



EARLY WAKE-UP CALL

Poor opening-week showing
puts Packers on notice

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Green Bay Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, center, watches from the sideline during the first half of a game against the New Orleans Saints on Sept. 12 in Jacksonville, Florida.

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Green Bay needs to improve in all facets

Packers hoping to correct several issues as Lions come to town

By **MORGAN RODE**

Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers came into the season with big goals and aspirations, so its abysmal performance against the New Orleans Saints in week one was a big shock to the football world.

The Packers' offense only lost a couple players from last year, while its defense was eager to play with more intensity under a new defensive coordinator. The offense and defense were equally bad in what turned into one of the team's most lopsided losses in recent memory.

Head coach Matt LaFleur made no excuses for the team's uninspiring first game, calling it embarrassing, humbling and disappointing during his postgame press conference.

LaFleur added he was surprised at how poor the team looked after a strong training camp and weeks of practice leading up to the game. He said the issues wouldn't just disappear overnight either.

"The only way that I believe you bounce back from any defeat or setback, whether it's in football or life, is you put in the work and that's what we have to do," said LaFleur.

One day Hall of Fame quarterback Aaron Rodgers didn't sugar-coat things from the loss that turned out to be one of his worst games of his career.

"We played bad. I played bad," said Rodgers. "Offensively, we didn't execute very well."

Rodgers also think the Saints provided the rest of the league a blueprint on how to take down the Packers this season, and that the team will need to figure out answers in a hurry so that the performance doesn't snowball.

The Saints' defense played a lot of two high, sending extra defenders at wide receiver Davante Adams all game.

Adams was targeted seven times, pulling in five passes for only 56 yards. The numbers were inflated by a 31-yard reception late in the first half. One of Rodgers' two interceptions came when targeting Adams, and turned out to be the game-sealing play.

Even with the extra emphasis on stopping Adams, the Packers other receiving options weren't able to



New Orleans Saints quarterback Jameis Winston, left, scrambles away from Green Bay Packers linebacker Rashan Gary during the first half of game on Sept. 12 in Jacksonville, Florida. The Packers' defense only held the Saints' offense scoreless on two drives.

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capitalize on their single coverage looks. Randall Cobb was the next leading receiver for Green Bay, but his 32-yard catch came with Jordan Love at quarterback and the game well out of reach.

The Packers' running game also mightily struggled despite the lack of defenders around the line of scrimmage.

Starting running back Aaron Jones had just nine rushing yards on five attempts. A.J. Dillon was more effective with a 4.8-yard average run, but only had four carries. In total, the Packers had 43 rushing yards on 15 attempts.

The Saints also didn't blitz often, but were still able to get to Rodgers several times with only four pass rushers. Rodgers was sacked once and hit seven times.

Even after the poor showing, Rodgers didn't seem too concerned that the unit would continue to struggle against the same looks.

"Hopefully, we see it a little bit more because we'll have it figured

out by next week," said Rodgers.

On the other side of the ball, the first game under new coordinator Joe Barry went about as poorly as it could go.

New Orleans scored on its first three offensive possessions to take a 17-3 lead into halftime. The Packers forced a punt after halftime but bounced back with three straight touchdown drives to blow the game open.

Known as a turnover-prone quarterback, Jameis Winston instead completed 14 of his 20 pass attempts for 148 yards and five touchdowns and didn't turn the ball over. He also rushed six times for 37 yards and a couple big first-down runs in the first half.

New Orleans finished with 171 rushing yards and averaged over four yards a carry.

Defensive lineman Kenny Clark said the team failed to "capitalize on our opportunities" in the first half, allowing Winston to scramble for a couple first downs after avoiding

some pressure and tackle attempts.

The Saints converted three third downs and a pair of fourth downs in the first half, including a 1-yard touchdown pass to go up 17-0.

There were also several instances where Saints' receivers were left uncovered throughout the game.

Safety Adrian Amos said the defensive mistakes and shortcomings are all correctable.

"We just got to make our plays. We have to communicate. We have to be on our assignments," said Amos. "We just have to be all-around better. You can't just pinpoint one or two things this game."

"There's a lot that went wrong — a lot that we can correct. A lot of easy things to correct."

The Packers luckily have an extra day to try and iron out some of the issues that plagued them in the opening game, as the team's second game won't be until Monday when division foe Detroit comes to Lambeau Field.

Rodgers, Packers struggle in loss to Saints

QB picked off twice

By **MARK LONG**
The Associated Press

Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers has rarely had an NFL performance like this. It was nearly a new Sunshine State low for a quarterback with plenty of Florida woes.

The league's reigning MVP completed 15 of 28 passes for 133 yards, with no touchdowns and two interceptions in a 38-3 drubbing to hurricane-displaced New Orleans on Sept. 12 in Jacksonville.

"This is a good kick in the you know where," said Rodgers, ready to turn to page to next Monday night's game against Detroit. "Hopefully gets us going in the right direction going back home and playing a division opponent next week."

Rodgers spent the final 11 minutes of the game on the sideline, having given way to second-year pro Jordan Love. Rodgers mostly sat on the bench and chatted with teammates. There was plenty to break down, little of it positive.

"We played bad. I played bad. Not characteristic of how we've practiced in training camp. Obviously not how I've played over the years," Rodgers said. "This is hopefully an outlier moving forward. We'll find out next week."

The Saints looked like geniuses for choosing to play in Florida, where Rodgers has been less than stellar over his 17-year NFL career. This one, though, made most of the others look decent.

"I think those are all great excuses for us that we will not even go near," said Packers coach Matt LaFleur.

LaFleur said it was fair to question whether he should have rested most of his starters during the preseason.

"Certainly I think you question every decision you make when you put a performance like that out there," he said.

Rodgers finished with a 36.8 passer rating, tied for his fourth worst in 191 starts. And it came against a defense supposedly thin in the secondary.

His biggest issue was Green Bay's offensive line, which started two rookies and had another guy playing out of position because All-Pro left

tackle David Bakhtiari is recovering from a knee injury. The revamped unit did little to open rushing lanes and even less to give Rodgers enough time in the pocket.

It didn't help that Green Bay punted on its first two possessions and trailed 17-0 before picking up its third first down. Rodgers went to two-minute mode from there, hardly ideal against New Orleans' two-deep shell scheme designed to get pressure with just the front four.

The Packers managed a field goal at the end of the half and moved into the red zone to open the third quarter — they were hoping to cut the lead to 17-10 — when Rodgers got hit as he threw and misfired behind Davante Adams. Paulson Adebo got the interception.

Rodgers called it the "play of the game."

His second interception was a bad overthrow to speedster Marquez Valdes-Scantling. He completed just one pass longer than 20 yards, a perfectly placed ball to Adams that gained 31. That led to Green Bay's lone score, a 39-yard field goal by Mason Crosby on the final play of the first half.

Nothing changed after the break.

And Rodgers ended the day like few others in his illustrious career.

The only passing games worse for the three-time MVP came at Buffalo in 2014 (34.3 rating), at Detroit in 2010 (34.7) and at Tampa Bay last season (35.4).

Rodgers fell to 3-5 in eight starts in Florida, including back-to-back losses.

The Saints, who spent two weeks practicing in the Dallas area after Hurricane Ida made landfall near New Orleans on Aug. 29, had their pick of any of Florida's three NFL stadiums. They chose Jacksonville in an effort to make it tougher on Packers fans trying to get tickets, and partly because they didn't want Tampa Bay fans cheering against a fellow NFC South team.

They also looked at Rodgers' record in the Sunshine State, which wasn't good and just got worse.

"I always say there's no coincidences in life, so I don't think I can slough it off as a coincidence," Rodgers said. "We traveled down here. It was hot but not as hot as we played here in '16. The heat shouldn't have been an issue for us. We just didn't execute very well."



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers throws from the pocket during the second half of a game against the New Orleans Saints on Sept. 12 in Jacksonville, Florida.

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PACKERS ROSTER

Active

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	36	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	24	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	21	R	Clemson
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	22	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	23	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
43	Hunter Bradley	LS	6-3	241	27	4	Mississippi State
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2	UCLA
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	23	3	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	28	7	Kentucky
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6	Minnesota
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	25	3	Mississippi State

76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan
77	Billy Turner	G/T	6-5	310	29	8	North Dakota State
79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	26	4	South Florida
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16	UCLA
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R	Iowa
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	28	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	23	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	26	4	Northwestern
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	24	3	Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	25	6	UCLA

Reserve/Injured

25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	25	2	Arkansas

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	29	9	Colorado
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Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner

87	Jace Sternberger	TE	6-4	251	25	3	Texas A&M
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Practice Squad

6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	23	R	Alcorn State
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	24	4	Notre Dame
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
35	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	23	1	Iowa State
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
50	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
60	Jacob Capra	G/T	6-5	300	22	R	San Diego State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
72	Abdullah Anderson	DL	6-3	303	25	2	Bucknell
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	24	2	Colorado



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3	Jack Fox	P	6-2	215	25	2	Rice
4	Austin Seibert	K	5-9	211	24	3	Oklahoma
6	Tyrell Williams	WR	6-4	210	29	7	Western Oregon
8	Jamie Collins Sr.	LB	6-3	255	31	9	Southern Mississippi
10	David Blough	QB	6-1	205	26	3	Purdue
11	Kalif Raymond	WR	5-8	182	27	5	Holy Cross
14	Amon-Ra St. Brown	WR	6-0	197	21	R	USC
16	Jared Goff	QB	6-4	217	26	6	California
17	Trinity Benson	WR	6-0	180	24	1	East Central
18	KhaDarel Hodge	WR	5-11	183	26	4	Prairie View A&M
21	Tracy Walker III	S	6-1	206	26	4	Louisiana-Lafayette
23	Jeff Okudah	CB	6-1	202	22	2	Ohio State
24	Amani Oruwariye	CB	6-2	205	25	3	Penn State
25	Will Harris	S	6-1	206	25	3	Boston College
26	Ifeatu Melifonwu	CB	6-3	210	22	R	Syracuse
27	Bobby Price	S	6-3	208	23	2	Norfolk State
28	Jermar Jefferson	RB	5-10	212	21	R	Oregon State
30	Jamaal Williams	RB	6-0	224	26	5	BYU
31	Dean Marlowe	S	6-1	203	29	6	James Madison
32	D'Andre Swift	RB	5-9	211	22	2	Georgia
34	Alex Anzalone	LB	6-3	237	26	5	Florida
35	Godwin Igwebuike	RB	6-0	212	27	2	Northwestern
38	C.J. Moore	S	5-11	197	25	3	Ole Miss
39	Jerry Jacobs	CB	5-11	203	23	R	Arkansas
41	AJ Parker	CB	5-11	178	23	R	Kansas State
44	Jalen Reeves-Maybin	LB	6-1	230	26	5	Tennessee
45	Jason Cabinda	FB	6-1	240	25	4	Penn State
47	Scott Daly	LS	6-1	245	27	1	Notre Dame
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78	Tommy Kraemer	G	6-6	319	23	R	Notre Dame
80	Darren Fells	TE	6-7	270	35	8	UC Irvine
85	Tom Kennedy	WR	5-10	195	25	1	Bryant
87	Quintez Cephus	WR	6-1	208	23	2	Wisconsin
88	T.J. Hockenson	TE	6-5	248	24	3	Iowa
90	Trey Flowers	OLB	6-2	265	28	7	Arkansas
91	Michael Brockers	DE	6-5	297	30	10	LSU
92	Kevin Strong	DE	6-4	295	25	3	UTSA
95	Romeo Okwara	OLB	6-4	255	26	6	Notre Dame
97	Nick Williams	DE	6-4	310	31	7	Samford
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68	Taylor Decker	T	6-7	324	28	6	Ohio State
79	Joel Heath	DE	6-6	302	28	5	Michigan State
93	Da'Shawn Hand	DE	6-3	300	25	4	Alabama
Reserve/Non-Football Injury							
43	Charlie Taumoepeau	TE	6-3	240	23	1	Portland State
86	Hunter Bryant	TE	6-2	245	23	2	Washington
Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner							
96	Jashon Cornell	DE	6-3	297	24	2	Ohio State
Practice Squad							
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19	Steven Montez	QB	6-5	235	24	1	Colorado
29	Parnell Motley	CB	6-0	180	23	2	Oklahoma
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76	Bruce Hector	DE	6-2	296	26	2	University of South Florida
82	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	257	24	1	Vanderbilt
83	Javon McKinley	WR	6-2	216	23	R	Notre Dame
84	Shane Zylstra	TE	6-4	230	24	R	Minnesota State
89	Brock Wright	TE	6-5	259	22	R	Notre Dame



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Sept. 26	at San Francisco	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Oct. 3	vs. Pittsburgh	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	noon	FOX
Oct. 17	at Chicago	noon	FOX
Oct. 24	vs. Washington	noon	FOX
Oct. 28	at Arizona	7:20	FOX
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	3:25 p.m.	FOX
Nov. 14	vs. Seattle	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Nov. 21	at Minnesota	noon	FOX
Nov. 28	vs. L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.	FOX
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Dec. 12	vs. Chicago	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	noon	FOX
Dec. 25	vs. Cleveland	3:30 p.m.	FOX
Jan. 2	vs. Minnesota	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 9	at Detroit	noon	FOX

OFFENSE

RB

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A.J. Dillon



QB

Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR

Davante Adams
Allen Lazard



TE

Robert Tonyan
Dominique Dafney



RT

Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG

Royce Newman
Jon Runyan



C

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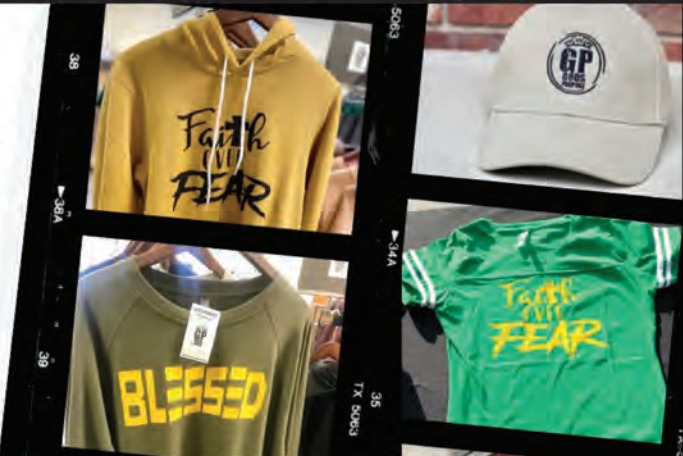
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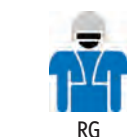
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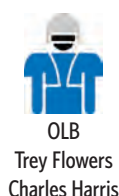
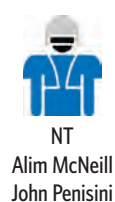


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DEFENSE



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New England at N.Y. Jets, noon
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L.A. Rams at Indianapolis, noon
Las Vegas at Pittsburgh, noon
Cincinnati at Chicago, noon
Houston at Cleveland, noon
New Orleans at Carolina, noon
Minnesota at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
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Tennessee at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Dallas at L.A. Chargers, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Baltimore, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Games

Detroit at Green Bay, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Carolina at Houston, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

NFC

East

Team	W	L	T
Philadelphia	1	0	0
Dallas	0	1	0
Washington	0	1	0
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0

North

Team	W	L	T
Minnesota	0	1	0
Detroit	0	1	0
Chicago	0	1	0
Green Bay	0	1	0

South

Team	W	L	T
New Orleans	1	0	0
Tampa Bay	1	0	0
Carolina	1	0	0
Atlanta	0	1	0

West

Team	W	L	T
L.A. Rams	1	0	0
San Francisco	1	0	0
Arizona	1	0	0
Seattle	1	0	0

AFC

East

Team	W	L	T
Miami	1	0	0
New England	0	1	0
Buffalo	0	1	0
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0

North

Team	W	L	T
Pittsburgh	1	0	0
Cincinnati	1	0	0
Cleveland	0	1	0
Baltimore	0	1	0

South

Team	W	L	T
Houston	1	0	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0
Jacksonville	0	1	0
Tennessee	0	1	0

West

Team	W	L	T
Las Vegas	1	0	0
Kansas City	1	0	0
Denver	1	0	0
L.A. Chargers	1	0	0



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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Assessing week 1

In the wake of the Green Bay Packers' humiliating 38-3 loss to the New Orleans Saints, the sky is falling.

Matt LaFleur had a bad gameplan and, therefore, is a bad coach and leader.

Aaron Rodgers performed poorly and, therefore, isn't invested in winning.

Joe Barry's defensive debut was a flop and, therefore, the defense will be terrible all season.

Perhaps nothing in life triggers more overreaction than week one of an NFL season. It's almost as if the last two seasons, which ended

with 13-3 records and trips to the NFC Championship Game, didn't happen. It's almost as if LaFleur doesn't have the second-most wins for any coach in NFL history through two seasons. It's almost as if Rodgers isn't coming off an MVP season.

It's true: The Packers performed miserably against New Orleans. LaFleur's gameplan wasn't good. Rodgers didn't have a good game. Barry's unit was defenseless. But it's only one game. History is littered with great teams having one bad game.

Take, for instance, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Before winning last year's Super Bowl, they were stomped 38-3 at home by the New Orleans Saints. Yes, 38-3 against the

Saints. Before winning yet another Super Bowl in 2018, the New England Patriots lost 34-10 to the Tennessee Titans. Long before winning the Super Bowl in 2003, the Patriots were demolished 31-0 in the opener against the Buffalo Bills.

A total of 21 teams reached the Super Bowl after losing a game by 27-plus points.

Heck, in 1961, even Vince Lombardi's first championship team lost to the Baltimore Colts by 24 points. The 1965 team, the first season of Lombardi's historic three-peat, lost by 21 to the Chicago Bears.

"We can't let one game beat us twice," was safety Adrian Amos' assessment immediately after the game. He's right about that. It's how the team responds that matters.

"There's a lot to be taken from the tape and a lot that we feel like we can correct and get right," LaFleur said on Monday. "Really, it just comes down to all 11 guys doing their jobs. Certainly, I think we can do some things as coaches to put our guys in better position to have success, and we'll try to get that corrected before this next big game versus Detroit."

The upcoming schedule will give the Packers a chance to get into gear. After hosting the Lions on Monday night, the Packers will play at San Francisco in week three, and hit the road for games against Cincinnati and Chicago before hosting Washington in week seven. If the Packers return to form, there's no reason



New Orleans Saints tight end Adam Trautman, left, makes a reception in front of Green Bay Packers cornerback Eric Stokes during the second half of a Sept. 12 game in Jacksonville, Florida. The Packers' defense look to tighten things up and will be tasked with slowing a Lions' offense that erupted late in their season-opening loss to the 49ers.

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why they can't be 5-2 or even 6-1.

However, that's obviously not a given. Even Rodgers said the team was feeling too good about itself heading into the opener. The Saints didn't just roll over at the sight of the guys with the green jerseys and yellow helmets. Nobody else will, either.

"We've just got to get back to work, and we've got to stay resilient," LaFleur said. "We've got to stay together. It's one game, and that's the beauty of the National Football League, is nobody's going to feel sorry for you and you better not feel sorry for yourself. You've just got to get back to work and try to hit that reset button and focus on your upcoming opponent. You have to have a short memory in this league both as a player and as a coach."

Big challenge for defense

After Saints tight end Juwan Johnson scored two touchdowns in week one, the Packers will face a bigger challenge with Detroit tight end T.J. Hockenson.

The eighth pick of the 2019 draft, he caught 67 passes or 723 yards and six touchdowns last season. In the opening loss to San Francisco on Sunday, he caught eight passes for 97 yards and one touchdown.

"T.J. did a great job," Lions quarterback Jared Goff said after the game. "It's a chemistry that I've spoken about that we've been building I think ever since I first got here that me and him have been working together. There are a lot of things today that showed up that are from all that work and from that chemistry that you're talking about. I think specifically the touchdown, just being a player there and kind of adjusting his route to make it work. It was good and we made it work."

More wanted from Za'Darius Smith

Two-time Pro Bowl outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith practiced just once in training camp because of a back injury but was cleared to play against the Saints. He had one tackle in 18 snaps. His one impact play, a big-time hit on quarterback Jameis Winston that helped create

Darnell Savage's interception, was eliminated with a suspect roughing-the-passer penalty.

"I thought Z, he did some really good things in that game," LaFleur said. "Hopefully, he'll be able to practice a little bit more for us and be able to take more snaps in the game because you can certainly feel his presence when he's out there. I thought he played pretty physical. He made a couple of splash plays in the run game. I thought he hit Jameis on the pick, which I thought was pretty clean, but apparently the official disagreed."

Savage suffered a shoulder injury on the return. LaFleur hopes the extra day before the Detroit game will allow his third-year safety to play.

Wanted: Explosive plays

While the Lions scored 33 points against San Francisco and the Packers scored three points against New Orleans, both offenses enter Monday's game with one thing in common.

They both need more big plays on offense.

Green Bay produced only two plays of 20-plus yards — one by Davante Adams in a 2-minute drill just before halftime and the other by backup quarterback Jordan Love in garbage time.

Detroit produced seven plays of 20-plus yards. However, a lot of that came in garbage time. Goff had only one completion of more than 13 yards in the first half, when the Lions trailed 31-10.

"I think you can easily take the excuse of their defense is pretty damn good up front," Goff said. "They can get home and they can get to the passer pretty good. But that's a lot of teams in this league. So, we have to create them. We have to find ways to get down the field. We have to find ways to get guys open, and I have to find ways to deliver the ball to them."

Green Bay's defense did do one thing well against the Saints. It allowed only one play of longer than 17 yards — the 55-yard touchdown pass to Deonte Harris vs. Kevin King to cap the scoring.

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 Houston @ Cleveland
 LA Rams @ Indianapolis
 Denver @ Jacksonville
 Buffalo @ Miami
 New England @ NY Jets
 San Francisco @ Philadelphia
 Las Vegas @ Pittsburgh
 Minnesota @ Arizona
 Atlanta @ Tampa Bay
 Dallas @ LA Chargers
 Tennessee @ Seattle
 Kansas City @ Baltimore

Tie Breaker Game:
 Detroit @ Green Bay Monday, September 20

Weekly Standings

Weekly Record Overall Record

God's Purpose Apparel	11-5.....	11-5
P & D Sales & service.....	10-6.....	10-6
Buss Automotive.....	9-7	9-7
Hawkeye Hearth & Home.....	9-7	9-7
Shawwao Place Assisted Living.....	9-7	9-7
B & C Auto Recycling	8-8	8-8
Dennis Brei.....	8-8	8-8
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Weekly Standings

Weekly Record Overall Record

Senn Insurance.....	8-8	8-8
Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	8-8	8-8
Smokey Joe's	8-8	8-8
Tim Murphy	8-8	8-8
Tower Clock Eye Center.....	8-8	8-8
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Buffalo
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Arizona
Tampa Bay

LA Chargers
Seattle
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 31



Tim Murphy
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This Week's Picks:

Washington
New Orleans
Cincinnati
Cleveland
LA Rams
Denver

Buffalo
New England
San Francisco
Pittsburgh
Arizona
Tampa Bay

Dallas
Seattle
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24



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This Week's Picks:

Washington
New Orleans
Chicago
Cleveland
Indianapolis
Denver

Buffalo
New England
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Tennessee
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24

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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	Dallas
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Chicago	Philadelphia	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 31



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 37



Robert Buss
Buss
Automotive

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Tennessee
Chicago	San Francisco	Baltimore
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
Indianapolis	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 28 @ Green Bay 34



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P&D Sales
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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 34



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Miami	LA Chargers
New Orleans	NY Jets	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Houston	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 38 @ Green Bay 28



Scott Nyman
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This Week's Picks:

NY Giants	Miami	Dallas
New Orleans	NY Jets	Seattle
Chicago	Philadelphia	Baltimore
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 28



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
Carolina	New England	Tennessee
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 35



Caroline
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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Tennessee
Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 31



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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 34



Shane Senn
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This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
Carolina	New England	Seattle
Chicago	San Francisco	Baltimore
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
Indianapolis	Arizona	
Jacksonville	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 10 @ Green Bay 38



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This Week's Picks:

NY Giants	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 21



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God's Purpose
Apparel

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 34



Brenda
22 Shell

This Week's Picks:

Washington	Buffalo	LA Chargers
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Chicago	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Arizona	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 31



Dale
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Hearth & Home

This Week's Picks:

NY Giants	Buffalo	Dallas
New Orleans	New England	Seattle
Cincinnati	San Francisco	Kansas City
Cleveland	Pittsburgh	
LA Rams	Minnesota	
Denver	Tampa Bay	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Detroit 20 @ Green Bay 28

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Sunday, September 12	1:25 pm	@ New Orleans Saints	FOX
Monday, September 20	7:15 pm	(DETROIT 100)	ESPN
Sunday, September 26	7:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC
OCTOBER			
Sunday, October 03	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS
Thursday, October 07	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
Thursday, October 28	7:00 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX
NOVEMBER			
Sunday, November 07	1:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX
Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX
Sunday, November 28	5:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES DOLPHINS (GOLD)	FOX
DECEMBER			
BYE WEEK			
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm*	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	NBC
Sunday, December 19	NOON*	@ Baltimore Ravens	FOX
Saturday, December 25	3:30 pm	CLEVELAND BROWNS	FOX
JANUARY			
Sunday, January 02	7:20 pm*	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	NBC
Sunday, January 09	NOON*	@ Detroit Lions	FOX

KEYS TO GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (0-1) host the Detroit Lions (0-1) at 7:15 p.m. Sept. 20. ESPN will televise the game.

History

The Packers lead 104-72-7. Packers coach Matt LaFleur is 4-0 against the Lions, though it hasn't been easy. Three of the games were decided by one score. In both games in 2019, the Packers never led until Mason Crosby booted field goals on the final play of each game.

Coaches

Green Bay — Matt LaFleur, 26-7, third season. Detroit — Dan Campbell, 0-1, first season.

When the Packers have the ball

Last season, Green Bay led the NFL in scoring. Through Week 1 of this season, Green Bay has scored a league-worst three points.

After a dismal performance in which Aaron Rodgers threw two interceptions and the running game was forgotten, the Packers have a chance to get things right against Detroit, which allowed a league-worst 41 points in a season-opening loss at home against San Francisco.

The Lions are 28th in total defense, 23rd against the pass and 22nd against the run. With star running back Raheem Mostert lost with an injury, Elijah Mitchell came off the bench to rush for 104 yards, including a 38-yard touchdown. Jimmy Garoppolo needed merely 17

completions in 25 attempts to throw for 314 yards. The Niners produced eight plays of 20-plus yards.

Under Campbell, the Lions shifted to a 3-4 defense. Up front, veterans Michael Brockers and Nick Williams flank rookie nose tackle Alim McNeill. In his 10th season, Brockers has started 137 of a possible 145 games in his career. With the Rams last season, he had one of his best years with five sacks and 10 quarterback hits.

Trey Flowers and Romeo Okwara are the outside linebackers. Flowers is one of the league's more underrated defenders. He had 21 sacks from 2017 through 2019 before missing most of last season with an injury. He is an excellent defender versus the run and pass.

Okwara had a career-high 10 sacks last year.

Jamie Collins and Alex Anzalone are the inside linebackers. Like Flowers, Collins is one of the more underrated defenders in the NFL. He had 101 tackles, six passes defended and three forced fumbles last season. Anzalone is a weak link.

The cornerback position is a hot mess. Jeff Okudah, the fourth pick in the 2020 draft, has been lost for the season with a torn Achilles.

Amani Oruwariye and rookie Ifeatu Melifonwu will be the starting tandem. Oruwariye gave up a pair of touchdowns in the teams' last meeting. A.J. Parker, an undrafted rookie, manned the slot against the 49ers. The safeties are former third-round picks Tracy Walker



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Davante Adams, top, catches a pass as New Orleans Saints cornerback Marshon Lattimore tries to stop him during the first half of a Sept. 12 game in Jacksonville, Florida. Adams and the Packers' offense will look to get on track as they take on a weak Lions' defense on Monday.

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and Will Harris. Walker had the Lions' only sack last week.

When the Lions have the ball

New Packers coordinator Joe Barry's debut was a flop. The Saints scored five touchdowns and one field goal on their first seven possessions. They rank at or near the bottom of the NFL in points allowed, third-down conversions, red-zone performance, sack percentage and takeaways.

The Lions' offense, meanwhile, scored 33 points against the powerful 49ers' defense. To be sure, some of that was garbage time. San Francisco led 41-17 with 10 minutes to go but Detroit rallied with two touchdowns and advanced to the Niners' 24 in the waning moments.

In his debut as Matthew Stafford's successor at quarterback, Jared Goff completed 38-of-57 passes for 338 yards. That's not a lot of yards for the number of attempts but Goff was patient. He pushed the ball past mid-

field on 11 of 14 possessions.

The running back tandem of D'Andre Swift and former Packer Jamaal Williams was highly productive. Williams rushed nine times for 54 yards and one touchdown and added eight receptions for 56 yards. Swift rushed 11 times for 39 yards but added eight receptions for 65 yards, including a 43-yard touchdown. Added together, the Lions' primary backs accounted for 214 yards and two scores.

Swift, Williams and tight end T.J. Hockenson led the way with eight receptions apiece.

Hockenson, with 97 yards and a touchdown, is a rising star. Good thing, too, because the Lions might have the worst receivers in the NFL.

Kalif Raymond, a 5-foot-8 undrafted free agent in 2016, played a unit-high 69 snaps. Amon-Ra St. Brown, a fourth-round rookie and brother of Packers receiver Equanimeous St. Brown, played 59 snaps.

Tyrell Williams, a 6-4 undrafted

free agent in 2015, played 39 snaps before dropping out with a concussion. Quintez Cephus, a fifth-round pick from Wisconsin last year, played 32 snaps. Even with all those snaps, they combined to catch 10 of 18 targets for 99 yards and one touchdown (by Cephus).

The offensive line isn't as good as the Saints' unit that dominated last week, but it is decent. Penei Sewell, the seventh pick of the draft, replaced injured veteran Taylor Decker and had an excellent debut.

Frank Ragnow is one of the top centers in the league. Matt Nelson, who was a defensive lineman at Iowa, got the start at right tackle. He played right tackle in a late-season game vs. Green Bay last year and performed admirably.

Special teams

New Packers coordinator Maurice Drayton's debut wasn't great but it sure as heck was better than Barry's.

Acquired from the Rams on Aug.

31, punter Corey Bojorquez didn't have a great first game – his best of the day from a numbers perspective was a mis-hit with a good roll – but only one of his four punts was returned.

Rookie receiver Amari Rodgers had a 17-yard punt return. The best the Packers had all of last season went for 11 yards. Fellow rookie Kylin Hill had returns of just 17 and 12 yards on kickoffs.

Detroit cut both of its kickers after training camp and signed Austin Seibert. A fifth-round pick by Cleveland in 2019, he's got 80% career accuracy. He made a 49-yard field goal but missed a 51-yarder vs. the 49ers.

Punter Jack Fox ranked second in net average last season, when his 59 punts limited opponents to just 116 return yards.

Raymond is listed as the No. 1 returner in both phases but No. 4 running back Godwin Igwebuike handled kickoff returns last week and produced a woeful 13.8-yard average on four tries.

BY THE NUMBERS

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

The Green Bay Packers play their first home game of the 2021 season against the Detroit Lions on Monday and are hoping to pick up their first win after a tough opening week against the New Orleans Saints.

Here are some numbers that Packers players and coaches have accumulated over the years and highlight some things to watch when Green Bay and Detroit meet:

4

The number of consecutive wins the Packers have against the Lions heading into Monday's matchup. Coach Matt LaFleur took over as the Packers' head coach in 2019 and has not lost to the Lions yet.

73

Combined points for the Packers in their two wins over the Lions in 2020. Green Bay won 42-21 at Lambeau Field and 31-24 at Ford Field in Detroit.

5

Touchdown passes for quarterback Aaron Rodgers in last year's wins over the Lions. Rodgers was held without a touchdown pass against the Saints, something that only happened once during his MVP season in 2020.

237

Combined rushing yards for running back Aaron Jones against the Li-

ons a season ago. Jones had only nine rushing yards against the Saints.

8

Sacks for the Packers against the Lions last year. Green Bay didn't register a sack against the Saints in week one.

36.8

Passer rating for Rodgers against the Saints in week one. Against the Lions last year, Rodgers posted passer ratings of 133.6 and 107.6.

25:24

Time of possession for Green Bay in its season-opening loss to New Orleans. The Packers led the league in time of possession in 2020 with a mark of 32:50, over a minute more than the next team.

3

Turnovers for the Packers in week one — two interceptions by Rodgers and a fumble by backup quarterback Jordan Love. Green Bay's defense also failed to create any turnovers. The minus-three differential is an oddity for the Packers, which finished with a mark of plus-seven a year ago.

442

Total yards for the San Francisco 49ers in their 41-33 win over the Lions in week one. Green Bay was held to just 229 total yards in week one. The Packers averaged 449 total yards against the Lions last year.

33

For all the things that went wrong for the Packers in week one, one thing they did was avoid pen-

alties. Green Bay was flagged five times for 33 yards. The Lions were penalized five times for 45 yards in week one.

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KICKOFF WEEKEND NOTES

A look at seven statistical highlights from games played during the noon and 3 p.m. windows on Sept. 12, the first week of the 2021 season.

After the afternoon games, eight games had been within one score in the fourth quarter while two teams overcame deficits of at least 10 points to win: the Kansas City Chiefs (12 points) and Pittsburgh Steelers (10).

For the third time in the past four seasons, a game on kickoff weekend has gone to overtime. Cincinnati defeated Minnesota, 27-24, and marked the first regular-season game in NFL history with a game-tying score with no time remaining in regulation and a game-winning score with no time remaining in overtime.

Jacksonville rookie quarterback Trevor Lawrence, the No. 1 overall selection in the 2021 NFL Draft, New York Jets rookie quarterback Zach Wilson (No. 2), and New England rookie quarterback Mac Jones (No. 15) each made their first career starts on kickoff weekend. At least one rookie quarterback has started in week 1 in 14 consecutive seasons, the longest streak in the NFL since

at least 1950.

With three rookie quarterbacks starting in week 1, 2021 joined the 2012 season (five rookie quarterbacks) as the only seasons since 1970 in which at least three rookie quarterbacks started in week 1.

Four rookie quarterbacks — Jones, San Francisco's Trey Lance, Lawrence and Wilson — each threw their first-career touchdown passes in week 1. It marks the most rookie quarterbacks to throw their first career touchdown passes in week 1 since 1970, surpassing the 2012 (Robert Griffin III, Andrew Luck and Russell Wilson) and 1971 (Scott Hunter, Archie Manning and Jim Plunkett) seasons.

Seven first- or second-year quarterbacks — Cincinnati's Joe Burrow, the Los Angeles Chargers' Justin Herbert, Philadelphia's Jalen Hurts, Jones, Lawrence, Miami's Tua Tagovailoa and Wilson — each started on kickoff weekend, tied with the 2013 and 2000 seasons for the second-most such starting quarterbacks in a season-opening week in the Super Bowl era. Only the 2012 season (10 quarterbacks) had more.

Lawrence passed for 332 yards in his NFL debut, the third-most passing yards by a No. 1 overall pick in his first career start in the Super Bowl era. Only Cam Newton (422 passing yards) and Vinny Testaverde (369) had more.

Three rookie wide receivers that were each selected in the first round of the 2021 NFL Draft — Cincinnati's Ja'Marr Chase (No. 5 overall), Miami's Jaylen Waddle (No. 6) and Philadelphia's DeVonta Smith (No. 10) — each recorded their first career touchdown receptions on kickoff weekend.

This is the first season in the common-draft era in which three rookie wide receivers that were each selected in the first round of the NFL Draft registered a touchdown reception in week 1.

Kansas City quarterback Patrick Mahomes passed for 337 yards and three touchdowns with no interceptions for a 131.4 rating, while tight end Travis Kelce had 76 receiving yards and two receiving touchdowns in the Chiefs' 33-29 win over Cleveland.

Making his 47th career start in week 1, Mahomes has 14,489 career

passing yards and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer Kurt Warner (14,372) for the most passing yards by a player in his first 50 career starts in NFL history.

In 47 career starts, Mahomes has 117 touchdown passes and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer Dan Marino (116 touchdown passes) for the most touchdown passes by a player in his first 50 career starts in league annals.

Kelce recorded his 50th career touchdown reception in his 112th career game, surpassing Vernon Davis (115) as the fifth-fastest tight end to reach 50 touchdown receptions in NFL history.

Arizona quarterback Kyler Murray passed for 289 yards with a career-high four touchdowns and one interception for a 121.0 rating and added a rushing touchdown, while linebacker Chandler Jones totaled a career-high five sacks with two forced fumbles in the Cardinals' 38-13 win at Tennessee.

Murray has four career games with at least three touchdown passes and one rushing touchdown, tied with Josh Allen (four games) and Jack Kemp (four) for the most

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such games by a player in his first three seasons in NFL history.

Jones is the third player to record at least five sacks in a week 1 game since 1982, when the individual sack became an official statistic, joining Pro Football Hall of Famer Derrick Thomas (six sacks in 1998) and Bill Gay (5.5 sacks in 1983). He is the sixth player to record at least five sacks and two forced in a single game since 2002.

Jones, who had two games (weeks 7 and 16) with four sacks during the 2019 season, is the fourth player since 1982 with three career games with at least four sacks, joining Pro Football Hall of Famers' Thomas (four games) and Reggie White (three), as well as Leslie O'Neal (four).

Seattle quarterback Russell Wilson recorded four touchdown passes with zero interceptions and a 152.3 rating in the Seahawks' 28-16 win at Indianapolis.

Wilson has 11 career games with at least four touchdown passes and zero interceptions, surpassing Tom Brady (10 games), Pro Football Hall of Famer Peyton Manning (10) and Aaron Rodgers (10) for the most such games by a player in his first 10 seasons in league annals.

Other notable performances

from Sunday include:

- Carolina running back Christian McCaffrey recorded nine receptions and 187 scrimmage yards (98 rushing, 89 receiving) in the Panthers' 19-14 win over the New York Jets.

- McCaffrey has seven career games with at least 75 rushing yards and 75 receiving yards, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer Walter Payton (six games) for the third-most such games in the Super Bowl era. Only Pro Football Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk (11 games) and Priest Holmes (nine) have more.

- Tennessee wide receiver Julio Jones recorded his 850th career reception in his 136th career game, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer Marvin Harrison (140 games) as the second-fastest player to reach 850 career receptions in NFL history. Only Antonio Brown (133 games) reached the mark in fewer games.

- Cincinnati rookie kicker Evan McPherson converted a 33-yard field goal with no time remaining in overtime in the Bengals' 27-24 win over Minnesota. He is the second rookie kicker in NFL history to kick a game-winning field goal with no time remaining in overtime, joining Jason Sanders (Oct. 14, 2018).

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