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“Mafia! Mount up!”

Buffalo fans everywhere are gearing up for a ‘make or break’ season after the Bills finished out their pre-season taking down the Green Bay Packers 19-0. With most Green Bay’s first-string players benched, back-up quarterback Jordan Love and his team struggled to put points on the board. On the other side of the field, Josh Allen dominated the air, making key plays with returning players, Gabriel Davis, and Cole Beasley, in addition to new faces on the team such as Emmanuel Sanders.

Josh Allen and his Buffalo Bills have proved a force to be reckoned this preseason; storming onto the field, scoring a touchdown on their opening drive, and keeping that momentum throughout the game, even when the starters came off the field. Unlike Green Bay, Buffalo opened the game with most of their starting players, aside from Stefon Diggs. This preseason Allen has consistently shown that Diggs is not the only threat on the field, as Gabriel Davis was able to make 5 receptions, for 75 receiving yards. Newcomer to the Bills, Emmanuel Sanders, proved useful as a short route runner and was also a favorite target for Allen, putting up 27 yards of a total of four carries. The Bills offense was not completely rush free however, as back up quarterback Jake Fromm made a 13 yard rushing touchdown, sealing Buffalo’s victory with their final points of the game.

To save their starters for the main season and avoid crucial injuries, Jordan Love led the Packers' offensive unit at the start of the game, and initially found easy passes to on Green Bay's opening drive, however, they were unable to connect falling just short at the Buffalo one yard line. Packers running backs, AJ Dillon and Kylin Hill, were frequently utilized by Love and both making seven carries, with Hill rushing for total of 37 yards and Dillon rushing for a total of 18 yards. In the end however, the Packers ultimately came up short with several drives being stopped on Buffalo's side of the fifty-yard line, and even one interception being made by Bills' safety, Micah Hyde.

For the Buffalo, the stage is set, and after falling just short of the Superbowl last season, The Bill Mafia is hungrier than ever to go all the way. Green Bay is also on the hunt for redemption, after losing their aspirations to the Buccaneers, yet it is not entirely clear how their team will perform. With franchise quarterback, Aaron Rodgers, and star players such as Randall Cobb, one would hope that they too can go all the way, but fans won't find out until this Sunday.