



1924



THE
PACKERS CENTURY

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ALL THE GAMES. ALL THE STORIES.

1919-2019

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1924

Record: 7-4-0 (T-6th)

Coach: Curly Lambeau

- For the first time, Green Bay scored more touchdowns passing the football than running.
- The Packers won all their home games at Bellevue Park. On the road, they were shut out three times.
- The Packers gained the most yards and allowed the fewest!
- Rookie Verne Lewellen was a sensational athlete player who could run, pass, and catch. He was also an outstanding punter.
- Ground was broken for City Stadium behind the new Green Bay East High School.



PACKERS
DULUTH
KELLEYS

3
6

9.28.1924

After a scoreless first half, Cub Buck put Green Bay in front 3-0 with a 35-yard field goal. The Packers fumbled five times, twice deep inside Duluth territory.

Myrt Basing's fumble led directly to the Kelleys' winning touchdown. It came in the fourth quarter, when one of the three Rooney brothers, Joe, found Jack Underwood open for a touchdown. On Green Bay's final drive, an interception by Duluth ended it.

Green Bay	0	0	3	0	3
Duluth	0	0	0	6	6
Attendance:	2,200				



PACKERS

CHICAGO

CARDINALS

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10.5.1924

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0-2!

Before 2016, this was the only time Green Bay opened with two consecutive road games. Two road games, no touchdowns.

Paddy Driscoll's 40-yard dropkick for three points in the first quarter won it for Chicago. In the second half, as the game wore on, the Packers threw on nearly every play. Cub Buck missed four field goals, including one that hit the upright. Lambeau also missed one in the fourth quarter.

Green Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	3	0	0	0	3
Attendance:	2,852				



KANSAS CITY
BLUES
PACKERS

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16 10.12.1924

A warm, 75-degree day for the home opener got the Packers' offense going. Having not scored a touchdown in two games, doubts were creeping in. An early touchdown pass from Lambeau to Tillie Voss settled the concerns. Verne Lewellen's six-yard run in the third quarter scored Green Bay's other touchdown.

Kansas City	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	7	0	9	0	16
Attendance:	2,800+				

*"Hundreds of out of town football followers took in the encounter. Some 200 fans from Marinette and Menominee made the trip here while many of the other neighboring cities and towns sent big delegations."*¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/13/24, Calhoun p. 12



MILWAUKEE
BADGERS
PACKERS

0
17 10.19.1924

“There never was a harder fought pigskin encounter in this city,”¹ was how the Press-Gazette described this battle. It was a scoreless game for three quarters before Green Bay pulled out all the stops.

Cub Buck’s field goal got it started. A bit later, on a fake field goal try, Buck took a lateral from Charlie Mathys and threw a touchdown pass to Curly Lambeau! Lambeau also threw a touchdown to Charlie Mathys, and Dutch Hendrian kicked a field goal.

Green Bay’s defense stood tall. The Badgers drove as far as the Packer 30-yard line just once, where they missed their lone field goal try. Star halfback of the Badgers, Jimmy Conzelman, was bottled up all day and never got untracked. Another shutout for the defense!

Milwaukee	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	17	17
Attendance:	4,150				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/20/24, p.10



MINNEAPOLIS
MARINES
PACKERS

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19 10.26.1924

Hendrian Stars!

It was obvious from the start that the Packers were a much better team. Even Minnesota's coach, John Dunn, acknowledged, "It was always said Green Bay had one of the best forward passing combinations in the game. But after what I saw out there Sunday afternoon, I am convinced the Bays' 'air drive' is second to none."¹

Two touchdown runs in the second quarter by "Dutch" Hendrian put the game away quickly. On the first, a key 25-yard pass from Lambeau to Tillie Voss kept the drive alive. On the second, 60 yards of passing by Lambeau's led the 71-yard touchdown march.

Minneapolis	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	0	13	0	6	19
Attendance:	2,500				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/27/24, Cal's Comments, p. 10



RACINE
LEGION
PACKERS

3
6 11.2.1924

The Legion led for three quarters on Hank Gillo's filed goal. The Packers went in front on the first play of the fourth quarter. Curly Lambeau threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Tillie Voss. Voss made a great catch stumbling into the end zone. After the extra point was blocked, there were 14 minutes left in the game. A missed a field goal by the Legion, and a strong effort by Green Bay's defense put it away.

Racine	3	0	0	0	3
Green Bay	0	0	0	6	6

Attendance: 4,000

"The turnout sure was a humdinger and football fans for miles around helped to jam the park. When all the seats were taken, the management announced to every purchaser of a ticket that standing room only was available but this didn't stop the sales, and the crowd kept flocking in well along until nearly the end of the first half."¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/3/24, Cal's Comments, p. 14



DULUTH
KELLEYS
PACKERS

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A small crowd of less than 3,000 witnessed a physical battle of "elbows...and every now and then a mailed fist."¹

In the first quarter, an interception by Curly Lambeau led to a 20-yard touchdown pass to Tillie Voss from Lambeau! Just before the half, Lambeau threw another 20-yard touchdown, this time to Charlie Mathys. The undefeated Kelleys never came close to scoring. The closest they came was the Packer 40-yard line. After getting there, they fumbled.

Duluth	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	7	6	0	0	13

Attendance: 2,700

The Packers completed their home schedule undefeated.

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/10/24, p. 12



PACKERS
MILWAUKEE
BADGERS

17

11.16.1924

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Great Second Half

This is the first of four straight road games to finish the season, and the Packers played an impressive second half to clinch an eighth Wisconsin state championship.

After a 3-3 first half, the Packers' offense took over with two powerful marches for touchdowns. Early in the third quarter, they took a 10-3 lead on Dutch Hendrian's touchdown run. A 60-yard drive in the fourth quarter was capped off by Verne Lewellen's touchdown plunge to put it out of reach 17-3.

Green Bay	3	0	7	7	17
Milwaukee	0	3	0	7	10
Attendance:	3,800				

"The Bayite followers came early and stayed late. The corridor of the Wisconsin Hotel was jammed with Green Bayians, and it seemed as if there couldn't have been anyone left in the old home town."¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/17/24, Calhoun Comments, p. 12



PACKERS
CHICAGO
BEARS

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11.23.1924
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Bears End Streak

For the first time in NFL history, two players were ejected for fighting. Tillie Voss of the Packers and Frank Hanny of the Bears were tossed out before halftime.

Green Bay's six-game winning streak came to an end with a field goal. Late in the third quarter, a fumbled punt by Dutch Hendrian opened the door for the Bears. Chicago's Jim McMillan recovered the ball on Green Bay's 30-yard line. Three plays later, Joey Sternaman kicked the winner.

Despite the loss, "time after time, the long passes of the Packers even drew a hand from the Chicago followers."¹ The loss though severely damaged Green Bay's title chances.

Green Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	0	0	3	0	3
Attendance:	6,000				

*Before Lombardi's arrival in 1959, Green Bay' colors were often blue and gold. "Curly played a Notre Dame and he wanted the same colors. My other-in-law was a Missouri Lutheran. All you had to do was say the word "Catholic" to her and her hair would stand on end. She found out that the Packer colors were copies of Notre Dame and she refused to be a Packer fan, so she became a Bear fan instead."*²

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/24/24, Calhoun, p. 14
² For Packer Fans Only! Wolfe, p. 42



PACKERS

KANSAS CITY

BLUES

17

11.27.1924

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On Thanksgiving Day, only 1,500 fans cheered-on the Blues. The scoring started with Curly Lambeau's 40-yard dropkick. Green Bay's passing game overwhelmed Kansas City. Lambeau had little trouble with aeriels to Tillie Voss, Dick O'Donnell, and Charlie Mathys. In the second half, Lambeau's two touchdown passes went to Voss. The second was set up by a poor punt. Kansas City scored in the final minute.

Green Bay	3	0	7	7	17
Kansas City	0	0	0	6	6
Attendance:	1,542				

*"The advertising value of the Packers to the city of Green Bay cannot be computed in dollars and cents. Professional football has broadcast the name of Green Bay as a live, sport-loving and progressive city. Such an enviable reputation could not be brought, but the means of gaining such a hold on the public mind has been and always should be supported financially. When the Packers' games were shown on the playograph The Press-Gazette operated the board bore the expense and turned the proceeds over to the football corporation."*¹

¹ Gree Bay Press-Gazette, 11/27/24, Calhoun, p. 6



PACKERS

RACINE

LEGION

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11.30.1924

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What?

A frozen field and windy conditions made this a tough game for both the players and fans. But even frigid conditions, 14 degrees, couldn't cool down many angry Packer fans. Trailing 7-0 in the third quarter, Green Bay appeared to tie the game on a Lambeau to Tillie Voss touchdown pass. But a delayed offside call brought the ball back. The head linesman said that Packer end, Dick O'Donnell, was offside. Green Bay fans made their displeasure known!

In the fourth quarter, the Legion picked off two Lambeau passes and recovered a forced fumble to complete the shutout.

Green Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Racine	0	7	0	0	7

Attendance: 2,200



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1924 Team Statistics

FINAL STANDINGS

Cleveland	7-1-1		
Chi. Bears	6-1-4	Hammond	2-2-1 1
Frankford	11-2-1	Milwaukee	5-8-0
Duluth	5-1-0	Akron	2-6-0
Rock Island	6-2-2	Dayton	2-6-0
Green Bay	7-4-0	Kansas City	2-7-0
Racine	4-3-3	Kenosha	0-5-1
Chi. Cards	5-4-1	Minneapolis	0-6-0
Buffalo	6-5-0	Rochester	0-7-0
Columbus	4-4-0		

Team Leaders

Passing tds	Lambeau
Rushing tds	Lewellen
Receiving tds	Voss
Field Goals	Buck
Scoring	Voss

1924 All-Pro

Lambeau



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