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FAVRE EYES TARKENTON: Brett Favre (341) stands just one touchdown pass from tying No. 2 Fran Tarkenton on the NFL's all-time list.

OFFICIAL NFL PLAYOFF SCENARIO: Green Bay can clinch playoff berth with:

- ▶ GB win + DAL win or tie + SEA loss + NO loss or tie

There are other scenarios in which Green Bay can clinch a playoff berth based on strength of victory tiebreaker.

DIVISION RACE: The fans and media can keep one eye on the Packers and another eye on these clubs over the next three weeks:

- ▶ **Minnesota:** The Vikings can clinch the tiebreaker with a crucial conference win at Arizona, Dec. 28.
- ▶ **Tampa Bay:** If Green Bay and Minnesota finish tied both overall and with 7-5 conference records, any divisional tie would produce a fifth tiebreaker: strength of victory (combined winning percentage of teams defeated). In that event, the Packers are pulling for Tampa Bay, the only team Green Bay defeated not on the Vikings' schedule.
- ▶ **Atlanta:** The only team Minnesota defeated not on Green Bay's schedule is Atlanta. For fifth-tiebreaker reasons, the Packers will root against the Falcons.
- ▶ **Detroit:** Also for fifth-tiebreaker reasons, the Packers' odds increase slightly with every Lions loss.
- ▶ **Chicago:** Chicago gave Green Bay a huge gift by beating Minnesota Sunday. Now, every other Bears win helps the Packers' strength of victory.

THE TOUCHDOWN STREAK: Brett Favre has thrown a touchdown pass in 23 straight games, eclipsing one of the team's oldest and most esteemed records. The Packers' longest all-time streaks and NFL's longest all-time streaks (courtesy Elias Sports Bureau):

- 23 Brett Favre (Weeks 9-17, 2002; Weeks 1-15, 2003) (current)
- 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)

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Elias Sports Bureau)

- 47 Johnny Unitas, 1956-60
- 30 Dan Marino, 1985-87
- 28 Dave Krieg, 1983-85
- 27 Chris Chandler, 1997-99
- 27 Peyton Manning, 1998-99

EARLY DEPARTURES: For the third time this season, the Packers are departing one day early for a road trip. They're 2-0 so far (Tampa Bay, San Diego).

SHERMAN DEC. 1 AND LATER: GM/head coach Mike Sherman is 15-2 (.882) in regular-season games during December and January.

FAVRE DEC. 1 AND LATER: Since 1992, Favre and the Packers are 39-12 (.765) in regular-season games during December and January. No other quarterback or team has a better mark during that span.

MOST PLAYOFF BERTHS SINCE 1993: If the Packers make the playoffs, they'll have nine postseason appearances over an 11-year span (1993-2003). The most playoff berths the Packers have achieved over any previous 11-

Dominating his era in the touchdown pass category

MOST 30-PLUS TD-PASS SEASONS, NFL HISTORY

- 6 Brett Favre, GB ... 1994-98, 2001
- 4 Dan Marino, Mia ... 1984-86, 1994
- 2 by 10 players

MOST SEASONS LEADING LEAGUE, TD PASSES, NFL HISTORY

- 4 Johnny Unitas ... BalC 1957-60
- Len Dawson ... DalT 1962; KC 1963, 1965-66
- Steve Young ... SF 1992-94, 1998
- 3 Arnie Herber ... GB 1932, 1934, 1936
- Sid Luckman ... ChiB 1943, 1945-46
- Y.A. Tittle ... SF 1955; NYG 1962-63
- Dan Marino ... Mia 1984-86
- Brett Favre ... GB 1995-97

MOST TD PASSES, SEASON, NFL HISTORY

- 48 Dan Marino, Mia ... 1984
- 44 Dan Marino, Mia ... 1986
- 41 Kurt Warner, StLR ... 1999
- 39 Brett Favre, GB ... 1996
- 38 Brett Favre, GB ... 1995
- 36 George Blanda, HouO ... 1961
- Y.A. Tittle, NYG ... 1963
- Steve Young, SF ... 1998
- Steve Beuerlein, Car ... 1999
- Kurt Warner, StLR ... 2001
- 35 Steve Young, SF ... 1994
- Brett Favre, GB ... 1997

MOST GAMES, FOUR-OR-MORE TD PASSES, CAREER

- 21 Dan Marino ... Mia 1983-99
- 17 Johnny Unitas BalC 1956-72; SD 1973
- 15 Brett Favre ... Atl 1991; GB 1992-2003
- 13 George Blanda ... ChiB 1949, 1950-58; BalC 1950; HouO 1960-66; Oak 1967-75

year period is six (1960-67). Only San Francisco (also eight) has as many since the 1993 season. Miami and Pittsburgh have seven.

ON MONDAY NIGHT: ABC is showcasing the Packers for the 11th straight season. In the NFL, only Miami (13) and Denver (12) have longer streaks.

OTHER UPCOMING FAVRE MILESTONES:

- ▶ With his 190th game in a Packers uniform Monday, Favre will tie No. 2 Ray Nitschke (1958-72) on the Packers' all-time list. Bart Starr (1956-71) is first with 196. Favre's played in 189 consecutive contests, now the longest streak in team annals (Forrest Gregg, 187).
- ▶ Needs three touchdown passes to reach 30 for a seventh overall season (also 1994-98 and 2001) and extend his own NFL record. No. 2 Dan Marino (four) is the only other player in history with at least four 30-TD seasons.
- ▶ Needs 154 yards passing to reach 3,000 for a 12th overall season, and tie No. 2 John Elway (1985-91, 1993-97) on the NFL's all-time list. Dan Marino (13) paces the list. By reaching 3,000 for a 12th consecutive year, Favre would extend his own NFL record.
- ▶ Needs 55 attempts to surpass No. 4 Fran Tarkenton (6,467) on the NFL's all-time list.

THREE SACKS AWAY: Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila needs three sacks to become the first player in franchise history with double-digit sacks over three consecutive seasons.

SUNDAY LEFTOVERS:

- ▶ Favre threw four TD passes, his most since Sept. 12, 1999, in a season-opening Lambeau Field win over Oakland. Only Dan Marino (21) and Johnny Unitas (17) have more four-or-more TD games than Favre (15).
- ▶ Fullback William Henderson (243) surpassed Edgar Bennett (242) for the third-most receptions by a back in team history. Henderson has blocked for six 1,000-yard rushers, more than all but one other fullback — Howard Griffith (also six) — in NFL annals.
- ▶ Favre orchestrated his 28th career fourth-quarter comeback, and second this season (also Nov. 16 at TB).

THEY DON'T WASTE TIME: The Packers have 11 touch-downs this season of fewer than four plays. Only two other clubs (Baltimore 13 and San Francisco 12) have more. Green Bay has at least one such drive in each of its last four games, including two on Sunday at San Diego.

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.

THE DOPE ON THIS WEEK'S OPPONENT:

Coaches Mike Sherman: 42-23, fourth season
 Bill Callahan: 17-16, second season

Packers vs. Raiders:

All-time regular season: 3-5-0
 Postseason: 1-0 (Super Bowl II, at Miami)
 Last meeting, regular season: Oct. 12, 1999
 Lambeau Field (Packers won, 28-24)
 Last meeting, Oakland: Oct. 24, 1976
 Oakland Coliseum (Raiders won, 18-14)

- ▶ The Packers make their first appearance in Oakland in 27 years, when Gerald Ford was President.
- ▶ The 27-year period is Green Bay's third-longest stretch without an appearance in one city/metro area (excluding games with defunct teams). The club went 41 years without an appearance in Buffalo (1938 vs. Chicago Cardinals, 1979 at Buffalo Bills) and 37 years without an appearance in Boston/Foxboro (1936 at Boston Redskins, 1973 at New England Patriots). And, the Packers have active streaks of 29 years without a trip to Baltimore (1974 against the Colts; streak will end in 2005) and 24 years without a trip to Washington (1979; streak will end in 2004).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: GM/head coach Mike Sherman and assistant trainer Kurt Fielding celebrate birthdays on Friday.

TOUGHEST QUARTERBACKS: Tennessee's Steve McNair has recently gained a lot of attention for playing through injury, while injuries have caused several other teams to start multiple quarterbacks this season. In fact, McNair and Brett Favre can make the case that they are two of the toughest quarterbacks ever. A comparison of the two, since McNair became a full-time starter at the beginning of 1997.

	McNair	Favre
Games Missed	7	0
Starts Missed	8	0
Winning Percentage	63-38, .624	73-37, .664
Playoff Appearances	3	4
2003 Record	9-4, .692	8-6, .571

CONSISTENCY IN GREEN BAY: The Packers lost to Atlanta in the 2002 playoffs, sustaining their first ever home playoff loss. Nearly one year later, Green Bay is back on the postseason doorstep, having clinched a 12th straight non-losing season.

- ▶ How hard is turning around a team? Well, consider, obviously most clubs change coaches to turn around their teams. Of those 74 moves, 54 were to either launch expansion squads, or revive teams that finished .500 or below the previous year (seven took over in-season and 13 took over winning teams). The Packers were a disappointing 8-8 in 1999, before Sherman's arrival.
- ▶ And of those 54 coaches who didn't inherit a winning team, only 39 tenures have reached a third season. In that group, only Sherman has shown the consistency to post winning seasons over the first three years with his team.
- ▶ Among coaching tenures that began 1993 or later, when the NFL adopted its current collective bargaining agreement and launched the era of parity, Sherman is the NFL's second-most successful:

Mike Martz, StL	2000-03	44	22	.667
Mike Sherman, GB	2000-03	41	22	.651
Andy Reid, Phi	1999-03	53	29	.646
Mike Shanahan, Den	1995-03	97	54	.642
Barry Switzer, Dal.	1994-97	45	26	.634

THREE RECORDS FALL SUNDAY: Three very significant Packers franchise records fell Sunday (noted in alphabetical order):

- ▶ **Brett Favre** threw for a touchdown pass in a 23rd consecutive game, breaking Cecil Isbell's 61-year-old franchise record (more below).
- ▶ **Ahman Green** (1,538) broke the NFL's oldest single-season rushing record: Hall of Famer Jim Taylor's 1,474 total in 1962. Jim Brown's 1963 season (1,863) is now the league's longest-standing team mark.
- ▶ **Ryan Longwell** (826) broke the immortal Don Hutson's career Packers scoring record, 823 points.

GOAL-TO-GO DEFENSE: The Packers own the NFC's best goal-to-go defense (seventh in NFL), allowing touchdowns on only 58.3 percent (14/24) of goal-to-go situations.

- ▶ Only Miami (.435), Cleveland (.476), Denver (.500), Kansas City (.524), Tennessee (.526) and Pittsburgh (.538) own better marks.

Possible wild-card scenarios

NOTE: New Orleans, Tampa and San Francisco are far from eliminated; this table assumes only Dallas, Seattle and Green Bay remain. This is unofficial information.

Scenario	If Green Bay finishes...	And Dallas goes...	And Seattle finishes...	Does Green Bay get in as a wild card?
1	2-0 (10-6)	2-0 (11-5)	2-0 (10-6)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
2	1-1 (9-7)	2-0 (11-5)	2-0 (10-6)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
3	2-0 (10-6)	2-0 (11-5)	1-1 (9-7)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
*4	2-0 (10-6)	1-1 (10-6)	2-0 (10-6)	Maybe...Dallas and Seattle temporarily eliminate Green Bay based on conference record; however, if Dallas can win a tiebreaker with Seattle based on either common-opponent record or strength of victory, Dallas clinches a spot; then, after the first wild card is identified, the procedure is repeated to determine the second team; Green Bay beats Seattle based on the Packers' head-to-head W.
5	1-1 (9-7)	2-0 (11-5)	1-1 (9-7)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
6	1-1 (9-7)	1-1 (10-6)	2-0 (10-6)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
7	2-0 (10-6)	1-1 (10-6)	1-1 (9-7)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
8	1-1 (9-7)	1-1 (10-6)	1-1 (9-7)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
9	0-2 (8-8)	1-1 (10-6)	1-1 (9-7)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
10	1-1 (9-7)	1-1 (10-6)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
11	1-1 (9-7)	0-2 (9-7)	1-1 (9-7)	Maybe...conference records would be tied (7-5)...depending on which team has the better strength of victory (fifth tiebreaker)...common opponents (Detroit and Arizona) would not meet the minimum (four)
12	0-2 (8-8)	1-1 (10-6)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
13	0-2 (8-8)	0-2 (9-7)	1-1 (9-7)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
14	1-1 (9-7)	0-2 (9-7)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
15	0-2 (8-8)	0-2 (9-7)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle
16	2-0 (10-6)	0-2 (9-7)	2-0 (10-6)	Yes, better overall record than Dallas (would own higher seed than Seattle)
17	1-1 (9-7)	0-2 (9-7)	2-0 (10-6)	No, based on Dallas' better common-opponent record
18	0-2 (8-8)	0-2 (9-7)	2-0 (10-6)	No, Dallas and Seattle would have better overall records
19	2-0 (10-6)	2-0 (11-5)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
20	1-1 (9-7)	2-0 (11-5)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, better overall record than Seattle
21	0-2 (8-8)	2-0 (11-5)	0-2 (8-8)	Yes, based on head-to-head win over Seattle

***Scenario 4 details**

- ▶ The Cardinals and Saints are common opponents of Seattle and Dallas.
- ▶ The key games are Seattle at Arizona on Sunday, and Dallas at New Orleans, Dec. 28.
- ▶ If Seattle loses to Arizona OR Dallas beats New Orleans, the Cowboys would clinch a common-opponent tiebreaker over Seattle.
- ▶ However, if Seattle wins AND Dallas loses, the two clubs would go to the next tiebreaker, strength of victory. The Packers would then need to hope the Cowboys can still edge Seattle in strength of victory. Current strength of victory — Dallas .416 (52-73), Seattle .411 (46-66).
- ▶ Bottom line: The Packers need Dallas to somehow better Seattle (especially by winning at New Orleans), and Seattle to lose (especially at Arizona).

- ▶ Green Bay's defense has not allowed a touchdown on six of opponents' last eight drives that have penetrated the 10.

RED-ZONE DEFENSE: Green Bay opponents have scored just three touchdowns in their last 13 red-zone possessions (.231; since Nov. 16 at Tampa Bay).

- ▶ The Packers rank second in the NFC in red-zone defense, behind Tampa Bay (.367). They're eighth in the NFL.

THIS JUST IN — TURNOVER RATIO HELPS WINNING:

The Packers are plus-seven in turnover ratio over their last two games, both wins.

- ▶ Green Bay is plus-10 in its eight wins.
- ▶ The Packers are minus-15 in their six losses.

NO SACKS ALLOWED: The Packers have executed 72 passing plays since allowing their last sack, in the fourth quarter at Detroit, Nov. 27.

- ▶ The team is now 5-1 in games without allowing a sack.
- ▶ Green Bay's six games without a sack mark its most since 1960, when the Packers recorded eight such games (the single-season record).
- ▶ According to Elias, the Packers went three consecutive games without allowing a sack for the first time in team history, Sept. 14-29.
- ▶ The line went 256 passing plays between sacks, from Sept. 7 to Oct. 5.
- ▶ The current starters (tackles Mark Tauscher and Chad Clifton, guards Marco Rivera and Mike Wahle, and center Mike Flanagan) began starting together in 2001. After 2002 injuries hit four of the five positions, the front has picked up where it left off in '01. The five players have started together 27 games overall (13 of 16 games in 2001, all 14 in 2003).

THE SPARK ON KICKOFF RETURNS: Najeh Davenport turned in the play of the game Sunday at San Diego in the fourth quarter. His 45-yard kickoff return answer a Chargers score that gave San Diego its first lead. Two plays later, the Packers were in the end zone, retaking a lead they would not relinquish.

- ▶ Over their first nine games, the team used Antonio Chatman on kickoffs almost exclusively. Before the Tampa Bay game Nov. 16, they replaced Chatman with Najeh Davenport and Robert Ferguson.
- ▶ Since making that move, beginning with Nov. 16 games, the Packers have posted the NFL's third-best kickoff-return average:

Club	No	Yds	Avg
N.Y. Jets	17	458	26.9
Washington	18	482	26.8
Green Bay	20	534	26.7
San Diego	28	688	24.6
New England	17	415	24.4
Chicago	20	485	24.3
Baltimore	19	448	23.6
Kansas City	23	543	23.6
Seattle	19	443	23.3
Detroit	23	534	23.2

Longest current scoring streaks, NFL

The Packers now have scored in 199 consecutive games...The last team to blank Green Bay was Chicago, Oct. 17, 1991 (10-0 at Lambeau)...On Oct. 7, 2001, at Tampa, the team broke the previous franchise record, 156 games (Nov. 9, 1958 — Dec. 21, 1969)...The Packers have scored in every game under Vince Lombardi, Mike Holmgren, Ray Rhodes and Mike Sherman.

LONGEST CURRENT NFL TEAM SCORING STREAKS

Streak	Team	Began
416	San Francisco 49ers	10/16/1977
202	Minnesota Vikings	9/29/1991
199	Green Bay Packers	10/27/1991
179	Denver Broncos	11/30/1992

SINCE NOV. 16: One major turning point in the Packers' season was a Nov. 16 win at Tampa Bay. Since that game, the Packers are 4-1.

HALFTIME LEAD ON THE ROAD: The Packers with a lead at intermission are 4-0 on the road this season. They're 12-2 on the road under Mike Sherman, and 30-4 overall under the coach.

GREEN ATTEMPTS MORE RECORD-WRITING: Ahman Green can establish the franchise record for rushing attempts in a season.

Most Attempts, Season	Most Attempts, Career
329 Dorsey Levens, 1997 (16 games)	1,811 J.Taylor, 1958-1966 (9 seasons)
316 Edgar Bennett, 1995 (16 games)	1,293 J.Brockington, 1971-77 (7)
311 Ahman Green, 2003 (14 games)	1,171 C.Hinkle, 1932-41 (10)
304 Ahman Green, 2001 (16 games)	1,164 A.Green, 2000-03 (4)
286 Ahman Green, 2002 (14 games)	1,025 T.Canadeo, 1941-44, 1946-52 (11)
284 T.Middleton, 1978 (16 games)	1,006 D.Levens, 1994-2001 (8)

LONGWELL ALONE: Ryan Longwell (826) is now the Packers' all-time leading scorer.

- ▶ By breaking Hutson's record Sunday, Longwell reached 100 points and became one of only three players ever to reach the century mark in each of his first seven seasons (joining Jason Elam and Adam Vinatieri).
- ▶ On Nov. 23, he surpassed Jacke (173, 1989-96) for first on the Packers' all-time field goal list. The Packers' kicker has quietly proved to be one of the team's most dependable resources in 2003.

FIRST 100-YARDERS: Donald Driver Sunday recorded the Packers' first 100-yard receiving game since Robert Ferguson, Dec. 8, 2002, vs. Min.

- ▶ According to Elias Sports Bureau, that 16-game drought was the team's longest stretch since an 18-game streak, Oct. 8, 1978-Oct. 14, 1979.
- ▶ Green Bay did not record a 100-yard game in 1974.

HOLIDAY TRIPS TO CALIFORNIA: The Packers have consecutive December trips to California for the first time since 1963 (at Los Angeles Rams, at San Francisco 49ers, respectively).

- ▶ For 14 consecutive years (1950-63), the league closed the Packers' schedule with road tilts against the 49ers and Rams.
- ▶ Since Vince Lombardi took his post in 1959, the Packers are 13-4-2 in regular-season California games Dec. 1 or later.

NFC playoff tiebreaker update

NFC North Leaders	Head-to-Head	Division	Common Opp	Conference	Strength of Victory	Strength of Schedule+
1) Minnesota (8-6)	1-1	4-2	Will not be able to break any tie	7-4	48-64, .429	99-125, .442
2) Green Bay (8-6)	1-1	4-2		7-5	48-64, .429	109-114, .489

+ — through games of Dec. 14; includes remaining two games

NFC Wild Card Leaders	Head-to-Head Key Wins	Head-to-Head Key Losses	Conference Record	Remaining games
1) *Philadelphia (11-3)	GB, NO	—	8-2	vs. SF, at Was
2) *Minnesota (8-6)	Sea	—	7-4	vs. KC, at Ari
3) Dallas (9-5)	—	—	7-3	vs. NYG, at NO
4) Seattle (8-6)	NO	GB, Min	6-4	vs. Ari, at SF
5) Green Bay (8-6)	Sea	Phi	7-5	at Oak, vs. Den
6) New Orleans (7-7)	—	Sea, Phi	6-5	at Jax, vs. Dal
7) Tampa Bay (7-7)	Dal	GB	6-5	vs. Atl, at Ten

* — division leader



NO. 3 REMEMBERED: Tony Canadeo, the Packers' Hall of Fame running back, passed away Saturday, Nov. 29. Nicknamed the Grey Ghost, he was believed to have served the organization longer than any person in team history, 59 years. Team trainer Carl "Bud" Jorgensen worked 47 seasons (1924-51) for the Packers, the second-longest stretch. Canadeo's official service to the Packers organization:

- ▶ 11 seasons as a player (1941-44, 1946-52)
- ▶ Nine years as a member of the team's board of directors (1955-58, 1993-99)
- ▶ 24 years as a member of the team's executive committee (1958-82)
- ▶ 11 years as the team's vice president (1982-93)
- ▶ Four years as a director emeritus (1999-2003)

HALL OF FAME: The new Packers Hall of Fame in the Lambeau Field Atrium, open just three months, has seen visitors from all 50 states and 17 countries.

FAVRE PASSES GREGG: Ironman Brett Favre on Dec. 7 passed Forrest Gregg for the longest consecutive games played streak in Packers history.

- ▶ Only two men have played more games in a Packers uniform than Favre, Hall of Famers Bart Starr (196) and Ray Nitschke (190).
- ▶ Gregg's streak included an exemption for missing the 1956 finale and the entire 1957 season (Lambeau Field's inaugural year) while serving his country in the armed forces.
- ▶ The breakdown of Favre's longevity streak:

Games played, regular season	.....189
Games started, regular season	.....187
Games played, including postseason	.....206
Games started, including postseason	.....204

CONFERENCE'S BEST RED-ZONE OFFENSE: Across the league, only the Chiefs (35-for-46, .761) own a better touchdown percentage inside the 20-yard line. Green Bay (30-for-45, .667) paces the NFC.

WHAT'S THE RUSH: The Packers, riding the NFL's No. 3 rushing offense, have reached 2,000 yards rushing for the first time since 1985.

- ▶ From Nov. 2-23, over four games, Green Bay averaged 233.8 yards per game (935 yards).
- ▶ Green Bay hasn't finished a season leading the NFL in rushing since 1964 (150.4). The team hasn't finished in the Top 5 since 1967, when they won the Ice Bowl. And the Packers haven't ranked in the Top 10 since they were seventh in 1972.
- ▶ The Packers have paced the NFL in rushing three other times: 1946, when future Hall of Famer Tony Canadeo shined in a deep backfield, and 1961-62, when Vince Lombardi's feared Green Bay Sweep dominated the

Rivera among Packers offensive guards, since 1958

Marco Rivera, the team's current offensive line leader and starter at guard since 1998, is only the fifth Packers player to start six consecutive seasons at offensive guard over the last 45 years. In 1958, the team drafted Jerry Kramer, who along with Fuzzy Thurston (obtained the following year) would form the "Guardian Angels," prime blockers for Packers ground weapons Jim Taylor and Paul Hornung during the Lombardi era.

GREEN BAY PACKERS

Most consecutive seasons, starting at guard

9 Jerry Kramer	.....1958-66
6 Fuzzy Thurston	.....1959-64
Bill Lueck	.....1969-74
Ron Hallstrom	.....1984-89
5 Gale Gillingham1967-71
Darrel Gofourth1978-82
Marco Rivera1998-2002

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Most games played, primary offensive guards

162 Ron Hallstrom1982-92
130 Jerry Kramer1958-68
128 Gale Gillingham	.....1966-74, 76
112 Fuzzy Thurston	.....1959-67
108 Rich Moran	.....1985-93
107 Marco Rivera	.....1997-2003
90 Bill Lueck	.....1968-74

Notable prominent guards who played during the two-way era were: Buckets Goldenberg (120, 1933-45); Mike Michalske (95, 1929-35, 1937); and Whitey Woodin (86, 1922-31).

game and led the Packers to consecutive world championships.

- ▶ If Tony Fisher gets 30 yards over the last two games, the Packers will combine a 1,000-yard rusher with two 200-yard rushers for the first time since 1971.

GREEN'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2003:

- ▶ Became only the third Packers player with 1,000 carries and 5,000 yards (Jim Taylor, John Brockington).
- ▶ Became the second-leading ground gainer in Packers history and now trails only Hall of Famer Jim Taylor:

8,207	Jim Taylor, 1958-66 (9 seasons)
5,340	Ahman Green, 2000-03 (3-plus seasons)
5,024	John Brockington, 1971-77 (7 seasons)
4,197	Tony Canadeo, 1941-44, 1946-52 (11 seasons)
3,937	Dorsey Levens, 1994-2001 (8 seasons)
3,860	Clarke Hinkle, 1932-41 (10 seasons)

NOTE — Green this season has eclipsed No. 6 Gerry Ellis, Hinkle, Levens, Canadeo and Brockington.

- ▶ Established a team record with four consecutive 100-yard efforts.

4	Ahman Green, 2003
3	John Brockington, 1971
	Dorsey Levens, 1997
	Ahman Green, 2003
2	16 times (last: Ahman Green, 2002)

- ▶ Also established the franchise record for most 100-yard games in a season:

8	Ahman Green, 2003	6	Dorsey Levens, 1997
7	Jim Taylor, 1962	5	Tony Canadeo, 1949
	Ahman Green, 2001		Jim Taylor, 1960

- ▶ Surpassed No. 5 Boyd Dowler (6,946) on Green Bay's all-time total yards from scrimmage list.
- ▶ Green has 38 rushing TD, surpassing No. 3 Verne Lewellen (1924-32) for third all-time, behind Jim Taylor (81) and Paul Hornung (50).

RUSHING TITLE IN SIGHT?: Ahman Green could become only the second player in Packers history to win the NFL rushing title. Hall of Famer Jim Taylor led the league with a franchise-record 1,474 yards in 1962 (the league's oldest team rushing record).

TDs GROWING ON TREES: Green already has 17 touchdowns this season. Most overall Packers touchdowns in a season, since 1932:

19	Jim Taylor, 1962	14	Antonio Freeman, 1998
18	Sterling Sharpe, 1994	13	Billy Howton, 1952
17	Don Hutson, 1942		Sterling Sharpe, 1989
	Ahman Green, 2003		Sterling Sharpe, 1992
16	Jim Taylor, 1961		Robert Brooks, 1995
15	Paul Hornung, 1960		Ahman Green, 2000
	Jim Taylor, 1964		

SINGLE-GAME RECORD IS HISTORY: Green now owns three of the top five rushing efforts in Packers annals:

192	Ahman Green, vs. Phi., Nov. 10, 2003 (29 att)
190	Dorsey Levens, vs. DalC, Nov. 23, 1997 (33 att)
186	Jim Taylor, vs. NYG, Dec. 3, 1961 (27 att)
176	Ahman Green, at Chi., Sept. 29, 2003 (19 att)
169	Ahman Green, vs. TB, Nov. 4, 2001 (24 att)
167	Billy Grimes, vs. NYY, Oct. 8, 1950 (10 att)
165	Jim Taylor, at LARm, Dec. 13, 1964 (17 att)

Green Bay's 17 1,000-yard rushing seasons

Year	Player	Att	Yards	Avg	TD	NFC NFL	
						Rank	Rank
2003	Ahman Green	311	1,538	4.9	12	2	4
1962	Jim Taylor	272	1,474	5.4	19	-	1
1997	Dorsey Levens	329	1,435	4.4	7	2	4
2001	Ahman Green	304	1,387	4.6	9	2	4
1961	Jim Taylor	243	1,307	5.4	15	-	2
2002	Ahman Green	286	1,240	4.3	7	4	12
2000	Ahman Green	263	1,175	4.5	10	6	15
1964	Jim Taylor	235	1,169	5.0	12	-	2
1973	John Brockington	265	1,144	4.3	3	1	2
1978	Terdell Middleton	284	1,116	3.9	11	4	6
1971	John Brockington	216	1,105	5.1	4	1	2
1960	Jim Taylor	230	1,101	4.8	11	-	2
1995	Edgar Bennett	316	1,067	3.4	3	10	15
1949	Tony Canadeo	208	1,052	5.1	4	-	2
1999	Dorsey Levens	279	1,034	3.7	9	6	13
1972	John Brockington	274	1,027	3.7	8	4	9
1963	Jim Taylor	248	1,018	4.1	9	-	2

GREEN OWNS BEST AVERAGE: Green on Nov. 10 captured the franchise's highest average career gain.

Highest Average Gain, Career (750 Attempts)	
4.59	Ahman Green (1,164-5,340)
4.58	Gerry Ellis, 1980-86 (836-3,826)
4.53	*Jim Taylor, 1958-66 (1,811-8,207)
4.16	*Paul Hornung, 1957-62, 1964-66 (893-3,711)
4.09	*Tony Canadeo, 1941-44, 1946-52 (1,025-4,197)

*—Pro Football Hall of Famer

WHEN FERGUSON STEPS UP: Including the last two games, when Robert Ferguson is either (A) the Packers' leading receiver and/or (B) catches a touchdown, Green Bay is 7-0.

Opponent, Date	No	Yds	Avg	Lng	TD	Final
at San Diego, 12/14/03	2	56	28.0	40t	2	W, 38-21
Chicago, 12/07/03	7	79	11.3	20	0	W, 34-21
San Fran., 11/23/03	2	21	10.5	16t	1	W, 20-10
at Tampa Bay, 11/16/03	4	46	11.5	23	0	W, 20-13*
Minnesota, 12/08/02	6	105	17.5	40t	2	W, 26-22*
Carolina, 09/29/02	5	58	11.6	20	0	W, 17-14*
at Detroit, 09/22/02	2	45	22.5	37	1	W, 37-31

*—leading receiver

ONLY A FEW PLAYS AWAY: The cliché has surfaced much of the 2003 season, and every season of every team who's ever endured a series of close losses: The Packers are only a few plays from being 9-3. Well, here are those plays:

- ▶ Sept. 21 at Arizona: Arizona's Dexter Jackson picks off Favre in the end zone with 7 seconds left, capping a 12-play, 68-yard drive. Arizona wins, 20-13.
- ▶ Oct. 12 vs. Kansas City: With 9 minutes left in regulation, Green Bay up 31-21 and in field-goal range, Favre's pass deflects off Donald Driver's hands and Jerome Woods' 79-yard touchdown return steals the Packers' momentum at a critical juncture, en route to overtime.
- ▶ Oct. 12 vs. Kansas City: On the Packers' first overtime play, Ahman Green breaks several tackles and appears headed deep into Chiefs territory when Woods' perfectly timed hit knocks the ball out of Green's hands. One play later, the Chiefs score the game-winning touchdown.
- ▶ Nov. 10 vs. Philadelphia: The Packers' defense holds the Eagles to 3 points and seven punts on their first 10 possessions. But late-game leg cramps sideline starting cor-

nerback Al Harris, and Donovan McNabb hits Todd Pinkston on a corner route with 27 seconds left. The Eagles win 17-14.

THE ROOKIE: The Packers began keeping defensive statistics in 1975. Since, only six rookies have reached 100 tackles:

166	.....	*Rich Wingo, 1979
123	.....	*Johnnie Gray, 1975
119	.....	*Nick Barnett, 2003
111	.....	Michael Hunt, 1978
104	.....	Brian Noble, 1985
102	.....	John Anderson, 1978

* — led/leading team

THE ROOKIE II: Barnett is on pace to record one of the top tackle seasons by any Packers player, rookie or veteran, this generation. Only six Packers players over the last 20 seasons have at least 130 tackles, since the team began tracking defensive numbers in 1975. Most in a season:

180	.....	Mike Douglass, 1981	138	.....	Brian Noble, 1989
166	.....	Rich Wingo, 1979	137	.....	Gary Weaver, 1978
165	.....	Mike Douglass, 1980	136	.....	Johnnie Gray, 1978
162	.....	Mike Douglass, 1983	134	.....	Johnny Holland, 1993
157	.....	Jim Carter, 1977	134	.....	Johnnie Gray, 1980
151	.....	Gary Scott, 1985	132	.....	Nate Wayne, 2002
150	.....	John Anderson, 1981	132	.....	Bernardo Harris, 2000
150	.....	Steve Luke, 1978	132	.....	Mike Douglass, 1979
146	.....	John Anderson, 1983	131	.....	George Cumby, 1983
143	.....	Johnnie Gray, 1977	130	.....	Bernardo Harris, 2001
139	.....	George Cumby, 1981			
139	.....	Rich Wingo, 1981			

BEST IN NFL HISTORY: According to Elias Sports Bureau, Brett Favre enters Monday's contest averaging more TD passes per game than any player in league annals (minimum 150 TD), including the two quarterbacks ahead of him on the all-time list, Dan Marino and Fran Tarkenton:

Avg	Player	TD	GP	All-time Rk
1.7853	Brett Favre	341	191	3
1.7660	Peyton Manning	161	93	n/a
1.7355	Dan Marino	420	242	1
1.4813	Jim Kelly	237	160	15
1.4219	Joe Montana	273	192	7
1.4033	Dan Fouts	254	181	10
1.3990	Warren Moon	291	208	5
1.3902	Fran Tarkenton	342	246	2
1.3744	Johnny Unitas	290	211	6
1.3728	Steve Young	232	169	17

Favre and 171 other quarterbacks

According to Elias Sports Bureau, 171 other quarterbacks have started an NFL game since Sept. 27, 1992, when Brett Favre launched his current starting streak. Favre's streak, the longest ever by a quarterback, is also the league's longest active at all positions. A look at the quarterbacks who've started for each NFL team during Favre's streak (Elias Sports Bureau):

Arizona/Phoenix (13) — Steve Beuerlein, Jeff Blake, Dave Brown, Stoney Case, Chris Chandler, Boomer Esiason, Kent Graham, Dave Krieg, Josh McCown, Jim McMahon, Jake Plummer, Timm Rosenbach, Jay Schroeder	Testaverde, Mike Tomczak, Spergon Wynn, Eric Zeier	Minnesota (11) — Todd Bouman, Daunte Culpepper, Randall Cunningham, Gus Frerotte, Rich Gannon, Jeff George, Brad Johnson, Jim McMahon, Warren Moon, Sean Salisbury, Spergon Wynn	StL/LA. Rams (13) — Tony Banks, Steve Bono, Marc Bulger, Chris Chandler, Scott Covington, Jim Everett, Trent Green, Jamie Martin, Chris Miller, T.J. Rubley, Mark Rypien, Steve Walsh, Kurt Warner
Atlanta (12) — Chris Chandler, Steve DeBerg, Jeff George, Tony Graziani, Bobby Hebert, Doug Johnson, Danny Kanell, Kurt Kittner, Chris Miller, Billy Joe Tolliver, Michael Vick, Wade Wilson	Denver (11) — Steve Beuerlein, Bubby Brister, John Elway, Gus Frerotte, Brian Griese, Danny Kannel, Tommy Maddox, Hugh Miller, Chris Miller, Bill Musgrave, Jake Plummer	New England (7) — Drew Bledsoe, Tom Brady, Jeff Carlson, Tom Hodson, Hugh Millen, Scott Secules, Scott Zolak	San Diego (8) — Drew Brees, Jim Everett, Doug Flutie, John Friesz, Gale Gilbert, Jim Harbaugh, Stan Humphries, Erik Kramer, Ryan Leaf, Moses Moreno, Sean Salisbury, Craig Whelihan
Baltimore (13) — Tony Banks, Jeff Blake, Kyle Boller, Stoney Case, Randall Cunningham, Trent Diller, Elvis Grbac, Jim Harbaugh, Scott Mitchell, Chris Redman, Vinny Testaverde, Anthony Wright, Eric Zeier	Detroit (13) — Charlie Batch, Stoney Case, Ty Detmer, Gus Frerotte, Joey Harrington, Erik Kramer, Dave Krieg, Don Majkowski, Mike McMahon, Scott Mitchell, Rodney Peete, Frank Reich, Andre Ware	New Orleans (14) — Jeff Blake, Aaron Brooks, Mike Buck, Kerry Collins, Jake Delhomme, Jim Everett, Bobby Hebert, Billy Joe Hobert, Doug Nussmeier, Heath Shuler, Billy Joe Tolliver, Steve Walsh, Wade Wilson, Danny Wuerffel	San Francisco (7) — Ty Detmer, Jim Druckenmiller, Jeff Garcia, Elvis Grbac, Tim Rattay, Steve Stenstrom, Steve Young
Buffalo (7) — Drew Bledsoe, Todd Collins, Doug Flutie, Rob Johnson, Jim Kelly, Frank Reich, Alex Van Pelt	Green Bay (1) — Brett Favre	N.Y. Giants (7) — Dave Brown, Kerry Collins, Kent Graham, Jeff Hostetler, Danny Kanell, Jesse Palmer, Phil Simms	Seattle (11) — Trent Diller, Glenn Foley, John Friesz, Stan Gelbaugh, Matt Hasselbeck, Brock Huard, Jon Kitna, Dan McGwire, Rick Mirer, Warren Moon, Kelly Stouffer
Carolina (8) — Steve Beuerlein, Kerry Collins, Jake Delhomme, Randy Fasan, Matt Lytle, Rodney Peete, Frank Reich, Chris Weinke	Houston Texans (3) — Tony Banks, David Carr, Dave Ragone	N.Y. Jets (12) — Bubby Brister, Boomer Esiason, Glenn Foley, Ray Lucas, Rick Mirer, Browning Nagle, Ken O'Brien, Neil O'Donnell, Chad Pennington, Frank Reich, Vinny Testaverde, Jack Trudeau	Tampa Bay (8) — Steve DeBerg, Trent Diller, Craig Erickson, Brad Johnson, Rob Johnson, Shaun King, Vinny Testaverde, Eric Zeier
Chicago (16) — Henry Burris, Chris Chandler, Will Furrer, Rex Grossman, Jim Harbaugh, Erik Kramer, Dave Krieg, Shane Matthews, Cade McDown, Jim Miller, Rick Mirer, Moses Moreno, Steve Stenstrom, Kordell Stewart, Steve Walsh, Peter Tom Willis	Indianapolis (9) — Craig Erickson, Jeff George, Jim Harbaugh, Kelly Holcomb, Paul Justin, Don Majkowski, Peyton Manning, Browning Nagle, Jack Trudeau	Oak/LA. Raiders (11) — Vince Evans, Rich Gannon, Jeff George, Billy Joe Hobert, Donald Hollas, Jeff Hostetler, Todd Marinovich, Rick Mirer, Jay Schroeder, Marques Tuiasosopo, Wade Wilson	Ten/Hou Oilers/Titans (9) — Cody Carlson, Chris Chandler, Will Furrer, Steve McNair, Warren Moon, Neil O'Donnell, Bucky Richardson, Billy Joe Tolliver, Billy Volek
Cincinnati (11) — Jeff Blake, Boomer Esiason, Gus Frerotte, Donald Hollas, Paul Justin, Jon Kitna, David Klingler, Scott Mitchell, Neil O'Donnell, Jay Schroeder, Akili Smith	Jacksonville (9) — Steve Beuerlein, Mark Brunell, Jay Fiedler, David Garrard, Rob Johnson, Byron Leftwich, Jamie Martin, Steve Matthews, Jonathan Quinn	Philadelphia (11) — Bubby Brister, Randall Cunningham, Koy Detmer, Ty Detmer, A.J. Feeley, Bobby Hoving, Jim McMahon, Donovan McNabb, Ken O'Brien, Doug Pederson, Rodney Peete	Washington (15) — Tony Banks, Cary Conklin, Gus Frerotte, John Friesz, Rich Gannon, Jeff George, Trent Green, Tim Hasselbeck, Jeff Hostetler, Brad Johnson, Shane Matthews, Patrick Ramsey, Mark Rypien, Heath Shuler, Danny Wuerffel
Cleveland (11) — Tim Couch, Ty Detmer, Kelly Holcomb, Bernie Kosar, Doug Pederson, Todd Philcox, Mark Dupont, Vinny	Kansas City (7) — Steve Bono, Rich Gannon, Elvis Grbac, Trent Green, Dave Krieg, Joe Montana, Warren Moon	Pittsburgh (7) — Bubby Brister, Kent Graham, Tommy Maddox, Jim Miller, Neil O'Donnell, Kordell Stewart, Mike Tomczak	

Oldest single-season rushing records, NFL teams

Team	Player	Yards	Year	Team	Player	Yards	Year
Green Bay	Jim Taylor	1,474	1962	Ari/Pho/StLC	Ottis Anderson	1,605	1979
Cleveland	Jim Brown	1,863	1963	Philadelphia	Wilbert Montgomery	1,512	1979
Buffalo	O.J. Simpson	2,003	1973	Ten/HouO	Earl Campbell	1,934	1980
Chicago	Walter Payton	1,852	1977	New Orleans	George Rogers	1,674	1981

FAVRE'S MENDOZA LINE: The Packers are now 6-1 when Favre throws for 200 yards or less.

UNITAS IN REAR-VIEW MIRROR: Favre if the Packers win out can tie Tarkenton on the NFL's all-time win list:

John Elway, Den	.148	82	1	.643
Dan Marino, Mia	.147	93	0	.613
Fran Tarkenton, Min-NYG	.125	109	6	.533
Brett Favre, GB	.123	64	0	.658
Johnny Unitas, BalC-SD	.119	63	4	.651
Joe Montana, SF-KC	.117	47	0	.713
Terry Bradshaw, Pit	.107	51	0	.677
Warren Moon, HouO-Min-Sea-KC	.102	98	0	.510

LIMIT GIVEAWAYS, INCREASE WINS: The Packers under Mike Sherman are 27-3 (17-0 at home) when committing one or fewer turnovers.

► Including the Oct. 5 win over Seattle, they're also 8-0 under Sherman in turnover-free games. Over a longer stretch, the team has won 14 straight zero-turnover contests, dating to a loss at Minnesota, Dec. 1, 1997.

TAKEAWAY TALK: Since Ed Donatell took over the defense in 2000, the Packers have gone 23-1 (14-0 at home) in games with at least three takeaways. Their only loss was Nov. 17, 2002, at Minnesota.

Non-losing decades, NFL history

In 2001, the Packers captured the NFC's longest active streak of non-losing seasons, now 11. Green Bay's last sub-.500 campaign was 1991 (4-12). The Packers, who've now accomplished it three times, are the only team ever to do it more than twice (and that does not include the Lombardi era)...

Team	Consecutive Non-Losing Seasons	Years	
Miami Dolphins	.15	1989-2003	(current)
Green Bay Packers	.12	1992-2003	(current)
Minnesota Vikings	.10	1991-2000	
San Francisco 49ers	.16	1983-98	
Miami Dolphins	.11	1977-87	
Pittsburgh Steelers	.13	1972-84	
Dallas Cowboys	.21	1965-85	
Oakland Raiders	.16	1965-80	
Baltimore Colts	.15	1957-71	
New York Giants	.10	1954-63	
Washington Redskins	.11	1936-46	
Green Bay Packers	.14	1934-47	
Detroit Lions/Portsmouth Spartans	.10	1931-40	
Chicago Bears	.15	1930-44	
Green Bay Packers	.12	1921-32	

NOTE — Streaks listed in reverse chronological order.

Chinks in Favre's armor

For the 10th time during his ironman games-played streak, Brett Favre is playing in pain. A case-by-case look at Favre's stretches of playing in pain:

Injury	Sustained	First game back, result	Notes
First-degree separation, left shoulder	vs. Phi.; Nov. 15, 1992	at Chi.; Nov. 22, 1992	W Led Packers to comeback win over Eagles, with injury
Deep thigh bruise	vs. TB; Nov. 28, 1993	at Chi.; Dec. 5, 1993	L Limping, threw game-winning TD on play after injury vs. TB; next week, set career highs in completions and passing yards
Severely bruised left hip	at Min.; Oct. 20, 1994	at Chi.; Oct. 31, 1994	W Career-high 58 yards rushing, TD, at Chicago in cold rain
Severely sprained left ankle	at Min.; Nov. 5, 1995	vs. Chi.; Nov. 12, 1995	W Missed most of second half at Min.; didn't practice all week, rebounded vs. Bears for highest career passer rating (147.2)
Wind knocked out (twice)	vs. Pit.; Dec. 24, 1995	vs. Atl; Dec. 31, 1995	W Packers called timeout; Favre coughed up blood on sideline, returned to lead team to division-clinching win vs. Steelers
Sprained thumb, right hand	vs. Den.; Aug. 23, 1999	vs. Oak.; Sept. 12, 1999	W Aggravated several times early in season; played most of year with injury
Tendinitis, right elbow	(training camp)	vs. NYJ.; Sept. 3, 2000	L Missed final three preseason games; battled much of season
Left mid-foot sprain	at TB; Nov. 12, 2000	vs. Ind.; Nov. 19, 2000	W Warren Sapp sack; 23-of-36, 301 yards, 2 TD vs. Ind.
Sprained lateral collateral ligament, left knee	vs. Was.; Oct. 20, 2002	vs. Mia.; Nov. 4, 2002	W LaVar Arrington sack; wore brace most of remaining games
Broken thumb, right hand	at StL; Oct. 19, 2003	at Min.; Nov. 2, 2003	W Throws three touchdowns, 18-of-28 passing

