

Facing the Green Bay Packers: The Inside Story of the Rivalry Between Two of the NFL's Most Iconic Teams

By Bob McGinn

The Green Bay Packers and the Chicago Bears are two of the most storied teams in NFL history. Their rivalry is one of the most intense in all of sports, and it has been played out on some of the biggest stages in football. In *Facing the Green Bay Packers*, author Bob McGinn tells the inside story of this legendary rivalry, drawing on interviews with players, coaches, and executives from both teams.

McGinn provides a detailed account of the most memorable games in the rivalry's history, including the Ice Bowl, the 1985 NFC Championship Game, and the 2010 NFC Divisional Playoff. He also explores the cultural and economic impact of the rivalry on the two cities of Green Bay and Chicago.



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The Early Years

The rivalry between the Packers and the Bears began in 1921, when both teams were members of the American Professional Football Association (APFA), the forerunner to the NFL. The first game between the two teams was played on November 13, 1921, at Wrigley Field in Chicago. The Packers won the game, 20-0.

The rivalry quickly became one of the most intense in the NFL. The two teams played each other twice a year, and the games were often close and hard-fought. The Packers and the Bears were also two of the most successful teams in the NFL, and they often met in the playoffs.

The Ice Bowl

One of the most famous games in the Packers-Bears rivalry is the Ice Bowl, which was played on December 31, 1967, at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. The temperature at game time was -15 degrees Fahrenheit, and the wind chill was -48 degrees Fahrenheit. The field was covered in ice, and the players were slipping and sliding all over the place.

Despite the conditions, the game was a classic. The Packers won the game, 21-17, on a field goal by Bart Starr with just 16 seconds remaining. The Ice Bowl is considered one of the greatest games in NFL history.

The 1985 NFC Championship Game

Another famous game in the Packers-Bears rivalry is the 1985 NFC Championship Game, which was played on January 12, 1986, at Soldier Field in Chicago. The Bears won the game, 23-0, in a dominating performance. The Bears defense held the Packers to just 45 yards of offense, and the offense scored three touchdowns.

The 1985 NFC Championship Game is considered one of the greatest defensive performances in NFL history. The Bears defense was led by Mike Singletary, who was named the NFL's Defensive Player of the Year that season.

The 2010 NFC Divisional Playoff

The most recent memorable game in the Packers-Bears rivalry is the 2010 NFC Divisional Playoff, which was played on January 16, 2011, at Soldier Field in Chicago. The Packers won the game, 21-14, on a touchdown pass from Aaron Rodgers to Greg Jennings with just 3 seconds remaining.

The 2010 NFC Divisional Playoff was a classic game that came down to the final play. The Packers and the Bears played each other tough, and the game could have gone either way. In the end, the Packers made one more play than the Bears, and they advanced to the NFC Championship Game.

The Cultural and Economic Impact of the Rivalry

The Packers-Bears rivalry is one of the most intense in all of sports, and it has had a significant cultural and economic impact on the two cities of Green Bay and Chicago.

In Green Bay, the Packers are a source of great pride and identity. The team is the heart of the community, and it brings people together. The

Packers have also had a significant economic impact on Green Bay. The team's games generate millions of dollars in revenue, and they help to support local businesses.

In Chicago, the Bears are also a source of great pride and identity. The team is a symbol of the city's toughness and resilience. The Bears have also had a significant economic impact on Chicago. The team's games generate millions of dollars in revenue, and they help to support local businesses.

The Packers-Bears rivalry is a unique and special part of American sports. It is a rivalry that is full of history, tradition, and passion. The two teams have played some of the most memorable games in NFL history, and they have had a significant impact on the two cities of Green Bay and Chicago.

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