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THREE RECORDS IN WORKS: Three very significant Packers franchise records could fall Sunday (noted in alphabetical order):

- ▶ **Brett Favre** could throw for a touchdown pass in a 23rd consecutive game, breaking Cecil Isbell's 61-year-old franchise record (more below).
- ▶ **Ahman Green** (1,463) needs 12 yards to break the NFL's oldest single-season rushing record: Hall of Famer Jim Taylor's 1,474 total in 1962. Jim Brown's 1963 season (1,863) would become the league's longest-standing team mark.
- ▶ **Ryan Longwell** needs only six points to break the immortal Don Hutson's career Packers scoring record, 823 points.

THE TOUCHDOWN STREAK: Brett Favre has thrown a touchdown pass in 22 straight games, tying one of the team's oldest and most esteemed records. The Packers' longest all-time streaks and NFL's longest all-time streaks (courtesy Elias Sports Bureau):

22	Cecil Isbell (Weeks 1-11, 1941; Weeks 1-11, 1942)
	Brett Favre (Weeks 9-17, 2002; Weeks 1-14, 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)

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Elias Sports Bureau)

47	Johnny Unitas, 1956-60
30	Dan Marino, 1985-87
28	Dave Krieg, 1983-85
27	Chris Chandler, 1997-99
27	Peyton Manning, 1998-99

NO ROGER MARIS ASTERISK FOR GREEN: Ahman Green figures to break Taylor's single-season record in 14 games, the same number of contests Taylor needed in 1962. In a conference call with Wisconsin media last Thursday, Taylor questioned Green's fumble ratio, saying that Vince Lombardi did not permit players to fumble. So, the Packers looked up the numbers:

- ▶ Over their careers in a Packers uniform (where they played the vast majority of their NFL games), Taylor

actually fumbled (one fumble every 61.0 touches) more often than Green (one fumble every 63.2 touches).

- ▶ Even Green's idol, the late Walter Payton, fumbled more often. Payton over his Bears career fumbled 34 times in 2,173 touches (50.5).

LONGWELL REELING IN HUTSON, JACKE: Ryan Longwell (818) needs just two points to surpass No. 2 Chris Jacke (820) on the team's all-time scoring list. And, legendary Don Hutson (823) is only six away.

- ▶ By breaking Hutson's record, Longwell will reach 100 points. He'd become one of only three players ever to reach the century mark in each of his first seven seasons (joining Jason Elam and Adam Vinatieri).
- ▶ Longwell, who is expecting approximately 15 family and friends at Sunday's game, was named the NFC's special teams player of the week for his performance Sunday vs. Chicago.
- ▶ On Nov. 23, he surpassed 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.
- ▶ He's converted his last 92 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 12-for-12.

Most Consecutive PAT, GB History

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

Most Consecutive FG, GB History

17	Chris Jacke, 1993
15	Chris Jacke, 1989-90
14	Ryan Longwell, 2002
	Ryan Longwell, 2002-03
13	Ryan Longwell, 1997-98
	Ryan Longwell, 2000
11	Jan Stenerud, 1981
	Ryan Longwell, 1998

NO 100-YARDERS: The Packers have gone the equivalent of a full season (16 games) without a 100-yard receiver (Robert Ferguson, Dec. 8, 2002, vs. Min.).

- ▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, that's the team's longest stretch since an 18-game streak, Oct. 8, 1978-Oct. 14, 1979.
- ▶ Green Bay did not record a 100-yard game in 1974.

Non-losing decades, NFL history

In 2001, the Packers captured the NFC's longest active streak of non-losing seasons, now 11. Green Bay's last sub-.500 campaign was 1991 (4-12). The Packers, who've now accomplished it three times, are the only team ever to do it more than twice (and that does not include the Lombardi era)...

Team	Consecutive Non-Losing Seasons	Years	
Miami Dolphins	14	1989-2002	(current)
Green Bay Packers	11	1992-2002	(current)
Minnesota Vikings	10	1991-2000	
San Francisco 49ers	16	1983-98	
Miami Dolphins	11	1977-87	
Pittsburgh Steelers	13	1972-84	
Dallas Cowboys	21	1965-85	
Oakland Raiders	16	1965-80	
Baltimore Colts	15	1957-71	
New York Giants	10	1954-63	
Washington Redskins	11	1936-46	
Green Bay Packers	14	1934-47	
Detroit Lions/Portsmouth Spartans	10	1931-40	
Chicago Bears	15	1930-44	
Green Bay Packers	12	1921-32	

NOTE — Streaks listed in reverse chronological order.

Oldest single-season rushing records, NFL teams

Team	Player	Yards	Year	Team	Player	Yards	Year
Green Bay	Jim Taylor	1,474	1962	Ari/Pho/StLC	Ottis Anderson	1,605	1979
Cleveland	Jim Brown	1,863	1963	Philadelphia	Wilbert Montgomery	1,512	1979
Buffalo	O.J. Simpson	2,003	1973	Ten/HouO	Earl Campbell	1,934	1980
Chicago	Walter Payton	1,852	1977	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: 41-23, fourth season
Marty Schottenheimer: 169-122-1,
18th season

Packers vs. Chargers:

All-time regular season: 6-1-0
Postseason: 0-0
Last meeting, regular season: Oct. 24, 1999
San Diego (Packers won, 31-3)
Last meeting, Green Bay: Sept. 15, 1996
Lambeau Field (Packers won, 42-10)

- ▶ The team has never lost a road game to the Chargers (4-0).
- ▶ Green Bay's only loss in the city was Super Bowl XXXII.

HOLIDAY TRIPS TO CALIFORNIA: The Packers have consecutive December trips to California for the first time since 1963 (at Los Angeles Rams, at San Francisco 49ers, respectively).

- ▶ For 14 consecutive years (1950-63), the league closed the Packers' schedule with road tilts against the 49ers and Rams.
- ▶ Since Vince Lombardi took his post in 1959, the Packers are 12-4-2 in regular-season California games Dec. 1 or later.

DEFENSE BEARS DOWN: The Packers have won three of their last four games and their defense has played a large role. Including Sunday vs. Chicago, the Packers have allowed only four touchdown drives since Nov. 16, when Green Bay posted a critical win at Tampa Bay.

- ▶ Across the NFL, since Nov. 16, only one other defense has allowed fewer touchdown drives:

Jacksonville	3
Buffalo	4
Green Bay	4
Chicago	5
Miami	5
Tampa Bay	5

- ▶ Also since Nov. 16, the Packers have 12 sacks, tied for fifth in the league over that span:

16	Buffalo
14	St. Louis
13	Atlanta
	Seattle
12	Baltimore
	Green Bay
	Miami

DON'T GO HIS WAY: Mike McKenzie on Sunday vs. Chicago, for the second time this season, posted six passes defended in a game.

- ▶ McKenzie tied his career high. He also had six earlier this year, Sept. 14 vs. Detroit, most since Darren Sharper broke up six Sept. 24, 2000, at Arizona.
- ▶ The last time a Packers player broke up more than six was Oct. 22, 1995, vs. Minnesota (Doug Evans, seven).
- ▶ McKenzie has a shot at the team record. Most passes defended, season, Packers history (began tracking in 1982):

27	Doug Evans	1995
23	Darren Sharper	2000
	LeRoy Butler	1993
22	Darren Sharper	2001
21	Mike McKenzie	2001
	Tyrone Williams	2000
20	Mike McKenzie	2003

DIVISION RACE: While the team is assuredly focused on San Diego, the fans and media can keep one eye on the Packers and another eye on these clubs over the next three weeks:

- ▶ **Minnesota:** The Vikings can deal Green Bay a devastating blow by winning Sunday at Chicago. A victory would give Minnesota a 5-1 final division record (the second tiebreaker). Green Bay finished division play 4-2. But if Chicago wins...
- ▶ **Tampa Bay:** If Green Bay and Minnesota finish with 4-2 division records, and 7-5 conference records, any divisional tie would produce a fifth tiebreaker: strength of victory (combined winning percentage of teams defeated). In that event, the Packers are pulling for Tampa Bay, the only team Green Bay defeated not on the Vikings' schedule.
- ▶ **Atlanta:** The only team Minnesota defeated not on Green Bay's schedule is Atlanta. For fifth-tiebreaker reasons, the Packers will root against the Falcons.
- ▶ **Detroit:** Also for fifth-tiebreaker reasons, the Packers' odds increase slightly with every Lions loss.
- ▶ **Chicago:** If Chicago beats Minnesota Sunday, every Bears win helps the Packers' strength of victory.

WILD-CARD HOPES: Any voo-doo dolls should be clad in a Seahawks uniform. The Packers' best chance at a wild card berth is to finish the regular season tied with Seattle.

- ▶ **Seattle:** The NFC's sixth and final playoff team if the season ended today. However, if the Packers and 'Hawks tie, Green Bay owns the head-to-head tiebreaker, based on an Oct. 5 win.
- ▶ **Dallas:** The NFC's fifth seed if the season ended today.

Favre and 167 other quarterbacks

According to Elias Sports Bureau, 167 other quarterbacks have started an NFL game since Sept. 27, 1992, when Brett Favre launched his current starting streak. Favre's streak, the longest ever by a quarterback, is also the league's longest active at all positions. A look at the quarterbacks who've started for each NFL team during Favre's streak (Elias Sports Bureau):

Arizona/Phoenix (12) — Steve Beuerlein, Jeff Blake, Dave Brown, Stoney Case, Chris Chandler, Boomer Esiason, Kent Graham, Dave Krieg, Jim McMahon, Jake Plummer, Timm Rosenbach, Jay Schroeder

Atlanta (12) — Chris Chandler, Steve DeBerg, Jeff George, Tony Graziani, Bobby Hebert, Doug Johnson, Danny Kanell, Kurt Kittner, Chris Miller, Billy Joe Tolliver, Michael Vick, Wade Wilson

Baltimore (13) — Tony Banks, Jeff Blake, Kyle Bolter, Stoney Case, Randall Cunningham, Trent Diller, Elvis Grbac, Jim Harbaugh, Scott Mitchell, Chris Redman, Vinny Testaverde, Anthony Wright, Eric Zeier

Buffalo (7) — Drew Bledsoe, Todd Collins, Doug Flutie, Rob Johnson, Jim Kelly, Frank Reich, Alex Van Pelt

Carolina (8) — Steve Beuerlein, Kerry Collins, Jake Delhomme, Randy Fasani, Matt Lytle, Rodney Peete, Frank Reich, Chris Weinke

Chicago (15) — Henry Burris, Chris Chandler, Will Furrer, Jim Harbaugh, Erik Kramer, Dave Krieg, Shane Matthews, Cade McNown, Jim Miller, Rick Mirer, Moses Moreno, Steve Stenstrom, Kordell Stewart, Steve Walsh, Peter Tom Willis

Cincinnati (11) — Jeff Blake, Boomer Esiason, Gus Frerotte, Donald Hollas, Paul Justin, Jon Kitna, David Klingler, Scott Mitchell, Neil O'Donnell, Jay Schroeder, Akili Smith

Cleveland (11) — Tim Couch, Ty Detmer, Kelly Holcomb, Bernie Kosar, Doug Pederson, Todd Philcox, Mark Rypien, Vinny Testaverde, Mike Tomczak, Spergon Wynn,

Eric Zeier

Dallas (11) — Troy Aikman, Quincy Carter, Randall Cunningham, Jason Garrett, Chad Hutchinson, Bernie Kosar, Ryan Leaf, Rodney Peete, Clint Stoerner, Wade Wilson, Anthony Wright

Denver (11) — Steve Beuerlein, Bubby Brister, John Elway, Gus Frerotte, Brian Griese, Danny Kannel, Tommy Maddox, Hugh Millen, Chris Miller, Bill Musgrave, Jake Plummer

Detroit (13) — Charlie Batch, Stoney Case, Ty Detmer, Gus Frerotte, Joey Harrington, Erik Kramer, Dave Krieg, Don Majkowski, Mike McMahon, Scott Mitchell, Rodney Peete, Frank Reich, Andre Ware

Green Bay (1) — Brett Favre

Houston Texans (3) — Tony Banks, David Carr, Dave Ragnone

Indianapolis (9) — Craig Erickson, Jeff George, Jim Harbaugh, Kelly Holcomb, Paul Justin, Don Majkowski, Peyton Manning, Browning Nagle, Jack Trudeau

Jacksonville (9) — Steve Beuerlein, Mark Brunell, Jay Fiedler, David Garrard, Rob Johnson, Byron Leftwich, Jamie Martin, Steve Matthews, Jonathan Quinn

Kansas City (7) — Steve Bono, Rich Gannon, Elvis Grbac, Trent Green, Dave Krieg, Joe Montana, Warren Moon

Miami (9) — Steve DeBerg, Craig Erickson, Jay Fiedler, Brian Griese, Damon Huard, Bernie Kosar, Ray Lucas, Dan Marino, Scott Mitchell

Minnesota (11) — Todd Bouman, Daunte Culpepper, Randall Cunningham, Gus Frerotte, Rich Gannon, Jeff George, Brad Johnson, Jim McMahon, Warren Moon, Sean Salisbury, Spergon Wynn

New England (7) — Drew Bledsoe, Tom Brady, Jeff Carlson, Tom Hodson, Hugh Millen, Scott Secules, Scott Zolak

New Orleans (14) — Jeff Blake, Aaron Brooks, Mike Buck, Kerry Collins, Jake Delhomme, Jim Everett, Bobby Hebert, Billy Joe Hobert, Doug Nussmeier, Heath Shuler, Billy Joe Tolliver, Steve Walsh, Wade Wilson, Danny Wuerffel

N.Y. Giants (6) — Dave Brown, Kerry Collins, Kent Graham, Jeff Hostetler, Danny Kanell, Phil Simms

N.Y. Jets (12) — Bubby Brister, Boomer Esiason, Glenn Foley, Ray Lucas, Rick Mirer, Browning Nagle, Ken O'Brien, Neil O'Donnell, Chad Pennington, Frank Reich, Vinny Testaverde, Jack Trudeau

Oak/L.A. Raiders (11) — Vince Evans, Rich Gannon, Jeff George, Billy Joe Hobert, Donald Hollas, Jeff Hostetler, Todd Marinovich, Rick Mirer, Jay Schroeder, Marques Tuiasosopo, Wade Wilson

Philadelphia (11) — Bubby Brister, Randall Cunningham, Koy Detmer, Ty Detmer, A.J. Feeley, Bobby Hoving, Jim McMahon, Donovan McNabb, Ken O'Brien, Doug Pederson, Rodney Peete

Pittsburgh (7) — Bubby Brister, Kent Graham, Tommy Maddox, Jim Miller, Neil O'Donnell, Kordell Stewart, Mike Tomczak

St/L.A. Rams (13) — Tony Banks, Steve Bono, Marc Bulger, Chris Chandler, Scott Covington, Jim Everett, Trent Green, Jamie Martin, Chris Miller, T.J. Rubley, Mark Rypien, Steve Walsh, Kurt Warner

San Diego (12) — Drew Brees, Jim Everett, Doug Flutie, John Friesz, Gale Gilbert, Jim Harbaugh, Stan Humphries, Erik Kramer, Ryan Leaf, Moses Moreno, Sean Salisbury, Craig Whelihan

San Francisco (7) — Ty Detmer, Jim Druckenmiller, Jeff Garcia, Elvis Grbac, Tim Rattay, Steve Stenstrom, Steve Young

Seattle (11) — Trent Diller, Glenn Foley, John Friesz, Stan Gelbaugh, Matt Hasselbeck, Brock Huard, Jon Kitna, Dan McGwire, Rick Mirer, Warren Moon, Kelly Stouffer

Tampa Bay (8) — Steve DeBerg, Trent Diller, Craig Erickson, Brad Johnson, Rob Johnson, Shaun King, Vinny Testaverde, Eric Zeier

Ten/Hou Oilers/Titans (8) — Cody Carlson, Chris Chandler, Will Furrer, Steve McNair, Warren Moon, Neil O'Donnell, Bucky Richardson, Billy Joe Tolliver

Washington (15) — Tony Banks, Cary Conklin, Gus Frerotte, John Friesz, Rich Gannon, Jeff George, Trent Green, Tim Hasselbeck, Jeff Hostetler, Brad Johnson, Shane Matthews, Patrick Ramsey, Mark Rypien, Heath Shuler, Danny Wuerffel

The Cowboys (8-5 overall) basically own a two-game lead on Green Bay, based on the conference-record tiebreaker. Dallas (6-3 in conference) closes with three straight NFC opponents and controls its own wild-card destiny. The Packers finished with a 7-5 conference record. Dallas has already clinched the third wild-card tiebreaker with Green Bay, record vs. common opponents; Dallas went 3-2 against common opponents and Green Bay was 2-3.

HELP WANTED, BEARS HOLD PACKERS' FATE: To the Packers, the most important game on the remaining NFL schedule, not involving Green Bay, is Minnesota at Chicago on Sunday. In order to have the best chance at winning their division, Chicago must beat Minnesota. At this juncture, here are key games in which the Packers will need help:

To Help Divisional Interests	Need	To Beat
Sun., Dec. 14	at Chicago	Minnesota
Sat., Dec. 20	Kansas City	at Minnesota
Sun., Dec. 28	at Arizona	Minnesota

To Help Wild-Card Interests	Need	To Beat
Sun., Dec. 14	at St. Louis	Seattle
	N.Y. Giants	at New Orleans
	at Washington	Dallas
Sun., Dec. 21	Arizona	at Seattle
	at Jacksonville	New Orleans
	N.Y. Giants	at Dallas
Sat., Dec. 27	at San Francisco	Seattle

NOTE: Dallas closes at New Orleans, Dec. 28

NO. 3 REMEMBERED: Tony Canadeo, the Packers' Hall of Fame running back, passed away Saturday, Nov. 29. Nicknamed the Grey Ghost, he was believed to have served the organization longer than any person in team history, 59 years. Team trainer Carl "Bud" Jorgensen worked 47 seasons (1924-51) for the Packers, the second-longest stretch. Canadeo's official service to the Packers organization:

- ▶ 11 seasons as a player (1941-44, 1946-52)
- ▶ Nine years as a member of the team's board of directors (1955-58, 1993-99)
- ▶ 24 years as a member of the team's executive committee (1958-82)
- ▶ 11 years as the team's vice president (1982-93)
- ▶ Four years as a director emeritus (1999-2003)

IN DECEMBER: Since Brett Favre came to Green Bay in 1992, the Packers own a league-best 36-11 (.766) record in December.

NO SACKS ALLOWED: Larry Beightol's offensive line has now turned in five games without allowing a sack. The last time the Packers accomplished that was 1974 (five).

- ▶ Fewest sacks allowed, 2003:

9	Detroit
15	Indianapolis
16	Green Bay
20	Carolina
	Kansas City

SUNDAY LEFTOVERS:

- ▶ Lambeau Field (35) actually hosted a game during a December weekend that saw seven other stadiums with equal or colder kickoffs; the N.Y. Giants (27), New England (28), Pittsburgh (30), Philadelphia (30), Buffalo (30), Baltimore (34) and Cleveland (35) hosted games of

- 35 or below. Tennessee (42) wasn't much better.
- ▶ Four of the Packers' five takeaways Sunday came in opponent territory.
- ▶ Mike Sherman is now 12-2 at home vs. division opponents.
- ▶ Two of the Packers' scoring drives were only 1 yard. Previously, the team's shortest scoring drive was a 9-yard march, at Tampa Bay, Nov. 16.

FOURTH DOWN DEFENSE: Green Bay opponents are just 3-for-10 (.300) on fourth down, including 0-for-3 Sunday. Only the Dolphins, Vikings, Falcons and Ravens have allowed conversions at a lower clip. Dallas has also compiled a .300 rate.

HALL OF FAME: The new Packers Hall of Fame in the Lambeau Field Atrium, open just three months, has seen visitors from all 50 states and 17 countries.

FAVRE PASSES GREGG: Ironman Brett Favre on Sunday passed Forrest Gregg for the longest consecutive games-played streak in Packers history.

- ▶ Only two men have played more games in a Packers uniform than Favre, Hall of Famers Bart Starr (196) and Ray Nitschke (190).
- ▶ Gregg's streak included an exemption for missing the 1956 finale and the entire 1957 season (Lambeau Field's inaugural year) while serving his country in the armed forces.

- ▶ The breakdown of Favre's longevity streak:

Games played, regular season	.....188
Games started, regular season	.....186
Games played, including postseason	.....205
Games started, including postseason	.....203

LONGEST RECORDED STREAKS: Favre is nearing some of the game's longest-ever games-played streaks (as published in respective media guides). Next up is the Bears' team mark, set by former Packers teammate Steve McMichael, 191.

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
	Redskins	Len Hauss	.....1964-77
195	Jets	Winston Hill	.....1963-75
191	Bears	Steve McMichael	.....1981-93
188	Packers	Brett Favre	.....1992-2003
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.

TARKENTON IN RANGE: Favre (337) needs just five TD passes to tie No. 2 Fran Tarkenton (342) on the NFL's all-time list. Provided he plays into 2006, Favre is on pace to

NFC playoff tiebreaker update

NFC North Leaders	Head-to-Head	Division	Common Gm	Conference	Strength of Victory
1) Minnesota (8-5)	1-1	4-1	<i>Will not be able to break any tie</i>	7-3	45-59, 433
2) Green Bay (7-6)	1-1	4-2		7-5	42-49, 462

NFC Wild Card Leaders	Head-to-Head Key Wins	Head-to-Head Key Losses	Conference Record	Remaining games
1) *Philadelphia (10-3)	GB, NO, Car	—	8-2	at Mia, vs. SF, at Was
2) *St. Louis (10-3)	GB, Min	Sea	7-3	vs. Sea, vs. Cin, at Det
3) *Carolina (8-4)	NO (twice)	Dal, Phi	6-2	at Ari, vs. Det, at NYG
4) *Minnesota (8-5)	SF, Sea	StL	6-3	at Chi, vs. KC, at Ari
5) Dallas (8-5)	Car	—	6-3	at Was, vs. NYG, at NO
6) Seattle (8-5)	StL, NO	GB, Min	6-3	at StL, vs. Ari, at SF
7) Green Bay (7-6)	Sea, SF	StL, Phi	7-5	at SD, at Oak, vs. Den

* — division leader

catch No. 1 Dan Marino (420) in three years.

CONFERENCE'S BEST RED-ZONE OFFENSE: Across the league, only the Chiefs (30-for-40, .750) own a better touchdown percentage inside the 20-yard line. Green Bay (26-for-40, .650) paces the NFC.

WHAT'S THE RUSH: The Packers, riding the NFL's No. 3 rushing offense, have reached 2,000 yards rushing for the first time since 1985.

- ▶ From Nov. 2-23, over four games, Green Bay averaged 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.
- ▶ If Tony Fisher gets 43 yards over the last four games, the Packers will combine a 1,000-yard rusher with two 200-yard rushers for the first time since 1971.

GREEN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2003:

- ▶ 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)
5,265	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.

- ▶ Established a team record with four consecutive 100-yard efforts.

4	Ahman Green, 2003
3	John Brockington, 1971
	Dorsey Levens, 1997
	Ahman Green, 2003
2	16 times (last: Ahman Green, 2002)

- ▶ Also established the franchise record for most 100-yard games in a season:

8	Ahman Green, 2003	6	Dorsey Levens, 1997
7	Jim Taylor, 1962	5	Tony Canadeo, 1949
	Ahman Green, 2001		Jim Taylor, 1960

- ▶ Surpassed No. 5 Boyd Dowler (6,946) on Green Bay's all-time total yards from scrimmage list. Green enters Sunday with 7,166 in his Packers career.
- ▶ Green has 37 rushing TD, tying 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.

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 15 touchdowns this season. Most overall Packers touchdowns in a season, since 1932:

19	Jim Taylor, 1962	14	Antonio Freeman, 1998
18	Sterling Sharpe, 1994		
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, 2003		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. Phil., 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. NYG, Oct. 8, 1950 (10 att)
165	Jim Taylor, at LARn, 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)

4.60	Ahman Green (1,145-5,265)
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 90 points in 2003 (on 15 touchdowns).

- ▶ In 2003, he's increased his Green Bay career total to 288, climbing from 27th to 16th on the Packers' all-time list (having passed legends such as Johnny Blood McNally, Paul Coffman, Boyd Dowler and Don Chandler).
- ▶ On Nov. 10, he pushed past Dorsey Levens (266). Next up is Jan Stenerud (292).

WHEN FERGUSON STEPS UP: Including Nov. 23, when Robert Ferguson is either (A) the Packers' leading receiver and/or (B) catches a touchdown, Green Bay is 6-0.

Opponent, Date	No	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Final
Chicago, 12/07/03	7	79	11.3	20	0	W, 34-21
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

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 14 combined games (Joe Johnson 7, Antuan Edwards 3, Gilbert Brown 1, Donald Driver 1, Darren Sharper 1, Nick Barnett 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 9-3. 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

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

Year	Player	Att	Yards	Avg	TD	NFC Rank	NFL Rank
1962	Jim Taylor	272	1,474	5.4	19	-	1
2003	Ahman Green	292	1,463	5.0	11	1	2
1997	Dorsey Levens	329	1,435	4.4	7	2	4
2001	Ahman Green	304	1,387	4.6	9	2	4
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	Terdell 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

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.

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
108	.....	*Nick Barnett, 2003
104	.....	Brian Noble, 1985
102	.....	John Anderson, 1978
		* — 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	138	.....	Brian Noble, 1989
166	.....	Rich Wingo, 1979	137	.....	Gary Weaver, 1978
165	.....	Mike Douglass, 1980	136	.....	Johnnie Gray, 1978
162	.....	Mike Douglass, 1983	134	.....	Johnny Holland, 1993
157	.....	Jim Carter, 1977	134	.....	Johnnie Gray, 1980
151	.....	Gary Scott, 1985	132	.....	Nate Wayne, 2002
150	.....	John Anderson, 1981	132	.....	Bernardo Harris, 2000
150	.....	Steve Luke, 1978	132	.....	Mike Douglass, 1979
146	.....	John Anderson, 1983	131	.....	George Cumby, 1983
143	.....	Johnnie Gray, 1977	130	.....	Bernardo Harris, 2001
139	.....	George Cumby, 1981			
139	.....	Rich Wingo, 1981			

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

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
1.7737	Brett Favre	.337	190	3
1.7355	Dan Marino	.420	242	1
1.7311	Peyton Manning	.161	93	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

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 if the Packers win out can tie Tarkenton on the NFL's all-time win 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	64	0	.654
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 16 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 26 games overall (13 of 16 games in 2001, all 13 in 2003).

TAKEAWAY TALK: Since Ed Donatell took over the defense in 2000, the Packers have gone 22-1 (14-0 at home) in games with at least three takeaways. Their only loss was Nov. 17, 2002, at Minnesota.

LIMIT GIVEAWAYS, INCREASE WINS: The Packers under Mike Sherman are 26-3 (17-0 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.

