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**REUNION WEEKEND, DATELINE GREEN BAY:** Former Packers head coaches Mike Holmgren (1992-98) and Ray Rhodes (1999) return to face off against former Holmgren pupil Mike Sherman.

- ▶ The Packers have had only 13 head coaches. Sunday is believed to be the first Packers game ever involving as many as three of those 13.
- ▶ Sunday will mark the fourth time in team history a former Packers head coach stands on the opposite sideline. In fact, Sunday marks the 51st anniversary of the first such occasion, when Curly Lambeau brought his Redskins to Marquette Stadium in Milwaukee:

Date	Opp.	Result	Former coach	Packers coach
Oct. 5, 1952	Washington	GB, 35-20	Curly Lambeau	Gene Ronzani
Nov. 16, 1997	at Indianapolis	Ind, 41-38	Lindy Infante	Mike Holmgren
Nov. 1, 1999	Seattle	Sea, 27-7	Mike Holmgren	Ray Rhodes

**“A.G.” BIDS FOR LAMBEAU HISTORY:** Ahman Green (2,226), who launched his career in Seattle, stands 90 yards from becoming Lambeau Field’s all-time leading rusher. Dorsey Levens (2,315 from 1994-2001) holds the record.

- ▶ He also needs eight carries for 1,000 career. He enters Sunday with 4,573 career yards, a 4.6-yard average.
- ▶ And, he needs one rushing touchdown to surpass No. 5 Ted Fritsch (31, 1942-50), five to surpass No. 4 Clarke Hinkle (35, 1932-41) and seven to top No. 3 Verne Lewellen (37, 1924-32). He enters Sunday with 31 rushing TD as a Packer.
- ▶ Green leads all NFL players with 32 first downs earned. He’s converted eight of 11 third-down carries, including four-for-four on third-and-1. He’s averaging one first down for every 2.97 touches.

**FAVRE BIDS FOR HISTORY AT LAMBEAU:** Brett Favre (152) needs three TD passes at Lambeau to surpass Dan Marino (155, Joe Robbie/Pro Player Stadium) for the second-most scoring tosses in a stadium in NFL history.

- ▶ John Elway holds the league record, 180 at Mile High Stadium, 1983-98).
- ▶ Favre threw 17 at Milwaukee County Stadium (1992-94).
- ▶ Marino threw 68 at the Orange Bowl.

**SPEAKING OF TOUCHDOWNS:** The Packers look to score a touchdown in a 50th straight game. An opponent hasn’t kept Green Bay out of the end zone since Mike Sherman’s first win, Sept. 17, 2000, a 6-3 Packers win at home over Philadelphia. Longest active streaks, entering Sunday (courtesy Elias Sports Bureau):

59	Jacksonville Jaguars
52	Denver Broncos
49	Green Bay Packers
44	Oakland Raiders
22	Miami Dolphins

**HAWKEYED:** The latest in a handful of quirks throughout the Packers’ 2003 schedule happens this week. The league has asked Green Bay to overcome a short week (after a

Monday night game) and battle an opponent, Seattle, coming off a bye week.

- ▶ It’s the only instance on the 2003 NFL slate of a Monday night team having to play an opponent fresh off its bye week the following Sunday.
- ▶ It’s the first NFL instance since 2001, and the 10th since the dawn of the ‘97 season, after the Packers won Super Bowl XXXI. The Monday night teams have won four of the last five contests:

MNF Team	Result	Fresh opponent	Week, Year
St. Louis	W, 38-32	at Carolina	Week 15, 2001
at Philadelphia	L, 20-10	Oakland	Week 7, 2001
at Miami	W, 28-20	Green Bay	Week 9, 2000
Indianapolis	W, 18-16	at Buffalo	Week 5, 2000
Miami	W, 34-31	Indianapolis	Week 5, 1999
Arizona	L, 35-7	at Dallas	Week 4, 1999
Atlanta	L, 35-7	at St. Louis	Week 3, 1999
at Green Bay	W, 20-10	Detroit	Week 10, 1997
Jacksonville	L, 24-12	at Washington	Week 5, 1997

- ▶ Under Sherman, Green Bay has won each of its three contests against opponents coming off a bye: Monday night at Chicago; Nov. 4, 2002, vs. Miami; and Sept. 24, 2000, at Arizona.

## NFL’s best teams, since Sept. 27, 1992

Brett Favre made his first start at quarterback — and first of a league-record 177 in consecutive fashion — Sept. 27, 1992, vs. Pittsburgh. The NFL’s top teams since that day:

Team	W	L	T	Pct	Super Bowls	Playoff App.
Green Bay	117	60	0	.661	2	8
San Francisco	116	61	0	.655	1	9
Pittsburgh	108	68	1	.613	1	8
Denver	107	70	0	.605	2	5
Miami	106	71	0	.599	0	8
Minnesota	105	72	0	.593	0	8
Kansas City	104	73	0	.588	0	5
Hou./Ten.	100	77	0	.565	1	5
Dallas	97	79	0	.551	3	7
L.A./Oakland	96	80	0	.545	1	5

**ONE TEAM STANDING:** Brett Favre (1992-2003) has defeated every NFL team that’s traveled to Lambeau Field except Seattle.

- ▶ His former coach, Mike Holmgren, defeated him in 1999. Favre led the Packers to a 31-10 win at the Kingdome in 1996.
- ▶ The Saints, Patriots, Chiefs and Jaguars have not come to Lambeau Field, or Milwaukee, during the Favre era. Kansas City will play at Lambeau next week.

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

- ▶ Under Mike Sherman (2000-03), the Packers are 5-1, their only loss a 2000 setback at Tampa Bay.
- ▶ Brett Favre (1992-2003) is 16-5, including an 8-1 mark at home, the week after playing Monday night.
- ▶ During their current five-game streak, the Packers preceded each win with a victory on Monday night.

## Before they were famous

Since the Packers obtained Brett Favre in an offseason trade with Atlanta before the ‘92 campaign, 11 quarterbacks have left the Packers’ roster to become starters with other NFL clubs. The complete list, in chronological order:

Quarterback	Went on to start with	Acquired by Packers	In Green Bay	Departed
Don Majkowski	Ind., Det.	D10-87	1987-92 seasons	UFA-93 (Ind.)
Ty Detmer	Phi., SF, Cle., Det.	D9a-92	1992-95 seasons	UFA-96 (Phi.)
Mark Brunell	Jacksonville	D5a-93	1993-94 seasons	Traded to Jaguars, April 1995
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	Undrafted FA-94 (April)	1994 training camp	Released, 1994 training camp
Doug Pederson	Phi, Cle.	FA-95 (Nov.)	1995-98, 2001-02	UFA-99 (Phi.)
Steve Bono	St. Louis	FA-97 (June)	1997 season	Traded to Rams, April 1998
Rick Mirer	N.Y. Jets	FA-98 (Sept.)	1998 season	Traded to Jets, Aug. 1999
Aaron Brooks	New Orleans	D4a-99	1999 season	Traded to Saints, Aug. 2000
Matt Hasselbeck	Seattle	D6b-99	1999-2000 seasons	Traded to Seattle, March 2001
Danny Wuerffel	Washington	FA-00 (July)	2000 season	FA-01 (Chi.)
Henry Burris	Chicago	FA-01 (Feb.)	2001 season	FA-02 (Chi.)

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.

**FAVRE AGAINST HIS BACKUPS:** Matt Hasselbeck will become the fifth of Favre's former backups to start against him. Favre is 3-2 vs. former Packers quarterbacks starting against him:

Date	Opponent	Former backup	Result
09/24/95	at Jacksonville	Mark Brunell	GB, 24-14
11/03/96	Detroit	Don Majkowski	GB, 28-18
09/07/97	at Philadelphia	Ty Detmer	Phi, 10-9
12/03/01	at Jacksonville	Mark Brunell	GB, 28-21
09/15/02	at New Orleans	Aaron Brooks	NO, 35-20

**LONGWELL EYES HORNUNG:** Ryan Longwell (751) needs 10 points to surpass No. 3 Paul Hornung (760) on the team's all-time list. He's also:

- ▶ Hit eight consecutive field goals, and 22 of his last 23 attempts (since Oct. 20, 2002). **From 40-plus yards**, he's hit six of his last seven (all three in '03).
- ▶ Converted his last 66 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).
- ▶ Extended his own franchise record of consecutive games scoring points to 100, a milestone reached Monday; he's scored in every career game.

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

- ▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, the Packers have gone three consecutive games without allowing a sack for the first time in team history (statisticians began tracking sacks in 1963).
- ▶ The Jets were the last NFL team to go three/four games without allowing a sack (four straight, December, 2001).
- ▶ Since Chris Claiborne sacked Favre in the third quarter Sept. 7, the Packers have run 114 passing plays.
- ▶ Since 2001, Green Bay's 50 sacks allowed are also the fewest in the NFL.

**FRANKS ASCENDS FAVORITE TARGETS LIST:** Bubba Franks (16) needs one TD reception from Brett Favre to surpass Mark Chmura and Dorsey Levens as the QB's fifth most-favorite touchdown target. Ironically, two of Franks' TD receptions did not come from Favre. Hasselbeck was on the other end of Franks' first career score, a successful fake field goal in 2000 at Tampa Bay). Doug Pederson (Dec. 29, 2002, at N.Y. Jets) threw the other non-Favre TD pass to Franks.

Antonio Freeman	.57
Sterling Sharpe	.41
Robert Brooks	.32
Bill Schroeder	.19
Mark Chmura	.16
Dorsey Levens	.16
<b>Bubba Franks</b>	<b>.16</b>

**LIKE A FINE WINE:** While Favre has seven picks this season, he's actually off to one of the most accurate starts of his career. His .641 completion percentage through four games ranks as the fourth best of his career.

- ▶ In fact, all four of those starts (including .662 in 1998, .654 in 2001 and .648 in 2002) have come during the last six seasons.
- ▶ Favre has hit 48 of his last 66 receivers (.727).
- ▶ He has only four multiple-interception games over his last 27 starts.
- ▶ He's thrown for a touchdown in 13 consecutive games (streak began Nov. 4, 2002) and needs one to tie for the team's fifth-longest streak:
 

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)

**IN A ZONE:** The Packers' red-zone offense (nine TD, 13 trips, .692) now ranks second in the NFC behind New Orleans. They're fifth in the league, including AFC leaders Kansas City, Miami and Buffalo.

**LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION:** Green Bay's consistently had better field position than its opponents this season. The offense has not had to start a drive at or inside its

own 20 since Sept. 14. Opponents during the last two games, meanwhile, have started eight drives at or inside their own 20.

**AHEAD BY 10 POINTS:** Including Sept. 14 vs. Detroit, the Packers have won an NFL-record 55 straight home games with a lead of at least 10 points.

- ▶ The last time Green Bay relinquished a 10-point lead in a home loss was Sept. 12, 1993, when the Packers saw 10-0 and 17-7 advantages fade in a 20-17 loss at Lambeau to the Eagles.
- ▶ On Dec. 22, 2002, vs. Buffalo, the Packers established the record, surpassing the mark, 53, held by Pittsburgh (1989-2000).

**AHEAD BY TWO SCORES:** Since 1992, when Green Bay establishes a lead of at least two scores (9 points or more), at any point in any game, the team is 96-7.

- ▶ The Packers are 26-1 under Sherman, having won 25 in a row. Their only loss was at Miami, Oct. 29, 2000.
- ▶ Over the last 12 seasons at home in games with at least a 9-point lead, the team is 64-1, its only Wisconsin blemish a Sept. 12, 1993, loss to Philly.

**FAVRE CAN TOP MONTANA:** With a win Brett Favre would surpass 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
<b>Brett Favre, GB</b>	<b>.117</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>.661</b>
Terry Bradshaw, Pit	.107	51	0	.677
Warren Moon, HouO-Min-Sea-KC	.102	98	0	.510

**ALSO ON THE PACKERS' ALL-TIME LISTS:**

- ▶ **Josh Bidwell** (255) needs to get off 20 *unblocked* punts to establish the longest streak in team history (David Beverly, 274, 1977-80). He topped Donny Anderson 's 254-punt streak (1967-71) Monday night.
- ▶ **Bidwell** (255) also needs two punts to surpass No. 5 Max McGee (256) on the team's career punts list.
- ▶ **William Henderson** (228), now the 14th-ranking receiver in team annals, needs 15 receptions to surpass No. 13 Edgar Bennett (242) on the all-time list. Henderson's catches are the fourth most by a Packers back.

**THE STREAK I:** Favre's **starting streak** (177) is the longest ever by a quarterback. What's more, Sunday he will surpass Aeneas Williams (Ari-StLR, 1992-2002) for the **10th-longest** starting streak on record (178).

**THE STREAK II:** Since Favre began his streak 11 years ago (Sept. 27, 1992), 166 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 now 33-5 career, including an 18-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: 16-0 (minimum 10 games):

**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 37 tackles over the last three games, the most in three consecutive contests by any Packers player, rookie or veteran, at least over the last 10 seasons (1994-2003).

**MONDAY NIGHT LEFTOVERS:**

- ▶ Franks caught his 18th touchdown 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.
- ▶ The Packers completed an NFC North trend. Monday marked the third time a visiting team spoiled a dedication game (Green Bay beat Detroit in the '02 Ford Field inau-

gural, Minnesota beat Green Bay in the '03 Lambeau Field rededication).

- ▶ Green now has two of the NFL's seven longest runs from scrimmage this season. Plus, four of the Packers' five longest plays from scrimmage this year are now Green runs.
- ▶ The Packers held Chicago to 1-for-10 passing on third down.
- ▶ With five sacks, the Packers in the NFL rankings moved from 29th entering the weekend to tied for 20th in sacks per opponent passing play.

**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 28 of their last 29 games.

**LIMIT GIVEAWAYS, INCREASE WINS:** The Packers under Mike Sherman are 23-3 (15-0 at home) when committing one or fewer turnovers.

**GREEN BAY'S RESIDENT 100-YARD RUSHER:** The Packers are 16-0 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	.....16	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
S.Davis, Was-Car	.....13	2	0	.867
S.Alexander, Sea	.....8	1	0	.889
L.Smith, Mia-Car	.....7	1	0	.875
R.Smith, Min	.....6	1	0	.857
J.Lewis, Bal	.....11	2	0	.846

minimum six games

**FIRST BLOOD:** Under Mike Sherman, the Packers are 23-3 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 77-24 overall and 51-5 in Wisconsin.

**NOTABLE CONNECTIONS**

- ▶ **NFL ties:** Seahawks executive vice president and head coach Mike Holmgren spent seven seasons as Green Bay's head coach, guiding the team to a world championship in Super Bowl XXXI...Packers executive vice president, general manager and head coach Mike Sherman served as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach under Holmgren in Seattle in 1999, and as tight ends coach in Green Bay in 1997...Seattle defensive

coordinator Ray Rhodes was a Packers assistant from 1992-93 and Green Bay's head coach in 1999...Packers assistant Jethro Franklin and personnel analyst John Schneider have both spent time in the Seahawks organization...Seahawks assistants Gil Haskell, Nolan Cromwell, Kent Johnston, Jim Lind, Tom Lovat, John Marshall, and Gary Reynolds have all spent time on Green Bay's staff... Seattle front office personnel Ted Thompson, Will Lewis Scot McCloughan, Charles Fisher, and Sam Ramsden have also spent time in the Packers organization...Seahawks general counsel Lance Lopes served in the same capacity in Green Bay from 1993-2000...Seattle quarterback Matt Hasselbeck was Brett Favre's backup in Green Bay for two seasons...Packers running back Ahman Green played for Seattle from 1998-99...Seattle cornerback Doug Evans played for the Packers from 1993-97...Packers safety Curtis Fuller was with the Seahawks before landing with Green Bay on Sept. 1...Norman Hand (Seahawks) and Joe Johnson (Packers) were teammates in New Orleans.

- ▶ **College teammates:** Rocky Bernard (Seahawks) and Robert Ferguson (Packers) at Texas A&M...Bobby Engram (Seahawks) and Marco Rivera (Packers) at Penn State...Chike Okeafor (Seahawks) and Chukie Nwokorie (Packers) at Purdue...Jerry Wunsch (Seahawks) and Mark Tauscher (Packers) at Wisconsin...Wunsch was also a college teammate of Packers quarterbacks coach Darrell Bevell at Wisconsin.
- ▶ **Other connections:** Holmgren Avenue in Ashwaubenon, Wis. (near Lambeau Field), is named after Seahawks executive vice president and head coach Mike Holmgren...Seahawks senior vice president Mike Reinfeldt spent several years in a key leadership role in the Packers' front office...Lind, aside from previously coaching in Green Bay, was the head coach at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire from 1987-1991...Seahawks assistant head coach/offensive line coach Tom Lovat is the father of Mark Lovat, Green Bay's assistant strength coach...Wunsch, aside from playing at Wisconsin, was born in Eau Claire, Wis. ...Packers kicker Ryan Longwell is a Seattle native.

**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	7	.222	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
<b>Totals</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>.185</b>	<b>*—includes playoffs</b>