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FOURTH PRESEASON GAME

STILL IN CAMP, BUT FEELS LIKE THE SEASON: The Packers moved out of their St. Norbert College dormitories and meeting facilities Saturday. Here's a closer look at the Packers' unique training camp operation:

- ▶ The Packers are one of a growing number of teams who do not leave their regular-season practice facility during training camp. But other than practice, the team does use a college setting to eat, sleep and meet together, at St. Norbert College in De Pere, a 10-minute drive from Lambeau Field.
- ▶ The Packers' 45-year training-camp relationship with St. Norbert, launched in 1958 by head coach Scooter McLean, is the longest in league history. The Vikings (Minnesota State-Mankato, 39 years); Steelers (St. Vincent College, LaTrobe, Pa., 36 years); and N.Y. Jets (Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y., 35 years) are the only other teams with comparable training camp tenures.
- ▶ The Packers are one of few teams that hold formal, daily autograph-signing periods during training camp. Many fans use their summer vacations to travel to camp, which draws thousands of "railbirds" to each practice.
- ▶ No one is sure exactly when it started, but Packers players have been riding kids bikes to training-camp practice for more than 30 years. The tradition is believed to have originated in 1961, when the Packers constructed a new administration building on the stadium's north concourse. Vince Lombardi was the first coach to ask his players to ride bikes to practice, in an effort to further the Packers' unique relationship with their fans.
- ▶ The Packers' full list of training camp sites, since Curly Lambeau launched the tradition in 1947:

1947-49Rockwood Lodge (Bayshore area, north of Green Bay)
 1950-53Grand Rapids, Minn.
 1954-57University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point
 1958-2003St. Norbert College, De Pere, Wis.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR SATURDAY:

- ▶ Green Bay plays its first organized game in Lambeau Field after a 32-month, \$295 million renovation. The stadium will be officially rededicated Sept. 7 vs. Minnesota.
- ▶ Green Bay plays its first game in eight days, after playing three games in 12 days.
- ▶ The Packers meet the Panthers for the first time ever in the preseason. The Houston Texans, Jacksonville Jaguars and, oddly enough, Minnesota Vikings are the only other teams Green Bay has never played during preseason action.

LAMBEAU SWEET LAMBEAU: Few coaches, if any, consider winning at home more important than Mike Sherman.

- ▶ Since Ron Wolf named him head coach before the 2000 season, Green Bay owns the league's best home record, 21-3 (two games better than Miami's 19-5).
- ▶ What's more, Sherman has even gone undefeated at home in preseason. His 6-0 preseason mark over the last three seasons at home is tied for tops in the NFL.

Best preseason home records, 2000-02

Club	W	L	Pct.
Green Bay	6	0	1.000
Oakland	6	0	1.000
Denver	5	1	.833
New England	5	1	.833
San Diego	5	1	.833
Tennessee	5	1	.833

PRESEASON WINNING STREAKS: The Packers did something this season they've been able to do only twice since the 1970 league merger: win in consecutive weeks outside Wisconsin. Green Bay pulled it off in 1970 (at Dallas and at Oakland), and also in 1997 (at Oakland, vs. Buffalo at Toronto).

- ▶ The Packers won three straight preseason games just last season, and can match that streak Saturday.
- ▶ Green Bay this year also has an opportunity, with wins Saturday and next Thursday vs. Tennessee, to win four straight preseason games, something it's done only two times since Vince Lombardi left the sideline after the '67 season (1997 and 1999).

Largest margins of victory, preseason

Margin	Opponent	Date	Final
79	Iron Mountain	Sept. 12, 1926	79-0
75	Cedar Rapids Crush ¹	Sept. 5, 1938	75-0
62	Wisconsin Cardinals of Madison	Sept. 5, 1936	62-0
49	Rockford Maroons	Oct. 2, 1921	49-0
	La Crosse Old Style Lagers	Sept. 8, 1935	49-0

¹—At Ironwood, Mich.

VINCE LOMBARDI TURNS 90: The Packers this year mark what would have been Vince Lombardi's 90th birthday. Some quotes from the coach you may not have heard:

The goal line is the moment of truth; there is no room for a timid person there.

Defeat must be admitted before it is reality.

If two teams are the same in physical ability, it is the team with pride that rakes in the chips.

Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

You must forget about being cautious or you are licked before you start.

Covering kicks is football's biggest test of courage.

Good fellows are a dime a dozen; aggressive leaders are priceless.

Confidence is contagious; so is a lack of confidence.

Pursuit is the shortest course to the ball carrier and arriving there in bad humor.

CAMP HEADLINES: After rookies and free agents reported July 18, the Packers held their first full-squad workouts July 22...First-round draft pick Nick Barnett, anxiously awaiting his contract, covertly watched the first rookie practice July 19 from a parking lot before signing soon after...Eric Crouch went on the reserve/retired list July 22...Returning from season-ending injuries, Mark Tauscher and Chad Clifton unexpectedly went full speed in the first full-squad workouts, July 22...After working out all offseason at the University of Kansas, Packers icon Gilbert Brown rejoined the team July 28...A kidney stone hospitalized FB William Henderson July 28, but couldn't keep him out of practice July 29...The team agreed to terms with five-time Pro Bowl TE Wesley Walls Aug. 4...Heavy rain and lightning, for the second time in history (also in 1980), prematurely ended a Packers game in Canton, Aug. 4...The Packers lost two key players indefinitely at Atlanta, Aug. 9: CB Bryant Westbrook and NT Gilbert Brown...The Cleveland Renaissance Hotel fed the Packers a full meal, despite losing electricity, Aug. 14.

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.