



Daniel Whelan punted five times against Houston for 284 yards, a 56.8-yard gross average that is the second-best single-game average in team history behind only Roy McKay's 61.6-yard average on five punts vs. the Chicago Cardinals in 1945.

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TEXANS BOOTED OUT

McManus' last-second field goal takes Packers into Week 8 on a three-game win streak

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

With time expiring, new Packers kicker Brandon McManus converted a 45-yard field goal to give the Packers a 24-22 victory over the Houston Texans on Oct. 20.

McManus, who was signed to the team on Oct. 16, converted three extra points and the game-winning field goal attempt after rookie kicker Brayden Narveson was waived.

"I am super excited to be here," said McManus. "You know, what a way to help this team win in my first game here at Lambeau Field."

The Packers looked to McManus for the game-winning kick after the Houston Texans had taken a 22-21 lead by the way of its kicker, Ka'imi Fairbairn, with 1:44 left in the fourth quarter.

After Fairbairn's kick sailed through the uprights, Packers quarterback Jordan Love was set to lead the game-winning drive. Starting on the Packers' 30-yard line, Love dropped back and fired a pass that was intended for Romeo Doubs. The pass was tipped twice by two Houston defenders before



harmlessly landing on the ground. From there, Love completed five of seven passes on the drive, hitting Doubs, tight end Tucker Kraft and wide receiver Dontayvion Wicks to set up McManus' game winner.

"The mindset right there is always to go win the game," said Love, on the final drive of the game. "It is a two-minute drive. We need a field goal, and we know what we need to do. So the mindset is, 'Go win the game.'"

On the day, Love completed 24-of-33 passes for 220 yards and three

touchdowns. He also had two interceptions, including one on the fourth play of the game.

Doubs was the main benefactor of Love's day, as the Nevada alum recorded 94 yards on eight receptions. The aforementioned Wicks and Kraft caught two of Love's touchdowns, while running back Josh Jacobs hauled in the third.

Jacobs' receiving touchdown marked the first of its kind in his career and helped to break a major streak. Jacobs held the record for most receptions (211) in NFL history without a receiving touchdown

before his 8-yard catch and run in the third quarter.

"It was long overdue, but for me, I feel like other people put a lot more on to it than I do, but it felt good to finally get in the end zone in Lambeau and be able to do the Lambeau Leap," said Jacobs.

On the ground, Jacobs totaled 76 rushing yards on 12 carries. Emanuel Wilson added 11 yards on five carries, as well.

As for the Texans, the Packers' defense did its part in helping to limit quarterback CJ Stroud and Houston's dynamic passing offense. Stroud finished the



At left, Brandon McManus is crushed by teammates after connecting on a 45-yard game-winning field goal against Houston on Oct. 20. Above, Texans' Stefon Diggs got into a pregame scuffle with Jaire Alexander and Keisean Nixon. "I'm never the bigger person," Diggs said about responding to "chirping" by Packers players.

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game completing 10-of-21 passes for just 86 yards and no touchdowns.

With star wide receiver Nico Collins out of the game due to injury, only wide receiver Stefon Diggs had more than two catches. Diggs finished the game with 23 yards on five receptions, which was five yards behind tight end Dalton Schultz, who led the Texans with 28 receiving yards.

While Houston had a tough time passing the ball, its run game is what helped propel the offense to moving the ball downfield. Running back Joe Mixon recorded 115 rushing yards on 25 carries and scored two touchdowns.

All in all, the Packers' defense held a 5-1 Texans team to just 197 yards of total offense.

"Going into this, we did not want to allow CJ (Stroud) to get comfortable; I think (Stroud) is a real guy in this league, and he is going to be for a very long time," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "So just to apply the pressure on him and overcome some very bad circumstances throughout the course of the game, in terms of sudden change opportunities where our defense was backed up, (Jeff) Hafley does an outstanding job and so does the rest of our staff."

Alluding to LaFleur's comments of Stroud being under pressure in this game, the Green Bay defense came away with four sacks, including three on third downs. In total, the Texans converted just four-of-13 third downs.

Can secondary get big plays against Lawrence?

Jacksonville's defense won't be as stingy as Houston's was for Love and company

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The 5-2 Green Bay Packers will travel to the 2-5 Jacksonville Jaguars for a game at noon Oct. 27.

Packers Offense vs. Jaguars Defense
After the previous week's strong start against Arizona, the Packers found things to be much tougher against Houston's stingy defense.

Jordan Love threw an interception on the first possession of the game. That was his seventh, which ties him for the league lead with famously turnover-happy Will Levis.

He threw another interception in the first half to take an outright lead.

Love needs to take better care of the football. He's missed two starts and is at the top of the league in turnovers. That's not going to be a sustainable way to play if the Packers are going to get where they want to go.

The high points for Green Bay's offense were certainly there. Love threw touchdown passes to Tucker Kraft, Dontayvion Wicks and Josh Jacobs in the Oct. 20 game.

He saved his best for late in the game. With the Packers trailing 22-21 with less than two minutes to play, Love was faced with a simple proposition – lead a scoring drive and win, or lose the game.

Love found Romeo Doubs twice, Kraft twice and Wicks once.

The result was setting up Brandon McManus for a 45-yard field goal to win the game.

McManus drilled the kick, and the Packers were celebrating a win instead of a disappointing loss.

Jacksonville's defense is not going to be the same type of challenge that the Texans were for Green Bay. Yes, Houston was missing some key pieces, but their star-studded defense had plenty of players to get the job done and make life difficult for Love and company.

Jacksonville's defense is a little out of sorts. They recently traded Roy Robetson-Harris, who was one of their starters on



Houston's defense kept them in the game, holding the Green Bay rushing attack to fewer than 100 yards, sacking Jordan Love three times and picking up three turnovers. Jacksonville's defense isn't as stout, but the Packers can't take the Jaguars for granted.

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their defensive line. Former top pick Travon Walker is having a bit of a breakout season with five sacks.

The Jaguars had 14 sacks going into last week's game and added two more against Drake Maye and the Patriots.

Green Bay has done a good job of keeping Love clean and will face another stiff test this week with Jacksonville's front.

Once the back end has to make plays on the ball, however, they do not come away with many takeaways.

The Jaguars have one interception on the season, which is a pace similar to the one set by the 2023 Packers, who did not take the ball away hardly at all.

Love and company should be able to exploit some weaknesses in the secondary — so long as they don't break the trend of the Jaguars' defense and take care of the football.

Packers Defense vs. Jaguars Offense

Green Bay's defense thrives on chaos. They're coming off facing one of their biggest challenges of the season. Yes, Nico Collins was unavailable for the Houston Texans, but CJ Stroud is one of the top young quarterbacks in all of football.

Green Bay's defense took that challenge and thrived.

Stroud was held to fewer than 100 yards passing.

The pass rush, which has been MIA for most of the season, sacked him four times and had him under duress for the majority of the game.

Rashan Gary got a sack and is starting to become more productive as the season wears on.

The secondary is the most impressive part of Green Bay's defense at this point of the year.

Jaire Alexander, Eric Stokes and Keisean Nixon all played well in the win over the Texans. Eric Wilson had a huge day.

Everyone on the team made key plays at key moments.

Green Bay's defense should have a smaller challenge waiting for them this week as they face off against Jacksonville.

Jacksonville's offense has been out of sorts for most of the season.

They've been up and down but do have some high-end talent.

Trevor Lawrence received a massive contract extension this offseason shortly before Love did, but he has not lived up to the billing thus far.

The group around him is far from stable, but at some point, Lawrence is paid to be a franchise quarterback and mask some of these flaws.

He has not done that. He's completing just over 60% of his passes on the season but is coming off an efficient performance against the Patriots, completing 15-of-20 passes and throwing a touchdown while essentially being

asked to manage the game. Lawrence has a talented backfield including Tank Bigsby and Travis Etienne Jr.

Etienne did not play in London against the Patriots, but Bigsby ran for 118 yards and two touchdowns in his place.

At receiver, they're led by Brian Thomas Jr. the first-round pick out of LSU. Thomas and Christian Kirk make for a talented receiving corps, with Thomas averaging 17 yards per reception.

If there's a spot where the Packers can get after Lawrence, it's on the offensive line. Coming into the Oct. 20 game against New England, Lawrence had been sacked 15 times. They kept him clean against the Patriots, but that is likely more of a blip than a trend.

Special Teams
The Packers may begin to see a benefit of the kick-off rules, but with unseasonably warm weather at Lambeau Field on Oct. 20 and heading to Florida this

week, it's unlikely there will be any significant changes in that regard.

Maybe as the weather continues to turn, the ball won't be able to boom through the back of the end zone, but that could be mid-November at this rate.

It's possible the Packers could give Nixon an opportunity as a punt returner if kickoffs continue to be a fruitless process.

Nixon took a couple of punt return opportunities against the Cardinals two weeks ago and had a 39-yard return that helped set up one of Green Bay's touchdowns. That appears to be a touch-and-go type of situation.

He was back deep to return a punt in Sunday's game but made a massive blunder. He did not signal for a fair catch, nor tell his team to get out of the way, which led to a fumble and easy points for the Houston offense on the ensuing possession.

Green Bay's kicking situation took a massive turn last week. Brayden Narveson was released after struggling against the Cardinals, and the Packers signed veteran kicker Brandon McManus.

What did McManus do for his debut?

Nothing other than make all of his kicks including a game-winning 45-yard field goal as time expired.

Would the Packers have won that game a week ago? Who knows?

With McManus, we now know they have a veteran kicker who can make the kicks he's supposed to.

Daniel Whelan continued what has been a strong season for him with another solid day against the Texans. That included a huge day as a holder as he saved a bad snap from Matt Orzech on McManus' game-winning kick.

The Jacksonville Jaguars' special teams finished ninth in last season's special teams rankings for Rick Gosselin.

Their return game, led by Bigsby and Devin Duvernay, is particularly strong.

Kicker Cam Little is kicking at over 90% this season.

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2024 RECORDS: Packers, 5-2, Jaguars 2-5.
HISTORY: The Texans and Packers have met just seven times with the

Jaguars being established as an expansion franchise 30 years ago. Their most recent meeting was in 2020, where Aaron Rodgers led a late comeback drive, including a touchdown pass to Davante Adams, before the Packers' defense slammed the door late. That game was at Lambeau Field. Their most recent meeting in Jacksonville came in 2016. The Packers' season opener was that year; it was Jordy Nelson's return to the starting lineup after a torn ACL ruined his 2015 season.

The Packers won 27-23, and the defense got a big stop late of Blake Bortles and Jacksonville's offense.
COACHES: Packers — Matt LaFleur (fifth season, 61-29). Jaguars — Doug Pederson (third season, 19-16)

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

Sunday, Oct. 6 at LA Rams, W 24-19
Sunday, Oct. 13 vs. Arizona, W 34-13
Sunday, Oct. 20 vs. Houston, W 24-22
Sunday, Oct. 27 at Jacksonville Noon FOX
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.

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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. 24
Minnesota at LA Rams, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 27
Green Bay at Jacksonville, Noon
Arizona at Miami, Noon

NY Jets at New England, Noon
Baltimore at Cleveland, Noon
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, Noon
Indianapolis at Houston, Noon
Tennessee at Detroit, Noon
Atlanta at Tampa Bay, Noon
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Buffalo at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 3:25 p.m.
Kansas City at Las Vegas, 3:25 p.m.
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Dallas at San Francisco, 7:29 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 28
NY Giants at Pittsburgh, 7:15 p.m.

McManus glad to have another chance

Sexual assault accusation
resolved with courts, NFL

BY JACOB
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Kicker Brandon McManus signed with the Packers and, just days later, kicked a winning field goal for his new team.

It's a very different sensation from a year ago for the kicker.

Two women sued McManus and his then-team the Jacksonville Jaguars for actions that allegedly occurred during the team's trip to London on Sept. 28, 2023. McManus signed a one-year contract with the Commanders in March but was released by the team following the allegations.

The report claimed the kicker attempted to kiss one of the flight attendants and grinded on her while she was serving food to the team. The second flight attendant accused McManus of the same behavior when she served the team's second meal, according to the report.

Earlier this fall, the lawsuit was dismissed.

Have you thought since Commanders let you go that you deserve another chance?

It's been a difficult time these last couple of months. I'm happy that it's in the past now. I was hoping and working hard for another opportunity. I'm extremely grateful for the Green Bay Packers for giving me that next chance to come back out here and play the game I love. I'm fortunate to play it for 11 years, this being my 12th year. I'm extremely happy to be here and excited to

be around the locker room again.

Were you confident you'd get that opportunity once the NFL made its ruling, or were you worried somebody still might not take a chance on you?

The kicker position, as we all know, it's a black-and-white position. I was hoping my previous track record and my performances on the field would be able to give me another opportunity. Like I said, extremely happy and excited when the Packers reached out, talking with Brian Gutekunst and (special teams coordinator Rich) Bisaccia just giving me that opportunity again.

What's your message to the league and to the Packers?

I guess I can't speak on the investigation, but I've been very honest about it, to them, the league and the Packers. I think they did the research. The NFL resolved it and so did the courts. The matter's been resolved. Like I said, I was always up front and honest about it. That's how I was able to kind of get through this all.

Were Packers the first team to call?

I've spoken with other teams, but like I said, I was excited to be here. What a great young team. Seeing what they did last year, and seeing what they're doing again this year, just an opportunity to come back here.

What did you learn about yourself through this process?

I'm just happy the mat-



The focal point of the Packers special teams unit that scored the winning field goal against the Texans are, from left, long snapper Matt Orzech, kicker Brandon McManus and punter Daniel Whelan. Orzech was cut Monday for procedural reasons but was expected to be resigned.

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ter's been resolved. Like I said, it's been difficult. I just continued to try to keep my head down, work hard, hopefully that opportunity (would come) again. Like I said, extremely thankful there was someone out there willing to give me another chance. Like I said, super excited to be here and help this team hopefully get to the next level.

When you say the matter has been resolved, do you mean just with the NFL's ruling or all over?

Yes, the league and the civil lawsuit. The matter's been resolved.

So the lawsuit isn't pending anymore? It's all done?

Correct.

Do you feel you need to prove yourself?

I think every single day you need to prove yourself. I spoke earlier, the kicker is such a black-and-white position. When I joined this league, I joined the Broncos, I was cut by the Colts, and the Giants traded me to Denver, and I played for like 13 weeks. Similar situation, the Broncos thought they had a Super Bowl champion team. They cut me for Connor Barth and brought me back to kick off actually the rest of the season.

And then I worked hard, earned my starting job back and had one of the best seasons in NFL history that year to help them win the Super Bowl.

You always have to prove yourself in the kicking position. For Brayden (Narveson), like I said, I've been in that position before with him losing an opportunity but then work my butt off to get it back again. I was able to kind of succeed after that.

I think in the kicking position, you're always trying to obviously help the team put points on the board, but it's such a black-and-white position that you've got to stay focused every single time and go out. Every single kick has the utmost importance.

Comfort with the operation?

These guys are consummate pros, and we've got one of the best coordina-

tors in the league who's very detail oriented and he's done a great job. Just how they operate and everything, the practice, it was a seamless flow today with everything. Extremely excited to be working with them as a unit.

Regimen to stay sharp?

I have 5-year-old twin boys and a 4-year-old boy, so definitely chasing them around, and then there's three different places I kicked at. One of them I was just kicking at a light post, just accuracy wise, and the other two I was going to football fields and kicking on the uprights there, been working my butt off to get another opportunity to get back in.



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KEYS TO THE GAME

Green Bay can't look beyond Jacksonville

Packers risk losing in an upset to Jaguars if they take them for granted

By JACOB WESTENDORF
Green & Gold Express

The Green Bay Packers were able to survive a poor performance against the Houston Texans on Sunday.

"They kicked our (butt)," head coach Matt LaFleur said, about Demeco Ryans' defense effort toward his offense Oct. 20. "I never got settled as a play caller."

This week, the Texans are not the team the Packers are going to face, but

they will play a team from their division. The Jacksonville Jaguars are coming off a 32-16 win over the New England Patriots.

Jacksonville's win helped them improve to 2-5. This weekend's game is not going to be easy; no game in the NFL is. However, the Jaguars are one of the bottom feeders of the NFL.

Green Bay is the better team and should win.

What are the keys to doing that?

Here's what we came up

with. **Packers vs. Trap Game/Letdown**

The Oct. 20 game was clearly emotional. Tempers flared prior to the game when Stefon Diggs got into a shouting match with Keisean Nixon.

The defense clearly had some extra juice knowing the type of team they were playing.

The offense was fired up. They just made a lot of mistakes and struggled to consistently move the ball.

This week is a potential letdown in two ways, the first of which is that the Packers are coming off an emotional victory over a good team and now are facing a team that is less talented.

Secondly, this is the game before they play the Detroit Lions at home in two weeks – a divisional showdown that could be for first place in the division.

Jacksonville has not had a good season but has enough talent to beat teams that do not play their best football. If the Packers are caught looking ahead, they could get stung by a motivated Jaguars team returning to U.S. soil for the first time in two weeks.

Turnovers

The Packers, remarkably, were able to win the Oct. 20 game despite being minus-3 in the turnover battle. The Packers talk about taking the ball away every week. LaFleur talks about valuing the football.

Jordan Love threw two interceptions and Nixon made an inexplicable mistake on special teams to give the Texans seven



Running back Josh Jacobs (8) celebrates the 8-yard touchdown pass from Jordan Love that gave the Packers a third quarter lead during their 24-22 win over the Houston Texans on Oct. 20 at Lambeau Field. It was the first touchdown reception in the career of the six-year veteran, who was joined in the end zone revelry by teammates Jayden Reed (11), Christian Watson (9), Romeo Doubs (87) and Bo Melton (80). Prior to coming onboard in Green Bay this year, Jacobs had scored 46 TDs on the ground in five seasons with the Las Vegas/Oakland Raiders.

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points.

The Packers' defense, so adept at taking the ball away early in the year, did not have a takeaway in the 24-22 win over the Texans.

They did, however, play what was perhaps their most complete game in the passing game.

CJ Stroud struggled all game long. The pass rush, which has struggled most of the season, was able to keep Stroud under duress.

This weekend's game should give the Packers more opportunities to take the ball way. Trevor Lawrence and Jacksonville's offense put the ball in harm's way much more often than Houston does.

In addition, Jacksonville's defense does not take the ball away. The turnover battle is something Green Bay has been so good at winning this year.

One way to lose the game against an inferior opponent is to lose that battle.

Offensive Tackles vs. Pass Rush

Rasheed Walker and Zach Tom held up well enough against Will Anderson and Danielle Hunter.

Both players did get a sack on Love but did not wreck the game like they're capable of.

This week, they face a

different type of challenge.

Josh Allen is a good player for the Jaguars as a former first-round pick.

Travon Walker was once picked first overall in the draft. He's enjoying a breakout season with five sacks on the year.

Through seven games, the Jaguars have 14 sacks. They are able to get after opposing quarterbacks.

Green Bay has done a good enough job at taking care of Love in the pocket but will need to do that this week. If Love has time, he should be able to find some receivers roaming in the secondary that has struggled this season for the Jaguars.

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WEEK 7 / DEFENSE

THE MOMENT

PACKERS 24 VS TEXANS 22



Green Bay defensive tackle Rashan Gary (52) rushes Houston quarterback CJ Stroud in the Packers' 24-22 win Oct. 20. Gary had a sack, five tackles, two quarterback hits and several pressures. The Packers defense entered Week 7 as the NFL's leader in takeaways, and they still played well despite registering their first game of 2024 without one. They only surrendered four third downs on 13 tries and limited Stroud to a career-low 86 passing yards.

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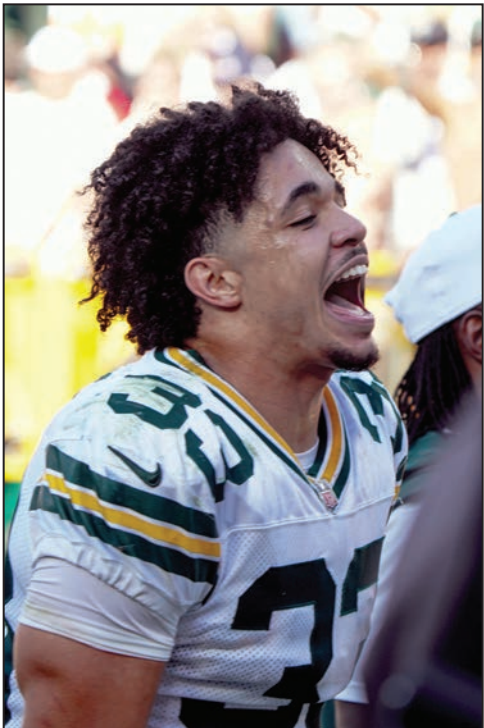
Win over Texans proves Packers can hang with NFL elite

Green Bay continues to see substantial play from entire roster

BY LUKE REIMER
Green & Gold Express

Other than adding another notch in the win column, the victory over the Houston Texans does not have many major implications for the Green Bay Packers when it comes to postseason play. What this win over the Texans does prove for the Packers, though, is that it can play with — and beat — the elite teams in the NFL. Fans saw a spark of this last season, as Green Bay was able to take down the Detroit Lions, Kansas City Chiefs and Dallas Cowboys. Through six weeks this season, the Packers have been able to grind out four wins, but looking at who it beat, there isn't really a signature team. The

Tennessee Titans and the Indianapolis Colts have struggled this year, the Los Angeles Rams were without two superstar wide receivers and the Arizona Cardinals are very inconsistent. Even though Houston was down some players due to injury, with quarterback CJ Stroud, running back Joe Mixon, wide receivers Stefon Diggs and Tank Dell and an above average offensive line, the Texans are still one of the better teams in the NFL. Now it is still somewhat early in the season, but given what the Packers' defense has shown in weeks past, especially against the Texans, it really looks like this Green Bay team is a contender in the NFC. While Houston did not play its best game of the



Safety Evan Williams, left, and linebacker Eric Wilson are among the players stepping when called upon as the Packers continue to get a strong effort from every member of the team.



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season by any means, the same can be said about the Packers. In the game against the Texans, Green Bay turned the ball over

three times, including a bad Jordan Love interception and a miscue on a punt return. Even with the inconsistency, the Packers

were once again able to limit a really good Texans team and come away with the victory. "I also think that it is

big, because we didn't play to our standard. So to be able to go out against a good team like that and not play your best and still win is definitely huge," said Packers running back Josh Jacobs. What seems to be working for the Packers is having relatively unknown players step up and do their part in getting wins. Defensive backs Xavier McKinney and Jaire Alexander are having excellent seasons, but rookie Evan Williams is playing just as well. Williams proved his ability in the win over the Texans, as on a two-point conversion attempt, Williams was squared up in a one-on-one situation with Mixon. Williams was able to stop Mixon short of the end zone; as it turned out, the Packers came away with a two-point victory. Adding to players who are seemingly playing

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Week 8 Games: Sunday, Oct. 27

Minnesota @ LA Rams
NY Jets @ New England
Chicago @ Washington
Tennessee @ Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Green Bay @ Jacksonville

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This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 35 @ Jacksonville 21



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Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 34 @ Jacksonville 21



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
New England
Chicago
Tennessee

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 27 @ Jacksonville 10



This Week's Picks:
LA Rams
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 26 @ Jacksonville 19



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
New England
Washington
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 24 @ Jacksonville 10



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

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



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Chicago
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 34 @ Jacksonville 10



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Washington
Detroit

Tie Breaker Game:
Final Score: Green Bay 31 @ Jacksonville 10



This Week's Picks:
Minnesota
NY Jets
Chicago
Detroit

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



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NY Jets
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above their pay grade is punter Daniel Whelan. Whelan has been quietly putting together one of the best punting seasons in the NFL. Whelan is averaging 48 yards per punt and has recorded eight punts downed inside of the 20-yard line. Using Whelan as a weapon has benefited the Packers incredibly and has allowed the defense to play as well as it has this season.

"He has been really consistent," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on Whelan. "We see it in practice. He is definitely the best (punter) that I have ever been around. Obviously he kicks it a long way, but the hang time, too. Some guys are going to kick it far, but they are going to out-kick their coverage."

After linebacker Quay Walker went down with an injury early, Eric Wilson was asked to step in and take on Walker's role. Walker finished the game against the Texans with six total tackles, all of them solo tackles, two sacks and four tackles for losses. While Wilson will likely see most of his snaps on special teams when Walker is healthy, seeing that kind of production and ability out of a backup linebacker who barely made the team in training camp, adds to how well-rounded this Packers team is and how good everyone



Jordan Love throws to Jayden Reed, who had a quiet day against the Texans, catching only two passes for 10 yards.

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on the roster is playing
right now.

While Green Bay will more than likely always get positive production out of its star players, like Love, Alexander and Kenny Clark, it really has been the lesser known players who have stepped up and helped this team to a 5-2 record.

"You have to be ready to go out there whenever," said Wilson. "You don't really know when that is, so I am glad that everything came together and our team really came together."

Whether it is Love completing a pass to Jayden

Reed, Whelan booting 50-yard punts or Carrington Valentine making a tackle in open field on a punt return, this Packers team is not going to be carried by one or two players.

While the win over the Texans proves that Green Bay is a force in the NFL, the team will continue to be tested for the rest of the season. Four of Green Bay's next six games are against the Detroit Lions twice, the Chicago Bears and the San Francisco 49ers. The Packers are going to be tested and will need to continue to rely on their entire roster to win those games.

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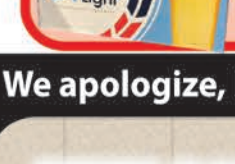
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