

JORDAN LOVE IS A BUST

In his third year and with one preseason game left, it's time to admit it— Jordan Love is a bust.

It's a bird... It's a plane... It's Jordan Love?

Jordan Love's long delivery and off-script play garnered comparisons to Cam Newton after Love was drafted by the Packers with the 26th pick in the 2020 draft. Both Newton and Love were touted for their size and playmaking ability coming out of college. Although Newton's success was brighter racking up a Heisman trophy and a National Title, Love doubled Newton's touchdown total and out threw him for more than 6,000 yards throughout his college career.

But since transitioning to pro ball the comparison has fallen flat.

Long-lived wisdom says don't grade a player based on the NFL's preseason. Working out the kinks for a new scheme and faster gameplay naturally looks ugly. But this is year three for Love, who's a year, possibly games away from inheriting the Green Bay quarterback throne.

Love could be the franchise's first miss at the position if the preseason is any indication of Love's impending rein. In the past, plenty of players have performed poorly in the preseason to rocket past their draft expectation during the 16-game slog.

Cam Newton is probably the best example. In his 2015 preseason debut, he looked like he should've stayed for his senior year at Auburn. In three games that preseason, Newton was 26/48 with only 285 yards passing, averaging below six yards an attempt and three touchdowns.

Later that season, Newton and the Panthers would go on a heater, going 15-1, making the Superbowl and Newton winning the league's MVP.

Tough Love

Though this is year three, Love has similarly struggled this preseason going 25/48 on 309 yards passing, with three touchdowns and three interceptions. Yes, the preseason is the preseason, but Love is facing second and third-team talent and some of his stats are frightening.

With one preseason game left to go, he's in a [three-way-tie](#) for league leader in preseason interceptions and is bottom-five this preseason in [passer rating](#) (65.4) and [completion percentage](#) (52.1), barely inching out Tennessee's rookie quarterback Malik Willis.

Malik Willis... oof.

This shaky-type of play is exactly what the Packers saw in Love's only regular season game, last season against the Chiefs. In a tough environment, and after starting quarterback Aaron Rodgers was ruled out due to COVID, Love put together an up-and-down showing where he struggled to move the ball vertically, finishing the game with 5.3 yards per attempt. His first start ended in a loss, completing 56% of his passes for 190 yards and a 69.5 passer rating.

It's as average as nonpareils, small talk, New Jersey; Nick Foles, Mitchell Trubisky, Andy Dalton. All quarterbacks whose career completion percentage is over 60%. In the NFL, accuracy is the floor. The prerequisite.

[Not everyone sees the light.](#) It's true that the Packers are famous for grooming young talent at QB. It's true the organization has transitioned from legendary quarterback to another legendary quarterback, before.

But in year three, if the Packers believed in Love, they would've let Aaron Rodgers walk. With Rodgers [signing a four-year, \\$200 million contract to stay in Green Bay.](#)

Love—who has spent two years on the bench behind Rodgers—likely will spend the next two there, too.