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The Fab Five - This past Thursday, Packers Brett Favre, Ahman Green, Bubba Franks, Darren Sharper and RG Marco Rivera were all named to the Pro Bowl team.

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"The Grand-Daddy of all Packer Fan Hot-Beds" ... "Packer Report"



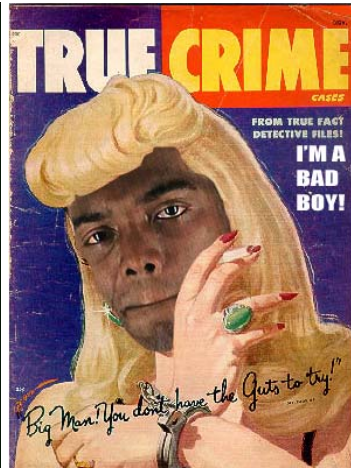
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## NFC NORTH

y-G. Bay	11 - 3
Chicago	4 - 10
Minnesota	4 - 10
Detroit	3 - 11
y= clinched division	

## SCHEDULE

09/08 ATL	W 37-34
09/15 @ N. O.	L 35-20
09/22 @ DET	W 37-31
09/29 CARO	W 17-14
10/07 @ CHI	W 34-21
10/13 @ N. E.	W 28-10
10/20 WASH	W 30-9
10/27 open date	
11/04 MIAMI	W 24-10
11/10 DET	W 40-14
11/17 @ MINN	L 31-21
11/24 @ T. B.	L 21-7
12/01 CHI	W 30-20
12/08 MINN	W 26-22
12/15 @ S. F.	W 20-14
12/22 BUFF	1:00pm
12/29 @ NYJ	4:15pm
all times are EST	



## I'll Buy Five Copies for My Mother

The Green Bay Packers are the cover story in this week's edition of Sports Illustrated.

The cover photo is of Brett Favre, accompanied with the headline "True Grit," and the subhead "Why the Packers Keep on Winning." The article, by Michael Silver, details last weekend's 20-14 win over the San Francisco 49ers.

Green Bay fans worried about a cover jinx should take note that the Packers made the cover of Sports Illustrated five times during their Super Bowl run of 1996, including three consecutive weeks during the playoffs.

In related news, Randy Moss will be happy to know he will grace the cover of next week's issue of True Crime. ☺

## "Go Owens Go!" (As In "Go Far Away")

Gimme an "L!" Gimme an "O!" Gimme an

"S!" Gimme an "E!" Gimme an "R!" "What does it spell?"

In Sunday's rain-soaked 20-14 home loss to the visiting Green Bay Packers last week, San Francisco 49ers receiver Terrell Owens caught a 45-yard TD pass from Jeff Garcia with 1:04 to play. Immediately after scoring, he borrowed a cheerleader's gold-colored pompoms and did a little dance on the sideline.

Owens has a history of exuberant on-field behavior, which has gotten him into some trouble. Two years ago, he mocked the Dallas Cowboys when he ran to the star logo in Texas Stadium and celebrated after each of his two touchdown catches.

More recently, Owens ignited a nationwide debate on NFL sportsmanship on October 14, when the 49ers beat the Seahawks 28-21. After his second TD catch, Owens, who had been carrying a Sharpie in his sock during the game, signed the ball and handed it to his financial adviser nearby. The dictionary he was carrying in his other sock came in handy when he had problems spelling the word "regards." Although the NFL said that waving pom-poms wasn't outrageous enough to warrant any disciplinary action, the league's Cheerleader Teams and Amalgamation (CT&A) levied a \$50 fine against Owens for lack of rhythm. ☺



## Packers Mine 49ers

Things went the Packers' way again Sunday in a rain-soaked 20-14 victory that kept the Packers on pace with the NFC's top teams. Favre passed for 201 yards in a steady downpour... and with memories of Terrell Owens' famed 1999 game-winning catch reverberating in the stadium, the Green Bay defense stopped the Niners' last drive at its own 11 with 22 seconds left. "I had confidence in our defense, but man, I was also pretty confident they could score," said Favre, who improved to 10-1 against the Niners.

Ahman Green ran for 90 yards and a touchdown, and Donald Driver caught a TD pass as the Packers (11-3) shrugged off the miserable conditions to score 17 points in the second half while holding San Francisco (9-5) scoreless in the fourth quarter. "I've played in a lot of games, but that's one of the best games I've played in," Favre said. "Just a well-played game by both teams in some terrible conditions."

### OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- Speaking of durability and longevity, Favre is rapidly approaching his 2,000th career drive. He enters Sunday's game against Buffalo having presided over 1,978.
- Running back Ahman Green, rushing for 90 yards, made another visit to the Packers' record book Sunday in surpassing the 1,000-yard mark in rushing for the third consecutive year.
- Under Mike Sherman, the Packers now are 20-3 when scoring first.
- Despite injuries at four of five positions along the offensive line, the Packers are rushing for 121.4 yards per game, the team's most in 17 years. They averaged 138.0 yards in 1985.
- 49ers receiver Terrell Owens can do the splits.

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Just like Santa, the extremely good-looking servers at One Eyed Jack's know if you've been naughty (<15%) or nice (>15%).

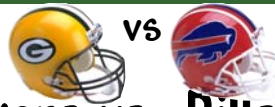


# VEGAS ODDS - PACK BY 6.5 & O/U IS 43.0

The Packer-49er game delivered a 14.3 rating and 27 share, which is the highest rating for a game carried on Fox since a game televised during Week 15 of the 2000 season (Minnesota at St. Louis). In the Milwaukee market, the game delivered a 44.7 rating and 71 share, neither of which is remarkable for a Packers game around this city.

Week #16 - Next Victim, the Buffalo Bills

## Yakety Sapp Talks Back Packers vs. Bills



Here's a nice picture of a crow who has already begun to make its nest in Warren Sapp's mouth.

Once again, Tampa Bay's Warren Sapp lived up to his last name this past week.

During a telephone interview with Pittsburgh reporters, Sapp responded to remarks Steelers' strong safety Lee Flowers made one year ago ridiculing the Buccaneers as being "paper champions."

Flowers made the comments following the Steelers' 17-10 victory in Tampa last season. He said the Bucs frequently talk a good game but, despite having numerous star players, never win any championships.

The two teams meet again Monday night in Tampa and division championships are on the line for both teams. It's still unclear why Sapp took so long to respond to Flowers' dated comments. Either Flowers' words are being recycled in Tampa Bay's locker room to fire-up the team, or it just took Sapp that long to think of something remotely clever to say.

"Lee Flowers is a guy from Georgia? Please," said Sapp, the former University of Miami star defensive lineman.

"Florida guys run around with chips on their shoulders all the time, we talk more stuff than anybody. He doesn't have any credentials to talk (trash), so I wonder where it's coming from. You would never know the man unless he gets on TV and they put his name under his face."

Flowers has been a starter in Pittsburgh's secondary for five years. Told of Sapp's response, Flowers said, "I'm not from Georgia, I'm from South Carolina, so you need to do your homework if you're going to talk about somebody. I went to school in Georgia. Anyway, I haven't checked the last time somebody got a degree from Miami."

Flowers said he respects the Bucs and Sapp but, when it comes to talking, suggested Sapp sometimes goes too far.

"Here's the same guy who talks about (Michael) Strahan's record... here's the same guy that for eight years now has been saying he's going to break the sack record," Flowers said. Sapp has just 7 1/2 sacks this season, and hasn't had one in the Bucs' last six games. On the other hand, Flowers has three sacks despite playing a position where sacks usually come infrequently.

"I'm sure that comment I said, they're worked up a little bit," Flowers said. "But if they feel like my comment determines their whole season, they've got a whole lot of problems in that locker room. ... I'm a man and I meant every word of it last year... but it's a new year."

"There's going to be a box of (division championship) hats and shirts on their sideline... there's going to be a box of hats and shirts on our sideline," Sapp said. "Who wants to open their box?" Honestly, we don't care who opens the box, we just want Sapp with shut his trap. ☺



HOW THEY COMPARE to the each other and the rest of the NFL.

	PACK	Bills
Total Offense	3rd	7th
Off. Rushing	11th	20th
Off. Passing	4th	3rd
Total Defense	11th	17th
Def. Rushing	26th	31st
Def. Passing	4th	6th

### THE SERIES

The series began in 1965 and the teams have met only 8 times. Packers have definitely struggled with the Bills only winning twice. Packer 2 wins, 6 losses.

### THE COACHES

Mike Sherman (32-14-0) - .696  
Greg Williams (10-20-0) - .333

## EDITORIAL The View from New Richmond, WI

By Packer Pat (#118)

It has been an interesting week to say the least over here on the western frontier. The constant whining from across the St. Croix River is getting a little old. I guess, another positive from Green Bay's victory over the 'Queens is the economic gain for the Fox Valley paper makers. Kleenex is just flying off the shelves in Swampyland from all the tears being shed over their team. (Stock tip: Kimberly Clark, it is bound to double if the Vikings continue their losing ways. If nothing else, the rumor around the publishing houses is that the George Halas book "Being #2, GSH on the Crapper" is in its second printing, this time using Charmin two ply! - again, can't go wrong!).

The week-long whining continues... "Queens contention that the fines levied were unfair. Really. They started it! Who is their press agent, Iraqi Foreign Minister Tarek (trust me)

Aziz? Then there's the alleged "leaked memo" from the NFL stating the refs blew 8 calls. News flash for the Purple pansies... YOU SUCK! Get over it MN!

As they say in St. Paul, "Go Twins... and take the Vikings with ya!" ☺

### REST OF THE LEAGUE

#### NFC EAST

y-Philadelphia	11 - 3
N. Y. Giants	8 - 6
Dallas	5 - 9
Washington	5 - 9

#### NFC SOUTH

x-Tampa Bay	11 - 3
New Orleans	9 - 5
Atlanta	8 - 5 - 1
Carolina	5 - 9

#### NFC WEST

y-San Francisco	9 - 5
St. Louis	6 - 8
Arizona	5 - 9
Seattle	5 - 9

#### AFC EAST

Miami	9 - 5
New England	8 - 6
Buffalo	7 - 7
N. Y. Jets	7 - 7

#### AFC NORTH

Pittsburgh	8 - 5 - 1
Baltimore	7 - 7
Cleveland	7 - 7
Cincinnati	1 - 13

#### AFC SOUTH

Indianapolis	9 - 5
Tennessee	9 - 5
Jacksonville	6 - 8
Houston	4 - 10

#### AFC WEST

Oakland	9 - 5
Denver	8 - 6
San Diego	8 - 6
Kansas City	7 - 7

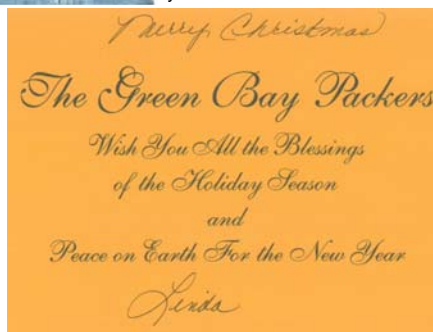
x= clinched playoff berth  
y= clinched division

## Bengals Ticket Scalpers On Unemployment Line

A city lawmaker had a suggestion for grumpy Cincinnati Bengals fans: Give your tickets to poor children.

Last Sunday, the Jacksonville Jaguars beat the Bengals 29-15 in front of the smallest crowd ever at Paul Brown Stadium. In fact, there were so many no-shows that a Tim Couch pass was broken up by a tumbleweed. If Cincinnati (1-13) loses again, it will be the first time any Bengals team has lost all its home games in one season. It also would be the most losses by any Bengals team in a season. Cincinnati City Councilman Chris Monzel wanted ticket-holders planning to skip today's game against New Orleans to donate their tickets to needy kids who would not otherwise afford to attend an NFL game.

Needy kids responded, "Hey, we're not *that* needy!" ☺



Here's the greeting card the Green Bay Packers organization sent to the CFPB club! "Happy Holidays" right-back-atcha! By the way, all we want for Christmas is a 13th World Championship!

# Feeling A Little Stressed Because It's The Christmas Season?

Hello you wonderful Packer fans! Jerry #101, Mike #110 and myself (Brian #777) would like to extend our appreciative thanks as well as wish a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Hanukkah, a relaxing Ramadan and a kind-hearted Kwanzaa to all of you and your families (even if you are a FIB). We are all very lucky to have a great group of people who like getting together and sharing in the great experience of being a Packer Fan. Because of our thankfulness, we like to help any of you that may be feeling a little stressed at this time. What you need to do is ... go grab those pair of Packer bootie socks that you've got hidden in the back of your sock drawer, light the fireplace, gather your family around and sit down to sing some the following songs. If this doesn't put a smile on your face ... then you should consider packing your bags and moving to Chicago.

**"Where's Your Bucs?"**  
(Sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells")

(chorus)  
Where's your Bucs?  
Where's your Bucs?  
Where's your Bucs I said?  
Don't you know your Buccaneers  
Are on your Buccan-head!

Dashing to the game  
But first let's tailgate  
Grab a couple brews  
Ain't these bratwurst great!  
Cheering for the Pack  
They've gotta win the game  
It shouldn't be that difficult  
Cuz Tampa's really lame.

(repeat chorus)

**"The First Super Bowl"**  
(Sung to the tune of "The First Noel")

The first Super Bowl, the Packers did play,  
The Kansas City Chiefs on a field in L.A.  
Boyd Dowler, he was hurt, Max McGee had to play  
And Bart Starr threw him two touchdowns that day.

(Chorus:)  
Green Bay, Green Bay, Green Bay, Green Bay,  
The Pack won the first Super Bowl on that day.  
In the first Super Bowl, Willie Wood came to play,  
And he picked off a pass to help win the day.  
He ran it 40 yards, to set up the next score,  
Then Elijah ran it in and the Chiefs were no more.

Chorus  
In the first Super Bowl, the Packers did play,  
Jim Taylor ran one in for a touchdown that day.  
The Pack won the game, it was 35 to 10,  
And the next Super Bowl, they did it again.

Chorus

**"Randy The Wide Receiver"**  
(Sung to the tune of "Rudolph The Red-Nose Reindeer")

You know Dante and Carter and Denny and Griffith.  
McDaniel and Berger and Bouman and Bennett.  
But do you recall,  
The biggest Viking asshole of all?

Randy the wide receiver  
Was a really pompous ass.  
And if you ever saw him,  
You probly saw him drop a pass.

All of the other players,  
Used to envy Randy's fame.  
They really loved how Randy  
Played in all his football games.

Then one foggy ballgame's eve,  
Randy came to say,  
"I'll play ball when I want to,  
I'm gettin' paid so screw all you!"

Then how the fans all loathed him,  
And Randy he still got rich.  
Randy the Wide Receiver,  
You're an overpaid son-of-a-bitch!

**"We All Want Some Season Tickets"**  
(Sung to the tune of "We Wish You A Merry Christmas")

We wish you a Packer Christmas, we wish you a Packer Christmas,  
We wish you a Packer Christmas and a Super Bowl Year.  
Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin.  
The Pack beat Chicago and it's time to cheer.  
We all want some season tickets, we all want some season tickets,  
We all want some season tickets, and a brat and a beer.  
We won't go until we get them, we won't go until we get them,  
We won't go until we get them, cause we've been good this year.  
Glad tidings we bring to you and your kin.  
The Pack beat the Ravens, and it's time to cheer.  
We wish you a Packer Christmas, we wish you a Packer Christmas,  
We wish you a Packer Christmas and a Super Bowl Year.



**"Deck Your Head"**  
(Sung to the tune of "Deck The Halls")

Deck your head with cheeseheads yellow, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
Then you'll be a merry fellow, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
Don we now our green apparel, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
And we'll sing some Packer carols, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
Put some mittens on your hands, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
Keep you warm up in the stands, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
Lambeau Field is really cold, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
Unless you cheer for the Green and Gold, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
First we'll have a tailgate party, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
Ten below, but we're real hardy, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
Bratwurst topped with sauerkraut, fa la la la la, la la la la!  
Schnapps will keep the frostbite out, fa la la la la, la la la la!

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