



NOT SO SPECIAL TEAMS

Packers special teams continue to struggle this season

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Green Bay Packers safety Henry Black, right, makes a tackle on kickoff coverage during the team's game against the Washington Football Team on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay.

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Special team issues a priority for Pack

Bojorquez the lone bright spot

By **MORGAN RODE**
Sports Editor

Despite a road loss in week nine, the Green Bay Packers still are tied for the second-best record in the league.

It hasn't been for stellar play on special teams though. Far from it.

The Packers loss to the Kansas City Chiefs again showed that Green Bay's special teams unit needs some serious work.

In the setback, the usually reliable Mason Crosby missed a field goal and had another attempt blocked. The Packers also fumbled on a punt return.

"Obviously we could have used the six points," said coach Matt LaFleur. "We basically gave them points when we fumbled the ball. We can't have that happen."

Take those mistakes away, and the Packers probably beat the Chiefs — and remember, that was without quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

The Packers' offense has no reason for concern at this point, and should only get better with the return of some injured players. Green Bay's defense has been the key to the team's success so far, and again was stout against Kansas City.

Special teams, on the other hand, cost the Packers a road win last week, and it hasn't been the first time the unit has underperformed.

In week two, with the Pack in a battle with the Detroit Lions in the first half, Green Bay's kickoff unit surrendered a 33-yard return right after the Packers had tied the game.



Green Bay Packers kicker Mason Crosby, center, has a kick blocked as punter/holder Corey Bojorquez, left, looks on during the team's game against the Washington Football Team on Oct. 24 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Crosby has had a couple kicks blocked this season and has missed several field goals.

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Detroit went on to kick a field goal before the first-half clock expired.

Green Bay was up 17-0 and rolling in week three against the San Francisco 49ers before the kickoff unit allowed a 68-yard return. The 49ers scored a touchdown on the drive as the first-half clock expired.

Of course, the Packers needed some late-game heroics to escape with a win that week, and the long kick return certainly aided in San Fran's comeback.

In a home contest against the Pittsburgh Steelers in week four, Crosby had a field goal blocked. Luckily for the Pack, the Steelers were flagged for an offside penalty, and Crosby went on to knock in the next try.

Pittsburgh had kickoff returns of 38 and 40 in the game.

Week five was an absolute disaster for the Packers special teams unit, as Crosby missed three field goals, all of which could have won the game for Green Bay.

Again the Pack were bailed out, this time from matching poor kick-

ing from the Cincinnati Bengals. The Bengals had a 44-yard kickoff return in the game.

The Packers have shored up the kickoff coverage the past several weeks. Until the team's last three games, the Packers had worse field position — or were tied for starting field position — than all of their opponents.

In week seven against the Washington Football Team, Crosby had a field goal attempt blocked, while punter Corey Bojorquez nearly had a punt blocked.

"We have to get it fixed. Certainly the operation on PAT (point after touchdown)/field goal has got to be better. We have to do a better job of protecting to give us a chance to score some points," said LaFleur.

"And then, in terms of our punt return game — again, you got a young returner (rookie Amari Rodgers) back there, and I'm not trying to make excuses for anybody — we have to be better, we all know that."

Speaking of Bojorquez, he's really

been the lone bright spot all year for the special teams unit.

His 28 punts have averaged 48.7 yards so far, and only 13 have been returned for just 90 yards. He's pinned opponents inside their own 20-yard line 10 times.

One might argue that some of these miscues were minor ones that didn't truly affect the outcome of the game, but the fact that there are so many examples to choose from is definitely a reason for concern.

An NFL team can have the greatest offense or defense, but most play-off games still come to to just a few points. Many times, special teams play is the difference in a game.

To this point of the season, the Packers have not been winning the special teams facet of the game, and it certainly could bite them against stronger teams in the playoffs. They have time to right the ship and will certainly be spending quality time on the issues during practice moving forward.



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KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (7-2) will host the Seattle Seahawks (3-5) at 3:25 p.m. Sunday at Lambeau Field. CBS will televise the game.

History

The Packers are 11-8 against Seattle in the regular season and 3-1 in the playoffs. In games at Lambeau Field, Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers is 4-0 against Seattle's Russell Wilson.

The last matchup came in the 2019 playoffs, a game Green Bay led 21-3 at halftime but held on to win 28-23. Preston Smith's third-down sack of Wilson and Rodgers' third-down completion to Jimmy Graham clinched the win. Aaron Jones had a pair of 1-yard touchdown runs and Davante Adams had touchdown catches of 20 and 40 yards.

Coaches

Green Bay – Matt LaFleur, 33-8, third season. Seattle — Pete Carroll, 148-99-1 overall, 16 seasons; 115-68-1 in 12th year with Seattle.

When the Packers have the ball

In one way, these teams are similar. Both teams have big-time quarterbacks but are being led by underrated defenses. The Seahawks enter week 10 ranked eighth with 21.1 points allowed per game. In games before their bye, they allowed 13 points against New Orleans and seven points against Jacksonville.

Oddly, Seattle is keeping teams from scoring even while giving up yards by the bushel. Seattle is 31st in total defense (401.5 yard per game) and 28th against the pass (273.9). The Seahawks aren't forcing turnovers (23rd with eight takeaways) and aren't sacking the quarterback (30th in sack percentage).

But they are strong where it's critical: sixth on third down (34%), fifth in the red zone (48.4%) and fifth in goal-to-go situations (58.8%). The Packers' offense, obviously, has struggled in those phases, ranking 18th on third down, 20th in the red zone and 28th in goal-to-go.

Seattle's base defense is 4-3. On the defensive line, Rasheem Green and Kerry Hyder are the ends and Al Woods and Poona Ford are the tackles. Woods and Ford quietly form one of the better tandems in the league, especially against the run.

The Seahawks use a 10-man rotation up front, which means constantly fresh bodies. One of those



Green Bay Packers running back Aaron Jones, right, runs behind blocking from offensive lineman during the team's game against the Arizona Cardinals on Oct. 28 in Glendale, Arizona. Jones and the Packers' rushing attack will go up against a solid Seahawks' run defense this Sunday. GREG MELLIS | NEW MEDIA

backups, end Darrell Taylor, leads the team with four sacks and eight quarterback hits. Longtime Bengals standout Carlos Dunlap has only a half-sack but leads the team with 20 pressures, according to Pro Football Focus. Plus, at 6-foot-6, he's batted down four passes.

The primary linebackers are perennial Pro Bowler Bobby Wagner and 2020 first-round pick Jordyn Brooks. Even with a bye last week meaning one less game than some other defenders, Wagner leads the NFL with 93 tackles. Brooks has 72.

The Seahawks spend a lot of the game with five or six defensive backs on the field. Against Jacksonville, D.J. Reed and Tre Brown were the corners and Ugo Amadi manned the slot. Former first-round pick Sidney Jones plays a lot, as well.

What stands out is the height — or lack thereof. Between Reed, Brown and Amadi, none stand 5-foot-10 without rounding up. That could be an issue; Allen Lazard is 6-foot-5 and Marquez Valdes-Scantling is 6-foot-4. That said, Reed and Brown have been really good, having allowed catch rates of about 50 percent, according to PFF.

Quandre Diggs and Jamal Adams are the safeties. Adams is the big name but Diggs has played with the bigger game this season. He has all three of the Seahawks' interceptions.

Adams, the sixth pick of the 2017 draft by the Jets and a three-time Pro Bowler, is third on the team with 55 tackles. He is a physical player vs. the run and an adept blitzing but not

great in coverage. The Seahawks will line him up at safety, linebacker and even in the slot. While he doesn't have any sacks this season, he had an eye-popping 9½ sacks in just 12 games last year.

When the Seahawks have the ball

Seattle is 19th with 22.6 points per game, just ahead of the Packers' 22.1-point average. Really, though, most of their rankings are irrelevant because Wilson has played in only about four-and-a-half games. It is interesting to note, however, that it's second in the red zone but 31st on third down.

Back from a three-game absence following surgery on the middle finger on his throwing hand, Wilson is one of the best quarterbacks in the NFL. His 125.3 passer rating is a whopping 15 points better than anyone else. He's second with a 72% completion rate and first with 9.57 yards per attempt. The deep ball is a possibility on every play, and he's very good at it.

Wilson isn't the only top player coming back from injury. Running back Chris Carson, who has missed the last four games with a neck injury, is expected back this week. Carson rushed for 1,151 yards in 2018 and 1,230 yards in 2019, and had 232 yards and a 4.3 average in the first four games of this season. He is a powerful runner and solid receiver.

Tyler Lockett and D.K. Metcalf form one of the top receiver duos in the NFL. The pint-sized but rocket-fast Lockett has 41 receptions for 579

yards and three touchdowns. Metcalf, with his freakish combination of size and speed, has 39 receptions for 580 yards and eight touchdowns, that latter figure ranked second in the NFL.

Gerald Everett (14 catches) and Will Dissly (10) share the duties at tight end.

Left tackle Duane Brown, left guard Damien Lewis, center Kyle Fuller, right guard Gabe Jackson and right tackle Brandon Shell form the offensive line, which has been a source for consternation in Seattle for years.

The 36-year-old Brown, a four-time Pro Bowler, is the unit's best player. That's not saying much. He's allowed six sacks, second-most in the NFL. Seattle ranks a woeful 31st in sack percentage allowed.

Special Teams

Seattle's typically strong special teams are off to poor starts.

While Green Bay's Mason Crosby has missed an NFL-worst six field goals, Seattle's Jason Myers has made an NFL-worst 63.6 percent of his field-goal attempts.

Last season, former All-Pro punter Michael Dickson was third in net average. This year, he's 17th. He's already booted a career-high seven touchbacks.

Receiver Freddie Swain has averaged a solid 9.5 yards per punt return. Running back D.J. Dallas averages a ho-hum 21.3 yards per kickoff return.

The coverage units are strong. Especially noteworthy is Seattle's kickoff team. Myers isn't looking to kick touchbacks. Rather, Seattle relies on its coverage unit to create bad field position. It ranks third with just 18.3 yards allowed per runback and has forced the opponent to start inside the 20 a league-high 12 times.

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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
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	23	2	Utah State
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
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
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
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
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	24	1	Iowa State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
50	Whitney Mercilus	LB	6-4	261	31	10	Illinois
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
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
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4	South Florida

84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State
89	Marcedes 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	27	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
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2	Arkansas
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9	Colorado
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Practice Squad

9	Blake Bortles	QB	6-5	236	29	7	UCF
11	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	24	R	Alcorn State
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
35	Ryquell Armstead	RB	5-11	220	25	3	Temple
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
72	Auzoyah Alufohai	DL	6-4	313	25	1	West Georgia
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	25	2	Colorado
98	Abdullah Anderson	DL	6-3	303	25	2	Bucknell
99	R.J. McIntosh	DL	6-5	286	25	4	Miami

Reserve/COVID-19 list

12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College

Practice Squad/COVID-19 list

6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
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5	Jason Myers	K	5-10	190	30	7	Marist
6	Quandre Diggs	FS	5-9	197	28	7	Texas
7	Geno Smith	QB	6-3	221	31	9	West Virginia
8	Carlos Dunlap II	LB	6-6	285	32	12	Florida
10	Benson Mayowa	LB	6-3	252	30	9	Idaho
14	DK Metcalf	WR	6-4	235	23	3	Ole Miss
16	Tyler Lockett	WR	5-10	182	29	7	Kansas State
17	Jacob Eason	QB	6-6	231	23	2	Washington
18	Freddie Swain	WR	6-0	199	23	2	Florida
19	Penny Hart	WR	5-8	180	25	2	Georgia State
20	Rashaad Penny	RB	5-11	220	25	4	San Diego St.
22	Tre Brown	CB	5-10	185	24	R	Oklahoma
23	Sidney Jones IV	CB	6-0	181	25	4	Washington
25	Travis Homer	RB	5-10	202	23	3	Miami
26	Ryan Neal	SS	6-3	200	25	2	Southern Illinois
27	Marquise Blair	FS	6-1	196	24	3	Utah
28	Ugo Amadi	FS	5-9	201	24	3	Oregon
29	John Reid	CB	5-10	187	25	2	Penn State
31	DeeJay Dallas	RB	5-10	214	23	2	Miami (Fla.)
33	Jamal Adams	SS	6-1	213	26	5	LSU
36	Blessuan Austin	DB	6-1	198	25	3	Rutgers
41	Alex Collins	RB	5-10	210	27	4	Arkansas
44	Nick Bellore	LB	6-1	250	32	11	Central Michigan
51	Kerry Hyder Jr.	DE	6-2	275	30	6	Texas Tech
52	Darrell Taylor	DE	6-4	267	24	2	Tennessee
54	Bobby Wagner	LB	6-0	242	31	10	Utah State
56	Jordyn Brooks	LB	6-0	240	24	2	Texas Tech
57	Cody Barton	LB	6-2	237	24	3	Utah
59	Jon Rhattigan	LB	6-0	236	22	R	Army
61	Kyle Fuller	C/G	6-5	320	27	3	Baylor
64	Dakoda Shepley	C	6-5	290	26	1	University of British Columbia
66	Gabe Jackson	G	6-3	335	30	8	Mississippi State
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73	Jamarco Jones	T	6-4	293	25	4	Ohio State
74	Jake Curhan	OT	6-6	316	23	R	California

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77	Ethan Pocic	C/G	6-6	320	26	5	LSU
78	Stone Forsythe	OT	6-8	307	23	R	Florida
81	Gerald Everett	TE	6-3	240	27	5	South Alabama
84	Colby Parkinson	TE	6-7	251	22	2	Stanford
85	Tyler Mabry	TE	6-3	247	24	1	Maryland
89	Will Dissly	TE	6-4	265	25	4	Washington
90	Bryan Mone	DT	6-3	345	26	3	Michigan
91	L.J. Collier	DE	6-2	291	26	3	TCU
92	Robert Nkemdiche	DT	6-3	296	27	4	Mississippi
94	Rasheem Green	DE	6-4	279	24	4	USC
97	Poona Ford	DT	5-11	310	25	4	Texas
98	Alton Robinson	DE	6-3	259	23	2	Syracuse
99	Al Woods	DT	6-4	330	34	11	LSU

Reserve/Injured

1	Dee Eskridge	WR	5-9	190	24	R	Western Michigan
3	Russell Wilson	QB	5-11	215	32	10	Wisconsin
15	John Ursua	WR	5-9	182	27	2	Hawaii
32	Chris Carson	RB	5-11	222	27	5	Oklahoma State
39	Nigel Warrior	CB	6-1	197	23	1	Tennessee
48	Marcus Webb	DE	6-2	247	24	R	Troy
55	Ben Burr-Kirven	LB	6-0	230	24	3	Washington

Practice Squad

9	Jake Luton	QB	6-6	224	25	2	Oregon State
11	Cody Thompson	WR	6-2	205	25	1	Toledo
13	Phillip Dorsett II	WR	5-10	192	28	7	Miami (Fla.)
30	Mike Jackson	CB	6-1	210	24	2	Miami
34	Josh Johnson	RB	5-9	209	23	R	Louisiana-Monroe
38	Gavin Heslop	CB	6-0	197	23	1	Stony Brook
43	Aaron Donkor	LB	6-1	240	26	1	Arkansas State
49	Ryan Izzo	TE	6-5	255	25	4	Florida State
58	Tanner Muse	LB	6-2	227	25	2	Clemson
60	Phil Haynes	G	6-4	322	26	3	Wake Forest
62	Jarrod Hewitt	DT	6-1	290	24	R	Virginia Tech
62	Pier-Olivier Lestage	G	6-3	312	24	R	Montreal
65	Brad Lundblade	C	6-3	295	26	1	Oklahoma State
67	Myles Adams	DT	6-2	290	23	1	Rice
75	Greg Eiland	T	6-8	321	23	R	Mississippi State
87	Aaron Fuller	WR	5-11	188	24	1	Washington
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All-time, at Packers: 12-3
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have won four of the past five games against the Seattle Seahawks. Green Bay has won its last nine home games against Seattle.
Last meeting, regular season: Jan. 12, 2021, Packers won 28-23 at Lambeau Field in a NFC Divisional Round playoff game. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw for 243 yards and two touchdowns, while running back Aaron Jones rushed for two more scores.

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	Win 24-10	
Oct. 28	at Arizona	Win 24-21	
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	Loss 13-7	
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
BYE WEEK			
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

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A.J. Dillon



QB
Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR
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TE
Josiah Deguara
Tyler Davis



RT
Billy Turner
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SCHEDULE

Sunday's Games
Buffalo at N.Y. Jets, noon
Tampa Bay at Washington, noon
Atlanta at Dallas, noon
New Orleans at Tennessee, noon
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, noon
Detroit at Pittsburgh, noon
Cleveland at New England, noon
Minnesota at L.A. Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
Carolina at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Seattle at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game
L.A. Rams at San Francisco, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Chicago, Cincinnati, Houston, N.Y. Giants

Thursday's Game
New England at Atlanta, 7:20 p.m.

STANDINGS

NFC East				AFC East			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Dallas	6	2	0	Buffalo	5	3	0
Philadelphia	3	6	0	New England	5	4	0
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	N.Y. Jets	2	6	0
Washington	2	6	0	Miami	2	7	0
North				North			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Green Bay	7	2	0	Baltimore	6	2	0
Minnesota	3	5	0	Pittsburgh	5	3	0
Chicago	3	6	0	Cleveland	5	4	0
Detroit	0	8	0	Cincinnati	5	4	0
South				South			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	Tennessee	7	2	0
New Orleans	5	3	0	Indianapolis	4	5	0
Atlanta	4	4	0	Jacksonville	2	6	0
Carolina	4	5	0	Houston	1	8	0
West				West			
Team	W	L	T	Team	W	L	T
Arizona	8	1	0	L.A. Chargers	5	3	0
L.A. Rams	7	2	0	Las Vegas	5	3	0
Seattle	3	5	0	Kansas City	5	4	0
San Francisco	3	5	0	Denver	5	4	0

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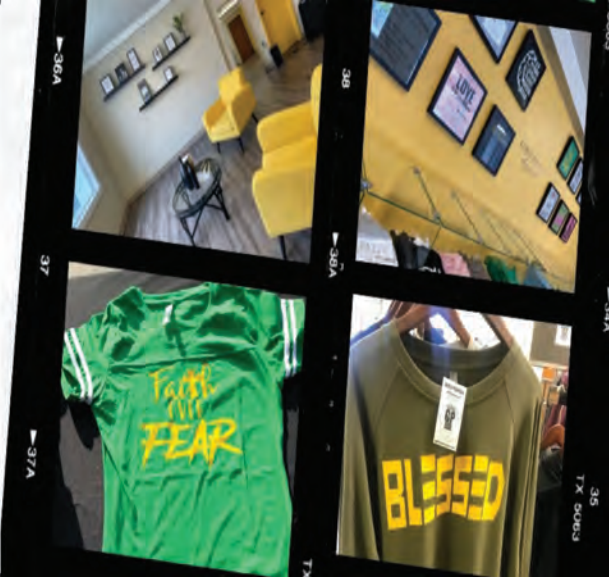
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Atlanta @ Dallas
Jacksonville @ Indianapolis
Cleveland @ New England
Detroit @ Pittsburgh
New Orleans @ Tennessee
Tampa Bay @ Washington
Carolina @ Arizona
Minnesota @ LA Chargers
Philadelphia @ Denver
Seattle @ Green Bay
Kansas City @ Las Vegas
LA Rams @ San Francisco..... Mon., Nov. 15

Tie Breaker Game: Buffalo @ NY Jets

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel	7-7	92-44
Shawano Seasons Restaurant.....	7-7	89-47
Tower Clock Eye Center.....	7-7	89-47
Buss Automotive.....	7-7	88-48
Tim Murphy	8-6	88-48
22 Shell.....	8-6	87-49
Morgan Rode	8-6	86-50
Dennis Brei.....	6-8	85-51
Hawkeye Hearth & Home.....	5-9	85-51

Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Shawano Place Assisted Living.....	7-7	84-52
Idell Johnston, State Farm Ins. Agent.....	8-6	84-52
P & D Sales & Service.....	7-7	82-54
B & C Auto Recycling.....	7-7	81-55
Smokey Joe's.....	3-11	81-55
Gehm's Club 117	7-7	78-58
Cirrinity/Wittenberg Telephone.....	7-7	74-62
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This Week's Winner:
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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
Cleveland	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Buffalo 31 @ NY Jets 17



Tim Murphy
Shawano
Leader

This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
Cleveland	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 30 @ NY Jets 16



Dennis Brei
Oconto County
Times Herald

This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
Cleveland	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 27 @ NY Jets 13

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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
Cleveland	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 31 @ NY Jets 28



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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Carolina	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
New England	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 28 @ NY Jets 14



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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
New England	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 23 @ NY Jets 17



Robert Buss
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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
Cleveland	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 31 @ NY Jets 17



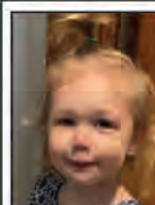
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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
Cleveland	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 40 @ NY Jets 17



Caroline
Idell Johnston
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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
Cleveland	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 28 @ NY Jets 10



Scott Nyman
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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Atlanta	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
Cleveland	Denver	
Detroit	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 28 @ NY Jets 10



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Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
New England	Philadelphia	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
New Orleans	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 42 @ NY Jets 10



Jim Wiegand
Tower Clock
Eye Center

This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	Minnesota	
Cleveland	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 27 @ Jets 12



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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Jacksonville	LA Chargers	
New England	Philadelphia	
Pittsburgh	Seattle	
New Orleans	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 25 @ NY Jets 17



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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
New England	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Las Vegas	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 38 @ NY Jets 10



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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Arizona	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
Cleveland	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
Tennessee	Kansas City	

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 38 @ NY Jets 17



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This Week's Picks:

Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
Dallas	Carolina	
Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
New England	Denver	
Pittsburgh	Green Bay	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 31 @ NY Jets 10



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Baltimore	Tampa Bay	LA Rams
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Indianapolis	LA Chargers	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Buffalo 21 @ NY Jets 13



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This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:

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Sunday, September 26	7:20 pm	@ San Francisco 49ers	NBC
OCTOBER			
Sunday, October 03	3:25 pm	Pittsburgh Steelers (GOLD)	CBS
Sunday, October 10	NOON*	@ Cincinnati Bengals	FOX
Sunday, October 17	NOON*	@ Chicago Bears	FOX
Sunday, October 24	NOON*	WASHINGTON FOOTBALL TEAM	FOX
Thursday, October 28	7:30 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX
NOVEMBER			
Sunday, November 07	3:25 pm*	@ Kansas City Chiefs	FOX
Sunday, November 14	3:25 pm*	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	CBS
Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX
Sunday, November 28	3:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES DOLPHINS (GOLD)	FOX
DECEMBER			
BYE WEEK			
Sunday, December 12	7:20 pm*	CHICAGO BEARS	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*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX

NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**

Correspondent

Barnes' breakout

On Oct. 7, the Green Bay Packers signed former Pro Bowl linebacker Jaylon Smith.

"Elite," is how Smith described his game a day later.

"I believe every player has their doubters but, for me, everything I've done up to this point has been legit and I know what kind of player I am," Smith added. "The guys know what kind of player I am. The coaches know. I'm a team guy, and I'm a guy that's going to add value. So, honestly, I'm just head down, working and, when I get an opportunity, producing is the name of the game. So, I'm locked in and I'm ready to add some value."

On Oct. 17, Smith made his Packers debut and played 17 snaps against the Chicago Bears. Smith's playing time was taken from Krys Barnes, who played 47 snaps in week one and at least 23 snaps in three of the first four games. Against the Bears, Barnes played only 13 snaps.

Ultimately, the Smith Reclamation Project didn't work out. After playing 10 snaps against Washington the following week, he was a healthy inactive at Arizona and released last week.

Given a fresh opportunity, Barnes has taken full advantage. He was one of Green Bay's best defensive players while logging 42 snaps against Kansas City.

"I thought Krys was outstanding," coach Matt LaFleur said on Monday. "I thought he was physical. Just did his job, was flying around. I was super-impressed with him. I thought that was his best game he played as a Packer."

Having ceded the every-down role to standout veteran De'Vondre Campbell, Barnes recorded a season-high nine tackles against the Chiefs. Among the splash plays: a goal-line tackle of running back Darrel Williams to momentarily prevent a touchdown on the opening series, a thumping stop near the goal line to prevent a touchdown catch by Williams late in the first half and a tackle for loss against Williams on Kansas City's final possession.

"As a competitor, you always want to be on the field," Barnes said. "But it's such a team game, whoever's on that field, I want (him) to be successful, make plays for this team and help us get a chance to win. At the end of the day, no matter what my feelings are, those feelings don't help me do my job. So, I've got to push whatever feelings I



Green Bay Packers players celebrate a game-sealing takeaway during the game against the Arizona Cardinals on Oct. 28 in Glendale, Arizona. The Packers' defense will look to keep its strong play going against the Seattle Seahawks this weekend.

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have to the side. Jaylon Smith's a great player, he came in and did some great things for us, but that doesn't affect me. I've got to continue to do my job and continue to compete."

Bungling the blitz

This will be a fascinating and unprecedented week for Green Bay. So long as Aaron Rodgers is symptom-free and given the thumb's up by a physician, he'll be cleared from the NFL's COVID-19 protocol on Saturday and able to play against Seattle on Sunday.

During an appearance on The Pat McAfee Show on Friday, Rodgers said he was feeling better after dealing with some early symptoms. So long as Rodgers keeps trending in that direction, he'll be back after a one-game absence. It will be an odd week, with Rodgers' isolation continuing throughout the practice week.

Rodgers has played without practicing before. In 2018, for instance, he suffered a knee injury in the opener against Chicago. He didn't practice before games against Minnesota and Washington but started, as usual. At least he was in the building and on the practice field before those games, though. This week, his preparation will be done via Zoom.

"I have never been through this situation," LaFleur said.

Seattle will prepare to face Rodgers, coach Pete Carroll said.

"It is an interesting situation," he told reporters on Monday. "We're going to prepare like we're going to see their best guys, and that's the way

we'll go, and we'll expect that we'll see Aaron back out there. If that's not the case, then we'll have seen the game of Love and we'll know more about what we need to do there, but we've got to prepare for their best guys. And the way it looks, protocols and format and all that, he should be back out there."

While LaFleur will prepare specific packages for both quarterbacks, Seahawks defensive coordinator Ken Norton will be doing the same. If Love plays, it's certain to be a blitz-heavy scheme. Kansas City destroyed Love with one blitz after another last week. According to Pro Football Focus, Love was 7-of-18 for 40 yards and one touchdown vs. the blitz. The touchdown and half the yards came on Green Bay's final offensive snap, a 20-yard connection to Allen Lazard.

The NFL is a copycat league. Will Norton attack, regardless of the quarterback, to see if Green Bay can handle it, or will he play it more conservatively if Rodgers starts because of his experience, ability to adjust plays and downfield accuracy?

LaFleur took the blame for Love's poor performance — mostly.

"When you have six blockers and they're bringing seven, or you have seven blockers and they're bringing eight, they've got you outnumbered. So, you have to have something within your scheme so that you can beat the blitz," LaFleur said. "We just didn't have enough of that dialed up. But, if you make them pay early in the game, you don't see that anymore."

Barry's bunch

LaFleur's hiring of defensive coordinator Joe Barry came under fire given Barry's defensive rankings in prior stops in Washington and Detroit. However, Barry practically has been a miracle worker. Even with injuries leading to extended absences for All-Pro cornerback Jaire Alexander and Pro Bowl outside linebacker Za'Darius Smith, the Packers enter week 10 ranked sixth in points allowed (20 per game) and fifth in total defense (321.2 per game).

Against Kansas City, the Packers were without Alexander, Smith and rookie cornerback Eric Stokes for the entire game and defensive tackle Kenny Clark for most of the game. And yet, the Packers held the Chiefs to one touchdown and limited them to a Patrick Mahomes-era low of 237 yards.

"I thought our defense as a whole played outstanding," LaFleur said. "That's an explosive offense. We all know that. Outside of the first drive, our defense did as well as you'd ever expect anybody to do. I think anytime you hold an offense like that to 13 points, you should win the game. I thought our defense was flying around. I thought they were physical. I thought they did a great job of handling that whole situation."

"We were really shorthanded on defense going into the game. We only had 21 guys dressed, and now (with Stokes' pregame knee injury) you're down to 20 before you even kick off. Joe Barry, the rest of our defensive coaches, did just an unbelievable job."



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Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love, right, scrambles away from Kansas City Chiefs defensive tackle Chris Jones during the team's matchup on Nov. 7 in Kansas City, Missouri.

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Packers' special teams let down Love in loss to Chiefs

By DAVE SKRETTA

The Associated Press

The Green Bay Packers did all they could defensively to help out Jordan Love in his first career start.

Too bad for Love their special teams weren't on board.

In fact, the Packers were so bad on kicks and punts in a 13-7 loss to the Chiefs on Nov. 7 it almost seemed as if they were trying to sabotage the backup quarterback, who was forced to start when Aaron Rodgers tested positive for COVID-19 this week.

There was the 40-yard field-goal attempt that Mason Crosby, their erstwhile sure-footed kicker, missed late in the first quarter that would have made it a 7-3 game, and the 37-yard attempt by Crosby that Chiefs defensive end Alex Okafor swatted away early in the second quarter as Kansas City took a 13-0 lead into the break.

There was the punt that bounced off downfield blocker Malik Taylor, which Kansas City recovered and turned into an easy field goal, and another punt early in the third quarter that Amari Rodgers muffed but was fortunate to recover himself.

Aaron Rodgers would have struggled just as much as Love to overcome that mess.

"I mean, obviously we could have used those six points," Packers coach Matt LaFleur said afterward, "and we basically gave them points when we fumbled the ball. You can't have that happen."

Indeed, the two missed field goals proved to be the difference in the final score.

Not that Love did much to make Green Bay brass feel good about spending a first-round pick on him last year.

He was 19 of 34 for 190 yards with a touchdown in the closing minutes, which at least gave Green Bay (7-2) a chance to keep its seven-game winning streak alive. But he also threw an interception near the Kansas City goal line a few minutes earlier, another mistake that cost the Packers a chance to escape Arrowhead Stadium with a win.

"I mean, what it comes down to is making plays," said Love, the Packers' first-round pick in the 2020 draft, who had thrown just seven regular-season passes before Sunday. "I think if we would have been able to hit one

of the plays against their all-out blitz, you wouldn't have seen it as much. That's all it takes is the one play. But I didn't do enough."

That doesn't mean Love doesn't think he can the next time.

Asked whether he thinks he's ready to be a full-time NFL quarterback, Love replied: "Yes, I do."

Still, the performance puts the Packers in quite a predicament.

Rodgers did little to endear himself to the organization, its fans and the rest of the league this week when it came out that he was unvaccinated — despite claiming to be "immunized" against COVID-19 earlier in the year. His loose adherence to NFL rules for unvaccinated players means there could be additional punishment coming down the line.

His future in Green Bay beyond this season already was murky after he nearly departed this past off-season.

More immediately, there's the fact that Rodgers must test negative to return by Saturday at the earliest. That means a tight window for him to play against Seattle next week; otherwise, Love would get his second career start.

"Jordan will get the reps and we'll see where we're at," LaFleur said. "(Rodgers) is our starting quarterback. It's just, I think he's gone through enough. Yeah, you like guys to practice all week long but I don't think it's absolutely imperative to do that. We just have to make sure he's well in tune with our plan."

At least the Packers' defense did what it could against Kansas City to help Love out on Sunday.

They held Patrick Mahomes to 20-of-37 passing for 166 yards — the fewest in a complete game in his career — and the high-flying Chiefs offense to 237 yards in all. They stuffed them on fourth-and-1 in the first half, held on third-and-goal at the Green Bay 4 to force a field goal later and forced a punt on third-and-1 late in the third quarter.

It was the kind of performance that — at least with Rodgers under center — is usually enough.

"Any time you can hold an offense that explosive to 13 points, I think you had a great night," Packers running back Aaron Jones said. "Most of the time we should win the game when we hold a team to 13 points."

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