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FOURTH GAME

WHAT TO LOOK FOR MONDAY:

- ▶ The Packers play their 1,100th regular-season NFL game. Only the Decatur Staleys/Chicago Bears (1,132) have played more. The Packers all-time in league games (1921-2003, 83 NFL seasons) are 593-470-36 (.556). Green Bay's 300th and 800th games (see below) were also against Chicago.
- ▶ Exactly 46 years earlier, the Packers dedicated Lambeau Field against Chicago, Sept. 29, 1957, a 21-17 win.
- ▶ Brett Favre needs 131 yards to surpass No. 5 Dan Fouts on the NFL's all-time passing list:
 - 1) Dan Marino 61,361
 - 2) John Elway 51,475
 - 3) Warren Moon 49,325
 - 4) Fran Tarkenton 47,003
 - 5) Dan Fouts 43,040
 - 6) Brett Favre 42,910**
 - 7) Joe Montana 40,551
 - 8) Vinny Testaverde 40,300
 - 9) Johnny Unitas 40,239
 - 10) Dave Krieg 38,147
- ▶ Ahman Green will play in his 50th career game. He stands 27 carries from career No. 1,000. The halfback, who advanced from seventh to fourth in the season's first two games, also needs 130 rushing yards to surpass No. 3 Tony Canadeo (4,197) on Green Bay's all-time list. He enters Monday with 4,068 in a Packers uniform.

SERIOUS SERIES SUCCESS: The Packers are 16-2 vs. Chicago since 1994. In the current era dominated by parity (since the 1993 collective bargaining agreement), no team has recorded a better stretch against a single opponent.

Best series records, 19-game stretch

Team	Opponent	Period	Best rec.	Pct.
Miami	Buffalo	*1970-79	19-0-0	1.000
Miami	Baltimore/Indianapolis Colts	*1977-87	18-1-0	.947
San Francisco	Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams	*1986-98	18-1-0	.947
Green Bay	Chicago Cardinals	*1936-46	17-1-1	.921
Oakland	Denver	*1963-74	17-1-1	.921
Cleveland Browns	Chicago Cardinals	*1950-62	17-2-0	.895
Dallas Cowboys	Phoenix/Arizona Cardinals	1990-99	17-2-0	.895
Green Bay	Philadelphia	1933-76	17-2-0	.895
Kansas City	Los Angeles/Oakland Raiders	1990-99	17-2-0	.895
Minnesota	Detroit	*1968-78	17-2-0	.895
Oakland	San Diego	1966-77	16-1-2	.895
Washington	St. Louis/Phoenix Cardinals	*1981-91	17-2-0	.895

*—multiple instances in period

FAVRE LOOKS TO TIE MONTANA: With a win Brett Favre 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	60	0	.659
Terry Bradshaw, Pit	107	51	0	.677
Warren Moon, HouO-Min-Sea-KC	102	98	0	.510

Green Bay's milestone league games

Game	Date	Opponent	Site	Result	Head Coaches (GB, Opp)	Starting QBs (GB, Opp)
1	10/23/21	Minneapolis Marines	Hagemeister Park	W, 7-6	Curly Lambeau, Rube Ursella	Adolph Kleibhan, Rube Ursella
50	12/06/25	at Providence Steam Roller	Cyclodrome	W, 13-10	C. Lambeau, Archie Golembeski	Charlie Mathys, Ogden
100	09/21/30	Chicago Cardinals	City Stadium	W, 14-0	Curly Lambeau, Ernie Nevers	Arnie Herber, Roy Baker
200	11/14/37	Philadelphia Eagles	State Fair Park	W, 37-7	Curly Lambeau, Bert Bell	Buckets Goldenberg, Emmett Mortell
300	09/28/47	Chicago Bears	City Stadium	W, 29-20	Curly Lambeau, George Halas	Larry Craig, Sid Luckman
400	10/29/55	at Baltimore Colts	Memorial Stadium	L, 14-10	Lisle Blackburn, Weeb Ewbank	Tobin Rote, George Shaw
500	10/20/63	at St. Louis Cardinals	Busch Stadium	W, 30-7	Vince Lombardi, Wally Lemm	Bart Starr, Charley Johnson
600	11/09/70	Baltimore Colts	County Stadium	L, 13-10	Phil Bengtson, Don McCafferty	Don Horn, Johnny Unitas
700	11/21/77	at Washington Redskins	RFK Stadium	L, 10-9	Bart Starr, George Allen	Dave Whitehurst, Joe Theismann
800	10/21/85	at Chicago Bears	Soldier Field	L, 23-7	Forrest Gregg, Mike Ditka	Lynn Dickey, Jim McMahon
900	11/02/90	at Minnesota Vikings	Metrodome	L, 23-7	Lindy Infante, Jerry Burns	Anthony Dilweg, Rich Gannon
1,000	12/22/96	Minnesota Vikings	Lambeau Field	W, 38-10	Mike Holmgren, Dennis Green	Brett Favre, Brad Johnson
1,100	09/29/03	at Chicago Bears	Soldier Field			

Most touchdown passes, vs. one team

TD	Quarterback	Opp	Years
72	Dan Marino, Mia.	NYJ	1983-99
54	Dan Marino, Mia.	Ind/BalC	1983-99
50	Dan Marino, Mia.	Buf	1983-99
44	Brett Favre, GB	ChiB	1992-2002
43	John Hadl, SD-LARm-GB-HouO	Den	1962-77
42	Dan Marino, Mia.	NE	1983-99
41	Brett Favre, GB	Det	1992-2003
38	Joe Montana, SF-KC	Atl	1979-94

LONGWELL CAN REACH CENTURY MARK: Ryan Longwell Monday looks to extend his own franchise record for points in consecutive games to 100 (every contest of his career). He's also:

- ▶ Hit 21 of his last 22 field-goal attempts. The streak began Oct. 20, 2002. **From 40-plus yards**, he's hit six of his last seven (all three in '03).
- ▶ Converted his last 61 PAT, since a blocked attempt Dec. 23, 2001, vs. Cleveland. His career high is 104 (1999-2001, second in team history). The franchise's No. 5 streak is 74, by Al Del Greco (1985-87).
- ▶ Needs 18 points to surpass No. 3 Paul Hornung (760) on the Packers' all-time list. Longwell enters Monday with 743.

ALSO ON THE PACKERS' ALL-TIME LISTS:

- ▶ **Green** needs three rushing touchdowns to surpass No. 5 Ted Fritsch (31, 1942-50), seven to surpass No. 4 Clarke Hinkle (35, 1932-41) and nine to top No. 3 Verne Lewellen (37, 1924-32). He enters Monday with 29 rushing TD as a Packer.
- ▶ **Josh Bidwell** (252) needs to get off three *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** (252) also needs five punts to surpass No. 5 Max McGee (256) on the team's career punts list.
- ▶ **Bubba 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.
- ▶ **William Henderson** needs two catches to surpass No. 14 Bill Schroeder (225) on the all-time list. Henderson enters Monday with 224 catches, fourth most by a Packers back.

MONDAY NIGHT: The Packers Monday bid for a franchise-record fifth consecutive win on *Monday Night Football*. From 1994-96, the team also won four straight.

- ▶ The Packers own the NFC's longest *MNF* appearance streak, 11 seasons (1993-2003). Minnesota (15, 1987-2001) and Dallas (11, 1991-2001) both ended long

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.

streaks in 2002. In the NFL, only Miami (14, 1990-2003) and Denver (12, 1992-2003) have longer streaks.

- ▶ From 1996-2003, the league has scheduled three teams on regular-season Mondays more than any other — Denver, Green Bay and Miami — each 18 times. San Francisco has 17.
- ▶ Green Bay also owns a four-game winning streak on Monday night against the Bears.
- ▶ This year marks the 20th anniversary of the classic 1983 Lambeau Field shootout, a 48-47 Packers win over Washington, the highest-scoring game in the MNF series.

FEATURED OPPONENT: The Packers were also invited to dedicate Ford Field in 2002. They've won their last three games in venues where they've not played previously (Ford Field, 2002; Memorial Stadium in Champaign, 2002; Gillette Stadium, 2002). Over a longer stretch, they've won six of their last eight (wins at Jacksonville, St. Louis and Carolina, losses at Tampa Bay and Tennessee).

FAVRE AT SOLDIER FIELD: Favre's 19 touchdown passes and nine wins at Soldier Field represent his most at any venue other than Lambeau Field:

TD PASSES, STADIUM	MOST WINS, STADIUM
Lambeau Field, Green Bay ...153	Lambeau F., Green Bay 68 11 .861
Soldier Field, Chicago .....19	Soldier Field, Chicago 9 1 .900
Milwaukee County Stadium ...17	Milw. County Stadium 7 2 .778
Pontiac Silverdome .....15	Houlihan's/Tampa S. 4 1 .800
Houlihan's/Tampa Stadium ...14	Ericsson S., Charlotte 3 1 .750
	Pontiac Silverdome 3 7 .300

THE STREAK I: When these clubs meet in Green Bay, Dec. 7, Brett Favre could be in line to surpass Forrest Gregg's 187-game franchise record for consecutive contests played. Gregg began the streak in 1956, then was granted a military exemption for missing '57, and continued it from 1958-70. Favre's streak (178 entering Monday) is the longest among active players. His **starting streak** (176) is the longest ever by a quarterback. What's more, Monday he will tie Aeneas Williams (Ari-StLR, 1992-2002) for the **ninth-longest** starting streak on record (177).

270	Jim Marshall, Min	.....1961-79
240	Mick Tingelhoff, Min	.....1967-78
229	Bruce Matthews, Hou-Ten	.....1987-2001
210	Fred Cox, Min	.....1963-77
	Jim Otto, Oak	.....1960-74
207	Gene Upshaw, Oak	.....1967-81
202	Randall McDaniel, Min-TB	.....1989-2001
194	Doug Dieken, CleB	.....1971-84
192	Len Hauss, Was	.....1964-77
177	Aeneas Williams, Ari-StLR	.....1992-2002
176	Brett Favre, GB	.....1992-2003
174	Winston Hill, NYJ	.....1963-76

THE STREAK II: Since Favre began his streak 11 years ago this week (Sept. 27, 1992), 164 other quarterbacks have started an NFL game. During the span, the Bears (15, including Kordell Stewart) have started the most.

FAVRE AND 100-YARD RUSHERS: Favre is 32-5 career, including a 17-game winning streak, with a 100-yard rusher. According to Elias Sports Bureau, since Mike Sherman became head coach (2000-03), Favre has the NFL's best mark in such contests (minimum 10 games):

Brett Favre	.....15	0	1.000
Kurt Warner	.....11	0	1.000
Brian Griese	.....13	1	.929
Steve McNair	.....12	1	.923
Vinny Testaverde	.....9	1	.900
Kordell Stewart	.....9	1	.900

HE'S IN GOOD HANDS: Favre's offensive line has allowed the fewest sacks in the league, one.

- ▶ The Packers have gone consecutive games without allowing a sack for the first time in Favre's career, and first time since Oct. 1-8, 1989 (vs. Atlanta, vs. Dallas).
- ▶ Since Chris Claiborne sacked Favre in the third quarter Sept. 7, the Packers have called 84 passing plays.
- ▶ Since 2001, Green Bay's 50 sacks allowed are also the fewest in the NFL (San Francisco is second with 51).

AWKWARD SLOT: Green Bay is two full games out of first place for the first time since the end of the 2000 regular season, when it finished two games behind Minnesota.

PERFECT WITH PLUS CARRIES: Favre is now 40-0, including Sept. 14 vs. Detroit, when the Packers have more rushing plays than passing plays.

THE ROOKIE: Nick Barnett has 29 tackles over the last two games, the most in consecutive contests by any Packers player, rookie or veteran, at least over the last 10 seasons (1994-2003). Highest marks over the same period, during any **three-game** stretch:

35	Nate Wayne	.....Nov. 6-19, 2000
	Nate Wayne	.....Nov. 12-27, 2000
	Bernardo Harris	.....Sept. 21-Oct. 5, 1997
33	Darren Sharper	.....Oct. 21-Nov. 11, 2001
	Darren Sharper	.....Nov. 4-18, 2001
32	Nate Wayne	.....Oct. 20-Nov. 10, 2002

13 times world champions?

Until the league regularly scheduled postseason in 1933, NFL titles, including the Packers' first three crowns (1929-31), were decided by winning percentage in league standings. However, the official league standings from 1921-71 **did not recognize ties** in figuring winning percentage (since 1972, ties have been considered half of a win).

That rule actually cost the Packers a fourth consecutive championship in **1932** (Green Bay is the only NFL team to win as many as three straight titles — 1929-31 and 1965-67 — and also has more overall, 12, than any team).

The Chicago Bears (6-1-6) and Portsmouth Spartans (6-1-4) finished "tied" for first, ignoring their ties. The Bears won the title by defeating Portsmouth after the season, a game that counted in final regular-season standings.

Several Packers fans use the '32 championship to counter Bears supporters who say Don Majkowski threw an illegal TD pass to beat Chicago in the 1989 "Instant Replay" game at Lambeau Field.

	UNDER 1932 RULES	UNDER CURRENT RULES
Chi. Bears	7 1 6 .875	Green Bay 10 3 1 .750
Green Bay	10 3 1 .769	Portsmouth 6 1 4 .727
Portsmouth	6 2 4 .750	Chi. Bears 6 1 6 .692

STINGY ON FIRST DOWN: The Packers defense has allowed only 3.41 yards per play on first down, the NFL's best mark. As a result, only Seattle (50) has forced more third-down situations than Green Bay (47).

GIVEAWAYS IN TOUGH LOCATIONS: Seven of the Packers' nine giveaways have happened in opponent territory, including four inside the 10 and three in the other club's end zone (two Sept. 7 vs. Minnesota and the game-ending interception Sunday).

SUNDAY LEFTOVERS:

- ▶ Green touched the ball 27 times in a loss. The Packers are now 17-3 when he gets at least 25 touches.
- ▶ Favre hit his first 10 passes. Including the previous game, the completion streak reached 14, tying his career high (set Sept. 10, 2000, at Buffalo), and matching the fourth-longest in team history. Overall, Favre's completed 27 of his last 37 passes.
- ▶ Favre completed 69.7 percent of his passes, his highest mark in a loss since Sept. 10, 2000, at Buffalo (71.4). If he can finish 2003 with a 62-percent season rate, he should become the first NFL player with 6,000 attempts and at least a 62-percent career completion percentage.
- ▶ Longwell eclipsed 200 field-goal attempts, having converted 163, the second-most successful FG among active kickers over their first 200 tries. Only the Giants' Mike Hollis (164, on injured reserve) had more. Miami's Olindo Mare (161/195) is now the only active kicker with a shot at bettering Longwell's mark in the coming weeks.

NOSE FOR THE MARKER: Green has 19 rushing first downs, tied for the league lead with Priest Holmes. He's converted seven of nine third-down carries, including three-for-three on third-and-1. He's averaging one first down for every 2.88 touches (25 first downs, 72 touches). The NFL's leaders in first downs earned:

Player, Club	Rush	Rec	Total
Priest Holmes, KC	.....19	7	26
Ahman Green, GB	.....19	6	25
Tiki Barber, NYG	.....17	4	21
Edgerrin James, Ind	.....18	2	20
Moe Williams, Min	.....13	7	20

ON SPECIAL TEAMS: The Packers are allowing just 4.0 yards per punt return, tops in the NFC and tied for first in the NFL with Indianapolis...Antonio Chatman's 33-yard return Sunday marked the longest since Allen Rossum's 55-yard touchdown to beat Tampa Bay, Nov. 4, 2001, and the third-longest in the Mike Sherman era (2000-03; also Rossum 43-yard return, Sept. 3, 2000, vs. NYJ).

THIRD-DOWN THRESHOLD: On third down and 5-or-less, the Packers' offense is 12-for-18 (.667). On third down and 6-or-more, Green Bay is 3-for-18 (.167).

EXCELLENT RESILIENCY: The Packers have just one losing streak (a two-game slide in 2002) since Oct. 8, 2000. In contests after a loss, over the last four seasons (2000-03), Green Bay is 12-3 (.800) in contests after a loss, the third-best mark in the league. Philadelphia (12-2, .857) is first during the span, followed by Denver (15-4, .789).

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 27 of their last 28 games.

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

FAVRE'S INTERCEPTIONS: While Favre already has six picks this season, he has only four multiple-interception games over his last 26 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	.....11	1	0	.917
J.Lewis, Bal	.....11	1	0	.917
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

CAN'T BYE ME VICTORY: The Packers' next two opponents enjoy byes in the week before they play Green Bay. Chicago was off last week. Seattle is off next week, before traveling to Green Bay Oct. 5. However, under Sherman, Green Bay has won each of its two such contests: Nov. 4, 2002, vs. Miami and Sept. 24, 2000, at Arizona.

DOWN THE STRETCH: Looking ahead, based on early results, the Packers are staring at one of the league's toughest schedules. Five NFL teams have started 3-0, and four of them are on the Packers' docket. In fact, three of the team's next four opponents (Seattle, Kansas City, Minnesota) are undefeated. Denver (Dec. 28) is the fourth club.

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.

NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

▶ **NFL ties:** Dick Jauron coached the Packers' defensive backs under three head coaches (Forrest Gregg, Lindy Infante and Mike Holmgren); Jauron is one of five current NFL head coaches who've previously coached in Green Bay...Bears defensive coordinator Greg Blache joined Jauron on the Packers' staff from 1988-93, and Bears physical development coordinator Russ Riederer was on Green Bay's staff in 1991 as strength and conditioning coach...Bears defensive line coach Larry Brooks served as a Green Bay assistant from 1994-1998...Packers vice president of football operations Mark Hatley, the Bears' top personnel man from 1997-spring 2001, drafted consecutive *Associated Press* Rookies of the Year-Brian Urlacher (2000) and Anthony Thomas (2001)...Bears defensive tackle Keith Traylor (1993) played in Green Bay...Green Bay coaches Tom Rossley (1997-98) and Bob Slowik (1993-98) served previously as Bears assistants...Director of player development Edgar Bennett spent his final seasons as a player, 1998-99, in a Chicago uniform...Packers long snapper Rob Davis held a similar capacity for the Bears in 1996...Bob Wylie, Bears offensive line coach, served on the N.Y. Jets staff with current Packers coaches Ed Donatell and Larry Beightol from 1990-91...Phillip Daniels and Ahman Green were Seahawks teammates from 1998-99...Adrian White, uncle of Bears WR Dez White, played for the Packers in 1992.

▶ **College teammates:** Brock Williams, Mike Gandy and Bobbie Howard (Bears) and Tony Fisher and Brennan Curtin (Packers) at Notre Dame...Joe Tafoya, Lance Briggs, Bobby Wade (Bears) and Kevin Barry (Packers) at Arizona...Ahmad Merritt and Aaron Gibson (Bears) and Mark Tauscher (Packers) at Wisconsin...Mike Brown (Bears) and Ahman Green (Packers) at Nebraska...John Gilmore (Bears) and Bhawoh Jue (Packers) at Penn State.

▶ **Other connections:** Packers assistants Jeff Jagodzinski (Northern Illinois) and Frank Novak (Western Illinois) coached at Illinois schools...Packers linebacker Hannibal Navies spent part of his prep career at St. Patrick's High School in Chicago...Packers assistant trainer Bryan Engel is from Hanover Park, Ill., and graduated from Hoffman Estates (Ill.) High School...Packers defensive line coach Jethro Franklin was Bears DE Bryan Robinson's position coach at Fresno State...Both Mike Sherman and Dick Jauron attended high school and college in the New England area...In 1985, Sherman replaced Wylie as offensive line coach at Holy Cross...Both tight ends coaches, Jagodzinski and the Bears' Pat Flaherty, were on the Boston College staff in 1992.

Former Green Bay coaches vs. Packers, 1997-2003

Head Coach, Team	W	L	Pct	in Green Bay
Mike Holmgren, Sea	1	0	1.000	Head coach, 1992-98
Jon Gruden, Oak-TB	1	1	.500	Off. asst./rec. coach, 1992-94
Dick Jauron, ChiB	2	6	.333	Def. backs coach, 1986-94
*Steve Mariucci, SF-Det	1	7	.125	Quarterbacks coach, 1992-95
Andy Reid, Phi	0	1	.000	TE/offensive line asst., 1992-96; QB, 1997-98
Tom Coughlin, Jax	0	2	.000	Receivers coach, 1986-87
Marty Mornhinweg, Det	0	4	.000	Off. assistant/quality control, 1995; QB, 1996
Totals	5	21	.192	*—includes playoffs