



Green Bay's coaching staff and general manager deserve good grades for their work in the first half of the season. From left, are head coach Matt LaFleur, special teams coordinator Rich Bisaccia, defensive coordinator Jeff Hafley and general manager Brian Gutekunst. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

GRADING THE GM, COACHING STAFF

Personnel moves earn high marks for Gutekunst, others

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers are 6-3.

If you had told anyone that followed the team a year ago that they'd be 6-3 at this point of the year, they likely would not have believed you.

Through nine games last year, the Packers were 3-6 and plagued by inconsistent play.

Of course, we know what happened next.

The Packers won six of their last eight games, and a Wild Card game in Dallas before bowing out to the San Francisco 49ers.

The end of the season led to optimism for the 2024 season. The Packers clearly saw their window as well.

They took on a big off-season, adding to the team from both a personnel and coaching staff standpoint.

No longer were they a team in transition, but one they felt was on the rise.

To a man, the Packers were willing to openly talk about the Super Bowl during the spring.

They're 6-3 at the bye and would qualify for the NFC playoffs if the season ended today.

If they are to get to the postseason and achieve their ultimate goal, they'll have a lot of people to thank.

General Manager

I'm not sure there are many superlatives that could appropriately describe the job that Brian Gutekunst has done over the last two offseasons.

Of course, that begins with moving on from Aaron Rodgers and starting his team over with Jordan Love.

The courage of his conviction that Love could be a franchise quarterback was something that needed to come to the forefront as the team's relationship with Rodgers deteriorated.

Going with Love and choosing to build around him was a gamble, but at

this point, it's hard to say it has not paid off.

No, the Packers do not have the look of an elite team at this point in the season.

They've been humbled by the Detroit Lions and Minnesota Vikings this season.

That being said, where would this team be if not for Gutekunst's willingness to rip the Band-Aid and subsequently build around his young quarterback?

After last year's strong finish to the season, Gutekunst went to work.

Seeing a weakness at safety, Gutekunst opted to grab the top one on the market.

Xavier McKinney signed a four-year contract in the offseason to leave the Giants to come to Green Bay.

What McKinney has done since then is nothing short of historic.

McKinney snagged an interception in each of his first five games with the team.

He's tied for the league lead with six interceptions on the year.

He's a prime candidate for Defensive Player of the Year.

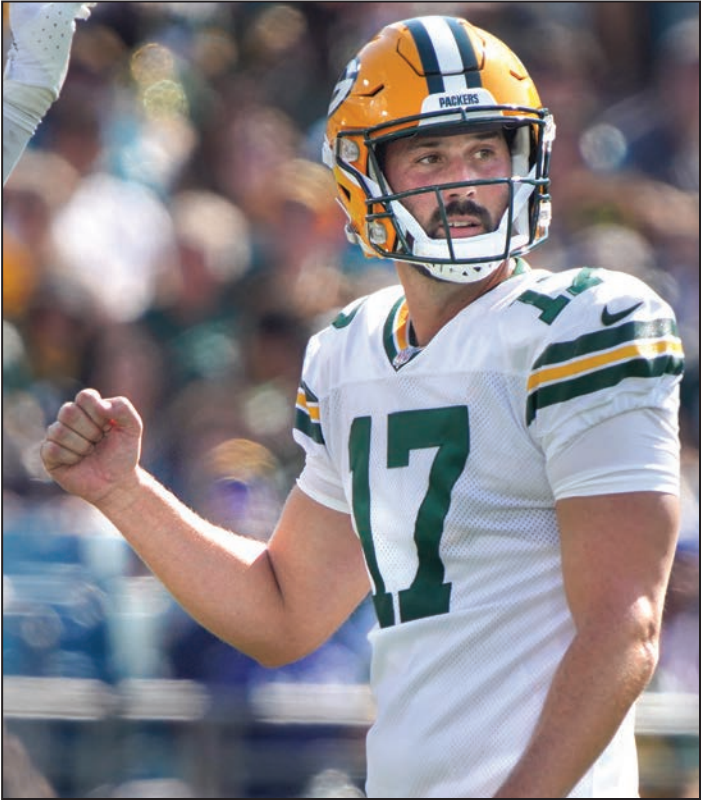
McKinney has helped Jeff Hafley change the culture in Green Bay's secondary, and he's only scratching the surface.

"He in my opinion is the best safety in the NFL," Hafley said after McKinney was awarded the NFL's Defensive Player of the Month award for October. "And it's starting to be seen by everybody. And I'm so proud of him and it doesn't surprise me. The growth that he's had, too, I mean, I can already see it. He's become one of the best leaders on our team, he's one of the best practice players on our team. He's got an unbelievable attitude, he's always studying."

McKinney has been everything the Packers could have hoped for and more.



Green Bay Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst has spearheaded some significant changes to the team in the past two years. Clearly looking to field a young team, he cut ties with future Hall of Fame Aaron Rodgers and elevated Jordan Love, above, to the starting job. Not satisfied with either the backup quarterback or the kicker at the start of year, he released the players presumed to be on the team and signed others - Malik Willis, lower left, for backup quarterback and eventually Brandon McManus, lower right, as kicker. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS



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McKinney was the second of two big additions that Gutekunst made on the first day of free agency. The first one sent shockwaves through Lambeau Field.

Josh Jacobs was signed to a four-year, \$48 million deal that at the time looked like he was going to be paired with Aaron Jones, who Gutekunst had just referred to as the heartbeat of his team.

Speculation for how Matt LaFleur could use Jones and Jacobs in the same backfield lasted all of 45 minutes.

Jones was released shortly after the Jacobs news broke and signed with Minnesota almost immediately.

Jacobs has helped fill the void of Jones both on the field and in the locker room.

Jacobs has emerged as one of the team's leaders and been a workhorse when asked to be.

During the Packers' 16-10 win over the Indianapolis Colts in the team's home opener, Jacobs carried the ball 32 times and was the catalyst of an offense that was missing its starting quarterback.

Jacobs has been explosive and methodical as the Packers came into their game against Detroit with a top-five rushing attack in all of football.

Jacobs entered that game as the fourth leading rusher in football.

He's unlikely to win the rushing title. He's not going to pile up fantasy points.

What he is going to do, however, is help the team win.

Jones is having a good season with the Vikings, but it's hard to argue that Gutekunst has not come out ahead in the Jones/Jacobs swap.

Gutekunst's best moves, may have been his last two.

When training camp ended, the Packers had two glaring issues facing them: backup quarterback and kicker.

Sean Clifford and Michael Pratt did not do anything to take hold of the duties behind Love.

Anders Carlson and Greg Joseph both wobbled during training camp.

Both were released, and the Packers kept Brayden Narveson with Gutekunst vowing to be more patient with specialists.

Gutekunst addressed both issues almost immediately.

A seventh-round pick was traded to the Tennessee Titans for Malik Willis, which was Gutekunst's answer to backup quarterback.

Willis was not the big name veteran that some were clamoring for. In fact,



The signing of Josh Jacobs to replace Aaron Jones appears to have been another good move by the Packers organization. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

if Gutekunst does not make the call to the Titans, Willis may not be on an active roster, but rather be forced to latch on to someone's practice squad.

Willis has been asked to play extended snaps in three games this year.

He's taken care of the football and has not turned it over.

More importantly, the Packers have won all three of those games.

Where would they be without Willis? It's fair to wonder if their season would have been sunk had the games that went to Willis had gone to Clifford or Pratt.

The kicker situation was a little trickier.

Narveson was brought in to replace Joseph and

Carlson. Narveson, like his predecessors, wobbled.

He missed a kick in every game but one and was released before the team's 24-22 win over the Houston Texans.

His replacement was the veteran Brandon McManus. McManus was not given a chance to settle in to his new digs.

McManus was asked to make a game-winning field goal in each of his first two games.

He made both and has only missed one kick since coming to Green Bay, as 46-yard field goal in the loss to the Lions.

Gutekunst has rebuild this team almost on the fly, and with his moves this season should be a finalist for the NFL's Executive of

the Year award.

Grade: A
Coaching Staff

Following the 2023 season, the biggest change made was the one that almost every fan was clamoring for.

Joe Barry was fired after another disappointing season but replaced with a name that not many, if any, were expecting.

Former Boston College head coach Jeff Hafley was tabbed as Barry's replacement, and more importantly the defensive coordinator to help get this team over the hump and back into the Super Bowl.

The results have been evident immediately. The Packers already have more takeaways in 2024 than they did all of last year.

That is something that Hafley has emphasized, including a meeting they have every Thursday that they call the ball meeting.

Hafley's defense is much more aggressive than Barry's, and he's been willing to dial up pressure looks when his front four is not getting home.

There's little doubt that Green Bay's defense is better this year than they were a year ago.

They've done that despite disappointing production from their pass rush, which was supposed to be the strength of the defense.

For that reason alone, Hafley earns high marks, as does LaFleur.

Hiring a relative unknown put a bullseye squarely on LaFleur's back.

Coaches don't get unlimited hires at coordinator. LaFleur's decision to hire Barry was an abject failure. If Hafley's hire goes poorly, it could result in costing LaFleur his job.

LaFleur to his part, has been spectacular this season as well.

Navigating the early portion of the season has been a challenge.

His quarterback has been in and out of the lineup with two separate injuries. He had to get a new backup quarterback ready to start a game mere days after he arrived in Green Bay.

LaFleur has some warts, every coach does, but there are not many coaches better than him in the NFL.

Adam Stenavich is a big part of the run game, which has been the strength of the offense.

Rich Bisaccia's unit has been disappointing. Time could be running out on Green Bay's special team's coordinator.

Overall, the coaching staff has done much more good than bad in what has been a clunky start to the season.

Grade: B+

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT CHICAGO BEARS

TIME AND DATE: Noon Sunday, Nov. 17
LOCATION: Soldier 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, 6-3, Bears 5-4
HISTORY: The Packers and Bears have played 208 times, including two

postseason games. The Packers lead the series 107-95-6, having won the last 10 games. The last game was Jan. 7 at Lambeau Field with the Packers winning 17-9. While keeping the Bears to three field goals, the Packers had one of their own as well as a pair of touchdown passes from Jordan Love to Dontayvion Wicks. The last game at Soldier Field also ended in a Packers victory, this time 38-20. Romeo Doubs caught a pair of TD passes, and Aaron Jones scored twice, once rushing and once receiving.

Quay Walker also returned a 37-yard interception for a score.
COACHES: Packers - Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 62-30). Bears - Matt Eberflus (third season, 14-29)

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Friday, Sept. 6 at Philadelphia, L 29-34
Sunday, Sept. 15 vs. Indianapolis Noon W 16-10
Sunday, Sept. 22 at Tennessee Noon W 30-14
Sunday, Sept. 29 vs. Minnesota Noon L 29-31

Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams 3:25 p.m. W 24-19
Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona Noon W 34-13
Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston W 24-22
Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville W 30-27
Sunday, Nov. 3 vs. Detroit 3:25 p.m. L 14-24
Week 10 BYE
Sunday, Nov. 17 at Chicago Noon 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, Nov. 14
Washington at Philadelphia, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 17

Las Vegas at Miami, Noon
Cleveland at New Orleans, Noon
Indianapolis at NY Jets, Noon
Minnesota at Tennessee, Noon
Green Bay at Chicago, Noon
Jacksonville at Detroit, Noon
LA Rams at New England, Noon
Baltimore at Pittsburgh, Noon
Seattle at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Buffalo, 3:25 p.m.
Cincinnati at LA Chargers, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Nov. 18
Houston at Dallas, 7:15 p.m.

My favorite NFL team to watch is...

"I root for any team I like BUT Jordan Love is good looking."

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WEEK 10 / OFFENSE

STANDOUTS

BYE WEEK REPORTS



Tucker Kraft has reeled in 28 catches so far this season, including one for 67 yards and another for 66. He has five touchdowns and 376 yards to his credit. His best games included the six receptions against the Vikings, 88 yards against the Rams and two touchdowns, also against the Rams. He played college football at South Dakota State and was selected by the Packers in the third round of the 2023 NFL draft.

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IN GOOD HANDS

Kraft's 28 catches net 376 yards, 5 touchdowns

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Bears might be exactly what the Packers need now

By JACOB WESTENDORF
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Green Bay returns from its bye week with a trip to Chicago to take on the Bears.

Packers Offense vs. Bears Defense

Green Bay's offense remains maddening. At times, they look like world beaters that could score every time they touch the ball. Other times, they cannot get out of their own way. In their big showdown against the Detroit Lions, they were penalized 10 times and threw a terrible interception that was returned for a touchdown. That sequence does not include three shotgun snaps that were botched with Elgton Jenkins filling in for Josh Myers, who missed the Lions game with a wrist injury.

The talent in Green Bay can look overwhelming. The consistency? It has not been there. Jordan Love is perhaps the poster child of that statement. Green Bay's offense can make a big play at a moment's notice. Ditto for its quarterback. The issue with the quarterback is that big play can be made for either team. Matt LaFleur might be annoyed by comparisons that are being drawn to Brett Favre for Love, but they're almost undeniable at this point. When the Packers entered the bye week, Love led the league in interceptions thrown with 10. He's thrown two pick-sixes this season, including one that essentially ended the game against the Lions. Love has to be more consistent in the second half of the season. More

importantly, he has to take better care of the football. To Love's credit, he did say he has put the ball in jeopardy too many times in the first half of the season. The second half of the year is when Green Bay's offense hit its stride. They'll need to do so again to make a postseason push. Josh Jacobs will be a big part of that consistency. Jacobs ran for 95 yards on just 12 carries before the game got away against the Lions. Green Bay's diverse receiving corps is still finding its way, but the most consistent of the group was Tucker Kraft, Romeo Doubs and Jayden Reed during the first half of the season. The passing game as a whole was a bit of a dud against the Lions and will be looking to rebound against the Bears. Chicago's defense has been good under Matt

Eberflus this season. At one point in the year, they led the NFL in opponent passer rating. Their pass defense is led by Montez Sweat, Jaylon Johnson and the outspoken Jaquan Brisker. Brisker has missed time with a concussion but should return in time for Sunday's game. After last January's loss in Green Bay, Brisker tweeted that that was "the last one for awhile." He'll be motivated. Chicago's defense did take a hit in recent weeks with Jaylon Jones and Andrew Billings being placed on injured reserve. Billings is one of their anchors in the run game but should cede more snaps to Gervon Dexter, the second-year man from Florida who is having a bit of a breakout season. Of all the issues in Chicago, their defense is not one of them. They entered

Week 10 tied for fourth in the NFL in takeaways. Eberflus may be facing questions about his ability as a head coach, but his defense is very good.

Packers Defense vs. Bears Offense

Green Bay's defense had some really good moments against Detroit, but there is some question as to how much was aided by the sloppy track. David Montgomery and Jahmyr Gibbs both had nice moments against their defense, including Gibbs' backbreaking touchdown that put the game away. Jared Goff was 18-for-22 and completed his first 11 passes of the game. The defense is good at getting takeaways, but there are questions as to what they're capable of when those do not come. They should be getting some reinforcements back this week. Jaire Alexander missed the game against

Detroit after looking like he was hobbled after the last play of the game against Jacksonville. Evan Williams also missed the game with a hamstring injury, and the defense struggled without him. The rest of the secondary all had rough moments against the Lions. Keisean Nixon in particular, struggled. He was beat for a touchdown on Detroit's first possession. On the first possession of the second half, a holding penalty extended a drive that the Lions eventually ended with a touchdown. One seismic change the Packers made was to their front seven. Preston Smith was traded at the deadline for a seventh-round pick to the Pittsburgh Steelers. That means more snaps

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BEAT The Expert



Week 11 Games: Sun., Nov. 17

Jacksonville @ Detroit
Minnesota @ Tennessee
Indianapolis @ NY Jets
Houston @ Dallas - Mon., Nov. 18

Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Chicago

Weekly Standings	Weekly Record	Overall Record
Michael Worachek, Card & Coin.....	3-2	36-14
Tim Murphy, NEW Media.....	4-1	36-14
Matt/Rory, Buss Automotive.....	3-2	33-17
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media.....	4-1	33-17
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services.....	4-1	32-18
Luke Reimer, NEW Media.....	3-2	31-19
Staff, Walsh Dental Group.....	4-1	31-19
Betty Miller, The Cottages on Golden Pond.....	2-3	28-22
Kevin Passon, NEW Media.....	3-2	28-22
Janice Steffel, The Cottages at Meadowlands.....	1-4	27-23
Staff, Iverson's Piggly Wiggly.....	2-3	22-28



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 14

Week 10 Winner:
Tie
Tanya Hintz, Shawano Health Services
Jacob Westendorf, NEW Media



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 32 @ Chicago 17



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Tennessee
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 17



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 20 @ Chicago 10



This Week's Picks:
Jacksonville
Minnesota
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 3



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
Indianapolis
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 30 @ Chicago 17



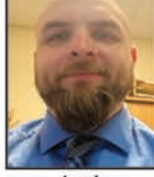
This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Houston

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



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Dallas

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 14 @ Chicago 21



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Chicago 20



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Minnesota
NY Jets
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 21 @ Chicago 20



This Week's Picks:
Detroit
Tennessee
NY Jets
Houston

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Chicago 17

WEEK 10 / DEFENSE

STANDOUTS

BYE WEEK REPORTS



Safety Xavier McKinney's six interceptions puts him in a tie for the most in the NFL this season. His picks included one in each of his first five games with the Packers. McKinney has also recorded one sack and 26 tackles in his nine games. In his career with the New York Giants and the Green Bay Packers, the five-year veteran has played in 58 games and amassed 15 interceptions, 206 tackles and two and a half sacks. He's also scored one touchdown.

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MAN OF STEAL

McKinney has six interceptions, tying him for the top spot in the NFL

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for the younger players in the room across from Rashan Gary. The spotlight goes squarely on Lukas Van Ness. The 13th overall pick from the 2022 NFL Draft has had a disappointing season with one sack and two quarterback hits.

He needs to be better and could be the key that unlocks a pass rush that has been middling for most of the year.

This week's challenge is different for Green Bay than Detroit.

Detroit's offense might be the best one the Packers will face this season.

Chicago? They've been a work in progress.

Caleb Williams has had some highs on the year, and looked every bit the top pick that he was in last year's NFL Draft.



The second half of the year is when Green Bay's offense hit its stride. They'll need to do so again to make a postseason push.

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His ability to make plays out of structure, and arm talent have been on full display.

At other times, he's struggled to see the field and holds the ball for a long time.

That results in sacks and unnecessary hits that have piled up on the young quarterback.

The Bears' offensive line has been beat up. Both of their starting tackles have been nursing injuries, and even if they play, they are clearly limited.

This could be a prime opportunity for Green Bay's pass rush to get right and force some takeaways.

If Williams has time to throw, however, he does have some good pass catching options.

DJ Moore has been one of the most consistent players in football since he was drafted.

Rome Odunze has had some nice moments as a rookie, and the feeling is there's more meat on the bone for him as we get to the second half of the season.

Keenan Allen is a veteran, but looks to be slowing down as he ages.

Chicago's run game can be dynamic with D'Andre Swift leading the way.

Chicago's best games appear to be when Swift has been the one to carry the day.

Slowing him down should be a priority for Green Bay's defense that finished the first half of the season in the top 10 of

rushing yards allowed.

Special Teams

The special teams unit is coming off a poor performance in Detroit that started with a personal foul penalty on Nixon that negated a big return.

Brandon McManus also had his first hiccup as a Packer.

He had made a game-winner in each of his first two games as a Packer but missed a 45-yard field goal that led directly to a Lions' field goal before halftime.

The second half of the season could be a big one for Rich Bisaccia's unit that has not given a good return on the investment the Packers have made in their decorated special teams coordinator.

Chicago's special teams are seemingly always good, and this year is no different.

Deandre Carter has taken over full-time return duties with the trade of Khalil Herbert and Velus Jones getting released earlier this season.

Tory Taylor averages 49 yards per punt and a 42.2 net yardage.

Cairo Santos is Chicago's kicker, and he's a steady veteran for them. He's missed two field goals this season and one extra point.



CHICAGO BEARS

- 1 Jaylon Johnson.....DB
- 2 DJ Moore.....WR
- 4 D'Andre Swift.....RB
- 6 Kyle Gordon.....DB
- 8 Cairo Santos.....K
- 9 Jaquan Brisker.....DB
- 10 Tyler Scott.....WR
- 11 DeAndre Carter.....WR
- 13 Keenan Allen.....WR
- 14 Gerald Everett.....TE
- 15 Rome Odunze.....WR
- 17 Tyson Bagent.....QB
- 18 Caleb Williams.....QB
- 19 Tory Taylor.....P
- 20 Travis Horner.....RB
- 22 Elijah Hicks.....DB
- 23 Roschon Johnson.....RB
- 29 Tyrique Stevenson.....DB
- 30 Tarvarius Moore.....DB
- 31 Kevin Byard III.....DB
- 32 Terrell Smith.....DB
- 36 Jonathan Owens.....DB
- 38 Ameer Speed.....DB
- 39 Josh Blackwell.....DB
- 44 Noah Sewell.....LB
- 45 Amen Ogbongbemiga.....LB
- 46 Scott Daly.....LS
- 49 Tremaine Edmunds.....LB
- 52 Darrell Taylor.....DL
- 53 T.J. Edwards.....LB
- 55 Jacob Martin.....DL
- 57 Jack Sanborn.....LB
- 58 Darrell Wright.....OL
- 64 Nate Davis.....OL
- 65 Coleman Shelton.....OL
- 68 Doug Kramer Jr.....OL
- 70 Braxton Jones.....OL
- 71 Ryan Bates.....OL
- 72 Kiran Amegadjie.....OL
- 75 Larry Borom.....OL
- 76 Teven Jenkins.....OL
- 79 Matt Pryor.....OL
- 84 Mercedes Lewis.....TE
- 85 Cole Kmet.....TE
- 90 Dominique Robinson.....DL
- 91 Chris Williams.....DL
- 92 Daniel Hardy.....DL
- 93 Byron Cowart.....DL
- 94 Austin Booker.....DL
- 95 DeMarcus Walker.....DL
- 96 Zacch Pickens.....DL
- 98 Montez Sweat.....DL
- 99 Genvon Dexter Sr.....DL



GREEN BAY PACKERS

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

My all time favorite Green Bay Packer player is...

"Bart Starr! We would go to the game with family and would always have disagreements about the game and who would win. Watching the game with my family was always fun!"

Dawn Pearson,
Golden Pond Resident


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KEYS TO THE GAME

Van Ness needs to take advantage of his time to shine

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
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The bye week is over and the Green Bay Packers will be back in action this weekend against their arch rival, the Chicago Bears.

The Packers are looking to continue a 10-game win streak against their hated rivals.

Josh Jacobs vs, Chicago's Run Defense

In a group that has been inconsistent, Josh Jacobs has been a shining star.

Jacobs has been the model of consistency through nine games this season, and when nothing else seems to work, the team can rely on him.

Jacobs will be facing a Chicago defense that for all of its strength has been vulnerable against the run this year.

They're ranked 20th in the NFL in rush yards allowed per game.

In addition, one of their best run defenders, Andrew Billings, will likely miss the game with a pec-toral injury that required surgery.

Green Bay's offense, for all of its glitz and glamour, appears to be at its best when it operates through

Jacobs.

Getting him and the rest of the run game going should help slow things down for Jordan Love, who will likely be eager to prove his turnover issues from the first half of the season, are behind him.

Turnovers

One of the biggest issues that plagued the Packers in the first half of the season was the propensity they had to give the ball away.

Love entered the bye week leading the league in interceptions and threw a particularly egregious one during the team's 24-14 loss to the Lions.

With the Packers trailing 10-3, Love uncorked his second pick-six of the season, and this one all but ended their chances of scoring a big win against a division rival.

The Bears' defense is nasty. They've been ranked as high as the top of the league in opponent's passer rating this season.

Jaylon Johnson, Jaquan Brisker and Kevin Byard have all had success taking the ball away in the past.

Matt Eberflus, for all of his faults, knows how to coach defense.

Love said it was going to be a point of emphasis for him to take better care of the ball.

That needs to start this week against a really good Chicago defense.

Lukas Van Ness

This key could spotlight the entire pass rush, but the reality is there was one name that had to have been circled on Brian Gutekunst's roster when he traded Preston Smith to the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Lukas Van Ness was supposed to be one of the breakout players for the team this season. The second year defensive end finished the season strong a year ago and has limitless potential.

That has not parlayed itself into a strong second season that many were hoping for.

Van Ness has one sack and two quarterback hits through nine games.

His one sack came against the Titans, who were one of the worst offensive lines in football.

With Smith out the door, there are going to be more opportunities for younger players.

Van Ness is one of them, and he simply has to play better.

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Halfway through the season, Green Bay Packers running back Josh Jacobs has rushed for 762 yards on 158 carries for a 4.8 yard-per-carry average. He also has three touchdowns and 19 receptions. His signing in the offseason to replace Aaron Jones was met with enthusiasm by some and skepticism by others. Jones was cut and then signed with the Minnesota Vikings, where he has amassed 653 yards on 142 carries for a 4.6 average. Besides an issue with pay, general manager Brian Gutekunst and coach Matt LaFleur no doubt liked Jacobs in part because at age 26, he's three years younger than Jones, so they could potentially have their starting running back spot solidified for the next three to four years.

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Hard running Josh Jacobs had 95 yards on the ground against the Lions

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