

SUPER BOWL XXXIII

Packer backers take to streets

■ **FANS:** People didn't let the cold keep them from cheering for their victorious Packers

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Freezing temperatures couldn't stop fans with Packer fever, who poured into the snowy streets after Green Bay's first Super Bowl victory in nearly 30 years.

George Fuller rang his cowbell madly in the final seconds of the game he watched on the two 18-by-24-foot screens set up at Brown County Arena, where 3,500 fans paid \$5 apiece to watch the game at "Titledown's Ultimate Super Bowl Celebration."

"I feel positively euphoric," the machine shop foreman from Little Suamico, Wis., said. "The birth of my kids and my marriage to my wife are at the top of my list but this is fantastic."

"I feel like a million bucks," 17-year-old Will Anderson crowed, waving a yellow "Title Towel" high above his head as the last seconds ticked off. "This is a dynasty."

The thousands gathered at the arena were hugging each other and exchanging high fives amid the din of shouts, bells, whistles and cowbells.

"It's a high. It's a high but you don't have to drink, you don't have to take anything. You can feel the static. Unbelievable!" said Leo Hanke, his green-and-gold "Cat in the Hat" hat swaying back and forth as he hugged his wife, Kathy.

In Milwaukee, Marquette University students streamed out of bars after the victory, shouted from dorm windows and rolled around in the snow. Constant honking echoed through the streets and even a police car drove past blasting music from its speakers.

"This is a long time coming," said Brendan Cronin, 21, who was out celebrating in the snow.

Jane Harper burst into tears — "The Pack is back," she said — at Mel's Corner Tap in downtown Milwaukee, which announced an hour of free beer after the win.

Milwaukee's Water Street was quickly closed off as screaming revelers poured out of bars, dancing, waving flags and rolling in the snow. One fan carried a replica of the Vince Lombardi Trophy made of tinfoil.

"Our parents know what it's like. Now they passed it on down to our generation," said Dan Bednar, a University of Wisconsin-Whitewater student, as he ran down the street waving a Packers flag.

"There is such a legend behind this team. It is great," Keri Anderson, 24, said.

Vendors were already at work hawking victory t-shirts and goods and minutes after the buzzer a special edition of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel was on the streets proclaiming "Super Heroes" in bold type.

Cars outside Lambeau Field, where the temperature was 13 degrees, honked their horns as passengers leaned out windows shouting "Packers rule!" Nearby pedestrians replied, "All right!"

Even the champagne flowed in this blue-collar town, as a man in a Packer jacket and imitation yellow construction helmet with a team logo popped open some bubbly in the street, spraying it into the air.

A cheesehead-wearing Heidi Belongia, walking around outside Marquette University in Milwaukee summed it up in a word: "Huge!"

It doesn't matter that many of the students are from out of state, said Belongia, a pre-law student from Oconto, Wis.

"Everybody cheers for the Packers around here, there ARE America's team," she said.

The steady snowfall that dumped several inches across the state had some people worried about hyped-up and possible beer-soaked fans.

Nearly the entire city had been glued to the game, from a police officer with a radio on her squad car dash to a county bus driver with a television propped against the windshield. The driver said dozens of drivers had called in sick, which meant he was driving a double route.

There were already reports of several minor car accidents before the game ended. Police throughout Wisconsin were probably bracing for Packer fans who had been drinking all day pouring out of the bars and onto the streets, Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Gil Benn said.

During the game, normally bustling streets carried only a handful of cars as the town virtually stopped to watch the game. Fast food stops were open but something was missing — customers.

Even hours before the game began, tailgaters gathered at Lambeau Field in weather that turned beer slushy and froze ignored bratwursts to a table.

"This is the best we can do without going to New Orleans," said Pat Sullivan, 23, who huddled with about a dozen friends around a charcoal grill for warmth in the falling snow.

Mark Mehler stayed warm inside his shiny 7-foot Super Bowl trophy costume as he paraded through the parking lot.

"I am the Vince Lombardi trophy," said Mehler, 24, sipping a drink called a hurricane from two straws taped together so they would reach into his shiny costume.

New England's defense hurt by big plays

■ **TOUGH TIMES:** Three plays leave Patriots behind in Super Bowl

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — The Patriots sacked Brett Favre five times, controlled the Packers on third downs and held them to 188 yards on 66 plays.

The problem was with the other two — passes of 54 yards to Andre Rison and 81 yards to Antonio Freeman.

Two plays, two touchdowns, too much for New England to overcome.

"I thought the defense played well," middle line-backer Ted Johnson said. "But you just can't give anything easy to these guys. They're too good. You give them anything easy, it's not going to be your day."

The New England defense had made tremendous progress since being hurt by the big play time after time in the first month of the season. That weakness surfaced again at the worst time in Sunday's 35-21 Super Bowl loss.

The defense hadn't allowed a touchdown in 10 quarters before Sunday, but, on Green Bay's second offensive play, Rison easily beat cornerback Otis Smith, and on its 14th play, Freeman raced by Lawyer Milloy at the line of scrimmage.

"Big plays did kill us," cornerback Ty Law said. "You never want to go into a game and give up plays like that. If a team beats you, you want to make it hard for them."

The Packers never lost the lead after Freeman's touchdown in the first minute of the second half. The Patriots did cut it to 27-21 late in the third quarter, but Desmond Howard returned the ensuing kickoff 99 yards for a touchdown.

That, Patriots coach Bill Parcells said, was the killer.

"We had a couple of big passes, too, so I would say those were even," he said.

The defense was far better than in the Patriots' only other Super Bowl appearance, a 46-10 loss to the Chicago Bears exactly 11 years ago Sunday.

But that was little consolation.

"If you can take anything positive away at all, our defense's overall play was it," Johnson said.

Asked if it was possible to gain any consolation, he lowered his head and shook it without speaking.

The Packers' point total was the second-highest against the Patriots all season.

It was a disappointing turnaround for the defense, although it hadn't seen an offense like Green Bay's.

"I don't think there was a major problem (Sunday). They caught us in some difficult situations and made big plays," Smith said. Rison "just made a big play. That's the bottom line."

Covering a speedy receiver "is not my forte," Milloy admitted.

He said that Favre audibled when he noticed the Patriots were going to blitz and that the Patriots should have checked out of that defense.

"It's a tough matchup for Lawyer," Patriots defensive coordinator Al Groh said. "It's a circumstance where his only chance is to get the bump and (Freeman) got by him."

The Packers had more points in the first nine minutes (10) than Pittsburgh and Jacksonville combined for (9) in New England's other two playoff games.

Favre had thrown for more yards by halftime (213) than either Pittsburgh (110) or Jacksonville (190) had in the full four quarters of their playoff games.

**YES,
free lunch!!!**

Clothes Horse has a feel-good, nurturing lunch for you. Comfort food, **FREE** lunch when you sell us \$25 cash or \$50 credit of your great clothes.

Clothes Horse
720 E. 13th
345-5099



Have a healthy curiosity?

**Lane County Public Health
offers Walk-In
Confidential HIV Testing**

Koinonia Center
1414 Kincaid
Mondays 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Call 687-4013

*"Making it easier
to be safe and sure..."*

Etiquette Consulting by Linda Reed
(541) 688-2959

Lifetime Skills For the 90s
Classes For Ages 17-21
Begins Wed., Feb. 5 • 6-8 p.m.

14-hour Workshop Includes Resume Development and Job Interview Skills

- Self-Esteem and Confidence Building
- Table Manners
- Dos and Don'ts of Dining
- 3-Course Dining Tutorial
- Continental and American Style of Dining
- Meetings, Introductions, Handshaking
- Etiquette in Public Places



Linda Reed

Rennie's Landing
on campus at
1214 Kincaid



Studying got you down?
Late night menu 'til 1 a.m.
Spirits 'til 2 a.m.

Interface
with Dan Carlin

GET RADIOACTIVE

3-6pm Weekdays
KUGN 590AM

http://www.efn.org/~sing/cttb email: sing@efn.org
AMERICAN PIE NETWORKS, INC.

Spring Break
Mazatlan
from \$500.00*
*includes airfare, hotel and tax.
Based on quad occupancy.

Stop by and visit our
new location at
1200 High St.

Remeber we are only
a phone call away!!!

visit our web page at:
www.allwaystravel.com
or E-mail us at:
uo@allwaystravel.com

All Ways Travel
338-4199



Oregon Travel Sellers Registration # 300

**Make a difference
Recycle this paper!**