



Leading up to Sunday6s game against Chicago, the Packers’ special teams coordinator Rich Bisaccia saw a potential gap in the Bears’ field goal protection on film and relayed that to Karl Brooks and the rest of Green Bay’s blocking unit. With the game on the line, Brooks charged, raised his left hand and got his middle finger on Cairo Santos’ attempt at a game-winning 46-yard field goal to preserve a 20-19 Packers victory as time expired. According to the Elias Sports Bureau, it was the second time the Packers blocked a field goal on the final play of a game. The other was nearly 85 years ago during a 7-6 win over the Cleveland Rams on Nov. 26, 1939. Brooks also blocked a field goal against Minnesota last year.

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DIFFERENT KEY, BUT SAME HAPPY TUNE



Jordan Love ran for a go-ahead score in the closing minutes, and Green Bay hung on to beat Chicago 20-19 on Sunday. It helped make up for a play earlier in the quarter, when Love scrambled on a fourth down play, headed toward the end zone but was pulled down shy of the goal line as the Packers turned the ball over on downs.

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Brooks blocks Bears game-winning field goal attempt to give Pack victory

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Another chapter was added in the legendary Green Bay Packers and Chicago Bears rivalry this past Sunday.

With three seconds left in the game, the Bears were set up to kick a game-winning field goal. As the kick went up, Packers defensive lineman Karl Brooks got his hand up to block the attempt giving Green Bay a 20-19 victory in Chicago.

“I just got penetration – I just wanted it more and I got a hand up,” said Brooks.

The field goal attempt was set up after Green Bay took a one-point lead on a Jordan Love 1-yard touchdown rush with 2:59 left in the game. On the ensuing possession, Chicago quarterback Caleb Williams was sacked twice on the first two plays, setting up a third-and-19.

On third down, Williams rolled to his right and fired a dart to wide receiver Rome Odunze to bring up fourth-and-3. Williams then connected with Odunze again to pick up the first down. From there, Chicago milked the clock, eventually finding itself with a second-and-8 to set up the game-winning attempt.

Love finished the game completing 13-of-17 passes for 261 yards, one touch-



Christian Watson set a career high with 150 yards on just four catches, including a 60-yarder that set up Jordan Love’s touchdown run, and the Packers (7-3) avoided falling further behind Detroit and Minnesota in the NFC North.

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down and one interception.

Christian Watson was the main benefactor through the air, as he compiled 150 yards on four receptions. The 150-yard game for Watson is his highest yardage total as a pro.

Josh Jacobs added 58 yards on four receptions, while Jayden Reed recorded 23 yards and a touchdown on two receptions.

As for the ground game, Jacobs was the leader for Green Bay, as the Alabama alum totaled 76 yards and touchdown on 18 carries. Love added another 18 yards and a touchdown on four carries.

On Chicago’s side of the ball, Williams completed 23-of-31 passes for 231 yards and no touchdowns.

Odunze led the Bears in receiving, as he caught six passes for 65 yards. DJ Moore and Keenan Allen

added 62 yards on seven catches and 41 yards on four catches, respectively.

D’Andre Swift found success on the ground in this one, as he totaled 71 yards on 14 carries, scoring a touchdown. Roschon Johnson added the second touchdown on the ground for the Bears, while Williams used his legs nine times to pick up 70 rushing yards.

In a hard fought divisional matchup, Green Bay’s best drive of the game came immediately after the opening kickoff. Jacobs picked up 25 yards on the ground on four rushes, while Romeo Doubs hauled in a 17-yard reception. After Emmanuel Wilson broke free for a 13-yard rush, Love connected with Reed for a 15-yard touchdown.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Big names could mean big trouble for Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers' second half of the season is off and running.

Their game against Chicago on Sunday was their first of three in a span of 11 days.

The middle game of that stretch is against what feels like a perennial thorn in their side.

The San Francisco 49ers will be coming to Lambeau Field. It's their first trip to Lambeau since what turned out to be Aaron Rodgers' last play-off game as a Packer.

The 49ers won 13-10 that night.

They ended the Packers' season last year with a 24-21 win over Jordan Love and company.

This year, the roles are slightly reversed. The 49ers have been ravaged by injuries but have rebounded like the strong team that they usually have been under Kyle Shanahan.

They've lost Brandon Aiyuk for the season but will have Christian McCaffery back, after an ominous injury cycle that plagued him early in the season.

The Packers need more wins against NFC opponents, as this game could help decide another tiebreaking scenario in a competitive NFC. The Packers do not have many of those advantages at this point with losses to Philadelphia, Minnesota and Detroit already on their resume.

Here are the keys to finally getting the monkey off their back, and beating their arch nemesis.

Christian McCaffery

Running backs do not matter is the saying that goes around social media. Apparently Christian McCaffery did not get the memo. The 49ers win more than 80% of the time when McCaffery has been active since they traded for him.

They are around .500 when he does not play.

McCaffery is as dual threat as it comes in the NFL. He's productive in the backfield as a runner but also dangerous as a receiver. He caught six



Josh Jacobs (8) celebrates with Jordan Love (10) as Tucker Kraft (85) looks on during the Packers 20-19 victory over the Chicago Bears on Nov. 17. It was the 11th straight win for the Packers in the longtime rivalry.

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passes in his first game back in the lineup. He's still finding his way in the run game, but he's someone the Packers have seen plenty of.

McCaffery scored twice the last time these two teams met in January. He's one of the best players in all of football.

On a star-studded team like the 49ers, McCaffery is the star that shines the brightest. Keeping him under control needs to be priority number one for Jeff Hafley and his defensive staff.

Special Teams

The last time these two teams met at Lambeau Field, the Packers' special teams' unit was historically bad.

It was a trend that was noticeable all season long. It reared its ugly head at the worst possible time, as a blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown was a big reason San



The Packers' defense generated back-to-back sacks of Caleb Williams on the Bears' last drive of the game. Facing third-and-19, Williams regrouped and hit fellow rookie Rome Odunze with passes on back-to-back plays to put the ball in Packers territory.

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Francisco was able to pull off the upset on that cold January night.

This time around, the roles are reversed. The 49ers special teams unit is horrendous, ranked 31st in the NFL by FTM Fantasy's DVOA stat.

Their kicker, Jake Moody, has struggled mightily since being

drafted out of Michigan.

Their coverage units have struggled, and their return game is not particularly explosive unless they put Deebo Samuel back as a returner.

This could be a big week for Keisean Nixon as the temperatures are supposed to drop, potentially leading to more oppor-

tunities for the two-time first-team All-Pro return man.

It's rare that the Packers have an advantage in the third phase of the game, but this week they should. A few big plays in this phase could swing the game in Green Bay's favor.

Packers tackles vs. Nick Bosa

Bosa is one of the premier rushers in all of football. It's rare that a player qualifies as a game-wrecker, but Bosa certainly is one.

He's one of, if not the best player in football at his position.

Putting pressure on Jordan Love, or any quarterback, can make them prone to more mistakes.

Love has been prone to those this season, and could be more affected if Bosa has his way.

He lines up on both sides of the line of scrimmage, which will pit him against both of Green Bay's tackles.

They'll need to protect Love. If they can, there is room in this secondary for Green Bay's talented pass catching group to roam.

If they don't, this game could look like a re-run of so many matchups between these two teams in the past five years.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

TIME AND DATE: 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24

LOCATION: Lambeau Field

TV: Fox

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, 7-3, 49ers 5-45

HISTORY: The 49ers and Packers have been a tale of two eras. In the 1990s, and early 2000s, Brett Favre and the Packers dominated the

49ers, beating them in three separate playoff games.

Since the days of Jim Harbaugh stalking the sidelines for San Francisco, the 49ers have owned the Packers, especially in the playoffs.

They bludgeoned Aaron Rodgers four times and continued their dominance in last year's 24-21 victory in the Divisional Round.

Overall the Packers lead the series 38-34-1.

The last time the two teams met at Lambeau Field was the Divisional Round in January 2022, where the 49ers won on the strength of a

blocked punt that was returned for a touchdown.

The last time the two teams played at Lambeau Field in the regular season was a Monday night classic in October 2018.

Aaron Rodgers led a late drive that culminated in a short Mason Crosby field goal to give the Packers a 33-30 victory.

COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur fifth season, 63-30. 49ers - Kyle Shanahan, eighth season 69-55.

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 W 30-14

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 W 34-13

Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22

Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27

Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. L 14-24

Week 10 BYE

Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon W 20-19

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, Nov. 21 Pittsburgh at Cleveland, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 24 Tennessee at Houston, Noon

Minnesota at Chicago, Noon

Dallas at Washington, Noon

New England at Miami, Noon

Kansas City at Carolina, Noon

Tampa Bay at NY Giants, Noon

Detroit at Indianapolis, Noon

Denver at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.

Arizona at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.

San Francisco at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.

Philadelphia at LA Rams, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 25 Baltimore at LA Chargers, 7:15 p.m.

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THE MOMENT

PACKERS 20 VS BEARS 19



Green Bay Packers quarterback Jordan Love rushed four times for 18 yards, including one touchdown, against the Chicago Bears on Nov. 17. In the passing game, Love completed 13-of-17 for 261 yards and a touchdown. The Packers won 20-19 when Karl Brooks blocked a Chicago field goal attempt as time expired. Green Bay leads the longtime series 108-95-6, including victories in the last 11 games. The Bears have won only three times since Jan. 2, 2011.

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Packers extend winning streak over longtime rival Chicago

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Josh Jacobs battles for extra yardage after catching one of his four passes against the Bears on Sunday. He picked up 58 receiving yards on the day. On the ground, he ran up the middle for a 7-yard touchdown in the third quarter for his 50th career rushing touchdown. The TD tied the game at 13-13 and capped off a six-play, 65-yard drive. Brandon McManus' extra point kick gave the Packers at 14-13 lead.

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A STEP AHEAD OF THEIR OLDEST RIVAL

Jacobs gets 100-plus yards rushing, receiving against Bears



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Jordan Love prepares to take a snap against the Bears on Sunday. In three games against the NFC North rivals, Love is 3-0. He is 55-of-76 for 822 yards with six touchdowns, one interception and a passer rating of 128.3. So far in 2024, Love is 160-for-257 for 2,081 yards, 16 touchdowns, 11 interceptions and a passer rating of 90.6. His only rushing touchdown in 2024 came Sunday against the Bears.

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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

- 0 Renardo Green.....CB
- 1 Deebo Samuel Jr.....WR
- 2 Deommodore Lenior.....DB
- 4 Jake Moody.....K
- 5 Joshua Dobbs.....QB
- 6 Malik Mustapha.....S
- 7 Charvarius Ward.....CB
- 9 Brayden Willis.....TE
- 10 Ronnie Bell.....WR
- 13 Brock Purdy.....QB
- 14 Ricky Pearsall.....WR
- 15 Jauan Jennings.....WR
- 17 Brandon Allen.....QB
- 18 Chris Conley.....WR
- 19 Jacob Cowing.....WR
- 22 Isaac Yiadom.....CB
- 23 Christian McCaffrey.....RB
- 24 Jordon Mason.....RB
- 27 Ji'Ayir Brown.....S
- 30 George Odum.....S
- 31 Isaac Geurendo.....RB
- 33 Rock Ya-Sin.....CB
- 40 Pat O'Donnell.....P
- 44 Kyle Juszyk.....FB
- 45 Demetrius Flannigan-Fowles.....LB
- 46 Taybor Pepper.....LS
- 48 Tatum Bethune.....LB
- 50 Khalil Davis.....DL
- 51 Robert Beal Jr.....DL
- 53 Dee Winters.....LB
- 54 Fred Warner.....LB
- 56 Leonard Floyd.....DL
- 59 De'Vondre Campbell.....LB
- 63 Nick Zakelj.....OL
- 64 Jake Brendel.....OL
- 65 Aaron Banks.....OL
- 68 Colton McKivitz.....OL
- 69 Evan Anderson.....DL
- 71 Trent Williams.....T
- 74 Spencer Burford.....OL
- 76 Jaylon Moore.....OL
- 77 Dominick Puni.....OL
- 79 Ben Bartch.....OL
- 82 Eric Saubert.....TE
- 85 George Kittle.....TE
- 88 Jake Tonges.....TE
- 90 Kevin Givens.....DL
- 91 Sam Okuayinonu.....DL
- 92 Jordan Elliott.....DL
- 93 Kalia Davis.....DL
- 94 Yetur Gross-Matos.....DL
- 97 Nick Bosa.....DL
- 99 Maliek Collins.....DL



GREEN BAY PACKERS

- 2 Malik Willis.....QB
- 7 Quay Walker.....LB
- 8 Josh Jacobs.....RB
- 9 Christian Watson.....WR
- 10 Jordan Love.....QB
- 11 Jayden Reed.....WR
- 13 Dontayvion Wicks.....WR
- 17 Brandon McManus.....K
- 18 Malik Heath.....WR
- 19 Daniel Whelan.....P
- 20 Javon Bullard.....S
- 21 Eric Stokes.....CB
- 22 Robert Rochell.....CB
- 23 Jaire Alexander.....CB
- 24 Carrington Valentine.....CB
- 25 Keisean Nixon.....CB
- 26 Corey Ballentine.....CB
- 27 Kitan Oladapo.....S
- 29 Xavier McKinney.....S
- 30 Chris Brooks.....RB
- 31 Emanuel Wilson.....RB
- 32 MarShawn Lloyd.....RB
- 33 Evan Williams.....S
- 39 Zayne Anderson.....S
- 42 Matt Orzech.....LS
- 45 Eric Wilson.....LB
- 50 Zach Tom.....OL
- 52 Rashan Gary.....DL
- 53 Arron Mosby.....DL
- 55 Kingsley Enagbare.....DL
- 56 Edgerrin Cooper.....LB
- 57 Brenton Cox Jr.....DL
- 58 Isaiah McDuffie.....LB
- 59 Ty'Ron Hopper.....LB
- 62 Jacob Monk.....C/G
- 63 Rasheed Walker.....T
- 67 Josh Myers.....C/G
- 73 Andre Dillard.....T
- 74 Elgton Jenkins.....G/T
- 75 Sean Rhyan.....G
- 76 Kadeem Telfort.....T
- 79 Travis Glover.....T
- 80 Bo Melton.....WR
- 85 Tucker Kraft.....TE
- 86 John FitzPatrick.....TE
- 87 Romeo Doubs.....WR
- 89 Ben Sims.....TE
- 90 Lukas Van Ness.....DL
- 93 T.J. Slaton.....DL
- 94 Karl Brooks.....DL
- 95 Devonte Wyatt.....DL
- 96 Colby Wooden.....DL
- 97 Kenny Clark.....DL

BEARS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

While Green Bay came away with the victory, the team struggled again when it came to the red zone. The most notable occurrence came in the second quarter after Green Bay dove down to the Bears 15-yard line. On the ensuing play, Love dropped back and threw a pass intended for tight end Tucker Kraft. The ball sailed over Kraft's head and was intercepted by Chicago defensive back Terrell Smith.

In total, Green Bay came away with points on three of its five red zone trips. While 60% isn't horrible, Jacobs knows the offense is capable of so much more.

"We just have to execute, you know," said Jacobs, on Green Bay scoring just 20 points in the game. "When we get in the red zone, you know, we have to execute. We have to make plays when it is time, and it is really just as simple as that. We were moving the ball, we didn't

really feel like we had a problem with that ... we just have to be better when it is time."

The Packers have now won each of the past 11 games against its NFC North rival. More important though, the win pushes the Packers to a 7-3 record. With the Washington Commanders losing to the Philadelphia Eagles, the Packers jumped up to the sixth seed in the NFC playoff picture. At four games over .500, Green Bay now has an 85% chance to make the playoffs according to the New York Times NFL Playoff Predictor.

The Packers will look to improve those playoff odds, as it takes on the San Francisco 49ers this week.

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A photograph of Green Bay Packers head coach Kyle Shanahan on the sidelines during a game. He is wearing a black puffer vest with the Packers 'G' logo over a white long-sleeved shirt. He has a headset with a microphone and is making a 'V' hand gesture with his right hand. In the background, a player in a yellow and green Packers uniform is visible, along with a blurred crowd in the stadium stands.

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Running back Josh Jacobs (8) and wide receiver Romeo Doubs (87) jump for joy after the Packers scored a touchdown against their longtime rival, the Chicago Bears, on Sunday. Green Bay leads the series 108-95-6 and now prepares for another rival, the San Francisco 49ers. In the 1990s, and early 2000s, the Packers dominated the 49ers, beating them in three separate playoff games. Since then, the 49ers have owned the Packers, especially in the playoffs. Overall the Packers lead the series 38-34-1.

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