

POST-GAME RECAP

GB @ CHI

Final: GB 27 - CHI 31

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Fourth-Quarter Monsters: Bears Erase 18, Stun Packers in Historic Wild-Card Comeback

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Chicago spent 45 minutes committing every sin a home playoff team can – two interceptions from its franchise quarterback, a fumble at its own goal line, a red-zone pick at the 2-yard line instead of a near-certain score – then turned the entire game upside down in the final 15. Down 21-6 entering the fourth quarter and 27-16 after Matthew Golden's touchdown, the Bears scored **25 points in the fourth quarter alone**, the most they've ever scored in a playoff period, and took the lead for good on Caleb Williams' 25-yard strike to DJ Moore with 1:48 left.

The 18-point deficit was the **largest comeback in Bears postseason history** – no previous Chicago playoff team had overcome more than a 3-point fourth-quarter hole – and it was Green Bay's first playoff loss of its life as a 21-3 lead. Jordan Love threw four touchdowns and zero interceptions, 323 yards in a postseason-best, and lost anyway, the kind of result that lands in the rivalry's all-time weird pile.

Team	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Final
Green Bay	7	14	0	6	27
Chicago	3	0	3	25	31

How it was won: the fourth quarter of a life time

The third quarter had been a mire – Chicago drove 76 yards only to have TyRon Hopper intercept Williams at the GB 2 on 4th-and-1, keeping it a 15-point game. Then, with 15 minutes left and nothing left to lose, the Bears simply stopped making mistakes.

- **Cairo Santos from 51** (13:34) cut it to 21-9; **D'Andre Swift's 6-yard run** (10:12) made it 21-16 after a drive built on Colston Loveland's 22- and 21-yard catches.
- After Golden pushed Green Bay back to 27-16, Williams hit **Olamide Zaccheaus for an 8-yard TD, then converted the two-point play to Loveland** (4:21) – suddenly it was 28-24.
- A 27-yard Romeo Odunze conversion on 4th-and-8 kept the winner alive, Swift's 23-yard third-down catch set up first-and-goal, and **Moore beat the coverage 25 yards** for the go-ahead score at 1:48.

Green Bay's last gasp was pure cruelty. Love hit Golden, Josh Whyle, Doubs and Jayden Reed to reach the CHI 23 with 18 seconds left, then threw incomplete, took a false start, **fumbled (aborted), recovered his own fumble, and threw incomplete deep left as the clock expired**. The Packers finished with zero giveaways, three of their own fumbles recovered – and nothing to show for it.

The stars

Caleb Williams – 24/48, 361 yds, 2 TD, 2 INT, plus 20 rush yds. His playoff debut was a mess and a masterpiece in the same night. He threw two picks – matching a September 2024 pair in losses at Houston and Indianapolis – but this was his **first career win in a multi-interception game**. When it mattered he was surgical: the Odunze 4th-down conversion, the Moore winner, the two-point play.

Colston Loveland – 8 rec, 137 yds on a game-high 15 targets. Both career highs (previous: 118 yards, 13 targets). He was the safety blanket that made the comeback possible, including the 22- and 21-yard chains on Swift's TD drive.

Jordan Love – 24/46, 323 yds, 4 TD, 0 INT. His first career four-touchdown playoff game, a postseason-high in yards, and he still lost. Green Bay is now **1-3 in his four playoff starts**.

Key performer	Line	Why it mattered
DJ Moore	6 rec, 64 yds, 1 TD	The 25-yd go-ahead catch in Q4
Romeo Doubs	8 rec, 124 yds, 1 TD	100-yard game; recovered his own forced-fumble TD at the goal line

Key performer	Line	Why it mattered
D'Andre Swift	13 car, 54 yds, 1 TD	TD plus the 23-yd third-down catch on the winning drive
Matthew Golden	4 rec, 84 yds, 1 TD	First career receiving TD
TyRon Hopper (GB)	1 INT, 1 PBU	First career pick, at the GB 2, killed a 76-yd CHI drive
Lukas Van Ness (GB)	1 sack, 2 QB hits, 1 FF	Strip-sack of Williams in Q4

The turning points

Moment	Clock	What flipped
GB takes 21-3 lead	Q2, 2:00	Watson's 22-yd catch fumbled and recovered by Doubs at the CHI 1, then Doubs' 1-yd TD on 4th-and-1
Hopper's goal-line INT	Q3, 3:18	Williams' 4th-and-1 from the GB 6 picked at the 2 – kept it a 15-pt game
McManus' missed dagger	Q4, 2:56	44-yd FG no good from the CHI 26; GB led 27-24 and left the door open
Oduze 4th-down conversion	Q4, 5:37	Williams' 27-yd throw on 4th-and-8 from the CHI 43 kept the winner alive
Moore's go-ahead TD	Q4, 1:48	Williams → Moore 25 yds; CHI's first lead since 3-0

There were **only two lead changes all game** – CHI 3-0, then Green Bay 7-3 and out – and the Bears' biggest lead at any point was the 4-point final. Chicago's 5 red-zone drives produced just 2 TDs, 2 FGs and Hopper's INT; Green Bay converted **3 of 3 red-zone possessions into touchdowns** and still lost on the board.

The history

This was the **third postseason meeting ever** between the league's oldest rivals, after Dec 14, 1941 (CHI 33-14) and the Jan 23, 2011 NFC Championship (GB 21-14). That made it their first playoff game in **15 years**.

- **Chicago's first playoff win over Green Bay since Dec 14, 1941 – 85 years** – and first home playoff win over the Packers since that same 1941 game.
- **Largest comeback in Bears postseason history:** the 18-point deficit doubled the franchise's prior playoff record (3 points, set in 1984, 1994 and 2006).
- **25 fourth-quarter points, most ever by Chicago in a playoff quarter** – topping the 21 in the 2006 NFC Championship vs. New Orleans.
- **First home playoff win of any kind since Jan 16, 2011** (2010 Divisional vs. Seattle).
- **Rare single-game event:** the Bears turned it over twice, lost the turnover battle 0-2, fell 18 behind, and still won – the only time in Williams' career his team has won a multi-INT game, against Love's 4 TD / 0 INT in a playoff loss.

What it means next

Chicago advances out of the wild-card round for the first time since that 2010 Divisional win and gets the franchise's defining January moment since the Jan 23, 2011 NFC Championship it lost to these very Packers. For Green Bay, the sting is doubled: a 4-TD, zero-pick postseason performance from Love evaporates on a missed field goal and a 25-point Bears avalanche – the kind of exit that resets an entire offseason's tone.