

## NFL Preseason Pick: Green Bay Packers vs Denver Broncos

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The Green Bay Packers will face the Denver Broncos tonight at Invesco Field at Mile High Stadium in Denver, Colorado. The game starts at 9:00pm ET and it marks the Packers second road pre-season game in a row. Green Bay fell last week to the Forty-Niners by a score of 34-6 while the Broncos dispatched the Cowboys at home 23-13. NFL betting odds at SBGglobal.com have Denver as a -3 home favorite and the game over/under total at 38.

Green Bay took a big step back last week after looking good in their pre-season debut against the Benglas. The Packers amassed 383 yards on offense while holding the Bengals to 241 total yards. They did lose the game but they led 10-0 at the end of the first quarter when their starters departed. Last week was a complete reversal. Green Bay generated just 182 yards in the game and a miserable 46 in the first half. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers was sacked four times and generally looked panicked.

Head Coach Mike McCarthy will be looking for the line to hold up a little better against the Broncos and he will also be looking for the first team offense to produce some points. The starters will likely play deeper into this evening's game so they will have ample time to find a rhythm.

Denver now sits at 1-1 in the pre-season, and their first team units have been impressive. Quarterback Jay Cutler has been outstanding in completing 24 of 30 passes for 237 yards and a touchdown. The running game has been solid too and the offensive line has yielded just one sack in two games. It also would appear that Mike Shanahan has found a counterpart for wide receiver Brandon Marshall. Second round pick Eddie Royal has 4 receptions for 80 yards this pre-season and has been exciting throughout training camp.

The Bronco defense also held the vaunted Cowboy offense out of the end zone in the first quarter, duplicating their effort in Houston the previous week. They have produced to sacks in each game as well.

NFL Preseason Game Trends: The Broncos have averaged 24.7 points per game in home pre-season games since 2003.

SBGglobal.com's line for tonight's game:

Packers +3 (-115), Over 38 (-110), +130 (Money line)

Broncos -3 (-105), Under 38 (-110), -150 (Money line)

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