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NINTH GAME

**TOUGH SLATE:** Through the first half of 2003, the Packers are on pace to play the toughest schedule in their history, based on 2003 opponent W-L records (see chart below). What's more, the team's last four games (since Oct. 5) represent the toughest stretch faced by any team in the NFL to date, based on W-L records through Nov. 3:

Club	Four-Gm. Stretch	Opponents	W	L	Pct
Green Bay	Oct. 5-Nov. 2	Sea., KC, StL, Min.	25	7	.781
N.Y. Jets	Sept. 14-Oct. 12	Mia., NE, Dal., Buf.	24	9	.727
Jacksonville	Oct. 12-Nov. 9	Mia., Ten., Bal., Ind.	23	9	.719
N.Y. Giants	Oct. 5-26	Mia., NE, Phi., Min.	23	10	.697
Pittsburgh	Sept. 7-28	Bal., KC, Cin., Ten.	22	10	.688
New Orleans	Sept. 7-28	Sea., Hou., Ten., Ind.	22	10	.688
New Orleans	Sept. 14-Oct. 5	Hou., Ten., Ind., Car.	22	10	.688

**TEAM PACE:** At the season's halfway point, Tom Rossley's offense is on pace to:

- ▶ Score a franchise-record 460 points (456 in 1996).
- ▶ Record a franchise-record 348 first downs (342 in 1989).
- ▶ Net 5,852 total yards, second-most in history (6,172 in 1983).
- ▶ Set franchise rushing marks for yards (2,468; record is 2,460 in 1962) and yards per carry (5.31; 4.96 in 1961).
- ▶ Rush for more touchdowns (22) than any Packers team since 1964 (23).
- ▶ Set franchise passing marks for completion percentage (67.19; record is 64.52 in 1992) and fewest sacks allowed (14; 17 in 1972 and '74).

**FAVRE NEEDS FOUR FOR 10:** With four touchdown passes, Brett Favre would reach 20 for a 10th straight season, matching Dan Marino's NFL record. Marino threw for at least 20 TDs from 1983-92. Favre is tied this season for the NFL lead, with Peyton Manning and Brad Johnson, with 16 TD s.

**FAVRE NEEDS FIVE FOR 4,000:** Is there a way to quantify Brett Favre's worth to the Packers franchise? Probably not, but this might be close: Drives engineered by Favre, entering Sunday, have yielded 3,995 points. Since coming to Green Bay in 1992, he's led 2,088 drives and, excluding drives ended by the clock, put the Packers in a position to score 795 times, or 40.5 percent, compared by some the equivalent to batting .405 over a career in baseball.

**PRIME-TIME STREAK:** The Packers haven't lost a regular-season night game in three years. They've won eight straight since a Nov. 27, 2000, loss at Carolina. Throw in a 2001 Thanksgiving Day win and the Packers have won nine in row when they're the only game on the dial.

**DUST OFF THE BLEACHERS:** Monday marks 29 days since the Packers' last home game.

- ▶ Since 1990, the Packers have gone that long between home games only once. In 1996, they also waited 29 days. After hosting the Chargers Sept. 15, they hit the road three straight weeks, then hosted San Francisco on Monday night, Oct. 14.
- ▶ In 1990, the team's first-ever bye week came on the heels of another three-game "road trip." The team waited 35 days to host a home game.

**WHAT LIES AHEAD?:** In recent Packers history, good second halves usually follow sub-par first halves. Four times during the Brett Favre era (1992-2002) the Packers have finished the first half with a mark no better than 4-4. In three of those years, Green Bay rebounded with a winning record in the season's second half.

Year	First eight	Last eight	Overall
1992	3 5	5 3	9 7
1993	4 4	5 3	9 7
1999	4 4	4 4	8 8
2000	3 5	6 2	9 7

NOTE: The Packers haven't had a losing season since 1991 (4-12).

**NO 100-YARD RECEIVERS:** Only four teams have yet to post an individual 100-yard receiving game. Two of them, Philadelphia and Green Bay, will face off Monday. The other two are also NFC North clubs, Chicago and Detroit.

**GREEN IN ELITE COMPANY:** Ahman Green in the fourth quarter Sunday reached 5,000 career rushing yards. Green, who spent two seasons as a backup in Seattle before earning the Packers' starting job, also eclipsed 200 career receptions earlier this year. Only three Hall of Famers have recorded 5,000 rushing yards and 200 catches over their first six seasons.

Player	Years	Rushing Yards	Rec
Marcus Allen, LARd	1982-87	6,151	334
Tony Dorsett, Dal	1977-82	7,015	201
Walter Payton, ChiB	1975-80	8,386	202

**GREEN MARKS ALL OVER PACKERS ANNALS:**

- ▶ Green, who stands just 129 yards from 1,000 this year, would become only the second Packers player with four 1,000-yard rushing seasons, joining Hall of Famer Jim Taylor (five, 1960-64).
- ▶ The halfback Oct. 5 became Lambeau Field's all-time rusher. He now needs 17 yards for 2,500 in his home stadium.
- ▶ Green (1,025) needs one carry to surpass No. 4 Tony Canadeo (1,025) on the Packers' all-time list.

## Toughest schedules, Packers History

The Packers' opponents to date this season, including the Eagles, have combined for a 44-28 record, a .611 winning percentage. That means this year's schedule will likely mark one of the toughest in team history, based on in-season combined opponent records.

But Phil Bengtson, Vince Lombardi's hand-picked replacement, might have dealt with more pressure in 1970 than anyone who's ever coached the Packers. That season, his third and final as Green Bay head coach, ended at 6-8, with losses in four of his last five games (all on the road!). What's more, Bengtson faced the toughest schedule ever thrown at the Packers, over a full season. Toughest schedules in team history, based on opponent records at the end of that season:

Year	W	L	Pct	Packers Finish	Notable opponents
2003	44	28	.611	(season to date)	8-0 Chiefs, 6-2 Vikings (twice), 6-2 Seahawks
1970	113	74	.604	6-8-0, tied for third, division	Super Bowl V champion Colts (twice), NFC champion Cowboys
1921	21	14	.600	3-2-1, tied for sixth, league	League champion Chicago Staleys (9-1-1) in season finale
1933	84	57	.596	5-7-1, third in division	Both NFL title participants (Bears & Giants) twice
1926	79	55	.590	7-3-3, fifth in league	14-1-2 league champion Frankford Yellowjackets
1953	82	58	.586	2-9-1, sixth in conference	10-2 NFL champion Lions (twice), 11-1 Browns
1957	81	63	.563	3-9-0, sixth in conference	Only one team with eventual losing record: Bears (5-7, twice)
1954	77	60	.562	4-8-0, fifth in conference	9-2-1 conference champion Lions (twice)
1935	70	57	.551	8-4-0, second in division	9-3 Giants, 7-3-2 NFL champion Lions (twice)
1975	107	89	.546	4-10-0, tied for third, div.	12-2 Vikings (twice), 12-2 Rams, Super Bowl champion Steelers
1958	76	64	.543	1-10-1, sixth in conference	NFL champion Colts (9-3, twice); Rams (8-4, twice)

NOTE — Like league standings, ties are not figured in opponents' winning percentage from 1921-71

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.

**THE DOPE ON THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:**

**Coaches** Mike Sherman: 38-21, fourth season  
 Andy Reid: 43-28, fifth season

**Packers vs. Eagles:**

All-time regular season: 22-9-0  
 Postseason: 0-1 (1960 NFL championship)  
 Last meeting, regular season: Sept. 17, 2000;  
 Lambeau Field (Packers won, 6-3)  
 Last meeting, Philadelphia: Sept. 7, 1997;  
 Veterans Stadium (Eagles won, 10-9)

- ▶ The Packers won the first nine games (1933-46) and 13 of the first 14 (1933-58). Since, the Packers are just 9-8.
- ▶ Vince Lombardi lost to the Eagles in his first career postseason contest, the '60 NFL title game. He never lost another playoff game (9-1).
- ▶ Mike Sherman's first career victory came against Philly, Sept. 17, 2000.

**SHARPER REACHES CENTURY LEVEL:** Defensive captain Darren Sharper will play in his 100th career game Monday. In 99 games, the two-time Pro Bowler has 557 tackles (416 solo), six sacks, 28 interceptions and 77 passes defended.

**FAVRE'S MENDOZA LINE:** The Packers' are 4-0 this year when Brett Favre passes for less than 200 yards.

**DIGGING IN HIS HEELS:** Na'il Diggs, who shifted to the strong-side position this season to replace current Eagles LB Nate Wayne, will reach a significant milestone Monday. Diggs will start his 43rd consecutive game, most by any Packers linebacker since George Koonce started 49 straight from 1993-96.

**LONGWELL EYES FIRST OF 2003 RECORDS:** Kicker Ryan Longwell (170) stands just three field goals from tying Chris Jacke (173, 1989-96) for first on the Packers' all-time list. The Packers' kicker has quietly proved to be one of the team's most dependable resources in 2003.

- ▶ He's one of three full-time kickers who've yet to miss an attempt (38 of 38 in combined PAT and FG). Carolina's John Kasay (29 of 29) and Indy's Mike Vanderjagt (45 of 45) are the others.
- ▶ He's hit 14 consecutive field goals, and 28 of his last 29 attempts (since Oct. 20, 2002). **From 40-plus yards**, he's hit nine of his last 10 (all six in '03).
- ▶ He's converted his last 81 PAT, since a blocked attempt Dec. 23, 2001, vs. Cleveland. His career high is 104 (1999-2001, second in team history).

<u>Most Consecutive PAT, GB History</u>		<u>Most Consecutive FG, GB History</u>	
134	Chris Jacke, 1990-94	17	Chris Jacke, 1993
104	Ryan Longwell, 1999-2001	15	Chris Jacke, 1989-90
99	Paul Hornung, 1960-62, 1964	14	Ryan Longwell, 2002
87	Chris Jacke, 1994-96		<b>Ryan Longwell, 2002-03</b>
<b>81</b>	<b>Ryan Longwell, 2001-03</b>	13	Ryan Longwell, 1997-98
			Ryan Longwell, 2000
		11	Jan Stenerud, 1981
			Ryan Longwell, 1998

**HOLDING ONTO THE BALL:** The Packers are 3-0 in games this season when they don't fumble.

**ANOTHER FAVRE STREAK:** The quarterback has thrown for multiple touchdowns in five straight games, something he hasn't done since 1998, when he did it in six consecutive contests.

- ▶ On Sunday, Favre threw for at least three TDs for the 47th time in his career. Only Dan Marino (62) has done it more (courtesy Elias Sports Bureau).

**KGB LOOKS FOR THIRD STRAIGHT:** Kaber Gbajabiamila on Monday could record a sack in a third consecutive game. He's only accomplished that once in his career, the first four games of the 2001 season.

**SCORING EFFICIENCY:** The Packers own the league's second-most efficient scoring offense:

<u>Club</u>	<u>Poss</u>	<u>TD</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>Scores</u>	<u>Pct</u>
Indianapolis	.88	22	21	43	.489
<b>Green Bay</b>	<b>.88</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>.432</b>
Tennessee	.91	21	18	39	.429
St. Louis	.99	22	17	39	.394
Minnesota	.93	26	10	36	.387

**PLAYOFF RAMIFICATIONS:** The Packers could easily feel the result of Monday's game in December. A Packers win would even the two teams' records and give Green Bay the head-to-head tiebreaker over Philly. Other things to look for over the season's final eight weeks:

- ▶ The division title could go as deep as a fifth tiebreaker. Assuming Green Bay can somehow make up two games from the first-place Vikings, the clubs are tied in the NFL's first three tiebreakers (head-to-head, division record and common games). The Vikings are one game better in the fourth tiebreaker, conference record. But if the Packers can make up that, too, they may battle for a fifth tiebreaker: strength of victory (combined record of teams defeated).

- ▶ Green (34) needs two rushing touchdowns to surpass No. 4 Clarke Hinkle (35, 1932-41) and four to top No. 3 Verne Lewellen (37, 1924-32).
- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Green leads all NFL players with 69 first downs earned, 10 more than second-place Tiki Barber (59). He's converted 12 of 16 third-down carries, including six-for-six on third-and-1. He's two-for-two on fourth-and-1.
- ▶ His 433 yards from Sept. 29-Oct. 12 were the highest total by a Packers individual over any three-game stretch. Hall of Famer Jim Taylor (419 in 1962) held the previous mark.
- ▶ Green became the third Packers player to top 100 in three straight games (Dorsey Levens in 1997, John Brockington in 1971).
- ▶ Green's on pace to rush for 1,742 yards, 268 more than Taylor's 1962 team record (1,474), the NFL's oldest franchise rushing mark.

**GREEN NOSES PAST TAYLOR:** Green also Sunday inched past Taylor on another all-time list. Green now owns the Packers' second-highest average per carry:

<u>Highest Average Gain, Career (750 Attempts)</u>	
4.58	Gerry Ellis, 1980-86 (836-3,826)
<b>4.56</b>	<b>Ahman Green, 2000-03 (1,025-4,673)</b>
4.53	*Jim Taylor, 1958-66 (1,811-8,207)
4.16	*Paul Hornung, 1957-62, 1964-66 (893-3,711)
4.09	*Tony Canadeo, 1941-44, 1946-52 (1,025-4,197)
	*—Pro Football Hall of Famer

**GREEN ON THE SCOREBOARD:** Ahman Green has 66 points in 2003 (on 11 touchdowns).

- ▶ The halfback has six more than kicker Ryan Longwell (60). The last time a kicker did not lead the Packers in scoring was 1994 (Sterling Sharpe, 108).
- ▶ Only one other non-kicker has more points; Priest Holmes, who had his bye last week, has 72.
- ▶ In 2003, he's increased his Green Bay career total to 264, climbing from 27th to 17th on the Packers' all-time list (having passed legends such as Johnny Blood McNally, Paul Coffman, Boyd Dowler and on Sunday Don Chandler).
- ▶ Just one more TD will push him past Dorsey Levens (266). Next up is Jan Stenerud (292).

**SPEAKING OF STENERUD:** The former Packers kicker played in one of Lambeau Field's most memorable games, 20 years ago. On Oct. 17, 1983, Green Bay surprised the defending Super Bowl champion Redskins, 48-47, in what is still the highest scoring game in Monday Night Football history. Stenerud's 20-yard field goal with 54 seconds remaining provided the winning margin. Washington's Mark Moseley missed a 37-yarder as time expired. The teams combined for 1,025 yards.

► Including Monday, potential wild-card and/or home-field tiebreakers will be on the line in each of the Packers next three games (also Nov. 16 at Tampa Bay and Nov. 23 vs. San Francisco). Green Bay already lost its head-to-head tiebreaker with the Rams, at St. Louis Oct. 19.

**DRIVE TIME:** Favre has engineered 13 touchdown drives of at least 70 yards, and four of at least 80.

**THE RETURN MAN:** Former Arena League star Antonio Chatman is on pace to shatter franchise records for kickoff returns and kickoff-return yards in a season. Through eight games, he's on pace for 68 and 1,516. Roell Preston holds the club records, 57 returns and 1,497 yards, both in 1998. Chatman, with 68 returns, would also place 10th on the Packers' career kickoff returns list.

**SINCE WEEK 3:** Brett Favre's passer rating after Week 2 ranked 14th in the NFC and 29th in the NFL. He enters this week second in the NFC and fourth in the NFL. The NFL's top passers, since Sept. 21:

Quarterback	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int	Rtng
Manning, Ind.	206	143	1744	15	4	111.4
McNair, Ten.	170	111	1571	10	2	109.7
Plummer, Den.	93	59	694	5	0	104.0
<b>Favre, GB</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>1343</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>103.7</b>
Culpepper, Min.	104	65	825	6	2	98.4

**BIRTHDAY WISHES:** Center Mike Flangan celebrates his 30th birthday Monday. Darren Sharper turned 28 on Nov. 3.

**BEST IN NFL HISTORY:** According to Elias Sports Bureau, Brett Favre enters Sunday's contest averaging more TD passes per game than any player in league annals (minimum 150 TD), including the two quarterbacks ahead of him on the all-time list, Dan Marino and Fran Tarkenton:

Avg	Player	TD	GP	All-time Rk
<b>1.7838</b>	<b>Brett Favre</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>3</b>
1.7500	Peyton Manning	154	88	n/a
1.7355	Dan Marino	420	242	1
1.4813	Jim Kelly	237	160	15
1.4219	Joe Montana	273	192	7
1.4033	Dan Fouts	254	181	10
1.3990	Warren Moon	291	208	5
1.3902	Fran Tarkenton	342	246	2
1.3744	Johnny Unitas	290	211	6
1.3728	Steve Young	232	169	17

**MOST ACCURATE WITH MOST ATTEMPTS:** No one in NFL history has thrown as many passes (6,245) more accurately (61.2 completion percentage) than Favre. The league's most accurate passers with at least 6,000 attempts:

Passer	Att	Comp	Pct
<b>Brett Favre</b>	<b>6,245</b>	<b>3,821</b>	<b>61.2</b>
Dan Marino	8,358	4,967	59.4
Warren Moon	6,823	3,988	58.4
Fran Tarkenton	6,467	3,686	57.0
John Elway	7,250	4,123	56.9

**FAVRE IN 2003:** Brett Favre through eight games is statistically off to the most accurate start of his career. He is on pace to hit two significant marks:

- He would shatter his 1992 franchise record in completion percentage (64.1). Favre is second in the NFL with a 67.1 mark.
- He would throw for 30 touchdown passes (344 career), and eclipse Fran Tarkenton (342) for No. 2 on the all-time list, behind Dan Marino (420); Favre would reach 30 TD passes for the seventh time, but for only the second time in the last five seasons.
- The one category in which Favre is not "above par" is passing yards. He's on pace to finish with just under 3,446, which would be his lowest in 10 years. However, the Packers as a team are averaging 154.3 yards rushing; that's nearly 34 yards more than any of Favre's previous 11 seasons in Green Bay (120.8 in 2002). Favre's also on pace for 504 attempts, the second-lowest of his career.
- After a rough start, Favre has a 104.1 rating over his last 187 attempts (133 of 187, 71.1 percent, 1,378 yards, 13 TD, five INT). The stretch covers six-plus games.

► He has only four multiple-interception games over his last 31 starts (one in eight 2003 starts).

**FRESH OFF THE BYE:** In seven of the last eight seasons, since 1996, the Packers have won after their bye week. The only loss was a 2000 decision at Miami.

**NO THREE-GAME SLIDES:** Since Mike Sherman's debut season, 2000, he and the Eagles' Andy Reid are the only NFL coaches who have not lost more than two consecutive regular-season games (minimum 17 games coached).

**STINGY ON KICKOFF COVERAGE:** The Packers kickoff coverage under first-year special teams coordinator John Bonamego is second behind Atlanta in the NFL, keeping opponents, including explosive Dante Hall, to an average start of their own 25.4 yard line. The unit, which ranked 15th in 2002, also continues to post the league's lowest average per return, 18.6.

**CAPTURE THE FLAG:** Green Bay's 36 penalties are second fewest in the NFL, behind the Jets (31). The Chiefs are third with 43, while Philadelphia and Indianapolis are tied for fourth with 44.

► In comparison, officials have flagged opponents 52 times. Those opponent penalties have wiped out 114 yards of offense, two touchdowns and six first downs. Eight of the opponent penalties have been on kickoff or punt returns. Five have kept Packers offensive drives alive.

**SUNDAY LEFTOVERS:**

- The Packers' 261 yards on the ground marked their highest output in 18 years, since Forrest Gregg's club racked up 285 in a 41-10 win, Oct. 10, 1985 vs. Detroit.
- Green Bay had eight carries of at least 17 yards, and ran for 10-or-more yards 10 times.
- The Packers won a game without a takeaway for the first time since Nov. 4, 2001 vs. Tampa Bay, a 21-20 victory.
- Since 1992, Brett Favre and the Packers are now 3-19 in domes with an even or negative turnover ratio, including Sunday.
- An opponent held Bubba Franks without a reception. That's happened now only twice over his last 32 games, including playoffs. Both contests were wins, including a 10-0 victory, Dec. 22, 2002, vs. Buffalo.
- Hannibal Navies led all players with a career-best 10 tackles.

**WHAT'S THE RUSH?:** The Packers' rushing offense (154.3 yards per game) ranks No. 3 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).

**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 and at practice this season. He's overcome that adversity, however, having completed at least 16 passes to six receivers.

► For the first time in his career, he has not had a 100-yard receiver over his first eight games. The last time the Packers did that was 1991, when Sterling Sharpe recorded 133 yards in the 10th game (11/10/91 vs. Buffalo at Milwaukee).

**TIED WITH UNITAS:** Favre (119) with a win Monday can take over sole possession of fourth place 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
<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.657</b>
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

**NOT UP FOR THE CHALLENGE:** Dating to 2001, officials have denied instant-replay challenges 14 of the last 18 times an opponent head coach has thrown his red flag (including four of five times in 2003). Mike Sherman over the same stretch, since Oct. 14, 2001, is 5-for-13 (.385).

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

- ▶ According to Elias, 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.
- ▶ The current starters (tackles Mark Tauscher and Chad Clifton, guards Marco Rivera and Mike Wahle, and center Mike Flanagan) began starting together in 2001. After 2002 injuries hit four of the five positions, the front has picked up where it left off in '01. The five players have started together 21 games overall (13 of 16 games in 2001, all eight in 2003). The offense's numbers in those games:

	Rushing .....						
	Att	Yds	Avg/Att	Avg/Gm	TD	Sk Allowed	Sk/Gm
Current starters (21 gm)	573	2653	4.6	126.3	21	24	1.1
Other 19 games	520	2207	4.2	116.2	13	32	1.7
<b>Totals (2001-03)</b>	<b>1093</b>	<b>4860</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>121.5</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1.4</b>

**FRANCHISE CHART WATCH:**

- ▶ **Josh Bidwell** (267) needs to get off eight *unblocked* punts to establish the longest streak in team history (David Beverly, 274, 1977-80).
- ▶ **Bidwell** (267) needs 23 punts to surpass No. 4 Craig Hentrich (289).
- ▶ **William Henderson** (236), now the 14th-ranking receiver in team annals, needs seven 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** (31) needs one-and-a-half sacks to surpass No. 6 Vonnie Holliday (32), two to surpass No. 5 Bryce Paup (32.5) and five-and-a-half to surpass No. 4 Tony Bennett (36).

**THE STREAK I:** Favre's regular-season **starting streak** (181) 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), 161 other quarterbacks have started an NFL game.

- ▶ This season, two quarterbacks have made their first career start (Kyle Boller and Byron Leftwich).
- ▶ In 2003 alone, the Broncos have started three quarterbacks.
- ▶ Nine QBs in 2003 made their first start for a new team.
- ▶ During the span, the Bears (15, including Kordell Stewart) have started the most.

**THE TOUCHDOWN STREAK:** Favre has thrown a touchdown pass in 17 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) <b>B.Favre (Weeks 9-17, 2002; Weeks 1-9, 2003) (current)</b>
15	D.Majkowski (Weeks 15-16, 1988; Weeks 1-13, 1989)
14	B.Favre (Weeks 10-16, 1995; Weeks 1-7, 1996) B.Favre (Weeks 1-14, 2001)

**PERFECT WITH PLUS CARRIES:** Favre is now 42-0, including Sept. 14 vs. Detroit, Oct. 5 vs. Seattle and Sunday at Minnesota, when the Packers have more rushing plays than passing plays.

**TAKEAWAY TALK:** Since Ed 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 30 of their last 33 games (none in two of their last three).

**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.