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CLIMATE-CONTROLLED SITUATIONS: No team has a better overall record since 1992 than the Packers. But one of the team's blemishes during that period (since Brett Favre became quarterback) has been games in domes. Including postseason, Green Bay is 12-20 under roofs since 1992, dropping nine of its last 12, including a 2001 divisional playoff at St. Louis.

- ▶ In 10 of their 12 dome wins, the key to victory was a positive turnover ratio (the only exceptions were in 2001 at Minnesota and 1992 at Detroit). Green Bay in that span is 2-18 in domes with an even or negative ratio.

FAVRE IN DOMES: Brett Favre in the Packers' 12 dome wins since 1992 (including postseason) has turned in several outstanding efforts.

- ▶ Seven of his 37 career 300-yard passing games (including playoffs) — and seven of 17 on the road — have come in domes.
- ▶ The third-best game of his career, and best-ever road performance (142.8 rating), came at the Louisiana Superdome in 1995.
- ▶ His second-highest single-game completion percentage (.795, 31-of-39) came at the Metrodome in 1998.
- ▶ In his 12 dome wins, he has a 100.4 rating, based on 246-of-392 passing (62.8 percent), 2,765 yards, 27 touchdowns and six interceptions.
- ▶ In 20 dome losses, he has a 68.6 rating, based on 431-of-695 passing (62.0 percent), 4,672 yards, 25 touchdowns and 42 interceptions.

GREEN EYES MORE TEAM HISTORY: Halfback Ahman Green Sunday could become the first player in team history with four consecutive 100-yard games.

- ▶ His 433 yards since Sept. 29 are the highest total by a Packers individual over any three-game stretch. Hall of Famer Jim Taylor (419 in 1962) held the previous mark.
- ▶ Only Dorsey Levens (1997) and John Brockington (1971) had topped 100 in three straight games.
- ▶ Green's on pace to rush for 1,864 yards, 390 more than Taylor's 1962 team record (1,474), the NFL's oldest franchise rushing record.
- ▶ Green (984) is nearing his 1,000th carry in a Packers uniform and needs 23 to surpass No. 5 Levens (1,006) on the team's all-time list. Since coming to Green Bay, he's averaging 4.6 yards per attempt (4,501 yards).
- ▶ He needs just 134 yards to reach 1,000 yards from scrimmage this season (including 167 receiving).
- ▶ He needs two rushing touchdowns to surpass No. 4 Clarke Hinkle (35, 1932-41) and four to top No. 3 Verne Lewellen (37, 1924-32). He enters Sunday with 34 rushing TD as a Packer.
- ▶ Green leads all NFL players with 51 first downs earned. He's converted 10 of 13 third-down carries, including five-for-five on third-and-1, and one-for-one on fourth-and-1.
- ▶ Green (eight) has already surpassed his 2002 rushing TD total, seven. He needs two to equal his 2000 career high, 10. Before that, the last Packers player with 10-or-more in a season was Terdell Middleton (11) in 1978.
- ▶ He needs 170 rushing yards for 5,000 career.
- ▶ He has 54 points this year. That ranks third in the league among all players, behind kickers Mike Vanderjagt (64) and Jason Elam (56).

WHAT'S THE RUSH?: The Packers' rushing offense (142.8 yards per game) ranks No. 5 in the NFL.

- ▶ The last time Green Bay finished a season in the Top 5 was 1967, Vince Lombardi's last year as head coach,

when they finished second. The Packers haven't ranked in the Top 10 since 1972 (seventh).

- ▶ The team is averaging 4.98 yards per carry. The franchise record is 4.96 in 1961.
- ▶ No other club has scored more TD on the ground (10). Kansas City is second with nine.
- ▶ Green Bay with a rushing TD Sunday would run for a score in a sixth straight game, something the Packers haven't done since 1985-86 (seven consecutive, last four games of 1985, first three of '86).
- ▶ The Packers have executed 70 rushing plays in their last two games. The last time they called at least 70 running plays in consecutive games was 1997.

HIGH-OCTANE: The Packers offense:

- ▶ Has scored a touchdown on nine of its last 20 (including two drives to run out the clock), and 11 of its last 24 possessions (including three drives to run out the clock).
- ▶ Scored a touchdown on five consecutive possessions vs. Seattle. The last time Green Bay did that was at Philadelphia, Nov. 11, 1962 (TDs, seven straight drives).
- ▶ Has a better touchdown percentage than any other NFL team:

Club	Poss	TD	Pct
Green Bay	.66	21	.318
Minnesota	.60	18	.300
Indianapolis	.66	17	.258
Kansas City	.73	18	.247
Tampa Bay	.58	14	.241

- ▶ Is the second-most efficient scoring offense in the NFL:

Club	Poss	TD	FG	Scores	Pct
Indianapolis	.66	17	15	32	.485
Green Bay	.66	21	7	28	.424
Minnesota	.60	18	7	25	.417
St. Louis	.61	13	12	25	.410
Denver	.71	16	13	29	.408

RAUCOUS IN THE RED ZONE: The Packers also own the NFL's No. 1 red-zone offense.

Club	Poss	Pts	TD	FG	TD Pct
Green Bay	.21	126	17	2	.810
Tampa Bay	.14	82	11	2	.786
Miami	.12	69	9	2	.750
Kansas City	.14	82	10	4	.714
New Orleans	.11	62	7	4	.636

HE'D LOVE A ROOF AT LAMBEAU: Ryan Longwell, who's overcome the challenging conditions of Lambeau Field to become one of the most accurate in history, is nearly automatic indoors.

- ▶ Overall in domes, Longwell is 27 of 30, including postseason, since launching his career in 1997.
- ▶ He's perfect outside the Metrodome, as all three of his "no-goods" were at Minnesota. Two of them were in the same 2001 game (42- and 51-yarders). The other was as a rookie in 1997 (35 yards).

SPEAKING OF LONGWELL: The Packers' kicker has quietly proved to be one of the team's most dependable resources in 2003.

- ▶ He's one of several kickers who've yet to miss an attempt (28 of 28 in combined PAT and FG). But in that group, only Indy's Mike Vanderjagt (35 of 35) has been perfect on more attempts.
- ▶ He's hit 10 consecutive field goals, and 24 of his last 25 attempts (since Oct. 20, 2002). **From 40-plus yards**, he's hit eight of his last nine (all five in '03).
- ▶ Converted his last 75 PAT, since a blocked attempt Dec. 23, 2001, vs. Cleveland. His career high is 104 (1999-2001, second in team history). Sunday, he surpassed the franchise's No. 5 streak: 74, by Al Del Greco (1985-87). See charts on next page.

Two years after he co-founded the Packers with Curly Lambeau, George Calhoun began writing a piece called *The Dope Sheet*, which served as the official press release and game program from 1921-24. Honoring Calhoun, the first publicity director, the Packers are running this weekly feature in their release.

Most Consecutive PAT, GB History

134	Chris Jacke, 1990-94
104	Ryan Longwell, 1999-2001
99	Paul Hornung, 1960-62, 1964
87	Chris Jacke, 1994-96
75	Ryan Longwell, 2002-03

Most Consecutive FG, GB History

17	Chris Jacke, 1993
15	Chris Jacke, 1989-90
14	Ryan Longwell, 2002
13	Ryan Longwell, 1997-98
	Ryan Longwell, 2000
11	Jan Stenerud, 1981
	Ryan Longwell, 1998

SEEING THE FIELD: After early-season injuries took their toll on his pass catchers, Brett Favre has had to work with several targets in both games at practice this season. He's overcome that adversity, however, having completed at least 12 passes to six receivers. Only three other teams (Indianapolis, Jacksonville, N.Y. Jets) have completed 12-or-more to as many as six targets.

STINGY ON KICKOFF COVERAGE: One week after holding one of the top return men in NFL history (Dante Hall) to just 54 yards on four returns, the Packers now own the league's No. 1 kickoff coverage unit, allowing just 18.2 yards per return. Green Bay ranked 15th in 2002.

THIRD-DOWN: No other NFL defense has forced more third-down situations than the Packers (89).

GETTING AN OPPONENT ON A SHORT WEEK: For the first time since 2000, the Packers meet an opponent who played the previous week on Monday night. Under Mike Sherman, the team is 1-1 in such games, losing at Miami (10/29/00), who lost in OT at the N.Y. Jets on MNF, and winning vs. Tampa Bay in OT (12/24/00), who won vs. St. Louis on MNF.

EVEN ONE TAKEAWAY IS IMPORTANT: The Packers, including postseason, are now 2-4 under Mike Sherman, without a takeaway. The losses: vs. Kansas City (10/12/03), vs. Atlanta (1/4/03), at NYJ (12/29/02) and vs. Chicago (10/1/00). The wins: vs. Tampa Bay (11/4/01) and vs. San Francisco (10/15/00).

ANOTHER LEGEND ON THE HORIZON: Favre (118) with a win Sunday can tie No. 4 Johnny Unitas (119) on the NFL's all-time wins list.

John Elway, Den	148	82	1	.643
Dan Marino, Mia	147	93	0	.613
Fran Tarkenton, Min-NYG	125	109	6	.533
Johnny Unitas, BalC-SD	119	63	4	.651
Brett Favre, GB	118	61	0	.659
Joe Montana, SF-KC	117	47	0	.713
Terry Bradshaw, Pit	107	51	0	.677
Warren Moon, HouO-Min-Sea-KC	102	98	0	.510

SUNDAY LEFTOVERS:

- ▶ Green's fumble, caused by a perfectly timed hit on the Packers' last offensive play, marked the Packers' first fumble since Sept. 21 at Arizona. The team had touched the ball 280 times since its last fumble.
- ▶ Before the loss, Green Bay had won an NFL-record 56 straight games at home with a 10-point lead. Its last such loss was in 1993, to the Eagles.
- ▶ The Packers scored first and lost, something they hadn't done at home in 15 straight games, since Sherman's coaching debut, Sept. 3, 2000, vs. the Jets.
- ▶ The Packers lost their first game in which Ahman Green rushed for 100 yards. They're now 17-1.
- ▶ Green Bay is now 20-2 under Mike Sherman with at least 32 minutes of possession time.

SERIES INTERRUPTIONS: The Packers Sunday vs. Kansas City ended their longest active series interruption. Green Bay last played Kansas City in 1996 (seven years). This week, ironically, the Rams now represent the Packers' longest interruption, six years. After Green Bay travels to St. Louis to end that streak, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh (both five years) will then take over.

NOT UP FOR THE CHALLENGE: Dating to 2001, officials have denied instant-replay challenges 13 of the last 17 times an opponent head coach has thrown his red flag.

HE'S IN GOOD HANDS: Favre's offensive line is fifth in the NFL, allowing just five sacks.

- ▶ The Packers went three consecutive games without allowing a sack for the first time in team history (statisticians began tracking sacks in 1963), Sept. 14-29.
- ▶ The line went 256 passing plays between sacks, from Sept. 7 to Oct. 5.

LIKE A FINE WINE: While Favre has eight picks this season, he's actually off to one of the most accurate starts of his career.

- ▶ Favre has hit 92 of his last 127 receivers (.724).
- ▶ He has only four multiple-interception games over his last 29 starts.

ALSO ON THE PACKERS' ALL-TIME LISTS:

- ▶ **Josh Bidwell** (257) needs to get off 14 *unblocked* punts to establish the longest streak in team history (David Beverly, 274, 1977-80). He topped Donny Anderson's 254-punt streak (1967-71) Sept. 29.
- ▶ **William Henderson** (232), now the 14th-ranking receiver in team annals, needs 11 receptions to surpass No. 13 Edgar Bennett (242) on the all-time list. Henderson's catches are the fourth most by a Packers back.
- ▶ **Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila** (29) needs three-and-a-half sacks to surpass No. 6 Vonnie Holliday (32), four to surpass No. 5 Bryce Paup (32.5) and seven-and-a-half to surpass No. 4 Tony Bennett (36).
- ▶ **Ryan Longwell** (166) needs eight field goals to surpass No. 1 Chris Jacke (173).

THE STREAK I: Favre's **starting streak** (179) is the longest ever by a quarterback. What's more, Oct. 5 vs. Seattle he surpassed Aeneas Williams (Ari-StLR, 1992-2002) for the **10th-longest** starting streak on record.

THE STREAK II: Since Favre began his streak 11 years ago (Sept. 27, 1992), 166 other quarterbacks have started an NFL game. During the span, the Bears (15, including Kordell Stewart) have started the most.

THE TOUCHDOWN STREAK: Favre has thrown a touchdown pass in 15 straight games. The Packers' longest all-time streaks:

22	Cecil Isbell (Weeks 1-11, 1941; Weeks 1-11, 1942)
18	Brett Favre (Weeks 3-16, 1997; Weeks 1-4, 1998)
17	Brett Favre (Weeks 8-16, 1994; Weeks 1-8, 1995)
15	D.Majkowski (Weeks 15-16, 1988; Weeks 1-13, 1989)
	B.Favre (Weeks 9-17, 2002; Weeks 1-6, 2003) (current)
14	B.Favre (Weeks 10-16, 1995; Weeks 1-7, 1996)
	B.Favre (Weeks 1-14, 2001)

PERFECT WITH PLUS CARRIES: Favre is now 41-0, including Sept. 14 vs. Detroit and Oct. 5 vs. Seattle, when the Packers have more rushing plays than passing plays.

TAKEAWAY TALK: Donatell's defense has become one of the best takeaway teams in franchise history.

- ▶ Since Donatell took over the defense in 2000, the Packers have gone 20-1 (13-0 at home) in games with at least three takeaways. Their only loss was Nov. 17, 2002, at Minnesota.
- ▶ The Packers have at least one takeaway in 29 of their last 31 games.

LIMIT GIVEAWAYS, INCREASE WINS: The Packers under Mike Sherman are 24-3 (16-0 at home) when committing one or fewer turnovers.

- ▶ Including the Oct. 5 win over Seattle, they're also 8-0 under Sherman in turnover-free games. Over a longer stretch, the team has won 14 straight zero-turnover contests, dating to a loss at Minnesota, Dec. 1, 1997.