



# PACKERS PRESS BOX NOTES



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GREEN BAY AT NEW ORLEANS  
MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME, NEW ORLEANS, LA.

## PACKERS TAKE ON THE SAINTS ON SUNDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

The Green Bay Packers traveled to New Orleans to face the Saints in a prime-time matchup.

- The Packers enter Week 3 on a seven-game regular-season win streak, the longest current streak in the NFC and Green Bay’s longest winning streak since 2016-17 (seven games).
- The Packers have started 2-0 in back-to-back seasons for the first time since 2010-11.
- This marks the third straight prime-time meeting at New Orleans (2008 on *Monday Night Football*, 2014 on Sunday Night Football).
- The winning team has scored 34-plus points in seven of the last nine matchups.
- Green Bay last won at New Orleans in 1995.
- QB **Aaron Rodgers** has registered a passer rating of 115-plus in two of the last three games he has played against the Saints (132.1 and 119.9) and has totaled 300-plus yards each of the last three times he has faced New Orleans (312, 319, 418).
- The Packers open with two of the first three games on the road for the first time since 2016.
- Tonight is the first of three straight games against NFC South opponents for Green Bay over the next four weeks.
- Head Coach **Matt LaFleur** is the first Packer head coach to start both of his first two seasons 2-0.
- LaFleur joined Phil Bengston (1968-69) as the only head coaches in franchise history to win the season opener in their first two seasons.
- Since 2008, the Packers have the most September wins in the NFC (29) and are tied for the second most in the NFL.
- In Week 4, the Packers will have another night game, this time against the Atlanta Falcons, marking the second time in three years (2018) that Green Bay has a *Monday Night Football* contest going into its bye.

## GREEN BAY IN PRIMETIME

- The Packers were 4-2 in prime-time contests in 2019, with their .667 winning percentage tied for No. 8 in the NFL, while the four prime-time wins tied New Orleans (4-0) for the second most in the NFL last year (San Francisco, 5-1).
- Green Bay was 3-1 on the road in prime-time games last season. The three wins were tied with Kansas City (3-0) for the most in the NFL in 2019 and the .750 winning percentage ranked No. 3 in the league last year among the 14 teams who played multiple prime-time games on the road.
- In prime-time contests in 2019, QB **Aaron Rodgers** threw for 255.5 yards per game (No. 4 in the league) with nine touchdowns (tied for No. 2 in the NFL) and three interceptions (tied for the third fewest among players with min. 15 pass att.)
- Last year, WR **Davante Adams** averaged 8.5 receptions per game (No. 3 in the NFL) and 93.8 receiving yards per game (No. 9 in the NFL) in prime-time contests.

## OFFENSIVE OUTBURST IN FIRST TWO WEEKS

The Packers opened the season with two victories fueled by excellent offensive performances.

- Green Bay joined the 1991 Buffalo Bills (87 points, 1,119 yards) as the **only teams in NFL history** to register 85-plus points and 1,000-plus total yards in the first two games of the season (per the Elias Sports Bureau).
- It is the first time since 1919 that the Packers have scored 40-plus points in both of their first two games.
- While the Packers have scored 40-plus points in two games this season, only one other team has reached the 40-point mark in a game (Dallas Cowboys, 40 vs. Atlanta in Week 2).
- Dating back to 1940, Green Bay is tied for the sixth most 40-plus point games it has recorded in a single season. In 2011, the Packers registered the most with six (pro-football-reference.com).
- The Packers **lead the NFL** in points per game this season (42.5).
- This season is the **first time in team history** (since 1940) that the Packers have rushed for 400-plus yards (417) and averaged 6-plus yards per carry (6.22) in the first two games of the season. The last NFL team to do it was the 2008 Atlanta Falcons (423 yards, 6.04 avg.).
- The Packers rushed for 259 yards and two TDs on 35 carries (7.4 avg.) in the Week 2 win over Detroit, the most rushing yards by Green Bay in a game since Dec. 28, 2003, vs. Denver (262 yards on 34 carries).
- Week 2 marked Green Bay’s first game with 250-plus rushing yards and 40-plus points since Dec. 11, 1994, vs. Chicago (257 yards rushing and 40 points).
- Despite dealing with injuries, the Packers’ offensive line only allowed one sack in the first two games. That is tied for the fewest sacks allowed in the first two games of the season in team history (last time: 2008).

## NOTABLE CONNECTIONS

Packers CB Parry Nickerson played at Tulane and is from New Orleans, La. ...Packers vice president of football administration/player finance Russ Ball spent six seasons (2002-07) with the Saints, the final two as vice president of football administration and the first four as senior football administrator...Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst assisted the offensive line of the Saints during training camp in the summer of 1995...Saints RB Ty Montgomery played four seasons (2015-2018) with Green Bay...Saints TE Jared Cook spent the 2016 season with the Packers...New Orleans T Ryan Ramczyk played at Wisconsin and Wisconsin-Stevens Point and is a native of Stevens Point, Wis. ...Saints LB Zach Baun played at Wisconsin and is a native of Brown Deer, Wis. ...Saints quarterbacks coach Joe Lombardi is the grandson of legendary Packers head coach Vince Lombardi...Saints QB Taysom Hill was a part of the Packers’ training camp and preseason roster in 2017...Packers defensive line coach Jerry Montgomery spent the 2002 training camp on the Saints’ roster...Packers G Elgton Jenkins and Saints DB J.T. Gray played together at Clarksdale (Miss.) High School in 2013 before both attending Mississippi State...Packers defensive backs coach Jerry Gray and special teams quality control coach Rayna Stewart both coached for the Titans during Cook’s stint with the team (2009-12)...Saints C Nick Easton and RB Latavius Murray both spent time with the Vikings when Gray coached the team’s defensive backs from 2014-19...Packers running backs coach Ben Sirmans held the same position for the St. Louis Rams from 2012-15, during which time Cook and Saints DB Janoris Jenkins were on the roster...Packers G/T Billy Turner played with Saints WR Emmanuel Sanders for the Broncos from 2016-18...Saints LB Craig Robertson played alongside Packers LB Christian Kirksey on the Browns defense from 2014-15...Packers defensive coordinator Mike Pettine, special teams coordinator Shawn Mennenga and assistant defensive backs coach Ryan Downard all spent time with the Browns organization during Robertson’s tenure with the team (2012-15) and Saints secondary coach Aaron Glenn was on Pettine’s coaching staff in 2014-15...Pettine and Packers outside linebackers coach Mike Smith coached Saints LB Demario Davis when Davis was with the Jets in 2012...Mennenga was a special teams assistant for the Browns when Davis played for the team in 2016...New Orleans LB Michael Burton played alongside Packers S Adrian Amos on the Bears’ roster during the 2017-18 seasons...Packers assistant offensive line coach Luke Butkus (2002) and coaching assistant Ruvell Martin (2004) both played for the Chargers during Saints QB Drew Brees’ tenure with the team...Butkus coached the offensive line at Illinois during the senior season of Saints DB Justin Hardee (2016)...**Former college teammates include:** Packers RB Jamaal Williams and Saints QB Taysom Hill (Brigham Young); Packers CB Chandon Sullivan and Saints K Will Lutz (Georgia State); Packers CB Jaire Alexander and Saints DT Sheldon Rankins (Louisville); Packers C Corey Linsley and Saints WR Michael Thomas (Ohio State); Packers LB Rashan Gary, G Jon Runyan and Saints OL Cesar Ruiz (Michigan).

## WEARING THE STRIPES

Tonight’s officiating crew includes referee Brad Rogers (126), umpire Tab Slaughter, down judge Jerod Phillips (6), line judge Walt Coleman IV (65), field judge Nathan Jones (42), side judge Eugene Hall (103) and back judge Greg Meyer (78).