

# Where Could Aaron Rodgers Play in 2025?

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On Sunday, [the Jets informed Aaron Rodgers](#) that they would not be retaining him for the 2025 season. As [Jay Glazer reported for Fox Sports](#), “all signs point to him continuing to play”, given that Rodgers flew to New York to discuss his future. This combination begs the question: where will Aaron Rodgers be next season?

## - **Atlanta Falcons**

- The Falcons are expected to rinse their hands of 13-year veteran QB Kirk Cousins this offseason after only 1 year with the team. The 4-time Pro Bowler barely managed to reach 3,500 passing yards in 2024, and the Falcons missed the Playoffs at 8-9. They controversially drafted QB Michael Penix Jr. 8th overall last year, so signing Rodgers would be yet more controversial. However, if they do decide to go down the veteran QB route yet again, Rodgers is a prime candidate.
- Fit Grade: **B-**

## - **Las Vegas Raiders**

- With their recent hiring of Pete Carroll, the Raiders inexplicably seem to be trying to win soon. Despite the state of their roster and the endless trade conversations around superstar EDGE rusher Maxx Crosby, part-owner Tom Brady and the Raiders seem to be determined to get back to winning ways. Their QB position is a complete unknown at present, and given the exceedingly weak nature of the 2025 Draft QB class, they could turn to Free Agency. If Carroll was hired partially to instill a winning culture in Vegas, who better to complement that than a Super Bowl Champion at Quarterback?
- Fit Grade: **C**

## - **Minnesota Vikings**

- The most ironic ending to Aaron Rodgers's career would be copying that of his mentor Brett Favre and heading to Minnesota. The similarities are myriad: Rodgers started 15 years for Green Bay while Favre started 16; Rodgers played 2 years in New York while Favre played 1; Rodgers won 4 MVPs, Favre won 3; both won one Lombardi Trophy. If Rodgers headed to Minnesota, their careers would be even more remarkably similar. The move makes sense on the field, as well. The 2024 Vikings went an impressive 14-3, but fell to the Rams in the Wild Card Round. Resurgent QB Sam Darnold had a standout season, but will be a Free Agent following the expiration of his 1-year contract. If the Vikings believe their Championship window is still open, a Rodgers signing would actually make a lot of sense. He would undoubtedly be the most talented signal

caller superstar receiver Justin Jefferson has ever caught passes from. Rodgers could also serve as the mentor for J.J. McCarthy, much like he did for Jordan Love and Brett Favre did for him.

- Fit Grade: **A**

## - **Pittsburgh Steelers**

- The Steelers are a team immersed in mediocrity. Despite not having any losing seasons under Mike Tomlin, they haven't surpassed the Wild Card Round since 2017. The Pittsburgh Quarterback position has been tumultuous since Ben Roethlisberger's retirement in 2021. They elected for a two-QB approach in 2024, going with veteran gunslinger Russell Wilson and younger talent Justin Fields, a new acquisition and former 1st-round pick of Chicago. Neither were at all impressive, and both are Free Agents this offseason. The Steelers have an aging roster and a front office that doesn't enjoy losing. These factors combined with the aforementioned poor quality of the 2024 QB Class make the Steelers a top suitor for Rodgers.

- Fit Grade: **A-**

## - **San Francisco 49ers**

- While not as picture-perfect as signing with the Vikings, Aaron Rodgers going to the Bay may be the most poetic ending to his career. He famously grew up a 49ers fan, who passed on him in favor of Alex Smith in 2005. San Francisco opting for Rodgers would certainly be a controversial move after they've essentially placed the future of their franchise in the hands of former Mr. Irrelevant Brock Purdy. The only issue is that Purdy's not been the greatest. They've had recent success with sub-par QB play, including Super Bowl runs with Jimmy Garoppolo in 2019 and Purdy in 2023. However, last year's 6-11 season, even with the injuries the Niners sustained, has put Kyle Shanahan at least somewhat on the hot seat. Recent uncertainty surrounding former All-Pro Deebo Samuel has not helped things. Despite all of the success he's had in his 8 seasons, San Francisco has never won a Super Bowl under Shanahan. Rodgers returning home would not only be an incredible story, but would give the 49ers a potential "Last Dance" style run to a title.

- Fit Grade: **B+**

## - **Tennessee Titans**

- There's been a lot of buzz about the Titans being a potential landing spot for Rodgers, though it honestly makes little sense outside of their need for a Quarterback. 2nd-round pick Will Levis certainly doesn't seem like the answer, but neither does a rental of Aaron Rodgers, who will play for at *most* two or three more seasons. Rodgers has expectedly become

decreasingly mobile as he ages, so putting him behind Tennessee's offensive line doesn't seem like a great plan. Despite their first-round talent, Tennessee allowed the 5th most sacks last year, with 52. *And* that was with the more-mobile Levis. While a team with a dire QB need, like the Titans, seems a natural fit for Rodgers, it's very unlikely that they would be able to get their roster in a winning position by the time he retires.

- Fit grade: **D**