

2010 Road to SB
(Home games in *italic*)

Date	Team	Time
27 W	Eagles	20
34 W	<i>Bills</i>	7
17	Duh bears	L 20
28 W	<i>Lyn's</i>	26
13	'Skins	L 16
20	'Phins	L 23
28 W	<i>Viqueen's</i>	24
9 W	Jet's	00
45 W	<i>Cryboy's</i>	7
11/14	Bye Week	
31W	Viqueen's II	3
17	Falcons	L 20
34W	<i>49er's</i>	16
12/12	<i>Lyn's II</i>	1:00
12/19	Patriots	8:20
12/26	<i>Gi Ants</i>	4:15
1/2	<i>Duh bears II</i>	1:00

NFC North Standings

Chicago	9-3
Green Bay	8-4
Minnesota	5-7
Detroit	2-10

Packer Tidbits:

- The spirit of '29 came through for the boys in Blue.



- HOW 'BOUT THEM BCS #5 Badgers!
- ROSE BOWL bound against the unbeaten TCU Horned Frogs
- A "Stark" difference in the running game this week.
- You think I'm Lyn, but I'm not: WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR MORE HELP WITH THE NEWSLETTER.

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Packer's 34

49er's 16

It was a frigid Lambeau Field setting, with the traditional uniforms traded for the 1929 Acme Packers throwbacks, for a wild game that had early misfires, big plays, and questionable officiating, as the Pack 86'd the 49ers 34-16.

At this point, all the games are "must win," with duh

improbable Bears still maintaining a one-game lead in the NFC North. However, this Niner team came in (4-7) and reeling, yet still had a shot at the playoffs coming out of the terrible NFC West, where a losing record may yet win the division. Their backs were to the wall.

The offense misfired early, but the defense kept San Francisco out of the end zone until the big

play potency of the Packers exploded.

Trailing 6-0, Rodgers drew the defense off sides for a free shot down the field. He hit Jennings (6-122, 20.3 avg, 2 TD) in the breadbasket for a 57-yard TD and the first of many big plays to come, putting the Pack up 7-6. Rodgers also hit Jennings deep over the middle to set up another TD by Greg a

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Greenville Packer Backers in the Corner Pocket



Once again the Corner Pocket was packed; about 90 fans and two 49er's fans. There was no pre-game game because all the office girls took the day off. That left only Tim & John to hold down the fort; of course that didn't stop Tim from handing out prizes. In fact, he was so generous that anyone who had their number in the cup got a door prize. If you forgot, I feel sorry for you cause there were still a few prizes to give away. Remember that each week you put your number in the door prize cup also enters you in the mid season and end of year prize from the Corner Pocket. Some of the door prizes that were handed out last week,

included Packer watches to Karn Bender #186 and Linda Boerner #201, a light up beer mug to Butch Drake #256. Eight GPB 2011 pocket planners went to Russ Larson #113, Christian Schmidt #128, Ric Geil #182, Ken Hill #185, Mike Conruff #167, #223 Jay Stone #223, Melissa Earles #228 & Tammy Drake #253. Corner Pocket prize winners were Russ Wirnsberger #255, Rita Wirnsberger #259, Colleen Beaver #261, Ali Schultz #254 & Tom Clark #265.

Winner of the Trivia contest and a \$10 gift certificate from The Corner Pocket was Linda Boerner #202

Winners on the \$1 pool were: Mark Jagodzinski #192,

Travis Wieloch #149, Christine Harrison #242 & Mike Opat #200. Winners on 50 cent board #1 were: Nick Papala #117, Travis Wieloch #149, Jerry Boerner #201, & Mike Conruff #167 and 50 cent board #2 were: Tim Ware #102 (trice) & Christine Harrison #242.

Two new members to report (From New York):

Ali Schwartz #264
Tom Clark #265



couple plays later.

However, despite Jennings' huge day, the play of the game, and one that will be on any decent highlight reel for the season, was the 61-yard strike to a wide open Driver, who looked like a man possessed playing



Twister as he spun out of and broke tackles all the way to carrying defenders across the goal line. This was one of those

plays where everyone jumped out of their seats, and the team and crowd were truly energized with

euphoria. I'll never forget it, and I will use the clip to show my youth players the meaning of persistence and running after the catch.

The Aaron Rodgers show continued yet again, as the QB ripped the 49ers on 21/30 passing for 298 yards and three TD, and galloped four times for 39 yards (9.8 avg). Perhaps a new weapon has emerged in rookie powerback James

Starks, who slammed the defense for 73 yards on 18 carries, a certainly welcome revelation.

The officials struck again with some terrible calls, which seemingly cost the Packers offensively. Besides getting the down and ball positioning wrong a few times, the early phantom intentional grounding which forced a field goal attempt increasingly made no sense each time the play was seen by replay.



Later in the game, Rodgers again drew the defense off sides for a free play that ended up being another long completion. But wait... the officials blew the play dead for some unknown reason. Don't ask the refs

why, because they clearly didn't know and we'll never know.

Water under the bridge. The Pack was good enough to win convincingly despite the early miscues and the boys in stripes. At (8-4), with four close losses late in games, this team is better than the record, and is still poised to make the run we've been wanting to see.

They are all "must win" from here on out. No one is to be taken lightly, especially Detroit. Chicago, you still suck. Chicago, we're coming for you...

Go, Pack, GO!!! (KP)

Packer's



Vs.



Lyin's

It seems odd to say that the road to the superbowl runs through Detroit, but it does. Not because the Lyins are a threat in the play-



offs, it's because the division record is important. If the Packer win over duh bears results in a tie between the two, then division record is the next deciding factor. And with the way the good teams are playing in the NFC, there may not be a wild card team coming out of the NFC North. In what could be described as our most humiliating win of the year, the Lyins ALMOST beat us in the first meeting

and ALMOST beat duh bears last week. So what do the Packers have to do to insure victory on Sunday?

First is turnovers; both offense and defense. Over the last five games the Pack have only one turnover, the only one being the Rodgers fumble on the goal line in Atlanta, only one, but it proved costly. Keep this in mind; that in the first meeting between these two teams the offense had 4 turnovers.

Over the last five games, the defense had created 10 turnovers, but you have to go back to the Dalass game to see the last time



the #2 scoring defense scored a TD and this was the difference in the first meeting with the Lyins when Woodson returned a Int for the only Packer points in the second half.

Second is third down conversions. Lately the offense has gotten better at this going 9 of 15 last week, but in their first meeting we were only 3 of 7. Part of the reason for only seven attempts was that the Lyins were a whopping 10 of 17. We just could not get them off the field; hence,

they won the time of possession 37 to 23 minutes. The difference between our first meeting and this one is their QB. Last time we meet they had

Shaun Hill under center, this time it will be Drew Stanton. Stanton is the better passer, but like Rodgers, Hill was a threat to run and converted many of those 3 downs with his legs. Last time they out ran us, out passed us and had 78 plays to our 40. All this should clear up if we can



stop them on third down. Third is containing Brandon Pettigrew and shutting down Calvin Johnson. Johnson is their big play guy and that is what we need to stop but Pettigrew is their go to guy; he's the one they will be looking to

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for on those third down conversions. Detroit's running game is as absent as ours so shutting the passing game down, shuts the Lyins down.

Lastly is establishing a running game. Last week was a "Stark" (every pun intended) difference over the last... say 12 games. Is James Starks our savior?



This week can be good test. Jackson is a much better receiver then runner and does his best in the open field. If Starks can become the 'bruising back' the Packers have been lacking, then Jackson can go back to doing what he does best, it's a win-win situation.

Last week I said that this was a gimmie game. It may not be that, but it is the easiest game left on the Packers schedule. Like the first game, it will be a hard fought game. Unlike the first game, the Packers are now a much better team. The things that created the turmoil in the locker room are gone. This team is once again looking ahead to the Superbowl. They know how important this game is if they are to make the playoffs at all. They will not overlook the Lyins and for this reason believe they should win this game. Once again, I'm bleeding Green my friends. (JW)

GPB Game of the week

Due to the lack of help on Sunday, we did not have a GPB Game. This week we promise to have extra help. The game of the week will be **Packer Toss Across** and the prize will be a beautiful **Packer Rubics Cube**. The games will start at 12:15. Test your bean bag tossing skills against the other masters of the art. Good luck!

Green Bay: land of the walking wounded

Good news is now much has changed. No comings or goings, just a reshuffle of old names.

Here is the probable status of the injured players for the Lyin's game:

Injured Reserve (13 out for the season): *Brandon Chillar, Spencer Havner, Mark Tauscher, Jeremichael Finley, Nick Barnett, Derrick Martin, Ryan Grant, Morgan Burnett, Justin Harrell, Josh Bell, Brad Jones, Mike Neal & Brady Poppinga.*

(4) Doubtful: Cullen Jenkins, Antony Smith, Pat Lee and Atari Bigby.

(8) Probable: Chad Clifton, Dimitri Nance, Bryan Bulaga, Greg Jennings, Nick Collins, Clay Matthews, Ryan Pickett and Charles Woodson.

Packers Third quarter report

(Note: There have been two rewrites of this article, mostly b/c I missed the original deadline and didn't convert the file to Word! So here it is, my mid-season report in ¾ time)

It's amazing how time flies and can really get away from us. Here we are, approaching the holidays and the new year 2011 looming ahead. A blink of an eye and we are already twelve games into the season for the Packers.

The Pack at (8-4), the fans, and the GPBs should be pleased, but not satisfied, at this point in the season. This team was loaded for bear at the beginning, and was (and still is) certainly in the discussion for a Super Bowl run. We have lost four games by slight margins on field goals at the end of regulation or in overtime. The team

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Trivia Contest

This is the answer from last Sunday's 49er's game (12/5):

What is the Packers record versus San Francisco 49ers in the post season? What are the total points scored by each team?

GB 4 SF 1; GB 137 pts. SF 86 pts.

This is the question for this week's Lyins game (12/12):

The Lions began playing the traditional Thanksgiving Day game in 1934. The Packers have played against them more than any other team. How many Thanksgiving Day games have the Packers played against the Lions and what is the overall record?

This is the question for next Sunday's Patriot's game (12/19):

The Packers have met the New England Patriots twice on Monday Night Football.

When and what were the scores of both games?

Prize will be a \$10 gift from The Corner Pocket.

The rules:

- 1) The question will appear one week ahead in the newsletter to give our readers extra time to research the answer. The question will also be posted at the sign-in desk on game day.
- 2) The only place you can submit your answer is at The Corner Pocket on game day of that week.
- 3) Only one entry per person per week.
- 4) We will draw the winner in the third quarter. The first correct answer drawn will be the winner.
- 5) You may not win two weeks in a row.
- 6) You must be a member to enter and present to win.

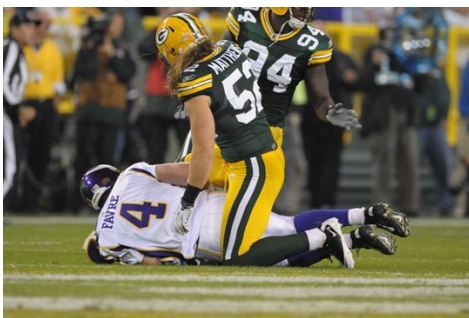
**When you say
Wisconsin...
You say
ROSES!!!**

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has been decimated by injuries. And yet, the G-Force finds itself yet possessing one of the top records in the league.

As with any season, there have been ups and downs, wins and losses. Players go down. New players emerge. However, every season has a little bit different story and character. What aspects have shaped the season so far for the Packers?

Clay Matthews. The latest version of this NFL family (Dad Clay and HOFer Uncle Bruce) has been a mutant all over the field, and has seemingly offset much of the impact of the many injuries suffered by the defense. He has made the big plays, the sacks, the scores, and is impacting the game and the quarterbacks on the other side even when he doesn't make the sack or tackle. Even though his pace has slowed a bit, he is on the fast track to player of the year.



Injuries. Where to start? See the PBB from a few weeks ago. It's nauseating. Grant's loss was terrible; going into the third team options on the defensive line and secondary. We could truly go on and on. However, there has certainly been a silver lining to this gray cloud, as the team has learned it has quality depth. Backups have emerged and helped keep the train rolling, including but not limited to Jackson, Williams, Shields, Bulaga, etc.

Punctuation Marks. The Packers have been involved in not only the games on the field, but in major impacts on their opponents off of it.

First, the crushing of Buffalo early and the play of the defense led to the end of the QB Trent Edwards era for the Bills, as he was immediately cut after the game.



The Pack went into the big city and shut out the Jets, 9-0, one of the most hyped and favored teams among the pundits this year.

The soap opera in Minnesota took further ridiculous turns after the G-Force outlasted the Queens and their celebrity cast of divas, Moss, Childress, and their QB in the first meeting. Chilly was finally fired after the Pack crushed the "indoor warriors" at Minnesota. Personally, and considering the history, perhaps the most sweet was the blowout of Dallas! The 45-7 shellacking was a huge statement and got coach Wade Phillips the boot after the game. At least one QB and two head coaches as trophies on the wall after the Pack finished with them.

Late Bye Week. This was the latest the Packers have had. It seemed to be great timing, as the team was on top and the time helped them get healthier. I'm sure it was most welcome by the players.

And now it's time for the Packers Three Quarter-Season Report Card!



Yes, it's that time again, albeit a little delayed. When the grades come out, if you're not confident, time to either pick off the mail before mom and dad get it, or more likely nowadays, hack into the school computer and do what you have to do.

Offense. Not much analysis here. Obviously, a top NFL offense, even with injuries. The patchwork O-line has generally protected Rodgers, again a Pro Bowl-caliber QB. This unit has misfired at bad times, particularly early in the season. These misfires were the difference in the first three of four overall tight losses. The defense has



certainly helped kick start the offense. Jackson has emerged to help with the run, but unfortunately, Rodgers is the biggest rushing threat. Still a scary proposition for the opponents. Under the circumstances, GRADE: A-

Defense. The grade must take into account the injuries this unit has suffered. At one point, almost the whole defensive line was wiped out, and the secondary has been loaded with former backups. However, as in the statement games discussed above, as well as in the statistics, this defense is top notch. Matthews is a budding superstar. P.S. Goodbye and Good Luck to Al Harris. Although Tramon Williams has played fantastic, and is a rising star, Al was big time on the field

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and in the locker room, and a personal favorite. GRADE: A

Special Teams. Crosby is solid, but not great, as usual. The punting has been a little below average. Unfortunately, the disaster of kicking to Bears returner Devin Hester was a big part of costing the Packers a game they



were dominating, and the personal foul in Atlanta gave Matty Ice too short of a field, leading to another close loss. GRADE: C

Coaching. There were serious issues with play calling early in the season, with obvious friction between Rodgers and McCarthy at the time. The adjustments necessary to continue to compete and win against NFL teams with the injuries the team has had speak for themselves. It's results-oriented, and the Pack is in the hunt. The depth of the team has shown to be a real positive, another tip of the

Our fan clubs videos are posted on Channel 7's web site. Here is the link to the "Scene on 7":

<http://www2.sceneon7.com/entertainment/2010/sep/17/making-scene-ar-842914/>

Here is the link to "Your Carolina" spot with Tim & Jamie:

http://www.yourcarolina.tv/ycvideo/entry/greenville_packer_backers_meet_some_die_hard_greenbay_packer_fans_they_mee/

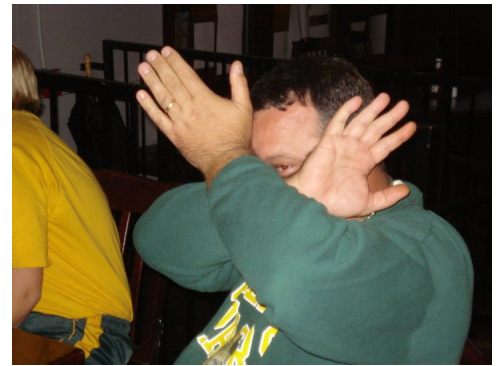
cap to the coaching in preparing these guys, as well as the front office in the drafting and bringing in of quality players. GRADE: B+

Intangibles. See the statement games above. I personally believe this team plays extremely hard through the whistle. They are fun to watch on both sides, and play fast and athletic. There seems to be a swagger that is growing as the unit continues to gel and grow more confident. They have been resilient through the setbacks. Matthews has emerged with a Woodsonesque effort, and is now an exciting face of the franchise. GRADE: A

Overall. Packer fans always seek perfection. However, it is elusive. Simply put, and despite the setbacks we've discussed, this team appears to yet be one of the best in NFL. I believe this is the most impressive "midterm" report I've seen as a contributor to the Bits. Until I broke it down, I didn't expect the grades to be so good with four losses. Fair warning: the Packers have had great mid-

term grades in prior seasons, and ended up with mediocre or even poor marks after the final exams. There is only one Valedictorian at the end.

(Kraig Pringle)



Upon

Further

review...

Duh Bears

still suck !



The 1929 Green Bay Packers Championship Team