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**OFFICIAL NFL PLAYOFF SCENARIOS:** Green Bay can clinch division title with:

- 1) GB win + MIN loss or tie OR
- 2) GB tie + MIN loss

Green Bay can clinch playoff berth with:

- 1) SEA loss OR
- 2) GB win + DAL win or tie OR
- 3) GB win + DAL has better strength of victory than SEA OR
- 4) GB win or tie + SEA tie

**DIVISION TITLE:** The Packers cannot win the division title on tiebreakers.

- ▶ Minnesota clinched the fifth tiebreaker, strength of victory, with its win Saturday over 12-3 Kansas City, and Green Bay's win Monday night over 4-11 Oakland. If the Vikings and Packers finish tied at 9-7 overall and 7-5 in the conference, Minnesota wins the fifth tiebreaker.
- ▶ The only way the Packers can win their division is to win it outright: a Green Bay win over Denver and a Minnesota loss at Arizona.

**WILD-CARD RACE:** To simplify a very confusing process:

- ▶ Green Bay clinches a playoff berth if San Francisco wins at home over Seattle Saturday.
- ▶ However, **if Seattle wins**, Green Bay needs a Dallas win Sunday at New Orleans (12:00).
- ▶ However, **if New Orleans wins**, the Packers' odds of making the playoffs are less than 50-50.

**HELP FROM DALLAS?:** Green Bay wants Dallas to finish with a higher seed than Seattle, no matter what. The situation is easy if Dallas wins Sunday and finishes 11-5. The situation becomes ominous if the 10-6 Packers are caught in a three-way tie with 10-6 Dallas and 10-6 Seattle.

- ▶ To create that scenario, Seattle would win at San Francisco Saturday and Dallas would lose at New Orleans Sunday.
- ▶ Green Bay would then need to hope that Dallas' strength of victory is greater than Seattle's. If so, the Packers get in based on their head-to-head win Oct. 5 over Seattle. If not, the Packers stay home.
- ▶ Seattle owns a slim strength-of-victory lead over Dallas heading into this weekend. The situation is too complicated to predict, but...

**WE'LL KNOW A LOT SATURDAY:** The Packers have an interest in all three games Saturday:

## Dominating his era in the touchdown pass category

### MOST 30-PLUS TD-PASS SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

- 7 **Brett Favre, GB 1994-98, 2001, 03**
- 4 Dan Marino, Mia . . .1984-86, 1994
- 2 by 10 players

### MOST SEASONS LEADING LEAGUE, TD PASSES, NFL HISTORY

- 4 Johnny Unitas . . .BalC 1957-60
- Len Dawson . . .DalT 1962; KC 1963, 1965-66
- Steve Young . . .SF 1992-94, 1998
- 3 Arnie Herber . . .GB 1932, 1934, 1936
- Sid Luckman . . .ChiB 1943, 1945-46
- Y.A. Tittle . . .SF 1955; NYG 1962-63
- Dan Marino . . .Mia 1984-86
- Brett Favre . . . . .GB 1995-97**

### MOST TD PASSES, SEASON, NFL HISTORY

- 48 Dan Marino, Mia . . . . .1984
- 44 Dan Marino, Mia . . . . .1986
- 41 Kurt Warner, StLR . . . . .1999
- 39 Brett Favre, GB . . . . .1996**
- 38 Brett Favre, GB . . . . .1995**
- 36 George Blanda, HouO . . . . .1961
- Y.A. Tittle, NYG . . . . .1963
- Steve Young, SF . . . . .1998
- Steve Beuerlein, Car . . . . .1999
- Kurt Warner, StLR . . . . .2001
- 35 Steve Young, SF . . . . .1994
- Brett Favre, GB . . . . .1997**

### MOST GAMES, FOUR-OR-MORE TD PASSES, CAREER

- 21 Dan Marino . . . . .Mia 1983-99
- 17 Johnny Unitas BalC 1956-72; SD 1973
- 16 Brett Favre . . . . .Atl 1991; GB 1992-2003**
- 13 George Blanda . . .ChiB 1949, 1950-58; BalC 1950; HouO 1960-66; Oak 1967-75

- ▶ Buffalo at New England (12:30): A Buffalo win helps Dallas' strength of victory — in the event Dallas and Seattle get that far.
- ▶ Seattle at San Francisco (4:00): A San Francisco win clinches a Green Bay playoff berth. A Seattle win forces the Packers to win Sunday vs. Denver (which still won't necessarily clinch a berth).
- ▶ Philadelphia at Washington (7:30): A Redskins win (1) helps Dallas' strength of victory and (2) gives Dallas more incentive to win at New Orleans Sunday; the Cowboys would win the NFC East title.

**DALLAS-SEATTLE STRENGTH OF VICTORY:** In a three-way tie between 10-6 Dallas, 10-6 Seattle and 10-6 Green Bay, the Packers need Dallas to finish ahead of Seattle in strength of victory. If Dallas does, Green Bay is in. If Dallas does not, Green Bay stays home.

- ▶ Entering Week 17, Seattle (53-82, .393) owns a slight lead on Dallas (58-92, .387).

**IF THEY GO, WHERE AND WHEN?:** If they're fortunate to get in, the Packers will be either the NFC's No. 4 seed as the North Division winner, or the NFC's No. 6 seed.

- ▶ If they win the division, the Packers will host either Minnesota, Dallas or Philly, either Jan. 3 or 4.
- ▶ If they're the No. 6 seed, the Packers will travel to either Carolina, Dallas or Minnesota, playing either Jan. 3 or 4.

**SEASON FINALES:** Favre and the Packers have won eight of their last nine season finales.

- ▶ At home, the Packers have won eight consecutive season finales.

## Packers History in Playoff Tiebreakers

| Year | Record  | Tied with   | At Stake                     | Winner | Tiebreaker   |
|------|---------|-------------|------------------------------|--------|--|
| 2002 | .12-4-0 | .Phi.       | Homefield advantage          | .Phi.  | Conference record (Phi. 11-1, GB 9-3)                |
|      |         | .TB         | No. 2 seed                   | .TB    | Head-Head (TB reg. season win)                       |
| 2001 | .12-4-0 | .SF         | No. 4 seed (top wild card)   | .GB    | Conference record (GB 9-3, SF 8-4)                   |
| 1997 | .13-3-0 | .SF         | Homefield advantage          | .SF    | Conference record (SF 11-1, GB 10-2)                 |
| 1995 | .11-5-0 | .SF         | No. 2 seed                   | .SF    | Conference record (SF 8-4, GB 7-5)                   |
| 1994 | .9-7-0  | .Det., ChiB | No. 4 seed (top wild card)   | .GB    | Head-Head in tied group (GB 3-1, Det. 2-2, ChiB 1-3) |
|      |         | .NYG        |                              |        | Conference record (GB 8-4, NYG 6-6)                  |
| 1993 | .9-7-0  | .Min.       | No. 5 seed (No. 2 wild card) | .Min.  | Head-Head (Min. 2-0 sweep)                           |
| 1992 | .9-7-0  | .Was.       | No. 6 seed (final wild card) | .Was.  | Conference record (Was. 7-5, GB 6-6)                 |
| 1989 | .10-6-0 | .Min.       | NFC Central division title   | .Min.  | Division record (Min. 6-2, GB 5-3)                   |
| 1978 | .8-7-1  | .Min.       | NFC Central division title   | .Min.  | Head-Head (Min. 1-0-1)                               |

Before the 1970 merger expanded the playoff system, NFL teams tied atop their division were pitted in single games for rights to attend the league championship. The Packers played two such games, losing to the Bears in 1941 and defeating the Colts in 1965.

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: 43-23, fourth season  
Mike Shanahan: 106-66, 11th season

**Packers vs. Broncos:**

All-time regular season: 3-6-1  
Postseason: 0-1 (Super Bowl XXXII, at San Diego)  
Last meeting, regular season: Oct. 17, 1999  
Mile High Stadium (Broncos won, 31-10)  
Last meeting, Green Bay: Dec. 8, 1996  
Lambeau Field (Packers won, 41-6)

- ▶ The Packers are undefeated (3-0-1) in Wisconsin against Denver. They're 0-6 outside Wisconsin, including Super Bowl XXXII.
- ▶ Green Bay plays three consecutive AFC teams for the first time since 1999; that year, the Packers also met three straight from the AFC West: at Denver, at San Diego and home vs. Seattle (the Seahawks joined the NFC in 2002).

- ▶ Green Bay has not dropped a regular-season finale on home turf in 36 years (the last regular-season game Vince Lombardi coached for the Packers). It was Dec. 17, 1967, when one of Lombardi's coaching pupils, Bill Austin, beat his mentor, 24-17. The Packers would go on to win the Ice Bowl and Super Bowl II.

**SHORT-WEEK RECORD:** Green Bay has won seven consecutive games after playing Monday night.

- ▶ Under Mike Sherman (2000-03), the Packers are 7-1, their only loss a 2000 setback at Tampa Bay.
- ▶ Brett Favre (1992-2003) is 18-5, including a 9-1 mark at home, the week after playing Monday night.
- ▶ The team is 2-0 this season, with wins over Seattle (Oct. 5) and at Tampa Bay (Nov. 16).

**INDIVIDUAL LEAGUE HONORS WITHIN REACH:** Two Packers players can finish 2003 atop significant statistical categories.

- ▶ Brett Favre can lead the league in TD passes (more below) and completion percentage.
- ▶ Ahman Green could become the first Packers back since John Brockington in 1973 to lead the NFC in rushing.

**FAVRE BIDS FOR TD-PASS CROWN:** Brett Favre hasn't led the league in TD passes since his last of three straight MVP seasons, 1997.

- ▶ The quarterback would tie the NFL record by leading the league for a fourth overall season, matching Johnny Unitas (1957-60), Len Dawson (1962-63, 1965-66) and Steve Young (1992-94, 1998).
- ▶ Favre enters the final weekend with a solid cushion in the race:

|                |       |    |
|----------------|-------|----|
| B.Favre, GB    | ..... | 31 |
| P.Manning, Ind | ..... | 28 |
| B.Johnson, TB  | ..... | 26 |
| J.Kitna, Cin   | ..... | 26 |

**FAVRE BIDS FOR MOST ACCURATE STATUS:** Favre (65.8) heads into the weekend trailing Peyton Manning (66.9) in the race for the NFL's top completion percentage.

- ▶ Favre can establish a career high and franchise record (both 64.1 in 1992).

**ON THE OFFENSIVE:** The Packers have scored 79 points over the last two games, their most in a two-game stretch since Nov. 16-23, 1997.

**USUALLY IN 'EM:** Green Bay has held a lead in 14 of its 15 games, the last 14 in a row. The only game in which the Packers did not lead was the opener, a 30-25 loss to Minnesota.

**EARLY DEPARTURES:** For the third time this season last weekend, the Packers departed one day early for a road

trip. They're now 3-0 (Tampa Bay, San Diego, Oakland).

**FOURTH-DOWN DEFENSE:** Opponents have converted only one of their last eight on fourth down against Green Bay.

**IF NOT FOR JAMAL LEWIS:** Green might have led the league in rushing. A look at the best individual rushing seasons by those who didn't win the title, since the dawn of the 16-game schedule in 1978:

| Year | Yards | Player              | Team | Winner         | Team       | Yards |
|------|-------|---------------------|------|----------------|------------|-------|
| 1998 | 1,846 | Jamal Anderson      | ATL  | Terrell Davis  | DEN        | 2,008 |
| 1985 | 1,716 | Gerald Riggs        | ATL  | Marcus Allen   | LA Raiders | 1,759 |
| 1992 | 1,690 | Barry Foster        | PIT  | Emmitt Smith   | DAL        | 1,713 |
| 1984 | 1,684 | Walter Payton       | CHI  | Eric Dickerson | LA Rams    | 2,105 |
| 2002 | 1,683 | LaDainian Tomlinson | SD   | Ricky Williams | MIA        | 1,853 |
| 1997 | 1,665 | Jerome Bettis       | PIT  | Terrell Davis  | DEN        | 1,750 |
| 1981 | 1,646 | Tony Dorsett        | DAL  | George Rogers  | NO         | 1,674 |
| 2002 | 1,615 | Priest Holmes       | KC   | Ricky Williams | MIA        | 1,853 |
| 1979 | 1,610 | Walter Payton       | CHI  | Earl Campbell  | HOU        | 1,697 |
| 1979 | 1,605 | Otis Anderson       | STL  | Earl Campbell  | HOU        | 1,697 |

**GREEN EYES TD RECORD:** Green already has 18 touchdowns this season. Most overall Packers touchdowns in a season, since 1932:

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

**TALK ABOUT A TEAM EFFORT:** Favre Monday night turned in a career-high 154.9 passer rating. He did it by completing passes to 12 receivers, believed to be a franchise record.

- ▶ Since the NFL introduced the 16-game schedule in 1978, the most receivers who've caught passes in a single game had been 10 (nine times).
- ▶ In fact, Favre had not hit as many as 10 in a game until last season; he's now done it four times (twice in 2002, twice in 2003).
- ▶ During four seasons (1978, 1982, 1983 and 1985) 12 players didn't catch a pass over the entire season.

**FAVRE ECLIPSES TARKENTON:** Brett Favre (345) put No. 2 Fran Tarkenton (342) in his rear-view mirror Monday night, and now looks up at only Dan Marino (420).

- ▶ At his current pace, Favre would not catch Marino until 2006.
- ▶ Favre has eight touchdown passes in two games, tying a career high (1995 and 1996).
- ▶ His most over a three-game stretch is 11, from Nov. 12-26, 1995.

**THE TOUCHDOWN STREAK:** Brett Favre has thrown a touchdown pass in 24 straight games, eclipsing 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):

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| <b>24</b> | <b>Brett Favre (Weeks 9-17, 2002; Weeks 1-16, 2003) (current)</b> |
| 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)                 |
| 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 |

**SHERMAN DEC. 1 AND LATER:** GM/head coach Mike Sherman is 16-2 (.889) in regular-season games during December and January.

**FAVRE DEC. 1 AND LATER:** Since 1992, Favre and the Packers are 40-12 (.769) in regular-season games during December and January. No other quarterback or team has a better mark during that span.

**MOST PLAYOFF BERTHS SINCE 1993:** If the Packers make the playoffs, they'll have nine postseason appearances over an 11-year span (1993-2003). The most playoff berths the Packers have achieved over any previous 11-year period is six (1960-67). Only San Francisco (also eight) has as many since the 1993 season. Miami and Pittsburgh have seven.

**OTHER FAVRE MILESTONES:**

- ▶ Needs 25 attempts to surpass No. 4 Fran Tarkenton (6,467) on the NFL's all-time list.
- ▶ With his 190th game in a Packers uniform Monday, Favre tied No. 2 Ray Nitschke (1958-72) on the Packers' all-time list. Bart Starr (1956-71) is first with 196. Favre's played in 190 consecutive contests, now the longest streak in team annals (Forrest Gregg, 187).
- ▶ Has reached 30 TD passes for a seventh overall season (also 1994-98 and 2001) and extended his own NFL record. No. 2 Dan Marino (four) is the only other player in history with at least four 30-TD seasons.
- ▶ Has reached 3,000 yards for a 12th overall season, and tied No. 2 John Elway (1985-91, 1993-97) on the NFL's all-time list. Dan Marino (13) paces the list. By reaching 3,000 for a 12th *consecutive* year, Favre has extended his own NFL record.

**GAME-OPENING DRIVES:** In five games this season, the Packers have driven for a touchdown on their opening possession, including the last two contests. They've outscored opponents on first drives, 38-24.

**MONDAY LEFTOVERS:**

- ▶ The Packers turned in the third most prolific offensive effort in their storied history — 548 yards. The only other higher totals: 628 at Philly, Nov. 11, 1962; and 569 at Tampa Bay, Oct. 12, 1980.
- ▶ Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila with three sacks became the first player in franchise history with double-digit sacks over three consecutive seasons.
- ▶ The teams combined to use six quarterbacks, probably one of the few instances, if not the first, in league annals in which both third quarterbacks entered the game. Green Bay's Craig Nall made his NFL debut, taking the final two kneel-downs.
- ▶ Green Bay halted both Oakland red-zone penetrations with a takeaway.

**Toughest Quarterbacks:** Tennessee's Steve McNair has recently gained a lot of attention for playing through injury, while injuries have caused several other teams to start multiple quarterbacks this season. In fact, McNair and Brett Favre can make the case that they are two of the toughest quarterbacks ever. A comparison of the two, since McNair became a full-time starter at the beginning of 1997.

|                     | McNair      | Favre       |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Games Missed        | 7           | 0           |
| Starts Missed       | 8           | 0           |
| Winning Percentage  | 64-38, .627 | 74-37, .667 |
| Playoff Appearances | 3           | 4           |
| 2003 Record         | 10-4, .714  | 9-6, .600   |

**RED-ZONE DEFENSE:** Green Bay opponents have scored just three touchdowns in their last 15 red-zone possessions (.200; since Nov. 16 at Tampa Bay).

- ▶ The Packers (.419) rank second in the NFC in red-zone defense, behind Tampa Bay (.371). They're sixth in the NFL.

**THIS JUST IN — TURNOVER RATIO HELPS WINNING:**

The Packers are plus-10 in turnover ratio over their last three games, all wins.

- ▶ Green Bay is plus-13 in its nine wins.
- ▶ The Packers are minus-15 in their six losses.

**NO SACKS ALLOWED:** The Packers are among league leaders, allowing just 17 sacks.

- ▶ The team is now 5-1 in games without allowing a sack.

**Longest current scoring streaks, NFL**

The Packers now have scored in 200 consecutive games...The last team to blank Green Bay was Chicago, Oct. 17, 1991 (10-0 at Lambeau)...On Oct. 7, 2001, at Tampa, the team broke the previous franchise record, 156 games (Nov. 9, 1958 — Dec. 21, 1969)...The Packers have scored in every game under Vince Lombardi, Mike Holmgren, Ray Rhodes and Mike Sherman.

**LONGEST CURRENT NFL TEAM SCORING STREAKS**

| Streak     | Team                     | Began             |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| 417        | San Francisco 49ers      | 10/16/1977        |
| 203        | Minnesota Vikings        | 9/29/1991         |
| <b>200</b> | <b>Green Bay Packers</b> | <b>10/27/1991</b> |
| 180        | Denver Broncos           | 11/30/1992        |

- ▶ Green Bay's six games without a sack mark its most since 1960, when the Packers recorded eight such games (the single-season record).
- ▶ According to Elias, the Packers went three consecutive games without allowing a sack for the first time in team history, 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 28 games overall (13 of 16 games in 2001, all 15 in 2003).

**LONGWELL ALONE:** Ryan Longwell (837) is now the Packers' all-time leading scorer.

- ▶ By breaking Hutson's record Dec. 14, Longwell reached 100 points and became one of only three players ever to reach the century mark in each of his first seven seasons (joining Jason Elam and Adam Vinatieri).
- ▶ 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.

**FIRST 100-YARDERS:** Donald Driver at San Diego Dec. 14 recorded the Packers' first 100-yard receiving game since Robert Ferguson, Dec. 8, 2002, vs. Min.

- ▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, that 16-game drought was 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.

**NO. 3 REMEMBERED:** The Packers are wearing a decal on their helmets to honor Tony Canadeo, the Packers' Hall of Fame running back, passed away Nov. 29. Nicknamed the Grey Ghost, he was believed to have served the organization longer than any person in team history, 59 years. 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)

**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.

**CONFERENCE'S BEST RED-ZONE OFFENSE:** Across the league, only the Chiefs (.776) own a better touchdown percentage inside the 20-yard line. Green Bay (.653) paces the NFC.

**FAVRE PASSES GREGG:** Ironman Brett Favre on Dec. 7 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 .....190
  - Games started, regular season .....188
  - Games played, including postseason .....207
  - Games started, including postseason .....205

**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 17 yards Sunday, 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)              |
| <b>5,467</b> | <b>Ahman Green, 2000-03 (3-plus seasons)</b> |
| 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 Brockington.

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

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 4 | <b>Ahman Green, 2003</b>           |
| 3 | John Brockington, 1971             |
|   | Dorsey Levens, 1997                |
|   | <b>Ahman Green, 2003</b>           |
| 2 | 16 times (last: Ahman Green, 2002) |
- ▶ Also established the franchise record for most 100-yard games in a season:
 

|   |                          |   |                     |
|---|--------------------------|---|---------------------|
| 9 | <b>Ahman Green, 2003</b> | 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 has 39 rushing TD, surpassing No. 3 Verne Lewellen (1924-32) for third all-time, behind Jim Taylor (81) and Paul Hornung (50).

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

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 192 | <b>Ahman Green, vs. Phil., Nov. 10, 2003 (29 att)</b> |
| 190 | Dorsey Levens, vs. DalC, Nov. 23, 1997 (33 att)       |
| 186 | Jim Taylor, vs. NYG, Dec. 3, 1961 (27 att)            |
| 176 | <b>Ahman Green, at Chi., Sept. 29, 2003 (19 att)</b>  |
| 169 | <b>Ahman Green, vs. TB, Nov. 4, 2001 (24 att)</b>     |
| 167 | Billy Grimes, vs. NYG, 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.

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|--|---|
| <b>Highest Average Gain, Career (750 Attempts)</b> |   |
| 4.60   | <b>Ahman Green (1,188-5,467)</b>              |
| 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

**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 12-3. 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 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.

**WHEN FERGUSON STEPS UP:** When Robert Ferguson is either the Packers' leading receiver and/or catches a touchdown, Green Bay is 7-0.

| Opponent, Date         | No | Yds | Avg  | Lng | TD | Final     |
|------------------------|----|-----|------|-----|----|-----------|
| at San Diego, 12/14/03 | 2  | 56  | 28.0 | 40t | 2  | W, 38-21  |
| 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

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

|            |        |                           |
|------------|--------|---------------------------|
| 166        | .....* | Rich Wingo, 1979          |
| <b>124</b> | .....* | <b>Nick Barnett, 2003</b> |
| 123        | .....* | Johnnie Gray, 1975        |
| 111        | .....  | Michael Hunt, 1978        |
| 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    |     |       |                       |

**BEST IN NFL HISTORY:** According to Elias Sports Bureau, Brett Favre enters Monday's contest averaging more TD passes per game than any player in league annals (minimum 150 TD), including Dan Marino:

| Avg           | Player             | TD         | GP         | All-time Rk |
|---------------|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| <b>1.7969</b> | <b>Brett Favre</b> | <b>345</b> | <b>192</b> | <b>2</b>    |
| 1.7474        | Peyton Manning     | 166        | 95         | 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        | 3           |
| 1.3744        | Johnny Unitas      | 290        | 211        | 6           |
| 1.3728        | Steve Young        | 232        | 169        | 17          |

**UNITAS IN REAR-VIEW MIRROR:** Favre if the Packers win Sunday 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        |
| <b>Brett Favre, GB</b>       | ..... <b>124</b> | <b>64</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>.660</b> |
| Johnny Unitas, BalC-SD       | .....119         | 63        | 4        | .651        |
| Joe Montana, SF-KC           | .....117         | 47        | 0        | .713        |
| Terry Bradshaw, Pitt         | .....107         | 51        | 0        | .677        |
| Warren Moon, HouO-Min-Sea-KC | .....102         | 98        | 0        | .510        |

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

**TAKEAWAY TALK:** Since Ed Donatell took over the defense in 2000, the Packers have gone 24-1 (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 28-3 (17-0 at home) when committing one or fewer turnovers.

► Including the Oct. 5 win over Seattle and Monday at Oakland, they're also 9-0 under Sherman in turnover-free games. Over a longer stretch, the team has won 15 straight zero-turnover contests, dating to a loss at Minnesota, Dec. 1, 1997.

**Chinks in Favre's armor**

For the 10th time during his ironman games-played streak, Brett Favre is playing in pain. A case-by-case look at Favre's stretches of playing in pain:

| <b>Injury</b>                                   | <b>Sustained</b>        | <b>First game back, result</b> | <b>Notes</b>   |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| First-degree separation, left shoulder          | vs. Phi.; Nov. 15, 1992 | at Chi.; Nov. 22, 1992         | W Led Packers to comeback win over Eagles, with injury   |
| Deep thigh bruise                               | vs. TB; Nov. 28, 1993   | at Chi.; Dec. 5, 1993          | L Limping, threw game-winning TD on play after injury vs. TB; next week, set career highs in completions and passing yards   |
| Severely bruised left hip                       | at Min.; Oct. 20, 1994  | at Chi.; Oct. 31, 1994         | W Career-high 58 yards rushing, TD, at Chicago in cold rain  |
| Severely sprained left ankle                    | at Min.; Nov. 5, 1995   | vs. Chi.; Nov. 12, 1995        | W Missed most of second half at Min.; didn't practice all week, rebounded vs. Bears for highest career passer rating (147.2) |
| Wind knocked out (twice)                        | vs. Pit.; Dec. 24, 1995 | vs. Atl.; Dec. 31, 1995        | W Packers called timeout; Favre coughed up blood on sideline, returned to lead team to division-clinching win vs. Steelers   |
| Sprained thumb, right hand                      | vs. Den.; Aug. 23, 1999 | vs. Oak.; Sept. 12, 1999       | W Aggravated several times early in season; played most of year with injury  |
| Tendinitis, right elbow                         | (training camp)         | vs. NYJ.; Sept. 3, 2000        | L Missed final three preseason games; battled much of season   |
| Left mid-foot sprain                            | at TB; Nov. 12, 2000    | vs. Ind.; Nov. 19, 2000        | W Warren Sapp sack; 23-of-36, 301 yards, 2 TD vs. Ind.   |
| Sprained lateral collateral ligament, left knee | vs. Was.; Oct. 20, 2002 | vs. Mia.; Nov. 4, 2002         | W LaVar Arrington sack; wore brace most of remaining games   |
| Broken thumb, right hand                        | at StL; Oct. 19, 2003   | at Min.; Nov. 2, 2003          | W Throws three touchdowns, 18-of-28 passing  |

**Non-losing decades, NFL history**

In 2001, the Packers captured the NFC's longest active streak of non-losing seasons, now 12. 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)...

| <b>Team</b>                       | <b>Consecutive Non-Losing Seasons</b> | <b>Years</b>     |                  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Miami Dolphins                    | 15                                    | 1989-2003        | (current)        |
| <b>Green Bay Packers</b>          | <b>12</b>                             | <b>1992-2003</b> | <b>(current)</b> |
| 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          |                  |
| <b>Green Bay Packers</b>          | <b>14</b>                             | <b>1934-47</b>   |                  |
| Detroit Lions/Portsmouth Spartans | 10                                    | 1931-40          |                  |
| Chicago Bears                     | 15                                    | 1930-44          |                  |
| <b>Green Bay Packers</b>          | <b>12</b>                             | <b>1921-32</b>   |                  |

NOTE — Streaks listed in reverse chronological order.