



CONSISTENCY IS KEY

Offense, defense have yet to play 60-minute game

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Green Bay Packers running back A.J. Dillon, left, is tackled by Buffalo Bills linebacker Matt Milano during a game on Oct. 30 in Orchard Park, New York.

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Packers start 3-5 for first time since 2006

Rush offense thrives, rush defense struggles in road loss to Bills

By **LUKE REIMER**
Reporter

The 2022-23 NFL season has been a season of firsts for the Green Bay Packers, though those firsts may be counterproductive.

For the first time in Aaron Rodgers' 18-year career, he was a double-digit underdog on Sunday. For the first time in Matt LaFleur's head coaching career, he lost two regular season games in a row, then three and finally four in a row. This was also Rodgers' first loss in the prime-time television slot in his last 13 starts at night.

These firsts are obviously not what a team looking to contend for a Super Bowl wanted from its first eight games.

Much like the last couple of weeks, the Packers are in uncharted territory and are now two games below .500. The 3-5 record is the first time the Packers have had that record since 2006 — in Brett Favre's penultimate season in Green Bay.

Inconsistency is just one of the problems that are currently plaguing the team. This season, Green Bay has gotten wins because of its offense — Chicago and New England — and because of its defense — Tampa Bay — but those two entities have yet to come together in a single game.

"We had too many momentum swings, I think," said Rodgers, recapping the loss to Buffalo. "We couldn't answer back when we needed to."

The rush defense is quickly becoming an achilles heel for the team, as the Packers currently rank 29th in yards given up on the ground per game.

That problem may not soon be fixed either, as against Buffalo, Quay Walker was ejected after an altercation on the sideline and De'Vondre Campbell left the game with a knee injury, leaving Eric Wilson and Isaiah McDuffie in unfamiliar territory.

Opponents are gaining 141.3 yards per game on the ground, something that may not subside, as Green Bay is looking ahead to games against Detroit, Dallas, Tennessee, Philadelphia and Chicago — all teams that average over 131 yards rushing per game.



Green Bay Packers cornerback Rasul Douglas, left, throws his arms up to try and knock down a pass that Buffalo Bills wide receiver Stefon Diggs catches during a game on Oct. 30 in Orchard Park, New York.

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Injuries didn't only affect the defensive side of the ball in this game, as rookie wide receiver Christian Watson was forced out of the game with a concussion.

Receivers Allen Lazard and Randall Cobb are currently injured and Sammy Watkins has a long injury past, that Green Bay may not want to rely on.

"Yeah, that's football," said LaFleur on Watson's injury. "You have to be able to adjust."

The silver lining in this though is that with three contributors down on offense, the Packers were forced to rely on Aaron Jones — something that LaFleur has been questioned about all year.

While almost having to be forced to use a Pro Bowl running back is a spot of concern for Green

Bay, the results more than paid off for a stagnant offense. This obviously didn't help Green Bay win the game, but it did provide the team with energy and big plays, something any middle-of-the-pack team requires.

Immediately establishing a run game often pays dividends for teams in the form of setting up deep passes with play-action. With Jones averaging 5.9 yards per carry, defenses have to respect Green Bay's run game. Additions to the offense may help, but consistently using a run game should open other areas of the field up.

"I think that we have to find that balance," said LaFleur, on Green Bay's ability to get the run game going. "I was super proud of our ability to come off of the football

— I thought that everybody was blocking hard. I thought Aaron (Rodgers) did a good job of getting us in and out of looks. I also think that we have to be able to mix it up a little bit."

Green Bay currently sits four back in the loss column to the Minnesota Vikings in the division. In fact, the Packers are last in the NFC North in points scored.

There is no sugarcoating it, the Packers have a problem, whether it be players, staff or the front office — something is not working this year. Finding a team identity and becoming consistent in what they do should be a starting spot for this team that is looking to turn its season around.



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#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	38	16	Colorado
6	Dallin Leavitt	S	5-10	195	28	4	Utah State
7	Quay Walker	LB	6-4	241	22	R	Georgia
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	23	2	Clemson
9	Christian Watson	WR	6-5	208	23	R	North Dakota State
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	23	3	Utah State
11	Sammy Watkins	WR	6-1	211	29	9	Clemson
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	38	18	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	26	4	Iowa State
16	Pat O'Donnell	P	6-4	220	31	9	Miami
20	Rudy Ford	S	6-0	200	28	6	Auburn
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	23	2	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	24	2	Appalachian State
23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	25	5	Louisville
24	Tariq Carpenter	S	6-3	230	23	R	Georgia Tech
25	Keisean Nixon	CB	5-10	200	25	4	South Carolina
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	25	4	Maryland
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	24	2	Memphis
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	24	3	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	27	6	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	29	8	Penn State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	27	6	Texas-El Paso
45	Eric Wilson	LB	6-1	230	28	6	Cincinnati
50	Zach Tom	OL	6-4	304	23	R	Wake Forest
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	24	4	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	23	3	Miami
55	Kingsley Enagbare	LB	6-4	258	22	R	South Carolina
56	Jack Coco	LS	6-2	248	24	R	Georgia Tech
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	23	2	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	29	7	Minnesota
63	Rasheed Walker	T	6-6	324	22	R	Penn State
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	31	10	Colorado
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	25	2	Mississippi
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	24	2	Ohio State
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	26	3	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	26	4	Mississippi State
75	Sean Rhyan	T/G	6-5	321	22	R	UCLA
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	25	3	Michigan

78	Luke Tenuta	T	6-8	314	23	R	Virginia Tech
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	25	3	Cincinnati
83	Samori Toure	WR	6-1	191	24	R	Nebraska
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	25	3	Georgia Tech
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	240	28	5	Indiana State
87	Romeo Doubs	WR	6-2	204	22	R	Nevada
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	38	17	UCLA
90	Jarran Reed	DL	6-3	307	29	7	Alabama
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	29	8	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	25	2	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	28	7	Northwestern
95	Devonte Wyatt	DL	6-3	304	24	R	Georgia
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	27	7	UCLA
99	Jonathan Ford	DL	6-5	338	24	R	Miami

Reserve/Injured

18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	32	12	Kentucky
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	25	2	Utah State
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	24	3	UCLA
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	25	2	Oregon

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform

32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	24	2	Mississippi State
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Reserve/Non-Football Illness

72	Caleb Jones	T	6-9	370	23	R	Indiana
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Practice Squad

17	Ramiz Ahmed	K	5-11	193	27	1	Nevada
19	Danny Etling	QB	6-3	222	28	1	LSU
34	Micah Abernathy	S	6-0	195	25	1	Tennessee
35	Corey Ballentine	CB	5-11	196	26	4	Washburn
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	24	1	TCU
39	Tyler Goodson	RB	5-9	197	21	R	Iowa
43	Kiondre Thomas	CB	6-0	186	24	1	Kansas State
48	DQ Thomas	LB	6-2	216	23	R	Middle Tennessee State
49	Kobe Jones	LB	6-3	255	24	1	Mississippi State
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	24	2	North Texas
80	Josh Babicz	TE	6-6	255	23	R	North Dakota State
82	Kawaan Baker	WR	6-1	210	24	1	South Alabama
86	Travis Fulgham	WR	6-2	211	27	3	Old Dominion
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	26	3	Colorado
96	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	24	2	Iowa
98	Chris Slayton	DL	6-4	307	26	1	Syracuse

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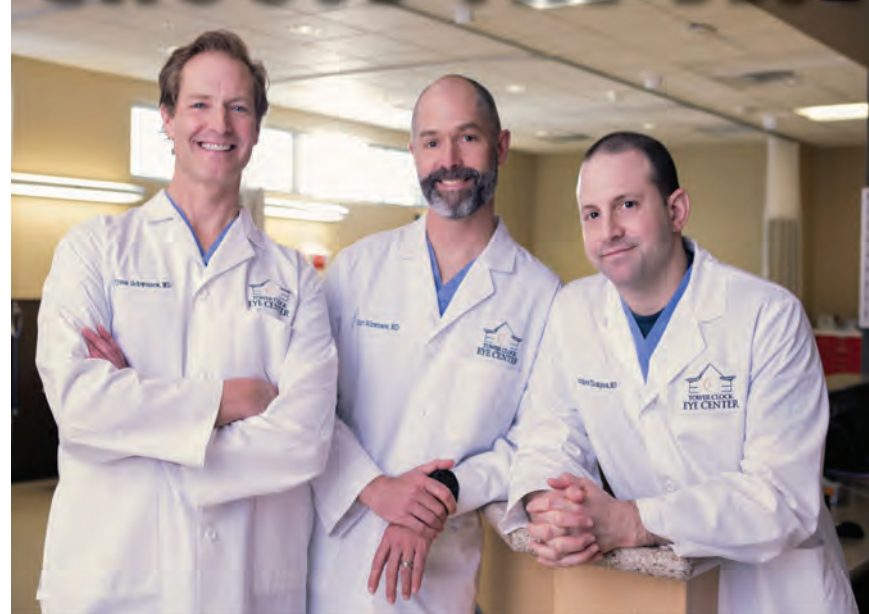
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Active

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1	Jeff Okudah	CB	6-1	205	23	3	Ohio State
2	Austin Bryant	DL	6-5	250	25	4	Clemson
3	Jack Fox	P	6-2	215	26	3	Rice
5	DeShon Elliott	S	6-1	210	25	5	Texas
8	Josh Reynolds	WR	6-3	194	27	6	Texas A&M
10	Nate Sudfeld	QB	6-6	227	29	6	Indiana
11	Kalif Raymond	WR	5-8	180	28	6	Holy Cross
14	Amon-Ra St. Brown	WR	6-0	202	23	2	USC
16	Jared Goff	QB	6-4	217	28	7	California
17	Michael Badgley	K	5-10	183	27	5	Miami
23	Mike Hughes	CB	5-10	191	25	5	UCF
24	Amani Oruwariye	CB	6-2	202	26	4	Penn State
25	Will Harris	CB	6-1	206	26	4	Boston College
26	Ifeatu Melifonwu	S	6-3	210	23	2	Syracuse
30	Jamaal Williams	RB	6-0	224	27	6	BYU
31	Kerby Joseph	S	6-1	203	21	R	Illinois
32	D'Andre Swift	RB	5-9	208	23	3	Georgia
33	JuJu Hughes	S	5-11	191	24	3	Fresno State
34	Alex Anzalone	LB	6-3	237	28	6	Florida
36	Chase Lucas	CB	5-11	184	25	R	Arizona State
38	C.J. Moore	S	5-11	199	26	4	Ole Miss
39	Jerry Jacobs	CB	5-11	203	25	2	Arkansas
41	AJ Parker	CB	5-11	185	24	2	Kansas State
42	Justin Jackson	RB	6-0	199	26	5	Northwestern
44	Malcolm Rodriguez	LB	5-11	230	23	R	Oklahoma State
46	Craig Reynolds	RB	5-11	216	26	1	Kutztown
47	Scott Daly	LS	6-1	245	28	2	Notre Dame
49	Chris Board	LB	6-2	239	27	5	North Dakota State
51	Josh Woods	LB	6-1	230	26	4	Maryland
53	Charles Harris	DL	6-3	250	27	6	Missouri
54	Alim McNeill	DL	6-2	325	22	2	N.C. State
55	Derrick Barnes	LB	6-0	238	23	2	Purdue
57	Anthony Pittman	LB	6-3	242	25	2	Wayne St.
58	Penei Sewell	T	6-5	335	22	2	Oregon
63	Evan Brown	C	6-3	320	26	4	Southern Methodist
67	Matt Nelson	T	6-7	318	26	3	Iowa
68	Taylor Decker	T	6-7	320	29	7	Ohio State
70	Dan Skipper	T	6-9	330	28	3	Arkansas
71	Logan Stenberg	G	6-6	312	25	3	Kentucky
73	Jonah Jackson	G	6-4	311	25	3	Ohio State
74	Kayode Awosika	G	6-3	312	24	1	Buffalo

77	Frank Ragnow	C	6-5	309	26	5	Arkansas
79	John Cominsky	DL	6-5	285	26	4	Charleston
82	James Mitchell	TE	6-4	249	23	R	Virginia Tech
85	Tom Kennedy	WR	5-10	195	26	2	Bryant
88	T.J. Hockenson	TE	6-5	244	25	4	Iowa
89	Brock Wright	TE	6-5	255	23	2	Notre Dame
90	Michael Brockers	DL	6-5	297	31	11	LSU
93	Josh Paschal	DL	6-3	274	22	R	Kentucky
94	Benito Jones	DL	6-1	318	24	2	Mississippi
96	Isaiah Buggs	DL	6-3	295	26	4	Alabama
97	Aidan Hutchinson	DL	6-7	264	22	R	Michigan
99	Julian Okwara	LB	6-4	239	24	3	Notre Dame
Reserve/Injured							
4	DJ Chark	WR	6-4	205	26	5	LSU
21	Tracy Walker III	S	6-1	206	27	5	Louisiana-Lafayette
27	Bobby Price	CB	6-3	208	24	3	Norfolk State
72	Halapoulivaati Vaitai	G	6-6	328	29	7	Texas Christian
78	Tommy Kraemer	G	6-6	316	24	2	Notre Dame
87	Quintez Cephus	WR	6-1	208	24	3	Wisconsin
91	Levi Onwuzurike	DL	6-3	295	24	2	Washington
Reserve/Non-Football Injury							
9	Jameson Williams	WR	6-1	180	21	R	Alabama
Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform							
45	Jason Cabinda	FB	6-1	238	26	4	Penn State
95	Romeo Okwara	DL	6-4	255	27	7	Notre Dame
Practice Squad							
12	Tim Boyle	QB	6-4	225	28	5	Eastern Kentucky
13	Brandon Zylstra	WR	6-2	215	29	5	Concordia College
15	Maurice Alexander	WR	5-11	180	25	1	Florida International
18	Sam Ficken	K	6-1	191	29	4	Penn State
28	Jermar Jefferson	RB	5-10	212	22	2	Oregon State
40	Jarrad Davis	LB	6-1	242	27	6	Florida
52	Demetrius Taylor	DL	6-1	295	23	R	Appalachian State
59	James Houston	LB	6-1	241	23	R	Jackson State University
60	Darrin Paulo	T	6-3	320	25	1	Utah
65	Obinna Eze	T	6-8	325	24	R	TCU
66	Ross Pierschbacher	G	6-4	315	27	2	Alabama
80	Josh Johnson	WR	5-11	181	23	R	Tulsa
83	Stanley Berryhill	WR	5-11	190	24	R	Arizona
84	Shane Zylstra	TE	6-4	239	25	1	Minnesota State
86	Garrett Griffin	TE	6-4	246	28	4	Air Force
Practice Squad/Injured							
29	Saivion Smith	CB	6-1	200	24	2	Alabama

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THE SERIES

Packers vs. Lions
All-time, regular season: 103-73-7
All-time, postseason: 2-0
All-time, at Lions: 46-43-3
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers lost three of their last five road game against the Detroit Lions. Overall though, Green Bay has won five of the last six matchups between the teams.
Last meeting, regular season: Jan. 9, 2022, Lions won 37-30 at Ford Field in Detroit. The Lions held off the Packers in a game that didn't mean anything for Green Bay. Aaron Rodgers and Jordan Love combined for three touchdown passes in the loss, but Love was intercepted twice.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 11	at Minnesota	Loss 23-7	
Sept. 18	vs. Chicago	Win 27-10	
Sept. 25	at Tampa Bay	Win 14-12	
Oct. 2	vs. New England	Win 27-24 (OT)	
Oct. 9	vs. N.Y. Giants (London)	Loss 27-22	
Oct. 16	vs. N.Y. Jets	Loss 27-10	
Oct. 23	at Washington	Loss 23-21	
Oct. 30	at Buffalo	Loss 27-17	
Nov. 6	at Detroit	noon	FOX
Nov. 13	vs. Dallas	3:25 p.m.	FOX
Nov. 17	vs. Tennessee	7:15 p.m.	Prime
Nov. 27	at Philadelphia	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Dec. 4	at Chicago	noon	FOX
Bye week			
Dec. 19	vs. L.A. Rams	7:15 p.m.	ESPN
Dec. 25	at Miami	noon	FOX
Jan. 1	vs. Minnesota	3:25 p.m.	CBS
Jan. 7/8	vs. Detroit	TBD	TBD

OFFENSE

WR

Romeo Doubs
Samori Toure

RB

Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon

QB

Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love

WR

Sammy Watkins
Amari Rodgers

WR

Allen Lazard
Christian Watson

TE

Marcedes Lewis
Robert Tonyan

RT

Yosh Nijman
Rasheed Walker

RG

Jon Runyan
Royce Newman

C

Josh Myers
Zach Tom

LG

Elgton Jenkins
Sean Rhyan

LT

David Bakhtiari
Zach Tom

DEFENSE

DE

Dean Lowry
Devonte Wyatt

NT

Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton

DE

Jarran Reed
Devonte Wyatt

CB

Eric Stokes
Keisean Nixon

OLB

Preston Smith
Jonathan Garvin

ILB

De'Vondre Campbell
Isaiah McDuffie

ILB

Quay Walker
Eric Wilson

OLB

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Brock Wright

RT

Penei Sewell
Matt Nelson

RG

Evan Brown
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C

Frank Ragnow
Evan Brown

LG

Jonah Jackson
Dan Skipper

LT

Taylor Decker

DEFENSE

DL

Aidan Hutchinson
John Cominsky

DL

Isaiah Bugbs
Michael Brockers

DL

Alim McNeill
Benito Jones

DL

Charles Harris
Josh Paschal

CB

Amani Oruwariye
Jerry Jacobs

CB

AJ Parker
Mike Hughes

CB

Jeff Okudah
Will Harris

LB

Malcolm Rodriguez
Chris Board

LB

Alex Anzalone
Derrick Barnes

S

Kerby Joseph
Ifeatu Melifonwu

S

DeShon Elliott
JuJu Hughes

SCHEDULE

Thursday's Games
Philadelphia at Houston, 7:15 p.m.

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

Monday's Games
Baltimore at New Orleans, 7:15 p.m.

Next Thursday's Games
Atlanta at Carolina, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, N.Y. Giants, Pittsburgh, San Francisco.

STANDINGS

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



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NOTEBOOK

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Struggling defense

The Green Bay Packers hadn't finished in the top quartile of the NFL in points allowed since 2010. They won the Super Bowl that year.

With a star-studded group, this was supposed to be the year that changed. Green Bay's starting defense didn't have a single weak link.

On the defensive line, Pro Bowler Kenny Clark was joined by veteran addition Jarran Reed and first-round pick Devonte Wyatt. At inside linebacker, All-Pro De'Vondre Campbell was joined by first-round pick Quay Walker. At cornerback, Jaire Alexander was healthy to create an elite trio with Rasul Douglas and 2021 first-round-er Eric Stokes.

Rising star Rashan Gary and Preston Smith formed a high-quality duo at outside linebacker. At safety, Adrian Amos and Darnell Savage were entering Year 4 together.

While the offense predictably has struggled to adapt to life without Davante Adams, it was supposed to be the defense that was ready, willing and able of picking up the slack. Instead, entering their week nine game at the Detroit Lions, the Packers are 3-5 and losers of four consecutive games in part because their defense ranks 16th in points allowed.

That unit can't stop the run, doesn't create enough turnovers and can't get off the field on too many important third downs.

Against Buffalo on Sunday night, the defense gave up five consecutive scores. The Bills' offense was on the field for just two third downs during that sequence.

"There's times we play good football and times we let it get away from us," Clark said after the Buffalo game. "Whatever it is, we've got to correct it. We've got to figure that out. I don't really have an answer for it."

Something's got to change. It won't be the coordinator, though.

"Absolutely not," coach Matt LaFleur said on Monday when asked whether he had contemplated firing second-year defensive coordinator Joe Barry.

There are no excuses for the disappointing play. Alexander essentially missed two games early in the season and Campbell was sidelined for the second half against Buffalo



Green Bay Packers outside linebacker Preston Smith, right, leaps up to try and knock down a pass attempt from Washington Commanders quarterback Taylor Heinicke during a game on Oct. 23 in Landover, Maryland.

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with a knee injury that might keep him out for the Detroit game. Otherwise, they've been healthy.

They almost lost to one backup quarterback (New England's Bailey Zappe) and did lose to another (Washington's Taylor Heinicke).

Frustration is building. A source told ESPN.com (www.espn.com/nfl/story/_/id/34920325/lafleur-no-plans-shake-packers-defensive-staff) that there is "a declining confidence" in Barry's scheme. LaFleur downplayed any differences in opinion between what's called by Barry and what has to be executed by the players.

"Well, first of all, it's impossible to please everybody," LaFleur said. "Everybody has their own opinions, their own ideas. You have to get the staff on the same page, first and foremost, in making sure that everybody is confident in the plan, and then you teach it to the players.

I think we'd be foolish not to listen to our players at certain times. Ultimately, we have to make the best decision for our football team in terms of how do you go about winning the game? You know, there were some great moments and then there were some not-so-great moments."

The Packers need more of those great moments. Fast. On Sunday, a three-game road trip concludes at Detroit, which is ninth in scoring. Then, it's a home game against Mike McCarthy's Dallas Cowboys, who are 6-2 and just scored 49 against Chicago.

Then, it's home against the Tennessee Titans, who are 5-2 behind star running back Derrick Henry, and at the Philadelphia Eagles, who are 7-0 and third in scoring.

The defense has had an annoying habit of playing one good half and one bad half. The good half against

Buffalo could be a building block, Douglas said, though that seems more like grasping at straws than anything.

"You can't come out here and spot a team 21 points and expect to come back," Douglas said. "What was it at halftime? 24-7? And the final score was 27-17. You can't spot a good team that many points. I think we played good in the second half. They just made more plays."

Offensive woes

It's not all the fault of the defense, obviously. After ranking first in scoring in 2020 and 10th in 2021 en route to earning No. 1 seeds in the NFC playoffs, the Packers are 26th. They've averaged merely 17.5 points during their losing streak.

"We're hurting ourselves," quarterback Aaron Rodgers said. "We had a touchdown to Bobby (Robert Tonyan) called back on a penalty.

We had other opportunities to get points — fourth down, I had Jo(siah Deguara) for a big gainer down the left side but couldn't get the ball off.

"We've got to help our defense out a little better early in the game. When we went on a run back in '16, we started those games faster so we could play more one-dimensionally on defense. We just haven't done that. We haven't put up any points early in games to get our defense to have a chance to pin their ears back and get after the passer."

The Packers did run the ball extremely well against the Bills. The question as the team advances into the second half of the season is whether than running game is a building block.

While the Packers frequently lined up with two tight ends to run the football, the Bills didn't play a single snap of their base 4-3 defense.

Essentially, they let Green Bay run the ball, confident in their belief they'd eventually get a stop or the Packers would shoot themselves in the foot.

"We know we have everything in the locker room," Jones said after running for 143 of the team's



Green Bay Packers defenders close in on Washington Commanders quarterback Taylor Heinicke during a game on Oct. 23 in Landover, Maryland.

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208 yards. "We just haven't put it together. We have to be a more disciplined football team.

"We have to play off each other. I think that's one of the big things. Just execution across the board, I think. There's going to be mistakes here and there. Now, we're causing a mishap on the play or something like that. We got all the talent in this locker room that we need.

We've just got to put it together now."

Change at linebacker

Assuming Campbell doesn't play, second-year player Isaiah McDuffie will make his first NFL start against Detroit. The Buffalo native played the final 40 snaps against the Bills and recorded four tackles.

"I thought Isaiah did a nice job,"

LaFleur said. "There was the one play where Josh (Allen) was able to get out of the sack. I think we were a little late getting the call in, our guys weren't quite ready on the snap of the ball and he has a free runner, but I thought all in all he handled himself well.

"He played with great effort — he always does. He always plays with great urgency, great effort, you can feel him, he's physical on the football field, not only on defense but on (special) teams, as well."

Receiver Christian Watson, who had missed the previous two games with a hamstring injury, suffered a concussion on his lone catch against the Bills. Fortunately, there are no other issues. At left guard, Elgton Jenkins was inactive with a foot injury sustained at Thursday's practice.

"Just one of those deals where he got stepped on and we thought he was going to be all right, I think he thought he was going to be all right, and on Sunday morning didn't feel great," LaFleur said. "Took him out in pregame, worked him out and it was one of those deals where he was having pain in his certain area and didn't feel like it was worth the risk."

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Week 9 Games: Sunday, November 6

Teams on bye: Cleveland, Dallas, Denver, San Francisco, Pittsburgh & NY Giants

Philadelphia @ Houston Thurs., Nov. 3
LA Chargers @ Atlanta
Miami @ Chicago
Carolina @ Cincinnati
Las Vegas @ Jacksonville
Indianapolis @ New England

Buffalo @ NY Jets
Minnesota @ Washington
Seattle @ Arizona
LA Rams @ Tampa Bay
Tennessee @ Kansas City
Baltimore @ New Orleans Mon., Nov. 7

Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Detroit



This Week's Picks:

Philadelphia	Buffalo
LA Chargers	Minnesota
Miami	Arizona
Cincinnati	Tampa Bay
Jacksonville	Kansas City
New England	Baltimore

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Green Bay 31 @ Detroit 28



This Week's Picks:

Philadelphia	Buffalo
LA Chargers	Minnesota
Miami	Seattle
Cincinnati	Tampa Bay
Jacksonville	Kansas City
New England	Baltimore

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Detroit 31



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Philadelphia	Buffalo
Atlanta	Minnesota
Miami	Seattle
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New England	Baltimore

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Detroit 17

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5 Sunday, October 9	at New York Giants (London)	8:30 a.m.	FOX
6 Sunday, October 16	NEW YORK JETS	12:10 p.m.	FOX
7 Sunday, October 23	at Washington Commanders	1:10 p.m.	FOX
8 Sunday, October 30	at Buffalo Bills	7:30 a.m.	FOX
9 Sunday, November 6	at Detroit Lions	12:10 p.m.	FOX
10 Sunday, November 13	DALLAS COWBOYS	12:25 p.m.	FOX
11 Monday, November 17	TENNESSEE TITANS	7:15 p.m.	FOX
12 Sunday, November 27	at Philadelphia Eagles	12:00 p.m.	FOX
13 Sunday, December 4	at Chicago Bears	12:00 p.m.	FOX
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Morgan Rode	9-6	69-54
Luke Reimer	9-6	68-55
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Overall Record



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Detroit 24



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Final Score: Green Bay 20 @ Detroit 27



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 14 @ Detroit 17

KEYS TO THE GAME

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

The Green Bay Packers (3-5) will travel to face the Detroit Lions (1-6) at noon on Sunday at Ford Field in Detroit. FOX will televise the game.

History

In a series that dates to 1930, when the Packers routed the Portsmouth Spartans 47-13, Green Bay leads 103-73-7. Including playoffs, it's 105-73-7.

Detroit won the last matchup, 37-30, in last year's finale at Ford Field. The Packers played their backups for the second half of that game, which helped the Lions snap a five-game skid in the rivalry.

Coaches

Green Bay — Matt LaFleur, 42-15, fourth season. Detroit — Dan Campbell, 4-19-1, second season; he went 5-7 as interim coach of the Dolphins in 2015.

When the Packers have the ball

You've probably heard of the irresistible force paradox: What happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object? Well, this would be the opposite. The Packers rank 26th in scoring. With four rookies in the starting lineup, the Lions rank 32nd in points allowed.

If Green Bay's horrendous offense can't get going in this game, it might never get going.

The Lions have allowed 32.1 points per game — 5.1 points worse than any other team. They're across-the-board terrible: 32nd in total defense, yards allowed per play, passing yards per play and third down.

Of the main statistical categories, Detroit's best is passing, where it's merely 27th. Campbell fired defensive backs coach Aubrey Pleasant on Monday.

"I think Aubrey is a hell of a coach," Campbell said. "I've got a ton of respect for him. It was a tough decision, but we're in a production-based business and after seven weeks I felt like this change needed to be made."

Detroit's base defense is 4-3. The front consists of defensive ends Aidan Hutchinson and Josh Paschal and defensive tackles Isaiah Buggs and Alim Mitchell.

Hutchinson was the second pick of the draft and Paschal was the second-round pick.

Hutchinson has 4½ of the Lions'



Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, center, throws a pass during the team's game against the Washington Commanders on Oct. 23 in Landover, Maryland.

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11 sacks. He splits his time between the left and right sides. Paschal has been starting for Charles Harris, who has been out with a groin injury. Harris had 7½ sacks last season.

Malcolm Rodriguez, another rookie, and Alex Anzalone are the primary linebackers. Anzalone has a team-high 55 tackles. Rodriguez, an undersized but fleet-footed sixth-round pick, is third with 47 tackles but first with five tackles for losses.

The secondary consists of Jeff Okudah and Amani Oruwariye as the corners, A.J. Parker in the slot and DeShon Elliott and rookie third-round pick Kerby Joseph as the safeties.

Okudah, the oft-injured 2020 first-round pick, has started every game and is tied for the team lead with three passes defended. Oruwariye, who had a breakout season last year, has not been as good this year. He's given up four touchdowns, according to Pro Football Focus. Elliott, who is second with 48 tackles, has one of the team's two interceptions.

When the Lions have the ball

The Lions boast a formidable offense. At times, anyway. They rank

ninth with 24.7 points per game. After scoring a total of six points in road losses to the Patriots and Cowboys, they scored 27 in Sunday's loss to the Dolphins. All 27 of those points, however, were in the first half.

They're fourth in total offense and yards per play, fourth in rushing per play and seventh in passing per play.

They are bad on third down (23rd with 37.4% conversions) but great in the red zone (third, 72% touchdowns).

"We literally just have to do our jobs like we did in the first half, and everything takes care of itself," left tackle Taylor Decker said, a line that might be used by any member of Green Bay's offense. "We just have to play a complete game. We have to play for 60."

The offensive line of Decker, left guard Jonah Jackson, center Frank Ragnow, right guard Evan Brown and right tackle Penei Sewell is a force.

You get what you pay for; Decker, Sewell and Ragnow were first-round picks and Jackson was taken in the third.

They've given quarterback Jared Goff ample time and cleared the path for running backs D'Andre

Swift and Jamaal Williams.

Brown is playing for Halapouliua Vaitai, who is on injured reserve following back surgery.

Goff is 11th in passer rating (93.2). He's been so much more productive compared to last year, his yards per attempt up to 7.5 from 6.6 and his yards per game up to 272 from 231.8.

Williams, the former tag-team partner of Aaron Jones in Green Bay, has rushed for 464 yards and a career-high eight touchdowns. Swift, who returned from an injury last week, has averaged a robust 7.4 yards per carry.

Swift, especially, is a dynamic threat as a receiver. He caught 62 passes last year. Behind that line, they will test Green Bay's porous run defense.

Amon-Ra St. Brown, Josh Reynolds and Kalif Raymond are the primary receivers. D.J. Chark, one of their big free-agent signings, is on injured reserve and first-round pick Jameson Williams is still out following the ACL sustained last year at Alabama.

St. Brown is a stud. He's caught 35 passes for 344 yards and three touchdowns despite missing time with injuries.

Spanning the end of 2021 and the start of 2022, he caught eight-plus passes in an NFL-record eight consecutive games.

Reynolds and tight end T.J. Hockenson are tied for second on the team with 26 receptions.

Hockenson, who has receptions of 81 and 58 yards this year, was traded to the Vikings at the trade deadline.

Special teams

In Football Outsiders' rankings, Detroit is 19th and Green Bay is 31st.

Michael Badgley is the kicker. Already the team's third kicker, he's made all four field goals and all three extra points.

Jack Fox is the punter. He has a big leg (49.5 average) but gives up a lot of returns and a lot of return yardage (13.5 average). Can Green Bay's Amari Rodgers field the ball and take advantage?

Raymond handles punt returns and backup running back Justin Jackson is the primary kickoff returner.

They've had minimal success, though Raymond has big-time speed and averaged 11.2 yards last season.

Q&A WITH ALLEN LAZARD

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

Allen Lazard, who is Green Bay's leading receiver, discusses At The Top, a personal motto and clothing line meant to inspire others to reach their fullest potential.

Q: What is the genesis of At The Top?

A: At The Top, it's a mindset. We don't say it's a place, a title or an accomplishment. It's waking up and being the best version of yourself every single day.

I developed that in high school. My best friend and I, Ryan (Lillard), had kind of coined the term "At The Top" to give an identity to how we felt like we approached a lot of things in our life. I've used that mindset to deal with the different adversities and challenges that I've had throughout my life, whether it be sports or relationships or different hardships I've had to deal with.

Here, I've been trying to spread the word and let everyone else know what I consider to be At The Top and the mindset it is. I think a lot of these people already have that mindset. To even be at this level, you already have to have it. But some people may not identify with it or fully understand it.

I think giving it a name or identity helps people recognize it and they're able to focus a little bit more on it when those types of situations present themselves.

Q: What does it mean to you? Ask someone on the street, and "at the top" means you led the league in receiving or are a company CEO. To you, what does it mean?

A: Just be the best version of yourself. Do the best that you can do. Somedays, you wake up and you may have an injury, you may not mentally be fully there, and you can only be 80% of yourself. If you can only be 80% of your full self, then you need to be all 80% and not 79 and not 70.

It's a way to get the best out of yourself every single day. Having that mindset and that consistency allows you, when times are tough, to persevere and keep fighting through those tough moments.

Q: So, it's that mentality that allowed you to go from an undrafted practice-squad guy in Jacksonville to the No. 1 receiver with the Packers?

A: I would credit a lot of it to that, as well as a lot of other factors — obviously, my teammates, my coaches, opportunities presenting themselves and being prepared for them. I think



Green Bay Packers receiver Allen Lazard, left, reaches out to try and haul in a pass during the team's game against the New York Jets on Oct. 16 in Green Bay.

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ultimately, it's the belief in yourself. I think that has to do with At The Top and believing that you can be yourself.

Q: You came up with this in high school? That's pretty mature. I was focusing on a lot smaller goals when I was that age. Have you always been that way?

A: I always knew that I wanted to be a professional athlete. Around the time I developed At The Top is when I realized my path was probably going to be down toward football. When I set my focus to be on football, I knew my end goal was to be in the NFL. Since high school — and even when I was a little kid — I had dreams and aspirations to be here and everything. In high school, it definitely narrowed.

Q: Coming from where you came from, what does it mean to be here? You've accomplished just about everything you set out to accomplish.

A: It's definitely a blessing. I think all the time about being a mixed-interracial kid from Des Moines, Iowa. To be here playing for the Green Bay Packers, to be able to represent not only my family and friends but the

whole state of Iowa and Des Moines and, more so than that, throughout my career, a lot of people have doubted me.

Whether it's high school, college or even at the beginning stages of my NFL career and even more so now being the new role I've assumed. Going back to the At The Top mindset, it's helped me prove people wrong and, more than that, prove myself right.

Q: You can buy At The Top shirts and so on. Where do you want to take At The Top?

A: I have a foundation called At The Top for Vets. It's in the beginning stages right now. I'll probably have an event next year when I can do a fundraiser to raise money to help veterans transition from their service life back into normal citizen life.

Whether it's health, finding a job, their family or whatever it may be, I want to help. Those people serve our country and protect us for our freedoms and give us our rights. For me to be able to live this amazing life and to live out my dreams, I feel like those people should be the No. 1 in society.

I want the help make sure that they

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Number: 13

Age: 26

Season: Fourth

College: Iowa State

have the easiest transition from what they've been doing back into civilian life.

Q: Where did that inspiration start?

A: I've always had a lot of respect for the military. Before I knew about football, I wanted to be part of the Secret Service and protect the president. I've always had a tremendous amount of respect for those men and women that serve our country and fight for our rights and our freedoms.

There's a lot of similarities between their day-to-day lives and how they go about their jobs and the emphasis they put on the details. If they have any faulty decisions or actions, it ends in maybe not their life but someone else's life.

Thankfully, our ramifications aren't to that level but I feel like it correlates very well.

Rodgers preaches patience after Packers' skid grows to 4

By JONAH BRONSTEIN
The Associated Press

Aaron Rodgers' frustration following a fourth consecutive loss was familiarly apparent. This time, the Packers quarterback chose his words more carefully in expressing them.

A week after suggesting some players need to be benched and citing too many mental errors following a 23-21 loss at Washington, Rodgers was more understated on Oct. 30. He preached patience after a 27-17 loss to the AFC-leading Buffalo Bills dropped the Packers to 3-5 — their worst start through eight games since Rodgers took over as quarterback in 2008.

"The most important thing is to take a beat," Rodgers said. "After a frustration like this, the last thing you want is to respond in emotion. So take a beat. Let it sit. There's not a whole lot to say after the game that is really going to spark the team."

Rodgers snapped a 13-game win streak in primetime, and the Packers have lost four in a row for the first time since 2016. Rodgers responded to that midseason slump by declaring the Packers could "run the table."

They won the next eight on their way to the NFC Championship Game.

On Sunday night, Rodgers said the Packers just need to find a way to get one victory.

"I feel like if we just get one, then our whole momentum changes," Rodgers said.

The Packers haven't lost five of their first eight games since 2006, when Brett Favre was the team's starter. Their third double-digit loss this year matches the most they've had in a full season with Rodgers at quarterback. The five losses marks the most they've had in one season under coach Matt LaFleur took over in 2019, and most since a 6-9-1 finish in 2018.

Now the three-time NFC North champions face an uphill climb in the division standings after falling three wins behind the Minnesota Vikings.

What encouraged Rodgers was the energy he felt from his teammates leading up to the game, by noting it "felt like the Packers again." The only issue was how it failed to carry over into an outing Green Bay trailed 24-7 by halftime.

After holding Buffalo to its first three-and-out on the opening drive

this season, the Packers' defense allowed touchdowns on three consecutive possessions, and field goals on the next two, before stiffening to intercept Josh Allen twice in the fourth quarter.

LaFleur said the Packers need to play with more discipline.

Green Bay had eight penalties for 58 yards, including an offensive pass interference penalty on tight end Robert Tonyan that wiped out a touchdown on the first series of the second half.

"We're getting killed with penalties," LaFleur said. "It's taking points off the board. It's extending drives."

LaFleur was especially displeased when linebacker Quay Walker got ejected in the second quarter for shoving an inactive Bills player on the sideline, further weakening a defense that also lost leading tackler De'Vondre Campbell to a knee injury.

"When it gets chippy, you've got to keep your poise," LaFleur said. "Mistakes are going to happen in this game. But losing your cool, losing your poise, putting the team in jeopardy, I've got no tolerance for that."

Walker regretted his emotional response, saying it was sparked after he was pushed from behind after tackling

running back James Cook.

"I probably misinterpreted on what it was," Walker said. "I just felt the push, and I'm on their sideline. Feelings just flowing. I'm very hyped and everything like that. And I just let it out of emotion. Right away, as soon as I did that, I regretted that I did that. But it's something that I'm going to have to live with, and I'm going to have to face."

Emotions flared before the game, with Packers cornerback Jaire Alexander and Bills receiver Stefon Diggs exchanging words in the tunnel before and after pre-game warmups.

While Green Bay's running attack combined for a season-best 208 yards, the Rodgers-led passing attack was limited by an injury depleted group of receivers. Christian Watson left the game with a concussion in the first quarter, further depleting a receiver group already missing Allen Lazard (shoulder) and Randall Cobb (ankle).

"We know we have everything in the locker room. We just haven't put it together," said running back Aaron Jones. "I feel like we did a great job in the run game. We just gotta keep going, keep digging."

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USA PRIME \$2.29_{lb}

GREAT FOR CARNITAS OR PULLED PORK

WHOLE BONE-IN PORK BUTT ROAST

\$1.49_{lb}

WASHINGTON STATE
HONEYCRISP APPLES

\$3.99_{lb}

SIRLOIN TIP ROAST

\$1.29_{lb}

BLACK, GREEN & RED
SEEDLESS GRAPES

WHOLEY \$8.99_{16 oz}

26-30 COUNT
COOKED SHRIMP

69¢_{ea.}

AVOCADOS

Food Club Tomatoes or Tomato Sauce
10-15 oz

89¢_{WITH CARD}

Crystal Farms Chunk or Shredded Cheese
5.5-8 oz

\$1.99_{WITH CARD}

Land O' Lakes Butter
1 lb
Select Varieties

\$3.99_{WITH CARD} Limit 2

Wide Awake Coffee
11-12 oz or 10 ct

\$3.99_{WITH CARD}

Food Club Hot Cocoa
10 pk

\$1.89_{WITH CARD}

Simply Orange Juice
52 oz

\$2.99_{WITH CARD}

General Mills Chex Cereal
12-14 oz
Select Varieties

\$1.99_{WITH CARD} When You Buy Multiples of 4

Connie's Classic Thin Crust or Pizzeria 10.15-28.6 oz or Palermo's Primo Thin, Rising Crust or Pizzeria Pizza 13-33 oz

2/\$10_{WITH CARD}

7UP, RC Cola or Dr. Pepper
6 pk 1/2 ltr btl

4/\$10_{WITH CARD}

Arm & Hammer Laundry Detergent
55.10 to 67.50 oz

2/\$7_{WITH CARD}

Cottonelle Bath Tissue
6 Mega Rolls

\$6.99_{WITH CARD}

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