



Los Angeles Rams cornerback Josh Wallace (30) tries to pull down Green Bay Packers tight end Tucker Kraft (85) during the Oct. 6 game at SoFi Stadium. The Packers won 24-19 despite a late fourth quarter comeback attempt by the Rams.

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Packers offense continues to impress despite early game blunders

Green Bay employs NFL's seventh best passing offense, third best rushing offense

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Through five games of the 2024-25 NFL season, the Green Bay Packers have totaled 1,963 yards, which ranks third in the entire NFL.

Of those, 1,139 yards have come through the pass, while 824 of them have come on the ground. While the rushing numbers may be a little skewed with Malik Willis playing in two games this season, Green Bay has done a great job of building a strong dual threat offense this season.

Though the last two weeks have been rough first halves for the Packers, it has become a theme for Jordan Love and the offense to lock in after halftime and come out hot. In the second half of games this season, the Packers rank sixth in the NFL with 647 passing yards, meaning more than half of the team's total passing yards on the season come after halftime.

Those passing numbers are even more impressive considering Love went

down in Week 1 with a sprained MCL in his knee.

"I think that he is getting better," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, when asked about Love's injury. "He looked like he was moving around pretty well today."

Continuing to talk about Love and his injury, LaFleur noted that the offense and the team as a whole relies on more than just Love, as football is a game where every player in every position needs to be sharp to be a great team.

"It is never about one player, it is never about one person in this game – it takes all 11, and you need everybody around you to do their job so you can do your job at the highest possible level," said LaFleur. "So, you know, there are some things that we can clean up certainly – (Love) specifically, but I was proud just how he battles."

Speaking to LaFleur's point about the offense specifically being about all 11 players on the field, Green Bay's ability to run the ball this season has provided ample opportuni-



LA Rams safety Quentin Lake (37) tackles Green Bay wide receiver Jayden Reed (11) at the end of a 53-yard pass on the Packers' second offensive possession. Reed pulled down four catches for 78 yards and ran twice for 19 yards against the Rams.

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ty for Love and the passing offense to thrive.

As Packers fans saw under the leadership of Willis, Green Bay has a strong rushing game that can be used to overwhelm opposing teams.

That starts at the offensive line. Right tackle Zach Tom and center Josh Myers are having two of

the best offensive lineman seasons in the NFL this season. With a "lightning and thunder"-esque running duo of Josh Jacobs and Emanuel Wilson, Green Bay has been able to move the ball more effectively on the ground than in years past.

On the season, Jacobs has totaled 402 rushing

yards and one rushing touchdown. Wilson has added another 156 yards on the ground. More than just being able to keep teams honest and work the defensive line, running the ball effectively has helped to open the play action for Love and the offense this season.

"(Play action) is a huge

part of our offense," said Love. "It is all game plan and basing and mirroring our plays off of each other. There are definitely a lot more plays that we have out there that we didn't dial up today, but under center play-action is a huge part of our offense, and we will keep getting back to that and keep getting that rolling."

With matchups coming up against the Arizona Cardinals and the Houston Texans, the offense is going to have to be stellar to stay in games. Both teams have the ability to score points in a hurry and to a degree probably will, so it will be up to Love and the offense to be able to match these dynamic offenses. That is all going to come down to keeping a healthy mix of running and passing the football.

While the defense has done an incredible job at forcing turnovers, this Packers offense has emerged as one of the best in the NFL and will need to continue to fire on all cylinders to stay alive in the playoff hunt.

Offense expected to fly high against Cardinals

Green Bay defense needs to be stronger when not making big plays

By **JACOB WESTENDORF**
Green & Gold Express

Packers Offense vs. Cardinals Defense

Jordan Love is back. The quarterback returned from his knee injury after a two-game absence.

His return has been up and down. He's thrown six touchdown passes but also four interceptions since returning from his knee injury.

Sunday's interception was the worst of the bunch. Love was backed up into his own end zone, held the ball, and tried to throw it away while losing his balance from pressure he faced.

The result was a floating ball into the field of play, which resulted in an easy interception for the Rams that they returned for a touchdown. It was as disastrous of a result that could happen.

It was also the first pick-six of Love's career.

If there's a complaint to be had about Love in his three starts this year, it's that he has turned the ball over too much.

Matt LaFleur often says that taking care of the football is the quarterback's top priority.

He's also a big reason that the Packers lead the league in big plays. Love showed off his ability for those, connecting on deep balls to Jayden Reed and Tucker Kraft for chunk plays.

One set up a touchdown run by Josh Jacobs, his first as a Packer. The other, was a 66-yard touchdown that gave the Packers a lead they wouldn't relinquish in the second half.

This week, Love should be able to put the knee injury behind him. It did not appear to affect him in Sunday's game, including when he took off for a scramble that led to a first down.

The passing game was playing left handed against the Rams and could be getting some reinforcements back this week.

Christian Watson has an ankle sprain and was listed as doubtful before Sunday's game. There's at least



Josh Jacobs (8) scored his first touchdown as a member of the Green Bay Packers when they faced the Rams on Oct. 6. He carried the ball 19 times for 73 yards and caught one pass for 21 yards.
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some optimism he could be well enough in time for Sunday's game against the Cardinals.

Romeo Doubs is a different story. Doubs skipped practice last week and according to a report from Packers on Sports Illustrated, it was due to frustrations with his role in the passing game.

Doubs was eventually suspended for Sunday's game due to what general manager Brian Gutekunst called conduct detrimental to the team.

Doubs was set to meet with LaFleur on Monday, but it was unclear what the next steps would be from there.

Dontayvion Wicks' struggles continued in Sunday's win over the Rams.

He had two tough drops and appeared to misjudge a deep ball from Love that was slightly underthrown.

Had Wicks made the

play, no late stand from the defense would have been needed. Instead, the Packers had to sweat it out.

The Packers lead the league in big plays but seem to struggle at the simple stuff. It's like a basketball player who shoots 50% from 3-point land but can't make anything in the paint.

Overall, they are relatively healthy on offense and need to find more consistency, starting Sunday against the Cardinals.

Josh Jacobs, after essentially splitting carries with Emanuel Wilson, took a leading role in Sunday's win over the Rams. Both backs have been able to do some nice things, but Green Bay needs their top back to be one of their focal points.

Arizona's defense is lead by their head coach, Jonathan Gannon.

Gannon was the defen-

sive coordinator for the 2022 Philadelphia Eagles, who nearly carried them to the franchise's second championship.

The results have yet to find Gannon in Arizona. The team is ranked in the bottom third of the league in yards and points allowed through five weeks of the season.

They only have three takeaways on the season, so this should be a good opportunity for the Packers' offense to start taking better care of the ball.

Packers Defense vs. Cardinals Offense

Green Bay's defense continues to take the ball away.

They got two more against Los Angeles, and surprise, surprise, Xavier McKinney was at the center of both of those plays.

He recovered a fumble forced by Kingsley Enagbare that changed the

game in Green Bay's favor.

Not to be satisfied with one turnover, he followed it up with another interception, his fifth in five games.

McKinney is the first Packer to intercept a pass in each of his first five games.

Moreover, he is the first player in NFL history to intercept a pass in each of his first five games.

What McKinney is doing is unprecedented early in the season.

They don't hand out any awards, but it's safe to say he's building a resume toward the defensive player of the year award.

One of the issues the Packers are having is that teams are able to move the ball with relative ease if they're not forcing turnovers.

That happened again Sunday. The Rams' makeshift offensive line

and dynamic run game bludgeoned the Packers in the first half. They averaged more than 5 yards per carry. If not for Enagbare's forced fumble, they could have leaned more into the run game, and who knows how the rest of the day would have gone.

The pass rush was solid but unspectacular on Sunday.

The Rams were playing with two backup offensive linemen. The Packers had three sacks but had to send pressure to get them. Any defensive coordinator will tell you they prefer to get pressure with their front four.

Instead, Edgerrin Cooper started the show with a sack of Stafford, as he continues to get more playing time.

Karl Brooks tallied one, and Colby Wooden, a healthy scratch the last two weeks, had a big play on the final drive of the game.

Jeff Hafley has emphasized taking the ball away and making big plays on defense, and they have certainly done that early in the season.

They could have some opportunities against Kyler Murray. As talented as he is, he will put the ball in harm's way, whether in the air, or with the possibilities of a fumble.

For now, the Packers are going to be relying more on that than anything else as they try to find more consistency on defense.

Arizona's offense is built around the dynamic ability of Murray.

He can hurt you with his arm or with his legs. He diced up the 49ers' defense for more than 80 yards rushing. There may not be a better quarterback in the run game than Murray aside from two-time league MVP Lamar Jackson

Their run game includes James Conner, and he's really the only running back that gets any significant time in the backfield.

Murray is a big part of their run game, so he's the second half of a one-two

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ARIZONA CARDINALS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

TIME AND DATE: Noon, Sunday, Oct. 13
LOCATION: Lambeau Field
TV: CBS
RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee — 97.3; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay — 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo — 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette — 95.1, and WSAU Wausau — 55.0 AM and 95.1 FM
2024 RECORDS: Packers, 3-2, Cardinals 2-3
HISTORY: The Cardinals and Packers have met 76 times, which includes three postseason games. The Packers

hold a 46-26-4 edge over the Cardinals. The most recent meeting came in October 2021, where Aaron Rodgers was playing with a MASH unit at receiver due to injuries and COVID-19 absences from the team. The Cardinals were undefeated going into the night and had a chance to keep their perfect season alive when they were deep in Green Bay territory. Instead, Rasul Douglas intercepted a pass with less than a minute on the clock to seal a Packers victory, one of the best of Matt LaFleur's career. The most recent meeting at Lambeau

Field was December 2018. The Cardinals were one of the worst teams in football that year, but they beat the Packers 20-17 that day. That game became famous because it was the last that Mike McCarthy would coach for the Packers. He became the first head coach to be fired in team history.
COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 59-29). Cardinals - Jonathan Gannon (second season, 6-16).
PACKERS SCHEDULE
Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34
Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis Noon W 16-10

Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee Noon W30-14
Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 29-31
Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams 3:25 p.m. W 24-19
Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona Noon FOX
Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston Noon CBS
Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville Noon FOX
Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. FOX
Week 10 BYE
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon FOX
Sunday, Nov. 24 vs. San Francisco 3:25 p.m. FOX

Thursday, Nov. 28 vs. Miami 7:20 p.m. NBC
Thursday, Dec. 5 at Detroit 7:15 p.m. Amazon Prime
Sunday, Dec. 15 at Seattle 7:20 p.m. NBC
Monday, Dec. 23 vs. New Orleans 7:15 p.m. ESPN
Sunday, Dec. 29, at Minnesota Noon FOX
Week 18 vs. Chicago TBD
NFL SCHEDULE
Thursday, Oct. 10
San Francisco at Seattle, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 13

Jacksonville at Chicago (in London), 8:30 a.m.
Tampa Bay at New Orleans, Noon
Washington at Baltimore, Noon
Arizona at Green Bay, Noon
Indianapolis at Tennessee, Noon.
Houston at New England, Noon
Cleveland at Philadelphia, Noon
LA Chargers at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Carolina, 3:25 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at NY Giants, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 14
Buffalo at NY Jets, 7:15 p.m.

Pack get back on track with win in Los Angeles

Defense forces two turnovers to help beat Rams

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers season got back on track, as the defense led it to a 24-19 victory on Oct. 6 over the Los Angeles Rams in Southern California.

The story for the Packers was once again the defense, as the NFL's leading turnover-causing defense took the ball away twice from Matt Stafford and the Rams to bring the season total to 14.

Finding itself down 13-10 to open the second half, Green Bay got the spark that it needed to carry through the rest of the game. Los Angeles running back Kyren Williams ran up the middle for a 2-yard gain but was stripped by Packer linebacker Kingsley Enagbare.

Green Bay's second turnover came by way of a familiar face. Up 17-13, the Packers defense got pressure on Stafford and forced him into a difficult throw. That throw wound up in the hands of Packers defensive back Xavier McKinney.

The interception now marks the fifth in as many



Green Bay's Kenny Clark (97) is held back as he reaches out for Los Angeles Rams running back Kyren Williams (23) in the Packers 24-19 victory in Week 5.

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games for McKinney, a Packers record through a players' first five games with the team.

"Like I said earlier, he's balling," said Packers defensive tackle Kenny Clark, on McKinney. "I mean, he is on a roll. Whatever he is doing, he needs to keep doing it. Credit to him for his preparation and everything he has been bringing to the table. He is a baller."

As for the offense, Jordan Love finished the game completing 15-of-26 passes for two touchdowns and one interception. Love's interception came before the half. In Green Bay's end zone, Love rolled to his right, bounced off a hit and to avoid a safety tossed the ball out to his right. That pass was intercepted by Rams defensive back Jaylen McCollough, who re-

turned it for a touchdown.

After the interception and after the half, Love started to settle in and completed two touchdown passes to tight end Tucker Kraft, who added another 88 yards through the air. The first of Kraft's touchdowns came on a 66-yard catch and run down the left sideline.

Running back Josh Jacobs had one of his better

days as a Packer, finishing with 73 yards on 19 carries and one touchdown. His touchdown run came early in the game, as he plunged in from the 2-yard line.

Jacobs' touchdown was set up on the preceding play though, as Love threw a pass deep to the left side of the field intended for receiver Jayden Reed. Through triple coverage, Love snuck the ball in to Reed for a 53-yard gain.

"I am confident in my guys and their ability to go out and make plays," said Love.

As for the Rams, it was Stafford who led the offense, as the veteran quarterback finished the game completing 29-of-45 passes for 260 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Williams added 102 yards on the ground on 22 carries and one touchdown.

In the receiving game, with superstar receivers Cooper Kupp and Puka Nacua injured, Jordan Whittington led the team with 89 yards on seven catches. Tutu Atwell and tight end Colby Parkinson added 58 yards and 52 yards, respectively.

With Green Bay up

24-13, the Rams went down and scored a touchdown with 3:30 left in the fourth quarter but failed the two-point try.

Green Bay then ran just 33 seconds off of the clock, punting the ball back to Los Angeles with 2:57 left in the game. Stafford and the Rams offense marched down to the Green Bay 45-line and faced a fourth-and-5 with 1:05 left. On the ensuing down, Stafford found pressure in his face and his pass intended for Parkinson fell incomplete, giving Green Bay the opportunity to run the clock out and win the game.

The win over the Los Angeles Rams now gives the Packers a 3-2 record. With the Chicago Bears and Minnesota Vikings winning this week and the Detroit Lions with a bye, Green Bay still finds itself tied for third in the division. Given the nature of the division and the talent, it is obvious that Green Bay has to continue to win games to keep pace in the NFC North.

Green Bay gets to build upon this win next week as it takes on the Cardinals at home.

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punch, if you will.

This week could be a matchup of a big-time veteran against a up-and-coming rookie.

Marvin Harrison Jr., son of the former Indianapolis Colt, Marvin Harrison, is the leading receiver for the Cardinals.

He's had some big moments in the year, but is only averaging 60 yards per game at the moment.

As he learns and gets better, he'll be more of a focal point in the Cardinals passing game.

He should be facing off against Jaire Alexander this week. Alexander nearly

played against the Rams, so there's optimism he'll make his return on Sunday.

Special Teams

The Packers have not benefited from the new kickoff rules as of yet. Keisean Nixon has one chance at a return this season, and it was one that was ill-advised.

He talked about it last week. He's frustrated, but not much is going to change. Teams are more willing to just concede the 30 yard line for Green Bay's offense than they are to give Nixon a chance to show off his return skills.

There's little reason to think that will change anytime soon. Perhaps it's

something that could be different as the weather turns colder.

Green Bay's kicking may have taken a turn. After Brayden Narveson was deemed "nervous Narveson" by the CBS broadcast, he drilled all four of his kicks on Sunday. None of his PATs looked shaky, nor did the 46-yard field goal that he made just before halftime to pull the Packers within three.

Narveson will continue to get a chance to prove general manager Brian Gutekunst and LaFleur correct for sticking with him as their kicker, and Sunday might have been a turning point for him.

Daniel Whelan has been excellent in the early part of the year as well but struggled in Sunday's win over the Rams.

The Cardinals have Jeff Rodgers as their special teams coach, who has been with the team for seven years.

They finished 18th in Rick Gosselin's special teams rankings from 2023. Kicker Matt Prater is perfect on the year kicking field goals and extra points. He's kicked at Lambeau Field plenty in his career due to his time in Detroit.

DeeJay Dallas has returned a kick for a touchdown this year, so he can be dangerous.

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KEYS TO THE GAME

Alexander needed back in Green Bay secondary

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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The Green Bay Packers are back above .500 after beating the Los Angeles Rams 24-19 at SoFi Stadium thanks to a late defensive stand.

Jordan Love and company will return home for the next two weeks, starting with a showdown against the Arizona Cardinals.

The Cardinals may have saved their season on Sunday with an upset win over the San Francisco 49ers on the road.

The Packers are 3-2 but need to start stacking solid performances together. The Cardinals are an interesting matchup for them, and here is what we're looking at for how the Packers get to 4-2.

1. Jaire Alexander vs. Marvin Harrison Jr.

The former Ohio State Buckeye known as Maserati Marv is making his mark on the NFL as a rookie.

He's gone through some typical ups and downs that are to be expected from a rookie, but he is lightning in a bottle. He can strike at a moment's notice.

That's why he was considered one of the best wide receiver prospects over the last 10 years.

Jaire Alexander has missed two straight games with quad and groin injuries that have hampered him.

Tracy Wolfson of CBS reported before the game on Sunday that Alexander was hopeful to be back this week.

It's safe to say they need him. Eric Stokes has



Defensive linemen T.J. Slaton (93) and Kingsley Enagbare (55) converge on Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford (9). The Rams managed 76 offensive plays compared to 58 for the Packers, but Green Bay won in the stat that mattered, the 24-19 final score.

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struggled each of the last two weeks.

Carrington Valentine is still hobbled.

Even if they weren't, Alexander is one of their best players. You need your blue-chip types to play against good teams.

Alexander may not be able to shut Marvin Harrison Jr. down, but he can

slow things down dramatically, which can make things harder on Kyler Murray.

2. Defensive Front vs. Kyler Murray

After playing three straight weeks against more conventional quarterbacks, it's back to school for Jeff Hafley and the Packers' defensive front.

The first two weeks of the season they faced the mobile Jalen Hurts and Anthony Richardson.

Their pass rush was asked to remain disciplined in order to keep those quarterbacks in the pocket.

They've been quieter than the Packers likely would have hoped the last

couple of weeks but better than they were in the first two.

The guess here is they'll be asked to mush rush again with Murray standing on the other side.

Murray is a gifted thrower but just as gifted with the ball in his hands. He's been a big part of the Cardinals' run game since

he was drafted by them.

In fact, other than Lamar Jackson, there may not be a more dangerous quarterback in the open field with the ball in his hands.

He showed off his skills with a 50-yard run against the notoriously stingy San Francisco 49ers' defense.

Murray finished Sunday's game with 83 yards on seven carries.

When he gets in the open field, he's always a threat to take it the distance.

Those runs can be backbreaking for a defense, so look for more of the blueprint from the first two weeks of the season against the dynamic Murray.

3. Jordan Love vs. Turnovers

Jordan Love struggled against last week with taking care of the ball. Love made an inexplicably bad decision that resulted in a pick-six to hand points to the Rams. Love has turned the ball over at least once in all of his starts this year.

This week, he faces a Cardinals defense that is able to do a lot of different things under head coach Jonathan Gannon.

Gannon was the defensive coordinator that powered the 2022 Philadelphia Eagles' defense that helped carry them to a Super Bowl.

The competition is starting to get tougher, and patience is starting to wear thin. Love needs to start playing more like the quarterback that finished the 2023 season rather than the one who started it.

That starts with taking better care of the football.



Celebrating another great play are, from left, Chris Brooks, Javon Bullard, Zayne Anderson and Xavier McKinney.

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At left, Lukas Van Ness (90) and Karl Brooks (94) move in for the tackle of Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford. Brooks was credited with one and a half sacks of Stafford on the day. Above, Green Bay Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, left, met up with his younger brother, Mike LaFleur, in Los Angeles. Mike LaFleur is the offensive coordinator for the Rams.
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Week 6 Games: Sunday, Oct. 13

Jacksonville @ Chicago
Cleveland @ Philadelphia
Detroit @ Dallas
Buffalo @ NY Jets - Mon., Oct. 14

Tie Breaker Game:
Arizona @ Green Bay

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, NEW Media.....	5-0	18-7
Mike Woracek, Card & Coin	4-1	17-8
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	3-2	16-9
Luke Reimer, NEW Media	4-1	16-9
Barb Nikel, The Cottages At Meadowlands	5-0	15-10
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive.....	3-2	15-10
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Service.....	3-2	14-11
Jackie Wehmeyer, The cottages on Golden Pond.....	3-2	14-11
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media	3-2	14-11
Kevin Passon, NW Media	3-2	11-14
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	2-3	9-16



This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Dallas
Buffalo

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 29 @ Green Bay 31

Week 5 Winner:
Tim Murphey
NEW Media



This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Detroit
Buffalo

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 24 @ Green Bay 32



This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Detroit
Buffalo

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 28 @ Green Bay 31



This Week's Picks:

Jacksonville
Philadelphia
Detroit
NY Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 13 @ Green Bay 24



This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Dallas
NY Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 17 @ Green Bay 31



This Week's Picks:

Jacksonville
Philadelphia
Dallas
Buffalo

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 17 @ Green Bay 30



This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Detroit
Buffalo

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 17 @ Green Bay 24



This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Dallas
NY Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 10 @ Green Bay 21



This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Detroit
Buffalo

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 24 @ Green Bay 27



This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Philadelphia
Detroit
Buffalo

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 20 @ Green Bay 30



This Week's Picks:

Jacksonville
Philadelphia
Detroit
NY Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Arizona 24 @ Green Bay 27

More to come from McKinney this season

**By JACOB
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The signing of Xavier McKinney in the offseason may be one of the best moves as of late for the Green Bay Packers.

He recorded his fifth consecutive interception in the Packers Week 5 matchup against the Rams, becoming the first player since 1970 to record five consecutive interceptions in the first five weeks on a new team.

After playing college ball at Alabama, he was picked by the New York Giants in the second round of the 2020 draft.

On March 14, 2024, McKinney signed a four-year, \$67 million contract with the Packers.

Another interception?

Yeah, it was great to see it. I got a good break off of it. Obviously he's one of the great quarterbacks that we've seen play. He's great at looking off, and it was tough all game to be able to kind of get a good feel for him, but I knew if I stayed persistent and stayed consistent in what I was seeing from him that I was gonna be able to get on,e and I got a good break and I made a play on the ball.

Important time for a pick?

Super important. I

mean it's super important because we needed it. We got that pick and then we went down and scored. I should've had another one, so I'm kinda irritated about that, but like I've been saying, man, we'll get back in the lab and continue to work and next week, hopefully the ones that I drop, I get next week.

You ever play center field in baseball?

I didn't, but I always had pretty good instincts and pretty good ball skills. I pride myself on that, just playing safety and especially playing deep part of the field. That makes a good safety a great one, being able to play in the center field and be able to make those plays, so I'm just trying to keep continue to do that.

On the defense's stop at the end of the game?

It was great. Just like I said, he's a tough quarterback to compete against and it was hard to get one and I'm glad I was able to get one, but getting that last stop, we needed it.

On rookie safety Evan Williams?

Man, he played great. For him to be a young player, being in that type of game in that type of situation, being so poised and just being even-keeled throughout the whole game and still being able to make plays, it's big for us.

Packers rookie safety Evan Williams (33) congratulates fellow safety Xavier McKinney on another turnover. McKinney had his fifth interception of the season against the Rams and recovered a fumble as well.

We need him to do things like that. He's a young player, but we need him to make plays and he was able to do that today.

Five picks in five games. If we had told you that at beginning,

**would you have thought
we were crazy?**

Nah. I wouldn't have thought you was crazy at all. I went into the season, I'm on a mission and that mission doesn't end until we played our last game. Everything that I didn't get before, that's what I'm coming for.

But five in five games?

Not really thinking about it. I'm just trying to make plays wherever I can make plays at, so I don't go into games thinking like, all right, lemme try to get a pick. I'm just continuing to trust in my path and the work that I put into this game, and it's paying off.

Does the fumble recovery count as a pick?

Nah, nah, nah. We need a pick. We need a pick. Like I said, I should've had another one.

Your takeaways became TDs?

Super big. Those are the plays that we need. That's complementary football, and we did that today very well. That's part of the game. I'm glad the offense went down and was able to score on that drive.

New nickel package with three safeties?

We're versatile. I think it shows not only how versatile we are but how smart of a group that

we have. To be able to know several positions and be able to sub in and out throughout the game without really having any mental errors, it shows how smart of a group we have in the back end. It's just going to keep getting better, and we know that. We're just gonna keep working and keep continuing to improve our craft.

What did you see on pick?

I saw his eyes. I was able to get a really good break on it. Yeah, he looked me off a couple times throughout the game. It was difficult. It was probably the most looked-off I've been this year. So it was difficult, but I know if I trust it, my craft and my instincts, I was gonna be able to get one.

As a byproduct of the streak, do QBs know they have to be careful?

Yeah, I hope so. For me, anytime that ball's in the air, I'm thinking that's my ball and I'm trying to come down every time.

They got a pick six. You one-upped them with two takeaways in third. Feel that swing?

Oh, for sure. It feels good. You always can feel the momentum when the momentum shifts. We were able to do that. Just everybody getting kind of energized. The offense gets energized. The people that watch from the sidelines, the coach, everybody gets energized, and it provides that spark that we need and we were able to do that with both of those turnovers.

You wanted seven interceptions this year. You're at five.

I'm not there yet. We got a long season.

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Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Jaire Alexander	23	CB	5-10	196	27	7	Louisville
Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	27	2	BYU
Corey Ballentine	26	CB	5-11	196	28	6	Washburn
Chris Brooks	30	RB	6-1	219	24	2	BYU
Karl Brooks	94	DL	6-3	296	24	2	Bowling Green
Javon Bullard	20	S	5-10	198	22	R	Georgia
Kenny Clark	97	DL	6-3	314	29	9	UCLA
Edgerrin Cooper	56	LB	6-2	229	22	R	Texas A&M
Brenton Cox Jr.	57	DL	6-4	250	24	2	Florida
Andre Dillard	73	T	6-5	315	28	6	Washington State
Romeo Doubs	87	WR	6-2	204	24	3	Nevada
Kingsley Enagbare	55	DL	6-4	258	24	3	South Carolina
Rashan Gary	52	DL	6-5	277	26	6	Michigan
Travis Glover	79	T	6-6	317	24	R	Georgia State
Malik Heath	18	WR	6-2	213	24	2	Mississippi
Ty'Ron Hopper	59	LB	6-2	228	23	R	Missouri
Josh Jacobs	8	RB	5-10	223	26	6	Alabama
Elgton Jenkins	74	G/T	6-5	311	28	6	Mississippi State
Tucker Kraft	85	TE	6-5	259	23	2	South Dakota State
Jordan Love	10	QB	6-4	219	25	5	Utah State
Isaiah McDuffie	58	LB	6-1	227	25	4	Boston College
Xavier McKinney	29	S	6-0	201	25	5	Alabama
Bo Melton	80	WR	5-11	189	25	1	Rutgers
Jacob Monk	62	C/G	6-3	308	23	R	Duke
Jordan Morgan	77	T/G	6-5	311	23	R	Arizona
Arron Mosby	53	DL	6-3	250	25	2	Fresno State
Luke Musgrave	88	TE	6-6	253	24	2	Oregon State
Josh Myers	71	C/G	6-5	310	26	4	Ohio State
Brayden Narveson	44	K	6-0	215	25	R	N.C. State
Keisean Nixon	25	CB	5-10	200	27	6	South Carolina
Kitan Oladapo	27	S	6-2	216	23	R	Oregon State
Matt Orzech	42	LS	6-3	245	29	5	Azusa Pacific
Jayden Reed	11	WR	5-11	187	24	2	Michigan State
Sean Rhyan	75	G	6-5	321	24	3	UCLA
Ben Sims	89	TE	6-5	250	24	2	Baylor
T.J. Slaton	93	DL	6-4	330	27	4	Florida
Preston Smith	91	DL	6-5	265	31	10	Mississippi State
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-1	194	25	4	Georgia
Kadeem Telfort	76	T	6-7	322	25	1	UAB
Zach Tom	50	OL	6-4	304	25	3	Wake Forest
Carrington Valentine	24	CB	6-0	189	23	2	Kentucky
Lukas Van Ness	90	DL	6-5	272	23	2	Iowa
Quay Walker	7	LB	6-4	241	24	3	Georgia
Rasheed Walker	63	T	6-6	324	24	3	Penn State
Christian Watson	9	WR	6-4	208	25	3	North Dakota State
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	25	2	UC Davis
Dontayvion Wicks	13	WR	6-1	206	23	2	Virginia
Evan Williams	33	S	5-11	200	23	R	Oregon
Malik Willis	2	QB	6-1	225	25	3	Liberty
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-10	226	25	2	Fort Valley St. U
Eric Wilson	45	LB	6-1	230	30	8	Cincinnati
Colby Wooden	96	DL	6-4	273	23	2	Auburn
Devonte Wyatt	95	DL	6-3	304	26	3	Georgia
Reserve/Designated to Return							
Jonathan Ford	99	DL	6-5	338	26	2	Miami
Reserve/Injured							
Tyler Davis	84	TE	6-4	252	27	5	Georgia Tech
AJ Dillon	28	RB	6-0	247	26	5	Boston College
Ralen Goforth	44	LB	6-1	227	23	R	Washington
MarShawn Lloyd	32	RB	5-9	220	23	R	LSC

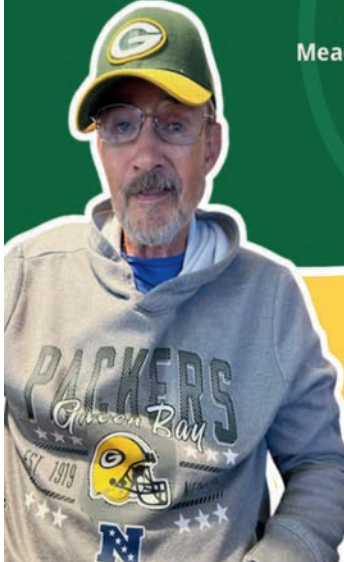
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Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Isaiah Adams	74	OL	6-4	316	24	R	Illinois
Budda Baker	3	S	5-10	195	28	8	Washington
Krys Barnes	51	ILB	6-2	229	26	5	UCLA
Kelvin Beachum	68	OL	6-3	308	35	13	South. Methodist
Trey Benson	33	RB	6-1	223	22	R	Florida State
Joey Blount	32	S	6-1	201	25	3	Virginia
Aaron Brewer	46	LS	6-5	232	34	13	San Diego State
Evan Brown	62	OL	6-3	320	28	6	SMU
Kei'Trel Clark	13	CB	5-10	181	23	2	Louisville
L.J. Collier	91	DL	6-2	291	29	6	TCU
Zaven Collins	25	OLB	6-4	260	25	4	Tulsa
Trystan Colon	63	OL	6-3	313	26	5	Missouri
James Conner	6	RB	6-1	233	29	8	Pittsburgh
DeeJay Dallas	20	RB	5-10	214	26	5	Miami
Emari Demercado	31	RB	5-9	215	25	2	TCU
Victor Dimukeje	52	OLB	6-2	262	24	4	Duke
Greg Dortch	4	WR	5-7	175	26	4	Wake Forest
Hjalte Froholdt	72	OL	6-5	310	28	6	Arkansas
Jon Gaines II	59	OL	6-4	303	25	2	UCLA
Dennis Gardeck	45	OLB	6-0	232	30	7	Sioux Falls
Blake Gillikin	12	P	6-2	196	26	5	Penn State
Darren Hall	30	CB	6-0	190	24	3	San Diego State
Marvin Harrison Jr.	18	WR	6-4	205	22	R	Ohio State
Will Hernandez	76	OL	6-2	332	29	7	Texas-El Paso
Elijah Higgins	84	TE	6-3	235	23	2	Stanford
Paris Johnson Jr.	70	OL	6-6	313	23	2	Ohio State
Naquan Jones	96	DL	6-3	313	26	4	Michigan State
Roy Lopez	98	DL	6-2	318	27	4	Arizona
Jesse Luketa	43	OLB	6-3	253	25	3	Penn State
Trey McBride	85	TE	6-4	246	24	3	Colorado State
Max Melton	16	CB	5-11	193	22	R	Rutgers
Chris Moore	10	WR	6-1	200	31	9	Cincinnati
Sean Murphy-Bunting	23	CB	6-0	195	27	6	Central Michigan
Kyler Murray	1	QB	5-10	207	27	6	Oklahoma
Bilal Nichols	92	DL	6-4	313	28	7	Delaware
Julian Okwara	58	OLB	6-4	250	26	5	Notre Dame
Owen Pappoe	44	ILB	6-0	225	24	2	Aubu
Zach Pascal	0	WR	6-2	215	29	7	Old Dominion
Matt Prater	5	K	5-10	201	40	18	UCF
Tip Reiman	87	TE	6-4	273	23	R	Illinois
Dante Stills	55	DL	6-4	286	24	2	West Virginia
Dadrion Taylor-Demerson	42	S	5-10	189	23	R	Texas Tech
Starling Thomas V	24	CB	5-10	194	24	2	UAB
Xavier Thomas	54	OLB	6-2	244	24	R	Clemson
Jalen Thompson	34	S	5-11	190	26	6	Washington State
Khyiris Tonga	95	DL	6-4	338	28	4	BYU
Clayton Tune	15	QB	6-3	220	25	2	Houston
Travis Vokolek	81	TE	6-6	260	26	1	Nebraska
Xavier Weaver	89	WR	6-1	180	23	R	Colorado
Kyzir White	7	ILB	6-2	234	28	7	West Virginia
Garrett Williams	21	CB	5-10	192	23	2	Syracuse
Mack Wilson Sr.	2	ILB	6-1	246	26	6	Alabama
Michael Wilson	14	WR	6-2	213	24	2	Stanford
Reserve/Designated to Return							
Christian Jones	75	OL	6-5	318	24	R	Texas
Reserve/Injured							
Elijah Jones	28	CB	6-2	184	24	R	Boston College
Justin Jones	93	DL	6-3	309	28	7	N.C. State
Carter O'Donnell	61	OL	6-5	305	25	3	Alberta (Canada)
BJ Ojulari	9	OLB	6-2	256	22	2	LSU
Darius Robinson	56	DL	6-5	286	23	R	Missouri
Jonah Williams	73	OL	6-5	312	26	6	Alabama
Reserve/Suspended by Commissioner							
Zay Jones	17	WR	6-2	200	29	8	East Carolina

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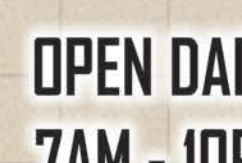
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