



Josh Jacobs stiff arms Jordan Battle on a 16-yard gain during a fourth quarter drive that led to a Packers touchdown. Jacobs had a combined 150 yards rushing and receiving and two touchdowns in the Packers victory over the Bengals. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Packers pull away from Bengals, get 27-18 win

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Facing quarterback Joe Flacco a second time this season, the Packers were able to right their wrongs from a loss to the Cleveland Browns with a 27-18 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals.

Flacco, who started the Week 3 matchup for the Cleveland Browns, was recently traded to the Bengals, as Cincinnati's starting quarterback Joe Burrow is out with a foot injury. This gave Flacco the opportunity to be the first quarterback in NFL history to beat the same team twice in a season

while starting for two different teams.

To the relief of Packers fans, history was not made Sunday.

Coming into the Week 6 game, Packer kicker Brandon McManus was downgraded to out after suffering a quadriceps injury earlier this season. That led the Packers to pick up Lucas Havrisik and start him. Havrisik converted three extra point attempts and two field goals, including the game-sealing three points with 1:52 left in the game.

"I thought our guys did an outstanding job," said Packers head coach Matt LaFleur, on the field goal

unit solidifying the win. "All game long, I thought the protection was much, much improved, and those guys took it personal. Everybody stepped up and did their job."

Battling the flu in this game, Packers running back Josh Jacobs put together his best performance of the 2025 season. He finished the game with 93 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 18 carries. He added another 57 receiving yards on five receptions.

"It feels good as a runner to know that you are dominating," said Jacobs. "That is a thing you can always feel on offense,

when a defense starts to get tired of you hitting them and start to get tired of you going right at them. That is something we definitely felt."

In the passing game, Packers quarterback Jordan Love finished the game completing 19-of-26 passes for 259 yards, one touchdown and one interception. Love's lone touchdown pass came by way of a 19-yard catch-and-run from Tucker Kraft, who finished the game with 43 yards on two receptions. It was rookie Matthew Golden who led the team in receiving though, as the Texas alum caught three passes for 86 yards.

For the Bengals, Flacco put together a solid week after starting for Cincinnati on short notice. The 40-year old completed 29-of-45 passes for 219 yards and two touchdowns.

Cincinnati superstar receiver Ja'Marr Chase was the main beneficiary of Flacco's solid day, as he recorded 10 receptions for 94 yards and a touchdown. Cincinnati's No. 2 receiver, Tee Higgins, finished the game with 62 receiving yards on five receptions.

As for Cincinnati's run game, Chase Brown was held to 42 yards on nine carries, while Samaje Perine ran for 16 yards on

six carries.

As a team, Green Bay outgained Cincinnati to a tune of 409 total yards to 268 yards. As far as penalties go, this was a fairly clean game with both teams combining for just eight of them. Green Bay totaled five of those penalties for 40 yards.

The Packers win over the Bengals gave the team some positive momentum as Green Bay was coming off of a loss to the Cleveland Browns and a tie to the Dallas Cowboys before the bye. Now sitting at 3-1-1, the Packers are in a position to contend in not only the NFC North but in the entire NFC conference.



Coach Matt LaFleur and quarterback Jordan Love embrace at the start of Sunday's victory against Cincinnati. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

Offense could be in for a big day in Arizona

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Green Bay will take on the Arizona Cardinals in Week 7 at 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19.

Packers' offense vs. Cardinals' defense

Green Bay's offense started slow before hitting its stride in the return from the bye week.

Their first possession was ruined by a poor decision from Jordan Love re-

sulting in an interception.

They had to slog through most of the first half before a big play to Matthew Golden changed their fortunes.

A third down completion for 35 yards got the Packers out of an early-game funk, as they scored a touchdown with Josh Jacobs just two plays after the big completion to Golden.

Golden has been quiet in comparison to some of his peers from his rookie

class, but he has continued to look the part in what has been limited opportunities.

With all due respect to the other receivers in Green Bay, there's only one player with the potential to be a star, and that's Golden.

The offense could look to run more through him as he continues to find his footing in his rookie year.

He's not the only player on offense, however. Jacobs has had to be more creative in finding yardage

early in the season, but he was solid against Cincinnati on Sunday after finding more room to roam late in the second half against the Dallas Cowboys.

Jacobs had a big second half, with a 14-yard burst to give his team a 17-7 lead. He was a key cog in the second touchdown drive of the second half before giving way to Tucker Kraft.

Kraft scored on a 19-yard catch-and-run that

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ended with him diving into the end zone for a touchdown to give the team a 24-10 lead.

Kraft's reception was the longest touchdown of the season for Green Bay's passing game.

The offensive line was finally healthy with its preferred top six players.

One situation to monitor is the right guard situation.

Jordan Morgan was the starter at that spot coming out of the bye week and resumed a rotation with Sean Rhyan.

Rhyan is in a contract year and has had some struggles this season.

Rasheed Walker played what might have been his best game of the season, silencing Trey Hendrickson in the first half.

Zach Tom looked like he was still working back from an injury but was back on the field, which is always a good sign for the team.

Ultimately, their starters both started and finished the game, which is the first time that has happened this season.

Perhaps it's not coincidental that the offense got better as the game went on.

Arizona's defense has had some good moments early in the season, but Sunday's game against the Colts was not one of them.

Daniel Jones and the Colts' offense rolled up 31 points and more than 350 yards.

They are, however, eighth in the NFL against opposing run games, before running into Jonathan Taylor, who beat them up for more than 120 yards individually in Sunday's game.

The passing game? That's a different story.

Arizona has one of the worst pass defenses in football. They ranked 28th going into Sunday's game, and Jones had an efficient day against them, throwing for two touchdowns and 212 yards on 22 completions.

There will be some opportunities for the Packers to make some plays down the field against this Arizona defense.

Packers' defense vs. Cardinals' offense



Tucker Kraft's two receptions for the day included a TD celebration in the fourth quarter that helped seal the deal for the Packers victory. Jordan Morgan joined the celebration. The Packers former first round pic, started at right guard. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS



Cincinnati's Samaje Perine battled a tough Packers run defense that limited the Bengals to 55 total rushing yards for the day. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

A return from the bye week saw the Packers' defense return to form against the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Packers' defense, which had just given up 40 points two weeks ago, was dominant against a Bengals offense that was breaking in a new quarterback.

Joe Flacco didn't have much time to throw.

On the rare occasions he did, he was getting to his checkdown consistently, because nothing was open down the field.

The all-world receiver tandem of Ja'Marr Chase and Tee Higgins were held to just three catches for 28 yards in the first half as the Packers pitched a shutout.

The second half was a different story.



Safeties Evan Williams and Javon Bullard celebrated as the Packers held the Bengals scoreless in the first half. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

The Bengals held the ball for more than half of the third quarter and marched down the field against their defense.

A drive that totaled more than 10 minutes on the game clock ended in a short touchdown pass by Flacco to pull the score to 10-7.

Following a Packers touchdown drive, Flacco was able to get more points with Higgins and Chase making big plays down the field against Green Bay's cornerbacks.

It's a game where the Packers' defense didn't give up as many points as

the last time they played but still left a lot to be desired.

The multimillion dollar question on offense for the Arizona Cardinals is who will be under center for them when they line up against Green Bay.

Kyler Murray is their preferred starting quarterback, but he missed Sunday's game with a foot sprain that could cause him to miss more than one game.

He could also return in time for Sunday's contest.

Jacoby Brissett played in his place on Sunday against the Indianapolis

Colts. He threw for more than 300 yards and two touchdowns with just one interception.

He had them on the doorstep of the end zone for a potential game-winning touchdown, but his final pass fell incomplete.

Their top receiver, Marvin Harrison Jr., left Sunday's game with a concussion, which could be a big loss for their offense as well.

In his place, wide receiver Zay Jones and Trey McBride handled the heavy lifting against the Colts, with 13 catches for 151 yards, and McBride scored a touchdown.

The run game has been a struggle for Arizona, and they didn't get much better against the Colts, rushing for 88 yards on 24 carries.

Green Bay's run defense should have a chance to bounce back here.

Special Teams
Green Bay's special teams was in for some drama Sunday afternoon. Then again, when are they not?

In this case, however, the Packers had to roster an extra kicker due to a quad injury suffered in practice by Brandon McManus.

As it turned out, McManus was inactive in favor of Lucas Havrisik.

How long McManus will be out remains to be seen, but LaFleur did call his injury a major concern last week before he was inactive on Sunday.

Green Bay's special teams needs all the help it can get.

Arizona's special teams return duties are largely handled by receiver Greg Dortch.

Dortch has averaged 25.3 yards per return on kickoffs, and 12.3 yards per punt return.

Chad Ryland had been in on a workout in Green Bay a season ago before they found Brandon McManus, and he'll handle kicking duties for the Cardinals.

He's missed two field goals this season.

Green Bay's return game needs to find some stability, and they have been staunch in their belief of the guys they have in house.

GREEN BAY PACKERS AT ARIZONA CARDINALS

TIME AND DATE: 3:25 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19
LOCATION: State Farm Stadium
TV: FOX
RADIO: Flagship WRNW-FM Milwaukee — 97.3; 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, 3-1-1. Cardinals, 2-4.
HISTORY: The Packers and Cardinals have met 77 times including three post-season games in their history, with the Packers holding a decisive 47-26-4 advantage

in those games.
The last time these two teams met was last year at Lambeau Field, with the Packers throttling the Cardinals to the tune of a 34-13 victory.
When these two teams meet in Arizona, the games tend to be wild. The most recent matchup came in 2021, with Aaron Rodgers missing all of his top receivers due to injuries and COVID-19. The Packers led 24-21 late against an unbeaten Cardinals team, but Kyler Murray's last pass was intercepted in the end zone by Rasul Douglas, preserving a Packers victory.
The most famous matchup in the postseason in Arizona

came in the 2009 playoffs, Rodgers' playoff debut.
A back-and-forth affair saw an offensive onslaught break out between the two teams, with the game ending on a fumble recovery returned for a touchdown by Cardinals linebacker Karlos Dansby.
COACHES: Packers, Matt LaFleur, seventh season, 69-34-1. Cardinals, Jonathan Gannon, third season, 14-26.
PACKERS SCHEDULE
Sunday, Sept. 7, vs. Detroit Lions, W 27-13
Thursday, Sept. 11, vs. Washington Commanders, W 27-18
Sunday, Sept. 21, at Cleve-

land Browns, L 10-13
Sunday, Sept. 28, at Dallas Cowboys, T 40-40
Bye Week
Sunday, Oct. 12, vs. Cincinnati Bengals, W 28-17
Sunday, Oct. 19, at Arizona Cardinals, 3:25 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 26, at Pittsburgh Steelers, 7:20 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 2, vs. Carolina Panthers, noon
Monday, Nov. 10, vs. Philadelphia Eagles, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 16, at New York Giants, noon
Sunday, Nov. 23, vs. Minnesota Vikings, noon
Thursday, Nov. 27, at Detroit Lions, noon
Sunday, Dec. 7, vs. Chi-

cago Bears, noon
Sunday, Dec. 14, at Denver Broncos, 3:25 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20, at Chicago Bears, TBA
Saturday, Dec. 27, vs. Baltimore Ravens, TBA
Sunday, Jan. 4, at Minnesota Vikings, TBA
NFL SCHEDULE
Thursday, Oct. 16
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:15 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 19
LA Rams at Jacksonville (in London), 8:30 a.m.
Philadelphia at Minnesota, noon
New England at Tennessee, noon
Carolina at NY Jets, noon

Miami at Cleveland, noon
New Orleans at Chicago, noon
Las Vegas at Kansas City, noon
Indianapolis at LA Chargers, 3:05 p.m.
NY Giants at Denver, 3:05 p.m.
Green Bay at Arizona, 3:25 p.m.
Washington at Dallas, 3:25 p.m.
Atlanta at San Francisco, 7:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 20
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 6 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Bye Teams: Baltimore, Buffalo

Cardinals could be without a few key starters



BY JACOB WESTENDORF
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The Green Bay Packers take their show on the road this week to challenge the Cardinals in Arizona, which is a place they have had some interesting matchups.

The Cardinals are a conference opponent, a week after facing an uncommon opponent in the Cincinnati Bengals.

The Packers are not in a bad position in terms of the postseason and hold all of the cards they could ask for.

They do, however, need to keep stacking wins, and they do have a possibility of doing that this week against a team that has had their struggles this season.

In addition, they could be playing without some very important players.

More on that and some other points with our weekly six pack.

1. Buckle Up
Last week, we told you that Green Bay and Cincinnati have usually played wild games when the two teams meet up.

The Packers and Cardinals have had their fair share of drama as well, especially in Arizona.

In 2021, the Packers, ravaged by injuries and COVID-19 related absences, went into Arizona facing an undefeated Cardinals group that looked like the best team in football to that point of the year.

Behind a big night from Randall Cobb and Aaron Rodgers, the Packers' offense was able to do just enough to give the defense a 24-21 lead late in the game when Kyler Murray had the Cardinals in scoring position, looking to extend their unbeaten streak.

Instead, a dramatic interception from Rasul Douglas in the corner of the end zone saved the game, and the Packers escaped with a huge victory.

The 2009 playoffs also represented the highest scoring playoff game, and arguably one of the best games of Aaron Rodgers' career, even if it ended on a sour note.

2. Another Backup?
The Packers have had some good fortune early in the season in terms of quarterback play.

Joe Flacco has faced them twice, and one time he was traded to the team he was playing for just three days prior to kickoff.

This week, Jacoby Brissett could be the starter for



In the Packers' 27-18 win against the Bengals, Jordan Love had a season-high of 26 rushing yards on seven attempts. His rushing was crucial for converting key third downs, including a critical scramble on third-and-1 that extended a drive, and a scramble on third-and-8 that set up a 31-yard pass to Matthew Golden, which helped clinch the game.

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Arizona. Murray missed last week's game with a foot sprain. Brissett is an admirable backup who has had a long career, but he's not as dynamic as Murray.

The Packers have gotten everything they could ask for from a quarterback standpoint over the last two weeks. Their defense should be set up to have another dominant performance on Sunday.

3. That's not all
Of course, Murray is not the only player with an injury concern coming into Sunday's game.

Arizona's former first-round phenom, Marvin Harrison Jr., left Sunday's game against the Indianapolis Colts with a concussion.

Concussions are tricky, so that puts his availability in question.

Facing a backup quarterback, potentially without his best weapon, the Packers' defense could focus more of their resources to Arizona's top pass catcher.

4. Tight End Showdown
Tucker

Kraft said earlier last week that one of the best ways to use him in the offense was to ensure he touches the ball on every possession.

Kraft was Green Bay's leading receiver coming out of the bye week and has really come into his own in his third season as a pro.

On the other side, Arizona boasts one of the best tight ends in all of football.

Trey McBride was a standout a season ago and rewarded with a lucrative contract extension, which undoubtedly will be used in future negotiations for Kraft when it comes time

to review his contract.

McBride had a big game last year against the Packers, catching eight passes for 96 yards to lead all receivers on the day.

Whether Brissett starts or Murray returns from an injury, they'll be relying on their big tight end.

5. Ageless Wonder
Brian Gutekunst has an outspoken policy that the NFL is a young man's league. His team is always one of the youngest in all of football.

The only players on the roster over the age of 30 are specialists.

Apart from that, the

Packers have always trended young.

On the other side, the Cardinals have one of the oldest players in the NFL, defensive lineman Calais Campbell.

Campbell has bounced around the NFL but has always been productive wherever he has been.

Campbell had three sacks on the year coming into Sunday's game against the Indianapolis Colts.

The Packers' offensive line, which has struggled this season, will need to figure out a way to keep Arizona's pass rush at bay, and that starts on the interior with Campbell.

6. Look Ahead?
Players are human, so it's natural to wonder if this is a game the Packers could be overlooking.

No, the Pittsburgh Steelers, next week's opponent, are not a division rival or anything of that sort.

They do, however, have a guy on their roster by the name of Aaron Rodgers.

The former Packers' quarterback is off to a nice start this season, with the Steelers sitting atop the AFC North.

Rodgers is not the player he was in his prime, but he still has some tricks up his sleeve.

The Packers have plenty of players on their roster who played with Rodgers, and those guys could be looking, especially on defense, to make their mark against their former quarterback.

0 Matthew Golden.....WR	0 Will Johnson.....CB
1 Micah Parsons.....DL	1 Kyler Murray.....QB
2 Malik Willis.....QB	2 Mack Wilson Sr.....ILB
7 Quay Walker.....LB	3 Bubba Baker.....S
8 Josh Jacobs.....RB	4 Greg Dortch.....WR
10 Jordan Love.....QB	5 Baron Browning.....OLB
13 Dontayvion Wicks.....WR	7 Jacoby Brissett.....QB
16 Bo Melton.....CB	10 Josh Sweat.....OLB
17 Brandon McManus.....K	13 Kei'Trel Clark.....CB
18 Malik Heath.....WR	14 Michael Wilson.....WR
19 Daniel Whelan.....P	16 Max Melton.....CB
20 Javon Bullard.....S	17 Zay Jones.....WR
21 Nate Hobbs.....CB	18 Marvin Harrison Jr.....WR
23 Emanuel Wilson.....RB	19 Kedon Slovis.....QB
24 Carrington Valentine....CB	20 Bam Knight.....RB
25 Keisean Nixon.....CB	22 Michael Carter.....RB
27 Kitan Oladapo.....S	25 Zaven Collins.....OLB
29 Xavier McKinney.....S	27 Akeem Davis-Gaither...ILB
30 Chris Brooks.....RB	28 Elijah Jones.....CB
31 Nick Niemann.....LB	29 Denzel Burke.....CB
33 Evan Williams.....S	30 Darren Hall.....CB
35 Lucas Havrisik.....K	31 Emari Demercado.....RB
36 Kamal Hadden.....CB	34 Jalen Thompson.....S
39 Zayne Anderson.....S	36 Kitan Crawford.....S
42 Matt Orzech.....LS	38 Chad Ryland.....K
50 Zach Tom.....OL	42 Dadrion Taylor-Demerson.....S
52 Rashan Gary.....DL	44 Owen Pappoe.....ILB
55 Kingsley Enagbare.....DL	46 Aaron Brewer.....LS
56 Edgerrin Cooper.....LB	49 Pat O'Donnell.....P
58 Isaiah McDuffie.....LB	50 Cody Simon.....ILB
59 Ty'Ron Hopper.....LB	52 Jordan Burch.....OLB
63 Rasheed Walker.....T	54 Xavier Thomas.....OLB
65 Aaron Banks.....G	55 Dante Stills.....DL
67 Donovan Jennings.....G/T	56 Darius Robinson.....DL
70 Darian Kennard.....T/G	58 Evan Brown.....OL
71 Anthony Belton.....T	66 Demontrey Jacobs.....OL
74 Elgton Jenkins.....C/G	68 Kelvin Beachum.....OL
75 Sean Rhyan.....G	70 Paris Johnson Jr.....OL
77 Jordan Morgan.....T/G	71 Jon Gaines II.....OL
83 Savion Williams.....WR	72 Hjalte Froholdt.....OL
85 Tucker Kraft.....TE	73 Jonah Williams.....OL
86 John FitzPatrick.....TE	74 Isaiah Adams.....OL
87 Romeo Doubs.....WR	76 Will Hernandez.....OL
88 Luke Musgrave.....TE	78 Josh Fryar.....OL
89 Ben Sims.....TE	79 PJ Mustipher.....DL
90 Lukas Van Ness.....DL	80 Simi Fehoko.....WR
91 Warren Brinson.....DL	81 Travis Vokolek.....TE
93 Nazir Stackhosue.....DL	84 Elijah Higgins.....TE
94 Karl Brooks.....DL	85 Trey McBride.....TE
95 Devonte Wyatt.....DL	89 Xavier Weaver.....WR
96 Colby Wooden.....DL	92 Bilal Nichols.....DL
99 Barryn Sorrell.....DL	93 Calais Campbell.....DL
	94 Dalvin Tomlinson.....DL

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MOMENTS

GREEN BAY PACKERS 27, CINCINNATI BENGALS 18



Lukas Van Ness recorded the Packers' only sack Sunday. Unfortunately, it was the final play of the day for Van Ness who injured his foot on the play and is expected to miss time with the injury. GREG MELLIS | GREEN & GOLD EXPRESS

VAN NESS LOWERS THE BOOM

DEFENSIVE END SACKS BENGALS QUARTERBACK FOR 6-YARD LOSS

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