



2018



THE
PACKERS CENTURY

P R O J E C T

ALL THE GAMES. ALL THE STORIES.

1919-2019

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2018

Record: 6-9-1 3rd – NFC North

Coach: Mike McCarthy

- The Packers celebrated their 100th season. Activities were planned until their 100th birthday on August 11, 2019.
- Phase II of the Titledown District was announced. The project included 220 residences, an office building, and many retail and entertainment establishments.
- Brian Gutekunst replaced Ted Thompson as general manager.
- In July, Jerry Kramer was inducted into the Hall of Fame.
- Aaron Rodgers signed a contract extension before the season.
- This was the Packers second losing season in a row and just their fourth since 1992.
- After a loss against the Arizona Cardinals in game #12, Mike McCarthy was fired by Packers President Mike Murphy.
- The Packers Foundation distributed \$800,000 in community-based, charitable grants.



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CHICAGO
BEARS
PACKERS

23
24

9.9.2018

100TH SEASON!

What a way to start. Green Bay's centennial season began with the *greatest* fourth-quarter comeback in their history! Quarterback Aaron Rodgers brought the Packers back from 17 points down in the fourth quarter for an exhilarating win.

On a perfect night for football, the Bears shocked everyone by getting out to a 20-0 lead. Quarterback Mitchell Trubisky scored the first points on a two-yard run after an 86-yard drive. After a field goal gave the Bears a 10-0 lead, Aaron Rodgers was injured after being sacked. He "was carted off the field in the second quarter"¹ with an injured left knee. He was replaced by DeShone Kizer, who threw a pick-six to linebacker Khalil Mack for 17-0 halftime lead.

When Rodgers returned to the cheers of the crowd with 9:10 left in the third quarter, the offense began to heat up. He went five-for-seven on the first drive that resulted in a field goal. Trailing 20-3 at the start of the fourth quarter, Rodgers turned red-hot with a six-for-seven performance that featured a 39-yard touchdown pass to Geronimo Allison. After Chicago went three-and-out, Rodgers threw five straight completions on a five-play drive, including his second touchdown to Davante Adams.

The Bears ate-up seven minutes on the clock, and added a field goal for a 23-17 lead with 2:42 left. On Green Bay's next series Rodgers tossed a short pass over the middle to Randall Cobb. Cobb outran Mack on his way to a 75 yard touchdown and a 24-23 lead.

With two minutes still remaining, all eyes were on the defense. Nine straight completions by Trubisky kept the sticks moving. On play #10, he was sacked and stripped of the ball by linebacker Nick Perry. Kenny Clark recovered the ball. Game over!

Chicago	7	10	3	3	23
Green Bay	0	0	3	21	24

Attendance: 78,282

Rodgers' second-half QBR was 152.7.

*Headline: "Steve Miller gets Packers party started."²
The 100th Season Party outside Lambeau Field drew an estimated 20,000 people to the Steve Miller concert.*

¹ packershistory.net/2018Packers (Associated Press)

² Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/10/18, Meinert, p. C2



MINNESOTA
VIKINGS
PACKERS

29 9.16.2018
29(OT)

In a quarterback duel, Kirk Cousins (35-48-425-4-1) outdueled Aaron Rodgers (30-42-281-1-0). Cousins was sacked just twice, while Rodgers went down four times.

A blocked punt by the Packers in the first quarter was returned for a touchdown by Josh Jackson. Kirk Cousins came back with his first touchdown pass to tie it, and Aaron Rodgers countered with a touchdown pass to Davante Adams. A field goal by Mason Crosby right before halftime made it 17-7.

After Crosby's third-quarter field goal made it 20-7, the Vikings made their stand. In the game's final 20 minutes, Green Bay was outscored 22-9. The Packers kicked three more field goals while Cousins and the Vikings offense took off. Two touchdown passes to Stefan Diggs cut the lead to 23-21. Mason Crosby hit two more field goals that made it 29-21.

With 1:45 left in regulation, the Vikings took over on the 25. An interception by Jaire Alexander was reversed by a roughing-the-passer penalty on Clay Mathews. The disputed call was part of the new guidelines on hitting quarterbacks. Eight plays later, Minnesota even it up on a touchdown pass to Adam Thielen.

In overtime, Minnesota's Daniel Carlson missed two field goals. In between, Green Bay picked up only one first down before Rodgers was sacked to take them out of field goal range.

Minnesota	7	0	0	22	0	29
Green Bay	7	10	3	9	0	29

Attendance: 78,461

"The Packers on Tuesday announced five \$50,000 donations to Wisconsin organizations chosen by players."¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/12/18, Ryman, p. A2



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PACKERS
WASHINGTON
REDSKINS

17
31

9.23.2018

The Packers were never in this game. In a contest that was billed as a battle between two top draft choices, Aaron Rodgers and Alex Smith, crucial penalties (11-115) and four sacks played a bigger role in Green Bay's demise.

The Redskins got off to a fast start. On their fourth play from scrimmage, Smith threw a 46-yard touchdown pass. Running back Adrian Peterson scored two first-half touchdowns, and Smith threw another touchdown late in the second quarter. Green Bay's only touchdown in the first half, came on a Rodgers to Geronimo Allison pass with two minutes left in a 28-10 half.

The second 30 minutes were academic, though Rodgers and Davante Adams kept matters interesting with a third-quarter touchdown. But in the final 22 minutes, the Packers didn't get closer than Washington's 43-yard line. With an injured knee, Rodgers was clearly less mobile and, "it was painful watching him trying to elude pass rushers while dragging his leg."¹

Green Bay	0	10	7	0	17
Washington	14	14	0	3	31
Attendance:	82,000				

Clay Matthews was hit with another roughing-the-passer penalty.

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 9/24/18, Dougherty, p. A3



BUFFALO
BILLS
PACKERS

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22 **9.30.2018**

2-1-1

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers wore a protective brace on his left knee, and the Packers defeated the Bills. Rodgers enjoyed a good game, and his touchdown pass to Jimmy Graham started the scoring. Overall, Rodgers passed for 298 yards with one interception.

Early in the second quarter, Aaron Jones sparked a touchdown drive by accounting for 50 of the drive's 83-yards! Green Bay led at the halftime.

The rest of the points came from Mason Crosby from 52, 36, and 52 yards away. Defensively, Green Bay looked strong. They held Buffalo to 145 total yards, and rookie quarterback Josh Allen was sacked seven times. The Bills managed to reach Green Bay's 20-yard line just once all game.

Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0
Green Bay	6	10	3	3	22
Attendance:	78,312				

Bill Curry, former Packers' Center: "We took our grandsons back there (Lambeau Field). I get goosebumps thinking about it now. You think about all that history and all the great players who had been there. It is a religious experience in the minds of many people."¹

¹ Facing the Green Bay Packers, Carlson, p. 18



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PACKERS

DETROIT

LIONS

23

10.7.2018

31

Statistically, the game was all Green Bay. They outgained the Lions (521-264), generated 30 first downs (18 for Detroit), and they never punted.

But the Lions hoped to extend their two-game winning streak over the Packers. They came out strong and dominated the first 30 minutes. Detroit took a 7-0 lead after a muffed punt by Kevin King. They scored on the first of two touchdown runs by LeGarrette Blount. In the second quarter, a strip-sack of Aaron Rodgers led to a 24-0 Lions lead.

The Packers stormed out of the locker room and back into the game. Rodgers went 13 for 18 on back-to-back touchdown drives. Matt Stafford threw another touchdown pass before Rodgers and Adams connected in the fourth quarter to cut the lead to 31-20 with nine minutes left. But that was it as Detroit's defense stiffened.

Green Bay	0	0	14	9	23
Detroit	14	10	0	7	31

Attendance: 63,405

Rodgers: 32-52-442-3-0



SAN FRANCISCO

49ers

PACKERS

30

33

10.15.2018

This Monday night game had a 44-point first-half! Both offenses moved the ball easily, and the Niners moved up and down Lambeau Field for 401 yards. The Packers cruised to 521.

San Francisco scored on the opening drive, and Green Bay retaliated with the next 17. Ty Montgomery scored on the ground, and Aaron Rodgers finished a quick, five-play drive with a touchdown pass Davante Adams. But Niners quarterback C. J. Beathard threw two first-half touchdown passes for a 24-20 lead at halftime.

Field goals dominated the second half. San Francisco kicked three, and Mason Crosby kicked two more. In the fourth quarter – after the Packers passed on a four-yard field goal – Rodgers and Adams connected again for 30-30 tie!

With 1:13 left, cornerback Kevin King stopped the Niners with an interception on Green Bay's 10-yard line. Rodgers took them 90 yards in 11 plays for the win. The drive was kept alive by an illegal contact penalty on cornerback Richard Sherman. With three seconds left, Crosby put another in the win column from the 27!

San Francisco	14	10	3	3	30
Green Bay	17	3	3	10	33

Attendance: 77,642

Joseph Kay, Packers fan: "A few months ago (Fall 2018), the "Majik Man" was doing a private signing, and I figured I would drop off something to get a signature. I have this Packers helmet lamp that is, well, unique. So, I figured that it would be a fun piece to have signed, so I just needed an idea for the inscription. After checking Wikipedia, I saw that Majik and the Cardiac Pack beat Joe Montana

and the 49ers in 1989 (21-17 on 11/19/89). So, I requested that Don sign the lamp, "I beat Joe Montana." And he did. And according to the guy running the signing, Joe Cool himself was at the same event and apparently got a look at the lamp while making some small talk with Majik!"

Kevin Harlan, son of former Packers' President Bob Harlan, worked the game as the radio voice of Westwood One. His daughter, Olivia Dekker, reported from the sidelines. It was the first time a father and daughter worked together on an NFL broadcast.



PACKERS

LOS ANGELES

RAMS

27

10.28.2018

29

Bye, Bye, Ty

Coming off their bye week, the Packers were well-rested for this highly-anticipated matchup. A win against the undefeated Rams would get their season fully back on track.

Green Bay scored first after two long completions from Rodgers to Davante Adams and Jimmy Graham. A Mason Crosby field goal added on, but Aaron Jones was tackled in the end zone for a safety. The Rams capitalized on the punt after the safety with a touchdown, and at halftime they trailed 10-8.

The second half scoring started with 53-yard boot by Mason Crosby. The Rams surged in front on two more touchdown passes by Jared Goff (19-35-295-3-0). They reclaimed the lead 23-13. The Packers countered with a 33-yard touchdown run by Aaron Jones that made it a three-point game.

The Packers traded a field goal for a 40-yard touchdown pass from to rookie Marques Valdes-Scantling. With nine minutes left, Green Bay led again 27-26. Two big sacks by Clay Matthews of the Packers and Aaron Donald of the Rams stopped the next two drives.

With five minutes left, a poor punt by Jared Scott set up the Rams at Green Bay's 45. The defense held them to a field goal. With 2:09 left, Ty Montgomery, who was told not to take the kickoff out of the end zone. He ran it out and fumbled on the 21-yard line. The Rams kicked the winner, and Montgomery was traded two days later.

The Packers would go on to lose four of their next five games to fall from contention.

Green Bay	7	3	10	7	27
Los Angeles	0	8	15	6	29

Attendance: 75,822

*"Packers fans flooded the Coliseum. The Rams had to go to a silent count at home."*²

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/29/18, Silverstein, p. A1

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 10/29/18, Courtney/Owczarski, p. A5



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PACKERS
NEW ENGLAND
PATRIOTS

17
11.4.2018
31

The second half of the season began with a matchup between two of the league’s best quarterbacks – Tom Brady and Aaron Rodgers. In five games by both, Brady edged out A-Rod.

New England’s opening drive was fast. Brady snapped the ball on average every 20 seconds! He hit on five of six passes, and James White bolted around left end untouched into the end zone. In the second quarter, trailing 10-3, an Aaron Rodgers to Davante Adams touchdown tied it. New England hit right before halftime to regain the lead behind the running of Cordarrelle Patterson.

On the third play after halftime, a 51-yard pass from Rodgers to Marques Valdes-Scantling set up the touchdown pass to Jimmy Graham a few plays later. On defense, a goal-line stand by the Packers helped held off New England until the fourth quarter. But these, “flashes of brilliance were too infrequent for the Packers to defeat Brady.”¹

The fatal blow came on the first play of the fourth quarter when Aaron Jones fumbled on New England’s 24. The Patriots capitalized with a touchdown. Three minutes later, Brady put it completely out of reach with a 55-yard strike to Josh Gordon.

Green Bay	3	7	7	0	17
New England	7	10	0	14	31
Attendance: 65,878					

Rodgers 24-43-259-2-0 / Brady 22-35-294-1-0

For 2019, “the Green Bay Packers are negotiating to host an unidentified event at Lambeau Field.”²

1 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/6/18, Baranczyk/Dougherty, p. 1

2 Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/8/18, Ryman, p. 1



MIAMI
DOLPHINS
PACKERS

12
31

11.11.2018

This win kept the Packers in the postseason conversation for another week. The speedy Aaron Jones starred in this home game with 145 yards rushing and two touchdowns!

Green Bay controlled the game from start to finish. They held Miami to four field goals, and their balanced offense carried the day. On the game's opening drive, the Dolphins fumbled deep in Green Bay's territory. Aaron Rodgers took it the other way for a touchdown pass to Davante Adams. In the second quarter, Green Bay went 71 yards in three plays for six more. Aaron Jones gained *all* of those yards starting with his 67-yard gash right up the middle!

Trailing 14-9 in the second half, the Dolphins blocked JK Scott's punt. They capitalized with a field goal that narrowed the lead to two. It would be the final points for the Dolphins as the Packers struck back hard with 17 to pull away. Jones and Adams scored their second touchdowns of the game, and Rodgers finished with 199 yards passing, two touchdowns, and no interceptions.

Miami	3	6	3	0	12
Green Bay	7	7	14	3	31

Attendance: 78,076

Total Yards: GB 377 MIA 294

"Green Bay Packers' Titledown District opens its skating pond. The annual Winter Jubilee will kick off winter and holiday programming in the district."¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/15/18, Ryman, p. A1



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PACKERS

SEATTLE

SEAHAWKS

24

27

11.15.2018

The Packers took charge early, but they couldn't stop Seattle.

The Seahawks fumbled the ball away on the game's first play from scrimmage. On Green Bay's short drive, the explosive Aaron Jones scored Green Bay's first points. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers hooked up with tight end Robert Tonyan for a 54-yard strike and a 14-3 lead. From there, Green Bay faded.

In the second quarter, the Seahawks came back with two scoring drives. Their second touchdown came after a 48-yard pass interference penalty on Raven Greene. With the Packers trailing 17-14, they put it together with a quick, five-play drive. It featured five straight completions by Rodgers, including a 24-yard touchdown to Aaron Jones for a 21-17 halftime lead.

After trading field goals in the fourth quarter, quarterback Russell Wilson threw a 15-yard touchdown pass to tight end Ed Dickson. Green Bay got the ball back with five minutes left, but they went three-and-out.

Green Bay	14	7	0	3	24
Seattle	3	14	0	10	27

Attendance: 69,007

Sacks: GB 3 SEA 5

"The Packers announced the kickoff of the annual Salvation Army fundraiser that includes player autograph sessions on Mondays. Aaron Rodgers again pledged to match up to \$50,000 in donations."¹

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 11/15/18, Ryman, p. A12



1919-2019

PACKERS

MINNESOTA

VIKINGS

17

11.25.2018

24

Green Bay's loss was a near-fatal blow to their playoff hopes.

The game was close throughout. All the scoring in a 14-14 first half came on four consecutive touchdowns drives. Green Bay broke the ice with an Aaron Rodgers to Davante Adams touchdown. Quarterback Kirk Cousins matched it with a touchdown to Dalvin Cook.

Rodgers went five-for-five on Green Bay's next series, and Aaron Jones cashed-in around left end for a 14-7 edge. The Vikings followed with a quick, three-minute touchdown drive to even it up at halftime.

A Minnesota field goal and a third touchdown pass from Cousins gave them a 24-14 lead. They held the lead into the fourth quarter as they ate up the clock with an eight-minute drive. With 2:20 left, Mason Crosby's field goal ended the scoring.

Green Bay	7	7	0	3	17
Minnesota	7	7	10	0	24
Attendance:	66,872				



1919-2019

ARIZONA

CARDINALS

20

12.2.2018

PACKERS

17

This was Mike McCarthy's last game as coach of the Green Bay Packers.

Despite being a 14-point home favorite, the loss ended Green Bay's postseason hopes. Aaron Rodgers was inconsistent most of the game (31-50-233-1-0). "He threw balls high, he threw them low, he threw them too far, he threw them too short."¹ Green Bay scored on a first-quarter drive that Rodgers finished with a touchdown pass to Davante Adams on a fourth-and-four on the 13-yard line! The Cardinals answered on their drive, and Mason Crosby's field goal was the difference in a 10-7 first half.

Four straight punts started things off after the break. A field goal then lifted the Cardinals into a 10-10 tie. After a three-and-out by Green Bay, a short punt gave the ball back to the Cardinals at their 35. Josh Rosen sprinted right up the middle for 33 yards to Green Bay's 32. Three plays later, the Cards took the lead 17-10.

The Packers went on an 11-play touchdown drive that Aaron Jones finished with an eight-yard run. Tied 17-17 with 5:31 left in the game, Arizona came back after veteran Larry Fitzgerald's critical third-down catch early in their drive. Along with David Johnson's running, the Cardinals got to within field goal range, and Zane Gonzalez delivered.

Green Bay had 1:41 left, and they marched to Arizona's 31-yard line. As time expired, Mason Crosby missed from the 49.

Arizona	0	7	10	3	20
Green Bay	0	10	0	7	17
Attendance:	77,234				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 12/3/18, Silverstein, p. A1



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ATLANTA
FALCONS
PACKERS

20
34 12.9.2018

Joe Philbin replaced Mike McCarthy as interim-coach for the team's final four games.

In the first one, the Packers were pumped up. Rodgers played well, and, "maybe he felt more energized or engaged, or something after McCarthy's firing."¹ He matched quarterback Matt Ryan's opening touchdown pass with one of his own to Davante Adams. In the final 7:45 of the first half, Green Bay put up 13 points. Between field goals of 48 and 50 yards by Mason Crosby, a pick-six by Bashaud Breeland made it 20-7 Packers at halftime.

Green Bay put it away in the third quarter. A second Rodgers touchdown pass and a 29-yard dash to the end zone by Aaron Jones made it 34-7. Two more touchdown passes by Matt Ryan in the fourth quarter meant little.

Atlanta	7	0	0	13	20
Green Bay	7	13	14	0	34
Attendance:	77,329				

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 12/10/18, Dougherty, p. A1



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PACKERS

CHICAGO

BEARS

17

12.16.2018

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Here is a rare loss by the Packers to their archrival. Since 2000, the Bears have won just 12 times and lost 28 against Green Bay.

In the first 30 minutes, the Bears scored on the ground and through the air for 14-3 halftime lead. Surprisingly, the Packers couldn't find the end zone, and Mason Crosby's two field goals accounted for all of their scoring until midway through the third quarter.

Trailing 14-6, a touchdown run by Jamaal Williams and a two-point conversion tied it. The Bears answered with the next 10 points for a 24-14 lead with seven minutes left. Rodgers drove Green Bay to Chicago's nine-yard line, but with 3:14 left Rodgers was intercepted by Eddie Jackson. Overall, unlike the opener, the Packers, "failed to make plays that win games."¹

Green Bay	0	3	11	3	17
Chicago	7	7	0	10	24

Attendance: 62,372

Sacks: GB 1 Chi 5

¹ Green Bay Press-Gazette, 12/17/18, Dougherty, p. A1



PACKERS

NEW YORK

JETS

44

12.23.2018

38(OT)

A come-from-behind win against the 4-10 Jets was a surprise. Playing from behind most of the game, the Packers rallied in the final 23 minutes!

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers would not be denied. After the Jets took a 14-0 lead, the Packers played catch-up. After a 99-yard kickoff return by New York's Andre Roberts made it 21-7, Rodgers went four-for-five on the way to Jamaal Williams' touchdown run. At halftime, it was 21-17 Jets.

Two Sam Darnold touchdown passes extended the lead to 35-20. In the fourth quarter, the Packers put up 18 unanswered points behind two touchdown runs by Rodgers and Crosby's third field goal. Rodgers' first touchdown came with the help of back-to-back pass interference penalties against the Jets. He scored from the one with 6:37 left in the game.

The Jets ran three minutes off the clock. The Packers took over and marched 82-yards to the one-yard line. On fourth-and-one from the one, Rodgers scored. A two-point conversion also by Rodgers made it 38-35.

A Jets field goal forced overtime. The Packers won the overtime toss, and four minutes in, Rodgers found Davante Adams for the 16-yard winner!

Green Bay	0	17	13	18	6	44
New York	7	14	14	3	0	38

Attendance: 77,982

Total Yards: GB 413 NYJ 323



1919-2019

DETROIT
LIONS
PACKERS

31 12.30.2018
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Shut out by Detroit? The last time that happened was in 1973. The perseverance that the Packers displayed against the Jets last week was absent against the Lions.

After the first quarter, Aaron Rodgers gave way to backup quarterback Deshone Kizer. The Packers couldn't run the ball, and Kizer completed just 16 of 35 passes for 132 yards. The Packers were easily outgained (402-175), and they finished a disappointing season 6-9-1.

Detroit	7	14	3	7	31
Green Bay	0	0	0	0	0
Attendance:	77,341				



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2018 Team Statistics

FINAL STANDINGS – NFC North

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>
Chicago	12	4	0
Minnesota	8	7	1
Green Bay	6	9	1
Detroit	6	10	0

Team Leaders

Passing	Rodgers
Receiving	Adams
Rushing	Jones
Scoring	Crosby
Interceptions	Clinton-Dix
Sacks	Fackrell

All-Pro

Bakhtiari Tackle

Notable Draft Choices (Round, Position)

Jaire Alexander (1, CB)

Josh Jackson (2, CB)

Oren Burks (3, LB)

J'Mon Moore (4, WR)

JK Scott (5b, P)

Marques Valdes-Scantling (5c, WR)

Equanimeous Brown (6, WR)



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