



New Lambeau no concern to Crosby

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Green Bay -- The changes at Lambeau Field are ongoing. In the south end zone, 7,000 new seats are being added for the 2013 season. And with new video scoreboards put in as well, the stadium continues to grow. And grow.

Will it all have any effect on the field? Kicker **Mason Crosby**, for one, hasn't seen any negative signs so far with the flight of his ball. He kicked inside the bowl this week to simulate what he may experience on Sunday. Weather can change things, but Crosby didn't sound too concerned.

"For me, it's basically the same deal I've done every year," Crosby said. "You get out, evaluate it and on game day it's going to be different. If you can get out there during the week, you kick with what the stadium gives you. It's just like anywhere else. I felt like the last game, I really hit the ball well and did what the wind gave me. That's how I have to do it. So we'll go out there Sunday and evaluate where it's at and however that wind's blowing."

The construction may be a positive for kickers, he added. Crosby's kicks sailed nine yards deep into the end zone -- in both directions -- the final preseason game.

"The last game we had the south wind and the ball was flying distance-wise pretty good both ways, which that could be a new positive with that blocking there," Crosby said. "The ball might not get blocked down as bad going in one direction."

Overall, Crosby is hoping to get off to a fast start again.

From the end of the 2010 regular season through 2011, he made a team-record 23 straight field goals. Without another kicker or punter in training camp, Crosby and **Tim Masthay** both got plenty of work in.

"I feel good. I got all the reps I wanted to in camp," he said. "We had a good workload. We were able to kind of manage the reps and make sure we got some good quality work but try to limit the numbers because it's such a long season. You have to get the work in so that we're prepared but my leg's feeling really good. I'm looking forward to getting out there. I'm feeling fresh."

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