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FAVRE WILL TIE GREGG: Ironman Brett Favre on Thursday will tie Forrest Gregg for the longest consecutive games-played streak in Packers history, 187. What's more, after this week, only two men will have played more games in a Packers uniform than Favre, Bart Starr (196) and Ray Nitschke (190).

Most Games, Consecutive	Most Games, Overall
187 *Forrest Gregg, 1956, 1958-70	196 *Bart Starr, 1956-71 (16 years)
186 Brett Favre, 1992-2003 (current)	190 *Ray Nitschke, 1958-72 (15)
166 *Willie Wood, 1960-71	187 *F.Gregg, 1956, 1958-70 (14)
162 Larry McCarren, 1973-84	186 Brett Favre, 1992-2003 (12)
150 Boyd Dowler, 1959-69	181 LeRoy Butler, 1990-2001 (12)

*—Pro Football Hall of Famer

LONGEST RECORDED STREAKS: Favre is nearing some of the game's longest-ever games-played streaks (as published in respective media guides).

270	Vikings	Jim Marshall	1961-79
234	Cardinals	Jim Bakken	1962-78
232	Titans	Bruce Matthews	1987-2001
210	Raiders	Jim Otto	1960-74
208	49ers	Len Rohde	1960-74
203	Browns	Doug Dieken	1971-84
201	Rams	Jack Youngblood	1971-84
196	Cowboys	Bob Lilly	1961-74
196	Redskins	Len Hauss	1964-77
195	Jets	Winston Hill	1963-75
191	Bears	Steve McMichael	1981-93
187	Packers	Forrest Gregg	1956, 1958-70
186	Chiefs	Jan Stenerud	1967-1979
178	Chargers	Russ Washington	1968-80
177	Steelers	Mike Webster	1974-85
172	Broncos	Simon Fletcher	1985-95
162	Eagles	Harold Carmichael	1972-83
155	Colts	Jerry Logan	1963-72
152	Patriots	Gino Cappelletti	1960-70
128	Dolphins	Jim Langer	1970-79
125	Seattle	Joe Nash	1988-95
111	Ravens	Matt Stover	1996-2002
96	Jaguars	Bryan Barker	1995-2000

NOTE — The Bills, Bengals, Falcons, Panthers, Lions, Giants, Saints and Buccaneers do not publish this record.

TAYLOR NOW ON GREEN'S RADAR: Ahman Green on Thursday needs 149 yards on the ground to break the NFL's oldest single-season franchise rushing record, established by Hall of Famer Jim Taylor in 1962 (see chart below). Taylor had 1,474 during a 14-game season. Green has 1,326 through 11 games.

NO REST: The Packers, who also played Monday night Nov. 10, are playing four games in 18 days. Normally, an NFL team would play four games in 22 days.

TEAM WITHIN THE TEAM: The buzz in Packers camp lately has been contributions made by the team's key mid-season acquisitions, especially on defense. Since launching the season Sept. 7, notable acquisitions include WR Antonio Freeman, S/CB Michael Hawthorne, DT Grady Jackson and DT/DE Larry Smith.

► Did you know that Mike Sherman's "team" that obtained those players, his personnel staff of Mark Hatley, Reggie McKenzie, John Schneider, Sean Howard, Marc Lillibridge and Autumn Thomas-Beenenga, has remained intact for three seasons (2001-03)? That's extremely rare in today's NFL. How rare?

Green Bay's 17 1,000-yard rushing seasons

Year	Player	Att	Yards	Avg	TD	NFC	NFL
						Rank	Rank
1962	Jim Taylor	272	1,474	5.4	19	-	1
1997	Dorsey Levens	329	1,435	4.4	7	2	4
2001	Ahman Green	304	1,387	4.6	9	2	4
2003	Ahman Green	249	1,326	5.3	10	1	2
1961	Jim Taylor	243	1,307	5.4	15	-	2
2002	Ahman Green	286	1,240	4.3	7	4	12
2000	Ahman Green	263	1,175	4.5	10	6	15
1964	Jim Taylor	235	1,169	5.0	12	-	2
1973	John Brockington	265	1,144	4.3	3	1	2
1978	Terrell Middleton	284	1,116	3.9	11	4	6
1971	John Brockington	216	1,105	5.1	4	1	2
1960	Jim Taylor	230	1,101	4.8	11	-	2
1995	Edgar Bennett	316	1,067	3.4	3	10	15
1949	Tony Canadeo	208	1,052	5.1	4	-	2
1999	Dorsey Levens	279	1,034	3.7	9	6	13
1972	John Brockington	274	1,027	3.7	8	4	9
1963	Jim Taylor	248	1,018	4.1	9	-	2

- Well, last year marked the first time since 1993, when Green Bay ended an 11-year playoff drought, that the Packers made no changes to neither their pro personnel nor scouting departments.
- The football operations staff in January was tabbed best in the league by *Pro Football Weekly*.
- The Packers staff is believed to bring in more street free agents for tryouts than any other team.

TURKEY-DAY TRADITIONS, PACKERS?: With two appearances in three years, the Packers have joined the Lions and Cowboys as one of the most popular Thanksgiving Day teams in NFL history. Thursday, they will tie the Bears for third-most appearances all-time:

Detroit Lions	62
Dallas Cowboys	35
Chicago Bears*	31
Green Bay Packers	30
Arizona Cardinals+	22

* — Includes games as Decatur Staleys
+ — Includes games as Chicago & St. Louis Cardinals

- The Packers played their first Thanksgiving Day NFL game in 1923, a 19-0 win over the Hammond Pros at Green Bay's Bellevue Park.
- Thanksgiving games were a staple on the Packers' schedule from 1922-35 and 1951-63.
- From 1953-59, "Packers at Lions" was the only Thanksgiving game on the NFL schedule.

GILBERT GETS 100: Nose tackle Gilbert Brown, playing since preseason with what should be a season-ending torn bicep, will make his 100th career start Thursday. There aren't many linemen who've played for one team as long as Brown, who reportedly turned down more money from another club this summer to remain loyal to the Packers. Most Packers seasons played by a true defensive lineman, all-time:

13	Dave Hanner	1952-64
11	*Henry Jordan	1959-69
	Ezra Johnson	1977-87
	Gilbert Brown	1993-99, 2001-03
9	Lionel Aldridge	1963-71

* — Pro Football Hall of Famer

Oldest single-season rushing records, NFL teams

Team	Player	Yards	Year
Green Bay	Jim Taylor	1,474	1962
Cleveland	Jim Brown	1,863	1963
Buffalo	O.J. Simpson	2,003	1973
Chicago	Walter Payton	1,852	1977

Team	Player	Yards	Year
Ari/Pho/StLC	Ottis Anderson	1,605	1979
Philadelphia	Wilbert Montgomery	1,512	1979
Ten/HouO	Earl Campbell	1,934	1980
New Orleans	George Rogers	1,674	1981

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: 40-22, fourth season
Steve Mariucci: 63-51, seventh season

Packers vs. Lions:

All-time regular season: 77-62-7
Postseason: 2-0
Last meeting, regular season: Sept. 14, 2003,
Lambeau Field (Packers won, 31-6)
Last meeting, Detroit: Sept. 22, 2002,
Ford Field (Packers won, 37-31)

- ▶ The Packers' current six-game winning streak over Detroit is their longest against the Lions since Green Bay won 10 straight from 1940-45, with Curly Lambeau at the helm.

Most touchdown passes, vs. one team

TD	Quarterback	Opp	Years
72	Dan Marino, Mia.	NYJ	1983-99
54	Dan Marino, Mia.	Ind/BalC	1983-99
50	Dan Marino, Mia.	Buf	1983-99
47	Brett Favre, GB	ChiB	1992-2003
43	John Hadl, SD-LARm-GB-HouO	Den	1962-77
42	Dan Marino, Mia.	NE	1983-99
41	Brett Favre, GB	Det	1992-2003
38	Joe Montana, SF-KC	Atl	1979-94

WHEN FERGUSON STEPS UP: Including Sunday, when Robert Ferguson is either (A) the Packers' leading receiver and/or (B) catches a touchdown, Green Bay is 5-0.

Opponent, Date	No	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Final
San Fran., 11/23/03	2	21	10.5	16t	1	W, 20-10
at Tampa Bay, 11/16/03	4	46	11.5	23	0	W, 20-13*
Minnesota, 12/08/02	6	105	17.5	40t	2	W, 26-22*
Carolina, 09/29/02	5	58	11.6	20	0	W, 17-14*
at Detroit, 09/22/02	2	45	22.5	37	1	W, 37-31

*—leading receiver

FALSE START, OFFENSE: Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila is believed to have forced six false-start penalties this season. The list:

Tackle	Date, Opp.
M.Rosenthal	Sept. 7 vs. Min.
J.Backus	Sept. 14 vs. Det.
L.Shelton	Sept. 21 at Ari.
O.Pace	Oct. 19 at StL
K.Walker	Nov. 16 at TB
D.Deese	Nov. 23 vs. SF

DRIVEN: Including a fourth-quarter, 98-yard touchdown drive to beat Tampa Bay, Brett Favre has engineered 16 TD drives of at least 70 yards, and six of at least 80 in 2003.

IN THE LEAD: The Packers have not trailed since giving up a touchdown in the final seconds of their Monday night Nov. 10 loss to Philadelphia.

- ▶ Since, the Packers have led for more than 90 total minutes (33:56 at Tampa Bay and 56:31 vs. San Francisco).
- ▶ In two of their five losses this year, the Packers have trailed less than 3 minutes. They were behind for only 2:56 of that Eagles contest, and on Oct. 12 vs. Kansas City, didn't trail until the game's final play, in overtime.
- ▶ Overall this year, the Packers have led for 369:48, and trailed for 156:00.

STONEWALLED: The Packers have not allowed a touchdown in four consecutive, and five of their last six, goal-to-go stands.

WHAT'S THE RUSH: The Packers, riding the NFL's No. 1 rushing offense, can reach 2,000 yards rushing Thursday for the first time since 1985.

- ▶ Over the last four games, Green Bay is averaging 233.8 yards per game (935 yards).
- ▶ Green Bay hasn't finished a season leading the NFL in rushing since 1964 (150.4). The team hasn't finished in the Top 5 since 1967, when they won the Ice Bowl. And, the Packers haven't ranked in the Top 10 since they

were seventh in 1972.

- ▶ The Packers have paced the NFL in rushing three other times: 1946, when future Hall of Famer Tony Canadeo shined in a deep backfield, and 1961-62, when Vince Lombardi's feared Green Bay Sweep dominated the game and led the Packers to consecutive world championships.
- ▶ Their 173.5 yards per game is the highest Green Bay mark since 1962 (175.7).
- ▶ If Tony Fisher gets 43 yards over the last five games, the Packers will combine a 1,000-yard rusher with two 200-yard rushers for the first time since 1971.
- ▶ Najeh Davenport in the fourth quarter is averaging 8.4 yards per carry (24 attempts, 202 yards, one touchdown, eight first downs).

THE TOUCHDOWN STREAK: Brett Favre has thrown a touchdown pass in 20 straight games. The Packers' longest all-time streaks:

22	Cecil Isbell (Weeks 1-11, 1941; Weeks 1-11, 1942)
20	Brett Favre (Weeks 9-17, 2002; Weeks 1-12, 2003) (current)
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)
14	B.Favre (Weeks 10-16, 1995; Weeks 1-7, 1996) B.Favre (Weeks 1-14, 2001)

SUNDAY LEFTOVERS:

- ▶ The Packers' defense allowed just 119 net passing yards, its fewest in more than a year, since giving up 92 in a win vs. Washington, Oct. 20, 2002.
- ▶ Green Bay ran for 243 yards against the league's eighth-ranked rushing defense (49ers entered game allowing 86.9 yards/game).
- ▶ The Packers' 48 rushing attempts were their most in 22 years, since they had 49 in a 27-14 win at the N.Y. Giants, Oct. 4, 1981.

GREEN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS SUNDAY:

- ▶ Became only the third Packers player with 1,000 carries and 5,000 yards (Jim Taylor, John Brockington).
- ▶ Became the second-leading ground gainer in Packers history and now trails only Hall of Famer Jim Taylor:

8,207	Jim Taylor, 1958-66 (9 seasons)
5,128	Ahman Green, 2000-03 (3-plus seasons)
5,024	John Brockington, 1971-77 (7 seasons)
4,197	Tony Canadeo, 1941-44, 1946-52 (11 seasons)
3,937	Dorsey Levens, 1994-2001 (8 seasons)
3,860	Clarke Hinkle, 1932-41 (10 seasons)

NOTE — Green this season has eclipsed No. 6 Gerry Ellis, Hinkle, Levens, Canadeo and now Brockington.

Packers on Thanksgiving Day (11-17-2, .400)

Date	Opponent	W/L	Score	
N25, 1920	Stambaugh Miners	W	14 -0	(NL)
N30, 1922	Duluth Kelleys	W	10 -0	(NL)
N29, 1923	Hammond Pros	W	19 -0	
N27, 1924	@ Kansas City Blues	W	17 -6	
N26, 1925	@ Pottsville Maroons	L	31 -0	
N25, 1926	@ Frankford Yellowjackets	L	20 -14	
N24, 1927	@ Frankford Yellowjackets	W	17 -9	
N29, 1928	@ Frankford Yellowjackets	L	2 -0	
N28, 1929	@ Frankford Yellowjackets	T	0 -0	
N27, 1930	@ Frankford Yellowjackets	W	25 -7	
N26, 1931	@ Providence Steam Roller	W	38 -7	
N24, 1932	@ Brooklyn Dodgers	W	7 -0	
N30, 1933	@ Staten Island Stapletons	W	21 -0	(NL)
N29, 1934	@ Chicago Cardinals	L	6 -0	
N28, 1935	@ Chicago Cardinals	L	9 -7	
N22, 1951	@ Detroit Lions	L	52 -35	
N27, 1952	@ Detroit Lions	L	48 -24	
N26, 1953	@ Detroit Lions	L	34 -15	
N25, 1954	@ Detroit Lions	L	28 -24	
N24, 1955	@ Detroit Lions	L	24 -10	
N22, 1956	@ Detroit Lions	W	24 -20	
N28, 1957	@ Detroit Lions	L	18 -6	
N27, 1958	@ Detroit Lions	L	24 -14	
N26, 1959	@ Detroit Lions	W	24 -17	
N24, 1960	@ Detroit Lions	L	23 -10	
N23, 1961	@ Detroit Lions	W	17 -9	
N22, 1962	@ Detroit Lions	L	26 -14	
N28, 1963	@ Detroit Lions	T	13 -13	
N26, 1970	@ Dallas Cowboys	L	16 -3	
N22, 1984	@ Detroit Lions	L	31 -28	
N27, 1986	@ Detroit Lions	W	44 -40	
N24, 1994	@ Dallas Cowboys	L	42 -31	
N22, 2001	@ Detroit Lions	W	29 -27	

NL—Non-league game, not reflected in overall Thanksgiving W-L record

- ▶ With 100 yards rushing, established a team record with four consecutive 100-yard efforts.
 - 4 **Ahman Green, 2003 (current)**
 - 3 John Brockington, 1971
Dorsey Levens, 1997
Ahman Green, 2003
 - 2 16 times (last: Ahman Green, 2002)
- ▶ Also with 100 yards rushing, established the franchise record for most 100-yard games in a season:
 - 8 **Ahman Green, 2003**
 - 7 Jim Taylor, 1962
Ahman Green, 2001
 - 6 Dorsey Levens, 1997
 - 5 Tony Canadeo, 1949
Jim Taylor, 1960
- ▶ Surpassed No. 5 Boyd Dowler (6,946) on Green Bay's all-time total yards from scrimmage list. Green, the NFL's leader this year with 1,654, enters Thursday with 7,002 in his Packers career.
- ▶ Green still needs one rushing touchdown for 37 in a Packers uniform, which will tie Verne Lewellen (1924-32) for third all-time, behind Jim Taylor (81) and Paul Hornung (50). Green surpassed No. 4 Clarke Hinkle (35) Nov. 16.

HEALTH IS HUGE: In one year, the Packers have gone from one of the NFL's most injury-plagued clubs to one of its healthiest.

- ▶ Packers starters have missed only nine combined games (Joe Johnson 5, Antuan Edwards 2, Gilbert Brown 1, Donald Driver 1) due to injury.
- ▶ In 2002, 15 starters at 14 positions missed 63 combined games.
- ▶ Most significant is the offensive line, which hasn't missed a snap, after injuries hit four of its five starters in 2002.

ONLY A FEW PLAYS AWAY: The cliché has surfaced much of the 2003 season, and every season of every team who's ever endured a series of close losses: The Packers are only a few plays from being 9-2. Well, here are those plays:

- ▶ Sept. 21 at Arizona: Arizona's Dexter Jackson picks off Favre in the end zone with 7 seconds left, capping a 12-play, 68-yard drive. Arizona wins, 20-13.
- ▶ Oct. 12 vs. Kansas City: With 9 minutes left in regulation, Green Bay up 31-21 and in field-goal range, Favre's pass deflects off Donald Driver's hands and Jerome Woods' 79-yard touchdown return steals the Packers' momentum at a critical juncture, en route to overtime.
- ▶ Oct. 12 vs. Kansas City: On the Packers' first overtime play, Ahman Green breaks several tackles and appears headed deep into Chiefs territory when Woods' perfectly timed hit knocks the ball out of Green's hands. One play later, the Chiefs score the game-winning touchdown.
- ▶ Nov. 10 vs. Philadelphia: The Packers' defense holds the Eagles to 3 points and seven punts on their first 10 possessions. But late-game leg cramps sideline starting cornerback Al Harris, and Donovan McNabb hits Todd Pinkston on a corner route with 27 seconds left. The Eagles win 17-14.

STINGY ON THIRD DOWN: Green Bay opponents on third down are now 7-for-their-last-36 (.194), over the last two-plus games.

THREE AND OUT: The Packers' defense over the last two games has held opponents to "three plays and out" 12 times in 24 possessions.

Kennedy assists Packers to 1961 championship

Vince Lombardi won an incredible nine straight postseason games, a streak he might not have launched without the help of President John F. Kennedy. The 1961 NFL championship took place during the Berlin Crisis, and the United States had called Ray Nitschke, Paul Hornung and Boyd Dowler into service. With Lombardi's persistence, Nitschke and Dowler obtained special weekend passes to play. Private Hornung, however, wasn't released until Lombardi called an old acquaintance, Kennedy.

"Paul Hornung isn't going to win the war on Sunday, but the football fans of this country deserve the two best teams on the field that day," Kennedy assured Lombardi, days before the game against the New York Giants.

The best team was Green Bay, by a 37-0 count, and after Kennedy released Hornung, the Golden Boy scored 19 points, an NFL title game record.

The Berlin Crisis pitted the U.S. against East Germany for several months, until the East German government backed down. The crisis ended in the summer of 1962. Kennedy visited Berlin and delivered a famous speech before he was assassinated 40 years ago this week.

THE ROOKIE: The Packers began keeping defensive statistics in 1975. Since, only six rookies have reached 100 tackles:

- 166 *Rich Wingo, 1979
- 123 *Johnnie Gray, 1975
- 111 Michael Hunt, 1978
- 104 Brian Noble, 1985
- 102 John Anderson, 1978
- 102 ***Nick Barnett, 2003**
- * — led/leading team

THE ROOKIE II: Barnett is on pace to record one of the top tackle seasons by any Packers player, rookie or veteran, this generation. Only six Packers players over the last 20 seasons have at least 130 tackles, since the team began tracking defensive numbers in 1975. Most in a season:

- 180 Mike Douglass, 1981
- 166 Rich Wingo, 1979
- 165 Mike Douglass, 1980
- 162 Mike Douglass, 1983
- 157 Jim Carter, 1977
- 151 Gary Scott, 1985
- 150 John Anderson, 1981
- 150 Steve Luke, 1978
- 146 John Anderson, 1983
- 143 Johnnie Gray, 1977
- 139 George Cumby, 1981
- 139 Rich Wingo, 1981
- 138 Brian Noble, 1989
- 137 Gary Weaver, 1978
- 136 Johnnie Gray, 1978
- 134 Johnny Holland, 1993
- 134 Johnnie Gray, 1980
- 132 Nate Wayne, 2002
- 132 Bernardo Harris, 2000
- 132 Mike Douglass, 1979
- 131 George Cumby, 1983
- 130 Bernardo Harris, 2001

PACKERS HIGH ON NFL LEADER BOARDS:

does not include Monday night

- ▶ **Nick Barnett** is tied for first among rookies with three interceptions (Charles Tillman, Chi.; Eugene Wilson, NE).
- ▶ **Brett Favre** is first with 20 touchdown passes (Matt Hasselbeck, Sea., Brad Johnson, TB, Peyton Manning, Ind., and Jon Kitna, Cin., all have 19).
- ▶ Favre is third with a 65.0 completion percentage (Peyton Manning, Ind., 67.4; Steve McNair, Ten., 65.3).
- ▶ **Ahman Green** is first with 1,654 yards from scrimmage (Deuce McAllister, NO, is second with 1,560).
- ▶ Green is first with 90 first downs earned (Priest Holmes, KC, is second with 81).
- ▶ Green is second (Holmes, 90) in non-kicker scoring with 84 points.
- ▶ Green is second in rushing with 1,326 yards (Lewis, 1,364).
- ▶ Green is second in rushing TD with 10 (Holmes, 15).
- ▶ The **Packers offense** ranks first in rushing yards per game (173.5), first in average per carry (5.4), third in sacks allowed per pass play (0.04).

NFC playoff tiebreaker update

NFC North	Head-to-Head	Division	Common Gm	Conference	Strength of Victory
Minnesota (7-4)	1-1	4-1	4-0 (Chi, Det, SF)	6-2	29-48, .377
Green Bay (6-5)	1-1	3-1	3-0	6-4	30-35, .462 +

+ — does not include Tampa Bay Monday night result (Bucs calculated with 4-6 record)

NFC Wild Card Leaders	Head-to-Head Key Wins	Head-to-Head Key Losses	Conference Record	Remaining games
*Dallas (8-3)	Phi, Car	—	6-2	vs. Mia, at Phi, at Was, vs. NYG, at NO
Philadelphia (8-3)	GB, NO	Dal	6-2	at Car, vs. Dal, at Mia, vs. SF, at Was
*Carolina (8-3)	NO (2-0)	Dal	6-1	vs. Phi, at Atl, at Ari, vs. Det, at NYG
*St. Louis (8-3)	GB	Sea	6-3	vs. Min, at Cle, vs. Sea, vs. Cin, at Det
*Minnesota (7-4)	SF	—	6-2	at StL, vs. Sea, at Chi, vs. KC, at Ari
Seattle (7-4)	StL, NO	GB	6-2	vs. Cle, at Min, at StL, vs. Ari, at SF
Green Bay (6-5)	Sea, SF	StL, Phi	6-4	at Det, vs. Chi, at SD, at Oak, vs. Den
New Orleans (5-6)	—	Phi, Car, Sea	4-4	at Was, vs. TB, vs. NYG, at Jax, vs. Dal
San Francisco (5-6)	—	Min, GB	4-5	at Bal, vs. Ari, at Cin, at Phi, vs. Sea

RUSHING TITLE IN SIGHT?: Ahman Green could become only the second player in Packers history to win the NFL rushing title. Hall of Famer Jim Taylor led the league with a franchise-record 1,474 yards in 1962 (the league's oldest team rushing record).

TDs GROWING ON TREES: Green already has 14 touchdowns this season. Most overall Packers touchdowns in a season, since 1932:

19	Jim Taylor, 1962	14	Antonio Freeman, 1998
18	Sterling Sharpe, 1994		Ahman Green, 2003
17	Don Hutson, 1942	13	Billy Howton, 1952
16	Jim Taylor, 1961		Sterling Sharpe, 1989
15	Paul Hornung, 1960		Sterling Sharpe, 1992
	Jim Taylor, 1964		Robert Brooks, 1995
			Ahman Green, 2000

SINGLE-GAME RECORD IS HISTORY: Green now owns three of the top five rushing efforts in Packers annals:

192	Ahman Green, vs. Phi., Nov. 10, 2003 (29 att)
190	Dorsey Levens, vs. DalC, Nov. 23, 1997 (33 att)
186	Jim Taylor, vs. NYG, Dec. 3, 1961 (27 att)
176	Ahman Green, at Chi., Sept. 29, 2003 (19 att)
169	Ahman Green, vs. TB, Nov. 4, 2001 (24 att)
167	Billy Grimes, vs. NYY, Oct. 8, 1950 (10 att)
165	Jim Taylor, at LARm, Dec. 13, 1964 (17 att)

GREEN OWNS BEST AVERAGE: Green on Nov. 10 captured the franchise's highest average career gain.

Highest Average Gain, Career (750 Attempts)	
4.65	Ahman Green (1,102-5,128)
4.58	Gerry Ellis, 1980-86 (836-3,826)
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 84 points in 2003 (on 14 touchdowns).

- ▶ The halfback has more points than kicker Ryan Longwell (78). The last time a kicker did not lead the Packers in scoring was 1994 (Sterling Sharpe, 108).
- ▶ In 2003, he's increased his Green Bay career total to 282, climbing from 27th to 16th on the Packers' all-time list (having passed legends such as Johnny Blood McNally, Paul Coffman, Boyd Dowler and on Sunday Don Chandler).
- ▶ On Nov. 10, he pushed past Dorsey Levens (266). Next up is Jan Stenerud (292).

FAVRE'S MENDOZA LINE: The Packers are now 6-1 when Favre throws for 200 yards or less.

HOLDING ONTO THE BALL: The Packers are 4-0 in games this season when they don't fumble.

LONGWELL HAS FIRST OF 2003 RECORDS: Kicker Ryan Longwell (174) Sunday surpassed Chris Jacke (173, 1989-96) for first on the Packers' all-time field goal list. The Packers' kicker has quietly proved to be one of the team's most dependable resources in 2003.

- ▶ Longwell, who eclipsed 800 career points on his record-breaking field goal Sunday (he's now at 802), now needs 19 points to become the franchise's second-leading scorer, surpassing Chris Jacke (820), and just 22 to surpass the immortal Don Hutson (823).
- ▶ Until Nov. 10, he'd hit 14 consecutive field goals, and 28 of his last 29 attempts (since Oct. 20, 2002).
- ▶ He's converted his last 87 PAT, since a blocked attempt Dec. 23, 2001, vs. Cleveland. His career high is 104 (1999-2001, second in team history).
- ▶ Inside the 40 this year, he is 9-for-9.

<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	Ryan Longwell, 2002-03
Ryan Longwell, 2001-03	13 Ryan Longwell, 1997-98
	Ryan Longwell, 2000
	11 Jan Stenerud, 1981
	Ryan Longwell, 1998

BEST IN NFL HISTORY: According to Elias Sports Bureau, Brett Favre enters Thursday'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
1.7766	Brett Favre	334	188	3
1.7355	Dan Marino	420	242	1
1.7253	Peyton Manning	157	91	n/a
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 (6,310) more accurately (61.1 completion percentage) than Favre. The league's most accurate passers with at least 6,000 attempts:

Passer	Att	Comp	Pct
Brett Favre	6,310	3,858	61.1
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 nine games is statistically off to the most accurate start of his career. He is on pace to hit two significant marks:

- ▶ He would break his 1992 franchise record in completion percentage (64.1).
- ▶ He would throw for 29 touchdown passes and eclipse Fran Tarkenton (342) for No. 2 on the all-time list, behind Dan Marino (420); Favre could 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 his lowest total in 10 years. However, the Packers as a team are averaging more yards rushing than any of Favre's previous 11 seasons in Green Bay (120.8 in 2002). Favre's also on pace for the second-lowest passing attempts total of his career.
- ▶ He has only four multiple-interception games over his last 33 starts (one in 10 2003 starts).

NOT UP FOR THE CHALLENGE: Dating to 2001, officials have denied instant-replay challenges 14 of the last 19 times an opponent head coach has thrown his red flag (including five of six times in 2003). Mike Sherman over the same stretch, since Oct. 14, 2001, is 5-for-13 (.385).

UNITAS IN REAR-VIEW MIRROR: Favre (120) Sunday took 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
Brett Favre, GB	121	63	0	.658
Johnny Unitas, BalC-SD	119	63	4	.651
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

HE'S IN GOOD HANDS: Favre's offensive line is among league leaders, allowing just 12 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 24 games overall (13 of 16 games in 2001, all 11 in 2003).