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The history of the nfl playoffs is littered with unpleasant games, but the champions of an adequate amount of those games often make it to the [Super Bowl betting](#).

But in 2011, both the AFC and NFC division championships were won by great teams playing unpleasant games vs long shots that practically defeat them. The Green Bay Packers and Pittsburgh steelers lasted, correct, but neither team played remarkably well this past weekend, nearly failing to make the Super Bowl prospects and allowing the longshots make it to this year's huge match.

And that can mean difficulties for either team's odds to win the Super Bowl. In the 2nd half of the National Football Conference division championship, the Chicago Bears almost came back from being down by 14 points to take the Packers' place in the Super Bowl. If Bears Qb Cutler had been in the game the whole time, we might have been looking forward to a Steelers-Bears matchup.

The Pittsburgh steelers did not do much greater in their division championship match vs the Jets. The Jets and the Steelers were fairly evenly matched, but New York came out competing like they didn't feel they belonged in the Super Bowl. Being down 24 points in the 2nd half, the team constructed a impressive comeback, but it was only short of putting them at the top of the game.

So, as opposed to an underdog from either division getting to the Super Bowl this year, we get to watch two great clubs battle it out, in spite of their not having competed up to their full potentials in their earlier games. And with all the excitement, distractions, and stress that come in addition to every year's bowl match, can we anticipate either the Packers or the Steelers to play really well? The Green Bay Packers and Steelers have been in the Super Bowl plenty of times and the Super Bowl title is named after Green Bay coach Vince Lombardi who headed the Packers to victories in the 1st two Super Bowls. The Packers have 3 Super Bowls victories and one loss in their four prior appearances. They won the 1st two Super Bowls and additionally won Super Bowl XXXI. They lost in Super Bowl XXXII. Pittsburgh has won the Super Bowl a record six times plus they are going following their seventh.

If one team or the other had crushed their competitors this past week and decisively taken either the AFC or the National Football Conference championship, it might be less complicated to anticipate with squad would win the Super Bowl. But with both teams arriving off fairly unsightly 2nd quarters that may have cost either squad their chance at Super Bowl honor at all, picking a favorite becomes much more challenging.

Currently, sports book lines are leaning toward the Green Bay Packers as the slight favorite to win in 2011.

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