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1919-2019

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2009

Record: 11-5-0 (2nd Place)

Coach: Mike McCarthy

- Mike McCarthy hired veteran NFL defensive coordinator Dom Capers as his Defensive Coordinator. Capers installed a new 3-4 defense and brought with him a complex system of blitz and coverage packages.
- In his second season, Aaron Rodgers led the Packers back to the postseason. McCarthy went back to the short passing game of the west coast offense, and Rodgers got back on track.
- After a shaky 4-4 start, they made adjustments and finished by winning seven of eight.
- The Packers resigned Ahman Green in October and Mark Tauscher in November.
- Both the offense and defense were ranked in the league's Top 10.



1919-2019

CHICAGO
BEARS
PACKERS

15
21
9.13.2009

What a start!

The Packers successfully debuted their new 3-4 defense. In the first half, Mason Crosby and Ryan Grant scored for Green Bay while Aaron Rodgers scored Chicago's only points with a safety! At halftime, Green Bay led 10-2.

In the second half, the Bears took the lead 10-9 when their new quarterback Jay Cutler connected with Devin Hester for a 36-yard touchdown. After Robbie Gould's field goal, it was 12-10 Bears to start the last 15 minutes.

A fake punt deep in their territory backfired on Chicago, and Mason Crosby's 39-yard field goal made it 13-12 with 10 minutes left. Cutler and the Bears ate-up the next seven minutes driving to Green Bay's five-yard line. A goal-line stand by the Packers forced a field goal, and the Bears led 15-13 with 2:35 left.

Starting at their 28-yard line, Rodgers "finally delivered that come from behind victory that he could never quite pull off during his first season as a starter."¹ The Packers went 72 yards in five plays. On third-and-one from the 50-yard line, Rodgers used play-action and hit Jennings streaking down the left sideline for the winner with 1:11 left.

Chicago	0	2	10	3	15
Green Bay	0	10	0	11	21

Attendance: 70, 920

GB's record in season openers 49-36-3

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/14/09, Demovsky, p. 28



CINCINNATI
BENGALS
PACKERS

31
24 **9.20.2009**

Second half collapse

In an exciting 21-21 first half, Carson Palmer threw two touchdown passes, and he also scored on the ground. For Green Bay, an Aaron Rodgers touchdown pass and two Charles Woodson interceptions (one a pick-six) brought the Packers back.

In the second half, the game fell apart for Green Bay. Left tackle Chad Clifton suffered a badly sprained right ankle in the third quarter. The injury threw the offensive line into a tailspin. Rodgers was sacked four times in the second half, six times overall, and the Packers managed only one field goal.

Cincinnati took the lead back 28-21 late in the third quarter on Palmer's third touchdown pass to Chad Ochocinco. They added a field goal with 1:56 left in the game for a 10-point lead. With the Bengals in a prevent defense, Mason Crosby kicked a field goal. A successful onside kick followed. At the Cincinnati 10-yard line with one second left, Rodgers got the snap, but a whistle blew the play dead because Greg Jennings had not been set before the snap. The automatic 10-second runoff applied and the game ended.

Cincinnati	7	14	7	3	31
Green Bay	14	7	0	3	24
Attendance:	70,678				

"When he was introduced at halftime during the ceremony honoring Packers alumni, Paul Hornung held up a No. 85 jersey in honor of the late Max McGee. Bart Starr, as usual, received the loudest ovation."¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/21/09, Vandermause, p. 24



PACKERS

ST. LOUIS

RAMS

36

9.27.2009

17

Long ball!

The Packers moved to 2-1 while the Rams started the season 0-3 for the third straight year. The Rams turned the ball over three times, and two early fumbles led to Green Bay field goals.

In the first half, the teams put up 37 points! St. Louis quarterback Kyle Boller threw two touchdown passes to Daniel Fells. Green Bay's scoring started with three Mason Crosby field goals and a John Kuhn touchdown run. Aaron Rodgers and Donald Driver also connected for a touchdown, and the Packers held the lead at halftime 23-14.

St. Louis drew closer with a second-half field goal, but the Packers hit back with a Rodgers touchdown run and a John Kuhn touchdown catch.

While the Packers hadn't found their rhythm offensively, Rodgers threw the long ball very well in this game to Greg Jennings, Donald Driver, and Jordy Nelson. "I think they all can stretch the defense," said linebacker Nick Barnett.

After the game, "Favre-mania" began in full as the Packers prepared for a visit to the Twin Cities.

Green Bay	9	14	0	13	36
St. Louis	0	14	3	0	17
Attendance:	60,234				

"A&W presented Greg Jennings with a \$10,000 donation to The Greg Jennings Foundation, which is focused on helping underprivileged children and families and charities that work with those individuals."¹

“Halftime entertainment at a western Wisconsin sports bar and grill during the upcoming Green Bay Packers-Minnesota Vikings game involves a flaming burn barrel and Brett Favre gear. The bar plans to donate \$10 to an unspecified charity for each piece burned.”²

Both Brett Favre and Aaron Rodgers “donated a signed jersey to be auctioned off” to support fundraising for the new Children’s Museum of Green Bay.”³

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/2/09, Avila, p. 5

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/1/09, p. 5

3 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/2/09, p. 5



PACKERS
MINNESOTA
VIKINGS

23
30

10.5.2009

In one of the most anticipated games in recent Packers history, Green Bay went to the Metrodome to face their former quarterback. While preparing for the undefeated Vikings was the team's focus, distractions of all kinds could not be avoided.

The atmosphere surrounding the buildup for this first game against Brett Favre was circus-like. Favre, who resurfaced in Minnesota after a year with the Jets, now had an opportunity on Monday Night Football to pay back his former team for not wanting him back and for trading him.

Favre started his 273rd straight game against the Packers. In doing so, he became the first quarterback in NFL history to beat all 32 teams.

In the first quarter, the rival quarterbacks didn't waste much time. Favre (24-31-271-3-0) and Visanthe Shiancoe connected on a one-yard toss for a 7-0 lead. Three plays later, Aaron Rodgers responded with a 62-yard touchdown strike to Jermichael Finley for a 7-7 tie.

While the Packers were able to control Adrian Peterson (55 yards), they had trouble containing Favre. In the second quarter, he threw a second touchdown pass to Sidney Rice. Green Bay's defense came up big when Clay Matthews ripped the ball out of Adrian Peterson's arms and sprinted 42-yards for a touchdown!

Undeterred, Favre led an 84-yard drive back to the Green Bay one-yard line. He gave it to Peterson to retake the lead 21-14 at the half. Minnesota's defense stepped up big time in the second half. They kept the lid on Aaron Rodgers (26-37-384-2-1) until the last four minutes of the game. By game's end,

they had sacked him eight times, forced one fumble, recorded a safety and grabbed an interception. Jared Allen alone had 4.5 sacks, including the safety.

"He (Favre) stuck to us pretty good," said Charles Woodson. "We had a lot of things we were supposed to throw at him during the game and for whatever reason did not. You let Brett sit back there and pat the ball, run around, he's going to beat a lot of people."¹

Green Bay	7	7	0	9	23
Minnesota	7	14	7	2	30

Attendance: 63,846

Rodgers has been sacked 20 times in 4 games.

"The game had a 15.3 rating, a record for ESPN."²

"Lambeau waits. It waits 26 days for the return match that will multiply the Favre fascination tenfold."³

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/6/09, Dougherty, p. 27

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/7/09, p. 1

3 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/6/09, Walter, p. 30



DETROIT
LIONS
PACKERS

0
26 10.18.2009

After the bye, the Packers came out swinging and easily downed the lowly Lions. Detroit's new coach, Jim Schwartz, played without his rookie quarterback Matthew Stafford and all-pro receiver Calvin Johnson.

The Packers relied on a short passing game featuring quick slants and hitches. Rodgers threw two touchdown passes in the first quarter, and the rest of the points came on four field goals by Mason Crosby.

Touchdown passes went James Jones (47 yards) and to John Kuhn (1 yard). Also, with seven catches for 107 yards, Donald Driver became Green Bay's all-time receptions leader!

The Packers defense was impressive allowing just 10 first downs and 149 total yards. They sacked Dante Culpepper and Drew Stanton five times, while Al Harris, Atari Bigby, and Cullen Jenkins picked off passes.

Detroit	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	14	9	3	0	26
Attendance:	70,801				

*Gameday Parking: "Pioneer Credit Union offers parking and gives money to charity. For over 20 years, they've supported the Boys & Girls Club, Freedom House, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, the Bay Area Humane Society, a handicapped skating program and Big Brothers Big Sisters."*¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/19/09, Ryman, p. 3



PACKERS
CLEVELAND
BROWNS

31
3

10.25.2009

3 TDS!

After Billy Cundiff's field goal gave the Browns a 3-0 lead, the rest was all Green Bay.

The Packers' blowout of Cleveland and their new coach Eric Mangini got started in the second quarter. Aaron Rodgers set the pace with two touchdown passes to Spencer Havner and Donald Driver that came four minutes apart. The Rodgers-to-Driver touchdown was a 71-yard strike that made 14-3. Before halftime, a Charles Woodson interception set up Ryan Grant's touchdown run. Grant, who ran for 148 yards in the game, scored for 21-3 halftime lead.

The second half didn't get better for Cleveland. A third touchdown pass by Rodgers to James Jones completed a 99-yard drive in eight plays to put the game beyond reach for the Browns.

Green Bay	0	21	3	7	31
Cleveland	0	3	0	0	3

Attendance: 69,797

GB outgained the Browns 460-139.



MINNESOTA
VIKINGS
PACKERS

38
26 11.1.2009

Favre returns to Lambeau

Brett Favre returned to the stadium he “owned” for 16 incredible seasons. After spending a year with the Jets and winning their first encounter in Minnesota, Favre’s visit to Lambeau in a Minnesota Vikings uniform was his return’s final act.

Most Packer fans saw Favre as either (1) the prodigal son returning home or (2) a traitor looking to inflict further damage against the Packers. Regardless, the “Gunslinger” was again at the top of his game (17-28-244-4-0), and the Packers appeared overmatched. After Mason Crosby’s field goal, Minnesota scored 24 unanswered points.

Favre threw three of his four touchdown passes in the second half. In the third quarter, his 51-yarder to Percy Harvin made it 24-3 Vikings. Harvin had an extraordinary game with one touchdown catch and kickoff returns of 77 yards and 48 yards to set up two other touchdowns.

The Packers came back with two touchdown passes from Rodgers to Spencer Havner to slice the lead to 24-20. Favre would not be denied. His two fourth-quarter touchdowns to Jeff Dugan and Bernard Berrian put Minnesota in control. In between those touchdowns, Rodgers and Jennings also connected that made it 31-26.

After two games against his former team, Favre said, “he was glad the coming home experience was over and didn’t seem fazed by the boos.”¹

Minnesota	7	10	7	14	38
Green Bay	3	0	17	6	26

Attendance: 71,213

Sacks: GB 0 MN 6

*Daryn Colledge, Packer guard: "I thought the fans were excellent. We played like crap the first half, and they were still there as loud as ever. My hat's off to them."*²

*Kate Graves, fan: "I wish him the best, but two years from now he'll be retired, and we still have Rodgers."*³

*On the way to the stadium, a sign was spotted that read, 'Welcome back Ryan Longwell.' Seeing the sign, Longwell told Favre, "Just think, time heals all wounds. You'll get a sign in four years."*⁴

*A steak fry honoring Green Bay Packers Hall of Famer Johnnie Gray will be held November 2. Proceeds will benefit My Brother's Keeper which "provides mentoring services to young boys and men who lack the necessary life-coping skills and may be considered at risk by the courts, educators and social service agencies."*⁵

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/2/09, Walter, p. 1

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/2/09, p. 27

3 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/2/09, Walter, p. 2

4 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/2/09, Demovsky, p. 25

5 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/2/09, p. 7



PACKERS **28**
TAMPS BAY
BUCCANEERS **38**

11.8.2009

Green Bay put up over 400 yards of offense, including 177 yards rushing. But they couldn't protect quarterback Aaron Rodgers and, in a recurring theme, he was sacked six times. The winless Bucs also collected three interceptions, two of which led to touchdowns.

In a 21-17 first half, Rodgers threw touchdown passes to James Jones and Donald Driver. At the end of an 11-play drive, Ryan Grant also scored on the ground. For Tampa Bay, quarterback Josh Freeman and Derrick Ward connected for six, and Rhonde Barber returned a blocked punt 31 yards to pay dirt.

With 12:54 left in the game, Aaron Rodgers scored on a 12-yard run for a 28-17 lead. Tampa hit right back with an 83-yard kickoff return and a touchdown on the next play. With four minutes left, they went in front 31-28 on Josh Freeman's third touchdown pass. On fourth-and-12 on the Packers' final drive, a pick-six by Tanard Jackson wrapped it up.

Green Bay	14	7	0	7	28
Tampa Bay	7	10	0	21	38
Attendance:	62,994				



DALLAS
COWBOYS
PACKERS

7
17 11.15.2009

Rodgers bests Romo

After 2008, when Dallas won for this first time ever on the “Frozen Tundra” of Lambeau Field, you wouldn’t expect them to win again the next year right? But with Wisconsin’s own Tony Romo at the helm, anything could happen.

The defenses ruled the day for both squads. The Packers led 3-0 after 45 minutes, and quarterbacks on both teams faced heavy pressure the entire game. The Packers blitzed often sacking Tony Romo five times while Aaron Rodgers was dropped four times.

Rodgers rallied the Packers with two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The first was an eight-minute drive that started in the third quarter. On play #15, Rodgers dove in from the one-yard line for a 10-0 lead. Less than three minutes later, Clay Matthews recovered a fumble on the Dallas three-yard line. The Packers capitalized with a two-yard touchdown pass from Rodgers to tight end Spencer Havner.

Dallas’ only touchdown came on a Tony Romo to Roy Williams pass with 38 seconds left in the game. Before visiting Lambeau Field, Tony Romo was 13-0 lifetime in November. Not anymore.

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

Attendance: 70,894

Steve Schumer, Member, Green Bay Packer FAN Hall of Fame *

Steve attended the game and felt, “it was the turning point of the season, and it just might have been Charles Woodson’s best game as

a Packer.” Woodson had one sack, an interception, two forced fumbles, and eight tackles.

* Interview: 2/18/17

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/16/09, Pelissero, p. 27



SAN FRANCISCO

49ers

PACKERS

24

11.22.2009

30

Almost blew it

Green Bay got out to a 23-3 lead and held off a strong San Francisco comeback.

Aaron Rodgers and Mason Crosby put up Green Bay's first-half points. Green Bay's offense found a rhythm with a short, crisp passing game. Rodgers threw for 274 yards in the first half, and touchdowns went to Greg Jennings and Jordy Nelson. "Our strength is getting the ball out of Aaron's hands quickly and letting us make plays,"¹ Jennings said later.

In the first half, the 49ers produced just one first down and one Joe Nedney field goal. After regrouping at halftime, Alex Smith fired three touchdown passes to Michael Crabtree, Vernon Davis, and Frank Gore. Green Bay's only touchdown in the second half came after an interception by Nick Collins. The touchdown run by Ryan Grant made it 30-10, and it proved to be the difference.

Rodgers completed 32 of 45 passes for 344 yards and two touchdowns. He was sacked twice. Ryan Grant pounded the Niners for 129 yards, while the Packer defense gave up just 284 total yards and 11 first downs.

San Francisco 3 0 7 14 24

Green Bay 6 17 0 7 30

Attendance: 70,445

Al Harris & Aaron Lampman were lost for the season with injuries.

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/23/09, Dougherty, p. 23



PACKERS
DETROIT
LIONS

34
12

11.26.2009

Happy Thanksgiving!

The Packers win their third straight game and improve their record to 7-4. This blowout of the Lions was Detroit's sixth straight loss on Thanksgiving Day.

Aaron Rodgers carved up the Lions for 348 yards and three touchdowns. Stafford, on the other hand, threw four interceptions in a five-turnover game by Detroit. The turnovers led to 14 points on Green Bay's first and last touchdowns.

The Lions led 7-0 on a Mathew Stafford to Calvin Johnson touchdown pass. Rodgers and Mason Crosby took it from there with 27 unanswered points that stretched into the fourth quarter. A field goal and safety were all Detroit could muster, and Charles Woodson closed out the scoring with a 38-yard pick-six. Woodson had an outstanding game that included another interception, a strip sack and a fumble recovery, and a sack. As defensive coordinator, Dom Capers pointed out, "If there's a defensive player in the league right now playing better than Charles Woodson, I'd like to know who it is."¹

Green Bay	0	13	14	7	34
Detroit	7	0	0	5	12
Attendance:	57,383				

"Green Bay Packers wide receiver, Donald Driver, will sign copies of his new children's book 'Quickie Handles A Loss' from 11:30-1:00pm at the Packers Pro Shop"² on Wednesday.

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/27/09, Dougherty, p. 33
² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/28/09, p. 3



BALTIMORE
RAVENS
PACKERS

14 12.7.2009
27

This was a penalty-filled battle with 23 infractions for 310 yards! Eleven of the penalties were called on the Packers for 175 yards.

Green Bay took the lead in the first half on two short touchdown passes from Aaron Rodgers to Jermichael Finley and Donald Driver. Finley led the team with seven catches in the game.

Near the end of the third quarter, the Ravens scored twice in 30 seconds to cut the Packer lead to 17-14. A 71-yard touchdown drive engineered by quarterback Joe Flacco was followed by an interception of Aaron Rodgers by linebacker Jarrett Johnson. A pass interference penalty against Tramon Williams put the football on Green Bay's one-yard line. William McGahee's touchdown run cut the lead to three. In the fourth quarter, Rodgers threw his third touchdown pass, the second to Finley, put Green Bay back in front by 10 and secure their fourth straight win.

Baltimore	0	0	14	0	14
Green Bay	3	14	0	10	27
Attendance: 70,286					

“The families of four Army service members got a big surprise Monday night as they received greetings from loved ones stationed overseas during halftime. The Green Bay Packers, the Wisconsin National Guard, and Oshkosh Corp., co-sponsored the event as part of Military Appreciation Night. The wife of Army Lt. Col. David Murray smiled as her husband appeared on the Tundra Vision telling his wife and four daughters how much he missed them.”¹

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 12/8/09, Davis, p. 3



PACKERS
CHICAGO
BEARS

21
14

12.13.2009

The Packers won their fifth straight as Aaron Rodgers, and the defense handled the Bears easily. Green Bay's scoring started on their first play from scrimmage. Ryan Grant bolted over left guard for 62-yard dash to the end zone for a 7-0 lead. After two Mason Crosby field goals, Johnny Knox beat Tramon Williams for a 19-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 13-7.

Jay Cutler put the Bears in front 14-13 in the third quarter. A fumble by Rodgers set them up at midfield, and in six plays they scored. The defense and Rodgers brought Green Bay back. An interception by Nick Collins early in the fourth quarter put the Packers at Chicago's 11-yard line. Ryan Grant scored his second touchdown to retake the lead with 12 minutes left.

The Packers shut down Chicago's punchless offense with a variety of personnel packages and blitzes. "I can't say enough about our defense," McCarthy said. "I thought the game started with our defense and I thought it ended with our defense."¹ The Packers swept the Bears for the first time since 2003.

Green Bay	10	3	0	8	21
Chicago	0	7	7	0	14
Attendance:	62,214				

Woodson grabs his 8th interception to tie his career high.



PACKERS
PITTSBURGH
STEELERS

36
37

12.13.2009

An incredibly exciting game with eight lead changes and a winning pass as time expired. It was also an embarrassing game for Green Bay's secondary as quarterback Ben Roethlisberger threw for 503 yards.

It started immediately as the Steelers scored on their first offensive play with a 60-yard touchdown from Roethlisberger to Mike Wallace. Four minutes later, Rodgers struck back with an 80-yard bomb to Greg Jennings. Both Rodgers and "Big Ben" threw three touchdown passes. They combined to throw 94 passes for 848 yards without an interception!!

The Steelers led at intermission 21-14. In the second half, the Packers held the home team to three field goals until the game's final play. Rodgers continued the comeback with touchdowns to Jermichael Finley and James Jones. Between the two aerial strikes, Ryan Grant scored on a 24-yard run off left tackle. The Packers led 36-30 with 2:06 left. In the final two minutes, "Big Ben's" passing delivered 71 of the drive's 86 yards. The dramatic winner went to Wallace with 0:00 left on the clock.

Green Bay	7	7	0	22	36
Pittsburgh	14	7	3	13	37
Attendance:	57,452				



SEATTLE
SEAHAWKS
PACKERS

10
48 12.27.2009

Clincher!

The Packers clinched a Wild Card berth in the postseason. They scored five touchdowns, all on the ground, to defeat the struggling Seahawks (5-9).

Aaron Rodgers threw for 237 yards and one touchdown. He opened the scoring with a touchdown pass to Brandon Jackson. A trio of running backs kicked-in with 156 yards and five touchdown runs! Ryan Grant and Brandon Jackson scored twice, and Ahman Green scored on a fourth-quarter scamper.

Seattle trailed 48-3 when they scored with four minutes left. They were outgained 417-291, and former Packer Matt Hasselback threw four interceptions. "I'm searching for answers," he said later. "You've got to look at each interception separately. I'm searching for answers."¹

Seattle	0	3	0	7	10
Green Bay	14	10	14	10	48
Attendance:	70,429				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 12/28/09. Kelley, p. 31



PACKERS
ARIZONA
CARDINALS

33
1.3.2010
7

Practice?

Before the game, both teams knew that regardless of the outcome they would face each other the following week in the postseason. When Arizona learned they could not attain the #2 seed with a win, they pulled starters early in the first half. The Packers kept their starters in the game through the third quarter for, as McCarthy said, "to stay on course"¹ with a young team.

Green Bay scored the first 33 points! Their first two touchdowns came on the ground from Ryan Grant and Aaron Rodgers. Charles Woodson's pick six in the second quarter, and a Rodgers touchdown to Jermichael Finley in the second half finished the scoring. The Cardinals scored with 2:59 left after intercepting back-up quarterback Matt Flynn.

Green Bay	14	12	7	0	33
Arizona	0	0	0	7	7
Attendance: 67,597					

*"Packers backers have a reputation of traveling well, and there was a large contingent of green-and-go-clad fans in attendance. They could be heard chanting 'Go Pack Go' in the fourth quarter when the home crowd was streaming to the exits."*²

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 1/4/10, Dougherty, p.27
² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 1/4/10, Vandermause, p. 28

NFC Wild Card Game



PACKERS
ARIZONA
CARDINALS

45
1.10.2010
51 (OT)

This one counted.

This was Aaron Rodgers' first postseason game. The game is still the record for the most points scored in a postseason game. It was a riveting contest with the Packers getting off to a horrendous start.

The Packers were confident, but their defense could not slow down a sizzling Kurt Warner. The Cardinals came out swinging. Aaron Rodgers' first pass was deflected and intercepted by Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie. On Green Bay's next series, Donald Driver was stripped of the ball by Karlos Dansby. Two plays later it was 14-0.

Quarterbacks Aaron Rodgers and Kurt Warner, a former Packer practice squad player, threw 75 passes for 802 yards and nine touchdowns! Warner threw five, and by halftime he had thrown two for a 24-10 lead. Despite the early shell-shocking, Mike McCarthy never lost faith. "I had no doubt in my mind that we would fight back and win the football game. That was exactly my message at halftime."¹

Four minutes into the second half, after Warner's third touchdown pass that made it 31-10, the Packers finally got rolling. Rodgers settled down and threw four touchdown passes. After touchdowns to Greg Jennings, Jordy Nelson, and James Jones, John Kuhn scored on the ground to tie the game at 38-38.

Kurt Warner's fifth touchdown pass was a 17-yarder to Steve Breaston with five minutes left. Rodgers came right back and

went four-for-five on a 71-yard march that finished with a tying touchdown pass to tight end Spencer Havner, to tie it 45-45 with 1:52 left! Arizona's Neil Rackers missed a 34-yard kick with nine seconds left in regulation to force overtime.

The Packers won the toss. On third down from their 24, Rodgers dropped back. As he pumped for a second time, he was hit by cornerback Michael Adams. The football bounced off Rodgers' foot and into the arms of Karlos Dansby who caught it in stride and kept going for a 17-yard touchdown and the win. The defense felt especially

"It's kind of embarrassing how our defense played," nose tackle Ryan Pickett said. "We couldn't stop 'em, we couldn't get any turnovers, we couldn't stop 'em running, we couldn't stop nothin.'"² For many, including Rodgers, 2009 was their first trip to the postseason. Two-thousand and ten looked promising.

Green Bay	0	10	14	21	0	45
Arizona	17	7	14	7	6	51

Attendance: 61,926

Arizona punted once.

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 1/11/10, Dougherty/Demovsky, p 29

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 1/11/10, Dougherty, p. 25



THE
**PACKERS CENTURY
PROJECT**

1919-2018

2009 Team Statistics

FINAL STANDINGS – NFC North

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>I</u>
Minnesota	12	4	0
Green Bay	11	5	0
Chicago	7	9	0
Detroit	2	14	0

Team Leaders

Passing	Rodgers
Rushing	Grant
Receiving	Driver
Scoring	Crosby
Interceptions	Woodson
Sacks	Matthews

All-Pro

Collins	Safety
Woodson	Cornerback

Notable Draft Choices (Round, Position)

B. J. Raji (1a, NT)
Clay Matthews (1b, LB)
T. J. Lang (4, G)
Quinn Johnson (5a, FB)
Jarius Wynn (6a, DE)
Brad Jones (LB)



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