



1925



THE
PACKERS CENTURY

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1919-2019

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1925

Record: 8-5-0 (9th Place – 20 teams)

Coach: Curly Lambeau

- New City Stadium opened behind Green Bay East High School. It was built for \$960,000, and Curly Lambeau's father, Marcel, was a foreman on the project.
- City Stadium was the first stadium built exclusively for pro football. It had an initial seating capacity of 5,000. It would be home until 1957, and its capacity eventually reached 25,000.
- The Packers went undefeated in their new home (6-0).
- The team's offense continued to improve with Lambeau's creativity with the forward pass. Most teams threw about six passes per game in the early 1920s. The Packers averaged 17!



HAMMOND
PROS
PACKERS

0
14 9.20.1925

A New Home!

The Packers opened their beautiful, new stadium behind Green Bay East High School with a win! They began a 32-year love affair with this field that stood immediately adjacent to the old Hagemeister Park where the Packers started play in 1919. Green Bay East High School now stood in Hagemeister Park.

In the second quarter, a short touchdown pass from Charlie Mathys to Verne Lewellen put the Packers in front 7-0. Halfway through the second half, Curly Lambeau was injured. Green Bay kept the ball on the ground after the injury, and early in the fourth quarter, they drove deep into Hammond territory. Nine straight running plays brought the ball to the five-yard line. Myrt Basing scored from there to clinch win!

Hammond	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	0	7	0	7	14
Attendance:	3,000				

“The crowd got a laugh on the opening play of the third quarter when Buck took the kickoff and scampered back eight yards before he was downed. It took about half the Hammond team to stop him.”¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/21/25, p. 12



CHICAGO
BEARS
PACKERS

10
14 9.27.1925

Punts Are the Difference!

The week before the game, Curly Lambeau closed practices. Eight-hundred more seats were set up to handle the big crowd. The Packers were primed for the first win over their big neighbor to the south.

Green Bay started the game with a goal-line stand by the defense! A bit later, they scored on a blocked punt by Moose Gardner that he recovered in the end zone for a 7-0 Packer lead. After a field goal by the Bears, Chicago took the lead when they also blocked a punt and recovered it for a touchdown!

In the third quarter, a Packer punt was inadvertently touched by the Bears and recovered by Cub Buck on Chicago's 18-yard line! On the first play of the fourth quarter, Green Bay took the lead on a Charlie Mathys pass to Verne Lewellen. "The roar of the crowd could be heard a mile away,"¹ and the Bears left Wisconsin still searching for their first win.

Chicago	0	0	10	0	10
Green Bay	0	7	0	7	14
Attendance:	5,389				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/28/25, p. 16



PACKERS

ROCK ISLAND

0

10.4.1925

INDEPENDENTS 3

A dropkick from the 20-yard line by veteran Rube Ursella was enough for the upset. The kick came after a 60-yard drive late in the second quarter.

After the 3-0 first half, Rock Island kept the Packers away from the end zone with great punting and solid defense. The closest Green Bay came in the final 30 minutes was the Rock Island 29-yard line. The Independents were up to the challenge, and Green Bay stood at 2-1.

Green Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Rock Island	0	3	0	0	3
Attendance:	3,000				



MILWAUKEE
BADGERS
PACKERS

0
31 10.11.1925

Despite an automobile accident two days earlier, Green Bay running back Marty Norton was outstanding and scored three touchdowns. He was as elusive as ever, and he caught touchdowns passes of 28 and 20 yards from Curly Lambeau. In between, he ran for a short touchdown!

The Packers dominated the game by holding the Badgers to just two first downs. During the match, the crowd got involved by tossing "a few razz-berries at the frequent penalties for offside handed out to the Packers..."¹

Milwaukee	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	3	14	7	7	31
Attendance:	2,300				

*"Seats for the Rock Island game will be on sale tonight. Better get them early as early indications point to a bigger crowd than at the Bear game several weeks ago."*²

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/12/25, Cal's Comments, p. 14

² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/12/25, Cal's Comments, p. 14



ROCK ISLAND

INDEPENDENTS 0
PACKERS 20

10.18.1925

The Packers faced the undefeated Independents and hoped to deliver some payback for two weeks ago. After a scoreless first half, Green Bay's offense finally got going. They took the lead on a 10-yard pass from Charlie Mathys to Marty Norton. Myrt Basing then finished off Rock Island with two fourth-quarter touchdown runs. The first, a 20-yard burst off right guard, was set up by Fred Larsen's interception. Later, Basing made an interception that set up his second touchdown.

Rock Island	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	7	13	20

Attendance: 5,000

This was GB's 13th straight win at home.



ROCHESTER

JEFFERSONS
PACKERS

13
33

10.25.1925

Big Second Half!

The visitors from upstate New York got hammered. After a scoreless first half, Green Bay went in front 7-0 on a Charlie Mathys to Marty Norton touchdown. The teams exploded for 39 points in the fourth quarter, and Curly Lambeau led the scoring barrage with three touchdown passes. His scoring strikes were from 15, 45 and 60 yards away. Dick O'Donnell caught one and Myrt Basing caught the other two.

Bill Kellogg scored both Rochester touchdowns, and the Packers won going away.

Rochester	0	0	0	13	13
Green Bay	0	0	7	26	33
Attendance:	2,700				

*"The Playograph board will function at Turner Hall Sunday afternoon for the Packer game in Milwaukee. Arrangements have been completed for a special wire between Athletic Park, Milwaukee, and Turner hall. The folks at home will get everything that happens in the Packer-Milwaukee game, hot off the wire. The usual price of admission will be charged, and the profits will be turned over to the Green Bay Football Corporation."*¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/27, p. 16



PACKERS
MILWAUKEE
BADGERS

6
0

11.1.1925

“About 700 Green Bay fans took advantage of the fine weather and hit the trail to Milwaukee.”¹ The sunny day took the chill out of the air, and it also melted the ice which slowed down the Packers.

The game’s only points came in the second quarter. After Johnny Blood of the Badgers punted the ball out of bounds on the Green Bay 45-yard line, the Packers heated up. They marched 55 on 13 straight running plays. They could not be stopped. Myrt Basing followed big tackle Jug Earp into the end zone for the eventual winner.

Green Bay	0	6	0	0	6
Milwaukee	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance:	2,300				

400+ fans took in the game on the Playograph at Turner Hall.

¹ Green Bay Press Gazette, 11/2/25, Cal’s Comments, p. 16



PACKERS
CHICAGO
CARDINALS

6
9

11.8.1925

Stolen!

All the scoring started in the fourth quarter, and so did the controversy. With the Packers leading, a ruling went against Green Bay that cost them the game.

With the ball on Green Bay's five-yard line and trailing 6-0, Cardinal quarterback Red Dunn threw into the end zone. The ball deflected off the hands of one Cardinal and into the hands of another – Eddie Anderson – before a Packer player touched it. It was ruled a touchdown as one official said it *was* touched by Green Bay's Myrt Basing. Basing claimed he was 10 yards away!

Green Bay fans protested vigorously. Many "jumped from the grandstand and ran to the sides of the playing field.....one of the Bayites hit head linesman McGregor on the jaw.....about a dozen Chicago cops did a quick step and the field was cleared..."¹ The Cardinals missed the extra point, but a short time later, they blocked a punt that set up Paddy Driscoll's winning dropkick with 38 seconds left.

Green Bay	0	0	0	6	6
Chicago	0	0	0	9	9
Attendance:	3,000				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/9/25, Calhoun, p. 13



DAYTON
TRIANGLES
PACKERS

0 11.15.1925
7

Great Finish!

The last home game of the season featured a spectacular ending. With both offenses having trouble gaining traction all game, a 0-0 tie looked likely in the fourth quarter.

Some fans began to leave with one minute left when the Packers took over on their 21-yard line. With the excitement and the power of the forward pass never more evident, Curly Lambeau and Verne Lewellen hooked up twice on long aerials that put the ball on Dayton's one-yard line with 10 seconds left. Lewellen scored from there!

Dayton	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	0	0	0	7	7

Attendance: 3,000

Best finish since 10/23/21?

"The husky individual on the Dayton bench was none other than Carl Storck, secretary of the NFL, who is a part owner of the Dayton club. Storck said that he heard so much about Green Bay as a football community that he couldn't pass up the opportunity to visit the Bay."¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/16/25, Cal's Comments, p. 14



PACKERS
CHICAGO
BEARS

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11.22.1925
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Blowout

Though the Bears had just signed the great Red Grange of Illinois before this game, he did not play. He sat on the bench, and he received a warm ovation from the crowd at halftime.

The Packers were no trouble for the Bears. Without Curly Lambeau on the field, Green Bay looked lost. The offense produced little while the defense did its best. Chicago took a 7-0 lead in the second quarter on a touchdown run by Johnny Mohardt. In the fourth quarter, Joey Sternaman not only caught a touchdown pass, but he threw one as well to put the game away.

Green Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago	0	7	0	14	21
Attendance:	6,398				



PACKERS
 POTTSVILLE
MAROONS

0
11.26.1925
31

Worst Loss

It was not a Happy Thanksgiving. The Pottsville Maroons shut out the Packers and handed them their worst loss to date. Pottsville scored the first time they had the ball, and their quarterback Jack Ernst threw three first-half touchdown passes. The first touchdown went to Charley Berry. Ernst connected again with Berry in the second quarter, and his final touchdown went to Hoot Flanagan just before halftime!

The Packers were never in the game, and Pottsville tailback Armin Mahrt wrapped it up with a 50-yard sprint from scrimmage in the fourth quarter.

Green Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Pottsville	10	14	0	7	31
Attendance:	3,500				



PACKERS
FRANKFORD YELLOW
JACKETS

7
13

11.28.1925

No Rest!

Two days later, the Packers hopped over to Philadelphia to take on the Yellow Jackets. The Jackets took an early 7-0 lead, and the Packers tied it before the half on a Charlie Mathys to Verne Lewellen touchdown.

In the third quarter, a triple pass play by the Yellow Jackets went 35 yards for a touchdown to finish the scoring. Three losses in seven days dropped the Packers several spots in the standings. Calhoun lamented the next day with, "Defeats are a hard pill to swallow at any stage of the game, and when they come three in a row it is more than a disagreeable gulp."¹

Green Bay	0	7	0	0	7
Frankford	7	0	6	0	13
Attendance:	10,000				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/30/25, Calhoun, p. 15



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PROVIDENCE

12.6.1925

STEAM ROLLER 10

In the first half, several calls by the officials seemed to target the Packers. Green Bay overcame the contested calls and finished the season with a strong second half.

Providence jumped in front in the first quarter after a 30-yard punt return by Curly Oden. Halfback Cy Wentworth followed Oden's return with a 20-yard touchdown run. The Packers snapped out of their first-half slumber with a 60-yard pick-six by Eddie Kotal. The Steam Roller countered with a field goal that made it 10-6 after 45 minutes.

With a few minutes left in the game and the Packers a long way from paydirt, Curly Lambeau and Charlie Mathys put the Steam Roller back on its heels with a 40-yard completion. Four plays later, a great catch by Jim Crowley won it for Green Bay!

Green Bay	0	0	6	7	13
Providence	7	0	3	0	10
Attendance:	7,000				



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1925 Team Statistics

FINAL STANDINGS

	<u>W-L-T</u>		
Chi. Cards	11-2-1	Cleveland	5-8-1
Pottsville	10-2-0	Kansas City	2-5-1
Detroit	8-2-2	Hammond	1-4-0
New York	8-4-0	Buffalo	1-6-2
Akron	4-2-2	Duluth	0-3-0
Frankford	13-7-0	Rochester	0-6-1
Chi. Bears	9-5-3	Milwaukee	0-6-0
Rock Island	5-3-3	Dayton	0-7-1
Green Bay	8-5-0	Columbus	0-9-0
Providence	6-5-1		
Canton	4-4-0		

Team Leaders

Passing tds	Mathys
Rushing tds	Basing
Receiving tds	Norton
Field Goals	Abramson
Scoring	Basing/Norton

All-Pro

Abramson
Lewellen
Stahlman



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