



QUARTERBACKS

Starter: Aaron Rodgers
Backups: Matt Flynn, Brian Brohm

Starting QB: When you replace an icon and miss the playoffs, there is usually a long line of naysayers ready to throw you under the proverbial bus. Although the Green Bay Packers may have had some issues in 2008, the play of **Aaron Rodgers** was not one of them.

Rodgers had a great season in his first campaign as starting quarterback. He tossed 28 touchdown passes and just 13 interceptions, completed 63.6 percent of his throws, threw for 4,038 yards and scored four rushing touchdowns. It is not easy to replace a legend, but Rodgers looked capable and confident throughout the year and Favre's shadow is not quite so large heading into this season. Rodgers is an intelligent, accurate quarterback who has put the team on his shoulders and should have another strong year.

Backup QBs: The Packers drafted two quarterbacks in 2008, and both are still competing for the backup quarterback position. **Matt Flynn** earned the backup role last year but completed only two of five passes for six yards in limited duty. As a former seventh-round draft pick, Flynn's upside may be quite limited, but he still has enough ability to beat out last year's second-round pick **Brian Brohm**, who really disappointed in Green Bay last year. Brohm does have the accuracy, poise and intelligence to eventually be a starting quarterback. It is definitely a battle to watch at training camp this year to see if either young player elevates his play.



Greg Jennings

RUNNING BACKS

Starter: Ryan Grant
Backups: Brandon Jackson, DeShawn Wynn
Fullbacks: Korey Hall, Quinn Johnson [R]

Starting RB: When it comes to RB **Ryan Grant's** play last season, there is some good and bad news. The good news is Grant proved he is capable of carrying the ball 300 times in a season. He finished with 312 carries for 1,203 rushing yards and had four 100-yard rushing games. He has great size and is difficult to tackle once he gets up a head of steam. The bad news is Grant had just four rushing touchdowns (one score every 78 carries) which was amongst the worst in the NFL at the position. He did not appear as capable of making defenders miss as the 2007 campaign and his YPC went down by a full yard. He is still likely to get the bulk of the work this season, and he should finish with 300+ carries and 1,200+ yards.

Backup RBs: Last preseason, **Brandon Jackson** was generating some buzz with his size and quickness, but it never really materialized on game day. He did average 5.5 YPC on just 48 carries and added an additional 30 receptions. There is a potential of much more production from this former second-round pick, but it is unlikely he will wrestle the starting job away from Ryan Grant and his upside (unless injuries occur) is a 10-touch per game player. **DeShawn Wynn** was a forgotten man in this offense last year and will likely

NOTABLE SKILL POSITION PLAYERS ADDED

Pos	Player Name	Type	2008 Team	2009 Team
RB	Quinn Johnson	Draft	College	Green Bay Packers
RB	Tyrell Sutton	Free Agent	Free Agent	Green Bay Packers

NOTABLE SKILL POSITION PLAYERS LOST

Pos	Player Name	Type	2008 Team	2009 Team
WR	Shaun Bodiford	Free Agent	Green Bay Packers	New York Giants

only see significant action if injury strikes a player ahead of him. However, Wynn did display in 2007 that he could get the job done if called upon (four touchdowns on 50 carries).

Fullbacks: **Korey Hall** should retain the starting fullback job this season, but rookie FB **Quinn Johnson** will push him hard for playing time. Johnson, from LSU, is a hard-hitting fullback that excels in run blocking. He only had 14 carries for 28 yards last year but did score three touchdowns. Hall is a similar player in that he is primarily a blocker. So much so in fact, that he has not registered a single carry in his two NFL seasons. He does have 15 total receptions and a touchdown though.

WIDE RECEIVERS

Starters: Greg Jennings, Donald Driver
Backups: Jordy Nelson, James Jones, Ruvell Martin

Starting WRs: The Packers are set at receiver. **Greg Jennings** had a massive season last year, cementing his role as the top receiver on the team. The 5'11, 195-pound speedster finished with 80 receptions for 1,292 yards and nine touchdowns and finished as the fourth-best fantasy player at the receiver position. He has developed nice chemistry with Aaron Rodgers and should continue his productive ways in years to come. At 25, Jennings is only starting

to reach his prime now. **Donald Driver** simply continues to amaze. He had his fifth-straight 1,000-yard receiving season in 2008 and caught 74 passes. He also managed a respectable five touchdown receptions and finished as the 23rd-best fantasy receiver. At 34-years of age, father time is catching up to Driver, but he should have another couple of seasons with strong production.

Backup WRs: If Driver's production takes a dip this season, it will likely be because second-year receiver **Jordy Nelson** earns a bigger role. Nelson is a big, strong, quick receiver that the Packers really like. As a rookie in 2008, Nelson caught 33 passes and scored twice. He is talented enough to see many passes thrown his way as WR3 in this offense and will replace Driver in the near future. **James Jones** and **Ruvell Martin** will round out the receiving corps, and Jones should see the majority of the action between those two players. Jones saw his production take a big dive in 2008 from his rookie campaign in 2007, but he has caught 67 passes in two seasons.

TIGHT ENDS

Starters: Donald Lee
Backups: Tory Humphrey, Jermichael Finley

Donald Lee is a good starting tight end. He has enough quickness to get open in underneath passing routes and has scored 11 touchdowns over the past two seasons. He caught 33 passes in 2008. However, most were thrown within five yards of the line of scrimmage, so he finished with only 303 receiving yards. Four-year veteran **Tory Humphrey** accumulated the first stats of his career last year, finishing with 11 receptions for 162 yards. He had some nice moments but failed to catch a touchdown pass. He will likely be surpassed by **Jermichael Finley**, who has some nice long-term potential.

PLACE KICKER

PK: Mason Crosby

Mason Crosby was nearly unstoppable from long range during his sophomore and junior seasons at Colorado, and very likely would have been a rare first-day draft selection had he come out

at that time. He stayed for his senior year, struggled, and fell to the Packers in the sixth round of the 2007 draft. He scored 141 points in his rookie year, placing Green Bay atop the kicker scoring rankings. In his second year he followed up with 127 points and the Packers ranked 7th in kicker scoring. Mason's 79.5 percent (31 of 39) on field goals in 2007 and 79.4 percent (27 of 34) in 2008 are below average for an NFL kicker, especially in a time when accuracy was up across the board. This year the offense and its coaches remain relatively intact. Mason will be working under a new special teams coordinator who was promoted from assistant.

TEAM DEFENSE

Though the Packers were an average defense when measured by points and yardage, the unit forced 28 turnovers last season and scored nine combined defensive and special teams touchdowns. The big plays helped Green Bay to a Top 10 fantasy finish in the standard FBG scoring system. Surprisingly the Packers offseason began with the hiring of long-time, 3-4 zone blitz guru Dom Capers, which confirmed rumors that they would be changing to a 3-4. They then spent the off-season shuffling personnel to fit the new scheme. Defensive end Aaron Kampman was moved to outside linebacker with OLB A.J. Hawk shifted inside alongside Nick Barnett. Green Bay then addressed two other critical needs in the draft by taking stud NT prospect B.J. Raji and versatile OLB prospect Clay Matthews, Jr. with their two first round draft picks. There are always growing pains with such a complete scheme change, but if Raji fulfills his promise and the defense can get enough pass rush from its new outside linebackers, the Packers could still finish among the Top 10 fantasy defenses. Smart owners should probably let someone else take the risk of drafting them highly.

2008 SEASON STATS

Quarterback	Atts	Comps	Yards	TDs	INTs	Rush	Yards	TDs
Aaron Rodgers	536	341	4038	28	13	56	207	4
Matt Flynn	5	2	6	0	0	4	4	0

Running Back	Rush	Yards	TDs	Rec	Yards	TDs
Ryan Grant	312	1203	4	18	116	1
Brandon Jackson	45	248	1	30	185	0
John Kuhn	8	10	1	4	21	2
DeShawn Wynn	8	110	1	3	30	0
Kregg Lumpkin	1	19	0	3	22	0

Wide Receiver	Rec	Yards	TDs
Greg Jennings	80	1292	9
Donald Driver	74	1012	5
Jordy Nelson	33	366	2
James Jones	20	274	1
Ruvell Martin	15	149	1

Team Per Game Stats		
Ctgr	Avg	Rnk
Pts	26.2	5th
Yds	351.1	8th
P-Yds	238.3	8th
R-Yds	112.8	17th

Tight End	Rec	Yards	TDs
Donald Lee	39	303	5
Tory Humphrey	11	162	0
Jermichael Finley	6	74	1

2008 WEEK BY WEEK STATS

Green Bay	Min	@Det	Dal	@TB	Atl	@Sea	Ind	bye	@Ten	@Min	Chi	@NO	Car	Hou	@Jac	@Chi	Det
	24-19	48-25	16-27	21-30	24-27	27-17	34-14	week	16-19	27-28	37-3	29-51	31-35	21-24	16-20	17-20	31-21
QB Rodgers (rush stats)	18-22-178-0 8-35 1/1(run)	24-38-328-0 4-25 29,2,9	22-39-290-0 5-10 1(run)	14-27-165-3 2-8 25,48	25-37-313-1 2-4 44,25,4 (Q)	21-30-208-0 6-23 45,1/1(run) (P)	21-28-186-0 3-8 12 (P)	-	22-41-314-1 2-11 5 (P)	15-26-142-0 1-1 (P)	23-30-227-1 1-1 3,5 (P)	23-41-248-3 8-36 7,4/10(run)	29-45-298-1 5-26 6,5,21	19-30-295-1 1-4 20,9	20-32-278-1 5-22 4	24-39-260-1 2(-6) 7,17	21-31-308-0 1(-1) 3,5,71
QB Flynn (rush stats)	dnp	0-0-0-0 2(-2)	dnp	2-5-6-0	dnp	dnp	dnp	-	dnp	dnp	dnp	0-0-0-0 1-0	dnp	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0 1-6	0-0-0-0
RB Grant (rec stats)	12-92 (P)	15-20 (Q)	13-54 (P)	15-20 2(-4)	18-83	33-90	31-105 2-12 11	-	20-86	16-75 1	25-145 1-6 4	18-67 3-19	12-39	19-104 1-8 6 (P)	21-56 3-32	25-61 3-20 17(rec)	19-106 3-23
RB Jackson (rec stats)	7-12 3-18	7-61 1-2 19 (P)	3-20 1-16	1-0 2-21	2-11 5-12	dnp	0-0 6-37	-	1-3 4-30	0-0 2-18	10-50 1-5	2-5 1-13	11-80 1-6 (P)	0-0 2-6 (P)	1-6 1-1	dnp (Q)	dnp (D)
RB Kuhn (rec stats)	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0 1-1 1(rec)	1-3	-	1-2 1-2	0-0	2-4	2-1	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0 1-13	0-0 1-5 5(rec)
RB Wynn (rec stats)	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0-0 1-7	0-0	-	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	0-0	1-4 1-7	7-106 1-16 73
RB Lumpkin (rec stats)	dnp	1-19 3-22	0-0	dnp (D)	dnp (D)	dnp (Q)	dnp	-	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp	dnp
WR Jennings	5-91	6-167	8-115	6-109 25,48	4-87 25	5-84 45	3-32	-	3-79	3-37	5-64 3	8-101 7	8-91 21 (P)	2-74	3-22 4	6-38 7	5-101
WR Driver (rush stats)	4-38	7-52	4-76	1-8 3-68 1-6 44	3-68 6-53	4-35	-	7-136	5-46 1(-2)	4-60	4-43	5-83	5-83	3-75	5-65	6-63	6-111
WR Nelson	0-0	1-29 29	4-42	4-31	1-14	4-42	2-19	-	2-34 (Q)	2-17	1-19	3-21	2-28	3-25 9	1-9	2-27	1-9
WR Jones	dnp (D)	4-29 9 (P)	0-0	dnp (D)	1-9 (P)	dnp (Q)	dnp (D)	-	dnp	1-5	2-26	dnp (Q)	2-12 (P)	2-20	4-132	2-27	2-14
WR Martin	1-13	dnp (Q)	dnp (Q)	0-0	3-31	0-0	1-17	-	0-0	0-0	dnp	2-14 4	4-32	2-17	1-9	1-16	0-0
TE Lee	3-10	2-27	5-41	1-6 4	4-25 4	2-9	2-23 12	-	3-22	1-6	6-33 5	1-8 5	4-37 5	3-48 20	2-8	0-0	0-0
TE Humphrey	1-7	0-0	0-0 (Q)	0-0	4-67	0-0	0-0	-	0-0	1-13	2-10	1-29	0-0 (P)	1-22	0-0	1-14 (P)	0-0
TE Finley	dnp	dnp	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	-	1-6	0-0	1-4	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-35	2-29 3

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