



1990



THE
PACKERS CENTURY

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1919-2019

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1990

Record: 6-10-0 (4th Place)

Coach: Lindy Infante

- After the success of the “Cardiac Pack” in 1989, this was a very disappointing season. Contract holdouts complicated the preseason, and 18 starters missed the first day of camp.
- Quarterback Don Majkowski held out for the entire preseason. He signed a one year contract four days before the opener. He missed game #1, played a short time in game #2, and tore his rotator cuff in game #10.
- Both the offense and defense regressed. Four of the five offensive linemen missed time due to contract issues. Michael Haddix led the team in rushing (311 yards), and Packers quarterbacks were sacked a team-record 62 times.
- Brent Fullwood was let go in October after being too sick to play in the second half against the Bears. He was seen out socializing after the game.
- The Packers lost their last five games by a combined score of 120-51.



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LOS ANGELES
RAMS
PACKERS

24
36 9.9.1990

The Packers opened with a win for the first time since 1984. Second-year quarterback Anthony Dilweg started his first NFL game in place of Don Majkowski, who had just signed his contract. Dilweg – his grandfather, Lavvie, played for the Packers from 1926-1934 – had a fine debut (20-32-248-3-0). He threw two touchdown passes, and his 47-yard bomb to Jeff Query put them in front 17-14 before the half.

Leading 20-14 in the fourth quarter, Dilweg led an 82-yard drive with big plays to Sterling Sharpe and Jeff Query. He finished the drive with a seven-yard touchdown toss to Ed West. Moments later, Mark Lee stripped Rams receiver Henry Ellard of the ball, and the Packers took over at the L. A. four-yard line. Brent Fullwood scored from the two to seal the deal. A headline in the Press-Gazette put it rather bluntly, "Forget Majik for now, Dilweg's the man."¹

Los Angeles	7	7	3	7	24
Green Bay	0	17	3	16	36
Attendance:	57,685				

New NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue attended the game. Regarding the Packers: "It is a franchise that has a lot of meaning for the NFL and its fans. In many ways, Green Bay is the early days and the middle days of the league."²

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/10/90, Issacson, p. 20

² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/10/90, McGinn, p. 20



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CHICAGO
BEARS
PACKERS

31
13 9.16.1990

Though the Packers scored first on Keith Woodside's touchdown run, they managed just two field goals the rest of the way.

Jim Harbaugh starred for the Bears with two touchdowns passes and a touchdown run. The Bears' defense was "unmerciful, recording six sacks, three fumbles recoveries, and two interceptions."¹ The turnovers led to 17 points for Chicago. Anthony Dilweg couldn't get the Packers into the end zone, and he was surprisingly booed despite last week's promising start.

Don Majkowski replaced Dilweg with seven minutes left. Majik couldn't rally the team (8-12-84-0-1), and the Packers went quietly.

Chicago	0	17	7	7	31
Green Bay	7	3	3	0	13
Attendance:	58,938				

¹ Packers vs. Bears, Swain, p. 359



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KANSAS CITY
CHIEFS
PACKERS

17
3 9.23.1990

The Packers had a third straight home game to open the season opened the season for the first time since 1971. They also had quarterback Don Majkowski back, starting his first game.

Chris Jacke's field goal got the scoring started, but that was all for Green Bay. The Packers were outmuscled by the Chiefs defense and their timing on offense – thanks to the contract holdouts – needed a lot more work. The Chiefs shut down the Pack even with Don Majkowski back at the controls.

Green Bay turned it over four times. Their most critical miscue came when they were down on the Chiefs one-yard line trailing 7-3. After an awkward handoff from Majkowski, Brent Fullwood was hit and fumbled and the Chiefs recovered on their one-yard line. The defense held, but a short time later, a Don Bracken punt was blocked, and K. C. converted with a field goal for a 10-3 lead.

Majkowski threw a pick-six with three minutes left in the game. He had a rough first outing (19-31-172-0-2), and he was sacked six times.

Kansas City	0	7	0	10	17
Green Bay	0	3	0	0	3

Attendance: 58,817



PACKERS

DETROIT

LIONS

24

9.30.1990

21

The Majik Man returned and so did the Cardiac Pack!

Majkowski threw for 289 yards and three touchdowns. Trailing 21-10 in the fourth quarter, he completed 11 of 12 passes, and he threw for two touchdowns. The first, a four-yard toss to fullback Michael Haddix, completed a 61-yard drive. With 3:09 left, Majik marched the Packers to Detroit's 11-yard line before a sack pushed them back to the 26. Facing a third and 17 from the 26, Majik stepped up into the pocket and delivered a strike to Jeff Query in the end zone with 55 seconds left. Green Bay prevailed when Eddie Murray missed what would have been his fourth field goal of the game with three seconds left.

Though Majik was sacked four times, he escaped Detroit's grasp often enough to lead Green Bay in rushing with 89 yards.....the most since Tobin Rote's 106 in 1952! "We needed to win one the way we won it," Infante said later. "That was the kind of team we were last year. A never-give-up, never-quit, hard-working team. That's the way we have to play to win."¹

Green Bay	0	10	0	14	24
Detroit	7	7	7	0	21
Attendance:	64,509				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/1/90, Mulhern, p. 1



PACKERS

CHICAGO

BEARS

13

10.7.1990

27

A Sweep

Three weeks later, the Bears beat the Packers again in rainy/windy Soldier Field. They did it without quarterback Jim Harbaugh who left injured in the second quarter.

In the first half, Green Bay got two field goals from Chris Jacke while the Bears scored on Neal Anderson's three-yard run. The Bears counted on Anderson all game, and he responded with 141 yards. Leading 10-6 at halftime, Chicago scored what proved to be the winner in the third quarter on quarterback Mike Tomczak's six-yard touchdown run.

In the fourth quarter, an impressive 76-yard touchdown pass from Don Majkowski to Sterling Sharpe cut the lead to four 17-13. Chicago's defense put any comeback thoughts to rest by dominating the rest of the contest. Overall, Majkowski was inconsistent (12 of 39), and the ground game was held to 32 yards. A "sick" Brent Fullwood did not come out of the locker room in the second half. He was released by the Packers after he was seen socializing after the game.

Green Bay	3	3	0	7	13
Chicago	7	3	7	10	27
Attendance:	9,929				

"There are more important things than a winning football team, but not after the World Series is over."¹

Letter to the Editor: "Give the Packers a break. They are real human beings. Who says they have to be available to the public whenever

the public demands it? Sure, they make a good wage and are role models for our children, but do you really think the best time for an autograph is after a physically and mentally exhausting day on the football field? These players are tired and anxious to get home to their families and friends. Enjoy the Packers Green Bay. We are fortunate to have them.”²

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/9/90, Larson, p. 5

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/9/90, p. 5 (Steve Heroux)



PACKERS

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TAMPA BAY

10.14.1990

BUCCANEERS

26

Pass, pass, pass...

A big game for quarterbacks as Don Majkowski and Vinny Testaverde who threw for over 600 yards! Majkowski also threw five interceptions, the most in a game by a Packer quarterback since 1950. The interceptions led to 13 points for the Bucs, and with another poor performance on the ground (36 yards), the Packers never got untracked.

Tampa's defense shut out Green Bay in the first half 16-0. They made it 19-0 before the Packers got on the scoreboard in the third quarter on a very unusual play. A pass from Majkowski to Clarence Weathers was intercepted by Ricky Reynolds near the goal line. As Reynolds advanced the ball, he fumbled, and Weathers recovered it. As Weathers tried to cross the goal line, he fumbled into the end zone where Jeff Query fell on it for a Packer touchdown!

Later in the third quarter, the teams traded touchdowns, and the Packers slipped to 2-4. "I don't think there's a team that's beat us yet," maintained wide receiver, Clarence Weathers. "We just turn the ball over. The only two games we won, we didn't turn the ball over."¹

Green Bay	0	0	14	0	14
Tampa Bay	3	13	10	0	26
Attendance:	67,472				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/15/90, Mulhern, p. 13



MINNESOTA
VIKINGS
PACKERS

10
24 10.28.1990

Defense!

After the bye week, the Packers snapped their two-game losing streak. The defense led the way with five interceptions which led to 14 Green Bay points!

Field goals by both teams started the scoring. Darrell Thompson's first NFL touchdown gave the Packers a 10-3 lead at the break. In the second half, interceptions extended the Packer lead. Rookie defensive end Shawn Patterson deflected quarterback Rich Gannon's pass, caught it, and went nine yards into the end zone! As he scored, he couldn't help but think, "Was there a flag on the play? Was something wrong? Please let it count."¹

LeRoy Butler put the finishing touches on the win with a fourth-quarter interception. Six plays later, Majkowski's six-yard touchdown run ended all suspense. "It may not have been pretty at times, especially on offense, but it is certainly a step in the right direction,"² Infante said.

Minnesota	0	3	0	7	10
Green Bay	3	7	7	7	24

Attendance: 58,817

Milwaukee County Stadium

Majkowski was sacked 6 times.

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/29/90, Mulhern, p. 19

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/29/90, McGinn, p. 16



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SAN FRANCISCO

49ers

PACKERS

24

20

11.4.1990

Another big day for quarterbacks as the 49ers won their 16th straight. Joe Montana threw for 411 yards and three touchdowns. Don Majkowski threw for 274 and two. Seventy-three passes were thrown without a single interception!

Green Bay took an early 10-0 lead on Chris Jacke's field goal and Majkowski's first touchdown pass to Sterling Sharpe. Sharpe made a great catch with 38 seconds left before the half. The two-time defending Super Bowl Champions came right back. Three quick Montana passes including a 23-yard touchdown to John Taylor, cut the Green Bay's lead to 10-7 just before halftime. "It was a letdown, of course. It bothered us,"¹ said linebacker Scott Stephen.

In the second half, the veteran 49ers and Joe Montana continued their comeback. Montana threw for 272 yards and two touchdowns. They tied it early in the third quarter on Mike Cofer's field goal and pulled in front on touchdown passes to Brent Jones and Jerry Rice.

San Francisco 0 7 3 14 24

Green Bay 3 7 0 10 20

Attendance: 58,835

GB held SF to 34 yards rushing.

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/5/90, Isaacson, p. 1



PACKERS

LOS ANGELES

RAIDERS

29

11.11.1990

16

Majik!

Thirty-two points in the first half got everyone's attention!

Two crucial penalties on Green Bay, led to both Marcus Allen touchdowns runs in the first quarter. Packers' quarterback Don Majkowski began to round into form with a touchdown pass to Vince Workman. Along with three Chris Jacke field goals, the game stood 16-16 at halftime.

The second half went Green Bay's way. On the first play, Johnny Holland's interception of quarterback Jay Schroeder led to Jacke's fourth field goal and the lead. On the first play of the fourth quarter, the Pack pulled further ahead, 26-16, on Majik's 28-yard touchdown pass to Perry Kemp. Jacke then booted his fifth field goal to set a record and wrap up the scoring.

The defense had an outstanding game. They shut down L. A.'s offense with three interceptions and a fumble recovery. They held the Rams to 165 total yards. The only area where the Raiders outperformed the Pack was in quarterback sacks (8-5).

Green Bay 3 13 3 10 29

Los Angeles 13 3 0 0 16

Attendance: 50,855

Bob Wieland, Vietnam veteran and Packer fan from Greenfield, Wisconsin, gave a short motivational speech to the team. "Wieland is a remarkable man. He stepped on a land mine in Vietnam and lost both legs. A few years ago, he walked across the country on his arms. 'Very, very inspirational individual'"¹ said Infante.

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/12/90, Mulhern, p. 15



PACKERS

24

PHOENIX

11.18.1990

CARDINALS

21

No!

The magic continued as quarterback Don Majkowski opened the scoring with a 54-yard touchdown pass to Sterling Sharpe. In the second quarter, his season abruptly ended when he was thrown out of bounds by defensive end Joe Nunn. Majik landed on his shoulder and tore his rotator cuff. Anthony Dilweg replaced him, and Chris Jacke finished the drive with a field goal.

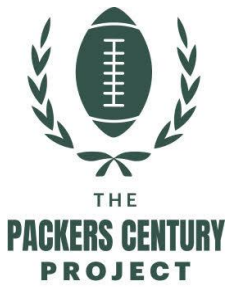
Before halftime, Phoenix quarterback Timm Rosenbach and Roy Green connected to cut the lead to 10-7. Rosenbach threw for two more touchdowns in the second half. One came after Dilweg was intercepted, and the Cardinals drove 98 yards in eight plays for 21-10 lead.

Despite being in a deep hole on the road, Dilweg rallied the Packers late in the fourth quarter. With 6:20 left, his touchdown pass on fourth down to Clarence Weathers cut the lead to four. After the Packers stopped the Cardinals at midfield on a fourth down, Dilweg was given another chance with 2:10 left. Facing a prevent defense, his series of short passes brought the Packers to the one-yard line. On third and goal with 22 seconds left, a touchdown pass to Ed West won it.

Green Bay	7	3	0	14	24
Phoenix	0	7	7	7	21
Attendance:	46,878				

Caption Under Photo: "Green Bay Packers guard Rich Moran holds up a cheesehead thrown at the team's bench after the Packers' last touchdown against the Phoenix."¹

¹ packershistory.net/1990Packers



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TAMPA BAY

BUCCANEERS

PACKERS

10

20

11.25.1990

With Don Majkowski out for the year, Anthony Dilweg started. Dilweg threw two touchdown passes, and he held his own against veteran Vinny Testaverde who threw 49 passes for 281 yards! Dilweg's touchdowns went to Sterling Sharpe and Michael Haddix, and for the game, he went 13-22-199-2-0.

Green Bay's backfield ran for 144 yards, the most all season. The Buccaneers turned the ball over twice and the second miscue, a fumble by Reggie Cobb, led to a Packers score and a 14-3 lead. A Testaverde touchdown pass to Bruce Hill cut it 17-10, but Chris Jacke's second field goal pushed the lead back to 10. With their third straight win, the Packers moved to 6-5, and they still had a shot at the postseason.

A frustrated Ray Perkins, coach of the Buccaneers, vented after the game, "We didn't deserve to beat anyone today. We probably couldn't beat the No. 1 high school team in Florida or Wisconsin."¹

Tampa Bay 0 3 7 0 10

Green Bay 0 7 10 3 20

Attendance: 53,677

Milwaukee County Stadium

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/21/90/, Isaacson, p. 1



PACKERS

MINNESOTA

VIKINGS

7

12.2.1990

23

It all started here, according to packershistory.net. "The great unraveling of the Lindy Infante regime began on a Sunday night in the Metrodome."¹ The loss sent Green Bay into a tailspin, and they lost five straight to end the season.

In the first half, Green Bay was scoreless. The Packers scored their only points in the third quarter on a blocked punt by Tiger Greene. Greene recovered the ball and returned it 36 yards for a touchdown and 7-6 lead.

The Vikings regrouped and scored the next 17 points. The final insult came on a fumble in the end zone after Dilweg had the ball swatted out of his hand. Al Noga recovered it for a touchdown. "It ain't Anthony's fault...we had guys coming into his face all night. I got my (bleep) kicked. I sure in hell lost the game. I gave up the touchdown to Noga."² said tackle Tony Mandarich.

Green Bay couldn't generate much offense all evening (190 total yards). The Minnesota defense held them to 59 yards rushing, and they managed only 11 first downs. Quarterback Anthony Dilweg performed poorly with threw three interceptions and three fumbles. He was also sacked five times. With the win, Minnesota moved into a first-place tie with Green Bay.

Green Bay	0	7	0	0	7
Minnesota	3	3	17	0	23
Attendance:	55,125				

¹ packershistory.net/1990Packers

² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 12/3/90, McGinn, p. 18



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SEATTLE
SEAHAWKS

PACKERS

20

14

12.9.1990

No running game

The Packers tried to come back, but they fell short. Seattle got out to a 20-0 lead on Dave Krieg's touchdown pass and Derrick Fenner's 14-yard touchdown run around right end.

Green Bay ran the ball for only 13 total yards, and for the first time in team history, they did not pick up a first down on the ground! Quarterback Anthony Dilweg struggled (6-22-69-0-1) before giving way to Blair Kiel late in the third quarter.

Kiel threw for two short touchdowns and 198 yards. Both touchdowns came in the final six minutes. Despite the loss and the fact that four more sacks by season's end would set a franchise record of 62, Green Bay still had an outside shot at the playoffs.

Seattle	7	10	3	0	20
Green Bay	0	0	0	14	14

Attendance

Milwaukee County Stadium

The booing? Green Bay linebacker Brian Noble: "I think it was just. I think people have the right to boo us with the type of performance we gave."



PACKERS

PHILADELPHIA

EAGLES

0

12.16.1990

31

Four more sacks

The Eagles clinched a postseason berth convincingly. They pounded the Packers with 422 yards of total offense while Green Bay mustered just 158. In the first half, running back Keith Byars threw a touchdown pass to Anthony Toney, and he also caught a touchdown pass from Randall Cunningham. At halftime, the Eagles led 17-0.

In the second half, Cunningham added a touchdown tun of his own from 17 yards out as Philadelphia disposed of Green Bay easily.

Green Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	7	10	0	14	31

Attendance: 65,627



DETROIT
LIONS
PACKERS

24
17 12.22.1990

The Packers used to make comebacks like this, but now it was Detroit's turn. But with the temperatures hovering near zero at kickoff, the only first-half scoring came on touchdown runs by quarterbacks Rodney Peete and Blair Kiel.

The second half started with a 76-yard kickoff return by Green Bay rookie Darrell Thompson. After the teams traded field goals, the Packers led 17-10 entering the fourth quarter.

Green Bay could not hang on to the lead. The Lions scored 14 more on a fumble recovery by Ray Crockett and a six-yard touchdown run by Barry Sanders. A final drive by the Packers threatened at Detroit's 14-yard line with 1:56 left. On third down, Kiel was intercepted by Crockett, and the Lions ran out the clock.

Detroit	7	0	3	14	24
Green Bay	7	0	10	0	17
Attendance: 46,700					

"Jason Walder may have been among the more intelligent forms of life at Lambeau Field Saturday. He sold programs for the Green Bay Packers-Detroit Lions game in one of the men's bathrooms. 'Business is better here than it is out there.' gesturing toward the door and the two degree, minus-35 degree wind chill conditions outside. 'At least in here I can feel my fingers.'"¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 12/23/90, Langenkamp, p. 1



PACKERS

DENVER

BRONCOS

13

12.30.1990

22

A disappointing 1990 season came to an end in the Rocky Mountains at 6-10. The Packers never led, and they gave up four more sacks and coughed up the ball up three more times.

In the first half, each team kicked two field goals. The Broncos scored twice in the third quarter to take control 20-6. Quarterback Anthony Dilweg's touchdown pass to Sterling Sharpe's cut the lead to seven, but a safety by Karl Mecklenberg gave the Broncos all they needed.

Green Bay	3	3	0	7	13
Denver	3	3	14	2	22
Attendance:	46,943				



1990 Team Statistics

FINAL STANDINGS – NFC Central

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
Chicago	11	5	0
Tampa Bay	6	10	0
Detroit	6	10	0
Green Bay	6	10	0
Minnesota	6	10	0

TEAM LEADERS

Passing	Majkowski
Rushing	Haddix
Receiving	Sharpe
Scoring	Jacke
Interceptions	Butler, Holmes & M. Murphy w/3
Sacks	T. Harris

ALL-PRO

Campen	Center
Sharpe	Wide Receiver

NOTEABLE DRAFT PICKS (Round, Position)

Tony Bennett (1, LB)
 Darrell Thompson (1b, RB)
 LeRoy Butler (2, CB)
 Jackie Harris (4, TE)
 Bryce Paup (6, LB)
 Chris Jacke (6, K)



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