

After last week's beatdown at the hands of the New Orleans Saints, many forgot how dangerous the Green Bay Packers offense can be. After Sunday's beatdown at the expense of the Detroit Lions, it's very easy to remember.

Green Bay welcomed the Packers for their home opener with a little bit of skepticism but the same lofty expectations. Going into the half trailing the Lions 17-14, didn't help to erase any doubts, but by the final whistle, order had been restored.

Quarterback Aaron Rodgers threw for four touchdowns, three of which were caught by Aaron Jones, as the Packers outscored the Lions by 21 in the second half of their 35-17 win. Jones added a score on the ground as well, finishing with four total touchdowns on the day.

Green Bay's offense was back to ramming speed, after leading the league in scoring a year ago. Detroit took an early 7-0 lead but was quickly answered by the first Rodgers to Jones linkup of the day. The Lions then went up again 14-7, but were met with the same response. After going ahead 17-14 on a field goal right before the half, it would be the last time they held the lead.

Not only did Green Bay's offense continue to roll in the second half, but for the first time this season, they were joined by the defense.

Rodgers threw a touchdown to Robert Tonyan to put the Packers ahead 21-17 early in the third quarter, and after a stop by the Green Bay defense, got the ball back with the lead for the first time all game. From there it was two more Aaron Jones touchdowns, one from Rodgers and one on the ground to make the score 35-17. By the time the dust had settled, the damage to the Lions had already been done.

Jared Goff finished 26 of 36 for 246 and two touchdowns, but also fumbled a snap and threw an interception in an up and down day. The Lions are still left searching for their first win in the Dan Campbell era, and are going to need their offense to be consistent to do so. The only two times Detroit crossed midfield in the second half they turned the ball over on downs.

"We just kind of kept shooting ourselves in the foot there," Goff told ESPN.

A lot of the credit has to go to Green Bay's defense however. They were just as displeased with their performance last week as the offense was, and although it took them a half to get going, they changed the tide of the game. They brought more pressure in the second half and eliminated the Lions run game, forcing them into a lot of 3rd and longs. They came up when stops when it mattered and are going to need to do so to alleviate Rodgers and the offense against better teams.

After a week of criticism, and rightfully so, the Packers have temporarily quieted the concerns. In about as much of a must-win as you can have in week 2, the Packers showed that they are still capable of playing at the high level they once did.