



Delivering a helmet-to-helmet blow to Jordan Love, Austin Booker was penalized for roughing the passer. Booker was flagged twice for roughing the passer during the Bears' 22-16 overtime victory Saturday. Love left the game with a concussion with eight minutes left in the second quarter and left Chicago under the NFL concussion protocol. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

OUCH!

Willis spends time at QB against Bears after Love enters concussion protocol

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Chicago quarterback Caleb Williams connected with wide receiver D.J. Moore on a 46-yard touchdown in overtime as the Packers dropped its matchup with the Bears 22-16 on Dec. 20 in Chicago.

With the loss, the Packers sit firmly in the NFC's seventh seed with a 77% chance to make the playoffs, while the Bears own a comfortable lead and have all but locked up the NFC North's automatic qualifying seed for the playoffs.

The Packers entered

this game without a number of key players as Zach Tom, Evan Williams and Micah Parsons were all ruled out before the game started.

The injuries did not stop there though, as on the offensive side of the ball, as Josh Jacobs exited the game in the third quarter and never returned.

On top of Jacobs' injury, quarterback Jordan Love exited the game in the first half after taking a hard hit to the head from Bears defensive lineman Austin Booker. Along with Jacobs and Love, Romeo Doubs also exited the game after

injuring his wrist.

With the injury to Love, it was Malik Willis who ran the show for the offense for a majority of the game. Willis finished the game completing 9-of-11 passes for 121 yards and one touchdown. In addition to his passing stats, he also rushed for 44 yards on 10 carries.

"I thought Malik went in there and did a hell of a job," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur. "He was poised, made some plays with his legs, made some plays with his arm (and) made some off-scheduled plays. I felt like

the operation was pretty smooth for the most part."

Even with the injury to Love, Willis led the Packers to a 13-3 advantage after a 33-yard touchdown reception to Doubs late in the third quarter. From that point though, Green Bay collapsed.

Each team traded field goals on its next two possessions, bumping the score to 16-6 in favor of Green Bay. Chicago then marched down the field and settled for another field goal to bring the score to within seven.

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Chicago Bears Jaylon Jones and Daniel Hardy celebrate the Bears walk off overtime victory Saturday in Chicago. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS



Banged and concussed Jordan Love leaves the field without assistance. Malik Willis warms up before taking over QB duties for the day. While the Packers lost 22-16 in OT, Willis ended the game taking 64% of the offensive snaps and a 142.8 quarterback rating. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Willis ready to go at QB if necessary

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
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Green Bay will host Baltimore on Saturday night, its second consecutive Saturday night game this season. It's also the last home game of the regular season for the Packers.

Packers' offense vs. Ravens' defense

Green Bay's offense has one giant question mark coming into this weekend's game against the Ravens.

Who is playing quarterback? That's typically a question that nobody wants to be answering at this point in the season, but those are the breaks in Green Bay these days.

Jordan Love left Saturday's game in Chicago after a vicious helmet-to-helmet hit from Austin Booker knocked him out of the game and put him in the concussion protocol.

Love remained out for the remainder of the game and put his status

for this weekend's game in doubt. If Love cannot go, the Packers will hand the keys to Malik Willis. What has Willis done since he's come to Green Bay late last summer?

He's played really well, and typically the Packers have won. That included Saturday night when Willis threw a 33-yard touchdown pass to Romeo Doubs late in the third quarter.

Willis' athleticism adds something to the run game, and he has some

arm talent, which led to him getting drafted in the third round four years ago. He has been a perfect fit in Matt LaFleur's offense in the two seasons he has been here.

The boost he could give the run game is interesting as well. Josh Jacobs is banged up and reportedly was on crutches the Monday before the Chicago game. Jacobs was clearly

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On the ensuing kickoff with 1:59 remaining in the game, Chicago elected to onside kick in hopes of getting the ball back. Doubs bobbled the ball on the kick off and Chicago recovered, giving the team a chance to march down the field and possibly tie or win the game.

"I thought we had an opportunity to field the ball, we just didn't field the ball," said LaFleur, on the onside kick.

Chicago did just that as with 24 seconds left in the game, Williams connected with Jahdae Walker on a 6-yard touchdown pass and with the extra point, tied the game.

In overtime, the Packers started with the football and marched all the way down to the Bears' 36-yard line. Facing

a fourth-and-1, Willis fumbled the snap, Green Bay recovered but was forced to turn the ball over on downs, putting Chicago in the driver seat.

"(It was) just a miscommunication between me and Sean (Rhyan)," said Willis, on the fumble in overtime. "He wasn't expecting me to change up the cadence, but the clock got low and I was just trying to hurry up and get it snapped, so it was just a little off-timing, off-kilter there. That's on me."

Four plays later, Williams connected with Moore for the game-winning touchdown.

With the injuries on the offensive side of the ball, it was Emanuel Wilson who led the Packers in rushing in this one. He took 14 carries for 44



Wide receiver Jayden Reed (11) and running back Josh Jacobs (8) suffered injuries in the game against the Bears. While Reed returned to action, Jacobs exited the game in the third quarter and never returned.



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yards. Before he exited the game, Jacobs was able to muster 36 yards on 12 carries.

In the receiving game, Doubs led the way for Green Bay, totaling 84 yards and a touchdown on five receptions. Luke Musgrave added another

38 yards on three receptions, while Jayden Reed recorded 35 yards on three receptions. After exiting last week's game with an injury, Christian Watson played in full against Chicago, recording 17 yards on two receptions.

For Chicago, Wil-

liams finished the game by completing 19-of-34 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns. D'Andre Swift led the way rushing, totaling 58 yards on 14 carries, while Kyle Monangai added 50 yards on nine carries. Moore was the leading receiver for

Chicago, totaling 97 yards and a touchdown on five receptions.

Green Bay now faces the Baltimore Ravens in Week 17 to get back on track and help strengthen its playoff chances after dropping its last two games.

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limited, but gutted through the injury to put on a gritty performance against Chicago.

Chris Brooks and Emanuel Wilson both received carries as well, which is likely a good indicator of how Jacobs was feeling.

Willis can create more plays with his legs than Love can, and LaFleur is willing to call more things out of the quarterback run game.

The question now is whether Love can get out of the concussion protocol between now and Saturday night when the Packers have to take on the Ravens.

Baltimore's defense has a good reputation, but they have not been the same unit this season.

They're second-to-last in the NFL with just 22 sacks on the year.

They entered play on Sunday with nobody on the team having more than 3.5 sacks individually.

That's rookie edge rusher Mike Green, who was drafted in the second-round of April's draft.

They're 26th in the league in passing yards against them. They're right in the middle of the pack against the run, giving up 111.1 yards per game.

They have nine interceptions and have recovered seven of the 12 forced fumbles they have.

Packers' defense vs. Ravens' offense

To state the obvious, the Packers' defense suffered a devastating injury with the loss of Micah Parsons. They may have taken an even bigger punch to the gut with the way they fell apart on Saturday night against the Chicago Bears.

The Green Bay defense had shut down Chicago's offense for the first 58 minutes of the game.

Thanks to some unforced errors by the Packers, Caleb Williams caught fire late in the game, throwing two touchdown passes on the Bears' final two possessions of the game.

The Packers slowed down Chicago's powerful run game, holding them to 108 yards on 22 carries.

Baltimore's offense has some big names on it with two-time NFL MVP Lamar Jackson heading to Lambeau Field for his first start there next week. Derrick Henry is his running back, and he's likely destined for a gold jacket when his career ends.

Baltimore has the third ranked rushing offense in the NFL coming into play for Week 16. That's largely due to Henry along with the legs of Jackson, who is as gifted of a runner as anyone has seen in the

NFL.

Jackson has not been running as much this season, only getting 333 yards on the ground with just 61 carries. Henry has added another 1,000-yard rushing season to his total.

When the ball goes in the air, Zay Flowers is Baltimore's go-to receiver with 100 targets, which is 40 more than the next closest receiver.

When it's not Flowers making plays, it's Mark Andrews who has 60 catches and continues to fight off Father Time.

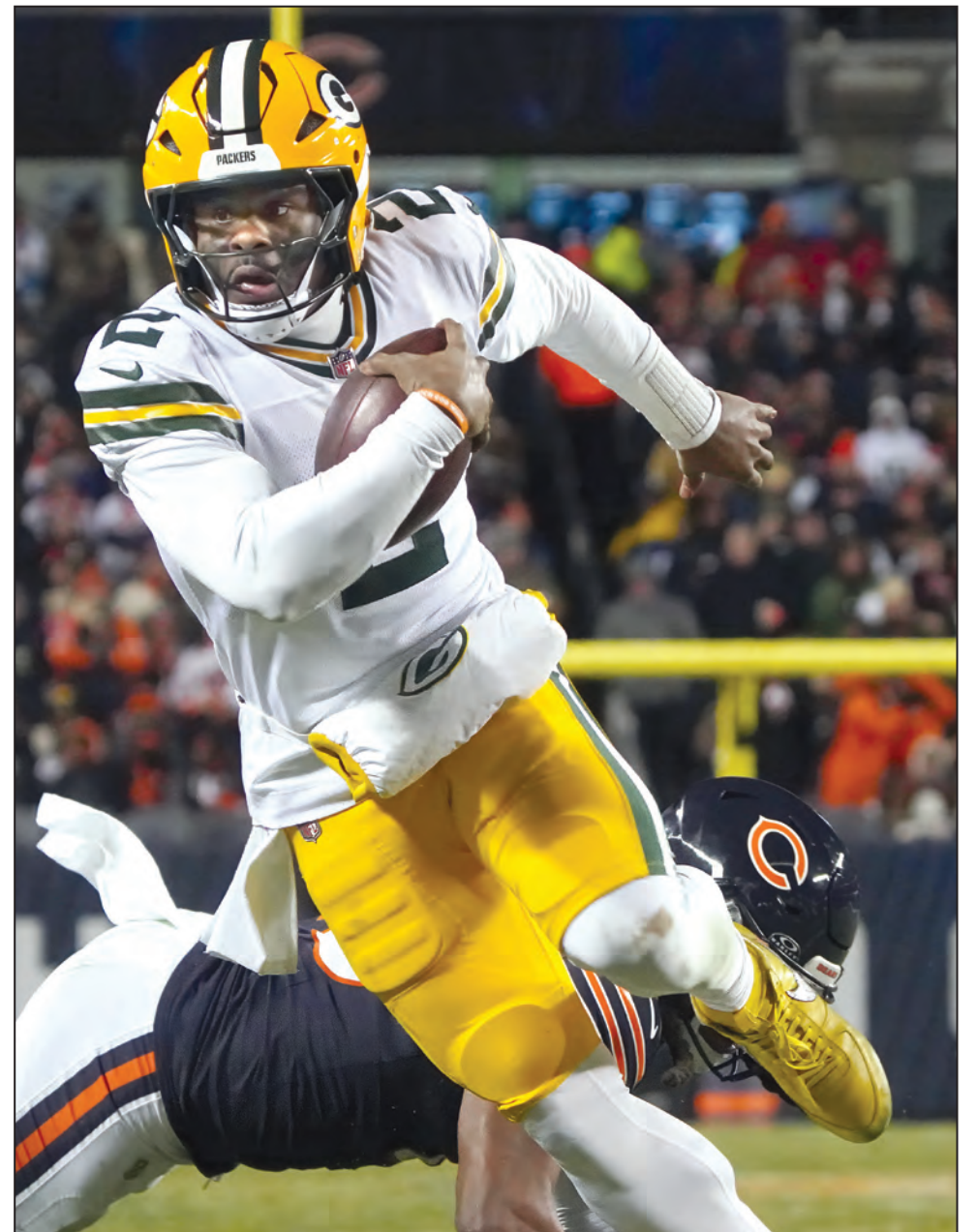
Special Teams

Rich Bisaccia often says that his unit does not get a second down. Sometimes just one play swings an entire game, and the Packers learned that the hard way in Saturday night's loss to the Chicago Bears.

Romeo Doubs misjudged an onside kick on the other side of the two-minute warning, which gave the Bears life.

The story of the year on special teams has been too many mistakes at critical times, and this past weekend was the worst error of them all.

There is no rest for the weary as John Harbaugh's background is in special teams, and the Ravens typically field an excellent group in the third phase of the game.



Malik Willis stepped in for an injured Jordan Love and ended up with more than 120 yards passing, a touchdown and 40-plus rushing yards.

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BALTIMORE RAVENS AT GREEN BAY PACKERS

TIME AND DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 27

LOCATION: Lambeau Field

TV: Peacock, NBC (local)

RADIO: Flagship WRIT-FM Milwaukee — 95.7; Packers Radio Network includes WIXX-FM Green Bay — 101.1, WRLO-FM Antigo — 105.3, WLST-FM Marinette — 95.1, and WSAU Wausau — 550 AM and 95.1 FM

2025 RECORDS: Packers, 9-5-1. Ravens 7-8.

HISTORY: The Packers and Ravens have only played seven times in their history, with the Ravens only establishing themselves in

1996. The Packers have won five games to just the Ravens' two.

The two teams last met in 2021 when Lamar Jackson missed the game with an injury, and the Packers escaped with a 31-30 victory with a late stop on a two-point conversion.

The last time the two teams met at Lambeau Field, it was a disastrous performance by Brett Hundley, who was replacing an injured Aaron Rodgers.

The most memorable matchup between the two likely came in October 2001 at Lambeau Field as Brett Fa-

vre tore apart the defending Super Bowl champion Ravens for 31 points in an upset win at home.

COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur, seventh season, 78-37-1. Ravens, John Harbaugh, 18th season, 192-123.

PACKERS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 7, vs. Detroit Lions, W 27-13
Thursday, Sept. 11, vs. Washington Commanders, W 27-18
Sunday, Sept. 21, at Cleveland Browns, L 10-13
Sunday, Sept. 28, at Dallas Cowboys, T 40-40 (OT)
Bye Week
Sunday, Oct. 12, vs. Cin-

cinnati Bengals, W 28-17
Sunday, Oct. 19, at Arizona Cardinals, W 27-23
Sunday, Oct. 26, at Pittsburgh Steelers, W 35-25
Sunday, Nov. 2, vs. Carolina Panthers, L 13-16
Monday, Nov. 10, vs. Philadelphia Eagles, L 7-10
Sunday, Nov. 16, at New York Giants, W 27-20
Sunday, Nov. 23, vs. Minnesota Vikings, W 23-6
Thursday, Nov. 27, at Detroit Lions, W 31-24
Sunday, Dec. 7, vs. Chicago Bears, W 28-21
Sunday, Dec. 14, at Denver Broncos, L 34-26
Saturday, Dec. 20, at Chi-

cago Bears, L 22-16 (OT)
Saturday, Dec. 27, vs. Baltimore Ravens, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 4, at Minnesota Vikings, TBA
NFL SCHEDULE
Thursday, Dec. 25
Dallas at Washington, noon
Detroit at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Denver at Kansas City, 7:15 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 27
Houston at LA Chargers, 3:30 p.m.
Baltimore at Green Bay, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 28
Tampa Bay at Miami, noon

New England at NY Jets, noon
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, noon
Jacksonville at Indianapolis, noon
New Orleans at Tennessee, noon
Seattle at Carolina, noon
Arizona at Cincinnati, noon
NY Giants at Las Vegas, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Buffalo, 3:25 p.m.
Chicago at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 29
LA Rams at Atlanta, 7:15 p.m.

Packers, Ravens both need a win to keep playoff hopes alive

BY JACOB WESTENDORF
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The Green Bay Packers are licking their wounds after a devastating loss against the Chicago Bears on Saturday night at Soldier Field.

They have no time to sulk, as they have a big game coming up Saturday against the Baltimore Ravens. The Packers still control their own destiny in terms of their playoff hopes, but they were dealt a serious blow with Saturday's collapse in Chicago.

This week, they face an unfamiliar opponent in the Baltimore Ravens, who have business of their own to tend to. The Ravens are still fighting for a playoff berth, and a division title is likely the only way they'll be able to get in. They need to win this game, too.

Here's more in our weekly six pack.



Emanuel Wilson led the Packers with 14 carries and 84 yards, while Josh Jacobs battled injuries Saturday in Chicago. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

a potential Super Bowl run seems treacherous at best. Any team's best bet in the NFC playoffs is going to be playing at home as much as possible during the playoffs.

Green Bay likely lost a chance at the second seed in the NFC playoffs with Saturday's loss, but still have hopes, albeit slim, for a division title.

3. Uncommon Opponent.

The Baltimore Ravens feel like a team that has been around for a long time, but they'll celebrate their 30th anniversary during the 2026 season. Between the relative youth of their franchise and the fact they're in the AFC, the Packers and Ravens have only played seven times.

The Packers have largely been dominant in the series, with Baltimore's wins coming in 2005 and 2017. Both of those Packer teams missed the playoffs in those respective seasons.

4. Who is Under Center?

This is likely a question that should have led off the column, but it is a fair one at this point. Jordan Love left Saturday's game with a concussion and was ruled out after the teams left the locker room at halftime.

Concussions are unpredictable, so it's hard to make a call one way or the other on Love's status for this game.

5. Backup Plan

To further that point, should Jordan Love miss Saturday's game against the Ravens, the Packers are fortunate to have one of the best

backup quarterbacks in all of football.

Save for one play in overtime, Malik Willis dazzled in relief against the Chicago Bears, completing nine of 11 passes and adding 44 yards with his legs. It is rare that a team feels good about their backup quarterback situation, but the Packers are one of those rare exceptions. The only question now is whether Willis will be able to fetch a contract to compete to be someone's starting quarterback in 2026.

6. King Henry

Lamar Jackson is

one of the big storylines coming into this game, but so too is the man who shares the backfield with him. The Packers are coming off three consecutive physical games with two against Chicago and one in Denver against the Broncos.

Henry is not slowing down with age, as he is likely to top 1,200 yards rushing again this season, and has extended his career running alongside Jackson in the backfield.

The Packers' run defense, which has mostly been a strength this season, will need to be ready for another tough challenge on Saturday night.



0	Matthew Golden.....	WR
2	Malik Willis.....	QB
7	Quay Walker.....	LB
8	Josh Jacobs.....	RB
9	Christian Watson.....	WR
10	Jordan Love.....	QB
11	Jayden Reed.....	WR
13	Dontayvion Wicks.....	WR
16	Bo Melton.....	CB
17	Brandon McManus.....	K
19	Daniel Whelan.....	P
20	Javon Bullard.....	S
21	Nate Hobbs.....	CB
23	Emanuel Wilson.....	RB
24	Carrington Valentine....	CB
25	Keisean Nixon.....	CB
27	Kitan Oladapo.....	S
29	Xavier McKinney.....	S
30	Chris Brooks.....	RB
33	Evan Williams.....	S
36	Kamal Hadden.....	CB
39	Zayne Anderson.....	S
42	Matt Orzech.....	LS
50	Zach Tom.....	OL
52	Rashan Gary.....	DL
53	Aaron Mosby.....	DL
54	Kristian Welch.....	LB
55	Kingsley Enagbare.....	DL
56	Edgerrin Cooper.....	LB
57	Brenton Cox Jr.....	DL
58	Isaiah McDuffie.....	LB
59	Ty Ron Hopper.....	LB
62	Jacob Monk.....	C/G
63	Rasheed Walker.....	T
65	Aaron Banks.....	G
67	Donovan Jennings.....	G/T
70	Darian Kennard.....	T/G
71	Anthony Belton.....	T
75	Sean Rhyan.....	G
76	Quinton Bohanna.....	DL
77	Jordan Morgan.....	T/G
81	Josh Whyle.....	TE
83	Savion Williams.....	WR
86	John FitzPatrick.....	TE
87	Romeo Doubs.....	WR
88	Luke Musgrave.....	TE
90	Lukas Van Ness.....	DL
91	Warren Brinson.....	DL
93	Nazir Stackhosue.....	DL
94	Karl Brooks.....	DL
96	Colby Wooden.....	DL
97	Jordon Riley.....	DL
99	Barryn Sorrell.....	DL
0	Roquan Smith.....	ILB
2	Nate Wiggins.....	CB
3	Chidobe Awuzie.....	CB
4	Zay Flowers.....	WR
5	Tyler Huntley.....	QB
7	Rashod Bateman.....	WR
8	Lamar Jackson.....	QB
10	DeAndre Hopkins.....	WR
11	Jordan Stout.....	P
12	Alohi Gilman.....	S
14	Kyle Hamilton.....	S
15	Cooper Rush.....	QB
16	Tylan Wallace.....	WR
22	Derrick Henry.....	RB
24	Malaki Starks.....	S
26	Rasheen Ali.....	RB
27	T.J. Tampa.....	CB
29	Ar'Darius Washington....	S
32	Trenton Simpson.....	ILB
33	Tyler Loop.....	K
34	Keaton Mitchell.....	RB
35	Jake Hummel.....	LB
38	Keyon Martin.....	CB
39	Keondre Jackson.....	S
40	Teddye Buchanan.....	ILB
41	Dre'Mont Jones.....	DE
42	Patrick Ricard.....	FB
44	Marlon Humphrey.....	CB
45	Mike Green.....	OLB
46	Nick Moore.....	LB
48	Carl Jones.....	LS
51	Emery Jones Jr.....	G/T
53	Kyle Van Noy.....	OLB
64	Tyler Linderbaum.....	C
67	Corey Bullock.....	C/G
68	Joseph Noteboom.....	T
70	Roger Rosengarten.....	T
71	Carson Vinson.....	T
72	Andrew Vorhees.....	OL
77	Daniel Faalele.....	G
79	Ronnie Stanley.....	T
80	Isaiah Likely.....	TE
81	Devontez Walker.....	WR
83	LaJohntay Wester.....	WR
88	Charlie Kolar.....	TE
89	Mark Andrews.....	TE
90	David Ojabo.....	OLB
91	C.J. Okoye.....	DL
93	Aeneas Peebles.....	DL
94	John Jenkins.....	DL
95	Tavius Robinson.....	OLB
97	Brent Urban.....	DL
98	Travis Jones.....	DL



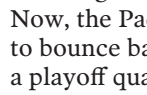
1. Bouncing Back

It's hard to quantify just how improbable Saturday night's loss to the Chicago Bears was for the Packers. It was the first time the Bears had won at Soldier Field against the Packers since 2018. Furthermore, the Packers held a 16-6 lead late in the game that shrunk to 16-9 when Cairo Santos made his third field goal of the night.

All they had to do was recover an onside kick, something teams across the NFL were doing 92% of the time this season, and they likely could have run the clock out.

Instead, Romeo Doubs bobbled the ball, and the rest is history.

It's hard to compare anything to the 2014 NFC Championship Game against the Seattle Seahawks, but the comedy of errors to finish Saturday's game felt exactly like that all the way down to Doubs botching the onside kick. Now, the Packers have to bounce back against a playoff quality team in what could be their final home game of the 2025 season.



2. Needing Help

Had the Packers won on Saturday night, like they looked destined to do, they would have controlled their own destiny to win the NFC North. Instead, now they need to win their remaining two games, while also having the Bears drop their final two against San Francisco and Detroit in the regular season finale.

The Packers can still make the playoffs, but having to travel for three road games on the path to



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CHICAGO BEARS 22, GREEN BAY PACKERS 16 (OT)



Romeo Doubs and Malik Willis connect deep left for the Packers only touchdown Saturday in Chicago. The 33-yard play was also the longest offensive gain of the day for the Packers.

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EYE ON THE BALL

WILLIS AND DOUBS CONNECT FOR 33-YARD RECEPTION

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