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FROM THE EDITOR



New England defender Jack Jones, who intercepted Aaron Rodgers earlier in the game and ran it back for a score, nearly comes up with another interception as this pass intended for Romeo Doubs sailed just long.

JOSH STALOCH PHOTO

The Packers playing in London was a nice novelty, but the team must have hit a wall in the second half vs. the Giants and jetlag set in.

I think we can all agree that the Packers' play in the final 30 minutes was — as the English love to say — rubbish.

I certainly loathe at their play.

Here at Packerland, we are moving on from that ugly second-half display.

We are moving forward to continue to tell you fun stories you won't get anywhere else.

In this issue, we stay with the "Inside Lambeau Field" series. In October, we dove into how concessions at the stadium work with thousands of volunteers dedicate their time so fan can enjoy their time at a game. A value resource, those volunteers are able to take in money to aid with a worthy cause (e.g., a high school band trip). We talk gameday maintenance and how the Packers prepare everything from getting into the stadium to shoveling the seats pregame. It's interesting to hear from the director of maintenance how it all works. Join writer Kevin Damask in this journey behind the scenes about the guys who are truly behind the scenes and make gamedays move so fluidly in every aspect.

We also have a couple features on players that fans remember fondly: Frank Winters and Paul Coffman. Both guys provide interesting stories about their time playing with the Packers and what they've been up to since their NFL careers ended. Winters sat down with

writer Rich Palzewic at a golf outing this summer to reflect. Damask caught up with Coffman recently, who loved to share his thoughts.

We have a ticket holder of the month piece from Palzewic. Jim Haverkorn is a 79-year-old who is the epitome of a lifelong, diehard Packers fan. He's missed under 10 games since the 1950s. Mind-blowing.

Packerland kept its streak of alive of shooting photos at every Packers home game for the last three seasons. Photographer Josh Staloch roamed the sidelines for both the Patriots and Jets games. He captured some great moments from the two AFC East opponents. Check out the six-page spread of photos inside and pick out your favorite shot.

Keep in mind that Packerland is for the readers. We want to know what you'd like to read about. You can reach out to me — gbates@mmclocal.com — with any story ideas. Enjoy the issue!



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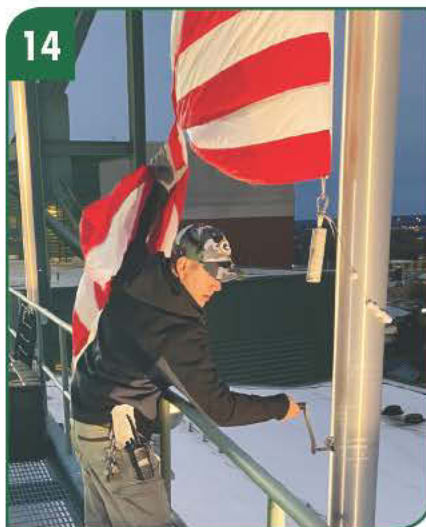
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Packerland had a front-row seat in the back of the end zone to bring readers some wonderful game shots from the Packers' most recent home games.

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Packers wideout Allen Lazard reels in a reception with Jets' cornerback Sauce Gardner making contact before the ball arrives as New York defeated Green Bay 27-10 on Oct. 16.

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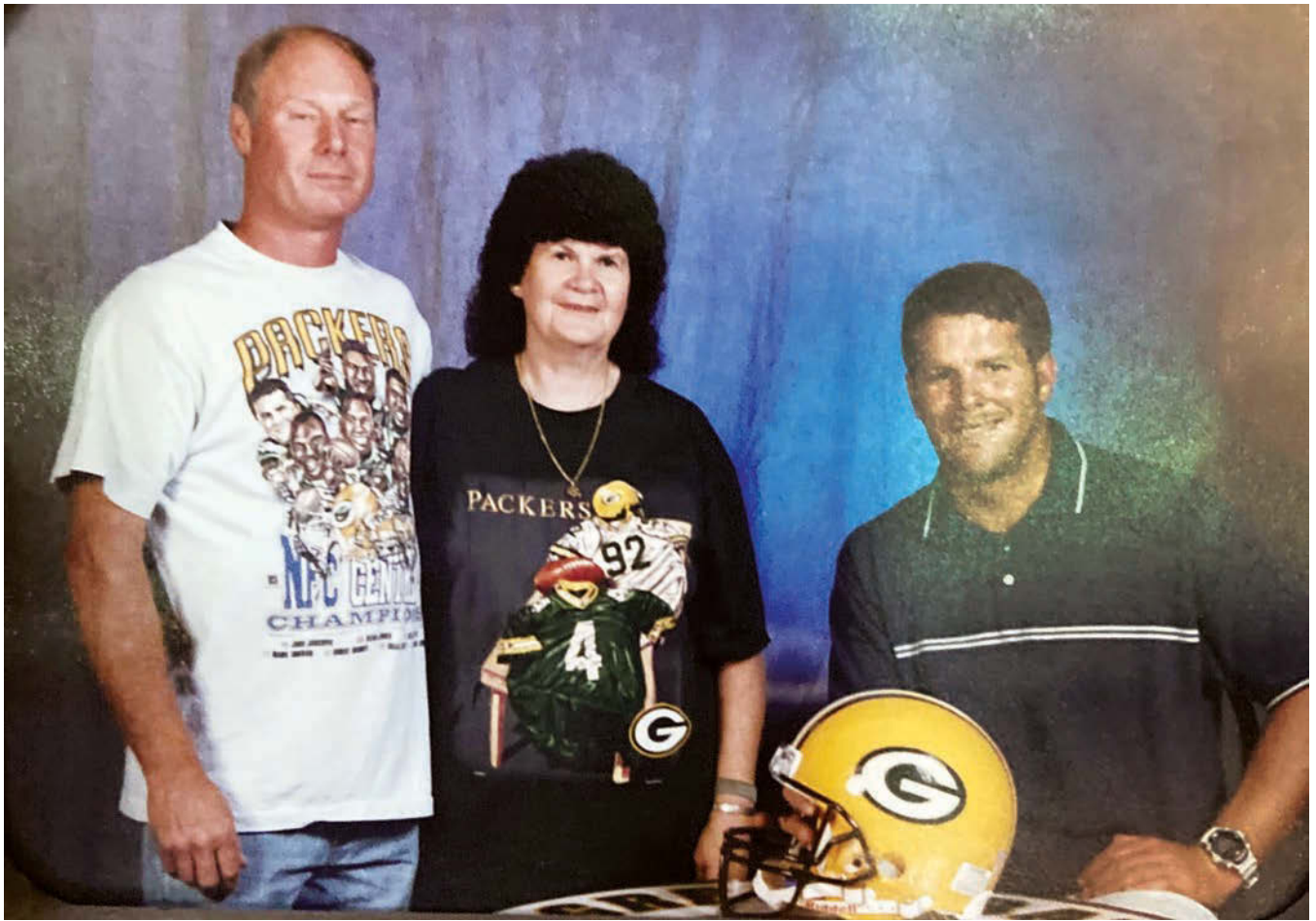


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Jim Haverkorn and his wife, Bonnie, got to meet Brett Favre back in his early days with the Packers.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Season ticket holder of the month: Jim Haverkorn

Green Bay native has only missed about 10 home games since the 1950s

BY RICH PALZEWIC
SPECIAL TO PACKERLAND

Jim Haverkorn has seen a few things in his 60-plus years of attending Green Bay Packers games.

The 79-year-old said he's probably missed less than 10 games since he began going in the 1950s.

"One of my favorite memories was the Ice Bowl (Dec. 31, 1967)," said Haver-

korn, who graduated from Green Bay West in 1961. "I was one of the 200,000 people there. I worked for a home builder at the time, and one of his customers called him at 9 a.m. the morning of the game and said it was too cold. He gave (the home builder) the tickets, and I got to go with him."

Haverkorn had a unique way of staying warm in the brutally cold temps.

"We took a bottle of brandy in — that's

when you could take things in with you," he said. "I think we had half that bottle of brandy gone by the first quarter. We made it through the whole game — I wish I had kept that ticket stub."

Haverkorn's earliest memories of going to games date back to the 1950s when the Packers played at City Stadium on the grounds of Green Bay East High School.

"When I was about 14, we used to sneak into City Stadium," he said. "We'd pull a board off the back wall. The ushers had a cane, and some would beat you off, while others would put the hook to you, let you grab it and pull you up. If we kept walking around the track and didn't have any problems, we'd be OK. I remember one time there were so many of (my friends and me) that the firemen hosed us out."

When the team moved into New City Stadium — later named Lambeau Field in 1965 — Haverkorn lived on Spence Street about a mile away.

“I snuck into the first game there,” he said. “They had an eight-foot-high cyclone fence that encircled the stadium. At the 50-yard line, there were some block buildings — the men’s and women’s bathrooms. We’d have 20 or 30 guys trying to get in — those were the good ol’ days.”

Haverkorn worked for a few years renting out stadium folding chairs in his late teens and early 20s.

“We’d get \$22 a game, and we could stay in the stadium,” he said. “We’d have to pick (the seats) up after the game.”

Haverkorn continued going to all the games he could, despite not having season tickets yet.

“In 1968, my brother-in-law, his wife and three other couples walked into the ticket office and bought eight season tickets,” he said. “One of the guys’ wives passed away, and he didn’t want to go to the games anymore, but he wanted to keep the tickets. From 1975-2003, he sold me his two tickets for the whole season. It was great because I got to sit by my brother-in-law.”

With the expansion of Lambeau Field in 2003, Haverkorn’s wife, Bonnie, was able to move two season tickets into her name from her sister — Section 112, Row 23.

“My brother-in-law’s kids didn’t want the tickets, and he and his wife spent most of their time wintering in the Carolinas,” Haverkorn said. “We’ve had the season tickets for almost 20 years.”

MEMORABLE GAMES

Haverkorn said another favorite game was the “Snow Bowl” against Tampa Bay Dec. 1, 1985 — a 21-0 victory over the Bucs.

“My brother-in-law was supposed to pick me up, but he called two hours before the game and said, ‘I can’t get out of my driveway,’” he said. “Bonnie and I live on Cormier Road, about a mile and a half from the stadium. We put on our boots and started walking down a single path on Cormier. A guy in a pickup truck brought us to the stadium, about an hour too soon.”

Haverkorn’s 12-year-old son and his buddy also went to the game.

“They left about an hour before Bonnie and I did,” he said. “They sat in the



Jim Haverkorn has been a staple at Lambeau Field since the stadium wasn’t even named that yet. But Haverkorn and his wife, Bonnie, also used to travel to Packers’ games quite a bit -- this one was at the Pontiac Silverdome, former home of the Lions.

south end zone, and we could barely see two specks where they were sitting. We walked over there before the game started. The snow was pelting us when we walked back out of the tunnel — those two kids were frozen turds. They sat there for about the first quarter. Bonnie and I made it through the whole game.”

A foot of snow fell before the game, while another five inches fell during the game.

“I still remember players doing belly-flops in the snow,” Haverkorn said.

The Packers racked up 512 yards of total offense, with Tampa Bay, led by future Hall of Fame quarterback Steve Young, recording only 65 yards on five first downs.

The attendance that day was 19,856, with more than 36,000 “no shows,” the most in Packers’ history.

Haverkorn said other memorable games include kicker Chester Marcol’s blocked field goal against the Bears Sept. 7, 1980; quarterback Don Majkowski’s instant replay overturn vs. the Bears Nov. 5, 1989; wide receiver Antonio Freeman’s improbable catch against the Vikings Nov. 6, 2000; and the Monday Night Football contest on Oct. 17, 1983

vs. the Washington Redskins, a 48-47 Green Bay victory.

“Those were all great memories, but Marcol’s blocked field goal he picked up and scored on was a great one,” he said. “Also, the game (in 1983) against the Redskins was the first Monday Night Football game played in Lambeau.”

FAVORITE PLAYERS

One of Haverkorn’s favorite players was Bart Starr.

“My wife used to work at Krider Drug Store when she was younger,” he said. “Starr was drafted in 1956, and he came into town with his wife and son. He came into the drug store and was looking for a babysitter — Bonnie volunteered and did that for a few years.”

Haverkorn has a signed helmet from Starr and a football from Brett Favre. He also liked Reggie White.

END OF AN ERA

The Haverkorns used to attend a yearly away game, but Jim said the Cincinnati trip in 2021 was their last road game.

“We’ve also been to Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Kansas City, Minnesota, Seattle and St. Louis, but my wife

is 84 and having a harder time getting around as much,” he said. “The pre-season game (to begin this season) was probably her last game.”

With the end of the 2022-23 season, Haverkorn said it’s most likely his last season going to games, too — at least regularly.

“Without having vendors going up and down the rows and Bonnie not going anymore, this is probably it for me,” he said. “We sit at the end of a row and to get up, go out and come back when you’re as old as we are, it’s tough. I’ll still buy the tickets but sell them to my kids and other family members.”

Haverkorn said he feels the Packers aren’t as conducive as they once were to older folks attending games.

“These younger people pay \$125 for a seat and don’t use it,” he laughed. “They stand the whole game. It got to the point where Bonnie had to watch the game on the jumbotron. I think the Packers are phasing out older people — we’re not as loud, and we don’t spend as much money. At my age, if I drink a beer, I’ll be in the bathroom half the game — the prostate isn’t working like



Tailgating has always been important to the Haverkorns. Jim would also bring in a bottle of brandy to games to stay warm.

it used to.”

Haverkorn said he’ll be sad to not attend games anymore, but there are benefits to staying home.

“I’ll get used to sitting in my living

room with the refrigerator and toilet nearby,” he laughed. “I told Bonnie I’d keep going to the games as long as she wanted to — it’s been a fun ride with lots of memories.”



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From humble roots to Packers legend

BY KEVIN DAMASK
SPECIAL TO PACKERLAND

Coffman uses own experience to inspire others as motivational speaker

When Paul Coffman walked away from the NFL following the 1988 season, he left behind quite a legacy: three Pro Bowl seasons, several receiving records at tight end and a stockpile of memorable performances. Years later, Coffman was enshrined into the Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame and beamed with pride when his son, Chase, blazed his own path to the NFL, playing tight end, no less.

Looking back, it's a legacy that almost never happened.

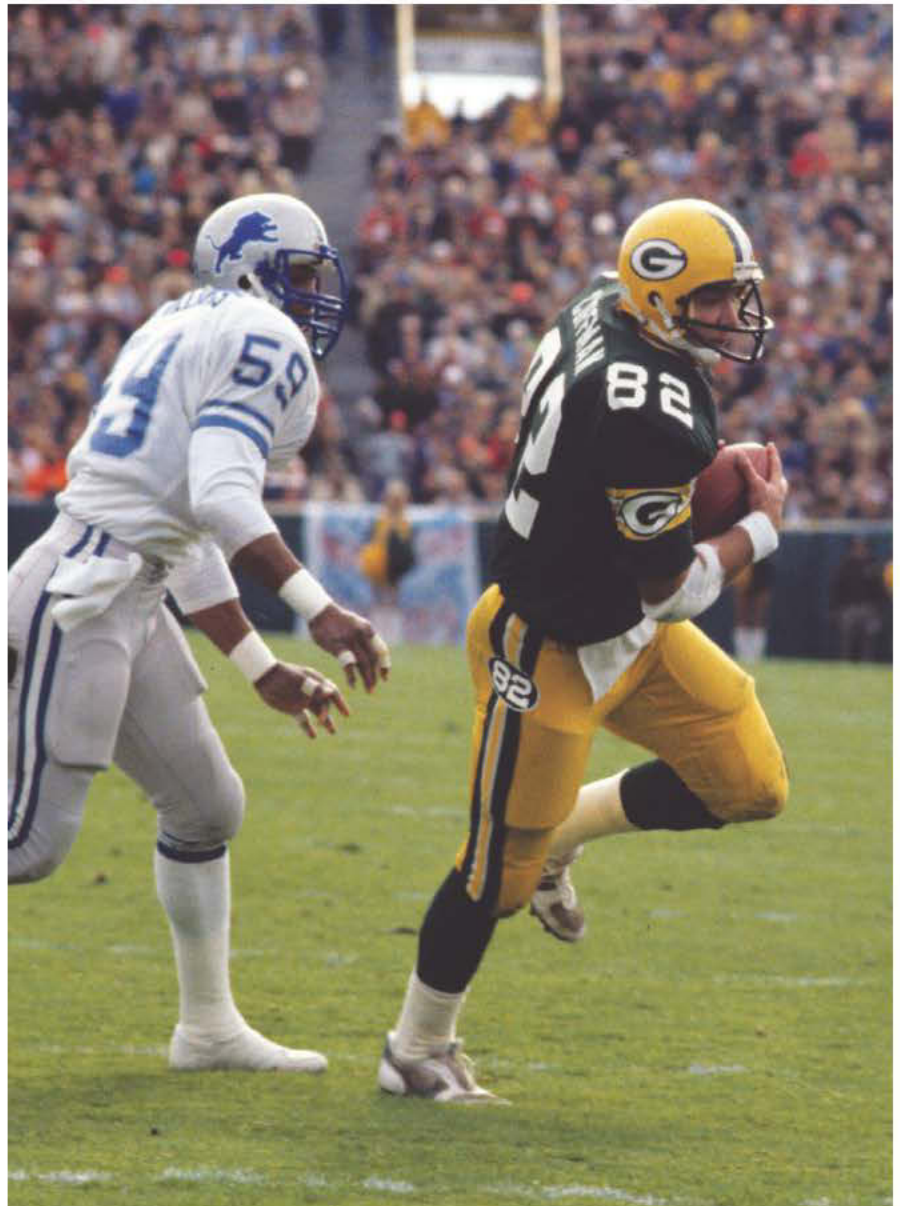
Coffman is the definition of humble beginnings. Lightly recruited. Walk on at a struggling college program. College stats that didn't jump off the page and catch the eye of NFL scouts. But his life changed one day in the spring of 1978 when his pure hustle and determination impressed a Packers assistant coach.

Coffman, from rural Kansas, attended a tiny high school, graduating with 20 students. While he starred on the gridiron in high school, college recruiters mostly ignored the small schools and Coffman fell through the cracks.

"In the back of my mind, it was a dream but I really didn't see reality," Coffman said in an interview with Packerland. "I now do motivational speaking and I always say, 'You need a living example of somebody who's done what you want to do.'"

That happened to be Perry Viers. From neighboring Little River, Viers was recruited by Kansas State and received playing time his freshman season. Coffman played against Viers for three years in high school.

"I thought, 'You know what, if Perry can make it and I'm just as good as him, I can make it,'" Coffman said. "It gave me hope that I didn't have to go



Coffman made the Pro Bowl three consecutive seasons from 1982-84, with his best season in '83 (54 receptions, 814 yards, 11 TDs). PHOTO COURTESY OF THE PACKERS

to a small college, I could make it at a Big 8 school.”

Coffman was excited to make the K-State football team, but quickly learned life for the Wildcats in the Big 8 (now Big 12) was anything but easy. K-State was overmatched in nearly every game.

“At that time, we were arguable the worst college football program in the U.S. in the power-5 conferences,” Coffman said.

The Wildcats won one game in each of Coffman’s final two seasons. During his senior campaign, K-State knocked off Wichita State. The Shockers, still rebounding from a tragic plane crash that killed half the team in 1970, dropped football after the ’77 season.

“They thought, if we can’t beat Kansas State, we can’t beat anybody,” Coffman quipped.

K-State’s struggles, however, opened the door for Coffman. Departures and injuries depleted the tight end depth chart and Coffman was placed on the scout team. After getting roughed up in practices his freshman year, Coffman became the Wildcats’ starting tight end the following season. But Coffman was dropped to the third team at the start of his senior year after the program brought in two highly-recruited tight ends. The demotion lit a fire. In the third game of the ’77 season, against lowly Wichita State, Coffman hauled in the winning touchdown pass. He was back to being the Wildcats’ starting tight end.

In the modern NFL, the annual scouting combine has become one of the offseason’s biggest spectacles.

However, in the late ’70s, it didn’t exist. Pro scouts and coaches preparing for the draft had to search high and low to find hidden gems. They often traveled to colleges and held workouts to find potential NFL talent. In the spring following Coffman’s senior year, the Packers came to K-State to scout the tight end’s roommate, middle linebacker Gary Spani. Coffman thought it would be a good idea to tag along.

“They needed someone to work out with Gary, push him in drills, the 40-yard dash. I was saying, ‘Hey, look at him, but make sure you look at me,



Coffman

too,” Coffman said.

Raining outside, the Packers moved the tryout indoors to K-State’s fieldhouse. John Meyer, Green Bay’s linebackers Meyer, threw “wounded-ducks,” forcing the eager Coffman to dive into the bleachers to catch passes. His work ethic and drive left an impression on Meyer.

‘WON’T LET YOU DOWN, COACH’

At a coaches’ meeting before minicamp in ’78, Packers head coach Bart Starr was worried. The team only had one healthy tight end on its roster.

“Did any of you guys work out any tight ends?” Starr said.

“Well, I worked out this kid at Kansas State,” Meyer said. “He won’t make the team but he won’t embarrass us.”

Coffman signed a contract and reported to training camp fifth on the tight end depth chart. The Packers, figuring Coffman’s chances of making the roster were about as promising as snow in July, gave him a No. 94 jersey. Weighing 217 pounds – slim for a tight end – Coffman burned off another five pounds at camp. Petrified of getting cut for being too small, Coffman strapped a five-pound weight to his jock strap, hid it under XXL shorts and stepped on the scale for weigh-ins: 217 on the dot.

As a rookie, Coffman soaked in knowledge by watching All-Pro wide receiver James Lofton run routes

and seeing veteran quarterback Lynn Dickey run the offense. He didn’t make mental mistakes, which Starr loathed, and his willingness to out-work everybody impressed coaches and teammates.

“Growing up seeing farmers and oil field workers... hard work is just what you did. You didn’t complain if it was 5 degrees or 105 degrees, you went out and did your job,” Coffman said. “I knew I could win every sprint after practice even though I wasn’t the fastest guy. I could hustle from drill-to-drill. I looked at what I had and decided to do the best I could.”

In the offseason following his rookie year, Coffman got on a diet and weight training program designed by Jon Cole, hailed the world’s strongest man at the time. The tight end became bigger, stronger and faster. While he looked ready for the rigors of his second NFL season, Coffman still had doubts. Despite shining in training camp and the preseason, Starr brought Coffman into his office for a talk.

“When you’re a backup player and the head coach wants to see you in his office, it’s usually not a good thing,” Coffman said. “I had my playbook and had tears in my eyes. We sit down and he tells me, ‘I want you to be the first to know that this morning we released our starting tight end, Rich McGeorge. The way you work, the way you prepare, you’ve earned the right to be the starting tight end for the Green Bay Packers.’”

More than 40 years later, Coffman still gets emotional recalling the meeting with Starr. It changed his life.

“I said, ‘Coach, I will not let you down. I will prove to you that you’ve made the right decision to keep me,’” Coffman said.

Promise kept. In 1979, Coffman grabbed 56 receptions, second among NFL tight ends behind Oakland’s Dave Casper, for 711 yards receiving and 4 touchdowns. Surprisingly, Coffman didn’t make the Pro Bowl.

That changed when the Packers’ offense started clicking in the early ’80s. With the rifle-armed Dickey throwing bombs to Coffman, Lofton and fellow receiver John Jefferson, and running

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backs Eddie Lee Ivery and Gerry Ellis pounding out yards from the backfield, the Green Bay offense was nearly unstoppable. Coffman made the Pro Bowl three consecutive seasons from 1982-84, highlighted by his best season in '83 (54 receptions, 814 yards, 11 TDs). He shares the franchise record for most touchdowns in a season by a tight end with Robert Tonyan, who matched Coffman in 2020.

Despite winning a playoff game in the strike-shortened '82 season, the Packers grappled with mediocrity during most of Coffman's time in Green Bay. Coach Forrest Gregg decided to release Coffman and several other Packer stars from the early '80s before the start of the '86 season. Heading back home, Coffman signed with the Kansas City Chiefs. His time in K.C. wasn't quite the homecoming he envisioned, however. The Chiefs' offense didn't throw to tight ends much, so Coffman left his mark in other ways.

"I told the coaches, 'Hell, put me on special teams,'" Coffman said.

In his 10th season, the former Pro Bowler led the NFL in special teams tackles. Coffman's last season came with the Vikings in '88.

SON FOLLOWS IN FOOTSTEPS

Chase Coffman was too young to remember his dad playing in the NFL, but he received his first Lambeau Field experience at an early age.

When Chase was 10 years old, his dad brought him to a Packers home game. The younger Coffman got to

soak in the sights and sounds of NFL football up close. Chase was hooked. From there, the Coffmans made it a tradition, bringing their other three children to Lambeau Field to celebrate their 10th birthdays.

"We all looked forward to it and I got to be the first one," Chase Coffman told Packerland. "I really didn't know what to expect. I had a Packers sweatshirt that a lot of the guys signed; got to meet Brett Favre, Sterling Sharpe, Antonio Freeman, LeRoy Butler. I grew up a Packers fan because of my dad."

In 2009, Chase Coffman's own pro football dreams came true when he was drafted in the third round by the Cincinnati Bengals. Chase Coffman spent seven seasons in the league, retiring after the 2016 season.

Not many fathers and sons can say they've spent 18 combined seasons in the NFL at the same position.

"As far as being inspired by my dad, I saw some highlights of him from when he was playing and it sort of came naturally to me," Chase Coffman said. "That's something that he could teach us kids. It was a lot of fun at a young age and like a lot of kids growing up, you kind of follow what you know. For me, it was football – why couldn't I be an NFL player? Then, I didn't realize how hard it actually was."

A star in college at Missouri, Chase Coffman couldn't replicate the same success in the NFL, bouncing around to six different teams in seven years. But he enjoyed his experience, backing up Pro Football Hall of Famer


Tony Gonzalez in Atlanta and three-time Pro Bowler Delanie Walker in Tennessee. Chase also was part of a rare NFL feat — catching a pass from the son of a quarterback who threw a pass to his father. While playing for the Titans, Chase Coffman hauled in a pass from Charlie Whitehurst. Back in the '79 season, Packers quarterback David Whitehurst fired a pass to Paul Coffman.

"I believe that's the only time that has happened in NFL history," Paul Coffman said.

Coffman passed on his tireless work ethic to all four of his children. Each one earned an NCAA Division I scholarship to play sports in college. Paul never pushed his kids to compete in sports, according to Chase, but he was there to give advice when called upon.

"He always told us we could do so much more than we thought we could to build that mental toughness to understand your body can do a lot more than you think it can," Chase Coffman said. "Mentally, you have to get to a point where you trust that process more than you trust what feels good in that moment. That was one of the biggest things that he really helped with."

When Paul Coffman isn't traveling to share his inspirational stories to audiences, he's busy on another important duty, grandfather to Chase's three kids, ages 8, 6 and 3.

"My parents live really close to us, so it's nice," Chase Coffman said. 



Winters still loves to rehash his Packers days

Former center started eight consecutive seasons and was a part of Super Bowl XXXI win

BY RICH PALZEWIC

SPECIAL TO PACKERLAND

SHEBOYGAN FALLS – Former Green Bay Packers center Frank Winters is probably most well-known for his relationship with former Packers quarterback Brett Favre.

“Brett and I formed a close friendship when we played, and we’re still close friends today,” Winters told Packerland at the Hall of Fame Golf Outing at The Bull at Pinehurst Farms Golf Course in Sheboygan Falls earlier this summer. “We talk quite often, and we probably see one another a few times per year. People associate me with Brett because we were roommates for 11 years and played together for a long time. We also accomplished a lot on the field together as a team.”

Winters said Favre is a “normal guy.”

“He’s a good ole boy, a country boy,” he said. “As you get older, you reminisce about your old days — they seem like they were yesterday, but time flies by.”

Winters has been coming to the HOF Golf Outing since he retired in the early 2000s.

“It’s good to come back to this event, see the guys and reminisce about old times — I don’t see many of them much anymore,” he said. “I also enjoy seeing the older guys who I never played with. It was fun to hang out with (former players) Lynn Dickey, Paul Coffman and Carroll Dale (the night before the golf outing).”

Winters said his ailments from his playing days make it tough for him to golf as much as he’d like.

“I wish I could golf more, but it’s been tougher lately because I have a bad hip,” he said.

Winters, born and raised in New Jersey, was a 10th-round draft pick in 1987 out of Western Illinois University by the Cleveland Browns.

After playing two seasons in Cleveland, Winters also had stints with the New York Giants and Kansas City Chiefs before landing in Green Bay in 1992.

“I was fortunate to come to Green Bay in ’92,” he said. “I had an opportunity to play and made the most of it. In 2008, I was inducted into the Packers Hall of Fame — it was truly an honor.”

Winters said sometimes in the NFL, you need to catch a break in order to make it.

“Being drafted out of a small college by the Browns, I bounced around for a few years,” he said. “Coming to Green Bay, somebody in front of me got hurt, and I made the most of the situation.”

During his days with the Packers, Winters, nicknamed “Frankie Baggadonuts,” was the starting center for eight consecutive seasons (1993-2000).



Frank Winters tries to attend as many Packers alumni events as he can. He wasn’t able to golf this past summer for the outing because of a bad back.

RICH PALZEWIC PHOTO

He helped the Packers win Super Bowl XXXI and was named All-Pro in 1999.

“Definitely some of the greatest years of my life,” he said.

Winters said despite being a former NFL player, he doesn’t follow the league much nowadays. “I’ll watch the NFL, but I don’t plan my day around it,” he laughed. “If I’m out somewhere and it’s on, I’ll watch it. I still follow the Packers and cheer for them. I’ll get to Green Bay a few times per year to take in a game. If you go to Lambeau Field today, it’s more of an entertainment area with all they have — the bars, the restaurants and the things you can do with a family. It’s remarkable what they’ve done (in the Titledown District) in the last 10 years.”

Winters said the game played today is different compared to when he played.

“Today’s game is geared much more for the offense — it’s entertainment,” he said. “It’s still competitive, but the guys are bigger, stronger, faster and get paid more. I don’t think there’s as much contact now compared to when I played. I get it — you don’t want your star players getting hurt. People have to enjoy it for what it’s worth. Most people want to see a high-scoring game, so when they see a low-scoring game, it’s out of the norm.” 🍷

Hosting a huge party at home — with a few wrinkles

Tireless work goes into preparing Lambeau Field for gameday

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At every Green Bay Packers home game, nearly 80,000 fans pack historic Lambeau Field. Many enjoy tailgating before the game, buying food and drinks at the concession stands and, most importantly, cheering on their beloved green and gold.

Most fans, however, have no idea how much work and preparation goes into ensuring every game goes off without a hitch. That's where Mike Moynihan comes in. Moynihan has worked with the Packers' maintenance crew for more than 23 years and recently became director of facility operations at Lambeau Field, taking over for the retired Ted Eisenreich.

From preparing for gameday to large offseason projects, work in and around Lambeau Field keeps Moynihan and his staff busy, but he wouldn't have it any other way.

"When I pull up to Lambeau field, it's just a feeling you get," Moynihan said in an interview with Packerland. "Most people have a bucket list to go to Lambeau Field. I live it every day."

While the stadium maintenance crew must juggle many duties, its main concern is making sure fans have a fun, safe experience at every game.

"What we do here, it's all about the 'Packer Way,'" Moynihan said. "We want all customers, fans — anybody coming to Lambeau Field — we want

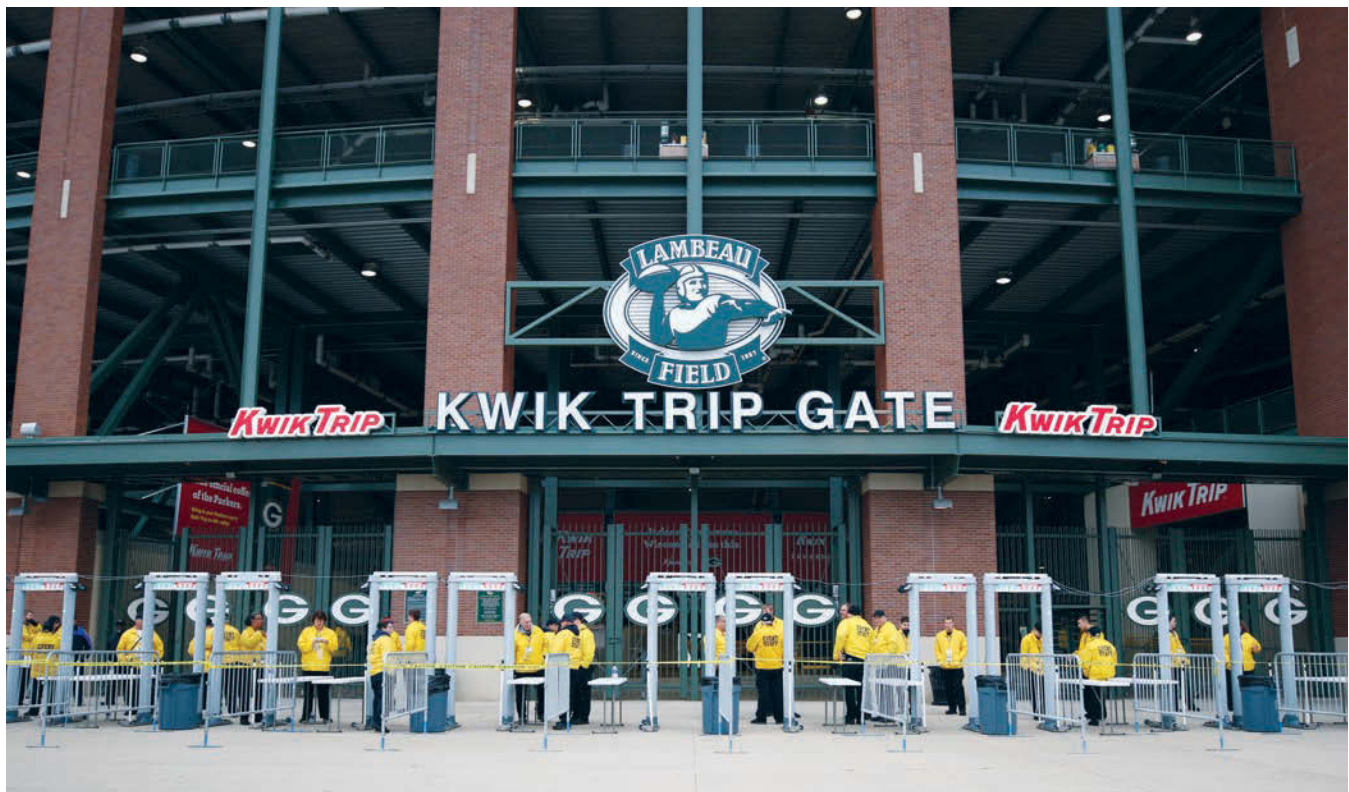
it to be clean and safe."

Turning around the stadium between back-to-back home games can be one of the toughest aspects of the job, especially when the Packers play a late-afternoon Sunday game, followed by a Thursday night contest.

"It's challenging for the whole building, especially the football team," Moynihan said. "You really got to keep the mindset of what we're doing, making sure the fans and our employees are safe."

PREPARING FOR THE GAME

Lambeau Field's facilities department has two shifts, working from 7 a.m.-11:30 p.m. The week leading up to a home game typically starts with the housekeeping staff making sure



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all areas within the stadium are clean and orderly. The Packers use Jani-King, a professional service for some of the cleaning duties, but staff also pitch in.

Moynihan is also in charge of the Atrium Setup Team that manages events at the atrium and the 1919 Kitchen & Tap restaurant. Crews also maintain the stadium suites and premium seating sections.

Crews have to be versatile, cleaning up messes on the fly. Interesting mishaps can occur in the stadium's restrooms, and it's not always situations one might think of.

"Maybe a bathroom wall got splattered with ketchup," Moynihan said. "Everybody has eyes and ears on everything and we make sure we take care of it. We want to show off this place. It's hard to get everything; it's a big building but we take a lot of pride in maintaining this place."

On Wednesday, the stadium's two electricians test all the lights on the field, parking lots and concourses.

While lights can malfunction at any time, Moynihan's crew tries to prevent mishaps as much as possible.

"We have a lot of night games here and we don't need the blimp flying over and seeing the 'L' on the Lambeau Field sign burned out," Moynihan said. "We check



and double-check because we don't want to be shown like that."

Lambeau Field has about five staff members on its HVAC crew. Through an automation system, staff can control air temperatures in any part of the stadium from an app on their phone. Lambeau Field also has a team that manages the stadium's many escalators, which are tested every Friday night before games.

"If something goes out of whack, we can be on top of it quickly," Moynihan said.

On Saturday, the night crew places security barriers, bike racks, and port-a-potties around the stadium to be ready for a Sunday game.

GAMEDAY WORK

Two hours before kickoff, the facility team opens all the large stadium gates: AmFam, Kwik Trip, Fleet Farm, Oneida and Miller so fans can get inside Lambeau Field.

All facilities staff is equipped with radios to be in constant contact. Lambeau Field has many concession areas, all managed in-house, working with food vendor Delaware North. Staff members often have to assist volunteers working the concession stands because many aren't familiar with the equipment.

"During the game, we catch a lot of calls (for help)," Moynihan said.

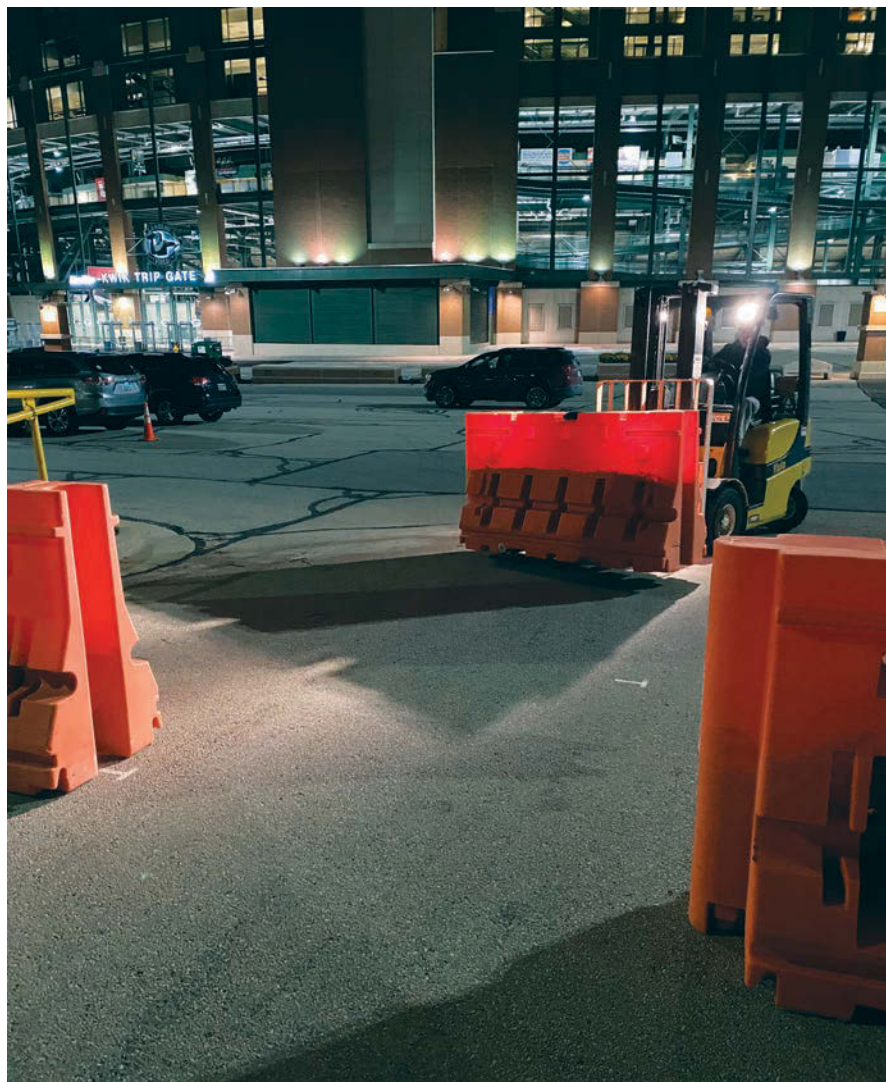
After kickoff, crew members jump on forklifts to move dumpsters about 100 feet away from the gates.

Moynihan said this is done so mischievous fans don't start fires inside the dumpsters.

During games, Moynihan sits in the stadium control area on the west side of Lambeau Field, joined by law enforcement departments from Ashwaubenon, Brown County Sheriff's Department, Green Bay Police and the FBI.

In addition to security, Moynihan has to constantly monitor the weather. Last summer, for the first time, Lambeau Field hosted a professional soccer game. Lightning forced the facilities director to twice evacuate fans from the stadium. After the delays, the game finally proceeded but was shortened to make up time.

"We have protocols to follow and you don't mess around with lightning," Moynihan said.



AFTER THE GAME

Once the game ends, it's time to clean up the stadium and repair any damage. PMI Entertainment Group, which manages the Resch Center and Brown County Convention Center, oversees all gameday seat ushers and ticket takers. Along with that, the company cleans the stadium bowl. Volunteer groups also chip in, picking up recyclables, trash from rental seats, along with sweeping the stadium stands, which takes about four hours.

Jani-King hires about 10-12 workers to blow off all seating areas and pickup any extra garbage. The company also cleans all of the premium seating within a couple days after the game.

"We hate when it rains or snows because things tend to stick to the seats, but that's part of being an outdoor stadium," Moynihan said.

In the parking areas, the facilities team gets a hand from the city of Green Bay. At around 1 a.m. on Mondays, a city street sweeper combs through the stadium's vast parking lot and "it's as if 80,000 people had never been here," Moynihan said.

During the second half of the season, when the snow flies, crews work diligently to remove snow and ice near the stadium.

Besides the normal gameday setup and postgame cleanup, there are many small issues that crop up during the week. Maintaining a 65-year-old stadium also brings a host of challenges in an age when most stadiums are replaced every 25-30 years.

"It's like when you host a small party for about 10 or 12 people, you think 'God, this is a lot of work,'" Moynihan said. "Think that this is 80,000 people here, and we're having a party every Sunday." 🏈

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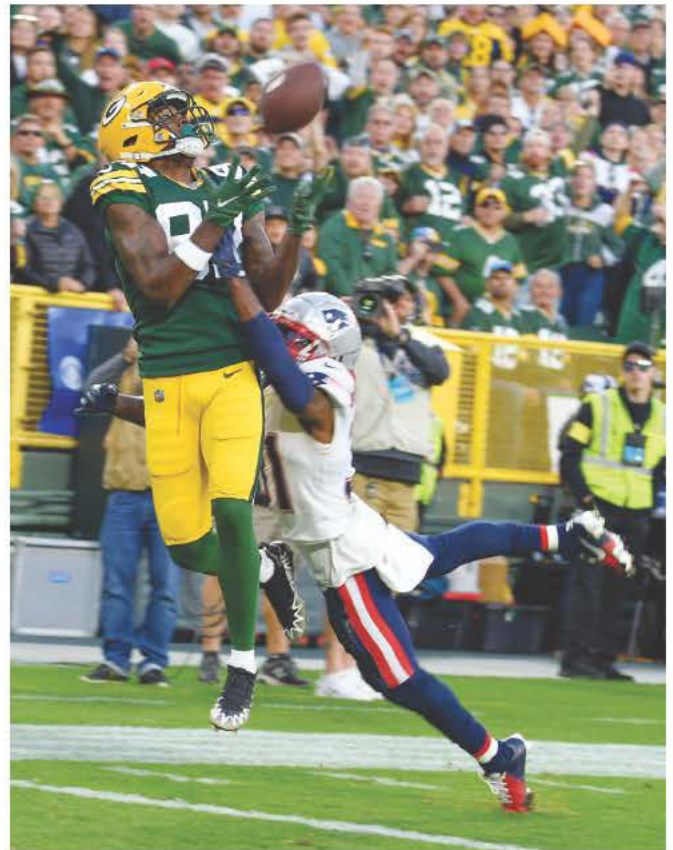
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Thanks to a little help from teammate Allen Lazard, Aaron Jones already knows he has Myles Bryant beat, so he's looking up field for the next Patriots defender in his way during a big run.

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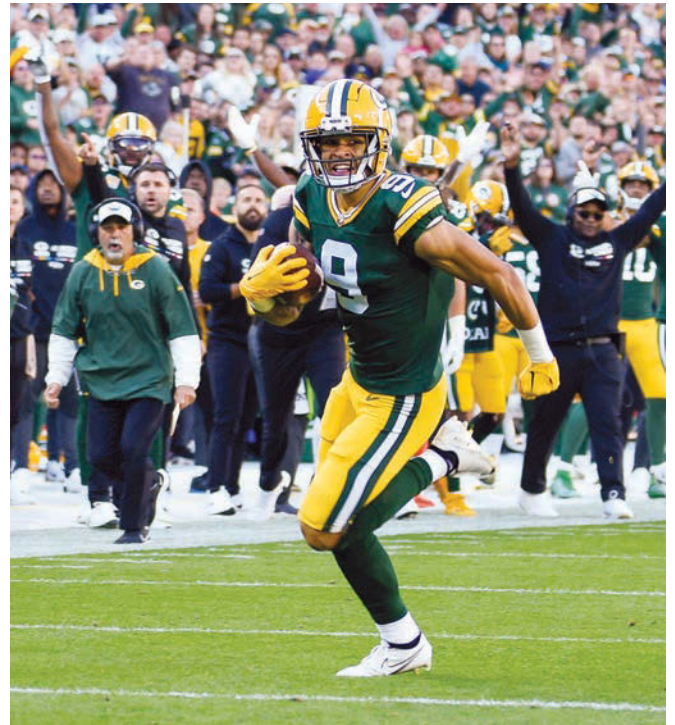
For a moment, it looked like a spectacular catch for a touchdown and a Lambeau Leap followed, but officials ruled this play by Romeo Doubs an incomplete pass. JOSH STALOCH PHOTOS



With New England defensive back Jonathan Jones draped all over him, Packers wideout Allen Lazard hauls in a big reception.



Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers lets one fly just before getting hit by Patriots linebacker Matthew Judon on Oct. 2 at Lambeau in a 27-24 win for the Packers.



Rookie wide receiver Christian Watson sees green grass as he heads to the end zone for the first time in the NFL.



Green Bay linebacker Rashan Gary sacks New England quarterback Bailey Zappe.



Coach Matt LaFleur gets ready to throw the red flag to challenge the call of an incomplete pass to Doubs in the end zone. Green Bay lost the challenge but went on to defeat New England.



With the Patriots up 10-7 at the break against Green Bay at Lambeau, New England head coach Bill Belichick almost smiles while talking to CBS Sports sideline reporter Tracy Wolfson on his way to the locker room for halftime.



On a kickoff return, Green Bay's Amari Rodgers slips past New England's Pierre Strong Jr. and heads up field.

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With Jets cornerback Justin Hardee all over him, Rodgers falls forward for a few extra yards.



Jarran Reed (90) and Kenny Clark close in on New York running back Michael Carter.



Rodgers gets wrapped up by John Franklin-Myers, one of four sacks by the Jets' defense in Week 6 at Lambeau.



Kenny Clark gets through the Jets' front line as quarterback Zach Wilson throws a pass.



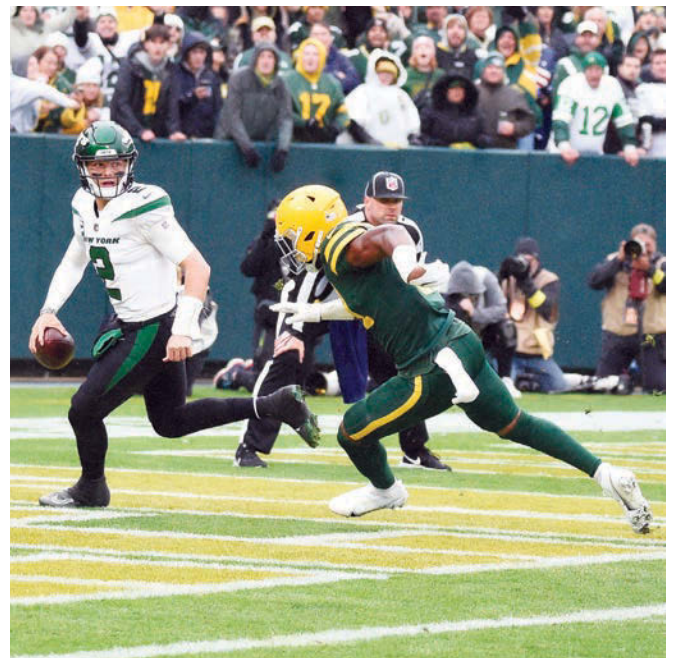
Jordan Love connects with Lazard late in the game with the Jets in control 27-10.



Despite double coverage, Lazard hauls in a deep ball from Rodgers early in the Packers' 27-10 loss to the Jets.



Rodgers fires a short pass over the middle to Doubs, who is covered by C.J. Mosley.



Packers safety Adrian Amos chases after Jets quarterback Zach Wilson in the New York end zone.



AJ Dillon, having faked out C.J. Mosley, looks to get past Jordan Whitehead.



Randall Cobb evades D.J. Reed and turns up field for a gain of eight yards.



Packers safety Darnell Savage Jr. dives for Michael Carter's ankles but comes up short as the Jets running back picked up good yards on this play.

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