

Trifecta: KR Allen Rossum was named the NFC Offensive, Defensive and Special Teams Players of the Week for the 12th week of regular season action. Rossum had 4 returns for 173 yards, including a game winning 92 yard TD return. Rossum also downed the punt that lead to the Packers getting a safety. Rossum was also awarded the game ball for his multi-position contribution.

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"THE GRAND-DADDY OF ALL PACKER FAN HOT-BEDS" ... "PACKER REPORT"
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NFC
CENTRAL

- Minnesota 10 - 2
 - Detroit 8 - 4
 - Tampa Bay 6 - 5
 - Green Bay 5 - 6
 - Chicago 3 - 8
- PRE-SEASON**
- 08/04 Jets W 37-24
 - 08/13 @ Denv. L 26-20
 - 08/21 @ Miami L 17-14
 - 08/26 Clev. W 34-33

SCHEDULE

- 09/03 Jets L 20-16
 - 09/10 @ Buff. L 27-18
 - 09/17 Phil. W 6-3
 - 09/24 @ Ariz. W 29-3
 - 10/01 Chi. L 27-24
 - 10/08 @ Det. L 31-24
 - 10/15 S. F. W 31-28
 - 10/22 bye week
 - 10/29 @ Miami L 28-20
 - 11/06 Minn. W 26-20
 - 11/12 @ T. B. L 20-15
 - 11/19 Colts W 26-24
 - 11/27 @ Car. 9:00pm
 - 12/03 @ Chi. 8:35pm
 - 12/10 Det. 1:00pm
 - 12/17 @ Minn. 1:00pm
 - 12/24 T. B. 1:00pm
- all times are EST



"The Harder You Work, The Harder it is to Surrender." ...Vince Lombardi

Going into last Sunday's game, the Packers (4-6) were 4 1/2 point underdogs to the Colts (7-3). Despite the fact that the Pack was playing at our beloved Lambeau Field (where they've lost a few as of late), it looked like another possible chip in the "Lambeau-home-field-ego" might occur. It also didn't help to think that we might be without our fearless leader, Brett Favre, after seeing him sitting on the bench with his foot on ice last week in Tampa. It would take a total team effort to overcome these circumstances. With these facts before you, as a "Vegas gambler", you would probably put your money on the Colts.

But he's not selfish for himself. He's selfish for the team," said Billy Schroeder.

In a day in age where money seems to reign as king over hard-nose guts and glory football, Brett "raises the bar" to all the players around him. It is best summed up in a comment of Brett's after the game.

"We all make a big deal sometimes about something that's expected of us ... because a lot of guys don't do it. I'm just doing what they pay me to do. It's really nothing more than that."

There is only so much you can say about this man.

Your mistake.

more than that."

When the opening whistle blew, with the temperature at 27 and a wind chill of 16 degrees and a small blanket of snow covering Green Bay, there was our fearless leader, Brett, the "cold weather king", taking over the helm once again. Believe it or not, it was the first measurable snowfall for a regular season game at Lambeau since Dec 1st, 1985 (the famous Snow Bowl against the Bucs).

Supporting Cast ...

It won't go down as one of the Packers' classic games, or maybe not as exciting as watching Antonio Freeman make an unbelievable catch to upset the Vikings on a Monday night before the nation a couple weeks ago, but to me, it was very satisfying to see a total team effort all around the field. There were many unsung heroes last week.

Favre's effect on the team went well beyond completing his passes and avoiding the oncoming rushes by hobbling around and led the offense to a production total of 432 yards.

Bubba is finally catching on ... no pun intended

"If Brett can play hurt, we can too. This guy is a superstar. He's a true champion. I love playing for that guy," said Ross Verba.

"Trust me, if you'd seen his foot earlier this week, you'd say, 'No way is he going out there this week.' But he's an extreme gladiator," said Santana Dotson.

"It was just another challenge for him. You can't tell him he can't do something. It's amazing," said Mike Sherman.

"He goes out and plays 100% when he's only 50 % healthy. He could have sat out the game and nobody would have said

It was a day of dancing... Dotson celebrates

Solid ground game, no fumbles...



Not that it mattered in the end, but he was robbed ... WR Billy Schroeder gives the extra effort in what was clearly a TD.

Ahman Green sliced through the Colts defense for a career high 153 yards in 24 carries for a gaudy 6.4 average.

Offensive Line ...

We usually only hear their names when they commit a penalty, but forget them not. They came into the game knowing that their captain behind them was vulnerable. In case you missed it, none of the Packers' offensive line wore long sleeves... all of the Colts lineman did. They protected Brett well. Rookie left tackle Chad Clifton never allowed Chad Bratzke, the Colts' best pass rusher, to harass Favre. Bratzke had no sacks and only two tackles. "I think I played one of my best games against a pretty good player," said Clifton.

The "O-Line" opened up holes in the defensive line bigger than the size of Dennis Green's plate at an all-you-can-eat Sunday morning buffet. Sorry, that was my lame attempt in being like Dennis Miller on Monday nights. Ahman Green, owes each one of them a steak dinner.

Special Teams ...

DE David Bowns They don't get to play as much as the others or keep their blood pumping to stay warm, but they are definitely one of the Packers' strong attributes. From kicking field goals, downing punts, and surrounding the ball, the special teams' play with a passion like that of Dennis

... yes, there's still more, see page #2

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Six Legged Turkey And Brett Favre's Foot New Displays At Ripley's Believe It Or

VEGAS ODDS - PACK BY 1.0 & O/U IS 44.0

Pack ranks 12th in the NFL on offense (24th rushing & 8th passing) & 11th on defense (13th against run & 14th against the pass) following the 12th weekend of reg.

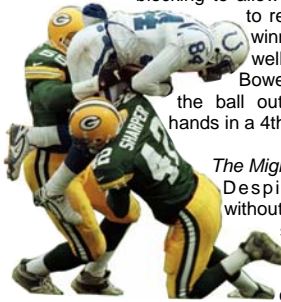
Week 13 - Our next Victim, Carolina Punters



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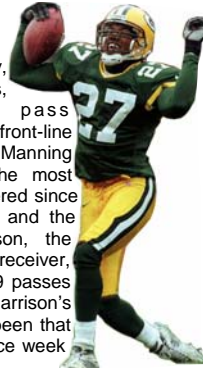
Miller at 2 for 1 special on Thesauri in the bin at the entrance of a Barnes and Nobles. (sorry, another lame attempt). Great kickoff and punt coverage, great blocking to allow Allen Rossom to return the game winning TD as well as DE David BOWENS wrestling the ball out of the Colts hands in a 4th quarter punt.



The Mighty "D"...

Despite playing without a few of their starters, the Packer defense came prepared to play last Sunday. After their strong start, they held on against the NFL's 3rd most potent offense. On the Colts five 1st-half possessions, they

allowed a safety, punted three times, and had a pass interception. The front-line got their hands on Manning for 4 sacks. The most Manning has suffered since week 16 in 1998 and the Colts WR Harrison, the NFL's leading receiver, caught only 2 of 9 passes for 28 yards. Harrison's numbers haven't been that low in a game since week 2 on 1998. "The first half, we were going to do whatever we could do to shut their big three down and hopefully we'd have enough points where if they (did) start coming back they'd run out of time," said S LeRoy Butler.



CB Tod Mcbride celebrates his INT with a curtsy.

...and run out of time they did. Final Score: Packers 26 - Colts 24. ☺

The Series

This week the Pack faces one of the NFL's infants, the Carolina Punters who joined the league in 95'. The two teams have clashed four times (3 times during regular season & once during the playoffs). The Pack holds a slight advantage of 3-1-0. The Punters only win came at their first visit to Lambeau Field for the final game of last season. Going into the game, the Pack had a tiny glimmer of hope of making the playoffs. They cut the last thread in the Packers' play-off hopes by upsetting the Pack 33-31. It's time to return the favor back to them by beating them at their home on a Monday Night game.

The Coaches

Mike Sherman (5-6-0) - .455
George Seifert (110-45-0) - .710
Note: Seifert ranks third all-time among NFL coaches with his .710 winning percentage (behind only Vince Lombardi and John Madden).

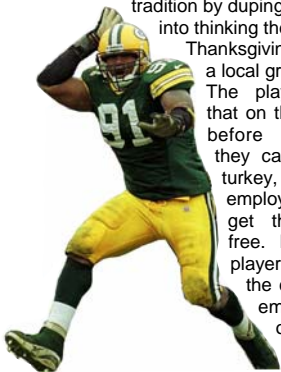
Favre Earns All-Heart Award

Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre has been named NFL.com All-Heart Player of the Week for his role in Green Bay's 26-24 Week 12 win over Indianapolis. Favre edged out Darrell Green of the Washington Redskins by 700 votes in fan voting on NFL.com. This marks the first time Favre captured the honor this year. Teammate Antonio Freeman won the award in Week Ten against the Minnesota Vikings. ☺



The Rookies Are The Turkeys

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Coach Mike Sherman continued a team tradition by duping eight rookies into thinking they'll get a free Thanksgiving turkey from a local grocery store.



DE John Thierry gives the rookies the turkey call

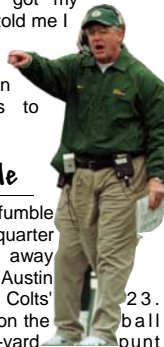
The players are told that on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving they can pick up the turkey, and that store employees know they get the turkey for free. But when the player goes through the checkout -- the employees are in on the gag -- he's told he has to pay. Each player is videotaped so the incident can be shown to the rest of the team. This year's victims were Steve Warren, Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila, Chad Clifton, Mark Tauscher, Charles Lee,

Na'il Diggs, Chris Akins, Kenny Coutain and director of football administration Bruce Warwick.

"I can appreciate a good joke, that's all in fun," Warren said. "They set it up real nice. There's a lot of good actors in this locker room, because nobody gave it away."

"I ran to my truck and got my money and came back in. I know how it is to be a rookie, you've got to take it in stride. I went out there and got my money and then they told me I didn't have to pay for it."

Coach Sherman donated the turkeys to Paul's Pantry. ☺



Ready To Rumble

BOWENS made a big fumble recovery in the fourth quarter when he took the ball away from the Colts' Billy Austin during a pile-up at the Colts' 23. Austin got both hands on the ball after Josh Bidwell's 29-yard punt bounced and hit the Colts' Mustafah Muhammad at the 26. But BOWENS dived in, got his arm on the ball and eventually wrestled it away.

"He didn't fall on it and totally cover the ball up," BOWENS said. "I swung in there with my right arm and tried to snatch it out. Through the longevity of the play I kind of worked my body into him and kind of pulled the ball away. I think I got it right at the last minute."

BOWENS said the pileup got nasty. "There was some dirty stuff going on," he said. "I swear somebody took off their helmet and was trying to bite my leg. My teammates did a good job of trying to pull guys off the pile." ☺

Thawing Out The Tundra

It's a little known trick outside of Wisconsin, but the Packers make the frozen tundra work to their advantage in more ways than one. The Packers almost unbelievable winning percentage at Lambeau Field has a lot to do with talent, the crowd, and the winter weather, but there is a secret not all opponents know about. In winter conditions the Lambeau grounds crew thaws the tundra by pumping hot water through a network of pipes buried just below the surface. This has been in place since the Lombardi days, but now the device does not thoroughly defrost the field, and leaves certain areas icy and slippery. Packer receivers know where the spots are, and either draw defenders there hoping they slip, or avoid them so they can make clean cuts. Let's hope Mike Sherman is aware of this, as the Packers record in December and January home games in the Mike Holmgren era was 16-0. This is a very well kept secret, so if anyone asks you about it after reading this do not divulge any information. The Packers are depending on you. ☺



REST OF THE LEAGUE

NFC EAST

Philadelphia	8 - 4
New York Giants	7 - 4
Washington	7 - 4
Dallas	4 - 8
Arizona	3 - 8

NFC WEST

St. Louis	8 - 3
New Orleans	7 - 4
Carolina	4 - 7
San Francisco	4 - 8
Atlanta	3 - 9

AFC EAST

Miami	8 - 3
Buffalo	7 - 4
Indianapolis	7 - 4
New York Jets	7 - 4
New England	3 - 9

AFC CENTRAL

Tennessee	9 - 2
Baltimore	8 - 4
Pittsburgh	5 - 6
Jacksonville	4 - 7
Cleveland	3 - 9
Cincinnati	2 - 9

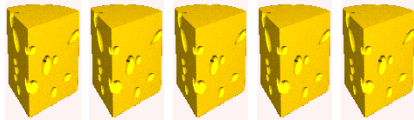
AFC WEST

Oakland	9 - 2
Denver	7 - 4
Kansas City	5 - 6
Seattle	4 - 7
San Diego	0 - 11

Get Off Your Dupa and Join The Groupa @ Kate O'Brien's For A Tailgate

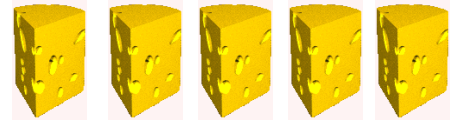
Never in the 12 year history of the CFGBPP's have we ever had a tailgate party at night. Be a part of history on Sunday Dec 3rd at 4:30pm to 7:30pm at Kate O'Brien's beer garden. Evening wear is not required, but Packer attire is a prerequisite. Anyway, the brats look better in the dark. ☺





CHEESE BUFFET

a little slice of this and a little slice of that



Texas to Cowboys: "You're Not Even Our Team Anymore"

With games remaining against Tampa Bay, Washington, the New York Giants and Tennessee, Dallas (4-8) may not win again this season. A final record of 4-12 would be the worst mark for a Cowboys team since they finished 1-15 in Jimmy Johnson's first season (1989). Johnson, at least, had the Herschel Walker trade to help turn around the franchise. The current regime has little hope of getting better anytime soon. Consider two things: If quarterback Troy Aikman decides to retire - and there's evidence to believe he will after this season - owner Jerry Jones will be saddled with a salary-cap



problem that threatens to cripple his team for years. If Aikman retires, Jones will be forced to pay \$2.5 million against next year's salary cap and a whopping \$7.5 million in 2002. And that's on top of the \$10 million already committed for next year's salary cap for players no longer with the team, including cornerbacks Deion Sanders and Kevin Smith. A 4-12 record would give the Cowboys a top-five pick in the draft. Problem is, the Cowboys' first-round picks in 2001 and '02 belong to Seattle. Jones traded both choices to the Seahawks in the deal for wide receiver Joey Galloway. If the Cowboys plan on grooming a replacement for Aikman, they'll have a difficult time doing it in the draft. Kinda makes you feel sorry for them ... not. If things get worse the league has informed Jerry Jones he will have to move the team to Chicago and call them the Bears. ©

All Minnesotans and Several Monkeys Now Vikings Fans

By Packer Jerry #101

An ABC-Newsweek survey confirmed this week that every living human being in Minnesota is, or claims to be, a fan of the Minnesota Vikings NFL football team. In addition, primate researchers at University of Duluth have just announced that several chimpanzees have begun wearing Randy Moss jerseys on their own accord. "I just came in one morning to feed them, and there they were, three of them in Randy Moss jerseys," said Dr. Al Behrens, Ph.D. "Where they got them or how they paid for them, we'll never know." In a similar survey, just three-percent of Illinois residents admitted as being Chicago Bears fans, while the majority of bears, both roaming the state or in zoos, have already taken steps to change their name to avoid further embarrassment & any confusion with the football team with the same name. ©



One Million Fans Can't Be Wrong

By Packer Jerry #101

The NFL has surpassed the one-million mark in paid attendance two weeks in a row for the first time in its 80-year history. The league said Friday that it drew 1,011,224 for the games of last weekend. For the weekend of November 12-13, the crowds totaled 1,013,519. The NFL says it's on a pace to surpass its all-time record, and is averaging 66,386 though the first 12 weeks. Last year, NFL games drew an average of 65,349. The NFL released a statement saying they are especially grateful to those "flag-waving, fair-weather, bandwagon fans in both Minnesota and Tampa Bay" for help setting this new attendance record. In Minnesota several fans looking suspiciously like monkeys were included in the total count. ©

Kissimmee Kent's Korner



Welcome to "Hot Wings" Nite at Froggers! The contest will take place during the intermission. The coat drawing will be at the final two-minute warning. Do not forget "Miller" nite next Sunday when the Packers invade the "armpit on the lake" and go for their seventh straight win in Chicago. I want to thank Packers Brad #388 and Jill #807 for hosting last week while Packer Gini #1023 and I were at Lambeau cheering the Pack to victory. It was a very exciting day as the "Green and Gold" came through. Two Things: It was interesting to compare the differences between watching a late season game in Green Bay and here at Froggers. Last Sunday at high noon the PA announcer stated "Its snowing; the temperature is 27 degrees; the

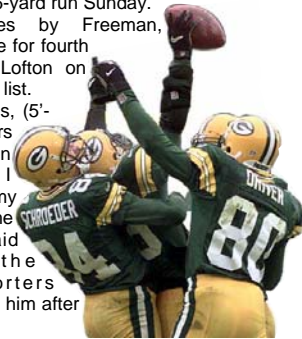


Colts QB Peyton Manning fakes a pass so well, he fakes himself out.

wind chill is 16 degrees; its Green Bay Packer football weather"-and the crowd went wild while Peyton Manning tried to warm his hands. At the same time at Froggers, Brad was stating" the sun is shining; the temperature is 78 degrees; there is a nice breeze; its CFGBPB football watching weather" -and the crowd responded with a loud "The Bears Still Suck!" At Lambeau, Gini was modeling her parka and sweatpants--at Froggers, Jill was modeling her "cheese" bra. One place the clothes were going on; at the other they were coming off. But it was great to be at either place! The only bumner on the trip was watching both the Lions and Vikings win on Thanksgiving. Packer History: The biggest offensive explosion on this date in Packer history came on Thanksgiving 1986 when Walter Stanley returned a punt 84 yards in the last minute to beat the Lions 44-40. The best defensive effort was in 1932 when Green Bay went on the road to demolish the Staten Island Spartans 21-3 just three days after winning in Brooklyn. GO PACK! Declaw the Panthers! ©

Inside The Numbers

- 0 Total yards by the Colts in their first two series.
- 1 Games this season in which Colts receiver Marvin Harrison and running back Edgerrin James both have been held without a touchdown.
- 2 Interceptions Favre has thrown in his last five games.
- 2 The last time Green Bay's first score in a game came by means of a safety was the 1993 season opener when Bryce Paup and George Koonce tackled Cleveland Gary in the end zone to give the Packers a 2-0 lead over the Rams.
- 5 Wide receiver Antonio Freeman's ranking on the Packers' all-time list with 346 receptions.
- 5 Indianapolis opponents who have rushed this season for at least 145 yards, the same amount the Packers gained against them Sunday.
- 10 Packers' quarterback Brett Favre's ranking on the NFL's all-time list with 249 touchdowns
- 16 Wind chill at the start of Sunday's game.
- 25-0 Quarterback Brett Favre's career record when the temperature is 34 degrees or below.
- 27 Temperature at the start of Sunday's game.
- 30 The Packers' longest run from scrimmage this season before Ahman Green eclipsed his own benchmark with a 36-yard run Sunday.
- 49 Touchdown catches by Freeman, moving him into a tie for fourth place with James Lofton on the Packers' all-time list.
- 68 The height, in inches, (5'-8") of the Packers shortest player, Allen Rossum. "Maybe I should put on my shoes to make me look taller," said Rossum to the swarming reporters awaiting to interview him after the game last week.
- 136 Favre's continuing record of consecutive games started in the QB position.
- 167 Amount of regular season games SS LeRoy Butler has played in ... setting a club record for DB's surpassing former Packer Willie Wood.
- 200 Until Sunday, the Packers had never had a running back and receiver both gain more than 100 yards in the first half of the same game. Ahman Green and Bill Schroeder became the first by picking up 105 yards and 113 yards, respectively



This past week at the Bucs practice field: "No one move! A hornet flew inside of Warren's Helmet."