



# Despite Retirement, Sportsbook Says Brett Favre Might Play, But Not With the Packers

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*Brett Favre's my end retirement, but Sportsbook claims Favre's return will be with a different NFL team.*

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"It's all rumor." That was 38-year-old Brett Favre's response via text message when asked if he was looking to re-sign with the Green Bay Packers this football season. However, Favre's brother Scott told WTMJ-TV that his brother was working out and that "It's 50%-50%. There's no doubt he can play. He's in good shape, he's working out, so, if he did, it wouldn't surprise me."

"The Packers have been preparing to lose Brett Favre the last few football seasons. Besides drafting Aaron Rodgers with a first-round draft pick, they also acquired Louisville standout Brian Brohm and LSU's Matt Flynn to their roster," stated Dan DelGato director of operations for LazerWager. "If Brett Favre plays this football season, it most likely won't be with the Green Bay Packers," added DelGato.

Week 1 of the 2008-2009 NFL season kicks off on Thursday, September 4, and the Packers have spent the entire offseason preparing former California Bear star, Aaron Rodgers, to play quarterback and psychologically closing the door on Favre's 17-year reign as offensive leader.

Media outlets in Wisconsin reported that Favre or his agent, James "Bus" Cook, contacted the Packers about returning a few weeks ago, and the conversation ended with the quarterback asking for his release. The team reportedly refused his request. ESPN's sources said that while Favre asking for his release is a possibility, the situation hasn't yet reached that stage.

NFL Players Association spokesman Carl Francis said that Favre is still listed as an active player. "He never filled out any paperwork officially retiring from the NFL." After each of the last three NFL seasons there was speculation that Brett Favre's retirement would be announced, however, it didn't actually happen until last year. If Favre was serious about returning this football season, the Packer's general manager would have the option to put Favre on the active roster, trade him, or release him.

"After seeing Favre wear that number 4 jersey in Green Bay for 17 years, most football fans can't imagine him playing for a different NFL team, however, Joe Montana ended his career in Kansas City, Boomer Esiason went to the Jets after 9 years in Cincinnati and Steve McNair played his final year with the Ravens," reminded DelGato.

With the lack of quality quarterbacks in the NFL the past few seasons, it won't be difficult for Favre to find a new home. Several playoff-caliber teams appear to be just a quarterback away from reaching the Super Bowl, including the Chicago Bears, Minnesota Vikings and Carolina Panthers.

"With the NFL preseason just weeks away, we'll be posting a prop wager for our players interested in this Favre situation," said DelGato. "Favre staying retired will be the favorite, but returning to the NFL with a new team will be close behind! You'll get the highest odds on him re-signing with the Packers." Visit LazerWager.com this week to get the actual odds on this Favre situation.

"I know he has the itch to come back and play," Packers cornerback Al Harris told ESPN's "NFL Live." Harris said, "If he will or not, I don't know."

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