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DEFEAT RAMS 20-3



Following Aaron Jones' lead, Green Bay rushed for a season-high 184 yards during a 20-3 victory over the Los Angeles Rams at Lambeau Field. With Jones feeling the healthiest he's been since Week 1, the Packers found solid footing behind their backfield combination of Jones (24 touches for 99 yards and a touchdown) and fourth-year veteran AJ Dillon (nine rushes for 40 yards).

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Packers snap four-game losing streak with win over Rams

Defense holds Los Angeles to three points

By **LUKE REIMER**
Green & Gold Express

Aaron Jones and Luke Musgrave found the end zone, as the Green Bay Packers defeated the Los Angeles Rams at Lambeau Field on Nov. 5, to snap a four-game losing streak, as well as to improve to 3-5 on the season.

While the offense seemed to click much smoother in this game, compared to the previous four weeks, it was Green Bay's staunch defense that controlled the show. With Rams starting quarterback Matthew Stafford out for the game, backup Brett Rypien was thrust into the spotlight. The Boise State alum was held to just 130 yards passing. This marks the fifth game this season the Packers' defense has held its opponent to 20 or fewer points.

With shutting down Rypien, the Packers defense also held All-Pro wide receiver Cooper Kupp to just 48 yards on two catches and dynamic rookie Puka Nacua to 32 yards on three catches.

After Rasul Douglas was traded earlier in the week and Eric Stokes was put on IR, Green Bay saw its young defensive backs step up to make plays and slow the Rams' strong passing attack. Seventh-round rookie Carrington Valentine recorded three pass break-ups, while fellow seventh-round rookie Anthony Johnson Jr. recorded one interception.

After his four year, \$107 million extension, linebacker Rashan Gary also found success pressuring Rypien, recording three tackles and two quarterback hits.

On offense, Jones was the one to break the Packers' first-half touchdown dry spell, as the seven-year veteran powered in a three-yard touchdown in the middle of the second quarter. For quarterback Jordan



Packers rookie tight end Luke Musgrave caught scored the first touchdown of his career against the Rams. In total, he caught three passes for 51 yards, a 17-yard-per-catch average. So far this year, he's caught 27 balls for 259 yards, a 9.2-yard average.

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Aaron Jones carried the ball 20 times for 73 yards against the Rams. He also caught four balls for 26 yards.

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Love, he was more than efficient, throwing for 228 yards on 20-of-26 passing. His lone touchdown came in the fourth quarter, as he set up a fake wide receiver screen and hit Musgrave who leaked out over the middle of the field for a 20-yard

touchdown. This was Musgrave's first career touchdown.

"That is something that we have seen around the league; that is not the first time that that play has been run," said Packers coach Matt LaFleur on the play design of Musgrave's touchdown. "The guys just went out there and executed it. It was definitely a fun moment for sure."

In total, Green Bay outgained Los Angeles 391 yards to 187 yards, picking up 11 more first downs. Jones finished with 73 yards on the ground, but as a whole, the Packers' rush offense accounted for 184 yards on 38 carries. A.J. Dillon added another 40 yards on nine carries, and Emanuel Wilson recorded 43 yards on the ground on four carries late in the game.

"It definitely opens things up," said LaFleur, on how getting the run game going helps him as a play caller and Love as the quarterback. "It felt

like in the first half when we were calling passes, some bad things were happening. I think we finished with 38 for 184, and I think anytime you are able to do that, that means you are moving the sticks as well. You are doing a good job on third down - you are able to just get into a much better rhythm. I felt that today. That helps everybody - it helps (Love), it helps me as a play caller and it usually leads to a winning performance."

The win for the Packers vaults the team to a 3-5 record, which is good for third in the NFC North, and according to the New York Times NFL Playoff Simulator, the team holds a 22% chance to make the playoffs, up from 12% last week.

Green Bay will now face a small gauntlet of a schedule, as it faces the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Los Angeles Chargers, the Detroit Lions and the Kansas City Chiefs in its next four games.

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Week 10 Games: Sunday, Nov. 12



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Carolina @ Chicago... Thurs., Nov. 9

Detroit @ LA Chargers

New Orleans @ Minnesota

New York Jets @ Las Vegas

Tie Breaker Game:

Green Bay @ Pittsburgh

Week 9 Winner :

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Weekly Standings

	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Jim Wiegand, Tower Clock Eye Center	3-2	31-14
Tim Murphy, New Media	3-2	31-14
Jacob Westendorf, New Media	3-2	31-14
Robert Buss, Buss Automotive	5-0	28-17
Luke Reimer, New Media	2-3	27-18
Shane Senn, Senn Insurance	2-3	26-19
Staff, Shawano Health	3-2	26-19
Kevin Passon, New Media	3-2	26-19
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly	2-3	25-20
Staff, Walsh Dental Group	2-3	22-23
Sue Moede, Moede & Sons Plumbing	3-2	22-23



Jim Wiegand
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Chicago
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Pittsburgh 20



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This Week's Picks:

Chicago
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Pittsburgh 17



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This Week's Picks:

Chicago
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Minnesota
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 16 @ Pittsburgh 24



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This Week's Picks:

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Detroit
New Orleans
New York Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Pittsburgh 23



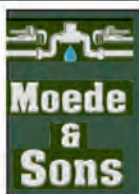
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This Week's Picks:

Carolina
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Minnesota
New York Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Pittsburgh 21



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This Week's Picks:

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Detroit
New Orleans
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 28 @ Pittsburgh 17



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This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Detroit
New Orleans
New York Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Pittsburgh 21



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New
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This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Detroit
New Orleans
New York Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 13 @ Pittsburgh 21



Luke Reimer
New
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This Week's Picks:

Carolina
Detroit
New Orleans
New York Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score : Green Bay 14 @ Pittsburgh 20



Tim Murphy
New
Media

This Week's Picks:

Chicago
Detroit
Minnesota
Las Vegas

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 10 @ Pittsburgh 20



Kevin Passon
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Media

This Week's Picks:

Chicago
LA Chargers
New Orleans
New York Jets

Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Green Bay 17 @ Pittsburgh 24

NOTEBOOK

Steelers' defense will be a challenge for young Packers

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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Packers' offense vs. Steelers' defense

The losing streak is over. The Green Bay Packers found their way out of misery on Sunday, beating the Los Angeles Rams 20-3.

Matt LaFleur called last week's matchup against the Rams mirror week. His point was that the two teams were very similar due to their overlap.

This week is true in a similar sense. The Packers and Steelers as franchises have a lot of similarities. They're rooted in tradition. They're typically patient and like to do things the old-fashioned way.

That could shine through with both teams decision making at quarterback this offseason.

For one week at least, Jordan Love and the offense have to be feeling good about their most recent performance. They ran the ball 38 times for 184 yards in Sunday's win. Love did not turn the ball over for the first time since Week 2.

Dontayvion Wicks found his way into the offense and was the team's leading receiver with four catches for 48 yards.

Jayden Reed, Romeo Doubs and Christian Watson all made contested catches. Luke Musgrave scored the first touchdown of his career.

Brian Gutekunst would likely never admit it, but that was probably the formula he and LaFleur envisioned when they traded Aaron Rodgers and decided to make Love the starting quarterback.

Yes, the Rams were playing without their quarterback Sunday, but the offense still made enough plays to feel like there was some semblance of progress made.

This week could be a different story. While the Rams are Aaron Donald and a bunch of no-names at this point on defense, the Steelers are loaded with talent.

TJ Watt is one of the first names mentioned when discussing best defensive players in football and for good reason. He has 9.5 sacks in eight games. He is a game wrecker



Green Bay Packers safety Anthony Johnson Jr. (36) celebrates his first NFL interception against the Rams on Nov. 5. He is surrounded by third-year linebacker Isaiah McDuffie (58) and cornerback Carrington Valentine (37).
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in the same way that Donald was for the Rams.

The difference is that Watt has another dynamic player across from him.

Alex Highsmith was once best known for his charitable contributions, including sponsoring an event at Ashley High School in honor of his former high school classmate Carly Baron.

That is no longer all Highsmith is known for. He had a breakout season last year, with 12.5 sacks.

He is able to wreck a game if the opposing team is focused primarily on Watt.

The Steelers' defense is the same as it ever was. It's ninth in Defensive DVOA through eight games and the strength of their team.

The Packers made progress against the Rams but will need to be better against a group that will be looking to destroy any progress they think they've made.

Packers' defense vs. Steelers' offense

The Packers' defense is coming off its best game of the season. Yes, they were facing a backup quarterback, but that hasn't kept the Packers' defense from struggling before.

Instead, they held Brett Rypien and the Rams to 130 yards passing and gave up fewer than three yards per carry on the ground.

Anthony Johnson Jr. and Carrington Valentine, pressed into duty, each were stars of Sunday's win with five pass break-ups and one interception between the two of them.

Valentine is a starter now with Rasul Douglas being traded to Buffalo. Johnson Jr started due to a calf injury sustained in practice by Rudy Ford.

After strong performances by both, they could be in line for more snaps.

Jaire Alexander is coming off one of his strongest performances of the season, and he'll be tested with

Diontae Johnson and George Pickens, both set to square off against him on Sunday.

"I think he looked like the player we all expect him to be," Matt LaFleur said after the game.

They'll be facing a Steelers offense that resembles Green Bay's in a lot of ways. They're unsure about their young quarterback, Kenny Pickett. They make a lot of mistakes around him. They have talented playmakers, but that does not always translate to the field for one reason or another.

Pickett is looking to earn the trust of the team looking for a long-term solution at quarterback in the wake of Ben Roethlisberger's retirement following the 2021 season.

Overall, he's struggled so far. Pittsburgh is 23rd in Offensive DVOA.

If the Packers can build on their strong performance from Sunday's win over the Rams, the Steelers offense could struggle again.

Special teams

The Packers don't have a lot of strengths at this point, but the kicking game might be one. Anders Carlson and Daniel Whelan have both inspired confidence that the Packers have found long-term answers at those positions.

The return game, which was such a bright spot for the Packers in 2022, has been a struggle this year.

Kickoffs have continued to boom out of the back of the end zone, and the team has rotated Jayden Reed and Keisean Nixon as a punt returner.

The results have varied there.

With a struggling offense, the Packers could use a spark from their return game. Perhaps this is the week they can see the flashes that got Nixon First Team All-Pro honors a year ago.

The Steelers' special teams is ranked 30th in DVOA through their first eight games of the season. The Packers are ranked 28th coming into this game as well.

Perhaps a battle of two disappointing units could be what swings the game in one team's favor versus the other's.



Chasing down Rams quarterback Brett Rypien are Packers safety Jonathan Owens (34), defensive lineman Kenny Clark (97) and linebacker De'Vondre Campbell (59). Starting for the injured Matthew Stafford, quarterback Rypien fumbled a snap, picked it up and tried to throw it away. But then Rypien fumbled again as he was sacked by Owens. Campbell picked it up to give Green Bay an extra possession starting in L.A. territory. The Packers would go on to score a touchdown.

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2023 RECORDS: Packers, 3-5. Steelers 5-3

HISTORY: The two teams most famously met Feb. 6, 2011, in Dallas for Super Bowl XLV.

The Packers won that day, 31-25, with Aaron Rodgers earning MVP honors while securing the franchise's 13th championship.

Aside from the Super Bowl, the two teams have met 35 other times, with the Packers leading the all-time series 19-16.

The two teams met most recently in 2021, with the Packers winning 27-17 at Lambeau Field.

The Packers haven't played in Pittsburgh since 2017, when they lost a heartbreaker on Sunday Night Football.

They haven't won in Pittsburgh since 1970.

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 49-24). Steelers, Mike Tomlin (17th season 176-105-2)

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 10 at Chicago W 38-20

Sept. 17 at Atlanta L 25-24

Sept. 24 vs. New Orleans Noon W 18-17

Sept. 28 vs. Detroit 7:15 p.m. L 34-20

Oct. 9 at Las Vegas 7:15 p.m. L 17-13

Oct. 15 BYE

Oct. 22 at Denver 3:25 p.m. L 19-17

Oct. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 24-10

Nov. 5 vs. LA Rams W 20-3

Nov. 12 at Pittsburgh Noon CBS

Nov. 19 vs. LA Chargers Noon FOX

Nov. 23 at Detroit 11:30 a.m. FOX

Dec. 3 vs. Kansas City 7:20 p.m. NBC

Dec. 11 at NY Giants 7:15 p.m. ABC

Dec. 17 vs. Tampa Bay Noon FOX

Dec. 24 at Carolina Noon FOX

Dec. 31 at Minnesota 7:20 p.m. NBC

Jan. 7 vs. Chicago, TBD

NFL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 9

Panthers at Bears, 7:15 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12

Colts at Patriots, 8:30 a.m.

Browns at Ravens, Noon

Packers at Steelers, Noon

49ers at Jaguars, Noon

Saints at Vikings, Noon

Texans at Bengals, Noon

Titans at Buccaneers, Noon

Lions at Chargers, 3:05 p.m.

Falcons at Cardinals, 3:05 p.m.

Giants at Cowboys, 3:25 p.m.

Commanders at Seahawks, 3:25 p.m.

Jets at Raiders, 7:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 13

Broncos at Bills, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Bengals at Ravens, 7:15 p.m.

KEYS TO THE GAME

Do Packers, Steelers have their QBs of the future?

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Sunday's game is a rematch of Super Bowl XLV – where the Green Bay Packers won their 13th NFL championship.

The Packers and Pittsburgh Steelers both have yet to return to the biggest game of the year since Feb. 6, 2011.

Both teams are in a bit of a transition. Ben Roethlisberger retired after the 2021 regular season. The Packers traded Aaron Rodgers after the 2022 season.

Kenny Pickett and Jordan Love are both having an up-and-down year and have yet to establish themselves as the quarterback of the future for their respective franchise.

Both teams are rooted in tradition and have typically exhibited patience. Whether that will apply to these quarterbacks remains to be seen.

The Steelers are 5-3 after a 20-16 win on Thursday Night Football over the Tennessee Titans. They'll be at home and have the rest advantage since the Packers played the Rams on Sunday.

Offensive tackles vs. TJ Watt

Stop me if you've heard this before – the Packers had an opportunity to draft TJ Watt in the first round of the 2017 NFL Draft.

Coming off a year where LaDarius Gunter finished the season covering the likes of Dez Bryant and Julio Jones, the Packers opted to trade out of the pick and selected cornerback Kevin King out of Washington.

That decision was a pivot point in the franchise. It was the last draft that general manager Ted Thompson ever conducted.

King struggled with injuries an ineffective play through his career. He is currently out of football.

Watt? He's one of the best defensive players in football.

Watt won the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year award in 2021 and has gotten off to a strong start in the 2023 season as well. He is a certified



In playing perhaps the best stretch of football of his career, Love completed 12-of-13 passes for 160 yards against the Rams. With one touchdown and zero interceptions, his rating was 143.6. Added together, Love finished the day 20-of-26 for 228 yards, good for a passer rating of 115.5. His 8.8 yard average was his best since Week 1 against the Bears.

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game wrecker and seems to make one game-changing play per game.

He has 9.5 sacks through eight games and could smell blood going against a Packers offensive line that has struggled to keep Jordan Love upright this season.

Whether Yosh Nijman or Rasheed Walker starts Sunday, both have had tough moments in 2023.

Zach Tom has been one of the stars of the Packers on this young season, but he has yet to face a challenge like Watt this season.

Before Sunday's game against the Rams, Matt LaFleur said the team had to block better to give Love a fighting chance.

They'll need to do that Sunday, or Watt could take over the game by himself and further twist the knife in

the backs of Packer fans who were hoping the team would take the former Wisconsin product six years ago.

Packers secondary vs. Steelers receivers

Speaking of former draft crushes among Packer fans, George Pickens will play against the Packers on Sunday. Pickens was selected in the second round of the 2022 NFL Draft. The Packers had their choice of any receiver who was still on the board in the second round of that draft, and instead of Pickens chose North Dakota State's Christian Watson.

It's too early to say how that has worked out, but Pickens is off to a much better start in his second season than Watson is.

They'll be facing a re-worked Packers' secondary that just lost their emotional leader, Rasul Douglas, when he was traded to the Buffalo Bills last week.

Jaire Alexander is still in the secondary, and he's as good as it gets despite some struggles that he's had this year.

Carrington Valentine and Keisean Nixon make up the rest of the starting group. Behind those guys are players that have spent the majority of their year on the practice squad.

To sum it up, the Packers' secondary is incredibly inexperienced.

They'll be facing off against a Steelers receiving corps that includes Pickens and Diontae Johnson.

Both players have more than 20 catches on the season. Both would be the Packers' leading receiver in terms of yardage.

Pickett hasn't established himself as the quarterback of the future, but his supporting cast is better than what Love has had to work with thus far.

If the Packers leave Pickett's receivers with room to roam, he'll likely find them.

Jordan Love vs. Steelers defense

Say what you will, but it's make or break time for Love. Before the



Kingsley Osagie "JJ" Enagbare celebrates after a play against the Los Angeles Rams on Nov. 5. The outside linebacker played college football at South Carolina.

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season started, Mark Murphy told Peter King that the Packers would need about a half of a season to know what they have in Love.

That halfway point is here. The results aren't very encouraging.

The Packers are tied for last place in the division. They were mostly

non-competitive on offense for the month of October.

They've scored one first quarter touchdown all season.

The quarterback often gets too much credit and too much blame. That part is true. The reality is that Love was put into a situation that was unfair to him. That is the hand that has been dealt to him.

That being said, Love owns the share of plenty of blame for the Packers' offensive struggles. His ball placement has been spotty, and he's struggled with turnovers as well.

Love said himself he hasn't been consistent enough, and he even admitted to being indecisive after the team's 24-10 loss to the Vikings two weeks ago.

The Steelers' defense has a big time reputation and has lived up to those expectations in 2023.

Yes, Watt is incredible. Yes, Alex Highsmith is a really good running mate for him. That makes things difficult for the offense to maneuver.

Those are the challenges presented to someone trying to establish himself as a franchise quarterback.

The hallway point is here, and the clock is ticking on Love. If he doesn't show improvement, the team could decide to move on from him after just one season as the team's starter.

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Green Bay needs to ride momentum of Rams win to succeed in future

By **LUKE REIMER**
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The win over the Los Angeles Rams was much needed for a Packers team that looked like it was going to lose the season quickly.

After four straight losses, Green Bay bounced back in a big way Nov. 5 with a dominant win over the Los Angeles Rams to not only snap their losing streak but also help restore momentum on a growing team. It certainly was not a perfect win over the Rams, but the old adage is that winning solves everything; for a team that desperately needed a win, now was as good a time as any to start to turn the tides of the season.

"It feels great to get a win, you know. Obviously it has been a tough stretch of games," said Packers quarterback Jordan Love. "Just to be able to bounce back and get a win, it always feels good."

The win came at the right time, as

Green Bay is now looking down the barrel of four weeks in a row with some of the toughest competition in the league. The team plays at Pittsburgh, home against the Los Angeles Chargers, at Detroit and then home against the Kansas City Chiefs.

With Green Bay trading away Rasul Douglas, putting Eric Stokes on IR and receiving a lot of criticism from national media, the idea of a loss to the Rams could have sunk the season. Nevertheless, Green Bay was able to silence the noise and take care of business.

Should the Packers have beaten the Rams? Yes, but with a team as young and as injured as this team is, any time it can win a game, it will only garner positive momentum. The win over the Rams also gives Green Bay something to build from. During the four-game losing streak, instead of improving, it looked like the team was regressing each week.

While he has had a quiet year

thus far, Christian Watson made an impact late in the game against the Rams, as Love hit the North Dakota State alum deep down the right sideline for a 37-yard gain. Watson's speed and athleticism has been severely under-utilized this season, due in part to inconsistent throws and injuries. To see Love take that shot shows that Green Bay is improving and growing in certain aspects on offense over the course of practice and in meetings.

"I just think for everybody — for him, for myself — it is a confidence booster," said Love, on what it meant to finally connect with Watson on a deep pass. "To be able to go out there and make that play, it is huge. It is a big catch for him; it is exactly what we needed in that situation."

Plays like those are going to be what Green Bay needs to win games against its upcoming opponents. It is not likely that the Packers are going

to beat the Lions or Chiefs on simple plays, just from a talent standpoint. So those "risky" plays like a shot deep to Watson or an end-around to Jayden Reed need to be converted for Green Bay to survive these next coming weeks.

Luckily for Green Bay, the team finally has some sort of momentum that it can ride. Taking that shot to Watson when the team is down 21 in the fourth quarter is a lot different than taking that shot when the team is up 17 in the fourth quarter, as at that point, it almost feels like that ball can be completed anytime it is thrown. That is the mindset that the Packers are going to need to bring, especially into Pittsburgh.

While there has been a lot of bad from the Packers this season, the team now enters its toughest part of the schedule in good spirits. It took down the Rams, and it showed a lot of improvement and good feelings in doing so.

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Zayne Anderson	39	S	6-2	206	26	1	BYU
Corey Ballentine	35	CB	5-11	196	27	5	Washburn
Karl Brooks	94	DL	6-3	296	23	R	Bowling Green
De'Vondre Campbell	59	LB	6-4	232	30	8	Minnesota
Anders Carlson	17	K	6-5	219	25	R	Auburn
Kenny Clark	97	DL	6-3	314	28	8	UCLA
Sean Clifford	8	QB	6-2	218	25	R	Penn State
Brenton Cox Jr.	57	LB	6-4	250	23	R	Florida
Josiah Deguara	81	TE	6-2	238	26	4	Cincinnati
AJ Dillon	28	RB	6-0	247	25	4	Boston College
Romeo Doubs	87	WR	6-2	204	23	2	Nevada
Kingsley Enagbare	55	LB	6-4	258	23	2	South Carolina
Rudy Ford	20	S	6-0	210	29	7	Auburn
Rashan Gary	52	LB	6-5	277	25	5	Michigan
Malik Heath	18	WR	6-2	213	23	R	Mississippi
Elgton Jenkins	74	G/T	6-5	311	27	5	Mississippi State
Anthony Johnson Jr.	36	S	6-0	205	23	R	Iowa State
Aaron Jones	33	RB	5-9	208	28	7	Texas-El Paso
Caleb Jones	72	T	6-9	370	24	2	Indiana
Tucker Kraft	85	TE	6-5	259	23	R	South Dakota State
Dallin Leavitt	6	S	5-10	195	29	5	Utah State
Jordan Love	10	QB	6-4	219	25	4	Utah State
Isaiah McDuffie	58	LB	6-1	227	24	3	Boston College
Luke Musgrave	88	TE	6-6	253	23	R	Oregon State
Josh Myers	71	C/G	6-5	310	25	3	Ohio State
Royce Newman	70	G/T	6-5	310	26	3	Mississippi
Yosh Nijman	73	T	6-7	314	27	4	Virginia Tech
Keisean Nixon	25	CB	5-10	200	26	5	South Carolina
Matt Orzech	42	LS	6-3	245	28	4	Azusa Pacific
Jonathan Owens	34	S	5-11	210	28	5	Missouri Western
Jayden Reed	11	WR	5-11	187	23	R	Michigan State
Sean Rhyan	75	G	6-5	321	23	2	UCLA
Robert Rochell	22	CB	6-0	193	25	3	Central Arkansas
Jon Runyan	76	G	6-4	307	26	4	Michigan
Ben Sims	89	TE	6-5	250	23	R	Baylor
T.J. Slaton	93	DL	6-4	330	26	3	Florida
Preston Smith	91	LB	6-5	265	30	9	Mississippi State
Zach Tom	50	OL	6-4	304	24	2	Wake Forest
Samori Toure	83	WR	6-1	191	25	2	Nebraska
Carrington Valentine	37	CB	6-0	189	22	R	Kentucky
Lukas Van Ness	90	LB	6-5	272	22	R	Iowa
Quay Walker	7	LB	6-4	241	23	2	Georgia
Rasheed Walker	63	T	6-6	324	23	2	Penn State
Christian Watson	9	WR	6-4	208	24	2	North Dakota State
Kristian Welch	54	LB	6-3	240	25	4	Iowa
Daniel Whelan	19	P	6-5	216	24	1	UC Davis
Dontayvion Wicks	13	WR	6-1	206	22	R	Virginia
Emanuel Wilson	31	RB	5-11	226	24	R	Fort Valley State Univ.
Eric Wilson	45	LB	6-1	230	29	7	Cincinnati
Colby Wooden	96	DL	6-4	273	22	R	Auburn
Devonte Wyatt	95	DL	6-3	304	25	2	Georgia
Reserve/Injured							
David Bakhtiari	69	T	6-4	310	32	11	Colorado
Tyler Davis	84	TE	6-4	252	26	4	Georgia Tech
Darnell Savage	26	S	5-11	198	26	5	Maryland
Eric Stokes	21	CB	6-0	194	24	3	Georgia
Luke Tenuta	78	T	6-8	314	24	2	Virginia Tech

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Player	#	Pos	HT	WT	Age	Exp	College
Montravius Adams	57	DT	6-4	304	28	7	Auburn
Kwon Alexander	54	LB	6-1	227	29	9	LSU
Spencer Anderson	74	OL	6-5	305	23	R	Maryland
Calvin Austin III	19	WR	5-9	162	24	2	Memphis
Keeanu Benton	95	DL	6-4	309	22	R	Wisconsin
Chris Boswell	9	K	6-2	185	32	9	Rice
Miles Boykin	13	WR	6-4	220	27	5	Notre Dame
Mason Cole	61	OL	6-5	298	27	6	Michigan
Dylan Cook	60	OT	6-6	305	25	1	Montana
James Daniels	78	OL	6-4	327	26	6	Iowa
Breiden Fehoko	96	NT	6-3	300	27	3	LSU
Minkah Fitzpatrick	39	S	6-1	207	26	6	Alabama
Markus Golden	44	LB	6-2	260	32	9	Missouri
Najee Harris	22	RB	6-1	242	25	3	Alabama
Pressley Harvin III	6	P	6-0	255	25	3	Georgia Tech
Nate Herbig	71	G	6-4	334	25	5	Stanford
Nick Herbig	51	LB	6-2	240	21	R	Wisconsin
Cameron Heyward	97	DT	6-5	295	34	13	Ohio State
Connor Heyward	83	TE/FB	6-0	230	24	2	Michigan State
Alex Highsmith	56	LB	6-4	242	26	4	Charlotte
Godwin Igwebuike	48	RB	6-0	212	29	4	Northwestern
Diontae Johnson	18	WR	5-10	183	27	5	Toledo
Broderick Jones	77	OT	6-5	311	22	R	Georgia
Damontae Kazee	23	S	5-11	174	30	7	San Diego State
Miles Killebrew	28	S	6-2	222	30	8	Southern Utah State
Christian Kuntz	46	LS	6-1	228	29	3	Duquesne
DeMarvin Leal	98	DE	6-4	290	23	2	Texas A&M
Isaiah Loudermilk	92	DT	6-7	293	26	3	Wisconsin
Anthony McFarland Jr.	26	RB	5-8	193	24	3	Maryland
Dan Moore Jr.	65	OT	6-5	315	25	3	Texas A&M
Keanu Neal	31	S	6-0	211	28	8	Florida
Larry Ogunjobi	99	DT	6-3	305	29	7	Charlotte
Chukwuma Okorafor	76	OL	6-6	320	26	6	Western Michigan
Patrick Peterson	20	CB	6-1	203	33	13	LSU
George Pickens	14	WR	6-3	200	22	2	Georgia
Kenny Pickett	8	QB	6-3	220	25	2	Pittsburgh
James Pierre	42	CB	6-2	185	27	4	Florida Atlantic
Joey Porter Jr.	24	CB	6-2	193	23	R	Penn State
Elijah Riley	37	S	6-0	205	25	3	Army
Elandon Roberts	50	LB	6-1	238	29	8	Houston
Allen Robinson II	11	WR	6-2	220	30	10	Penn State
Mark Robinson	93	LB	5-11	235	24	2	Mississippi
Mason Rudolph	2	QB	6-5	235	28	6	Oklahoma State
Darius Rush	21	CB	6-2	198	23	R	South Carolina
Isaac Seumalo	73	G	6-4	303	30	8	Oregon State
Chandon Sullivan	34	CB	5-11	189	27	6	Georgia State
Mitch Trubisky	10	QB	6-2	220	29	7	North Carolina
Levi Wallace	29	CB	6-0	179	28	6	Alabama
Jaylen Warren	30	RB	5-8	215	25	2	Oklahoma State
Darnell Washington	80	TE	6-7	264	22	R	Georgia
T.J. Watt	90	LB	6-4	252	29	7	Wisconsin
Armon Watts	94	DT	6-5	307	27	5	Arkansas
Rodney Williams	87	TE	6-4	235	23	1	Tennessee-Martin
Reserve/Injured							
Pat Freiermuth	88	TE	6-5	258	25	3	Penn State
Cole Holcomb	55	LB	6-1	240	27	5	North Carolina
Cory Trice Jr.	27	DB	6-3	206	23	R	Purdue
Renell Wren	79	DT	6-5	315	28	3	Arizona State

Gary feels blessed after contract extension

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Linebacker Rashan Gary signed a four-year, \$107 million contract extension with the Green Bay Packers at the end of October. The 2019 first-round pick had been playing this season on a \$10.892 million, fifth-year option of his rookie contract.

Q: How long have you been waiting for a day like this one?

A: How long have I been waiting for this day? All I can say is, it's a blessing. I want to thank my higher power; I want to thank all my loved ones. Everybody knows the role they play in my life. I want to thank this organization, everybody that believed in me. I'm just trying to get to work. That's me. I'm just trying to get to work.

Q: What was the moment like to put pen to paper?

A: To be honest, it really hasn't hit me yet. I signed, it was a wonderful moment. It was great for me; I was able to have my mom and sister in town, and we call ourselves The Three Musketeers. For me to sign a contract like that, meaning that

much, with my loved ones, my base, words can't really describe the feeling.

Q: How special was it to sign after proving yourself after an ACL injury?

A: Man, it just makes me hungrier. The organization that believed in me, trusted me and sees my growth from when I came in and see the man that I'm still becoming and the player that I'm working to become and still on the rise to become, for them to see that and bless me, man, I'm in awe, bro. I'm a little tongue-twisted, words not together, but I'm just blessed.

Q: Did you think about the journey back from the ACL and now this?

A: Not yet. I'm not going to lie to you, I'll probably reflect about all this after the season. To be honest with you, we've got a lot of work ahead of us, and that's what I'm focusing on. After the season, I'll be able to reflect on how everything came together, how I came back and what I accomplished and things like that, but we've still got a lot of work to do as an organization.



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Q: Did you think about waiting until free agency?

A: Not at all. I knew from the first time I got a phone call and I picked up and realized I was a Packer, like I said — and I've been saying this from Day 1 — the team that gave me a chance to reach my childhood dreams, provide for my family, things that I've been saying and wanting to accomplish and I've been able to accomplish. A lot of men and people in this world can't speak certain things and have certain things happen, so I'm very thankful and very appreciative of the position I'm in right now.

Q: How long did this take?

A: I have no idea. That's one thing I wanna give props to the organization and my team. One thing I told 'em is throughout this whole thing, 'I just wanna focus on ball,' like I'm doing now. I just signed a piece of sheet. That was it, but that was really it, man. I really don't know when everything happened.

Q: Did you have doubt you'd get back here during knee rehab?

A: Nah, it's not no doubt. I think I told y'all this before. I knew from the time that it happened that I was gonna come back better than what I left, and that's still my mindset. I'm still pushing for that.

Q: What was the reaction from your mom?A: Yeah like I said, it's really hard to kind of be in awe right now, because like I said, we're in season and I'm focused, but having my mom here with me, right on side of me, and my sister right on side of me,

getting that call and knowing that I'm about to sign, it's really no words that could express the feeling, but thank God and I'm very appreciative.

Q: First thing your mom told you?

A: She just gave me a hug and a kiss and started crying. Because you know, as a mother from my whole football journey, from when I started from seventh grade to me being 25, on my fifth year now, I can only see how she envisioned me, just seeing my dreams come true and seeing things in my way and seeing me not worried about things in my way and knocking down walls, just being the guy that I want to become for my family and myself. Her seeing that, that hug and cry said it all.

Q: Any tears for you?

A: Oh yeah, of course. Excitement, be in a position, this is beyond me, this is bigger than me. This is life-changing. That's something I never take for granted.

Q: Do you have more motivation?

A: Yeah, I'm just trying to play my best ball now, to be honest. I'm here for another four years. I'm blessed, and I'm happy and I'm fortunate. I'm trying to ball. That's really it. Get this organization back to winning and putting it at a high level.

Q: What's next for you?

A: Simply, man, just keep on chipping and show everybody I'm the best. Same mindset that I had Day 1. Ain't nothing changed. I'm just on Year 5.



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