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THIRD GAME

WHAT TO LOOK FOR SUNDAY:

- ▶ **Brett Favre** with a win would match Joe Montana (117) for fourth place on the NFL's all-time list. Wins by starting quarterbacks, league history:

John Elway, Den	148	82	1	.643
Dan Marino, Mia	147	93	0	.613
Fran Tarkenton, Min-NYG	125	109	6	.533
Joe Montana, SF-KC	117	47	0	.713
Brett Favre, GB	116	59	0	.663
Terry Bradshaw, Pit	107	51	0	.677
Warren Moon, HouO-Min-Sea-KC	102	98	0	.510

- ▶ Against quarterbacks in their first year starting with a new team, the Packers have won eight of their last nine games. The list includes Joey Harrington (2-0 in 2002), Rodney Peete (1-0, 2002 vs. Carolina), Patrick Ramsey (1-0, 2002 vs. Washington), Drew Bledsoe (1-0, 2002 vs. Buffalo), Spergon Wynn (1-0, 2001 vs. Minnesota), Elvis Grbac (1-0, 2001 vs. Baltimore), Chris Weinke (1-0, 2001 vs. Carolina). The streak began after a 2000 loss to first-year signal caller Jay Fielder, at Miami.
- ▶ **Ahman Green**, the NFL's leader in first downs earned (17), still needs one reception for 200 in a Packers uniform; he would become the 17th player in team history to eclipse 200, and just the fifth back.

- ▶ Barnett's 14 stops were also the most by a Packers rookie at least over the last 10 seasons (since 1994). Because NFL defensive numbers haven't been kept as well as offensive stats, the team can't confirm, but believes Barnett's total is among the best ever in a single game by a rookie.
- ▶ Most tackles, Packers player during Ed Donatell's tenure as defensive coordinator (2000-03):

16	Nate Wayne	10/20/02	Was.
	Nate Wayne	09/03/00	NYJ
14	Nick Barnett	09/14/03	Det.
	Bernardo Harris	12/30/02	Min.
	Darren Sharper	11/11/02	at Chi.
	Nate Wayne	09/09/02	Det.
	Bernardo Harris	10/08/00	at Det.

MADE FOR THE COLD: While Brett Favre's 35-1 record in cold weather is well documented, he hasn't enjoyed the same success in warm weather.

- ▶ The ironman quarterback is just 12-17 when kickoff is 70-or-more degrees.
- ▶ In such conditions, he's 636-of-1,060 (60.0 percent) for 7,309 yards, 47 touchdowns and 34 interceptions.
- ▶ Since coming to Green Bay in 1992, he's played only two games above 87 degrees.
- ▶ In his Green Bay debut, Sept. 13, 1992, at 90-degree Tampa Bay, in relief of starter Don Majkowski, Favre completed his first Packers pass, to himself. The next week he came off the bench to rally for a win, then took the starting reins the following game and hasn't missed a start since.
- ▶ He also played an 87-degree game, Sept. 24, 2000, the Packers' last trip to Arizona.

FAVRE AND 100-YARD RUSHERS I: According to Elias Sports Bureau, since Mike Sherman became head coach (2000-03), Brett Favre has the NFL's best mark with a 100-yard rusher (minimum 10 games):

Brett Favre	.15	0	1.000
Kurt Warner	.11	0	1.000
Brian Griese	.13	1	.929
Steve McNair	.11	1	.917
Vinny Testaverde	.9	1	.900
Kordell Stewart	.9	1	.900

FAVRE AND 100-YARD RUSHERS II: Favre's career record with a 100-yard rusher is 32-5, and 18-1 at home. Overall, he's also won 17 in a row. His career mark is believed to be among the best in NFL history (minimum 20 games). Minimum 10 games, it's the fifth best among active quarterbacks (Elias):

Kurt Warner	.18	0	1.000
Brian Griese	.16	1	.941
Tony Banks	.15	1	.938
Jay Fiedler	.13	2	.867
Brett Favre	.32	5	.865

NOW THAT'S BALL CONTROL: When the Packers take the ball out of Favre's hands, in other words when their rushing attempts are greater than or equal to their passing plays, the quarterback is now 40-0, including Sunday.

TAKEAWAY TALK: Donatell's defense has become one of the best takeaway teams in franchise history.

- ▶ Since Donatell took over the defense in 2000, the Packers have gone 20-1 (13-0 at home) in games with at least three takeaways. Their only loss was Nov. 17, 2002, at Minnesota.
- ▶ The Packers have at least one takeaway in 26 of their last 27 games.
- ▶ This season, Green Bay has scored 24 of its 56 points off opponent turnovers (42.9 percent).

Hottest recorded games, Packers history

102	S 24	1978	@ San Diego Chargers	.....W	24	3
90	S 19	1965	@ Pittsburgh Steelers	.....W	41	9
90	S 13	1992	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers	.....L	3	31
89	S 20	1981	@ Los Angeles Rams	.....L	23	35
88	O 14	1990	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers	.....L	14	26
88	O 27	1991	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers	.....W	27	0
87	S 23	1984	@ Dallas Cowboys	.....L	6	20
87	S 18	1988	@ Miami Dolphins	.....L	17	24
87	N 11	1990	@ Los Angeles Raiders	.....W	29	16
87	S 24	2000	@ Arizona Cardinals	.....W	29	3

FRANCHISE CHART WATCH:

- ▶ **Josh Bidwell** (248) needs to get off seven *unblocked* punts to establish the second-longest streak in team history, surpassing Donny Anderson's 254-punt streak (1967-71). David Beverly (274, 1977-80) owns the longest stretch.
- ▶ **Bidwell** (248) also needs nine punts to surpass No. 5 Max McGee (256) on the team's career punts list.
- ▶ **Franks** needs one TD reception to surpass No. 3 Mark Chmura (17) on the Packers' all-time tight ends list. Ed West (25) and Paul Coffman (39) are next up.
- ▶ **Green**, who's advanced from seventh to fourth in the season's first two games, needs 183 rushing yards to surpass No. 3 Tony Canadeo (4,197).

OTHER STREAKS OF NOTE:

- ▶ **Ryan Longwell** has hit 19 of his last 20 field-goal attempts. The streak began Oct. 20, 2002.
- ▶ **Green** has fumbled just once over his last 238 offensive touches (194 carries, 43 receptions, 1 fumble recovery). His streak also began Oct. 20, 2002.
- ▶ **Green Bay** has scored in seven straight quarters, and held opponents without a touchdown in five consecutive stanzas.

LONG SUNDAY DRIVERS: The Packers have driven at least 74 yards on three of their six touchdown drives.

THE ROOKIE: Nick Barnett's 14 tackles vs. Detroit Sunday marked the most by a Packers player since Nate Wayne had 16 Oct. 20, 2002, vs. Washington.

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.

LIMIT GIVEAWAYS, INCREASE WINS: The Packers under Mike Sherman are 22-3 (15-0 at home) when committing one or fewer turnovers.

GIVEAWAYS IN TOUGH LOCATIONS: Six of the Packers' seven giveaways have happened in opponent territory, including three inside the 10 and two in the other club's end zone (both Sept. 7 vs. Minnesota).

FAVRE'S INTERCEPTIONS: While Favre already has five picks this season, he has only four multiple-interception games over his last 25 starts.

GREEN BAY'S RESIDENT 100-YARD RUSHER: The Packers are 15-0 when Green tops 100 yards. The league's best team records with a 100-yard rusher, since Green's 2000 arrival in Green Bay, by player:

A.Green, GB	15	0	0	1.000
M.Faulk, StL	12	0	0	1.000
M.Anderson, Den	8	0	0	1.000
D.Staley, Phi	7	0	0	1.000
A.Smith, Buf-NE	6	0	0	1.000
E.George, Ten	10	1	0	.909
J.Lewis, Bal	10	1	0	.909
S.Alexander, Sea	8	1	0	.889
L.Smith, Mia-Car	7	1	0	.875
S.Davis, Was-Car	12	2	0	.857
R.Smith, Min	6	1	0	.857

minimum six games

LONGEST GAINS ON THE GROUND: The Packers' two longest plays from scrimmage this season are both Ahman Green runs: his 65-yard touchdown and a 25-yard scamper, both Sunday vs. Detroit.

STINGY ON FIRST DOWN: The Packers defense has allowed only 3.0 yards per play on first down, the NFL's best mark. As a result, only three other clubs have forced more third-down situations than Green Bay (34).

DON'T GO HIS WAY: Mike McKenzie Sunday vs. Detroit broke up a career-best six passes, the most by a Packers player in three years. Darren Sharper on Sept. 24, 2000, at Arizona also broke up six. Doug Evans on Oct. 22, 1995 vs. Minnesota, broke up seven passes.

SCHEDULE QUIRK: After Sunday, the Packers' next two opponents have byes in the week before they play Green Bay. Chicago is off this week, before hosting the Packers Sept. 29. Seattle is off that week, before traveling to Green Bay Oct. 5.

ON THE BOARD EARLY: Green Bay's first volley Sunday, Ahman Green's 65-yard run just 52 seconds into the game, marked the earliest Packers score in eight years. On Nov. 1, 1998, vs. San Francisco, Brett Favre hit Antonio Freeman for an 80-yard touchdown on the Packers' first play. Freeman crossed the goal line with 14:39 on the clock, 21 seconds into the game. After the opening kickoff, the passing play took 12 seconds.

MORE SUNDAY LEFTOVERS:

- ▶ Green did just about everything but catch a pass Sunday. He broke his string of 47 games with a reception (every contest in a Packers uniform, 2000-03), the sixth-longest stretch in team history, and second longest by a Packers back (Edgar Bennett 60, 1993-96). Donald Driver (18) now owns the longest streak.
- ▶ The Packers enjoyed their best time-of-possession advantage (32:44) since a Dec. 9, 2001, win at home vs. Chicago (36:20).

NO SACKS, NO PROBLEM: The Packers have won their last five games when their defense fails to sack the quarterback. Three of those wins have come at home vs. Detroit (2000, 2002-03). While Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila didn't total any stats in the obvious category, he did collect six quarterback pressures and four QB hits.

NFL RUSHING RECORD TRIVIA: Emmitt Smith holds the current NFL rushing record, but did you know a Packers

player held the mark for nearly a decade. Hall of Famer Clarke Hinkle's 3,860 career yards stood as the NFL mark from 1941-49 until the Eagles' Steve Van Buren surpassed him. Including Smith and Hinkle, seven players have held the record.

FIRST BLOOD: Under Mike Sherman, the Packers are 22-3 when scoring first.

- ▶ Until Nov. 24, 2002, when Green Bay delivered the first volley in a loss at Tampa Bay, the Packers had won 17 straight when scoring first.
- ▶ The club still owns a 15-game home winning streak, which began after a Lambeau loss to the Jets in Sherman's head coaching debut, Sept. 3, 2000.
- ▶ Since 1992 with the game's first points, the Packers are 76-24 overall and 51-5 in Wisconsin.

LONGWELL APPROACHING 200: Ryan Longwell enters Sunday's game with a chance to further establish himself as one of the most accurate kickers in the NFL. Most field goals in first 200 career attempts among active kickers:

Mike Hollis, NYG (IR)	164
Adam Vinatieri, NE	162
Jason Hanson, Det.	161

<u>Approaching 200</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FGA</u>
Ryan Longwell, GB	161	198
Olindo Mare, Mia.	160	192
Doug Brien, NYJ	158	196

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

- ▶ **NFL ties:** Packers assistant defensive backs coach Lionel Washington played for the St. Louis Cardinals (1983-86)...Director of pro personnel Reggie McKenzie played for the Phoenix Cardinals (1989-90).
- ▶ **College teammates:** Wendell Bryant (Arizona) and Mark Tausher (Packers) at Wisconsin...Kyle Vanden Bosch, Chris Dishman (Arizona) and Ahman Green, (Green Bay) at Nebraska...Ray Thompson (Arizona) and Chad Clifton (Green Bay) at Tennessee...LeVar Woods (Arizona) and Aaron Kampman (Green Bay) at Iowa...Leonard Davis (Arizona) and Marcus Wilkins (Green Bay) at Texas...Anquan Boldin (Arizona) and Javon Walker (Green Bay) at Florida State...Freddie Jones (Arizona) and William Henderson (Green Bay) at North Carolina...Duane Starks (Arizona) and Nick Luchey (Green Bay) at Miami, Fla.
- ▶ **Other connections:** Packers quarterbacks coach Darrell Bevell played at Northern Arizona in Flagstaff and Charparral High School in Scottsdale before transferring to Wisconsin...Green Bay scout Lenny McGill starred at Arizona State...Arizona DT Wendell Bryant played at Wisconsin...Arizona quarterbacks coach Geep Chryst grew up in Madison, Wis., coached with his father at Wisconsin-Platteville and also coached one season at Wisconsin...Cards running backs coach Johnny Roland was a Packers assistant under Dan Devine...Packers offensive lineman Grey Ruegamer, an ASU product, is a Scottsdale, Ariz., native and linebacker Na'il Diggs hails from Phoenix...Cards head coach Dave McGinnis and Packers VP/football operations Mark Hatley both went to Texas Christian...McGinnis also coached on several Bears staffs with Bob Slowik, Packers assistant head coach/defensive backs, in the 1990s.

Most field goals, game

- 5 Chris Jacke, at LARd., Nov. 11, 1990
Chris Jacke, vs. SF, Oct. 14, 1996
Ryan Longwell, at Ari., Sept. 24, 2000
- 4 26 times, last:
Ryan Longwell, vs. Det., Nov. 10, 2002