

The Green Bay Packers dealt safety Ha Ha Clinton-D

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to the Washington Redskins for a 2019 fourth-round pick and sent running back Ty Montgomery to the Baltimore Ravens for a 2020 seventh-round pick at the NFL trading deadline Tuesday. A first-round pick in 2014 [JK Scott Jersey](#), Clinton-Dix started all 16 games for the Packers at safety in each of the past three seasons, and had started all seven games this season. Clinton-Dix, 25, is in the final year of his rookie contract. A Pro Bowl selection in 2016, Clinton-Dix leads the Packers with three interceptions this season. The Montgomery deal comes just two days after the converted wide receiver committed an egregious error in the closing moments of the Packers' loss to the Los Angeles Rams, fumbling on a kickoff return after taking the ball out of the end zone. Packers head coach Mike McCarthy later said Montgomery had been instructed to remain in the end zone. The Packers' starting running back as recently as Week 6 of last season, Montgomery was pressed into service midway through the 2016 season following injuries to Eddie Lacy and James Starks. However, the Packers appeared unsatisfied with his performance, drafting running backs Jamaal Williams and Aaron Jones in 2017. Montgomery has fallen behind the two second-year backs this season [Brett Favre Color Rush Jersey](#)

, and appeared on just 12 of the offense's snaps last week. The Vikings had low expectations in 2017, especially after quarterback Sam Bradford made an early exit with a knee injury. They grossly surpassed them. In 2018, the expectations became sky high, with the arrival of quarterback Kirk Cousins. They failed to even make it to the playoffs. This year, the expectations are sort of in the middle. On Sunday, the Vikings performed like anything but a sort-of-in-the-middle team, smashing the Falcons, 28-12. But defensive end and team captain Everson Griffen has a warning for his teammates. "Don't take the cheese," Griffen told PFT by phone after Sunday's victory. "There's a long way to go. This is just the beginning." The worst thing any team can do is listen to external praise and hype

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, but in this day and age it's virtually impossible to tune it out. If they keep winning, the hype will grow, and they'll have to deal with it, without losing focus on the one-game-at-a-time task at hand. In six days, the Vikings will literally try to take the cheese, when making their annual trip to Lambeau Field. Last year, the two teams battled to an epic 29-29 overtime tie. This year, the winner (if there is one) will take early control of the NFC North.

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