

'I STILL OWN YOU'

Packers QB voices
dominance over Bears

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) calls out an audible as teammates Lucas Patrick (62), Jon Runyan (76) and Aaron Jones (33) look on and Chicago Bears linebacker Roquan Smith (58) prepares for the snap during the team's game on Oct. 17 in Chicago.

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Rodgers proclamation draws mixed feelings



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers walks off Soldier Field after leading the team to a win over the Chicago Bears on Oct. 17 in Chicago. Rodgers' celebration and choice words for Bears' fans following a touchdown run in the fourth quarter was a hot topic in the NFL this weekend. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

The Green Bay Packers improved to 5-1 on the season after a 24-14 victory over the NFC North rival Chicago Bears on Sunday.

After the Bears scored to make it a three-point game in the fourth quarter, quarterback Aaron Rodgers led the Packers on a seven-play, 75-yard touchdown drive to seal a win for Green Bay. The final play of the drive was a 6-yard touchdown run by Rodgers, who then delivered



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one of the weekend's best moments — and what will probably go down as one of Rodgers' most iconic moments.

After being knocked down on the touchdown run, the first thing Rodgers did was his 'championship belt' celebration, something Bears linebacker Robert Quinn did after sacking Rodgers earlier in the game. It's a celebration the whole NFL world knows of but something Rodgers rarely does nowadays.

Rodgers was then caught on live TV yelling a few choice words at Bears fans. As his teammates celebrated around him, Rodgers continued to chirp at the Chicago crowd, ending with an emphatic, "I still own you! I still own you!"

"Sometimes you blackout on the field — in a good way," said Rodgers with a big grin on his face in his post-game press conference. "I've definitely blacked out from a concussion, which isn't a good way."

"I looked up in the stands and in the front row, all I saw was a woman giving me the double bird. I'm not exactly sure what came out of my mouth next."

The loud proclamation by Rodgers was a hot topic on sports talk shows after the game, with many questioning if it crossed a line or was disrespectful.

For starters, let's begin by addressing what Rodgers yelled at Bears' fans.

With Sunday's win, Rodgers improved to 22-5 all-time against the Bears, which included a 21-14 win in the NFC Championship Game in 2011.

Rodgers has the second-most touchdown passes against the Bears all-time with 57, only behind Brett Favre's 60 despite playing in 10 less games against the Bears than Favre.

So Rodgers does in fact own Chicago, and I think many Bears fans would

also grudgingly agree on the matter.

Now, did Rodgers' words cross a line, especially since it was directed at fans?

You can form your own opinion on the matter, but if fans are allowed to berate, swear at and throw up obscene gestures to players all game, I'm perfectly OK with players having the option to talk a little trash back.

You obviously don't want those kind of interactions to lead to any physical altercations, but the back and forth between fans and players only adds to the game, in my opinion, especially in a great rivalry like the Packers and Bears have.

"I love this rivalry, it's been a lot of fun over the years," said Rodgers. "That's what I told Justin on the field. I said, 'Enjoy this. A special rivalry. Unlike any other in our game.'"

Many joke that NFL stands for the "No Fun League" with all the different ways the league has tried to take emotion out of games. First, it was flagging celebrations. This year, taunting penalties have been a focus of the league.

I'm OK with flagging players when they are egregiously disrespectful to opponents — spitting in their faces and things of that nature. The trash talk between players between plays is something that made the NFL what it's become today, and it's a shame the league is trying to stop it.

These are grown adults playing a game meant to entertain the world. Let them participate in some harmless trash talk and express some emotion on the field.

I digressed a bit, but what Rodgers did after his touchdown run only adds to the Packers-Bears rivalry. I'm sure Chicago will use that play and ensuing actions as "bulletin board material" when the teams meet again later in the year, which ultimately should result in another fun and entertaining football game — hopefully full of lots of trash talk and back-and-forth interactions between players.

You know Chicago fans won't forget it, and will be mocking the Packers and their fans the second the Bears earn a win in the matchup. If fans fall under this category, they should have no problem with what Rodgers said and instead be more upset that their team again fell short against the Packers with Rodgers leading the way.

For a matchup that began back in 1921, these are the kind of things that keep the rivalry alive, and I'm all for it.

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Rodgers accounts for 3 TDs in win over Bears



Green Bay Packers wide receiver Allen Lazard, left, catches a pass in front of Chicago Bears defensive back Kindel Vildor during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, center, celebrates with receiver Davante Adams, left, and Aaron Jones during the team's game against the Chicago Bears on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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By **ANDREW SELIGMAN**
The Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers didn't need to say it. He couldn't resist.

Rodgers turned toward the crowd after running for a touchdown to help secure yet another win for Green Bay over Chicago. Then, he yelled, "I still own you! I still own you!"

Who would argue?

Rodgers threw for two touchdowns and ran for another, leading the Packers to a 24-14 victory over the Bears on Oct. 16.

"I love playing in Soldier Field," Rodgers said. "I said this week I have a lot of respect for the fans. I'm sure there's a little bit of respect coming back my way, not a lot of love I'm sure. Had a lot of great moments on this field, a lot of great battles."

The Packers (5-1) beat the Bears (3-3) for the 20th time in 23 games counting the playoffs and improved to 22-5 with Rodgers as the starter against Chicago. They also prevented their rivals from tying them for the NFC North lead.

Rodgers shook off a sluggish start, throwing a 1-yard touchdown to Allen Lazard in the second quarter and a 12-yarder to Aaron Jones in the third, making it 17-7.

Rodgers put away the Bears after Justin Fields threw a 5-yard touchdown to Darnell Mooney, cutting the lead to three with 8:44 left. He scrambled in from the 6 to cap a 75-yard drive, bumping the lead back up to 10. He then turned toward the crowd and yelled, "I still own you! I still own you!"

Rodgers joked about blacking out and said: "I looked up in the stands, and in the front row, all I

saw was a woman giving me the double bird. I'm not sure what came out of my mouth next."

Rodgers finished 17 of 23 for 195 yards and a 128 passer rating.

Davante Adams caught four passes for 89 yards, including a 41-yarder that helped set up Rodgers' TD scramble. Jones ran for 76 yards and caught four passes for 34, helping the Packers remain unbeaten since a season-opening 38-3 loss to New Orleans in Jacksonville.

Crosby's kicks

Green Bay's Mason Crosby made his lone field goal and all three extra points coming off a shaky outing.

A week earlier against Cincinnati, he missed three field goals and an extra point before booting the winning 49-yarder in overtime.

Picked off

The Bears thought they had a free play late in the first quarter, when Fields had a heave toward the end zone intercepted by Darnell Savage. It looked like the Packers might have jumped offside, but no flag was thrown.

"I looked up in the air, interception, I wasn't worried about it," Mooney said. "And then I looked back and there wasn't a flag. I was like, 'Whoa. We didn't snap the ball for no reason.'"

Injuries

Packers center Josh Myers (knee) had to be helped off the field following a running play on the opening possession and did not return.

Savage left with a concussion after the first play from scrimmage in the second half.



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2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	37	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	25	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R	Clemson
9	Jaylon Smith	LB	6-2	235	26	5	Notre Dame
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
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4	Notre Dame
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
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
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	26	5	West Virginia
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	24	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
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
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	23	1	North Texas
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	30	8	North Dakota State

79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana 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	24	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	25	3	Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6	UCLA
Reserve/Injured							
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2	Arkansas
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4	South Florida
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9	Colorado
Practice Squad							
6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
11	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	24	R	Alcorn State
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
34	Quinton Dunbar	CB	6-2	201	29	6	Florida
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	24	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
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	25	2	Colorado
99	R.J. McIntosh	DL	6-5	286	25	4	Miami
Reserve/COVID-19 list							
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State



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3	Dustin Hopkins	K	6-2	205	31	8	Florida State
4	Taylor Heinicke	QB	6-1	210	28	4	Old Dominion
5	Tress Way	P	6-1	220	31	8	Oklahoma
8	Kyle Allen	QB	6-3	210	25	3	Houston
10	Curtis Samuel	WR	5-11	195	25	5	Ohio State
11	Cam Sims	WR	6-5	220	25	4	Alabama
13	Adam Humphries	WR	5-11	195	28	7	Clemson
15	Dax Milne	WR	6-0	190	22	R	BYU
17	Terry McLaurin	WR	6-0	210	26	3	Ohio State
18	Antonio Gandy-Golden	WR	6-4	223	23	2	Liberty
20	Bobby McCain	CB	5-9	196	28	7	Memphis
22	Deshazor Everett	S	6-0	203	29	7	Texas A&M
23	William Jackson III	CB	6-0	189	28	6	Houston
24	Antonio Gibson	RB	6-2	220	23	2	Memphis
25	Benjamin St-Juste	DB	6-3	200	24	R	Minnesota
26	Landon Collins	S	6-0	218	27	7	Alabama
29	Kendall Fuller	CB	5-11	198	26	6	Virginia Tech
30	Troy Apke	S	6-1	205	26	4	Penn State
31	Kamren Curl	S	6-2	198	22	2	Arkansas
32	Jaret Patterson	RB	5-8	195	21	R	Buffalo
36	Danny Johnson	CB	5-9	190	25	4	Southern University
37	Corn Elder	CB	5-10	185	27	5	Miami
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59	Jordan Kunaszyk	LB	6-3	235	25	3	California
64	David Bada	DL	6-4	293	26	1	No college
66	David Steinmetz	T	6-8	321	26	3	Purdue
69	Tyler Larsen	C	6-4	335	30	6	Utah State
71	Wes Schweitzer	G	6-4	300	28	6	San Jose State
72	Charles Leno Jr.	OT	6-3	302	30	8	Boise State
73	Chase Roullier	C	6-4	312	28	5	Wyoming
75	Brandon Scherff	G	6-5	315	29	7	Iowa

76	Sam Cosmi	OL	6-6	309	22	R	Texas
77	Saahdiq Charles	T	6-4	322	22	2	LSU
78	Cornelius Lucas	T	6-8	327	30	7	Kansas State
79	Ereck Flowers	OT	6-6	330	27	7	Miami (Fla.)
80	Sammis Reyes	TE	6-5	260	26	R	Loyola University
83	Ricky Seals-Jones	TE	6-5	243	26	5	Texas A&M
87	John Bates	TE	6-6	259	23	R	Boise State
88	Jace Sternberger	TE	6-4	251	25	3	Texas A&M
90	Montez Sweat	DE	6-6	262	25	3	Mississippi State
93	Jonathan Allen	DT	6-3	300	26	5	Alabama
94	Daron Payne	DT	6-3	320	24	4	Alabama
95	Casey Toohill	DE	6-5	254	25	2	Stanford
96	James Smith-Williams	DE	6-4	265	24	2	North Carolina State
97	Tim Settle	DT	6-3	308	24	4	Virginia Tech
98	Matt Ioannidis	DT	6-3	310	27	6	Temple
99	Chase Young	DE	6-5	264	22	2	Ohio State

Reserve/Injured

14	Ryan Fitzpatrick	QB	6-2	221	38	17	Harvard
34	Darryl Roberts	CB	6-0	190	30	7	Marshall
35	Torry McTyer	CB	5-11	188	26	4	Nevada-Las Vegas
48	Darrick Forrest	S	5-11	200	22	R	Cincinnati
50	Jared Norris	LB	6-1	238	28	5	Utah
53	Jon Bostic	LB	6-1	245	30	9	Florida
57	Jalen Jelks	DE	6-5	256	25	2	Oregon
82	Logan Thomas	TE	6-6	250	30	7	Virginia Tech
45W	Dylan Cantrell	TE	6-3	226	27	2	Texas Tech

Practice Squad

6	Kyle Shurmur	QB	6-4	225	24	1	Vanderbilt
12	Damion Willis	WR	6-3	204	24	2	Troy
19	Marken Michel	WR	5-11	191	28	1	UMass Amherst
38	Jonathan Williams	RB	6-0	217	27	6	Arkansas
39	Jeremy Reaves	DB	5-11	200	25	3	South Alabama
46	Cole Luke	CB	5-11	200	26	4	Notre Dame
56	Will Bradley-King	DE	6-3	254	23	R	Baylor
57	Bunmi Rotimi	DE	6-3	273	26	1	Old Dominion
60	Keith Ismael	C	6-3	310	23	2	San Diego State
62	T.Y. McGill	DT	6-0	299	28	7	N.C. State
74	Nolan Laufenberg	G	6-3	312	22	R	Air Force
84	Kelvin Harmon	WR	6-2	215	24	3	N.C. State
92	Daniel Wise	DT	6-3	285	25	1	Kansas
63W	Beau Benzschawel	G	6-6	300	26	2	Wisconsin

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SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 12	at New Orleans	Loss 38-3	
Sept. 20	vs. Detroit	Win 35-17	
Sept. 26	at San Francisco	Win 30-28	
Oct. 3	vs. Pittsburgh	Win 27-17	
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	Win 25-22	
Oct. 17	at Chicago	Win 24-14	
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

Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon



QB

Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR

Davante Adams
Malik Taylor



TE

Robert Tonyan
Tyler Davis



RT

Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG

Royce Newman
Lucas Patrick



C

Josh Myers
Jake Hanson



LG

Jon Runyan
Lucas Patrick



LT

Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman



TE

Marcedes Lewis
Josiah Deguara



WR

Allen Lazard
Randall Cobb



DEFENSE

CB

Kevin King
Chandon Sullivan



DE

Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster



NT

Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE

Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



CB

Eric Stokes
Isaac Yiadom



OLB

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Wes Schweitzer

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Cam Sims

DEFENSE

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Jonathan Allen
Matt Ioannidis

DE

Montez Sweat
Casey Toohill

CB

William Jackson III
Torry McTyer

OLB

Cole Holcomb
David Mayo

MLB

Jamin Davis
Khaleke Hudson

OLB

Jon Bostic
David Mayo

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Landon Collins
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SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games
Carolina at N.Y. Giants, noon
N.Y. Jets at New England, noon
Kansas City at Tennessee, noon
Washington at Green Bay, noon
Atlanta at Miami, noon
Cincinnati at Baltimore, noon
Detroit at L.A. Rams, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Houston at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
New Orleans at Seattle, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Buffalo, Dallas, Jacksonville, L.A. Chargers, Minnesota, Pittsburgh

Thursday's Game
Green Bay at Arizona, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

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Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
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Philadelphia	2	4	0	N.Y. Jets	1	4	0
N.Y. Giants	1	5	0	Miami	1	5	0
North				North			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
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Minnesota	3	3	0	Cincinnati	4	2	0
Chicago	3	3	0	Pittsburgh	3	3	0
Detroit	0	6	0	Cleveland	3	3	0
South				South			
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Tampa Bay	5	1	0	Tennessee	4	2	0
New Orleans	3	2	0	Indianapolis	2	4	0
Carolina	3	3	0	Houston	1	5	0
Atlanta	2	3	0	Jacksonville	1	5	0
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Arizona	6	0	0	L.A. Chargers	4	2	0
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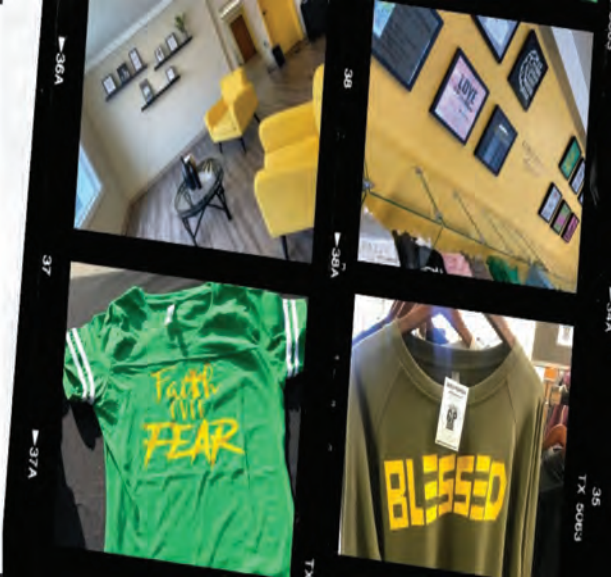
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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (5-1) host the Washington Football Team (2-4) at noon Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field. FOX will televise the game.

History

The Packers lead 19-15-1. Green Bay broke a two-game losing streak in the series with a 20-15 win on Dec. 8, 2019. Aaron Jones had a 4-yard touchdown run and Robert Tonyan added a 12-yard touchdown catch as Green Bay bolted to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 31-7, third season. Washington — Ron Rivera, 85-76-1, 11th season; 9-13 in second season with Washington.

When the Packers have the ball

Before the season, this liked it would be a huge challenge for the Aaron Rodgers-led Packers offense. Washington won the NFC East last season despite its 7-9 record. In winning five of its final seven regular-season games, it allowed an average of just 16.1 points per game. That stellar defense has vanished, though.

Through week six, Washington has allowed a league-worst 31 points per game. It's 31st in total defense (423 yards), 32nd in passing defense (309.5 yards per game) and 32nd on third down (57.8%). It does play good run defense (ninth with 4.03 yards allowed per carry) and is strong in goal-to-go situations (fifth with a 57.1% touchdown rate).

Jack Del Rio's 4-2-5 defense is strong up front. Montez Sweat (first round, 2019) and Chase Young (first round, 2020) are the ends and Daron Payne (first round, 2018) and Jonathan Allen (first round, 2017) are the tackles. They will present the latest in a series of big challenges for Green Bay's front.

Young, the No. 2 overall pick last year, is the reigning Defensive Rookie of the Year following a season of 7½ sacks and four forced fumbles. He's got only two sacks and a forced fumble this year. He'll line up almost exclusively against right tackle Billy Turner, who is coming off a strong performance vs. Khalil Mack.

Allen is the real stud of the group, though. He's got three sacks and ranks third in the league with 14 quarterback hits. He lines up mostly at right tackle, which means an individual matchup against left guard Jon Runyan.

Cole Holcomb is the every-down linebacker and rookie first-round pick



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones, right, runs away from Chicago Bears cornerback Kindle Vildor during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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Jamin Davis is his frequent sidekick.

Holcomb leads the team with 58 tackles and has one of the four interceptions. Davis, an athletic and rangy prospect, had a career-high 11 tackles in last week's loss to Kansas City.

"I think he is showing signs of what we believe he can be," Rivera said on Monday. "And that's a downhill guy that could run."

If the Packers can protect Rodgers, big plays should await against a porous secondary that allowed six completions of 20-plus yards in Sunday's 31-13 loss vs. Kansas City.

Kendall Fuller, Bobby McCain and William Jackson are the cornerbacks, with Fuller getting most of the work in the slot.

Landon Collins and Kamren Curl are the safeties. Cornerback Benjamin St-Juste, a 6-foot-3 rookie, gets a lot of playing time, as well. Fuller, McCain and Jackson have interceptions.

Fuller has allowed a league-high 32 completions and Jackson has been flagged a league-worst six times and given up three touchdowns.

Collins is the big name of the group as a three-time Pro Bowler. He is a physical presence but a major liability in coverage.

When Washington has the ball

Washington is 21st with 22.7 points per game. When it scores, it wins. It scored 30 and 34 in victories over the Giants and Falcons, respectively. In losses to the Chargers, Bills, Saints and Chiefs, they averaged only 18 points.

What does it do well? Protect the quarterback (league-best 2.9% sack rate). What doesn't it do well? Throw the ball (21st in yards per play) or move the chains (27th with a 34.3% conversion rate on third down).

"We've got the talent," running back Antonio Gibson said. "We've got the skill. We can do it. We just have to show it. Just got to be more consistent."

With veteran quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick on injured reserve (hip), Taylor Heinicke has been the starter. He is 23rd with an 86.9 passer rating and has nine touchdowns vs. six interceptions. Heinicke is a dink-and-dunker, with his average completion going just 5.36 yards downfield. According to Pro Football Focus, he's thrown 38 passes behind the line of scrimmage and only 29 passes 20-plus yards downfield. However, he is a threat with his legs with 127 yards and a 5.1-yard average.

"There's no panic. It's a long season. There's still a lot of football left," Heinicke said after failing to lead Washington to a single red-zone drive on Sunday. "There's a lot of guys pissed off, rightfully so. But again, hopefully, we can just use that fuel for this week and get ready for Green Bay. It's going to be another tough game. But the guys aren't getting down. We're pissed off and we want to come back next week and get it going."

The backfield is strong with Gibson and J.D. McKissic. Gibson has 357 rushing yards and a 79-yard touchdown among his dozen receptions. McKissic has 21 receptions and 315 yards from scrimmage.

Terry McLaurin, one of the game's more underrated players, highlights the receiver corps. "Scary Terry" has 33 receptions for 428 yards and three touchdowns.

Rookie Dyami Brown has eight catches for 81 yards and veteran Adam Humphries has 15 receptions for 149 yards from the slot. With Logan Thomas on injured reserve, Ricky Seals-Jones leads the tight ends with 12 receptions for 137 yards and two scores. Thomas played quarterback in college; Seal-Jones played receiver.

Left tackle Charles Leno, left guard Ereck Flowers, center Chase Roullier, right guard Brandon Scherff and rookie right tackle Sam Cosmi form a solid offensive line.

A four-time Pro Bowler, Scherff has missed the last two games with a knee injury. If he's out again, Wes Schweitzer will get another start. Even without Scherff, it's a group without an obvious weak link.

Of the six sacks allowed, PFF charged only two to the offensive line. This will be a much bigger test than what Green Bay faced against Chicago's overmatched quintet.

Special teams

Green Bay, which bounced back from a horrible performance at Cincinnati, will be tested by Washington's high-quality unit.

Kicker Dustin Hopkins is 12-of-14 on field goals. In his seventh season, he's got 84% career accuracy on field goals. His kickoffs typically wind up in the end zone.

Tress Way is in his eighth season as the punter. He's got a huge leg, having led the NFL in average twice and boasting a gaudy 49.7-yard average this year. Of his 21 punts, 13 have been returned, so there will be opportunities for Amari Rodgers. Way's net average of 42.6 ranks ninth.



Green Bay Packers defensive lineman Dean Lowry, right, tries to disrupt the throwing motion of Chicago Bears quarterback Justin Fields during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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DeAndre Carter returns kickoffs and punts, with averages of 25.8 yards

and 9.5 yards, respectively. On kickoffs, he's got a 101-yard touchdown on his

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Denver @ Cleveland..... Thurs., Oct. 21
Washington @ Green Bay
Atlanta @ Miami
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New Orleans @ Seattle..... Mon., Oct. 25

Tie Breaker Game:
Cincinnati @ Baltimore

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel	9-5	65-29
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Hawkeye Hearth & Home	12-2	62-32
Shawano Place Assisted Living.....	11-3	62-32
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Morgan Rode	9-5	61-33
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Cincinnati 28 @ Baltimore 31



Tim Murphy
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

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Final Score: Cincinnati 28 @ Baltimore 34



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Tie Breaker Game:

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Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 28 @ Baltimore 34



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This Week's Picks:

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Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 31



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New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 19 @ Baltimore 27



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 35



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Arizona
Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 27



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Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 17



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This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 27 @ Baltimore 34



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New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 20 @ Baltimore 24



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Carolina
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Las Vegas
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 24 @ Baltimore 27



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This Week's Picks:

Cleveland
Green Bay
Atlanta
New England
San Francisco
LA Rams

Carolina
Tampa Bay
Kansas City
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Philadelphia
New Orleans

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 21 @ Baltimore 33



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This Week's Picks:

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Green Bay
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Seattle

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Cincinnati 7 @ Baltimore 21

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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Daunting road ahead

The Green Bay Packers are 5-1 and winners of five straight. So, it might be odd to say this, but Sunday's game against the Washington Football Team might be a must-win matchup.

Since losing to New Orleans in the opener, Green Bay has fattened its resume by beating Detroit, San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Chicago in succession. The Bengals (4-2) are the only team with a winning record.

"I'm really proud of the guys," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said after a 24-14 win at Chicago on Sunday. "Like I've said before, felt like the first week was an anomaly. We've backed it up the last five weeks. But the way that we've done it, with the guys that we've done it with, with the kind of injuries that we've had (is impressive). You look at our roster now, there's a lot of guys that weren't with us at the start of the season that are playing big minutes. These are character wins. These are wins that are really, really important. We've got to get healthy. But I really like where we're at, two up in the division after six and playing winning football."

Washington is 2-4. Its offense is feeble and its defense has been surprisingly porous considering its line is filled with four first-round draft picks. After that, to use major-college football as a metaphor, the nonconference schedule is over and league play begins.

Coming up is as tough a five-game stretch as any team in the NFL will face this season. First, on a short week, it's a trip to Arizona (6-0) to face MVP front-runner Kyler Murray and the Cardinals. Then, it's a trek to Kansas City (3-3 after back-to-back Super Bowl appearances) to face perhaps the best player in football, quarterback Patrick Mahomes.

Green Bay will return home to face Seattle (2-4), which may or may not have Russell Wilson (finger) back in the lineup. Then it's the border battle at Minnesota (3-3), which has one of the best home-field advantages in the NFL. Finally, in the last game before the bye, it's a home game against the powerhouse Los Angeles Rams (5-1).

Green Bay's last five opponents have won 12 games. After Washing-



Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon, left, covers the ball as Chicago Bears safety Eddie Jackson, center, and Packers receiver Davante Adams run alongside him during a game on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago. After rattling off five straight wins, Green Bay faces several tough opponents over the next several weeks.

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ton, its next five opponents have won 19 games.

It's not just the schedule. It's the circumstances. With All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander and Pro Bowl pass rusher Za'Darius Smith out indefinitely, the Packers' pass defense will face a gauntlet of excellent quarterbacks.

Murray is third in passer rating (116.3) and has accounted for 17 touchdowns. Mahomes is 11th in passer rating (103.1), third in yards (1,887) and first in touchdowns (18). Minnesota's Kirk Cousins is eighth in passer rating (105.8). Wilson is first in passer rating (125.3) and yards per attempt (9.57). Stafford, the longtime Lions quarterback, is

second in passer rating (116.2), second in average gain (9.19) and third in touchdowns (16).

Moreover, Green Bay has exactly zero red-zone stops, with opponents scoring 15 touchdowns in 15 treks inside the 20-yard line. In the red zone, Seattle is fourth, Kansas City sixth, Arizona eighth, Minnesota 10th and Los Angeles 13th.

While the Packers' offense hasn't quite hit peak efficiency, red-zone defense is where the Packers must immediately find some answers to weather the upcoming storm.

"The (second) touchdown pass that Chicago scored on, we had a busted coverage, and those are self-inflicted wounds," coach Matt

LaFleur said on Monday. "You've got to make sure that you don't beat yourself first. There's a lot of room growth there. The positive is we haven't done very well in that department but we've still been able to win games, so hopefully that will start to even out a little bit, you'd think, at some point. But we've got to continue to grind and work at it and maybe look at what we're doing and try to switch some things up."

From Mahomes to Rodgers

Talk about going from the frying pan to the fire. Last week, Washington lost 31-13 to Kansas City as Mahomes threw for 397 yards. Washington led 13-10 at halftime and was

kicking itself for not putting away the Chiefs.

Now, it's a matchup against Rodgers, the reigning MVP.

"This is the time we got to be men," Washington defensive end Chase Young said. "Got to look in the mirror. Gut-check time."

Of Washington's four losses, three have come against premier quarterbacks: Justin Herbert and the Chargers, Josh Allen and the Bills and the Mahomes-led Chiefs.

"We did lose to four good teams, but we could have also beat a couple of them," coach Ron Rivera said. "That's the hard thing to swallow, if you're going to be honest with it. You are what your record says you are. The only way we can get better is to practice, work at it and then go out and play better. And that's pretty much what we have left."

Help on the way

The Packers have been hit hard by injuries. ManGamesLost.com, a subscription site that tracks NFL injuries, had Green Bay as the third-most impacted team in terms of games missed by quality players before last week's games.

For a change, LaFleur had good injury news on Monday.

First and foremost, All-Pro left tackle David Bakhtiari will practice this week. He's been out since tearing his left ACL on New Year's Eve before the Chicago game. He probably will need more than three practices to get ready for a game but getting arguably the best offensive lineman in football back in the lineup at some point soon should provide a big boost not just for the pass protection but for LaFleur's ability to get creative schematically.

"When you're coming off a pretty significant injury, you don't want to just throw somebody out there," LaFleur said. "We want to make sure that, No. 1, physically his knee is in great shape and he's not at further risk of doing more damage to it. And also I think there's a confidence factor that you develop by playing football, so there is a ramp-up period."

Meanwhile, LaFleur said it's looking more likely that Alexander will avoid potentially season-ending surgery on his shoulder. "We feel like it's progressing nicely," LaFleur said. Fellow cornerback Kevin King is "day to day" with his shoulder injury. The Packers obviously need as many good cornerbacks as possible to survive the list of great quarterbacks coming up on

the schedule.

However, center Josh Myers is expected to at least miss this week's game with a knee injury. Veteran Lucas Patrick replaced Myers and was the highest-graded player on the line vs. Chicago, LaFleur said. And big-play receiver Marquez Valdes-Scantling (hamstring) might not be activated from injured reserve this week.

New faces on defense

A couple weeks ago, the Packers grabbed cornerback Rasul Douglas off Arizona's practice squad and signed former Pro Bowl linebacker Jaylon Smith.

Douglas didn't start against Chicago but played most of the game after Isaac Yiadom was benched. A former third-round pick, he had a terrific debut. According to Pro Football Focus, he allowed 3-of-6 passing for just 32 yards. He might wind up starting against Washington.

"I thought he did an outstanding job, especially since he hasn't been here for a very long amount of time," LaFleur said. "I thought he went in there and he's a veteran guy that's played a lot of ball. It was good to see him perform to the level that we thought he could do."

Oren Burks (19 snaps), Smith (17)

and Krys Barnes (13) all got playing time alongside standout starter De'Vondre Campbell (all 61 snaps) at Chicago. Barnes (one) and Burks (one) contributed the only tackles among the trio.

"I thought Jaylon did a nice job in his first time out there," LaFleur said. "You can definitely tell he's played a lot of football. He's very instinctive. But we also have confidence in those other guys in that room. I thought O.B. continues to do a really nice job and K.B. We'll just kind of play it out each and every week in terms of who's out there playing."

Packers Hall of Fame Class of 2022

The Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame announced on Tuesday that Tim Harris and Greg Jennings will form the Class of 2022.

Harris had 55 sacks in five seasons, including a franchise-record 19½ sacks in 1989. He was a Pro Bowler in 1988 and 1989.

Jennings caught 425 passes for 6,537 yards and 53 touchdowns in seven seasons with the Packers. A two-time Pro Bowler, he ranks ninth in receptions, eighth in receiving yards and sixth in receiving touchdowns in franchise history.

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Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon, second from left, powers through several Chicago Bears defenders during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.



Green Bay Packers receiver Davante Adams, left, hangs on to the ball as a Chicago Bears defender drags him down during the team's matchup on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.



Green Bay Packers players celebrate a touchdown by running back Aaron Jones during the team's win over the Chicago Bears on Oct. 17 at Soldier Field in Chicago.

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