

LOVE HURTS, BUT PACKERS GET THEIR KICKS ANYWAY IN 4TH STRAIGHT WIN



On a third down deep in their own territory early in the fourth quarter, Jacksonville quarterback Trevor Lawrence (16) was sacked by Edgerrin Cooper (56), who also forced a fumble, which was recovered by Devonte Wyatt (95) at the Jacksonville 5-yard line. Two plays later, Tucker Kraft's 3-yard touchdown catch gave the Packers a 10-point lead. Jacksonville would fight back and tie the game, but Packers kicker Brandon McManus had a second consecutive game-winning field goal as time expired to give Green Bay a 30-27 win.

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Packers eke out 30-27 win over Jaguars

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

For the second straight game, the Packers won on a last-second field goal from kicker Brandon McManus, but a larger cloud looms over Green Bay.

In Green Bay's 30-27 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars, quarterback Jordan Love left the game with a groin injury, safety Evan Williams left the game with a hamstring injury and defensive back Jaire Alexander was hobbled late in the game.

"Obviously a high level of concern when a guy is in there and did it on the first drive," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur on Love's injury status. "I think that everybody could see him struggling to move around, and it got to a point where we and he didn't feel like he could protect himself, so we went with Malik (Willis)."

Love seemingly sustained the injury on the first drive of the game but played through it until he was replaced by Willis early in the third quarter. Before exiting the game, Love connected on 14-of-22 passes for 196 yards and one interception.

In relief of Love, Willis added four completions on five attempts for 56 passing



Former Jaguars and current Packers kicker Brandon McManus was 3-for-3 on his extra points and 3-for-3 on field goals, winning the game on a 24-yarder over his former employer Oct. 26.

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yards and one touchdown.

Willis' biggest play of the game came late. After Jacksonville had tied the game at 27-27, Willis was tasked with leading the game-winning drive with 1:48 left on the clock. After a 4-yard rush from Josh Jacobs, Willis dropped back and hit a wide open Jayden Reed, who leaked out from the line of scrimmage seemingly unnoticed and took the pass 51 yards down to the Jaguars' 15-yard line. From there, Green Bay was able to run the clock down to two seconds, before

McManus hit the game-winning field goal.

"We were trying to take it one play at a time, and we were looking for a certain look, and we didn't get it the first time we ran it," said Willis, on the 51-yard completion to Reed. "We actually ran it twice. We just ran the first play, and then we ran it again, and we got the look that we were looking for, and we just canned right into it. It was perfect. You love to see it."

Jacobs saw another productive day on the

ground, as the Alabama alum ran for 127 yards and two touchdowns. Willis ran for 23 yards, and Emanuel Wilson and Chris Brooks combined for 39 yards.

As for the receiving game, Tucker Kraft led the team in receiving with 78 yards and a touchdown on three receptions. Romeo Doubs recorded 72 yards on three receptions, Reed recorded 55 yards on two receptions and Christian Watson recorded 39 yards on four receptions.

On Jacksonville's side of the ball, quarterback

Trevor Lawrence completed 21-of-32 passes for 308 yards and two touchdowns. Lawrence added an interception. The Clemson alum did some damage on the ground as well, rushing for 10 yards on four carries and one touchdown.

Running back Tank Bigsby did a majority of the work on the ground for Jacksonville, picking up 78 yards on 18 carries.

Much like Green Bay, Jacksonville was bitten by the injury bug as two of the team's top receivers, Christian Kirk and Brian Thomas Jr., went down with a fractured collarbone and hamstring injury, respectively. Before their injuries, Thomas recorded 60 yards on three receptions and Kirk recorded 59 yards on two receptions. Jaguars tight end Evan Engram secured Lawrence's other passing touchdown.

As has been the case for the majority of the season, Green Bay won the turnover battle once again, 2-1. Defensive back Xavier McKinney hauled in his sixth interception on the season, adding to his already league-leading total.

The more important turnover though came on the second play of the fourth quarter. With Green Bay up 20-17, Lawrence and the Jaguars' offense

were faced with a third-and-seven from its own 14-yard line. Lawrence took the snap and was almost immediately hit by a blitzing Edgerrin Cooper. Upon the hit, Lawrence lost the football, and it was recovered by Packers defensive lineman Devonte Wyatt, who was playing his first game since Sept. 29.

Two plays later, Willis connected with Kraft for a 3-yard touchdown reception.

On top of the turnovers, Green Bay's defense has excelled at getting off of the field. In its last game against Houston, C.J. Stroud and the Houston offense converted just 4-of-13 opportunities on third down. In this game against Jacksonville, the Jaguars only converted 1-of-9 attempts on third down.

"I think (Jacksonville) is a good football team. They have a lot of playmakers, they have three really good receivers, they have a stud running back, a stud quarterback and a stud tight end, so like, we knew that they were going to get their shots in, Ut was just about staying resilient," said LaFleur, on his evaluation of Green Bay's defense. "Twice our defense set us up with great field position, and we were able to capitalize."

Which Packers offense will show up?

Players need to clean up penalties, mistakes to battle for division lead

By **JACOB WESTENDORF**
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay will host division rival Detroit at 3:25 p.m. Nov. 3 at Lambeau Field.

Packers Offense vs. Lions Defense

Green Bay's offense is maddening.

There are times they look like the best unit in football. They look like they can attack you with their dynamic run game or an explosive passing game.

Other times, they look like they cannot get out of their own way. Penalties and silly mistakes continue to plague them.

Jordan Love continues to turn the ball over and threw a terrible interception in the red zone last week.

His availability for this week could be in question. He left Sunday's win over Jacksonville with a groin injury and did not return.

If he cannot go, it will be the Malik Willis show again. Willis helped save the day with a huge completion to Jayden Reed after the defense gave up a touchdown pass that tied the game at 27-27.

Willis' big day was called, "pretty damn impressive," by Matt LaFleur.

Willis has certainly been that. They've won all three games he's had to play extended action.

The run game was the star of the show on Sunday. Josh Jacobs rumbled for more than 120 yards on 25 carries. That included a nifty 38-yard touchdown that helped ensure the Packers would never trail again.

Jacobs was a workhorse when they needed him. He can be a role player if they need that, too.

Romeo Doubs and Tucker Kraft are helping lead the way for Green Bay's passing game. Reed sprinkled in a big play last week as well.

That passing game is going to need to be up to snuff this week to keep pace with a powerful Lions' offense.

Detroit's defense looked like it could be in flux after a devastating blow they suffered in early October.



Above, running back Josh Jacobs (8) is averaging 4.6 yards per carry for the Packers and could be more if the offense cuts down on penalties and other mistakes that cost the offense yardage. In the background is backup quarterback Malik Willis, who played most of the second half against the Jaguars on Oct. 26. At left, quarterback Jordan Love casts a sideways glance after a play against Jacksonville.

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Their star pass rusher, Aidan Hutchinson, was lost for the season with a gruesome leg injury that has knocked him out for the rest of the regular season, at minimum.

The Lions' pass rush was largely based around Hutchinson's prowess, so it remains to be seen how they'll rebound from it long-term.

They did not pressure Sam Darnold much until Christian Darrisaw left

their game against the Vikings.

The Lions rebuilt their secondary this offseason and famously traded ahead of Green Bay to take Alabama's Terrion Arnold in this past year's NFL draft.

Their biggest playmakers in the secondary come from their nickel/safety positions.

Kerby Joseph and Brian Branch entered Sunday's game tied for the team lead in interceptions with

ments Sunday. They took the ball away twice from Jacksonville, and it led directly to 14 points for Green Bay's offense.

Xavier McKinney had another interception, his sixth of the season. He might be a leading candidate for Defensive Player of the Year now that Hutchinson is out for the season with a leg injury.

Jaire Alexander looked like he was hobbled after the last play of the game on defense. His availability for this week would be paramount as they're set to play Amon-Ra St. Brown.

Evan Williams also left Sunday's game with a hamstring injury, and the defense began to struggle once he was out of the lineup.

Javon Bullard struggled noticeably for the first time in his rookie season.

He was victimized for two big plays on a touchdown drive that gave the Jaguars a 17-13 lead in the third quarter.

Overall, the defense did a good job but not great. They held the Jaguars without a third down conversion until late in the fourth quarter. They were able to make big plays and did enough to help the offense put the game away.

This week, the challenge is going to be much tougher.

Detroit's offense will be the best one the Packers have faced this season.

Jared Goff, thought to be a throw-in for the Matthew Stafford trade that took place following the 2020 season, has thrived in Detroit under Ben Johnson and Dan Campbell.

He's steady, smart and deadly accurate.

He's completing more than 70% of his passes on the season and is a certifiable MVP candidate if such a thing exists at this point in the season.

The Lions' run game is dynamic, led by Jahmyr Gibbs and David Montgomery.

Montgomery had a big game against the Packers at Lambeau Field a season ago, scoring three times.

Gibbs is the Lions' version of lightning in a bottle.

He's a dual-threat back

with the ability to make plays in both the run and pass game.

He's averaging nearly six yards per carry, and more than eight yards per reception.

This is a game that could test Green Bay's linebackers. It remains to be seen how they'll line up, as they've rotated either by injury or natural competition during the year.

In the passing game, it runs through Sam LaPorta and St. Brown.

Jameson Williams was Detroit's big play threat, but he'll miss this weekend's game as part of a two-game suspension.

The Lions are a diverse, dynamic offense and present a great challenge to Green Bay's ascending defense.

Special Teams

The special teams unit is coming off what might be its best game of the season Sunday against Jacksonville.

They were largely unnoticed, which is about all you can ask for in most games.

That is, until the very end of the game. Green Bay is now 2-0 on game-winning field goals in the Brandon McManus era.

He's made a game-winner in each of his first two games as a Packer.

This one, helped save the bacon of the Packers who blew two separate 10-point leads against the lowly Jaguars.

Detroit's special teams are led by kicker Jake Bates, who booted the Lions to victory against Minnesota two weeks ago.

Detroit's return game has been led by Kalif Raymond, but they've had limited opportunities for the new kickoff rule.

They've had more opportunities as a punt returner but haven't been able to break anything deep down the field.

That, of course, was until this past week against the Titans where they returned a punt for a touchdown.

The Lions are notably aggressive on special teams. Rich Bisaccia and his unit will need to be on alert for fakes in all situations.

DETROIT LIONS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

TIME AND DATE: 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 3
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 — 550 AM and 95.1 FM
2024 RECORDS: Packers, 6-2, Lions 6-1
HISTORY: The Lions and Packers have been locking horns since the 1930s. The Packers lead the all-time series

106-76-7. Their last matchup at Lambeau Field came last year when the Lions won 34-20 in late September in a game that was not as close as the final score suggested. The Lions ran all over the hapless Packers' defense and slowed down Jordan Love and an offense that was trying to find its way. Their most recent meeting, however, was Green Bay's turning point of their 2023 season. The Packers jumped out to a big lead early and held on late for a 28-22 victory at Ford Field on Thanksgiving Day.

This year's meeting is drastically different in that both teams are aware of who they are and have cemented their status as primary contenders to represent the NFC in this year's Super Bowl.
COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 62-29). Lions- Dan Campbell (fourth season, 30-27)
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

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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. 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. 31
Houston at NY Jets, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 3

New Orleans at Carolina, Noon
Washington at NY Giants, Noon
Miami at Buffalo, Noon
LA Chargers at Cleveland, Noon
New England at Tennessee, Noon
Dallas at Atlanta, Noon
Las Vegas at Cincinnati, Noon
Denver at Baltimore, Noon
Chicago at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Jacksonville at Philadelphia, 3:05 p.m.
LA Rams at Seattle, 3:25 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 3:25 p.m.
Indianapolis at Minnesota, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 4
Tampa Bay at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.

Packers add depth to tight end position

FitzPatrick plucked from Falcons' practice squad

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

Green Bay Packers tight end John FitzPatrick was selected with the 213th pick in the sixth round of the 2022 NFL Draft by the Atlanta Falcons. He was placed on injured reserve on Sept. 1, 2022.

During the 2023 season FitzPatrick made the Falcons' 53-man roster as the fourth tight end behind Kyle Pitts, Jonnu Smith and MyCole Pruitt and played in nine games with one reception for 12 yards and three special teams tackles.

FitzPatrick was waived by the Falcons on Aug. 27 and re-signed to the practice squad.

On Oct. 11, FitzPatrick was signed by the Green Bay Packers to their active roster off of the Atlanta Falcons practice squad.

What do you think of this place?

It's been great. I've enjoyed my time here so far. People have been great, coaches have been great and I'm just continuing to learn and grow.

You're from Atlanta, right?

Born in New York. Lived outside of Atlanta my whole life just about, played at Georgia.

Drafted by your hometown team. Was it hard to leave that behind?

My two, three years were great in Atlanta. I really enjoyed my time there, but I'm excited about this next chapter.

What are your

impressions on the Packers?

The Packers as a whole – tight-knit community. Just going around the town, the city, the restaurants, you see green everywhere. You see the Packers jerseys, which is really cool, and then as far as the people in the building, everyone's really driven. They just want to win, which I'm all about and I'm excited to be here.

Half the Georgia roster is here.

Yeah, it was nice seeing some familiar faces with Quay and Bullard and a bunch of those guys, and they've been good to me. We all sit close to each other in the team meetings, so it's cool.

Do you know enough to play this week?

Yeah, whatever I'm asked of, I'm just going to go do it to the best of my ability. I'm continuing to learn and grow and just whatever coach wants, I'm ready for.

What's your best attribute?

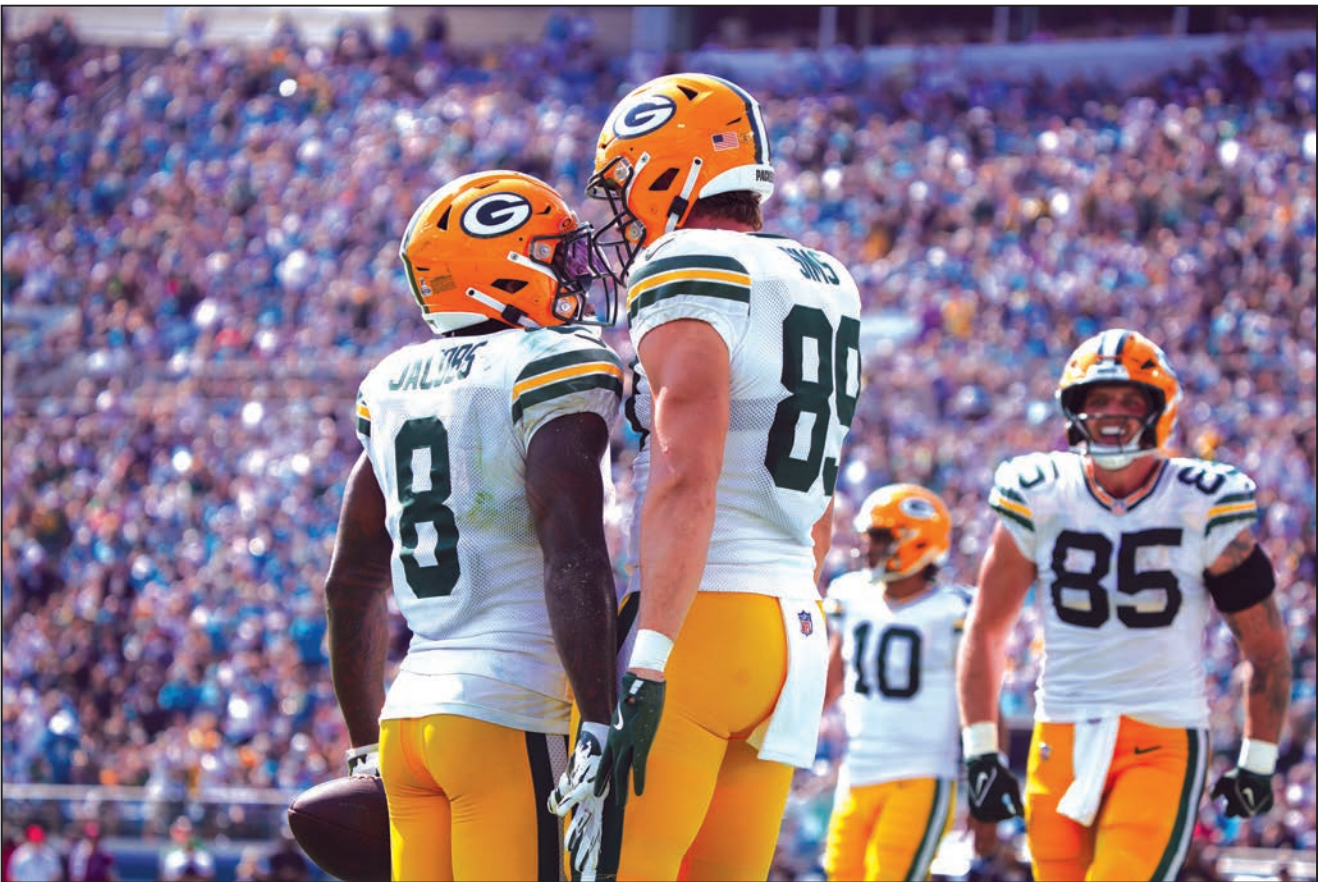
I think that's up to the coaches. But I'm willing to do whatever they ask of me, blocking, running around, receiving, special teams.

Did you play much special teams when you were active for Atlanta?

I did. Punt, kickoff return, some kickoff cover.

Is the tight end room tight?

I like it a lot. Ben, Tuck, Beck and Messiah, we're having a great time, and with J.D., he sets a good standard for the room and what he wants us to be at



Tight end Ben Sims (89) and running back Josh Jacobs (8) share a laugh during the Jacksonville game. In the background are quarterback Jordan Love (10) and tight end Tucker Kraft (85).

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every single day, has us prepared. So I'm enjoying my time in the room.

Did you take a pre-draft visit here?

I did.

Do you remember meeting anyone?

When I was here two years ago, I think it was a different facility but some similar people. I had met with coach Dunn and some of the other people here. I just remember going around the facility meeting new people – players not so much, because I think it was April or May when I came.

You broke bones in both feet before your last year at Georgia?

We were doing like a team run, offseason training drill, and I went to cut and felt a pop in my right foot and didn't think much

of it and then later in that practice, felt something in my left. Just did X-rays, and they said it was Jones fractures. It wasn't great, but it was manageable. Just a pain-tolerance thing. It affected me with some lateral stuff but, as far as running straight, I was fine. And then just got them fixed after the season.

Think about shutting it down for NFL or did you want to win?

At that point, all I wanted to do was win. We had a great team and, thankfully, we won it all, we won the Natty. It was worth it to wait and get it fixed after the season, like I did.

Surgery on both feet?

I did. The day after the national championship, I got surgery on my right and then four weeks later

on my left.

Real estate major?

I think development would be an avenue I'd consider along with some private-equity stuff. Just talking to different people in Atlanta and around, I think I would do well.

Can you block well?

Georgia's big thing is if you're willing to block, you're going to find your way onto the field, and that's what I learned early from some older guys in the room. From there, just really honed in on that and wanted to get on the field, obviously, so I honed in on that and it created some opportunities for me. I'm never going to say I'm great at blocking or it's my strong suit. I'm working on it every single day.

There's always something you can be better at

within a block, specifically, or just any type of block.

Know much about Tucker Kraft?

No. Like, obviously, great tight end in the league but as far as personal, no.

What does he think of how he plays?

He's a beast. Physical, he's fast. It's really cool to see. He can do it all.

Tight end room at Georgia was really good?

Yeah, we had a bunch of big-time players, so it was fun.

So you had to block to play?

Like I said, I had Coach Monken most of the time when I was playing. He drew so many plays where we were blocking, receiving. It allowed me to be on the field.

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KEYS TO THE GAME

Battle of the Beasts

Big plays needed as the unstoppable force meets immovable object

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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The calendar has turned to November, and the Green Bay Packers are looking to make it a month to remember.

After an October schedule that saw them catch a couple of breaks, November looks to be the most grueling portion of Green Bay's season.

Starting with this week, the Packers will play three playoff teams in a span of 25 days, capping it off

with a Thanksgiving Day game against the Miami Dolphins.

The first order of business is the Detroit Lions, who are the class of the NFC North in the early portion of the season.

They're the defending champions of the division and could have played for the Super Bowl if not for a second half collapse in the NFC Championship Game.

There has been no hangover in Detroit. The Lions are 6-1, and entering Lambeau Field with a chance to put a strangle-

hold on the NFC North.

The Packers are going to need to play their best game to knock them off.

Here are the keys to doing just that.

Packers' run defense vs. Lions' backfield

Jahmyr Gibbs and David Montgomery form one of the best thunder and lightning backfield combinations in all of football.

Gibbs is the lightning version of that and certainly lives up to the phrasing of lightning in a bottle.



Christian Watson caught four passes for 39 yards against Jacksonville, giving him 13 receptions for 196 yards this season.

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this week. Winning the turnover battle will be paramount to winning the game.

Jeff Hafley vs Ben Johnson

Jeff Hafley has won the hearts of Wisconsin with the performance of his defense through the first half of the season.

They take the ball away. They're exotic and multiple.

They're not perfect, but they are much more aesthetically pleasing than the defense run by either of his first two predecessors.

Ben Johnson was one of the top head coach candidates in last year's coaching cycle.

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"Lombardi, I remember watching him coach and admired him. Dad worked for the railroad in Green Bay so we could travel to other cities like Chicago & Detroit to watch games."



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matchup, but it was not nearly as dominant of a performance as it was the first time around. The Packers' defense made enough big plays to slow down Detroit's powerful offense.

It's unlikely they'll be able to rely on big plays and takeaways, so they'll need to slow down Detroit's offense more traditionally. That starts with stopping their dynamic ground game.

Turnovers

One of the biggest reasons that Green Bay was able to beat the Lions on Thanksgiving last year was their ability to make big plays.

They started the game with a big completion to Christian Watson. That drive was finished off with a touchdown.

On defense, the Packers sacked Goff four times and forced three fumbles, including returning one for a touchdown.

That does not account

for the Packers stopping the Lions on a fake punt as well.

Essentially, they forced four turnovers on that day. Green Bay's defense is toward the top of the NFL in taking the ball away at the halfway point of the season.

Detroit's offense, however, does not give the ball away.

Coming into Sunday's action, the Lions had only given the ball away five times.

It's a case of the unstoppable force that meets an immovable object.

Games like these typically come down to who makes the biggest plays in big spots. Detroit takes the ball away like Green Bay does as well.

The Packers won two weeks ago against the Houston Texans despite being minus-3 in the turnover battle.

The Packers will not be able to get away with that

Ben Johnson was one of the top head coach candidates in last year's coaching cycle.

Johnson eschewed becoming a head coach to remain in Detroit for what everyone in the Lions' organization is hoping can be a special season.

If Green Bay's defense continues on its trajectory, Hafley and Johnson could be hot

candidates when the coaching carousel picks up again this winter.

For this weekend, however, this is a battle of wits that should be fascinating to watch.

Hafley has become adept at simulating pressures to make opposing passers uncomfortable, including Houston's C.J. Stroud.

Johnson has been excellent at keeping his quarterback comfortable.

Each coordinator will win a down or series.

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THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 VS JACKSONVILLE 27



Tight end Tucker Kraft had a big day against Jacksonville, first connecting with Jordan Love for a 67-yard catch-and-run that put the Packers inside the Jaguars' 10-yard line, and second, catching a 3-yard touchdown pass from Malik Willis later in the game. So far this season, Kraft has caught 24 passes for 342 yards and five touchdowns.

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TUCKER KRAFT CATCH-AND-RUN LONGEST OF THE SEASON FOR THE PACKERS

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Willis to the rescue again

Packers backup will be ready if needed against the Lions

BY LUKE REIMER
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While not necessarily wanted, Green Bay Packers fans got another look at their backup quarterback in the win over Jacksonville.

Malik Willis was once again very productive in his most recent relief appearance for Jordan Love, who exited the game with a groin injury. Coming into the game with a 13-10 lead, Willis once again led Green Bay to a victory. Willis has seen the final clock tick to zero with a win four times this season.

It is yet to be seen if Willis will take the field as a starter or as a backup in Green Bay's upcoming matchup against the Detroit Lions. If Willis does

suit up as the starter, there seems to be some comfortability, not only from Packers fans, but staff and coaches as well.

"It has been pretty impressive," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on Willis' performance this season. "Impressive is the word."

As was the case in his two starts against the Indianapolis Colts and the Tennessee Titans this season, as soon as Willis stepped into the game against the Jacksonville Jaguars, the run game saw an instant upgrade. One hundred and twenty of Green Bay's 170 rushing yards on the day came after Willis entered the game early in the third quarter.

While it is easy to



Backup quarterback Malik Willis shows his versatility in running with the ball against Jacksonville. Willis played most of the second half in relief of Jordan Love, who was sidelined with a groin injury.

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chalk this anomaly up to Green Bay running a more conservative offense with the backup under center, it may actually be due to the change of blocking scheme. With offensive linemen Zach Tom, Elgton Jenkins and Josh Myers

seemingly blocking better in the run game than pass game this season, using the offensive linemen's strengths may fit the philosophy more with Willis under center than Love. Now, that is not saying that if Love is healthy,

Willis should see more time, because Green Bay's offensive linemen are good enough to both run block and pass block effectively.

It is no secret that the offense has been more effective to run the ball with Willis under center,

partly due to his potential to run himself, but that is not to say that the passing offense with Willis has been bad.

So far this season, Willis has completed 29-of-39 passes for 380 passing yards and three touchdowns. Those stats come along with zero interceptions and zero fumbles.

Against Jacksonville playing nearly the entire second half, Willis completed 4-of-5 passes for 56 yards and one touchdown. Those numbers come on the back of not seeing any starter snaps in practice throughout the week.

"Yeah, it is none," said Willis, on how many first team snaps he sees in practice. "(Love) needs all of the reps. You get your reps on scout, and you get your reps in individual, and you just do what you can to get those mental reps and do

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Week 9 Games: Sunday, Nov. 3
Houston @ NY Jets - Thurs., Oct. 31
Indianapolis @ Minnesota
Chicago @ Arizona
Tampa Bay @ Kansas City - Mon., Nov. 4

Tie Breaker Game:
Detroit @ GreenBay

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Tim Murphy, NEW Media	2-3	29-11
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This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Chicago
Tampa Bay

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 21

Week 8 Winner:
Judy Deets
The Cottages on Golden Pond



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 28 @ Green Bay 31



This Week's Picks:
NY Jets
Minnesota
Arizona
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 24 @ Green Bay 28



This Week's Picks:
NY Jets
Indianapolis
Arizona
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 16 @ Green Bay 21



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 17 @ Green Bay 21



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Arizona
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 24 @ Green Bay 27



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Arizona
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 21 @ Green Bay 24



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Arizona
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 28 @ Green Bay 21



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 31 @ Green Bay 34



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Chicago
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 40 @ Green Bay 10



This Week's Picks:
Houston
Minnesota
Arizona
Kansas City

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Detroit 28 @ Green Bay 20



Xavier McKinney (29) intercepted Trevor Lawrence for his sixth pick of the season. McKinney has an interception in six of the Packers' eight games, and he's alone at the top of the league in that category.

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WILLIS, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 6

whatever you can do when called upon."

It has become obvious that Wills is always ready to come when his number is called and perform well, part of the reason why Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst brought him in.

"It is a high stress job, but at the same time, the Lord blessed me with this ability, and I just have to utilize it and have fun with it," said Willis.

Given the state of the Packers backup quarter-

backs in the last decade, there is some comfort knowing that it finally has a player who can be relied on when the starter goes down. When Tim Boyle, DeShone Kizer, Brett Hundley, Sean Clifford and even Love when he was young came in for relief, there was always a sense of uneasiness, and for a majority of teams in the league, that feeling is shared. Now with Willis, he has proven that he can win games.

If it is Willis who suits

up on Sunday at quarterback against the Detroit Lions, this Green Bay offense should not suffer too much. While yes, Detroit is a good football team, the two different styles of offense with each quarterback starting gives Green Bay an opportunity to use the entire playbook. It is obvious that Willis is more than capable to run the offense, but as always for every team in the NFL, it will come down to establishing a run game and controlling the line of scrimmage.

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THE MOMENT

PACKERS 30 VS JACKSONVILLE 27



Running back Josh Jacobs carried the ball 25 times against the Jaguars, the most carries he's had in a game since Week 2 against the Indianapolis Colts. His 127 yards was also the most since the Colts game, when he ran for 151 yards. Based on his current trajectory, he would surpass 1,400 yards this season. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

RUNNING ON ALL CYLINDERS

Jacobs led Green Bay's ground game with 127 yards rushing and two TDs

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