

GREEN BAY

NFC NORTH



Head Coach: Mike McCarthy (5th year)
Off. Coord: Joe Philbin; Def. Coord: Dom Capers
2009 Record: SUR 11-6, PSR 11-6, O-U 9-8
Field: Lambeau Field (60,890) Grass



The Pack is back, alright. In fact, almost all of the way back. Which is why we're a bit perplexed at some of Green Bay's offseason moves...or should we say lack thereof?

Even the best of teams usually doesn't stand pat in this day and age in the NFL. But, barring some late free-agent wheeling and dealing or highly unlikely trades, the Packers look as if they are going to attack 2010 with almost the same roster that made a pretty good fist of it in 2009.

Not that it might be a bad idea. Indeed, most observers believe the Pack progressed back to elite status last season, finishing 11-5 and advancing to the postseason just a year removed from an infuriating 6-10 mess that featured an astounding 0-7 mark (!) in games decided by four points or fewer. Not to mention silencing the remaining Brett Favre groupies who were still upset at Green Bay for dealing away their hero in the summer of 2008. *Of course, it didn't help that Favre surfaced last season with the Vikings, of all teams, and tormented his old employer in a pair of wins that would eventually decide supremacy in the NFC North.* But nobody is saying any longer that GM Ted Thompson and HC Mike McCarthy made the wrong decision by making the switch to Aaron Rodgers at QB two years ago. *In fact, last year's Pack, with Rodgers at the helm, scored more points (461) than any team in franchise history.* As for Rodgers, he's bettered 4000 YP in each of his first two seasons as a starter and is part of an intriguing trivia answer, as Green Bay's 2008-09 versions are the first in NFL history to have a QB pass for more than 4000 yards (Rodgers), a RB gain over 1200 yards (Ryan Grant), and a pair of 1000-yard receivers (Donald Driver and Greg Jennings) in back-to-back seasons. Although the shadow of Favre hasn't completely abandoned Lambeau Field (*and probably won't as long as Brett stays active and keeps winning*), most cheeseheads seem to have finally accepted Rodgers as their new leader.

Which is all fine and dandy, especially in combination with a defense that adapted to new d.c. Dom Capers' 3-4 like ducks take to water a year ago. More on that in a moment. *But what was the deal with Thompson and McCarthy mostly sitting on their hands in the first wave of free agency, when a couple of roster tweaks might be all Green Bay needs to get over the hump?*

Thompson's conservative personnel policy might make Pat Buchanan smile, but we wonder about a contending team simply adding via the draft rather than the quick-fix route through free agency or trades. Thompson addressed OL concerns by drafting Iowa T Bryan Bulaga in the first round instead of looking for reinforcements from the FA ranks, and he mostly avoided upgrades for a secondary (save Georgia Tech 3rd-round pick Morgan Burnett) that appeared to need them when its lack of depth was ruthlessly exposed in late-season shootout losses vs. the Steelers and in the wild 51-45 OT loss at Arizona in the Wild Card round. *Thompson did retain FAs such as OTs Chad Clifton and Mark Tauscher and a few others, but time will tell if he could have done more.*

Capers' platoon might have been just as responsible for last year's rebound as was the Rodgers-led offense. Defenders mostly embraced the switch to Capers' 3-4 scheme and posted some fine numbers, such as leading the league in rush defense (only 83 ypg) and takeaways (40 of 'em!), as well as vet CB Charles Woodson earning NFL Defensive MVP honors. With Woodson at 34, however, and with fellow CB Al Harris (on the mend from serious knee surgery and ? for September) at 35, Green Bay is running a real risk on the edge if either loses a step or two. Still, more familiarity in Capers' system can only help the unit, whose only noteworthy loss from LY was LB Aaron Kampman, never entirely comfortable with the switch from his old DE position in Capers' 3-4 before signing a FA deal with Jacksonville.

The only concerns on McCarthy's West Coast offense appear to be along the OL, which wasn't helped by Rodgers' tendency to hold on to the ball under pressure and resulting sack numbers (a league-worst 50 LY), and where age and injury issues are a concern. Otherwise, all of the key skill position weapons (Rodgers, Grant, Jennings, Driver, and TE Jermichael Finley, who had a breakout 2009 with 55 catches) return, although PK Mason Crosby might be on a short leash following a very so-so campaign (27 of 36 FGs).

Bottom line...With 21 of 22 starters back from LY's playoff team, the Pack should be in the mix again. But windows of opportunity can shut just as quickly as they open in the NFL, and we can't help but wonder if Green Bay isn't going to end up wishing it was just a bit more aggressive in the offseason. *Can the Pack overtake NFC contenders such as the Saints, Cowboys and Vikings by only adding a few rookies?*

PRESEASON NOTES: McCarthy is 5-3 vs. the line in home exhibitions since taking over, and he loves offense (8-1 "over" his last 9).

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REGULAR-SEASON STAT LEADERS

PASSING	PA	PC	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	RAT
A. Rodgers	350	541	4434	64.7	30	7	103.2
M. Flynn	7	12	58	58.3	0	1	36.1
TOTAL	357	553	4492	64.6	30	8	101.8

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
R. Grant	282	1253	4.4	62	11
A. Rodgers	58	316	5.4	35	5
A. Green	41	160	3.9	26	1
B. Jackson	37	111	3.0	9	2
TOTAL	438	1885	4.3	62	20

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
G. Jennings	68	1113	16.4	83	4
D. Driver	70	1061	15.2	71	6
J. Finley	55	676	12.3	62	5
J. Jones	32	440	13.8	74	5
J. Nelson	22	320	14.5	51	2
D. Lee	37	260	7.0	19	1
R. Grant	25	197	7.9	27	0
B. Jackson	21	187	8.9	17	1
TOTAL	357	4492	12.6	83	30

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
M. Crosby	1/1	13/13	7/9	4/7	2/6
TOTAL	1/1	13/13	7/9	4/7	2/6

DEFENSE	Total	Tackles	Assists	Sacks	FR
N. Barnett	105	82	23	4.0	0
A. Hawk	89	67	22	1.0	0
C. Woodson	74	66	8	2.0	4
T. Williams	55	46	9	1.0	0
N. Collins	53	44	9	1.0	0
C. Matthews	51	37	14	10.0	1
A. Bigby	49	37	12	0.0	0
B. Chiller	42	32	10	2.0	0
A. Kampman	42	30	12	3.5	1
A. Harris	34	29	5	1.0	0
B. Jones	33	26	7	4.0	0
J. Bush	28	25	3	0.0	0
J. Jolly	39	24	15	1.0	1
C. Jenkins	32	23	9	4.5	3
R. Pickett	33	22	11	0.0	0
D. Martin	25	20	5	0.0	0
B. Raji	25	19	6	1.0	0
D. Bishop	29	18	11	0.0	1
B. Poppinga	23	16	7	1.0	0
S. Havner	19	16	3	0.0	0
K. Hall	11	9	2	0.0	0
B. Underwood	11	8	3	0.0	0
TOTAL	982	769	213	37	12
OPPONENTS	1100	888	212	51	12

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
C. Woodson	9	179	19.9	45	3
N. Collins	6	110	18.3	31	0
T. Williams	4	94	23.5	67	0
A. Bigby	4	14	3.5	14	0
TOTAL	30	477	15.9	67	3
OPPONENTS	8	171	21.4	80	1

2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
S.12 Philadelphia	(SUR: 11-6 PSR: 11-6 O-U: 9-8)	(SUR: 6-10 PSR: 8-8 O-U: 9-7)	(SUR: 14-4 PSR: 13-4-1 O-U: 14-4)	(SUR: 8-8 PSR: 7-9 O-U: 8-8)
S.19 BUFFALO	S.13* CHICAGO W -4' 21-15 u46'	S.08* MINNESOTA W -2' 24-19 o38	S.09 PHILADELPHIA W +3' 16-13 u32'	S.10 CHICAGO L +3' 0-26 u35
S.27* Chicago	S.20 CINCINNATI L -8' 24-31 o41'	S.14 Detroit W -3' 48-25 o46	S.16 NY Giants W +2' 35-13 o29'	S.17 NEW ORLEANS L +2' 27-34 o38
O.03 DETROIT	S.27 St. Louis W -6' 36-17 o42'	S.21* DALLAS L +3' 16-27 u51	S.23 SAN DIEGO W -5' 31-24 o43'	S.24 Detroit W +6' 31-24 o39
O.10 Washington	O.05* Minnesota L +3' 23-30 o45'	S.28 Tampa Bay L +1' 21-30 o43	S.30 Minnesota W -1' 23-16 o38	O.02* Philadelphia L +11' 9-31 u48'
O.17 MIAMI	O.11 Open Week	O.05 ATLANTA L -5' 24-27 o42'	O.07* CHICAGO L -3' 20-27 o40'	O.08 ST. LOUIS L +2' 20-23 u46'
O.24* MINNESOTA	O.18 DETROIT W -14' 26-0 u48	O.12 Seattle W +1' 27-17 u45	O.14 WASHINGTON N -3' 17-14 u40'	O.15 Bye
O.31 NY Jets	O.25 Cleveland W -8' 31-3 u41'	O.19 INDIANAPOLIS W +2' 34-14 o47	O.21 Bye	O.22 Miami W +5' 34-24 o40
N.07* DALLAS	N.01 MINNESOTA L -3' 26-38 o47	O.26 Bye	O.29* Denver-OT W +3' 19-13 u42'	O.29 ARIZONA W -4' 31-14 o44'
N.14 Bye	N.08 Tampa Bay L -9' 28-38 o43	N.02 Tennessee-OT W +4' 16-19 u41	N.04 Kansas City W +2' 33-22 o37'	N.05 Buffalo L +3' 10-24 u41
N.21 Minnesota	N.15 DALLAS W +3' 17-7 u47'	N.09 Minnesota W +2' 27-28 o44'	N.11 MINNESOTA W -5' 34-0 u40'	N.12 Minnesota W +5' 23-17 o39
N.28 Atlanta	N.22 S. FRANCISCO L -6' 30-24 o42'	N.16 CHICAGO W -3' 37-3 u43	N.18 CAROLINA W -9' 31-17 o37'	N.19 NEW ENGLAND L +5' 0-35 u45
D.05 SAN FRANCISCO	N.26 Detroit W -11' 34-12 u47'	N.24* New Orleans L -2' 29-51 o51'	N.22 Detroit W -3' 37-26 o47	N.27* Seattle L +9' 24-34 o43'
D.12 Detroit	D.07* BALTIMORE W -3' 27-14 u42'	N.30 CAROLINA L -3' 31-35 o41'	N.29* Dallas L +7' 27-37 o51	D.03 NY JETS L +1' 10-38 u41'
D.19* New England	D.13 Chicago W -4' 21-14 u41	D.07 HOUSTON L -6' 21-24 u47'	D.09 OAKLAND W -10' 38-7 o40'	D.10 San Francisco W +4' 30-19 o44
D.26 NY GIANTS	D.20 Pittsburgh W +2' 36-37 o41'	D.14 Jacksonville L -2' 16-20 u45'	D.16 St. Louis W -7' 33-14 o45	D.17 DETROIT W -5' 17-9 u44'
J.02 CHICAGO	D.27 SEATTLE W -14' 48-10 o42	D.22* Chicago-OT W +4' 17-20 u40'	D.23 Chicago L -8' 7-35 o33	D.21* MINNESOTA L -3' 9-7 u37
	J.03 GREEN BAY W +3' 33-7 u43	D.28 DETROIT L -10' 31-21 o42	D.30 DETROIT W -4' 34-13 o38	D.31* Chicago W +3' 26-7 u36'
	J.10 Arizona-OT-P L +1' 45-51 o47'		J.12 SEATTLE-P W -7' 42-20 o43	
			J.20* NY GIANTS-OT-P L -7' 20-23 o41	

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GREEN BAY 2009 REGULAR SEASON TEAM STATS

	PACKERS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	335	272
FIRST DOWNS (Rushing-passing-by penalty)	102-201-32	68-168-36
THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS	103/219	76/211
FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS	3/9	10/25
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	6065	4551
OFFENSE (Plays-Average Yards)	1042-5.8	948-4.8
TOTAL RUSHING YARDS	1885	1333
RUSHING (Plays-Average Yards)	438-4.3	371-3.6
TOTAL PASSING YARDS	4180	3218
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-Avg)	357-553-8-8.1	294-540-30-6.4
SACKS	37	51
FIELD GOALS	27/36	13/17
TOUCHDOWNS	54	36
(Rushing-Passing>Returns-Defensive)	20-30-0-4	5-29-0-2
TIME OF POSSESSION	33:02	26:57

Green Bay 2010 Draft Picks

Rd	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1 (23)	Bryan Bulaga	OT	6'5"	314	Iowa
2 (56)	Mike Neal	DT	6'3"	294	Purdue
3 (71)	Morgan Burnett	SS	6'1"	209	Georgia Tech
5 (154)	Andrew Quarless	TE	6'4"	254	Penn State
5 (169)	Marshall Newhouse	OT	6'4"	319	TCU
6 (193)	James Starks	RB	6'2"	218	Buffalo
7 (230)	C.J. Wilson	DE	6'3"	290	East Carolina

PROJECTED OFFENSE

QB	12 Aaron Rodgers	10 Matt Flynn
	13 Chris Pizzotti	7 Graham Harrell
RB	25 Ryan Grant	32 Brandon Jackson
	44 James Starks (6th Rd)	28 Kregg Lumpkin
FB	30 John Kuhn	35 Korey Hall
WR	85 Greg Jennings	87 Jordy Nelson
	16 Brett Swain	18 Patrick Williams
WR	80 Donald Driver	89 James Jones
TE	88 Jermichael Finley	86 Donald Lee
	41 Spencer Havner	81 Andrew Quarless (5th Rd)
LT	76 Chad Clifton	75 Bryan Bulaga (1st Rd)
LG	72 Jason Spitz	70 T.J. Lang
		73 Daryn Colledge
C	63 Scott Wells	62 Evan Dietrich-Smith
RG	71 Josh Sitton	74 Marshall Newhouse (5th Rd)
RT	65 Mark Tauscher	78 Allen Barbre
		68 Breno Giacomini

PROJECTED DEFENSE

DE	97 Johnny Jolly	94 Jarius Wynn
NT	79 Ryan Pickett	90 B.J. Raji
DE	77 Cullen Jenkins	91 Justin Harrell
		96 Mike Neal (2nd Rd)
OLB	59 Brad Jones	57 Cyril Obiozor
ILB	50 A.J. Hawk	55 Desmond Bishop
ILB	56 Nick Barnett	54 Brandon Chillar
OLB	52 Clay Matthews	51 Brady Poppinga
CB	21 Charles Woodson	24 Jarrett Bush
S	20 Atari Bigby	42 Morgan Burnett (3rd Rd)
S	36 Nick Collins	29 Derrick Martin
CB	31 Al Harris	38 Tramon Williams

PROJECTED SPECIALISTS

K	2 Mason Crosby	9 Chris Bryan
P	8 Tim Masthay	

GREEN BAY PACKERS POINTSPREAD BREAKDOWN (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)

	SUR	Spread	Home SUR	Home Sprd	Road SUR	Road Sprd	SB Sprd	Fav Sprd	Fav>3 Sprd	Dog Sprd	After SUL
2009	11-6	11-6	6-2	5-3	5-4	6-3	---	8-4	8-3	3-2	4-1
2008	6-10	8-8	4-4	3-5	2-6	5-3	---	3-5	1-3	5-3	4-6
2007	14-4	13-4-1	8-2	7-2-1	6-2	6-2	---	8-3-1	7-2	5-1	2-0-1
2006	8-8	7-9	3-5	2-6	5-3	5-3	---	2-1	2-1	5-8	4-4
2005	4-12	6-10	3-5	3-5	1-7	3-5	---	2-3	1-3	4-6	6-6
L5 Years	43-40	45-37-1	24-18	20-21-1	19-22	25-16	---	23-16-1	19-12	22-20	20-17-1

GREEN BAY PACKERS 2009

REGULAR SEASON STAT RANKINGS

OFFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	379.1	6
FIRST DOWNS (Per Game)	20.9	T-6
POINTS PER GAME	28.8	3
RUSHING (Yds. Per Game)	117.8	14
RUSHING TDS	20	5
PASSING OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	261.2	7
PASSING COMPLETION %	64.6	9
PASSING TDS	30	4
FIELD GOALS	27	T-6
TIME OF POSSESSION	33:03	2
DEFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	284.4	2
SCORING DEFENSE	18.6	7
RUSHING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	83.3	1
PASSING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	201.1	5
PASS COMPLETION%	54.4	2
INTERCEPTIONS	30	1
SACKS	37	T-11
TOTAL TEAM PENALTIES	118	1
TURNOVER MARGIN	+24	1

GREEN BAY—2009 Game-by-Game Statistics, including playoffs

OPPONENT	OFFENSE						DEFENSE					
	PF	PA	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-YP	SK	F-FL	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-YP	SK	F-FR		
Chicago	21	15	22/76	17/28/0/150	4	0-0	31/86	17/36/4/266	2	0-0		
Cincinnati	24	31	18/89	21/39/0/222	6	2-1	34/151	15/23/2/168	2	2-0		
St. Louis	36	17	37/152	13/23/0/250	2	0-0	33/149	19/35/1/187	1	2-2		
Minnesota	23	30	17/82	26/37/1/342	8	2-1	30/63	24/32/0/271	0	1-1		
Detroit	26	0	30/107	29/37/1/328	5	3-1	18/78	11/25/3/71	5	2-0		
Cleveland	31	3	41/202	16/22/0/258	0	0-0	21/58	12/29/1/81	2	3-1		
Minnesota	26	38	19/90	27/42/0/261	6	3-0	32/111	17/28/0/244	0	2-2		
Tampa Bay	28	38	32/170	17/35/3/234	6	0-0	25/81	14/31/1/198	1	2-0		
Dallas	17	7	28/105	25/36/0/178	4	2-0	14/61	24/39/1/217	5	3-2		
San Francisco	30	24	32/158	32/45/0/326	2	1-0	10/69	16/33/1/215	3	1-0		
Detroit	34	12	27/80	28/39/0/342	1	2-2	23/73	20/43/4/199	2	1-1		
Baltimore	27	14	27/94	26/40/2/256	1	2-1	21/66	15/36/3/119	3	2-1		
Chicago	21	14	31/146	16/24/0/169	2	3-2	17/59	23/36/2/195	3	1-0		
Pittsburgh	36	37	12/60	26/48/0/376	1	0-0	19/65	29/46/0/472	5	0-0		
Seattle	48	10	32/153	16/29/0/264	1	1-0	29/115	19/37/4/176	3	0-0		
Arizona	33	7	34/109	22/29/1/236	1	0-0	14/48	19/31/3/139	0	1-0		
Arizona	45	51	20/90	28/42/1/403	5	3-2	23/156	29/33/0/375	1	3-1		

GREEN BAY TEAM STATISTICS 2006-2009 (INCLUDING ALL PLAYOFF GAMES)

YEAR	OFFENSE													DEFENSE																					
	SUR	PSR	PF	PA	FD	RA	RY	YPC	F-FL	T-R-P	PC	PA	PI	SK	YP	YPP	YPT	FD	RA	RY	YPC	F-FR	T-R-P	PC	PA	PI	SK	YP	YPP	YPT	DIF	APR	OPR	TM	TO
2009	11-6	11-6	30	20	22	27	115	4.3	24-10	60-22-34	23	35	9	55	270	7.7	13.0	18	23	88	3.8	26-11	43-6-34	19	34	30	38	211	6.3	14.6	1.6	2.2	7.2	33	+22
2008	6-10	8-8	26	24	19	27	113	4.1	25-8	48-11-28	21	34	13	34	238	7.0	13.4	18	29	132	4.6	16-6	43-20-22	18	32	22	27	203	6.3	14.1	.7	4.4	5.5	32	+7
2007	14-4	13-4	28	19	19	24	103	4.3	28-11	57-16-35	23	35	17	20	264	7.5	13.3	19	27	101	3.8	24-11	35-9-24	19	34	19	39	210	6.2	16.7	3.5	2.1	6.3	30	+2
2006	8-8	7-9	19	23	19	27	104	3.9	25-15	31-9-17	22	39	18	24	237	6.0	18.1	18	28	114	4.1	29-10	41-12-25	18	32	23	46	207	6.4	14.0	-4.1	10.6	7.7	31	0