



## PRESEASON

Green Bay Packers (4-0) 24, New York Giants 17  
Monday September 2nd 1963 (at Green Bay)



# Packers Beat NY 24-17 Before Record 42,327

## GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)

(GREEN BAY) - This one was for Joe Q. Phan! The Packers and Giants presented a real spectacular Monday night for the benefit of the largest crowd ever to see a Packer game in Green Bay and to make the evening complete the Packers came away with the victory, 24-17. This was the third annual Bishop's Charities production and the attendance total - 42,337 - broke all home gate marks. The Packers went behind three times, 3-0, 10-7 and 17-14, but exploded with 10 points in the third quarter for their fourth non-league victory this season and seventh straight win over the Maramen. The belligerents, putting on something of a rematch of their championship game last December, scored 21 of the game's first 31 points in a rip-roaring second quarter which started with no score and finished with a halftime 17-14, New York. Try this on for thrilling size - all in Quarter 2: Don Chandler kicked a 12-yard field goal to start the scoring. On the next kickoff, Herb Adderley took the ball on the goal line and streaked 100 yards down the sidelines for a touchdown and a 7-3 lead. Then the Giants intercepted a Bart Starr pass and moved 11 yards for their first TD, an 8-yard run by Nat Craddock, for a Giant edge, 10-7. The Pack cracked back with a 60-yard drive and Jim Taylor scored from a yard out. It was 14-10. Then, with no time left in the half, Dick Lynch crossed the goal line to end a 91-yard interception return, which was started by Jim Patton. The Packers calmly went out and won it the first two times they had the ball in the second half. Earl Gros and Dan Grimm combined on a 50-yard kickoff return to start the second half and six plays later Taylor scored his second TD from the 2. The Bays were ahead 21-17 and to make sure Jerry Kramer added a 25-yard field goal. The defense did the rest. The audience, which included Paul Hornung, never got a chance to sit back - at least in the first half. The spectaculars started with a zig zag 48 yard run by old Hugh McElhenny early in the first quarter, but a clipping penalty killed it. Four plays later Taylor roared 45 yards up the sidelines. After Adderley's 100-yarder, Ron Kramer made one of those unbelievable catches with the ball balancing on his fingertips for five yards to set up the second TD. After the 91-yard interception return, Taylor took a short pass from Starr and ran some 80 yards for a TD, but, alas, a clipping penalty ruined it all. While this was quite a crowd pleaser, it wasn't necessarily a crowd pleaser. Starr had two interceptions and once lost the ball on a fumble and the Bays committed eight penalties for losses totaling 67 yards - not to mention a TD on Taylor's long run.

### DEFENSE HEALTHIEST

The Giants' defense was at its healthiest and best but Starr put together two touchdown drives, a good drive for a field goal and two other ball-freezing moves. The Bays totaled up 286 yards, including 171 rushing, and 17 first downs. The Giants, hurting on offense with Frank Gifford, Alex Webster and Phil King not playing, used the interceptions to arrange their two TDs. The Bay tackler held NY to eight first downs and 182 yards and produced three interceptions of Y.A. Tittle passes - two by Jess Whittenton and one by Herb Adderley. Taylor and Sam Huff didn't match their exploits of the



# Spectacular

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (Pre-Season Standings)

	W	L	T	Pct.	PS	OP
*Green Bay	4	0	0	1.000	105	41
Baltimore	4	0	0	1.000	91	63
Minnesota	3	1	0	.750	114	81
St. Louis	2	1	0	.667	58	58
Chicago	2	2	0	.500	66	76
Detroit	2	2	0	.500	74	73
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	64	66
Philadelphia	2	2	0	.500	100	90
Pittsburgh	2	2	0	.500	67	64
Dallas	2	2	0	.500	81	89
New York	1	3	0	.250	64	76
Los Angeles	1	3	0	.250	51	84
San Francisco	0	4	0	.000	81	128
Washington	0	3	0	.000	60	96

\*—Not including loss to College All Stars.

### Monday Night's Result

Green Bay 24, New York 17.

### Friday's Game

Minnesota at St. Louis, night.

### Saturday's Games

Dallas vs. Detroit at New Orleans, night.

Baltimore vs. Chicago at New Orleans, night.

Green Bay vs. Washington at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, night.

New York vs. Philadelphia at Princeton, N. J.

San Francisco at Los Angeles, night.

### Sunday's Game

Cleveland vs. Pittsburgh at Canton, Ohio.

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New York ..... 0 17 0 0-17

Green Bay ..... 0 14 10 0-24

New York Scoring: Touchdowns—Craddock (8 yards, run, 11:53 of second quarter), Lynch (67 yards with lateral from Patton, 15:00 of second). Field Goal—Chandler (12, 3:51 of second). Extra Points—Chandler 2.

Green Bay Scoring: Touchdowns—Taylor 2 (1, 13:49 of second; 2, 4:27 of third), Adderley (100, kickoff return, 4:09 of second). Field Goal—J. Kramer (25, 12:21 of third). Extra Points—J. Kramer 2.

Officials: Referee—George Rennix. Head Linesman—Dan Tehan, Field Judge—Don Looney, Umpire—Tony Sacco. Back Judge—Sam Giangreco.

drive appeared stalled at midfield but on third down R. Kramer saved the day with his spectacular 45-yard pass catch to the Giant 15. Lew Carpenter, running the option, hurled to R. Kramer for 8 to 7 and four crashes later Taylor went over standing up behind a big hole opened by Jim Ringo with 1:14 left. Just before the half Whittenton intercepted a Tittle pass and as time ran out Starr threw long to Dowler on the Giants' 9. Patton grabbed the ball which was tipped by Barnes, set sail for 24 yards and then lateralled to Lynch, who continued 67 yards for the TD. Gros and Grimm put on their kickoff return heroics to start the second half and the Bays scored in six running plays from the 37. Moore led off with 17 yards in two trips and Taylor added 16 in two more to the 4. Moore then slammed two and Taylor then climbed right over Huff into the end zone for a 21-17 lead at 4:27. Starr went to passing to set up J. Kramer's field goal. He hit R. Kramer for 11, Dowler for 11 and Moore for 18 before trouble set in and J.K.'s field goal became necessary. That was it, although the Bays put on a fine drive early in the fourth period. Starr's pass to Taylor, which went for 80 yards before the penalty, was still good for 37 stripes. Two first downs, the second coming on a fourth down situation, put the Bays on the Giants' 34 but Starr fumbled on a first down play and Jim Katcavage recovered. Dowler put on two good punts, one a 57-yarder, to keep the Giants at bay the rest of the way.

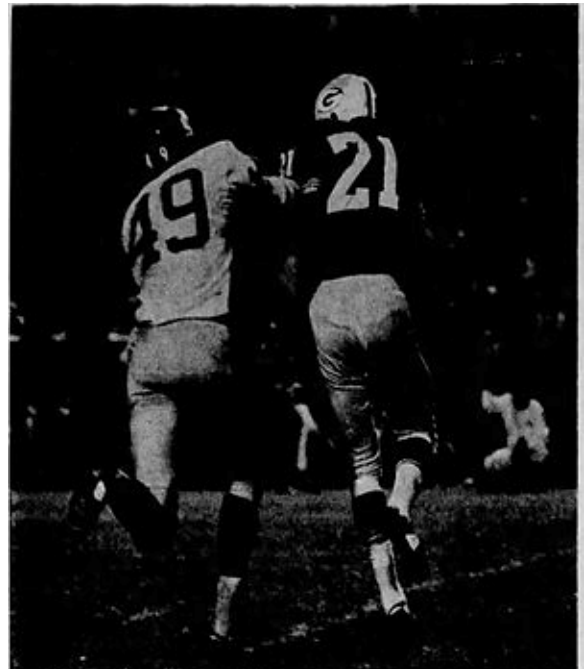
title game but they were both doing their best. Besides the two TDs, Taylor carried 12 times for 95 yards - just about an 8-yard average. The first quarter lasted 31 minutes and it seemed like somebody forgot to watch the clock. There was no scoring but the Packers had two chances in the tug-of-war. J. Kramer missed a field goal attempts from the 43 and then from the 42. A roughing penalty on the Pack forced Dowler to punt from deep in his own end zone and the Giants then got something going from the Packer 43 in the second period. Tittle passed to Jim Pace for 9 yards and four plays later Pace ran 20 yards to the Packer 8. The Packers then tightened and Chandler settled for his field goal at 3:51. Adderley took the following kickoff and broke away around the 30 with only Chandler in the way. Herb jukeed Chandler at the 50 and took off, outrunning Erich Barnes at the 5. J. Kramer kicked the first of three extra points at 4:09. Near the end of the half, Starr hurled a pass to Bob Jeter up the middle but Barnes intercepted right in front of Jeter and returned 19 yards to the Packer 11. Two plays later Craddock scored on a left end sweep and the rains came and quickly stopped. It was 10-7 at 11:58

### SAVED THE DAY

The Packers really slammed back, moving 60 yards in 10 plays. The

# Ed Blaine To Eagles

Ed Blaine, veteran Packer guard, has been traded to the Eagles for a high draft choice, Coach Vince Lombardi announced today. Departure of Blaine, a second year man, brings the Packer roster down to 42. The Packer roster must be cut to 40 today and to the final limit of 37 next Tuesday.



I Wan' It, I Wan' It—New York's Erich Barnes (49) reached in front of Packer Bob Jeter to steal a Bart Starr pass during the frantic second quarter of Monday night's game in City Stadium. Barnes pilfered the toss on the Green Bay 30 and ran back to the 11, setting up a Giant touchdown that gave the visitors a temporary 10-7 lead. (Press-Gazette Photo)



Herb Adderley (26) of the Green Bay Packers broke into the clear here on his 100-yard return of a kickoff in the second quarter. Adderley took the ball on the goal line, started directly upfield and then cut to the left and down the sideline to score. Dick Lynch (22) of the New York Giants moves over to try and head off Adderley, but coming up to block is Jerry Kramer (64) while in the background is Dan Grim (67) and Earl Gros (40). The Packers overcame a 17-14 halftime deficit to score a 24-17 win over the Giants before a capacity crowd in the annual Bishop's Charities game at City Stadium. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)

**NEW YORK - 0 17 0 0 - 17**  
**GREEN BAY - 0 14 10 0 - 24**

	NEW YORK	GREEN BAY
First Downs	8	17
Rushing-Yards-TD	30-117-1	38-171-2
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	26-7-65-0-3	23-11-143-0-2
Sack Yards Lost	0	28
Total Yards	182	286
Fumbles-lost	2-1	0-0
Turnovers	4	2
Yards penalized	5-40	8-67

### SCORING

2nd - NY - Don Chandler, 12-yard field goal NEW YORK GIANTS 3-0  
 2nd - GB - Herb Adderley, 100-yard kickoff return (Jerry Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 7-3  
 2nd - NY - Nat Craddock, 8-yard run (Chandler kick) NEW YORK GIANTS 10-7  
 2nd - GB - Jim Taylor, 1-yard run (J. Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 14-10  
 2nd - NY - Dick Lynch, 67-yard lateral from Jim Patton, 24-yard int ret (Chandler kick) NEW YORK 17-14  
 3rd - GB - Taylor, 2-yard run (J. Kramer kick) GREEN BAY 21-17  
 3rd - GB - J. Kramer, 24-yard field goal GREEN BAY 24-17

### RUSHING

**GREEN BAY** - Jim Taylor 12-95 2 TD, Earl Gros 10-50, Tom Moore 12-28, Elijah Pitts 4-(-2)

**NEW YORK** - Joe Morrison 11-34, Nat Craddock 7-29 1 TD, Jim Pace 5-25, Hugh McElhenny 3-16, Charlie Killett 4-13

### PASSING

**GREEN BAY** - Bart Starr 22-10-135 2 INT, Lew Carpenter 1-1-8

**NEW YORK** - Y.A. Tittle 26-7-65 3 INT

### RECEIVING

**GREEN BAY** - Ron Kramer 3-59, Boyd Dowler 3-27, Tom Moore 2-16, Earl Gros 2-4, Jim Taylor 1-37

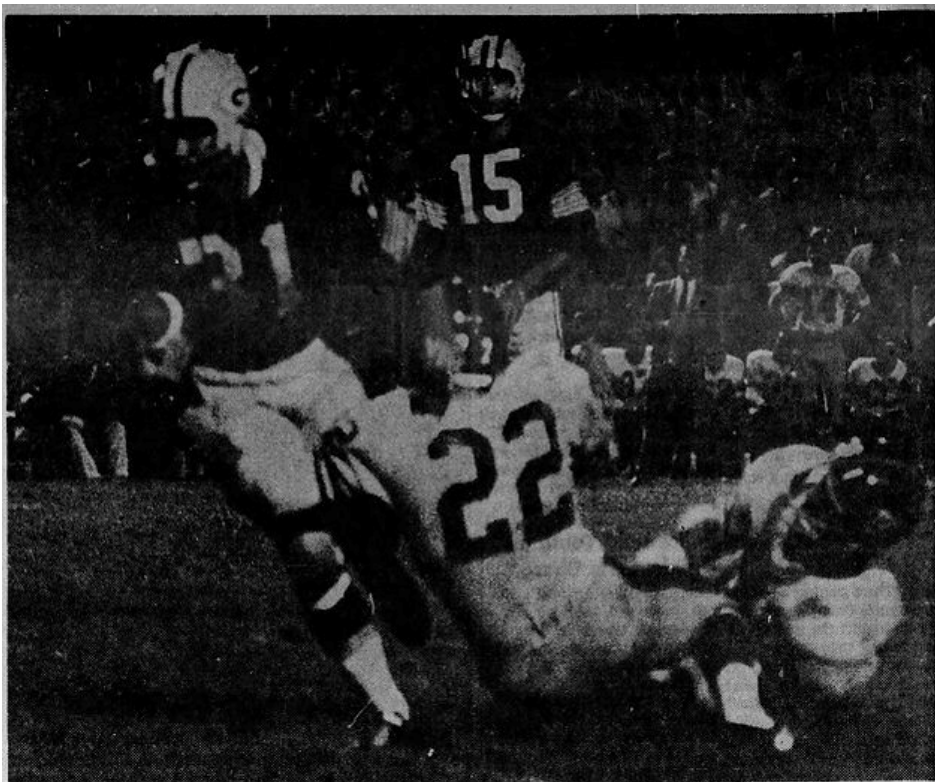
**NEW YORK** - Joe Morrison 2-8, Aaron Thomas 1-28, Charlie Killett 1-12, Jim Pace 1-9, Del Shofner 1-5, Nate Craddock 1-3

## Lombardi Sees 'Lot of Errors,' Finds Weekly Improvement

### LOMBARDI SEES 'LOT OF ERRORS,' FIND WEEKLY IMPROVEMENT

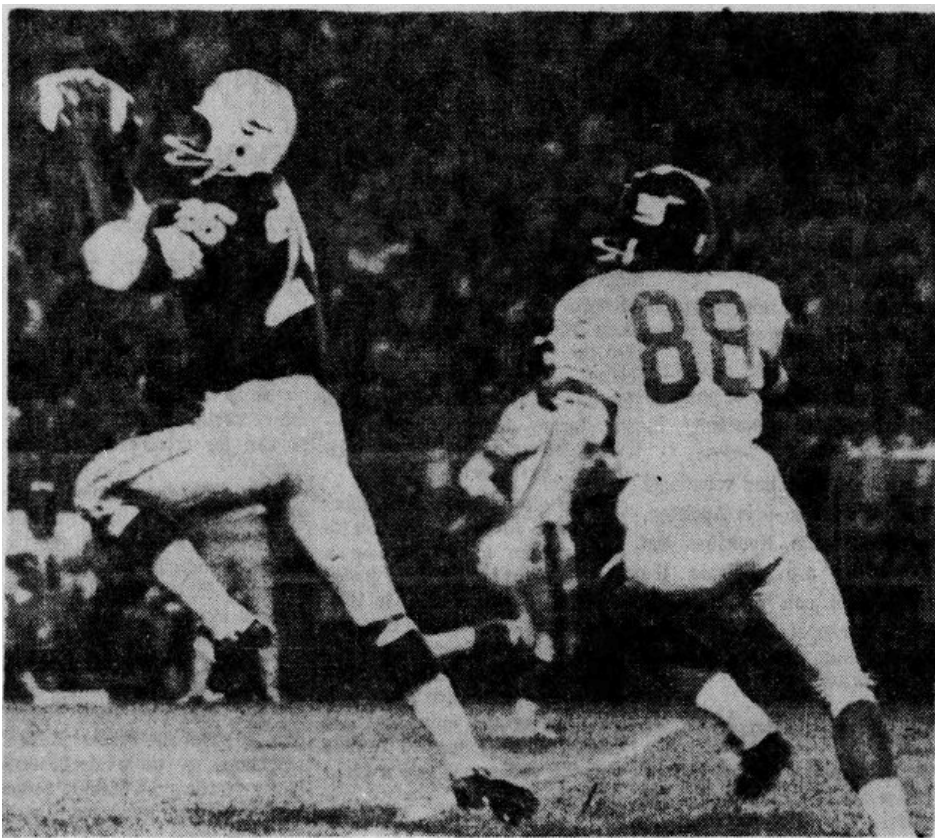
SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers had just deflated New York's Giants for the seventh straight time, admittedly an achievement of imposing

proportions, but it was hardly an unmixed joy to exacting Vince Lombardi. Meditating upon the Pack's bruising 24-17 triumph while holding forth in his new dressing room office, the world champion's resident genius observed with some



Jim Taylor (31), of the Green Bay Packers, broke loose for a short gain against the New York Giants in the Bishop's Charities game at City Stadium in Green Bay Monday night. Putting out a arm to stop Taylor is

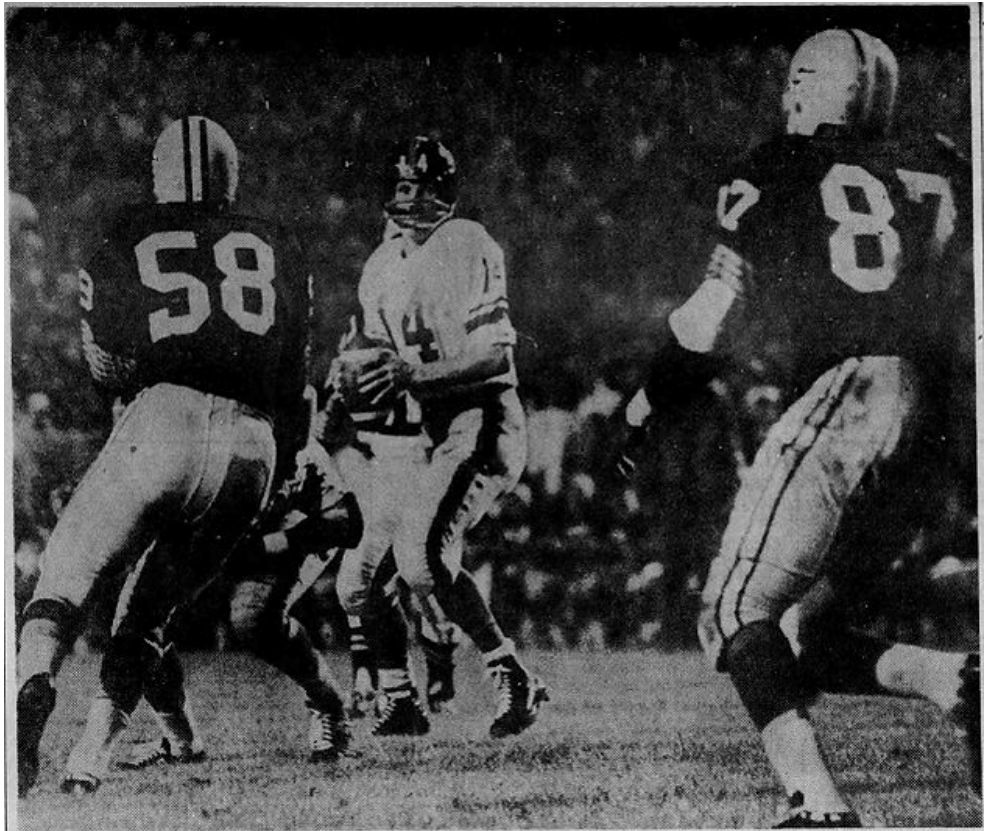
Dick Lynch (22) of the Giants. Bart Starr (15) Packer quarterback is watching the action. The Packers won the game, 24-17. (Post - Crescent News Service Photo)



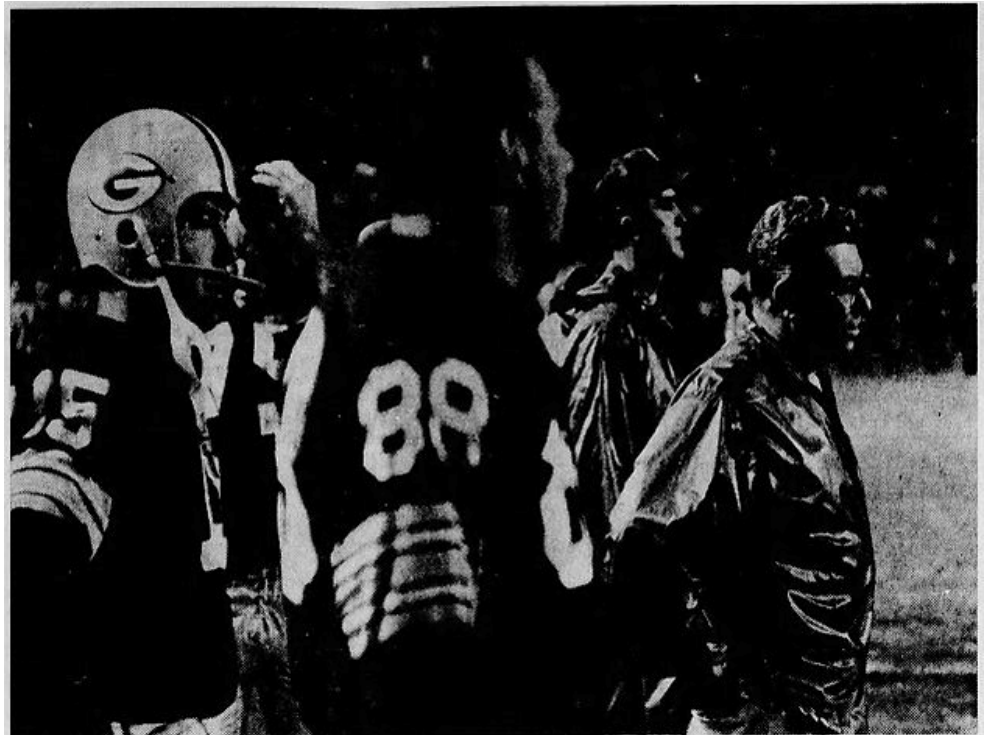
Herb Adderley (26), Green Bay Packer defensive back, grabs off a Y. A. Tittle pass intended for New York Giant end Aaron Thomas (88) in the first quarter of Monday's Bishop's Charities Game in Green Bay. The Packers went on to win the NFL exhibition battle, 24-17. (AP Wirephoto)

concern, "We made a lot of errors in penalties tonight, which we don't usually do. We stopped ourselves six times during the game. "And they were big ones," he noted with a grim smile. "We'd wind up with second down and 34, or something equally ridiculous." Despite these imperfections, Lombardi conceded the Packers' overall performance was not without merit. "I would say we are improving each week," he said. Errors were not his only concern, it developed. Like all football coaches, the ex-Fordham Block of Granite prizes a yen for contact in his athletes. But on this occasion (after asserting "that was a tough ball game), Lombardi declared, "When you have to play preseason games like this, it's time to get out of this business." The crunching imbroglio, which Vince further characterized as "wild and wooly," had produced injuries to two regular members of the offensive unit, he disclosed with a trace of apprehension. "Fuzzy Thurston got a sprained back," Lombardi said. "I don't know how bad it is. And Jim Ringo may have a jammed neck." The Packer chieftain, who makes it a rule never to criticize officials, offered a stock "no comment" when asked about the "call" which nullified Jim Taylor's late third quarter rumble to a touchdown. He did say, however, that Max McGee, assessed for clipping on the play, "made a great effort." Asked about the Bays' pass protection, a problem in the first half, Lombardi pointed out, "The Giants were a pretty aroused club - this was a pretty good offensive line our offense was facing. We just gave a little too much ground in the first half, but the protection was all right in the second half." The Giants "didn't throw too much," one New York scribe ventured. "Didn't throw too much?" Vince echoed somewhat incredulously. "Tittle threw 28 passes," he said, then grinned and added, "I'm just guessing." "How many did he throw?" Lombardi asked Packer Publicist Tom Miller, sitting nearby. "Twenty-six? That's a pretty good guess," he chuckled. Another eastern writer noted the night's combat had failed to produce a touchdown pass, which he considered somewhat odd.

"Kramer (Ron) dropped one on the goal line, I guess, didn't he?" Vince asked, then observed. "One catch he made was a great one." Turning to the enemy, Lombardi volunteered, "The Giants have some good-looking young backs. I don't know their names or their numbers, but they run hard." Had the easterners offered any surprises? "No, none at all," the forthright headmaster rapped. "I expected them to do as well as they did. They're a good football club."...Far from being downcast, as he might well have been, Giant mastermind Allie Sherman appeared in high spirits. Turning from a corner locker, where he had just finished a fatherly "heart-to-heart" with rookie halfback Nat Craddock, Sherman smiled and declared, "I thought it was a helluva ball game." "Both teams were hitting out there and we were in it," he added, not without a modicum of satisfaction. "We went as far as we could, but those Packers are good." "Yes, it was a wild and wooly game," Allie agreed, "but that's what you get when you have two teams hitting like that. They're always close to the ball, and when you stay close to the ball, anything can happen - like the interception we turned into a touchdown just before the half." Revealing the source of his good cheer. Sherman appended, "Our boys played a poor game last week, and they came off it tonight," he smiled. Already burdened with an imposing casualty list, the Giants' youthful head man was happy to report there had been no major additions. "We had some charley horses," he said, "but that was it. I hope they're not deep." How did he compare the '63 Packers with last year's world champions? Sherman grinned and, spreading his hands palm-upward, quoth, "They have the same strong, smart, tough team they had a year ago. You've got to give them credit, too. They came off that first game (a 20-17 loss to the College All-Stars) and got down to work." Would he like to meet them in another title showdown in the "cool, cool of Wisconsin?" "I'd like to," he admitted. "But there are 13 other (actually, there are only 12) people who would like to do the same thing." Reflecting concern over his employees, Sherman concluded, "We're a little behind in our evaluation because our new guys kept getting hurt. I just hope we get there in time."...Walking from his sanctum sanctorum



Green Bay Packers Dan Currie (58) and Willie Davis (87) put pressure on New York Giant quarterback Y. A. Tittle (14) in Monday's Bishop's Charities Game in Bay Monday night. Putting out an arm to stop Taylor is 24-17. (Post-Crescent News Service Photo)



Must Be Serious — The Packer sideline was all concentration at this moment in Monday night's game with the Giants in City Stadium. Studying the action are, left to right, Bart Starr (15), Ron Kramer (88), Defensive Coach Phil Bengtson and Head Coach Vince Lombardi. (Press-Gazette Photo)

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into the adjoining players' quarters, Vince Lombardi flashed a broad smile and boomed, "Look what we've got here." The head man, a paternal hand on his "guest's" shoulder, ushered into the Packers' presence their recent colleague, Paul Hornung, making his first appearance in the Pack's quarters since he was dealt a one-year suspension. "Hey, Paulie," Boyd Downer exclaimed, turning from his locker to shake hands with Hornung first. Hornung, the picture of sartorial resplendence in a quiet black suit, then toured the room, exchanging amenities with all of his 1862 colleagues. One of them, Herb Adderley, also was accepting congratulations for his dazzling 100-yard runback of a kickoff that produced the Packers' first touchdown. "I saw daylight on about our 25-yard line," he explained matter-of-factly, adding. "I just had great blocking. There was only one man out there and I figured if I could juke him and get back to the inside, I'd be on my way. I was on the sidelines and all I was looking for was that red flag. About the 7 or 8-yard line," he concluded with a slight smile, "Barnes (the Giants' Erich) shoved me - right into the end zone." Another major hero, Ron Kramer, shrugged off his incredible "double-tip" catch that triggered the Pack's second TD. "The one that was more important," said the University of Michigan immortal, "was the one that I missed on the one-yard line." "I should have had a touchdown," he observed with typical candor. "Any time that ball hits you, you should catch it. That's what you get paid for." How about his "spectacular?" Kramer thought a moment and replied, "I'm not real sure just what I did. But I know I tipped it with my right hand, and I think I tipped it back toward me with my left, then pulled it in. The play was a crossing pattern and Max (McGee) cleared the area real nice, so when I came across, there was a nice opening." Jim Taylor, who had been shorting with his old abandon, after apparently shaking off a siege of hepatitis, laughed about his "altercation" with the Giants' Andy Robustelli. "Oh, we just had a few words," he grinned. "You always got to have a few words among friends, you know." Next door neighbor Max McGee drawlingly interposed, "I meant to tell you, Jim, the only reason I blocked that guy on your touchdown (recalled for a clipping rap on McGee) was I thought he was catching you." Faced with a more ferocious rush than he is accustomed to, Bart Starr admitted, "It was pretty rough for a while. It was a goofy game," the veteran quarterback also noted. "Did you ever see anything goofier than it was just before the half. That was really wild. We get the ball on an interception and give it right back to them on an interception." From another corner, somebody wanted to know, "Was this a 50 dollar game (exhibition pay)?" "It sure wasn't," Dowler shot back. "The first half seemed like two games."

### HORNUNG CHEERED IN FIRST SHOWING

SEPT 3 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The onetime Golden Galloper of the Packers, Paul Hornung, returned to City Stadium



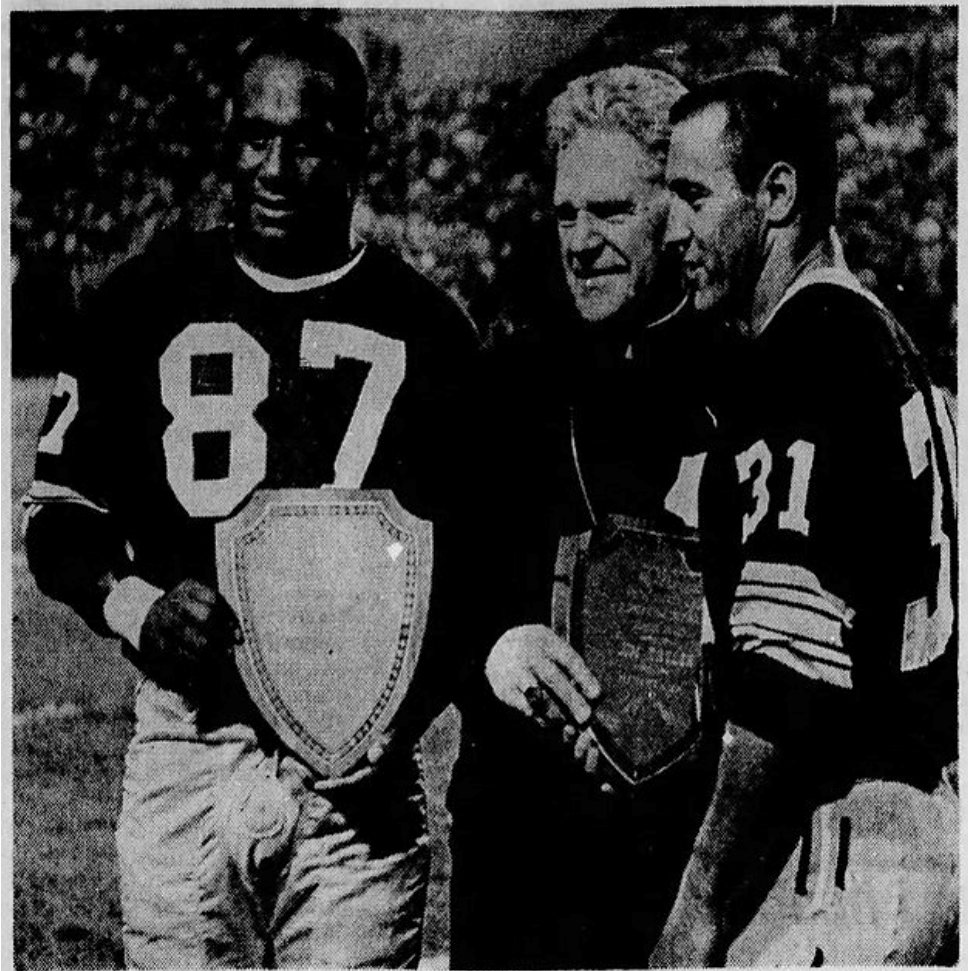
Monday night but rather than dressed for gridiron combat, he appeared more suited for a television commercial. Suspended indefinitely by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle for gambling, Hornung was nevertheless greeted with the awe and cheers normally accorded his football feats as he took his seat a couple rows down from the press box and was introduced by Don Binkowski via the PA system. He answered the applause with a gleaming smile and snappy wave. It was the first time he has seen his ex-mates since that ominous day last spring when the axe fell. And he described the feeling as "good, real good." He would admit no uneasiness in assuming his unaccustomed role as a spectator at a Packer game. After enjoying the first half from the stands sitting with Mrs. Ron Kramer, with the Kramer's son, Kurt, on his lap, the erstwhile NFL scoring king and MVP observed the second half from the coach's booth on the second tier of the press box. Hornung was in town to record some interviews with the Packers for use on his Louisville sports program. When Hornung

**VIP Visitor** — Paul Hornung, suspended Packer star, watched Monday night's first half from the stands in the company of Mrs. Ron Kramer before moving to the coaches booth in

the press box for the second half. It was the first time he had seen the Pack since his suspension last spring by Commissioner Pete Rozelle.

(Press-Gazette Photo)

appeared in the dressing room after the game, Ron Kramer observed "still got those real nice clothes." To which, the jovial-appearing Hornung snapped, "I save my money."...AW SHUCKS: Popular TV personality Bob Nelson, MC for the pregame ceremonies, announced to the crowd that "Due to inclement weather, the Sam Huff fan club will not meet tonight."...CHEEK TO CHEEK: In presenting plaques to Packers Jim Taylor and Willie Davis, as the most outstanding offensive and defensive performers in last year's game, Bishop Stanislaus V. Bona added a friendly nuzzle on each cheek for the recipients. Bishop Bona offered his "heartfelt thanks from all those who benefit from this," to the crown before the game. Chairman of the Bishop's Charities Committee for the game, the Rev. William Spalding, said "it is a great thrill to welcome 42,300 fans." Actually, he missed a few as this game, third annual affair staged for the Bishop's Charities, attracted 42,337, the biggest throng to ever attend a game in Green Bay, thanks to the addition of seats for this year that upped the capacity from the previous record of 39,029, set at the 1961 championship game...MORE NEW AND OLD: The Packer Lumberjack Band is no more. It is now simply the Green Bay Packer Band, emphasized by the painting out of the word Lumberjack on the band's bass drum. The change was made through the donning of new uniforms. Gone are the familiar Lumberjack outfits. In their place, honoring the band's silver anniversary, are some sharp uniforms, consisting of grey trousers with a gold stripe, Packer (forest) green blazers that bear a gold football over the breast pocket and grey hats. Wilner Burke, organizer and director of the band, reports that the organization this year includes a representative from Milwaukee and another from Wautoma as well as the more immediate vicinity...Another new addition Monday night was the second scoreboard overlooking the northeast corner of the stadium. It is identical to the main board except for the area devoted to the results of other games. The old was represented by the ancient tarpaulin that was used to cover the field because of the prominently mentioned new one, featuring push-button action, just arrived Saturday and could not be installed in time for the game. The muscle-action trap was spread about 6:30 Monday morning, keeping the field relatively solid shape...ONE YEAR LATE: The never-say-die Blue Notes drum and bugle corps from Ishpeming, Mich., who made the trip to Green Bay for last year's game only to be rained out of the halftime proceedings in an effort to save the field, made it successfully this time although a brief sprinkle just before the end of the first half undoubtedly caused some anxious moments. The group turned in an exceptional halftime performance...INTUITION?: Mary Jane Van Duyse, comely baton twirler for the Packer band, apparently foresaw the fire worked that were to take place in the wicked game. In a pregame performance, she twirled a pair of batons, both burning on each end. And a talented Algoma lass, Sally Spaid, added some acrobatic set the band's music...LONG TRIP HOME: Four young Brooklyn fellows made the trip to Green Bay in a 1953 car just to see the game, according to a note passed to New York sportscaster Marty Glickman. They planned to just head home after the game...RESPECTFUL: Showing respect for age perhaps, the biggest hands during the introduction of the Giant offensive team before the game went to Y.A. Tittle and Hugh McElhenny. Not being introduced before the game, Huff received a



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**My Boys —** Bishop Stanislaus V. Bona, sponsor of the third annual Bishop's Charities football game in City Stadium Monday night, poses during pre-game ceremonies with the two Packers selected the outstanding

players in the 1962 game. At the left is Willie Davis, named for his defensive play, and right is Jim Taylor, who sparked the offense. The selections were made by the Mike and Pen Sports Club of Green Bay.

chorus of boos when Coach Allie Sherman pulled him from the lineup with 1:23 left in the first half. And the Packers on the Giants 4 yard line.

## Giants' Brown 'Baptizes' Aldridge; Squad Cut to 40

### GIANTS' BROWN 'BAPTIZES' ALDRIDGE; SQUAD CUT TO 40

SEPT 4 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - Lionel Aldridge has been pretty well baptized. Now that he has had personal combat with one of the three top offensive tackles in the league. This is a reference to Aldridge's game-long fight with the Giants' Roosevelt Brown in the Bishop's Charities game in City Stadium Monday night. Brown, Jim Parker and our own Forrest Gregg are the perennial all-pro selections at offense tackle, which means that Aldridge has one to go to complete the aforementioned baptism. Lionel gets plenty of chances to see Gregg in action, but there is no bumping. Aldridge played the entire Giant game at right defensive end - the spot vacated by Bill Quinlan - and this is an indication that the 245-pounder has a good chance of winning himself a starting role come the league opener Sept. 15. It has been a long time since a simon-pure made a Packer starting lineup at the start of a season. Lionel conceded that he found his battle with Brown "interesting," but as he added, "I wanted to win just one. It would have helped my ego. I know he's good but..." And Lionel just laughed quietly. Coach Vince Lombardi praised Aldridge for his performance against the Giants - as he did after the newcomers' earlier showings. Aldridge has seen plenty of action in each game thus far, starting with the All Star loss. Aldridge went into the Giant game feeling good, which is a switch. "No, I didn't get sick this time," he explained. Lionel had been bothered some by the excitement of the situation in the Steeler and Cowboy games. Aldridge is one of three newcomers in the defensive line, the others being former Ram Urban Henry and rookie Tony Liscio. Henry has been switching with Hank Jordan at right tackle and Lisco has been on the left side. The Packers were left with 11 newcomers Tuesday when Lombardi reduced the squad to the latest limit, 40 players. He traded sophomore guard Ed Blaine to the Eagles for a high draft choice and asked waivers on fullback Frank Mestnik and halfback Doug Hart. The squad has 41 players, but the extra is Gary Kroner, who is being carried "free" due to the injury he suffered in the All-America game. The first-year men are - besides Aldridge, Henry, Liscio and Kroner - Bob Jeter, Jan Barrett, Marv Fleming, Dan Grimm, Ed Holler, Dave Robinson and Chuck Morris. The Packers have a most unusual situation brewing - for a championship team. There are actually eight places open for new men - seven to fill in for veteran departees and one for the increase in the limit from 36 to 37. Gone from the 1962 champions are Paul Hornung, Bill Quinlan, Gary Knafelc, Nelson Toburen, John Symank, Ron Gassert and Blaine. Quinlan, Symank, Blaine and Gassert were traded. Knafelc retired and later hooked on with the 49ers. Toburen was waived due to injury. Hornung was suspended and, of course, may return in '64. The trade of Blaine leaves Grimm as the third guard behind Forrest Gregg and Jerry Kramer. Grimm, a fast mover, has been doing the kicking off and has been getting good distance. The Packers now have 22 players on offense and 19 on defense. The final cut to 37 must be made no later than next Tuesday. The Packers, off Tuesday, went back to work today



Double Adoption — Two Packer families recently adopted children and then got together above to compare notes. At the left are Jackie and Ray

Nitschke with baby John Raymond. Right are Joann and Jesse Whittenton with baby Elizabeth. (Press-Gazette Photo)



and opened preparations for their final non-leaguer against the Redskins in Cedar Rapid Saturday night. The squad is in good shape except for Jim Ringo and Fuzzy Thurston, who have neck and back injuries, respectively, and Max McGee, who has a dislocated finger. Ringo was named the most valuable offensive player and Herb Adderley was named the most valuable on defense in the Monday night game by the Mike and Pen Club at their meeting Tuesday noon. Ringo and Adderley will receive awards before next year's Bishop's Charities game. Sports Illustrated is out this week with its annual pro football section, and the layout is entitled "No Team Can Match the Packers." But there's a but. "But if the Packers falter, Detroit's perennial second-place finishers are ready to move up and, with luck, so are the Chicago Bears," the story says. The magazine, via their pro football expert, Tex Maule, selects Dallas to win it in the Eastern Division. The pro grid feature also includes some observations on the Packers by Lombardi.



PRO STARS DESCEND ON KINGSTON—Kingston stadium will be the site at 8 p.m. Saturday when the world champion Green Bay Packers play the Washington Redskins in their final pre-season game. Here are four of the stars who will play before an expected crowd of 15,000: Jim Taylor (top left), Packer fullback; Boyd Dowler (bottom left), Packer pass catcher; Norman Sneed (top right), Redskin passer, and Bobby Mitchell (bottom right), Redskin receiving ace.

#### PACK DEFENSE UP TO OLD 2ND HALF TRICKS

SEPT 5 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers' defense, a "magnificent eleven" in 1962, is up to its old and pleasant tricks. At least since the College All Star spurt. Since Ron Vander Kelen and Pat Richter combined for that long touchdown pass and Bob Jencks' extra point and field goal - for a total of 10 points, the Packers have allowed just one touchdown in the combined second halves of their four straight wins over the Steelers, Cowboys, Bears and Giants. That smacks of 1962 when the enemy scored only 51 points in the second halves of the 14 league games - an average of 3.6 points per game. The foe wound up with only 148 points for the campaign for that now historic 10.57. The Steelers scored the only second half TD on the Pack among the league foes. Dick Hoak did it on a five-yard run in Miami with a few seconds left and the score was 27-7. Oddly enough, the Steelers might not have scored but for a penalty. Ed Holler, one of several rookies in the lineup at the time, intercepted a pass by Terry Nofsinger, who had taken over at QB for Ed Brown. The Bays were offside, however, and Nofsinger then drove the team down for the score, covering a good deal on the ground on a 41-yard pass to Hoak. The closest the enemy came to adding to Pitt's touchdown was Chicago in Milwaukee Aug. 24. The Bears had a first down on the Packer 2-yard line in the third period and the aforementioned "magnificent eleven" took the ball away on downs on about the 1-yard line. The Bays have allowed only 34 points in the first halves, including 17 by the Giants in the second quarter, 10 by the Cowboys in the first, and 7 by the Bears in the first. In all, the Bays have permitted the league opposition 41 points to just about match that amazing average of 1962. Offensively, the Bays scored 108 - an average of 27, after the All Star thing. Fifty-eight came in the first halves, 50 in the second. The offense scores are impressive against highly-rated foes - 27 on Pitt (second place last year); 31 on the Cowboys (a title contender this year); 26 on the Bears ('nuff said); and 24 on the Giants (Eastern champs last year). And along the way, Coach Vince Lombardi was able to give his rookies good spots of action. There's one more chance for them to prove themselves - against the Redskins in Cedar Rapids Saturday night. Here's the composite scoring by quarters for the last four game:

PACKERS	-	17	41	24	26	-	108
OPPONENTS	-	17	17	0	7	-	41

And speaking about rookies, Bob Jeter was philosophizing in front of his locker after practice Wednesday: "One week from today and we'll know." Know what? "We'll know who makes the team," he smiled seriously, referring to his bid for a berth on the Packer team that opens the season against the Bears here a week from Sunday. The former Iowa star who played two years in Canada and then toiled as a defensive back with the Packer taxi squad in '62 is now one of seven-plus pass catchers in camp. The plus is Lew Carpenter, who plays running back, end and flanker. The pass catchers besides Jeter are Max McGee, Boyd Dowler, Ron Kramer, Gary Barnes, Jan Barrett and Marv Fleming. Jeter said he played both offense and

defense in Canada and added, "I really don't care where I play - as long as I play." The Packers must cut from their present 40 to 37 by next Tuesday. The current roster includes 10 rookies and Jeter is one of them, though he actually has had pro experience.

# Pack on Display in Canton, Cedar Rapids; Lee Visits

## PACK ON DISPLAY IN CANTON, CEDAR RAPIDS; LEE VISITS

SEPT 6 (Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The past and present Packers go on display in two affairs in Ohio and Iowa Saturday. Four Packer immortals - Johnny Blood and Cal Hubbard - will be among 17 greats to be enshrined in pro football's Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio, Saturday afternoon. Forty present Packers will take on the Redskins in the final 1963 preseason game for both teams in Cedar Rapids, Ia., Saturday night. And to keep the home fires burning over the weekend is big Bill



Like a Hitchin' Post — Sheriff Bill Lee of Greene County, Ala., relaxes on the bleachers at the Packer practice field Friday recalling old times. Lee played a lot of tackle for the Pack from 1937-43 and again in 1946. Married to a Green Bay girl, he's here for a visit. (P-G Photo)

Lee, the sheriff of Greene County, Ala., who played a spot of tackle for the Packers from 1937-43 and then in 1946 after World War II service. Bill is here with his wife, the former Rose Marie Maloney of Green Bay, on a vacation "since the family has grown up enough to be by themselves." He planned to take in the Packers' practice this morning with Charley Brock, recall a few old times with Trainer Bud Jorgensen, and meet the present Packers. Jorgie is in his 40th season with the Packers. Lee, who co-captained the Packers in 1942 with Buckets Goldenberg, is making his first visit here in 17 years. though his wife has been back for several visits. Located in Eutaw City, Lee raised Angus cattle and keeps a special eye on the University of Alabama football. His 18-year-old son is a sophomore tackle there. He stands 6-5 and packs 225 pounds, and Bill says, "He's going to be a good one." The Packers were scheduled to leave via United Airlines charter from Austin Straubel field at 3 o'clock this afternoon. They'll return from Cedar Rapid right after the game. Kickoff is set for 9 o'clock, Green Bay time. The Packers can expect stern resistance from the Washingtons who hope to get into a "winning" frame of mind for their league opener the next weekend. The Redskins pushed the Packers hard in their exhibition final last year before the Bays won 21-14 in Columbus, Ga. The Redskins hope to come up with a stronger passing attack this year with the presence of Pat Richter, the former Wisconsin star, who will open at right end. Green Bay's

three injured players were moving well in practice yesterday - Jim Ringo, Fuzzy Thurston, and Max McGee, and all will take part Saturday. A host of dignitaries and football greats will meet in Canton to dedicate the elaborate \$600,000 Hall of Fame building and enshrine the first members. Most of the exhibits in the unique edifice are ready, including life-size busts of the inductees. The program in Canton has been called "football's greatest weekend" and will begin Saturday with a parade from downtown Canton to Fawcett Stadium, site of the enshrinement. A tour of the hall for dignitaries will follow the program to be presided over by Bob Considine. Sunday's events will be featured by the second Hall of Fame game between the Steelers and Browns. All of the living inductees except Redskin owner George Marshall, who recently suffered a mild stroke, have promised to be on hand. Each will be introduced by a nationally known figure. Already scheduled to appear are Supreme Court Justice Byron (Whizzer) White, a former Colorado and Steeler star; former Pennsylvania governor Davis Lawrence; U.S. Senator Frank J. Lausche of Ohio; United Steelworkers president David McDonald and Notre Dame's Legendary Four Horsemen. The Packers have the most inductees in Curly Lambeau, founder and head coach of the club for 30 years; Don Hutson, still ranked as the greatest offensive end in football; Johnny Blood, the vagabond halfback; and Cal Hubbard, now chief of American League umpires who was the meanest and toughest tackle in his day.

## SHOULDER SURGERY FOR RAY MCLEAN

SEPT 6 (Ann Arbor, MI) - Ray (Scooter) McLean, Detroit Lions' assistant and former head coach of the Green Bay Packers, underwent surgery Wednesday to repair torn ligaments in his shoulder.

## No Sign of Complacency

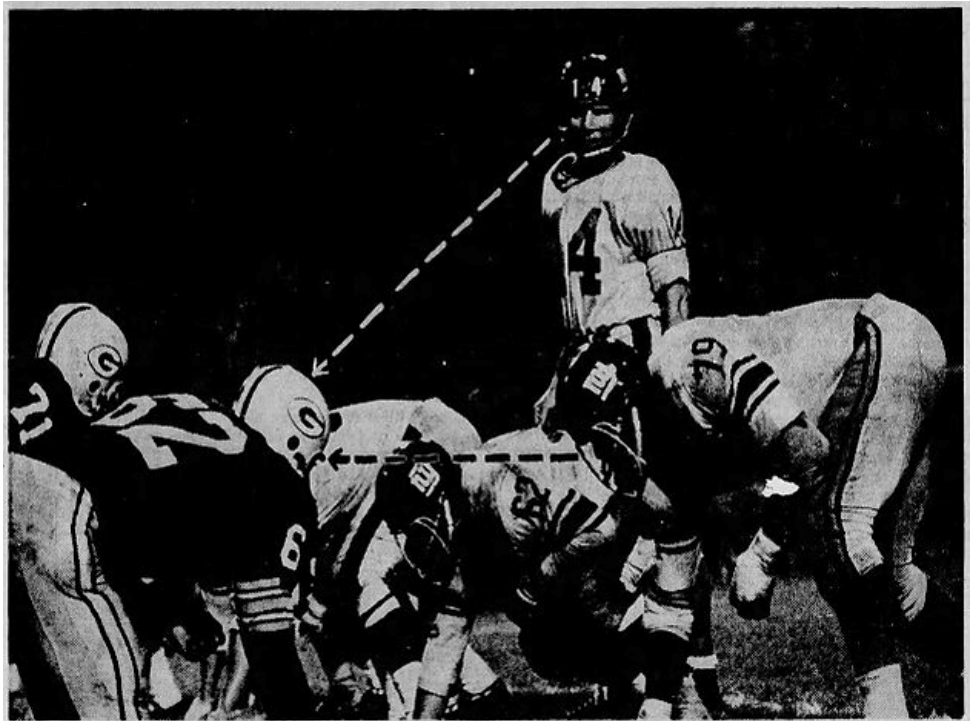
# Despite Loss of Hornung, Packers Again Rate as the Team to Beat

### The lineups:

Packers	Pos.	Redskins
McGee	LE	Dugan
Masters	LT	Mattson
Thurston	LG	Promuto
Ringo	C	Hageman
J. Kramer	RG	Nisby
Gregg	RT	O'Brien
R. Kramer	RE	Richter
Starr	QB	Snead
Moore	LH	Barnes
Dowler	RH	Mitchell
Taylor	FB	Bosseler

### DESPITE LOSS OF HORNUNG, PACKERS AGAIN RATE AS THE TEAM TO BEAT

SEPT 6 (Green Bay) - Despite the loss of golden boy Paul Hornung, the Green Bay Packers are loaded as they seek to become the first club to win three straight championships since the NFL was divided into two divisions 30 years ago. Installed an overwhelming favorite to repeat, the Packers admit they're the team to beat, but there is no sign of complacency. To a man, they realize they're in for a rugged season. "Every team will be gunning for us as everyone wants to knock off a champ," said Coach Vince Lombardi, a stern taskmaster who has guided Green Bay to a 39-13 overall league record since taking over a league doormat in 1959. "However, we have a great deal of pride and the incentive is there," Lombardi added. "We've come along gradually in training and we're ready. If we stay healthy, we'll be okay." ...3 STARTERS MISSING: Hornung, a high-scoring halfback suspended for betting on league games, and defensive end Bill Quinlan, sent to the Philadelphia Eagles, are the only 1962 starters missing. Other veterans gone are Johnny Symank, Ed Blaine, Nelson Toburen and Gary Knafelc. The loss of Hornung isn't expected to hurt too much. Former Vanderbilt star Tom Moore has gained valuable experience on three Western Division title clubs. In fact, he developed to such a degree that rumors still persist that the Packers planned to trade Hornung until the indefinite suspension handed down by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozell. The rest of the backfield is intact. Fullback Jim Taylor, who set a league record by rushing for 19 touchdowns while capturing ground gaining and scoring honors, is healthy again after a winning bout with hepatitis. Quarterback Bart Starr is more poised than ever after leading the NFL in passing and Boyd Dowler is back at the flanker spot. The awesome offensive line had looked as strong as ever as the Packers took four straight exhibitions after an upset by the College All-Stars. Center Jim Ringo is flanked by guards Jerry Kramer and Fuzzy Thurston, tackles Forrest Gregg and eighter Norm Masters or Bob Skoronski, and ends Max McGee and Ron Kramer. Defensively, Lionel Aldridge, a 6-foot-4, 240-pound rookie from Utah State, has been groomed as Quinlan's replacement to line up with Henry Jordan, Dave Hanner and Willie Davis. Behind that wall are linebackers Ray Nitschke, Dan Currie and Bill Forster, cornerbacks Jesse Whittenton and Herb Adderley, and safetymen Willie Wood and Hank Gremminger. Outstanding rookies include All-America end Dave Robinson of Penn State, offensive guard Dan Grimm of Colorado and tackle Tony Lisco. Another newcomer is former Iowa speedster Bob Jeter, Green Bay's No. 2 draft choice in 1961 who played a year in Canada and then sat out last season. The Packers won the Western Division title with an 8-4 record in 1960. Two years ago they posted an 11-3 mark and went on to win everything by belting the New York Giants. Then they won 13 and



—Press-Gazette Photo  
**Eyes for Aldridge**—When a rookie appears in an NFL lineup, you can bet he's spotted in a hurry. Lionel Aldridge played the entire game Monday night at right defensive end and Giant quarterback Y. A. Tittle and offensive tackle Roosevelt Brown took careful note of him, as indicated above.



**PRO CHAMPS ARRIVE FOR TONIGHT'S GAME**—The Green Bay Packers, National Football league champions the last two years, and the Washington Redskins arrived Friday for their game at 8 tonight at Kingston stadium. Shown after their arrival at Municipal airport Friday are these Packer personalities (from left): Coach Vince Lombardi and Ron Kramer, former Michigan end, who holds up the celebrated passing arm of Quarterback Bart Starr. (More pictures and story on sports pages.)

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newcomers are considered good prospects. There are 11 first-year men seeking employment - Bob Jeter, Urban Henry, Jan Barrett, Marv Fleming, Dan Grimm, Lionel Aldridge, Tony Liscio, Ed Holler, Dave Robinson, Chuck Morris and Kroner. At least one seems to be set. That would be Grimm, who automatically became the third guard behind Jerry Kramer and Fuzzy Thurston when Ed Blaine was traded to the Eagles. Grimm also does the kicking off and has gained considerable note for his jarring full-speed ahead tackles. The Packers injured in the Giant game are all set to go - Jim Ringo, Max McGee and Thurston. If anything, they'll be used sparingly...RICHTER AT END: The Redskins figure to be tough nuts to crack. They came close to upsetting the Pack in Columbus last year before Green Bay posted the verdict 21-14. The Packers will get another look at Pat Richer, the lanky Badger pass receiver who will start at right end. Norm Snead, the prized young quarterback, likely will do a lot of throwing against the Pack. The Packers, with Bart Starr at the throttle, threw a lot against the Redskins last year. Tonight's battle will be broadcast on PG radio station WJPG. A taped telecast will be carried on Channel 2 at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

suffered only one setback before again defeating the Giants for the NFL flag. Lombardi thinks a 10-4 record will be good enough to win divisional laurels this year. However, few of the Packers are thinking of losing four games.

### **FINAL TEST FOR ROOKIES AGAINST SKINS**

SEPT 7 (Cedar Rapids, IA-Green Bay Press-Gazette) - The Packers play their final for-fun game tonight. They'll take on the Redskins in this transplanted battle before nearly 20,000. Kickoff is at 9 o'clock, Green Bay time. The game was originally scheduled in Columbus, Ga., but the danger of segregation riots forced the shift a month ago. This will be the last non-leaguer for both teams. They step into the for-blood section of 1963 warfare the following Sunday. Green Bay opens against the Bears in City Stadium while the Redskins start play at Cleveland. Coach Vince Lombardi is expected to take one final look at his first year men tonight prior to making the final cut from 40 (not counting injured Gary Kroner) to 37 Tuesday. It won't be easy because the

# **Final Test for Rookies Against Skins**

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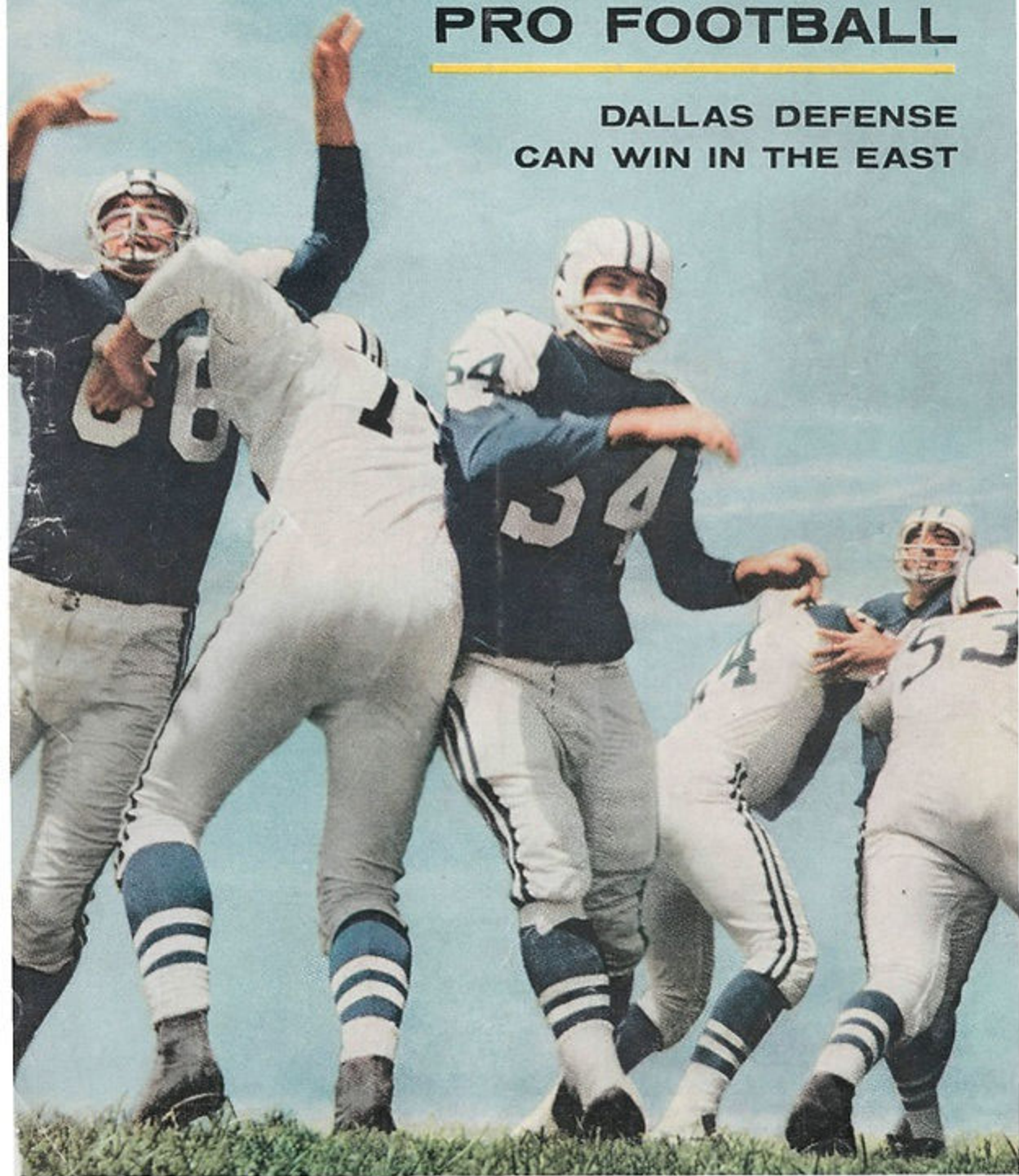
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## PRO FOOTBALL

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DALLAS DEFENSE  
CAN WIN IN THE EAST



## NO TEAM CAN MATCH THE PACKERS

*So deep in talent that even the loss of Paul Hornung means little, Green Bay should win its third straight championship. But if the Packers falter, Detroit's perennial second-place finishers are ready to move up and, with luck, so are the Chicago Bears. Baltimore's Colts are still a year or so away, and this is a shakedown year for the Rams, with a new coach, a new ownership and a new spirit. San Francisco has problems on defense. The Minnesota Vikings have embarked on a youth movement that should pay off in time. While the race will be closer than last year's, the finish will be nearly the same.*



### GREEN BAY PACKERS

Vince Lombardi's squad should win its third straight league championship. Victory may not come as easily as it did in 1962, when the Packers won 13 games and lost only one in taking the Western Division title. It may not come at all if the Packers have one or two key injuries to the defensive team. But, with the possible exception of the Cleveland Browns of several years ago, no club that has been on top for so long has ever been as well equipped to continue its domination as Green Bay. Even the loss of Paul Hornung, the accepted leader of the team, should have no real effect on Green Bay's power. Jim Taylor (*above*), the granite-legged fullback who led the league in ground-gaining last season, seems to have shaken off the effects of a siege of hep-



atitis. Tom Moore, Hornung's replacement, is cut from the Hornung-Taylor pattern—220 pounds, a good blocker, a balanced, insistent runner. In Earl Gros, a massive second-year fullback from Louisiana State, and Elijah Pitts, Lombardi has a pair of second-string backs who could start for most pro teams. Bart Starr, playing his seventh season in 1962, acquired the final polish of a championship quarterback. He has the same capable corps of receivers to throw to again this season. The Packer attack will be as thunderous as ever behind the blocking of an experienced offensive line led by All-Pro Center Jim Ringo. This line last year was one of the most effective weapons in the Packer arsenal; it has not aged enough to reduce its speed or its power. Only on defense, where Green Bay held opponents to minimum points last season, are there any potential soft spots. Lom-

bardi traded away Bill Quinlan, one of the league's best defensive ends against a ground attack. He has juggled his defensive line, moving Tackle Henry Jordan out to end and putting Urban Henry, or young Ron Kostelnik at Jordan's tackle spot. If the change works, the Packers may get a better pass-rush than they enjoyed last year, when Quinlan rarely penetrated to opposing quarterbacks. Some of the Packer defenders are teetering on that borderline where the wisdom of experience can no longer compensate for a vanishing youth. Their substitutes are young and strong, but if too many replacements become necessary the smooth, instinctive functioning of the Packer defense could be disturbed. Attempting a new fillip on offense, Lombardi is using a man in motion. Whether the system works or not, the Packers have enough to win a third straight title.

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## DETROIT LIONS

Alex Karras, the recalcitrant tackle who will sit out the 1963 season (and maybe longer, if he continues railing against the ruling of NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle), constitutes the biggest problem facing the Detroit Lions this year. Regardless of his betting propensity, Karras was an extremely agile defender last year and was particularly adept at rushing the passer. George Wilson, coach of the Lions, has acquired the experienced Floyd Peters from Cleveland to try to fill the gap and has a promising second-year man in Mike Bundra, but the loss of Karras, even with such standouts as Roger Brown (*below*) and Joe Schmidt in the lineup, cuts down significantly on the efficiency of defense. Seldom a high-scoring team when they were winning championships, the Lions now must add fire to the offense to compensate for the higher scores opposing teams inevitably will run up on them. While Milt Plum, freed from the restrictions of Paul Brown at Cleveland, blossomed last year, the team's running and passing were never consistent. The first need is for a good, fast breakaway back. Ollie Matson, obtained from the Rams, may have enough speed left to fill this lack. Nick Pietrosante, a superb bangaway fullback, is no threat for the long gain and is susceptible to muscle injuries. Wilson will put his faith instead in his new blocking assignments, designed to put the team's best blockers ahead of the runners. The device could help take up the defensive slack, put Detroit into the championship game.



## CHICAGO BEARS

The Chicago Bears won five of their last six games in 1962—which has led Bear fans to believe that this, after a long drought, is the year. If it is, the Bears will have to depend heavily upon medical science. Bill George, their brilliant middle linebacker, has a bad neck; Tom Bettis, obtained in a trade to spell George, dislocated his elbow early in the training season, and the Bears may wind up with no strength at all in this vital position against the run. Willie Galimore, the mercurial running back who had operations on both knees, may have lost his speed. Tackle Fred Williams had a knee operation, too, and is doubtful. If Williams and George do not respond to treatment, the Bears can expect another season of vulnerability to the running game—a fault that cost them dearly in 1962. On the brighter side, Ronnie Bull, who was NFL Rookie of the Year in 1962, should be an even more effective running back in 1963. His improvement will lighten the load on Fullback Rick Casares (*below*), who carries much of the Bear ground threat. The Bears had a good pass defense in 1962 and should have a stronger one this year with a cohesive, seasoned secondary. This should take the pressure off the line, which for once can afford to be conservative. Certainly, now that the inventive Clark Shaughnesey has retired as defensive coach, the line's style of play will change. And if they get healthy and stay that way, the Bears, with their usual good air attack, could press the Packers in the West.







## BALTIMORE COLTS

An old and sometimes true axiom in professional football is that you must establish your running game and earn respect for it before the passing will go. No more cogent example of this can be imagined than the Baltimore Colts of last year. Even with Johnny Unitas (*above*) throwing and Jimmy Orr, Raymond Berry and Lenny Moore receiving, the Colts won only half the games they played. Everyone in the park knew when the Colts needed yards badly that Unitas would throw. This made for long afternoons for Johnny, who spent much of the time waiting, bruised and weary, while the linebackers climbed slowly off him. The Colts still need an authoritative fullback to pose a threat of the run and to pick off onrushing linebackers before they reach Unitas. They may find one among returning players and a couple of promising rookies. They also need a tight end who can block and relieve Orr and Berry of some of the pressure on receivers. Defensively the linebackers are very strong; they will have to be. The retirement of Tackle Billy Ray Smith leaves a gap in the line as noticeable as a missing front tooth. The secondary is experienced, with Andy Nelson, Jim Welch and Lenny Lyles; Rookie Jim Maples stands a good chance of a job. Don Shula, the new Colt coach, was the defensive coach at Detroit for three years. He can be depended upon to do something about his own defenses, and if he finds a fullback, a tackle to replace Smith and a good blocking tight end his team could finish high.



## LOS ANGELES RAMS

Rosey Grier, the massive tackle acquired by trade from the New York Giants, typifies the change in the Los Angeles Rams. Cheerful and an uninhibited guitar strummer, Grier brought a winning philosophy with him to the Los Angeles camp. After a few days he had a cluster of Rams in his room bleating lustily to his guitar accompaniment. A club official, pausing in the courtyard of the team's quarters, shook his head. "Imagine that," he said. "Singing in the Ram camp!" There have been only dirges for the disorganized Rams in recent years, but this season, with young Harland Svare (*above*) in his first full year as head coach, the camp is far better organized and far more purposeful than in the past. The new look stems in part from the fact that the Rams are now being run by one man, Dan Reeves, who settled an eight-year civil war with other owners by buying them out. He is regarded as an astute football operator, and his competence seems to have filtered through the whole organization. With a very sound defense back from last year ("Better than the Giants," Grier says), the Rams have the foundation on which to build a fortress. Roman Gabriel, given a chance at quarterback in the second half of last season, has been throwing well to a group of fine receivers, but he may be sidelined by left-handed rookie Terry Baker, who is a brilliant tactician. If Art Perkins or rookie Ben Wilson can fill a gap at fullback, the Rams could improve, but not enough to make the top four.

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## SAN FRANCISCO 49ers

This is a unique club: most of the members are amateur head shrinkers. In July they called a players-only morale meeting, hoping to stabilize a team that tends to be emotional and erratic. Really, there is nothing wrong with the 49ers that one more strong running back, some offensive linemen to keep the quarterbacks reasonably safe and a few linebackers could not fix. But this is a lot, and add to it team dissension over Coach Red Hickey, a tough, hard-driving taskmaster, and you have trouble. On the affirmative side, San Francisco's strong point is passing, with Quarterback John Brodie throwing to two fast receivers—Bernie Casey and Jimmy Johnson. Although End Hugh Campbell, the rookie from Washington State who had good days in the East-West and All-Star games, lacks speed, he is exceptionally crafty and surehanded. Halfback Bill Kilmer, out for the season with a broken leg suffered in an automobile accident, will be missed, but rookie Don Lisbon could be an adequate replacement. Kermit Alexander, probably the best running back in college last year and the 49ers' first draft choice, just may break into the starting offensive or defensive backfield, he is that good. The defensive line, keyed on indestructible Leo Nomellini (*below*), is a good one. As usual, however, the 49ers are weak in linebacking. Even with a new attitude, San Francisco has too many old problems. The 49ers should be an explosive, exciting team to watch, but they will not be a threat to unseat Green Bay.



## MINNESOTA VIKINGS

After two lean years during which Coach Norm Van Brocklin struggled along with the flagging talents of players sent to his club by other teams in the league, the Vikings have switched wholeheartedly to youth. Only three of the 36 men who started with the team in 1961 are still around. During the off season Van Brocklin traded away seven of last year's regulars. "Thirteen rookies could make the roster," Van Brocklin says. "In fact, six of them could start." One rookie not likely to start is Ron VanderKelen, the All-Star and Rose Bowl sensation, who competes with established Quarterback Fran Tarkenton. "Tarkenton is ready to turn the corner," Van Brocklin says. "This year he should reach maturity as an NFL quarterback." Last year, hampered by a light offensive line that offered him little protection and by injuries to his best receivers, Tarkenton was often under siege. Van Brocklin has provided more blockers this year. He has acquired Leon Clarke, a seasoned receiver, and in rookie Paul Flatley, from Northwestern, he has a promising pass-catching prospect. Tom Mason (*below*) has become a superb runner and, with Bill Brown to help him, gives Minnesota a dangerous ground game. The Vikings will field the league's youngest secondary defense—which could mean that it will be the most porous in the NFL. To help the secondary, the line must learn to rush passers with more verve than it showed in 1962. Four wins would make a success of this first year in a long rebuilding program.



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