

## **GREEN BAY AT TOP OF CLASS IN FREE AGENCY ERA**

Green Bay, Wisconsin, long synonymous with winning football, is continuing to live up to its reputation.

That is especially true in the current free-agent system that was instituted in 1993. In that year, the Packers successfully pursued and signed defensive end **REGGIE WHITE**, who spent six seasons with the club, helping them to two Super Bowls, including a 35-21 win over New England in Super Bowl XXXI.

Since 1993, the Packers have not had a losing season, compiling an impressive 117-59 (.665) record, the NFL's best in that time.

"I think people had felt that after the Lombardi era, the great years for the Packers were past, particularly when free agency came into play," says the newest member of the Packers Hall of Fame, **BOB HARLAN**, the team president and chief executive officer. "People were saying that Green Bay is small and cold, and who will want to go there. But then Reggie White came here, and once that happened, everyone wanted to be here. That was huge for this franchise.

"One thing that makes me proudest is that we have had 12 consecutive years of .500 and above football. To do that in the era of free agency and the salary cap is a tremendous tribute to **RON WOLF**, **MIKE HOLMGREN**, **MIKE SHERMAN** and everyone connected to the football department."

A look at the winningest NFL teams since the current free agency system began in 1993:

TEAM	RECORD	PLAYOFF APPEARANCES	SUPER BOWL WINS
Green Bay Packers	117-59 (.665)	9	1
San Francisco 49ers	110-66 (.625)	8	1
Denver Broncos	107-69 (.608)	6	2
Kansas City Chiefs	105-71 (.597)	5	0
Miami Dolphins	105-71 (.597)	7	0



## TEAM OF THE 2000s?

The New England Patriots might be considered the team of the decade so far with two Super Bowl wins in the past three years. But for total victories, and total road wins, in the 2000s, no one tops the **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**.

The Eagles have won 46 games and 25 road games since 2000.

"Whether you are home or away, I think it is important that you go after it in the same way you do at home as on the road," says Eagles head coach **ANDY REID**. "You make sure that the format is the same. Your approach to the game is the same. That is what we have done. We don't make many changes on the road."

The top five teams in total wins and the top seven in road wins since 2000:

TEAM	TOTAL WINS	TEAM	TOTAL ROAD WINS
Philadelphia Eagles	46	Philadelphia Eagles	25
Green Bay Packers	45	Indianapolis Colts	20
Indianapolis Colts	45	Miami Dolphins	20
St. Louis Rams	45	Tennessee Titans	20
Tennessee Titans	45	Baltimore Ravens	19
		New Orleans Saints	19
		Tampa Bay Buccaneers	19



49ERS STRIKE!

It has been almost 30 years since the **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** were shut out – on October 9, 1977 by the Atlanta Falcons. On Kickoff '04 Sunday, the Falcons will attempt to halt that streak when they visit the 'Niners.

San Francisco's 418 consecutive games without a shutout is an NFL record that stands well ahead of its closest competitors.

The top five streaks in NFL history of most consecutive games with a score:

TEAM	GAMES	YEARS
San Francisco	418	1977-present
Cleveland	274	1950-1971
Dallas	218	1970-1985
Oakland	217	1966-1981
New Orleans	216	1983-1997