



Baltimore Colts (1-6) 41, Green Bay Packers (2-5) 21 Sunday November 5th 1950 (at Baltimore)

## Three Pass Interceptions Overcome Bays' 21-20 Edge

## Colts Splurge in 4th Frame To Stop Packers, 41-21

**GAME RECAP (GREEN BAY PRESS-GAZETTE)** 

(BALTIMORE) - The Baltimore Colts, who hadn't won a home game in two years, just wouldn't be denied here Sunday afternoon. And it was most unfortunate that the Green Bay Packers happened to be on the Colt schedule yesterday because all of the pregame script was carried out to near perfection, thus snapping a 19-game Colt losing streak - 13 this season

alone. The final score was 41 to 21 but don't let it mislead you; the Packers were within 28-27 winning distance until the last 35 seconds when the Colts miraculously intercepted two Packer passes and returned 'em both for TDs. The script? Huh! The Packers were supposed to be sluggish and "unused" to front-line combat after a 16-day layoff - which they were, and the Colts, with the help of the law of averages, were bound to win - which they did. For sheer thrills, this game had everything - plus a rousing demonstration by many of the 12,971 fans who charged onto the field to congratulate their heroes much like Packer fans did when the Bays beat the Chicago Bears Oct. 1. With the exception of the three TD sorties, the Packers could not budge beyond the Colt 40 all afternoon, but it was fairly easy riding from deep in their own territory to midfield. The Packers scored first with ease on a one-yard plunge by Billy Grimes in the first two minutes and it appeared that the Colts were their old losing selves. But wait: fullback Jim Spavital ran 46 yards for one TD and caught a 45-yard pass from Y.A. Tittle to give the Colts a 14-7 lead midway in the second quarter.

## LOSE BALL TWICE

Then, with only 50 seconds left in the half, Paul Christman hurled to Larry Coutre in the end zone to leave the score tied, 14-up, at the intermission. The Packers roared ahead, 21-14, on a 40-yard pass from Christman to Al Baldwin in the third quarter, but,

## Ashamed To Face 'Em—Packers

One of the Packers in the Capital Airliner mumbled, as the plane pulled to a stop at Austin Straubel field last night: "We ought to be ashamed to face 'em."

There were more than 1,000 fans there to welcome the team despite the 41-21 loss at Baltimore. Most of the players feit a bit sheepish as they stepped off the plane and waited for their luggage.

Head Coach Gene Ronzani said "you can't beat these fans anywhere."

with 11 minutes left in the last quarter, the Colts jammed in 27 points. Spavital, who finished with 176 yards rushing, bolted 96 yards for a TD but Rex Grossman missed the extra point and the Packer held the upper hand, 21-20. The roof started to cave in. On second down, Christman heaved a pass down the middle and Jim Owen speared it on the Bay 25 and weaved into the end zone to make it 27-21 with five minutes left. The one-point differential loomed important as the Packers slammed back to midfield twice, but twice they lost the ball - once on a quick whistle on which the official ruled that Baldwin caught a pass and then fumbled, although Al never had possession, and once on downs. In those horrible 35 seconds, Frank Spaniel took Tobin Rote's pass on the 25 and steamed into pay dirt and in the last stroke of Colt luck Herb Rich intercepted Rote's long throw on the 40 and skirted the sidelines for a score. The Colt fans had to be scattered to make room for the extra point.

## **CHANGES HANDS 30 TIMES**

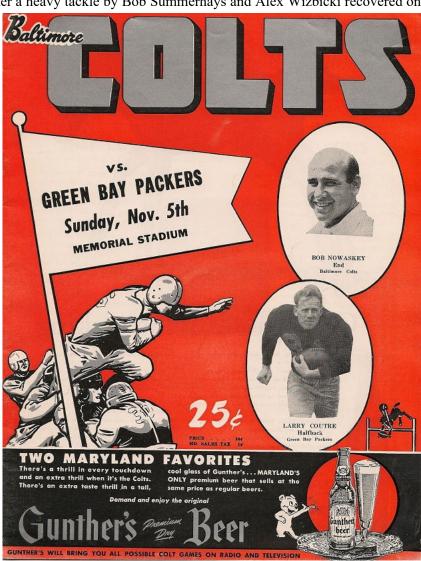
This was a dizzy battle in that the ball changed hands nearly 30 times in punts, pass interceptions, fumble recoveries and on downs. The Packers recovered two fumbles and intercepted four passes. The long layoff, which can be blamed on the change

in dates due to the World Series early in October, must have reduced the Packer offensive efficiency. The Bay ground game, the second best in the league, was limited to 118 yards. More than half of that total, 74 to be exact, came on the Packers' 34-yard rushing TD drive in the first quarter and 39 on a slice up the middle by Floyd Reid in the third quarter. The remaining 44 yards was scattered in small bits throughout the contest and was hardly enough to make the Bay air game really effective - much less keep the Colt defense honest. However, the Pack came up with 15 completions in 35 attempts for 171 yards, with Christman completing 14 out of 27 throws for 163 and the two TDs. The Colts broke all 1950 "hometown" records by recording 506 yards, including 229 by rushing and 277 in the air. Tittle completed 14 out of 29 for the air total. Spavital was the individual Packer thorn. The fast fullback scored three touchdowns and rolled up 176 yards in 15 trips. Reid came out as the Bay ground leader with 64 in 13 tries while Grimes made 27 in seven and Tony Canadeo 16 in seven. Grimes was a threat with his punt returns. He lugged back five for 75 - one for 44 yards to set up a touchdown just before the half. The ball changed hands eight times in the first quarter alone. On the very first play of the game after Ted Fritsch's kickoff, Tittle hurled to Chet Mutryn but Chet fumbled under a heavy tackle by Bob Summerhays and Alex Wizbicki recovered on

the Colt 38 and ran to the 32. The Packers held on long enough to score in six plays. Grimes hit left tackle for six yards and then 15 to the Colt 13. Reid banged for eight, Canadeo two, Canadeo two again and Grimes barreled over from the one. Fritsch's point made it 7-0.

## STEINER INTERCEPTS ONE

The Colts, with Tittle throwing and Mutryn running, moved to the Packer 39, where Rebel Steiner intercepted on the 20 and rolled to the Packer 46. The Colts got the ball right back as Ed Maggioli intercepted Rote's pass on the Colt 40 and returned to the Bay 29. The Bays held and Grossman missed a field goal from the 43, Wally Dreyer fielding the ball on the 10 and running 14 yards. The Pack picked up a quick first down as Grimes made five and Rote pitched to Abner Wimberly for 10 but a holding penalty set the stage for a quick kick by Jug Girard, the boot sailing 51 yards. Steve Pritko and Clink McGeary belted Tittle back 10 yards and the Colts had to punt. After Reid and Canadeo missed a first down by a yard, Fritsch stepped back on the Colt 47 and fell short on a 53-vard field goal. Spaniel grabbed the ball on the 10 and returned to the 26, where somebody knee-stabbed Baldwin in the back and knocked him out for a few minutes. Near the end of the first frame, the Colts launched a 64-yard drive that carried to the Packer 10. It ended quickly with Bob Summerhays intercepting Tittle's pass in the end zone for a touchback. Eating up most of the yardage were two Tittle passes to Spavital for 50 yards. After the Packers



were forced to punt, the Colts started their first TD drive from their own 39, counting in four plays. Oddly enough, the first two plays saw Mutryn and Summerhays drop Tittle passes. Tittle then caught Salata for 15 yards after which Spavital galloped inside his right tackle for 46 yards and the score. Grossman's point tied the score.

## **COLTS FOR FAIR CATCH**

The Packers banged back with a first down on Reid's four-yard run and Christman's eight-yard pass to Cook, but on the next third down, Christman was thrown back 11 yards trying to pass. Girard had to punt and so did Adrian Burk, Grimes calling for a fair catch on the Pack 28. The Packers got another first down as Christman threw to Baldwin for eight yards and then worked a quarterback sneak for two yards. That was enough, so Girard punted and the Colts took off from their own 26 and scored in eight plays. A rather weird penalty for roughing the kicker got the Colts off to a good start and short bursts moved it to the Bay 45 from where Tittle hurled to Spavital who got behind Summerhays for the catch on the 25 and scooted the rest of the way. Grossman's kick gave the Colts a 14-7 lead. The Packers got the usual first down, this time a 29-yard

advance on a Christman to Grimes but again Girard had to punt. Summerhays slammed Tittle back 10 yards to the Colt 10 before Burk punted to Grimes on the Colt 40. Billy wheeled up the middle, leaped over a couple of Colts and sidestepped 44 yards to the Colt 16 with only one minute left in the half. The Colts ganged up on Baldwin trying to catch Christman's pass in the end zone on first down but then Coutre took Christman's throw in the corner of the end zone for the score. Fritsch's kick tied it up, 14-all, just before the half. The Colts, opening the second half, tried practically the same pass play as they did to start the game but this time Mutryn hung on for a 15-yard gain to the Colt 39. Three successive penalties for offside, interference and roughing the passer gave the Colts a first down on the Bay 25.

## WIZBICKI INTERCEPTS PASS

Wizbicki ended the threat by grabbing Tittle's pas by the one and wheeling back to the Bay 34. Neither team could budge and the Packers regained possession on the Bay 44 on a poor punt by Burk. The Bays scored in three plays. First, Christman threw to Grimes for six and then to Cook for 10 to the Colt 40. Then, Baldwin worked behind a Colt, took Christman's pass on the 10 and stepped for the TD. Fritsch's kick was good. The Colts roared back to the Packer 11 on a 33-yard pass to Salata and a 38-yarder to Collins. Wildung, McGeary and Tonnemaker tossed Tittle back six yards and the Colts gave

1	BALTIMORE
Intercepted!	Ends-Owens, Salata, Jensen, Cris- taglio, Crisler, Nowaskey.
NATIONAL FOOTBALL	Tackles—Blandin, Colo, French, Don- ovan.
LEAGUE	Guards-Murray, Schweder, Averno,
National Conference	Cooper, King. Centers—Williams, Grossman.
W L Pct. PS OP	Backs-Tittle, Mutryn, Collins, Spa-
New York Yanks 6 1 .855 239 182	
Los Angeles 6 2 .750 313 222 Chicago Bears 5 2 .714 194 150	Common hall
Detroit 3 5 375 200 223	
GREEN BAY 2 5 .286 156 235 San Francisco 2 6 .250 148 210	Green Bay: Touchdowns - Grimes,
Baltimore 1 6 .142 123 256	Coutre, Baldwin. Extra Point-Fritsch
American Conference	3. Baltimore: Touchdowns — Spavital 3. Owens, Spaniel, Rich. Extra Points
W L Pct. PS OP	-Grossman 5.
Cleveland 6 2 .750 198 88 New York Giants 5 2 .714 95 92	Score by Quarters
Philadelphia 5 2 .714 194 98	Green Bay 7 7 7 0-21
Chicago Cards 3 4 .429 154 160 Pittsburgh 3 5 .375 100 140	Baltimore 0 14 0 27-41
Washington 1 6 .143 135 193	The Officials: Referee-Jack Glas- cott. Umpire - Joseph G. Crowley.
Sunday's Results	Head Linesman - Joseph McKenney.
Chicago Bears 35, Detroit 21.	Back Judge—Carl Rebele. Field Judge —Charles Gault.
New York Giants 24. Washington 21.	Team Statistics
Pittsburgh 9, Philadelphia 7. Baltimore 41, Green Bay 21.	The state of the s
Cleveland 10, Chicago Cardinals 7. Los Angeles 28, San Francisco 21.	First Downs
	By Rushing 4 6
Next Sunday's Games	By Passing 9 6 By Penalty 4 0
LOS ANGELES Vs. GREEN BAY AT	Yards Gained Rushing 229 118
MILWAUKEE. Baltimore at Pittsburgh.	Yards Gained Passing 277 171 Total Yards Gained 506 289
Chicago Cardinals at New York	Passes Attempted 29 35
New York Yanks at Chicago Bears.	Passes Completed 14 15 Passes Intercepted by 4 3
Philadelphia at Washington.	Passes Intercepted by 4 3 Yards Inter. Returned 118 57
San Francisco at Cleveland.	Punts 7 9
The Lineups	Average Dist. Punts 39 37 Punts Returned By 4 5
GREEN BAY	Yards Punts Returned 25 75
Ends-Baldwin, Orlich, Steiner, Cook,	Kickoffs Returned 4 6 Yards Kickoffs Ret 62 108
Pritko, Wimberly. Tackles-Wildung, Ecker, Spencer,	Penalties 2 8
McGeory, Stansauk.	Yards Penalized 20 74
Guards—Burris, Manley, Drulis, Di Pierro, Szafaryn. Centers—Neal, Tonnemaker, Schuet-	Fumbles Opp. Fumbles Rec
e.	
Backs — Christman, Reid, Grimes, Canadeo, Rote, Coutre, Dreyer, Cloud, Grard, Forte, Wizbicki, Summerhays,	

GB the pellet on downs after Tittle completed a pass to Mutryn on the five. The Packers weren't in this delicate spot long. Reid banged one yard and then Christman passed to Grimes for eight and Jack Cloud, carrying the ball for the first time in league play, crashed three yards for the first down. Reid zipped straight up the middle for 39 yards to the Colt 45 and it appeared the Bays were on their way. But Christman was slammed back four, completed a pass to Cook for seven and then was tackled back nine yards before Girard punted. As the game moved into the fourth quarter, Burk and Girard each punted twice. Jug's last punt sailed 55 yards and rolled out of bounds on the four-yard line. Then came Mr. Spavital's 96-yard run, the fatal pass interceptions, etc.

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	GREEN BAY	BALTIMORE
First Downs	13	19
Rushing-Yards-TD	32-118-1	38-229-2
Att-Comp-Yd-TD-Int	35-15-171-2-5	31-14-277-1-3
Total Yards	289	506
Fumbles-lost	3-2	3-2
Yards penalized	8-74	2-20

## **SCORING**

1ST - GB - Billy Grimes, 1-yard run (Ted Fritsch kick) GREEN BAY 7-0

2ND - BALT - Jim Spavital, 46-yard run (Rex Grossman kick) TIED 7-7

2ND - BALT - Spavital, 45-yard pass from Y.A.Tittle (Grossman kick) BALTIMORE 14-7

2ND - GB - Larry Coutre, 15-yard pass from Paul Christman (Fritsch kick) TIED 14-14

3RD - GB - Al Baldwin, 40-yard pass from Christman (Fritsch kick) GREEN BAY 21-14

4TH - BALT - Spavital, 96-yard run (Kick blocked) GREEN BAY 21-20

4TH - BALT - Jim Owens, 26-yard interception return (Grossman kick) BALTIMORE 27-21

4TH - BALT - Frank Spaniel, 29-yd interception return (Grossman kick) BALTIMORE 34-21

4TH - BALT - Herb Rich, 45-yard interception return (Grossman kick) BALTIMORE 41-21

## **RUSHING**

**GREEN BAY** - Breezy Reid 13-64, Billy Grimes 7-27 1 TD, Tony Canadeo 7-16, Larry Coutre 1-5, Jug Girard 2-4, Paul Christman 1-1, Tobin Rote 1-1

**BALTIMORE** - Jim Spavital 15-176 2 TD, Chet Mutryn 11-31, Y.A. Tittle 2-12, Rip Collins 9-8, Frank Spaniel 1-2 **PASSING** 

GREEN BAY - Paul Christman 27-14-163 2 TD 2 INT, Tobin Rote 8-1-8 3 INT

BALTIMORE - Y.A. Tittle 31-14-277 1 TD 3 INT

## **RECEIVING**

**GREEN BAY** - Al Baldwin 4-71 1 TD, Billy Grimes 4-44, Ted Cook 3-25, Larry Coutre 2-19 1 TD, Ab Wimberly 1-8, Breezy Reid 1-4

BALTIMORE - Rip Collins 5-95, Paul Salata 4-53, Chet Mutryn 3-52, Jim Spavital 2-77 1 TD

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## PRESSURE EASED, COLTS SWARMED OVER PACKERS

NOV 6 (Baltimore) - Suddenly, the pressure eased and the Colts had won a game in the NFL. Not just eked out their first triumph by desperately digging in and holding off the charging Green Bay Packers. But by swarming all over the visitors in the closing minutes of the final period at the Stadium yesterday as the breaks came the way of the Colts, as they so often do in football for the team which is in command. The final score was 41-21, but until the final

five minutes it was a hard-fought game between two evenly matched elevens. For awhile it looked as if the point after touchdown might rob the home forces of the pleasure of a tie or victory. But the Colts had that little something extra vesterday that they so often lacked against the bigger, stronger teams of the NFL. They had that little extra speed on Green Bay, that extra step on intercepting passes and moving goalward, that important downfield block that made the difference between a sizable gain and a touchdown. At the end they had completely transferred the pressure from themselves to Green Bay and could do nothing wrong. They scored two touchdowns in the last minute of play and three in the last half of the fourth period...JIM SPAVITAL ENJOYED HIS BEST DAY: It was officially Bob Nowaskey Day at the Stadium, but all the Colts took a hand in making it a memorable one that brought Clem Crowe his first triumph since he came to Baltimore as head coach. Jim Spavital probably had the finest day of his career as a Colt, and, while others can point to specific things they did that helped bring victory, Jim did the most on the scoring end. He went 45 yards outside early in the second quarter to tie the game at 7-7. He took a pass from Y.A. Tittle later in the period on the 27 to put the Colts ahead on a play that covered 45 yards and climaxed a 73-yard advance for the home forces. Then his spectacular 96-yard run in the final period put the Colts back on even terms with Green Bay until the point after touchdown was missed and all his work left the Colts trailing, 20-21. Sharing in Spavital's scoring feats was Rip Collins, who supplied two important blocks, without which Jim couldn't have gone the distance. Shortly thereafter came two plays that must rank with the blocks of Collins, the runs of Spavital and the ball handling of Tittle...BURK PUT GREEN BAY IN A DEEP HOLE: The first was Jim Owen's interception of Paul Christman's pass on the Packer 25-yard line, from where he scored to put the Colts in position to land their first home victory since 1948. If any quarterback had thrown the ball around like that deep in his own territory protecting a one-point lead in the late minutes of the fourth quarter before the war, he would have been yanked and fined. But there are no rules or patterns for sound football today. Anything is tried for anywhere, for which the Colts were very thankful yesterday. Not only did they take the lead with Owen's touchdown, 27-21, but played sound football and benefited. The second important play was Adrian Burk's well-aimed punt out of bounds on the Green Bay 8-yard line shortly after the Colts got the ball. That bottled up the visitors with time running out. They were in the same kind of a position the Colts had



Two field goal attempts fell short and were returned during the Packer-Colt game in Baltimore Sunday—one by each club. At the top, Colt Halfback Frank Spaniel is being stopped, but good, after returning Ted Fritsch's 53-yard FG try from the 10 to the Colt 24. Bringing him down with a headlock is Bob Summerhays (77) and on his back is the booter, Mr. Fritsch (64 on helmet). To Fritsch's left is End Abner Wimberly (16). The Packer at the left is Tackle Leon Manley and the Colts are Tackles Art Donovan (49) and Don Cold (45). Below, Packer Halfback Wally Dreyer is shown galloping 12 yards from the Bay 10 with Rex Grossman's field goal try while Alex Wizbicki, left, Packer back, leads interference. No. 30 is Colt Guard Bill Murray. Both FG returns took place in first quarter. (AP Wirephotos)

been in before Tittle sent Spavital on his way overland for 96 yards to change the progress on the game. Green Bay chose the air and you know the rest. The Colts picked up two more TDs in a hurry and it was a revelation for the 12,971 fans to see things turning in favor of the home forces...COLTS NOW ONE EVEN TERMS WITH REDSKINS: The triumph made little difference in the NFL's divisional pennant fights. Both the Colts and the Packers are out of the running, as are five others in the 13-club circuit. It was mainly the personal satisfaction that goes to Crowe, his coaching staff and the squad for the hard work and the beatings to date this fall. It puts the Colts on equal terms with the Washington Redskins and revives hope for a victory in their second meeting November 26 in Griffith Stadium. In the meantime, each division of the NFL finds three teams in the thick of its flag race. Two of them meet the Colts. They are the fading New York Giants, who have bowed twice to Pittsburgh after beating Cleveland in two games. They come here two weeks hence. The other is the New York Yanks, atop the National Division with six victories in seven games and pressed by the high-scoring Los Angeles Rams and the Chicago Bears. Besides the Giants, Cleveland and Philadelphia fight it out in the American division, where I think the race may end in a two-club tie with three defeats on the records for the leaders. Much depends the rest of the season on the spirit and determination of the clubs out of the race, three of which the Colts meet. They are Pittsburgh, Washington and Detroit. All are among the quartet of teams I said in August the Colts had a chance to lick for a maximum of three victories this season. The other was Green Bay.

## PACKERS FACE POWERFUL RAMS IN MILWAUKEE TILT

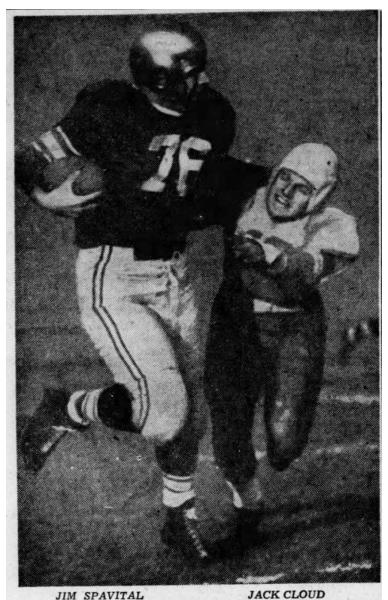
NOV 7 (Green Bay) - A victim of an upset themselves at Baltimore Sunday, the Green Bay Packers today launched preparation for one of the season's biggest upsets - a victory over the power-packed Los Angeles Rams in Milwaukee next Sabbath. The Rams, riding in

second place in the National conference with a 6-2 record, proved that they are human in barely nipping the improving San Francisco Forty Niners, 28-21, in LA Sunday. The Packers, of course, proved that they are human, too, in losing a 41-21 verdict to the Baltimore Colts, who were mangled by the Rams out in LA Oct. 22 by a score of 70-27. Seven days later, the Rams crushed the Detroit Lions, 65-24. The Rams have scored a total of 313 points in eight game for an average of 39.1 per start - the top offensive total and average in the circuit. Outside of the Baltimore and Detroit landslides, the Rams have been more or less normal in their point production, averaging 27-plus against the other six foes...RAMS IN TITLE RACE: By comparison, the Packers counted 156 points in seven games - an average of 22.3 per start. Their top totals were 35 against Washington and 31 against the Chicago Bears and New York Yanks. Thus, IF the Packers can defense the Rams down to normal, and improve their own offense, a Green Bay victory isn't impossible. Both the Rams and Packers have been generous with their opponents. The Packers allowed 235 points for an average of 33.5, while the Rams gave up 222 for an average of 27.8. The Rams face a "must win" situation since they are battling with the Bears and Yanks for the National conference lead. All of which juices up the Packers objective because a Ram loss would seriously endanger their championship chances. Other games Sunday send the Yanks into Chicago to face the Bears; the Chicago Cardinal at New York Giants; Baltimore at Pittsburgh; Philadelphia at Washington; and San Francisco at Cleveland...Packer Ticket Chief Carl Mraz announced today that tickets for the Ram-Packer game ordered by fans in Green Bay and area must be picked up

by Thursday night, at which time tickets will be moved to Milwaukee. Indications are that the season's largest crowd will be on hand for the Packers' big effort against the powerful Rams. The advance sale has been exceptionally good in Green Bay and Milwaukee and a large number of ducats were sold Monday despite the loss at Baltimore. It will be the last Packer game in Milwaukee this season but the Packers have one more battle in Green Bay - the Forty Niners Nov. 26. They'll invade Detroit Nov. 19...Rusty after a 16-day layoff, the Packer offense proved to be their undoing in Baltimore Sunday, the Colts intercepting three passes in the last quarter and turning 'em for touchdowns. Considerable work probably will be ordered by Coach Gene Ronzani on the Packer offense, although plenty of defensive maneuvers against the Rams' slick passing game, headed by Bob Waterfield and Norm Van Brocklin, will be studies. The Bay defense, incidentally, permitted the Colts 507 yards. The Packer offense against the Rams should be sharper, although the Ram defense is admittedly better than that of the Colts. The Bays were obviously "out of practice" in Baltimore due to the unusual layoff period. Next Sunday, the Packers will have had the benefit of a Sunday game plus the normal preparation period. Before the Colt game, the Packers were off for two Sundays. The Bays came out of the Colt game with no serious injuries.

## COLTS 'MAKE' FOUR FIRST DOWNS IN RASH OF PENALTIES

NOV 7 (Green Bay) - The Baltimore Colts had over 35 yards dumped into their collective laps in an unusual set of circumstances just after the second half kickoff. While the Packers cussed and fumed, the Colts negotiated four consecutive first downs - the first three of which were contributed by the gents in the striped shirts. The Colts had first down and 10 after a punt on their own 39-yard



had first down and 10 after a punt on their own 39-yard Colt star stiff-armed enemy tackler and rambled 96 yards for touchdown

line. The Packers were offside as Ernie Zalejski ran six yards but the Colts disregarded the extra yard and took the penalty and another first down. On the "new" first down, one of the officials standing on the 25 called pass interference on the Bays on the Packer 41. Another official, standing on the Bay 46, never called it, but the other official's ruling stuck and the Colts got the automatic first down on the Bay 41. By this time, the Packers were pretty well boiling and they set sail for quarterback Y.A. Tittle, who was trying to pass. Tittle was crumpled over a crop of Packers, including Steve Pritko, who played himself a great game all afternoon, and the officials ruled "roughing the passer" even though the ball left his hand and the Packers crashed at the same time. But it was 15 yards and the Colts found themselves on the Bay 25 with another first down on the platter. Al Collins cracked the center of the line for one yard and one Baltimorite in the pressbox thought the Packers were offside, adding "the officials don't have the nerve to call another penalty on the Bays." Somehow things evened themselves up - at least this time - because Alex Wizbicki intercepted a Tittle pass on the one-yard line and wheeled back to the Bay 34...The heartbreak and the turning point of Sunday's game came in the fourth quarter just after Jug Girard's best aimed punt of the season. The Packers, leading 21-14, started on the Colt 44 when Billy Grimes returned Adrian Burk's punt 21 yards in one of his slam-bang runs. But the opportunity fizzled and the Jugger punted beautifully out of bounds on the Colt 4. With the "lowly" Colts operating in such territory, the Packers must have relaxed because, on the first play, Jim Spavital took off like a scared rabbit through right tackle for a 96-yard TD jaunt with a minimum of opposition. That one chase brought the Steeds sky high despite the fact that Rex Grossman's point kick was low and blocked. A moment later, Jim Owens intercepted Paul Christman's pass and ran 25 yards for a TD...Spavital's long run was just one yard short of tying the 97-yard National league record scamper held jointly by Andy Uram of the Packers against the Chicago Cardinals in 1939 and Bob Gage of Pittsburgh against the Chicago Bears in 1949...PRO STUFF: Jug Earp, the Packer publicity chief, is rather superstitious. He was sitting on the writer's right just before the kickoff Sunday and Lee Joannes was on Jug's right. We

reminded Jug that the last time he sat on our right was during the Packer-Brown game in Toledo Aug. 12. Jug quickly excused himself and moved to Joanne's right, apparently thinking of the Browns' victory. Mrs. Al Casabona, the former Sue Wallen of Green Bay, watched the game with her husband and eight friends from their home in Sellinsgrove, Pa. Sue is widely known as the unofficial mother of the Packers for her guidance and thoughtfulness as manager of the Astor hotel where the Packers formerly stayed. She reported that former Packer Larry and Mrs. Craig may attend the San Francisco game here Nov. 26...The rumor in Baltimore is that Larry McPhail, the ex-baseball magnate, and a Maryland resident, will provide the promotional counsel sorely needed by the Colts. Larry reportedly will sit down with Colt officials and give them the benefit of his years of professional sports experience.

## TOP PASSING PAIR KEEP RAMS IN RACE

NOV 7 (Los Angeles) - Joe Stydahar, the biggest freshman coach in the NFL in more ways than one, yesterday offered thanks for the finest one-two punch in the loop at quarterback. "We're lucky to have two great passers," he said after the Los Angeles Rams' narrow 28-21 triumph over a fired-up San Francisco club Sunday. "Norm Van Brocklin was a little cold in the first quarter, so we sent Bob Waterfield in and he picked the club up by its bootstraps." The Rams nearly fell pretty to overconfidence against the Franke Albert-led 49ers and it wasn't until the third quarter that they showed any of the explosive power which accounted for 135 points against the Baltimore Colts and the Detroit Lions. A crunching ground game built around Paul Berry and Dick Hoerner spelled defeat for the 49ers as the Rams tallied three times soon after the half. "I was pleased with the ground game we uncovered in the last two quarters," said Joe. "In the fourth quarter, we



The Packers didn't waste time in taking a 7-0 lead in their game with the Colts in Baltimore Sunday, scoring two minutes after they got their hands on the ball. Billy Grimes is shown nugling over for the score from the one, climaxing a 34-yard drive. Grimes is being tackled by Tackle Art Donovan. The Packer in the foreground is Tackle Don Stansauk and No. 80 at the right is Packer Back Floyd Reid. Colts won, 41-21. (AP Wirephoto)

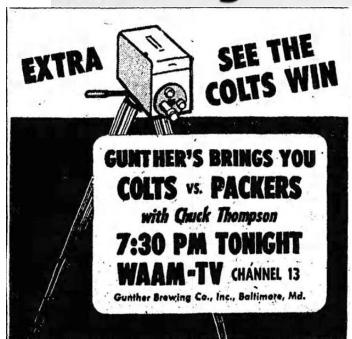
controlled the ball four and a half minutes strictly on running plays. We showed more power running than we have at any time this year."...PACKERS NEXT: The Rams turned to yesterday afternoon in preparation for a three-game tour of the East, which will decide the championship of the National Conference. A game with the Green Bay Packers will be followed by contests with the New York Yanks and the Chicago Bears. The Rams trail New York by a half game and led the Bears by the same margin. The club leaves for the East by plane Thursday morning.

## PACKERS SET SIGHTS ON WIN OVER RAMS

NOV 7 (Green Bay) - The Packers move into Milwaukee Sunday to meet the NFL's highest scoring team, the Los Angeles Rams. The largest crowd of the year for a Packer game in the Beer City is expected to see the Packers try for one of the big upsets of the season and thus return to their winning ways.

The Bays, out to snap a four game losing streak, have five games left. After the Ram battles, they move into Detroit November 19; battle the San Francisco 49ers here November 26, and then take to the West Coast to engage the Rams December 3 and the 49ers December 10. The Rams, of course, present a real headache to the Packers. They have scored 313 points in compiling six victories and two defeats, ranking second in the National Conference. Their two losses were administered by the Bears and Eagles. The fact that one of the Packers' two victories came over the Bears (31-21 on October 1) gives the Bays a lot of hope and determination for Sunday's chore. The Rams present a powerful air machine, sparked by quarterbacks Bob Waterfield and Norm Van Brocklin, both slick passers, and ball handlers. Chief receiver is Tom Fears, the All-American end, and backing him up are Glenn Davis, the former Army ace, and Elroy Hirsch, the ex-Wisconsin star. The Packers came out of the Baltimore game in good physical condition, but are smarting under the 41 to 21 setback, the wide difference in pointage being due to two pass interceptions for touchdowns in the final 35 seconds. Coach Gene Ronzani will work on offense most of the week in an effort to soup up the ground and air games. At Baltimore the Packers who rank among the leaders in rushing, were limited to 118 yards on the ground and settled for 171 in the air on 12 completions in 35 attempts. The Bays were unable to penetrate deep into Baltimore territory outside of the three scoring sorties. Two of the touchdowns came on Paul Christman passes, one a 16-yarder to Larry Coutre and the other on a 40-yard maneuver with Al Baldwin on the scoring end. The other TD came on a one-yard plunge by Billy Grimes, climaxing a 31-yard drive.

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NOV 8 (Green Bay) - It's odd, but true: The Los Angeles Rams, who have gained 3,523 yards in eight games, don't have a man among the first 10 ground gainers in the NFL. But you can stop right there because it appears that the Rams don't bother with rushing with the ball; they just pass it. The Packers and you thousands of fans who will sit in on Sunday's Bay-Ram game in Milwaukee are hereby informed that the West Coasters have piled up 2,435 yards in the air – about 700 yards better than the next-best throw team (Detroit, 1,754 yards) in the league. It's interesting to note that the Pack gained 867 yards by pitching – 1,568 less than the Rams, although the Rams have played one more game than the Packers. The Rams presently possess the league's leading passer in Norm Van Brocklin and the fifth highest hurler in Bob Waterfield. To match this, the Rams have the leading pass receiver in Tom Fears, the fourth highest receiver in Glenn Davis, and the eighth highest receiver in Elroy Hirsch. That trio of receptionists caught 98 passes for a total of 1,477 yards and

nine touchdowns. Fears has the top record with 41 catches for 621 yards and three teedees...WHAT! NO PUNT RETURNERS?: Together, Van Brocklin and Waterfield have completed 154 passes for 2,377 yards, with Van Brocklin hitting 87 out of 158 for 1,541 yards and 13 touchdowns. Tom has averaged 9.75 on each passing attempt and Waterfield 7.74. With Fears, Davis and Hirsch snaring "only" 98 of Waterfield's and Van Brocklin's total of 154, it appears that somebody else in the Ram organization is doing some catching. Chief among the odd snatchers is Vitamin Smith, who scored three TDs on passing, but doesn't show up among the top 10. There's another oddity in one of the other departments - punt returns, in which the Rams don't have a man among the top 10 despite such speedsters as Hirsch, Davis, Smith and Tommy Kalamanir. Incidentally, the Packers' Billy Grimes ranks second in the punt return department with an average of 21.2 per runback on 19 attempts for 402 yards. The leader, Herb Rich of Baltimore, has returned only six, but stretched 'em out to 205 yards for an average of 34.2. In the kickoff return section, in which the Packers don't have anyone represented among the top 10, the Rams have Smith in third place with the astounding total of 614 yards and three TDs in 15 carries for an average of 40.9. Army draftee Wally Triplett of Detroit is tops with a 51.4-yard average on eight returns for 411 yards. The Rams' Kalamanir ranks fifth with an average of 30.6. One of the kingpins in the Ram defense is Woodley Lewis, a rookie, who has intercepted seven passes in eight games and returned 'em for 159 yards. Lewis apparently is finding pro football to his liking because he grabbed eight enemy throws all last year with Oregon. Don Doll of Detroit is leading the league with eight interceptions, while Rebel Steiner tops the Packers with five...Fans are reminded that Sunday's Packer-Ram game in State Fair park will start at 1:30 – a half hour earlier than usual...The Packers didn't lose any time Tuesday sharpening their defense against the Rams' passing attack. More of the same was on tap for today. Quarterback Tobin Rote and Paul Christman handled the "Ram" offense, throwing in the position occupied by Van Brocklin and Waterfield. Particular attention was given the men playing in Fears' spot. As the coaches yelled, "stick with him 'cause he runs like a fullback", indicating that Fears knows what to do one he gets the ball. Fears is looming as his greatest pass receiver in Ram history and he's rapidly catching up with records established by Jim Benton, former Ram pass catching star.

## **SCOUTING THE PROS**

NOV 8 (Los Angeles) - Probably no pro coach adheres to the Boy Scout motto of "Be Prepared" any more closely than does Paul Brown. That is why the thorough-going mastermind of the Cleveland Browns has had his scouts spying on the Rams in their last two games. It is not beyond the realm of possibility, as pointed out here several weeks ago, that Los Angeles and Cleveland will meet for the NFL championship in the December playoff. The Brownies' remaining games include home contests with the 49ers, Redskins and Eagles, and a traveling date with the 'Skins. If they can but repeat their 35-10 thumping of the Eagles, they figure to win the title...TWO TILTS COMING UP: Philly and the Giants must yet meet



Taking tips on how to make an extra point from Packers Paul Christman, lest, and Tobin Rote, are two youngsters from St. Joseph's orphanage. They are but two of almost 200 children who will benefit from the Orphan's ball to be held Thanksgiving Eve at Club Riverside. Bob Stephens and his orchestra will play from 9 until 1 o'clock. The dance is semi-formal and cabaret style.

twice, and the Giants also have to play the potent Yanks. If the Bears can turn the tables on the Yanks at Chicago Sunday, the Rams need only to knock off impotent Green Bay to assume the conference lead. Under those circumstances, Los Angeles would lead with a 7-2 record compared to the Yanks' 6-2. The Rams move into New York on Nov. 19 to meet the Yanks and the following Sunday return to Chicago to play the Bears. Then they finish the season Dec. 3 here against Green Bay. The Rams lost to the Bears in September, 24 to 20, but gave the Yanks their only loss, 45 to 28...TITLE GAME DEC. 17: If the Browns and Rams should win their divisions, they would meet for the championship in Cleveland's huge Municipal Stadium on Dec. 17. Joe Stydahar knows that the Browns are scouting the Rams, but up to now he has refused to hire any hawkshaws to window peep on the Browns. "Why jinx the Rams?" Joe argues. "The minute we started scouting the Browns we'd be a cinch to lose our next game."...BALL TO BE BOUNCED: George

Marshall won't come right out and say that he's going to fire Coach Herman Ball, but the Redskin rajah intimated as much when he told a Washington writer: "Every business makes changes when things aren't going good, and football is no different. We have as good material as any team in the league, yet we aren't winning. Something's wrong somewhere." After sweeping five exhibitions and then winning their first league game, the Redskins have lost six straight. How can Marshall blame Ball for the lamentable fact that his top two quarterbacks have been hurt? Sammy Baugh has not fully recovered from a chipped elbow in his pitching arm and Harry Gilmer suffered a bone chip in his shoulder against the Eagles...49ER FANS LOYAL: And then Choo Choo Justice threw the ball away to give the Giants their opportunity to pull out last Sunday's thriller, 24-21. Although the 49ers aren't going to win any pennants this year, San Francisco fans have given them support worthy of a contender. Five league games attracted 141,000 fans to Kezar Stadium. Add to that the exhibition crowds of 53,000 for the Redskins and 35,000 for the Eagles and you get a total attendance of 229,000. Yes, the 49ers do NOT televise their games. Bob Boyd, who seems to be catching a touchdown pass every time I look up from my typewriter, is going to see more and more action at right end...CRAZY LEGS MOVES: "Boyd has improved so fast that I'm going to move Elroy Hirsch back to left half so that he can give Glenn Davis some help there," said Coach Stydahar. That doesn't mean that Crazy Legs is through as an end, however, but merely that the Loyola rookie no longer will be a wallflower. George Tirebitre Davis will slay me for repeating this, but Paul Salata, former Trojan end who was cut by the 49ers, holds Frankie Albert partially to blame for the 49ers' dismal record. Says Salata: "While I was with the 49ers, I was loose downfield lots of times, and so was Alyn Beals, but Frankie couldn't reach us. His arm seems weaker and he can't hit the long ones like he used to."

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NOV 9 (Green Bay) - The last time the Packers and LA Rams played in Milwaukee was in 1947. The Packers won the thriller, 17 to 14, and two outstanding "blocks" stick in memory – Jack Jacobs' flying slash that broke Steve Bagarus' leg and a murderous charge by Ed Neal in blocking a Bob Waterfield punt. Jacobs and Bagarus have since departed from the NFL scene, but Neal and Waterfield are still very much in the picture. Neal and Waterfield will exchange what-have-yous when the Packers and Rams collide in Milwaukee next Sunday, but there's more to the story:..ONLY PRO TOUCHDOWN:

Ed's big rival is center Fred Naumetz, who protects Waterfield and his quarterback-mate, Norm Van Brocklin, from guys like Neal. In that '47 tussle, Neal playing in the middle of the five-man line on defense was through Naumetz like a flash and seemingly waited a fleeting second while Waterfield kicked. The ball bounced off Ed's massive chest and into the end zone where Neal flopped on it for the only touchdown in his major league career. Neal (6-4, 275 pounds) and Naumetx (6-2, 223) have something in common – they both play a lot of offense and defense. Ed works the center slot in both phases while Naumetz, besides centering on offense, plays a backer-up position on defense. Big Ed, who thrives on rough play, has been working 45, 50, 55 minutes a game thus far this season...PROVIDED 14-POINT LEADS: Oddly enough, Neal missed his second TD by only a yard on the same end of the Milwaukee field against Washington last Sept. 24. Ed busted through the middle, blocked Bill Dudley's punt and fell on the ball on the one-yard line. Before Neal could get up and over the goal line, half the Redskin team was on his back. Both of Ed's Milwaukee blocks resulted in 14-point leads for the Packers. The 1947 bash put the Pack ahead, 14-0, and this year's crash-through, following by Tony Canadeo's one-yard TD plunge, gave the Bays a 28-14 edge. Dear History? Let's repeat!...Speaking about centers, it's interesting to note that the public relations directors of the Packers and Rams, Jug Earp and George Trafton, respectively, were bitter rivals at center in their playing days. Earp did his one-hand snapper-backing for the Pack and Trafton two-handed for the Bears. The two were always slugging each other and Earp recalls how "mad George would get" when he'd been drawn

## Get Him, Packers

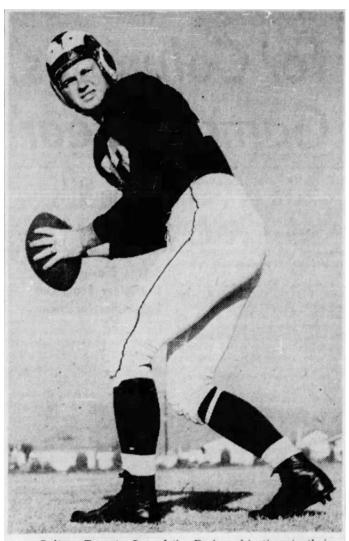


WATCH HIS SMOKE — Fireworks will fly Sunday at State Fair Park when the high powered Los Angeles Rams hook up with the Green Bay Packers in what is expected to be a free-scoring duel. Playing a key role in the Rams' offensive plans will be Glenn Davis, erstwhile "Mr. Outside" of the Army. He is one of the pro loop's leading pass receivers and is no slouch at breaking away for a long touchdown

offside. It seems that Jug would put both hands on the ball as the signals were called, then draw his left hand back onto his knee. Soon as the left hand would come back, Trafton would charge and be offside. "Then he'd scream," Jug recalled, adding that "the play is illegal now."...It may come as a surprise to a number of fans that Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirtsch, the pride of the University of Wisconsin, is playing right end for the Rams. The shifty one-time halfback apparently likes his new position because he ranks eighth in the National league in pass catching. Hirsch, who turned 30 last June, caught 26 for 390 yards and three TDs. His longest pass receiving gain was 58 yards. Hirsch broke into the NFL with the Rams last fall after three season with the Chicago entry in the All-America conference. As a Ram halfback, Hirsch carried 68 times for 287 yards and an average of 4.2 He also managed to snatch 22 passes for 326 yards and four touchdowns. His longest run from scrimmage was 51 yards against the Packers here...Among their six victories, the Rams have played two really close games – a 30-28 decision over the Lions in Detroit and a 28-21 verdict over San Francisco in Los Angeles. The narrow win over the Forty Niners came five weeks after the Rams had beaten the Gold Diggers in Frisco, 35-14. The Rams got sweet revenge for the close one with Detroit by whipping the Lions in LA, 65-24. The Rams have played eight games thus far and draw their bye on the last game Sunday of the regulation season, Dec. 10. They'll close action against the Packers incidentally – in LA Dec. 3. The Packers, with seven games under their belts, will play two games with the Rams, two with Frisco and one with Detroit.

## RAMS OVER PACKERS BY 4 OR 5 TD'S - SHAUGHNESSY

NOV 9 (Los Angeles) - The Los Angeles Rams, who are the joy and consternation of pro football fans here – and sometimes they both at one and the same time – take off today on a vital three-game swing to the midwest and east. President Dan Reeves' rollicking Rams are riding in front of four straight wins and shooting for their second successive division title in the tough National league as they face games with Green Bay, the New York Yanks and the Chicago Bears. Win or lose, youthful Mr. Reeves' herd of sterling athletes has already accomplished more than many expected – and much more than their former coach predicted when he stepped out of the fold in a lively rhubarb last winter. The coach, the distinguished T-



Quite a Target—One of the Packer objectives in their big struggle with the Los Angeles Rams in Milwaukee Sunday afternoon will be to grass-stain those white breeches worn by Quarterback Norm Van Brocklin. Norm, the league's leading passer, is shown in a familiar pose—going back to pass.

stylist, Clark Shaughnessy, advised quite suddenly that he was being replaced by the line coach, large Joe Stydahar, blurted something to the effect that he could take a high school team and beat a Stydahar club. Giant Joe, who is generally as friendly as a pup, but who can get as incensed as an irritated buffalo, never has appreciated his predecessor's observation. And with the help of three highly efficient aides, Hampton Pool, Red Hickey and Mel Hein, Stydahar had managed to whip up a team that is not only exciting to watch and often brilliant, but one that happens to be the leading offensive club in the league and a dangerous championship contender. He has an outfit starry with talent, strength, and amazing speed. It also has an excellent spirit, which was lacking when the club tailed off late in the 1949 campaign. Styadahar can be rough when it is necessary, however. He applied the lash when Philadelphia hung a 56-20 thing on them, and just a week ago he sent his wonderful playboys home from practice when they were making jokes instead of yards. Mr. Shaughnessy, incidentally, has been scouting the Rams this season for Green Bay. A couple of days ago, he paid the Rams a big compliment. He said they ought to beat the Packers by four or five touchdowns. Mr. Stydahar agrees that this was a big compliment – much too big, in fact. It will be all right with Joe if Shaughnessy in the future trims such tributes down to one touchdown.

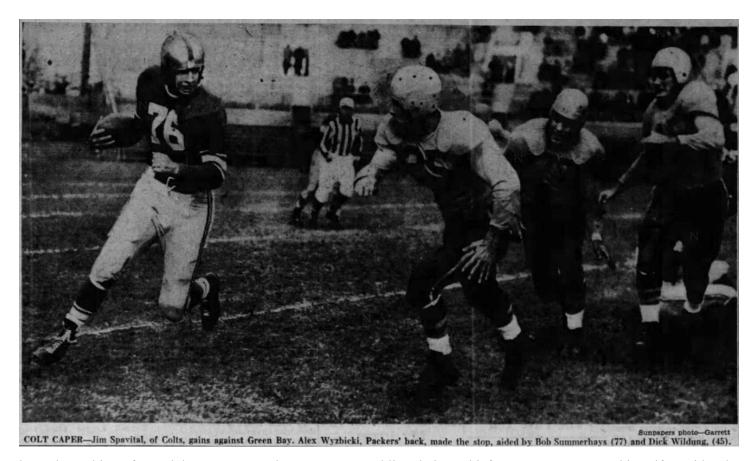
## RAMS GREETED BY 32-DEG. CHICAGO AIR

NOV 9 (Chicago) - The Rams had breakfast in Los Angeles, lunch 18,000 feet about Leaky Valve, Neb., and supper in Chicago today. The reason they were in such a hurry is because they have to get ready for Sunday's NFL football game with the Green Bay Packers in Milwaukee, which is up the road a piece. Chicago was celebrating Be Kind to Eskimo Week when we landed after a six hour and 15 minute flight. The temperature was 32 degrees at the airport, with a low of 23 and snow flurries forecast...HOST OF DIGNITARIES: Thirty-three players, five coaches and a host of other dignitaries, including me, were aboard the chartered American Airlines

flying machine which left Municipal Airport at 8 o'clock this morning. Coach Joe Stydahar took a fearful drubbing in the gin rummy tournament during the flight, paying no attention whatsoever to his cards as he concentrated on trying to work out a plan to fire up his lads for the Packers. "It's just our lick to run into Green Bay after it's been upset – by Baltimore yet," moaned the mountainous Ram mentor. "Sure, they know that the Packers beat the Bears, who'd just licked us, but they forget all about that. All they can remember is that the Colts beat the Packers, 41 to 21, after we score 70 points on the Colts twice."...PACKERS HIRE MANN: Stydahar suffered a second wound when he was informed that the Packers had signed the nifty Negro end, Bob Mann, the former Michigan star who played superbly for the Detroit Lions last season but got the bounce this year because he wouldn't take a salary cut. Mann, possessed of great speed, was second only to Tom Fears of the Rams in pass receiving last year. He caught 66 for 1,014 yards. Fears caught 77 for 1,013 yards but Tom tallied nine touchdowns to Bob's four.

## RAMS GIVE HIRSCH CREDIT FOR HIGH SCORING - SWITCH DID IT - FROM HALFBACK TO END

NOV 9 (Milwaukee Sentinel-Lloyd Larson) - When the high powered Los Angeles Rams line up on offense against the Green Bay Packers Sunday at State Fair Park, you're likely to say to yourself: "Where have I seen that right end before? The legs are familiar and so is the number (40), but I can't place him." Well, don't let the position confuse you. Playing right end and flashing No. 40 will be none other than Elroy Hirsch - Crazy Legs in person. He was brought up at halfback, as Wausau and Wisconsin fans remember so well. He was still a halfback until the week before the 1950 pro league opener. Then Rams Coach Joe Stydahar came up with an idea for a noble experiment. Reasoned Joe: "It looks like the pass game will be out bread and butter. With his speed, height, spring and sticky hands, Hirsch is a great receiver. So why not put him a spot where he really can do some business for us?" The switch worked so well when the Rams pulled it on the Bears that Hirsch dropped his halfback chores permanently. He was an end from that day on. "I really believe Hirsch, in his new position, has



been the making of our club," says Tex Schramm, Rams' public relations chief. "He's a great target himself. Besides, he makes it easier for Tom Fears and Glenn Davis. Each of the three requires double coverage by the opposition. They're all in the first 10 in receiving and driving the other teams crazy."...MUST BE GOOD TO OUTSHINE WATERFIELD: The other key element in the Rams' terrific point production (they've hit 70 twice and 65 once) is Norm Van Brocklin's passing. The ex-Oregon ace has taken the passing and quarterbacking play away from Bob Waterfield almost completely. "Van Brocklin will go down as one of the great passers and competitors in pro history," Schram predicts. "Once he gets the other team on the run, he never lets 'em off the hook. Long or short, he throws 'em on a line. And nothing but strikes. If we only had a running attack and defense to match our passing!" The latter point puts the finger on the Packers' real chance for an upset. The Rams have averaged more than 400 yards a game, but their opponents have done almost as well. So possession of the ball will mean everything when the teams square off at Fair Park. The Packers simply can't afford to permit the Rams to hog it. There are two other solid angles of hope for Gene Ronzani's operators in their last Milwaukee appearance. 1. They've played their best ball against the strongest clubs in their division, the Yanks and Bears. 2. The Rams conceivably will be looking ahead to next week's game with the Yanks the big one they must win in order to stay in the title fight. It

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## LA RAMS FASTEST IN FOOTBALL; BAYS HAVE BETTER CHANCE: GENE

could be a great day for the Packers if Los Angeles is too far ahead of itself.

NOV 10 (Green Bay) - Operator 99 claims that the Los Angeles Rams are the fastest team in football. Since the Green Bay Packers play the Rams in Milwaukee next Sunday, the above sentence is of great importance locally. Packer Head Coach

Gene Ronzani is the recipient of a message from 0-99 who tells, among other swift Rams, of Bob Boyd, rookie end. Ronzani, relaying the info to 1,000 members of the Men's Quarterback club at Washington Junior High school auditorium last night, expounded, "As if they haven't got enough speed with Hirsch, Davis and Fears, they's got this Boyd who can run the 100-yard dash in 9.5 seconds." Stopping Boyd, a little All-American from Loyola, and his speed mates "will required an all-out effort on the part of the Packers," Ronzani said. Yet, Gene is of the opinion that the Packers have a better chance against the murderous Rams than they did against the Baltimore Colts last Sunday. Recalling the 41-21 loss at Baltimore (the Colts scored twice in the last 35 seconds to make a close game lopsided), Ronzani said that the long layoff (16 days) and the rough plane ride to Baltimore reduced the efficiency of the Packer squad considerably. The Packers go against the Rams with a "fresh" (seven days ago) game under their belts and the normal amount of practice. While Gene didn't say it, the pictures showed that the Packers took a beating from the officials. To mention one occasion, a pass attempt was ruled incomplete when they forced Colt quarterback Y.A. Tittle to fumble (the Pack recovered) before he even got the throw off. In short, the Packers lost possession on the Colt 20-yard line - not to mention a touchdown or field goal possibility...Ronzani spent a half hour cleaning up the queries from the question boxes. The inevitable "who called the pass (one intercepted by

the Colts for the payoff fourth quarter TD) - the bench or the quarterback?" Without revealing who called it, Ronzani drew a big round of applause for this answer: "I'll take the blame for all mistakes made by the players and the coaches."...A question about Bob Mann, the ex-Detroit Lion and New York Yank end who claimed he was railroaded out of the NFL came up. "We contacted Mann on the way to Baltimore, in Detroit while taking on food, and we offered him a substantial amount of money, not as much as he was getting earlier in the season, but he refused, saying he could earn more selling real estate. Mann apparently doesn't want to play because he turned down a good chance to return. We're convinced that Mann was wrong; he wasn't railroaded out of the league," the coach said...A fan wondered, "How come George Halas let Breezy Reid go?" Ronzani added that "I'm not sure, but I'm glad that he's a Packer." Gene said that Bear Coach George Halas "probably intended to slip Reid by the other clubs and then put him on the active roster when needed." Late in the training season, Reid and a number of other Bear players were placed on waivers but Halas quickly recalled Reid. Just before the loop started action, Halas put Reid (plus veteran guard Chuck Drulis) on waivers again, apparently thinking all of the clubs would be set and no team would bite. Ronzani quickly claimed Reid and Drulis, and Halas, under league rules, couldn't recall them a



second time...The coach said that "we can be real proud of the fact that Billy Grimes, Tony Canadeo, Larry Coutre and Reid rank among the first 20 or 25 backs in the 13-club league. They place right up among backs who are playing with teams that are winning most of their games."...Chief Quarterback Verne Lewellen announced that Ronald Gibbs, veteran NFL official, will address the club Thursday, Nov. 16. Bert (I don't care who wins as long as it's the Bears) Wilson will speak at the Nov. 30 session. Lewellen said that efforts have been made to obtain Red Grange to address a meeting but his schedule won't permit an appearance. He sent along "best wishes to Gene and the boys." It is hoped that Cal Hubbard, ex-Packer tackle and present American league umpire, will be present later in the month. The Colt-Packer picture was narrated, with sound effects, by Backfield Coach Ray (I don't care who wins as long as it's the Packers) Nolting. The evening opened, with a concert by the Harmony Limited Quartet, composed of Harold Lavin, Earl Beaupre, Chuck DeSeve, and Noel Safford.

## SOUTHERN BAYS FREEZE IN DRILL

NOV 10 (Green Bay) - The Packers "liked to" (that's southern for almost) froze at practice Thursday afternoon. It was quite an experience for such as Rebel Steiner of Alabama, Breezy Reid of Georgia and Leon Manley of Oklahoma - to mention



a few, who were experiencing northwest frigid blasts for the first time. With cold coming up for the weekend, though it might warm up for Sunday's Packer-LA game in Milwaukee, the Packers are getting their blood thickened, along with hardy Packer fans, for three straight chores in this neck of the woods - the Rams; the Lions in Detroit; and San Francisco in Green Bay. The players were wondering how the Rams will react to the sudden change in temperatures. The hot weather boys were to arrive in Chicago today and resume training. They had been on the west coast for nearly four week, playing three straight games. Head Coach Gene Ronzani quickly dispelled any thoughts that the weather might handicap the Rams. He recalled that the "Colts had just returned for two games on the west coast before they played us." The weather, incidentally, was warm in Baltimore, until early Sunday morning. Then, the temperature dropped from around 75 to 40. The Packers kept moving Thursday with a long drill on offense. The players wore the pads, with helmets and stocking caps, but there was no head bumping. The Packers are anxious to gear up their offense and thus get over the 35-point mark - their season top. The Rams aren't the best defensive club in the league, it can be pointed out. As a matter of fact, they are the second worst in the matter of permitting yards by rushing and passing. The Rams allowed eight foes to gain 3,054 yards (1,781 by passing and 1.273 by rushing) - the 12th lowest total in the league. The Colts bottom the circuit with 3,065. The Packers, on the other hand, have given a total of 2,679 yards - 375 less than the Rams. The Bays permitted 1,057 by rushing and 1,622 by passing. The Bay figures rank among the first six clubs in the league. In the matter of defense against passing, Woodley Lewis and Mr. Steiner are the clubs' ace enemy pass snatchers. Lewis has nipped seven enemy aerials and returned 'em for 119 yards and one TD while Steiner grabbed five for 146 yards and one TD...The Packers are due to play before the largest Milwaukee crowd of the season Sunday. Judging of 20,000 will witness the contest. Attendances for the other two games this year in Milwaukee were 17,191 for the Baltimore test Sept. 10 and 14,109 for the Washington tilt Sept. 24. A number of good seats will be available at the park, Ticket Chief Carl Mraz announced today. The ducats were moved from the Green Bay office, 349 S. Washington street, today. Roughly 6,000 fans from Green Bay will watch the Packers go out for the biggest upset of the season. Most of them will take to Milwaukee in cars. Green Bay Elks will operate a chartered bus for Elks and their wives to the game. The bus will leave the clubhouse at Jefferson and Cherry streets at 9:30 Sunday

morning, and will return after the game. A buffet supper will be served on arrival home. A group of about 50 fans have made arrangements for riding in the same coach of the North Western train leaving here at 7 o'clock Sunday morning. The fans have nicknamed the special the "Victory Coach".

## **BAYS HAVE CHANCE - IF DEFENSE STOPS RAMS**

NOV 10 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - Based upon comparative scores, the Green Bay Packers seemingly have little business on the same field with the Los Angeles Rams Sunday at State Fair Park. The high scoring Rams hold two lopsided decisions over the generally impotent Baltimore Colts, 70 to 21 and 70 to 27, and unless somebody played a tremendous hoax on the state of Wisconsin last Sunday, the Packers lost a 41 to 21 duke to these same Colts. But fortunately for the Packers, the

NFL does not pay off on comparative scores. Actually, the Packers are in an excellent position to duplicate their stunning early season upset of the Chicago Bears. The Rams are highly vulnerable, both physically and mentally. On the latter score, the West Coasters have just won four straight and are in second place in the National Conference race. Their two biggies follow the Packer fray - the New York Yanks in New York and the Bears in Chicago. It is not inconceivable that Coach Joe Stydahar's lads might be looking beyond the Packers, as those same Packers were last Sunday when they let the Colts slip away. On top of this, the Rams are not any great team at stopping the opposition. Only one team in the league has given up more yards than the Rams, and that is the Colts. The Rams have also given up 31 touchdowns in eight game or almost four per game. If Coach Gene Ronzani can come up with a defense to throttle the Rams' explosive offense which centers around such lads as Glenn Davis, Elroy Hirsch, Bob Waterfield, Norm Van Brocklin, Tom Fears, Vitamin T. Smith and others, the Packers may steal themselves a handsome victory. The Rams flew into Chicago Thursday night and will remain in the Windy City until Saturday when they train into Milwaukee. Kickoff time for Sunday's game has been moved up to 1:30 p.m. Plenty of good tickets are still available at the Sentinel's public service desk.

## RAMS WORK OUT IN SNOW FOR PACKERS

NOV 10 (Chicago) - While the Rams worked out in subfreezing weather, amidst swirling snowflakes, Loop betting commissioners today established them as 14 1/2 point favorites to flog the Green Bay Packers. Los Angeles, making a strong bid to retain its divisional championship, will go after its fifth consecutive victory Sunday in the State Fair Grounds in Milwaukee. There were occasional snow flurries in Sudsville today, but the weather man expects it to warm up a bit by kickoff time...MAY BE CURIOUS: Despite the Packers' 41-21 defeat by Baltimore, Wisconsin fans are buying tickets for Sunday's game like mad. Maybe they're just curious to see what a real football team looks like. Coach Joe Stydahar sprang no surprises today in announcing the Rams' starting lineup. Norm Van Brocklin will start at quarterback. "It would be a mistake to bench Van Brocklin just because he couldn't get going against the 49ers," Stydahar reasoned. "After all, the whole team was sour in the first half."...DUTCHMAN STARTS: The Dutchman, the NFL's No. 1 passer, will operate with a backfield consisting of fullback Dick Hoerner, left half Glenn Davis and right half Paul Barry. The offensive line, from left end across, will include Tom Fears, Dick Huffman, Vic Vasicek, Art Statuto, Dave Stephenson and Elroy Hirsch.

## UNCLE SAME DELIVERS DRAFT NOTICE TO RAMS' GABBY SIMS

NOV 10 (Chicago) - The long arm of Uncle Sam reached out today and tabbed George (Gabby) Sims on the shoulder. Next Monday, Sims, sophomore defensive halfback with the Los Angeles Rams, must make a personal appearance before his local draft board in Texas. Sims will play in Sunday's game with the Green Bay Packers at Milwaukee and then hop a plane for his home state. If he is accepted for service, Gabby will be inducted at Los Angeles next Wednesday. Sims, who is 22, single, and who has no dependents, was a standout ball hawk for the Rams last year. He intercepted nine passes and batted down dozens more. Loss of Sims at this stage of the NFL race would hit the Rams hard. If Gabby goes, his defensive spot at left halfback will be filled by Tom Keane.

## PACKERS PUT FLAMING SPIRIT ON LINE AGAINST RAMS

NOV 11 (Milwaukee) - The fighting Green Bay Packers put their famed fighting spirit on the line against the Los Angeles Rams - the NFL's most potent point producers - at State Fair park Sunday afternoon. Kickoff is set for 1:30, a half hour earlier than usual, because of the early darkness, and a crowd of nearly 25,000 fans, including around 6,000 from Green Bay, is expected. This is a "big one" for the Packers and a must-win for the Rams who are in the battle for the National conference championship with a 6-2 record. The Packers, still smarting under a 44-21 loss to the Baltimore Colts, who counted two touchdowns on pass interceptions in the last 35 seconds, can go a long ways toward improving their 1950 standing and thus take some of the sting out of several heart-slashing setbacks earlier in the season. The Packers, with a 2-5 record, need one victory to better their 1949 "won" record of two (and 10 losses) and four wins to eclipse the combined won mark of five in the last two seasons. The Bays won three in '48. Green Bay has five games left on the '50 card. Since losing to the Philadelphia Eagles, 56-20, the Rams have won four straight, while the Packers, since beating the Chicago Bears in Green Bay, 31-21, have lost four straight. The Bays, a 14-point underdog, will be in search of their third straight victory in Milwaukee - a factor that has helped swell the crowd for the 1950 windup. In the first game, a non-loop test, there Sept. 10, the Packers nipped Baltimore, 16 to 14, and two weeks later Washington fell, 35-21, as the new Bays scored their first league victory. Green Bay's task Sunday is difficult, to say the least. The Rams have scored a total of 313 points in eight games for an average of 39.1 per start. They need 84 points in their last four games to snap the mark of 396, set by the 1941 Bears. The Rams' powerful offense is wrapped in the hands of quarterbacks Norm Van Brocklin and Bob Waterfield. Van Brocklin and Tom Fears, left end, are the league's leading passers and their exploits have demoralized a lot of NFL opposition. Working with Fears in the pass catching department is Elroy Hirsch, former Wausau High and University of Wisconsin halfback, who plays right end...PACK TIGHTENS DEFENSES: Slaving in front of the Rams' star-studded backfield, left halfbacked by Glenn Davis, the one-time Army immortal, is a giant line led by Capt. Fred Naumetz at center and tackles Dick Huffman and Bob Reinhard. Facing what observers feel is the fastest team in pro football, the Packers have tightened up their defenses in practice this week and added a few new offensive wrinkles. Head Coach Gene Ronzani figures the key to stopping the Rams is the Bays' defense. This places the burden on defense quarterback Clayton

Tonnemaker, the talented rookie linebacker who will be facing his stiffest test. He'll be barreling behind 275-pound Ed Neal, whose weight against the center of the Ram line may be a deciding factor. The defense against the Ram aerial machine rests with the likes of outfielders Rebel Steiner, Wally Dreyer and Alex Wizbicki and linebackers Carl Schuette, Bob Forte, Bob Summerhays and Tonnemaker. In the line, Capt. Dick Wildung will tangle opposite Dick Huffman, the all-NFL tackle, while Joe Spencer and Clink McGeary bump up against Reinhard, the former all-AAC tackle...MAY NEED 35 POINTS: The Packer offense may be called upon to score 35 points - their previous top total - or more if the Rams maintain their 39.1 average. Oddly enough, the Rams have been held under 35 points four times - 24 to 20 in losing to the Bears, 56 to 20 in losing to the Eagles, 30 to 28 in beating Detroit, and 28 to 21 in beating San Francisco. The Packers' 35-point effort came against Washington. They twice counted 31 - one a 31-21 verdict over the Bears and the other a 44-31 loss to the New York Yanks. Whether the Packers take to the air right soon and often may depend on the success of the Ram air game. The Packer air machine, with quarterbacks Tobin Rote and Paul Christman, has had a habit of backfiring into enemy scores, via interceptions. However, both Rote and Christman have had considerable success on the Milwaukee turf. Rote's hurling and Al Baldwin's receiving stood out in the Baltimore game and Christman pitched several important strikes against Washington - one a touchdowner to Ted Cook. The game likely will be marked by a lot of top rating running, with Billy Grimes, Floyd Reid, Tony Canadeo, Larry Coutre and others leading the Packers and Vitamin Smith, Dick Hoerner, Glenn Davis, Tank Younger, Cricket Kalmanir pacing the Rams...The Packers are schedule to leave for Beer town on the 5 o'clock North Western. They'll headquarter at the Schroeder hotel and leave Milwaukee on the 7:50 North Western, arriving back home at 10 o'clock. The Rams, who trained in Chicago Friday and this morning, are scheduled to move into Milwaukee late this afternoon. With thousands from Green Bay going to Milwaukee, there is expected to be a caravan of cars moving "south" Sunday morning. Others will take the early morning Milwaukee Road and North Western trains or buses.

## SIX BIG GAMES IN NFL CIRCUIT

NOV 11 (New York) - Six big games are on tap tomorrow in the NFL, and five of them have a direct bearing on the championship scramble. The chief struggle looms at Chicago's Wrigley field, where the tough Bears and speedy New York Yanks square off in a game that will affect first place in the National conference. New York, boasting a chain of five straight victories including a 38-27 thriller over the Bears here Oct. 29, tops its division with six triumphs in seven games. The Yanks lost to Los Angeles in their second game of the season. The Bears, beaten only by the Yanks and Green Bay, expect to remain in the title chase. A sellout crowd of 51,000 is expected to watch the game. Other games which will help shape the conference championships in the National and American divisions tomorrow are: Chicago Cardinals at New York Giants. Los Angeles Rams vs Green Bay Packers at Milwaukee. Philadelphia Eagles at Washington Redskins. San Francisco Forty Niners at Cleveland Browns. In addition, the Baltimore Colts, winners of only one of seven games, meet the Steelers at Pittsburgh. The Steelers have won three and lost five. Los Angeles is a half game ahead of the Bears for second place in the National conference. The Rams are favored over Green Bay. If the Bears and Johnny Lujack can take the Yanks and George Ratterman while Los Angeles wins, the Rams move into first. That would leave New York and Chicago tied for second. Cleveland must beat San Francisco to retain its hold on the top spot in the American conference. This will be the first time the teams have met this year, but the Browns proved they could handle the Forty Niners when they played in the defunct All-American conference.

## RAMS CHOICE OVER GREEN BAY

NOV 11 (Los Angeles Times) - Two of Papa Bear George Halas' brightest young men, Joe Stydahar and Gene Ronzani, will duel with football players at 10 paces here tomorrow. Stydahar figures to poke Ronazni full of holes. Jumbo Joe will send his redhot Los Angeles Rams into action again Gene's Green Bay Packers in the State Fairground before a crowd of 25,000 or more. Baby, it's be cold outside, but a fast track seems likely. The gambler have established Los Angeles as the 14 1/2-point choice. The Rams have a 6-2 record and in second place in the NFL's National Conference. Green Bay has won two games and lost five. And nobody's forgotten that the Rams pasted the Packers last year, 48-7 and 35-7...OLD TEAMMATES: There's an interesting angle to this game. Ronzani was a halfback and Stydahar a tackle with the Chicago Bears in 1936-37. They are friends of long standing. When Ronzani succeeded Curly Lambeau at Green Bay, he asked Joe to come along as his line coach. Joe was on the verge of accepting the offer when Deacon Dan Reeves tiffed with Clark Shaughnessy. Some guys have all the luck, eh Joe? Shag had been scouting his old team for the Packers, and no doubt gave Ronazni an earful. He also put Stydahar on the "X" by picking LA to win "by four or five touchdowns."...THROWERS OFF: Although Green Bay has one of the finest pass receivers in football, Alton Baldwin, the Packers pose no aerial threat. Their quarterbacks, Paul Christman and Tobin Rote, have completion averages of 40 and 27 percent, respectively. The Los Angeles tandem of Norm Van Brocklin and Bob Waterfield is fantastic by comparison. Van Brocklin is the league's leading passer and has a 55.1 percentage of completions. Waterfield, who has thrown fewer passes, has the highest mark in the NFL - an amazing 56.5. Green Bay's main offensive threats are right halfbacks Billy Grimes and Larry Coutre and fullback Tony Canadeo. Grimes, formerly of the Dons, has the league's best rushing average of 6.6 yards a crack...DAVIS STARTS: Stydahar will shoot the works with a backfield consisting of Van Brocklin, halfbacks Glenn Davis and Paul Barry, and fullback Dick Hoerner.

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### RAMS TO RELY ON AIR POWER IN PACKER DUEL SUNDAY

NOV 11 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Los Angeles Rams are scheduled to slip into town by train Saturday and that will probably be the last time they will move on the ground this weekend. At least they don't bother with that mode of travel when they take to the football field, as they will Sunday when they engage the Green Bay Packers at State Fair Park. Kickoff has been set for 1:30 p.m. If passing is modern football, then the Rams are playing in the era of Buck Rogers. They just don't have any truck with running and based upon their success thus far, there is little wonder. The Rams top the NFL in points scored with 313 points. They also have rolled up the most yards, 3,523, and 2,435 of them having been gained through the air lanes. Both of the Ram passers are in the top five in the standings. Norm Van Brocklin heads the list and Bob Waterfield holds down the fifth spot. Three receivers are in the top 10. Tom Fears, the leader, along with Glenn David and Elroy Hirsch. Naturally, the cry around the loop is, "Stop the Rams' passing and you stop the Rams." This, however, has proven a little difficult and it will be the Packers' main chore Sunday. Packer Coach Gene Ronzani, who was well schooled by George Halas and Hunk Anderson in the art of setting up defenses, has been working in secret with his club all week.

## PICK RAMS TODAY, BAYS GUN FOR BIG UPSET

NOV 12 (Milwaukee Sentinel) - The Green Bay Packers, who seemingly take great joy in doing what they are not supposed to do, will seek to create more confusion Sunday. Furnishing the opportunity will be the Los Angeles Rams who engage the Packers in State Fair Park. The kickoff is at 1:30 p.m. The Packers are supposed to lose this one, by 14 1/2 points to be exact. The Rams, with a record of six victories and two defeats, are currently riding in second place in the National Conference race, just a half game behind the pace setting New York Yanks. For all practical purposes, the Packers are out of it with two wins and five losses. Off the comparative records of the two teams, the Packers just don't figure against the Rams. But the Packers don't do what they are supposed to do. They don't read the script. This the Chicago Bears and the Washington Redskins learned early in the season. Last week it was the other way around. The Packers were finally supposed to win against the Baltimore Colts - but they didn't. Now they are back to a familiar role - the underdog. The Rams have a talent loaded squad, but one that can be had. They boast the League's best offense and at the same time, the poorest defense. But that offense can be deadly, as indicated by the 313 points they have rolled up. The boys who do the damage are well known. Directing the passing game are Norman Van Brocklin and Bob Waterfield, both of whom rate with the greatest. Their principal targets include Wisconsin's own Elroy (Crazy Legs) Hirsch, Glenn Davis and Tom Fears. To give you an indication of the Rams' overall strength, they have been able to move Hirsch to right end. As evidenced by their defensive record, the Rams' forward wall is nothing to rave about but does contain two good tackles in Bob Reinhard and Dick Huffman.

## Packers Put Flaming Spirit on Line Against Rams

