



FAVRE RETURNS FOR 15TH!

Millions of Packers fans worldwide can rest easy – No. 4 will be back for number 15!

Legendary quarterback **BRETT FAVRE**, to many the epitome of an NFL quarterback, will return in 2005 for his 15th season, hoping to lead Green Bay to playoff glory once again.

“Fifteen years,” says Favre. “I can’t believe it’s that long. Most of the time, I feel young. I still love to play the game and I still feel like I can play at a high level.”

Favre stiff-armed speculation of his possible retirement and received a huge ovation when speaking publicly at the club’s annual Fan Fest in March, confirming his intentions to return to Lambeau Field to continue his stellar career. And while that news was welcome to all football fans, the Packers’ 2005 opponents may feel differently.

The Kiln, Mississippi native continued to amaze in 2004, helping his team rebound from a 1-4 start to finish 10-6 and earn the NFC North championship. Favre started all 16 games for the 12th consecutive year, extending his NFL record streak for consecutive starts by a quarterback to 205. He posted 30 touchdown passes for the eighth time and passed for 4,088 yards, his fourth career 4,000-yard season.

“Obviously Brett’s major goal is to win another Super Bowl,” says Packers head coach **MIKE SHERMAN**. “He’s excited about having that chance.”

A look at some of the records Brett Favre can extend and milestones he is approaching in 2005:

BRETT’S FOR THE TAKING

CATEGORY	FAVRE TOTAL	MILESTONE/RECORD
Consecutive Starts	205	Can extend his NFL record for most consecutive starts by a quarterback.
Victories	135	Needs 14 for most wins by quarterback in NFL history.
TD passes	376	Needs 24 to become second player all-time with 400 career TD passes.
Consecutive 20 TD pass seasons	11	Needs 20 TD passes to extend NFL-best streak .
Season leader in TD passes	4	Can break four-way tie for most seasons leading in TD passes.
Passing Yards	49,734	Needs 266 yards to become third player in NFL history with 50,000.
3,000-yard seasons	13	Needs one for most all-time.
Attempts	7,003	Needs 248 attempts to move into second place all-time.

To many, Favre symbolizes the highest qualities of the NFL – exuberance for the game, gratitude for playing it, and excellence in it. That excellence is apparent when comparing Favre to the 21 modern-era quarterbacks who have achieved football immortality – enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio.

Favre has already cemented himself among the greats of the game, and will aim to add to that rich legacy on Sunday, September 11 when the Packers open the season in the same place they would like to end it, Detroit’s Ford Field, site of Super Bowl XL, for an NFC North matchup against the Lions.

“Brett embodies the great attributes of mental toughness, preparation, discipline and commitment,” says **BART STARR**, the Packers’ legendary Hall of Fame quarterback. “Those are the great points that Coach Lombardi always stressed and Brett is right out front embodying them because of the way he leads.”

A look at how Favre stacks up against the 21 modern-era Hall of Fame quarterbacks in several key categories:

HALL OF FAMER IN THE MAKING

HOF QB	Years	Wins	HOF QB	Years	Passer Rating	HOF QB	Years	TD Passes
John Elway	16	148	Steve Young	15	96.8	Dan Marino	17	420
Dan Marino	17	147	Joe Montana	16	92.3	Fran Tarkenton	18	342
Fran Tarkenton	18	125	Dan Marino	17	86.4	John Elway	16	300
Johnny Unitas	18	119	Jim Kelly	11	84.4	Johnny Unitas	18	290
Joe Montana	16	117	Roger Staubach	11	83.4	Joe Montana	16	273
Brett Favre	14	135	Brett Favre	14	87.4	Brett Favre	14	376

HOF QB	Years	Pass Yards	HOF QB	Years	Avg. Per Pass	HOF QB	Years	Comp. Pct.
Dan Marino	17	61,361	Otto Graham	10	8.6	Steve Young	15	64.3
John Elway	16	51,475	Norm Van Brocklin	12	8.1	Joe Montana	16	63.2
Fran Tarkenton	18	47,003	Steve Young	15	7.9	Jim Kelly	11	60.1
Dan Fouts	15	43,040	Bart Starr	16	7.8	Dan Marino	17	59.4
Joe Montana	16	40,551	Johnny Unitas	18	7.7	Dan Fouts	15	58.8
Brett Favre	14	49,734	Brett Favre	14	7.1	Brett Favre	14	61.5

HOF QB	Years	Completions	HOF QB	Years	Attempts
Dan Marino	17	4,967	Dan Marino	17	8,358
John Elway	16	4,123	John Elway	16	7,250
Fran Tarkenton	18	3,686	Fran Tarkenton	18	6,467
Joe Montana	16	3,409	Dan Fouts	15	5,604
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Brett Favre	14	4,306	Brett Favre	14	7,003

