



THE OFFENSE HAS STILL GOT IT

Rodgers, Packers' offense
finds life vs. Vikings

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers looks on during the team's game against the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 21 in Minneapolis.

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QB, offense prove they can still carry team

While he hasn't played poorly so far this season, Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers hadn't carried the team on his back like in previous seasons.



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Despite a road loss to the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 20, Rodgers still showed he could carry the team should the defense or special teams struggle — which they both did Sunday.

Rodgers completed 23 of his 33 attempts on the day for 385 yards and four touchdowns for a nearly perfect 148.4 quarterback rating.

What made the 37-year-old quarterback's big day even more impressive was that he did it on a banged up toe.

"I was in a lot of pain," said Rodgers. "Went in at halftime early to get it checked out, but it's very, very painful. Got stepped on in the first half and that kind of activated all the symptoms I was having."

He also said that his practice

time might continue to be limited until the bye week, when he hopes some time off the injured toe might help him get closer to 100%.

The offense's 31-point showing was its second largest output of the season, but Rodgers thought the team left points on the field.

"We just started a little bit too slow," said Rodgers. "(We) Didn't score enough points."

Green Bay scored first on a field goal from Mason Crosby before Minnesota scored the next 16 points. The Packers played catch up for most of the rest of the contest.

Rodgers connected with second-year tight end Josiah Deguara to make it a one-score game by halftime.

After the Vikings scored to open the second half, Rodgers and the Packers' offense responded with a touchdown drive capped with Rodgers connecting with star wideout Davante Adams.

After the defense made one of its few stops of the contest, Rodgers led a third-straight touchdown drive, hitting Adams for another touchdown to cap it.

After Minnesota scored and went back up seven, Rodgers went

deep to Marquez Valdes-Scantling to tie it up in a hurry.

Unfortunately for the Packers' offense, that was their final play in the game, as the Vikings ran out the clock before kicking the game-winning field goal.

Despite the end result being a team loss, there was plenty of positives, especially in the second half for the offense.

"We just found a flow at that point," said Adams of the unit in the second half. "We were hurting ourselves in the first half (with) a lot with penalties, putting ourselves in first-and-long, second-and-really long situations. It becomes tough when you play a team like that with a really good defense at home. We shot ourselves in the foot a little bit with some self-infliction early, and then we just started gelling and figuring it out."

Adams later added, "We still could have done a lot more, and I would have liked to start faster than we did. Once we look at the film, we can analyze it and see what led to the second half production."

While the Packers' offense had some success running it against the Vikings and averaged five yards a

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carry, it was the team's passing that really stood out.

Adams and MVS each had over 100 receiving yards, with running back A.J. Dillon, wide receiver Equanimeous St. Brown and Deguara all over 35 yards.

Typical starting wideout Allen Lazard missed the game with an injury, and starting running back Aaron Jones was also out, so the 467 yards of total offense and 8.6-yard average are positive signs for an offense that still hasn't put together a complete game.

The Packers have also yet to play a well-rounded game on both sides of the ball, and the team's special teams continues to struggle.

While there's things to clean up in multiple facets of the game, there's at least a glimmer of hope that Green Bay could be a well-rounded team. It's just a matter of putting it all together at the biggest moments of the season.

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Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers (12) throws a pass as offensive linemen Billy Turner (77) and Royce Newman (70) block during the team's loss to the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 21 in Minneapolis. Despite the setback, the Packers' offense showed promising signs.

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Packers fall to Vikings on game-ending FG

Green Bay's defense unable to slow Minnesota

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**
The Associated Press

Greg Joseph made a 29-yard field goal as time expired to give the Minnesota Vikings a 34-31 victory over the Green Bay Packers on Nov. 21, finishing a classic back-and-forth with Aaron Rodgers by making sure the three-time NFL MVP didn't get to touch the ball last.

Kirk Cousins passed for 341 yards and three touchdowns for the Vikings (5-5), who watched yet another game come down to the final play after Rodgers threw three of his four touchdown passes in the second half.

Unable to practice much at all this week because of a toe injury, after missing much of the first half of the month with COVID-19, Rodgers finished 23 for 33 for a season-high 385 yards.

Justin Jefferson had eight receptions for 169 yards and two scores, including a third-down catch against rookie Eric Stokes that Cousins delivered for a 23-yard touchdown while being decked on a blitz by Darnell Savage. Dalvin Cook ran in the 2-point conversion to make up for an earlier missed extra point by Joseph.

Then on the next play from scrimmage, Rodgers threw a rainbow to Marquez Valdes-Scantling streaking past safety Xavier Woods for a 75-yard score to tie the game just before the two-minute warning.

When the Vikings regained the ball, Cousins nearly cost himself the comeback by slightly underthrowing Jefferson, whom Savage darted in front of to intercept the ball. He bobbled it on the way down, though, and a replay review overturned the call.

Cousins then went 3 for 3 for 51 yards on the next three snaps, Cook ran for one more first down, and then the Vikings knelt down to set up the final kick by Joseph. They posted the highest score against the Packers since their 38-3 loss to New Orleans in the season opener.

Green Bay (8-3) gave up just 34 points over the previous three games. Preston Smith had two sacks, but the Packers didn't have the same pass rush with outside linebacker Rashan



Green Bay Packers T.J. Slaton, left, pressures Minnesota Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins during a game on Nov. 21 in Minneapolis.

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Gary (elbow) sidelined. Za'Darius Smith and Whitney Mercilus are also out with long-term injuries.

Dangerous duo

Rodgers threw to Davante Adams twice for touchdowns, including an 18-yard strike on third-and-6 midway through the fourth quarter when he was trying to call timeout before the shotgun snap.

Adams has 12 scoring receptions against the Vikings, the most by any opposing player.

Strong start

The Vikings lost their way on offense in recent losses to Dallas and Baltimore by failing to consistently deliver the ball to Jefferson and Thielen, but Cousins picked up where he left off in last week's win

over the Los Angeles Chargers by continuing to target his star tandem.

Jefferson became the first player in the league this season to top 100 receiving yards in the first quarter. He drew a 37-yard pass interference penalty on Savage in the second quarter, a big boost on a drive that ended with a 10-yard touchdown pass from Cousins to Thielen on third-and-goal for a 16-3 lead.

Kingsley Keke's helmet-to-helmet hit on Cousins triggered a roughing-the-passer penalty and erased an interception by Savage on that eventful possession.

For all the success that was fueled by aggressiveness, the Vikings swung the momentum to the visitors when a toss sweep to fullback C.J. Ham on third-and-1 at their 29 was stopped

for no gain late in the second quarter.

The Packers went the other way for the first of four straight touchdown drives, excluding a one-play kneel-down at the end of the first half, that covered 74 yards or more. Josiah Deguara had his first career scoring catch to cap that possession and cut the lead to 16-10.

Injury report

Packers' offensive lineman Elgton Jenkins went down in the fourth quarter with an apparent injury to his left knee and was carted to the locker room.

After a Pro Bowl selection in 2020 at LG, Jenkins has replaced David Bakhtiari at LT this season. Bakhtiari has yet to return from a torn ACL suffered last year.

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Active

#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Mason Crosby	K	6-1	207	37	15	Colorado
7	Corey Bojorquez	P	6-0	217	25	4	New Mexico
8	Amari Rodgers	WR	5-9	212	22	R	Clemson
10	Jordan Love	QB	6-4	219	23	2	Utah State
12	Aaron Rodgers	QB	6-2	225	37	17	California
13	Allen Lazard	WR	6-5	227	25	3	Iowa State
17	Davante Adams	WR	6-1	215	28	8	Fresno State
18	Randall Cobb	WR	5-10	195	31	11	Kentucky
19	Equanimeous St. Brown	WR	6-5	214	25	4	Notre Dame
20	Kevin King	CB	6-3	200	26	5	Washington
21	Eric Stokes	CB	6-0	194	22	R	Georgia
22	Shemar Jean-Charles	CB	5-10	184	23	R	Appalachian State
24	Isaac Yiadom	CB	6-1	190	25	4	Boston College
26	Darnell Savage	S	5-11	198	24	3	Maryland
27	Patrick Taylor	RB	6-2	217	23	1	Memphis
28	AJ Dillon	RB	6-0	247	23	2	Boston College
29	Rasul Douglas	CB	6-2	209	26	5	West Virginia
31	Adrian Amos	S	6-0	214	28	7	Penn State
33	Aaron Jones	RB	5-9	208	26	5	Texas-El Paso
36	Vernon Scott	S	6-2	202	24	2	TCU
39	Chandon Sullivan	CB	5-11	189	25	4	Georgia State
40	Tipa Galeai	LB	6-5	229	24	1	Utah State
41	Henry Black	S	6-0	204	24	2	Baylor
42	Oren Burks	LB	6-3	233	26	4	Vanderbilt
44	Ty Summers	LB	6-1	241	25	3	TCU
46	Steven Wirtel	LS	6-4	228	24	1	Iowa State
49	Dominique Dafney	TE	6-2	243	24	1	Indiana State
51	Krys Barnes	LB	6-2	229	23	2	UCLA
52	Rashan Gary	LB	6-5	277	23	3	Michigan
53	Jonathan Garvin	LB	6-4	257	22	2	Miami
58	Isaiah McDuffie	LB	6-1	227	22	R	Boston College
59	De'Vondre Campbell	LB	6-3	232	28	6	Minnesota
62	Lucas Patrick	G	6-3	313	28	5	Duke
67	Jake Hanson	C	6-4	296	24	1	Oregon
69	David Bakhtiari	T	6-4	310	30	9	Colorado
70	Royce Newman	T/G	6-5	310	24	R	Mississippi
73	Yosh Nijman	T	6-7	314	25	2	Virginia Tech
74	Elgton Jenkins	G	6-5	311	25	3	Mississippi State
76	Jon Runyan	G	6-4	307	24	2	Michigan
77	Billy Turner	G/T	6-5	310	30	8	North Dakota State
79	Dennis Kelly	T	6-8	321	31	10	Purdue
81	Josiah Deguara	TE	6-2	238	24	2	Cincinnati
83	Marquez Valdes-Scantling	WR	6-4	206	27	4	South Florida
84	Tyler Davis	TE	6-4	252	24	2	Georgia Tech
86	Malik Taylor	WR	6-1	220	25	2	Ferris State
89	Mercedes Lewis	TE	6-6	267	37	16	UCLA
90	Jack Heflin	DL	6-3	304	23	R	Iowa
91	Preston Smith	LB	6-5	265	29	7	Mississippi State
93	T.J. Slaton	DL	6-4	330	24	R	Florida
94	Dean Lowry	DL	6-6	296	27	6	Northwestern
95	Tyler Lancaster	DL	6-3	313	27	4	Northwestern
96	Kingsley Keke	DL	6-3	288	25	3	Texas A&M
97	Kenny Clark	DL	6-3	314	26	6	UCLA

Reserve/Injured

23	Jaire Alexander	CB	5-10	196	24	4	Louisville
25	Will Redmond	S	5-11	186	27	6	Mississippi State
32	Kylin Hill	RB	5-10	214	23	R	Mississippi State
47	Chauncey Rivers	LB	6-2	259	24	1	Mississippi State
50	Whitney Mercilus	LB	6-4	261	31	10	Illinois
55	Za'Darius Smith	LB	6-4	272	29	7	Kentucky
56	Randy Ramsey	LB	6-3	238	26	2	Arkansas
71	Josh Myers	C/G	6-5	310	23	R	Ohio State
85	Robert Tonyan	TE	6-5	237	27	4	Indiana State

Practice Squad

6	Kurt Benkert	QB	6-3	218	26	2	Virginia
11	J.J. Molson	K	5-11	180	24	1	UCLA
16	Chris Blair	WR	6-2	198	24	R	Alcorn State
30	Shawn Davis	S	5-11	202	23	R	Florida
35	Ryquell Armstead	RB	5-11	220	25	3	Temple
38	Innis Gaines	S	6-1	202	23	R	TCU
45	Bronson Kaufusi	TE	6-6	270	30	3	Brigham Young
48	Kabion Ento	CB	6-1	187	25	2	Colorado
54	La'Darius Hamilton	LB	6-2	261	23	1	North Texas
57	Ray Wilborn	LB	6-3	230	24	1	Ball State
64	Ben Braden	G	6-6	329	27	2	Michigan
78	Cole Van Lanen	T/G	6-4	305	23	R	Wisconsin
88	Juwann Winfree	WR	6-1	210	25	2	Colorado
98	Abdullah Anderson	DL	6-3	303	25	2	Bucknell
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#	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	AGE	EXP.	COLLEGE
2	Robert Woods	WR	6-0	195	29	9	USC
3	Odell Beckham Jr.	WR	5-11	198	29	8	LSU
4	Jordan Fuller	S	6-2	203	23	2	Ohio State
5	Jalen Ramsey	CB	6-1	208	27	6	Florida State
6	Johnny Hekker	P	6-5	241	31	10	Oregon State
8	Matt Gay	K	6-0	232	27	3	Utah
9	Matthew Stafford	QB	6-3	220	33	13	Georgia
10	Cooper Kupp	WR	6-2	208	28	5	Eastern Washington
11	Darius Williams	CB	5-9	187	28	4	Alabama-Birmingham
12	Van Jefferson	WR	6-1	200	25	2	Florida
13	John Wolford	QB	6-1	200	26	2	Wake Forest
16	Bryce Perkins	QB	6-3	214	24	1	Virginia
17	J.J. Koski	WR	6-1	195	24	1	Cal Poly
18	Ben Skowronek	WR	6-3	224	24	R	Notre Dame
21	Dont'e Deayon	CB	5-9	159	27	4	Boise State
22	David Long Jr.	CB	5-11	196	23	3	Michigan
23	Julu Hughes	S	5-11	188	23	2	Fresno State
24	Taylor Rapp	S	6-0	208	23	3	Washington
25	Sony Michel	RB	5-11	215	26	4	Georgia
26	Terrell Burgess	S	5-11	202	23	2	Utah
27	Darrell Henderson Jr.	RB	5-8	208	24	3	Memphis
31	Robert Rochell	DB	6-2	195	23	R	Central Arkansas
33	Nick Scott	S	5-11	201	26	3	Penn State
37	Tyler Hall	DB	5-10	190	23	2	Wyoming
38	Buddy Howell	RB	6-1	225	25	4	Florida Atlantic
39	Antoine Brooks Jr.	LB	5-11	210	24	2	Maryland
40	Von Miller	OLB	6-3	245	32	11	Texas A&M
42	Matthew Orzech	LS	6-3	245	26	2	Azusa Pacific
44	Jamir Jones	LB	6-3	255	23	1	Notre Dame
45	Ogbonnia Okoronkwo	OLB	6-2	253	26	4	Oklahoma
48	Chris Garrett	OLB	6-4	245	23	R	Concordia College St. Paul
50	Ernest Jones	LB	6-2	230	22	R	South Carolina
51	Troy Reeder	ILB	6-3	245	27	3	Delaware
52	Terrell Lewis	OLB	6-5	262	23	2	Alabama
54	Leonard Floyd	OLB	6-5	240	29	6	Georgia
55	Brian Allen	OL	6-2	303	26	4	Michigan State
56	Christian Rozeboom	LB	6-2	230	24	1	South Dakota State
63	Austin Corbett	OL	6-4	306	26	4	Nevada
65	Coleman Shelton	OL	6-4	299	26	3	Washington
68	AJ Jackson	OL	6-7	285	23	R	Iowa
70	Joe Noteboom	OL	6-5	321	26	4	TCU
71	Bobby Evans	OL	6-4	312	24	3	Oklahoma
72	Tremayne Anchrum Jr.	OL	6-2	314	23	2	Clemson
73	David Edwards	OL	6-6	308	24	3	Wisconsin
77	Andrew Whitworth	OL	6-7	330	39	16	LSU
79	Rob Havenstein	OL	6-8	330	29	7	Wisconsin
86	Kendall Blanton	TE	6-6	262	26	1	Missouri
88	Brycen Hopkins	TE	6-4	245	24	2	Purdue
89	Tyler Higbee	TE	6-6	255	28	6	Western Kentucky
91	Greg Gaines	DL	6-1	312	25	3	Washington
94	A'Shawn Robinson	DL	6-4	330	26	6	Alabama
95	Bobby Brown III	DL	6-4	235	21	R	Texas A&M
96	Michael Hoecht	DL	6-4	310	24	1	Brown
99	Aaron Donald	DL	6-1	280	30	8	Pittsburgh

Reserve/Injured

15	Tutu Atwell	WR	5-9	165	22	R	Louisville
32	Travin Howard	ILB	6-1	219	25	3	TCU
34	Jake Funk	RB	5-10	205	23	R	Maryland
58	Justin Hollins	LB	6-5	248	25	3	Oregon
64	Jamil Demby	OL	6-5	321	25	2	Maine
69	Sebastian Joseph-Day	DL	6-4	310	26	4	Rutgers
82	Johnny Mundt	TE	6-4	233	26	4	Oregon
87	Jacob Harris	TE	6-5	211	24	R	UCF

Reserve/Non-Football Injury

23	Cam Akers	RB	5-10	217	22	2	Florida State
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Practice Squad

14	Javian Hawkins	RB	5-9	196	22	R	Louisville
19	Brandon Powell	WR	5-8	181	26	4	Florida
35	Kareem Orr	DB	5-11	195	24	2	Tennessee-Chattanooga
36	Mekhi Sargent	RB	5-8	208	24	R	Iowa
39	Jake Gervase	S	6-1	212	26	2	Iowa
46	Grant Haley	DB	5-9	190	25	3	Penn State
53	Justin Lawler	OLB	6-4	265	26	4	Southern Methodist
60	Jeremiah Kolone	OL	6-3	316	27	1	San Jose State
66	Max Pircher	OL	6-7	300	22	R	Italy
67	Chandler Brewer	OL	6-6	320	24	2	Middle Tennessee State
81	Jared Pinkney	TE	6-4	257	24	1	Vanderbilt
83	Warren Jackson	WR	6-6	219	22	R	Colorado State
84	Landen Akers	WR	6-0	191	24	R	Iowa State
90	Earnest Brown IV	DL	6-5	270	22	R	Northwestern
92	Jonah Williams	DL	6-5	275	26	1	Weber State
93	Marquise Copeland	DL	6-2	287	24	1	Cincinnati

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All-time, at Packers: 30-19
Streaks: The Green Bay Packers have won six of the last seven contests against the Rams, dating back to 2007, when it was the St. Louis Rams. The Packers have won their last three home games against the Rams.
Last meeting, regular season: Jan. 16, 2021, Packers won 32-18 at Lambeau Field in the NFC Divisional Playoff Round. Aaron Rodgers threw for two touchdowns and rushed for another score. Aaron Jones also rushed for a score.

SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Sept. 12	at New Orleans	Loss 38-3	
Sept. 20	vs. Detroit	Win 35-17	
Sept. 26	at San Francisco	Win 30-28	
Oct. 3	vs. Pittsburgh	Win 27-17	
Oct. 10	at Cincinnati	Win 25-22	
Oct. 17	at Chicago	Win 24-14	
Oct. 24	vs. Washington	Win 24-10	
Oct. 28	at Arizona	Win 24-21	
Nov. 7	at Kansas City	Loss 13-7	
Nov. 14	vs. Seattle	Win 17-0	
Nov. 21	at Minnesota	Loss 34-31	
Nov. 28	vs. L.A. Rams	3:25 p.m.	FOX
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Dec. 12	vs. Chicago	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Dec. 19	at Baltimore	noon	FOX
Dec. 25	vs. Cleveland	3:30 p.m.	FOX
Jan. 2	vs. Minnesota	7:20 p.m.	NBC
Jan. 9	at Detroit	noon	FOX

OFFENSE

RB
Aaron Jones
A.J. Dillon



QB
Aaron Rodgers
Jordan Love



WR
Davante Adams
Randall Cobb



TE
Josiah Deguara
Tyler Davis



RT
Billy Turner
Dennis Kelly



RG
Royce Newman
Lucas Patrick



C
Lucas Patrick
Jake Hanson



LG
Jon Runyan
Lucas Patrick



LT
Elgton Jenkins
Yosh Nijman



TE
Mercedes Lewis
Dominique Dafney



WR
Marquez Valdes-Scantling
Allen Lazard



DEFENSE

CB
Kevin King
Chandon Sullivan



DE
Dean Lowry
Tyler Lancaster



NT
Kenny Clark
T.J. Slaton



DE
Kingsley Keke
Jack Heflin



CB
Eric Stokes
Rasul Douglas



OLB
Preston Smith



ILB
Krys Barnes
Oren Burks



ILB
De'Vondre Campbell
Ty Summers



OLB
Rashan Gary
Jonathan Garvin



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Adrian Amos
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WR

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TE

Tyler Higbee
Johnny Mundt

RT

Rob Havenstein
AJ Jackson

RG

Austin Corbett
Bobby Evans

C

Brian Allen
Coleman Shelton

LG

David Edwards

LT

Andrew Whitworth
Joe Noteboom

WR

Van Jefferson

WR

Odell Beckham Jr.
J.J. Koski

RB

Darrell Henderson Jr.
Xavier Jones

QB

Matthew Stafford
John Wolford

FYI

The Giants, Buccaneers game from Nov. 22 is not reflected in the standings.

SCHEDULE

Thursday's Games

Chicago at Detroit, 11:30 a.m.
Las Vegas at Dallas, 3:30 p.m.
Buffalo at New Orleans, 7:20 p.m.

Sunday's Games

Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, noon
N.Y. Jets at Houston, noon
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, noon
Carolina at Miami, noon
Tennessee at New England, noon
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, noon
Atlanta at Jacksonville, noon
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Minnesota at San Francisco, 3:25 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 7:20 p.m.

Monday's Game

Seattle at Washington, 7:15 p.m.

Teams on bye: Arizona, Kansas City

Thursday's Game

Dallas at New Orleans, 7:20 p.m.

DEFENSE

CB

Jalen Ramsey
David Long Jr.

DT

Aaron Donald
Michael Hoecht

NT

Sebastian Joseph-Day
Greg Gaines

DE

A'Shawn Robinson
Jonah Williams

CB

Darius Williams
Robert Rochell

OLB

Von Miller
Chris Garrett

ILB

Troy Reeder
Travin Howard

ILB

Ernest Jones
Chistian Rozeboom

OLB

Leonard Floy
Terrell Lewis

S

Jordan Fuller
Nick Scott

S

Taylor Rapp
Terrell Burgess

STANDINGS

NFC					AFC				
East					East				
Team	W	L	T		Team	W	L	T	
Dallas	7	3	0		New England	7	4	0	
Philadelphia	5	6	0		Buffalo	6	4	0	
Washington	4	6	0		Miami	4	7	0	
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	Weekly Record	Overall Record
God's Purpose Apparel	8-5-1	100-49-1
Tower Clock Eye Center	7-6-1	96-53-1
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22 Shell	6-7-1	93-56-1
Buss Automotive	5-8-1	93-56-1
Tim Murphy	5-8-1	93-56-1
Morgan Rode	6-7-1	92-57-1
Dennis Brei	6-7-1	91-58-1
Hawkeyes	5-8-1	90-59-1

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	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Shawano Place Assisted Living	6-7-1	90-59-1
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Gehm's Club 117	5-8-1	83-66-1
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Morgan Rode
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This Week's Picks:

Dallas	Carolina	Baltimore
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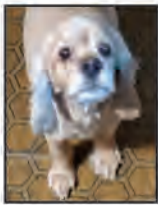
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Tie Breaker Game:

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Buffalo	Tennessee	Seattle
Cincinnati	Philadelphia	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 23 @ Detroit 17



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Final Score: Chicago 23 @ Detroit 20



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This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 21 @ Detroit 17



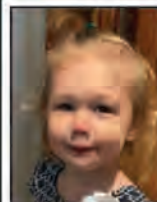
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 20 @ Detroit 17



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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 23 @ Detroit 21



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Tie Breaker Game:

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 14 @ Detroit 13



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Cincinnati	Philadelphia	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 24 @ Detroit 14



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This Week's Picks:

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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 24 @ Detroit 17



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This Week's Picks:

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Cincinnati	NY Giants	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 23 @ Detroit 10



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This Week's Picks:

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Cincinnati	NY Giants	
NY Jets	LA Chargers	
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 24 @ Detroit 17



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This Week's Picks:

Dallas	Carolina	Baltimore
Buffalo	Tennessee	Washington
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Tie Breaker Game:

Final Score: Chicago 21 @ Detroit 10

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Thursday, October 28	7:30 pm	@ Arizona Cardinals	FOX	
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Sunday, November 21	NOON*	@ Minnesota Vikings	FOX	
Sunday, November 28	3:25 pm*	LOS ANGELES DOLPHINS (GOLD)	FOX	
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Lewis willing to do it all for Packers

He hopes to become longest-tenured tight end ever

By **BILL HUBER**
Correspondent

What do you give a guy who presumably has everything?

When Matt LaFleur turned 41 last year, his coaches bought him a Mercedes Lewis jersey.

It's easy to see why.

"Mercedes embodies everything that I think we're all about here," LaFleur explained last season. "Everything he does is so selfless. It's for the team."

At age 37, Lewis is the NFL's oldest tight end. After each of the past three seasons, general manager Brian Gutekunst has coaxed Lewis back for one more season. To heck with one year. Tight ends coach Justin Outten wants Lewis to play through his 45th birthday.

"Woo," Lewis said with a laugh early this season. "I think realistically at this level that I'm playing, I have at least three. At least three. I can see to three playing at a high level. When I feel like I can't play at this level, I don't think I can be a guy just chilling with a jersey on. That's not me."

"I respect JO so much and I appreciate him saying that. I take that as a compliment. I don't know, man. It's just special being here. The fact that I'm able to go do my thing on the field and come back and get in the meeting room where just positive vibration flowing all through that room, it makes it worth it."

The feeling is as mutual as the math is simple. By playing through 2023, Lewis would be the most-tenured tight end in NFL history. Hall of Famer Tony Gonzalez holds that honor with 17 seasons.

"That's my goal," Lewis said. "For me, I'm pretty hard on myself. My expectations for myself are heavier than what a coach could ever put on me, a family member or a critic. So, if I couldn't do it, I would be honest with myself and back out. I dictate the physicality. I'm not getting whipped. You can turn my film on. I'm not the one getting thrown on the ground and all that. Because of that, I'm able to play a little longer."

Lewis is straddling two eras. He is a throwback tough guy who has thrived in a kinder, gentler NFL. One of the best blockers at his posi-



Green Bay Packers tight end Marcedes Lewis, right, runs a route during the team's game against the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 21 in Minneapolis.

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tion in the NFL, Lewis is as physical as they come. He trains in mixed-martial arts during the offseason to stay in tip-top shape. But the modern NFL, with the elimination of two-a-day practices during training camp and the change to less-taxing practices during the season, has allowed Lewis to stay on top of his game.

"As far as the game and how much it's evolved, it's less Oklahoma drill mind-set, beating each other up, and it's more taking care of each other and learning how to work as a pro," Lewis said. We're all professionals. We're all big, strong and fast.

"We know we could hurt each other on any given play. Why do that against each other when we've got 17 games to do that? I think for the most part, for me, that's been the biggest difference is in camp and practices. Practice is where you get more tested and get ready for the season. It's just not like it used to be, and I'm grateful for that. I think there's a lot less concussions during practice because of that. From a humanity side, I just think we're all human beings first."

Once the regular season begins, teams are allowed to practice in pads only 14 times, with a maximum of once per week. The Packers typi-

cally hold their padded practice on Thursdays. Because of his value to the team, Lewis typically gets that day off.

Lewis appreciates the ability to step away from the field to get in an extra lift while keeping his legs fresh.

"We started it last year," he said of the no-practice Thursdays. "I never got a day off. I was in Jacksonville getting run into the ground. I'd take the No. 1 reps and then they wanted another look for the 2s and be like, 'Cedes, can you get out there?' just because they didn't trust who was behind me. Me, being who I am, I'm like, 'All

right, cool.' But after a while, I'm like, 'Bro, I won't last long doing this.' So, the fact that I'm able to come here and put in my work and get my work in on days that I'm working and then have a day off has helped put plays and reps back on my body."

So, when Lewis was asked to play a season-high 42 snaps against Seattle in Week 10, his blocking was as strong on the final series as it was on the first. When Lewis – aka "Big Dog" – started the Week 11 game at Minnesota, it extended his starts streak to 23 games – the third-longest current streak among tight ends.

"It's hard to keep him off the field with his production and his consistency and what he brings to the table and allows us to do on offense," Outten said. "He probably didn't feel it [the playing time vs. Seattle] just because when the crowd started barking, it electrified not only him but the sideline. It was pretty cool when he caught the ball and just hear the crowd start to bark. It was a cool atmosphere to hear that and the appreciation they have for him. He puts it in every single day. He's just a cornerstone that we lean on."

Lewis' game has evolved as the NFL has evolved, though it's sort of been in the opposite direction. When Lewis entered the league in 2006 as a first-round pick by Jacksonville, the game wasn't so pass-centric. That made Lewis a rare breed as a two-way tight end, capable of factoring as a blocker and receiver. In 2010, he caught 58 passes for 700 yards and 10 touchdowns. He added 52 receptions in 2012.

Over the years, the position has evolved in such a way that tight ends are often nothing more than oversized receivers. His teammate, Robert Tonyan, is a prime example of that. Lewis isn't that kind of play-



Green Bay Packers tight end Marcedes Lewis looks on during the team's game against the Minnesota Vikings on Nov. 21 in Minneapolis.

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er anymore. Age has taken a couple steps in his game. But there's value in doing the dirty work, and Lewis excels in that phase.

Not that the big guy is nothing more than an extra offensive lineman. He made two huge catches in the overtime victory over Cincinnati, for instance. Through 11 games, he's caught 12-of-14 targets for 117 yards. Of the 59 tight ends who have been targeted at least a dozen times, he's ninth with 6.9 yards after the catch per catch.

"I feel like I'm a secret weapon, just in case," Lewis said. "It's team-first for me. If I have to put a guy on his neck so '33' can score a touchdown, then I'm going to put that dude on his neck so Aaron Jones can get in the end zone. If they need me to catch a fade in the

back of the end zone, I'll do that. Whatever it is, I think that's my role and I own that and I'll be the best at that."

For Lewis, the pride, determination and dedication started at an early age. Before blossoming into a Parade All-American while at Long Beach Polytechnic High School and a college All-American at UCLA, Lewis was a poor, inner-city kid born to – and inspired by – his 15-year-old mom.

"We didn't have nothing. Everything is a profit for me," he said. "All the positive energy that I share with my teammates and my coaches and people around this building is an enhancement of my life. I look at it like just taking advantage of my opportunities and not wasting a gift. I was born with a certain skill-set. It's all about the energy and my love for the game. That hasn't gone anywhere. For me, it's just a blessing to be on a team where my skill-set is still respected, and I don't take that for granted."

While the NFL has changed, and Lewis' game has adapted with it, his mentality hasn't changed one bit. He is a revered leader and team captain. He leads by word and deed. His wisdom hits home with every player on the team, whether it's 37-year-old quarterback Aaron Rodgers, the up-and-coming Tonyan, or an undrafted free agent such as fellow tight end Dominique Dafney.

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