadelphia
Minnesota @ Atlanta
Chicago @ New Orleans
LA Chargers @ New York Jets...Mon., Nov. 6

Tie Breaker Game:
LA Rams @ Green Bay

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Final Score: LA Rams 17 @ Green Bay 24



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Tie Breaker Game:

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Chicago
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 20 @ Green Bay 28



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Atlanta
New Orleans
New York Chargers

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: LA Rams 24 @ Green Bay 27



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NOTEBOOK

Packers, Rams both going through transition years

By JACOB WESTENDORF

Green & Gold Express

Packers offense vs. Rams defense

The Rams defense gave a glimpse of what could be in store for the Packers on their first series against the Dallas Cowboys. The Rams sacked Dak Prescott on three of the first four plays. One of the plays didn't count because of a penalty, but that is the effect that their front can have.

Dallas' offensive line has been better in protection this season than Green Bay's to this point.

The Packers benched Rasheed Walker against Minnesota for Yosh Nijman. Walker would return to the game after Nijman left with a foot injury.

The Nijman and Walker situation puts even more uncertainty around an offense that does not have a semblance of an identity at this point of the season.

Jordan Love was the Packers leading rusher against the Vikings. AJ Dillon and Aaron Jones were unable to find any room to roam, which contributed to their first-half struggles.

That's where the Packers biggest issues lie. Matt LaFleur said after another lifeless performance Sunday that they need to find a way to move the chains to establish a rhythm offensively.

The Packers have been outscored 73-9 in the first half since Week 3.

That falls on everyone. Love's passing attempts that went to Jones or Christian Watson, his two most talented playmakers, went for a total of 50 yards.

"He has some plays he'd like to have back, but we have to make some plays for him," LaFleur said after the Packers third consecutive game where they scored less than 20 points.

The Packers have not scored 20 points in a game since they played Detroit, and 17 of those points came in garbage time after the Lions built a three-score lead.

They continue to search for answers but have been unable to find any to date.



A pass thrown for Jayden Reed was ripped away by Josh Metellus, who returned the interception for 43 yards. Coach Matt LaFleur said he believed the Packers had at least six drops, and a few were critical missed opportunities. Almost any time there was a big spot for a receiver or a 50/50 ball, the Packers lost. The quarterback was far from perfect but his receivers made very few plays for him.

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Packers defense vs. Rams offense

Green Bay's run defense was good against Minnesota, giving up less than three yards per carry to Alexander Mattison and Cam Akers.

They did, however, give up the Vikings first rushing touchdown of the season.

The more concerning issue, though, was Green Bay's struggles against Minnesota's passing game. Justin Jefferson did not play Sunday, and it did not seem to matter. Jordan Addison had a big day, catching all three of his targets against Jaire Alexander, including a 20-yard touchdown that made the score 24-3.

KJ Osborn and TJ Hockenson

made their share of plays as well.

Overall, the Vikings converted 10 of 18 third downs, eight of which required more than eight yards to convert.

They did have three sacks, including two from Preston Smith. The Packers need more from their pass rushers not named Rashan Gary. Going into Sunday's game, Gary had as many pressures as the rest of the edge rushers combined.

Smith's big performance would be a welcome sight for a group that is looking for more of a collective effort when it comes to rushing the passer.

That will be a key against Matthew Stafford. Stafford's arm is as

talented as anyone's, but he has struggled when he's been pressured throughout his career.

Stafford did leave Sunday's 43-20 loss to the Dallas Cowboys with an injury that could put his availability in doubt for this week's game.

If Stafford cannot go, Brett Rypien will be under center for the Rams. He was 5-for-10 for 42 yards in mop-up duty against the Cowboys.

The Rams run game has been struggling to find its primary runner since Kyren Williams was lost to injury. Royce Freeman and Darrell Henderson split duties Sunday. Their approach will likely be by committee against the Packers as well.

The strength of the Rams is in their receiving corps. Cooper Kupp is one of the best receivers in football. He's back and healthy.

Rookie Puka Nacua proved plenty capable in Kupp's absence early in the season. Nacua has 795 yards receiving on the season. That is nearly four times the amount that Green Bay's leading receiver, Romeo Doubs, has to this point.

The Rams have a prolific group of receivers that Green Bay will be tasked with slowing down.

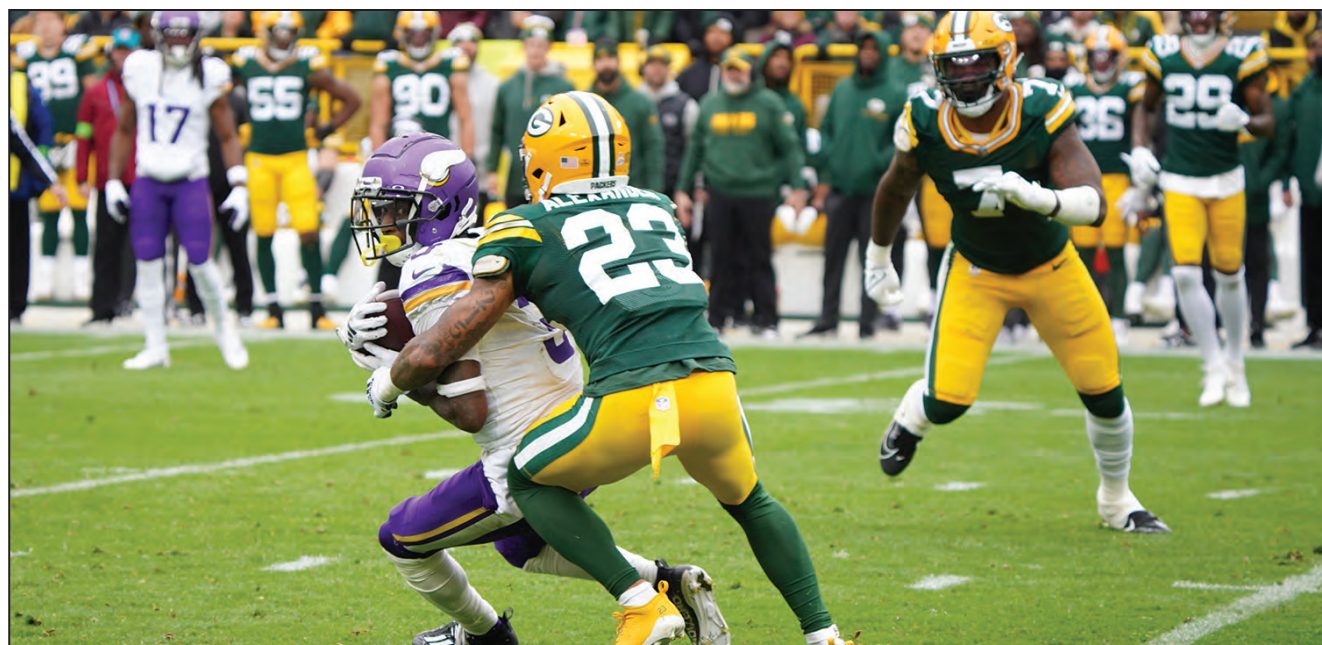
Special teams

The Packers have to be pleased with Anders Carlson to begin this season. One miss in seven games is much better than his up-and-down training camp would have suggested he might have been at this point of the season.

Keisean Nixon took over punt return duties midway through the second quarter of the Denver game but did not return a punt against Minnesota, with Jayden Reed resuming those duties.

Nixon said late last week that he hoped there would be more opportunities to return kickoffs with the weather turning for the worse.

Nixon was right through one



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game at least. Minnesota did not kick the ball through the back of the end zone against Green Bay. Perhaps he can help spark an offense that is struggling.

Los Angeles used to be a special teams stalwart when they were led by John Fassel, but he left for Dallas

when Mike McCarthy was hired to be their head coach.

The Rams special teams finished 29th in Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings from 2022.

Like the Packers, the Rams were breaking in a new snapper, holder and kicker to start the year. They're a

team in transition.

The results have been poor. The Rams are ranked 32nd in the NFL in ATS' special teams rankings for the year.

With two teams in transition, this could be a spot where the Packers have an advantage.

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2023 RECORDS: Packers, 2-5. Rams 3-5

HISTORY: These two teams have locked horns a lot recently, with the Rams traveling to Green Bay each of the last two seasons.

They may have met up for a conference championship game, had the Packers not lost a home playoff game to the San Francisco 49ers in January 2022. For all his successes, Sean McVay has never beaten Matt LaFleur. The Rams lost 36-28 in 2021 at Lambeau Field, and 24-12 in 2022 to account for both regular-season meetings between the two coaches.

The Packers also won a divisional playoff game 32-18 at Lambeau Field following the 2020 regular season.

The all-time series has been much closer. The two teams have played 98 times, the Packers hold a slight edge in the series, with 49 wins to 47 losses and two ties.

The last time the Rams won at Lambeau Field was in 2006 when Marc Bulger was the quarterback.

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 49-24). Rams, Sean McVay (seventh season, 63-43)

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

Sept. 24 vs. New Orleans Noon W 18-17

Sept. 28 vs. Detroit 7:15 p.m. L 34-20

Oct. 9 at Las Vegas 7:15 p.m. L 17-13

Oct. 15 BYE

Oct. 22 at Denver 3:25 p.m. L 19-17

Oct. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 24-10

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, Nov. 2

Titans at Steelers, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 5

Dolphins at Chiefs, 8:30 a.m.

Vikings at Falcons, Noon

Bears at Saints, Noon

Rams at Packers, Noon

Commanders at Patriots, Noon

Seahawks at Ravens, Noon

Buccaneers at Texans, Noon

Cardinals at Browns, Noon

Colts at Panthers, 3:05 p.m.

Giants at Raiders, 3:25 p.m.

Cowboys at Eagles, 3:25 p.m.

Bills at Bengals, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 6

Chargers at Jets, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 9

Panthers at Bears, 7:15 p.m.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Packers have potential to defeat Rams

By JACOB WESTENDORF

Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers' losing streak swelled to four games after another lifeless performance against the Minnesota Vikings on Oct. 29.

The Packers dug themselves another hole they could not dig out of. They were outgained 94-15 in the first quarter. The most exciting play of the first quarter was a kickoff return by Keisean Nixon that couldn't get them past their own 30-yard line.

The Rams are coming into town after digging a hole of their own against the Dallas Cowboys. Dallas raced out to a 33-3 lead and coasted to a victory that same day.

The Rams are 3-5 coming into Lambeau Field, but they have at least looked competent at times. The Packers cannot say that at this point.

The team continues to say they're searching for answers but have yet to find any.

Here are some potential answers as the Rams roll into town.

Interior offensive line vs. Aaron Donald

Losing David Bakhtiari was a sting the Packers have been unable to overcome thus far. Rasheed Walker has had some nice moments but has looked like a seventh-round rookie at times as well. That was to be expected.

There are ways to get around a tackle who is struggling. It's not ideal, but it's doable. The Packers are searching for answers there as Yosh Nijman replaced Rasheed Walker midway through the second quarter in the loss to Minnesota.

It's harder to work around immediate pressure up the middle.

That's something the Packers are going to potentially face this weekend.

When discussing greatest defensive players of all time, there are three names that surface the most. Lawrence Taylor, Reggie White and Aaron Donald.

Donald will be facing the Packers again this Sunday and has to be lick-



Jordan Love went 24-for-41 for 229 yards with one touchdown and one interception against the Vikings. He was also sacked four times. He averaged 5.6 yards per attempt, his lowest number so far the year. Against Minnesota, Green Bay once again could not score a first-half touchdown, making it five straight games in which the team has not scored a first-half touchdown.

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ing his chops seeing how much the Packers interior offensive line has struggled.

Through their first seven games, the preferred interior offensive line of Elgton Jenkins, Josh Myers and Jon Runyan Jr. have given up 22 pressures. Runyan has given up 10 by himself.

The passing game is having enough of its struggles down the field. Those struggles will be even more exaggerated if the Packers are unable to keep Jordan Love upright.

Donald isn't at the peak of his powers anymore but is still very productive. He only has 2.5 sacks on the season but 35 total pressures. Those numbers tend to even themselves out over time.

The Packers need to ensure that Donald doesn't start getting on a roll this Sunday.

Packers secondary vs. Cooper Kupp and Puka Nacua

The Packers cornerback room, thought to be a strength of the team, is in an interesting spot.

Last week, they made three moves at cornerback including signing Robert Rochell off the Panthers practice squad.

Jaire Alexander was active for Sunday's game against Minnesota, but he is truly going to be week-to-week with a back injury.

When asked about the severity of the injury, LaFleur replied, "It's a back."

That's as ominous as it sounds. Alexander returned from the injury to face Davante Adams and the Raiders after a two-game absence but missed the following week against Denver.

The Rams offense for its faults boasts a dynamic receiving tandem of Cooper Kupp and Puka Nacua. Kupp is one of the top receivers in football.

Nacua helped pick up the slack when Kupp missed the first four games of the season with a hamstring injury.

With both healthy and operating at full potential, the Rams offense can be dangerous.

Alexander hasn't traveled much to the slot since arriving in Green Bay, but he may have to with Kupp coming into town, as that's where he primarily likes to operate.

Whether the Packers will shadow Kupp with Alexander remains to be seen as well. They typically haven't done that but may have to because of the matchup problem that Kupp presents to any defense.

At some point, the defense has to attempt to match their strength against the opponents and make them play differently than how they would like.

The best way to do that is to let Alexander cover Kupp, if he is operating at full capacity.

That, however, will remain in question.

Aaron Jones vs. Rams defense

Aaron Jones is the straw that stirs the drink for the Packers offense. He's been fully healthy going into one game this year, the season opener against Chicago. Perhaps coincidentally, or perhaps not, the Packers scored 38 points that day.

That's a full 14 points more than they've scored in any other game this season.

The Rams defense is still able to get after opposing quarterbacks with Donald anchoring their pass rush. If there's one thing they sacrifice to get that pass rush, it's defending the run. The Rams rank 20th in defensive DVOA against the run. The Packers run game has struggled this season but had been finding some semblance of its footing this year. AJ Dillon had a strong showing in Denver, and Jones should be as close to 100% as he's been all season going into this game. They struggled again against Minnesota, but the Packers may not have much of a choice than to try and establish their run game



Running back Aaron Jones has only been fully healthy going into the home opener against the Bears, a game in which the Packers scored 38 points, more than at any other time this season. Seemingly healthy again, he was used only sparingly against the Vikings, which has many fans wondering why he wasn't used more. The Packers need to make things easier for Jordan Love. One way to do that is get the run game going at the rate it was expected to when this season began.

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against a ferocious Rams front.

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Rochell excited to join Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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The Green Bay Packers signed cornerback Robert Rochell to the active roster from the Carolina Panthers practice squad Oct. 25.

Rochell (6-0, 193), a third-year player out of Central Arkansas, was originally selected in the fourth round (No. 130 overall) of the 2021 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams. In two seasons with the Rams (2021-22), he played in 28 games with five starts, recording 15 tackles (12 solo), an interception and four passes defended. Rochell also registered four tackles and two fumble recoveries on special teams.

After being released by the Rams following the 2023 training camp, he spent time on the practice squads of the Seattle Seahawks and the Panthers.

Crazy 24 hours, right?

Everything happened so fast, but it's a part of the process of staying down and believing in yourself at the end of the day. Just thankful to be here for the opportunity. Hopefully

I'm able to step into a role to help the team win.

Two years with Rams, so easy transition with a similar system?

Yeah, for sure. What's a little different is the verbiage on what they call things and how they run it. For the most part, yeah, it's the same scheme and the same with how they run things structurally. The learning curve will be quick.

You've done this a few times this year. How is the learning process?

When I went to Seattle, they had a whole different type of scheme. So, getting over there, I was just trying to get acclimated fast, and that's when I ended up going to Carolina, where my old coaches were. My old coaches from the Rams were in Carolina, and they run the same system, so I got right in and blended in. I was hoping to get up playing at some point over there, and then I got the call here yesterday. They run the same scheme, so it's working in my favor of staying in the same type of defense. I'm thankful for that.

Does the excitement drive you?



The Green Bay Packers signed cornerback Robert Rochell to the active roster from the Carolina Panthers practice squad Oct. 25. Rochell, a third-year player out of Central Arkansas, was originally selected in the 2021 NFL Draft by the Los Angeles Rams.

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That's always fun, especially going against the guys that you grinded with. I did camp with the Rams and did everything with them for this upcoming season. Going back to go against those guys and see all my old coaches and teammates is going to be great just to compete against those guys on another team and a different type of atmosphere. It'll be fun.

Do you know any of your new teammates?

Played against a lot of these guys when in L.A. I know some of them from the draft of '21. That's really about it.

What's this transition like?

Just look forward to what's good in the situations. For the most part, the worst part is probably the physical part and you have to get your body checked again and all that. The transition is fairly easy. They make it to where it's easy for the players and getting the stuff that you need to be ready for the next play. The other teams take care of your equipment and cleats and all that with shipping it. So, it was a pretty smooth move.

Was it an easy decision to come here?

No. Not at all. We're here to play football.

These guys signed Rasul (Douglas), and it changed his career. Can this be a career reset for you?

Yeah, I definitely look at it as a reset, mentally and physically, to come in and realign myself with the game of football and show the attributes

that I can do on and off the field.

You were part of the 2021 draft class, so you know Eric Stokes?

Yeah, we trained together in the offseason so I know him pretty well. We have a good relationship. Coming into it, I lean on him to get some understanding. The guys since I've been here, they've been teaching me everything, talking to me, interacting with me, getting me up to speed. Just happy to be here.

What is your game, and what do you like to do?

Hard worker. It really doesn't matter. Whatever role they assign to me or whatever situation they need me to be in, I'll be ready to go, from defense to special teams. Even if they need me on offense. Whatever it takes for us to get some wins.

Who is the first person you told you were coming to Green Bay?

My mother. I told my mother first, just because we've been going through the process of changing teams and my mother wants to watch me play on Sundays. It's been difficult, because I played on Sundays with the Rams and she missed a few of the games this season. I had to call her and tell her that we're in Green Bay.

What did she say to you?

She was ecstatic. She's still texting my phone right now, happy, sending all the types of emojis and just emotional. You know how mothers are. It's all love, and I'm just glad to have her in my corner through the ups and downs.

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Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
Corey Ballentine	35	CB	5-11	196	27	5	Washburn
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	28	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
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	23	2	UCLA
Robert Rochell	22	CB	6-0	193	25	3	Central Arkansas
Jon Runyan	76	G	6-4	307	26	4	Michigan
Ben Sims	89	TE	6-5	250	23	R	Baylor
T.J. Slaton	93	DL	6-4	330	26	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	22	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
Kristian Welch	54	LB	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	24	1	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	29	7	Cincinnati
Colby Wooden	96	DL	6-4	273	22	R	Auburn
Devonte Wyatt	95	DL	6-3	304	25	2	Georgia
Reserve/Injured							
David Bakhtiari	69	T	6-4	310	32	11	Colorado
Tyler Davis	84	TE	6-4	252	26	4	Georgia Tech
Darnell Savage	26	S	5-11	198	26	5	Maryland
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech

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Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Brian Allen	55	OL	6-2	303	28	6	Michigan State
Davis Allen	87	TE	6-6	245	22	R	Clemson
Tremayne Anchrum Jr.	72	OL	6-2	314	25	4	Clemson
Tutu Atwell	5	WR	5-9	165	24	3	Louisville
Steve Avila	73	OL	6-3	332	24	R	TCU
Earnest Brown IV	90	DE	6-5	270	24	1	Northwestern
Aaron Donald	99	DT	6-1	280	32	10	Pittsburgh
Kevin Dotson	69	OL	6-4	321	27	4	Louisiana-Lafayette
Cobie Durant	14	DB	5-11	180	25	2	South Carolina State
Cory Durden	98	DT	6-4	292	24	R	N.C. State
Ethan Evans	42	P	6-3	231	22	R	Wingate
Zach Evans	21	RB	5-11	202	22	R	Mississippi
Royce Freeman	24	RB	6-0	238	27	5	Oregon
Jordan Fuller	4	DB	6-2	203	25	4	Ohio State
Myles Gaskin	33	RB	5-10	200	26	5	Washington
Nick Hampton	31	OLB	6-3	235	23	R	Appalachian State
Rob Havenstein	79	OL	6-8	330	31	9	Wisconsin
Lucas Havrisik	8	K	6-2	188	24	1	Arizona
Tyler Higbee	89	TE	6-6	255	30	8	Western Kentucky
Michael Hoecht	97	OLB	6-4	310	26	3	Brown
Brycen Hopkins	88	TE	6-4	245	26	4	Purdue
Jacob Hummel	35	LB	6-1	235	24	2	Iowa State
Alaric Jackson	77	OL	6-7	285	25	3	Iowa
Desjuan Johnson	94	DE	6-3	252	24	R	Toledo
John Johnson III	43	DB	6-0	209	27	7	Boston College
Ernest Jones IV	53	LB	6-2	230	23	3	South Carolina
Derion Kendrick	1	DB	6-0	190	23	2	Georgia
Cooper Kupp	10	WR	6-2	208	30	7	Eastern Washington
Quentin Lake	37	DB	6-1	201	24	2	UCLA
Ochaun Mathis	32	OLB	6-5	260	24	R	Nebraska
Warren McClendon Jr.	71	OL	6-4	300	22	R	Georgia
Larrell Murchison	52	DT	6-2	297	26	4	N.C. State
Puka Nacua	17	WR	6-2	205	22	R	BYU
Joe Noteboom	70	OL	6-5	321	28	6	TCU
Troy Reeder	59	ILB	6-3	245	29	5	Delaware
Demarcus Robinson	15	WR	6-1	203	29	8	Florida
Christian Rozeboom	56	LB	6-2	230	26	3	South Dakota State
Brett Rypien	11	QB	6-2	202	27	4	Boise State
Duke Shelley	26	DB	5-8	183	27	5	Kansas State
Coleman Shelton	65	OL	6-4	299	28	5	Washington
Ben Skowronek	18	WR	6-3	224	26	3	Notre Dame
Matthew Stafford	9	QB	6-3	220	35	15	Georgia
Zach Thomas	57	OL	6-5	300	25	2	San Diego State
Tre Tomlinson	6	DB	5-9	180	23	R	TCU
Austin Trammell	81	WR	5-10	185	25	2	Rice
Kobie Turner	91	NT	6-2	288	24	R	Wake Forest
Zach VanValkenburg	51	OLB	6-4	263	25	1	Iowa
Alex Ward	47	LS	6-4	240	24	R	UCF
Jonah Williams	92	DE	6-5	275	28	3	Weber State
Ahkello Witherspoon	44	DB	6-2	195	28	7	Colorado
Russ Yeast	2	DB	5-10	195	24	2	Kansas State
Byron Young	0	OLB	6-2	250	25	R	Tennessee
Reserve/Injured							
Stetson Bennett	13	QB	5-11	190	26	R	Georgia
Bobby Brown III	95	NT	6-4	324	23	3	Texas A&M
Ronnie Rivers	20	RB	5-9	195	24	2	Fresno State
Jason Taylor II	25	DB	6-0	204	23	R	Oklahoma State
Kyren Williams	23	RB	5-9	194	23	2	Notre Dame
Reserve/Injured; Designated for Return							
Hunter Long	84	TE	6-5	253	25	3	Boston College

Green Bay has an uphill battle the rest of the way

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

Mistakes oftentimes lead to undesired results, and for this Green Bay Packers team, those mistakes have been plentiful this season.

It is no secret that not performing at your best ability will likely result in a loss in the NFL, and this Packers team has found that out, as it is in the midst of a four-game losing streak. While mistakes are to be expected, the frequency that this team makes simple mistakes — like a false start on third-and-short or a dropping a pass with no one around — has become frighteningly frequent.

The 2023-24 Packers season was expected to be a transition year. Aaron Rodgers is no longer in town, the offense is the most inexperienced in the NFL and there had been a litany of injuries heading into the season. Losses were expected, but nobody expected those losses to come as a result of Green Bay continuing to shoot themselves in the foot.

In Sunday's loss to the Min-

nesota Vikings, the Packers found themselves deep in Vikings' territory twice late in the game. Down 14 points, any score would have been a great opportunity for Green Bay to keep themselves alive in the game, but just as many times as the team was down there, it turned the ball over on downs.

Penalties, turnovers, missed tackles, missed blocks and not getting off the field on third down, among other inadequacies, have severely limited Green Bay's season. While some fans and writers want to blame that on inexperience (which is fair), Packers coach Matt LaFleur is not so quick to do so.

"Yeah, we aren't even talking that game — the young guy game," said LaFleur, when asked about the youth on the team. "We are focused on whoever is out there, the expectation is the same. We have played seven games now, and I am not interested in that. I think that that is an excuse; we will never do that. We are going to continue to find ways to keep improving, and it starts in practice."

LaFleur talked about seeking ways to get better as a team, but as anyone who has watched Green Bay Packers football over the last few weeks can tell, this team does not really seem like it is improving. That is not for lack of effort or talent, though; it is due to those aforementioned mistakes.

Whether it is coaching, players not knowing the rules or players not buying into the system, a change needs to happen in practice and in meetings. It does not necessarily need to be a coaching change or a front office change, but something needs to happen.

That probably starts with the first-half offense. Against Minnesota, Green Bay once again could not score a first-half touchdown, making it five straight games in which the team has not scored a first-half touchdown. Getting off to a hot start will undoubtedly give Green Bay the momentum and energy it desperately needs to work itself through a 60-minute game.

"It is those little plays that we

are not making and not capitalizing on," said Packers quarterback Jordan Love, when talking about the first-half struggles. "It is obvious. It is not like, 'What are we doing wrong?' It is obvious on the film. We are just executing, not capitalizing on these opportunities that we have and I think that is the biggest thing. As an offense, we have to find a way to stay on the field, move those chains, make those big plays and help our defense out."

The good news, though, is that Love believes that his offense is right on the cusp of displaying what the highest level of its game actually is.

"We are too inconsistent on offense right now; we aren't making plays," said Love. "We have (opportunities); we just aren't capitalizing, and that's everybody. But we pretty much said that we are right there. If we make those plays, if the ball is bouncing the other way, and we are making those plays instead of not making those plays, these are totally different games. I feel like we are right there (to figuring out the offense)."

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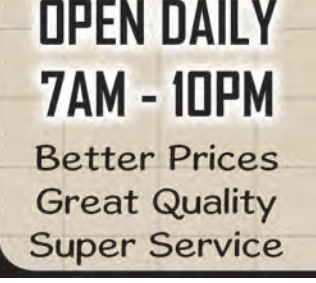
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