



2015



THE
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1919-2019

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2015

Record: 10-6-0 (2nd - NFC North)

Coach: Mike McCarthy

- In July, Brett Favre was inducted into the Packer Hall of Fame. He was welcomed home warmly throughout the weekend. He spoke to fans in Lambeau Field. In November, Bart Starr returned to celebrate the unveiling on #4 on the Lambeau Field façade.
- Former Executive Vice-President and General Manager Ron Wolf was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.
- In the preseason on August 23rd, Jordy Nelson tore his ACL and was lost for the season. The Packers resigned James Jones.
- Many of the critics didn't think the Packers would recover from the heart-breaking loss in Seattle. In response, McCarthy turned over the play-calling responsibilities over to Assistant Coach, Tom Clements.
- If 2014 was the year of RELAX, then 2015 was year of the HAIL MARY! It was the season without Jordy Nelson, and the offense wasn't the same. Defensively, they finished near the bottom of the league in run defense.
- They opened the season 6-0, but finished 4-6.
- The team announced formal plans to develop the area immediately west of the stadium. It would be called the Titledown district.



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CHICAGO

BEARS

31

9.13.2015

23

The season opened on a Sunday afternoon in Chicago with a new coach prowling the sidelines for the Bears – John Fox. In the first half, Chicago held the edge. After taking a 3-0 lead, the Packers came back with an Aaron Rodgers to James Jones touchdown. A Matt Forte touchdown put the Bears back on top, and after trading field goals, they led at halftime 13-10.

Rodgers threw his second touchdown to Jones three minutes into the second half. “I’m just going to say that I’m playing with a chip on my shoulder, but it’s the first step, and we have a lot of work to do.”¹ After a Chicago field goal cut it to 17-16, the Packers poured it on in the fourth quarter. Rodgers’ third touchdown pass went to Randall Cobb. With under four minutes left, and the Bears driving in Green Bay territory, Clay Matthews intercepted quarterback Jay Cutler. An Eddie Lacy touchdown followed to finish the scoring for Green Bay.

The Bears scored with 34 seconds left, and for the game, they ran 71 plays to Green Bay’s 53. Had Chicago not squandered their red zone opportunities (1 for 3) things might have turned out differently. “Aside from the last drive, with all the yards they got, we still held them to one touchdown,”² said a relieved defensive tackle, Mike Daniels.

Green Bay	7	3	7	14	31
Chicago	3	10	3	7	23

Attendance: 62,442

“Kevin Lipson, who has been a Packers fan since he was six-years-old, has been to Lambeau Field 71 times and 41 road games. He said he’s not a good father because his two sons are 49ers fans.”³

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/14/17, Wood, p. A3

² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/14/17, Hodkiewicz, p. A7

³ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/14/17, Siegle, p. C3



SEATTLE
SEAHAWKS
PACKERS

17
27 9.20.2015

A measure of revenge?

In a rematch of last year's devastating NFC Championship Game, the anticipation leading up to this meeting was off the charts. Steve Schumer, Packer FAN Hall of Fame Member, recalls, "The emotion around this game was all throughout the stadium. We wanted to beat them so bad. It was a white-hot hate."*

Aaron Rodgers made the difference (25-33-249-2-0), and the Packers were 2-0. On the game's opening drive, James Jones and Rodgers continued to get reacquainted with a 29-yard touchdown. Eddie Lacy injured his ankle in the first quarter, and the Packers led 13-3 at intermission.

Seattle held the advantage in the third quarter. They struck back twice within three minutes as quarterback Russell Wilson threw two touchdown passes. With a three-and-out by Green Bay sandwiched in between the touchdowns, Seattle led 17-13 halfway through the quarter. A bit later, Mason Crosby nailed 44-yarder that made it a one-point game.

In the fourth quarter, the defense played well, and the offense continued to move the ball. The Packers went 80 yards in 10 plays, and tight end Richard Rodgers caught a touchdown for a 24-17 lead. On Seattle's next series, a one-handed pick by Jayrone Elliot pretty much put it away with seven minutes left.

Seattle	3	0	14	0	17
Green Bay	10	3	3	11	27
Attendance:	78,433				

Steve Schumer, Member, Packer FAN Hall of Fame *

On the day before this game, Steve, his son Adam and two friends ran into the great Jerry Kramer near Brett Favre's Steakhouse. Kramer was very personable. After a few minutes of conversation, they all shook hands and parted ways. While shaking his hand, Steve remembers how big Kramer's hand was. When we shook hands, his hand "engulfed mine" very easily!

"A regular season record crowd did its best to emulate the Seahawks' "12th Man" fervor. Driven by scoreboard to "Get Loud Lambeau" (pushed by the Packers all week, including tee-shirts) the fans were roaring from the start, particularly when the Packers were on defense."¹

* Interview: 2/14/2017

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/21/15, Courtney, p. A5



KANSAS CITY
CHIEFS
PACKERS

28 9.28.2015
38

Rodgers vs. Smith

The two rival quarterbacks from the 2005 NFL draft meet again, and the Packers put it away early. The Chiefs tried to make it interesting with a valiant comeback, but they fell short.

Monday Night Football fans were treated to a five-touchdown performance by Aaron Rodgers (24-35-333-5-0). It was only the second time Rodgers had thrown five touchdowns passes in a game. Randall Cobb caught three of them, and the Packers led 14-0 after the first quarter and 24-7 at halftime. The Chiefs only points in the first half came on a Jamaal Charles touchdown run.

Green Bay's defense controlled the line of scrimmage, and they sacked Alex Smith seven times! Smith threw one interception in his own territory, and Sam Shields returned it to the four-yard line. The second Rodgers to Cobb touchdown came on the next play. The Chiefs responded with Alex Smith's (24-40-290-1-1) touchdown to Jeremy Maclin, and two more Jamaal Charles touchdown runs for the final points.

Kansas City	0	7	7	14	28
Green Bay	14	10	7	7	38

Attendance: 78,218

Total Net Yards: GB 448 KC 326



PACKERS

SAN FRANCISCO

49ers

17

10.4.2015

3

4-0!

A beautiful day in San Francisco greeted the Packers as they took on the 49ers (1-3) in beautiful Levi's Stadium. The Packers scored on their opening drive for what ultimately proved to be the winner! The touchdown was a nine-yard pass from Aaron Rodgers to tight end Richard Rodgers.

The 49ers scored their only points in the second quarter, and at halftime, they trailed 7-3. Green Bay's defense had no trouble containing San Francisco quarterback Colin Kaepernick. The Packers, however, did have trouble with the 49ers defense. According to Schumer, their defense was "shockingly strong and we might be just one play away from an upset."* Rodgers threw for only 160 yards and no touchdowns.

Unlike his three previous wins over the Packers (two in the postseason) Kaepernick "didn't change the game with his running or make any big plays."¹ For the game, the Packers held him to 57 yards rushing, and they sacked him six times. He threw a number of passes in the dirt and over the heads of his receivers. The 49ers managed just 77 yards rushing and eight first downs.

On Green Bay's first series of the second half, they marched 61 yards, and a 17-yard run by Aaron Rodgers put them at the one-yard line. Fullback John Kuhn took it in with 7:14 left. After a three-and-out by San Francisco, a 31-yard field goal by Mason Crosby made it 17-3. The two-touchdown advantage provided some breathing room.

For the game, the Packers outgained the 49ers 386-237, and they also dominated the time of possession by 13+ minutes.

Green Bay	7	0	10	0	17
San Francisco	0	3	0	0	3

Attendance: 70,799

“Plenty of Cheesehead-wearing Packers fans made themselves heard in a crowd of 70,799 that featured a surprising number of empty seats. A “Go Pack Go” chant even broke out in the fourth quarter.”²

* Interview: 2/14/17

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/5/15, Dougherty p. A3

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/5/15, Courtney, p. A5



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ST. LOUIS
RAMS
PACKERS

10 10.11.2015
24

In a game where quarterback Aaron Rodgers was not at his best (19-30-241-2-2), the defense stepped up.

The Packers took an early lead on a Rodgers touchdown to rookie Ty Montgomery. At the end of the first quarter, a 45-yard pick-six by rookie Quinten Rollins made it 14-0.

Also in the first quarter, Aaron Rodgers' streak of "587 pass attempts and 49 touchdown passes at home without an interception"¹ came to an end with an interception by James Laurinaitis. Rodgers would go on to throw a second interception, and he also lost a fumble.

St. Louis struck back with 10 points before halftime, but that would be it for their offense. Throughout the game, the Packer defense kept the pressure on Rams' quarterback Nick Foles. They hit him 12 times on 30 pass attempts. The Packers sacked him four times and also intercepted four passes. In the second half, Rodgers threw a 65-yard touchdown pass to James Jones. A Mason Crosby field goal wrapped it up.

In the last three games, Green Bay had given up a total of 41 points. After the game, reporters wondered if the Packers were now more of a defensive team? Clay Matthews didn't think so. We're "still an offensive team, but it's nice when the defense can hold their own."²

St. Louis	0	10	0	0	10
Green Bay	14	0	7	3	24

Attendance: 78,432

¹ Packershistory.net/2015Packers

² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/12/15, Hodkiewicz, p. A7



SAN DIEGO
CHARGERS
PACKERS

20 10.18.2015
27

Six straight!

A last-second play by rookie Damarious Randall saved the day. With the Packers leading 27-20, the Chargers faced a fourth down on Green Bay's three-yard line with 20 seconds left. A pass by Philip Rivers to Antonio Gates was knocked away by Randall to end the threat. "Biggest play of the game,"¹ said a happy McCarthy after the game.

Aaron Rodgers had a fine afternoon (16-29-255-2-0). He opened with an 87-yard drive and a touchdown pass to James Starks. Later in the quarter, Starks went around right end for a 65-yard touchdown! San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers threw one first-half touchdown pass, and Green Bay led at half 17-10.

San Diego's ground game never got untracked, and it generated only 60 yards. Their offense depended on quarterback Philip Rivers who threw 65 passes. He completed 43 for 503 yards and two touchdowns. He did not throw an interception. A third-quarter touchdown from Rivers to Ladarius Green tied the game at 17.

Rodgers and James Jones put it in the end zone two drives later to go back in front 24-17. From there, the teams traded field goals, and the Packers prevailed to go 6-0.....despite the defense giving up 548 total yards.

San Diego	3	7	7	3	20
Green Bay	14	3	7	3	27
Attendance:	78,434				

“Fans who bring a non-perishable food item or cash donation for Ben’s Wish, will have an opportunity to meet Green Bay Packers John Kuhn and receive an autographed photo.”²

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/19/15, Courtney, p. A5

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/20/15, p. A3



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PACKERS
DENVER
BRONCOS

10
11.1.2015
29

After the bye week, the undefeated Packers lost for the first time to the undefeated Broncos.

Peyton Manning outplayed Aaron Rodgers. While neither quarterback threw a touchdown, Rodgers was sacked three times while Manning stayed upright. It took the Packers 27 minutes to score, and they never caught up.

Denver got out to a 17-0 lead. Running back Ronnie Hillman scored both Denver touchdowns on back-to-back drives in the first half. The Packers finally scored with three minutes left in the half on an Eddie Lacy touchdown run.

Mason Crosby's 56-yard field goal was all the Packers could muster in the second half. The Broncos scored the final 12 points on C. J. Anderson's 28-yard touchdown run, a field goal, and a safety when Rodgers was sacked and fumbled into the end zone. "That's a humbling loss. I haven't had my ass kicked like that for a long time,"¹ Mike McCarthy said later.

Green Bay	0	7	3	0	10
Denver	7	10	7	5	29

Attendance: 77,075

Manning: 21-29-340-0-1 / Rodgers: 14-22-77-0-0

*'The Wisconsin State Assembly has passed a resolution honoring Hall of Fame Green Bay Packers quarterback Bart Starr.'*²

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/2/15, Hodkiewicz, p. A2

² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/4/15, p. A7



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PACKERS
CAROLINA
PANTHERS

29
11.8.2015
37

6-2

The Packers faced another unbeaten team, and they got walloped. Carolina quarterback Cam Newton not only beat the Packers but before the game, he ripped down two Packer banners on the sidelines at Bank of America Stadium.

A slow start by Green Bay enabled Carolina to jump in front 27-7 in the first half. Two touchdown passes and a touchdown run by Newton put the Packers behind early. The Panthers gained 285 yards in the first half while the defense kept the Packers in check with constant pressure on Rodgers. On Green Bay's first six possessions, they managed to generate a total of 49 yards. For the game, they ran for just 71 yards, and Rodgers was sacked five times and hit 14 times overall.

But the Packers rallied in the second half. On the opening drive, it only took 50 seconds for Rodgers and Cobb to hook up for a 53-yard touchdown. Trailing by 23 in the fourth quarter, Rodgers threw two more touchdowns. His three-yard pitch to Richard Rodgers narrowed the lead to 37-29 with 3:47 left. On Carolina's first play after the Rodgers-to-Rodgers touchdown, Cam Newton was intercepted by Damarious Randall on Carolina's 26-yard line on a pass intended for Ted Ginn. The Packers got to the Panthers four-yard line, when Aaron Rodgers, facing pressure, was intercepted by linebacker Thomas Davis to end the threat and the game.

Green Bay	7	0	7	15	29
Carolina	3	24	3	7	37

Attendance: 74,461



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DETROIT
LIONS
PACKERS

18 11.15.2015
16

Steak ends

In "perhaps the worst performance in Mike McCarthy's 10 years as head coach,"¹ the Lions defeated the Packers in Wisconsin for the first time since 1991! During that time, they were 0-24.

After a 3-3 first half, Detroit scored its first touchdown on quarterback Matt Stafford's pass to Brandon Pettigrew. They pushed it to 12-3 on Matt Prater's 51-yard field goal.

With a ground game that produced just 47 yards, Aaron Rodgers went up top 61 times! He completed 35 attempts for 333 yards with two touchdowns. He did not throw a pick.

Green Bay found its rhythm in the fourth quarter. Rodgers' first touchdown went to Richard Rodgers to cut Detroit's lead to 12-10. Stafford's second touchdown pass made it 18-10 when the extra point was missed. With the door left slightly ajar, Rodgers marched the Packers 73 yards in eight plays. He completed six of eight passes including a touchdown to tight end Justin Perillo to cut the lead to two. The two-point conversion to tie the game was unsuccessful as Rodgers was under heavy pressure on the play.

The Packers recovered the onside kick with 31 seconds left! After two completions to Davante Adams, Mason Crosby missed a 52-yarder.

Detroit	0	3	6	9	18
Green Bay	3	0	0	13	16

Attendance: 75,526

Rodgers has been sacked 14 times in the last four games.

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/16/15, Hodkiewicz, p. A2



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PACKERS

MINNESOTA

VIKINGS

30

11.22.2015

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After losing three straight games, the Packers moved back into a first-place tie with this victory. Aaron Rodgers returned to form, and along with Mason Crosby's five field goals, provided all the offense.

The Vikings took an early 6-3 lead on quarterback Teddy Bridgewater's touchdown to Kyle Rudolph. Just before halftime, and after Crosby's third field goal, a pass interference penalty against Terrance Newman of the Vikings gave Green Bay the ball at Minnesota's 35-yard line. An illegal contact penalty on the Vikings followed, and the Packers had a first down at the 10. On Rodgers' third try, he hit Cobb in the end zone for a 16-6 halftime lead.

The second half started with Crosby's fourth field goal. Bridgewater answered quickly with three straight completions that brought Minnesota to the six-yard line. Adrian Peterson, who was held to 45 yards rushing all game, scored to close the lead to 19-13. Seven plays later, Rodgers threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to James Jones who was wearing his green hoodie to clinch it.

Green Bay 6 10 3 11` 30

Minnesota 6 0 7 0 13

Attendance: 52,529

Mason Crosby's 5th FG was from the 52-yard line.



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CHICAGO
BEARS
PACKERS

17 11.26.2015
13

Welcome Home!

Even the pouring rain couldn't derail one of the most special moments in Green Bay Packers history. At halftime, former quarterbacks Brett Favre and Bart Starr returned to Titledown for the unveiling of #4 on the Lambeau Field façade. The celebration brought Starr back to Green Bay for the last time, and it was a very touching moment when Favre helped Starr from the golf cart to join the celebration at midfield.

The current squad stumbled against its archrival. Green Bay got out to a 7-0 lead when Rodgers threw the 250th touchdown pass of his career to Eddie Lacy. But in the second quarter, a fumble by Lacy led to Jay Cutler's touchdown pass that tied it. Just before the half, the Bears went in front 14-13.

After halftime, the Packers had the ball just four times. On their first three possessions, they generated only 91 yards. They didn't get close to Chicago's end zone until their last drive. After marching 72 yards to Chicago's eight-yard line, Rodgers threw four straight incompletions to end it.

Chicago	0	14	0	3	17
Green Bay	7	6	0	0	13

Attendance: 78,488

"One legendary quarterback attended his first game at Lambeau Field since his final retirement. The other attended his last."¹

Brett Favre: "There's no place like Green Bay. There's no place like Lambeau Field."²

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/27/15, Wood, p. A3

² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/27/15, Wood, p. A3



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PACKERS

DETROIT

LIONS

27

12.3.2015

23

Hail Mary!

Even though the Lions scored the first 20 points on this Thursday night, a penalty that gave Aaron Rodgers one final play ended the game perfectly for Green Bay!

The Lions started like they would run away from the Packers in an explosive first quarter. After a Matt Prater's field goal, two touchdown passes by quarterback Matt Stafford set the pace. Thirty-one seconds after Stafford's first touchdown pass, Rodgers was intercepted, and big Calvin Johnson caught Stafford's second touchdown for a 17-0 lead.

After an atrocious first half with zero points and 78 total yards, the Packers got lucky! On their first drive of the new half, a fumble by James Starks was recovered in the end zone for a touchdown by Randall Cobb. On Detroit's next play from scrimmage, Stafford was sacked by Julius Peppers and stripped of the football. Rookie linebacker Jake Ryan recovered for Green Bay, and three plays later, Rodgers threw over the middle to Davante Adams for six more. Prater's second field goal made it 23-14 Detroit with 7:11 to go.

On their next series, the Packers went 84 yards in 10 plays with Rodgers scoring on a 17-yard run around left end to creep closer 23-21. With 3:04 left, Detroit picked up one first down before being forced to punt with 29 seconds left. On a third down play by the Packers from the 21-yard line, a facemask penalty on Detroit's Devin Taylor gave the Packers one more play. Now, from his 39-yard line, Rodgers rolled right and unleashed a towering 61-yard yard bomb to tight end Richard Rodgers for the stunning finish!

Green Bay	0	0	14	13	27
Detroit	17	0	3	3	23

Attendance: 63,207

Detroit's last penalty was their 9th for 108 yards.



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DALLAS
COWBOYS

PACKERS

7 12.13.2015
28

Mike McCarthy took back paying calling duties from Tom Clements, and the Packers responded with an easy win over the 4-8 Cowboys. Green Bay started fast with two first-quarter touchdown passes from Aaron Rodgers to James Starks and Richard Rodgers. The defense also held its ground early with a first-half shutout.

In the third quarter, Dallas got on the board with a touchdown run by Robert Turbin. It wasn't enough as Green Bay scored on back-to-back drives in the fourth quarter. Starks scored his second touchdown on a 30-yard burst up the middle with 4:50 left. Two minutes later, after three tries, Eddie Lacy took it in from the one-yard line.

The Packers held the Cowboys to 11 first downs, and quarterback Matt Cassel threw for only 114 yards. They outgained Dallas 435-270 with a balanced attack (205 passing, 230 rushing). But while fans blamed play calling for most of the offense's inconsistent play, Rodgers thought it was more about the execution than play selection. Either way, were the Packers back?

Dallas	0	0	7	0	7
Green Bay	0	14	0	14	28

Attendance: 78,369

Since 1997, the Cowboys are 1-6 at Lambeau.

Tailgating before the game, Packer fan Justin Sipla held up a large Tony Romo doll. The doll was broken in half!



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PACKERS

OAKLAND

RAIDERS

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12.20.2015

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The Packers clinched a seventh consecutive postseason berth with this win. They jumped in front, fell behind in the second half, and took control of the final 15+ minutes!

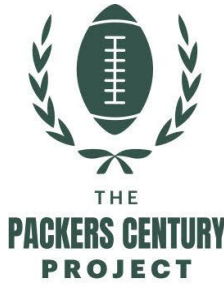
Early in the game, Green Bay's defense led the way while the offense struggled to find its rhythm. Oakland fell behind 14-0 after two first-quarter interceptions thrown by quarterback David Carr. Micah Hyde stole the first one deep in Oakland territory to set up John Kuhn's five-yard touchdown run. Rookie Damarious Randall grabbed the second and went for a 36-yard pick-six. Oakland bounced back before the half to trail by just one (14-13) with two Sebastian Janikowski field goals, and a touchdown pass to Amari Cooper.

Amari Copper's second touchdown catch put the Raiders in front 20-17. Their lead lasted just 62 seconds as Rodgers fired a strike to James Jones for 30-yard touchdown. Raider fans headed to the exits with four minutes left in the *third quarter*. On Green Bay's next possession, a 20-play drive led only to a field goal, the first of two by Crosby that ended the scoring.

Green Bay	14	0	10	6	30
Oakland	0	13	7	0	20

Attendance: 55,087

Julius Peppers had 2.5 sacks.



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PACKERS
ARIZONA
CARDINALS

8
12.27.2015
38

Green Bay's offense dried up in the desert. The blowout was so complete that after being shut out in the first half, the Packers fumbled on their first play from scrimmage in the second half. Their only points came in the third quarter on a touchdown pass to Eddie Lacy. In net yards, Arizona pounded the Pack 381-178.

The Cardinals clobbered Aaron Rodgers. With injuries plaguing both tackle positions, Rodgers was sacked eight times for a loss of 70 yards. He threw an interception which led to an Arizona touchdown, and a 17-0 lead at halftime. Rodgers also fumbled three times, and two of his fumbles in the second half were returned for touchdowns. Rodgers' bad day ended with a 66.2 QBR (15-28-151-1-1).

The Packers and Vikings were now tied for first place in the NFC North.

Green Bay	0	0	8	0	8
Arizona	0	17	21	0	38
Attendance:	64,878				

*"The Green Bay Packers donated \$23,000 to the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. The Packers raised the money through bell ringing, matching donations, and autograph-signing sessions at Lambeau Field."*¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 12/24/15, Ryman, p. A5



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MINNESOTA
VIKINGS
PACKERS

20
13 1.3.2016

Oy at Lambeau

On a Sunday night, the Vikings won their first game at Lambeau Field since 2009. In the process, they clinched the NFC North and ended Green Bay's four-year reign over the division.

The Packer offense didn't show up. The running game put up just 76 yards, and Aaron Rodgers was sacked five times. The first half produced three field goals with only one belonging to Green Bay and Mason Crosby. After Crosby's 28-yard boot, the Vikings scored the next 17 points.

Minnesota took over in the opening minutes of the third quarter. A short punt by Tim Masthay gave them a short field. In six plays, Adrian Peterson scored. Five minutes later, Aaron Rodgers was sacked by Everson Griffen, and he fumbled. Captain Munnerylyn returned it 55 yards to make it 20-3 Vikings.

Minnesota's "defense stifled Green Bay's dysfunctional offense at nearly every turn until the frantic fourth quarter."¹ In the final quarter, Green Bay scored 10 points, but the Vikings held on, and the Packers entered the postseason as a *wild card*.

Minnesota	3	3	14	0	20
Green Bay	3	0	0	10	13

Attendance: 74,412

GB did not win a division game at home for the first time since 1968.

Press-Gazette Headline: "Lost home playoff game delvers \$14M blow to local economy"²

¹ packershistory.net/2015Packers (Associated Press)

² Green Bay Pess-Gazette, 1/5/16, Ryman, p. 4A

NFC Wild Card Game



PACKERS

WASHINGTON

REDSKINS

35

1.10.2016

18

One down!

The Packers went to the nation's capital to play the NFC East Champion Redskins, but the game didn't start the way Green Bay expected.

The first quarter went to Washington. The second was all Green Bay. The scoring started when Aaron Rodgers was tackled in the end zone by Redskin rookie Preston Smith. After receiving the punt from the safety, Washington drove to Green Bay's one-yard line. A goal-line stand by the defense forced a field goal, and the Packers trailed 5-0. In the first 15 minutes, Green Bay's offense generated 11 yards.

In the second quarter, the Redskins scored, but they missed the extra point for an 11-0 lead. The Packers controlled the rest of the quarter as Rodgers threw touchdowns to Randall Cobb and Davante Adams. On the Adams touchdown, Rodgers "looked like the Rodgers of old in directing a nine-play, 60-yard drive"¹ that gave the Pack the halftime lead 17-11.

On the opening drive of the second half, the Redskins went 73 yards in nine plays, and quarterback Kirk Cousins ran it in for an 18-17 lead. Green Bay's offense then found it's rhythm with back-to-back touchdowns drives! The drives were long – 10 and 11 plays – and touchdown by James Starks and Eddie Lacy finished off Washington.

Green Bay's defense pressured quarterback Kirk Cousins all game, and they caught up to him for six sacks. They held the Redskins scoreless on their final four drives, and the Packers

were on their way back to Arizona for the rematch.

Green Bay	0	17	7	11	35
Washington	5	6	7	0	18

Attendance: 81,367

The 17-point second quarter was the most points scored in one quarter by the Packers all season.

"Fans without NFL Network as part of their home TV lineup have other options to watch the broadcast Friday of Super Bowl I: The Lost Game. A number of bars and restaurants in the Green Bay area plan to show the three-hour program which begins at 7:00 p.m. Friday."¹

Party Houses: Green Bay alderman will review the city's existing policy regarding short term rentals of homes near Lambeau Field.

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 1/11/16, Courtney, p. A5

2.Green Bay Press-Gazette, 1/14/16, Ryman, p. A10

NFC Divisional Playoff



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PACKERS

ARIZONA

CARDINALS

20

1.16.2016

26 (OT)

Green Bay returned to the desert, and the Cardinals took an early lead as Green Bay's offense started slowly. Carson Palmer threw his first touchdown pass with seven minutes gone to Michael Floyd for a 7-0 lead.

When Randall Cobb left the game early in the second quarter with a chest injury, the Packer offense had trouble. It put together two long drives in the first half, but both ended with field goals. The Packers got a huge break just before halftime when an Arizona penalty brought back a 100-yard pick-six of Rodgers. The Cardinals led at halftime 7-6.

Aaron Rodgers and Carson Palmer threw back-to-back interceptions on the first two drives on the second half. After Palmer's interception, the Packers went 81 yards with a Rodgers to Jeff Janis touchdown. Arizona came back with a field goal, and the fourth quarter began with the Packers leading 13-10.

When Green Bay failed to capitalize on a Damarious Randall interception, the Cardinals scored when they got the ball back to go in front 17-13. After three-and-out by Green Bay, another field goal put Arizona up by seven. With 1:50 left, Rodgers unloaded two spectacular missiles to Jeff Janis to tie it. The first, from the end zone, went for 61 yards. The second went for a 41-yard touchdown to Janis, though Rodgers let it go from his 45-yard line. "That may be one of the great throws ever made, moving to his left, falling away, and launching a perfect throw"¹ said an impressed Chris Collinsworth on NBC. Overtime!

The Cardinals won the toss. On the first play from scrimmage, Palmer threw a short pass to his left across the field to Larry Fitzgerald who sprinted through the Green Bay defense for another crushing defeat in the postseason for the Packers.

Green Bay	0	6	7	7	0	20
Arizona	7	0	3	10	6	26

Attendance: 65,089

1 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_fjE1B6VcZE



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2015 Team Statistics

FINAL STANDINGS – NFC North

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
Minnesota	11	5	0
Green Bay	10	6	0
Detroit	7	9	0
Chicago	6	10	0

Team Leaders

Passing	Rodgers
Receiving	Cobb
Rushing	Lacy
Scoring	Crosby
Interceptions	Randall, Hyde, & Shields w/3
Sacks	Peppers

All-Pro

Sitton	Guard
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Notable Draft Choices (Round, Position)

Damarious Randall (1, CB)
Quinten Rollins (2, CB)
Ty Montgomery (3, WR)
Richard Rodgers (3b, TE)
Jake Ryan (4, LB)
Brett Hundley (5a, QB)
Aaron Ripkowski (6a, FB)



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