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2008 Victims List

(Home games in **Bold**)

Date	Team	Time
24 W	Vikings	19
48 W	Lions	25
16	Cowboys	L 27
21	Buccaneers	L 30
24	Falcons	L 27
27 W	Seahawks	17
34 W	Colts	14
10/26	Bye Week	
11/2	Titans	1:00
11/9	Vikings	1:00
11/16	Bears	1:00
11/24	Saints	8:30
11/30	Panthers	1:00
12/7	Texans	1:00
12/14	Jaguars	1:00
12/22	Bears	8:30
12/28	Lions	1:00



Packer Backer Bits

Packer's vs. Titan's



Packer Tidbits:

- The pack is back!
- And then there was not unbeaten teams left.
- It's one in a row for the Badgers.
- "Petyon, I can't tell you about the Pack, but here's how I deal with pain".(Brett Favre)
- **Swagger** returns to the Pack. Keep it going.
- Time to turn the clocks back this weekend or show up at Dixie's at 11:30 for the game.

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Each team comes into this collision down south with its own version of big-time momentum. Tennessee (7-0, 1st AFC South, #1 NFL.com overall power rating) keeps marching on, outpunching Indianapolis 31-21 in another solid and balanced performance to remain undefeated. The Pack (4-3, tied 1st NFC Central, #10 NFL.com) had a huge home win two weeks ago, despite the injury concerns, against an always dangerous Manning and the Colts.

The Indianapolis game was a signature win for the Pack, 3-3 at the time and teetering on the edge with injuries. With the defense taking two Manning mistakes "to the house" despite the depleted secondary, the team appears poised to ride the momentum after the bye week with the return of Al Harris and Atari Bigby to the secondary, as well as Justin Harrell on the

defensive line and James Jones returning to the receiving corps.

This Titans match-up also promises to be a potential signature game for our beloved Packers. Tennessee's record and pedigree at this point in the season are no accident. This team has clearly soldiered forward following early adversity, demonstrating what team play and fundamentals can yet achieve in football at its highest level. Remember the "face of the franchise" Vince Young's meltdown early this season, when like a snotty ten year old in the sandlot, nearly took his ball and went home?

The revised Titans have done it well in all phases of the game. Coach Jeff Fisher is to

be credited with keeping this team on track; he's proven to be a master during his long career with Tennessee. Perhaps his biggest "Kasparov" was naming veteran journeyman Kerry Collins the starter in place of Young. With Collins, and through fantastic defense (12.4 points/gm (1st), 90.1

rush yds/gm (10th), 185.3 Pass yds/gm (4th)) and a multifaceted ground game (145.0 yds/gm (4th)), Tennessee has used the old school method of simply winning games.

Collins has certainly "been there, done that" in his career. Starting as a Panthers' top-5 pick as a gunslinger out of Penn State, and having Super Bowl experience with the Giants, he is a survivor. He has evolved, or devolved, into a "game manager" at this point in his career. He has played with a



contained and controlled style, making few mistakes (99/170, 58.8%, 1056 yds, 3 TD, 3 INT, 75.0 rating). Along with the defense and rushing game, this has been enough to run the table and keep Young on the sidelines. Undoubtedly, Tennessee will come at the Packers' de-

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Deep in the heart of Dixie's



And after further review...

THE BEARS STILL SUCK!



We hope everyone had a great weekend off and you were able to enjoy the beautiful fall weather. Linda & I went to DuPont Forest in North Carolina with our 4 month old pup "Buddy", it was his first hike. The hike he loved the ride he didn't.

We now have 102 paid members in our club. The group that meets for game day is anywhere from 25 to 60 people. Of course we'd rather

see the 60 then the 25. Our (Tim's) goal is to have 200 members by the end of the year. It is still attainable but we need everyone's help. Talk up the club with friends and people you meet. There will be business cards at the club office on game day for you to take and hand out. It has our website and Dixie's name on it.

We will continue to hand out prizes throughout the game with new and different prizes to come. Dixie's will continue to give us prizes and maybe a surprise or two. The weekly trivia contest has started with Dixie's furnishing the prize every week. As soon as someone (or someones) steps up, we will have a game of skill (or luck) at

halftime, just one more way to win prizes and have fun. As always, thanks to Dixie's for helping make this bar our home. They have done a great job of decorating in Green & Gold as well as advertizing our club on their radio spots. Remember to treat your waitresses well because they do a great job of taking care of you for 3 hours during the game. We have had fun organizing the **Greenville Packer Backers** and even more fun yelling and cheering with fellow Cheeseheads to the mellow sounds of Loren's trumpet. Let's kick off this second half of the year by going down to Dixie's and shouting "Go Pack Go"... and after further review...

(John Wieloch)

(Week #8)



fense with their dynamic rushing game. The tandem dubbed "Smash and Dash," LenDale White (90-327, 10 TD) and rookie Chris Johnson (122-626, 5.1 ypc, 4 TD) have carried this offense. The Titans will attempt to mix these two to con-

trol the ball and keep the Pack offense off the field. Linebackers Barnett, Hawk, Poppinga and company, along with Collins and returning headhunter Bigby must get off blocks and fly to the ball.

Strong, physical tackling against the run is the key in forcing Collins to beat us downfield. This is not the scenario the Titans hope to rely upon. Tennessee's 18-2 sack advantage this season is mostly a result of short, controlled passing (only 6.1 yds per attempt) with short drops and quick releases from the pocket. The Pack must of course bring pressure, but more importantly must disguise their pass coverage's and be ready to jump the short routes (read: Al Harris) to try and cut into Tennessee's (+8) turnover margin.

On our side of the ball, perhaps Ryan Grant has found his form following his 100 yard performance against Indianapolis. However, the key as always for the Pack will be throwing downfield. This is espe-

cially true against Tennessee.

Aaron Rodgers has continued to be a warrior, playing through the shoulder pain in a Pro Bowl-caliber first half of the season (145/221, 65.6%, 1668 yds, 12 TD, 4 INT, 98.9 rating). Rodgers' condition is apparently improving, as he is up to throwing in two days of the practice week. Look for him to find Jennings (37-685, 4 TD), Driver (29-330, 2 TD), returning Jones and company downfield in the seams of the Titans' defense.



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The Favre Side



Once again, Brett Favre proved to be the entertainer. For the second straight week he struggled against a lesser team, throwing 3 interceptions. The first interception lead to a KC touchdown drive while the third came late in the game, deep in KC territory and was returned 91 yards for a KC TD. His QB rating for the game was only a 76.0 and has dropped to 89.5 for the year, dropping him out of the top ten for the first time this year. You may find this interesting; Chad Pennington, who Brett replaced, has a QB rating for the year of 100.6, placing him in the #6 position, just ahead of Aaron Rodgers. This Sunday Brett will need to bring his "A" game when the Bills (5-2) invade New York, New Jersey, wherever. This is not only an important game for the Jet's but for us as well if we hope to get a better draft pick in the Favre trade.

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Trivia contest is Here

Here is the question for Sunday November 9th:

What is the Green Bay Packers original name and how did they get it?

And now 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 half-time. 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 to enter.

And finally the prize: A free appetizer provided by Dixie's.

Titans

We saw who the Packers are and where they may now be in the huge win against the Colts. However, in this league, you're only as good as your next game. We appear to be close to full strength and coming off an extra week to prepare for this challenge. A victory down south will certainly be a major jump toward a potential playoff run.

Prediction: The 'Backers' will again drink a little too much beer, and maybe add in a few (or more) shots for emphasis. Both teams will turn the ball over. The Packers will persevere in a tight contest (who cares about the score?) decided late. Darkhorse "pick to click:" Jordy Nelson.

"Here's to you, Coach McCarthy, we won this one for your new baby daughter, Gabrielle Kathleen... congratulations!" (**Kraig Pringle**) Oh, one more thing, of course... Upon further review...

Want Ads

We are still in need of the following positions:

Some one to head up the half time games.

A special events coordinator.

Ideas or writers for the newsletter.

Someone with an artistic flair.

Talk to John, Kathy, Tim or Loren if you'd like to help.



Go Pack Go!