



1991



THE
PACKERS CENTURY

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1919-2019

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1991

Record: 4-12-0 (4th Place)

Coach: Lindy Infante

- Don Majkowski returned, but he didn't bring back the "Majik." He shared the position with Mike Tomczak, formerly of the Bears.
- Three of their four wins came against two teams that won fewer games than they did - Tampa Bay and Indianapolis.
- The offense finished #24 in yards gained. Tim Harris was traded to the 49ers in October. The Packers finished #10 in yards allowed. They held opponents to 94.5 yards rushing per game - the team's best since 1940.
- On November 20, Packer President Bob Harlan fired Tom Braatz. One week later, he hired Ron Wolf, the Assistant General Manager of the New York Jets. Harlan knew Wolf from a previous interview in Green Bay, and he gave him complete control of the football operation this time around.
- The day after the season ended, Wolf fired Head Coach Lindy Infante and his staff.



PHILADELPHIA
EAGLES
PACKERS

20
3 9.1.1991

Not an optimistic start for the offense given last season's problems. Don Majkowski threw 42 passes, but he completed just 16 along with three interceptions. The Packers never made the end zone, and their only points came on Chris Jacke's field goal in the third quarter.

The Eagles survived the loss of their quarterback Randall Cunningham who injured his knee when Bryce Paup sacked him in the second quarter. Jim McMahon came into the game and led the Eagles to 10 points before halftime. Philadelphia's touchdown came on a great catch by Keith Byars of a deflected pass.

In the fourth quarter, McMahon finished off the Packers with a 75-yard bomb to Fred Barnett. Philly's defense dominated. They intercepted three passes, sacked Majkowski four times, and held the Packers to 44 yards rushing.

Sound like last year?

Philadelphia	0	13	0	7	20
Green Bay	0	0	3	0	3
Attendance:	58,991				



PACKERS
DETROIT
LIONS

14
9.8.1991
23

Quarterback Rodney Peete outplayed Don Majkowski. The Lions opened the scoring with a 10-minute drive that Barry Sanders finished off with a four-yard run. The Packers tied it quickly with Vince Workman's touchdown.

After going up 10-7 before halftime, the Lions scored the first 10 points of the second half on Peete's touchdown pass and Eddie Murray's second field goal. Trailing 20-7 in the fourth quarter, Majkowski scored on a short run to cut it to 20-14. In the fourth quarter, Murray's third field goal put the game away.

Peete threw for 271 yards and one touchdown, while Majkowski totaled 185 yards and one interception. After the game, when asked about the 0-2 start, Infante replied, "I don't think the season is over. Certainly, no one is conceding anything here. I honestly think we can bounce back."¹

Green Bay	0	7	7	0	14
Detroit	7	3	10	3	23
Attendance:	43,132				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/9/91, Mulhern, p. 1



TAMPA BAY
BUCCANEERS
PACKERS

13
15 9.15.1991

Majik Again?

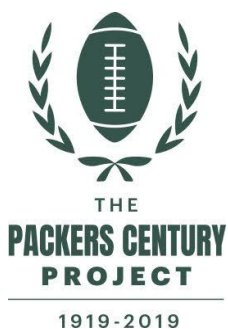
“The rally was reminiscent of 1989,”¹ said Chris Havel of the Press-Gazette. The Packers took a 2-0 lead in the first half on Bryce Paup’s sack of Vinnie Testaverde in the end zone. Paup had a great afternoon with 4.5 of Green Bay’s seven sacks. Chris Jacke’s 22-yard field goal made it 5-0 at halftime.

After intermission, the Buccaneers came back with two field goals and Testaverde’s 87-yard touchdown pass to Willie Drewery for a 13-5 lead. But in the last four minutes of the game, the Majik Man suddenly reappeared. He caught fire, and the Packers scored twice. He went five-for-five on the first drive (76 yards) that he finished with a touchdown pass to Vince Workman. When the defense forced a three-and-out, the Packers got the ball back at Tampa’s 44-yard line with 1:09 left. Four plays later, Jacke’s second field goal won it from 22 yards away!

Tampa Bay	0	0	3	10	13
Green Bay	0	5	0	15	20
Attendance:	58,114				

GB’s 7 seven sacks was its most in a game since 1978.

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/16/91, Havel, p. 13



PACKERS

MIAMI

DOLPHINS

13

9.22.1991

16

Miami Magic

Kicker Pete Stoyanovich kicked three field goals including the game-winner for the Dolphins. Miami controlled the Packers offense and held their weak ground game to 44 total yards. Majkowski was sacked five times and they forced three turnovers. But Green Bay held a 13-6 lead at halftime on two Chris Jacke field goals and an Ed West touchdown catch.

In the third quarter, Majkowski dropped back into his end zone to pass. Untouched, he dropped the football and defensive tackle Chuck Klingbeil of Miami fell on it for a touchdown. With the game tied at 13, quarterback Dan Marino drove the Dolphins back into the Stoyanovich's field goal range with 8:21 left. He drilled what proved to be the winner from the 31-yard line. Vestee Jackson sealed the deal when he recovered another Majkowski fumble with 1:47 left.

Green Bay	0	13	0	0	13
Miami	6	0	10	0	16

Attendance: 56,583

This was on Don Shula's 300th coaching win.



PACKERS

LOS ANGELES

RAMS

21

9.29.1991

23

Hurt again?

Don Majkowski left the game with a shoulder injury, and Blair Kiel took over in the second quarter. Prior to the injury, Majkowski was mostly ineffective (3-8-38-0-1), but he did score on a two-yard run to give Green Bay a brief 7-3 lead.

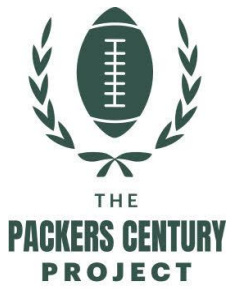
But in the final minutes before the half, the Packers fumbled twice. The Rams capitalized on the first to take the lead 13-7. On the ensuing kickoff, Vai Sikahema of the Packers fumbled, and the Rams Anthony Newman grabbed the ball out of the air and raced untouched into the end zone. The Rams led 20-7 at halftime.

Blair Kiel did his best "Majik" imitation in the fourth quarter leading two touchdown drives. He threw touchdown passes to Perry Kemp and Vince Workman, but it wasn't enough. In the final five minutes, Green Bay's defense couldn't stop the Rams, and with two first downs they ran out the clock.

Mike McKenna, former WBAY sportscaster, offered this explanation for Green Bay's poor start. "I think in '89 the ball bounced well for us. It hasn't since, and it becomes a matter of confidence. I just don't think the Packers were as good as 10-6 two years ago, and they're not as bad as 1-4 now."¹

Green Bay	0	7	0	14	21
Los Angeles	3	17	3	0	23
Attendance:	54,736				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, Langenkamp, p. 2



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DALLAS
COWBOYS
PACKERS

20
17 10.6.1991

Season slipping away?

Green Bay ran for only 60 yards, and they turned the ball over three more times. After a scoreless first quarter, quarterback Blair Kiel threw two interceptions. The first was a 65-yard pick-six by Ray Horton, and the second which came moments later led to a Troy Aikman's touchdown to Jay Novacek. The Cowboys led at halftime 14-3.

Green Bay bolted out of the locker room door with an 82-yard kickoff return by Charles Wilson. The defense kept the Packers in the game and allowed only two Dallas field goals in the second half. The Packers crept closer when Kiel threw seven straight completions on an 84-yard touchdown drive. The touchdown went to Sterling Sharpe with 3:46 left.

For the second week in a row, the defense could not get the ball back, and the Packers came up short.

Dallas	0	14	3	3	20
Green Bay	0	3	7	7	17

Attendance: 53,695

Milwaukee County Stadium

*"Fan hot line: For a daily update on injuries, transactions and other Packers news, 496-7722."*¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/8/91, p. 13



CHICAGO
REARS
PACKERS

10
0 10.17.1991

Not a good sign

A national cable television audience saw Green Bay's offense take the night off. The Packers generated only five first downs and 141 total yards. Quarterbacks Don Majkowski and Mike Tomczak completed seven passes for 50 net yards. The closest the Packers came to scoring was Chicago's 43-yard line.

The Bears scored on Jim Harbaugh's first-half touchdown pass and Kevin Butler's fourth-quarter field goal. Don Majkowski who completed three passes, was replaced by former Bears quarterback Mike Tomczak in the fourth quarter. After the game, a frustrated Lindy Infante told the media, "I don't have the answers. I wish I did. All I can do is apologize for our performance offensively."¹

Chicago	0	7	0	3	10
Green Bay	0	0	0	0	0

Attendance: 58,435

GB failed to rush for 100 yards for the 11th straight game.

At halftime, "The University of Wisconsin Marching Band was a big hit with the fans."²

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/18/91, Havel, p. 15

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/18/91, Walter, p. 1



PACKERS

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TAMPA BAY

10.27.1991

BUCCANEERS

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Two 1-6 teams met, and the Packers emerged victorious thanks to eight Tampa turnovers. Green Bay capitalized on four of them for 20 points!

Five minutes into the game, defensive end Matt Brock knocked the ball from quarterback Chris Chandler's hands. Brian Noble fell on it in the end zone for a 7-0 lead. The two interceptions that followed led to field goals, and it was 13-0 Green Bay at the half. A third Packer interception led to Majkowski's touchdown pass to Ed West, and Vince Workman scored on a four-yard run in the fourth quarter.

"In their last 14 games, the Packers are 3-0 against the Buccaneers and 0-11 against everyone else"¹ the Press-Gazette observed!

Green Bay	10	3	7	7	27
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance:	40,275				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/28/91, Havel, p. 15



1919-2019

PACKERS

NEW YORK

JETS

16

11.3.1991

19 (OT)

Other than Ken O'Brien's a 50-yard "Hail Mary" touchdown pass to Chris Burkett just before the half, Pat Leahy's field goals headlined this New York win. The veteran Leahy – the oldest player in the NFL – kicked four field goals, one more than Green Bay's young Chris Jacke. Leahy's leg tied the game in regulation and kicked the winner in overtime.

The Packers only touchdown came in the third quarter on a one-yard toss from Mike Tomczak to Ed West.

Ten minutes into the overtime period, after Jacke had already missed a 42-yarder to win it, Vai Sikahema fumbled a punt on the 23. Former Packer Bobby Houston recovered for the Jets, and three plays later, Leahy connected for #4 from the 37-yard line.

Green Bay	3	3	7	3	0	16
New York	3	10	3	3	3	19

Attendance: 67,435

GB had three turnovers.



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BUFFALO
BILLS
PACKERS

34
24 11.10.1991

The defending AFC Champion Bills overcame an early Packer lead to win their ninth game. Trailing 10-7 in the first half, Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly threw his second touchdown pass of the game for a 14-10 lead at halftime.

Early in the second half, the teams traded touchdowns. Jim Kelly left for a few plays in the third quarter with a sore neck. When he returned, he made all the difference. In the fourth quarter, Kelly finished a 12-play, 75-yard march with a short touchdown run to make it 31-17 Bills. The critical play of the drive was a 19-yard, third-down completion to former Packer James Lofton.

Mike Tomczak started his first game at quarterback for the Packers. He threw for 317 yards and two touchdowns. He was sacked three times, and he also threw two interceptions.

Buffalo	0	14	10	10	34
Green Bay	7	3	7	7	24
Attendance: 52,175					
Milwaukee County Stadium					



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MINNESOTA
VIKINGS
PACKERS

35
21 11.17.1991

Mike Tomczak's two touchdown passes in the first quarter gave Green Bay an early lead. The touchdowns went to Vince Workman and Charles Wilson, and Green Bay led at halftime 21-14.

The Vikings put up 21 more points in the second half, while Green Bay was shutout. The Packers ran for just 29 yards all game, and quarterback Mike Tomczak threw 40 times and completed just 20.

Minnesota quarterback Rich Gannon threw a 17-yard touchdown to Cris Carter in the third quarter, and he scored on the ground to seal the deal in the fourth. Minnesota's three scoring drives went 79, 80 and 98 yards.

Minnesota	7	7	7	14	35
Green Bay	14	7	0	0	21
Attendance:	57,614				



1919-2019

INDIANAPOLIS
COLTS
PACKERS

10
14 11.24.1991

A win!

Quarterback Mike Tomczak and the Packer defense rose to the occasion with this win. Leading 7-3 in the third quarter, Tomczak took off on Green Bay's longest run from scrimmage all season. He went 48 yards, to set up his two-yard touchdown run moments later.

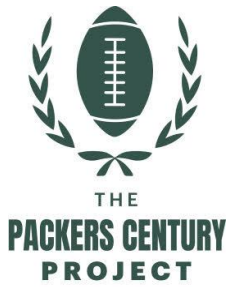
A touchdown pass by Indianapolis quarterback Jeff George cut the lead to 14-10. In the last two minutes of the game, the Packer defense rose to the occasion and stopped the Colts final threat. It was a challenging game offensively for both teams, as neither gained over 200 yards.

Indianapolis	0	3	0	7	10
Green Bay	7	0	7	0	14

Attendance: 42,132
Milwaukee County Stadium

After the game, quarterback Mike Tomczak said, "Fans in Green Bay, Milwaukee and Wisconsin, here's your victory."¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/25/91, Walter, p. 1



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PACKERS

ATLANTA

FALCONS

31

12.1.1991

35

Green Bay put together a fine first half, and they led most of the game behind three touchdown passes by Mike Tomczak. His touchdowns went to Sterling Sharpe (2) and Perry Kemp.

After taking a 21-7 lead, the Packers collapsed. In the fourth quarter, Atlanta quarterback Chris Miller threw two touchdown passes to Andre Rison. In between Rison's touchdowns, a Green Bay fumble was picked up and returned for six by Joe Fishback to tie the game at 28. A field goal put Green Bay back on top 31-28.

A short time later when the Packers punted, Paul McJulien bobbled the snap from center and ran out of bounds at the Packer 41-yard line. The winning touchdown pass went to Rison four plays later with 41 seconds left.

Green Bay	7	14	0	10	31
Atlanta	7	0	7	21	35

Attendance: 43,270

GB outgained Atlanta 393-352



1919-2019

PACKERS
CHICAGO
BEARS

13
27

12.8.1991

Tomczak returns

The Bears beat the Packers in Chicago to put the breaks on their two -game losing streak. This nasty rivalry game featured 15 penalties. Nine were called against Green Bay, which angered some of the players.

Chicago fullback Brad Muster ran for two touchdowns, and quarterback Jim Harbaugh threw for two more to lead a balanced attack. While the game was fairly even statistically, Green Bay's inability to run the ball (62 yards) allowed the Bears to focus on the passing game. They sacked their former quarterback three times.

Tomczak turned the ball over twice with an interception and a fumble. The Bears capitalized on both, and the loss spoiled Tomczak's return to Soldier Field. Questioned by Chicago reporters about playing for the Packers now, Tomczak summed it up with, "I wear the Green Bay Packer colors now, and I'm proud of it."¹

Green Bay	3	10	0	0	13
Chicago	7	14	6	0	27

Attendance: 62,353

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 12/9/91, Walter, p. 15



1919-2019

DETROIT
LIONS
PACKERS

21
17 12.15.1991

A wind chill of 10 below didn't stop the Lions from making the postseason for the first time since 1983!

This would also turn out to be Lindy Infante's last game as Packers coach. His four-year record in Green Bay was 23-40.

The Packers led at halftime 10-7 behind on a 30-yard touchdown run by Vince Workman and Chris Jacke's field goal. In the fourth quarter with the score still 10-7, the Lions put up 14 more points to pull away. A poor punt by the Packers led to the go-ahead touchdown, a three-yard pass from Erik Kramer to Robert Clark. With a 14-10 lead, the Lions completed a sweep of the season series when Mel Gray returned a punt 78 yards for a touchdown.

Detroit	7	0	0	14	21
Green Bay	7	3	0	7	17
Attendance:	43,881				

"I think the best story I've heard is about away games. The airport is only five miles from downtown Green Bay, and the players all drive out to the airport and leave their cars. They leave their keys at the airport, and fans come out and start their cars for them when they are due to get back! There's something about the Packers that's almost like family."¹

¹ For Packers Fans Only!, Wolfe, p. 176 (Herbert Barnes)



PACKERS
MINNESOTA
VIKINGS

27
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12.22.1991

Until the fourth quarter, it was all Vince Workman and Chris Jacke. Two touchdowns by Workman and two field goals by Jacke gave Green Bay a 20-0 lead. The Vikings didn't get on the scoreboard until there was 1:22 left in the game.

This was the last game for Minnesota coach Jerry Burns who was retiring. For Green Bay, Lindy Infante's job appeared in jeopardy as he brought to a close the 13th season in Packer history with less than five wins (excluding 1921, 1922). The 1988 season was the last.

Green Bay	10	0	10	7	27
Minnesota	0	0	0	7	7
Attendance:	52,860				



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1919-2018

1991 Team Statistics

FINAL STANDINGS – NFC Central

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
Detroit	12	4	0
Chicago	11	5	0
Minnesota	8	8	0
Green Bay	4	12	0
Tampa Bay	3	13	0

TEAM LEADERS

Passing	Tomczak
Rushing	D. Thompson
Receiving	Sharpe
Scoring	Jacke
Interceptions	Cecil, Butler, & M. Murphy w/3
Sacks	Bennett

ALL-PRO

NOTEABLE DRAFT PICKS (Round, Position)

Vinnie Clark (1b, BB)
Esera Tuaolo (2, NT)
Don Davey (3a, DE)



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