

# Greenville Packer Backers

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2008 Victims List  
(Home games in **Bold**)

Date	Team	Time
24 W	<b>Vikings</b>	19
48 W	Lions	25
16	<b>Cowboys</b>	L 27
21	Buccaneers	L 30
24	<b>Falcons</b>	L 27
27 W	Seahawks	17
34 W	<b>Colts</b>	14
	Bye Week	
16	Titans	L 19
27	Vikings	L 28
11/16	<b>Bears</b>	1:00
11/24	Saints	8:30
11/30	<b>Panthers</b>	1:00
12/7	<b>Texans</b>	1:00
12/14	Jaguars	1:00
12/22	Bears	8:30
12/28	<b>Lions</b>	1:00

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### Packer Tidbits:

- Packers, Bears, 'nuff said
- Donald Driver - #104 and counting.
- Badgers are on again. Which team will show up Saturday?
- Packer Fans, Come join us at the Corner Pocket
- Packer defense TD #6 and counting!

Well, I was right on a couple of things, it was a dogfight, it was determined by a field goal at the end of the game and we would pick apart Gus Frerotte in passing situations. What a couldn't foresee was that the field goal would be a missed attempt (by the Packers) and that our defense allowed 220 rushing yards, mostly by A. Peterson. His is made out to be the hero of this game because of his shear will of not wanting to lose to the Pack for the 6 time in a row. They overlook that it was his fumble on 4<sup>th</sup> down that put their victory in jeopardy, nor did his shear will make Mason Crosby miss the last minute field goal. Am I wrong or did OSHA



sponsor the game, stressing "Safety First"? Rodgers "2" safeties ended up being the margin of victory and was the first time in twelve years that two safeties happened

to one team in one game (49'ers did it to St. Louis in '96). Aaron had what I hope was a sub-par day going 15 of 26 for 142 yards 0 td & 0 Int's (QBR 72.9). I can't say for sure if it was the Viqueens defense, the dome or Rodgers shoulder that contributed to his performance, but he just didn't look like the QB we saw before the break. Grant had an average day (16 carry's for 75 yds.) but to be an upper level team in the NFL this needs to improve. What I can't figure out is why Branden Jackson is not carrying the ball at all. He comes in only on passing downs, which to me is a tip-off to the defense that we are passing. The offense

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### GPB Sport-light: The Greenville Packer Backers

You might be from Wisconsin if: You refer to the Packers as "WE"!

"We" are the **Greenville Packer Backers** ... and WE were started by Tim and Jamie Ware. About three seasons ago Tim and Jamie frequented Bailey's Sports Bar to watch the Packer games. The following year they met Loren and Nancy

Wolf at Bailey's and began to talk "Packer-speak". Loren and Nancy had just moved here from Orlando, and had belonged to the Orlando Packer Backers. After learning about Loren's involvement with the Packer Band and with Tim and Jamie's enthusiasm, they started to put together our club. Knowing that there were



many Packer fans out there, they each set out on a mission to find them. (Loren recruited this writer and my husband at the Wine Store in Greenville, I was wearing my leather Packer Jacket!!!)

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# Greenville Packer Backers in the Corner Pocket



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We had another good week at our adopted home, "The Corner Pocket". There were 43 members and 10 guests to watch the game. Still no word on the progress, if any, on the situation at Dixie's, but from the feedback I've heard about The Corner Pocket (TCP), it seems that Dixie's may be following the fate of #4 (you remember that Brett guy?). For now and until you hear differently, we will continue to meet at TCP. Several new things are

happening now. First is the attendance sheet. Make sure you stop at the front desk and check off your name on the members list. TCP is giving away a "Special", yet unknown, prize at the end of the year. Each week you are at the bar, we will add your name to the hat, so the more you show up, the better your odds of winning that prize (if you don't check your name off, you won't be entered that week). At the same time remember to add your number to the cup for all the cool prizes provided by the club and TCP. The forms and the question for the Trivia contest will be at the front desk. The prize each week will be a \$10 gift certificate from TCP. The winner will be picked during halftime. I promise to do a

better job in the future on determining a winner (do I have a volunteer to help run this?).

In addition to the 12 club prizes, the winners of the shirts provided by TCP were Terrie Wheelock (#193), Phil Bender (#156) & Bill Bunke (#110). Winners on the pool were Mac Weldon (#147), Travis Wieloch (#149), Rick Krueger (#168) & Tom Manske (#171). Winner of the Trivia contest was Jamie Ware (#101).

So put on your game face and bring a friend (preferably not a bears fan) to join us at The Corner Pocket where Packer fans call the shots. **(JW)**

Please give a warm "Cheesehead" welcome to our newest member (#205): **Jason Wham**

struggled on third downs going just 1 of 11 all day due mainly to penalties, poor field position and an average running game that put them in long yardage situations. One bright spot was that Donald Driver caught a pass Sunday giving him catches in 104 straight games, a new Packer record.

The defense had another A/F day. An "A" for the pass coverage that held Frerotte to just over 50% on his pass completions. Collin's return for a TD was #6 on the year for the Pack, tying a club record. We also had 2 sacks, which is an increase over the last several games. Once again an "F" has to go to the run defense. They did nothing to improve on their #27<sup>th</sup> ranking in allowing not only 220 yards, but several runs of over 25 yards, including the winning

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## Packer's



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## Bear's

For me, this is what football is all about. Packers vs. Bears. All those games over the years, listening to my dad, uncles, and cousins at their very best and their very worst. It goes without saying that each of these teams, as well as their fans, look ahead to this rivalry and circle the dates on the calendar. For each franchise, these games end up being viewed as a barometer for measuring a successful or unsuccessful season. History indicates that the records and statistics can be tossed aside (we'd certainly like to) in preparation for this showdown.

This week is no different. Both teams have been inconsistent to this point in the season. As disappointing as the Packers have been, there is a bright side. The reality is that this team at (4-5) is only one game back of the division-leading Bears and Minnesota. No one is pulling away from the competition, which is some consolation to Packer Nation at this point in the campaign.



The recent history between these teams has not been pretty for the Pack. Duh

Bears have won five of the last six in the rivalry, including a 35-7 whipping in the last matchup late last season. Chicago blocked two punts in that embarrassment, making two of the team's three losses (13-3) to the thugs from Midway.

That was then, this is now. Injuries continue to be a big part of the story for the Pack. Losing Nick Barnett, perhaps the heart and soul of the defense, couldn't have come at a worse time. Chicago was undoubtedly looking to pound the ball on

the ground in attacking the league's 28<sup>th</sup>-ranked rushing defense (154.6 ypg) even before the loss of Barnett. The defense, which allowed 178 and 220 yards rushing the last two games, is scrambling to adjust to his loss, even considering moving linebackers around to compensate. This may likely result in the front seven being diminished at multiple positions.

The flipside matchup doesn't appear to favor the Pack, either. The offense has struggled to find a consistent ground game all season. This is obviously a key difference from last year. We will go against a Bears rush de-

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At the start of last year, Jamie gathered up some of her own personal Packer items from her home and brought them the following week to use as door prizes, and Loren brought his trumpet. Also, Tim and Jamie had 20 Packer turtlenecks that they gave away as a sign-up bonus. Loren and Nancy were very familiar with the operations of the Orlando Packer Backer Club, so along with word of mouth – they were ready!

The first week they recruited 15 eager Packer fans! Unfortunately because of Bailey's loyalty to their Steelers, Browns and Bengals fans, our club was stuck in the back room with only one small TV; the Ware's donated another TV so they were able to view from the back of the room! Slowly, by word of mouth the club grew and pretty soon we outgrew Bailey's small back room. (Yeah!) John and Linda Wieloch were part of the (6) charter members and part of the group that set out to find a new home. It did not take too long to stumble onto Jay's Midtown Tavern, they knew it was meant to be when they saw "Favre" cheese sticks on the menu! The move to Jay's was good, and they provided a number of "perks" for the club. During this Time, Tim developed our own website, [www.greenvillepackers.com](http://www.greenvillepackers.com), he uploads pictures each week, and posts information accordingly.

As our second season started, it was "Here we GROW again" as we outgrew Jay's. The original "6" once again set out in search of a new home. After tasting the beer, food and more beer at several places, they thought they found our home at the

"Coyote Blue Moon" (Formerly Game-time) only to find out a week later that the deal fell through, so it was back to the drawing board. We needed to find another venue when Dixie's called us and said 'come on down'. What seemed like "Cheesehead South" is now on hold until Dixie's can clear up their license issues. Once again, Tim scrambled and within hours talked to The Corner Pocket, and secured the venue for games to come. The club continues to grow each week, with 105 members on the roster. John has developed a sweet newsletter that keeps us all informed, entertained and up to date each week. The club's goal and mission is to provide a place for Packer fans in the upstate Greenville area to watch every game with their fellow cheeseheads. They have succeeded, and we have a lot to be thankful for. Each game there is a lot that goes on during and behind the scenes. Thank you Tim, Jamie, Loren, Nancy, John, Linda & Travis. What was once a conversation at Bailey's and a hand full of Packer fans in the back room at that bar, has become a robust, active, and enthusiastic club. What a very gratifying and rewarding result... to say the least!! **(Kathy Stark)**

### Grow Pack Grow!



rather than playing "not to lose," is what we need against Chicago. Recent history illustrates that we don't want to get into a

dogfight decided late by kickers; it hasn't worked so well.

Much has been made of Kyle Orton's (151-244, 1777 yds, 10 TD) probable return at quarterback for this game. Orton is their best option, and has had a solid season. However, the Packers prefer the matchup between Orton and our 3<sup>rd</sup>-ranked pass defense (179.1 ypg, with a league-best 16 interceptions) as opposed to the glaring problems with rushing defense.

Another intriguing factor is with special teams, where the Bears feature perhaps football's most dangerous returner. Strangely, Devin Hester has failed to take one "to the house" this season. He has been the difference in a number of close victories for the Bears during his career; at times he has seemingly been their entire offense. However, the Pack has allowed only seven yards per punt return and no kick return touchdowns thus far. Hopefully, these trends will continue, which will keep field position under control and avoid cheap score(s) for the enemy.

We still don't know who this Packer team is at this point in the season. Clearly, we felt better about the team a few weeks ago. This is another opportunity for a statement game. Win, and we pull even with Chicago and build momentum. The division is wide open. The ticket to the dance is on the table.

Prediction: Urlacher will not intercept a pass (like the last two games in this rivalry). The Pack will get to Orton. Driver will continue to kill Chicago, as he's done throughout his career. Packers win 23-17. Regardless of the outcome, of course, one thing is certain. You can take it to the bank and go tell it on the mountain:

**The Bears will still suck!**  
**(Kraig Pringle)**

## Go Pack Go!

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fense ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the NFL (74.9 ypg) which held Tennessee to **20 yards on 29 carries** last week in what nonetheless ended, thankfully, with a loss.

As I've argued all year, the game will be won or lost on the Packers' ability to throw the ball downfield. As solid as Chicago is against the run, they rank 30<sup>th</sup> in the league in pass de-

fense. Aaron Rodgers (182-288, 2124 yds, 13 TD) should be able to exploit the secondary all day long to Jennings (43-801, 18.6 avg, 4 TD), Driver (41-512, 12.5 avg, 3 TD) and company. This game is no time for McCarthy and his staff to try and "establish" a running game or go conservative. Having the guts to go downfield and *win* the game,

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# The Favre Side



Last Sunday it was another good game against a bad team for Brett. The Rams, a 2 and 7 team played like they have only won two games. Brett had no pressure all day from the defense or scoreboard. Aiding Brett was the 5 turnovers committed by the Rams. Not even the Rams signing of Samkon Gado (remember him) this week was enough to ensure a victory. (P.S. Samkon's birthday was on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to send him a card). All in all, I'd say that even Jake Delhomme could have won the game against St. Louis. The big test for Brett will be the New England game (which was played on Thursday) but that game is material for next week's column. We will keep a keen eye on Brett and the Jet's as our draft pick improves every week. **(JW)**

Here is Brett by the numbers for week 10:  
14 of 19 for 167 yards, 1 TD & 0 Int's.

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TD late in the game. This may work with Carolina (Delhomme was 0 for 7 in second half) but not with a Chicago team that doesn't care about passing the ball. The loss of Nick Barnett will not help their efforts to stop the bleeding on the run. Special teams also had an A/F day, especially Will Blackmon. An "F" for the second quarter punt he fielded in our end zone and returned it to the 9, putting the offense in a deep hole. An "A" for the third quarter punt returned for a TD. I can't give Mason Crosby an A or F for missing the 52 yd field goal at the end. I know it's his job to make the money kicks, but it was as much the offenses fault for making him kick it form 52 instead of 22 yards. Does this loss hurt, hell yeah! Anytime you lose it's bad, but to lose to a division rival hurts twice as much. The only thing worst would be to lose two weeks in a row to division rivals and even worst then that is losing to duh bears at home. That is what Green Bay must ponder this week. If they want to prove it to themselves, the league and their fans that they are a play-off caliber team, now is the time to show us they can take care of business. **(JW)** And after further review..... **THE BEARS STILL SUCK!**



***It's Bear season. Get your gun, let's have some fun!***

# Trivia Contest

Here is the question for Sunday November 24th (Saint's Game):

**Two Parts: How many numbers have the Packers retired?**  
(Note that Brett's #4 is not on this list of players) **What are their names?**

The prize: A \$10 gift certificate from The Corner Pocket

Here is the question for this Sunday (Bear's game):  
**When (Date) was the first Green Bay Packer game?**

Last week's answer:

**Q.) What is the Green Bay Packers original name and how did they get it?**

A.) The answer is The Packers or Green Bay Packers. They got that name from The Indian Packing Company who sponsored the team (Curley Lambeau's employer). They were soon bought out by the Acme Packing Company who continued to sponse the team. To be sure of this answer, I called the Packers office this week and talked to their PR man, Rob Crane, who verified that the Indian name was not part of the teams name. I promise to make the upcoming questions a little easier. This week's winner was Jamie Ware (#101).

The rules:

- 1) The newsletter will be the only place you will find the question.
- 2) The only place you can submit your answer is at Dixie's Tavern on game day of that week.
- 3) Only one entry per person per week.
- 4) We will draw an answer during halftime. The first correct answer drawn will be the winner.
- 5) You may not win two weeks in a row.
- 6) Questions in each newsletter will be the following Sunday to allow a full week to find the answer.
- 7) You must be a member



1919 Packer team photo ~ Note name in corner

**Greased Lightning Update!**

**Thank you all for being a part of my Greased Lightning Party! I could not have done it without the Greenville Packer Backer Club – and now it's time for you all to check out your moment of fame. Click on the following link:**  
<http://www.wesponsoranything.com/ws033.alentus.com/photos-videos.aspx>  
**It is the "We Sponsor Anything/Greased Lightning"**

**website where I have uploaded the video footage that Brian took/edited at last week's game. It's going to be a tough competition, but already I am getting a lot of hits on it. Keep it going (please!) Click on it several times as much as possible, so it adds up quickly. The judges are watching and will make the winner announcement on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If I win, that means I will donate \$1000.00 to the Club's kitty!!!! Many thanks again... **Kathy Stark****